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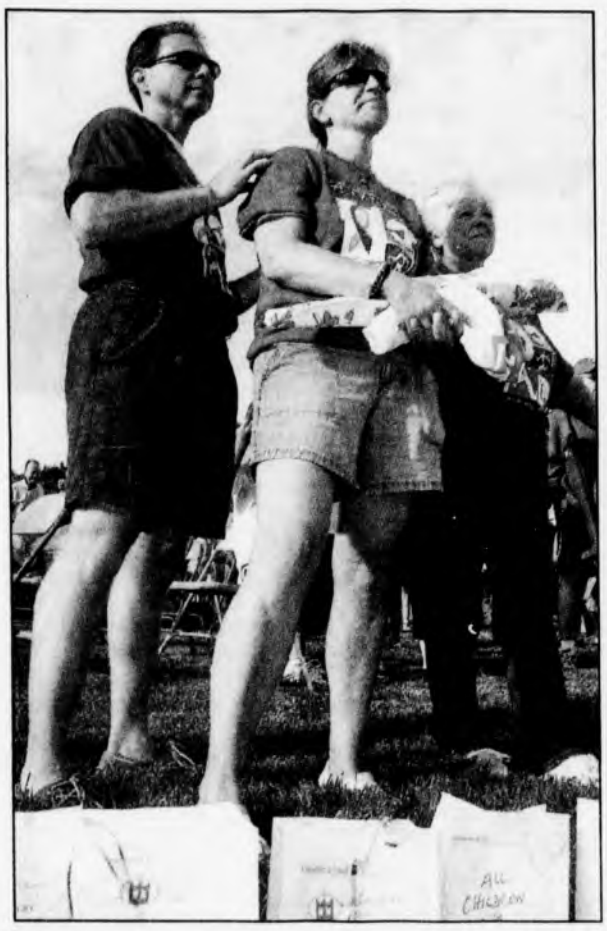
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Quigley pulls papers for Selectman

By Nancy White
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A candidate for Selectman wasted no time getting to the Town Clerk's office once nomination papers became available Thursday morning.

Karen Quigley of 27 Clay Spring Road pulled papers to signal her intent to run for one of two seats up for grabs in the election. Chairman Gary Vanderweil and Selectman Fred Koed currently hold the two three-year seats. Vanderweil announced he is not seeking a second-term, while Koed said he would run for re-election.

Quigley is a familiar figure in town politics; her name comes up 77 times in the Mariner archives dating back to 2003. Her name is nearly synonymous with the Harbor Health Committee; a Board of Selectmen appointed committee created in 2005 where she serves as chair.

"What I bring to the table is common sense, a big-picture perspective, a pro-active approach and a willingness and fortitude to make tough decisions," said Quigley.

A resident of Cohasset for over 33 years, Quigley has often been involved in issues relating to the environment and water ecosystems. In addition to her work on the Harbor Health Committee, she has served on the Open Space Committee, the Water Resource Protection Committee and the Stormwater Committee. She is also a member of the Republican Town Committee, a board member of the Cohasset Conservation Trust and a charter member of the Friends of Holly Hill Farm.

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— Karen Quigley, candidate for selectman

She was a vocal proponent of a 2005 Town Meeting article to enable the Board of Selectmen to place a conservation restriction on town-owned land to protect Peppermint Brook, a main tributary to Lily Pond.

She ruffled a few feathers in her outspoken opposition of the Cook Estate when the town was working to develop affordable senior housing on the property off Sohier Street, but she says her concerns proved to be true as the project was eventually abandoned.

On the Harbor Health Committee she says she has brought together collaboration between local, state and federal environmental agencies to provide technical assistance, consultation and testing, at no cost to the town. Harbor Health Committee has worked with the towns of Scituate and Marshfield to file a joint application to instate a no discharge zone for boats in the coastal waters.

"I sincerely care about Cohasset. I believe I can make a difference," said Quigley.

In addition to Quigley, incumbent Rodney Hobson of 31 Deep Run and Mary Lou Lawrence of 15 Beach St. pulled papers for seats on the Board of Library Trustees.

Other positions available for the 2008 town election include: Selectmen — two for three-year positions; Moderator — one three-year position; Town Clerk - one three-years position; School Committee — one three-year position; Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor-one three-year position; Board of Health — one three-year position; Planning Board — one for five-year position and one three-year position (to fill an unexpired term); Recreation Commission - one five-year position; Sewer Commission-one three-year position; and Water Commission — one three-year position.



COURTESY PHOTO

Karen Quigley pulls nomination papers at the Town Clerk's office Thursday morning (Jan. 3).

On the Cover

Clockwise from top left: Cohasset's Relay For Life (Craig Goedecke); annual CYBSA parade (Robin Chan); CHS graduate Jeff Brown shakes hands with School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn (Robin Chan); Kelsea Hindley secures one of the 27-ft. high towers of the CO2 cube (Robin Chan); state Rep. Frank Hynes and Selectmen Paul Carlson and Ted Carr cut the "Greenbush" ribbon (Robin Chan); state Rep. Garrett Bradley presents Merle Brown with a proclamation during the grand opening of the Beechwood Ball Park (Robin Chan); Hilary Merzbacher checks out paintings at the South Shore Arts Festival on the Common (Robin Chan); Roger Whitley is named Citizen of the Year (Robin Chan); firefighters battle the blaze at Dramatic Kitchens on Depot Court (Craig Goedecke); competitors take the plunge for the first leg of the Cohasset Triathlon (Chris Shores); US Marine Michael Kennedy lays a wreath during the dedication of the Field of Honor (Craig Goedecke).

South Shore Tide Chart
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Dec.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 4	7:14	8.4	7:53	7.3	12:47	1.7	1:35	1.2
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:23 p.m.*			
Fri. 5	8:04	8.5	8:46	7.4	1:39	1.8	2:27	1.0
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:24 p.m.*			
Sat. 6	8:52	8.7	9:34	7.5	2:27	1.7	3:14	0.7
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:25 p.m.*			
Sun. 7	9:37	9.0	10:17	7.7	3:13	1.5	3:57	0.4
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:26 p.m.*			
Mon. 8	10:19	9.2	10:58	7.9	3:57	1.3	4:38	0.2
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Tues. 9	11:00	9.4	11:38	8.1	4:39	1.1	5:17	0.0
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Wed. 10	11:40	9.5	—	—	5:21	0.8	5:57	-0.2
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:29 p.m.*			
Thurs. 11	12:16	8.3	12:20	9.6	6:03	0.6	6:36	-0.4
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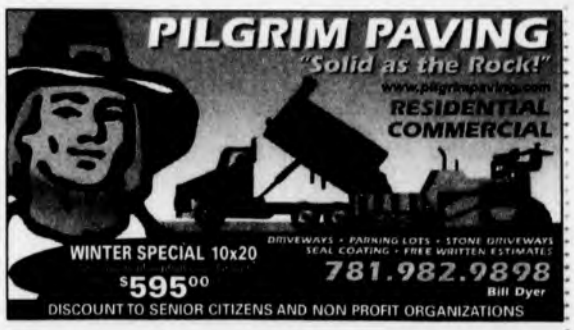
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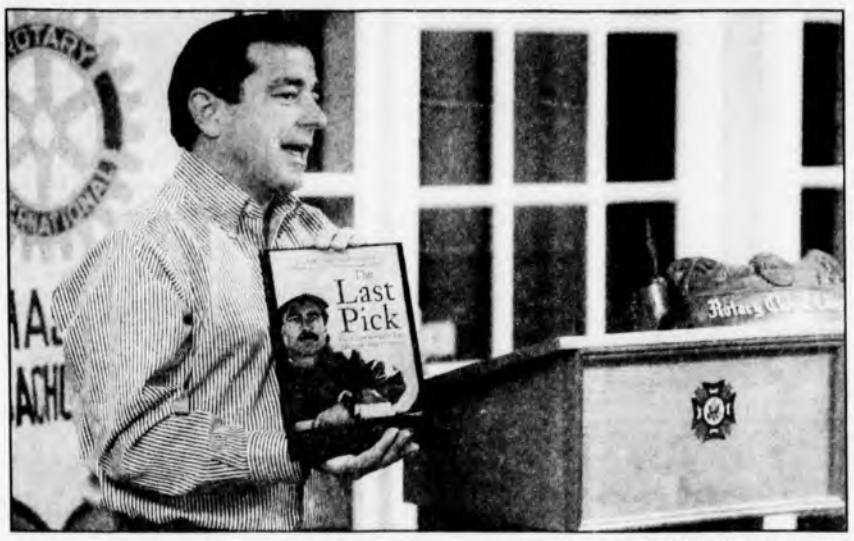
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Last January the Paul Pratt Memorial Library staff unveiled "The Last Pick" by David J. McGillivray with Cohasset resident Linda Glass Fechter as its the first-ever "One Book One Cohasset" program. McGillivray is pictured here when he spoke to the Cohasset Rotary Club.

2007 meant change for Cohasset

By Nancy White and Mary Ford
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Big changes came in the year 2007, a few of which will impact our small New England town for many years to come.

After years of controversy and mitigation, the MBTA Greenbush line opened and ridership is on the rise. Two big developments were approved by the Planning Board – a 27-home community on the Cook Estate and a mixed-use retail/residential development in the transit-oriented district next to the commuter train. Two Cohasset neighborhoods gained a place to meet — the long-awaited Forest Avenue sidewalk was completed and the Beechwood Ballpark got a whole new look.

It wouldn't be a year in Cohasset without a little controversy — and the 2007 did not disappoint. The "sleepy" town election with no races turned into a hotly contested write-in campaign for School Committee seats. The Village, a place so close to many residents' hearts, underwent intense scrutiny while the village zoning bylaws were vetted and ultimately approved.

Some stories attracted the attention of those outside our town lines. Tragedy struck the first-time Cohasset Triathlon when one athlete died after being pulled from the waters off Sandy Beach. Then recently a Superior Court ruled the Cohasset schools could keep an eighth grader in a special education program against his parents' wishes.

Following is a recap of key events, decisions, and happenings around town during 2007 — the year in review, as we call it. At the same time, the Cohasset Mariner staff wishes everyone a happy, safe New Year and looks forward to covering the town throughout 2008 — which we expect will be another banner year for Cohasset.

JANUARY

Selectmen candidates don't waste any time pulling papers for the 2007 election. Incumbent Ralph Dornitzer and newcomer Paul Carlson both visit the Town Clerk's office the first day the nomination papers are available.

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library staff unveils "The Last Pick" by David J. McGillivray with Cohasset resident Linda Glass Fechter as its the first ever "One Book One Cohasset" program. The collective reading of one book will spark a host of discussion and activities aimed at bringing the community closer together.

George Roukounakis, long-time owner of the village gas station, calls it a day after 35 years. The new owner, Tom McBrien, renames Olympic Citgo Cohasset Village Car Care by McBrien's.

After 2006's failed override attempt, the School Committee gets an early start on the upcoming fiscal year's budget. School administration puts forth a level services budget and the School Committee votes 'no' to attempting a budget override. All five members agreed the town does not have the stomach to go for a tax hike.

A Village staple, Cohasset Hardware, announces its plans to close.

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POLICE BEAT

Another car stuck on the tracks

By Mary Ford
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In what police believe is the fourth such mishap at the North Main Street grade crossing, another car inadvertently drove onto the tracks.

Chief James Hussey said a 2003 Chrysler Carlisle driven by a Scituate resident was headed southbound on North Main Street (in the direction of the village) at about 4:40 p.m. on Saturday (Dec. 29) when the operator veered onto the tracks. Hussey said heavy fog might have played a role in the accident.

A Cohasset police officer, who was passing by, pulled over and had the two occupants of the car walk away from the vehicle. There were no injuries. Police and fire were dispatched to the scene and the MBTA was notified. Trains were stopped until the car was removed and tracks were checked.

"The people were following the roadway and did not realize they were leaving the street and driving onto the tracks," Hussey said.

Hussey said it was the second accident on that side of N. Main Street; there have also been two similar mishaps with cars veering off the road and onto the tracks with cars heading toward Hingham at the grade crossing.

"This is something that we have flagged for the MBTA," Hussey said, about the lineage on the road. "The fog lines appear to merge with the tracks."

Police have also talked to the Greenbush office at Town Hall that is reaching out to the MBTA on the matter, Hussey said.

Underage drinking

Acting on a tip from a guest at the Red Lion Inn, police found people drinking outside on the tiny lane that runs between the Inn and the gas station at about 12:45 a.m. on Sunday (Dec. 30). They also took a 20-year-old into protective custody.

The caller called 911 on his cell phone that went to the State Police and then to Cohasset. The guest said there were underage drinkers at the Inn and that he was paying $400 a night for the room and thought someone should be aware of the problem.

Police observed a number of people outside on the lane some of whom were holding beer bottles. When officers arrived the crowd dispersed. They stopped a 21-year-old who told them he had obtained the beer inside. Police explained that he was drinking on a public way and was subject to arrest. The officers went inside to speak with the manager about the public drinking and to stop people from leaving with alcohol.

The guest, who called, came to the lobby and told police that a young man was passed out in the upstairs hall. Police found a 20-year-old who told them he had been drinking there at the inn; police took him into protective custody and he was later released to his father.

Police went down to the "Cave" in the basement of the inn where about 40 people were dancing and had just been given "last call." They advised those in charge, to turn on the lights, empty out the premises, and make sure no one left the premises with alcohol.

At this time, it is not clear if this incident will be part of the Jan. 7 public hearing on other recent, alleged liquor license violations at the Red Lion Inn.

OUI arrest

An 18-year-old who was apparently "sleeping it off" in his car that was parked in the parking lot of a Route 3A business drove off when police were called and ended up being arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol.

Police received a call from an employee at a local business that found a young man passed out in a green Volvo at about 9 a.m. on Thursday (Dec. 27). It took a few minutes to wake him up, he was barefoot and all wet, the caller reported.

After the young man took off in the car, an officer stopped him by Shaw's. The officer could smell alcohol, the man was not wearing shoes, and he was unsteady on his feet. He allegedly told police he had driven from Hanover and was heading back there.

The officer arrested the 18-year-old Walpole teen for OUI (alcohol) and for failure to stop for a police officer.

Fight

Police responded to a call from a person saying he needed police assistance at about 1:20 p.m. on Sunday (Dec. 30).

When police arrived to the scene, which is near Summer Street and S. Main Street, police said a tenant-landlord dispute resulted in fisticuffs. A 19-year-old relative of the tenant was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (shod foot) because he allegedly kicked the landlord in the face.

The other two males are being summonsed on assault and battery charges.

Check larceny

Police are investigating the apparent theft and subsequent cashing of a personal check from a former Cohasset resident. The incident was reported last Thursday (Dec. 27).

The person who cashed the $453 check used an out-of-state license and police are summonsing him to court.

The woman, who recently moved to Hull, told police she thought she had destroyed all the checks with her old address. It is not clear how the check was stolen but the woman told police she knows the suspect, who is a 21-year-old Holbrook man that helped her move. He is facing charges of larceny over $250 and forgery of a check.

MV crash

A Duxbury motorist told police she thought the stop at Summer and S. Main streets was a four-way stop. Police said she pulled out to cross over from Summer to Spring Street in her 1996 Land Rover when she was struck by a 2003 Honda driving by a Carlisle resident traveling on S. Main.

The Duxbury woman was cited for failure to use caution at an intersection. There were no injuries and there was minor damage to both cars, police said.

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VILLAGE LANDMARK



Jim Watson of Cohasset Hardware announces plans to close the store that has been in his extended family since the 1920s and in his immediate family since 1964.

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Housing Partnership eyes 25 Ripley Road

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The Housing Partnership announces its plans to transform a single-family home at 25 Ripley Road into affordable housing units. Dozens of neighbors come to a meeting at the library to voice their concerns and opposition to the proposal.

Parent and political newcomer Peter Richardsson pulls papers to run for one of two three-year School Committee seats.

Avalon clears a hurdle on its pursuit of building a 200-apartment complex off Route 3A. The Appeals Court affirmed the decision of the Land Court that the Cohasset Water Commission does not have legal standing to challenge the comprehensive permit for the project.

Cohasset High sophomore creates a trail map of Wheelwright Park for his Eagle Scout project using a GPS device.

It's out with the Mexican and in with the Italian on Route 3A. Acapulco's closes its doors and Pacini's Italian Eatery moves in after getting approval for a liquor license.

Adrienne MacCarthy pulls papers to run for re-election to the School Committee.

Town Manager Bill Griffin brings forth a level services, no override budget to the Board of Selectmen. Roughly $800,000 had to be cut from department requests to stay within the limits of Proposition 2-1/2.

FEBRUARY

Firefighters from Cohasset, Hull and Scituate battle a 50-foot blaze in Cohasset Village for close to six hours. The Depot Court building, home to a kitchen and design shop, had to be completely torn down.

The Planning Board hears preliminary plans for a 27 single-family home development slated for the Cook Estate.

The Stormwater Committee presents a draft version of the Stormwater bylaw at a Planning Board meeting. Concerns were raised over whether the bylaw would create duplication between the Stormwater Committee and the various other town boards.

The town runs a test of the recently installed emergency notification system, Connect-CTY. In an emergency, all homes — or just certain neighborhoods — can be notified with one phone call at one time.

Sick of seeing litter along the picturesque streets, resident Jim French comes before the Selectmen to propose a program to have residents and businesses "adopt-a-street" to keep clean.

In a ceremony over a decade in the making the final spike is nailed into the Greenbush train line.

The Board of Selectmen approves a conservation restriction, on nine acres of town-owned land located adjacent to the Cook Estate off Sohier Street in a split vote. The conservation restriction will allow more walking trails, open space and protection of Peppermint Brook.

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2007 IN REVIEW

'No' for late train

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For four long months, Fithi – the Our World Museum's 3-foot-long pet ball python — lived on her own inside the walls of the museum and adjoining Paul Pratt Memorial Library. However, in the end the exotic creature's need to stay warm cut her life short. Her remains were found in the library's boiler room.

A Scituate police officer is served a bleach-like solution instead of the tea he ordered from the Dunkin' Donuts at Leo's Exxon.

Roger Whitley, a retired architect and 50-year resident of Cohasset, is named 2007's Citizen of the Year. Whitley was recognized for his generosity of time and energy over the years on myriad committees and on countless town projects.

School Committee member Alfred Slanetz presents the school's five-year strategic plan, which includes a goal to become one of the top 10 school districts in the state, to the Selectmen.

A sleepy election day at the polls is predicted after the deadline for nominations closed and there are no contests for any elected positions. Cohasset voters would have to go back 12 years to 1995 find another election with no contested seats.

MARCH

The Water Commission proposes rate hikes between 15 and 40 percent, depending on water usage. If approved by Town Meeting, the rates would take effect on April 15.

The School Committee votes to approve a bottom line, level services budget of $13,686,400 for fiscal year 2008.

Selectmen consider purchasing a roughly 40-acre piece of property off Beechwood Street from Osbourne Ingram. After two weeks of discussion, the town declines the offer. The private non-profit group Cohasset Land Foundation is able to continue with plans to preserve the majority of the land while developing six acres to cover the purchase price.

A Cohasset red-tailed hawk, fondly named "Pete," is released back in to the wild after six weeks of rehabilitation. The hawk was found injured with a broken wing by a Cohasset resident in January.

Quick thinking teenager, Conor Ofthsun, rescues a visiting 15-year-old with an outstretched hockey stick who had fallen through the ice into the cold waters of Lily Pond.

Cohasset Police cruisers go high-tech. Computers, or more specifically, mobile data terminals, enable officers to run checks on vehicle registrations or operator's driver's license while on patrol. The new system cost approximately $48,000.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval of the Water Commission's article to raise water rates, but did not endorse the article allowing the Commission to sell up to half the town's daily water supply.

A MBTA proposal for a late train to arrive in Cohasset about 10:50p.m. is coldly received by the Board of Selectmen.

Davenport B. "Dave" Crocker, Sr., pleads guilty to charges of stealing more than $300,000 from the Cohasset Yacht Club, where he served as treasurer for many years.

Resident David Farrag applies for $35,000 in Community Preservation funding to hire an architectural firm to look at the 'old' portion of Town Hall.

The Relay for Life committee announces they are dedicating the 2007 Cohasset relay in memory of former State Representative Mary Jeanette Murray.

Deer Hill Principal Keith Gauley accepts another position as principal at a Brewster, Mass. elementary school.

Reverend Gary Ritts celebrates 20 years at the Second Congregational Church. He describes his experience in Cohasset and its people as a "match made in heaven."

Cohasset police officers become key players in a State Police pursuit of an armed suspect who allegedly shot at a State Police officer in Milton. Quick thinking Cohasset officers place stop sticks on Route 3A to disable the suspect's vehicle. The fleeing suspect then stole an unlocked car in Cohasset and was eventually arrested in Hull.

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CEF MAKES A DIFFERENCE



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Cohasset Education Foundation President Christopher Oddleifson watches second-grader Olivia Watson demonstrate one of the new computers in the Osgood computer lab paid for by the CEF. School technology instructor Derry Schwantner, left, gives Olivia a hand.



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POLICE TECHNOLOGY



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Sgt. John Conte demonstrates one of the new mobile data terminals installed in police cruisers. The computers, which are mounted in the center console, allow the officer to run checks while they are on patrol. That could include checking a vehicle registration or an operator's driver's license.

TOWN MEETING VOTE



STAFF PHOTO/ELISA ALLEN

Ronnie Goodwin casts his vote on the water rate increase using an orange card for the hand count during last spring's annual Town Meeting. Town Meeting tackled 26 articles. A $35,340,212 fiscal 2008 budget was approved, with almost 39 percent devoted to the schools. Water rates were increased 15 to 40 percent depending on water usage.

2007 IN REVIEW

Last minute write-in campaign

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Through cooperation between state and local government, the town and MBTA are able to come to a resolution about parking spaces in the Village — an $110,000 dispute settlement from the MBTA as well as a $310,000 increase to the town's Public Works Economic Development (PWED) grant. The funds are earmarked to create more parking spaces and improve the aesthetics of the village lot.

APRIL

The one-day six-hour Town Meeting tackles 26 articles. A $35,340,212 fiscal 2008 budget was approved, with almost 39 percent devoted to the schools. Water rates were increased 15 to 40 percent depending on water usage.

A small crowd approves a $2 million increase to the budget for the Little Harbor sewer and water project, as well as $1 million for drainage improvements.

The Sewer Commission raises town sewer rates an average of nine percent.

Cohasset High School freshman, led by science teacher David Ames, create a 27-square foot cube out of recyclable materials to visually represent the volume of one metric ton of carbon dioxide. Their goal is to raise awareness of global warming in Cohasset and beyond.

With no races for any elected position, the Mariner predicted a low turnout election in its pre-election paper. But, after the paper went to press, Leonora Jenkins, a controversial figure in the eyes of many, announced her intent to run a write-in campaign for a School Committee seat. A counter write-in campaign for Lucia Flibotte followed.

An 11th-hour, a town-wide recorded message with the voices of former Selectman Ronnie McMorris and outgoing Selectman Rob Spofford said if elected Jenkins would cause "serious, long-term damage to our school system." The message left many wondering if this type of campaigning — a write-in effort that bypasses typical election procedures — may become a trend for Cohasset politics, others were disturbed by the negative tone of the message, and still others were propelled to vote upon receipt of the message.

When the dust settled at the election on Saturday incumbent Adrienne MacCarthy and write-in candidate Lucia Flibotte were elected to two seats on the School Committee, beating balloted School Committee candidate Peter Richardsson, and write-in candidate Jenkins.

A Patriots' Day storm with heavy rainfall causes the town wastewater treatment plant on Elm Street to overflow. Neighbors downstream from the plant are up in arms over both the flooding and possible untreated sewage in their backyards.

Following the overflow event, the Sewer Commission promise better communication in the event of a plant overflow and to upgrade the plant to lessen the likelihood of an overflow in a meeting with sewer plant abutters.

Noelle Leonard, a 24-year-old Cohasset resident, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) last year. To do whatever she could to combat the disease, which has no cure, she forms a team of friends and family for the annual Cohasset five-mile MS Lifelines Walk.

Following the school shooting tragedy at Virginia Tech, the Cohasset schools report they have a comprehensive safety plan in place for the event of a crisis situation.

The Housing Partnership Committee proposes building two to three units affordable housing units at a foreclosed property at 821 Jerusalem Road.

MAY

Long-time Recreation Commission Chairman Richard "Dickie" Barrows passes away at 81.

Thirty-two high school students are trained to talk to middle school students about diversity-related issues as a part of the Anti-Defamation League's "A World of Difference" Institute.

The Cohasset Land Foundation meets with abutters to discuss their future plans for 40 acres of land off Norman Todd Road. Residents get assurances there will not be another Cedarmere-like development in their backyard.

Elm Street residents go to the selectmen to ask for action to address increasing flood issues in Jacob's Meadow.

It was 1851 when a four-day storm destroyed the original Minot's Light and took the lives of its two lightkeepers. U.S. Coast Guard divers visit the site of the fallen Minot's Light in search of remnants.

The Watsons, long-time owners of the Cohasset Hardware building, seek a special permit to put four apartments upstairs from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA makes no decision at the first hearing.

A Village consultant is hired. Concord Square Development Company, headed by principal planner Angus Jennings, becomes a familiar name as they draft an update to village zoning bylaws.

The Cohasset Historical Society opens its summer exhibit, "A Century of Hats."

It is now just a part of Cohasset's daily sights and sounds, but in May the Greenbush train makes its first trip through Cohasset. Many residents stood in a light rain at grade crossings to watch the first test train go by.

The Water Commission's rain garden project is growing. Fifteen more gardens to protect the watershed are planted in the spring.

The morning drizzle falling on Cohasset didn't deter hundreds of residents from coming out to salute their veterans in the least. New to Cohasset's Memorial Day festivities is a Field of Honor — 383 American flags installed across from Veterans Memorial Park.

JUNE

A meteorological experimental test, or MET, tower — a 165-foot aluminum pole to record wind speed and direction — is installed at the summit of Turkey Hill by the Alternative Energy Committee. The data collected will help determine if a wind turbine will work in Cohasset.

The Avalon developers are issued a draft permit for on-site wastewater treatment from th Department of Environmenta Protection.

Members of the Class of 200? sweated it out — throughout their high school careers and at Saturday's commencement ceremony. Amid high humidity 110 seniors crossed the Music Circus stage to receive their diplomas.

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2007 IN REVIEW

Bikes crash at grade crossing

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Police interrupt an underage drinking party on Pond Street. The father and son who live in the home face Social Host charges.

The Cohasset High School boys lacrosse team earns its second straight state championship title.

Cohasset's "Troika," a committee comprised of the Chairman of the Selectmen, the Chairman of the Advisory Board and the Town Moderator, could be unique in its title.

The five towns of the Greenbush corridor begin the process to enact a "quiet zone," or no whistle area, along the entire 17-mile length of the line.

A granite stone with a plaque in memory of lost Minot's Light lightkeepers Joseph Wilson and Joseph Antoine is placed near the original location of Minot's Light.

Members of the Army Corps come before the Selectmen to propose efforts to revitalize Treat's Pond (off Atlantic Avenue) as a saltwater estuary.

Residents of Rocky Lane petition the MBTA to replace two Corten steel guardrails the color of rust-orange with something more aesthetically pleasing and in tune with the neighborhood.

Knitters at the Creative Stitch (now located in Hingham Square) create over 700 small "duduza" (comfort) dolls to be sent to orphans in Africa.

The Board of Selectmen considers purchasing the town's streetlights from National Grid. A consultant advises there could be a budget benefit.

Epiphany Designs, a beaded jewelry and art shop, opens on Ripley Road.

With the arrival of regular commuter train service just months away, the Police Department launches a poster campaign with local merchants to raise awareness about train safety.

JULY

The inaugural Cohasset Triathlon is marred with tragedy when one athlete dies after being pulled from the waters off Sandy Beach during the first leg of the race. A total of four triathletes were pulled from the water in a 45-minute time period. An outpouring of public support and praise for the organizers of the race follows.

Robert W. Jackson, a Navy veteran and retired police chief, is named the Cohasset veterans agent by Town Manager Bill Griffin.

Two commuter boats collide on a foggy morning in Boston Harbor. No one is injured.

The town receives two bids on the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant and 12 on the collection system portion of the Little Harbor sewer project. Town Meeting allocated $15.2 million for the project that will hook over 200 homes to the sewer system by 2011.

Cohasset, Hingham and Hull join forces to reconstruct the West Corner culvert. Work could commence in 2008.

A white cloud descends on Leo's Exxon after the gas station's emergency fire protection system malfunctions. The bizarre event left 36 people, their cars, and the on-site convenience store covered with potassium bicarbonate, a white powdery substance. Clean-up took nearly a whole day to complete.

Town Manager Bill Griffin reports preliminary projections for fiscal 2009 indicate a $410,000 shortfall. The early predictions could mean an override vote at the spring 2008 Town Meeting.

The Cohasset Historical Society opens a completely restored Captain John Wilson House on Elm Street. The building, which previously suffered from drainage issues and perpetual water damage, underwent four long years of restoration work. The house has been interpreted to represent a storied history of the Wilson family, Cohasset and the typical nineteenth century family.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club readies for their production of Disney's "High School Musical."

Keith Lockhart, famed conductor of the Boston Pops orchestra, says he enjoys the "intimate" setting his annual show at the Music Circus provides. For the fourth year running, the renowned orchestra plays a concert to benefit the South Shore Arts Center.

As test trains begin, Police Chief James Hussey adopts a no tolerance policy for trespassers on the Greenbush tracks.

Cohasset Hardware is granted a special permit to add four apartments to their village building. The first floor will remain commercial space and co-owner of the building, Tina Watson, says South End restaurant Stella has expressed interest in leasing the property.

Holly Hill Farm re-invents the drive-in movie. "Films on the Farm" transforms the Tomato Barn into a movie screen to show documentaries on agriculture in America.

Cohasset Jewelers celebrates 25 years serving the South Shore community.

Direct abutters to the Greenbush line, Nick and Debbie Pitaro of North Main Street, install 31 mature trees to screen their view of the train tracks.

The Housing Partnership Committee receives verbal assurances their plan for three units in a foreclosed property on Jerusalem Road would be counted toward Cohasset's 10 percent affordable housing stock.

AUGUST

After she stopped walking in the Whitney-Thayer Woods for fear of being bitten by a tick, Cohasset resident Debbie Cook invents leg wrappers that combat tick bites that can cause Lyme disease.

Ashley Ulmer comes up with a way to recycle plastic bags in an environmentally friendly way by turning the bags into sturdy, fashionable totes.

The Rosano Triangle at the corner of lower King Street and 3A receives conditional approval for a mixed-use building at the site.

The Cohasset Land Foundation ink a purchase and sale agreement with Osborne Ingram for 40 acres. The agreement will set aside 26 acres as conservation land to be park.

The town advertises for architects to renovate the "old" section of Cohasset's historic Town Hall.

Derby Academy fourth-graders Karlee Koswick and Grace McMeekin have a popular business making, marketing and selling clothes for Webkinz.

Retired Cohasset Police Officer Lawence "Larry" Ainslie is mourned by his fellow officers when it is learned he was killed in a car accident in Georgia.

Three more bicyclists crash their bikes at the North Main Street grade crossing after their wheels get stuck in the angled tracks. The MBTA is being asked to make safety improvements there.

A village workshop reveals Cohasset's downtown can handle more stores, more apartments, more open space and more parking. The primary objective of the village consultancy project is to provide the framework for a viable business community.

New Deer Hill School Principal Dr. Jennifer deChiara gears up for the opening of school.

Plans are afoot for the second annual triathlon, as the police chief, harbormaster, and race director meet with selectmen for a post-event report and discuss some minor logistical and safety improvements for next year. The success of the triathlon, which brought hundreds of athletes to Cohasset, was tempered by the death of a triathlete who was pulled from the water during the first leg of the race.

The Alternative Energy Committee, which recently hired two energy consultants for assistance, says the middle-high school with is large flat roof and high energy bill is a prime location for solar panels.

SEPTEMBER

The Town holds a 9-11 remembrance service on the Town Common.

A Quiet Zone for the Greenbush line gets preliminary OK from the Federal Railroad Administration.

The Cohasset Farmer's Market is celebrating its 16th season on the Common every Thursday afternoon.

About 1500 students walk through the front doors of Cohasset schools to start a new school year.

The operator of a 2007 Corvette makes a wrong turn near the N. Main Street grade crossing and ends up stuck on the tracks. The driver said the fog lines were confusing; two other motorists in recent weeks have made the same or similar mistake.

Cohasset SAT scores are on the rise, the School Committee learns.

The Cohasset Rotary Club presents each Deer Hill third-grader with a new Webster's Dictionary for Students. The Rotary joined with the non-profit, Dictionary Project, to assist students in becoming good writers and readers.

Rosalie Collins's home at 425 S. Main St. is landlocked by the train because its access is off Lincoln Lane. The 30-year resident is seeking help from the town in obtaining legal access to her property.

The Red Lion Inn offers $500,000 to build a parking lot on town property in conjunction with a proposed $6 million expansion of the inn. The 32 new units would be built on the Inn's upper gravel lot and for that reason proposed parking on town land is vital to the Inn's plans.

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PROM NIGHT



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Couples line up in front of Town Hall before walking the red carpet in front of family and friends during last May's annual pre-prom gala on Cohasset Common. The annual event, a town tradition, is always picture-perfect.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

The Old Man and The Kid

The Old Man laid aside his scythe and splashed water on his face from the bowl on the table. He felt better for it, but not much. He sat on the sofa and let his battered limbs stretch out before him. That last trip to Iraq had taken a lot out of him. Had it done any good? He'd never know.

The Old Man looked at his watch. His tour of duty would be over momentarily. Where was that kid? He was tempted to go to the window and watch for him but he hadn't the energy. He was a kid once himself, a cocky youngster ready to take on the world. But that was months ago. Months? It seemed like eons.

The Old Man took out his logbook to enter his final report on the trip to Iraq. Things were looking up there, he thought. That thing they called "the surge" seemed to be working. At last, there seemed to be a light at the end of that long tunnel. But what then? Whatever, it wouldn't be his responsibility. He felt better.

He was applying the last question mark to the chapter on Iraq when the door burst open and The Kid came in. His traditional uniform, the diaper, was shiny in its whiteness. The numbered sash that draped from his shoulder sparkled in its newness. The Old Man envied his clean-cut appearance.

"You're late," said The Old Man.

The Kid looked at his watch.

"I'm early," he said.

"You were supposed to be here earlier than this so we could read my log together and I could give you some advice."

"I don't need to read your log to know how badly you screwed up."

"Screwed up? I got the Red Sox a World Series championship, didn't I?"

"Yeah, but only the second in 89 years."

"I got the Patriots an undefeated season."

"Yeah, but you didn't get them a Super Bowl."

"That's up to you," said The Old Man.

"Piece of cake," said The Kid.

The Old Man looked at him quizzically to see if he was kidding, decided he wasn't, then scooted back on the sofa and opened his logbook. The Kid came to stand behind him and looked at the book over his shoulder.

"Who are all those people running around?" he asked.

"They're candidates for president."

"So many. I hope you weeded some out for me."

"They're all still in there. Or most of them are, anyway."

"I guess I'll have to do it myself. Give me a week or two and I . . ."

"You don't have time. They're caucusing out there in Iowa right now. And they'll be voting next week in New Hampshire."

"But what'll I do?" The Kid was getting a little nervous and it showed in the question.

"Nothing any of us can do anymore," said The Old Man.

The Kid thumbed through a couple of pages in the log, pausing on the page labeled "Iraq." He looked at The Old Man.

"I've pretty much got that under control," said The Old Man. "That thing they call 'the surge' seems to have done it. I'd watch out for Afghanistan on the next page, though. And Pakistan."

"You think this surge would work there?"

The Old Man shrugged.

"Who knows," he said. "That will be up to you to find out. You'll have to find out for yourself what you can do about global warming, too."

"That should be a slam dunk," said The Kid.

"First of all, you'll have to convince some important people that there is such a thing as global warming."

How do I do that?"

"Up to you," said The Old Man. He looked at his watch. The second hand was creeping up on midnight. Tic . . . Tic . . . Tic . . .

"I want to talk to you about Britney Spears' kid sister, too," said The Kid. "Do you think that . . ."

He looked around him for The Old Man, but he was gone.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

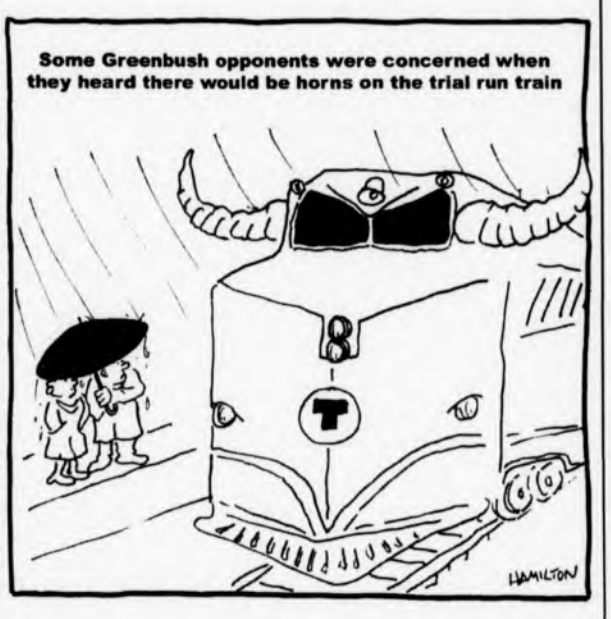
Advisory Committee, Jan. 8, 7 p.m.
Alternative Energy Committee, Jan. 8 & Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.
CMHS School Council, Feb. 6, 2:30 p.m., Room 116 at the high school.
Historical Commission, Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Housing Partnership, Jan. 10, 7 p.m.
Planning Board, Jan. 9, 7p.m.
Selectmen, Jan. 7, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Jan. 7, 6 p.m.; Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m. at the ZBA
Water Commission, Jan. 5, 10:15 a.m. at the King St. plant.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.

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Jim Hamilton's cartoons told the Greenbush story

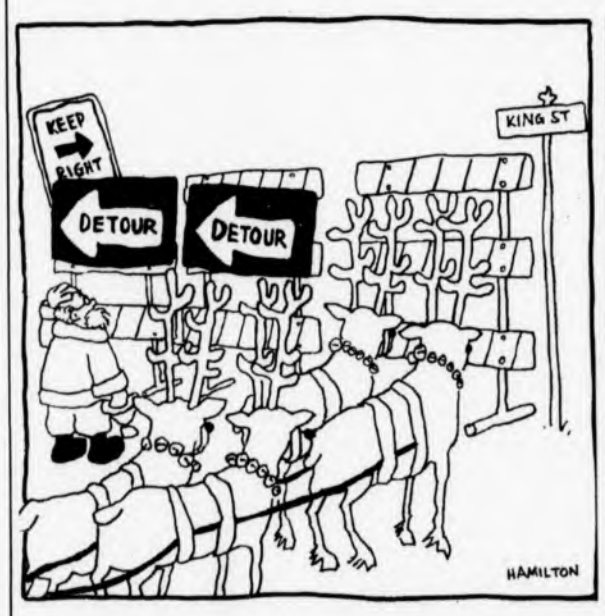














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Health Notes

Making healthy 2008 resolutions

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Web, fountain of all knowledge, offers little for those going there to find an untapped sea of New Year's resolutions. It seems that everyone who has a periodic article to write does one on New Year's resolutions – and has done so for more than hundreds of years. It's not that there's nothing to say, it's that it's mostly all been said. And so the new take on resolutions about health has been advice on the nature of the process. "Make resolutions that are easy to keep; make more do resolutions than don't ones, etc." The health resolutions have all been around forever, and as our picture of a healthy life changes, so do resolutions. For example, when coffee was introduced into Europe, it was popular to say it was harmful because people drank coffee instead of the more healthy wine.

Of the different types of resolutions, some of the most popular are:

• **Clean up:** Straighten out the desk, closet, etc. Type – clip toenails, throw away old pills, order new supply of outdated, etc.

• **The 'you really should' type:** Prepare a listing of your medications, make copies and put them in your wallet and elsewhere you've felt dumb for not having them. Label bottles and boxes before you forget what they contain. Grit your teeth and pitch out stuff you really have no real reason to keep.

• **The old staples:** Lose weight, exercise, diet, etc. I guess, they're along there with motherhood and patriotism, but it seems to me that most people find these are last resort resolutions, and things have to get pretty bad before you invoke them. Maybe it's better to review your health picture dispassionately and identify one or two things that might make you feel better and concentrate on those.

Probably the best resolution you can make is to relax and have fun.

• **Diet:** Many of us tend to want to cut out major food groups, telling ourselves they cannot have any candy, dessert or carbohydrates. The reduction approach is much more realistic than the all-or-nothing technique, which labels foods as "good" or "bad." When people see certain edibles as "bad," they can end up obsessing about it. Work on getting adequate servings of whole grains, calcium, fiber, fruits and vegetables. And remember, getting a larger portion when eating out is folly from a diet standpoint and generally wrong for good nutritional balance. The day is gone when cleaning up your plate was a good thing.

• **Exercise:** According to the Mayo Clinic, enhanced muscle mass can not only help better manage weight, it can also improve endurance, maintain the flexibility of joints and reverse age-related declines in strength, bone density and muscle mass. One way to get such exercise is to get in the habit of intentionally starting out for an appointment 10 minutes earlier than it would take to get there and park a mile from your destination. If you do so, you'll be adding perhaps 10 percent to whatever walking you do daily and you'll be saving gas to boot. With the new GPS gadgets, which give time of arrival as well as distances, it's easy to park a fixed distance from your destination.

• **Give up destructive habits:** Develop a realistic assessment and then get serious about fixing the problem. Alcohol is probably on the list in this column, along with smoking. It's uncertain as to how to tackle these. One way is a pros and cons list. Make one up on each negative habit you perceive you may have acquired. Then give the list to someone close you know and trust and have them comment on it. Honest friends will try to help if they perceive a problem.

Probably the best resolution you can make is to relax and have fun. Enjoy your friends. The world isn't going to stop if you slow down some.

And remember, resolve, the word from which resolution stems, is a habit; it gets stronger with use.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Library Corner

Meet professional genealogist Jan. 31

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Library Book Group – The group will not meet in December. Instead, the group will meet after the holidays at 10 a.m., on Jan. 30, to discuss Diane Setterfield's book "The Thirteenth Tale."

Movie Matinee – Can't get out at night to see a movie? Come to a free showing of the film "To Catch a Thief" starring Cary Grant and Grace Kelly at 11 a.m., on Friday, Jan. 4. Free admission and light refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Movie site license sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

Basic Genealogy and Family History – Meet professional genealogist Michael Brophy at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 31. He will discuss how to research family roots, organize findings and explore record sources. This is an opportunity for budding or experienced genealogists. Register for this free event either online, by telephone or in person at the library. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Dreams of Dust" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 17. Mocktar, a Nigerian peasant, comes looking for work in Essakane, a dusty gold mine in Northeast Burkina Faso, Africa, where he hopes to forget the past that haunts him. In Essakane, he quickly finds out, the gold rush ended 20 years before, and the inhabitants of this wasteland and strange timelessness manage to exist simply from force of habit. The beautiful Coumba, however, is still courageously struggling to raise her daughter after the death of her family. Mocktar will soon be fighting not only to survive, but also to provide a better future for this mother and her child. Free admission and free refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

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FOR CHILDREN

Children's Author to Visit – On Friday, Jan. 18, from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., local author Randy Houk will preview her soon to be released children's book, "In Wheelwright Park Don't Bite, Don't Bark," a true story about teaching dogs to respect each other while enjoying Wheelwright Park. Houk is well known for her work with the Humane Society of the United States. "Chessie, the Travelin' Man" and "Jasmine," two of her true rescue stories, can be found in the Children's Room. This event is for caregivers and children age 5 and older. Registration is required and children must be accompanied by an adult. To register, go online to cohassetlibrary.org, click on Calendar, find Jan. 18, and click on Register.

MamaSteph is Back – MamaSteph will perform in the Meeting Room on Monday mornings in January from 10:30 to 11. This is a lap sit program. To ensure the safety and the enjoyment of all participants, children will need to be with their caregivers at all times. All ages and communities welcome. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library. Doors will close promptly at 10:35 a.m.

Drop In Story Time – Story Time will take place in the Story Room Monday mornings from 10:30 to 11 during the month of January. Join others for big book adventures, music and movement. All ages and communities welcome.

Afternoon Story and Craft – There are still a few spaces available in the afternoon Story and Craft program. Story and Craft is for Cohasset residents age 3 through 6, is a four-week commitment and requires pre-registration. Each week a theme is explored through literature, music and craft. Online registration is available by going to cohassetlibrary.org, click on Calendar, find Jan. 10, and click on register.

ZBA decision on staging area crucial

COMMENTARY

PAUL L. LUALDI

Lawyers and non-lawyers are hotly debating the interpretation of the zoning bylaws and the issue of the staging area location for the largest construction project ever undertaken by the Town of Cohasset. At a recent ZBA meeting, some residents argued that the staging area is lowering their home values, that heavy construction equipment is passing over and destroying the roads while others are unable to "sleep in" in the morning because of the sound of safety beepers on construction vehicles. The facts are that home values will be increased once they are connected to the sewer and construction activities cannot be conducted without the operation of heavy construction vehicles and the associated traffic control effort. Water and sewer mains cannot be installed without tearing up the roads. Also, construction workers don't work "9 to 5" and don't have the luxury of "sleeping in." Other people question why the contractor started working in the winter. Had he started later the completion date required by the town would have been more difficult, if not impossible, to accomplish.

What is important is that the construction and associated inconveniences be limited to the construction area and that costly and delaying contract change orders be avoided.

The town selected and authorized the contractor to perform this major construction project to benefit the town by improving our water supply, wastewater disposal and drainage. A project of this nature and magnitude can be disruptive. What is important is that the construction and associated inconveniences be limited to the construction area and that costly and delaying contract change orders be avoided. What is also important is that work be completed on schedule by summer of 2009 as to not violate the court's judgment. It is in the best interest of the whole town to cooperate with and facilitate our contractor rather than obstructing his activities. The contractor is doing a fine job implementing the work scope specified by the town. He is performing a challenging assignment under difficult conditions.

The contractor selected an optimum site for his staging area, which minimizes the impact of construction on the town. He received approval of the site location from the town and has been paid for establishing the staging area. For the town now to take action to repeal its authorization based on the appeal of a neighbor would transfer the inconvenience of the staging area to another part of town and add construction traffic and road safety problems to many more town streets. The contractor would not be at any risk. If directed to relocate the staging area, he would likely comply and then issue change orders to the town reflecting the additional costs involved and extending the guaranteed completion date of the project. The bottom line is that the town residents and taxpayers are the ones who are at risk and who could be adversely impacted.

When considering the staging area, I believe that town boards should focus on what is in the best interest of the town and its residents and not a just the complaints of a few individuals who are experiencing only a temporary, minor inconvenience with no irreparable damage to property. The intent of zoning bylaws is to protect the public from detrimental actions taken by others. We should not allow the laws to be used to adversely affect the public for the satisfaction of a few. The decision of the Planning Board in favor of the appellant was a disservice to the town. How the ZBA decides at its meeting on Jan. 8, 2008, is crucial to all of us.

Paul L. Lualdi lives at 56 Deep Run.

Letters to the Editor

Shutting down Lily Pond

TO THE EDITOR:

So, let me get this straight, after more than 100 years of winter family activities Lily Pond is now shut down? At least the Grinch only stole Christmas. The Cohasset Water Department stole the whole winter!

Did you guys really think it was a good idea to start up your aeration tubes Dec. 15 when skating, ice fishing and other winter activities can begin? Are you so young that you only play video games or are you so old that you just sit in front of a TV set all winter? Plus, the Cohasset Recreation Department bought into this!

Besides church, there is no better area where whole families can get together than Lily Pond. Parents and grandparents teach fishing and skating to their children there. Then we get to enjoy hours on the ice in a beautiful setting. Look out your office window. Lily Pond is gorgeous in winter and you want to shut it down? I don't think you have that right. It's a good thing for you that Lily Pond's Patron Saint, Sumner Smith, passed away a few years ago. Although a kind old gentleman he'd be busting down your door with his hockey stick to lift the ban. Do the right thing: shut down your bubble machine until March.

Happy New Year.

Bill Ketchum
255 Beechwood St.

Christmas Angel Project

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the board and staff of Cohasset Elder Affairs, I would like to extend our deepest thanks for all who made beautiful gift baskets for Cohasset Christmas Angel Program. Thanks to the members of the Social Service League, members from the Second Congregational Church, the teachers from the Osgood School and members from the community, 26 seniors received wonderful gift bags and baskets for Christmas. The remarks from the recipients were filled with gratitude at being remembered. One said, "Each gift in the basket was something I love. Someone really took time to put this together." Another said, "I am overwhelmed."

Cohasset's seniors have had many opportunities to celebrate the Holiday Season, beginning with a Thanksgiving Feast at the Atlantica Restaurant thanks to the Roy family and Joe Campbell and his team; the Angel Food Program, who prepared a delightful Christmas Lunch and members of St. Anthony's Choir who led us in caroling; and Anna's Gourmet Club for preparing and serving a bountiful feast of goodies for the End of Year Soiree held at the Cohasset Historical Society.

The beauty of the Christmas Angel Program is that many of the recipients are seniors who weren't able to attend festivities outside of their homes.

As the director of Cohasset Elder Affairs, I am constantly delighted with the many kindnesses of members of the community extend to our seniors. Cohasset may be a small town – but it is filled with residents with very big hearts.

Linda Elworthy
Director of Cohasset Elder Affairs

What we shall see in 2008

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The more things change the more they remain the same, as we shall see in 2008.

JANUARY – Mid-winter temperatures hit a balmy 72 at the North Pole and the melting Greenland ice cap releases thousands of icebergs into the North Atlantic. President Bush tells an international conference on global warming that it's all a figment of Al Gore's imagination.

FEBRUARY – Mitt Romney tells interviewers he was fearful for the future of humanity when he watched the first atomic bomb tested at Alamagordo, New Mexico, in 1946. Blogger reminds him that he wasn't born until 1947. What he really meant, says Romney, is that he would have been fearful if he had been born.

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MARCH – Lynn Spears, mother of Britney and Jamie Lynne, changes the theme of her book from advice on parenting to advice on avoiding horny young boys. Attorney Wendy Murphy writes the introduction.

APRIL – Miss America contestant from a western state files sexual harassment suit against her sponsors, claiming she was forced to stand in public and identify herself as "Miss I-da-ho." If Don Imus can't do it, neither can they, she tells investigators.

MAY – O. J. Simpson is acquitted of armed robbery by stealing his own sports memorabilia from collectors in Los Angeles after his lawyer, Johnnie Cochrane Jr., waves his old Pop Warner football jersey and tells jury, "If it doesn't fit, you must acquit."

JUNE – Waterboarding is declared officially not a form of torture by the Supreme Court and becomes one of Milton Bradley's most popular games. A spokesman for the toymaker says they're planning to develop a game called "The Rack" in time for the Christmas rush.

JULY – Democratic Congress apologizes in the name of the United States for the Armenian Genocide, rescinds the vote when told it was the Ottoman Turks, not the Bush Administration, that was responsible for that massacre.

AUGUST – President Sarkozy of France visits the United States, turns down an offer by Senator Ted Kennedy to drive him on a sightseeing tour of Washington and an invitation by Vice President Dick Cheney to go duck hunting with him in Louisiana.

SEPTEMBER – Dustin Pedroia, the 250-pound second baseman of the Boston Red Sox, hits his record-setting 80th home run of the season, denies that steroids played any role in his new found power at the plate.

OCTOBER – Patriots Coach Bill Belichick is accused of stealing plays radioed by Jets Coach Eric Mangini to a receiver in his quarterback's helmet by intercepting them and relaying them from a satellite to a receiver in Tedy Bruschi's shoulder pads. Belichick says he's only interested in getting ready for the next game.

NOVEMBER – Barack Obama is elected president of the United States by a landslide over Mike Huckabee. Majority of persons interviewed in exit polls say they refused to vote for someone whose name sounds like a fast food restaurant. Obama names Grand Old Oprah Winfrey secretary of state.

DECEMBER – Joran Van Der Sloot and the Kalpoe brothers are taken into custody once again in Aruba for the murder Natalee Holloway, then released again when no one can find a body or prove that there was a murder. The Fox News Channel buys a condo for Greta Van Susteren in Aruba so she can wait for the next arrest.

Our Town

Train, ball field featured

Our Town is offering an end-of-the-year special with Roving Reporter Rich Ofsthun heading south for the Dickens Christmas event in Scituate.

The show then goes on to highlight two big 2007 happenings for Cohasset; the Beechwood Ballfield dedication and the coming of the Greenbush Train line. Wrapping up this specil one-hour show is a performance by Cohasset's very own Gr8fls playing the Sea Note. Tune in Monday at 9pm on Comcast channel 10.

Christmas tree pickup

The Cohasset Middle School *Student* Council and PSO Christmas *Tree Drive* 2008 will be held Saturday, Jan. 5. Holiday trees can be picked up and taken away at the cost of $20 per tree. The cost for tree pick-up for senior citizens is $15. To arrange pick-up, call 781-383-2492 by 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 4, and leave a message with your address, phone number and any special instructions. Make your check out to Cohasset Middle School and attach it to your tree. Trees will be picked up from the end of driveways between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 5.

2007 IN REVIEW

Cat Dam neighborhood dispute

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Two 15-year-olds are facing marijuana charges after the high school notifies police on the second day of school about the students.

Selectmen approve the addition of 17 wireless boxes throughout Cohasset that could improve the town's spotty cell phone reception.

Cohasset detectives team up with Hingham in a drug bust of an alleged cocaine and heroin distributor.

A draft of the proposed village by-law, a year in the making, is filed with the Town Clerk.

The assault of a 15-year-old Cohasset High sophomore, who ended up with both wrists in a cast, after a fellow student or students attacked him is under investigation. The boy was sitting with friends in a parking lot off Pleasant Street when approached and surrounded by a group of male students and beaten up.

Windy Hill resident Joe McElroy asks the Water Commission to incorporate North Cohasset into the Cohasset water system. North Cohasset is served by Aquarion Water, a private company.

The state Housing Appeals Committee upholds the Zoning Board of Appeals decision not allowing Avalon to tie into the town sewer system. However, the project has received a permit for an on-site groundwater discharge of wastewater from the DEP.

The Beechwood Ballpark reopens with much fanfare at a dedication ceremony.

OCTOBER

Ruthann Ardizzoni has been teaching gymnastics at the South Shore Community Center for 30 years and is still head over heels about the program.

A marathon-long, standing-room-only public hearing is held on the proposed village bylaw that will come before voters at next month's Special Town Meeting.

Visitors to Woodside will no longer be able to make a left-hand turn from N. Main into the cemetery because of the proximity of the cemetery's entrance to the crossing.

Public hearings for the Transit Oriented District (TOD) off 3A by the train station get underway. A mixed-use residential-commercial development is planned.

Bia Bistro in the village expands and recently completed a 30-seat dining room that can be closed off for private parties. Next door, sisters Michele Rizzo and Maria DePaoli, open Carmela Drew, a fine food shop with prepared meals and kitchen gadgets.

Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh inks a new contract that includes a $12,000 increase in salary over three years.

Greenbush service opens on Halloween to much fanfare. A crowd gathers on a picture-perfect day for a ribbon cutting at the Cohasset Train Station. A one-way trip from Cohasset to South Station is $5.75 and monthly passes are $186.

The rail line is a "quiet zone" meaning that no horns will blow at grade crossings that are all equipped with safety measures, officials say.

Anna Abbruzzese, who is chairman of Cohasset Elder Affairs, is this year's recipient of South Shore Elder Services' Edythe B. Donkin Memorial Award, for her contributions to elders through community service and leadership.

Lt. William Quigley and Det. Lt. Gregory Lennon, who were promoted to two newly created lieutenant posts earlier in the month, are introduced to Selectmen.

The date for the second Cohasset Triathlon is set for June 29 and registrations are now being accepted.

Bids are in to build two units at 821 Jerusalem Road under Chapter 40B, the state affordable housing law.

Longtime Recreation Department Director Jack Worley announces he will retire this spring.

The long-awaited Forest Avenue sidewalk is ready and the neighborhood celebrates with a sidewalk party.

Two juveniles are arrested for allegedly making threats to a 15-year-old sophomore who was assaulted after school on Sept. 21. Earlier only one boy was charged following the incident that had taken root during school earlier in the day.

Will Charles hosts a Halloween party to raise money for the Basketball Boosters at his 25 Ripley Road property, which he plans to develop into seven condominium units, one of which would be affordable.

Sovereign Bank in Cohasset Plaza is robbed by a white female in her 20s who shows a note inferring she is armed.

The Planning Board approves plans for the 27-home development at the Cook Estate off Sohier Street.

NOVEMBER

The Cohasset Hardware building in the village is for sale.

The School Committee unanimously approves a policy on bullying that had been in the works since last year.

After lengthy and spirited debate, the Village By-Law passes muster at Special Town Meeting. The bylaw calls for mixed-use with retail/commercial use on the first floor and apartments on the second and third floors. While there has been widespread support for a bylaw to revitalize the village, debate raged over whether the planning or zoning board should have permit-granting authority.

A waterfront bylaw for the harbor area is indefinitely postponed.

Voters allocate $80,000 for a flood control master plan.

Retired Cohasset High School teacher Virginia Burbank leads the effort to build an orphanage in Kenya through "An Orphan's Dream," a South Shore based charity.

The School Committee gives its approval for the annual post-prom party to return to school grounds. It was held off site for the past two years after a post-prom party got out of hand and some students snuck in alcohol.

Three interpretive panels will be installed at the Cohasset Train Station and will detail the history of the Greenbush line in town through narrative and photos.

Cohasset schools get high marks on the MCAS exams; the percentage of students at the proficient or advanced levels is higher than the state averages at all grade levels on the math and English portions of the test.

Wellspring Multi-Service Center provides help to those in need and is the first organization featured in the Mariner's annual Gifts of Hope series.

Town Manager Bill Griffin awards the contract to rehabilitate the old part of Town Hall to Carr, Lynch and Sandell. Town Meeting earmarked $35,000 for the project.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is reviewing a resident's appeal of the Building Inspector's decision to use a private piece of land on Jerusalem Road as a staging area for the Little Harbor sewer and water improvement project.

The Red Lion Inn could face a hearing before the Selectmen following reports of liquor license violations at the establishment.

Amanda Thompson, 18, a college freshman and Cohasset resident, publishes her second novel, "Season" is a sequel to her first novel, "Millennium Girl."

DECEMBER

The Water Department makes cleaning up the manganese a priority after it is flooded with complaints from residents about discolored water.

Avalon, which is planning to build a 200-unit apartment complex off Route 3A, signs a formal 150-day extension with the Department of Environmental Protection for DEP-mandated testing.

A Boston man, who police say was on crack cocaine, approaches several women, including a Cohasset resident. Police put out a radio message and he is apprehended.

Womanade, a local group that assists those in need, is featured as part of the Mariner's Gifts of Hope series.

Selectmen agree to the operation of Cat Dam will continue under the direction of neighbors. They request that a committee representative of all the neighbors be established to oversee the operation of the dam going forward.

It is no surprise that the town sticks with a single tax rate because Cohasset is about 93 percent residential. The average single family home in town is valued at $848,000 and has a tax bill of $8,162.

The Social Service League of Cohasset is the third organization featured as part of the Mariner's seasonal Gift of Hope series. Since 1912 the organization has helped the needy and underserved on the South Shore.

The Zoning Board of Appeals does not reach a decision on the legality of the staging area for the Little Harbor water and sewer project. The ZBA asked for more documentation and continues its hearing to January.

The Village gets all dressed up for the annual Holiday Stroll.

Police Lt. William Quigley receives the 2007 Award for Excellence in Police Service by the Greater Boston Police Council for his use of the BAYPERN system in resolving a law enforcement incident.

Cohasset firefighters provide mutual aid for a four-alarm house fire in Hingham.

Peggy and Kevin Lewis lose the fight to remove their son, an eighth-grader, from an IEP (Individual Education Plan) at the middle-high school. On Dec. 14, a Norfolk Superior Court judge ruled the Cohasset Public Schools could keep the Lewises' son in a special education program against his parents' wishes.

Cohasset and much of New England is blanketed with snow after two storms, just two days apart, hit the region.

The Economic Development Committee seeks some guidance and ranking of objectives from the Board of Selectmen. Not all selectmen were prepared and they asked the EDC to return Jan. 22.

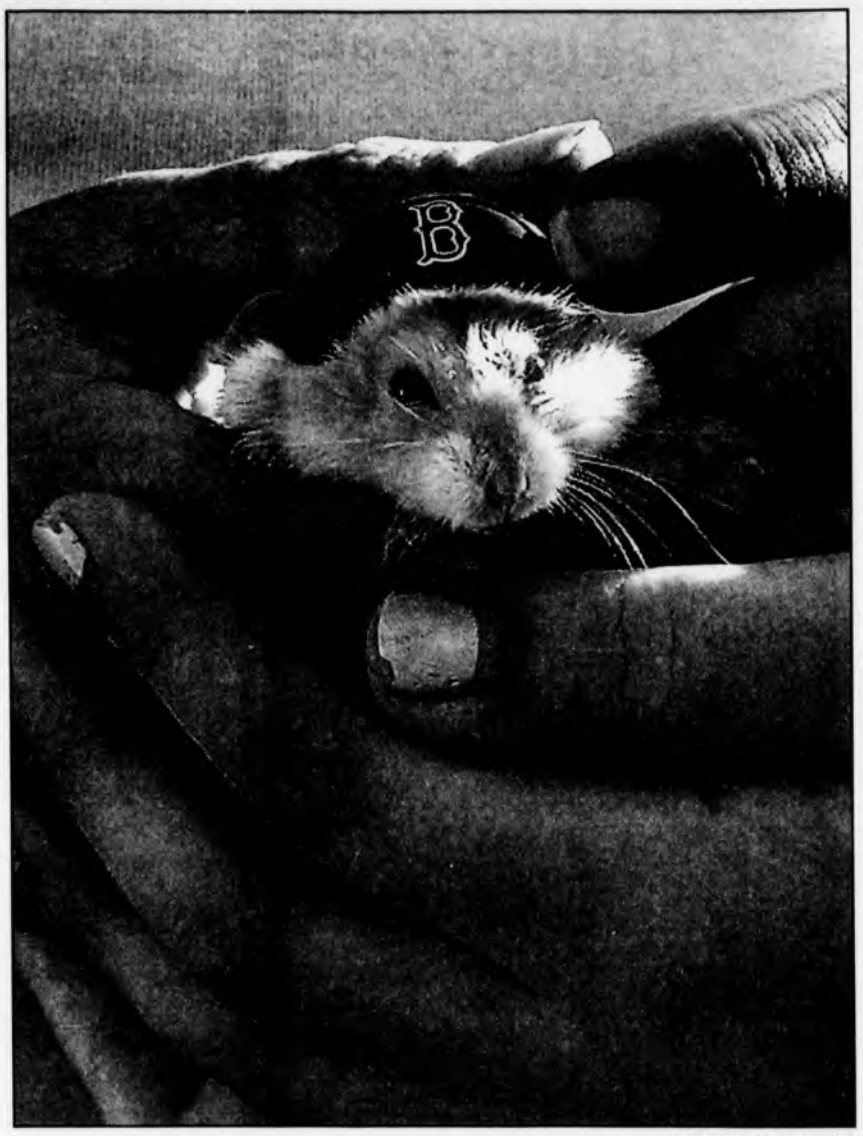
Selectmen sign off on a draft application for a No Discharge Area to be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil will not seek a second term. Long-time Selectman Fred Koed says he will run again. School Committee member Alfred Slanetz also plans to seek reelection.

Cohasset resident, Lisa DiTullio pens "Simple Solutions," which outlines how a business, no matter what the size or trade, can introduce successful project management.

The school administration presents a preliminary fiscal 2009 budget of $14,358,893 that includes projected state aid numbers. The budget is a 4.9 percent increase, or $672,493, over this year's budget.

RED SOX FAN



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"Peanuts," a hamster, shows he can play with the big boys when he arrives at the Cohasset Farmer's Market for the annual costume, dog parade in early October. Peanuts is sporting a Red Sox cap. Fans, like Peanuts, did not yet know that the Sox would go on to win the World Series.

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Keith Lockhart, famed conductor of the Boston Pops orchestra, says he enjoys the "intimate" setting his annual show at the Music Circus provides. For the fourth year running, the renowned orchestra played a concert to benefit the South Shore Arts Center.

Cohasset's Top 10 Stories of 2007

10. The Beechwood Ballpark completes its renovation in the fall with the opening of a new baseball field, basketball court and playground.

9. The assault of a 15-year-old Cohasset High sophomore, who ended up with both wrists in a cast, after a fellow student or students attacked him.

8. Cohasset Hardware closes its doors in the spring after months of clearance sales. Despite receiving a permit for four upstairs apartments, the owners decide to put the iconic Village building up for sale in November.

7. At long last, the Little Harbor sewer and water project begins in earnest this fall.

6. After heavy rainfall on Patriots' Day, the Wastewater Treatment Plant overflows. Stormwater and severe flooding of Jacob's Meadow compound the issue.

5. A Norfolk Superior Court judge ruled the Cohasset schools could keep Peggy and Kevin Lewis's son, an eighth grader at the middle-high school in a special education program against the parent's wishes.

4. Two 11th-hour write-in campaigns for School Committee seats drum up voters and controversy in the April Town Election.

3. Village zoning bylaws were an on-going discussion throughout the year. The bylaws promote mixed-use with retail use on the first floor and apartments upstairs to enable a viable economic center; they passed at November Special Town Meeting.

2. The success of the inaugural Cohasset triathlon, which brought hundreds of athletes to town, was tempered by the death of a triathlete who was pulled from the water during the first leg of the race.

1. After a nearly 50-year hiatus, commuter rail service on the Greenbush line returns to Cohasset on Halloween.

They said it: Quotes of Note

"We've kicked this around for awhile and finally, we made a decision to expand and move forward with changes to the building."

— **Jim Watson**, owner of Cohasset Hardware

"It's taken a long, long time — longer than it should have thanks to the delaying tactics by those fine people in Hingham."

— **Louis Eaton**, Cohasset resident, at the Greenbush Final Spike ceremony in February

"Maybe we'll change things and shoot ourselves in the foot. As a town, we're famous for that."

— **Al Moore,** on village zoning

"If we had an applause meter — the folks who are against the late train are vehemently against it."

— **Mark Brennan**, Greenbush liaison on the potential for a late-night train

"My first reaction was that I probably heard it wrong when someone referred to the 'Troika' the first time."

— Town Manager **Bill Griffin** on "What is the Trioka?"

"I feel no joy today, just a lot of sadness. My heart goes out to the victim's family."

— **Bill Burnett**, Cohasset Triathlon Race Director

"A safer route to the train, schools, library, ball fields and the village will help connect us to the rest of town life in a way we couldn't enjoy before without packing everyone up in the car."

— **Trish Morse**, on Forest Avenue sidewalk completion

"For 52 years village zoning has been in the hands of the zoning board, if there is a turf war it has been created by the planning board."

— **Woody Chittick**, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman on the Village bylaw

"We are at a time where our schools are being run by high stakes testing, but we can't lose sight of educating the whole child…we need to keep reminding ourselves it's not all about test scores, these are real kids with real problems."

— **Mike Gill**, High School Assistant Principal at presentation of the bullying policy

"I don't care which board it is, just don't throw the baby out with the bathwater."

— **Chris Ford,** village property owner on the turf war over the village bylaw

"Yahoo for school! Yahoo for us!"

— **Mike Corry**, CHS Class of 2007 President, at graduation

"For such a small community, Cohasset has contributed beyond its dimension. The men and women of this community have willingly and courageously stepped forward when this nation has called."

— **Donald Staszko,** Memorial Day speaker

"It sounds incredibly complicated and in some ways it is.

— **Mike Westcott** of the Planning Board on the village bylaw

'North Cohasset is part of our community."

Joseph McElroy of Windy Hill Road on hooking North Cohasset up to town water.

"All of us are in this together. It's our baby, it's our world, we've got to do something about it."

Mimi White on the need for alternative energy

"The big sign did not work and the little sign is no better."

— Police Chief **James Hussey** on signs alerting bicyclists to angled tracks at N. Main St. crossing

Hingham PMC Kids Ride volunteer meeting

Kids from all over the South Shore will raise funds to benefit the Dana -Farber Cancer Institute, learning about the satisfaction of philanthropy while participating in a fun family day and enjoying physical activity.

Although it looks like winter is here for a while, planning has already started for the Second Annual Hingham Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) Kids Bike Ride. The initial organizational meeting for volunteers will be Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Library. The ride, designed for kids from three to 15, will take place at Hingham High School on Sunday, June 22. Kids from all over the South Shore will raise funds to benefit the Dana -Farber Cancer Institute, learning about the satisfaction of philanthropy while participating in a fun family day and enjoying physical activity. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the event from planning the post -ride celebration to monitoring the bike route and cheerleading.

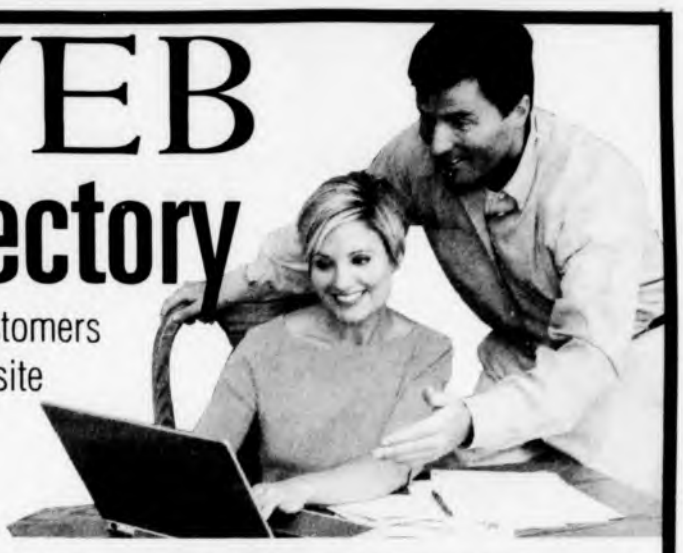
Kids participating in the 2007 Hingham ride raised more than $64,000 to benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and just as important, the more that 550 riders between the ages of 3 and 15 enjoyed a fun-filled family day and experienced the satisfaction of giving to others. Kids on all kinds of bikes including those with training wheels from all over the South Shore participated.

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Pat Doonan skates for the Skippers during action last season. Doonan is a top returnee for Cohasset and played a key part in the Skippers unbelievable comeback to tie Rockland, 5-5, Wednesday night.

Comeback kids

Four third period goals rally Skippers to tie

By Joel Racicot
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You probably can't start a hockey game any worse and you arguably can't finish one any better than the Cohasset High boys did Wednesday night at Rockland Ice Arena against the Bulldogs. After Rockland dominated play for almost the entire game, the Skippers mounted a seemingly insurmountable comeback, to tie the game, 5-5, and are now 2-2-1 for the season. The tie dropped Rockland, a team off to a hot start, to 4-2-2.

Sophomore Brendan Doonan notched the first two goals for the Skippers assisted both times by senior captain Charlie "Chaz" Czerkawski, first in the second period making the score 5-1, and then with a little over ten minutes to play in the game.

"It was really ugly up to the point when Rockland took a penalty for interference with 9:51 left in the third," Cohasset head coach Bob Walsh said early Thursday morning. "That was a pivotal point for us. Rockland coach Jim Casagrande took a time out that gave me an opportunity to set up an offensive zone face off with the Goetz brothers, (Alex (Sr. captain) and Anders (Fr.)).

"I remember telling the boys that we don't need or want to take a full minute and a half to score a goal. We set the play and seven seconds later we were on our way."

Alex scored assisted by his younger brother and fellow senior captain Frank Wheelwright. With 4:22 left in the game, senior captain Pat Doonan scored with the assist coming from Wheelwright. This made the score 5-4 Rockland. With less than a minute in regulation, Walsh pulled goalie Jonny Wade from net to get the extra attacker and with five seconds remaining, Anders Goetz came up huge, scoring the game-tying goal on Wheelwright's third straight assist.

Cohasset (2-0 in the South Shore League) defeated league opponents Carver (5-2) and Abington/East Bridgewater (1-0), with the pair of losses coming

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12th Annual Cohasset Holiday Basketball Classic Results

Thursday, December 27
Game 1 girls
Hull 61, West Bridgewater 41
Game 2 boys
Hull 57, West Bridgewater 46
Game 3 girls
Sacred Heart 41, Cohasset 33
Game 4 boys
Cohasset 77, Sacred Heart 50
Friday, December 28
Girls consolation game
Cohasset 48, West Bridgewater 15
Boys consolation game
West Bridgewater 52, Sacred Heart 32
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Sacred Heart 42, Hull 35
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Cohasset 69, Hull 35
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Kiki Schreiber, 11, Sacred Heart
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Coach Tim Owens Boys MVP Award
Patrick McCarthy, 12, Cohasset

Girls dominate consolation game

Lehr sisters too much for Wildcats to handle

By Joel Racicot
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The girls side of the Cohasset Holiday Basketball Classic was certainly stacked with good basketball teams. When the Lady Skippers found themselves in the consolation game against West Bridgewater there wasn't a feeling of disappointment or lost opportunity.

They had fought tooth and nail the night before against Sacred Heart only to lose, 41-33, in a game where the score didn't represent how close it was. Friday they had a date with West Bridgewater, a tournament team from a year ago with 1,000-point scorer Julie Conrad.

Cohasset made it look easy shutting down the Wildcats and Conrad to win the game 48-15, and improve to 3-2 overall (1-1 in the South Shore League). Taking advantage of their height and ball movement on offense, the Lady Skippers made quick work.

"I think we played really well today in that I think it was a good

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Marshfield Holiday Wrestling Tournament

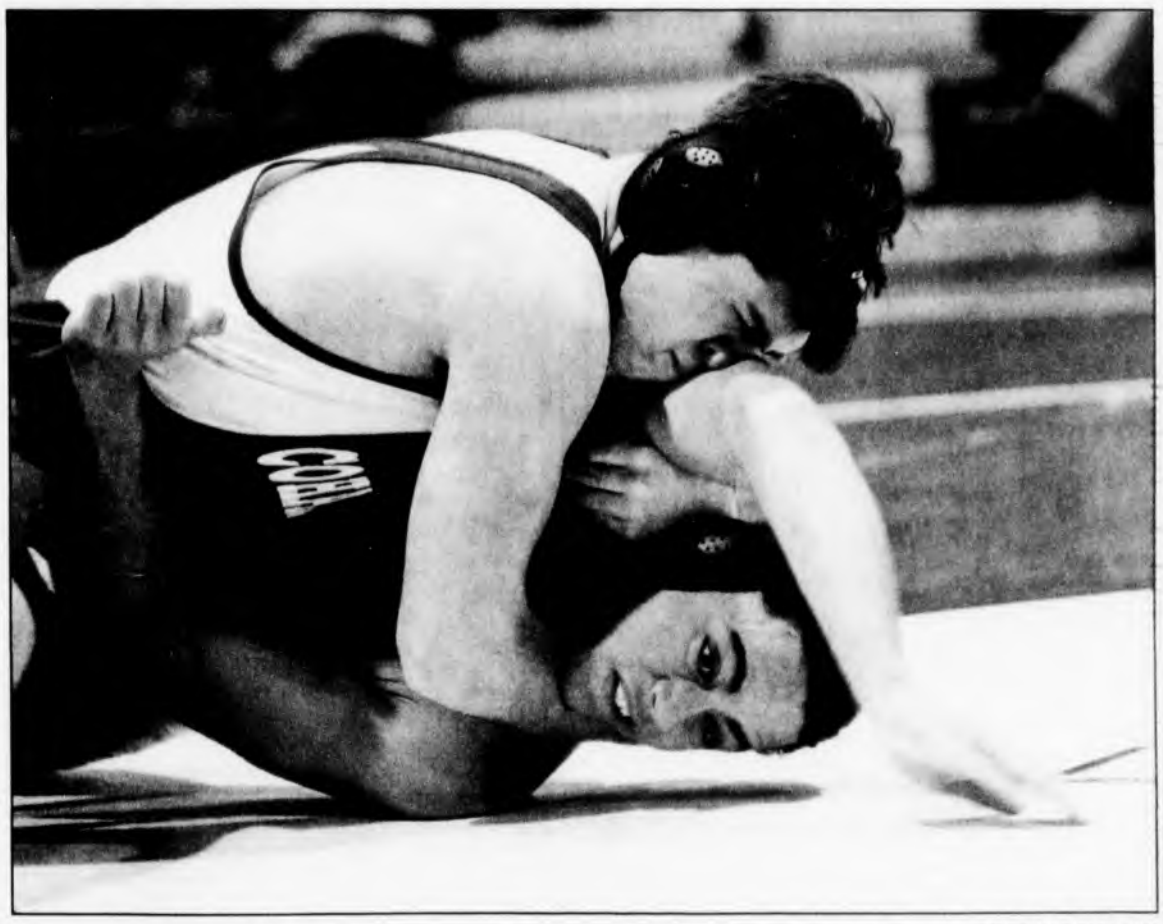
The Skippers didn't fare too well at the Marshfield Holiday Wrestling Tournament although there were a couple of bright spots.

Mike Froio (160, Jr., C) took fifth place in a very competitive weight class. Steve Hurlbut (215, Sr., C) took fourth place. Both wrestlers had 6-2 records four the two-day tournament.

A number of wrestlers went 2-2 on the first day. Matt Dooley (103), Andrew Littauer (140), David Toomey (145), Jake Wheelwright (152) and Nick Secatore (171) all went 2-2. Jack Murphy (119) won three matches but was knock out the second day.

The following wrestlers placed in the sub-varsity tournament, Saturday, Thomas Flibotte (second), Ross Collins-Wooley (third), Chris Brady (third), Chris O'Grady (fifth), Rudy Helboch (fifth), Colin Tarpey (seventh) and David Hurlbut seventh.

"We were very pleased with the effort of both groups of kids over the vacation and show of dedication with the practice schedule," said Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney. Cohasset gets back to dual meets, Saturday with a difficult competition that includes three Division 1 schools, Braintree, Bridgewater-Raynham and St. John's prep.



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Cohasset's Nick Secatore (171 lbs) has a nose for wrestling as he tries to drive his Sharon opponent into the mat during their first round match in the Marshfield Holiday Wrestling Tournament Thursday.

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Cohasset High School sports schedule

Boys Varsity Wrestling
January
5 @Braintree 1 p.m.
5 @Bridg/Rayn. 1 p.m.
5 @St. John's Prep 1 p.m.
9 @Norwell 3:30 p.m.
12 Cohasset Invit. 10 a.m.
16 @Carver 7 p.m.
19 @Whit/Hans. 10 a.m.
19 @Durfee 10 a.m.
19 @Wayland 10 a.m.
23 Southeast Reg. 7 p.m.
25 @Marshfield 4 p.m.
25 @Rockland 4 p.m.
25 @Scituate 4 p.m.
30 @S.S. Reg. 7 p.m.
February
2 Nauset 10 a.m.
2 Worcester Tech. 10 a.m.
2 Milton 10 a.m.
5 Tri-County 3:30 p.m.
9 @MIAA Div. 3 TBA

Boys Varsity Basketball
All games at 6:30 p.m. unless nted.
January
4 Harwich
8 @Hull 7:30 p.m.
11 @Norwell
15 Mashpee
16 @ S.S. Regional 5 p.m.
18 @E. Bridgewater
22 Abington
25 @Carver
29 @Harwich
February
1 Hull 6 p.m.
5 Norwell
7 S.S. Regional 5 p.m.
8 @Mashpee
13 E. Bridgewater
14 S.S. Christian

Girls Varsity Basketball
All games at 6:30 p.m. unless noted.
January
4 @Harwich
8 @Hull 6 p.m.
10 Norwell
15 @Mashpee
18 E. Bridgewater
22 @Abington
25 Carver
29 Harwich
February
1 Hull 7:30 p.m.
5 @Norwell
8 Mashpee
11 @Cape Cod Reg. 5:30 p.m.
13 @E. Bridgewater
14 S.S. Christian 5 p.m.

Girls Varsity Gymnastics
January
5 Bridg./Rayn. 1:30 p.m.
11 Hingham 7 p.m.
14 @Hanover 7 p.m.
19 Pembroke 1:30 p.m.
26 Brockton 1:30 p.m.
28 @Marshfield 7 p.m.
February
1 Notre Dame 7 p.m.
4 @Silver Lake 7 p.m.
9 @Cranberry Conf. Meet/Somerset TBA

Boys Varsity Ice Hockey
January
4 S.S. Regional 8 p.m.
5 Norwell 7:40 p.m.
11 Old Rochester 6:50 p.m.
12 @Hull 7:40 p.m.
16 Mashpee 5:20 p.m.
19 Harwich 7:40 p.m.
23 Carver 7:40 p.m.
26 @Abington 4:30 p.m.
30 @Norwell 7:40 p.m.
February
6 Hull 7:40 p.m.
8 Rockland 8 p.m.
10 @Mashpee 6:55 p.m.
13 @Harwich 7 p.m.
16 @S.S. Regional 2:50 p.m.
20 @Old Rochester 10:30 a.m.

Coed Varsity Swimming
All meets at 3:30 p.m. unless noted.
All home meets at Lincoln Hancock.
January
3 @Quincy
8 Middleboro
15 @Hingham 6 p.m.
17 Norwell
22 @Hanover
29 @Duxbury

Sixth Graders tangle in Stonehill tourney

Cohasset's 6th grade boys travel basketball team participated in a three-game tournament over the holiday weekend at Stonehill College in Easton, MA. The tournament included a highly competitive collection of teams that presented some terrific challenges for the twelve year-old hoopsters.

"It was a great learning experience to play against some bigger towns with some bigger talent. That gave the boys a chance to see the results of well-executed team play and the effectiveness of high quality press defense and perimeter passing.

Cohasset came up short in the three games against Westwood, 50-20, Easton, 43-20, and Franklin, 32-30, but ended the tournament a little longer in the tooth on big game play.

The boys improved with every game and as the scoring margins went down the shooting percentages went up.

Westwood is a very aggressive group of kids that execute an effective press defense and forced a lot of turnovers that kept Cohasset's number of shots at a minimum. Cohasset had some chances at the foul line but came up a little light, converting on a mere 10 percent of 19 attempts compared to Westwood's 50 percent on 21 attempts.

Joe Buckley led the team in scoring with some tough points on solid drives to the hoop. Mark Brown made some nice lay-ups from close range. Doug Fitzgerald played well from the guard position, including some timely rebounds. Rocco Laugelle, Chris Haggerty, Zach Coggins and Timmy Cavanaro each added to the score sheet, but in the end Westwood's relentless attack would prove too much to overcome.

It was a great learning experience to play against some bigger towns with some bigger talent.

Next up, host Easton fielded a solid team that included another high percentage foul-shooting group that could disrupt Cohasset's rhythm. However, Cohasset would improve their foul-shooting with more attempts, and began to tighten up their passing attack to loosen the opponent's defense.

Brendan O'Connell and Mark McKenna both played steady from the point guard position setting a nice pace with some great perimeter passing. The game was tied 8-8 midway through the first half before things started to slip away.

Chris Haggerty continued his hot hand with a nice stroke to the hoop. Mark Brown maintained his relentless attack down low, scoring four points and making a couple trips to the line. Laugelle increased his visits to the foul line and contributed four points to the tally. Buckley snatched his share of rebounds and scored a pair, Coggins drained a nice jumper from outside and Cavanaro logged a point with a solid foul shot.

Connor Green played a terrific game to lead the team in scoring with a couple of great baskets off the boards, and adding a point from the foul line. Green also played some tough defense to post another big number in the rebound column. Cohasset fought well but could not overcome Easton's steady success throughout the game.

The final match of the weekend was against a small but speedy club from Franklin. Franklin's size may have had a hand in their lopsided occupation of the foul line all game long.

Cohasset's opponent would make 32 trips to the foul line compared to a paltry 14 for Cohasset. Fortunately, Cohasset increased their success rate from line against Franklin.

Cohasset delivered a much improved attack with more good setup work from O'Connell at the point. McKenna played a very aggressive game that included some smart passing, good rebounds and a nice jumper to keep things close.

Cohasset led 16-15 at the half.

Mark Rattenbury was an absolute force in this contest to lead the team in scoring with a tournament game high of 10 points, including 2-2 from the foul line. Rattenbury had a whale of a game on the boards posting rebounds on both ends of the court and took advantage of his height differential all game.

Brown would add another half dozen with a mix of close range buckets and good free throws and Haggerty put on a clinic with his sweet touch from the perimeter to score six points, including a beauty from downtown to tie the game 29-29 with 2:00 minutes left.

Laugelle drained a big foul shot to keep Cohasset within one, 31-30, with 47 second left before Brown would be called for putting a lacrosse move on a power forward.

The tournament was a great experience for a good group of boys that showed some grit down the stretch. In the wake of defeat, this team looks forward to catching a wave of success.



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The Cohasset sixth grade hoopsters get ready at the free throw line.

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WHAT A WONDERFUL YEAR



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The Cohasset High School boys lacrosse team repeated as state champions in 2007 and highlighted an amazing year in sports for all of the Skippers teams.

Girls dominate consolation game

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win especially after playing last night in such a tough game against Sacred Heart," said Cohasset coach John Levangie. "So to come back the next day that shows a lot of mental toughness and that is what we are trying to develop."

Cohasset's need to develop mental toughness stems from the fact there isn't a single senior on its roster. According to Levangie that may have factored into the Sacred Heart loss.

"A little bit of youth and inexperience hurt us," Levangie said about the opening round loss. "You have to be in those game to win them, we won one with Carver, we lost one (Sacred Heart) but we are in them and in the long run that is really going to help us."

Holding West Bridgewater to 15 points and Julie Conrad to five is a testament to the Cohasset team defense, most notably the interior.

"I'm not sure they were hot today," Levangie said about West Bridgewater. "They were cold in the beginning. They're not a bad team, they're a pretty good team actually—just had a bad day."

Sisters Sammi and Tori Lehr were forces in the paint, turning away a number of Wildcats shots and grabbing defensive rebound after defensive rebound.

Offensively the duo combined for 17 points. The Cohasset offense spread the ball around and nine different players scored including, Tori (9 points), Sammi (C, 8), Carli Haggerty (8), Kayla Farren (C, 6), Carly Salerno (C, 6), Lindsay Davis (4), Rachel Fredey (3), Meredith Kelley (2) and Samantha Crough (2).

"We moved the ball better," Levangie said about the offensive flow. "We moved the ball inside when that was open, when it wasn't we were kicking it back and finding the open shot."

Despite the lack of senior leadership, Cohasset has plenty of leaders in the junior class, including all three captains, Salerno, Farren and Lehr.

"The juniors are providing the leadership that we need," said Levangie.

Comeback kids

FROM HOCKEY, PAGE 13

against Mansfield. Walsh, now in his second year at the helm since coming over from Bridgewater State College, has implemented a college style game play into the Skippers system.

He has taken basic systems from last year and tweaked them into a more expansive playbook that has the boys skating with their feet and using their heads in a more refined hockey manner.

"We started the season a little later more by design," Walsh said. "I wanted a month of training camp because this year we are running multiple systems and for them it's significantly different.

"It's like college hockey—we want to compete at a different level."

Doonan brothers Pat and Brendan, Czerkawski, Wheelwright, the Goetz brothers and Ian Lyster are among the Skippers that will try and lead the team back to the post-season in 2008.

Goalie Jonny Wade will be a vital cog in whatever success the Skippers plan on having this year, and so far he has delivered the goods. Wade is learning under the tutelage of new goalies coach Cole Clifford.

"He is in a lot better shape physically than he has ever been in, this year he has turned into a real goalie," Walsh said about Wade. "He has always been a real tough competitor but he couldn't do what he can do now."

Clifford, who played at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, MA, is helping Wade along. He brings a fresh perspective from former goalie coach Dayce Moore, who taught Wade a "ton" last year according to Walsh. Now with Clifford, Wade has had the benefit of two different styles of teaching to learn from, and it seems to be paying off.

"Dayce was the cake, Clifford the frosting," Walsh said. "Now Wade has brought his game to a whole other level in terms of angles and where to be—more basics of goaltending."

"I remember telling the boys that we don't need or want to take a full minute and a half to score a goal. We set the play and seven seconds later we were on our way."

Cohasset head coach Bob Walsh

Wade's best game to date is a 52 save shutout performance against Abington/EB.

The "Doon Squad," as Walsh likes to call it, will play an integral role in any successes Cohasset will have this year. Brothers Pat and Brendan, star athletes in their own right, return as top flight offensive weapons, older brother Pat holding the title as the teams top returning point scorer from a year ago with 25 plus.

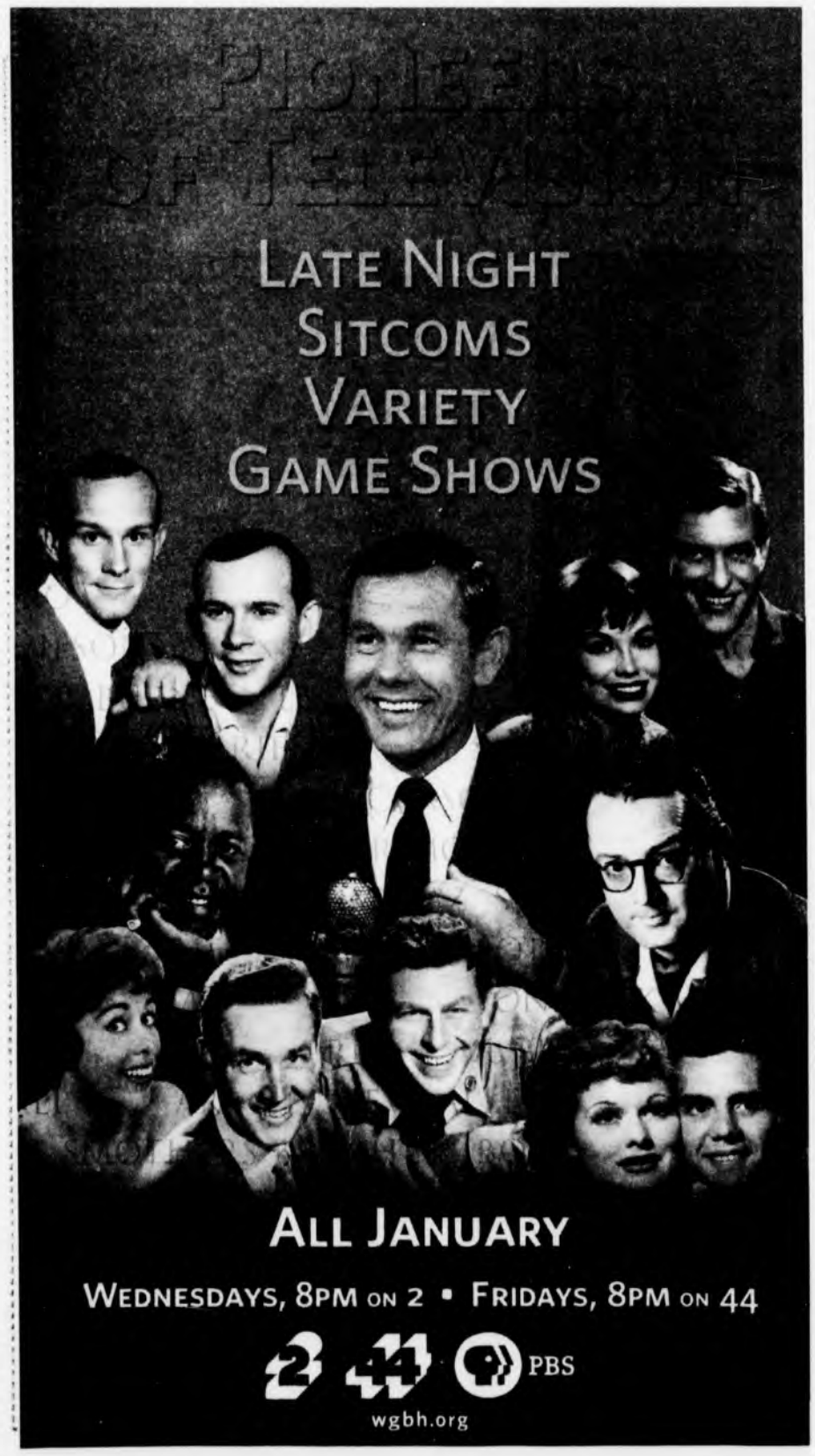
Making the state tournament and going deep is a goal Cohasset hopes it can attain, and with this talented group that plan could be realized.

"Obviously we want to go deeper in the tournament and we want to be more competitive in our league," Walsh said.

Losing seven seniors, including stars Chris Davis and Conor Holway won't be easy to replace, but Walsh thinks he has the guys to get the job done this year.

"This is a very promising team they know what I expect and how to behave," Walsh said. "They want to play and do well and at this point that is all they are thinking about."

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Citizen of the Year nominations being sought

See nomination form on page 14

By Mary Ford
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In keeping with an 15-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement - the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the mean by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Roger Whitley as Citizen of the Year. Whitley, a retired architect, former Advisory Committee member, and Paul Pratt Library Trustee, has spent much time over his 50 years as a Cohasset resident "involved." That involvement has not stopped at Town Hall or at the library. He is active at First Parish Church, once led the Rusty Skippers (town band) as its drum major, and joined the Peace Corps with his wife, Kitty, after the kids were grown and off on their own.

The deadline for nominations for the 2007 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. Please see the nomination form on page 14. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931. Letters of nomination by email to mford@cnc.com are also welcome.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel - after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments - will select the Citizen of the Year.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the15th person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

1993: **Gerard T. Keating**, "Mr. Cohasset": for his more than half-century of contributions to the community, including serving as chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church.

1994: **Joseph D. Buckley**, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little league, Sunday School and more.

1995: **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to sewer the town. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: **Anna Abbruzzese**, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

1998: **Katherine Stanton**, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years. She also volunteers as a case reviewer for the state Dept. of Social Services, served on the school committee and recreation committee, and along with her family was involved with the creation of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

1999: **Clark Chatterton**, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school, including innumerable efforts helping others behind the scenes. He also helped raise money for many causes including Alumni Field and the American Cancer Society.

2000: former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray** for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader, and then as selectman. She was also honored for her public service as state representative for more than two decades and for always putting her constituents first.

2001: **Glenn Pratt** for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and spearheading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

2002: **Arthur Lehr** for more than 50 years of volunteer service on worthwhile projects including the Boy Scouts; serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals and as a Registrar of Voters; Clerk of the Works for the DPW garage, Little League Complex, and Mariners Park; serving on the Recycling Committee, as town Civil Defense Director, on Gravel Pit Reuse Committee and more.

2003: **Marjorie Murphy** for touching countless lives through her roughly 25 years as school librarian at Deer Hill. With eyes that twinkle and an infectious smile, Mrs. Murphy devoted her life to helping children discover the wonders of reading and the value of a good book.

2004: **John Coe**, a WWII veteran, for all his volunteer service at the Senior Center where he helps make the center a warm place where people come and meet friends; for his work quietly behind the scenes helping fellow citizens and his service as the "beloved Town Crier" every year at the Village Fair.

2005: **Marjorie "Margie" Steele**, who is the "heart and soul of the Cohasset Food Pantry," for her energy and long-time commitment to the important service, which has helped countless people in need over the years.

2006: **Roger Whitley**, a retired architect, former Advisory Committee member, and Paul Pratt Library Trustee, who has spent much time over his 50 years as a Cohasset resident "involved."

Bikram Yoga classes

Cohasset Recreation Department has announced registration is underway for Bikram Yoga classes to be taught by Katrina Klein of Bikram Yoga South Shore. Klein is a national licensed master yoga teacher.

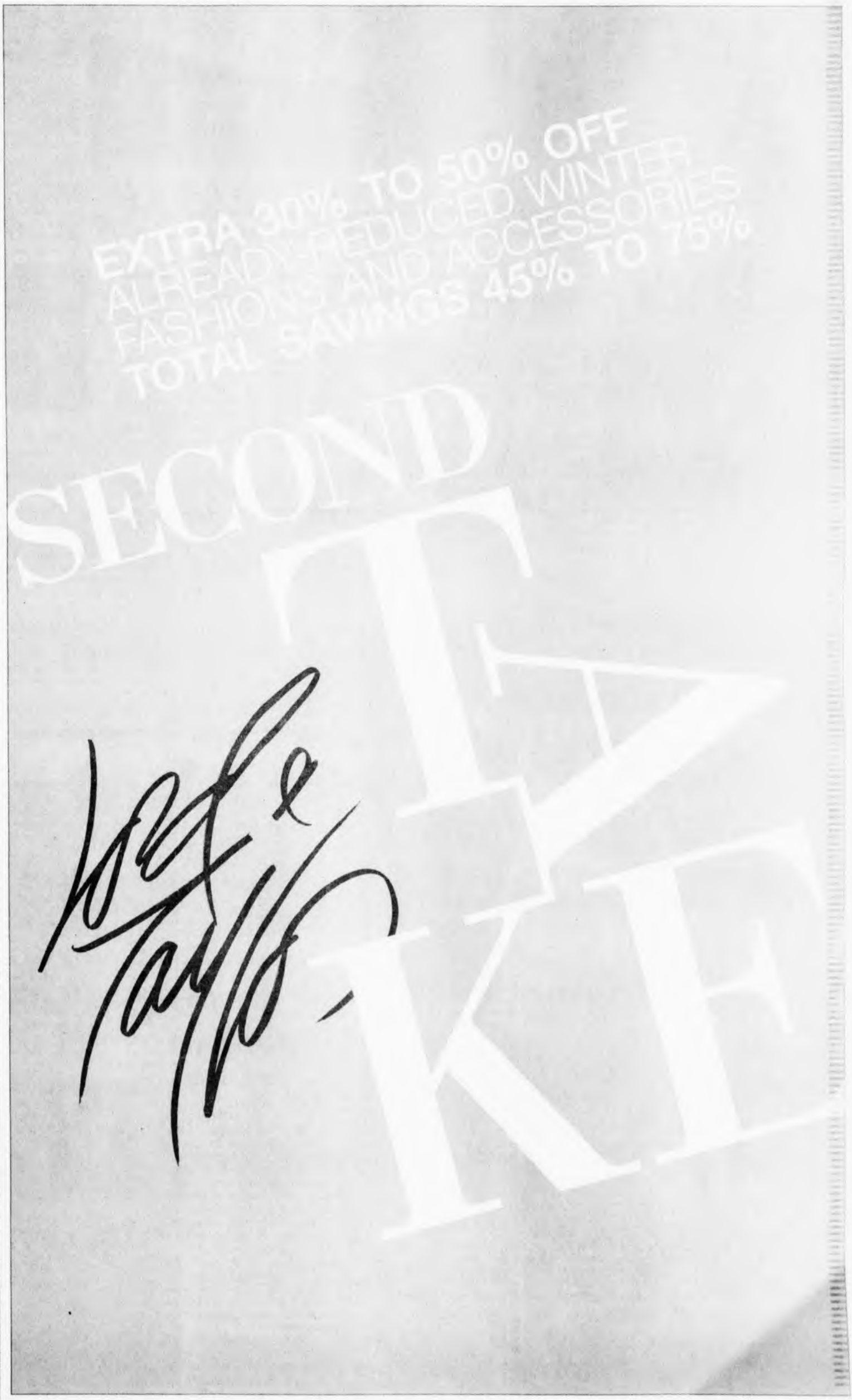
Classes for ages 7 through 13 are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Jan. 9, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Bikram Yoga Cohasset Studio, 380 CJC Highway, second level, west wing.

The session will be six weeks in duration, meeting each Wednesday from Jan. 6 through Feb. 13. The fee for the six-week session is $70 per participant. Those attending need to bring a mat and water to each class.

Registration may be made online at Bikramyogacohasset.com or at Cohasset Recreation Department at Town Hall.

Bikram Yoga focuses on physical flexibility, coordination and strength of mind and body. Children who practice yoga often experience increased self-esteem and are better able to cope with stress according to many studies. More detailed information is available on the Web site.

Class size is limited; early registration is advised.



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Land of the Water Horse - exploring Scotland's Loch Ness region

Joe Yogerst
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

DRUMNADROCHIT, SCOTLAND -

I have never knowingly seen a ghost, never been kidnapped by aliens, and in all the tramping and trekking I've done, I've never come across anything that remotely resembled the missing link. Yet I find myself perched on a bluff overlooking Loch Ness, double-checking every ripple and shadow, hoping against all hope that a mythological creature called Nessie really does exist.

And I am not alone. Tens of thousands of people flock to the famous Scottish Highlands lake, hoping they will be blessed with a Nessie sighting. And the number will no doubt grow substantially with the release of "The Water Horse," a film version of the beloved children's book by Dick King-Smith about a Scottish boy who discovers a rather large egg on the shores of Loch Ness that eventually hatches into a cute little plesiosaur.

There have been stories for years, going all the way back to 565, when Saint Columba reportedly drove away a water monster by making the sign of the cross over Loch Ness. Norse and Celtic folklore embraces several mysterious water-dwelling creatures, including a sea serpent called the Orm and malevolent kelpies (a.k.a. water horses) that would seize fishermen and drag them into the depths never to be seen again.

But the Nessie phenomenon did not hit fever pitch until the 1930s when the lakeshore highway between Inverness and Fort Augustus was completed. Monster sightings skyrocketed, research parties were dispatched to find Nessie, and a local doctor snapped the famous black-and-white photo of a long-necked dinosaur swimming through the lake.



PHOTO BY JOE YOGERST

An artist's version of Nessie decorates a Drumnadrochit restaurant.



VISIT SCOTLAND PHOTO

Loch Ness in Scotland may hold mysteries.

There have been stories for years, going all the way back to 565, when Saint Columba reportedly drove away a water monster by making the sign of the cross over Loch Ness.

A legend was born

And so was local tourism. The photo was later revealed as a hoax.

The village of Drumnadrochit on the lake's western shore is Nessie central, home to half a dozen gift shops, several large plaster plesiosaurs that provide a backdrop for countless snapshots, and two multimedia museums centered around the world's most famous aquatic dinosaur.

In typical screwball Hollywood fashion, a lake in New Zealand - not Scotland - played Loch Ness in "The Water Horse." But many of the movie's key scenes were filmed in and around Ardkinglas Estate to the south of Loch Ness, a sprawling Edwardian manse and gardens that can be visited by appointment.

People don't visit Loch Ness just for the mythical monster. The long, thin lake is gorgeous, surrounded by thick forest rising to rocky outcrops and heather-covered plateaus. Best viewed from the water, of course, in boats like the Deepscan, which took me on an hour-long cruise down one of those glorious Highland days when there isn't a cloud in the sky.

The boat dropped me at a dock below Urquhart Castle, its stone ramparts and towers crowning a bluff above the lake. One of the largest castles in Scotland, the 13th century fortress witnessed many a bloody encounter between the English and Scots.

On another day, I drove inland from the lakeshore to Glen Affric, one of the few spots in the highlands where the ancient Caledonian Pine forest survives. Following a meandering path through the woods, I made my way along whiskey-colored streams and beneath cloud-shrouded mountains in the upper glen, on the lookout for the otter, pine martin, the majestic red deer and other local wildlife.

Yet all of this incredible nature and fascinating history continues to live in the shadow of an imaginary dinosaur, an irony that does not escape local writer and researcher Adrian Shine, the world's leading expert on Nessie and a consultant on "The Water Horse."

"I was a true believer when I first started," says Shine. "But lack of scientific evidence has led me to conclude there is no Nessie. But there are more than 1,000 people out there - the many who have claimed to have seen the creature - who would beg to differ."

Exploring the lake by submarine, sonar and various other means, Shine has been able to disprove most of the sightings as wakes, waves, shadows, vertical blasts of air and other natural phenomenon. Still, he allows for the possibility that the creature may very well exist. "One binding thing about all the people who come to Loch Ness is that we would all very much like for there to be something there."

And so I on my visit, I continue to scan the lake every chance I get, scrutinizing every wake and shadow, hoping that I will be the one to finally, undeniably prove that the water horse of lore is more than just a legend.



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Find solitude in winter at New Hampshire's Lonesome Lake.

Lonesome Lake has plenty to offer in winter

Stephen Jermanok
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IN NEW ENGLAND

FRANCONIA, N.H. -

You can't get lonesome at the White Mountains' Lonesome Lake when the weather is warm. A 1.75-mile trail from the campground at Franconia Notch State Park leads through a sheltered spruce and fir forest to the shores of this bowl-shaped lake where inevitably families will be splashing and squealing joys of delight.

But when the weather chills, you'll find solitude in the north woods.

Thankfully, the Appalachian Mountain Club keeps its Lonesome Lake Hut open in winter. It's now that you can savor Franconia's carved granite - and the surrounding 5,000-foot mountains - in all their rime-encrusted splendor with rarely a peep heard.

Lonesome Lake Hut joins two other AMC lodges that are open year-round. Cross-country skiers glide some seven miles along an iced-over stream to spend the night at the Zealand Hut while the far more strenuous Nineteen-Mile Brook Trail attracts snowshoers to the Carter Notch Hut.

Don't expect cushy B&Bs. At Lonesome Lake Hut, two detached bunkhouses that sleep 40 are located like bookends around a dining hall and small library. The hut is self-serve and can be downright chilly, so guests must bring winter sleeping bags and all their food. Yet, having a hot stove, cookware, mattress and blankets are preferable to camping outdoors in December. What you get in return is a good dose of tranquility and expansive views of snowcapped peaks.

For families who prefer to have a guide escort them through the woods to Lonesome Lake Hut, consider the Feb. 18-20 trip with naturalist Nancy Ritger. You spend one night at the AMC's Highland Lodge in the heart of Crawford Notch, the next day on snowshoes as you hike to Lonesome Lake Hut, and the final day trek back to Highland Lodge. Ritger will help you look and listen for winter birds in addition to pointing out animal tracks. Cost is $187 per person, including lodging and all food.

If you choose to brave it on your own, overnight cost at all three winter huts is $27 per person for members, $30 for non-members.

Call 603-466-2727 or visit www.outdoors.org to make reservations.

Read more travel features at www.wickedlocal.com/getaway

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

3:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, noise complaint, caller reports noise from the back of above location. Clearing the snow out, they will stop shortly.

3:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, structure, R3 reports small building fire at above location. 20x20 2 story building – fire second floor contained. Hull E2 enroute for station coverage.

8:40 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, units on a hydrant detail.

10:31 a.m. **Ripley Rd., and Depot Ct.**, traffic enforcement.

11:15 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny (report), caller reports a woman has had her purse stolen and would like to speak with an officer. Officer reports after checking surveillance tapes the reporting party did not have a purse with her. Officer spoke with reporting party, she found her purse at home.

11:19 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:23 p.m. **Williamsburg Lane, Scituate**, medical aid, cancelled prior to arrival.

12:34 p.m. **First Parish Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, R3 responding to the above address for a medical. Public assist.

12:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, caller reports she found a customers license plate in the parking lot and would like an officer to pick it up. A message was left for the party that the plate belongs to.

1:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hydrant details.

1:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, downed tree, caller reports just 200 yards after Pond Street headed North there is a large tree the wires. E3 reports this is a large tree resting on the secondary wires. National Grid has been notified with a priority 2.

2:08 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious person, caller reports a suspicious male coming to his door and stating he is collecting household items. Caller reports this male seemed very nervous and shaky. Caller has no description of the male and no direction of travel or whether or not this male was driving. Officer reports this male was identified as working for the Vietnam Veterans, where they go around collecting clothes and items and such.

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

7:34 a.m. **Rustic Drive**, icy road conditions.

8:34 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, public service, caller reports there has been a man in his vehicle stuck in the snow for about 45 minutes now and she is concerned someone will come over the hill and hit him.

11:25 a.m. **Pond St.**, hazard, DPW reports the lights have been flashing now for about 10 minutes and the alarm is sounding. MBTA has been notified and is responding.

12:59 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, public service, caller reports a plow truck dumping snow in her yard. Officer reports he is simply clearing the road, there was no snow dumped in her yard.

1:33 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, public service, caller reports snow is being dumped in her yard again and she can hear the same loud truck. Officer reports nothing has been touched. Everything is the way it was the first time he was there.

1:57 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, public service, Sgt. spoke with the calling party, there is no damage from a plow or the snow.

2:11 p.m. **Kendall Village**, notification, caller would like to log for an upcoming case that her neighbor has a video camera propped up in her window facing the calling parties three kitchen windows. She is unsure whether or not the camera is on.

2:23 p.m. **Rocky Lane**, parking complaint, caller reports there are three Rosano Davis trucks parked on the street causing it to be one lane. Officer reports they are clearing snow from a driveway so the trucks can be parked.

4:54 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, hazard, caller reports roads are flooded – it is very hard to see. Officer reports the tide is coming in.

5:31 p.m. **Stevens Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports her dog is missing, tan Shepard with red collar.

5:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:02 p.m. **Church St.**, well being check, caller requested to check above location – he has not seen her neighbor elderly female. Officer reports female was transported to SSH. Contacted SSH, she is still in hospital.

7:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports there is a vehicle broken down in the area of above address. Officer reports the vehicle needs to be towed.

11:04 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, officer reports building appears secured.

11:04 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

MONDAY, DEC. 17

6:46 a.m. **South Main and Summer streets,** traffic enforcement.

6:58 a.m. **Forest and North Main streets,** traffic hazard. Caller reports that the light at this location is malfunctioning.

7:02 a.m. **Bound Brook Lane,** icy road conditions. Caller reports his road is icy and he can't get a hold of the DPW.

7:08 a.m. **Black Rock Road,** traffic hazard. Caller reports his truck is blocking the road because of the ice. He may need a tow. Officer reports road is iced over.

8:04 a.m. **Mendel Road,** fire – public assistance.

10:44 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic enforcement.

11:37 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** traffic enforcement.

11:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** fire, investigation. 911 caller reports a strong odor of natural gas coming from the meter outside. Keyspan notified and responding.

11:42 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

11:53 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

11:56 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

2:23 p.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle crash/no injury. Caller reports he was just involved in a very minor accident and just wants assistance exchanging papers.

2:30 p.m. **Linden Dr.,** fire, investigation. Caller reports a strange odor in the house. Fire captain reports all units are going to be tied up at the scene working. Fire captain requesting the oil company and DEP be notified. DEP has the scene.

4:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** hit and run. Caller reports a woman backed into some of the Xmas valuables they have for sale. She backed into it and got out and looked and left. Caller states the valuable goes for $100.

4:57 p.m. **Elm St.,** investigation.

6:14 p.m. **Ripley Road,** hit and run. Walk-in party reports someone struck her rear bumper while she was in the post office. Officer spoke with the walk-in party.

6:20 p.m. **South Main St.,** public service.

6:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** hit and run. Caller reports she came out from grocery shopping and someone has hit her car.

6:50 p.m. **Lamberts Lane,** parking complaint. Caller reports there are cars all over the place and it's hard to drive through.

7:55 p.m. **Jerusalem and Howe roads,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

10:15 p.m. **Old Pasture Road,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

10:28 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

10:35 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

8:10 a.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

11:13 a.m. **Ocean St.,** warrant services. Arrest: Mark Lee Skane, Marshfield. Charge: WMS Warrant.

11:53 a.m. **Kent St.,** medical aid. Scituate is requesting R3 for a transport. Transported to SSH/ALS.

12:54 p.m. **Carolina Trail,** warrant services. One male in custody. Arrest: Keith J. McManus, Marshfield. Charge: WMS Warrant.

1:17 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid. Walk-in medical.

2:09 p.m. **Elm St.,** transport female citizen to Scituate line to meet a Scituate cruiser.

2:28 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** animal complaint.

2:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid; difficulty breathing. Transported to SSH/ALS.

4:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

7:21 p.m. **Pond St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS.

10 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

10 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:01 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:15 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

12:01 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** animal complaint. Caller reports his dog, a yellow Lab, is missing.

12:25 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

12:42 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks. Officer reports there was a light on in one of the classrooms. Officer reports doors are secured. Light went off in classroom.

12:44 a.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle stop.

12:51 a.m. **King St.,** officer reports at above location they are working late.

12:59 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** annoying phone calls. Caller reports annoying phone calls from Colorado. Caller believed the subject that is calling thinks he is someone else. Caller wanted this logged in.

7:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. Caller reports vehicle was driving too close. Caller has pulled into above address. Caller doesn't want to see an officer, she wanted to report it.

8:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** fire, investigation. Caller reports a strong odor of fire inside the building. Command reports all units will be tied up at this location investigating a strong odor of electric burning inside the building. Companies are picking up problem, it is contained to electrical panel.

8:53 a.m. **Pond St.,** identity theft/fraud. Female into headquarters to report ID theft.

9:22 a.m. **Flintlock Ridge Road,** medical aid.

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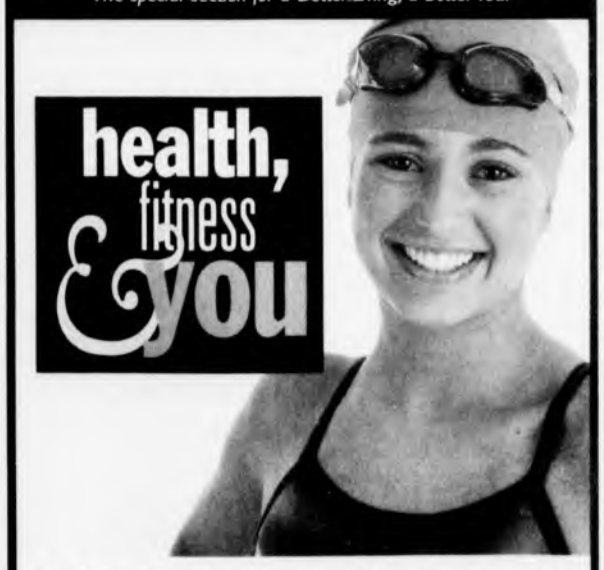
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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Jan. 6

8 a.m. - Circle Ministry in the Parish House/Atkinson Room - Group led by Joan Kovach & Susan Meikleham and meeting 1st & 3rd (Sundays)

10 a.m.– Worship in the Meeting House – "A New Voice"

Religious education classes for toddlers, children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the morning service and RE classes.

Noon – 2:30 p.m. – Soul Work: Conversations across Congregations – First Parish UU (Old Ship) in Hingham - First-timers welcome!

This session marks an anniversary in the collaborative venture of First Parish UU in Cohasset, First Parish (Old Ship) in Hingham and Second Parish UU in Hingham. Begun a year ago on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, we undertake the work of anti-racism as spiritual practice through respectful dialogue. Lunch is available at noon (suggested contribution of $5/person), and we convene for conversation from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.. Our discussions are based on Soul Work: anti-racist theologies in dialogue. We'll focus on the essay, "Racism and Anti-racism in a Culture of Violence," by Rev. Dr. George Tinker. Eva Marx and Jan Carlsson-Bull continue to co-facilitate.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

May we become the blessings that we hope for in the year ahead.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

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To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org_to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

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To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

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OBITUARY

Dorothy A. Conte

Former operator for New England Telephone

Dorothy A. (Longo) Conte, 78, of Hingham, died Jan. 1, 2008, at Southwood at Norwell Nursing Center in Norwell.

The daughter of the late Lawrence and Angelina (Barletta) Longo, Mrs. Conte was born in Cohasset, and had been a Hingham resident for 55 years. She grew up in Cohasset, and in high school played softball and was a star basketball player.



Dorothy A. Conte

Mrs. Conte worked as an operator for New England Telephone before raising her family. While her children attended St Paul School in Hingham, she volunteered for many of the school's activities and was a charter member of the PTO. She also worked as a kitchen aide at East School in Hingham and at Conte's Dress Shop.

She enjoyed traveling and visiting with family and friends. Mrs. Conte was also an avid Bingo player.

She leaves her husband, Emilio Conte; her sons, Thomas O. Conte and his wife, Janet, of Lake Village, Ariz., and Steven L. Conte and his wife, Laura, of Chelmsford; her daughter, Ann E. Conte-Somers and her husband, Roy, of Hingham; her brother, Louis Longo of Cohasset; her sister, Constance Mancini of Stoneham; and her grandchildren, Christopher Conte and Abigail Shattuck, both of Alabama, Travis Somers of Hingham, Catherine Conte and Elizabeth Conte, both of Chelmsford.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Jan. 5, at St. Paul Church in Hingham. Visiting hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 4, at Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St., Hingham. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Baystate Dr., P.O. Box 859060, Braintree, MA 02185.

Twelfth Night Epiphany concert at Abbey

Glastonbury Abbey of Hingham is honored to offer the musical gifts of Walter Rossbach, organist, choral director and tenor soloist of Reston, Va., as he performs an Epiphany Organ Concert at 4 p.m., on Jan. 6, in the Glastonbury Abbey Church. Rossbach has spent 56 years of every Sunday professional performance at liturgical churches in the New York and Northern Virginia/Washington, D.C. areas. He recently retired after serving 12 years as minister of music at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Great Falls, Va. His career spans duties at Episcopal, Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches, and currently includes frequent performances at Arlington National Cemetery's Post Chapel. He is a gifted musician who is renowned for his virtuosity, dynamics and emotionally sensitive registrations that he brings out of the organs on which he performs.

This event promises to be an intimate and joyous close to the Christmas season.

Rossbach has performed numerous concerts and recitals especially in the dedication of new organs. He is one of only two organists to perform on an organ in the White House in the presence of the president (President Jimmy Carter). He enjoys performing before all sizes of Christian congregations and finds his greatest joy in leading the singing of rousing hymns, often improvising reharmonizations, interludes and modulations to heighten the worship experience in song. Rossbach enjoys informal settings for his programs, and will be sharing comments about the music performed during the concert.

A reception will take place at the Abbey Center following the concert where hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. This event promises to be an intimate and joyous close to the Christmas season. A good will offering with a minimum suggestion of $25 per family is requested. Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the concert as well as the Glastonbury Abbey bookstore, 16 Hull St., Hingham, prior to Jan. 6. Bookstore hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lifesaving Museum program on lost crew of Portland

Walter Hickey, Archives Specialist at the National Archives Northeast Region will host the program, "Following the Paper Trail: Researching the Lost Crew of the Portland," at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 10, in the Hull Lifesaving Museum at the Point Allerton U.S. Lifesaving Station, 1117 Nantasket Ave. Cost is $3 for members; $5 for nonmembers.

The devastating Portland Gale that struck New England on Nov. 27, 1898, which bears the name of the steamship Portland, was wrecked as she attempted to make the return trip from Boston Harbor to Portland, Maine. With all 192 passengers and crew tragically lost, the Portland is one of the worst disasters in New England maritime history.

The location of the wreck had long been one of the great mysteries of Massachusetts Bay, until recent underwater archaeology efforts at the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary revealed the wreck site. Sadly, much of the Portland's documentation went down with the ship.

The program will cover how dedicated research has helped to solve one of the steamer's many mysteries.

For more information, call 781-925-5433 or visit www.lifesavingmuseum.org.

AAUW supper, book discussion

Hingham Area Branch of the American Association of University Women is hosting a light supper and book discussion at 6:30 p.m., on Jan. 8, at Allerton House, 15 Condito Road, Hingham. The group will share a supper of soup, salad, bread and dessert followed by a discussion of "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini. Those who haven't finished or even read the book are still welcome to attend. Lynn Howard will be coordinating the supper, and those attending are asked to let her know what they will bring. She can be reached at lynnphoward82@comcast.net.

Hingham Area Branch of the American Association of University Women seeks and welcomes new members from the South Shore area who hold an associate or equivalent, or baccalaureate or higher degree from a qualified educational institution. Undergraduates may join the branch as AAUW student affiliates. AAUW members believe in the power of education to change women's lives. The group also recognizes that women's education means not only attaining higher degrees. It also means becoming financially literate, daring to take risks to grow and learn throughout life, and help others, both near and far away, to reach their potential.

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

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A pancake breakfast will be served from 9 to 10 a.m. followed by an uplifting program honoring the memory of Dr. King. Child care will be provided by the Cohasset Middle and High school's peer leaders. The cost is $5 per person and $15 per family. For more information, call Connie Afshar at 781-383-6006.

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Legal Notices

1-9 PUBLIC MEETING
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET

The Cohasset Board of Health will be holding a public hearing to discuss amending the Cohasset General Bylaws, Article VII, Safety and Public Order, Section 33, Smoking Bylaw. The amendment proposes to prohibit smoking in all private clubs. Discussion to be held on January 9, 2008, at 7:15 PM in Room 2B of the Town Hall. If you have any questions please call the Board of Health office at 781-383-4116.

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CHASE GUARDIANSHIP
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court
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NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P2463GI

In the Matter Of
ELIZABETH CHASE
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

To ELIZABETH CHASE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, her spouse, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said ELIZABETH CHASE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK is a mentally ill person and praying that EDWARD CHASE of ROCKLAND in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety of the person with the authority to administer antipsychotic medications in accordance with the treatment plan for reasons more fully set forth in said petition.

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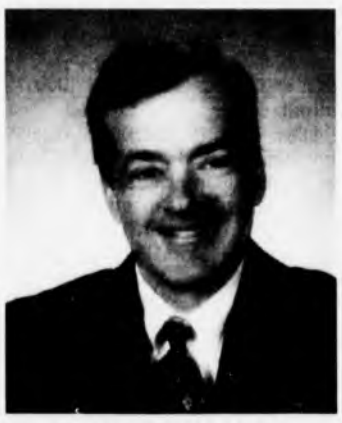
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JANUARY 3-11, 2008

Plenty of extras at Showcase

Pay $10, get luxurious seating, dining, cocktails

A.J. Bauer
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

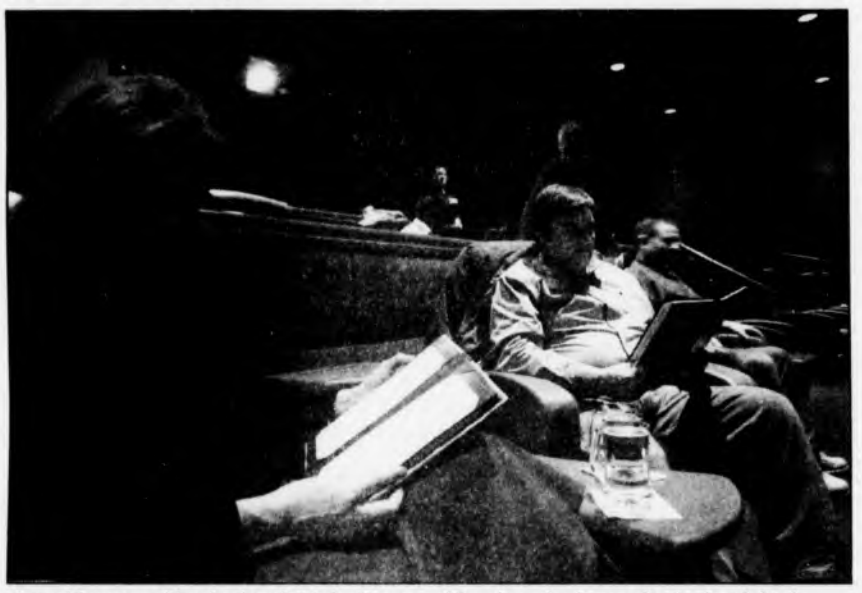
Randolph, Mass. - Movie-goers willing to pay an extra $10 at Showcase Cinemas in Randolph will soon gain access to luxurious seating, dining and cocktails as part of a pilot program announced by theater owner National Amusements on Thursday. The pilot program, that began Dec. 26 and expected to last for two months, will seek feedback from customers before the Dedham-based company unrolls the "Lux Level" concept at selected theaters throughout the United States.

Lux Level patrons receive a "preferred" parking service that includes attendants and access to a reserved seating area in the theater, complete with custom-designed seats and dining trays. Patrons in the reserved section also receive a $5 voucher that goes toward food or drinks, served by waitstaff before and during the movie.



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Christina Cipollone, a server at the all new Lux Level of the Showcase Cinemas in Randolph, Mass., carries a tray of drinks to patrons.



Irene Hrovat and her husband, Mirko Hrovat, of Brockton, look over the food and drink menus before a showing of the film "I Am Legend" at the all new Lux Level of the Showcase Cinemas in Randolph.

While regular theater customers will still have their pick of candies and popcorn at the concession stand, Lux Level patrons will have access to a full food and drink menu featuring personal pizzas and gourmet appetizers, as well as beer, wine and cocktails.

The menus are similar to those offered at restaurants at the company's Cinema De Lux theaters, but those restaurants do not serve customers while they are seated during the movies.

Two theaters at Showcase Cinemas have been renovated to include the exclusive sections - one fitted with 42 swivel rocking chairs, the other with 44 love seats.

Customer feedback will determine which of the seating styles will be implemented in the future expansion of the program, according to National Amusements spokeswoman Wanda Whitson.

The Randolph complex was selected because it is the busiest of the company's 118 theaters worldwide, Whitson said.

Nationwide, National Amusements operates 79 indoor movie theaters. Whitson said once the pilot program is over, the Lux Level service will remain in Randolph, and also will be included in theaters to be built in Dedham and at Patriot Place in Foxboro, as well as at theaters in Kentucky and Virginia.

A.J. Bauer may be reached at ajbauer@ledger.com.



James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, presents "Voyage of Discovery" fine Black & White & Sepia Photography by Sally Pollard-Flore will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from Jan. 11-30. An opening will be held Jan. 11, from 6 to8 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. jameslibrary.org or 781-659-7100.

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Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, Jan. 3

The Alzheimer's Care Partners Group will meet Jan. 3, at 10:30 a.m. at the John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St.,.(Route 139) Hanover. The discussion topic will be current news and local resources. This is an open group for people who are just beginning to deal with these issues. For information contact Penny Peterson, LCSW at 781-659-2691.

Stories and Art for Preschoolers and Toddlers at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury is held first Thursday of the month from 10 until 11:30 am, starting with a story, followed by a snack and art project. The next program is scheduled for Jan. 3 and costs $5, per session. Pre-registration is required at 781-934-6634, extension 15.

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local businesses in the South Shore area. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at a new meeting location in historic downtown Plymouth at Med Spa New England from 5 to 6 p.m., and on the third Thursday of each month at Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m., lunch is extra. For information, email info@network4success.org or visit network4success.org for meeting information, news on our membership, and upcoming events.

The German-American Club of Walpole (Boylston) German language and literature classes on Thursdays. 7:30 p.m., Walpole. Several levels of instruction are offered, including a class for beginners. For more information, call Dan Evans at 617-326-3892 or Joan Murray at 617-894-3130.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 3, **Rob Benton Band** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St., Pembroke. **Texas Hold 'Em every Thursday** The games take place 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 3 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam **open mic** 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.commyspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Jan. 4

Town Fair Tire World of Wheels takes place at Bayside Expo Center Jan 4-6 featuring 350 dazzling chrome and steel custom vehicles of all types, former New England Patriots running back **Mosi Tatupu**, a couple of New England Patriot cheerleaders, WWF and WCW wrestling star **Virgil and Amber "Pixie" Acia** from TV's "LA Ink," as well as car celebrities and extreme car builders **Chris Jacobs** from TV's "Overhaulin," **Will Castro** from TV's "Unique Whips," **Jimmy Shine** from Tv's "Hard Shine and **Ken "Posie" Fenical**. **Red Sox pitcher Mike Timlin** will sign free autographs Sunday, Jan. 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. Tow Mater from the animated movie "Cars" will also be on display. For hours and information visit worldofwheels.com or call 617-474-6000.

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, presents **Seeing with Photography** Jan. 4 through Feb. 10, showcasing the work of New York's Seeing With Photography Collective, a group of photographers who are visually impaired, sighted or completely blind. Their work is created using film and a technique called "painting with light." Workshops in this technique will be held on Friday, Jan. 4. To register, call 781-383-2787. **An opening reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m.** For information visit ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

New England Singles Dance Jan. 4, 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington **Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Hors d'oeuvres. Door prizes. Music from the 70's to the present and requests with New England's top DJ's. Admission $10. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.**

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Movie review

'Savages' puts fun in dysfunction

The Savages (B+)

By Al Alexander
FILM REVIEW

Jon (Philip Seymour Hoffman) and Wendy (Laura Linney) Savage get into yet another arguments about each other's quirks.

Like the late, great playwright Tennessee Williams, Tamara Jenkins has a knack for creating nihilistic narcissists you can't help but empathize with.

Yes, you'd cross the street to avoid them. But at a safe distance, like say your seat at the megaloplex, they become fascinating studies of big egos and self-loathing.

Jon and Wendy Savage are two such losers; squabbling siblings who can't stand the sight of each other because, unbeknownst to them, they are mirror images - self-involved know-it-alls oblivious to everyone and everything around them.

They are the center of Jenkins' darkly humorous "The Savages," a film that consistently mines the "fun" in family dysfunction by fashioning a coming-of-age story in which the protagonists, exquisitely inhabited by Laura Linney and Philip Seymour Hoffman, are closer to AARP than MTV.

It's quite a departure from Jenkins' first film, the equally strong "Slums of Beverly Hills," a strangely loving ode to an eccentric, resourceful father (Alan Arkin) who followed an unconventional blueprint for child rearing.

Where that movie was light and frothy, "The Savages" is almost misanthropic, as the estranged siblings are forced to deal with each other after their poor-excuse of a father (Tony-winner Philip Bosco) suddenly finds himself homeless and ravaged by dementia.

Sounds depressing, doesn't it? Just wrong for the holidays? But Jenkins handles the subject matter with so much sharp-witted humor and insight that it's downright life-affirming.

It helps, of course, that Jenkins has three of today's finest actors. But the reason "The Savages" slays is the warmth and compassion her writing breathes into the struggles the Savages encounter as they struggle to adjust to the idea that their once-tyrannical father is now as helpless as a baby.

In that respect, the film is both cathartic and cautionary in taking on the issue that worries just about every middle-aged person: carrying for an incapacitated parent. Jenkins holds nothing back, either, often drawing on her experiences with her own father's death from dementia.

It lends the film a palpable realism that contrasts nicely with the absurdity of Jon and Wendy, and their so-called lives.

He is a theater professor in snowy Buffalo living under the grandiose illusion that his upcoming book on Brecht will make him a star; while she is a failed New York playwright living off temp jobs and various grants meant for the real victims of 9/11.

No surprise: both are single and chasing after paramours they either don't want or can't have. Yet like "Seinfeld's" equally superficial Jerry and George, they suck you in. You root for them to finally wake up and smell the nursing home that could well be their final destinations.

Bringing them so vividly to life would be a strain for most actors, but Linney and Hoffman make it look effortless, each summoning their uncanny ability to create characters that stay with you even longer than the movies they're in.

It's Bosco, though, who leaves them in the dust, lending a quiet dignity to Lenny Savage that shines through even when he's caught in the numerous humiliations of aging.

It's easily one of the bravest, most selfless performances I've seen. He deserves to be remember at Oscar time, and so does "The Savages," with its unflinching look at aging. It shows us the true meaning of what it means to die laughing.

Rated R. "The Savages" contains sexuality and language.



Dave Crossland ***Pat Wictor***

South Shore Folk Music Club presents David Crossland and Pat Wictor concert. Doors open 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. at The Beal House of the Kingston, MA Unitarian Church. Tickets are $10 for members and $12 for non-members. For information visit ssfmc.org or call 781-871-1052.

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The Hull Lifesaving Museum presents the first Thursday lecture: Researching the Lost Crew of the Portland by Walter Hickey, Archives Specialist at the National Archives Northeast Region, on Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. The devastating "Portland Gale" that struck New England on Nov. 27, 1898 bears the name of the steamship Portland, wrecked as she attempted to make the return trip from Boston Harbor to Portland, Maine. With all 192 passengers and crew tragically lost with the ship, the Portland is one of the worst disasters in New England maritime history. Admission $3 members, $5 non-members. For information contact Victoria Stevens 781-925-5433, lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net

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Single Executives Club Singles Dance. Jan. 4, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. (781)446-0234. www.se-4u.com. Dancing with music by Award-winning DJ from 8:30-12:00 AM. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.. For singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $10 before 9. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 4, **Flydown Cape Cod's Most Dangerous Band**781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 4 **Track 44** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, Jan. 5

Town Fair Tire World of Wheels takes place at Bayside Expo Center Jan 4-6 featuring 350 dazzling chrome and steel custom vehicles of all types, former New England Patriots running back **Mosi Tatupu**, a couple of New England Patriot cheerleaders, WWF and WCW wrestling star **Virgil and Amber "Pixie" Acia** from TV's "LA Ink," as well as car celebrities and extreme car builders **Chris Jacobs** from TV's "Overhaulin," **Will Castro** from TV's "Unique Whips," **Jimmy Shine** from Tv's "Hard Shine and **Ken "Posie" Fenical**. **Red Sox pitcher Mike Timlin** will sign free autographs Sunday, Jan. 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. Tow Mater from the animated movie "Cars" will also be on display. For hours and information visit worldofwheels.com or call 617-474-6000.

Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth, will feature artist **Vincent Elliott** Jan. 5-18.

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Hot Stove Roundtable. Doors open 12:30 p.m., roundtable begins 1 p.m. Theo Epstein, Peter Gammons, Steve Pagliuca, J.P. Ricciardi, Cam Neely, Bill James and special guests to host a Boston sports forum to benefit Foundation to Be Named Later at State Street Pavilion, Fenway Park, 20 Yawkey Way, Boston. Tickets are $100 and available at HotStoveCoolMusic.org.

Eli "Paperboy" Reed & The True Loves, Spookie Daly Pride and deSoL preview concert. Doors open 8 p.m. and the show begins at 9 p.m. at the Paradise Rock Club, 967 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. Red Sox Executive Vice President/General Manager Theo Epstein, ESPN Commentator Peter Gammons and more special guests to arrive. To benefit the Foundation to Be Named Later. Tickets for the 18 and over show are $15 and can be purchased at HotStoveCoolMusic.org or by calling 800-594–TIXX.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, Jan. 5,. Traditional Irish Seisiun every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No Cover. Come sing, come play, come listen! 508-830-1262.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents **David Crossland and Pat Wictor concert.** Doors open 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. at The Beal House of the Kingston, MA Unitarian Church. Tickets are $10 for members and $12 for non-members. For information visit www.ssfmc.org or call 781-871-1052.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 5, **Six Foot Sunday** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 5 **Groove Authority** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Sunday, Jan. 6

Cornerstone Lodge, 585 Washington St., Duxbury. **All you can eat breakfast buffet**, from 8 to 11:30 a.m., Jan. 6. Menu: scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, toast, English muffins, baked beans, juice and coffee. Pancakes and French toast cooked to order. Adults $7, seniors $6, children age 12 and under $5. **Open to the public.**

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Bruins Fans the 18th Annual Boston Bruins Wives' Charity Carnival to benefit **Cradles to Crayons** is on Sunday, Jan. 6 at the TD Banknorth Garden. A day of fun for all - filled with interactive events including locker room tours, autograph sessions, a chance to shoot on the Boston Bruins goalies and much more. In attendance will be the entire 2007-2008 Boston Bruins roster, some of your favorite Providence Bruins, Boston Bruins Ice Girls and Blades, the Bruins' mascot. General Ticket Pricing: Early Bird Session: $30 General Session (adult): $20 General Session (child): $10. Visit tdbanknorthgarden.com information.

Theo Epstein and Peter Gammons charity concert. Jan 6, doors open 5 p.m., show starts at 6 p.m. at the Paradise Rock Club, 967 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. Other musical performances by Dropkick Murphy's front man **Ken Casey, Dicky Barrett** of the **Mighty Mighty Bosstones,** former Red Sox pitcher **Bronson Arroyo, Bill Janovitz of Buffalo Tom**, and more. To benefit the Foundation to Be Named Later. Tickets are $40 and are available by calling 800-594–TIXX or visiting HotStoveCoolMusic.org.

A Little Christmas In Jackson Square Musical groups from five Weymouth churches will participate in the 10th annual A Little Christmas in Jackson Square, an Epiphany Sunday concert at 3 p.m. Jan. 6 at East Weymouth Congregational Church, UCC, 1320 Commercial St. Weymouth. A free-will offering will be taken, with all proceeds to benefit the Weymouth Food Pantry. For information call 781-335-6919 or 781-340-1403 or log on to eweyucc .org. East Weymouth Congregational Church, UCC www.eweyucc.org

Glastonbury Abbey of Hingham presents the musical gifts of **Mr. Walter Rossbach,** organist, choral director, and tenor soloist of Reston, Va., as he performs an **Epiphany Organ Concert** on Jan. 6, at 4 p.m. in the Glastonbury Abbey Church. A reception will be held at the Abbey Center following the concert where hor douvres and beverages will be served. A good will offering with a minimum suggestion of $25 per family is requested. Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the concert as well as the Glastonbury Abbey bookstore 16 Hull St., Hingham prior to Jan. 6. Bookstore hours are Monday-Saturday 9 to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. 3 p.m.

Guitarist Gerry Johnston will perform at the Hingham Public Library Jan. 6 at 3:30 p.m. Johnston's performance will include classical works in addition to popular and jazz standards. The performance is free and co-sponsored by the Boston Classical Guitar Society. The complete season of Boston Classical Guitar Society concerts at the Hingham Public Library is available from hinghamlibrary.org

Monday, Jan. 7

DivorceCare for KIDS - DC4K is a special support group for kids ages 5-12 to help them heal from the hurt caused by the separation or divorce of their parents.At our ongoing,13 week, self contained revolving sessions, we combine games, crafts, activities, music and dvd drama to create a fun atmosphere where kids can feel comfortable and accepted as they process the feelings they are having over their families breakup. DC4K meets Monday nights 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Vineyard Community Church, 8 Hilltop Ave. Kingston. For info contact Rosalie 781-585-4776 or rosalie@thevineyard-kingston.org

New Beginnings, a nonprofit, nonsectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,400 south shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. New Beginnings meets at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857.

Irish set dancing and ceili classes on Mondays. 7:30 p.m., at Irish Cultural Centre of New England. 200 New Boston Drive, Canton. Beginners level, no experience or partner necessary. For information, call 781-821-8291 or online at irish-culture.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 7, **Free Texas Hold 'Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

La Leche League to Meet Planning to breastfeed? Then you'll want the information and encouragement that La Leche League provides. Leaders are experienced breastfeeding mothers, accredited by La Leche League International. Whether you're pregnant or already nursing, LLL has something for you - tips and techniques shared by mothers who have enjoyed a successful breastfeeding relationship. Services include monthly informational meetings, lending library and 24-hour phone help for breastfeeding problems or questions. .All mothers and their babies are welcome. A new series of meetings is starting on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library. For information, call Christie 781-740-7808, Kathleen 781-749-2404, Tina 781-544-6226, Heather 781-544-9230, or Patti 781-986-6980.

The South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus invites men of all ages who like to sing to join them during the month of November to rehearsals that will be open to anyone who would like to learn Christmas music sung in the Barbershop acapella style. They will be accepting invitations from all sorts of organizations to present Christmas programs and would be delighted to include whoever is interested in having fun singing. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., at the corner of Central Street. Call 781-337-SING for additional information or e-mail danielcostello@gmail.com or billfitzjr@aol.com.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower St., Duxbury, (Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont Street, (Rt. 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630 for information.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 9, **Fly Down** "Not Plugged In" 781-829-6999.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 10

The Hull Lifesaving Museum presents the first Thursday lecture: **Researching the Lost Crew of the Portland** *by* **Walter Hickey**, Archives Specialist at the National Archives Northeast Region, on Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. The devastating "Portland Gale" that struck New England on Nov. 27, 1898 bears the name of the steamship Portland, wrecked as she attempted to make the return trip from Boston Harbor to Portland, Maine. With all 192 passengers and crew tragically lost with the ship, the Portland is one of the worst disasters in New England maritime history. Admission $3 members, $5 non-members. For information contact Victoria Stevens 781-925-5433, lifesaving-museum@comcast.net_lifesaving-museum.org

The January Book Club Meeting at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate, is Jan. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. January's selection is: "**One Mississippi**" **by Mark Childress.** Front Street Book Shop book group meets at on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone welcome to attend. Each book is chosen by majority vote at the close of each meeting. Choices are in-print, paperback, and alternate between fiction and non-fiction. Free. 781-545-5011.

The German-American Club of Walpole (Boylston) German language and literature classes on Thursdays. 7:30 p.m., Walpole. Several levels of instruction are offered, including a class for beginners. For more information, call Dan Evans at 617-326-3892 or Joan Murray at 617-894-3130.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 10 **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

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The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 10 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **open mic** featuring **Racky Thomas/Matt Stubbs Blues Jam** 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Jan. 11

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 11, **Radio For The Blind** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 11 **Cheryl Aruda & Dirty Blonde** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue



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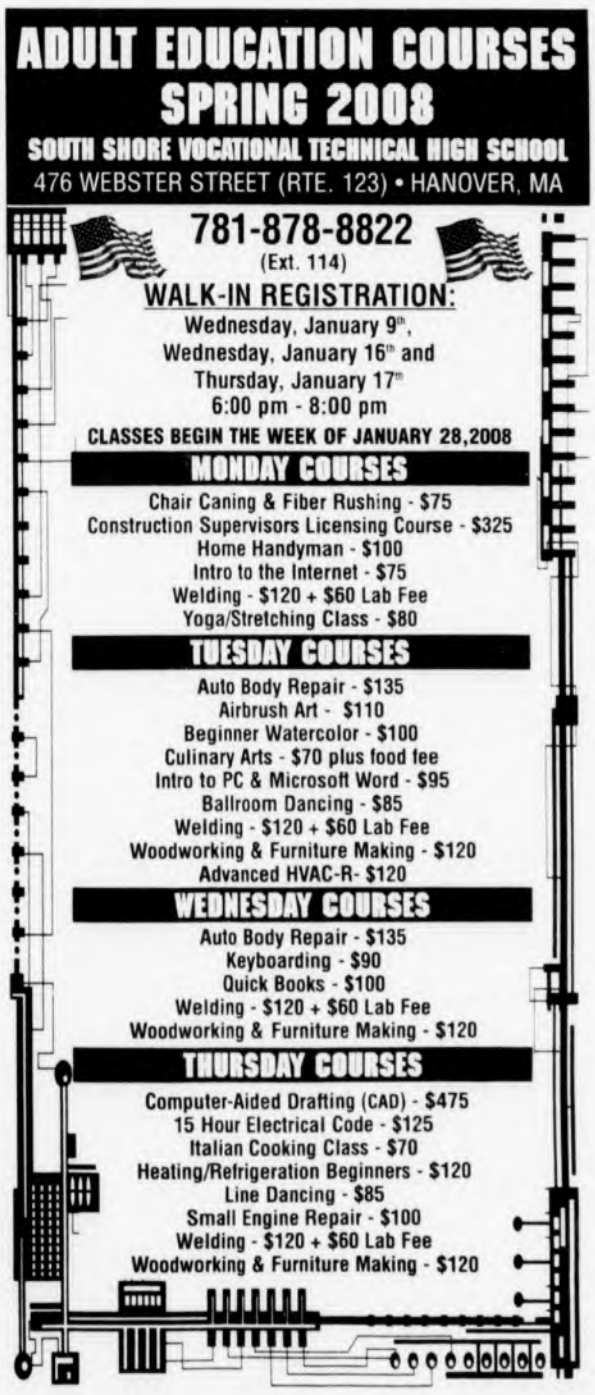
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THE COMPANY THEATRE, 30 Accord Park, Norwell presents the recreation of the final concert of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper featuring John Mueller, Gene Jaramillo and J.P. Richardson Jr. (The Big Bopper's son). Jan. 12 for two shows at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the box-office, by phone at 781-871-2787,and online at companytheatre.com. Visit yourbuddyjohn.com for information about the concert.

ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S MUSIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, Insights, an educational series for adults, continues on Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. with a program by annotator Steven Ledbetter, a renowned musicologist and former Dartmouth College professor. Using recorded versions of Mahler's 5th Symphony to explain the structural form of a symphony, Mr. Ledbetter will help get into the mind of a composer, showing how themes are introduced and developed, and how all the pieces fit together to create an enduring masterwork. A popular presenter in the Insights series, Mr. Ledbetter's engaging style and deep understanding of music make this a learning experience not to be missed. Tickets are $10 and are available at Scituate Town Library or through Atlantic Symphony Orchestra at 781-740-5694. Tickets will also be available at the door on the evening of the program.

SOUTH SHORE'S FINEST BRIDAL EXPO takes place Jan. 20, at the Independence Mall in Kingston from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vendor space still available. For information, visit CMRevents.com or call 508-224-4044. Register at web site for Scavenger Hunt. Enter to win free wedding package compliments of the Country Club of Halifax.





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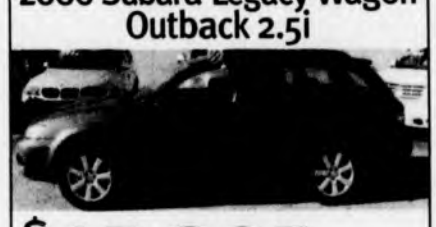
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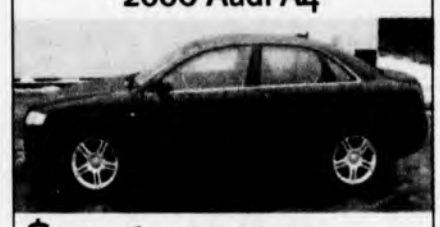
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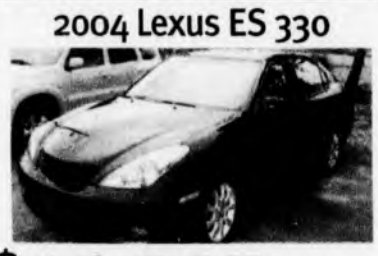
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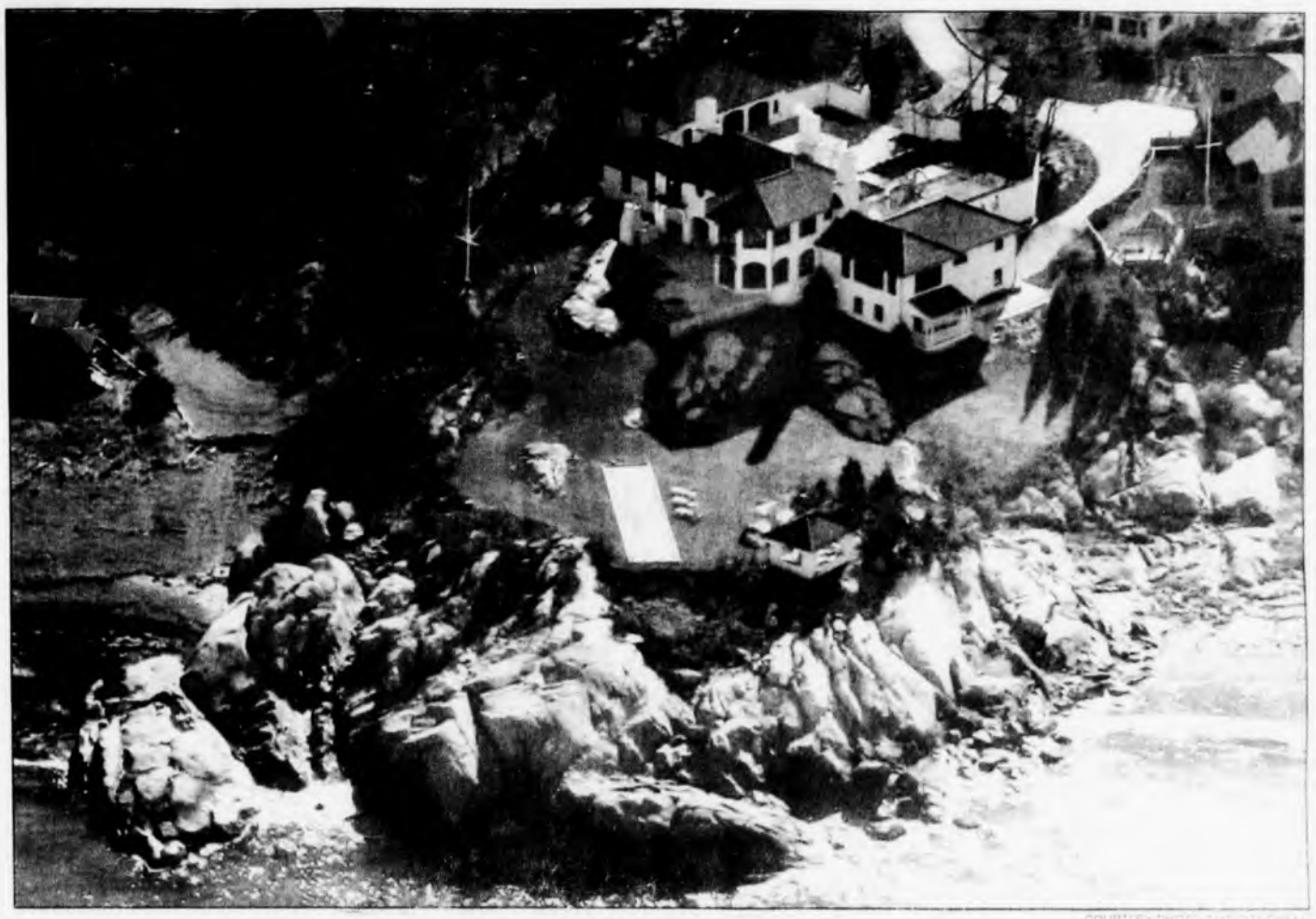
Citizen of Year nominations open

Who is the town's top citizen? In keeping with a 15-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement – the Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Please find the nomination form on page 16. Nominations are due by 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1.

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COURTESY PHOTO/WILSON PARK

An aerial view of the Cary Point Estate (79 Atlantic Ave.). Today the asking price for the home, which sold about five years ago for $4.75 million, is $19.5 million.

Cohasset joins $19.5 million club

Top dollar for Atlantic Ave. oceanfront estate

By Nancy White
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It was only about 10 years ago when a million-dollar home sale in Cohasset was big news for real estate, now a million-dollar home sale in Cohasset is the norm rather than the exception.

In 2004, a $7.3 million dollar residential sale made headlines. Now, Cohasset has a residential home with an asking price of a whopping $19.5 million.

The Cary Point Estate, or 79 Atlantic Ave., is currently listed on the Cohasset-based Dean and Hamilton Realtors website (www.deanandhamilton.com). The five-bedroom mansion is Dean and Hamilton's highest asking price to date and would likely be a residential home record for any South Shore real estate firm, said Dean and Hamilton President and the property's listing agent, Tom Hamilton.

Dean and Hamilton sold the property to its current owner around 2003 for roughly $4.75 million.

"It's been under construction ever since," said Nancy Hamilton, co-listing agent, "it needed a gut job and it got one."

Before the current owner's renovation the house was primarily used during the summer months. Edward C. Cary originally owned the land in the late 1800s, which is how the geographic promontory overlooking Sandy Cove got its name "Cary Point." But, Cary was not the one that built the Mediterranean-style home with its stucco walls and red tile roof, according to local historian and town

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Maggie's Corner says goodbye

Route 3A bakery to close this month

By Nancy White
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"The hardest part is leaving the people. We have gotten to know kids and families, watched them grow up."
— Maggie Warshaw

It was with a few tea breads and a small shelf for her baked goods in a corner of a Norwell general store that Maggie's Corner got both its name and its start. Now, more than 30 years later, Maggie Warshaw is putting her bakery business on the shelf. She and her business partner and daughter, Jenn, have decided to close their popular Route 3A bakery.

"It's time to try doing something different," says Maggie, but the decision didn't come easily, "it took us about a year."

After unsuccessfully searching for a buyer for close to a year and running into trouble negotiating a new lease, they began to let the news trickle out to their customers toward the end of the holiday season.

"We didn't want people to stop in and just see a closed sign," said Maggie. They hosted a goodbye party this past Sunday.

Maggie's Corner Bakery, 152 King St., has ingrained itself into the fabric of local families' lives over the past three decades — a special birthday cake, a weekly treat of cookies, a morning coffee and muffin with friends or the dessert that steals the show at a holiday party. The Warshaws have been a part of traditions and routines for many in Cohasset and beyond for the last 30 years.

Jenn started helping her mom when she was only six years old. She and her brother would each have a job to do after school, usually simple tasks like peeling carrots or squishing bananas or squeezing lemons. Jenn joined her mother full-time as a business partner about 12 years ago, about the same time they moved from a basement kitchen in Norwell to their expanded retail space in Jonathan Livingston Plaza in Cohasset.

"We're business partners here but back at home we're mother and daughter," says Jenn of their dual relationship. Of course, they admit there have been moments of disagreement but each is quick to acknowledge the other one's strengths.

Maggie is the easy-going baking mastermind who considers creating their trademark chocolate cake a science, says Jenn. While Maggie says it's Jenn's creative, artistic and

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Maggie and Jenn Warshaw of Maggie's Corner bakery on King Street.

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The Mariner caught up with Alice Ash at the St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, this week. See worship on page 25 for information about retreat center programs, visit www.csjretreatcenter.org or call 781-383-6024.

Name: Alice Ash

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Pet peeve: Rude drivers.

Goal: To stay active and nurture my mind, body and soul.

Person you'd most like to meet: Abigail Adams.

Biggest worry: Homeless families.

Best part of Cohasset: The Retreat Center.

Mullaney's Fish Market changes hands

Mullaney's Fish Market has changed hands. New owner, Joseph P. Norton II of Scituate, came before the Board of Selectmen on Monday night to seek a wine and malt liquor license transfer. Although changing hands, the name Mullaney's Fish Market will remain the same. The business is a retail fish market and specialty food store located on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) in the same plaza as Sea Chest Consignments and Lapels Dry Cleaning.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said the police background check came back with no issues. The Selectmen approved the transfer unanimously.

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Dec.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 10	12:16	8.3	12:20	9.6	6:03	0.6	6:36	-0.4
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:30 p.m.*			
Fri. 11	12:55	8.5	1:01	9.6	6:45	0.5	7:16	-0.4
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:31 p.m.*			
Sat. 12	1:35	8.7	1:44	9.5	7:30	0.4	7:58	-0.4
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:32 p.m.*			
Sun. 13	2:17	8.9	2:31	9.3	8:17	0.3	8:43	-0.2
Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:33 p.m.*			
Mon. 14	3:02	9.1	3:22	9.0	9:09	0.2	9:31	0.0
Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:34 p.m.*			
Tues. 15	3:51	9.3	4:17	8.6	10:04	0.2	10:23	0.3
Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:36 p.m.*			
Wed. 16	4:45	9.4	5:18	8.3	11:04	0.2	11:20	0.5
Sunrise: 7:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:37 p.m.*			
Thurs. 17	5:42	9.5	6:22	8.1	—	—	12:07	0.1
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Red Lion warned over violation

Selectmen request management plan

By Nancy White
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The Board of Selectmen put the staff and management of the Red Lion Inn on their guard Monday night.

A message of warning was given to the popular Village watering hole after the Board found truth to allegations the Red Lion violated conditions of its liquor license on the night before Thanksgiving (Nov. 21 into Nov. 22).

The liquor license hearing stemmed from police reported incidents of public drinking outside the premises and serving alcohol after 1a.m. The Board of Selectmen heard testimony from the police officers that responded to the incidents, as well as Red Lion Inn staff members.

The formal hearing requires each of the witnesses to testify under oath. The proceeding is not unlike a courtroom proceeding with Police Chief James Hussey, Red Lion Inn counsel and the Selectmen having the chance to ask the witnesses questions.

Police officers Sergeant David Cogill, Lieutenant Bill Quigley and Officer Jeffrey Treanor all responded to the Red Lion Inn on the night before Thanksgiving.

Quigley was the first to observe patrons spilling out of the Red Lion building into the inn's driveway around 11:30p.m. He said he saw several people outside holding beer bottles and plastic cups.

After dispatch was unable to reach a manager by phone, Quigley called for Cogill to assist him in entering the premises to locate a manager. Quigley and Cogill talked with the Red Lion Inn owner Gerd Ordelheide and the bartender in charge. According to Quigley, the officers requested Ordelheide and then the bartender in charge to ensure patrons were not leaving the premises with alcohol.

"At the time, I felt the manager was addressing (the issue) the best he could," said Quigley, noting the bar in the basement nightclub "the Cave" was extremely busy, with the line at the bar three deep. He also said there was no one controlling people leaving the premises with alcohol. The officers left the Red Lion Inn shortly before midnight.

Around 1a.m. Quigley returned to the Red Lion to find much the same situation: patrons outside the Red Lion and standing room only in the foyer. This time, Officer Treanor accompanied him into the Red Lion Inn. According to Quigley, loud music was coming from the Cave and the bar was in full operation. When he reached the bar, where he still saw alcohol being served (but did not see money changing hands) he radioed dispatch to get the official time from the police department's clock which is hooked into the Naval Observatory. It was 1:13a.m., almost 15 minutes past closing time.

After some conversation with the bar staff, Quigley and the two other officers cleared the establishment. The officers worked with the Red Lion Inn staff to clear the bar. Around 1:40a.m. the officers left the Red Lion. Two patrons outside the Red Lion required police assistance to get home.

Annette Agostino, the manager of record on the Red Lion's liquor license, said she only worked until 11p.m. on the night in question, so she could not testify as to the event that night.

"But I can say since that night we've implemented new things," she said, explaining a second bar manager has been hired to be in charge when she is not there for closing. The Cave has been shut down indefinitely with the exception of a previously booked private party, but in that case a police detail will be hired to prevent further incident.

Agostino brought up her understanding of the law was always last call at 12:30a.m. and all patrons out of the building by 1 a.m.

Although Agostino said common practice at the Red Lion Inn and other area establishments has been last call at 12:30a.m. and the establishment cleared by 1a.m., she has since learned this is not the regulation in Cohasset.

Existing regulations, which go back years, state the closing hour is 1a.m. and last call must be served before then. The tables must be cleared of glasses and bottles by 1:15a.m., then all customers off the premises by 1:30a.m. Town Manager Bill Griffin indicated he'd like the Selectmen to revisit these regulations at a later time.

"Respectfully, I believe no alcohol was served after 1a.m.," said Michael Hayes, President and Treasurer of Cohasset Sarro, Inc. the company owning Red Lion Inn as well as attorney for Ordelheide. However, he said he understood the seriousness of the allegation and as a result changes have been made at the Red Lion.

"We're not trying to diminish this by any stretch of the imagination," said Hayes, "we will work with this board so nothing close to this happens again."

A letter of warning was issued to the Red Lion Inn stating that any future violations of the liquor license would result in more serious consequences, including a suspension or revocation of its liquor license. In addition, the Selectmen required a management plan be submitted for their review and acceptance by Friday, Jan. 18. The plan must address the key issues that led to the violations on Thanksgiving.

The plan must show how the Red Lion will provide a definitive manager in charge every night, how valid identification will be checked, and how patrons will be prohibited from consuming alcohol outside the building. The review of the management plan is tentatively schedules for their meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Vice Chairman Ted Carr, who resides across the street from the Red Lion Inn, recused himself from the discussion and any votes.

A separate incident alleging the sale of alcohol after 1a.m. on Oct. 26, Hussey said the primary witness could not attend the evening's hearing and requested the allegation be placed on file and not considered in the hearing.

Another more recent incident from the night of Dec. 30 was not part of the hearing due to the requirements of public hearing notice. The police allege a minor was served alcohol and there was public drinking off the premises. But, whether the Board of Selectmen will hold an additional hearing on those alleged violations is yet to be determined.

"I'm not personally in favor of holding that kind of hearing," said Selectmen Chairman Vanderweil after the meeting citing the Red Lion Inn's "spirit of cooperation" in the matter. However, the Board will formally discuss whether another hearing on the Dec. 30 incident is necessary at an upcoming meeting.

Green slimy substance is still a mystery

By Mary Ford
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The good news is that a green, slimy substance found in the back of two shopping centers last week was not hazardous and was not a petroleum product. However, officials still do not know what it was or where it came from.

"If it had been hazardous, it would have been quite a nightmare," Fire Chief Robert Silvia said.

The incident last Wednesday (Jan. 2) started hours before it was reported to authorities and likely occurred when a trash truck emptied the dumpster at Cohasset Plaza sometime before 6:30 a.m. and then went to Tedeschi Plaza.

When police and fire got the call at about 2:13 p.m., by that time vehicles had been driving through the green stuff all day, Silvia said.

The original call reported the substance at the back of Cohasset Plaza in the back corner (by the old Dunkin Donuts drive through). It is not clear if the substance came from the dumpster or the trash truck that serviced it. The second call reported the same substance behind CVS at Tedeschi Plaza.

The fire department cordoned off both areas and the state HazMat team was called in to investigate.

"They have since told us, 'we cannot tell you what it is – but we can tell you what it isn't,'" Silvia said. "It is good news that it is not hazardous."

The trash company that services the dumpsters returned to cleanup the substance that day and the following day.

The green substance was also on the southbound lane of Route 3A between the two shopping centers. The Department of Environmental Protection and Board of Health were also at the scene. The Cohasset Fire Department served as the lead agency during the incident and kept the substance from reaching any catch basins.

Wedding day

A limousine with a bride and groom parked outside St. Anthony's was struck by a 2004 Ford pickup truck at just before 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

The driver of the pickup, a 42-year-old Cohasset man, was checked out at the scene by the fire department.

The police officer that responded to the scene detected alcohol on the operator's breath. Based on the officer's observations, the man was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. The couple was not injured, Police Chief James Hussey said.

Slipping, sliding

A 1998 Honda Accord operated by a Scituate woman southbound along the bottom of Atlantic Avenue slid on the ice and hit some cement guard posts after it left the roadway, Chief Hussey said. The incident occurred at 11:35 p.m. on New Year's Eve (Dec. 31). No citation was issued and there were no injuries.

On Saturday (Jan. 5) at about 1 p.m., police responded to a single-car accident in the 700 block area of Jerusalem Road. Police said a 1997 Toyota driven by a Hingham resident hit a patch of ice and spun around 180 degrees ending up on top of a low stonewall. A witness confirmed that in her view, the driver was not speeding. No citations were issued and there were no injuries.

FedEx truck

A FedEx truck making a delivery at about 12:20 p.m. on New Year's Eve (Dec. 31) got stuck on temporary water mains on Nichols Road. Some of the water mains were dislocated, Chief Hussey said. The water department made repairs and a tow truck pulled the truck off the tubing, he said.

Receipts missing

A former employee of a pizza take-out restaurant is being summonsed to court on the charge of larceny under $250. The restaurant management claims he did not turn in some cash receipts from deliveries. The former employee claims he did not have any receipts. "The person is being summonsed and we will let the courts decide," Hussey said.

Pocketbook stolen

Police are investigating the apparent theft of a woman's pocketbook from the front seat of her car that was parked at Shaw's. The incident was reported at about 7 p.m. on Dec. 31. Police said the woman went into the market with a bankcard and left her pocketbook in the car. She went home to double check that she had not left it at home. There was no forced entry to her car, so the woman who lives in Cohasset, thinks she may have left her car unlocked.

Trespass order

A Cohasset man is being summonsed to court on a trespassing charge after he allegedly went to a part of the property on which he is not allowed, police said. The incident is part of a landlord-tenant dispute that involves an eviction, police said. The landlord took out a no-trespass order to keep the tenant off other parts of the property and he allegedly violated that order.

Two bikes found

Police have picked up two abandoned bicycles and brought them to the station. One is a blue/silver Kettler Light Rider (a newer model) and the other is a child-sized mountain bike that is blue and was hand-painted.

Police collected the bikes after a resident told them they had been left in the same spot for a period of time.

Revoked license

A 41-year-old Scituate man is being summonsed to court for driving after license revocation at about 6 p.m. on Saturday (Jan. 5). An officer on radar patrol on Forest Avenue stopped the 1998 Lincoln Continental that the man was driving when it was clocked as going 46 mph in a posted 30 mph zone.

A license check revealed he had a revoked license due to an out-of-state matter, police said. He was also cited for speeding and his car was towed.

MV vandalism

Police are investigating several incidents of vandalism to motor vehicles in the Jerusalem Road/Hull Street area near West Corner last week. A couple of the incidents looked as though the windows of the cars were shot with a BB gun. In another incident both car mirrors were damaged; the driver's side mirror was completely broken off and a piece of the passenger-side mirror was snapped off, police said.

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No new sewer connections available for Cohasset village

By Nancy White
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Development in the village for the near future looks bleak. Sewer Commission Chairman Sean Cunning laid the facts on the table about sewer capacity at the Planning Board meeting Wednesday night: additional capacity for the village development will not be available for likely five years.

Despite the hard fought victory for the village zoning bylaws, which establish parameters for expansions, entirely new buildings, more apartments and stores, development will largely have to wait for additional sewer capacity.

Cunning reported the central sewer district, which includes the village, has reached its capacity and new connections to town sewer may not be possible until the earliest 2012.

The last dozen available connections were recently given to two village parcels, the Samuel Bates House (35-39 S. Main St.) and the Cohasset Hardware building (40 S. Main St.), Cunning said. Due to relatively new sewer regulations, in order to keep the capacity the connections need to be paid for in full six months from being granted. Right now, there is a 25 deep waiting list for sewer connections in the central district.

"I see the line moving, but not very much," said Cunning.

The delay is largely due to the ongoing Little Harbor sewer project; the $15.2 million sewer distribution and plant expansion will tie-in an additional 485 homes to town sewer. The distribution project is expected to be complete in 2009/2010. Then after homeowners hook up to the sewer, the Sewer Commission will have to re-evaluate the capacity and see if any more connections are available. The associated sewer plant upgrade and expansion will increase the capacity from its current 300,000 gallons per day to 450,000 gallons per day.

"We don't really see adding anyone else to the sewer until the plant is up and running. It looks like five years before we can add capacity," said Cunning.

In addition to the central sewer district waiting list, a second list has been started for the Little Harbor district. Developers or landowners of empty lots looking to build will have to wait until after the 485 homes are connected.

"Developers coming in they might not get a connection for ten years," said Cunning.

Connections are measured in equivalent dwelling units, or EDUs. When a connection is granted, the property owner had six months to pay for the connection in full. The cost can run from about $8,300 for houses or businesses with increased capacity needs (such as adding apartments) to $15,000 for new construction. At the end of six months, if the connection is not paid for in full, the property owner may file for an few months extension or the connection can be put back into the town's inventory.

Several Village property owners have their name on the waiting list, said Cunning. Some buildings seeking connections include the recently rebuilt 22 Depot Court and the village gas station. Not among those on the waiting list is the Red Lion Inn, although the owner has brought preliminary plans for a 32-unit expansion before the Board of Selectmen.

The Sewer Commission is actively looking to purchase back un-used sewer connections throughout the central sewer district. A future Town Meeting article will seek to allow the Sewer Commission to buy back the sewer capacity where it is available.

Looking on the bright side Moore said, "it doesn't look like there will be uncontrollable development."

Staging a decision

ZBA to deliberate next month on Jerusalem Road area

By Nancy White
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"The point is the lease is with a private entity there are ways this could have been done right, this was done wrong."
— Rich Henderson, attorney for appellant

Is the Little Harbor water and sewer project staging area operated by the town?

The Zoning Board of Appeals will begin to deliberate on this key question at its meeting next month. After three public hearing sessions, stretched out since November, the ZBA closed the public hearing portion of the appeal process Tuesday night and will begin deliberating at next month's meeting (date to be determined).

"I would hope we could deliberate and decide next month," said ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick in a phone interview, "because of the complexity of the issue, it's going to take some time."

The ZBA heard another full hour of testimony and evidence at this week's meeting. Since the early fall, the town's contractor for the large project, L M Holdings, has been using a small parcel at 198 Jerusalem Road as their home base for operations. The Building Inspector Bob Egan gave a verbal go ahead to use the site before work began, but Eileen Craven of 6 Nichols Road appealed his decision to bring the issue before the Zoning Board.

The parcel of Jerusalem Road was largely chosen because of its proximity to the construction area around Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue. If the staging area is forced to move as a result of this appeal, the $15.2 million project could face delays and additional cost. Residents of Little Harbor, many of them with failing septic systems, have waited years to be hooked up to town sewer.

However, the ZBA is solely focused on if the staging area is allowed under the town's zoning bylaws. The zoning bylaws allow the staging-area use in a residential district if the town or other governmental agency is operating the use of the property. Showing the town is or is not in operational control of the site is the pivotal issue.

In an apparent effort to clear up any confusion or language misinterpretation regarding the staging area and the town's involvement with it, a memorandum of agreement between the three parties involved in the staging area — the town, the contractor (L M Holdings) and Leland and Leonora Jenkins, the owners of the staging area property on 198 Jerusalem Road. Representatives from all three parties signed the agreement on Dec. 20 and submitted it to the ZBA.

"It's a simple clarification agreement of what the intention of the contracts are," said project manager Dan Coughlin of Coughlin Environmental. Coughlin's firm is overseeing the project on behalf of the town and its central office is located in the secure staging area.

Coughlin hoped the simplified language would "put the issue to bed" and make clear the town is operating the site. He described the one-page document as containing the facts understood and accepted by all parties involved. Coughlin stressed the memo defines the town's involvement with the staging area.

"Cohasset has operational and legal control over the parcel for the duration of the contract," states the memo.

However, Zoning Board member Kathleen Hunter had doubts about the legality and influence of the document. First, she did not have copies of both contracts clarified with the memo. She was provided with a copy of the town's contract with L M Holdings, but the Zoning Board was not provided with a copy of the lease agreement for the property at 198 Jerusalem Road. Before the close of the hearing, Leland Jenkins said he would provide the ZBA with a copy of the lease.

Second, after reading the town's contract with L M Holdings she found several conflicting items between the clarification document and the contract itself. Third, the memo indicated it was not amending or adding to the existing contracts, it was "solely for the purpose of clarity." She argued the memorandum of agreement would not prevail over the contract, if ever questioned in court.

Counsel for the appellant Rich Henderson did not find merit in the document, describing it as "self-serving" and "absurd." He returned to the fact brought up in previous hearings that the contract to lease the land was a private contract between L M Holdings and the landowner with no town involvement.

"The point is the lease is with a private entity," said Henderson, "there are ways this could have been done right, this was done wrong."

Craven, the appellant, said any issue she has had with the project, from the lease contract to traffic tie-ups, she has been referred to L M Holdings for an answer, not the town.

Henderson argued the town was trying to have it both ways: by disassociating itself with the staging area at the start of the project but now, once under appeal, is trying to establish its operational control over the staging area.

Coughlin likened the private lease for the staging area parcel to any one of the contractor's agreements with vendors, "those are his tools to turn a profitable job, we don't ask for his vendor information."

The ZBA voted to close the public hearing on the appeal preventing further new evidence from coming before the board, with the exception of the Jenkins' lease contract with L M Holdings and a memo from Henderson outlining his client's standing in the case.

In early February, date to be determined, the ZBA will begin their deliberation on staging area appeal. All meetings are posted at the Town Hall outside the Town Clerk's office.

Village zoning bylaw amendment proposed

A majority of voters at Town Meeting placed their confidence in the Planning Board to review new development in the village business district. But even after the vote, the Zoning Board of Appeals was left with the authority to grant special permits for proposed changes on non-conforming parcels in the village business district.

Tom Callahan, as a private citizen, drafted a amendment to the zoning bylaw to eliminate this inconsistency and streamline the approval process in the village.

"This closes the one loophole in jurisdiction," said Callahan. Although the Planning Board and others realized this loophole while drafting the village zoning bylaw amendments, it was not included on the warrant due to the conflict over the jurisdiction issue as a whole with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Planning Board quickly placed their support behind the proposal with not much discussion. Planning Board member Bob Sturdy said the proposal made sense to make the non-conforming parcel's special permits a part of the site plan review process with the Planning Board.

As the bylaws are now, there is a dual approval process for non-conforming buildings in the village business district. The applicant must go before the Planning Board for a site plan review, then the Zoning Board to be granted a special permit. The proposed amendment will streamline the process for non-conforming parcels to be like all other parcels in the village, and the applicant will only need to go before the Planning Board.

A state statute give the municipality the authority to place the special permit granting authority in either the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Appeals. In recent years, the town has empowered the Planning Board with permit granting authority for the transit-oriented district, cluster development and new construction in the village.

With a vote 3-0 (members Mike Westcott and Stuart Ivimey were not present) the Planning Board supported the article and said it would submit it for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting (March 29) warrant.

Perc testing town parcel

Finding lots to convert or build affordable housing on is the primary focus of the Housing Partnership Committee. To that end, the Partnership is seeking the Board of Selectmen's approval to perc test a town-owned parcel located between Smith Place and Osgood School.

The Housing Partnership expressed interest in doing this preliminary test at a meeting over the summer, but never received a formal go-ahead. The test will determine whether the lot is buildable.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer asked whether they should first determine if the site is something the town would go for, but Town Manager Bill Griffin said this was only a threshold effort to establish if the site is even feasible.

The Selectmen requested to see a map of the town-owned property before giving the approval. They will re-visit the topic at next week's meeting, Monday, Jan. 14.

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No skating at Lily Pond

Water Comm. needs to address manganese issue

By Nancy White
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There will be no skating on Lily Pond this winter.

The loss of the traditional pastime for Cohasset residents who annually skate and ice fish on the pond has been upsetting for some.

"It's a shame," said Bill Ketchum, a 25-year resident and skater of Lily Pond, "it's been used for well over 100 years as an outdoor recreation area."

After writing a letter to the *Mariner* last week, Ketchum received several phone calls from residents agreeing with him.

"To me, [Lily Pond] is the heart of winter activity in Cohasset, there's nothing better," he said, adding alternatives to closing the pond should have been explored, or at least there should have been a public hearing on the issue, "they could have done this another way."

For this winter, he plans to use the Hingham Skating Club on East Street, just over the Cohasset line to skate — once the weather returns to freezing temperatures.

The Water Commission feels bad their new aeration system is preventing Lily Pond from being used for its normal winter activities; but it is firm in its decision.

"Our essential responsibility as the Water Commission is to provide good clean tap water to our customers and with the manganese problem we're not doing that," said Water Commissioner John McNabb in a phone interview.

The Water Commission has said the "manganese problem," or more specifically increased levels of manganese in the water, have caused bouts of discolored water in taps all over town. After nearly a year of researching possible solutions to the manganese issue, the installation of an aeration system was the most cost effective and immediate solution. The system cost about $20,000, said McNabb.

The in-pond aeration system consists of five aeration disks installed in the deeper sections of Lily Pond. The introduction of oxygen to the pond will help prevent the manganese from being dissolved in the raw water. The result will be less manganese in the raw water entering the plant and thereby less manganese in the water leaving the plant. The manufacturer of the aeration system claims the system could result in an 80 to 90 percent reduction in manganese, said McNabb.

"The timing is unfortunate but necessary," said McNabb in a phone interview, "it was the one thing we could do so we did it."

Signs were posted warning residents of the unsafe ice in the past few weeks. They have heard from a few upset residents and several residents have been asked to get off the ice despite the signs, said McNabb.

The installation could not wait until the spring because of the need to get four seasons worth of data on how the system affects the amount of manganese in the water. The problem is worst in the summer months, so that is why McNabb said its highly unlikely Lily Pond will have to be closed another winter.

Currently, the Water Department is concluding testing on the aeration system and it should be running full-time as early as next week. But, the Water Department would need to collect at least 60 to 90 days of data before any indication the system is working is apparent, said McNabb. Further, the results won't be seen in the distribution system until the springtime. Once the weather turns a bit warmer, the Water Department will undertake a rigorous flushing regiment to clear the pipes of any built up residue of manganese and other particles, said McNabb.

The subject of Lily Pond's closure came up during Monday night's Board of Selectmen meeting. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer brought up he has heard from several people who are disappointed Lily Pond cannot be skated on this year due to the newly installed aeration system.

"I have to wonder if the timing is really the right thing to do," said Dormitzer.

In past meetings, Dormitzer has relayed complaints from residents regarding dirty water coming out of the tap in various neighborhoods in town. But, now the frequent calls have subsided and he said much of the problem could have been due to construction work on the water distribution system.

Chairman Gary Vanderweil said his understanding was the Water Commission has noticed an increased percentage of manganese in the water due to system changes and needed to begin to solve the problem, then joked "are you receiving more complaints on manganese or on skating?"

Town Manager Bill Griffin explained it was the Water Commission's intent to have this season be the only winter season Lily Pond is closed.

"Other ponds may be utilized for this winter," said Selectman Fred Koed. Once Cohasset returns to normal New England January weather, Elm's Meadow on Cushing Street, the Common duck pond, as well as the Hingham Skating Club on East Street near the Cohasset/Hingham line are traditionally used for skating.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Signs have been posted warning people that there is no skating on Lily Pond this winter.

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— John McNabb, Water Commissioner

Olivieri named publisher



Mark Olivieri

Mark Olivieri has been named publisher of GateHouse Media's South Shore weekly publishing group.

Richard Daniels, chief operating officer of GateHouse Media New England, announced the appointment last Friday. Olivieri is currently the South Shore group's advertising director and assumed his new duties effective immediately. At the same time, Daniels announced that Mark Skala, editor-in-chief for GateHouse Media's South Shore and Cape Cod groups, has been named publisher for Cape Cod.

Olivieri, a longtime advertising executive on the South Shore and Boston markets, said he is looking forward to new challenges as publisher.

"I've called the South Shore home for more than a decade and I value the region's vibrancy and people," Olivieri said. "Our readers and advertisers have come to depend on the community newspapers which serve this area. We have a great audience, and combined with our talented South Shore GateHouse team, it's a winning combination. In addition, community newspapers are being strengthened by our Wicked Local properties, which will allow us to serve our readers and advertisers in any to meet their needs."

Daniels said Olivieri's considerable talents and experience in community publishing made him a natural choice for the newly created position on the South Shore.

"We are very fortunate to start off 2008 putting a talented and energetic person such as Mark in our group publisher role," Daniels added.

Olivieri will oversee all the South Shore's operations, including the print and Wicked Local online efforts.

Olivieri is active in the Scituate community where he makes his home with his wife, Christine, and children, Christopher and Grace.

Skala said he would miss working with readers, community members and dedicated staffers who have helped him during this stewardship on the South Shore.

"These are quality papers and our team has never lost sight of the fact that our readers and customers come first," he said. "In the end that is what it is all about. We journalists are mere stewards of the papers serving these communities."

Olivieri can be reached by e-mail at molivier@cnc.com or by phone at 781-837-4504.

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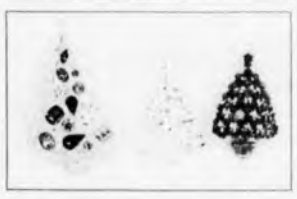
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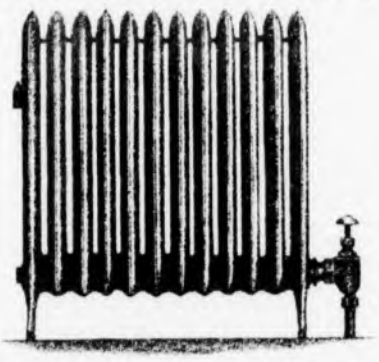


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JoDi Rosano earns 4th-degree Black Belt

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GREAT WEATHER

Hello Cohasset. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the wonderful weather we had this week and are settling into the New Year in a positive way. As of right now, I hear rumblings of some snow maybe for the beginning of next week so we will still have some wintertime fun for those who love it.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy 50th Birthday Wishes go out to **Kathy Marks** from her family and friends galore! This amazing woman makes people so happy all the time and they all want to make sure she knows how loved she is by all. Enjoy your special day Kathy which, for all of us to know is this Sunday, Jan. 13th!

NEW ARRIVALS

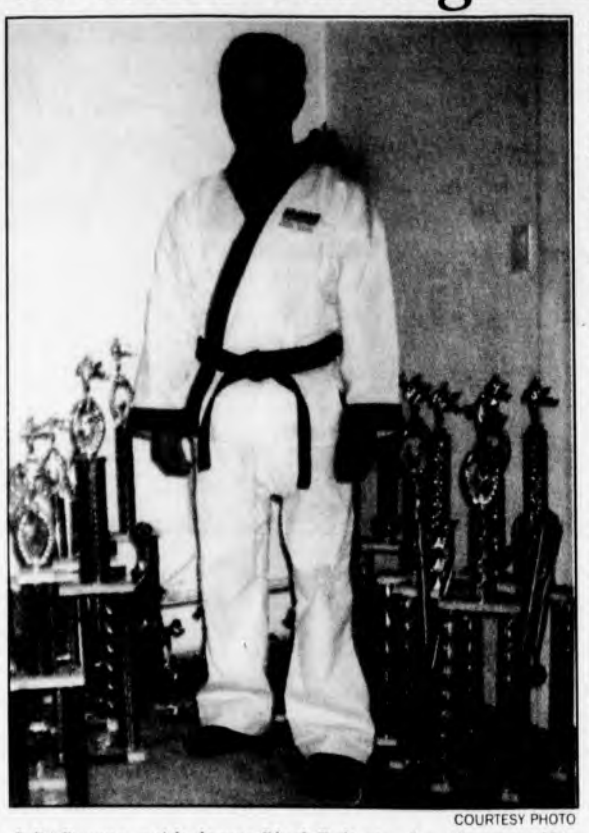
Congratulations to **Megan and Robert Thatford** of Scituate on the birth of their son, **Michael Christopher Thatford**. Michael arrived on Dec. 2, 2007 at precisely 7:54 a.m. He weighed in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 19-1/2 inches at birth.

Available for extra hugs are his proud maternal grandparents, **Glenn and Linda Pratt** of King Street, and **Kathleen Mulcahy** of Hingham, and paternal grandparents, **Robert and Roseann Thatford** of Mt. Upton, N.Y.

Congratulations are also in order for **Melissa Nothnagle** and **TJ Sondermann** who live in Providence, R.I. on the birth of their new son. **Milo James Nothnagle** was born on Dec. 18, 2007 and weighed in at a healthy 7 pounds, 14-1/2 oz. His proud grandparents are **Susan and Steve Dorn of Islip**, N.Y. and first-time grandparents, **Taffy and Jeff Nothnagle** of Cohasset.

Best wishes to all as you enjoy these new additions to your families.

If you see Glenn and Linda or Taffy and Jeff around town smiling more than usual – be sure to tell them you have heard their news!



COURTESY PHOTO

JoDi Rosano, a 4th-degree Black Belt, stands with some of his karate trophies.

BLACK BELT

JoDi Rosano, a Cohasset 15-year-old, recently earned his 4th-degree Black Belt in Yuan Yen Do Karate. His Dad, **Joseph**, is a second-degree Black Belt in the same style of Karate.

JoDi is also a certified Black Belt instructor and team leader at the Cohasset Yuan Yen Do Karate school, where he works four days a week instructing after his high school classes.

Having won all first-place trophies for forms and sparing and weapons in the prestigious New England Karate Tournament, for the past nine years, JoDi is sincerely dedicated to the martial arts and is a fierce competitor.

He is currently striving to earn his Masters 5th-degree Black Belt, a rare title and an exceptional accomplishment for his age or any age group. JoDi has reached the stature where he realizes he can accomplish anything he desires through hard work and focused discipline.

Great job, JoDi!

HOCKEY BOOSTERS

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XAVERIAN HONORS

Congratulations to **Sean Aherne** from here in Cohasset who made Second Honors from Xaverian Brothers High School for the first marking period of this year. Super work.

DEAN'S LIST

Michael Rossi of Cohasset was named to the dean's list for the Fall 2007 semester at Quinnipiac University. This was nice news to hear Michael, keep it up!

MLK BREAKFAST

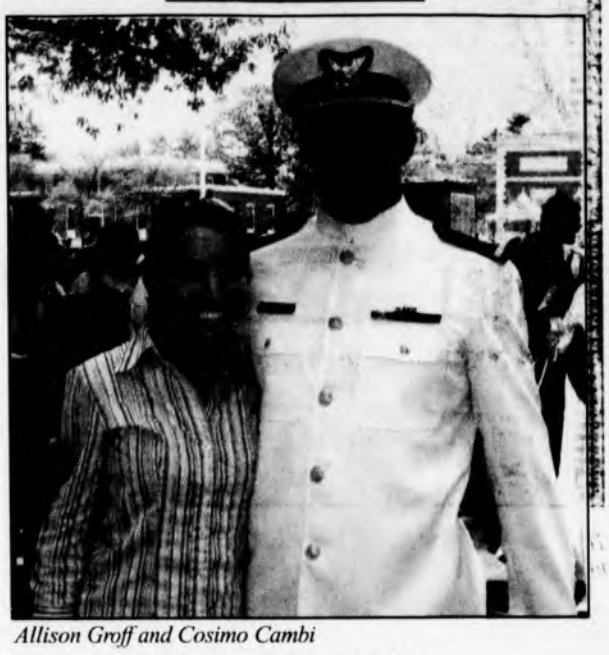
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That is all for this week. Send in all of your news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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ENGAGEMENT



Allison Groff and Cosimo Cambi

Cambi – Groff

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hubley of Cohasset announce the engagement of their son, Cosimo Cambi, to Allison Groff. Cosimo is also the son of Leonardo Cambi of Florence, Italy.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Groff of Fredericksburg, Va., and spent three years at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy where the couple met. She is completing her degree in business management.

Her fiancé is a 2003 graduate of Cohasset High School, and a 2007 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy where he earned his degree in operations research computer analysis. Ensign Cambi is presently stationed on the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Sherman, Alameda, Calif.

An April 2008 wedding in Fredericksburg, Va., is planned.

Inly School to host open house

Inly School will host a special "In-Session" Admissions Open House from 9 to 11 a.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 16. Snow date is Thursday, Jan. 17, at the same time. An overview presentation will begin at 9 a.m., and all visitors are encouraged to attend this session. Visitors will then be able to tour the six-acre campus and see classes in session at all levels, including: the toddler program; children's house, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten; lower elementary, grades one through three; upper elementary for grades four through six; and middle school, grades seven and eight.

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CSCR's open house and annual meeting

CSCR, the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research, 40 Parker Ave., Cohasset, is hosting an open house on the evening of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan 21. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., the open house will give all visitors a chance to learn something new about CSCR. Learn about current CSCR projects, classes, and training sessions that make up the Watershed Academy. Veteran students and parents already active in CSCR research will want to attend, too, as the Open House will "kick start" the process of CSCR report writing and data analysis of Summer 2007 research. Students, parents, and general members of the community will be free to visit stations that depict past and present research projects. Visitors will learn about research results, current projects, Watershed Academy classes, student staff opportunities, and Summer 08 research projects. Learn how CSCR can improve your academic life and how you can help actively care for the coastal community. Visitors will also have an opportunity to meet the student staff, teaching staff, meet members of the network of science advisors, and meet board members.

CSCR will open its doors at 6:30 p.m. Guests will be officially welcomed at 7 p.m. sharp with a brief overview of the purpose of the evening, the information available, and the "next steps" to take to become active at CSCR. For information call 781-383-0129 or visit ccscr.org

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The stucco and red tile house was built between 1903 and 1904 on Cary Point, a promontory off of Atlantic Ave. In the last few years, the current owner gutted the home, winterized it and added custom detailing at every pass. The house is now offered for sale at $19.5 million, possibly a record for the South Shore real estate.

Cohasset joins $19.5 million club

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archivist David Wadsworth. Between 1903 and 1904, Mrs. Henry Lee, then owner of the estate, tore down the Cary's original shingle style home to construct the current home.

"This house has a lot of history," said Wadsworth, listing off the various past owners, which include noted oceanographer and one of the founders of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Henry Bigelow.

Understanding the historical significance of the home, the Hamiltons say their client paid close attention to the historical elements of the home, "it preserves the best of the old but added a lot of the new," said Tom Hamilton.

The stucco exterior and red tile roof that has been a landmark for boaters traveling into Cohasset Harbor were updated and left intact. An antique copper bathtub once found in the master suite was saved and re-located to another bathroom in the home.

New floors, new windows, new radiant heating system, and a new state-of-the-art video, audio and lighting system are just a few of the recent updates.

Much of the renovation has been custom designed and built. The red roof tiles were each handmade to match the ones they replaced. The kitchen counter is embedded with semi-precious gemstones. Each window, custom-made from mahogany and adorned with metal accents in curves and circles mirror the movement of the ocean.

"Everything is custom-done and very high end" with meticulous attention to detail, said Tom Hamilton.

Modern amenities and details were added as well. For example, in addition to a heated three-car detached garage, there is a two-car garage with direct access to the kitchen with a turntable floor so the owner never has to back out of the garage again.

The renovations factored heavily in the new asking price set by the current owner, said Nancy Hamilton. The listing has already attracted at least one serious party to make inquiries on the property and it's only been on the market for two weeks, said Tom Hamilton.

"We're not guaranteeing to sell the property for that price," said Nancy Hamilton, but she explains the price is justified given the amount of work that has gone into the property since it was last purchased—and the amenities the work has added to the property.

Other highlights include five fireplaces; an octagonal solarium/dining room looking out toward the ocean; hardwood floors throughout the home; a water sculpture in a reflecting pool; and the list goes on.



The Cary Point estate recently underwent significant renovation. It boasts five bedrooms, four and a half baths, five fireplaces, an octagonal solarium/dining room looking out toward the ocean, hardwood floors throughout the home, a water sculpture in a reflecting pool, heated three-car garage and a two-car garage with turntable floor.

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— Tom Hamilton, Dean & Hamilton Realtors



Beyond the walls of the five-bedroom, four-and-half bath home is one of the most spectacular uninhibited ocean views in Cohasset and, arguably, in New England. A gazebo perched on the edge of the property, a bocce court and a Jacuzzi offer the perfect place to spend a summer evening.

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With a price bordering on $20 million, Dean and Hamilton has the job of targeting a small group of wealthy potential buyers — the type of buyer featured on an episode of "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous."

To attract the next owner of the Cary Point estate, Dean and Hamilton is employing a multi-pronged marketing strategy to increase the visibility of the home to an international level. The property is positioned as a unique and distinctive home on multiple websites. They have a virtual tour of the home and its six-acre grounds on their website. It is posted as a "premium listing" on uniquehomes.com.

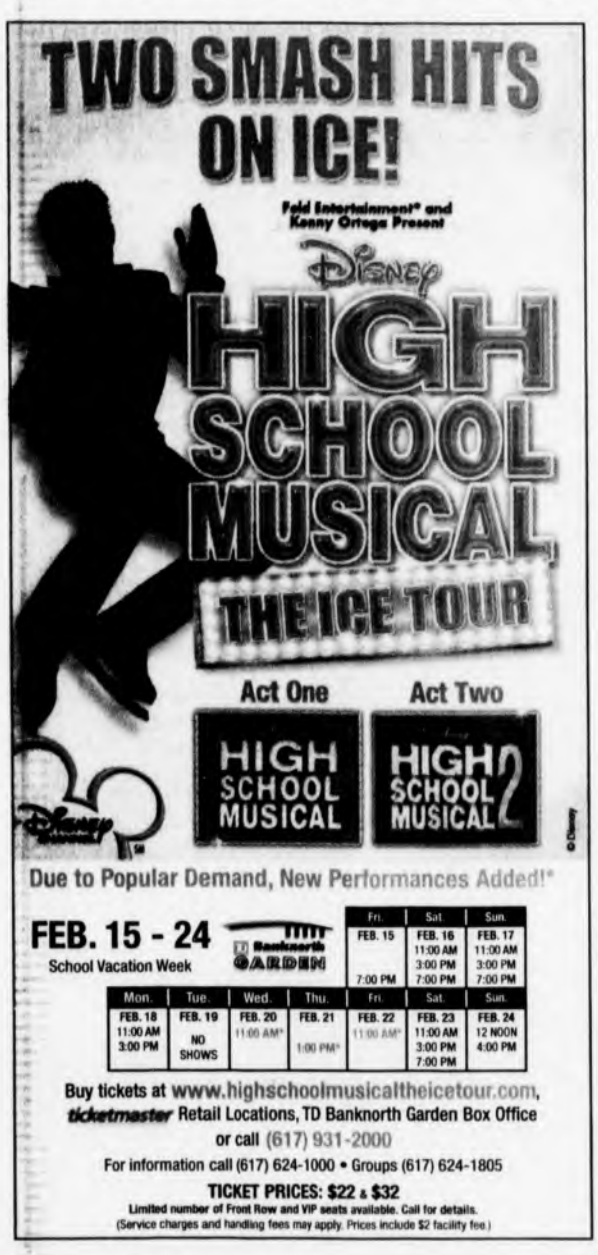
"I feel comfortable saying the buyer will be someone from out of town, or likely out of the country, who has seen the home on the internet," says Nancy Hamilton. In fact, she says the current owner came upon the property on the internet and purchased the property sight unseen.

Other homes in Cohasset could go for multi-million dollar price tags, similar to Cary Point asking price, says Tom Hamilton — if they ever were ever put on the market. The Roy Estate and the recently re-built Whitehead Island home, both prominent Cohasset Harbor properties are in that category, he said. Currently, the Lions Gate estate off South Main Street is offered at $8 million.

This is all speculation, but if the house were sold for its $19.5 million asking price a standard 30-year mortgage at a 5.75 percent interest rate the monthly payments would be over $110,000.

The property is currently assessed at just over $4 million, but the Hamiltons said the assessors have not returned to the property since renovation was completed. The current property taxes hover around $42,000, but will likely go up once a sale is made.

"It's an absolute showplace," said Nancy Hamilton, "all the work is completely done, all the buyer has to do is move their furniture in."





First Parish to host parenting seminar

Is parenting your little one tougher than you thought it would be? First Parish Unitarian-Universalist on Cohasset Common, with the help of The Social Service League of Cohasset, will host the nationally-celebrated parenting course, "1, 2, 3, 4, Parents!" for the parents of children 1 to 4.

"1, 2, 3, 4 Parents!" is a two-hour, three-session video-based interactive learning experience that is both entertaining and educational. The program is written by national parenting experts, Dr. Michael Popkin, Dr. Betsy Gard and Dr. Marilyn Montgomery. Jan Tedeschi of Marshfield will facilitate all sessions. Jan has a master's degree in marriage and family therapy, and is a certified school adjustment counselor who has taught active parenting courses for more than a decade.

The program will focus on discipline methods that work, how to prevent tantrums, how to make rules your child will follow, routines that make life easier, how to care for your child at different stages and great ways to take care of yourself. Participants will meet other parents of toddlers and preschoolers and discover what a wonderful difference the program will make for themselves and their families.

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The program will take place Tuesdays, Jan. 29, and Feb. 5 and 12, in the livingroom of First Parish. There is a choice of two sessions, 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is $100 per person for First Parish members and $120 for nonmembers. A 25 percent discount is available for spouses attending the same program. Some financial assistance is available, courtesy of The Social Service League of Cohasset.

The program is open to the entire community. To register call Sandy Bailey, parish administrator, at 781-383-1100. Sign-up is on a first-come first-served basis and classes fill up quickly.

For more information, call Woody Chittick at 781-383-3215 or Jan Tedeschi at 781-659-1885, or visit www.askjantedeschi.com.

In addition, the three-week "Active Parenting Now!" course for parents of children 5 through 12 will be offered beginning Wednesday, Feb. 27.

Heating safety during winter months

By Robert D. Silvia
COHASSET FIRE CHIEF

It's a cold winter night. You decide to use a space heater, or perhaps light a fire in the fireplace, to save on the heating bill. Comfortable from its warmth as bedtime approaches you think, "What harm could it cause to leave it on overnight?"

Think again. While these heating devices may help you feel cozy and warm, they can become extremely dangerous if not used properly. Home heating equipment was involved in an estimated 62,000 home fires in 2005, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association. The cost of these fires is more than just property damage. The cost includes roughly 700 lives and roughly 1,500 injuries.

Home heating fires are largely preventable when you know the rules. The Cohasset Fire Department's goal is to reduce the number of home-heating fires in our community. But we need your help. We are urging Cohasset families to use extra caution this winter when heating your home.

The majority of heating fire deaths are caused by space heaters! Most heating fires are caused by creosote build-up in the chimney.

To help keep our community safe and warm this season, the Cohasset Fire Department recommends that you follow these guidelines:

- Space heaters need space. Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- Turn portable heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug power cords only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.
- Inspect for cracked, frayed or broken plugs or loose connections. Replace before using.
- Have your chimney inspected each year and cleaned if necessary.
- Use a sturdy fireplace screen.
- Allow ashes to cool before disposing. Dispose of ashes in a metal container.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home – when one sounds, they all sound. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.

With simple precautions, help us meet our goal of decreasing home-heating fires this winter.

Briefly

More candidates pull papers

It looks as if there will be at least one race in this year's town election. So far, four candidates have pulled papers to run for Library Trustee and there are only three three-year positions available. If all return papers, George Haley of 119 Pleasant Street and Mary Lou Lawrence of 15 Beach St. could vie for a seat with incumbents Rodney Hobson of 31 Deep Run and Sheila Evans of 72 North Main Street. Citizens are not considered candidates until they return their papers with the required signatures.

Three-term Selectman Fred Koed pulled papers to run for re-election. Robin Lawrence, a sitting Board of Health member, and Mary Granville, a current member of the Board of Assessors, have also pulled papers to run for re-election. Current chairman of the Water Commission Glenn Pratt pulled papers to run for re-election.

Positions available for the 2008 town election include: Selectmen — two for three-year positions; Moderator — one three-year position; Town Clerk - one three-years position; School Committee — one three-year position; Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor—one three-year position; Board of Health — one three-year position; Planning Board — one for five-year position and one three-year position (to fill an unexpired term); Recreation Commission - one five-year position; Sewer Commission-one three-year position; and Water Commission — one three-year position.



COURTESY PHOTO

Dr. Bridgham's house, 45 S. Main St., ca. 1900 (now the location of Atlantic Bagel)

1895 Christmas fire could have destroyed Cohasset Village

By David Wadsworth
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On the night of Dec. 26, 1895, during a winter gale, Cohasset Center had a fire of major proportions and the village business district was perilously close to being destroyed.

At that time the center had several large, wooden structures including an inn called the Norfolk House; also the large house belonging to Dr. Charles B Bridgham, the large, house owned by C.F.B. Tilden, the nearby Tilden stable; an extensive business block belonging to Joseph St. John, which included the town's post office, a barn owned by Frank Brown and the house and barn of E. E. Ellms. All of these structures except the St. John block were located in the area between South Main Street and the railroad tracks that ran just to the west of the center.

In addition there were two dozen other stores and residences in the locale of the center. It was the barn of farmer Edward Everett Ellms that burst into flames that night in 1895.

In that era few people in Cohasset journeyed outside of their houses on a cold winter's night, so it was some time before the blaze was discovered. At 9:45 p.m., a passerby saw the town's center brightly illuminated by the unmistakable glare of a well-advanced conflagration. The dread cry of "fire" was raised, and startled residents ran to the scene. They saw the barn of E.E. Ellms engulfed in flames with sparks and burning brands raining down upon the rooftops of other nearby buildings.

A disaster of major proportions seemed imminent. The entire center of the village appeared ready to burst into flames. Not far away on the east side of South Main Street, the Independence Fire Company, headquartered at the Independence Station, now the Historical Society's Gown Museum, received the word and went into action immediately.

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Hoses were laid from the town's recently installed fire hydrants. The hand-tub pumper of the fire company was dragged into position near the Norfolk House to assist in maintaining water pressure. But the old hand-tub was not needed; water flowing downhill from the reservoir atop Lincoln Hillside produced more pressure in the hoses than even the pumper engine itself could produce. The struggle by firemen and volunteers to save the village began. Other buildings were ignited by the stream of sparks and burning brands raining down upon rooftops.

Dr. Bridgham's house and barn erupted into flames on the roof several times; each time they were extinguished by the doctor himself, along with his hired man and firemen. Volunteer townspeople formed bucket brigades to extinguish new blazes threatening other buildings.

At 10:30 p.m., three quarters of an hour after the discovery of the fire, the St. John block, hundred of yards away near Cohasset Common, became involved with flames shooting from its roof. Members of the fire company were hurriedly dispatched and succeeded in subduing that dangerous new fire. The St. John block was saved by quick work done by the firemen.

Frank Brown's barn, only a few yards from the ill-fated Ellms structure, was saved by pouring water on it continually. So was E.E. Ellms' house nearby. Dr. Bridgham's residence suffered a large hole burned through its roof, but still stood.

By midnight the fire company and volunteer townspeople succeeded in bringing the conflagration under control. The Ellms barn was totally destroyed. Six cows and one horse stabled within the barn perished, along with other livestock, but there was no loss of human life.

The Independence Fire Company remained at the scene to pour streams of water on the smoking ruins until long after daybreak the following morning. By then the exhausted firemen and volunteers knew they had saved the village. The fire company had proven its worth and the effectiveness of the town's carefully engineered water supply system had demonstrated the wisdom of its designers. Some of the present older buildings in Cohasset Center today owe their existence to the acts of courage done by the townspeople on that cold December night in 1895. The St. John block was torn down some years later, but the houses of Dr. Bridgham and E.E. Ellms still stand side by side on South Main Street and today contain modern shops and apartments.

David Wadsworth is archivist for the Cohasset Historical Society.

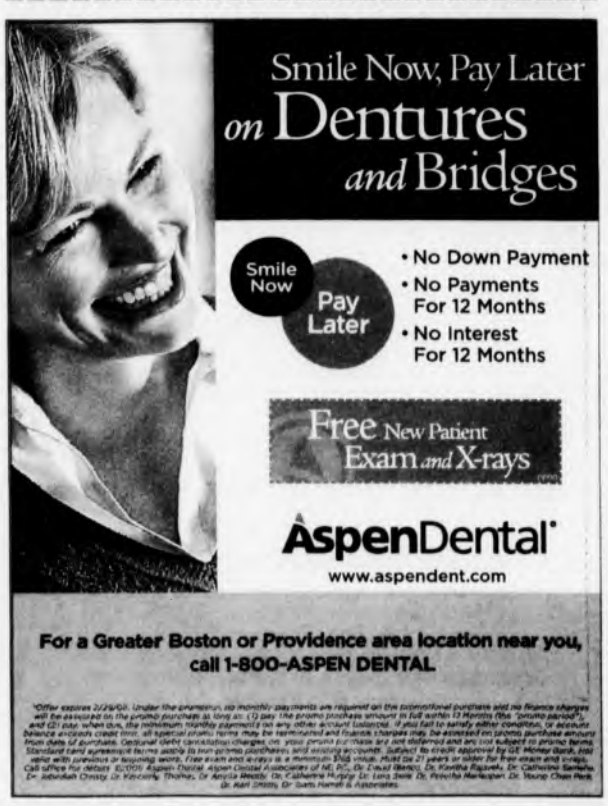






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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Thanks for speaking up

Before 2008 gets too far along, we still have some important 2007 business to attend to.

Some of the following names may be familiar to you, others may not be. But the people attached to these names all have one thing in common: they wrote at least one letter-to-the-editor or penned a commentary to the Cohasset Mariner in 2007.

A few wrote thank you notes to the people of Cohasset or organizations for their help or support; others complained about a decision or lobbied to have their views considered; while still others educated us about programs, problems or activities.

But no matter what the subject, putting pen to paper to share your views with your fellow citizens is important. The First Amendment is close to our hearts here in the newspaper business and at no time do we appreciate it more than when ordinary citizens, like those listed here, take advantage of their Freedom of Speech. And what better vehicle is there than your local paper?

So here at the Mariner, we salute the following citizens:

Connie Afshar; Lawrence Ainslie Sr. & Family; Bonnie Armstrong; Nancy C. Atwood; Barbara Baumgarten (for CMHS Arts Boosters); George Baumgarten (for CMI board members); John Beck; Paula L. Becker; Russ Bonetti; Elaine Breslow (for CMI fundraising committee); Richard E. Brooks; Marjorie Brown; Merle Brown; Shirley Brown; Jack Buckley; Bill Burnett;

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The editorial pages of the Cohasset Mariner belong to you. It's where you can speak out or just say thank you to a citizen or group that went beyond the call of duty.

Sometimes it takes a good dose of courage to let your voice be heard, but we think it's worth it. Often one voice is all the inspiration needed to propel others to action.

Last year, the Cohasset Mariner received 154 letters from 118 different people, groups or organizations.

To those of you that have thought about writing and haven't, please reconsider. To those whom we hear from on a regular basis, keep writing!

There are lots of weeks to go in the New Year — which will be filled with events, decisions, happenings and controversy. Let us hear what you think in 2008.

(Editor's note: Names of the Mariner's regular columnists were not included in this list unless they wrote a letter-to-the-editor).



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Self-interest vs. public interest

TO THE EDITOR:

Whether the staging area for the sewer and water project is permitted remained unresolved at the ZBA meeting Jan. 8. Although it clearly is an essential, integral and enabling component of a municipal betterment project, and not a commercial endeavor, the hang-up is some language in the bylaw that seems to require determination of whether the town or the contractor is in control.

Granted that the ZBA may not be free to consider the public interest as paramount (which is to get on with the job and avoid the expense and delay of relocation to a more remote site from which the longer travel distance to the work would discombobulate far more people than the current site); the ZBA is constrained to confirming conformance (or otherwise) to all the legal or procedural nits. Of course, counsel for the protesting abutter is doing his job by identifying the nits that can be questioned.

The Planning Board attitude seems to have been determined to some extent by the non-objective rhetoric of one member concerned with effect on his property values and general disturbance in his neighborhood, and then validated by declaring it a commercial venture, and exacerbating the traffic hazards of the site. That a more remote location only increases the number of traffic hazards and the number of residents affected seems not to have had any weight against the rhetoric. Surely, a properly functioning and responsible Planning Board would have given more mature consideration to the larger issues, and less to the angst of one member (who should have recused himself).

In principle, rules should not be ignored for the public or private convenience, else law and order would be eroded. But of course they are, usually rationally rather than irresponsibly, and our society survives. Those who preach for strict adherence forget that the rules often are imperfect and in some cases have unintended and harmful consequences, or that often rules can be interpreted to be either harmful or beneficial.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

In defense of Colonial Heights, Va.

TO THE EDITOR:

Just a cotton-picking minute there, Mr. Henshaw, (Dec. 27 column) before you spin off any more snide remarks about Colonial Heights, the upper crust of Petersburg, Va. At the time of your wicked, noisy, speeding down Highway #1, I was trying to sleep two inches away in half of a filling station, whose owner having concluded there was more money in renting to the military from Camp Lee than in pumping his small allowance of gas, had divided the space. Our half included what had been the Men's Room – with the usual facilities. Our neighbors had the Ladies. Our main space was over the grease pit.

Our only complaint was the night traffic. Some of it from "Chicken-in-the-Rough" across the street (chicken, biscuits and honey, $1) but later and far worse from late night celebrators roaring home.

Colonial Heights was nice. There was a small pond, Lake Jordan, where on summer weekends for 25 cents, the military could shed rank, along with clothes, and take a rest from saluting each other.

There were lots of MPs strolling the downtown streets in congenial pairs, but I never saw a civilian cop. They must have all been on the night shift, lying in wait for lawless Yankees like you.

Ruth Potter
Hingham

Art of the thank you note is not lost in Cohasset

TO THE EDITOR:

I can't stress the value of a simple "thank you" enough. In addition to be being a common courtesy, you are conveying that the value of another person's time or effort is understood and appreciated. However, expressing appreciation has seemingly become a lost art. Unless of course, you live in Cohasset!

The Cohasset Education Foundation would like to thank all who participated in their Teacher Appreciation Program, Extra Credit this holiday season to show teachers the appreciation they so richly deserve. Your gifts not only recognized a job well done, but also provided much needed funds for professional development.

For more information, visit www.cohasset-education.org.

Sarah Murphy
Cohasset Education Foundation

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.
CMHS School Council, Feb. 6, 2:30 p.m., Room 116 at the high school.
Conservation Commission, Jan. 17, 7 p.m.
Housing Authority, Jan. 16, 1 p.m. at 60 Elm St.
School Committee, Jan. 17, 7 p.m. at the high school.
Selectmen, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.
Water Commission, Jan. 15, 5 p.m. at the King Street plant.
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Tap water should make a comeback

TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JOANN MIRISE

In typical New Year's fashion, the news has been filled with those ubiquitous articles remembering 2007. There was a piece in the Globe last week that featured a series of local Boston personalities answering the question "What are you "so over" from 2007?" My favorite response, by artist Rachel Perry Welty, was "I'm so over bottled water. . . It's an embarrassment on many levels." Her words stuck with me.

I drank bottled water for years. In my office in San Francisco it was free. Oodles of bottles were stacked in the refrigerator. For those of us who demanded room temperature water there were neat rows of bottles on the counter. Sometimes I only drank half of the bottle and used the rest to water my plants. I often refilled my single serving water bottles from the bigger five-gallon dispensers to prevent some waste. And I always recycled my bottles. This helped ease my conscious, at least on the surface.

When I moved to Cohasset, I had so habituated to the bottled water lifestyle that I didn't even consider *not* subscribing to a water delivery service. The tens of millions of dollars spent annually by corporations to convince us (often erroneously) that our tap water is not to be trusted worked, at least on me and the millions of other people that

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Critical road striping at crossing

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

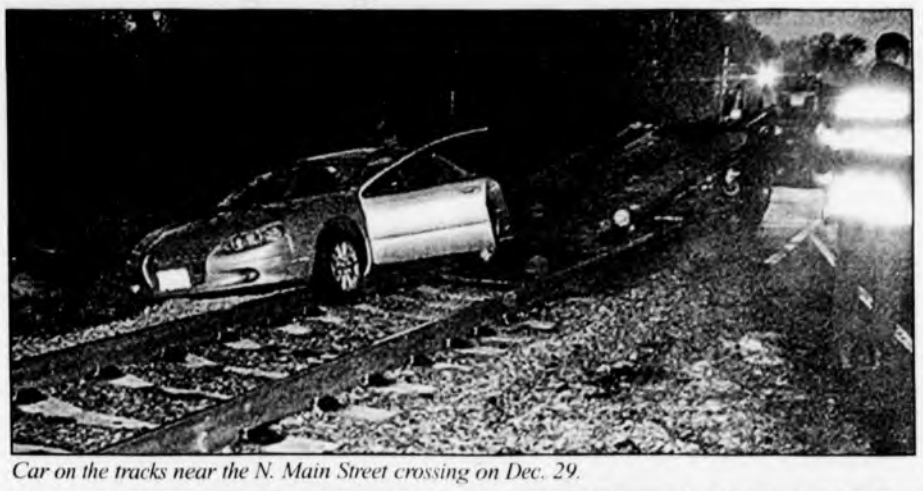
Greenbush – We have spoken numerous times about periodic incidents that have occurred at the North Main Street Greenbush crossing. Periodically, cars, for some reason, have driven off of the roadway and driven onto the tracks. The most recent incident happened on Saturday, Dec. 29. As you may recall, it was a foggy evening. The driver reported that the visibility was limited and he followed the lines at the edge of the road, which in fact were not at the edge of the road but the edge of the tracks. It was following these lines parallel to the severely angled tracks that led the driver onto the tracks. This car was the fifth instance that someone has done this. Had this incident happened on a weekday rather than a Saturday, there would have been a southbound train approaching the car from Hingham in the fog. We shudder to think what could have happened. So, that's the problem.

Now, for the solution: On Friday, Jan. 4th Town officials had a meeting at the N. Main Street crossing with the critical Greenbush project personnel, MBTA Commuter Rail top management, the Massachusetts DPU, who oversees the railroad crossings in Massachusetts, as well as the Federal Rail Administration. Seventeen people clustered around the site as we explained the situation. We had been asking the MBTA to repaint some of the lines at the crossing to reduce the driver confusion in low visibility conditions since last July. At this meeting, the Greenbush project personnel committed to repaint the critical road striping during the week of Jan. 7th, if the weather permits.

On another related subject, Greenbush ridership appears to have leveled off. As you know, we are in the habit of taking ad hoc surveys at the Cohasset station parking lot as an informal way to determine whether the ridership is up, down or about the same. Monday of this week, on the Jan. 7th, we took another reading of cars in the parking lot.

Forest Avenue stuff – The first snows and freezing weather this winter has hit our new street paving and sidewalk project on Forest Avenue. Several things have happened some predictably and there are some surprises. For those of us who already have sidewalks we are familiar with both the good and not so good of the DPW's sidewalk plow. Yep, they do a pretty good job of clearing the snow from the walk. But, the plows also tend to move the snow into driveways and driveway aprons. Unfortunately, this is an unavoidable result of the plowing, especially with heavy snows.

We have also noticed that there are several places where water drains out of the ground across the new sidewalk into the street and freezes. We suspect that some of these are natural and nearly unavoidable. Some may be the result of gutter drains or sump pumps that now show up with the nice new sidewalk and road. This latter instance is for the homeowner to resolve. In any event, it is the responsibility of each homeowner to do the best they can to keep their walkway passable. If needed, the DPW stocks a pile of sand in the Town Parking Lot for everyone's general use. And, if you are walking near one of these icy areas, please be extra careful.



Car on the tracks near the N. Main Street crossing on Dec. 29.



Location of Border Street sidewalk extension.

Border Street Sidewalk Extension – In reviewing the recently completed seawall project at Border Street and after listening to the input of nearby residents, the Town has started on a design for a short section of sidewalk that will connect the new harborside sidewalk to the sidewalk on the Mill River Bridge. The photo shows the path of the sidewalk. At the right edge of the area in the photo there will be a crosswalk to connect to the existing sidewalk. Once preliminary design and cost estimates are completed we will know if this can be built within our budget of available funds. If everything is favorable, we should be able to do the construction in the spring. So, stay tuned.

Sample Data

	# of Cars
Opening Day Oct. 31, 2007	75
Nov. 20, 2007	130
Dec. 4, 2007	152
Dec. 11, 2007	169
Jan 7, 2008	165

So, as you can see, it appears that the ridership has leveled off, at least based on our sample.

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The hunt for Whitey

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In King Arthur's time, knights errant sought the Holy Grail, whatever that was. Early African explorers searched for the mythical kingdom of Prester John. Coronado turned the Southwest upside down for El Dorado, the city of gold that existed over the next hill.

For the past 13 years, the FBI has been hunting for James "Whitey" Bulger with the same degree of success.

In case your interest in current events doesn't go much beyond Britney Spears, the Whiteman was indicted for racketeering and extortion in January, 1995, whereupon he picked up a new girl friend, hopped in his Mercury Grand Marquise and disappeared.

Since then, he has acquired new charges of 19 murders, an offer of $1 million for information leading to his capture, a spot (just below Osama bin Ladin) on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List and a task force of seven members created to search for him and him alone.

To my knowledge, the last time such a task force was formed for just one fugitive, his name was Al Capone or John Dillinger or Prettyboy Floyd.

The Whiteman has been spotted in so many places around the globe that the motto of the group has been, "Join the Bulger Fugitive Task Force and see the world." Members don't pack heat. They need the room for Sunscreen No. 15.

The latest spotting of Whitey and his girlfriend, Catherine Greig, was last spring in the Sicilian resort town of Taormina by a vacationing Drug Enforcement Agency agent, who made a tape of the couple that was distributed on the FBI website.

For a while, no elderly American couple resembling in the slightest the 78-year-old Bulger and the 57-year-old Greig could visit the Louvre or sample the arroz con pollo without being scooped up and grilled by the polizei.

"The challenge for us is he can blend into any community," said Richard Teahan, coordinator of the Bulger task force. "He's an older gentleman and he's traveling with a woman. They look like a lot of people."

Whitey may yet escape punishment for his long list of crimes and he may die in exile a free man but his actions have brought down many of those that were closest to him.

John J. Connolly Jr., the FBI agent who had been credited with a lion's share of the glory in bringing down the New England Mafia, had grown so close to the Whiteman that it was he who warned him of the coming indictment, giving him time to escape. Connolly went to jail.

And there was Whitey's brother, Billy, the former president of the Massachusetts State Senate, who lost his job as president of the University of Massachusetts after an unsatisfactory appearance before a Congressional committee inquiring about Whitey's whereabouts. He came out of it with a hefty pension.

In his memoirs, published a year after his brother's disappearance, Billy Bulger wrote:

"It's left to me, as it has been to others, to speculate about what, if anything, is valid in the dark rumors published about him. I am confident much of it has been circulated as an oblique political attack on me.

"I know some of the allegations and much of the innuendo to be absolutely false. Other matters I cannot be sure about, one way or the other. I have no way of knowing and can only hope.

"But he is my brother and I love him, and pray that he will not damage himself again."

The FBI says the Bulger family will not cooperate in the hunt for their brother.

2008 goals, 12 assists

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Surveys show that about 90 percent of New Year's resolutions are broken, half of which fail by the end of January. Armed with these statistics I felt safe in resolving to get fatter and become even less organized this year. I don't want to get ahead of myself, because the first few weeks are always the easiest, but judging from the fit of my corduroys and the little cloud of fruit flies flitting about the clutter on my desk, my new regimen is working fantastically well. The only disappointment has been the total lack of support from my family, which is sadly typical. But I'm pressing on, trying to make as much progress as I can in the early stages, knowing how hard it will be to remain gluttonous and disorganized in the long run.

My daughter Mary's 2008 resolution was to practice her clarinet more often, so I'm hoping she can learn a second or maybe even a third note. As I discovered years ago at an Osgood School Arbor Day celebration, it's possible for small children to play a vast array of songs on a recorder using just three notes over and over and over in subtly different sequences. Some indescribably long songs, in fact.

Nothing, however, can quite prepare you for your first fourth grade band concert. Just as everyone believes they have a good sense of humor, everyone thinks they're a music lover until they experience a group of 10-year-olds banging trumpets and wheezing into their snare drums. The worst part is when one of the students approaches the microphone and reads the title of the piece they're about to assault. "The William Tell Overture," he says confidently, then returns to his seat and shoulders his trombone like a bazooka. You think to yourself, "Okay, at least I know that one. This could actually be kind of—" And then noises come from the stage that sound so alien, it's like some kind of cruel hoax. You lean forward in your seat, mouth agape, waiting for the conductor to angrily wave off the whole thing and perhaps chuck his baton at the tuba player, but instead he plows on ahead determinedly as if a crime isn't being committed directly in front him.

I realize that every great musician has to start somewhere, but for every future professional oboist it seems there are whole school districts full of future plumbers and tone-deaf, arrhythmic dentists, and based on Mary's progress I think about eight years of lessons before the first public unveiling would be advisable. I know a lot of parents enjoy seeing their children on stage, so I'm not suggesting we cancel the concerts outright, just that we ensure the kids have no opportunity whatsoever to play. They could haul their instruments onto the stage, the band teacher could introduce each child, the child could hold up a few fingers to indicate how many notes he'd learned so far, he would bow, we would applaud — I swear this would kill a good 30 minutes. Then we could all suddenly glance at our watches and say, "My goodness, look at the time!" and flee the auditorium. The kids would probably be as relieved as we were.

My wife's New Year's resolution was to avoid the perennial stomach bug, yet here we are only a week into 2008 and she's down for the count. Teachers should really get hazard pay in the wintertime here, because practically every third student has some communicable disease. The reason is that as responsible parents we're always trying to toughen up our kids. When they fall off a horse we put them right back on. Those of us who can't afford horses use goats. If a child wakes up looking a bit spotty, we're usually willing to give school a shot, because the alternative is to spend all day at home coddling a cranky, walking virus factory, and frankly we need a break. As does the goat.

Nearly all New Year's resolutions are doomed to fail. The trick is to avoid making ones that are impossible to keep for 12 full months, such being nice to people who own Volvos or putting petty partisan bickering behind you. Start with some simple questions. What do you like to do with goats? Where do you want to be in a year? Who do you want to be? Is it you, in Massachusetts? Because if so I'd say you're done.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, convinced that polls showing he's running a distant 7000th in the race for Citizen of the Year do not take into account the old lawn mower he left at the Boutique recently.

HEALTH NOTES

Volunteer for causes, run for office

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Recently, we at the Board of Health learned of the dismissal of a Health Agent in a neighboring town. We won't use names because of the nature of the discussions in this article. The Agent in this story is a member in good standing of the Mass Health Officers Association and was known by the community of health professionals as an honest, dedicated and respected associate. The reasons given for dismissal were failure to approve plans for treatment systems, which violated State septic system requirements. Selectmen in the Town in question appoint the members of its Board of Health. Rumors of conflict with the statutes have surfaced before in the town in question and evidently the problem came to a head with the resulting dismissal of an experienced and respected agent.

Of course, we in Cohasset elect our Board of Health and although our relationships with the Town's citizens are not perfect, we are seldom accused of bias and our hands are reasonably antiseptic. But when things go smoothly, we tend to get complacent. For the last two years, the board members up for election were unopposed. Other positions in Town have had a scarcity of candidates. And this year, we have two openings for selectmen. Things go best when we have a healthy supply of concerned citizens willing to run for office in the Town. What we don't need is individuals who take office to further their personal agendas. We all as voters should be vigilant regarding the slate of potential candidates. We have a small town and we get to know most of those who run for office. It's our duty to carefully consider the potential candidates in the upcoming elections in terms of capability and ethical character, not necessarily breadth of knowledge of the intricacies of the particular office for which they are running. And don't worry about lack of knowledge or experience. The paid staff and other elected members with staggered terms can provide an adequate supply of knowledge and corporate memory. Running a small town like Cohasset may require honesty and sensitivity but it's not rocket science.

We also don't need openings for unfilled elective positions with no one running. A situation, which leads to the unhappy plight of the town, referred to earlier. Unfilled positions tend to become appointed positions, a surplus of which in a town signal a general apathy and certainly introduce the opportunity for bias and favoritism or nepotism.

The Town, like the rest of the world, is facing a host of new challenges: rising temperatures are having an effect on both our fresh and salt-water resources. Contamination of our skies is changing the character of trace pollution in our environment; we need increasingly expensive energy to sustain our present lifestyle. Towns need new tools and methods to meet the demands of education, interactivity, commerce and communication.

Meanwhile we have to teach our kids, cook the meals, pick up the cleaning, bind wounds and carry out life's demands. All of which goes on while we're earning a living. And, oh yes, volunteer for causes and run for office. No wonder we have gaps in our election slate.

But, it needs to be done. In April, we'll have the general elections and most boards and committees in Town will be looking for new members. Generally, these jobs are different from those one habitually performs. For example, for the Board of Health a psychiatric nurse, a dental surgeon and an engineer with interesting backgrounds bring a diversity of ideas to the job from which the Town has benefited, and we work with dedicated talented professionals from whom we've enjoyed learning. So, consider, there's a place in Town government where you'll be needed and which you will enjoy.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

BRIEFLY

Train, ball field featured

ourtown

Our Town is offering an end-of-the-year special with Roving Reporter Rich Ofsthun heading south for the Dickens Christmas event in Scituate.

The show then goes on to highlight two big 2007 happenings for Cohasset; the Beechwood Ballfield dedication and the coming of the Greenbush Train line. Wrapping up this special one-hour show is a performance by Cohasset's very own Gr8fls playing the Sea Note. Tune in Monday at 9pm on Comcast channel 10.

Register to vote

The date of the Presidential Primary is Tuesday, Feb. 5. The last day to register to vote will be Wednesday, Jan. 16. Registration will take place at the Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a Town Meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If people move, they may register to vote as soon as they move into a new home.

Popular Route 3A bakery to close this month

FROM BAKERY, PAGE 1

organizational talents have taken the bakery business to another level.

From humble beginnings in tea breads to a full service bakery, complete with a long list of mouth-watering goodies, it has been a long journey to this point.

"The best part of the business is we know each other very well, not many mothers and daughters can say that," said Maggie.

The mother-daughter team will miss the daily customer interaction their retail store has provided. Customers have given them plenty of opportunities to laugh over the years, whether it was a slice of life story or hearing them gush on about just how much they love Maggie's signature coconut cake.

"Employees have become family, some customers have become family," says Jenn. A staff of 10 is employed at Maggie's Corner. Each day they gather the staff for breakfast and lunch together in order to keep in tune with each other and to keep on track with daily tasks.

After closing out the business and selling the bakery equipment, the mother-daughter team plans to write a cookbook titled "The Cornbread Chronicles." The book will feature funny stories about their patrons alongside their favorite recipes.

"The hardest part is leaving the people. We've gotten to know kids and families, watched them grow up," says Maggie, "most people we've told are as emotional about it as we are."

But, both are convinced closing the bakery chapter of their lives is the right thing for them.

"There is no work balance, it's all work and no life," quips Jenn, but the statement rings true. The holiday season is especially tolling with 60 to 70 hour workweeks. In December, they filled orders for almost 1000 corporate gift baskets.

"Sometimes you have to close one door before another one opens," says Maggie. For them, the future is wide open, but retirement is definitely not in the cards.

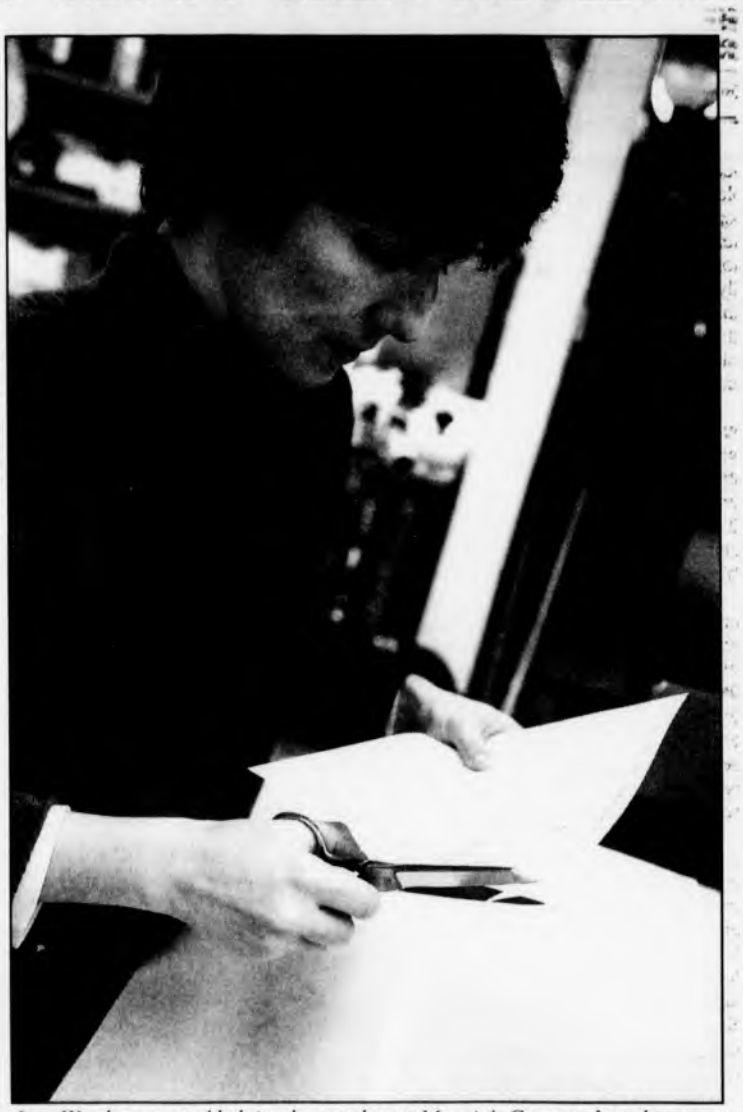
"We're just going to see what plays out," says Maggie. After closing out the business and selling the bakery equipment, the mother-daughter team plans to write a cookbook titled "The Cornbread Chronicles." The book will feature funny stories about their patrons alongside their favorite recipes.

"It's all about the journey," says Maggie with a smile then looks at Jenn, "who are we going to be next?"



STAFF PHOTOS/CHRIS SHORES

Maggie Warshaw of Maggie's Corner in Cohasset adds ingredients to cookie dough mix — the last the bakery will be making from its King Street location.



Jenn Warshaw started helping her mother at Maggie's Corner when she was only six years old.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' votes on two roll calls from the week of December 31-January 4. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

The House and Senate officially convened the 2008 legislative session. Much of the activity was ceremonial but the Senate wasted no time in also getting down to some business.

Both Senate roll calls are on proposed amendments to a bill, approved by the Senate on a voice vote without a roll call, making Massachusetts the eleventh state to become a member of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. The pact is aimed at reducing carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. The Bay State joins Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maryland, Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and Vermont in capping the total carbon dioxide emissions from each state's electric power generators from 2009 through 2014 and then requiring a 2.5 percent reduction each year over the next four years.

The measure requires power plants to buy credits that would allow them to emit carbon dioxide. Participating states would hold a regional auction at which the plants could buy credits. Plants that emit carbon dioxide without the appropriate credits would be fined. Plants that produce less carbon dioxide than expected are allowed to sell their leftover credits to dirtier plants that exhaust their credits. Revenue generated from the sale of credits could be used for energy conservation and efficiency projects, mitigation of any resulting electricity rate hikes and to offset any property tax revenue losses suffered by cities and towns in which plants are located. Communities that host these plants could see property tax losses because property taxes are partially based on the profits of the plants. Governor Patrick's Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs would ultimately determine how the funds are spent.

Patrick had already used his executive authority to sign onto the pact a year ago. The bill codifies the state's membership into state law and also establishes specific rules and regulations. Supporters said that making the membership a part of state law would prevent future governors from withdrawing from the pact. They noted that the pact would reduce emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming. Opponents said that the move would raise energy costs that would then be passed along to consumers and also put Massachusetts power plants at a competitive disadvantage. Former Gov. Romney considered joining the pact. He later expressed concern that the move would increase energy costs and opted not to join.

GIVE 25 PERCENT OF FUNDS TO CITIES AND TOWNS (S 2456)

Senate 7-25, rejected a Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative amendment mandating that 25 percent of the proceeds from the auction of the gas emissions credits be given as local aid to cities and towns. The bill, without the amendment, gives the authority solely to the Patrick administration to determine how the funds are distributed. Amendment supporters said that power companies would be passing their increased costs of purchasing the credits along to cities and towns that purchase electricity from them. They noted that the 25 percent guarantee would be a form of additional local aid that would reimburse struggling communities for these increased costs. Amendment opponents said that the amendment allows the Legislature to micromanage these funds and noted that it is best left up to the Patrick administration to decide where the funds would be best spent. They noted that the administration would still have the option to earmark some of these funds for cities and towns. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment requiring that 25 percent of the auction proceeds be given as local aid to cities and towns. A "No" vote is against the requirement).

$150 MILLION CAP (S 2456)

Senate 5-27, rejected an amendment temporarily suspending the state's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative if the power companies' cost of purchasing the emissions credits exceeds $150 million per year. The state would rejoin the pact when the costs are no longer projected to exceed the $150 million ceiling. Amendment supporters said that the cost of purchasing the emission credits is unknown and could be steep. They argued that the power companies would be passing along the increased costs to consumers and argued that the $150 million cap would protect consumers and ensure a balance between helping the environment and protecting consumers from excessive price hikes. Amendment opponents said that the proposed $150 million cap is premature. They argued that the Legislature should monitor the costs and only consider imposing a cap if the costs begin to spiral out of control. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment temporarily suspending the state's participation in the pact if the power companies' cost of purchasing the emissions credits exceeds $150 million per year. A "No" vote is against the cap).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL:

SENATE SESSIONS NOW ON THE INTERNET - The Senate last week joined the House and began broadcasting its formal sessions on the Legislature's website. The broadcasts include closed captioning for the hearing impaired. The House has already been broadcasting its sessions since January 2007. Both branches' sessions can be accessed at www.masslegislature.tv

REDUCE CIGARETTE FIRES - A new law requiring that cigarettes sold in Massachusetts be designed to self-extinguish if left unattended took effect at the beginning of the year. Supporters say that smoking materials are the leading cause of fatal fires in the nation. They noted that each year across the nation 1,000 people are killed and 300 critically injured as a result of cigarette-induced fires. The measure was approved in July 2006 by the Legislature and signed by former Gov. Romney. It gave tobacco companies 17 months to comply with the new law.

	Y
	Y

Y = Yes, N = No, NV = No Vote

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Spending games harm towns

HEDLUND REPORT

ROBERT HEDLUND



Two years ago, many of my colleagues appeared before their local municipal boards and spoke grimly of the state's financial state. They urged their local officials to budget conservatively, to not expect the types of local aid increases they had seen prior to the most recent economic downturn. We just don't have the money, they said.

And then these same legislators went back to Beacon Hill and voted for every spending bill they could. The highlight came in June 2006, when the Legislature passed a pair of bills contained a combined total of $742 million in new spending.

One of these bills was the so-called economic stimulus bill that featured money for projects like the infamous $100,000 Braintree gazebo and $200,000 for Victorian lighting in downtown Melrose. I was the only senator to vote against this bill, which even the Boston Globe referred to as "pork-laden."

Unfortunately, this is all part of a cynical and unfair fair game many of my colleagues play at the expense of our local cities and towns. They go before their local boards promising to deliver local aid, and then spend like drunken sailors when back in the State House. And what's the first thing they cut when times get tough? Local aid.

I feel that one of my Republican colleagues in the Senate, Richard Tisei of Wakefield, best summed up this often twisted relationship when he said, "When times are bad, the state always goes to the cities and towns and says we're in a partnership and we need to cut local aid. When times are good, when new revenue is coming in, we conveniently forget we're in a partnership. We haven't been a very good partner with cities and towns."

Tisei, who serves as the Senate's minority leader and has been in the Legislature since 1985, made that statement on the floor of the Senate during a recent discussion on a bill that would put into law the Commonwealth's participation with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. For the record, I support this pact among the Northeast states, as I am extremely concerned about the impact we are having on the environment.

One of the primary features of this piece of legislation is a cap on the amount of carbon dioxide — a leading type of greenhouse gas — that power-generating stations can emit. Under this bill, power companies would have to bid on credits in order to emit carbon dioxide, with each credit equaling one ton of pollution. The amount of credits available would be capped at 26.7 million, or approximately the average amount of carbon dioxide emitted in recent years.

This auctioning of credits, which is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation, is expected to raise more than $120 million, which would then be placed into a trust fund and used to pay for energy conservation and efficiency measures, as well as help support the emerging green power market.

As I said earlier, I support this initiative not just for the positive impacts it would have on the environment, but also that it creates a new stream of revenue — revenue that could be partially returned to our cities and towns. I, as well as my four Senate Republican colleagues, offered an amendment during the debate that would have required that 25 percent of the newly created trust fund's annual expenditures — or about $30 million — be returned to our communities to help pay for such things as installing new energy-efficient lighting fixtures or replacing old boilers and drafty windows.

Naturally, it was defeated by a largely partisan vote, as my colleagues once again showed they are all talk and little action when it comes to returning money to their districts.

I don't expect a much different outcome for a bill House Minority Leader Bradley Jones has filed. His legislation would return the $450 million that our municipalities were robbed of by the state earlier this decade. I consider it robbery because when the state Lottery was created in 1971, 100 percent of the profit was supposed to be returned to cities and towns as an additional form of local aid. Well, in 2003, rather than cut spending, the vast majority of the Legislature opted to "cap" Lottery aid payments, diverting hundreds of millions of dollars of local aid into state coffers and away from the communities. The result was layoffs for teachers, firefighters and police officers.

I provide all this background as we head into budget season here on Beacon Hill. Once again my colleagues are advising their town officials of the $1 billion-plus deficit being projected for the fiscal year starting in July, and urging them to budget conservatively. Except this time there is an additional level of truth behind it.

Another issue debated on the floor during our Senate session was the deficit in the Lottery aid account. As it turns out, state budget writers have been promising way more money in Lottery aid for cities and towns than the Lottery could produce. As a result, the Lottery aid account now stands about $250 million in the red, a figure that will likely be made up using the state's $400 million surplus from the most recent fiscal year. But in order just to level-fund Lottery aid accounts in fiscal 2009, the state will likely have to kick in $100 million of its own money, making a significant increase highly unlikely.

I will continue to be honest when I speak to my constituents and local boards and vote against wasteful spending here on Beacon Hill so that I will remain true to my promise: that local aid is a top budgetary priority of mine.

Republican State Sen. Robert Hedlund represents the eight-town Plymouth-Norfolk District that includes Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Weymouth, Norwell, Scituate, Marshfield and Duxbury.

Tap water should make a comeback

TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JOANN MIRISE

FROM TAP WATER, PAGE 10

support this $16 billion industry.

Like most, I started hearing rumblings that our bottled water was not what it was cracked up to be. A lot of it is actually tap water despite the images of mountains and springs on the label. Claims of superior purity are often dubious. And more studies have been indicated to determine whether harmful chemicals from the plastic are leaching into the water.

There is also the environmental impact of bottled water. It takes 47 million gallons of oil to supply Americans with plastic water bottles for one year. In California alone, 1 billion(!) plastic water bottles end up in the trash (only 10 percent are recycled). And the toxins from the bottles are leaking back into the groundwater, threatening our future water supply. Multiply these statistics by the increasing availability of bottled water around the world.

I knew all of these facts. Yet (and this is where the embarrassing part comes in) until recently, I still received my monthly bottled water delivery. This, even as I sat at my desk writing about the plight of our environment.

Clean water should be available to everyone. This is one reason we pay taxes. And this is why standing together as a community to protect this right is of vital importance. Every dollar we turn over to a corporation for bottled water feeds a system fundamentally interested in profit over human interest. This may be fine when it comes to salad spinners and flat screen TVs, but it is unacceptable when applied to a most basic and necessary resource for survival.

Today it's water, tomorrow it could be air. Perhaps those trendy oxygen bars that popped up a few years ago where you paid a buck a minute for a deep breath are a precursor to a bottled air industry. As our carbon outputs soar, dirty, unbreathable air will follow and you bet there will be some corporation trying to capitalize by selling "cleaner" air. Does this sound absurd? Twenty years ago it probably sounded absurd to sell "cleaner" water in a bottle at a 1000 percent mark-up, yet here we are.

What can we do? First, we can make the commitment to stop buying bottled water for ourselves and our family. Just stop. Annoyingly obvious, I know, but a powerful solution. In our house, we now use a filter, mostly for taste. We carry reusable bottles when we are outside the home.

The edict to stop buying bottled water should also be adopted by our town governments. What message is our leadership sending to townspeople about our water supply when they themselves have bottled water delivered to town offices and sip bottled water at public meetings? San Francisco government struck bottled water from their budget, saving $500,000 a year. This should be the norm in all cities and towns.

Also, we can work with our water department to keep improving our public water supply. Could our involvement and the money saved from bottled water be used to support programs to continue the water quality that we deserve, and the taste we enjoy?

And finally there are scores of other little things that add up to big change. My heart was warmed when I saw a soccer coach on the field handing out glasses of water from a pitcher. Every public and private venue is ripe for a water overhaul.

Perhaps next New Year's, when we are reading the articles remembering the year past, we will be met with the big, bold declaration that 2008 was the year that tap made it's comeback!

JoAnn Mirise lives and works in Cohasset.

Cohasset Democrats to hold annual caucus

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will hold their annual caucus at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 9, in the Paul Pratt Public Library at 35 Ripley Road to elect five delegates and two alternates to the 2008 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Two female and two male delegates, and one male or female delegate will be elected.

The State Convention will be held Friday, June 7, at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell. At that time, Democrats from across the state will gather to endorse candidates for the office of U.S. Senator. The names of those candidates who receive 15 percent of the state convention vote will be placed on the Democratic Primary ballot Sept. 16.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus. All ballots will be written and secret. Those not elected as delegate and/or alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates in the category of youth, minority, or disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 56 Roland St., Suite 203, Boston, MA. 02129, no later than ten days after the caucus date. For caucus information, contact chair, Agnes McCann, at 617-686-4866.

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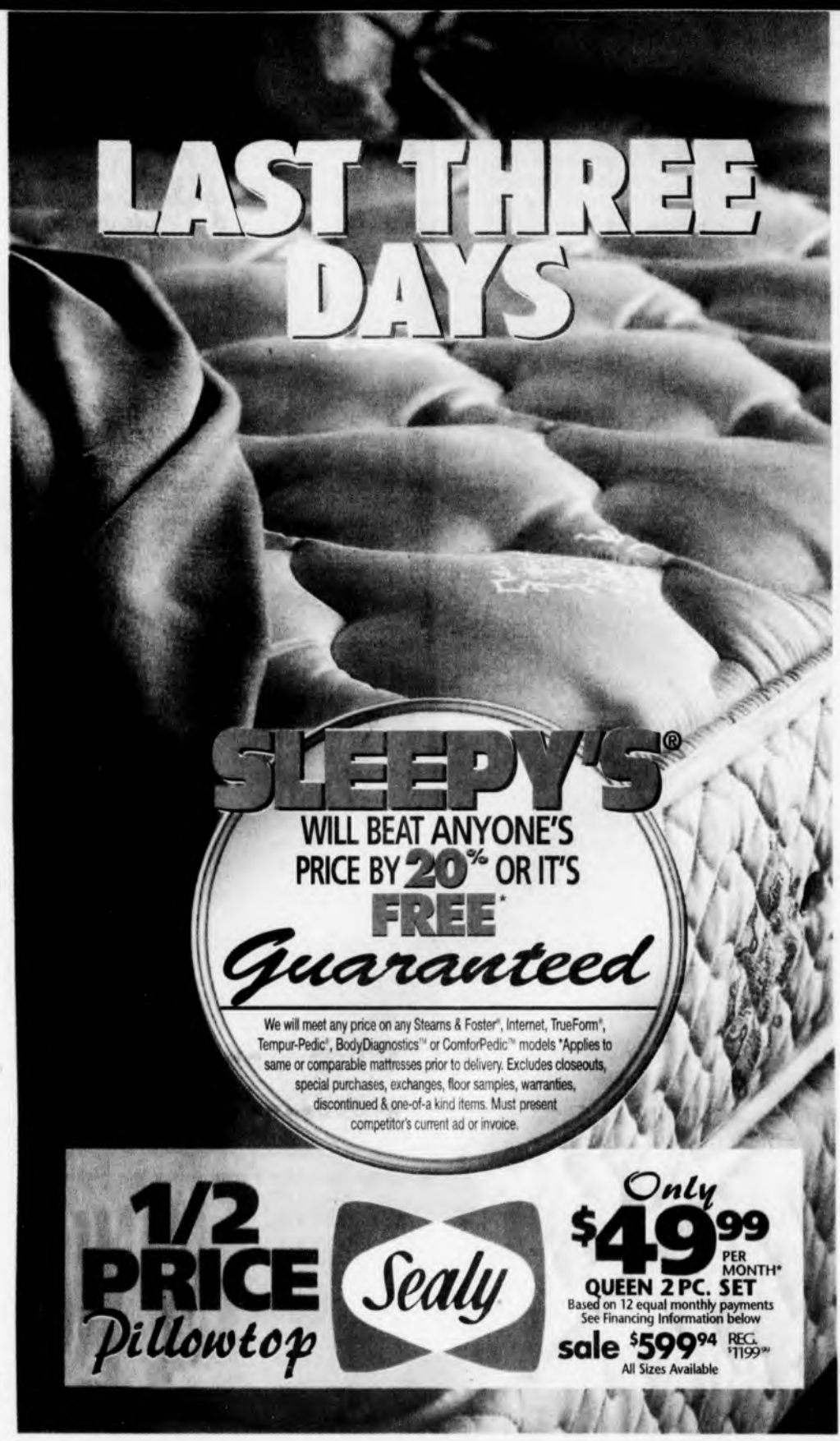
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Positive gains for Skippers

Boys basketball team wins holiday tourney; Hull gets revenge Tuesday

By Joel Racicot
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"It was nice for our psyche to get a win, to know we can beat one of the better teams in our league."
Dorian Bryant

The Cohasset Holiday Basketball Classic is always regarded as one of the best tournaments of its kind on the South Shore. Consistently providing good competition and a fun basketball environment, athletic director Ron Ford has put together a tournament with staying power and that means something (just ask Scituate, Duxbury or Rockland, all three missed a chance at a holiday tourney this year and all three felt the ill-effects once they resumed playing).

What's also nice is the slate is never filled with cupcakes – hence the fact the Skippers had never won the darn thing through the first 11 years. All that changed this year when Cohasset pulled out a slightly stunning (considering the final score) 69-35 win over Hull in the tournament championship.

"It's very important for our program," Cohasset boys basketball coach Dorian Bryant said. "It was a nice moment for us."

Senior captain Patrick McCarthy was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, scoring 16 points against Sacred Heart and 21 in the win over rival Hull.

The fourth-year varsity guard is putting together a nice season for Cohasset and is a big reason the boys are 4-3 overall through the first seven games.

"He is one of our leaders and our go to guy in the clutch," Bryant said. "He is a guy that can change a game and he knocks down big shots that have led to some wins this year."

Marcus Charles, a junior guard, was also named to the all-tournament team.

"He is one of our best shooters on the wings," Bryant said. "He can set people up with his passing skills and he is good defensively – he brings a lot to the table."

Defeating Hull is always a big deal for Cohasset (the Pirates returned the favor Tuesday night beating the Skippers, 57-46).

"They have a really strong program and they have a big rivalry with our kids," Bryant said. "It was nice for our psyche to get a win, to know we can beat one of the better teams in our league."

More recently Cohasset defeated Harwich, 67-57, Friday night behind senior David Snowdale and junior Danny Martin. Snowdale scored 18 points, while Martin added 17 points, 13 rebounds and five blocked shots.

"David is an intense kid and a leader on the floor," Bryant said about the forward's career night

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Marcus Charles (3) spots up for a three pointer and is fouled in the process for a four-point play during recent action. Charles was named to the all-tournament team at the 12th Annual Cohasset Holiday Tournament.

Smashing success

Lyster's big hit propels Skippers to win Friday; Clippers best boys Saturday

By Joel Racicot
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Ian Lyster meet Rick Dares, Rick Dares, Ian Lyster.

Maybe it wasn't so cordial, but hockey is hockey and a hit is a hit and that is what the Cohasset junior defenseman did to the South Shore Vocational captain, he put on a big hit and changed the momentum of a hockey game, Friday night.

Trailing 2-0 after one period, a first period in which Mr. Dares scored once and assisted on another, Cohasset came out in the second half determined not to let the game slip away. That's when Lyster practically put Dares into the stands on a check that broke the glass and paused the game

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

The Skippers go wild after tying the game against Rockland recently. Cohasset has skated out to a 3-3-1 record to start the season and will get ready to face Old Rochester at home Friday.

Flibotte leads Groton's win streak

Junior Captain Gabriella Flibotte of Cohasset led the Groton School Lady Zebra basketball team to its fifth straight victory with a 51-17 win over St. George's School of Newport, RI.

Scoring was slow over the first 12 minutes of play as both teams had just returned from a two-week break. With 6:09 to play in the first half and the score locked at 10-5, Groton called a timeout hoping to jump-start its offense. Some sharp shooting by the Zebras enabled them to take a 24-11, halftime lead.

Flibotte came out of the locker room on fire – offensively and defensively. In addition to five steals, the junior had 12 points in the half, including going 2-for-3 from three-point range. Flibotte's on-the-ball defensive pressure inspired the entire team, as the Zebras would only allow the visiting Dragons six points in the entire half.

"Gabby is a tremendous defensive player with quick feet and great instincts," said Groton head coach Susan Wynn. "Her intensity brings the entire team to a higher level."

Flibotte finished the night with 14 points and 8 rebounds. The Zebras end the week with a record of 5-2.

Eighth grade girls travel hoops team splits games

Squad defeats Rockland, falls to Halifax by one point

The eighth grade girls travel team played two out of three scheduled games prior to holiday break with a third being cancelled due to a snow. On a cold Saturday night in December the girls traveled to Rockland and came out victorious, 37-19. The team came ready to play, setting the tone early with Cohasset playing solid defense. Anna Seraikas and Christie Fitzgerald shared the responsibilities at point guard, running a motion offense to give Cohasset the lead at the half, 17-7.

In the second half, the defense continued to deny Rockland and the offense continued to shine. Contributions came from everyone as the team recorded 28 rebounds, 22 steals, eight blocked shots and shot over 40% from the floor. Isabel Robinson led the way on offense with 10 points, followed by Allie Farren, Anna Seraikas and Sage Stebbins (each with six), Christie Fitzgerald (four), Watson Leffel (three) and Ruthann Barry (two). The team dominated the boards lead by Allie Farren with 10, Watson Leffel and Isabel Robinson (each with five), Jen Mullin, Olivia Franklin and Sage Stebbins (each with two) and Christie Fitzgerald and Ruthann Barry with one a piece.

Cohasset took care of things on defense too. In addition to second shots, steals were a real driver for scoring. The team snatched 22 steals in the contest, with Allie Farren leading the way with eight, followed by Anna Seraikas (five), Christie Fitzgerald and Isabel Robinson (each with three), Sage Stebbins (two) and Olivia Franklin (one). Blocked shots came from Allie Farren (four), Anna Seraikas (two) and Olivia Franklin and Watson Leffel (each with one). Special recognition goes to Allie Farren whose tenacious play and leadership earned her the coveted Hustle Award, tallying six points, 10 rebounds, eight steals and four blocked shots.

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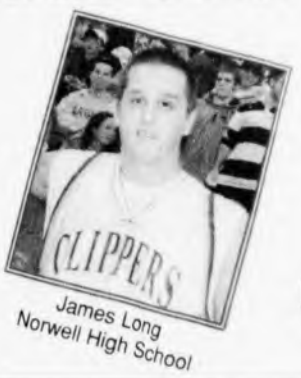
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Positive gains for Skippers

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against the Rough Ryders. "He is a good rebounder and a good defender, he really makes us go."

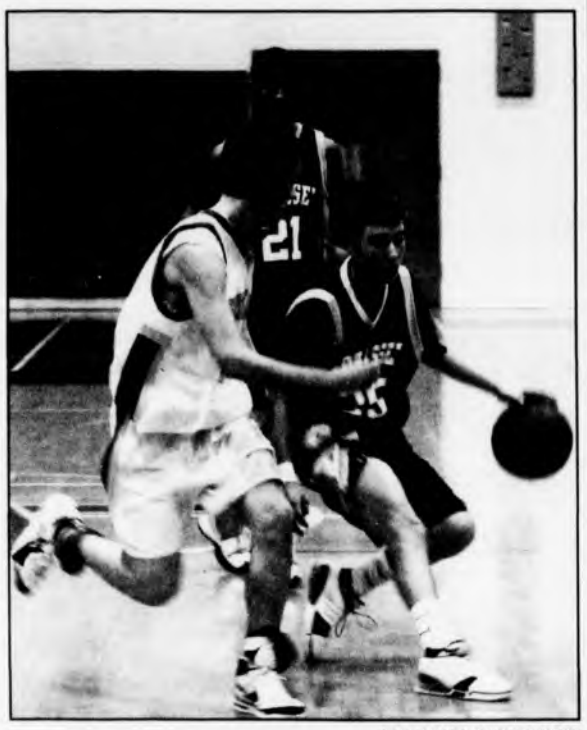
Martin, a 6-foot, 5-inch big man is one of the most vital parts of the Skippers attack. Martin played stellar in the holiday tournament and continued his very good start to the season against Harwich.

"He is extremely important for us," Bryant said about Martin. "We try and get the ball inside to him first on offense to open things up for our guards. He really is our presence down low, he can block shots, dunk the ball and score some points."

Cohasset is also getting quality minutes from starting varsity point guard Robert Jones.

"He is phenomenal," Bryant said about the freshman. "He is a natural point guard, and for a freshman I am amazed at his court sense and vision...he also works really hard."

Hull came out strong at home, Tuesday night, ready to avenge the loss in the holiday tourney. The Pirates led by as many as 23 points in the third quarter before a comeback by the Skippers cut the lead to six with 2:30 left to play in the ball game. It would be as close as they would get (the loss dropped the Skippers to 1-3 in the South Shore League).



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

Robert Jones makes a move against Abington. Jones is starting for the Skippers at point guard.

"I don't think we matched their intensity in the first half," Bryant said. "Once we settled down it was a little too late, I wish we could have put some more time on the clock. The kids never gave up and they worked hard."

McCarthy finished with 17 points in the game.

Cohasset plays league opponent Norwell, a team that had not lost a game yet this year, tonight (Friday, Jan. 11) on the road. Tip-off is at 6:30 p.m.

Eighth grade girls travel hoops team splits games

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The snowstorm kept the team off the court for over a week, and the holidays had the team traveling down to face Halifax with just six players. Halifax has a solid team and a very tall center who possesses good skills all over the court. But that did not stop Cohasset's six player squad from tallying a season high 40 points, grabbing 28 rebounds, coming up with 20 steals and blocking six shots.

With only six players and no one to substitute for the center position, it was imperative that Cohasset avoid foul trouble early in the contest. Cohasset held back its full court press, but handed Halifax a very alert and active 2-3 defense. Exceptional anticipation at the top of the key by Christie Fitzgerald and Isabel Robinson generated a number of steals that lead to fast break baskets. Allie Farren, Jen Mullin and Olivia Franklin kept the post area locked down, and worked well as a group to shut down baseline drives.

On offense, outside shooting by Christie Fitzgerald opened up the middle, allowing Olivia Franklin and Isabel Robinson to work the ball inside to Allie Farren and Jen Mullin. Working in the paint, Allie Farren drew a number of fouls including a pair against Halifax's center. The team was relentless on defense and smart play on offensive generated points and fouls. Cohasset left the court at halftime clear of foul trouble and holding a 15-12 lead.

The second half was nonstop action. Halifax's center returned to the game. No trip down the floor by Cohasset was wasted with the team putting up good shots, and getting great position to ensure second and third chances at the basket. Continued tough defense including nine blocked shots, coupled with aggressive defensive rebounding by Allie Farren and Jen Mullin kept Halifax away.

Putting on a full court press, Cohasset maintained its ground; however, two quick whistles left Isabel Robinson with five fouls and she had to sit down. Then the Halifax center got hot, pulling them into striking distance. With less than one minute on the clock, she threw up an unlikely three point shot and it went in. Cohasset fought back but a couple successful trips to the foul line by Halifax left a tired and disappointed Cohasset squad on the short end of a 41-40 score.

The group should be commended for its performance. These six players faced a bigger squad but not once did they let up. Every player rose to the occasion, the team shot a season high 49% from the floor and racked up 24 rebounds, 13 steals and 11 blocks. Isabel Robinson led they way on offense with 13 points, followed by Allie Farren and Christie Fitzgerald (each with eight), Olivia Franklin (six) and Jen Mullin (five). Allie Farren and Isabel Robinson each grabbed seven rebounds, joined by Jen Mullin (four), Olivia Franklin and Christie Fitzgerald (three).

Isabel Robinson led the way in the steals department with six. Christie Fitzgerald (three), Allie Farren (two) and Jen Mullin and Ruthann Barry (each with one) also recorded steals. Bringing the season total to 69 blocked shots, Allie Farren tallied six blocks, Olivia Franklin and Christie Fitzgerald each recorded two and Jen Mullin added one block. Special recognition goes to Isabel Robinson who sparked her team with her unyielding focus and persistent play, earning her the coveted Hustle Award, with season highs of 13 points and six steals and a notable seven rebounds.

Sports Notes

Harlem Rockets Return to Cohasset

The world-renowned Harlem Rockets return to Cohasset Thursday, January 17 to battle Cohasset's very own "Dream Team" in a night of comedy basketball entertainment.

"Dream Team" players include from the Osgood, Mrs Crough, the school nurse, Mrs. Schwantner, the tech teacher and Mr. Lecount, the adjustment counselor. From CMHS, Coach Afanasiw and Coach Pattison, Coach Galotta, Ms. Beal and Mr. Ford and more special guest players.

The game begins at 6 p.m. at the Cohasset Middle High School gym. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Recreation Office at the Cohasset Town Hall, the Athletic Office at the CMHS, or from any Basketball Booster Member. Tickets are $8 in advance and $10 at the door. Get your tickets early and avoid long lines at the door!

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Lyster's big hit propels Skippers to win Friday

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for forty-odd minutes.

"It was a good clean hit by Ian," Cohasset boys hockey coach Bob Walsh said. "I coached Ricky Dares when he was younger and he's a good tough kid. Ian played his position well and simply made the hit necessary to gain position."

Both teams were sent to their locker rooms while the glass was replaced and the ice cleaned.

"Once you know everyone is OK, then you start to worry about a 40 minute delay in the game and what positive or negative affect this will have on your team," Walsh said. "It was only a 1:10 into the period so I was pretty confident that my guys would stay fired up and not lose momentum but you never really know until it's too late."

Cohasset didn't lose momentum and in fact built a head of steam and stormed out to a 7-4 victory.

At 5:47 of the second period, Cohasset captain Alex Goetz scored from his younger brother, Anders Goetz, in a scrum in front of the Vikings net making the score 2-1.

The Skippers knotted the game with less than a minute and a half left in the second when sophomore Brendan Doonan scored assisted by senior captain Chaz Czerkawski.

The third period was almost all Cohasset as they out-scored the Vikings 5-2. Big goals were scored by all four Cohasset captains, Czerkawski, Goetz, senior defenseman Frank Wheelwright and two goals by senior Pat Doonan. Cohasset out-shot South Shore 47-22 in the win.

"We came out slow, that is one of those things that always worries me," Walsh said. "A few games it has taken a while to get the train going."

Cohasset followed the South Shore Vocational game with a match against perennial league powerhouse Norwell. The Clippers won the game, 4-0, but Cohasset kept it competitive throughout. The loss dropped the Skippers to 3-3-1 overall, 2-1 in the South Shore League.

The score through one period Saturday had both teams knotted 0-0.

"We came out and played really tight, they out-shot us big in the first and played a lot in our end but we were set up to do that," Walsh said. "The hard part is keeping the guys calm and focused on the game plan."

Norwell added two in the second and two in the third to get the win. Cohasset received another strong performance in net from Jonny Wade.

"He played great and had some huge saves during the game," Walsh said. "In a couple of cases Norwell had sure goals and Jonny came through diving across the crease."

Cohasset is getting strong play from the usual suspects, including all four captains, but the performances of freshman Anders Goetz has opened some eyes.

"He has been unbelievable," Walsh said about Anders. "The assistant coaches are always looking over at me and saying, 'I love that kid.'"

He may be the smallest kid on the ice, but Walsh insists the youngest Goetz plays "six feet tall."

The top five points leaders for Cohasset through seven games are, Czerkawski (6), Pat Doonan (6), Frank Wheelwright (6), Anders Goetz (6) and Alex Goetz (5).

Cohasset plays tonight (Friday, Jan. 11) at Pilgrim Arena against a scrappy Old Rochester team. The puck drops at 6:50 p.m.

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

JAMES LONG
Norwell



Name: James Long
Family: father, Mike; mother, Sandy; sister, Caitlin
Hobbies: football, basketball
Favorite athlete: Paul Pierce
Favorite sports accomplishment: Winning South Shore League basketball title in 2005-2006
Favorite subject: AP US Government
Favorite teacher: Mr. Whelton
Favorite TV show: SportsCenter
Favorite food: Chinese
Favorite movie: He Got Game
Most underrated teammate: Mike Genatossio

Nominees for the South Shore Athlete of the Month are chosen by sports editors from the following towns: Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth. One student-athlete is chosen from the list of nominees as the South Shore Athlete of the Month. Coastal Nissan, sponsor of the South Shore Athlete of the Month, will present a check in the amount of $500 each month to the athletic department from the winning school.
Nominees for the month of December are: Abington: Kelsea Cheney; Braintree: Amy Cushing; Cohasset: Patrick McCarthy; Hanover: Lesley Guenard; Hingham: Cam Spiro; Marshfield: Dave Mannix; Norwell: James Long; Rockland: Petros Hologitas; Scituate: Dan Galvin; Weymouth: Jake Harrison.
The Athlete of the Month for December is James Long of Norwell.

Norwell senior James Long has been the anchor in the Clippers tremendous early season success and continues to be one of the best boys basketball players on the South Shore. The power forward nailed down the 1,000-point milestone against Carver in December. He was the hero against Hingham in the championship of the Ed Amaral Holiday Tournament sinking a pair of free throws with one second remaining in the game, sending the Harbormen to their first loss of the season. Long finished the game with 24 points as Norwell won, 60-59.

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Sports Notes

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CYBSA Launches New Online Registration for 2008 Season

The Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association (CYBSA) will hold its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball spring season ONLINE beginning December 21, 2007 through February 1, 2008. Parents/Guardians can complete the registration process by visiting our website: CYBSA.net.

The registration process will be closed on February 1, 2008. Registrations that are completed after February 1, 2008 will be charged a $50 per player late fee and late registrants will only be placed on a team if space permits, on a first come first serve basis. The late fee will be strictly enforced, and there is no guarantee that late registered players will be accommodated, as uniform orders and other season plans will be made on February 1st. Your cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order equipment and uniforms so that we are ready for opening day.

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SIGNS OF SPRING



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With the warm weather this past week, some Cohasseters are already thinking spring! And what means spring more in town than the Rotary Club's Cohasset Road Race by the Sea, an annual tradition. Here runners make their way along Atlantic Avenue before turning onto the street of seven hills, Forest Avenue. Stay tuned to the Mariner all winter for your sports news, including updates on this year's road race, which will be the 32nd annual!

SCHOOLS

Spinnaker issue is in the works

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



Hello everyone! It's good to be writing again after having taken a short two-week hiatus. Possibly old news now, but hopefully everyone had a great holiday. Is anyone else suffering from twinkle light and decoration withdrawal? Who says you can't keep Christmas lights on your front porch all year round! Oh well, holiday season '07 has officially ended, meaning it's time to think of new '08 resolutions. Most of us will only keep these resolutions for a few months, not to be a Debbie Downer but let's be honest with ourselves here! My New Year's resolution of not making any more resolutions should be easy enough. The first few weeks back from any long break from school are always difficult and sometimes tiring as we all try to get back into the swing of things. Time to switch the channel changing muscles for the essay writing, quiz taking, and homework muscles (sigh). Someday teachers and science will prove that homework is, in fact, detrimental to our development!

On the bright side, it seems as though CHS athletics has proven to be quite the source of entertainment. Last week, the varsity hockey team came back to tie 5-5 in the last ten minutes of their game versus Rockland, an awesome feat for the boys in blue, who almost faced a 5-1 loss. Talk about comeback kids; the tying goal was scored with a mere four seconds left in the game. If the enticing game of hockey doesn't float your boat then maybe the boy's varsity basketball team will, topping up their 4-2 season with yet another win against Harwich last week, winning 67-57.

Stepping away from the sports, as that is Hazel Mae's job, it's time to announce that the Valentine's Day issue of the Spinnaker is already in the works. So don't be afraid to open the door to any of the smiling seniors; journalism students looking for business or individuals interested in buying ads for the newspaper.

Also, future National Honor Society hopefuls are only steps away from a possible induction into the scholarly organization. For those unsure of what NHS is, it is a collection of students invited from grades 11 and 12 who have a GPA of at least 3.4, though that just gets a foot in the door as other important attributes are required to be selected.

Well, that's it for exciting school news! Time for the weekly run down: Monday, **Jan. 7**, driver's education met in room 166 for one of their final sessions; Tuesday, **Jan. 8**, the boy's basketball team played close rivals, the Hull Pirates. Sadly, they were unable to continue their winning streak against the neighboring team. Also, the swim team dove into action, swimming against Middleboro; Wednesday, **Jan. 9**, senior peer leaders met with their young protégés. Also, a meeting for Relay for Life was held in the library; Thursday, **Jan. 10**, health nuts met in the library after school for a health, fitness, and nutrition workshop. Junk foods beware! Could this mean more fruits and veggies in the lunchroom? And lastly, Friday, **Jan. 11**, senior songbirds shared their musical talents at the District Music Festival in Barnstable. Sports captains met in the library for a workshop that will fine-tune their leadership abilities.

That's a wrap for this week's article. Have an awesome weekend!

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

High School announces college acceptances

The Cohasset High School Guidance Department announces the following students have another reason to celebrate the holidays due to being accepted to college: Meghan Anderson, Bates College; Stephanie Belz, Drexel College and Johnson & Wales University; Matthew Blaze, Roanoke College; Oliver Brennan, University of New Hampshire; Matthew Burgess, University of Vermont; Jacqueline Cahill, Northeastern University; Cameron Cope, Rennselaer Polytechnical Institute; Ryan Crough, St. Michaels College; Charles Czerkawski, Connecticut College; Evan Deutsch, Middlebury College; Mark Flibotte, Bowdoin College; Anna Haggerty, University of New Hampshire; Sondra Hart, Carnegie Mellon University; Tyler Kelly, Catholic University and St. Michaels College; Christine Kent, St. Michaels College and Southern New Hampshire University; Olivia Kimla, Salve Regina University; Eric MacCarthy, St. Michaels College; Sally Meehan, Colby College; Nathan Porter, University of New England; Maura Regan, St. Michaels College, University of New Hampshire and University of Vermont; Samuel Roth, University of Pittsburgh; Amanda Simpson, Franklin Pierce University; and Frank Wheelwright, Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Integrated Preschool available soon

Applications for the Cohasset Integrated Preschool will be available Monday, Jan. 28, at both Osgood School and the Student Services Office at Cohasset Middle High School. Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2008 to participate in the morning class and 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2008 to participate in the afternoon class.

Applications should be returned to the Student Services Office at 143 Pond St., no later than Friday, Feb. 15. The lottery will be held Monday, Feb. 25, and families will be notified by mail that week.

A deposit of $75 is due by Monday, March 10, to hold the space. Tuition is currently $1,500 for the year, which includes four days of 2.5-hour sessions each school week, but is subject to change by the school committee.

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Scientist succeeds with online degree program



ROMIYA GLOVER

By Christopher Hartley
MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL

Romiya Glover is a woman on a mission: to further her education in clinical investigation so she can help develop new laboratory instruments. The one she is working on currently can provide the results of a basic blood count plus CD4 lymphocyte count in just 14 minutes; both key tests when managing patients with HIV/AIDS.

Her interest in science began when she was a student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where Glover received her bachelor's degree.

"My focus was on biology and biotechnology, and then I began an internship at PointCare Technologies in Marlborough, where I worked in manufacturing medical devices and I was also learning about quality assurance and regulatory issues," she says. As an intern, Glover was responsible for ensuring that new devices passed quality control.

"Our team was strong on core science background, but no one had strong knowledge of how to carry out the trials ... how to design protocols, monitor sites, and collect and analyze data," Glover says. "I became very interested in understanding regulations and how to bring a product to market."

Glover says she saw a need to connect scientists to the regulations in the industry in order to ensure successful launches of new devices. She saw a place for herself at the company, which inspired her decision to apply to a graduate program in clinical investigation.

"First I visited Monster.com, Careers.com and Petersons.com to explore clinical investigation and see what kind of background was necessary," says Glover. "I looked for programs that offered lots of flexibility. Since my employer has a tuition reimbursement program, I wanted to work and study."

One of the schools Glover considered was the MGH Institute of Health Professions. "I placed information on a few of my top choices in front of my boss and she helped me choose the most reputable one, which was the MGH Institute," she says. Glover enrolled in the online master's program in clinical investigation, graduating in May 2007.

"Last summer I became a manager of assay and reagent development where I develop the chemistries for the next new devices," Glover says. "I believe in PointCare's mission, which is to take current technology and make it affordable for poor communities and developing countries such as Haiti and Nigeria."

Glover says that before she became a manager she traveled to Trinidad and Barbados to install new blood analyzers in clinics and to train local clinicians.

Glover's team is working on the next generation of devices.

"I am in charge of designing trials and managing data, but the biggest reward is seeing our chemistry work in a device, and seeing it make a difference in a patient's life," she says.

For more information on the MGH Institute of Health Professions and the Graduate Program in Clinical Investigation, visit: ci.mghihp.edu.

Christopher Hartley is director of external publications for Massachusetts General Hospital.

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Law school may help boost or change existing career

By Andrew J. Manuse
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Peter Sanborn was an English and history major as an undergraduate and used an internship in Tufts University's public relations office to propel him into his career.

Now, married 5½ years and expecting his first child, the Arlington resident and director of Web communications at Tufts University is also in his fourth year at Suffolk University Law School in Boston.

"Paralegals come here and want to become lawyers, or (students) have worked in research and want to turn that into a patent law career."

Laura Ferrari
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"My ultimate goal is to be university president, so I started thinking of ways to do that," Sanborn said. "I thought, if I become an attorney - looking at places where law intersects with university needs - then create a career in that direction and combine it with my communications background, that could form my career."

To make room for his career and family, Sanborn is taking advantage of Suffolk's evening program, a four-year degree program costs $26,960 annually. Suffolk's three-year day program costs $35,948. He is taking out loans to cover what an academic scholarship doesn't.

"The balance is challenging because of the sheer volume of the work," he said.

He works a normal day job and goes to school at night. He said he spends time with his wife on the weekends and during the summer.

"She is a very patient person," Sanborn said.

According to Laura Ferrari, dean of students at Suffolk, 98 percent of evening students at the law school have day jobs. Their average age is 27.

"Many are here to enhance their career or switch their career," Ferrari said. "Paralegals come here and want to become lawyers, or (students) have worked in research and want to turn that into a patent law career."

It's a lot of work, though, she said. The typical law student takes required courses in their first year, such as criminal law, tort law, constitutional law, property law, contracts, civil procedure and how to write and research legal cases. Evening students spread out the first year into two. Later on, students take electives that follows their particular interest and courses that will prepare them for the Bar Exam, she said.

To deal with the stress that may come with the workload, the cost of tuition or balancing life, work and family, students may be interested in the nonprofit Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Inc., which began as a group to help attorneys with drug or alcohol problems, according to its executive director, Gina Walcott-Torres. The group has expanded now to provide free assistance to any problem and students are welcome, Walcott-Torres said.

"There is a lot of time required in law school, and falling behind is not an option," Walcott-Torres said. "Your professor won't want to know why you didn't do your homework - whether it's you have kids, you're married, your baby kept you up all night - they just want to know that you did it."

Walcott-Torres said professors will call on each student in class randomly to go over the past night's assignment. This could be difficult for someone who's been away from school for some time, she said.

Still, professionals returning to law school will be looked at favorably, she said, because they probably didn't make the decision to go into law school lightly.

Students form study groups at school, and usually choose to work with people in their similar situation, Walcott-Torres said.

"Until you find other people like you, there's a small sense of isolation," she said. "Once you set up alliances, you form support groups to deal with that."



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Peter Sandborn attends Boston's Suffolk University Law School at night.

Picking the right law school should also be a consideration, according to Marilyn Wellington, executive director of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

"As you look at law schools, you have to look at what you're trying to accomplish," she said. "Clearly, a Harvard degree is an invaluable degree. ... But it depends on your goals."

A Harvard, Boston College or similar law school may propel students into one of Boston's larger law firms, Wellington said. But those schools don't have evening programs, so it might be more worthwhile to consider Suffolk or the New England School of Law, which make it easier for students to work while they're going to school.

Once graduated, the sky is the limit, Wellington said.

Law school graduates can become law librarians, teachers, open their own firm, join an existing firm, become a judge, or go into other public service, she said. Many corporations and nonprofit groups recruit attorneys into management and administrative positions. Their law degree gives them a basic knowledge of contracts and negotiations, she said.

Wellington herself started with a degree in music education, she said. She taught kindergarten through eighth grade music for a while then decided to go to law school.

"I enjoyed music and teaching, but it wasn't something I felt I wanted to do the rest of my life," she said. "As I thought about it, with a law degree you can do a variety of different things.

"People think of court and trial lawyers when they think of lawyers, but if you're someone who likes to learn and somewhat of an academic, it's an interesting thing to go through," she added.

Wellington practiced law for 10 years before she took her current job, she said.

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Off-season Bermuda delights

David L. Harris
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Hamilton, Bermuda -

A large, smiling pirate looked down at me as I lounged by the sun-splashed pool of The Fairmont Hamilton Princess hotel. The 20-foot lighted buccaneer, posted on the side of a nearby docked boat, was part of Bermuda's holiday boat parade, an annual display of highly decorated boats and fireworks around Hamilton's harbor.

Fortunately for me, the pirate was one of the only presences at the pool.

Winter is not high tourist season in Bermuda and that's just fine for those of us who enjoy peace and quiet. There are no tourist crowds; no cruise ship passengers walking through the streets or in the shops.

In Hamilton, the police officer who normally puts on a show for tourists by directing traffic in a little kiosk takes time off. And you don't need to maneuver yourself space on the beach.

Winter visitors don't quite have the small, sunny, wealthy island all to themselves. But it just might feel that way at times.

I'd come here for a relaxing four-day weekend. When I arrived at the airport, it was raining, but, as any Bermudian will tell you, all you have to do is wait a bit. A half-hour later the sun was shining.

Bermuda in winter isn't hot, but it is warm enough - often in the 60s - to sit in the sun. And if lounging is not your thing, there's plenty else to do.



PHOTO BY THE FAIRMONT HAMILTON PRINCESS

You may have the pool practically to yourself.



PHOTO BY THE FAIRMONT SOUTHAMPTON

There is plenty of room to spread out on Bermuda beaches in winter.

In Southampton, for $2.50, you can trek up all 185 steps to the top of the lighthouse at Gibb's Hill, home to one of the most magnificent views of Bermuda. Built in 1846, the lighthouse is noteworthy for the fact it's built of cast iron. Or you can take a leisurely walk on the nearly 22-mile scenic railway trail, carved out of Bermuda's old railroad - the tracks were torn up in 1948 after Bermuda officials decided passenger rail service was just too expensive to maintain.

Hamilton, Bermuda's capital, is also its center for shopping and the arts. Check out the City Hall Arts Centre on Church Street, which houses the Bermuda National Gallery of Art (www.bermudanationalgallery.com). The museum, smack dab in City Hall, is small but vibrant and features a large collection of Bermudian, African and African American art. Admission is free, and every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., you can get a free, guided tour.

Just around the corner are shops: from U.K. department store Marks and Spencer to Bermuda's well known A.S. Cooper and Son apparel store. There's no sales tax in this British territory, so whatever price you see is what you pay.

With the tourists sparse, Bermudans rule the streets. On my visit, parents and kids frolicked from shop to shop and teenage boys tried to impress the girls with their scooter skills.

About an hour's drive from Hamilton - at the other end of the island (closer to Southampton) - sits the Royal Naval Dockyard, which contrary to its name is not a functioning military base. A taxi will get you there efficiently, although the convenient public bus is a lot less expensive.

The Dockyard is a popular tourist spot, with attractions including the Bermuda Rum Cake Factory, where I bought a rum swizzle-flavored cake to take back home. There's also Dockyard Glassworks, which features a variety of beautiful handmade glass, and the Clayworks, where you can buy island-made pottery.

On the ride from Hamilton there are sights to see, including Fort Scaur, a 19th century fort that serves up a superb view of Hamilton and most of the island. On the way from the fort to the Dockyard, you can also stop at Haydn Trust, the smallest church on the island.

But all this touring will inevitably make you hungry. For an elegant Old World dinner, try the Waterlot Inn (101 South Shore Road), the oldest restaurant on the island - it dates back to 1670. The Waterlot is now part of the Fairmont Southampton resort, and features a menu of mostly steak, but you have to try the rich sherried onion soup, too - made with delicious locally grown onions.

And don't forget to indulge in the island's specialty drink, the ``dark and stormy," a sinful mix of dark rum and ginger beer.

For a more casual meal, try the nearby Henry VIII restaurant (52 South Shore Road), where you can order Bermuda specialties such as a savory codfish sandwich with mango chutney or pan-fried rockfish. The restaurant also has a great view of the ocean if you sit outside on the deck.

In Hamilton, Little Venice (32 Bermudiana Road) is a cozy Italian restaurant with good food including veal marsala, an extensive wine selection and impeccable service. Don't forget dessert, including a delectable bread and butter pudding.

A must-do is high tea, complete with little sandwiches, pastries and scones with clotted cream, all expertly served at The Fairmont Hamilton Princess, the elegant harbor-front hotel in Hamilton.

They say this British territory has more golf courses per square mile than any other country in the world. Whether the statistic is accurate or not, there are plenty of places on Bermuda to keep duffers entertained including the exclusive championship Mid Ocean Club (www.themidoceanclubbermuda.com), site last year of the PGA Grand Slam.

The boat parade isn't the only festivity on the island in the winter months. Other events, such as the Bermuda Festival of the Performing Arts (Jan. 15-Feb. 23; www.bermudafestival.org), with its dance, theater and music offerings; International Race Weekend (Jan. 18-20; www.bermudaraceweekend.com), featuring a half and full marathon; and the Bermuda Film Festival (March 28-April 5; www.biff.bm), attract a fair mix of tourists and locals.

But avoiding crowds altogether is also an enticing possibility.

Hamilton is Hip

The big news in Bermuda may be the attempt by locals and visitors alike to let down their hair.

Throw off that sporty suit jacket. Bermuda's still a conservative place in all respects, but it's become remarkably less formal. Remember those Bermuda shorts worn with long socks? You'll see a lot less of those.

``It used to be that most restaurants required a jacket and tie," said Lloyd Roberts, owner of a local cab company and a lifelong resident of Bermuda. ``Not so nowadays. Those old timers have passed on, and the new generation doesn't want to be as formal."

And the new generation also wants fun. Nightlife is Bermuda's latest phenomenon.

Hamilton, Bermuda's capital, suddenly has hip clubs and wine bars.

Check out the Opus Lounge on Bermudiana Road; a cocktail spot where cosmopolitan bankers mix with tourists looking for a taste of the high life.

Lotus Lounge, housed in a Thai restaurant called Silk on Front Street in Hamilton, is another fun nighttime option, and has a DJ. But this is still Bermuda, so be aware the place closes at 2 a.m.

IF YOU go...

Getting there: Bermuda is a less-than-two-hour flight from Boston. Delta (www.delta.com) offers nonstop flights with winter fares from around $338.

Staying there: The Fairmont Hamilton Princess is where Mark Twain stayed when he was on-island. The 410-room hotel on Hamilton harbor is the Grand Dame of Bermuda properties. Rates start at $229 per night. 800-257-7544, www.fairmont.com

The Fairmont Southampton sits atop a hill, surrounded by the ocean on one side and the harbor on the other. The 593-room hotel features nine restaurants, a full-service spa, indoor and outdoor pools and a par-3 golf course. Rates are from $259 per night. 800-257-7544, www.fairmont.com

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Walking through Portsmouth's black history

Barbara Radcliffe Rogers
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

IN NEW ENGLAND

Portsmouth, N.H. -

The restored homes of Strawbery Banke offer a far different view of Portsmouth, N.H., than that seen by those in chains aboard slave ships arriving in the Colonial port.

The first view for those arrivals would probably have been the slave block on Long Wharf, where they would have been auctioned to the highest bidder.

Long Wharf today is the starting point for the Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail, a route of 24 sign-posted sites around the historic seaport.

Those of us in the North tend to think of slavery as peculiar to Southern history, but slaveholding was not uncommon in colonial and Federal-era New England. After all, New England ports - including Portsmouth - were the northern point for the infamous ``Triangle Trade" of molasses, slaves and rum. A 1775 census records 656 enslaved Africans in New Hampshire, most in the seacoast area.

Reading the signs of the Black Heritage Trail you learn the owner of the William Pitt Tavern, now part of Strawbery Banke Museum, auctioned some of the slaves. A sign at his tavern illustrates how slaves were ``invisible" in the eyes of the law, protecting them from punishment for misdeeds ordered by their masters.

You learn not all slaves were farm and domestic workers. Primus Fowle was a skilled printer, whose master owned the ``New Hampshire Gazette," for instance.

Portsmouth also had a number of free blacks, including Cyrus Bruce, freed by Gov. John Langdon - as Langdon's butler, Bruce was a well-known figure in Portsmouth, and his story is told at the John Langdon House.

Other familiar landmarks figure into the city's black history. The Children's Museum on Marcy Street was the first black church in the state, growing out of a Bible study group in 1890. The story continues into the 20th century, with black social clubs and fraternal and with black residents in the military and in defense jobs at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

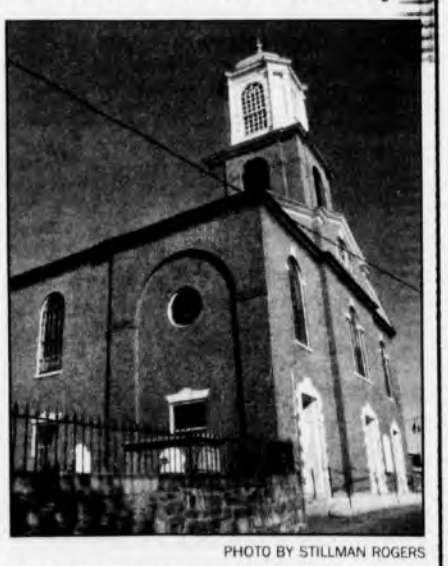


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St. John's Church is one of the sights on Portsmouth's Black History Trail. Once with segregated pews, the church later became a leader in the Civil Rights movement.

The trail ends chronologically in the 1960s with the work of the Seacoast Council of Race and Religion, a group of people of all races, formed to raise money for projects including voter registration in Mississippi and to provide a voice against local de facto segregation.

Taking this tour is a fascinating walk through Portsmouth's past.

For more information, visit http://seacoastnh.com/Black_History/Black_Heritage_Trail

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IT'S HAPPENING

COMPUTER CLASSES A GIGABYTE OF FUN!



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The children of the South Shore Community Center Nursery School enjoy playing a variety of computer games. These classes help reinforce skills that the children are acquiring in Nursery, Pre-K and the Enrichment Classes. If you have upgraded your system this year, please consider donating your computer to the Community Center. Call Paula Murphy at 781-383-0088.

Houck to offer mosaic workshop

The South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, will offer a one-day adult mosaic workshop, taught by Boston-based artist Lisa Houck, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Sunday, Feb. 3. Students will learn to design a mosaic using bold, graphic shapes. Glass tiles will be cut in class and then glued to a panel to create a work of art, which is durable, colorful and full of lively patterns.

Lisa Houck works in watercolor, oil on wood, ceramics, mosaics and etching.

Those interested can register at the art center, by calling 781-383-2787, or by visiting www.ssac.org. The cost of the class is $95 for members and $130 for nonmembers. A $25 materials fee is payable to the instructor.

Rock the night away

Dance the night away to the classic rock sounds of the "GR8FLS" (formerly known as the Greatful Dads) at the Red Lion Inn Barn from 8 p.m. to midnight on Feb. 1. Hors d'oeurves and a cash bar will be available.

The event benefits the Cohasset Hockey team. Tickets are $20 available at the door or through any hockey team member or parent.

Mandarin Chinese offered for kids

This new class is being offered to children ages 7 to 9 and will introduce students to the language of Mandarin and Chinese culture. Mandarin for Kids is an eight-week session and will begin Feb. 11 at the South Shore Community Center on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. (based on demand, a second class may be offered from 4:30 to 5:20 p.m.). The instructor has just returned to the Boston area after living and teaching in China for four years. She will be sharing her knowledge and experiences in a small class format so spaces are limited. Call Chuck Gilliatt at 781-383 2901 or email at cgilliatt@comcast.net for more information.

Legion seeking donations for those deployed

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. The following items are being collected at the American Legion for deployed servicemen and women:

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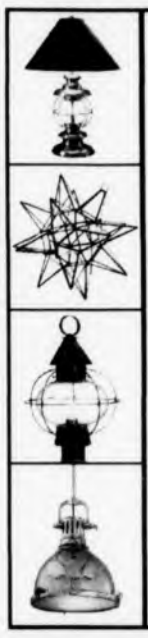
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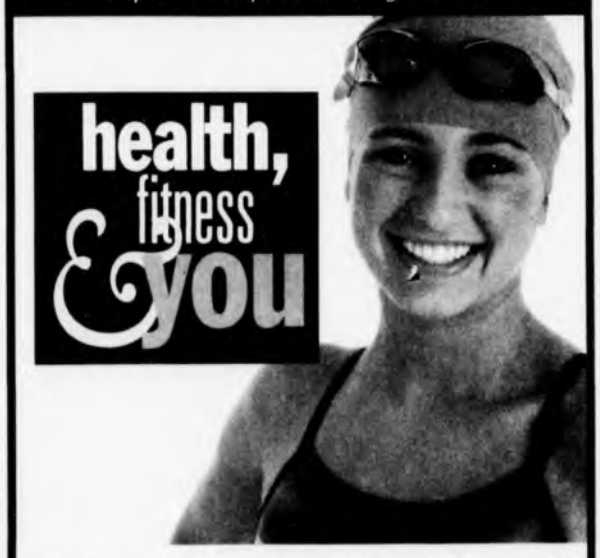
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

9:32 a.m. **South Main St.,** officer wanted. Caller reports his vehicle was just struck by another vehicle and broke the mirror off.

11:07 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

11:15 a.m. **Sohier St., Deer Hill and Osgood schools** check.

12:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** larceny report. Caller reports a male party just came in and stole a leather jacket and fled. After review of the video tapes this was a misunderstanding. The male party entered the store with the jacket on. It was not stolen.

1:36 p.m. **South Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

2:58 p.m. **Grace Dr.,** disturbance. Caller reports her vehicle was just struck by a snowball. Youth have been spoken to again – this is an ongoing issue.

4:05 p.m. **Windy Hill Road,** officer wanted.

4:20 p.m. **Jerusalem and Windy Hill Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

4:43 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

6:45 p.m. **Sohier St.,** breaking and entering. Caller reports he has been home for a little while now but his wife's jewelry is gone and so is a jar of change.

9:33 p.m. Caller reports he was supposed to pick his son up at the Cohasset Station at 6 p.m. and he was running late. He reports his son wasn't there. MBTA Police notified and are giving out a description. Sergeant reports the missing party has gotten off the last train, he is with his mother now.

10:54 p.m. **Summer St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

THURSDAY, DEC. 20

1:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** parking complaint. A motor vehicle has been parked in the lot with multiple parking tickets and revoked plates. Reported to MBTA Police.

1:09 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

1:16 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1:20 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** parking complaint; motor vehicle tagged for all night parking.

6:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic enforcement.

10:41 a.m. **Bow St.,** larceny. Walk-in party reports a bunch of kitchen cabinets gone from her garage.

1:23 p.m. **Sohier St.,** Deer Hill/Osgood schools check.

1:26 p.m. **North Main St. and Jerusalem Road,** motor vehicle crash. Callers reporting motor vehicle crash at this location. Officer requesting tow truck for one vehicle. Medics have checked all parties involved, no transports at this time.

2:10 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

4:15 p.m. **Norfolk Lane,** officer wanted.

4:54 p.m. **North Main St. and Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued.

5:11 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** harassment report. Walk-in party reports her former boyfriend is harassing her through the Internet.

8:20 p.m. **Summer St.,** parking complaint. Caller reports there is a party at this location and there are cars parked everywhere and one is in the street.

8:50 p.m. **Highland Ave.,** disturbance. Caller reports kids are throwing snowballs from this location at cars.

11:23 p.m. **Highland Ave.,** disturbance. Caller reports a group of kids throwing ice balls at cars.

FRIDAY, DEC. 21

12:41 a.m. **High School,** building checks.

12:44 a.m. **Deer Hill/Osgood schools,** building checks.

8:06 a.m. **Sohier St.,** fire, investigation. Call directly into Fire Headquarters for an awkward smell in the basement.

9:11 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

9:18 a.m. **Sohier St.,** Deer Hill/Osgood schools check.

10:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** illegal dumping. Officer spoke with dumping party; he will not be dumping again.

11:57 a.m. **Hingham Police Department,** BOLO from Hingham Police Department.

1:01 p.m. **Summer St.,** Parking complaint.

1:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle crash. Caller reports a man has clipped off her mirror. On a second call, caller reports he clipped a woman's mirror and is pulled over up the street from her away from traffic. Parties would like to see an officer to exchange paperwork.

2:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** animal complaint. Caller reports two pit bulls running around the parking lot. Officer reports one is a boxer.

2:50 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

3:41 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Surry Dr.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

4:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

4:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS. Chest pain.

5:30 p.m. **Elm St.,** assist motorist. Walk-in party reports a vehicle into a snow bank.

5:41 p.m. **Elm. St.,** officer wanted. Walk-in party reports that her brother's caretaker has been operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and with plates that should be on another vehicle than the one he is driving. She was advised to call the station when she observes operation again.

5:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle crash/hit and run. Officer reports a hit and run accident just occurred at 3A and Pond and they have the vehicle stopped at this time at Beechwood St. Arrest: Diane T. Soucy. Charges: OUI liquor; leaving the scene of property damage; negligent operation of motor vehicle.

6:02 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** threats. Male summonsed.

8:06 p.m. **Elm St.,** missing person.

9:31 p.m. **Elm St.,** service.

SATURDAY, DEC. 22

12:39 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** suspicious activity. Hull Police Department reports at above location two women/men acting suspicious. This is a third-party call – no further information. Vehicle, a green Ford Bronco, was headed toward Cohasset. Nothing found.

9:01 a.m. **Nichols and Jerusalem roads,** public service order. Caller reports one of the pipes where the construction is, is spraying water. Officer reports Water Department is on scene, no problems.

9:23 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports about 10 minutes ago a man in a gray SUV came up her driveway and was taking pictures. When he saw her he left. Caller did not get a plate number.

9:54 a.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid. Caller requests R3 for an elderly man not feeling well.

10:19 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

10:25 a.m. **Sohier St,** Deer Hill and Osgood schools check.

10:28 a.m. **South Main St.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports a male she is familiar with has taken off in her brother's vehicle and is driving with a suspended license. Arrest: Ramiro Rivero. Charges: Operating a motor vehicle with a suspended licensed; use of motor vehicle without authority.

10:59 a.m. **Tad Lane,** medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS.

12:32 p.m. **Gammons Road,** animal complaint. Caller reports they are house sitting for the address listed above and the family dog appears to be sick, he yelps when touched.

12:43 p.m. **South Main St.,** officer wanted. E1 requests an officer for a car parked in front of a hydrant. Officer cannot locate the owner, vehicle will be towed.

3:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS.

3:58 p.m. **Ripley Road,** traffic complaint. Caller reports a vehicle almost hit her son when they were crossing in the crosswalk. Checking area – no vehicle found.

6:13 p.m. **King St.,** larceny. Caller reports expensive decoration was taken off her fence. Office reports it is a white fence post.

6:24 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** disturbance. Caller is a vehicle repo man – male is giving repo man a hard time. Officer reports the repo man didn't have the correct paperwork to repo vehicle – he may return later with the correct paperwork.

7:35 p.m. **Summer St.,** parking complaint. Caller reports her vehicle is parked out front of above address – she has lost her keys and cannot move the vehicle.

8:45 p.m. **Beechwood and King streets,** parking complaint. Caller reports there are several vehicles parked on the side of the road.

8:50 p.m. **South Main St.,** medical aid.

9:04 p.m. **Pond St.,** building checks.

9:12 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

9:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. Caller reports vehicle all over the road, headed toward Scituate.

9:28 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** fireworks. Caller reports he heard three or four gunshots going off. Officer reports possible fireworks going off.

9:48 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** officer reports building appears secure.

11:16 p.m., **Diab Lane,** disturbance. Caller reports there is a fight going on at above location and there is screaming inside. Officer reports peace has been restored.

11:33 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

SUNDAY, DEC. 23

1:10 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

6:47 a.m. **South Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

8:11 a.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid.

10:30 a.m. **White Head Road,** keep the peace. Male requesting a police escort while he removes some of his belongings. One in custody at this time for warrant. Resident has also noticed an expensive item of very high value missing from the residence. Item has been located by officer on an Internet Web site for sale. Arrest: Luis Jimenez, South Boston. Charge: WMS Warrant.

2:40 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** public service. Caller reports his vehicle has a flat tire at this location and he will pick up the car tomorrow morning. It is not a hazard at this time.

2:52 p.m. **Heather Dr.,** fire, investigation. Caller reports odor of gas inside the house.

6:42 p.m. **Grace Dr.,** parking complaint. Caller reports there are two vehicles parked in front of his driveway blocking caller.

9:27 p.m. **Forest Cir.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports kids were throwing snowballs – it hit the windshield wiper and broke it.

10:03 p.m. **North Main St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS. Caller reports there is a male on the side of the road wearing a red jacket. Officer reports he saw the male walking on the side of the road – he was fine. Officer on the scene reports male will be transported.

10:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. Caller reports the vehicle is all over the road. Officer reports driver checked out and has been spoken to.

11:37 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** medical aid; transported SSH/BLS.

MONDAY, DEC. 24

12:42 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

12:57 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

12:58 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

MONDAY, DEC. 24

12:42 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

12:57 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

12:58 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

9:04 a.m. **Elm St.,** larceny. Walk-in party to report his daughter's cell phone has been stolen and has been used several times.

9:56 a.m. **South Main St. and Stanton Road,** outside fire. Illegal outside burning. Contractors have a controlled fire in a barrel at this time. Units extinguishing. This is the second time fire units have been dispatched to this location for same reason.

10:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

10:56 a.m. **Howe Road,** fire, investigation. Caller reports carbon monoxide detectors are sounding.

12:34 p.m. Fight (domestic).

1:38 p.m. **South Main and Summer streets,** motor vehicle crash. Caller reports a minor motor vehicle crash at this location. No injuries.

3:06 p.m. **Deep Run,** suspicious activity. Caller reports they are away and just received a call from a neighbor stating that a young male is on their property going through items for the new addition that is being done. There was no intent with this male party doing any crime and he has been advised about going on the resident's property.

9:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** fire, outside. 911 caller reports there is an outside fire near this location. Nothing found.

TUESDAY, DEC. 25

7:43 a.m. **Jerusalem Lane,** icy road conditions. Caller reports above location a sheet of ice.

9:30 a.m. **Clay Spring Road,** medical aid; transported SSH/BLS.

11:37 a.m. **Howe Road,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS. 911 caller reports a female was walking and slipped on ice in front of his house and is laying in the middle of the street.

5:33 p.m. **Doane St.,** noise complaint. Caller reports what sounds like gunshots behind his house. On a call back the caller stated it was just a neighbor lighting off fireworks. Officer check the area and states it is quiet now.

7:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. Caller reports an old Cadillac heading northbound swerving all over the road. Officers report nothing in the area or to the Hingham line. Hingham Police Department has also been notified.

9:14 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

9:24 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26

12:52 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

12:54 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:48 a.m. Domestic in progress. Husband arrested on assault and battery charge.

1:27 p.m. **Elm St.,** animal complaint; large brown and white dog at fire headquarters. ACO has spoken to the resident and they will be coming to the station to pick up the dog.

2:07 p.m. **Elm St.,** BOLO announcement. Kingston Police Department looking for gray Ford pickup truck with Massachusetts commercial plates. Male party stated that he is going to his girlfriend's house in Kingston from Brockton to kill her and her child and then take his own life.

2:52 p.m. **Hull St.,** suspicious activity. Officer out with a male party for interview. This is not the male party in question. Units clear.

3:08 p.m. **Hull St.,** investigation.

5:02 p.m. **Nichols Road,** medical aid; transported SSH/ALS.

9:57 p.m. **North Main St.,** motor vehicle crash/no injury. Caller reports he has hit another vehicle. No one was in the other vehicle and he reports he is not hurt. Hingham Police Department notified and Hingham is sending their medics.

THURSDAY, DEC. 27

1:30 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1:30 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

8:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

9:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** suspicious activity; arrest. Caller reports they had a young male passed out in an old green Volvo this morning and it took them a few minutes to wake him up. When he awoke, caller reports he was barefoot and all wet. Caller states the kid told him he was waiting and then left. Officer is off with this vehicle at Shaw's Plaza parking lot. One in custody. Arrest: Michael E. Higgins, Walpole. Charges: OUI; failure to stop for a police officer.

1:42 p.m. **Elm St.,** larceny report. Walk-in party reports she has found out that a check of hers was taken by the moving company and they have cashed the check for $453. Female victim does know who the suspect is. Person summonsed.

1:57 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** medical aid; transported SSH/ALS.

2:01 p.m. **South Main and Brook streets,** parking complaint. Vehicle blocking fire hydrant. Lieutenant is requesting a tow truck for removal of this vehicle – unable to locate the owner/driver – vehicle is listed out of Scituate.

FRIDAY, DEC. 28

2:20 a.m. **Sheldon Road,** suspicious vehicle. Caller reports there is a vehicle parked in front of his residence with driver sitting inside; vehicle is gray, unknown plate number. Officer reports driver was on cell phone. Everything is fine.

2:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

5:46 a.m. **King St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS.

7:07 a.m. **North Main St.,** icy road conditions.

7:22 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

9:04 a.m. **Ripley Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

10:24 a.m. **North Main St.** Caller reports the pole in front of this location looks like it had been hit and the pole is leaning and appears unsafe. This is pole 71, and National Grid has been notified. National Grid is replacing the pole.

12:05 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

12:14 p.m. **Highland Ave.,** suspicious activity. The Assessor's office reports they received a suspicious call about someone inquiring about the address listed above. Officer reports the home is secure, there is a basement window slightly ajar, but there are no signs of entry.

1:16 p.m. **North Main St.,** fire – public assistance. Caller is requesting assistance getting into her home.

3:48 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS.

3:59 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.,** BOLO announcement. Hull Police Department reports hit and run motor vehicle – passenger side damage occurred at 3 p.m. Green Volvo. Unknown direction of travel.

6 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle crash. Walk-in party reports that she was involved in a minor motor vehicle accident. Pickup truck backed into her while she was in traffic. Minor damage. Would like assistance with filling out accident form. Assistance rendered; no police report. Minor damage – past accident.

6:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** BOLO announcement. Scituate Police Department reports hit and run of motor vehicle in front of their police station. Vehicle is silver or gray sedan with damage. Left headed toward Cohasset on 3A. Given to Cohasset units. No vehicle found.

6:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. Caller reports three minutes ago there was a silver Honda all over the road. No vehicle found.

7:49 p.m. **North Main St.,** fire – public assistance. Caller needs assistance from wheelchair to her residence.

8:44 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm,** medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS.

9:33 p.m. **Beechwood St. and Mill Lane,** fire, investigation. Caller reports outside odor of gas. Caller states it has been on and off all week.

10:52 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

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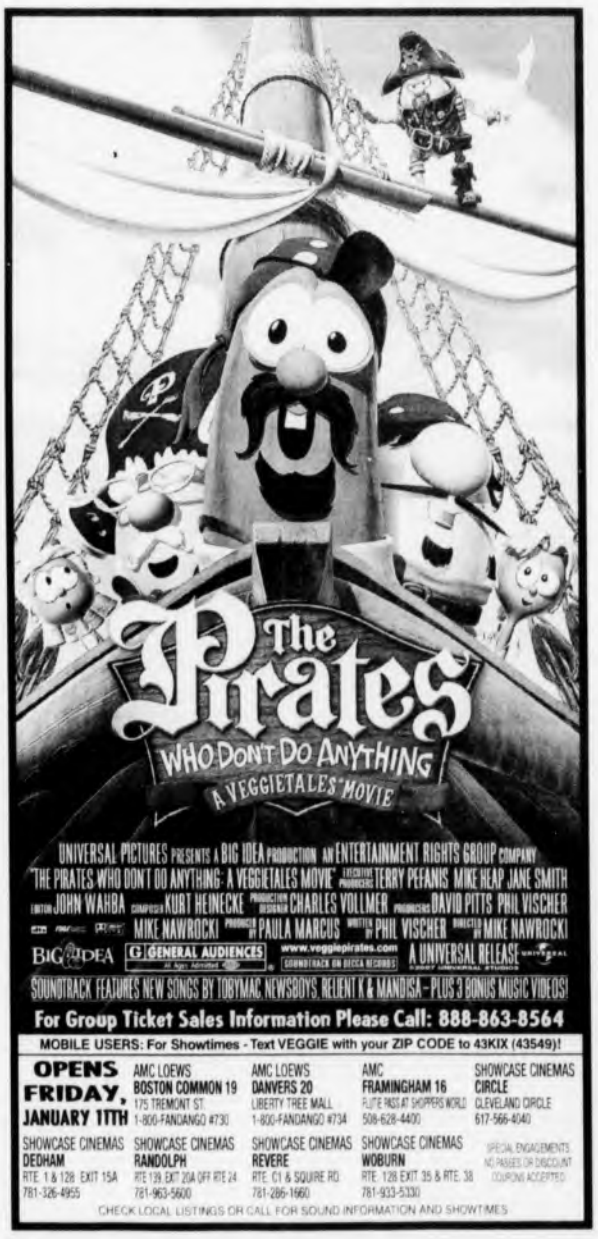


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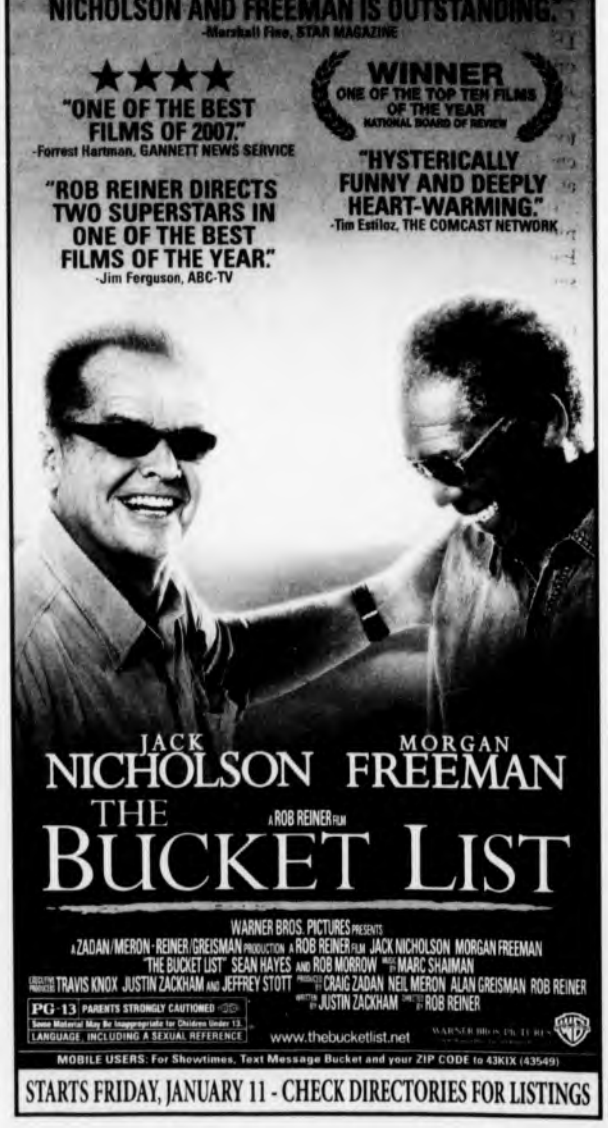


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Sunday, Jan. 13

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday (celebrated)

8a .m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Bill Baird & Kirk Jackisch and meeting 2nd & 4th Sundays)

10 a.m. – "Blessed are the peacemakers…" – Honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

While Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is celebrated this year on Monday, Jan. 21, and the official Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday is celebrated on January 20, our minister calculated the Sunday celebration for January 13, thinking that the Sunday closest to his actual birthday, Jan. 15, would be the natural Sabbath of celebration. In consideration of Dr. King's life and legacy and what this holiday might be about, we are celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King. Jr. Sunday on Jan. 13! Please note that the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Breakfast, co-sponsored by the Cohasset Clergy and the Cohasset Diversity Committee, will be held on Monday, January 21 at St. Anthony's.

Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish House directly after the service and RE classes.

Come join Jan around a table at coffee hour for conversation on "Blessed are the peacemakers…" This is the first of monthly post-service coffee hour conversations with our minister on the message of the service.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100. All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together!

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Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

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We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. To learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

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- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
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Wednesday healing service with Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Extra copies of the Mariner

Where to pick up extra copies of the Cohasset Mariner: Fiori's Exxon, 740 Chief Justice Cushing Highway; Cohasset News, 3 Brook St.; Cohasset Mobil, 190 King St.; Atlantic Bagel Co., 166 King St.; SSFM Cohasset Food Mart, 130 King St.; Cohasset Plaza Liquors, 380 Chief Justice Cushing Highway; Tedeschi's Food-Mart, Main St.; Stop & Shop, 450 Chief Justice Cushing Highway; CVS, Chief Justice Cushing Highway; Shaws, 739 Chief Justice Cushing Highway; and Walgreens, Cushing Plaza, Route3A.



Obituaries

Dorothy T. Powers

Great-grandmother

Dorothy T. (Rowan) Powers, 84, of Hanover, died Jan. 8, 2008, at Queen Ann Nursing Home in Hingham.

The daughter of the late William T. and Mary (Walsh) Rowan, Mrs. Powers was raised and educated in Dorchester and was a Hanover resident since 1955.

Wife of the late Bernard W. Powers, she leaves one son, Robert G. Powers of Dennisport; one daughter, Dorothy Ann Gulezian and her husband, Jerry, of Londonderry, N.H.; one brother, Joseph Rowan and his wife, Virgie, of Middleboro; four sisters, Ana Perfetti of Cohasset, Barbara Beane and her husband, William, of Bourne, Patsy Galvin of Hanover and Claire Davis of Hanover; five grandsons, Mark Gulezian and his wife, Haydi, of North Carolina, Steven Gulezian of New Hampshire, Craig Powers of Newburyport, and Derek Powers and Doug Powers of Andover; and two great-grandchildren, Amira and Dylan Gulezian.

She was the sister of the late William Rowan, Joseph Rowan, Mary Cronin, Helen Malaguti and Mildred Von Schoppe.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Jan. 12, at St. Mary of the Sacred Heart Church, 392 Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover. Interment in Hanover Center Cemetery. Visiting hours will be from 4 to 7 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 11, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 551 Washington St., Route 53, Hanover.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.sullivanfuneralhome.com.

Jerome D. Harriman

U.S. Army Korean War Veteran

Jerome D. Harriman, 76, of Cohasset, formerly of Rockland, died Jan. 5, 2008, at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, he was raised in his mother's native town of Fort Kent, Maine. He was a 1949 graduate of St. John's Preparatory School and a 1953 graduate of Providence College. He enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and served most of his time in the Military Intelligence Unit in Tokyo, Japan, receiving many commendations for his service.

Mr. Harriman received a master's degree in history from Boston College in 1957 and entered into a 38-year banking career in New York City. He retired as Executive Vice President at Mass. Bank and Trust in Brockton in 1990 and went on to pursue his lifelong dream of a career in law. He graduated from New England School of Law in 1995 and practiced out of his office in Rockland for the past 13 years, providing countless hours of pro-bono service in the Plymouth County Court System.

Mr. Harriman lived in Rockland for 40 years and was active in many civic activities. He served on the Rockland Board of Health for more than 25 years. He was a member of the Rockland Council of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Plymouth County Bar Association. Mr. Harriman was also admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. He was an avid Yankees baseball fan and a charter member of the Lower Crescent Street Chowder and Marching Society.

He leaves his wife, Mary F. (Gallagher) Harriman, of Cohasset; his sons, Kevin C. Harriman and his wife, Deborah, of Abington, Michael J. Harriman and his wife, Heather, of Scituate, and Mark F. Harriman of Providence, R.I.; his daughter, Kathleen E. Feidler and her husband, Jordan, of Maryland; and seven grandchildren.

McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset handled the arrangements. Interment is in the Holy Family Cemetery in Rockland. To sign the online guestbook, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

Rita M. Morton

Active member of Cohasset community

Rita M. Morton, 89, of Cohasset, died Jan. 1, 2008, after a brief illness.

Born in South Attleboro, she moved to Cohasset in 1955. Mrs. Morton was active in the community, serving as past president of the Social Service League and past member of the Discussion Club and the Community Garden Club of Cohasset. She also served on the board of directors for the Youth Concerts at Symphony Hall for several years and was a longtime member of the Cohasset Yacht Club.

She leaves her husband of 66 years, William Morton; her son, William J.E. Morton and his wife Christine, of Sausalito, Calif.; her daughter, Sarah E. Morton and her husband Howard Schide, of Cohasset; her granddaughter, Jessica A. Morton of San Francisco, Calif.; and her brothers Edward J. McCrystal of New York and Vincent P. McCrystal of Rumford, R.I. She was the sister of the late Robert McCrystal of Cranston, R.I.

A service to celebrate her life will be held at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the charity of your choice. To sign the online guestbook, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

Worship News

St. Joseph Retreat Center events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset will host the following upcoming programs: Saturday, **Jan 12**: Day of Prayer: Knit, Pray, Love: A Day for Knitters; Sunday, **Jan. 13**: Day of Prayer: Sacred Images: Contemplation and Creativity; Saturday, **Jan. 19**: A Day of Prayer with 12-Step Spirituality; Thursday, **Jan. 24**: Morning of Prayer: Celebrating Winter; Wednesday, **Feb. 6**: Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer: Awakening to the Deep Within; Thursday, **Feb. 14**: Day of Prayer: Come Away for a Day With God – The Beloved; Friday, **Feb. 15**: Day Workshop: Perceptions and Emotions in Prayer: Desire and Intimacy; **Feb. 15 to 23**: The Retreat Center is available for one, three, or seven days/nights of directed or private prayer; and Sunday, **Feb. 24**: A Day of Prayer for Men and Women Living with HIV. For more information and to register, visit www.csjretreatcenter.org or call 781-383-6024.

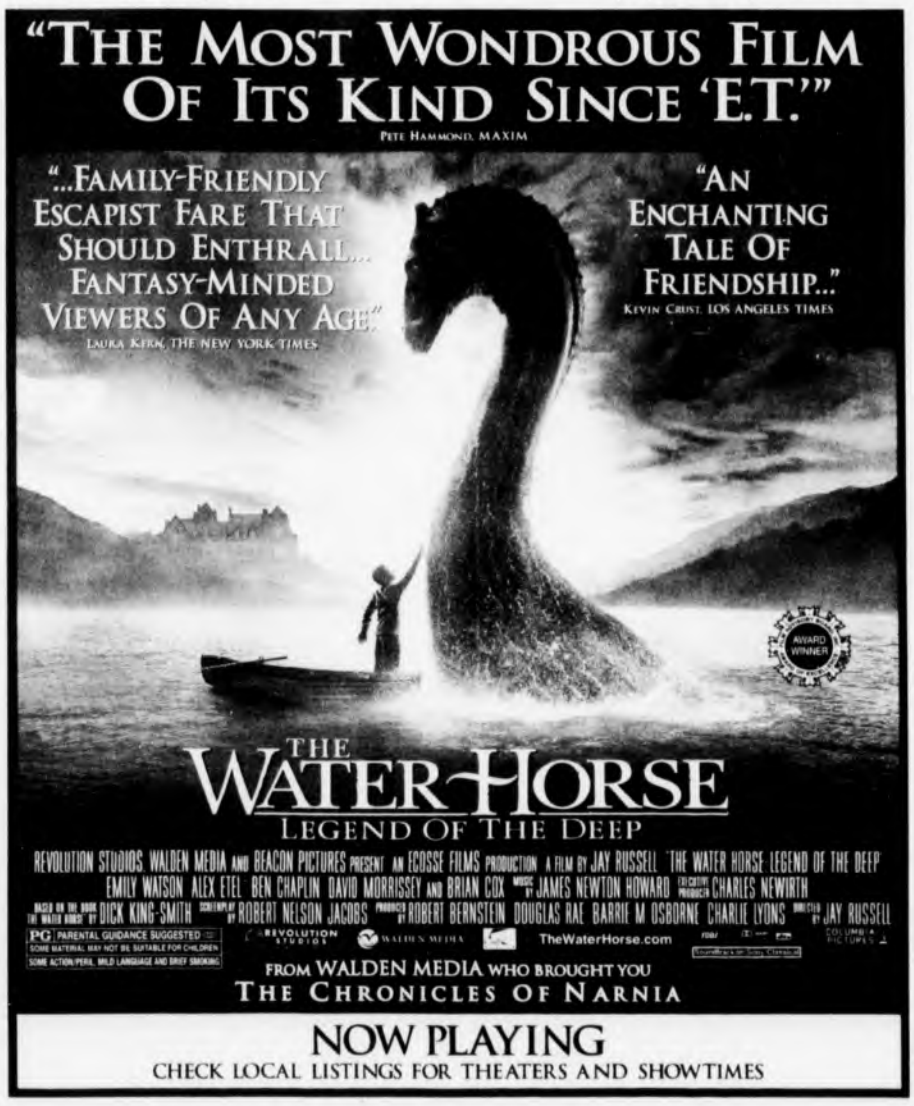
MLK Breakfast Jan. 21

Please join the Cohasset Clergy and the Diversity Committee in honoring the memory and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Cohasset's seventh annual Martin Luther King Day Breakfast.

The breakfast will be held on Monday, Jan. 21 at St. Anthony Parish Center, 10 Summer St., from 9 – 11 a.m. A pancake breakfast will be served from 9 – 10 a.m.

The featured speaker will be Richard Tarlaian, a certified trainer in Kingian Non-Violence at the University of Rhode Island Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies. Mr. Tarlaian will explain how the Kingian Philosophy of nonviolence based on agape or unconditional, forgiving love has been successfully employed to work through apparently irreconcilable conflicts to build healthy interpersonal and community relations.

Childcare will be provided by CMHS's Peer Leaders. Connie Afshar at 781 383 6006. Cost is $5 per person. $15 per family.



TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

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Best of a borderline bunch

Best Films of 2007

By Al Alexander



Ellen Page (pictured with Olivia Thirlby) starred in "Juno," an off-beat, heartwarming comedy.

I think 2007 may go down as The Year of Lowered Expectations in film. Movies that would have only passed for mundane in previous years were somehow elevated to "exceptional" this year. I couldn't believe the praise that was heaped upon less-than-stellar works like "Michael Clayton," "Gone Baby Gone," "The Simpsons Movie" and the current flavor of the month, the gratingly dull "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly."

In fact, I had a hard time coming up with 10 films. And as much as I love my choices, I have to be honest in saying that only three or four of them would have cracked last year's list.

Still, these are some very original and highly entertaining pictures that were the best that 2007 had to offer. I begin with the best…

"**No Country for Old Men**": Joel and Ethan Coen's brilliant adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's prize-winning novel about the borders between nations, eras and men's souls offered everything from biblical themes of good vs. evil to ruminations on karma, fate and chance. But it was the way the brothers folded these esoteric musings into a standard chase film that reeked of genius. But the film will be most fondly remembered for Javier Bardem's creepy but indelible portrayal of Anton Chigurh, a ruthless killer so evil, he'd make Hannibal Lector shake in his body harness.

"**Knocked Up**": Writer-director Judd Apatow wed raunchiness and romance into an unholy union to love, honor and cherish with his story about a one-night stand between a rumpled stoner (Seth Rogen) and a gorgeous career woman (Katherine Heigl) that resulted in an unwanted pregnancy. It was conception that gave birth to one of the best — and funniest — romantic comedies since "When Harry Met Sally." But what made it an instant classic was the way Apatow shored it up by going just below the surface to subtly explore issues of responsibility and family.

"**Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street**": Amazing sets, a gorgeous Stephen Sondheim score and a killer cast featuring the sinfully talented Johnny Depp gave the film its cachet, but it was Tim Burton who infused it with soul. It was such a perfect match of director and material that you wonder why it took so long for it to come together. But, boy, did it. The master of heartfelt horror performed a stunning makeover by adapting Sondheim's somewhat dated tale of love, revenge and the dangers of a close shave into a very intimate and moving experience that was bloody good.

"**Black Box**": There's nothing like forbidden love, especially when it's between a lapsed Nazi and a Jewish aristocrat — come Mara Hari — who has lost everything at the hands of her lover's comrades. Dutch-born filmmaker Paul Verhoeven milked it for everything it was worth, providing thrills, titillation and unabridged violence — not to mention numerous excellently rendered plot twists — as he and his co-screenwriter Gerard Soeteman cleverly concocted a story equal parts James Bond, "Gone With the Wind" and "Debbie Does Dallas." Most prominently exposed was Carice van Houten, the most mesmerizing new actress I've seen in some time — even with her clothes on, which was only about half the time. Forget "Atonement," this is the wartime soap to see.

"**Zodiac**": I wasn't bowled over on first viewing of David Fincher's dark and stylish adaptation of Robert Graysmith's best-seller about the hunt for perhaps the most prolific serial killer of the past 40 years. But repeat viewings on DVD have revealed it to be an exceptional procedural about journalists and cops - played superbly by Jake Gyllenhaal, Robert Downey Jr. and Mark Ruffalo - futilely toiling to solve a series of crimes that shocked San Francisco Bay in the 1960s and '70s. Families and careers were destroyed simply because the men involved were so dedicated (or were they obsessed) with bringing Zodiac - whoever he was - to justice.

"**I'm Not There**": Todd Haynes went electric with his masterful and imaginative interpretation of the life and times of Bob Dylan. A glorious collision of style and substance, the film delivered a buzz like no biopic before it, simply because there was no other like it. Haynes' cleverest move was casting six different actors to play Dylan, each representing a piece of the enigmatic singer's multi-faceted career. The standout, though, was Cate Blanchett, so good as the "Blonde on Blonde"-era Dylan that you completely forgot that it was a woman behind those dark shades.

"**The Hoax**": Richard Gere delivered one of his finest performances as master charlatan Clifford Irving, the middling author who some say helped bring down the Nixon White House when he schemed to write a fake autobiography about Howard Hughes. Playing such a bigger-than-life character, Gere deftly went beyond mere impersonation and created a crook so smart, so charismatic you would never think of him as a crook. Kudos also go to director Lasse Hallstrom for presenting the material with such a giddy, almost absurdist, air.

"**Hairspray**": If ever there was a movie to get your beehive in a twirl, this was it. It's easily the most PG-rated fun I had at the movies all year. And one of the most inspiring, as a full-figured teen (Nikki Blonsky) found a way to chase her dream of becoming a dancer on "The Corny Collins Show," while simultaneously spearheading a campaign to win blacks equal rights. Director Adam Shankman, aided by an all-star cast featuring John Travolta in drag, kept it all moving at a rapid pace. But it was his exuberant choreography that gave "Hairspray" that little goose of mousse that sent it over the top.

"**Juno**": Fluently mixing old-fashion values with raunchy comedy, director Jason Reitman and first-time screenwriter Diablo Cody (a former stripper) created an experience that was as gut-wrenching as it was gut-busting in telling the quirky story of a precocious 16-year-old (not Jamie Lynn Spears) with a bun in the oven. Playing the mother-to-be was exciting newcomer Ellen Page, a diminutive actor with big enough talent to elevate heroine Juno MacGruff beyond just another glib, hip-talking stereotype into something quite affecting. Praise, too, to Jennifer Garner, delivering the best work of her career as the childless woman Juno has promised her baby.

"**Lars and the Real Girl**": Mixing dark humor and pathos with romance and camp, this Capra-esque comedy from writer Nancy Oliver was sweet and poignant like sweet and poignant ought to be: unadorned and sugar free. It also was one of the most original stories of the year, telling the tale of a town hermit (Ryan Gosling) who found a soul mate in a life-size rubber sex doll named Bianca. Like all the great films of its ilk ("Harvey," "Edward Scissorhands," "It's a Wonderful Life," "Big"), "Lars" mined its unending charm by keeping the fantasy rooted in reality, as it delivered a heartening treatise on love, community and the healing powers of silicone.

As a postscript, let me plug a dozen other favorites that didn't quite make the cut. They include in no particular order: "Waitress," "Charlie Wilson's War," "The Savages," "The Lookout," "Persepolis," "Control," "Talk to Me," "Ratatouille," "3:10 to Yuma," "Breach," "Once" and "In the Valley of Elah."

Big talent in big flops

Worst Films of 2007

By Bob Tremblay



Rasputia (Eddie Murphy) and Norbit (Eddie Murphy) celebrate their wedding in "Norbit."

Anyone can make a horrible movie. All you need is no talent. But what about a horrible movie with talented people in it? That takes some effort. So, this year, instead of focusing on the imbeciles who were given money by bigger imbeciles to make movies for imbeciles, we're concentrating on films where talented people end up looking like imbeciles.

Due to space limitations, we will provide only 10 examples — there are so many, many more. These films feature hack direction, pathetic writing and lame acting. Originality is also M.I.A. while integrity is D.O.A.

"Norbit": A surefire winner of multiple Razzie Awards. These are given to films that represent "the worst achievements of the movie year," and it doesn't get much worse than this. Eddie Murphy, who donned a fat suit much more effectively in "The Nutty Professor," follows in the extra-large footsteps of Martin Lawrence and Tyler Perry. They also played obese black women in bad movies, but those films don't come close to the hatefulness on display in "Norbit." It's a comedy for people who think misogyny is a laugh riot.

"Daddy Day Camp": At least Murphy had the common sense not to reprise his starring role in this sequel to "Daddy Day Care." Taking his place is Gooding, who has turned squandering talent into an art form. After winning his Oscar for "Jerry Maguire" in 1996, he has appeared in more gobblers than trot around Bongi's Turkey Roost in Duxbury. Anyone care to take a cruise on "Boat Trip"?

"Good Luck Chuck": Normally I don't like trashing thespians who hail from the Bay State, but Arlington's Dane Cook deserves a lengthy stay in a Dumpster for this piece of garbage. A more appropriate title would be "Upchuck Chuck" since it induces more vomiting than laughter.

"Southland Tales": Self-indulgent, pretentious and completely incomprehensible. And those are film's best characteristics. Forget even trying to describe this movie from Richard Kelly of "Donnie Darko" fame. Let's just say it takes place in the near future after unpleasant things have happened, such as a nuclear explosion. Exposure to radioactive fallout would be preferable to sitting through this very long exercise in banality.

"Wild Hogs": An "Easy Rider" film for men going through a midlife crisis turns into an excuse to ridicule homosexuals. When John Travolta's film isn't being mean-spirited, it's being mindless as our four bikers head out on the highway, looking for adventure and whatever comes their way. Like a gay cop.

"The Heartbreak Kid": When the list of worst remakes of all time gets drawn up, this film will be on it. Where the original, starring Charles Grodin, Cybill Shepherd and Jeannie Berlin, was hilariously horrifying — or horrifyingly hilarious — the remake (with Ben Stiller) is just dumb and raunchy.

"Are We Done Yet?": This rotten film is a sequel to an equally rotten film called "Are We There Yet?" Why make a sequel of a film that was rotten the first time around?

"Because I Said So": Seldom has a romantic comedy been less romantic and less comedic. It does have a surplus of cliches, though. Diane Keaton plays a meddlesome mom of three daughters who tries her darnedest to get her youngest hitched. The film makes you long for the maternal stylings of Joan Crawford.

"Evan Almighty": As anyone who saw "The 40-Year-old Virgin" knows, Concord native Steve Carell is a funny guy. He's just a lot less funny as a 40-year-old Noah in "Evan Almighty." Unfortunately, the proceedings are about as amusing as a flood.

"Georgia Rule": Last and quite possibly least, we have this film, which could play on a dysfunctional double bill with "Because I Said So." Here, double Oscar-winner Jane Fonda plays a meddlesome mother to Felicity Huffman and hard-love grandmother to Lindsay Lohan. Described as a comedy, the film features a disturbing child rape subplot. Ha ha.

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BEST BET

Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth, will feature artist Vincent Elliott, a "plein air" painter of outdoor subjects Jan. 5-18. Concurrently the ornament artwork by Anent Pagliarani, which was selected by the White House for this Christmas season, will be displayed, along with paintings by several other artists. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 5:30 p.m.

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, Jan. 10

Chinese New Year Spectacular Boston Opera House 539 Washington St., Boston, Jan. 10 -12. Ticket Hotline: 1-800-954-4606. Ticket Price: $38, $65, $88, $120. Senior citizen and student discount is available.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum presents the first Thursday lecture: **Researching the Lost Crew of the Portland** *by* **Walter Hickey**, Archives Specialist at the National Archives Northeast Region, on Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. Admission $3 members, $5 non-members. For information contact Victoria Stevens 781-925-5433, lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net_lifesavingmuseum.org

The January Book Club Meeting at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate, is Jan. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. January's selection is: **"One Mississippi" by Mark Childress.** Front Street Book Shop book group meets at on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone welcome. Free. 781-545-5011.

The German-American Club of Walpole (Boylston) German language and literature classes on Thursdays. 7:30 p.m., Walpole. Several levels of instruction are offered, including a class for beginners. For more information, call Dan Evans at 617-326-3892 or Joan Murray at 617-894-3130.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 10 **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 10 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **open mic** featuring **Racky Thomas/Matt Stubbs Blues Jam** 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Jan. 11

James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, presents "Voyage of Discovery" fine **Black & White & Sepia Photography** by **Sally Pollard-Fiore** Jan. 11-30. An opening will be held Jan. 11, from 6 to8 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. jameslibrary.org or 781-659-7100.

New England Singles Dance Jan. 11, 8 p.m. to midnight. **Mosley on the Charles**, 50 Bridge St, Dedham, Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Hors d'oeuvres. Door prizes. Music from the 70's to the present and requests with New England's top DJ's. Admission $12. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

CALENDAR, see next page



BEST BET

John Mueller as Buddy Holly

Winter Dance Party brings the famous last concert of Buddy Holly back to the stage. That final concert will be recreated on stage at The Company Theatre in Norwell on Jan. 12, for two shows at 4 and 8 p.m. Featuring: John Mueller as Buddy Holly (who has toured in the musical "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Musical") Gene Jaramillo as Ritchie Valens, J.P. Richardson, Jr. (the actual son of The Big Bopper). Tickets priced at $34 are on sale at the box-office at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com.

Mark your calendar

ALMOST HEAVEN: THE SONGS OF JOHN DENVER, the off-Broadway smash hit touring the country and stopping at The Company Theatre in Norwell, for three shows, Jan. 18-20. This musical tribute is a walking testament to the life and music of John Denver. Boasting 29 of this singer-songwriter's greatest hits. This show is performed in the context of America in the late '60s and early '70s. Performances are Friday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 20 at 3 p.m. Tickets are priced at $30 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

SOUTH SHORE'S FINEST BRIDAL EXPO takes place Jan. 20, at the Independence Mall in Kingston from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vendor space still available. Register at web site for Scavenger Hunt. Enter to win a free wedding package compliments of the Country Club of Halifax. For information, visit CMRevents.com or call 508-224-4044.

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The Hingham Woodwind Quintet performs in concert at the Hingham Public Library on Sunday, Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. The quintet is comprised of oboist Sally Davenport, flutist Barbara Wall Lobosco, clarinetist Eric Oddleifson, bassoonist Christina Shortall, and horn-player Jim Whipple. The program will feature Roaring Fork by Eric Ewazen as well as works by Nielsen, Ibert, Manookian, Liadov, Milhaud and Arnold. Free and open to all.

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South Shore Singles will sponsor its bi-monthly dance Jan. 11, featuring DJ: Rick Walsh and his keyboard from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St. Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Fine dancing, music, refreshments, door prize, cash bar. 781-331-0021. southshoresingles.org

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 11, **Radio For The Blind** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 11 **Cheryl Aruda & Dirty Blonde** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The Pub in the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor - Friday and Saturday, Jan. 11 and 12, at 8:30 p.m. **The Leah Souza Trio** performs jazz and classics from the American songbook. 508-591-5036.

Saturday, Jan. 12

Third Annual Bark 'n Howl Ball to benefit **Scituate Animal Shelter** is Jan. 12, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Hatherly Country Club, Scituate. The Mardi Gras theme evening includes great food, music and dancing with local band, **Section 8**, live and silent auction prizes and all proceeds help the Scituate Animal Shelter relocate from the Driftway to the 3A Farm. Tickets are $50 each and are available at the Shelter on the Driftway. Tickets purchased for the October dance will be honored on Jan. 12. For information visit www.town.scituate.ma.us/animalshelter or 3afarmfund.com or call the Shelter at 781-545-8703,

North River Arts Society Children's Art Day Jan. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon, GAR Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills Admission: $2 per child, which includes all activities. Call Laura at 781.837.8091 for information or email: info@northriverarts.org

The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour returns **Jan. 12,** to satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth every Saturday through April 26. The fully-narrated, three-hour journey of decadent desserts and fun facts features tasty visits to **Top of the Hub Restaurant**, the historic **Omni Parker House Hotel** and **The Langham Hotel Boston**. The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour departs from the **Trolley Stop Store** at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-269-7010.

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Starcreations Theater presents **Variety Show 2008** on Saturday, Jan. 12 at 4:30 and 7 p.m. held at Kendall Hall, First Church of Plymouth, 19 Town Square, Plymouth. General Admission $5. For info and reservations, call 508-747-1234 or email info@starcreations.org

New England Singles Dance, Jan. 12, 8 p.m. to midnight. **Halifax Country Club**, 100 Country Club Dr., Route 106, Halifax, Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Hors d'oeuvres. Door prizes. Music from the 70's to the present and requests with New England's top DJ's. Admission $10. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 12, **Strange Medicine** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 12, **J. Place Band** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. Jan. 12, **70s and 80s night** 781-849-7007.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St., Pembroke. Jan 12. **Jim Sylvia** 781-294-4700.

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Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, Saturday, Jan. 12, **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No Cover. 508-830-1262.

Sunday, Jan. 13

The Trustees of the Hingham Public Library invite the public to the dedication and unveiling of a sculpture created by **internationally recognized sculptor Susan Luery.** The ceremony will take place at the main entrance Jan. 13 at 1:30 p.m. Light refreshments and a performance by the Hingham Woodwind Quintet follow the ceremony.

The Ventress Library Sunday Concert Series presents a New Year's concert on Jan. 13, at 2 p.m. The program titled **Songs for A New Year** features **Lynn Salmonsen** on piano; her sister **Jane Marin**, soprano; and **Chelsea Basler**, soprano. Mingle after the concert with the performers and audience members while enjoying light refreshments. Free and open to the public. No tickets are required. 781-834-5535 or visit ventresslibrary.org

Mark Leighton (guitar) and **Peter H. Bloom** (flute, alto flute and bass flute) will perform an eclectic concert called *Suites, Sonatas and Standards*, featuring chamber music by European and South American composers, along with jazz standards from the Great American Songbook. Sunday, Jan. 13, at 3 p.m. Thomas Crane Public Library, Main Library, Richardson Building, 40 Washington St., Quincy, Information: 617-376-1301. Free admission.

The New England Herpetological Society will hold its monthly meeting Jan. 13, from 1 to 4 p.m. Thomas E. Curtis Wildlife Center, 500 Columbian St., South Weymouth. Program at 2 p.m., Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team. neherp.com or call the Herpline at 617-789-5800.

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The Hingham Woodwind Quintet performs in concert at the Hingham Public Library on Sunday, Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. The quintet is comprised of oboist **Sally Davenport,** flutist **Barbara Wall Lobosco**, clarinetist **Eric Oddleifson**, bassoonist **Christina Shortall**, and horn-player **Jim Whipple**. The program will feature Roaring Fork by Eric Ewazen as well as works by Nielsen, Ibert, Manookian, Liadov, Milhaud and Arnold. Free and open to all.

Monday, Jan. 14

The North River Arts Society presents the artwork of **Tatiana Yanovskaya** at the Ventress Library Gallery, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield, Jan. 13-March 7. An opening reception will be held Jan. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Pilgrim Festival Chorus (PFC), a volunteer, not-for-profit choral group is welcoming residents throughout the region to join them for the second half of their 2007-08 season at a New Members Night. On Jan. 14, Music Director Bill Richter will welcome new vocalists at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of the Pilgrimage, Town Square in Plymouth. The first rehearsal of the spring season will immediately follow at 7 p.m. For information regarding membership and auditions, contact Bill Richter, at 781-789-3343 or by emailing director@pilgrimfestival.org or pilgrimfestival.org

Braintree Art Association artist of the month, **John Marshall Dyke** will exhibit his work for the months of January and February at the Thayer Public Library, (main floor) 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-335-4675.

Singers wanted. Join the Choral Art Society and sing to your heart's content. Open rehearsal for this non-audition community chorus on Monday Jan. 14, First Trinitarian Church, Scituate at 7:30 p.m. For information call 781-545-8295 or 617-285-6339. Sopranos, tenors, bases wanted the most, but energetic altos welcome too.

Insights, Atlantic Symphony Orchestra's educational series for adults, continues on Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m., with a program by annotator Steven Ledbetter, a renowned musicologist and former Dartmouth College professor. Tickets are $10 and are available at Scituate Town Library or through Atlantic Symphony Orchestra at 781-740-5694. Tickets will also be available at the door. For information, or directions, call 781-545-8727 or visit scituatetownlibrary.org

Pop-punk quintet Plain White T's will perform a special concert immediately following the Celtics vs. Washington Wizards game on **Monday, Jan. 14,** at the TD Banknorth Garden. A limited number of tickets are available now and start at just $10 in the Rite Aid Pharmacy Family Section. To purchase tickets, log on to celtics.com_call 1-800-4NBA-T.I.X. or visit the Garden Box Office. One ticket grants admission to both exciting Celtics NBA action and the special concert performance.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 14, **Free Texas Hold 'Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

The Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield hosts an ongoing book discussion group on Jan. 15, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the library's Historical Room. January's meeting will feature the book **Madame Bovary** by the 19th century French novelist Gustave Flaubert. Free and open to the public. New members welcome. Light refreshments will be served. 781-834-5535 or ventresslibrary.org

Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth, will feature artist **Vincent Elliott,** a "plein air" painter of outdoor subjects Jan. 5-18. Concurrently the ornament artwork by **Anent Paglierani,** which was selected by the White House for this Christmas season, will be displayed, along with paintings by several other artists. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 5:30 p.m.

Braintree Choral Society will hold its open rehearsals for the new season on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at Braintree High School. Rehearsals will remain open to new members throughout January. This is a non-audition chorus. All voice parts are open. Spring concert includes Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise". Visit braintreesings.org for information or contact braintreechoral@yahoo.com.

Network4Success with the Business to Business Networking Group. They meet the first Thursday of each month at the Plympton Library, 5 to 6 p.m., and the third Thursday of every month at the Halifax Country Club, 12 to 1:30 p.m. For information, E-mail info@network4success.org or visit network4success.org.

The Olde Kids on the Block perform every third Tuesday. 1 to 4 p.m., Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton. Admission is $5 per person. For information, call 781-341-2016.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Scituate Public Library, 85 Branch St., Scituate. Meet the Artist from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16. **Esther Maschio** will demonstrate Gelatine Print Making 781-545-8727 ScituateTownLibrary.org

Eugene Bernard of Bernard Appraisal Service in Weymouth, will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 7 a.m. Bernard will discuss the importance of accurately appraising a home when selling, purchasing, or refinancing for estate and divorce valuations. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Larry Czech at 781-356-1440 or by email at lczech@czechcpa.com.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, The South Shore Natural Science Center and the **Mass Audubon South Regional** headquarters present another **winter lecture series** every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the science center located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Open to the public free of charge. **Jan. 16, Leviathan: The History of Whaling in America, Dr. Eric Jay Colin, author**. For information visit nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168; Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400; or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.



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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 16 **Flydown Not Plugged In** 781-829-6999.

Thursday, Jan. 17

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local businesses in the South Shore area. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at a new meeting location in historic downtown Plymouth at Med Spa New England from 5 to 6 p.m., and on the third Thursday of each month at Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m., lunch is extra. For information, email info@network4success.org_or visit network4success.org for meeting information, news on our membership, and upcoming events.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 17 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **open mic** featuring **Joe Mack B and Blues Jam** 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

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Friday, Jan. 18

New England Singles Dance Jan. 18, 8 p.m. to midnight. **Mosley on the Charles**, 50 Bridge St, Dedham, Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Hors d'oeuvres. Door prizes. Music from the 70's to the present and requests with New England's top DJ's. Admission $12. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Friday, Jan. 18, 8:30 to midnight South Shore Country Club, Grand Ballroom, 274 South St., Hingham. southshorecc.com_781-749-1720. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte.3. se-4u.com Dance music by award-winning DJ, 8:30 - 12 AM. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 9-10. Free door prizes, raffles, & additional MATCH game prizes. For singles and couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Admittance is only $10 before 9.Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club USA. Info call (781 446-0234.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 18, **Shannel & the Ripchords** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Workshops

COMMUNITY EXERCISE PROGRAMS at South Shore Hospital You don't have to be a patient to benefit from the services of the Outpatient Rehabilitation Department at South Shore Hospital. Classes are small and held in the hospital's private gym and poll settings. Classes include; Personal Training, Children's Conditioning, Teen Fitness Men's Fitness, Golf Conditioning, Women's Aquatic Conditioning, Morning Workout, Prenatal exercise, Postnatal exercise, Senior Aquatic Conditioning, Intermediate Exercise for 55 Plus, Aquatic Arthritis Program, Parkinson's Exercise Program, Osteoporosis Exercise Program, Fibromyalgia Exercise Program. Call the Outpatient Rehabilitation Department at 781-340-8177 for information on how to register for these programs.

WELLSPRING COMPUTER LEARNING PROGRAMS, 814 Nantasket Ave. in Hull. Fee: $45 Jan. 15 and 16: Beginner Word, Beginner Excel, PC Ready – Beginner Computer Class. 781-925-3211, wellspringhull.org Financial Assistance is available. Wellspring does not deny services due to an inability to pay.

FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP South Shore Housing in partnership with Bristol County Savings Bank is offering in Two Sessions: Jan. 26 and Feb. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Carver Public Library, 2 Meadowbrook Way, Carver. Cost: $25 per household. Participants must attend all sessions. For information on the advantages of attending this workshop contact Jan at SSHDC 1-781-422-4284.

FREE EDUCATIONAL HOMEBUYER SEMINARS sponsored by Mount Vernon Mortgage Corporation for South Shore Residents, Thursday, Jan. 31, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Weymouth: Tufts Library (Main Branch), 46 Broad St. Saturday, Feb. 2, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Quincy: 500 Victory Road, Marina Bay. Free Pre-registration is required. Participants can register online at MtVernonMortgage.com/Events or register by phone at 781-337-2432 x16.

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SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER offers workshops this winter Advanced Digital, Photographic Portraits, Traveling with your Camera. A one-day adult Mosaic Workshop. Register online at ssac.org or call 781-383-2787 for information..

THE NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY is offering the following winter classes. For information or to register, visit northriverarts.org, call 781-837-8091 or email info@northriverarts.org. Bird carving, The Business of Your Art, Everyone Can Draw and Paint, Drawing for the Absolute Beginner, Watercolor for the Absolute Beginner, Beginning/Intermediate, Oil Painting, Winter Landscape in the Studio, Still Life in Oils: Mastering Edges, Beginning Pastels, Painting a Pastel Portrait, Open Life Studio, Drop-In Knitting with Mac, Switch Gallery, Young artists - Drawing & Painting: Skills for the Young Artist, Drawing with Color in Winter, Sewing, February Art Camp –Young Artists Day, and Boy Scout Artist Badges.



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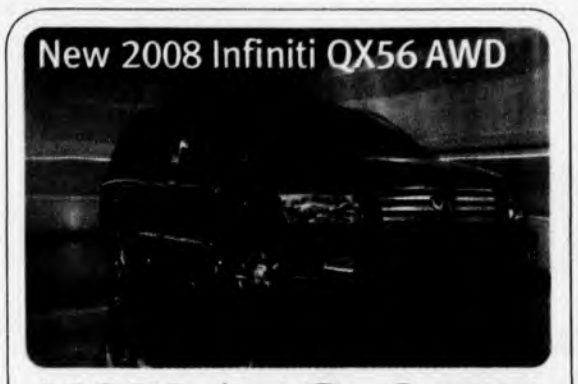
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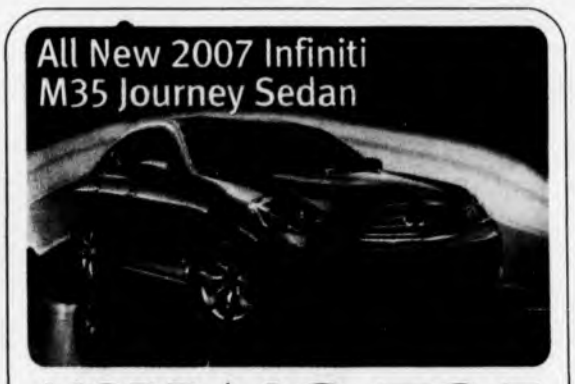
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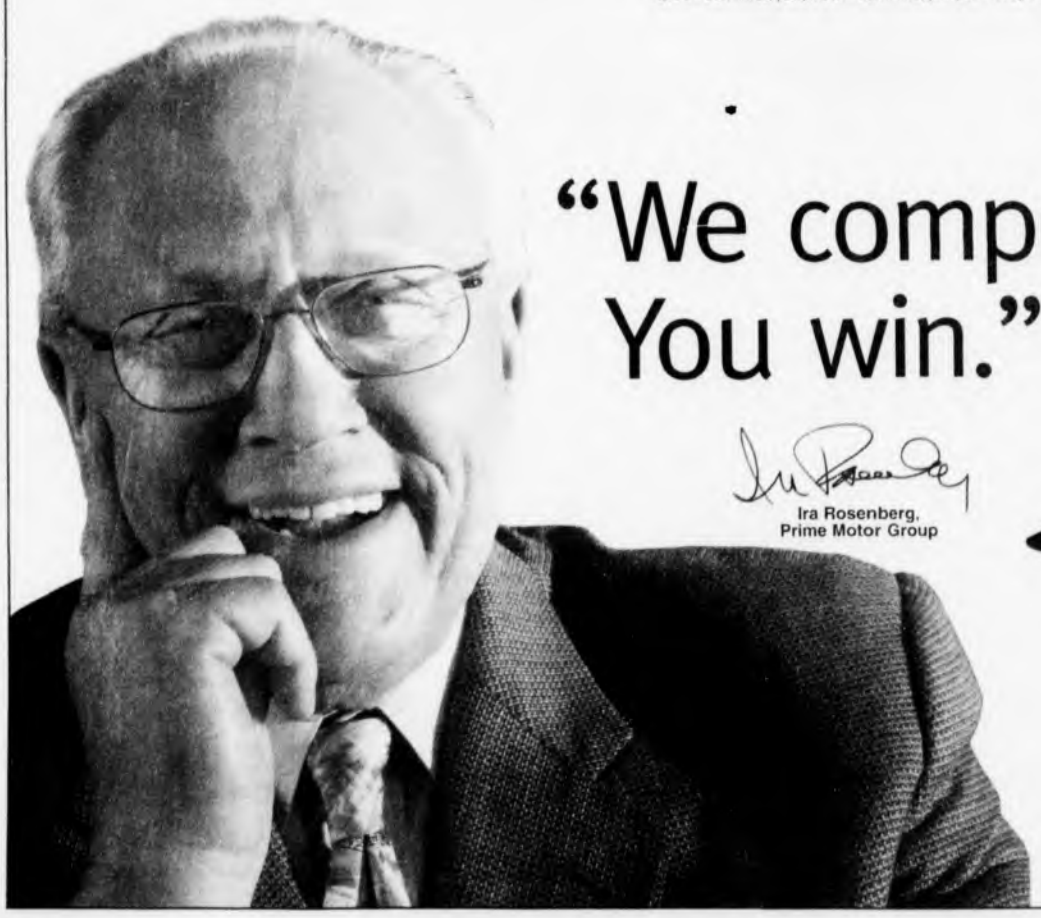
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Healing Field to make a comeback



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Skippers skate to victory



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Citizen of Year nominations open

Who is the town's top citizen? In keeping with a 15-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Please find the nomination form on page 19. Nominations are due by 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1.

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Little Harbor, big construction

Sewer, water work under way

By Nancy White
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It's the largest single municipal undertaking the likes Cohasset has never seen. It's invasive and expansive but the results could change a portion of Cohasset for the better from an environmental and real estate standpoint. School building projects aside, the $15.2 million price tag dwarfs anything done previously.

As residents in the Little Harbor district are well aware, water and sewer improvements of great proportion are currently underway. Day in and day out work is being done beneath the streets of Cohasset to bring municipal sewer service to 487 additional homes and to improve an aging water distribution system.

With a project of such a large scope, several different organizations are involved in bringing the project to a reality. The Mariner sat down with the key players involved in the project to hear about their role in keeping work plugging along through the cold winter months. They talked about the challenge of Cohasset's infamous ledge, about a resident bringing them a cake at the holidays and, because of spotty cell phone coverage, keeping in touch through long-range radio communication.

To give an idea of just how much sewer and water work is involved in the project, at the end of two-year timeframe (finishing sometime in

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

While working on Rust Way on Tuesday morning, a worker from LM Holdings chips away at the ledge, which is the most challenging part of installing the sewer and water lines in the area.

Home field

CHS turf gets thumbs up

By Nancy White
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The wheels are in motion for a field of dreams at the Cohasset Middle-High School's Alumni Field. Members from the Cohasset Sports Partnership came before the Selectmen Monday night to discuss a preliminary proposal to build a turf field, a big-ticket item with an estimated cost between $1 and 1.5 million.

The Cohasset Sports Partnership is a new organization in town modeled after a similar organization in Hingham, said member George McGoldrick. Describing the group as an umbrella organization for the booster clubs, about 10 parent representatives have joined representing a cross section of booster clubs. In addition to investigating the feasibility of large project, like the turf field, the Sports Partnership will also be a fundraising committee.

"This one particular project is too big for any one booster club to take on," said Sports Partnership member Bill Cavanaro.

The Sports Partnership was looking for the Selectmen's support to pursue the project, begin fundraising and possibly sit on a turf field committee.

"Land is so valuable and there are few large parcels available. A turf field

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Board split on perc tests

Affordable housing is eyed for parcel

By Nancy White
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In a split vote, the Board of Selectmen authorized the first step toward exploring affordable housing on a town-owned parcel. The Housing Partnership Committee requested Selectmen approval to do multiple perc tests on a plot of land that backs up to the South Shore Music Circus.

"We're just asking to explore the possibility."
— Tom Callahan, Housing Partnership co-chairman.

The currently overgrown 14 acres could hold the future possibility of 10 to 25 affordable housing units, if the perc tests reveal a portion of the land is buildable. The land, located between Pleasant Street, Sohier Street and Ripley Road, is a combination of wetlands, ledge, overgrown vegetation and varying topography. It is likely only a relatively small portion of the land — four to five acres — could be developed, said Housing Partnership co-chairman Clark Brewer.

The perc tests and associated results are preliminary analysis to give the town and the partnership the information it needs to determine if and how much housing is possible on the site. A perc test is a soil analysis to determine if the land is suitable for a septic system.

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New eatery in the Village

Café Zuppa opens Monday

By Nancy White
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"Laughter is brighter where food is best."

This is the philosophy behind Café Zuppa, a new breakfast and lunch place opening Monday in the village. A sign hanging above the entrance to the kitchen proclaims their philosophy to customers.

"We want customers to come to a party everyday, with fresh, wholesome, comfort food, great music and great hospitality," says co-owner Vinette Hourihan. She hopes to differentiate herself from other restaurants by coupling a relaxed, cozy feel with simple and uncomplicated food.

Café Zuppa now occupies the space in the Village left vacant by the Silver Spoon. When co-owner and Cohasset resident Mary Troupe noticed the "for lease" sign in the window she and Hourihan almost immediately inquired about it.

"We loved the size and the feel of the place," says Troupe, "as soon as we walked in, we said this is the place."

The two have talked about opening a business together for years, but everything seemed to come together right now.

"It's been a lifelong dream of mine to owns a café," says Hourihan, who is no stranger to small business. She owns Vinette Day Spa in North Scituate where Troupe has worked for years.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Co-owners Mary Troupe and Vinette Hourihan stand outside their new restaurant, Café Zuppa, which opens Monday.

"...as soon as we walked in, we said this is the place."
— Mary Troupe, co-owner

"We have a great friendship and working relationship," says Troupe. Both have left the day-to-day operations at the spa to open the 20-seat Café Zuppa. Each will focus on their strengths and passions to make the business work. Hourihan, who loves to cook, plans on spending her time in kitchen and Troupe, who loves to entertain, will handle the hospitality end.

While many may think a switch from the spa industry to the restaurant industry is a big change, they don't see it that way. Both businesses are service-based and are about making people feel good.

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Connie Afshar at home with her dog Tyson. Connie is a member of the Cohasset Diversity Committee, which is co-sponsoring the seventh annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast, which will be held from 9-11 a.m. at the St. Anthony Parish Center on Monday. For more about the event, see page 10.

Name: Connie Afshar.

Occupation: Co-owner, PANACHE, specializing in Paris apartment rentals.

Best day of your life: The days our four daughters were born.

Best vacation: Traveling overland, via car, from Europe to India.

Favorite season: Winter.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite meal: Fried calamari.

Best book: "Anna Karenina."

Best movie: "The Deer Hunter."

Best TV show: "The Jewel in the Crown," all time favorite Masterpiece Theatre series! Currently, HBO's "Big Love" & "Entourage."

Most embarrassing moment: Having to ask a full Ferris wheel to stop so I could get off — due to acrophobia!

Pet peeve: Pettiness.

Goal: For my family to live happy, healthy, satisfying lives.

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POLICE BEAT

Rash of pocketbook thefts reported

By Mary Ford
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"Criminals are not rocket scientists. If they find an easy way to get their hands on some money – they'll do it."
— Chief James Hussey

A woman in a hurry might grab some money from her purse and leave her pocketbook in her car while she runs into the store or post office.

A thief or thieves might be nearby and see the woman get out of the car without her pocketbook.

The end of this part of the story results in a crime of opportunity. The thief or thieves go up to the car, open an unlocked door, and grab the pocketbook.

This scenario has been repeated in recent weeks in Cohasset, Hingham and Weymouth, police say.

This past week, another incident was recorded in the Cohasset police log.

Police hope the final chapter of this saga will include catching those responsible. And to that end, Cohasset detectives are working with their counterparts in the affected towns as part of the investigation.

"Criminals are not rocket scientists," Police Chief James Hussey said. "If they find an easy way to get their hands on some money – they'll do it.

"It is so important that motorists put their valuables in the trunk or put them on the floor and cover them up – and always lock the car," he said.

Hingham police are investigating a total of five larcenies involving the theft of pocketbooks from cars over the past week. The details are similar. The victims are taking some money out of their purse and going into the store, leaving the pocketbook on the front seat in an unlocked car.

Hingham police said one of the pocketbooks was found on the side of a road in Hull.

On Thursday (Jan. 10) Cohasset police received a report from a woman who returned to her car after going inside Stop & Shop to find that her purse containing credit cards and other items was missing from the passenger side.

The week before, a woman reported a similar incident outside of Shaw's.

"Leaving car doors unlocked and valuables in plain sight is inviting criminals who are looking on getting some easy money," Hussey said.

Lightning

During last Friday's winter thunder-and-lightning storm, lightning apparently struck at or near a signal bungalow on the Greenbush line in Cohasset damaging electrical circuitry at three grade crossings (King, Sohier and Beechwood) where the gates stopped functioning properly.

A signal crew was dispatched to make repairs. The outbound train (#073) was delayed 16 minutes, MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo said.

"At 10:45 a.m., repairs were completed and the gates returned to their normal operating modes," he said.

Pesaturo said there was never any danger. The crew of #073 was directed to stop before each of the three crossings before passing through. Gates were in the "down" position as the train traveled through. The next train (inbound) departed from Greenbush at 10:42 a.m., but the time it reached the Cohasset crossings, normal operations had resumed, he said.

Car windows

Police are investigating a recent rash of car vandalism that has involved smashed windows and broken mirrors, in some cases. Chief Hussey said there have been similar incidents in some other towns and detectives are investigating. It appears the vandalism is random in nature and not targeted at a specific individual or individuals. "We are working with other towns to see if our collective intelligence can lead to who is responsible," Hussey said.

No insurance

A car was towed and its registered owner summonsed to court after a traffic stop last week. At about 2:50 p.m. on Thursday (Jan. 10), an officer was traveling on Hull Street when the officer saw a car that had stopped in the middle of travel lane and was just sitting there.

A check of the plate through the cruiser's mobile data terminal revealed the registration had been revoked due to cancellation of insurance.

The registered owner also had an expired, non-renewable license, police said.

The operator had an active license and did not realize the car was uninsured. Police had the car towed because it had no insurance. The operator and two passengers left on foot. The owner of the car, a 39-year-old Scituate man, is being summonsed on the charge of allowing a motor vehicle without insurance to remain in a public way.

Expired license

A 44-year-old Cohasset woman is being summonsed to court on the charge of unlicensed operation after she was stopped for speeding last week. The officer who was headed south on Route 3A turned around and pulled the woman over near the intersection of 3A and Pond Street. Further investigation revealed that she was driving on an expired license.

Car accident

A 2005 Dodge that is registered to and was being operated by a Cohasset resident was traveling on Forest Avenue at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday (Jan. 13) when it slid into a stonewall when trying to make a right onto Cedar Acres Lane, police said. The driver was cited for failure to slow down when approaching an intersection and failure to have a license his possession. There were three other people in the car. The passenger in the front seat was transported to the hospital with what appeared to be minor injuries, police said.

TROUBLE SPOT



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On Jan. 10 another car veered onto the tracks at the N. Main Street grade crossing. This was the sixth such mishap. Greenbush liaisons for the town, Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan, report that later the same day as last week's incident, the MBTA had work crews on site to repaint the lines. For more information, see Making Tracks on page 11.

Another seat opens for Rec. Comm.

A two-year seat on the Recreation Commission is now available. Ted Carroll submitted a letter of resignation this past week citing increased work responsibilities. Carroll has been involved in Cohasset Recreation for the past three decades as an employee, summer program director and commissioner.

"It has been a distinct pleasure to have been associated with the organization since I began in high school helping with the sports programs," Carroll wrote.

The Board of Selectmen voted to include the vacancy on the April 5 election ballot. There is also an open five-year Recreation Commission seat. Interested citizens can pull nomination papers at the Town Clerk's office between now and Feb. 14.

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Little Harbor sewer water work under way

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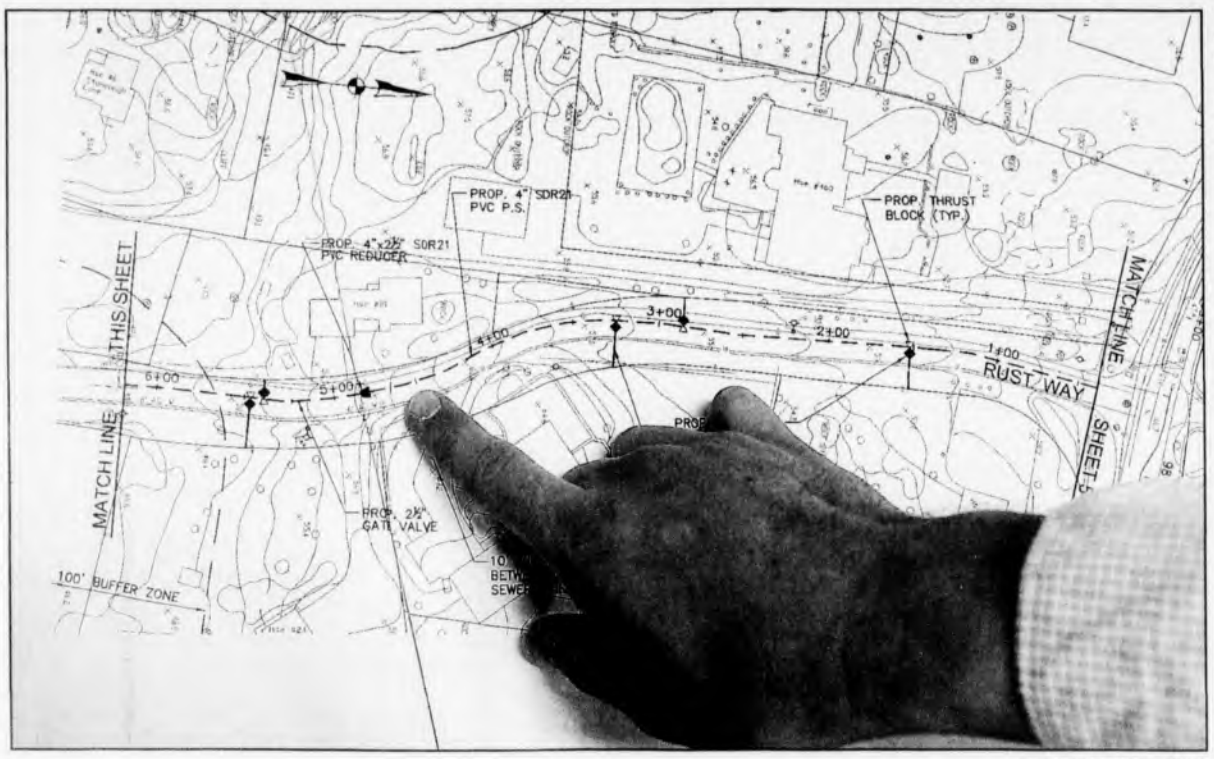
2009) about 10 miles of sewer pipe and three miles of water pipe will have been laid into the ground.

On the town side the Water Commission and the Sewer Commission serve an executive role over the project. While typically water and sewer projects can't be done simultaneously because of funding availability, for this project both parties had funding in line, said Water Commission chairman Glenn Pratt.

By doing both the water and sewer pieces in one large project disruption to the neighborhoods is minimized because the street doesn't have to be dug up (and repaved) two times, he said. The project breaks down to roughly one-third water to two-thirds sewer. Pratt estimates the water work, including drainage, will cost about $5 million, with the entire project coming in the neighborhood of $15 million.

"We don't get involved in the day to day operation but we do stay cognizant of what's going on. We don't interject in to the field" leaving it to the experts to engineer and construct, said Sewer Commissioner John Beck. Beyond the two commissions, the project permeates a cross-section of town departments. Police and fire officials are called upon for details. School transportation has to be altered due to construction on occasion. The Town Manager's office often receives calls. The DPW will be paving the streets once all work is complete.

In the field, there are three firms hard at work accomplishing the project street by street.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Paul Cappelletti, project manager from LM Holdings, points to the new sewer line that they are now installing along Rust Way. Paul estimates that the sewer line at Rust Way will be completed in about a month.

On the engineering side, Stoneham-based Coughlin Environmental Services is serving as the town's agent, designing and overseeing all aspects of the project's sewer engineering plans.

Kevin McRae is in the midst of it all as the resident engineer. He spends his days throughout Little Harbor and in the staging area trailer on Jerusalem Road. Dan Coughlin, principal of the firm, is deeply involved in the project.

...at the end of two-year timeframe (finishing sometime in 2009) about 10 miles of sewer pipe and three miles of water pipe will have been laid into the ground.

He started his firm in 2005 after working for Tutela Engineering Associates for over two decades.

Tutela Engineering is involved in the project as well supervising the water portion's design and installation. Tutela has worked with the town on various water, sewer and drainage projects since 1991.

For LM Holdings, the project contractor, this is dollar size their largest project to date. Although a relatively new company that got its start in 2005, the nucleus of the company have worked together for years.

"We have the experience. We know what our employees can do and how to work best together," said Steve Harrington, Vice President of LM Holdings. He and president Massimo Marino worked together at Modern Continental for 25 years doing projects in the hundreds of millions before striking out on their own. The Westford-based company employs about 75 people doing heavy civil engineering for municipalities and private developers.

Although based on the North Shore, LM Holding has some employees based in Hull who can respond quickly if there is an emergency outside of business hours.

"The sewer and water commissions spent a lot of time checking references. We checked (the firms) out pretty carefully and were convinced they could do the job," said Pratt.

The entire operation involves extensive coordination and constant communication. Four separate crews, each with about three workers, disperse from the staging area on Jerusalem Road to different streets in Little Harbor. The 16 LM Holdings employees meet each morning for a safety meeting with supervisors then, in most cases, return to the site they were working on the day before.

"Our first priority is to get the job done safely then on time and on budget," said Beck. This week, crews were on Deep Run, Rust Way, Nichols Road and Whitehead Road. The streets are all at differing levels of completion.

Over the next few weeks, McRae expects some crews will be moving on to portions of Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue. Their hope is to finish those scenic byways before the warmer months when Sunday drivers become more frequent and road races are scheduled.

Project challenges

The staging area on Jerusalem Road, although currently under an appeal with the Zoning Board of Appeals, is a huge asset to the contractor and the engineers, they say. In addition to the crews out on the street, a floating crew supports the contractors out in the field by bringing needed supplies to and from the staging area. Heavy equipment, stockpiles of excess dirt, pallets of pipes, huge containers of valves and miscellaneous items, such as boots and tools, are all on hand if needed.

"In a utility job like this, we need to have a variety of equipment on site, because there are a lot of unknowns out there," said Harrington. Tutela engineer John Ings said the staging area's central location minimizes downtime for all involved.

"There are a lot of unknowns out there," said LM Holdings project manager Paul Cappelleti. On any given day, while digging a trench they may come across something they weren't expecting. Having their material supply close by keeps work moving along, he said.

What has slowed down work at times is Cohasset's trademark ledge, which has stymied the contractor more than once in more than one location.

"I don't think the contractor appreciates the amount of ledge," quipped McRae. However, the engineers say they picked some tough spots to start work.

"It's definitely a challenge getting by it," said Cappelletti. For the most part, the contractor has been hammering away at the ledge, but may have to resort to blasting in some spots.

Another challenge they've come across is keeping in touch with each other. While on other jobs they frequently use cell phones to keep all the crews up to speed but, as residents well know, the town's coast does not have reliable cell phone coverage. They invested in a set of long-range hand held radios to communicate with each other.

"It's the best money we ever spent," said Cappelletti, "we're able to talk to everyone on the job no matter where they are."

Communication

The contractor and the engineers say have enjoyed a cooperative relationship with residents on the whole, despite the inconveniences they have caused by doing their job.

"Residents have been great, they want to work together with us. We've gotten some good feedback," said Cappelletti. Some homeowners have offered workers hot drinks, cookies, and one even brought a cake to the office around the holidays—gestures they still appreciate.

All involved with the project have tried to keep communication open with residents. Information on both the water and sewer improvements is available on their respective websites Sewer Commissioner John Beck has been writing occasional column in the Mariner. The staging area trailer has a direct line if there is ever an emergency or question. The water and sewer commissions held a neighborhood meeting before major construction began to address any concerns and answer any questions.

"Putting sewer into people home's is more intimate than water," said Coughlin. Each homeowner must decide where they want the sewer line to enter the home. Coughlin engineers have been talking to residents for close to a year about pumps and sewer access so when the time comes to connect to town sewer the process will go a little smoother.

"Resident engineers get to know people by name — not by address number. They're out on the street, knocking on doors and in people's cellars," said Tom Keeffe of Tutela Engineering.

End result

It's mandated by the state to have all 487 Little Harbor homes hooked up to the town sewer by 2012. A portion of those homes in the North Cohasset area could have the ability to hook up as soon as later this year. Those homes will be tied into the Hull wastewater treatment plant where capacity is already available.

Upgrades to the Cohasset wastewater treatment plant located on Elm Street are expected to be complete by late 2008. At the earliest, homes could begin to hook up to town sewer in spring 2009, the tie-ins are expected be phased so everyone is not coming online at the same time.

"A reliable wastewater system is a great benefit to the homeowner," said Coughlin. Little Harbor, which has poor water quality largely due to poorly functioning septic systems, is expected to reap environmental benefits. By sewering the area, the nutrient source will be removed, which will improve the health of the water ecosystem, said Coughlin.

Questions about any aspect of the work should be addressed to Kevin McRae, resident engineer for the town's contractor, Coughlin Environmental Services LLC. His office is located in the construction trailer in the staging area off Jerusalem Road. The telephone number for the trailer, which will be staffed during normal working hours, is 781-383-2900.

Further information about the project can be found on the Water Department's website, www.cohassetwater.org and the Sewer Commission's website at www.townofcohasset.org.

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Supt. Walsh named in federal lawsuit

School Committee not concerned

By Nancy White
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"I have every confidence in her."
— Rick Flynn, School Committee

Cohasset Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh is a defendant in a lawsuit now pending in federal court that dates back to her prior position as head of Middleboro Public Schools.

A former Middleboro student and his parents name Walsh, along with other school officials and the town of Middleboro, in the civil suit. Court documents state the town and its officials failed to warn parents and students about a former teacher's alleged inappropriate conduct and contact with students in Middleboro and at a prior position at a parochial school. The failure, the suit claims, caused serious physical and emotional injury to their family and increased the likelihood of danger to the student. The student was sexually assaulted shortly after the teacher was fired from the Middleboro school system.

School Committee members when contacted this week are aware of the lawsuit, but they are not particularly concerned.

"It hasn't affected her [Walsh's] performance on a professional level," said School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn, "I have every confidence in her."

The Patriot Ledger ran a front-page story detailing the lawsuit on Tuesday, Jan. 8. Following the Ledger's story, at least two school committee members spoke to Walsh about it privately. At last week's School Committee budget meeting, an executive session — closed to the public — was held to discuss the lawsuit.

"It's really old news, it happened four years ago," said Walsh in a phone interview this week, "it is an action against the town of Middleboro."

The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court in December 2006, but it is still in a preliminary stage. The family is seeking $1 million for their son's emotional and physical injuries, according to court documents.

Gregory Pathiakis, the former Middleboro math and science teacher, pled guilty to charges of child rape and possession of child pornography in January 2005. Pathiakis is also named as a defendant in the lawsuit. He was arrested in January 2004 for raping the boy in December 2003.

This all happened before Walsh came to Cohasset in July 2004. The Middleboro schools did not employ the teacher at the time, School Committee member Alfred Slanetz points out.

"I don't think she would purposefully endanger a child, she's a good person," said Slanetz in a phone interview, adding she has devoted her professional career to education.

Flynn said there are no plans to discuss the lawsuit at an open meeting, "it's nothing that affects the town of Cohasset.

Artificial turf for Alumni Field on the table

FROM TURF, PAGE 1

"I don't see it as a school project, it's a townwide project."
— George McGoldrick, Cohasset Sports Partnership

supplements two to three other fields and can be used for multiple sports," said McGoldrick. The turf field, as opposed to real grass, can withstand intense rainfall. Typically on a grass field if there is a game held in rainy weather — and the mud that comes with it — the field consequently must be closed to repair itself.

Back in November, the School Committee invited representatives from a turf field manufacturer to one of its meetings. Benefits included field longevity (10-15 years) and lowering the cost of annual field maintenance.

The conversation on a turf field intensified last year when the school came to the Capital Budget Committee requesting $45,000 to repair Alumni's track and field, said School Committee chairman Rick Flynn. At that time a turf field was only a distant dream, but the Capital Budget Committee didn't want to fund $45,000 to repair a field if a replacement turf field was a few years down the line. Instead $5,000 was authorized to repair the track to last a few more years.

"When we are figuring out if this turf field is worth it, we have to weigh in the needed repairs to the present field," said Flynn. Currently, Alumni Field suffers from drainage issues as well.

Because of the great expense of the turf field proposal, the members of the Sports Partnership suggested combining private funding with town funding. Some towns with turf fields have received federal grants and/or applied for Community Preservation funds. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer encouraged the partnership to look at different "buckets of money" to fund the project, adding if private funding could bring the cost of the field below $1 million, the project could be more palatable.

"I don't see it as a school project, it's a townwide project," said McGoldrick.

The Selectmen were unanimous in supporting the idea of the project and gave their blessing for the partnership to begin fundraising. Selectman Vice Chair Ted Carr volunteered to serve as liaison to the turf field committee.

"We have a strong committee with different demographics and (the field) does touch a lot of people in town," said McGoldrick. If the funding comes together, the partnership was hopeful the field construction could break ground in spring 2009.

Resident concerned about lack of sidewalks

By Nancy White
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"We've got a lot of requests, we have to figure out which ones are practical."
— Selectman Ralph Dormitzer

The lack of sidewalks in key areas of town is becoming an issue before the Board of Selectmen with increasing frequency. In the last few months, three citizens have come to a meeting to discuss the need for more sidewalks.

Despite the issue being brought up by individuals, Chairman Gary Vanderweil is wondering if others in the community are equally as concerned with the lack of sidewalks — and which ones are most important.

"Just because there is one proponent with a special pet request doesn't mean that's the (project) we should do," said Vanderweil. The residents of Sanctuary Pond Road (Rose Hill development) petitioned the town to build a sidewalk from their street to King Street so residents could walk to the train station. Howie Altholtz of 4 Cedar Ledge came before the Selectmen to discuss the possibility of a sidewalk on North Main Street from Forest Avenue to the train station.

Now, Martha Gjesteby of 81 Old Pasture Road was the latest citizen to come forward with sidewalk concerns. She identified three streets in town that beg for sidewalks because of safety concerns. Sidewalks near the schools were first on her list.

A part of Pleasant Street, often used by children and young mothers with carriages making there way to the elementary schools, needs a complete sidewalk. Right now, pedestrians are forced to go into the street while walking, said Gjesteby.

Sohier Street from Route 3A to Fair Oaks Lane lacks a sidewalk making it dangerous for anyone to traverse, she said. A sidewalk exists on the other side of Fair Oaks, linking that neighborhood to the schools and village.

Lastly, Gjesteby encouraged the Selectmen to petition the state and the MBTA to build a sidewalk on Route 3A, a state-owned highway, from Pond Street to the train station.

"They might be able to do something for us, it's a safety issue," said Gjesteby, "with the high price of energy, I think more people would think of walking" particularly increased development along Route 3A, including a shopping plaza next to the train station.

"We've got a lot of requests, we have to figure out which ones are practical," said Selectman Ralph Dormitzer. The board briefly discussed possibly revitalizing the Sidewalk Committee to evaluate and prioritize resident's sidewalk concerns or incorporating sidewalks construction into the capital budget.

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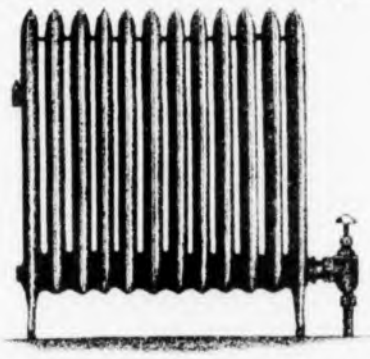
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GO PATS

Hello Cohasset. Well, we have had it all so far, snow, rain, ice, cold, warm and wind! Now we have a weekend with some sort of important game or something happening on Sunday (ok fine, VERY IMPORTANT, GO PATS) and it is going to be really cold. Make sure if you are not going to the game to be inside enjoying warmth, good food and drinks and most of all, HAVE FUN and stay safe. Send me in some of your news and fun stories as well for next weeks column. A new baby to announce in the column along with several events to help get through the winter in fun and style.

NEW ARRIVAL



Amelia Kay Palmer arrived Nov. 12.

Congratulations go out to this family filled with fun, children and love.

Nathaniel and Heather Palmer are please to announce the arrival of their daughter **Amelia Kay Palmer**, born Nov. 12th at 10:10 a.m. She was 7pounds 8 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches at birth. She was welcomed home to Cohasset by her exhausted parents, loving big brother **Nathaniel M. Palmer**, and ecstatic grandmother **Pamela Palmer**.

MLK BREAKFAST

Please join the Cohasset Clergy and the Diversity Committee in honoring the memory and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Cohasset's 7th annual Martin Luther King Day Breakfast. The breakfast will be held on Monday, Jan. 21 at St. Anthony Parish Center, 10 Summer St. from 9 – 11 a.m.. A pancake breakfast will be served from 9 – 10 a.m. followed by an uplifting program honoring the memory of Dr. King. The cost is $5 per person, $15 per family. The featured speaker will be **Richard Tarlaian**, a certified trainer in Kingian Non-Violence at the University of Rhode Island Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies. Mr. Tarlaian will explain how the Kingian Philosophy of nonviolence based on agape or unconditional, forgiving love has been successfully employed to work through apparently irreconcilable conflicts to build healthy interpersonal and community relations. Childcare will be provided by CMHS's Peer Leaders. For more information please call **Connie Afshar** at 781 383 6006.

DROWNED HOGS

Feb. 2nd, Ground Hog day in America, and more notably for South Shore residents, Drowned Hog Day in Hull! For the 13th year, the Drowned Hogs will storm Nantasket Beach and make their mad dash into the Atlantic Ocean. At noon, on Saturday, Feb. 2, hundreds of hardy nutcases committed to doing something cool and crazy for a cause — Wellspring Multi-Service Center — will predict spring's arrival.

All Cohasset residents, individuals, teams, groups or families with warm hearts willing to do something chill for charity are welcome to join the craziness! Information and pledge sheets are available at www.drowned-hogs.org or www.well-springhull.org. Registration fee is $10 and includes the eagerly awaited 02-02-08 Drowned Hog T-Shirt and a Drowned Hog button entitling the wearer to discounts at participating restaurants and shops all weekend. Following the icy plunge at high noon, survivors and onlookers are all invited to warm up at the Nantasket Beach Chamber of Commerce's Drowned Hog Soup and Chowder Fest at the Red Parrot. Last year's defending champion, Weinberg's Bakery, will be challenged by scrumptious offerings from Jakes, Barefoot Bob's, Café Ona, Hole in the Wall, L St. Deli, Ocean Club, Red Parrot, Schooner's and Toast. Tickets are $10. All proceeds will benefit the food pantry at Wellspring.

DELICIOUS COLORS

To counteract the dreary gray slush outside, go to the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham and treat your eyes to the delicious colors of a wonderful exhibition of paintings by **JoAnne Chittick**, **Dianne Panarelli Miller**, and **Diana Rousseau**. The South Shore Art Center has selected these three Gallery Artists to show their work in its satellite gallery until the end of January. Filling the walls of the lower level of the Conservatory, in the South Shore Music Circus Gallery, are watercolors and oils by JoAnne and pastels, acrylics, and oils by Diana; oil paintings by Dianne are upstairs, in the Palmer Gallery. The Conservatory is located at One Conservatory Drive, off Fort Hill Street, in Hingham (781-749-7565, ext. 10). Hours are M — F 8:30 a.m. — 9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. — noon. The show will be hanging until Thursday, Jan. 31. Most paintings are for sale.

AROMATHERAPY

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting at Bates Hall in the Second Congregational Church on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 9:30 a.m. Floral designer and aromatherapist **Nancy Engel** will present" Lavender and Other Essential Oils", a discussion of the different types of lavender and the ways to use them in our everyday lives. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m.

HOCKEY BOOSTERS

Here is a great event that is coming up to warm you up during these cold winter months. Come dance the night away to the classic rock sounds of the "GR8FLS" (formerly known as the Greatful Dads) at the beautiful Red Lion Inn Barn on Feb. 1st. The event benefits the Cohasset Hockey team and promises to rockin' time for everyone. If you didn't make it last year, don't miss it this year. It's a great way to shake off the doldrums of winter and have a fun night out with friends in Cohasset. The date is Feb. 1 from 8 pm-midnight with Classic and current rock provided by the "GR8FLS". Tickets are $20 and are available at the door or through any hockey team member or parent. Appetizers and a cash bar will be there and it will be a super nite of fun. So, join the Cohasset Hockey Boosters who truly know how to put the "fun" back in fundraising and "come on down" to the Red Lion Inn on Feb. 1st!

PENGUIN PLUNGE

Julian Herth, a freshman at Cohasset High School, will swim in the coldest water temperatures of the year to raise money for Farmsteads of New England and Special Olympics. He will make the three-generational plunge into the frigid North Atlantic waters in Hampton, N.H, on Sunday, Feb. 3, in conjunction with the Special Olympics Penguin Plunge to raise awareness and funds for Farmsteads of New England and Special Olympics. The three generations include his grandfather, **Fred DeScenza**, of DeScenza Diamonds, who will celebrate his 80th year and his aunt **Deborah DeScenza**, Founder and Director of Farmsteads of New England.

Since 2003, Farmsteads of New England, founded by Deborah DeScenza, has provided day and residential services for young adults with autism and developmental disabilities in a farming environment at Rosewald Farm in Hillsborough, N.H. Deborah's goal is to have her farmers go to bed at night having had a full day, feeling proud of themselves for having accomplished something important and feeling content, knowing that they have friends, a home and a good life. At Farmsteads of New England, small tasks give them purpose, such as giving hay



Julian Herth will swim to raise money for Farmsteads of New England and Special Olympics.

to the animals, picking vegetables in season, helping to bake cookies for the farmstand, making small crafts, working out on the treadmill and exercise equipment with mentor supervision, and having friends and a place of their own. For more information on Farmsteads of New England, visit www.farmsteads-ne.org.

This is much needed, as there is no other service like this for them in New England. Imagine a parent who must have their child in sight 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the impossible job it becomes, especially if you are a single parent. To meet the ever-growing need, FNE has just completed 8 of the 24 additional one-bedroom apartments. Funding is needed for the next eight units, so plunge deep and join Julian, Fred and Deborah in their efforts by donating to raise these much-needed funds. Donations in support of our Cohasset freshman, Julian Herth's efforts may be sent to Farmsteads of New England, 213 Center Road, Hillsborough, N.H. 03244. Naming rights are available for major donations. For information, call Deborah at 603-464-2590.

That is it for this week. Please send me all of your news, event information and stories in written form either electronically or by mail as I will no longer accept phone messages due to glitches and erased calls etc

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SENIOR SCENE

Raffle prizes being sought

The following events are sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs at 3 North Street. Registration is required for all events unless noted, by calling 781-383-9112.

Events

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Valentine's Tea – Join the Valentine's Tea from 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Second Congregational Church. Anna's Gourmet Club will prepare the feast. To sign up, call 781-383-9112.

Lunchtime Lectures

Prescription Advantage Workshop – Kathy Campbell Outreach Coordinator for Prescription Advantage will present a workshop on Prescription Advantage from 11 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Jan. 23. A gourmet lunch will follow the presentation. The cost for both is $2.50. For more information, call Kathy at 617-222-7520.

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New eatery in the Village

FROM ZUPPA, PAGE 1

"I'm excited to feed all my clients, I've made them look great on the outside, now I can make them feel good on inside," says Hourihan.

The duo have spent the next few months preparing the business for opening, "we gutted it and renovated the whole space from floors to walls. Everything is brand spanking new," says Troupe. Both women love to decorate so they looked through magazines and visited other area cafes for ideas. Hourihan's husband, Kevin, has helped the women bring their vision to reality by doing the majority of the renovation work.

The result is an inviting space with rich golden yellow walls, with red and green accents. The back wall is covered with a green patterned tin to add texture and depth to the space. An oversized clock hangs over an antiqued yellow bureau where coffee will be available. The restaurant is outfitted with wireless internet to encourage patrons to settle in and stay awhile.

"I want people to come here and not want to leave because it's so cozy," says Hourihan. But, the owners also want people to come because of the good food and hospitality.

"My mother and grandmother are Italian so I learned the values of good food and good hospitality very early on," says Hourihan, who credits her mother for her love of cooking. She plans on using her creativity in the kitchen to come up with daily specials and distinctive soups. She hopes her soups become what the restaurant is known for, those who know Italian will recognize "zuppa" as soup in that language. The business's icon features a steaming bowl of soup, fresh out of the kitchen.

A few of her favorite recipes include Tuscan minestrone, organic lentil with pancetta, pasta fagioli, and roasted potato with cheddar broccoli. In addition to the soups the lunch menu will feature homemade sauces, fresh salads, sandwiches and Italian favorites, like eggplant parmesan.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Vinette Hourihan and Mary Troupe, co-owners of Café Zuppa in Cohasset Village, stand by the oversized clock that hangs over an antiqued yellow bureau where coffee will be available.

Don't expect a bacon and egg breakfast special on the menu, says Hourihan, rather a break from the norm with a European café twist on breakfast. Lighter and more wholesome fare will be offered: oatmeal with brown sugar and apples, hard boiled eggs, organic vanilla yogurt with raspberries and blueberries, and bagels. Jim's organic coffee and espresso will also be staples on the menu. At both breakfast and lunch take-out will be available if a customer is just looking for a quick bite.

The women exude passion and excitement for their new venture and hope to get to know their customers each by name.

"The community and the village has such a great feel," says Troupe, "we hope people will come and feel at home here."

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society



One hundred years ago, Cove Bridge Road at Cohasset Harbor was a busy business center. Stores such as Sylvester's Fish Market and Caleb Nichol's Supply Company flourished. While these establishments are long gone, the house in the background of the photograph still stands, easily identifiable today.

If you have enjoyed reading our columns and discovering some of what we hold in our archives, please consider supporting the Historical Society. Your tax-deductible donation can be sent to: Cohasset Historical Society, PO Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025. All donations are gratefully appreciated.

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First Parish to host parenting seminar

Is parenting your little one tougher than you thought it would be? First Parish Unitarian-Universalist on Cohasset Common, with the help of The Social Service League of Cohasset, will host the nationally-celebrated parenting course, "1, 2, 3, 4, Parents!" for the parents of children 1 to 4.

"1, 2, 3, 4 Parents!" is a two-hour, three-session video-based interactive learning experience that is both entertaining and educational. The program is written by national parenting experts, Dr. Michael Popkin, Dr. Betsy Gard and Dr. Marilyn Montgomery. Jan Tedeschi of Marshfield will facilitate all sessions. Jan has a master's degree in marriage and family therapy, and is a certified school adjustment counselor who has taught active parenting courses for more than a decade.

The program will focus on discipline methods that work, how to prevent tantrums, how to make rules your child will follow, routines that make life easier, how to care for your child at different stages and great ways to take care of yourself. Participants will meet other parents of toddlers and preschoolers and discover what a wonderful difference the program will make for themselves and their families.

The program will take place Tuesdays, Jan. 29, and Feb. 5 and 12, in the livingroom of First Parish. There is a choice of two sessions, 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is $100 per person for First Parish members and $120 for nonmembers. A 25 percent discount is available for spouses attending the same program. Some financial assistance is available, courtesy of The Social Service League of Cohasset.

The program is open to the entire community. To register call Sandy Bailey, parish administrator, at 781-383-1100. Sign-up is on a first-come first-served basis and classes fill up quickly.

For more information, call Woody Chittick at 781-383-3215 or Jan Tedeschi at 781-659-1885, or visit www.askjantedeschi.com.

In addition, the three-week "Active Parenting Now!" course for parents of children 5 through 12 will be offered beginning Wednesday, Feb. 27.

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Last year more than 350 flags were installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets across from Veterans Memorial Park.

Second annual 'Healing Field' planned

By Mary Ford
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Thomas Wigmore, commander of the local chapter of the Sons of the American Legion, hopes to make the Healing Field an annual tradition in Cohasset.

Last year more than 350 flags installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets across from Veterans Memorial Park created a breathtaking, dramatic display and provided a means for many citizens, organizations and businesses to honor men and women currently serving, those who have served, and those who have made the supreme sacrifice for security and freedom.

Wigmore plans to install a Healing Field as part of the town's Memorial Day 2008 observances and says photos of the display sent overseas last year lifted the spirits of the deployed troops.

"It was a big plus for troops over in Iraq and Afghanistan to see how much is being done even by a small town like Cohasset to show support," Wigmore said.

This year's effort could result in upwards of 400 American flags on eight-foot-tall poles in perfect rows installed on the island that faces Veterans Memorial Park where the annual Memorial Day observances are held, and on the island at the top of Elm Street across from the Cohasset Harbor Inn.

Wigmore explains having enough lead-time is critical in order for the effort to be successful. He would like to have the flags ordered as soon as possible, with orders in place by April 1.

"This is something the whole community can be involved in," says Wigmore, who is a former national chairman of the Sons, a group made up of men whose fathers, stepfathers, or grandfathers are veterans.

The flags sell for $25 and can be dedicated to anyone. In other words, the purchase of a flag is not limited to those honoring someone who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces.

Those who purchase flags may take them home after the field is taken down the Saturday after Memorial Day. The Healing Field will be up from May 18-31.

Wigmore is also looking for sponsors who would pay $100 to have their name on a special banner.

The Healing Field is one in a long line of community efforts supported by the George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 on Summer Street , the Sons, and the Women's Auxiliary. Tom's father, Steve Wigmore, is the long-time commander of the Post.

The Legion works hand-in-hand annually with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9146, headed by Ralph Perroncello, to organize the most visible effort: Cohasset's annual Memorial Day Parade and observances.

Behind the scenes, the Legion and Sons have donated $10,000 to the war memorial project at Veterans Memorial Park. The Legion also supports Legion baseball, and the Sons support Boys and Girls State - a program sending talented students away for a week to learn about government. The organizations, including the Women's Auxiliary, also help homeless veterans and other groups.

Healing Field flags are $25. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with a note on the memo line indicating "Healing Field" and sent to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, contact the Legion post at 781-383-9657 or stop by the pos tat 98 Summer St. any weekday after 3 p.m., Saturdays after 10 a.m. or Sundays after 12 noon. Applications for Healing Field flags are available at the Post. All proceeds will go to veterans projects of the Sons of the American Legion.

Cohasset Democrats to hold annual caucus

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will hold their annual caucus at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 9, in the Paul Pratt Public Library at 35 Ripley Road to elect five delegates and two alternates to the 2008 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Two female and two male delegates, and one male or female delegate will be elected.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus.

The State Convention will be held Friday, June 7, at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell. At that time, Democrats from across the state will gather to endorse candidates for the office of U.S. Senator. The names of those candidates who receive 15 percent of the state convention vote will be placed on the Democratic Primary ballot Sept. 16.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus. All ballots will be written and secret. Those not elected as delegate and/or alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates in the category of youth, minority, or disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 56 Roland St., Suite 203, Boston, MA. 02129, no later than ten days after the caucus date. For caucus information, contact chair, Agnes McCann, at 617-686-4866.

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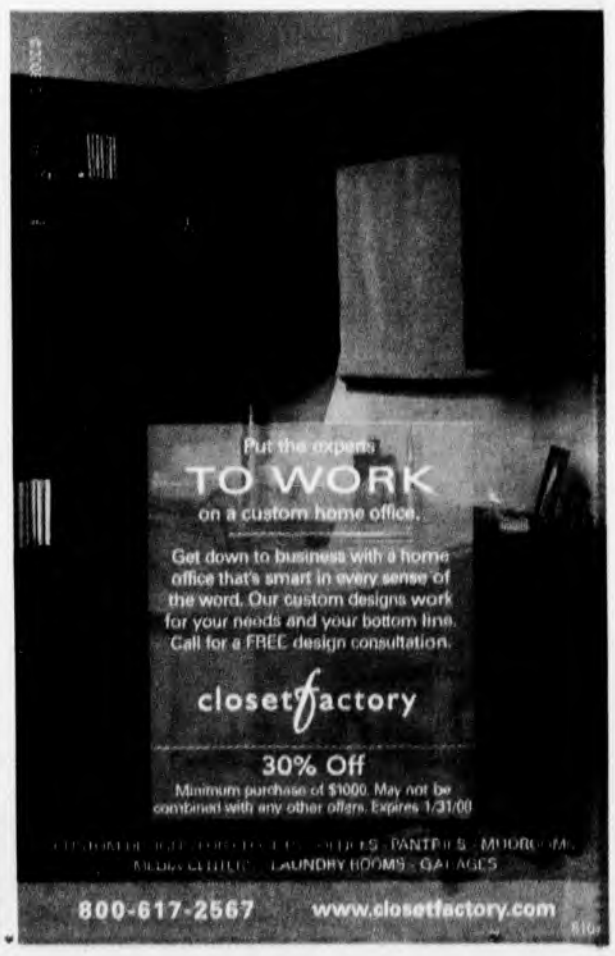
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Selectmen split on perc tests for town-owned parcel

FROM HOUSING, PAGE 1

"We're just asking to explore the possibility," said Tom Callahan, Housing Partnership co-chairman.

Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil and Ralph Dormitzer had concerns about taking this initial step toward affordable housing.

To Vanderweil, the idea of building affordable housing on town-owned land was reminiscent of the town's failed pursuit to build senior affordable housing on the Cook Estate off Sohier Street and did not want to go down that road again.

"I'm not sure if I want housing there," said Vanderweil, adding open space might be more palatable for residents. Callahan said many questions had to be answered before the building of affordable housing, but if a project ever came to fruition the development would be rather unobtrusive to the neighborhood.

Dormitzer's concerns lay with about the political ramifications of performing perc tests on the land.

"The perc testing presupposes the (development) will be done," said Dormitzer, "I'd like to get a consensus from the town whether they want it done."

In a phone interview, Dormitzer said he would have liked to see the partnership meet and talk with the neighbors, even before they perform the perc tests.

"Approach the process in a way where neighbors feel informed and listened to," said Dormitzer.

The Housing Partnership is bringing two articles before Annual Town Meeting, one to establish a housing trust fund and another to fund the account. The articles will spark the type of debate the affordable housing issue in Cohasset needs, said Dormitzer, "you're going to find out if everyone is supportive."

Selectman Fred Koed had mixed feelings on the effort, although he ultimately voted in favor of it. While he said he was not opposed to getting information, he was concerned the partnership was not approaching the project the right way again.

The Housing Partnership received opposition from neighbors after proposing plans to create seven units of affordable housing at 25 Ripley Road. The opposition ultimately derailed the project and the committee moved on to other opportunities.

"Everyone is in favor of affordable housing until they find out where it is," said Koed.

Callahan said they couldn't answer any questions about potential development until they knew what they had to work with. The partnership is looking at this potential project as bringing the town up to the 10 percent threshold required under state Chapter 40-B, which required towns to have at least 10 percent affordable housing stock.

Although the partnership received Selectmen approval to perform the perc tests on the land, there are several other steps they need to take. They plan on seeking $15,000 to $20,000 in Community Preservation funding at the upcoming Town Meeting for the project. The money will pay for six to eight perc tests and the associated engineering analysis.



COURTESY OF THE COHASSET HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

An aerial map showing where the town-owned parcel is located.

Area once considered for school complex

The property described by the Cohasset Housing Partnership to the Board of Selectman on Monday, Jan. 14 is approximately 15 acres bounded by Deer Hill School, Sohier Street behind the Music Circus, the Greenbush tracks and portions of Smith Place and Pleasant Street. It was originally privately owned woods and pasture land and was taken by the town in the 1970s by eminent domain when a campus-like school complex at Deer Hill was envisioned before the present rebuilding of the schools required less land use than anticipated.

According to Dave Wadsworth, who remembers the land from his boyhood, you could walk from the Common, cross Ripley Road, cross the old unfenced railroad tracks, cross a bridge over James Brook and climb the hill to the upper pastures and woodlands which was the western portion of the property abutting Deer Hill. The town map bound in the 1898 edition of E. Victor Bigelow's "Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume I" shows much of the land was cleared, intermixed with stands of deciduous trees. A neighbor who built a home on Pleasant Lane in the 1950s recalls walking from his home through the property on a summer evening to listen to the Music Circus. Over 10 years ago, the property was considered a potential sight for expanding Cohasset's cemetery plots, but the idea was abandoned due to some neighborhood opposition and the expansion needs being relieved by the development of the Woodside Cemetery. Within the past five years, fieldstones were removed for building some of the stonework at the Memorial Park in the harbor.

Today the property is heavily overgrown with deciduous and evergreen trees with dense growths of brambles and poison ivy, virtually impassable during the growing season. The upper property bounding the Deer Hill School, Pleasant Lane and the first parking lot of the Music Circus is relatively dry with old stonewalls and cedar fence posts indicating the agricultural use of the land at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. The lower portion of property, through which James Brook flows, is bounded by the Greenbush tracks and Smith Place. It has several large boulders and is considered too wet to be buildable.

Source: Cohasset Housing Partnership

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A dream for all time

In some ways, it seems so long ago.

The young adults reading this page were not even born when the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. on Aug. 23, 1963 to address a crowd of more than 200,000 during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom:

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'"

Dr. King's renowned "I Have A Dream" speech is considered a defining moment in the American Civil Rights movement.

Yet, for those who witnessed his eloquence, it seems only yesterday that the compelling voice of the Rev. Martin Luther King rang out for freedom.

His message espoused nonviolence. His methods might have appeared physically passive, but were spiritually aggressive.

Looking back, assessing the progress of King's dream, and looking ahead to how much work remains to be done, that day on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial doesn't seem so far away after all.

In these past decades, how far have we come?

King strove tirelessly for the rights of all people until his assassination in Memphis, Tenn. on April 4, 1968.

So many years ago, King proclaimed:

"Let freedom ring. And when this happens, and when we allow freedom to ring - when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children - black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics - will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

The dream of freedom is a dream we all share.

As the years unfold, the dream of Martin Luther King Jr. is carried on in the hearts and actions of people who practice tolerance and seek fair treatment for all men and women.

These are the people who honor Dr. King in the highest of ways, by putting his creed into practice.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. continues to inspire people to hold on to their dreams... and to hold on to their ideals while striving for their dreams.

Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast

Join the Cohasset Clergy and the Cohasset Diversity Committee to honor the memory and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Cohasset's seventh annual Martin Luther King Day Breakfast, to be held from 9 to 11 a.m., Monday, Jan. 21, at the St. Anthony Parish Center. The cost is $5 per person and $15 per family. A hearty breakfast of fresh pastries, fruit salad, sausages, pancakes, fruit juices, milk, coffee and tea will be served, followed by an uplifting program honoring the memory of Dr. King.

The featured speaker will be Richard Tarlaian, a certified trainer in Kingian Non-Violence at the University of Rhode Island Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies. Mr. Tarlaian, a retired captain of the Providence Police Department will explain the Six Principals of Kingian Nonviolence and the Six Steps methodology for solving problems. King's Six Principals are commonly referred to as "The Will" and the Six Steps methodology as "The Skill."

Mr. Tarlaian will explain how the Kingian Philosophy of nonviolence based on agape or unconditional, forgiving love has been successfully employed to work through apparently irreconcilable conflicts to build healthy interpersonal and community relations.

Childcare will be provided by CMHS's peer leaders. For more information, call Connie Afshar at 781-383-6006.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Capital Budget Committee, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.
CMHS School Council, Feb. 6, 2:30 p.m., Room 116 at the high school.
Library Trustees, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.
Planning Board, Jan. 23, 7 p.m.
Recreation Commission, Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m.
School committee, Jan. 23, 7 p.m. at the high school.
Selectmen, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.; Feb. 4, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, March 24, 6 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to the Cohasset Cultural Council

TO THE EDITOR:

Working closely with CMHS Drama supervisor Stephanie Noble, the Cohasset Middle High School Arts Boosters, spearheaded by Barbara Baumgarten, applied for and received great news that it is a 2008 Cohasset Cultural Council grant recipient. The Cohasset Cultural Council is a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The grant will be used to help fund the Arts Boosters' sponsored HS Youth Drama Workshop that was instructed by Steve Dooner, drama professor, skilled actor, and experienced director for The Company Theatre, Fiddlehead Theatre, Bay Colony Orpheum Theater, Quincy College Drama Society and others (see 12/14/07 *Mariner* article). This workshop, which was free to interested students, was intended as an enrichment opportunity meant to bring the participants' craft to the next level. Students honed skills in: developing vocal techniques and delivery, shaping a dramatic scene, performing monologues, and practicing improvisation.

As these young actors prepare for competition in the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild Festival and varied performances for the Cohasset community, we are certain that they will embark with new confidence and a higher degree of professionalism.

On behalf of the students, faculty, parents and administration, we thank the Cohasset Cultural Council for giving the Arts a Boost!

Barbara Baumgarten
Elaine Breslow
Carol Meyers
Janet Robinson
Beth Seraikas
Sue Thompson

Heartfelt thanks to firefighters

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to express my belated thanks to Capt. Mark Trask and his firefighters for identifying an oil leak in our basement the week before Christmas.

There are too many details to outline, but because of the department's help we were able to avoid more serious problems.

The responders were notified and all arrived on the scene within hours.

Our life since then and those of our neighbors have been disrupted, but we are safe and in the supportive and professional hands of Green Environmental Services.

We look forward to the day when all will be back to "normal."

Many thanks to all.

Carol Hannon
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HEALTH NOTES

Health effects of diesel fumes

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Recent study findings in the United States as well as abroad have conclusively linked the fumes emitted by running diesel engines, now used extensively by heavy motor vehicles, to asthma and reduced lung function. The fumes are particularly dangerous to young growing lungs of children. A recent California study found the fumes stunt crucial lung development in children between the ages of 10 and 18 and found "pronounced deficits" in lung development among children who lived closest to motorways even when factors such as exposure to cigarette smoke were factored in. Another study in the UK found "significantly reduced" rates of lung growth even in teenagers who had never experienced any asthma or respiratory illness.

BoH investigates diesel fumes in school buses — In the face of increasing evidence that the fumes from diesel engines are "insidious killers, subtly destroying the lungs of those inhaling them," the Board of Health will soon consider additional regulations covering the rise of diesel emissions in Cohasset. It's not as if there is no solution to the problem of pervasive diesel fumes, particularly where children are involved. Diesel buses regularly idle in schoolyards all over the country. In 2007, two of the largest school bus operators in the country operating some 10,000 school buses in 22 states, were sued and agreed to replace buses in some states or to retrofit them with low-emissions engines by 2014.

This year, the Board of Health will propose regulations covering the idling of buses in schoolyards.

Massachusetts has long had regulations, largely ignored, that fine owners of motor vehicles idling for more than five minutes. In fact, in 2003, after several complaints, Health Notes took up the cudgel about idling vehicles in town contributing to pollution. A local woman even led a campaign! Now that the dangers of diesel are better understood, and with the advent of diesel trains as well as school buses and heavy equipment all over town, it's time to do something.

This year, the Board of Health will propose regulations covering the idling of buses in schoolyards. There is no good purpose for these buses wasting fuel and giving off fumes inhaled by our children. The excuse is that they keep the buses warm for the kids. What mother sends her child to school without warm clothes in cold weather?

Preventing idling can help, but other measures are available. It's possible to reduce the emissions from the buses themselves by using fuel that gives off fewer emissions and by using newer buses with engines that are

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Sixth car drives onto tracks

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush: *First the not-so-good new:* At about 6:15 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10th the sixth car drove off of the roadway onto the railroad tracks at the North Main Street crossing. Fortunately, the Cohasset safety forces were able to get the Greenbush line shut down before there was a loss of property or, heaven forbid, a loss of life. The car was removed by a wrecker and the railroad restored to service by about 7 a.m.. Shutting the Greenbush down clearly has an impact on its schedule. Further, since all three lines of the Old Colony share a single track between Braintree and Boston, a hiccup on any of the three lines can have schedule repercussions on the other two lines. In fact, we had a report that the 7:16 a.m. train left the station about six minutes earlier than it should have. We're guessing this was the MBTA trying to get their trains back into a workable schedule pattern.

Now, the good news: In last week's Mariner article we spoke briefly about the major meeting at the crossing at which the MBTA agreed to repaint the road lines at the crossing. Later the same day as the above incident, the MBTA had their work crews on site to repaint the lines. The MBTA erased the white lines that ran parallel to the tracks, which we believe may have led cars to turn to the right onto the tracks, especially in low light situations. Further, the white line at the edge of the road and the yellow line in the center of the road have been continued completely across the track area. So, the confusing lines have been eliminated and new lines direct the cars straight across the tracks. Keep in mind, the whole reason that the "standard" crossing design did not work well here is due to the extreme angle of the crossing.

King Street Greenbush Crossing: Ever since the train started running we have received numerous comments from residents about excess up and down gate operation at the Lower King Street crossing. One of the scenarios that gave rise to this jerky operation is as follows:



New line across track area on N. Main Street.



Work crew extending centerline at the N. Main Street crossing.

- Train pulls into the Cohasset station from Hingham, so the King St. gates come down
- Train stays in station a bit longer than it should, so with no train moving the gates go up.
- Train begins to move south toward Scituate from the Cohasset station, the gates come down.
- Train passes through crossing to the south, gates go up.

If you follow this up/down/up/down stuff you can see what's really happening and why the gates do what they do. But, because of the apparent confusion, the MBTA has lengthened the time that the gate waits before going back up in step 2, above. Thus, the gate will just stay down while the train is in the station. And, it will stay down until the train has crossed King Street on its way to Scituate. No more ups and downs!

Ridership: As those who read this column know, we love to collect arcane and miscellaneous information. So, with that in mind we thought we'd do a car count in the Greenbush parking lot this past Monday when Cohasset was projected to get a heavy snowfall (that never quite materialized). Well, you guessed it. The numbers show a 16% increase in cars in the parking lot. I guess we're not the only people who don't like to drive on slippery roads.

Sample Date	# of Cars
Opening Day Oct. 31, 2007	75
Nov. 20, 2007	130
Dec. 4, 2007	152
Dec. 11, 2007	169
Jan 7, 2008	165
Jan 14, 2008	***192***

Parking numbers at the Cohasset Train Station.

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Growing up in the eighties

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



On the small screen, long before "American Idol" churned out pop stars and women bonded over "Sex and the City," we watched "Fame" and followed female pals "Kate & Allie" and "Cagney & Lacey."

In my research about generational differences, I stumbled across some work by Morris Massey. His main theory is: "what you are, is where you were when" (the "where" refers to your coming-of-age years; and the "when" to significant events occurring during that time period). For example, if you came of age during the JFK years, you would have a very different view of government than those who grew up under later administrations.

Recent political contests and the start of the New Year brought Massey's theory to mind as 25 years ago, in 1983, I was smack dab in the middle of high school. So I took a look back at the significant events that shaped my views and those of my peers who came of age during the much maligned, but surprisingly progressive 1980s.

Pop Culture — In 1983, Madonna burst "Like a Virgin" onto the scene. Today this seems an almost tame way to introduce one's self compared to the Spears sisters' rallying cry of "Oops, I did it again and again and, yep, make that once again." Of course, back then Paris was just a city; ankle bracelets were just jewelry; and the only Ritchie we knew was crooning, "Once, Twice, Three Times a Lady."

Twenty-five years ago before satellite radio and iTunes, Sting was a Police-man watching every breath we took and John Mellencamp was still a Cougar. At the box office, Tom Cruise had his first taste of "Risky Business," Matthew Broderick played "War Games" and Jennifer Beals had us ripping our sweatshirts and dancing like maniacs – a "Flashdance" trend most of us would like to forget. Earlier in 1983, the Academy honored "Ghandi" leading a nation; Richard Gere carrying Debra Winger "up where we belong"; Dustin Hoffman dressing in drag; and an alien phoning home.

On the small screen, long before "American Idol" churned out pop stars and women bonded over "Sex and the City," we watched "Fame" and followed female pals "Kate & Allie" and "Cagney & Lacey." Yet, not all female television characters were friends, as 1983 was the year that Joan Collins and Linda Evans took their famous tumble into the lily pond on "Dynasty." (I'm still awaiting a modern-day rematch with Rosie O'Donnell and Elisabeth Hasselbeck. Now that would be one "Survivor" episode worth viewing.)

A quarter of a century ago, OJ was still running for rental cars, not from rent-a-cops. We held Michael Jackson in awe, instead of "ew..." Ozzy was the only Osbourne. Rod Stewart and Woody Allen had relationships with women old enough to know better, and we still believed Princess Diana had married Prince Charming.

In retrospect, life was pretty innocent back then. Yet, there was an inkling of things to come as 1983 marked the year that Karen Carpenter's death introduced anorexia and a French scientist discovered HIV.

Technology — Today I watch TV on my computer, take pictures with my camera, surf the Web from my phone and download music from the Internet. But it wasn't until 1983 that Microsoft Word was first distributed, compact discs were released and Motorola introduced mobile phones to the public. Back then, a blackberry was just a fruit; a blue tooth would mean a call to the dentist; and the most sought after holiday present was not a video game, but a Cabbage Patch Kid that didn't even have a second life as an avatar in an online community.

That was all soon to change as 1983 was the year that ARPANET began using the Internet Protocol, helping create the Internet.

Politics/Legal — In 1983, the Reagan administration was focused on the Soviets, "Star Wars" and "just saying no." Congress came together to create Martin Luther King Day and Jesse Jackson announced his intention to run for president. Universal and Sony were duking it out in the Supreme Court over the videotaping of television broadcasts. (If they only knew what that little known Internet thingy would have in store for them.)

Women's rights were at a high point in 1983. Sally Ride ventured into space and just two years after appointing the first female justice, the Supreme Court limited the power of state and local governments to restrict access to legal abortions and ruled that employers must treat male and females equally in providing health benefits. It's no surprise that only a year later presidential candidate Walter Mondale selected Geraldine Ferraro as a running mate.

1983 was also a year where we actually witnessed wars coming to a close as the US withdrew from Grenada and 125 million of us tuned in for the final episode of "M*A*S*H."

Retrospective wrap-up — Looking back, I was fortunate to grow up in an era of relative innocence, innovation, opportunity and optimism. Although I must confess that it might have made me a bit naive. You see, in 1983, I was living in Maryland and rooting for the Washington Redskins as they won the Super Bowl and the Baltimore Orioles who later that year won the World Series. I thought hometown-winning streaks went on forever.

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident who hopes that her son learns as she did that even when the winning streaks come to an end and society seems to be moving in the wrong direction, it can be just as rewarding to root for underdogs, long-shots, explorers and dreamers who upset the status quo and shake up the world as we know it.

Affordable housing is our focus

COMMENTARY

TOM CALLAHAN & CLARK BREWER

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The Cohasset Housing Partnership would like to take this opportunity to explain its request to the Selectmen last Monday to do percolation tests on town-owned land off Smith Place and Pleasant Lane.

The CHP is charged with developing affordable housing options in the town, both to respond to the requirements of MGL c. 40B and to provide housing affordable to town employees, seniors on limited incomes wishing to downsize and our young people seeking to start out in the town they grew up in. We take this responsibility very seriously. Affordable housing, starter housing and downsizing housing are increasingly rare in Cohasset. It is well known that we are far behind the 40B requirement of 10 percent of total housing stock being affordable. Avalon, even if built all at once, does not get us to 10 percent. We will need other small projects.

We have pursued a broad, all-encompassing strategy including looking for small projects that do not have substantial impact on a given area. We are in the process of working with a local developer to convert two units of existing town-owned housing and are entertaining a proposal for four new rental units. We supported the village bylaw and will look for other sensible zoning and development options, which provide housing opportunities, and we are working with the private development community.

We believe that, after the upcoming 2010 census (assuming the construction of Avalon and other projects in the pipeline), Cohasset would still need perhaps up to 30 units, perhaps less, perhaps a little more, in order for the town to keep pace with its housing needs. The land in question may be an option for some of these, but this idea is in a very early stage. With thoughtful projects and a good inclusionary zoning bylaw, the town can achieve and maintain the 10 percent threshold, and address a very real market need. That is our optimistic goal.

In this marketplace, affordable housing requires subsidies. State subsidy money is hard if not impossible to come by at present. Towns can subsidize the process by use of town land, eliminating a substantial cost.

We understand the competing desire to preserve open space. Affordable housing competes with many other interests, but is a necessity and, we believe, a priority. To do nothing, and face the alternative is unthinkable. The lack of affordable options in Cohasset is readily apparent to anyone in the position to be looking for them. To date, through surveys and interaction with the Selectmen, we have had what we believe is strong support for our efforts and our approach. We hope that support will continue. We also ask that if anyone has any questions of our efforts please feel free to ask us, or attend one of the CHP monthly public meetings.

Tom Callahan and Clark Brewer are co-chairmen of the Cohasset Housing Partnership.

And a dirty word was born

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



You guys all know what the N-word means so I won't have to risk getting yelled at by the Rev. Al Sharpton by explaining it to you.

What I want to talk about is the L-word, or, rather, the LY-word, since the L-word seems to have been commandeered by Showtime for its late night drama about women who prefer other women to men.

In case you haven't heard, a Golf Channel anchorwoman named Kelly Tilghman last week was asked on air what a promising young golfer has to do to get past Tiger Woods and reach the pinnacle of his sport.

"Lynch him in a back alley," she cracked and another dirty word was born.

No one questions that the LY-wording of so many African Americans back in the days when they were known as N-words was a dastardly act that gave murder a bad name. But to stigmatize a whole word?

"There is simply no place on our network for offensive language like this," said a statement from the Golf Channel, which promptly suspended Kelly for two weeks. The Rev. Al, of course, demanded that she be fired.

About the only person who was not excited by Kelly's use of the LY-word was Tiger Woods, whose agent, Mark Steinberg, quoted him as calling it a non-issue. The Tiger, incidentally, is more Thai than African American by extraction.

The LY-word apparently first appeared in the late 18th century, the legacy of a Colonel Charles Lynch of Virginia, a Revolutionary soldier with a predilection for stringing up miscreants of any race after a trial of doubtful legality.

As far as I can tell, the first such word to be banned from the vocabulary of the market place is the F-word, although it has been staging a remarkable comeback recently on late night cable TV. In fact, a whole book has been devoted to it.

For you guys who don't know what I'm talking about, I recommend Cinemax or HBO anytime after midnight as a good place to start your education.

The most recent addition to the secular version of the Index is the H-word, made famous by the radio shock jock Don Imus in his description of the Rutgers ladies' basketball team and by Santa Claus as he dropped down the chimney.

And don't forget the C-word, as in Merry C-word, the creation of the ACLU in its bid to level the playing field for all in a sterilized America.

It's getting so you have to tiptoe around each sentence and paragraph to see if it contains any word that might possibly offend someone and call attention to yourself from the Revs. Al and Jesse and the ACLU.

When I was a young reporter and ice covered most of the earth, women were never "raped," they were "criminally assaulted," as if that made them feel any better about it.

I asked Frank Hart, my first editor at the Associated Press, what kind of an assault is not criminal?

"Shut up and write it," he said.

Now that we have an LY-word, can an R-word be far behind?

BRIEFLY

Sustainable Cohasset to meet with AEC

Several members of the Alternative Energy Committee will meet with members of Sustainable Cohasset at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 22, in the Bartow Room at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Highland Avenue. They will discuss the proposed upcoming Wind Zoning Bylaw to be voted on at spring Town Meeting. They will also be seeking support for the Green Start program as well, which is a state-sponsored public initiative to fund clean energy and secure grant monies for the communities involved. Presently Cohasset has only 30 families participating. The AEC would like to see those numbers increase to 150 to secure matching funds for Alternative Energy projects.

After the AEC presentation, the four-star movie, a "Crude Awakening," will be previewed and followed by discussion. Food and beverage will be served.

LIBRARY CORNER

Library will be closed Monday

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Library Closing – The library will be closed Monday, **Jan. 21**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Library materials may be returned in the 24-hour book drop located by the Ripley Road front door.

Library Book Group – The group will meet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, **Jan. 30**, to discuss Diane Setterfield's book "The Thirteenth Tale."

Basic Genealogy and Family History – Meet professional genealogist Michael Brophy at 7 p.m., on Thursday, **Jan. 31**, who will discuss how to research family roots, organize findings and explore record sources. This is an opportunity for budding or experienced genealogists. Those interested can register for this free event online, by telephone or in person at the library. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Movie Matinee – Enjoy a free screening of the film "The Odd Couple," starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau at 11 a.m., Friday, **Feb. 1**. The movie site license is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee. The Friends of the Library will provide light refreshments.

New Titles – Grab these hot, new bestsellers: "Duma Key," by Stephen King; "Sword Song," by Bernard Cornwell; "Secret Between Us," by Barbara Delinsky; "Troubled Waters," by Dewey Lambdin; "Winter Rose," by Jennifer Donnelly; and "Soul Catcher," by Michael White. Ask any library staff member place your name on the holds list if the book has already been checked out.

FOR CHILDREN

Author event – Local author Randy Houk will visit from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., Friday, Jan. 18, to preview her children's book, "In Wheelwright Park Don't Bite, Don't Bark," a true story about teaching dogs to respect each other while enjoying Wheelwright Park. She will also have an activity for the children. Randy is well known for her work with The Humane Society of the United States. Two of her true rescue stories, "Chessie, the Travelin' Man," and "Jasmine," can be found in the Children's Room. This event is for caregivers and children ages 5 and up. Registration is required and an adult must accompany children. To register, visit www.cohassetlibrary.org and click on the link to the calendar. Find January 18 and click on the link to register or call Mrs. Moody at 781-383-1348, ext. 3. Space is limited.

Drop In Story Time correction – The January Drop In Story Time will be from 10:30 to 11 a.m., Tuesdays from in the Story Room.

New DVD Series – The library now has the films based on the Indiana Jones series, "The Adventures of Young Indiana Jones," Join young Indy in his early adventures where he gets in trouble, learns life lessons, and encounters various historical figures along the way. This series was filmed on location all over the world, including, England, Russia, Kenya, France, India, China, Austria, Egypt, Morocco, Ireland, Italy, Africa, Turkey, Greece, and Thailand.

Slanetz pulls papers for School Committee

School Committee incumbent Alfred Slanetz and current Town Clerk Marion Douglas were the only citizens to pull papers this past week.

Only one race for a seat is apparent so far, four candidates have pulled papers to run for Library Trustee and there are only three three-year positions available. George Haley of 119 Pleasant Street and Mary Lou Lawrence of 15 Beach Street will vie for a seat with incumbents Rodney Hobson of 31 Deep Run and Sheila Evans of 72 North Main Street. Citizens are not considered candidates until they return their papers with the required signatures.

Three-term Selectman Fred Koed pulled papers to run for re-election. Robin Lawrence, a sitting Board of Health member, and Mary Granville, a current member of the Board of Assessors, pulled papers to retain their seats.

The last day to take out nomination papers is Thursday, February 14. In order to hold a position you must be registered voter of the town.

Positions available for the 2008 town election include: Selectmen — two for three-year positions; Moderator — one three-year position; Town Clerk - one three-years position; School Committee — one three-year position; Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor—one three-year position; Board of Health — one three-year position; Planning Board — one for five-year position and one three-year position (to fill an unexpired term); Recreation Commission - one five-year position and one two-year position (to fill an unexpired term); Sewer Commission- one three-year position; and Water Commission — one three-year position.

BRIEFLY

Absentee ballots for Presidential Primary

Absentee ballots for the Presidential Primary on Feb. 5 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon, on Monday, Feb. 4, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. People who will be in town on Election Day and are able to come to the polls should vote in person. Residents may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, which ballot is requested, Democrat, Republican, Green-Rainbow, or Working Families, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant. If a voter is Un-enrolled (Independent) he/she needs to choose a ballot and will remain Un-enrolled after the primary.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by Feb. 5 to be counted.

Residents who are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast a vote at the polling place, may file a letter from a physician with the Town Clerk, stating that they are permanently unable to cast their vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for the resident to sign and return will be mailed to them by the Town Clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

Con. Comm. needs associate member

A new member joined the ranks of the Conservation Commission. Doug Wilson of 20 Nichols Road was appointed to the Commission at Monday night's Board of Selectmen meeting. Wilson has served as an associate member, a non-voting position, for over one year. While serving as an associate member he got to know the duties, policies and issues the Commission is involved in.

"It's great that you want to serve," said Selectmen Fred Koed. Alix White recently resigned from her position on the Commission.

The Conservation Commission is now seeking an associate member. Being an associate member allows the person to train and see how things work, eventually moving to a full member, said Chairman David Farrag. The associate member can take part in the discussions, but ultimately do not vote.

Cohasset Sports Partnership to focus on athletic fundraising

"We believe that the Partnership can make a very positive difference in the lives of Cohasset students today."
— George McGoldrick, Cohasset Sports Partnership

A group of Cohasset residents have formed the Cohasset Sports Partnership, a private nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the athletic facilities and programs offered to students and residents. Cohasset Sports Partnership has as its mission to compliment school and town recreation by offering high quality athletic facilities, programs and benefits to the residents and students of Cohasset. The focus will be to develop resources beyond those traditionally used to support local public athletic programs and apply them to projects and programs that might otherwise not exist.

CSP has been recognized and accepted as an affiliate of the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund. The Chatterton Fund, a private nonprofit organization dedicated to the memory of Clark Chatterton, has had a similar focus since its inception eight years ago. The Chatterton Fund has successfully raised more than $100,000 and donated the proceeds to various athletic and town wide initiatives.

CSP will be focusing on major projects such as combined fundraising for the school booster clubs, a prospective synthetic turf field for the Middle/High School and additional athletic programs for the Middle/High School.

The mission of the CSP is to act as a community based, nonprofit organization committed to Cohasset's tradition of valuing athletics as a key component to the education of students. Combing high-quality education and well-funded athletic programs ensures the best overall experience for the children in the community. With recent fiscal constraints reducing after school athletic programs, the lack of available field space for practices and games, and the proliferation of newer programs such as lacrosse and field hockey, the demands for resources are stretched too thin. Newly elected CSP president George McGoldrick said the partnership believes the town and schools are correct in focusing on academics in the schools, but at the same time believes that providing excellent athletic facilities and programs compliments the education process.

"We believe that the Partnership can make a very positive difference in the lives of Cohasset students today," McGoldrick said. "No matter how well or poorly the athletic programs at public schools are funded, a private foundation is necessary to address the challenges of maintaining and enhancing athletic excellence in today's competitive climate.

"We are fortunate in Cohasset to have a dedicated base of parents and citizens that want to see our students prevail not only in the classrooms but on the playing fields."

As proof of the town's athletic prowess Cohasset was recently awarded the Boston Globe Scholastic Larry Ames Award two years in a row. The Ames Award is bestowed on those schools that exhibit the highest winning percentage in all varsity sports. It's a testament to the town, schools and parents that the academic level of the schools remains in the top 5 percent in the state and the athletic programs are also recognized for their triumphs. The CSP will endeavor to support the athletic programs to ensure their continued success.

The CSP board includes vice president Bill Cavanaro, treasurer Suellen Durkin and secretary Lorraine Tarpey. Another 12 town residents make up the balance of the board. The diverse group includes parents, former players and concerned residents.

Recently the CSP introduced itself to the Selectmen. Following up on an informational meeting by the School Committee in November regarding the condition of Alumni Field, the CSP requested a liaison from the Selectmen for the committee the CSP is forming with the School Committee and Recreation Department. The committee will investigate the feasibility of a synthetic turf field at Alumni and the resources available to fund a project.

Anyone interesting in learning more about CSP or in becoming involved, call Ellen Maher at 781-383-9513.

Team Psycho partners with the Cohasset Triathlon

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— Bill Burnett, race director

The Cohasset Triathlon Association announces a partnership with Team Psycho Triathlete, an elite Greater Boston based triathlon team. Under the newly formed partnership, Team Psycho will sponsor an elite prize purse out of its Elite Development Program. Prizes of $250, $150, and $100 will be handed out to each of the top three Elite finishers in both male and female waves.

Four Team Psycho Elite Development Program athletes will compete in the Cohasset Triathlon including Jarrod Shoemaker, 2005 U23 National Champion and U.S. team member at the 2008 Beijing Olympics; Dede Griesbauer, Top American Woman and seventh overall at the 2007 Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii; Karen Smyers, 1995 Ironman World Champion and six time U.S. Pro National Champion; and 2007 U23 National Champion Ethan Brown.

Founder and Race Director of the Cohasset Triathlon, Bill Burnett, said of the partnership, "We are thrilled to have Team Psycho and its high caliber athletes participate in our event."

The intent of the Team Psycho Elite Development Program is to provide financial and mentoring support for younger athletes dedicated to reaching the highest goals with the sport: namely the ITU World Championships and the Olympics. Team Psycho regularly sponsors a few select local races that will create buzz within the local community and encourage the best athletes to attend these races and potentially serve as candidates for the Team Psycho Elite Development Program.

Scott Shaunessy, Team Psycho board member, said "We want to give back to the sport and assist local race directors who have served the triathlon community by helping to promote first-rate events with elite fields. We feel that the Cohasset Triathlon is a great match for our team."

According to Burnett, the race field is completely sold out as of this past Saturday with 700 athletes registered. "The overwhelming response to our race is a fantastic tribute the success of our race," says Burnett, "we have plans to make the race experience even better this year."

Over one-quarter of the participants, 182 athletes, hail from Cohasset, said Burnett.

The Cohasset Triathlon consists of a .25-mile ocean swim, followed by a 12.5-mile bike course and a 3.2-mile run. The date of the race is Sunday, June 29. Start time is 8 a.m.

For more information about the race, visit www.cohassettri.com. Online race registration is available through Active.com.

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Deep Run work nears completion

Status Report: Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue Sewer and Water Projects

SEWER REPORT

JOHN BECK

This is one in a continuing series of status reports on the Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue sewer and water projects.

The contractor continues to make progress on all fronts. There are now four main line crews simultaneously deployed in three different areas: Nichols Road, Deep Run/Rust Way and Whitehead Road. It is anticipated that sewer work on Deep Run will be finished later this week or early the week of the 21st,21st, as will all water work on Deep Run. Rust Way mainline sewer will almost be complete in about another week with service stubs immediately following. The mainline crew on Rust Way will next be deployed for work extending the sewer main line on Jerusalem Road to the intersection with Atlantic Avenue and parts of Jerusalem Road Lane. After Whitehead is complete, the contractor will also be moving onto Atlantic Avenue for sewer construction. The sewer work on Whitehead Lane will continue, as will the efforts on Nichols Road. Work on the adjoining side roads and lanes off of Nichols Road will be potentially delayed for warmer weather when a water by-pass system can be installed to ensure continuous water service during construction.

As the sewer work nears a particular residence, the homeowner will be asked about a week or two in advance of the construction to confirm the desired location of the sewer service stub off the collector pipe in the street. It is very important that each property owner know the most desirable location for their stub, as the cost of moving the stub later will be the responsibility of the homeowner. Each homeowner should work with their chosen contractor to select the best location for the stub. Confirmations should be returned to the construction inspector or dropped off at the Engineer"s trailer on Jerusalem Road within one week of notification to ensure that service layout is done in accordance with residents" wishes.

Each homeowner should work with their chosen contractor to select the best location for the stub.

The ZBA has indicated that their its deliberations regarding the appeal of the location of the staging area will continue at their its next scheduled meeting in February.

As winter weather sets in, most asphalt plants have closed down for the winter, so trench repaving will be intermittent and many trench surfaces will remain unpaved until conditions are suitable for paving. The contractor is responsible for maintaining a drivable surface and for snow removal on impacted streets. In inclement weather, the trench surface can settle or become rutted by vehicular traffic very quickly. Although the contractor and the engineer canvas the area periodically for such conditions, the speed at which the road can degrade is highly variable. Any resident noticing significant settlement or rutting of the trench should contact the resident engineer, Kevin McRae (*see below*) so that the contractor can be made aware and address the issue. We realize that construction activity can be annoying and traffic navigation aggravating, especially during winter months, but we all need to anticipate the final goals and benefits of the project to our properties and the environment. We are working in winter to help expedite the project and reduce the overall construction period. The estimated completion date is August 15, 2009 (less than two years away).

For those interested, the overall schedule (downloadable PDF format) for the water and sewer projects will soon be added to the Sewer Commission web page on the Town of Cohasset"s web site at:

http://www.townofcohasset.org/sewer/documents.html

Contacts:

Questions about any aspect of the work should be addressed to Mr. Kevin McRae, the resident engineer for the Town"s contractor, Coughlin Environmental Services LLC (CES). His office is located in the construction trailer in the staging area off Jerusalem Road. The telephone number for the trailer, which will be staffed during normal working hours, is 781-383-2900. Mr. McRae"s cell phone number is 617-592-3276.

Questions about the updates:

Any questions about the updates may be sent to the author, John Beck, at johnbeckiii@msn.com.

John Beck is , Vice Chairman of the , Cohasset Sewer Commission.

Health effects of diesel fumes

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designed to reduce diesel emissions. One California bus operator, in addition to upgrading its fleet, agreed to post notices in its buses warning of the cancer risk from diesel fumes. (California listed diesel exhaust as a carcinogen in 1990). The California settlement agreement will reduce diesel emissions in one bus fleet by more than 85 percent.

Where else? We in the Board have a thing about the effect of trace contaminants – in our water – in the air – on the surfaces that we touch. It isn't as if we're clean freaks, but it's always good to be aware. So, one of the things we are considering is to develop a system whereby we can identify hot spots of unhealthy conditions. An example is uncovered dumpsters where rodents are likely to gather. But other, subtler factors may merit investigation; for example would it be possible to map the sites where levels of diesel fumes are highest? – using instrumentation already available, simple and easy to use. What about, for example – areas near the train tracks, or where parking buses are idling? Maybe, we'll see.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Wrestling Boosters thank sponsors

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Wrestling Boosters would like to thank those who sponsored the Cohasset Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 12.

Through their generous support, we were able to host nine regional teams, and the families and friends who came to cheer them on.

Thanks go to the following for enabling us to run a first-class event: Goodwin Graphics, Starbucks, Atlantic Bagel, Cohasset House of Pizza, Dunkin Donuts, Pizza Zone, Pizza Box, and Pastene Co.

Sheila Toomey and Theresa Littauer
for the Cohasset Wrestling Boosters Club

Hockey boosters appreciate support

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset High School Hockey Boosters extend a sincere thanks to all the local merchants that generously donated gift certificates, prizes and monies for our 8th annual Holiday Calendar Raffle. Without your support this important fundraiser would not be possible. We also thank all those people in the community who purchased raffle tickets in support of the team and in hopes of wining one of the valuable daily prize drawings throughout the month of December. The calendar raffle is the mainstay of our fundraising efforts and is essential to the continuation of maintaining a successful hockey program each year. The monies are used to purchase equipment, ice time and fund the Dennis Walsh Scholarship Award each year. Thank you again and congratulations to the lucky winners!

Bob Gledhill, $100 gift cert. King Jewelers, Dom Campedeli, $25 gift cert. The Good Sport $25 gift cert Jake's Seafood, Greg Hoffman, $100 gift cert. Adrian Morris, Ed McDonald, $25 git cert. French Memories, $25 gift cert Darilyn's, Bob Moore, 1 night stay & dinner for two Red Lion Inn ($250 value) Brendan Queenan, $50 gift cert. Cohasset Jewelers, $25 gift cert Shoe Market Kids, Kevin Crawford, $25 gift cert. Feng Shui, $25 gift cert. Buttonwood Books,Tom McGrath, $35 gift cert. Cohasset Dog Wash, $25 gift cert Carousel Antiques, Ande Wade, $50 gift cert. EK Designs, $45 gift cert Nail Essentials Spa, Bob Williams, his & her sunglasses, Maui Jim Inc. ($300 value) J. Nelson, $20 gift cert. Pizza Zone, $25 gift cert. Joseph's Hardware, Mike Bartucca, $25 gift cert Dinero's, $20 gift cert. Atlantic Bagel, Mahoney, $50 gift cert. Red Giranium, $25 Casa del Sole Tanning, Frank Pozniak, $100 gift cert. King Jewelers, Johanna Quinlan, $50 Sav! ings Bo nd Rockland Trust, $30 gift cert Cohasset Village Greenery, Monica McKenna, Cape Cod Necklace($140 value) Matthew Jewelers, Roger Wade, $50 gift cert. Ports, $25 gift cert. The Good Sport,C. Bixby, gift basket ($100 value) Adrain Morris, O'Day, $175 gift cert Full Vehichle Detail, Cohasset Collision Center, Caren Wheelwright, $50 gift cert Bia's, $25 gift cert. Sarbucks, Johanna Quinlan, $50 gift cert. Bikram Yoga, $30 gift cert. Adamo Day Spa, Mike Bartucca, 2 tickets 2008 show, Sothshore Music Circus,Steve, Dwyer Jr., $75 gift cert Bridgeman's Restaurant, Michelle DeGroat, $100 Cash, Pilgrim Bank, Morgen Montgomery, 2 large pizzas, Cohasset Pizza House, $25 gift cert. Dunkin' Donuts, Mal McCunney, $50 gift cert. Village Wine & Spirits, Barbara Mullin, $100 gift cet. Atlantica Restaurant, Pamela Turpel, 1initial interior design consultation ($100 value) Michelle Dorian-Sacks, Julie Sullivan, $100 gift cert. Robbins Garage, Majorians, $75 gift c! ert. Be rnard's Restaurant, Ande Wade, 1lb of cofee for 6 mos.(value$54) All The Best Natural Foods, $20 gift cert. Cohasset Plaza Cleaners, Ian Lyster, $100 Cash, Cohasset Hockey Boosters.

Congatulations again to the winners and we look forward to next year's raffle and to a successful hockey season. Go Blue!

Anne Czerkawski
Ande Wade
Steve Brandt
Karin Doonan
Monica McKenna
Paul Queenan
for the Cohasset HS Hockey Boosters



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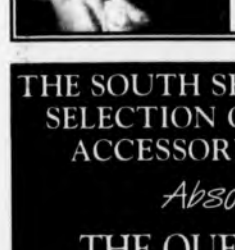
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Charles fuels road win

Junior nets 27 in comeback; Martin gets triple-double

By Joel Racicot
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Cohasset pulled away in overtime thanks to good play by Robert Jones, who opened the extra period with a steal and an assist to Charles.

Through all the chaos that was Wednesday night's game at South Shore Vocational Technical, Cohasset guard Marcus Charles kept his head. The junior guard got things done on both ends of the court, utilizing his quick hands on defense and finishing strong on offense.

All tolled, Charles 27 points, 21 in the second half, proved enough for the Skippers to win, 66-60, in overtime against the Vikings.

"Marcus stepped up for us very nicely," said Cohasset coach Dorian Bryant. "He was struggling a little bit so it was nice to see him comeback in a really tough game and get after it. He had some really big shots for us down the stretch."

That "stretch" seemed to last forever, as both teams fought back and forth during a very chippy second half. Cohasset (5-5 overall, 1-4 in the South Shore League) led, 26-23, at halftime, and every time the Skippers extended their lead in the second half, South Shore came back.

Early in the third quarter, senior Patrick McCarthy was hit with a technical foul after getting tangled up with a Vikings player. Both teams jawed back and forth, and that jawing reached the stands. Eventually the game was stopped for ten minutes, a fan in attendance was asked to leave the game, and both teams headed to the locker room to cool off.

"We did," Bryant said, when asked if his team lost its composure in the third quarter. "We really lost our composure for a second, we had the technical called on us, there was stuff going on in the crowd that I had no idea was going on, so we just huddled up and said 'there are more things at stake than just this.'"

Cohasset shot 4-of-13 in the third quarter, and trailed, 40-37, after a Jeff Tripp three-point shot ended the frame.

The Skippers turned things around in the fourth.

Cohasset took a, 41-40, lead on back-to-back Danny Martin (16 points, 14 blocks, 12 rebounds) baskets. A Charles steal and lay in gave the Skippers a, 43-40, lead. Cohasset would extend the lead to, 52-44, on a Martin put back midway through the fourth quarter.

Bryant was impressed with how his kids handled the adversity of the third quarter.

"Our kids stayed level headed and actually fought their way through it," he said.

Cohasset didn't execute down the stretch and Jay Sullivan led the Vikings back with a nice array of offensive moves. SSVT tied the game, 55-55, where it would go to overtime.

"Sullivan is a heck of a player, he has really improved this year," Bryant said about the Vikings shooting guard who is averaging over 20 points a game this season.

Cohasset pulled away in overtime thanks to good play by Robert Jones, who opened the extra period with a steal and an assist to Charles. A Martin block led to another Charles basket, and an ensuing pair of free throws by Charles gave Cohasset a, 64-57, lead they wouldn't give up.

"That was a gutty performance by our kids," Bryant said. "We really needed a win."

Cohasset Hockey Notebook

Mashpee game notes, Wednesday, January 16

In another strong night of hockey, the Skippers defeated the Hawks, 5-2, thanks to another hat trick by Pat Doonan. He also added an assist in the game. Czerkawski was a playmaker dishing out three assists and scoring one goal. Alex Goetz scored shorthanded.

"The Chaz, Doonan line were terrific," said Cohasset coach Bob Walsh. "They skated hard."

Jonny Wade had another top performance, despite injuring his collar bone.

"He was hit during warm-ups and thought he would be out for the night but was cleared to play," Walsh said. "He turned in a great performance."

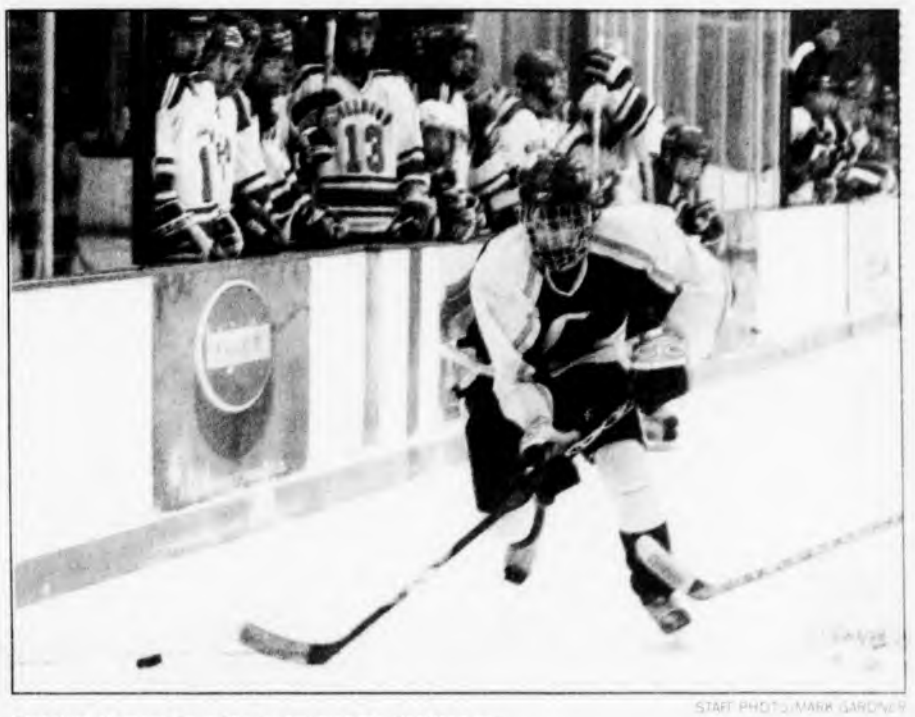
Cohasset started out sluggish and trailed 1-0 after one period. They turned things around scoring four goals in the second period. Cohasset out-shot Mashpee, 33-27, in the game. The Skippers improved to 5-3-2 overall, 4-1 in the South Shore League with the win.

Old Rochester game notes, Friday, January 11

Despite Pat Doonan's hat trick in the first period, Cohasset couldn't hold off Old Rochester's star Brennan Goguen who scored two of his own and assisted on one to tie Cohasset, 3-3.

"We knew that Goguen was OR's top player going into tonight's game," said Cohasset coach Bob Walsh. "We did a terrible job of keeping him in check both from a coaching standpoint and a players' standpoint. It isn't

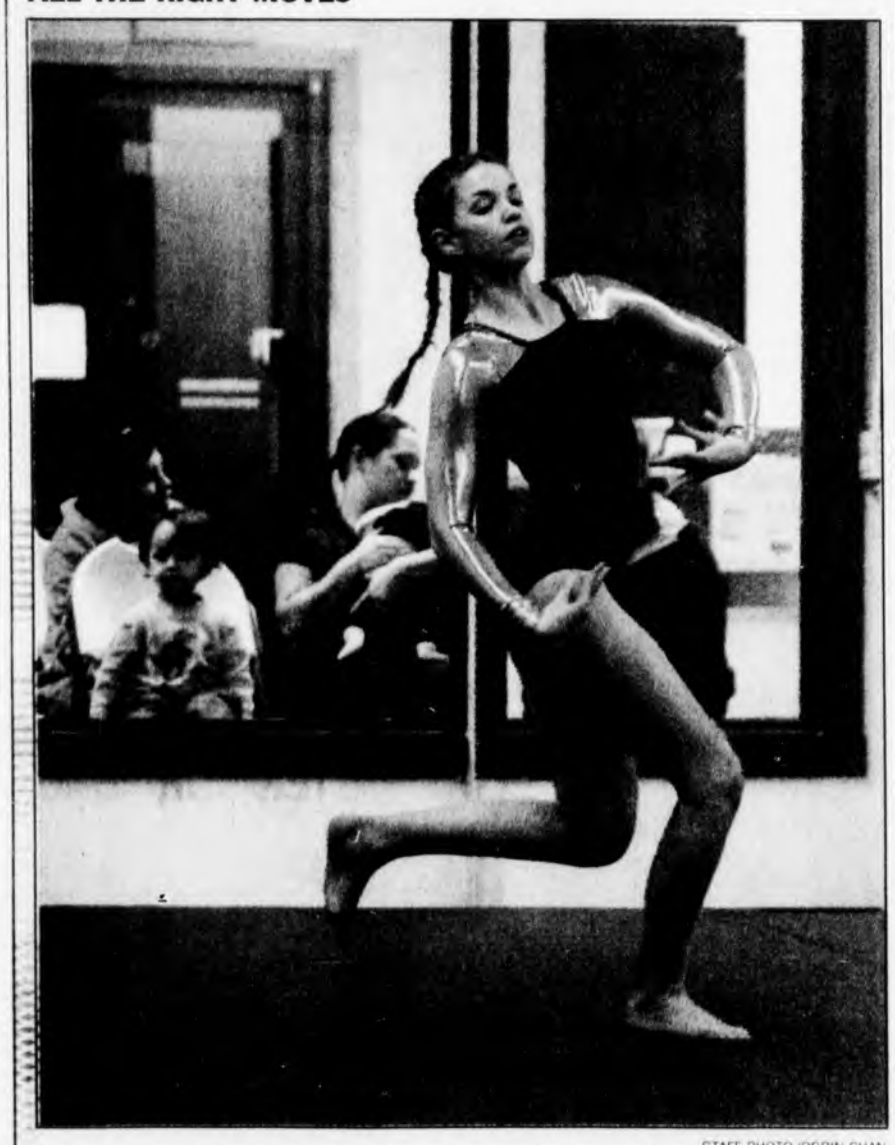
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Paul Pozniak races down the ice towards the Rockland net.

ALL THE RIGHT MOVES



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Cohasset/Norwell's Juliette Karp waltzes her way to a strong score during her floor routine in their league meet, Friday.

Skippers on a roll

Girls win fifth straight against Mashpee

"Our goal has been to keep on improving."
John LeVangie

By Joel Racicot
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Young and talented, the Cohasset High girls basketball team is having quite the first half of the season marching out to a 7-2 overall record, 6-1 in the South Shore League. The Skippers are winners of five straight, most recently defeating Hull, Norwell and Mashpee—three league opponents.

Playing one of the toughest schedules in Division 4, Cohasset should benefit from the good competition come tournament time. The Skippers have already played Sacred Heart, Hull and West Bridgewater, a few of Div. 4's better teams. Not to mention they face Div. 3 teams night in and night out in the SSL.

"We are holding our own," said Cohasset coach John LeVangie. "I'm pleased at this point, they are working really hard."

LeVangie is admittedly surprised his team is in the mix with Abington and Hull atop the league, but he understands this talented group is progressing at a fast rate.

The girls most recently defeated Mashpee on the road, 54-39, Tuesday night. Sammi Lehr led with 16 points followed by sister Tori who had 11, Kayla Farren (10 points), Meredith Kelly (8) and Carli Haggerty (7). Haggerty also added five rebounds and three blocks in the game.

Cohasset can go deep into its bench this season, with Haggerty, Lindsay Davis and Samantha Crough. According to LeVangie "it's like having eight starters."

Both Sammi and Tori Lehr have been providing consistent post defense along with forward Meredith Kelly. Carly Salerno provides the Skippers with an outside shooting threat while Farren has been consistent at the point.

"She has improved a lot since last year," LeVangie said about Farren. "It has made us a stronger team."

Izzy Franklin and Rachel Fredey are also improving as the season progresses.

"Both are playing more and doing a really good job," LeVangie added.

LeVangie hopes the girls can keep the pace as the season's second half approaches.

"Our goal has been to keep on improving," LeVangie said. "It has worked so far—we'll see if we can keep it up."

Norwell game notes

Cohasset defeated Norwell, 41-33, Friday night. Kelly led the team with 15 points, followed by Tori Lehr's 14. Sammi Lehr grabbed 11 rebounds in the win. Cohasset led 14-8 after one quarter, 20-11, at the halt.

"Neither team really got it going offensively," LeVangie said.

Hull game notes

The Hull game from Tuesday, January 8, was one of the most exciting games of the year for Cohasset. The only time the Skippers led was when Kelly nailed the second of two free throws with one-second left to give the visitors a, 44-43, win.

Cohasset trailed, 27-17, at the half.

"It's always tough to play down at Hull," LeVangie said. "It was a very aggressive game, it made a difference when their key players fouled out."

Cohasset trailed by has many as 10 points with five minutes to play in the game, and cut the lead to eight with 2:30 remaining. Davis eventually tied the game, 43-43, with an outside jump shot, setting up Kelley's game winning free throw. Salerno played a vital role in the late comeback nailing a pair of outside shots, including a three-pointer.

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often that you get an opportunity to key one guy and win a game.

"We did a good job on him (Goguen), defensively, in the first period and Chaz, Pat and Paul took care of the offense."

Senior Chaz Czerkawski made three perfect passes to Doonan who found the net on all three. The first goal came at 2:26 of the first period. The second tally came at 5:45 of the first, and the third at 7:49 of the first period.

"The last goal was textbook," Walsh said. "Paul Pozniak moved low and passed the puck to Chaz and Chaz found Pat right out in front of the net for a one timer."

In the second period, Goguen found his way through to set up Jon Hartley for their first goal at 8:05 of the second and then, with only 39 seconds left in the period, Goguen broke in and scored unassisted carrying the momentum into the locker room.

The third period was back and fourth until 12:16 of the period when Goguen managed to score again, this time assisted by Gage Silva.

Hull game notes, Saturday, January 12

This game saw some new faces in the crowd. With RK Quebec, Eric Bartucca and Brendan Doonan out and Andy McKenna, a healthy scratch for the night, Vinny Curran, Harry Cipolla, Jack Nelson and Andrew Whitney were called into service for the Hull game.

Harry Cipolla logged his first varsity point of the season with an assist on a goal by Ian Lyster who's shot from the point found its way in through traffic to get the Skippers on the board late in the first period.

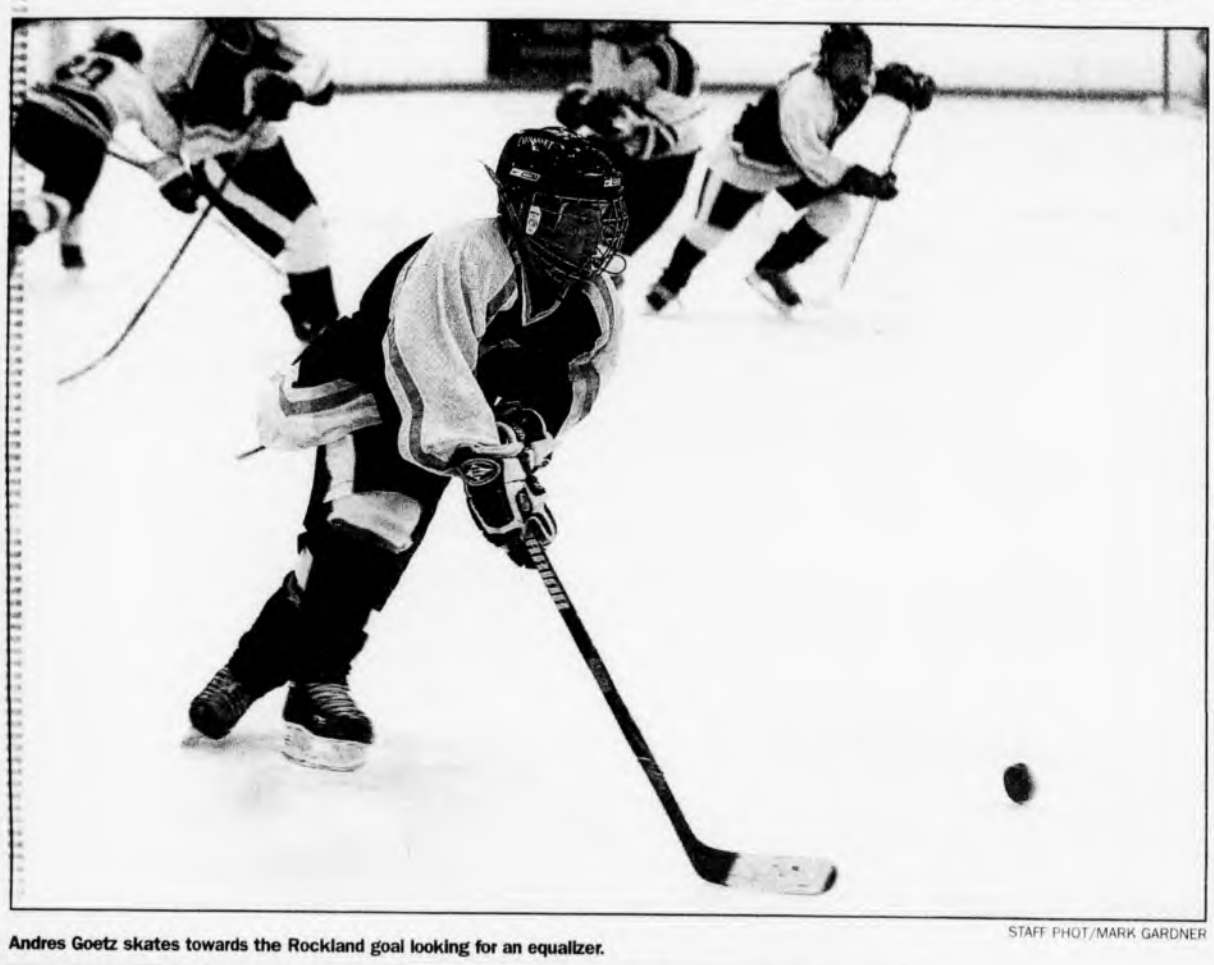
The second period was much the same with the Skippers starting out slow once again. But for a second night, the line of Czerkawski, Doonan and Pozniak clicked in with a goal. This time with Czerkawski finishing out in front assisted by Doonan and Pozniak. Cohasset led 2-0 after two periods of action.

"I went into the locker room with an uncomfortable feeling," Walsh said. "We were up by two goals but we weren't playing our game and Hull got some good opportunities against us that had Jonny Wade earning his paycheck once again.

"I simply went in and reminded the boys that this was a divisional game and we needed to be playing a much better game if we were to beat Hull. As I left the locker room, I was comfortable that we were either going to rise to the occasion or fall flat on our faces."

5:15 into the third, Chaz scored assisted by Pat Doonan and Conor Queenan. At 11:33, during a line change that put Anders Goetz on the ice with Pat Doonan, they combined to give Pat his fourth goal in two days. Then, with .06 seconds on the clock, Pat Doonan scored on an empty net to give the Skippers a 5-0 win.

Sports editor Joel Racicot contributed to this notebook.



Andres Goetz skates towards the Rockland goal looking for an equalizer.

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WATD honors local high school football players and coaches

WATD Radio Station honored high school football players and coaches throughout the South Shore Sunday, Jan. 6, at their annual High School Football Awards Luncheon at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth.

More than 200 athletes, coaches and special guests were in attendance as WATD recognized its Player of the Week recipients, Distinguished Players of the Year, League Player of the Year, and League Coach of the Year winners for the 2007 season.

WATD sports director Bill Wilhelm coordinated and emceed the event.

Two keynote speakers, former high school and college football player and current president of Best Chevrolet in Hingham, Scott Shulman, and Boston Red Sox Senior Advisor of Operations, Jeremy Kapstein, highlighted the event.

And in a very special presentation, WATD presented its annual Sportsman of the Year award to Marshfield's Mike Maher, who endured a tragic personal hardship last year while managing the Marshfield 12-year old Cal Ripken baseball team to the World Series in Arkansas this past summer.

This year's League Player of the Year Award winners were: Brad Poirier (Marshfield) and Joe Jamiel (Dennis-Yarmouth) from the Atlantic Coast League; Kyle Pinkus (**Cohasset**) and Brian Phillips (East Bridgewater) from the South Shore League; and Chris Constantine (Hingham) and Mike Wheeler (Hanover) from the Patriot League.

The League Coach of the Year winners were: Abington's Jim Kelliher and East Bridgewater's Shawn Tarpey from the South Shore League; Lucien Silva of Marshfield and Paul Funk of Dennis-Yarmouth in the Atlantic Coast League; and Hingham's Paul Killinger and Rockland's Ken Owen for the Patriot League.

Distinguished Player Award winners included: Keegan Grabhorn (Plymouth North), Nick Montalto (Dennis-Yarmouth), Derrick Duquette (Plymouth South), Kevin Helm (Norwell), Kristian Lapointe (Abington), Sean Cross (Duxbury) and Peter Bobseine (Duxbury).

Lastly, WATD recognized the efforts of four 12th Player Award winners, nominated by the coaches, to those who make solid contributions to their football programs behind the scenes. The 2007 winners are: Lori Nickerson (Marshfield), George Sullivan (Scituate), Bill Sifflard (Barnstable) and Shawn Reilly (Abington).

Wilhlem has been the sports director at WATD for 30 years, and hosts a weekly program, The Sports Exchange, Sundays from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. High School Sports fans are encouraged to tune in at 95.9 FM.

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All-Scholastic field hockey team

Meehan, Kimla and Strecker among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Unlike individual league all-star teams, we did not choose our team in deference to event considerations. Instead the only criteria we considered was overall value these athletes had to their respective teams.

In the end; however, the sports staff at Community Newspaper Company (CNC) had to make some tough decisions and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top public school girls field hockey athletes for this honor.

This is the Community Newspaper Company girls field hockey *squad comprised of athletes from Taunton, Lakeville, Raynham, Randolph, Avon, Hanson, Whitman, Hanover, Marshfield, Weymouth, Braintree, Plymouth, Norwell, Scituate, Hingham, Abington, Rockland, Halifax, Plympton, Easton, Pembroke, Kingston, Carver, Cohasset, Duxbury, Norton and Mansfield. This is an abridged version with the Honorable Mention team. For the complete list visit www.cohassetmariner.com.*

Kayla Littig – Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder – Carver

Littig put up some career offensive numbers that should stand for a long time in her four years with the Carver High School field hockey team…The three-time South Shore League All-Star finished her high school career with 83 goals and 52 assists to her credit…She tallied 40 goals and 12 assists this season.

Brit Nolan – Junior
Forward – Carver

The three-year starter tallied seven goals and 13 assists this season…Nolan picked up a South Shore League All-Star nod in leading the lady Crusaders to an 11-7-2 mark and a second-straight tournament appearance this season.

Sally Meehan – Senior
Midfielder – Cohasset

The senior midfielder recorded five goals and six assists this season for the Cohasset High School squad…The Skippers finished the season 12-4-4 following a loss to Harwich in the Division 2 South quarterfinals…She earned a spot on the South Shore League All-Star team.

Colleen Connolly – Senior
Midfielder – Duxbury

A three-time Patriot League All-Star, Connolly was a workhorse in the middle of the field…Controlled the flow of the game both offensively and defensively for the Patriot League runner-ups (7-0-5)…Scored one goal this season in a 3-0 win over Scituate…Had big games in the midfield in 2-2 ties with Hanover and Hingham…Also plays hockey and lacrosse at Duxbury High and she plans to continue her field hockey career at UConn.

Erin Levesque – Senior (Capt.)
Forward – Duxbury

This three-time Patriot League All-Star led the league in scoring with 27 points on 17 goals, 10 assists…Scored a pair of second half goals to force 2-2 ties with Hanover (with whom the Lady Dragons tied for second) and Hingham (who won the Patriot League by a lone point)…A key player on the girls lacrosse team that won the Division 2 State title last spring, Levesque returns to captain both that squad and the hockey team this winter…She hopes to continue her lacrosse career at UNH.

Colleen Mulligan – Senior
Center – Hanover

Finished second in the Patriot League scoring race with 25 points on 15 goals, 10 assists…Capped her four-year career with 60 points on 35 goals, 25 assists…The two-time All-Star scored the game-tying goal against Patriot League champs Hingham (1-1) and tallied one in a 2-2 tie with Duxbury, with whom they tied for second with (8-1-3)…Also plays lacrosse at Hanover High and plans to continue her career at UMass-Amherst.

Jen Natale – Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder – Hanover

Was a primetime player for the Patriot League runner-ups this season (8-1-3)…Racked up 19 key points on seven goals, 12 assists…Had the assist on the game-winning goal in OT against Medfield in the postseason and tallied the go-ahead goal against Duxbury in an eventual 2-2 tie…Was a key part to a midfield that limited their opponents touches and allowed just eight goals…Hopes to continue her field hockey career in college.

Caryn Miller – Senior
Center – Hingham

Was the player everything went through in the middle of the field for the Patriot League champion Harborwomen (8-0-4)…The Patriot League All-Star tallied nine points on five goals, four assists and earned her team's Best Defensive Player Award…Scored a big goal in a 2-0 win over Hanover, which was its only loss and instrumental to clinching the league title for Hingham…Plans to continue her field hockey career in college.

Meghan Gallagher – Goalie – Hingham

Had the difficult task of trying to goal tend in one of the most offensively strong leagues in the area…A two-year starter in the cage, Gallagher allowed just 16 goals this season…Was instrumental to the squad going undefeated in the Patriot League over the last two seasons, compiling a 20-0-4 record over that time…Recorded eight shutouts this season, two big ones coming in wins over Scituate (1-0) and Hanover (2-0), the league runner-ups…Plans to continue her field hockey career at Emmanuel or Suffolk.

Rachel Nichols – Senior (Capt.)
Forward – Marshfield

This Atlantic Coast League All-Star was the offensive catalyst on the Lady Rams squad this season, powering the squad to a 10-7-1 tourney qualifying season…Tallied 27 points on nine goals, 16 assists, winning her team's Offensive Player of the Year Award for the second-straight fall…Posted a two goal, two assist game in the squad's big win over Sandwich…Nichols is also a captain on the Marshfield High hockey and lacrosse teams.

Lauren Foley – Junior
Forward – Plymouth North

The junior forward led the Eagles in scoring for the second season in a row…Foley found the back of the net 12 times and added four assists for head coach Kim Allen…She earned an honorable mention spot on the Atlantic Coast League All-Star team.

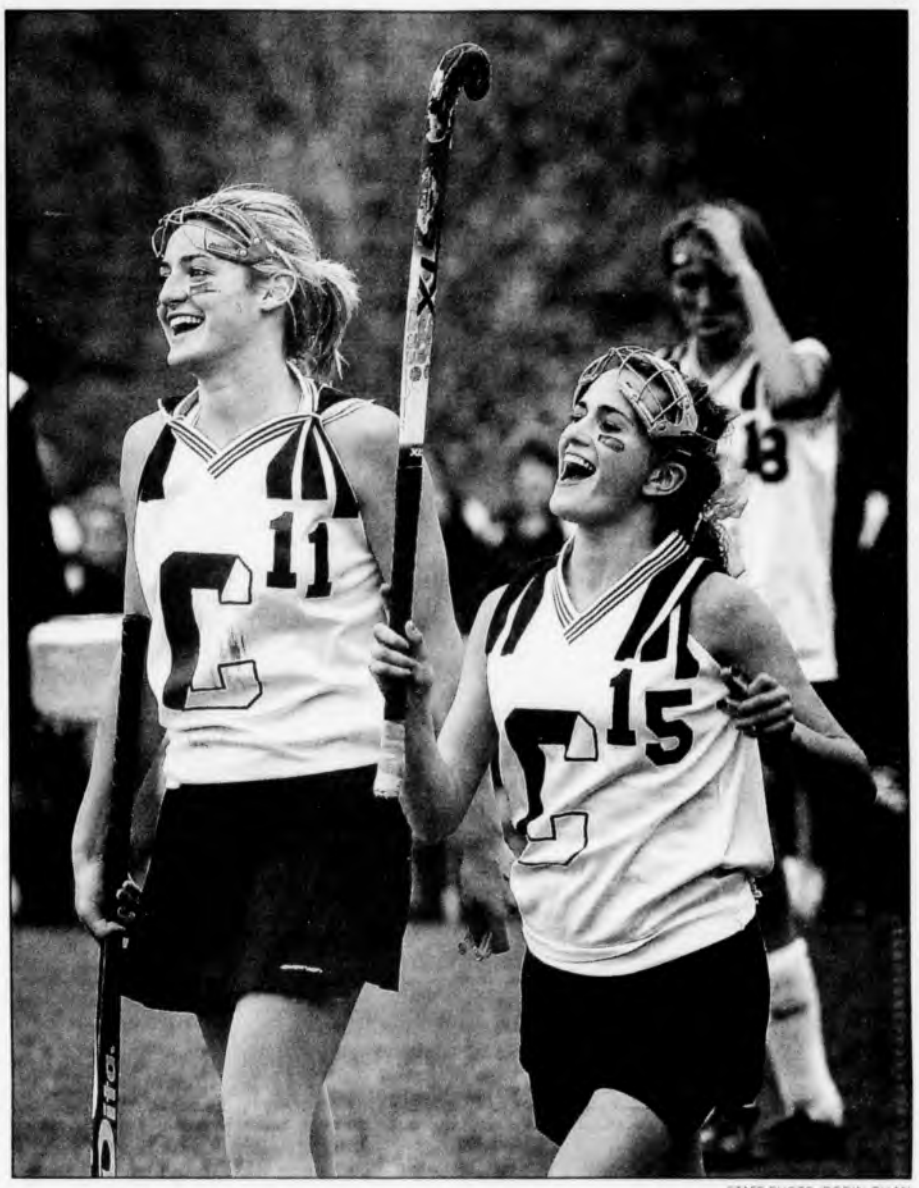
Lauren Paton – Junior (Capt.)
Center Back – Plymouth North

A two-time Atlantic Coast League All-Star, Paton helped the Eagles to their most wins (six) in recent memory…In addition to holding things together on defense, the junior back added three goals and seven assists for Plymouth North this season.

Honorable mentions:

Nikki Kenneally – Jr. Midfielder – Carver

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Cohasset's Olivia Kimla (15, C) is still in a dancing move at the start of the third OT against Seekonk as she and co-captain Sally Meehan (11, C) walk away from their huddle. Meehan was named to the Community Newspaper Company All Scholastic Team, Kimla, the Honorable Mention squad.

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Jen Dowd – Sr. – Forward – Marshfield
Michele Lewis– Sr. – Forward – Norwell
Brittany Baker – Sr. – Forward – Oliver Ames
Brianna Barbati – Sr. – Defense – Pembroke
Kerri Graney – Jr. – Forward – Pembroke
Emily Waterfield – Jr. – Forward – Pembroke
Amanda Broughton – Soph. – Goalie – Plymouth South
Katie Gillan – Sr. – Midfielder – Scituate
Carly Glancy – Sr. – Midfielder – Scituate
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Meg Peck – Sr. – Midfielder – West Bridgewater
Kate Taylor – Jr. – Midfielder – West Bridgewater

Sports Notes

Coaching vacancies
Spring Sports
Head Boys and Girls Track and Field Coach (co-operative team w/ Hull), Head Softball Coach, JV Softball Coach. All interested parties should contact Ron Ford at 781-383-6103.

Rock the night away
Come dance the night away to the classic rock sounds of the "GR8FLS" (formerly known as the Greatful Dads) at the beautiful Red Lion Inn Barn, February 1. The event benefits the Cohasset Hockey team and promises to be a rockin' time for everyone.

If you didn't make it last year, don't miss it this year. It's a great way to shake off the doldrums of winter and have a fun night out with friends in Cohasset. Here are the details, February 1, 8:00 p.m. to midnight. Classic and current rock provided by the "GR8FLS." Tickets are $20, available at the door or through any hockey team member or parent. Hors D'Oeurves and cash bar, so join the Cohasset Hockey Boosters who truly know how to put the "fun" back in fundraising and "come on down" to the Red Lion Inn February 1!

CYBSA Launches New Online Registration for 2008 Season

The Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association (CYBSA) will hold its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball spring season ONLINE beginning December 21, 2007 through February 1, 2008. Parents/Guardians can complete the registration process by visiting our website: CYBSA.net.

The registration process will be closed on February 1, 2008. Registrations that are completed after February 1, 2008 will be charged a $50 per player late fee and late registrants will only be placed on a team if space permits, on a first come first serve basis. The late fee will be strictly enforced, and there is no guarantee that late registered players will be accommodated, as uniform orders and other season plans will be made on February 1st. Your cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order equipment and uniforms so that we are ready for opening day.

Please be advised that returning players already assigned to a Major League team are still required to register.

The CYBSA will also provide a one day walk- in registration on Saturday, January 26, 2008. Please visit our website for details.

Mass Shape Up is helping to fulfill New Year's resolutions

The fourth annual health and fitness competition kicks off

The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation (MASF), best known for the Bay State Games, is pleased to announce the fourth year of the Mass Shape Up program, presented by The Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts (SBLI). Mass Shape Up is a health and fitness initiative for Massachusetts residents. This four month competition enables individuals to assess their daily routine and find a healthier way to live. The aim of the program is to help participants stay on track to reaching their personal health and fitness goals.

As it has for the past three years, the competition consists of teams of 2-10 people made up of co-workers, family members, or friends who are dedicated to health and wellness. Each team selects a captain who will be responsible for making sure all team members report their monthly progress, as well as distribute weekly tips and monthly newsletters from health and fitness experts from across the state. Teams compete against other Massachusetts residents in the following divisions: Weight loss (due to a healthy and appropriate diet), accumulated activity minutes or a combination of both. Improvements to the program for 2008 include: A new resource section with access to recipes, health links, exercise links, event lists, calorie counters, log charts and more; the ability to customize health news to specific areas of interest; and new resources and incentives to report weight loss and activity minutes.

Participants of the 2007 Mass Shape Up program reported more than 3,700 pounds in weight loss and accumulated more than 3.6 million activity minutes. The competition continues to be a hit with organizations and business. So far, those committed to the program include private businesses including Sasaki Associates, Network Health (Medford, MA) and R.M. Nietupski Roll Off Service (Belchertown, MA), the departments of corrections in Hampden County and Shirley, school districts including Hopkinton, and city employees from Ashland and North Hampton.

The competition officially begins Tuesday, January 15, but registration will remain open for a short period to help accommodate late entries. Mass Shape Up will conclude Thursday, May 15.

For more information regarding Mass Shape Up including a list of all participating teams and to register, please visit www.massshapeup.org or call the Bay State Games' office (781) 932-6555.

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Youth clinic a success

The Cohasset High School Hockey team with the generous help of Cohasset resident and hockey parent Paul McHugh conducted a youth clinic, Sunday night, Jan 13.

The McHugh's kindly donated the use of their private rink for the event that featured Cohasset coach Bob Walsh, assistant coach Bobby Walsh, and a number of the CHS varsity hockey players.

Captains Charlie Czerkawski, Frank Wheelwright, Pat Doonan and Alex Goetz along with Junior Ian Lyster and Sophomore Conor Queenan worked on skating and hockey drills with over twenty Mites and Squirt youth players from the Coastal Stars Youth Hockey Program.

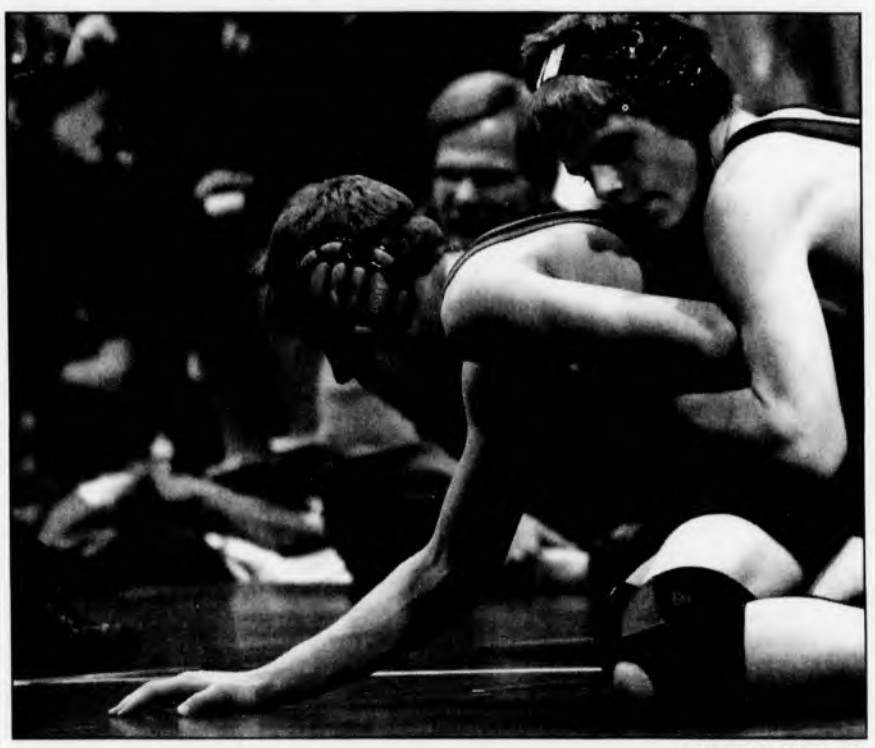
"This was a great time for the kids and a perfect way to reach out and create awareness at the youth level," said Steve Brandt of the CHS Hockey Boosters. "Its important for all young Cohasset Hockey players and their parents to know that CHS has a first class coach and a first class program."

This year CHS Hockey introduced a Junior Varsity program to help develop younger players and build a strong competitive program. After Wednesday night's action, CHS is 5-3-2 at the midpoint of its season.



COURTESY PHOTO

Cohasset Youth Hockey listens and learns, Sunday night.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Andrew Littauer (140 lbs) has a hold of his Middleboro opponent during recent action. The Skippers finished sixth out of 10 teams during the Cohasset wrestling tournament this past weekend. Ross Collins-Wooley, David Toomey, Jack Murphy and Steven Hurlbut all fared well, Saturday.

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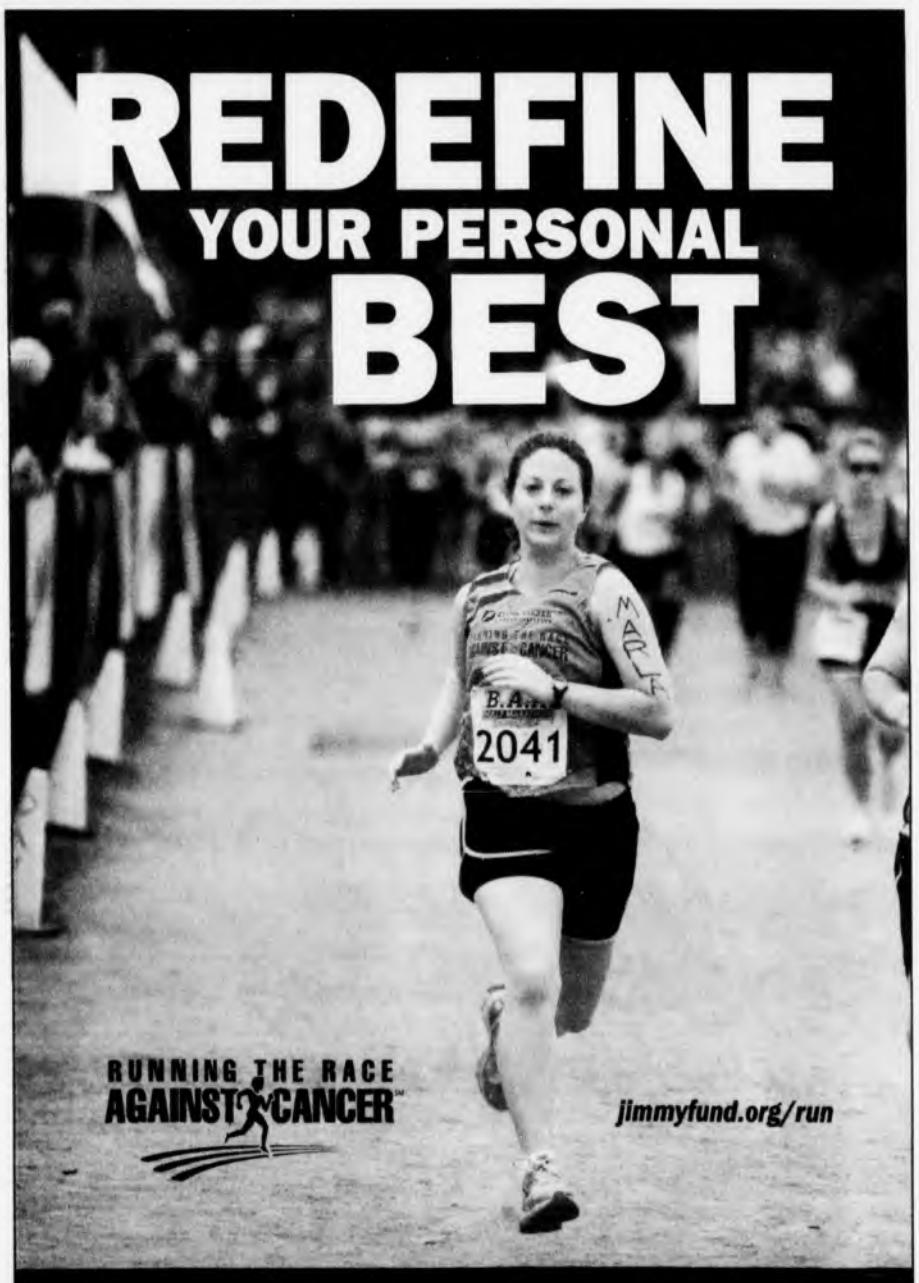
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Eva Kearns, Ava Worthington, Paige Rocha, Tayja Wright, Mia Martone, Tamera Wright, Allison Beiche and Dagny Nies, all from Cohasset.

Girl Scouts rock to Hannah Montana song

More than 400 Girl Scouts from Patriots' Trail Council dressed up as singer Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus Saturday, Dec. 15, in hopes of winning tickets to the Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus Best of Both Worlds concert at the DCU Center in Worcester. Cohasset Girl Scout from Troop 4812 sang and danced to their favorite Hannah Montana song.

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Girl Scouts, Patriots' Trail Council is one of the largest organizations in Greater Boston dedicated to girls. The council serves 23,000 girls and 10,500 adult volunteers from 65 cities and towns. Patriots' Trail Council develops girls' courage, confidence and character and blends tradition with innovation by adapting to meet the needs of today's girls.

CSCR's open house and annual meeting

CSCR, the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research, 40 Parker Ave., Cohasset, is hosting an open house on the evening of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan 21. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., the open house will give all visitors a chance to learn something new about CSCR. Learn about current CSCR projects, classes, and training sessions that make up the Watershed Academy. Veteran students and parents already active in CSCR research will want to attend, too, as the Open House will "kick start" the process of CSCR report writing and data analysis of Summer 2007 research. Students, parents, and general members of the community will be free to visit stations that depict past and present research projects. Visitors will learn about research results, current projects, Watershed Academy classes, student staff opportunities, and Summer 08 research projects. Learn how CSCR can improve your academic life and how you can help actively care for the coastal community. Visitors will also have an opportunity to meet the student staff, teaching staff, meet members of the network of science advisors, and meet board members.

Learn about current CSCR projects, classes, and training sessions that make up the Watershed Academy.

CSCR will open its doors at 6:30 p.m. Guests will be officially welcomed at 7 p.m. sharp with a brief overview of the purpose of the evening, the information available, and the "next steps" to take to become active at CSCR. For information call 781-383-0129 or visit ccscr.org

SCHOOLS

Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration for the upcoming 2008-2009 school year begins Tuesday, Jan. 22. Registration will be held at the Osgood School daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents will be asked to indicate interest in full-day or half-time kindergarten at the time of registration. Parents are encouraged to register early to facilitate planning for programs. Children who turn five on or before Sept. 1, 2008, are eligible to attend kindergarten. A birth certificate and proof of residency is required in order to register. For more information, call the Osgood School at 781-383-6117.

Integrated Preschool

Applications for the Cohasset Integrated Preschool will be available Monday, Jan. 28, at both Osgood School and the Student Services Office at Cohasset Middle High School. Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2008 to participate in the morning class and 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2008 to participate in the afternoon class.

Applications should be returned to the Student Services Office at 143 Pond St., no later than Friday, Feb. 15. The lottery will be held Monday, Feb. 25, and families will be notified by mail that week.

A deposit of $75 is due by Monday, March 10, to hold the space. Tuition is currently $1,500 for the year, which includes four days of 2.5-hour sessions each school week, but is subject to change by the school committee.

South Shore Community Center Nursery School registration

South Shore Community Center Nursery School announces applications for the 2007-2008 school year became available Jan. 2 at the Nursery School and Community Center offices. All families on the South Shore are eligible to apply. The registration process is based on a lottery system. All applications are due back to the Nursery School office by Jan. 25, at 3 p.m. Included in the envelope should be a copy of the child's birth certificate and a $100 registration fee. Application envelopes should be marked Nursery School Registration. The lottery will be drawn the week of Feb. 4 and acceptance letters will be sent via mail the following week. Any child who does not get a placement in the program will have their registration fee returned.

South Shore Community Center Nursery School offers three levels of programs to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 5. The morning program takes place from 9 to 11:30 and the afternoon program from 12:30 to 3. Lunch Bunch or Discovery Class is offered as an extended day program as well as various Community Center programs. The youngest program, The Nursery Program, is for children who will be 3 years old by Nov. 1. The Pre- Kindergarten Program is for children who will be 4 by Nov. 1. There will also be an Enrichment Program for those children who are older 4s and 5s who are looking for a challenging year before they enter kindergarten.

The Nursery School program's goal is to provide a happy, safe environment where children will develop trust and have a positive school experience. Children will have the opportunity to recognize their own talents and abilities and will be encouraged to approach new experiences with a spirit of enthusiasm and self-confidence. The Guidelines for Preschool Learning Experiences created by the Early Childhood Advisory Council to the Massachusetts Board of Education will be followed. It is based on the standards set up for the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

The Nursery School has observation mirrors in each classroom so feel free to stop in any time to see all of the things that occur in the program.

For more information or to make an appointment to meet the director, call Ann Madden at 781-383-0036. The director can also be reached by email at amadden@southshorecommunitycenter.com. South Shore Community Center Nursery School is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and is at 3 North Main St., Cohasset Village.

Finally, the long awaited Snow Day!

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



Nothing sounds sweeter than an automated voice recording informing you that school has been cancelled due to…who listens past "cancelled?" Yes, Monday's snowstorm was certainly an awesome gift from Mother Nature, especially for stressed out students and teachers alike, who need a time out from the chaos of the ever-encroaching end of term. This time, the end of term marks the beginning of a new semester, which means new classes for all!

Maybe this fresh start will temporarily stop the fast paced spreading of "Senioritis". So far there has been no discovered cure for the epidemic, characterized by severe cases of daydreaming or "laziness" within the ranks of grade twelve students. Don't worry teachers, it's not you it's us.

So, on that note, it's time to jump into the top stories of the week!

- Monday, Jan. 14: The snow day that kids had been hoping for since…September!
- Tuesday, Jan. 15: The Middle School Intramurals!
- Wednesday, Jan. 16: The Varsity Hockey Team faced off against Mashpee. The 7th-grade traveling basketball team met in the gym.
- Thursday, Jan. 16: The Harlem Rockets visit CHS in an always-entertaining display of talent as they shoot hoops against the Cohasset Dream Team!
- Friday, Jan. 17: Not to be forgotten, the girls JV and Varsity Basketball teams throw it down against East Bridgewater.

Well, that's it for me this week. Have an awesome weekend everyone.

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

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Quebec's 400th Birthday Bash

Barbara Radcliffe Rogers
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Quebec City is turning 400, and everyone is invited to what promises to be a major 10-month celebration.

The city on the St. Lawrence has been sprucing itself up for the 400th celebration, even adding attractions including a new 1.5-mile riverside park, Promenade Samuel de Champlain, named for Quebec's founder. Expect the whole city to be bigger, better, flashier and brighter.

The charming city's legendary bonhommerie (good natured-ness) will of course be well on display. And this includes at Quebec's annual Winter Carnival, great fun every year, but really expected to outdo itself when it gets under way next month (Feb. 1 to 17).

As the first major festival of the city's 400th year, the winter celebration will feature a gala one-hour parade the nights of Feb. 9 and 16 - all new, with new floats and characters, original music and multimedia projections on buildings along parade route. Bundle up and be part of the admiring crowd.

But Winter Carnival is a lot more than a parade. It's a big outdoor party.

Snow sculptures line a boulevard across the Plains of Abraham (the historic battlefield park), which becomes a giant winter playground with tubing, games and snow castles for kids and live entertainment, dog sledding and sleigh rides for everyone. Elsewhere, crowds will cheer a canoe race across the half-frozen St. Lawrence, where teams alternately paddle through the water and push the huge canoes over the tilting ice flows.

More adventure awaits just outside the city at Duchesnay, where a new hotel is built each year, completely of ice. Guests can enjoy evening drinks at an ice bar before retiring to comforter-heaped beds carved of ice, each in a designer room with ice walls, floor and ceiling.

While all of this involves cold-weather fun, it's just the beginning of the $80 million-plus 400th celebration, which is on until October. While Quebec serves up all its usual pleasures - including an endearing Old World charm - there is much special for the anniversary period.

Nearly every place in Quebec is involved with history, culture and food.

Restaurants are boasting original 400th menus and dishes, museums have special exhibits, even the Quebec Symphony gets into the act with 1,000 musicians performing Mahler's 8th Symphony on March 18.



PHOTOS BY STILLMAN ROGERS

The Ice Castle is a popular attraction at Winter Carnival.



Jovial Bonhomme symbolizes Quebec's Winter Carnival and the city's spirit.



During Winter Carnival you can enjoy sports including snow tubing on the Plains of Abraham.



Belly up to the bar at the Ice Hotel.

Other festival highlights are:

Espace 400 (June 3 to Oct. 19) Welcome center for the summer 400th festivities is this exhibition and gathering space at Bassin Louise, in the Old Port. Visitors are invited to take a suitcase and follow an immigrant's travels, perhaps one of the 500,000 Irish who arrived in Quebec before moving to New England and elsewhere. Here, too, will be daily entertainment, contemporary designer gardens and the multimedia Image Mill, billed as the largest outdoor projection ever made - a 40-minute show highlighting the city's history will be projected nightly (June 20 to July 29) on an enormous wall of grain elevators across the river.

Happy Birthday, Quebec City! (July 3 to 5) Beginning with a Solemn Mass at the cathedral, July 3, the exact date of Samuel de Champlain's landing in 1608, the party includes a military parade, a spectacular opening show on the Plains of Abraham and a torch-lit parade. An urban opera on July 5, will use city landscape as backdrop for a musical/visual work recounting Quebec's 400 years and featuring more than 1,000 entertainers.

The Louvre in Quebec (June 5 to Oct. 26) The Musee National des Beaux-arts du Quebec (www.mnba.qc.ca) will host an exhibit of more than 250 artworks from the Louvre. These works - from the Oriental, Egyptian, Greek, Etruscan and Roman Antiquities collections - rarely leave Paris.

The Walking Road (Aug. 15) The full moon will light the St. Lawrence River, which becomes the stage for this all-night extravaganza of acrobatics, dance and projections.

Celine Dion on the Plains of Abraham (Aug. 22) Quebec singing idol Celine Dion will perform with several other artists in a free public concert. For information on seating, visit www.myQuebec2008.com, after April 15.

Cirque du Soleil (Oct. 19) The grand finale of the 400th anniversary activities is an original show by performers gathered from Cirque du Soleil's troupes throughout the French-speaking world.

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Mad River Glen - same as it ever was

Tim Jones
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

IN NEW ENGLAND

Mad River Glen in Fayston, Vt., hasn't changed much since 1947, when it was started by a bunch of disgruntled traditionalists who thought the skiing at Stowe had become too commercial. (Wonder what they would think today?)

The place is a time machine to the past, owned by a group of 1,905 who, with good reason, don't want anything to change, ever.

You can't improve on perfection.

Low-capacity lifts means fewer skiers (no snowboards allowed) on the trails. That's why, when their iconic single chair - 1948 vintage, the last one surviving in North America - finally wore out and stopped running last April, they replaced it with a brand new single chair that looks exactly like the old one.

Expert skiers love Mad River for its challenging tree skiing and savagely steep black-diamond runs (nothing newfangled, here - you're either real expert or just a wannabe).

The only change is that the lift is now powered by electricity instead of diesel, so there's no exhaust-belching monster rumbling in the background. Even the traditionalists agree that's a change for the better.

Expert skiers love Mad River for its challenging tree skiing and savagely steep black-diamond runs (nothing newfangled, here - you're either real expert or just a wannabe).

But Mad River also has some of the finest intermediate skiing and sweetest beginner terrain in New England. They don't make snow, but they do groom certain trails. Fewer skiers keeps the snow perfect. One run on the uncrowded slopes at MRG is often more satisfying than several runs anywhere else.



PHOTO BY TIM JONES

The new single chair at Mad River Glen is almost exactly like the old one; old-time pleasure.

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If you're visiting Mad River Glen, consider staying at Weathertop Mountain Inn (1-800-800-3625; www.weathertopmountaininn.com) on Rte. 17. Innkeepers Lisa & Michael Lang are attentive without being intrusive. The rooms are cozy, quiet and comfortable. They have a wonderful great room with a fireplace and a complete game/exercise room upstairs. They serve a hearty, delicious breakfast early enough to get you first tracks (except on a powder morning when you will want to be in line an hour before the lifts start turning.)

In the evening, the dining room serves guests only. A four-course dinner is $25 per person; taxes and beverages extra. The Langs have lived in Southeast Asia, and for $30 per person they'll take you on an five-course culinary tour of the Southeast Asian country of your choice. That's not exactly traditional New England fare, but who says change can't sometimes be good?

Su Escuela to launch pilot program

Spanish remains Su Escuela's specialty, however, the French program, which is being offered for the first time, will also be taught by native French-speaking teachers.

In 2007 Su Escuela offered the first pilot after school program at the Old Colony Montessori School in Hingham as well as the Alden Museum in Duxbury. In 2008, Su Escuela will launch a pilot program in two languages, Spanish and French, at the Deer Hill and Joseph Osgood Elementary Schools in Cohasset. This program will be offered to children in kindergarten to grade 5.

Su Escuela offers one of the most successful Spanish immersion programs in the communities of the South Shore. Last school year, Su Escuela had 200 students enrolled in its facilities from age two to adults and this year Su Escuela is expecting to increase the enrollment of students by planning to open its own facilities in Duxbury for January 2009.

Mrs. Baldeon, founder of Su Escuela said, "Our program has been successful because we built the program with the intention of obtaining what everyone expected when started, which was to learn a second language while obtaining the fluency. Our program is based on teaching primarily this fluency to children, young people and adults that are English speakers, which is often difficult to achieve. Our methodology is based on creating a fun way to learn without compromising this overall goal while interacting with the second language. Our professionals are all native Spanish speakers, with education degrees from prestigious universities, hailing from Spanish countries, which makes the program more effective than others."

Spanish remains Su Escuela's specialty, however, the French program, which is being offered for the first time, will also be taught by native French-speaking teachers. The reason, Mrs. Baldeon said, is because, "We look to continue offering the same quality in our programs no matter what the language."

If you would like to know more about the programs offered at Su Escuela or the after school programs, join them at their open house to be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Su Escuela facilities at 760 Chief Justice Cushing Highway in Cohasset, across to Shaw's supermarket. For more information, call 781-383-2585, visit www.suescuela.com, or send email to info@suescuela.us.



Teacher Karen Quintana, Pre-school & Elementary Spanish Teacher, with left, Victor Wellman, 5, and Noah Jones, 5, both of Cohasset. Victor, Noah and their classmates are listening to the instructions given in Spanish by teacher Karen.

It's Happening

Rock the night away

Dance the night away to the classic rock sounds of the "GR8FLS" (formerly known as the Greatful Dads) at the Red Lion Inn Barn from 8 p.m. to midnight on Feb. 1. Hors d'oeurves and a cash bar will be available.

The event benefits the Cohasset Hockey team. Tickets are $20 available at the door or through any hockey team member or parent.

Mandarin Chinese for kids

This new class is being offered to children ages 7 to 9 and will introduce students to the language of Mandarin and Chinese culture. Mandarin for Kids is an eight-week session and will begin Feb. 11 at the South Shore Community Center on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. (based on demand, a second class may be offered from 4:30 to 5:20 p.m.). The instructor has just returned to the Boston area after living and teaching in China for four years. She will be sharing her knowledge and experiences in a small class format so spaces are limited. Call Chuck Gilliatt at 781-383 2901 or email at cgilliatt@comcast.net for more information.

Houck to offer mosaic workshop

The South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, will offer a one-day adult mosaic workshop, taught by Boston-based artist Lisa Houck, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Sunday, Feb. 3. Students will learn to design a mosaic using bold, graphic shapes. Glass tiles will be cut in class and then glued to a panel to create a work of art, which is durable, colorful and full of lively patterns.

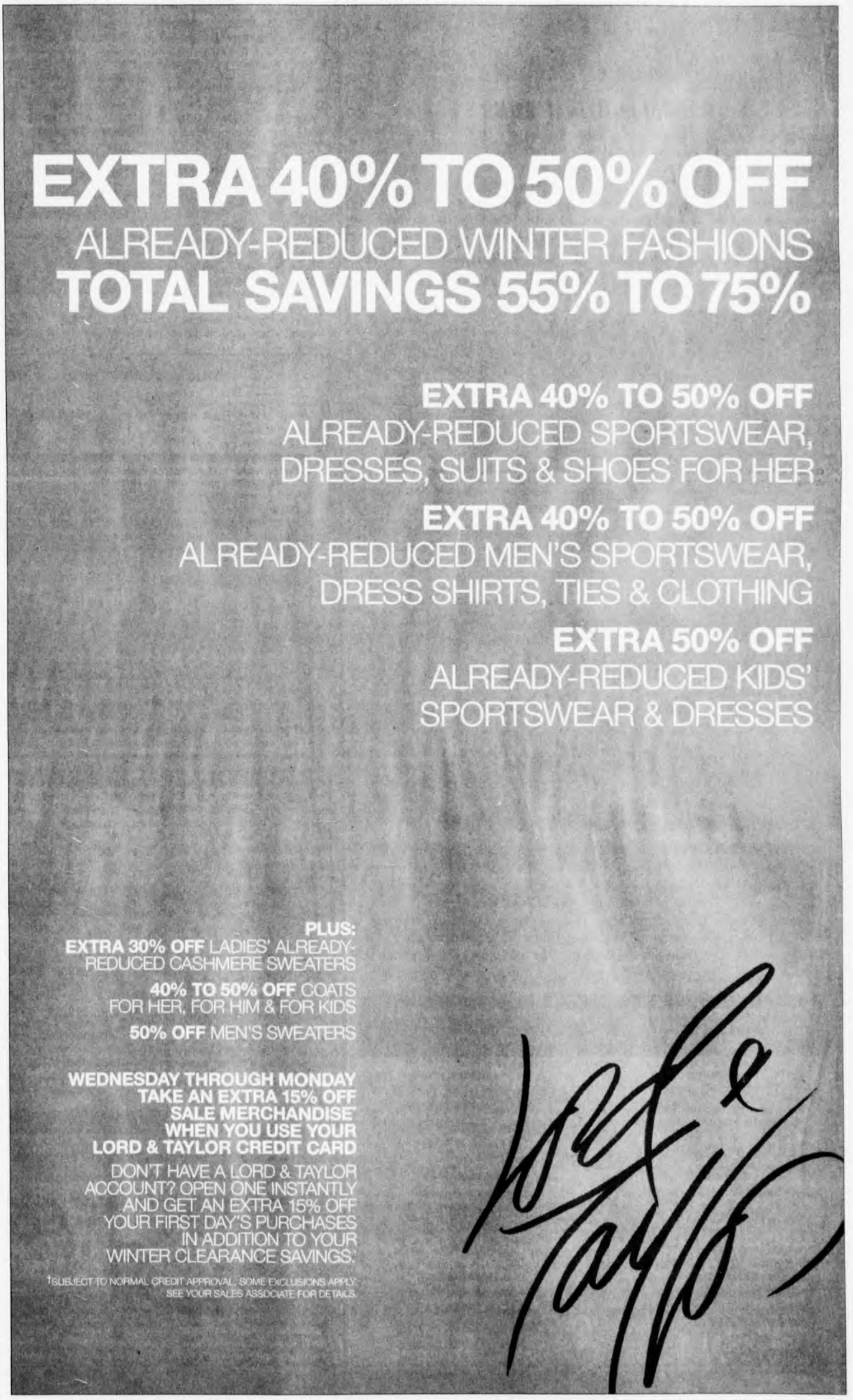
Lisa Houck works in watercolor, oil on wood, ceramics, mosaics and etching. She is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and Tufts University/School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Her artwork has been exhibited widely, and is in numerous public and private collections, including The Boston Athenaeum, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Children's Hospital, Boston, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Fidelity Investments, Hale and Dorr, Massachusetts General Hospital, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

Those interested can register at the art center, by calling 781-383-2787, or by visiting www.ssac.org. The cost of the class is $95 for members and $130 for nonmembers. A $25 materials fee is payable to the instructor.

Drama Kids classes available

Drama Kids is offering after-school classes for children ages 3 through 12. The Drama Kids program focuses on developing children's verbal abilities while enhancing creativity, social confidence and building self esteem. Classes take place at locations in Scituate, Cohasset and Hingham.

Call 781-749-4911 or visit dramakids.com for more information.



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Advertising Deadline: Thursday, January 31
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Advertising Deadline: Thursday, February 14

Publication Dates: Week of February 25

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The **Readers Choice Awards** are back! In January, our readers will vote for their "#1 Choice" in more then 75 categories including shopping, services, restaurants, arts & entertainment and places to go. Ballots will run beginning the week of January 13 through the week of February 3.

Here's your chance to get in front of our readers as the votes are cast. With our Ballot Board Packages, your ad will be placed adjacent to the ballots for the 4-week voting campaign. Don't miss this chance to stand up and be counted. Regular retail deadlines apply. Please speak with your advertising represenative for more details.

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OBITUARY

Marie R. Meallo

Life centered on her family

Marie R. (Luggelle) Meallo, 87, of Hingham died Jan. 10, 2008 at the Harbor House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Hingham.

She was a longtime employee of the Hingham School System working in the cafeteria retiring in 1984.

Mrs. Meallo's life centered around her family, their gatherings and especially their meals. One of her favorite rituals was to attend Saturday Mass and then join her family for dinner. She was the former treasurer for the Ladies Sodality at St. Mary's Church in Hull.

She was generous, outspoken and loved to cook.



Marie R. Meallo

Mrs. Meallo leaves her husband Frank Meallo of Hingham; her children Ted Galo of Cohasset, Lydia DeCoste of Abington, Barbara Achille of Port Charlotte, Fla., Franny McInnis of Hingham, Dolly Johnson of Hingham, Joyce Baglione of Hingham, Robin Martell of Cohasset; 15 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

She was the mother of the late Wally Galo and the sister of the late Bernardo Luggelle, Walter Luggelle and Barbara Flett.

The Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, in Hingham handled the arrangements.

A funeral Mass was held in the Church of the Resurrection, Hingham.

Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Marie Meallo may be made to The Town of Hingham Scholarship Fund, Town of Hingham - Treasurers Office, 210 Central St., Hingham, MA 02043.

Glastonbury Abbey lecture on Buddhism

Glastonbury Abbey's Inter-Religious Lecture Series, "Listening to Other Voices: Prophets of Compassion: Who Cares?" will be presented at 7:15 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 24, at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham.

"Wisdom and Compassion: An Introduction to Buddhism" will be the topic of The Venerable Tenzin Priyadarshi. Where do wisdom and compassion intersect in the Buddhist faith and cultural tradition? The Venerable Tenzin LS Priyadarshi, born in Vaishali, India, into a Hindu Brahmin family, entered the monastery at age 10. He will explain Buddhist religious tradition and explore how Buddhists may practice their faith and assist not only those who suffer, but also those who are consciously or unconsciously indifferent to the less fortunate. He will also make the audience aware of what one person can do to alleviate suffering. Ven. Tenzin Priyadarshi trained in India and Nepal and was ordained by His Holiness the Dalai Lama. He presently is director of MIT Prajnopaya and develops projects of humanitarian aid and cultural understanding.

Where do wisdom and compassion intersect in the Buddhist faith and cultural tradition?

The lecture is free; donations will be accepted. For more information, visit the Web site at glastonburyabbey.org.

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Bible Study series continues on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Practical Christianity. Some Christians commonly view the Old Testament as a storybook-full of fascinating tales, yet ancient and irrelevant to modern reality. This exceptional 10-week study from *Insight For Living* with *Chuck Swindoll* will help you blow the dust off these timeworn chronicles and discover enduring truths that relate directly to you, while translating into reliable patterns for godly living. Experience familiar passages as never before, and find fresh inspiration in the memorable scenes revisited. Follow the examples of faithful Old Testament heroes such as Abraham, Joseph, David, and many others as you learn to apply timeless biblical principles to your everyday life. Please join us.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

- Jan. 20: "Christ's Hands?"
- Jan. 27: "Christ's Feet and Voice?"
- Feb. 3: "Christ's Heart?"
- Feb. 10: "Beechwood and Beyond?"

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Jan. 20

8 a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Joan Kovach & Susan Meikleham and meeting 1st & 3rd Sundays)

10 a.m. – "The Virtue of Imperfection" – Jim FitzGerald

We are honored to have Jim FitzGerald, our Interim Director of Religious Education, in the pulpit today. Jim brings seasoned experience as an educator, ethicist, and progressive religious activist. His education includes two Master's degrees, one in Theology and Ethics from Hartford Theological Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut, and the other, in Educational Psychology from The College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York.

Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

On Monday, Jan. 21st, the official celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, let us gather at St. Anthony's Parish at 9 a.m., for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Breakfast, sponsored by the Cohasset Diversity Committee and the Cohasset Clergy. Let us honor together the life and legacy of this prophet and teacher.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100. All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together!

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites you to join us this Advent.

We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. To learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

Sunday Services at 8 am and 10 am

Wednesday healing service with Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

"The earth is but one country and mankind it's citizens" 1(800)22-UNITE www.bahai.us

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

St. Joseph Retreat Center events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset will host the following upcoming programs: Saturday, **Jan. 19**: A Day of Prayer with 12-Step Spirituality; Thursday, **Jan. 24**: Morning of Prayer: Celebrating Winter; Wednesday, **Feb. 6**: Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer: Awakening to the Deep Within; Thursday, **Feb. 14**: Day of Prayer: Come Away for a Day With God – The Beloved; Friday, **Feb. 15**: Day Workshop: Perceptions and Emotions in Prayer: Desire and Intimacy; **Feb. 15 to 23**: The Retreat Center is available for one, three, or seven days/nights of directed or private prayer; and Sunday, **Feb. 24**: A Day of Prayer for Men and Women Living with HIV. For more information and to register, visit www.csjretreatcenter.org or call 781-383-6024.





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Legal Notices

TREE HEARING 1/31/08

LEGAL NOTICE
Town of Cohasset
Tree Warden
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 87, Public Shade Tree Law, Section 3 (Cutting of Public Shade Trees; Hearing; Damages), **the Town of Cohasset Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing regarding an application from National Grid to remove and prune public shade trees on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at 6:00 PM in the Cohasset Town Hall, Basement Meeting Room, 41 Highland Ave. Cohasset, MA.** Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated.

The program included a tree-by-tree hazard assessment of public and private trees, along the main three-phase lines which serve the community. The work is recommended to remove hazard trees and prune for additional clearance in order to reduce tree outage problems affecting large numbers of customers served by these main lines. National Grid's arborists have identified fourteen (14) town trees for removal along town roads, and eight (8) town trees for pruning. Town trees located within the public way that are designated for removal have been posted with a notice of public hearing in the field. Trees designated for pruning have been marked with a small blue ribbon.

The roads with town trees affected by the program are listed below, together with the number of trees proposed for removal or pruning along each road:

Streets Affected		
Pond Street	**Town Trees to be Removed**, 6	**Town Trees to be Pruned**, 7
Elm Street	**Town Trees to be Removed**, 3	**Town Trees to be Pruned**, 0
North Main St.	**Town Trees to be Removed**, 5	**Town Trees to be Pruned**, 1

A complete list of town trees designated for removal and pruning, including information about the location, size and species of the affected trees and the reason for removal, is available weekdays from the Town Hall during normal business hours.

Andrew Swanson
Tree Warden

AD#11565195
Cohassset Mariner 1/18, 1/25/08

SEL/POLE HEARING 1/28/08

LEGAL NOTICE
Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing Notice
Pole Hearing

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 7:15 PM in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, to consider the application of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. for a joint pole location in the vicinity of 258 Forest Avenue. The proposed pole (#42S) would replace a tree guy that came down in a storm. The public is invited to offer public input on this proposal in writing in advance of the public hearing or in person at the hearing.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, DEC. 28

11:03 p.m. **Pond St.,** building checks.

11:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** road rage. Caller states a black and red Blazer is following him on Chief Justice Cushing Highway, southbound. Caller stated "the guy is going to kill me." Caller was disconnected. Caller called back stating he was on Chief Justice Cushing Highway at Sohier Street. Caller was advised to come to headquarters. Both parties at headquarters. There may have been an incident in Hingham. Hingham notified. All involved parties at Hingham headquarters.

SATURDAY, DEC. 29

7:14 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

7:22 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

7:29 a.m. **Pond St.,** building checks.

8:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports a person looks to be sleeping in a car that is running. Officer reports this party checks out OK.

9:34 a.m. **Elm St.,** officer wanted. Caller wanted to speak with an officer regarding a tenant/landlord dispute.

3:32 p.m. **South Main St.,** officer wanted. Officer reports landlord/tenant dispute – it has been resolved.

3:46 p.m. **South Main St.,** medical aid.

4:37 p.m. **North Main St.,** motor vehicle crash. Caller reports vehicle stuck on tracks. Contacted MBTA to stop train. MBTA line chief called back and they are holding the train until further notice. MBTA crew en route to above location to check tracks for any damage.

5:17 p.m. **Hingham Police Department,** BOLO announcement.

6:18 p.m. **Sohier St.,** assist other police department. Officer reports out speaking with tenant.

10 p.m. Suspicious activity; advised legal help.

SUNDAY, DEC. 30

12:24 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

12:34 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

12:36 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

12:41 a.m. Premise License Inspection. 911 caller states "there are a ton of underage drinkers at this location." Caller states "he is paying $400 a night for a room and thought someone should be aware of the problem." All units responding. 20-year-old male from this location in protective custody.

1:01 a.m. **Headquarters.** Protective custody. Father in headquarters. Male party released to his father.

1:02 a.m. **South Main St.,** liquor law violation.

1:10 a.m. **Headquarters,** assist other police department. Scituate Police in headquarters for Breathalyzer.

1:16 a.m. **Hull St. and Grace Dr.,** icy road conditions. Hingham reports icy road conditions. Hingham DPW cannot sand at this location. Cohasset must be notified.

1:19 a.m. **Headquarters,** assist other police department. 911 rollover from Hull.

2:41 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. Call into Hingham reporting erratic operation. Motor vehicle turned off Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King Street. Motor vehicle is now on Hull Street and West corner. Motor vehicle not in the area now.

2:59 a.m. **Headquarters,** assist citizen. Male party has locked himself out of the Red Lion Inn. Female party notified.

3:52 a.m. **Pleasant St.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS.

11:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** erratic driver. Vehicle not found.

1:19 a.m. **South Main St.,** fight. Caller reports he needs the police, he was just in a fight. Arrest and two summonsed. Arrest: Peter L. Bernstein Jr., Cohasset. Charge: Assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

6:43 p.m. **South Main St.,** traffic hazard. Walk-in party reports vehicle blocking the road. Officer has located owner of vehicle; no damage reported.

7:22 p.m. **Allen Pl.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS. Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a medical.

7:57 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** disturbance. Caller reports eggs being thrown at cars. Officer checking the area, youth ran behind house.

9:33 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

10:24 p.m. **South Main St.,** public service. Walk-in party reports her vehicle has died in a parking spot in front of Tedeschi's and will be moved in the morning.

MONDAY, DEC. 31

1:30 a.m. **Pond St.,** building checks.

1:39 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

6:16 a.m. **HQ**, icy road conditions, Cohasset DPW notified. State DPW notified.

8 a.m. Weather: Snow, light wind, 36.

9:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, walk in party reports past motor vehicle accident. Motor vehicle accident occurred on 12/29/07 at 1:35 p.m. at Tedeschi Plaza.

9:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle, caller states an elderly female operating a 4 door, dull gray Sedan with a flat tire. Motor vehicle was being operated on the side of the roadway. Motor vehicle was headed southbound on CJC Highway, last seen at Sunrise Assisted Living. Officer has located a similar motor vehicle on King Street. No operator. Motor vehicle is on a jack on King Street, between CJC Highway and North Main Street. Female operator is at Robbins Garage attempting to obtain a tire.

10:43 a.m. **North Main St.**, fire, female party in Fire HQ to report her alarms going off due to flea bombs.

12:10 p.m. **Doane St.**, animal complaint, caller states his 2 Huskies are lost in the park. 2 Huskies harnessed together. Caller has notified Hingham, Norwell and the park rangers.

12:24 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle, FedEx driver is stuck on "some tubes" in front of the residence. The temp lines from #40-#48 have been dislocated. Water Dept. notified.

1:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller reports a past larceny. Larceny of funds by an ex-employee. Cohasset man summoned on charges of larceny under $250.

1:42 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, officer wanted, caller requests an officer. When asked the nature of the problem, caller states he would come to HQ.

2:13 p.m. **HQ**, disturbance, walk in party wishes to speak to an officer. Male party has a problem with his son.

2:47 p.m. **HQ**, assist citizen, female party in HQ for info.

3:38 p.m. **Sohier St.**, downed power lines, caller reports a downed wire at this location between Ripley Road and North Main Street. National Grid has been notified and is enroute. Power has been restored.

5:17 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, walk in party reports her pocketbook was stolen out of her vehicle.

6:54 p.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports a motor vehicle accident at this location. Arrest: Richard B. Jones, 87 Elm St., Cohasset. Charges: OUI of liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle.

10:42 p.m. **Pleasant St., and Reservoir Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a strong outside odor of gas at this location. Keyspan notified. Neighbor states it is an ongoing problem. No houses involved.

11:02 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:06 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:08 p.m. **HQ,** assist citizen, McBrien's has a dog in a motor vehicle that was towed. Attempting to notify owner to pick up the dog.

11:35 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle crash, 911 caller states a motor vehicle has slid off the road. DPW notified for sand. Female party in HQ waiting for a ride.

TUESDAY, JAN. 1

12:54 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

4:48 a.m. **HQ**, assist other Police Department, there is a problem with the Scituate 911 system. All calls will rollover to Cohasset.

8:46 a.m. **HQ**, assist other Police Department, rollover 911 call from Scituate for motor vehicle accident.

10:22 a.m. **HQ**, assist other Police Department, 911 rollover from Scituate, medical aid, Scituate notified.

11:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Osgood/Deer Hill school check.

11:44 a.m. **Sohier St.**, animal complaint, officer reports raccoon in the area, unable to take car of it at this time.

11:48 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:30 p.m. **HQ**, assist other Police Department, 12:30 Scituate 911 system back on line.

4:44 p.m. **North Main St.**, investigation.

8:46 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:26 p.m. **Elm St.**, icy road conditions.

11:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Highway 228**, animal complaint, caller reports deer in the middle of the roadway at above location – notified Hingham PD. Officer reports location of deer is near animal hospital – 166 CJC Highway on the side of the road.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

12:47 a.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Summit, Hull**, disabled motor vehicle, officer reports he was flagged down, advised there is a disabled motor vehicle at above location – vehicle with flat tire – female on the side of the road – notified Hull PD.

1:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:24 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:42 a.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

9:50 a.m. Transported SSH/ALS.

10:02 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity, FF on detail report they were approached by a woman who told them there is a male with dark hair and sunglasses in a red Pontiac Grand AM dealing drugs.

11:22 a.m. Transported SSH/ALS, shortness of breath.

12:40 p.m. Medical aid, referred to other agency.

1:03 p.m. Medical aid.

2:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, caller reports a green substance all over the parking lot at this location. Mass Highway states nothing that they put on the roadway would turn them green. They are sending someone down to this location. Officer reports this substance is also in Tedeschi Plaza and in the Southbound Lane of 3A. E1 requests the Board of Health be notified and respond to the scene. Health agent on scene. The Health agent will be taking a sample and E1 will be standing by for a while. Hazmat Team to respond. Hazmat Team responding from Easton and another one responding from the Cape is enroute. DEP on scene. Both scenes have been taped off for cleanup tomorrow. Command has been terminated.

11:32 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

11:39 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3

1:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, disabled motor vehicle, officer reports there is a vehicle with 4-way flasher on on the side of the road.

7:11 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

8:59 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Osgood/Deer Hill school check.

9:28 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:38 a.m. **Ash St.**, domestic.

10:44 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, outside odor of gas.

1:05 p.m. **Elm St.**, assault and battery (past), walk in party to report a past A&B. Marshfield resident summoned on charges of A&B.

2:13 p.m. **Cedar St.**, keep the peace, caller requests an officer to keep the peace while he returned keys and tried to obtain his wife's paycheck.

2:24 p.m. **Winter St.**, bolo announcement from Weymouth PD., missing child.

2:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:16 p.m. **South Main St.**, trespassing, caller stated that a "No Trespass" order for party was violated. Cohasset man summoned on charges of trespassing.

4:27 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller stated that a car drove up her driveway, took a picture of the house and drove away.

FRIDAY, JAN. 4

12:54 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, icy road conditions, icy patch on the roadway.

1:03 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

2:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, caller reports a dead raccoon. Nothing in the area now.

7 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:12 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind. 12.

9:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

11:15 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:17 p.m. **Summer St.**, property (recovered), officer reports retrieving 2 bikes from this location, bringing them to station for safekeeping.

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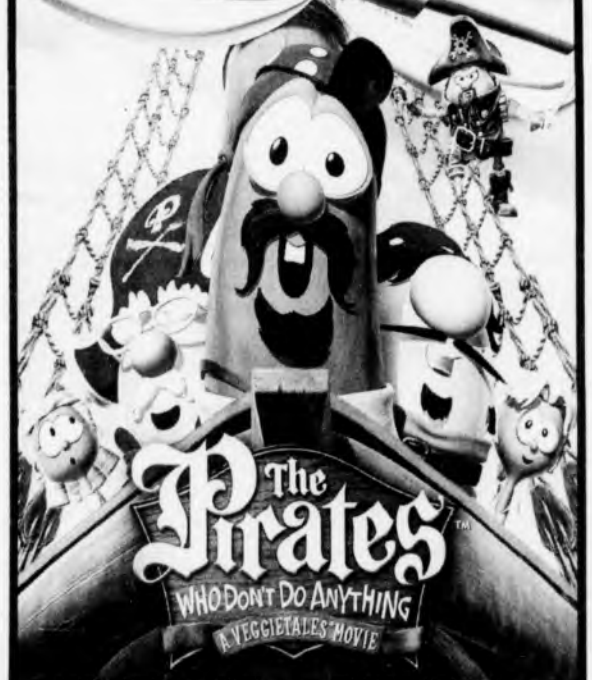
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CLASSIC COMEDY

Serious actor has fun in 'Spamalot'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Michael Siberry spent years with The Royal Shakespeare Company performing leading roles in plays such as "The Taming of the Shrew," "All's Well That Ends Well," and "The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby." These days, however, he's dealing with killer rabbits, flying cows, and taunting Frenchmen, not to mention splashy musical numbers, as King Arthur in "Monty Python's Spamalot." While the warped comedy of "Spamalot" may seem like an odd fit for a classically trained actor, Siberry says he wouldn't have it any other way.

"Variety is what has sustained me in my career so far. I have done my share of classical theater, but this is something I'm also very familiar with and a lot of other people of my generation are very familiar with, so it feels very natural to be doing this. It is a real treat to do schtick you remember from childhood."

Siberry may have a sheepskin from Australia's National Institute of Dramatic Art, but he is also a Monty Python fan from way back.

"I grew up watching 'Monty Python's Flying Circus' on television in Australia. It was very radical and very extreme at the time. You didn't always understand it, but you always watched it. It seems almost surreal to me that today it has become almost mainstream. It seems to reach everyone."

Winner of three 2005 Tony Awards including Best Musical, and lovingly "ripped off" from the irreverent British comedy troupe of Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones and Michael Palin's most popular motion picture, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" by Idle, "Monty Python's Spamalot"— which just opened a two-week run at Boston's Opera House before heading to the Providence Performing Arts Center on Jan. 29 — is directed by Mike Nichols and features a score by Idle and John Du Prez. Telling the tale of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, and their quest for the Holy Grail, "Spamalot" features a chorus line of dancing divas and kooky knights in the court of King Arthur. The King's combined quest not only for the Holy Grail, but also to put on a Broadway musical, has left even his most loyal subjects questioning him.

"King Arthur is slightly bewildered by the fact that people don't take him seriously. He is a very cheerful fellow, but always a bit perplexed. He does get the girl, however, so it all ends up happily ever after," says Siberry, whose Broadway credits include the role of Captain von Trapp in the 1998 revival of "The Sound of Music."

Although based on characters and situations originally depicted in the 1975 movie, the stage production's creative team has made sure it is very much its own entity.

"Mike Nichols encouraged us to reinterpret these characters as we saw fit. Mike told us we were definitely not doing a pastiche. He didn't want this to become just a carbon copy of the original and it has not. We do it our own way without mimicry. So I suppose that my King Arthur is a little different.

I just took what I saw on the page and then interpreted it in my own way." His new take on a familiar character has earned both Siberry and "Spamalot" respect from both hardcore Monty Python fans and the newly initiated over the two years since the current national tour was launched at Boston's Colonial Theatre.

"We get a good mix of longtime Monty Python fans and others who have no idea what to expect. It's beautifully written material, however, so there is something for everyone."

That something includes some lasting memories for its star.

"It will be like completing the circle to be back in Boston where it all began," explained Siberry by telephone last week from a tour stop in Schenectady. "I play Boston, then Providence, and I'm done. The tour will carry on without me. I'm looking forward to settling back into my life in New York, but I will miss this show very much, too. This entire 'Spamalot' experience has been a real highlight of my career and my life."

"Monty Pyth"s Spamalot" will be at the Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston, through Jan. 27. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at broadwayacrossamerica.com. Following Boston, "Spamalot" will be at the Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosset St., Providence, R.I., Jan. 29 to Feb. 3. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 401-421-2787 or go online at ppacri.org.



Michael Siberry as King Arthur in the National Tour of "Monty Python's Spamalot" with book and lyrics by Eric Idle, music by John DuPrez and Eric Idle, directed by Mike Nichols



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Cast of "Monty Python's Spamalot" playing at the Opera House, in Boston, through Jan. 27 and the Providence Performing Arts Center in Providence, R.I., Jan. 29 to Feb. 3.

Movie review

A-'List' actors in 'B' movie

The Bucket List (B)

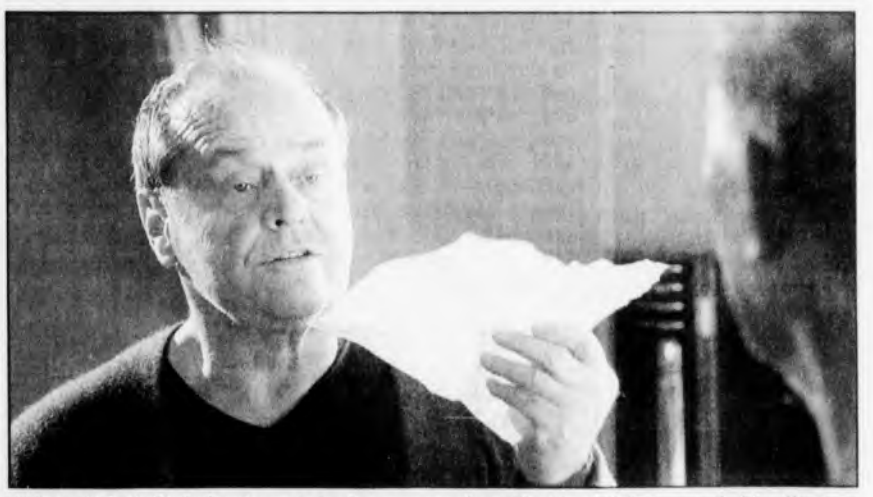
Film Review
BY: ED SYMKUS

You know those "to do" lists you keep in different places — at home, at work, in your wallet — that you actually get to check off once in a while? This dramatic comedy about two terminally ill guys who meet in a double hospital room suggests that you should get cooking on those lists now. That song "Enjoy Yourself (It's Later Than You Think)" from "Everyone Says I Love You" comes to mind.

Another thing that seems to be on people's minds is that "The Bucket List" — the title refers to a list of things to do before you kick the bucket — is a morbid idea for a movie. In this case, it's a wrong assumption. There's a gloomy moment or two; these guys do, after all, have cancer, and each has been allotted six months to a year, give or take.

But the teaming of Jack Nicholson as a ridiculously wealthy but lonely corporate guy who takes over then privatizes hospitals, and Morgan Freeman as a genial, chain-smoking auto mechanic who has a happy family but has outgrown his dreams, was made with comic head-butting in mind.

It's an opposites attracting story. Nicholson's Edward Cole is stubborn and iron-fisted when it comes to his career and to his inflated self-importance. Freeman's Carter Chambers is a laid back but outgoing fellow who enjoys nothing more than sharing his vast reservoir of trivial knowledge, much of which he gets from his addiction to "Jeopardy!"



Edward (Jack Nicholson) wants to know more about the "to do" list compiled by Carter (Morgan Freeman).

Watching these two guys interact is a pleasure, and it's clear that each (the actors not the characters) is having a blast reacting to the other, right from their introduction in side-by-side beds, up to their games of gin, their turns getting the shakes, and their eventual globe-hopping adventures while in temporary remission.

Director Rob Reiner, who hasn't had a bona fide hit since "A Few Good Men," also with Nicholson, has wisely just let his two old pro lead actors have a go with their parts. They manage to put a convincingly humorous touch to a vomiting scene, add a mischievous sparkle to their eyes when they decide to work on that titular list together, energetically rejoice like little kids when they're speeding around a track in race cars or through the air before pulling ripcords.

The film loses some of its grip on reality when the script deals with Carter making the decision to leave his wife at home while he goes out on this final adventure — that subject alone would make for an interesting film. But here it's glossed over rather than dealt with.

And soon he and Edward, who's generously and easily footing the exorbitant bill, are jetting around the world to great European restaurants, to the Taj Mahal (where Carter spouts off some detailed historical perspective) to the pyramids (where they just sit and contemplate).

Comic highlights include the banter between Nicholson and his assistant — and private cook — Thomas (played in deadpan manner by "Will & Grace's" Sean Hayes) and from Nicholson's willingness to take a couple of pratfalls.

But the film's serious edge has plenty of opportunity to shine, and does so in the "life's ups and downs" conversations between Edward and Carter that predictably bring the two opposites together. There are a couple of token thought-provoking scenes of Virginia (Beverly Todd) demanding that Edward give her husband back to her, and Freeman's practically film-length voiceovers (has Freeman ever been in a film that he hasn't also narrated?) manage to combine a sense of gravity and whimsy.

It's hard to watch the film and not think about the similar but far goofier premise of "My Name Is Earl" and that TV show's list of accomplishments to be checked off. But this is an "Earl" for a more mature audience. This also marks a probable return to hit-making status for Reiner. Fans of foreshadowing will enjoy what he eventually does with a Chock Full o' Nuts coffee can seen right near the start, and will likely equally enjoy the bittersweet ride he makes of his film.

Rated PG-13. "The Bucket List" contains language, including a sexual reference.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Jan. 17

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local businesses in the South Shore area. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at a new meeting location in historic downtown Plymouth at Med Spa New England from 5 to 6 p.m., and on the third Thursday of each month at Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m., lunch is extra. For information, email info@network4success.org or visit network4success.org.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 17 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **open mic** featuring **Joe Mack B and Blues Jam** 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 17 **Rob Benton Band** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St. Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Red Lion Inn, 170 S. Main St., Cohasset Jan. 17, 8 to 11 p.m. ***DRIFT AWAY*** **Duo** (J Place & Joe Micarelli) No Cover Charge 781-383-1704.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 18

South Shore Folk Music Club Coffeehouse Beal House of the Kingston Unitarian Church, 222 Main St., Route 106, Kingston. **All Evening Open Mic'**, eight minute slots, two songs all varieties welcome. Friday, Jan. 18, 8 p.m.; doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: Members $5. Non Members $6. Information: ssfmc.org or 781-871-1052.

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove St., (Rt. 28) Middleboro. **Comedy & Dinner Show** at 7 p.m. Jan. 18, featuring **Mike Donovan, Jerry Thornton, Annette Pollack, Rick Sinnott. Your host: Matt McArthur.** Dinner/Show package $29.95; Comedy show $15. Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833. tuscanhouserestaurant.com myspace.com/annettepollack

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Auditions

STOUGHTON STARS will hold auditions for "Disney's High School Musical," Jan. 26, at 9:30 a.m. directed by Audrey Mutascio at High Output, 495 Turnpike St., Canton. Production dates April 4 to 6. Contact www.stoughtonstars.com for information.

HINGHAM CIVIC MUSIC THEATRE will be holding auditions for it spring 2008 musical "NUNSENSE" on Feb. 25 and 26, at 7 pm. Callbacks will be on Feb. 27, if necessary. Auditions will be held at the Sanborn Auditorium in the Hingham Town Hall 210 Central St., Hingham. Production dates are April 25-26 and May 2-3-4. Call director Bill Boyer at 617-537-3131 for further information.

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Heaven-sent

John Denver's music soars onstage at The Company Theatre

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



(L-R)... Benjamin Zep Misek, Rosie Mattia, Ryan Nearhoff, Vernae Taylor and Michael Bojtos perform in "Almost Heaven: The Songs of John Denver," playing at The Company Theatre in Norwell Jan. 18-20.

The musical revue "Almost Heaven: The Songs of John Denver" uses 29 of Denver's songs — including "Rocky Mountain High," "Sunshine on My Shoulders," "Annie's Song," "Leaving on a Jet Plane," and "Calypso" — performed against a backdrop of visual images of America in the late 1960s and early '70s, to make its case that Denver was more than just a gifted songwriter with an ear for popular music.

Denver, who died Oct. 12, 1997, when the two-seater plane he was piloting crashed off the coast of California, was a celebrity who used his considerable fame to further the causes he cared about from environmental conservation and world hunger to space and oceanic explorations. He also tried to enhance understanding between people of diverse cultures as the first Western entertainer to tour extensively in both China and the former Soviet Union.

Denver's songs provide the musical narrative for "Almost Heaven" which begins a three-show run at Norwell's Company Theatre on Friday. A live theatrical experience originally conceived by Harold Thau with orchestrations, vocal arrangements, and music supervision by Jeff Waxman, the national tour features a five-member cast, and a three-person on-stage band under the direction of Newton native Seth Weinstein.

"We're using new arrangements and we have a cast of fresh, young, very talented performers, so it is like we are reinventing and reinvigorating some very familiar music in a way it has never been heard before," explained Weinstein from his home in New York last week. "Ultimately, our show is a celebration of the music of John Denver and how he used it to express his attitudes toward the Vietnam War, his marriage to his first wife, Annie, and even his DUI arrests. The trajectory of songs provides a journey that starts out very light, but at times turns very dark." A 1992 Newton North graduate who earned an AB in Music from Harvard in 1996, Weinstein remembers when he first discovered Denver's music. "I've been familiar with John Denver's music since childhood. I grew up with it. A great deal of it is very moving. It's also fun to play. The songs get renewed for me every night. The songs are tuneful and the lyrics are wonderful. They are very easy to relate to and enjoy. They will definitely last beyond this generation."



Seth Weinstein

While his current assignment will keep him on the road for the next few months, Weinstein is already looking ahead to a return to another kind of music and performing.

"I love music directing, arranging and composing for theater, but I also love playing classical music," says Weinstein, whose musical "How to Save the World and Find True Love in 90 Minutes" enjoyed a healthy off-Broadway run in 2006. "In September of this year, I will be on tour in Germany playing classical piano concerts which will include 'The Chagall Suite,' a piece I wrote that was inspired by the paintings of Marc Chagall."

Before he starts planning for that trip, however, Weinstein knows he needs to make a tour stop a little closer to home that will give him a chance not only to see, but also to work with members of his family.

"My brother, Josh Weinstein, will be playing guitar with me in Norwell. He has his own very successful career, but he was available for these dates so I was very happy to book him. He is a great musician."

"Almost Heaven: The Songs of John Denver" will be at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, Jan. 18-20. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-871-2787, or go online at companytheatre.com.

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Single Executives Club Singles Dance Friday, Jan. 18, 8:30 to midnight South Shore Country Club, Grand Ballroom, 274 South St., Hingham. www.southshorecc.com 781-749-1720. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte.3. se-4u.com Dance music by award-winning DJ, 8:30 - 12 AM. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 9-10. Free door prizes, raffles, & additional MATCH game prizes. For singles & couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Admittance is only $10 before 9.Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club USA. Info call (781 446-0234.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 18 **Chain Drive** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **DJ every Friday** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 18, **Shannel & the Ripchords** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage-cafe.com myspace.com/satch-snewbluesrevue



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(L-R)— Peter Salhaney of Weymouth, Matt McCarty of Marshfield, Meghan Reilly of Marshfield, Andrew DeVitre of Cohasset.

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Saturday, Jan. 19

The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour returns **Jan. 12,** to satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth every Saturday through April 26. The fully-narrated, three-hour journey of decadent desserts and fun facts features tasty visits to **Top of the Hub Restaurant**, the historic **Omni Parker House Hotel** and **The Langham Hotel Boston**. The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour departs from the **Trolley Stop Store** at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-269-7010.

Plimoth Plantation announces, the return of **Plimoth Cinema** with a new winter film series commencing Jan.19, Plimoth Cinema re-opens its doors with two screenings at 4:30 and 7 p.m., along with a new matinee screening on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. The first film scheduled to appear is the drama, **Before The Devil Knows You Are Dead**, directed by Sidney Lumet. Lumet is the acclaimed movie director with more than 50 films to his name and stars an award-winning cast of actors including, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Ethan Hawke and Marisa Tomei. The two hour and three minute drama is rated "R." Those interested in receiving updates and schedules should register for the Plimoth Cinema Newsletter at www.plimoth.org 508-746-1622, ext 8222.

South Shore Hospital presents its third **"Dare to C.A.R.E."** program. Learn from South Shore Hospital's cardiovascular experts what you can do to minimize your risk of having a heart attack, stroke and other health complications. Jan. 19, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lantana, 43 Scanlon Drive, in Randolph. The program is **free and open to the public**, but pre-registration is encouraged. A complimentary breakfast and lunch will be provided. For information or to register for the Dare to C.A.R.E. program, call 781-340-8272 or visit southshorehospital.org

Recycling Event takes place at **Church of the Holy Nativity**, Jan. 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 8 Nevin Road, behind Rte.-18-Nevin-Building 851 Main St., South Weymouth. Bring your computers, monitors, faxes, copiers, water bubblers, scanners, notebooks, microwaves, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, printers at $10 each. Stereo equipment and speakers are $5 each. Cell phones and PDAs are $1 each. Televisions are $15 and $20 each — pricing may be minimally adjusted due to Weymouth landfill charges. Drive in, pay and drop off. Don't even have to get out of the car. Businesses can bring as much as they want. Carload and truckload discounts apply. Tax deduction receipts are available on request. Asset disposition documentation is available for businesses on request. For residential pickups the day of the event for an extra charge. call 781-849-1257 and leave a message.

The Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree presents: **Beginning Genealogy and Family History** Jan. 19, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in the auditorium on the upper level Why do we study our ancestry, and what makes it so compelling? **Michael Brophy**, professional genealogical researcher, author and lecturer, covers the basics of starting out in the search for your family's ancestry using vital records, census data, and the Internet among others. He will provide handouts at the end of his lecture, but you might want to bring along a tape recorder (for your personal use only) to capture all his advice. Free and open to the public. For information, call 781-848-0405 x4420.

The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square, Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., in Hingham Square. **Marshfield native Kevin Connolly** will perform Jan. 19, at 8 p.m. The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the, 107 Main St., in Hingham Square just up from the Loring Hall Theater and on the MBTA's 220 bus from Quincy Center. Admission is $10 at the door (sorry, no reservations). The concert begins with an open mike at 8 p.m. Beverages and desserts are 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For information or to volunteer (free admission) call 781-749-1767. For information about Kevin, visit kevinconnolly.com.

French Memories Bakery, 64 S. Main St., Cohasset Jan. 19, 3 to 5 p.m. **DRIFT AWAY Duo** (J Place & Joe Micarelli) no cover charge 781 383 2216.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 19 **Radio for the Blind** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. Jan. 19, **Exits and Alibi's** 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 19, **Hoodoo Revelator** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnew-bluesrevue

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Call for artists

THE DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION is calling all artists to submit artwork in any media for an upcoming exhibition titled: Musical Inspirations. To be considered for the exhibition, original artwork containing an image that has been "inspired by music" must be hand delivered to the Duxbury Art Association. Entry is open to all artists. DAA membership is not required. Work must have been completed within the last three years and not previously exhibited in a DAA Show. **Artwork Registration Dates**: Jan. 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Jan, 23 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information contact the Duxbury Art Association, 781-934-2731 x4 duxburyart.org

Mark your calendar

ROBERT BURNS CELEBRATION Jan. 26, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Duxbury Senior Center. Robert Burns is the national poet of Scotland and his birthday is celebrated worldwide. Enjoy an evening of traditional music, poetry, dance and food. Ron Wolfe, as emcee, will introduce the assortment of entertainment.. The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Boston Branch, will lead the dancing. MacFarlane, head of the MacFarlane clan in New England, will present the Haggis. Ean Connell, in full Highland dress, will entertain guests with his bagpipe. Raffle prizes A cash bar is available. Tickets $30 may be purchased with cash or a check made out to the Town of Duxbury, Duxbury Cultural Council at Westwinds Bookshop, Entres Nous or by calling Eija Heward at 781-934-5848 or Laura Doherty at 781-934-6634, extension 12.

EAGLES' TRIBUTE BAND, Tequila Sunrise, to perform at the Company Theatre Stage; Feb. 1-2 at 8 p.m. TEQUILA SUNRISE captures The Eagles' timeless music with songs. Tickets are priced at $32 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

LOCAL BOSTON BLUES LEGEND, JAMES MONTGOMERY and his band will perform Feb. 9 at the Weymouth Eagles Hall, 1338 Washington St., Route 53, Weymouth Opening will be **The Mighty HouseRockers Band.** Doors open at 8 p.m. Show begins at 8:30 p.m. Cash bar from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are $25 each. Advance tickets will be available at The Eagles Club (rear club entrance), and from Satch at The Next Page Cafe', Weymouth. Plenty of free parking. Information jamesmontgomery.com or visit myspace.com/satchnewbluerevue or call Satch at 781-258-5832.

THE SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY is taking its annual day day-trip to the Metropolitan Opera in New York City March 1, to hear Renee Fleming as Desdemona in Verdi's *Otello*. This year they have purchased tickets in the prime orchestra as well as the balance orchestra (underneath the balcony). The total cost includes an opera ticket, round-trip motor coach, lunch at Josephina's and a box supper on the return trip. The total cost with prime orchestra seating is $445 and with balance orchestra seating is $375. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis. A $150 deposit will reserve your place. Contact Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565 x 19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org.

THE PASSION PLUNGE will take place on Feb. 16 into the icy Atlantic Ocean at **Nantasket Beach, Hull** in an effort to raise money to benefit Special Olympics Massachusetts. Enjoy food, music, contests, fundraising incentives and more. Timeline includes: 10 a.m.- Registration Opens; 11:15 a.m., Costume Parade; 11:45a.m., Plunger Safety Briefing; noon PLUNGE; 12:15 p.m., Post Plunge Party Begins; 1 p.m., Awards Ceremony. All information can be found at www.PassionPlunge.org







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Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, Saturday, Jan. 19, **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No Cover. Come sing, come play, come listen. Call 508-830-1262.

Sunday, Jan. 20

South Shore Citizens will be traveling to Washington, D.C. for the **Annual March for Life**, remembering the Supreme Court decision of Jan. 22, 1973, Legalizing abortion on demand. A bus will leave Immaculate Conception Church parking lot, 720 Broad St., (before Jackson Square). Sunday, Jan. 20,at 10 p.m., arriving early Jan. 21 in D.C. Travelers will stay overnight at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill. On Jan. 22, they will join thousands of people witnessing for life as they walk from the Mall to the Supreme Court. Travelers will return from D.C. at 5 p.m., arriving Weymouth about 1 a.m., Jan. 23. Bus and accommodation costs from $110-195. Register w/Mrs. Sally Healy, 781-848-3796.

South Shore's Finest Bridal Expo takes place Jan. 20, at the Independence Mall in Kingston from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vendor space still available. Register at web site for Scavenger Hunt. Enter to win a free wedding package compliments of the Country Club of Halifax. For information, visit CMRevents.com or call 508-224-4044.

New England Singles Dance, Jan. 20, 7 to 11 p.m. **Halifax Country Club**, 100 Country Club Dr., Route 106, Halifax, Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Hors d'oeuvres. Door prizes. Music from the 70's to the present and requests with New England's top DJ's. Admission $10. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. Jan 20, Toasted at 8 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Monday, Jan. 21

The South Shore Natural Science Center is also open Monday, Jan. 21, Martin Luther King Day from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Drop in programs include Feed the Animals at 10 .am. and Meet an Animal at 2 p.m. Free with paid admission.

Sports Card Show. 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Holiday Inn, Hampshire Street, Mansfield. Three Providence Bruins players will appear from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and sign autographs. One free photograph with paid $1 admission. For information, contact Douglas Keating at 508-369-2471 or www.cardboard-promotions.com.

The No Place for Hate Committee and the **Duxbury Interfaith Council** will sponsor it's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Jan. 21 at 8:15 a.m. The celebration will be held at Pilgrim Church on Washington St. Several students from the Duxbury Middle School will read essays that they wrote specifically for this occasion. The Duxbury High School Chamber Singers, under the direction of Mr. Jim Donovan, will also perform inspirational pieces. There is a requested donation of $5 per person or $10 per family. For information call 781-934-8388.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 21 **Free Texas Hold Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

The South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus invites men of all ages who like to sing to join them. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., at the corner of Central Street. Call 781-337-SING for additional information or e-mail danielcostello@gmail.com or billfitzjr@aol.com.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

Deborah McSorley-Kery, of McSorley-Kery Design will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 7 a.m. The President's Club Chapter of BNI is comprised of leading business people from Quincy, Holbrook, Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Stoughton, Canton, Hull, Randolph, Hanover, Norwell, Brockton, Milton and Dorchester, but welcomes anyone who works or lives in southeastern Massachusetts. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Larry Czech at 781-356-1440 or by email at lczech@czechcpa.com.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, The South Shore Natural Science Center and the **Mass Audubon South Regional** headquarters present another **winter lecture series** every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the science center located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Open to the public free of charge. **Jan. 23, What's the Buzz, Howard Scott, beekeeper and author.** For information visit nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168; Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400; or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.



The BearBones Band will host a night of live music in Scituate at 7 p.m. Jan. 26. Performers include Walter 'Bear' Zaremba, Jesse Allen, Andy Bergsten, Bob Linton, Shane Merritt, Dave Smith, Burning Moth, Gregg and Nancy Zappolo, Donna Harrington, Bob Garvin and more. It is a night of blues, folk, original, and other music in an informal setting. $5 donation at the door benefits the Mt Hope Improvement Society Scholarship Fund. Mt Hope is the old schoolhouse located on Clapp Rd/Cedar St. in Scituate. Doors open at 7 p.m. For info contact Bearbonesband@gmail.com or 781-544-3122.

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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 23 **Flydown Unplugged** 781-829-6999.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 24

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 24, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St., Pembroke. **Texas Hold 'Em every Thursday** The games take place 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

Red Lion Inn, 170 S. Main St., Cohasset Jan. 24, 8 to 11 p.m. ***DRIFT AWAY*** **Duo** (J Place & Joe Micarelli) No Cover Charge 781-383-1704.

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The Notorious' Duo of Eden MacAdam-Somer (violin, fiddle) and Larry Unger (guitar, banjo) will perform at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, on Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. These two musicians bring together traditional and contemporary acoustic music from around the world, creating a dynamic, swinging sound. They present American, Celtic, and Eastern European tunes, swing, blues, and their own compositions. Free and open to the public. For information call 781-413-1327.

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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 25, **Chubba Lang** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 25, **Satch Romano and The Mighty Houserockers** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe .com myspace.com/satchsnew-bluesrevue.



Mike Donovan *Jerry Thornton* *Annette Pollack*

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Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove St., (Rt. 28) Middleboro. Comedy & Dinner Show at 7 p.m. Jan. 18, featuring Mike Donovan, Jerry Thornton, Annette Pollack, Rick Sinnott. Your host: Matt McArthur. Dinner/Show package $29.95; Comedy show $15. Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833. tuscanhouserestaurant.com myspace.com/annettepollack

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Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. **Deadline is Friday at noon.** *Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at townonline.com — click on your town — then click the entertainment tab.*

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES
SPRING 2008
SOUTH SHORE VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
476 WEBSTER STREET (RTE. 123) • HANOVER, MA
781-878-8822
(Ext. 114)
WALK-IN REGISTRATION:
Wednesday, January 16th and
Thursday, January 17th
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28, 2008

MONDAY COURSES
Chair Caning & Fiber Rushing - $75
Construction Supervisors Licensing Course - $325
Home Handyman - $100
Intro to the Internet - $75
Welding - $120 + $60 Lab Fee
Yoga/Stretching Class - $80

TUESDAY COURSES
Auto Body Repair - $135
Airbrush Art - $110
Beginner Watercolor - $100
Culinary Arts - $70 plus food fee
Intro to PC & Microsoft Word - $95
Ballroom Dancing - $85
Welding - $120 + $60 Lab Fee
Woodworking & Furniture Making - $120
Advanced HVAC-R- $120

WEDNESDAY COURSES
Auto Body Repair - $135
Keyboarding - $90
Quick Books - $100
Welding - $120 + $60 Lab Fee
Woodworking & Furniture Making - $120

THURSDAY COURSES
Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD) - $475
15 Hour Electrical Code - $125
Italian Cooking Class - $70
Heating/Refrigeration Beginners - $120
Line Dancing - $85
Small Engine Repair - $100
Welding - $120 + $60 Lab Fee
Woodworking & Furniture Making - $120

Workshops

BEEKEEPERS SCHOOL The Plymouth Country Beekeepers Association will offer Beginning' School starting Jan. 24. Call Charles Marchewka at 781-585-8908.

COMMUNITY EXERCISE PROGRAMS at South Shore Hospital You don't have to be a patient to benefit from the services of the Outpatient Rehabilitation Department at South Shore Hospital. Classes are small and held in the hospital's private gym and poll settings. Classes include; Personal Training, Children's Condit-ioning,Teen Fitness Men's Fitness, Golf Conditioning, Women's Aquatic Conditioning, Morning Workout, Prenatal exercise, Postnatal exercise, Senior Aquatic Conditioning, Intermediate Exercise for 55 Plus, Aquatic Arthritis Program, Parkinson's Exercise Program, Osteoporosis Exercise Program, Fibromyalgia Exercise Program. Call the Outpatient Rehabilitation Department at 781-340-8177 for information on how to register for these programs.

FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP South Shore Housing in partnership with Bristol County Savings Bank is offering in Two Sessions: Jan. 26 and Feb. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Carver Public Library, 2 Meadowbrook Way, Carver. Cost: $25 per household. Participants must attend all sessions. For information on the advantages of attending this workshop contact Jan at SSHDC 1-781-422-4284.

FREE EDUCATIONAL HOMEBUYER SEMINARS sponsored by Mount Vernon Mortgage Corporation for South Shore Residents, Thursday, Jan. 31, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Weymouth: Tufts Library (Main Branch), 46 Broad St. Saturday, Feb. 2, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Quincy: 500 Victory Road, Marina Bay. Free Pre-registration is required. Participants can register online at MtVernonMortgage.com/Events or register by phone at 781-337-2432 x16.

LIFE ENHANCING SEMINAR: An eight-week journey in transformation. Call 781-871-1740 or for more info visit heavenlymessengers.net. EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique) Powerful tool for Lasting Weight Loss. Channeling The Arch Angels, The Angels of Americo Michael Workshop. Call 508-697-2334 to register. The Proper way to "Muscle Test." Call Cathy at 781-871-1740 to register.

THE NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY is offering the following winter classes. For information or to register, visit northriverarts.org, call 781-837-8091 or email info@northriver-arts.org. Bird carving, The Business of Your Art, Everyone Can Draw and Paint, Drawing for the Absolute Beginner, Watercolor for the Absolute Beginner, Beginning/Intermediate, Oil Painting, Winter Landscape in the Studio, Still Life in Oils: Mastering Edges, Beginning Pastels, Painting a Pastel Portrait, Open Life Studio, Drop-In Knitting with Mac, Switch Gallery, Young artists - Drawing & Painting: Skills for the Young Artist, Drawing with Color in Winter, Sewing, February Art Camp –Young Artists Day, and Boy Scout Artist Badges.

SCITUATE ARTS ASSOCIATION announces "Arts Alive!" Classes and Workshops for the Winter I Semester of 2008 at the Ellis House, 709 Country Way, Scituate. Intermediate & Experienced Oil Painting, Foundation To Painting, Landscapes and more…marshes, boats and harbors, Color works, Card Art, Cartooning For Beginners: The Fundamentals Of Cartooning, Drawn Together, Water Color: Beginning And Intermediate, Weekend Workshops: Gelatine Printing. Satellite Classes: Make Your Own Glass Bead. Woodcarving Classes. Complete Class descriptions and instructor Bios can be found on scituateart.com/calendar or by contacting Janet Cornacchio at jcornacch@aol.com, or 781.545.7613.

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER offers workshops this winter Advanced Digital, Photographic Portraits, Traveling with your Camera. A one-day adult Mosaic Workshop. Register online at ssac.org or call 781-383-2787 for information..

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY: To register for all classes call 781-934-2731, ext. 10. Boston's Improv Asylum Comes To The Conservatory, *Improv Class for Adults,* Orchestra Incognito Creates Instrumentalists Out Of Keyboardists, *Orchestra Incognito,* Adult Piano Class: FakeBook Version. OBTB Spring Studio, New for Singers.

WELLSPRING COMPUTER LEARNING PROGRAMS, 814 Nantasket Ave. in Hull. Fee: $45 Jan. 15 and 16: Beginner Word, Beginner Excel, PC Ready – Beginner Computer Class. 781-925-3211, wellspringhull.org Financial Assistance is available. Wellspring does not deny services due to an inability to pay.

TOWN COMMONS

JANUARY 17-25, 2008

Heaven-sent

John Denver's music soars onstage at The Company Theatre

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



(L-R)... Benjamin Zep Misek, Rosie Mattia, Ryan Nearhoff, Vernae Taylor and Michael Bojtos perform in "Almost Heaven: The Songs of John Denver," playing at The Company Theatre in Norwell Jan. 18-20.

The musical revue "Almost Heaven: The Songs of John Denver" uses 29 of Denver's songs — including "Rocky Mountain High," "Sunshine on My Shoulders," "Annie's Song," "Leaving on a Jet Plane," and "Calypso" — performed against a backdrop of visual images of America in the late 1960s and early '70s, to make its case that Denver was more than just a gifted songwriter with an ear for popular music.

Denver, who died Oct. 12, 1997, when the two-seater plane he was piloting crashed off the coast of California, was a celebrity who used his considerable fame to further the causes he cared about from environmental conservation and world hunger to space and oceanic explorations. He also tried to enhance understanding between people of diverse cultures as the first Western entertainer to tour extensively in both China and the former Soviet Union.

Denver's songs provide the musical narrative for "Almost Heaven" which begins a three-show run at Norwell's Company Theatre on Friday. A live theatrical experience originally conceived by Harold Thau with orchestrations, vocal arrangements, and music supervision by Jeff Waxman, the national tour features a five-member cast, and a three-person on-stage band under the direction of Newton native Seth Weinstein.

"We're using new arrangements and we have a cast of fresh, young, very talented performers, so it is like we are reinventing and reinvigorating some very familiar music in a way it has never been heard before," explained Weinstein from his home in New York last week. "Ultimately, our show is a celebration of the music of John Denver and how he used it to express his attitudes toward the Vietnam War, his marriage to his first wife, Annie, and even his DUI arrests. The trajectory of songs provides a journey that starts out very light, but at times turns very dark." A 1992 Newton North graduate who earned an AB in Music from Harvard in 1996, Weinstein remembers when he first discovered Denver's music. "I've been familiar with John Denver's music since childhood. I grew up with it. A great deal of it is very moving. It's also fun to play. The songs get renewed for me every night. The songs are tuneful and the lyrics are wonderful. They are very easy to relate to and enjoy. They will definitely last beyond this generation."



Seth Weinstein

While his current assignment will keep him on the road for the next few months, Weinstein is already looking ahead to a return to another kind of music and performing.

"I love music directing, arranging and composing for theater, but I also love playing classical music," says Weinstein, whose musical "How to Save the World and Find True Love in 90 Minutes" enjoyed a healthy off-Broadway run in 2006. "In September of this year, I will be on tour in Germany playing classical piano concerts which will include 'The Chagall Suite,' a piece I wrote that was inspired by the paintings of Marc Chagall."

Before he starts planning for that trip, however, Weinstein knows he needs to make a tour stop a little closer to home that will give him a chance not only to see, but also to work with members of his family.

"My brother, Josh Weinstein, will be playing guitar with me in Norwell. He has his own very successful career, but he was available for these dates so I was very happy to book him. He is a great musician."

"Almost Heaven: The Songs of John Denver" will be at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, Jan. 18-20. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-871-2787, or go online at companytheatre.com.

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Almost Heaven: The Songs of John Denver, the off-Broadway smash hit touring the country and stopping at The Company Theatre in Norwell, for three shows, Jan. 18-20. This musical tribute is a walking testament to the life and music of John Denver. Boasting 29 of this singer-songwriter's greatest hits. This show is performed in the context of America in the late '60s and early '70s. **Performances are Friday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 20 at 3 p.m.** Tickets are priced at $30 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

New England Singles Dance Jan. 18, 8 p.m. to midnight. **Mosley on the Charles**, 50 Bridge St, Dedham, Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Hors d'oeuvres. Door prizes. Music from the 70's to the present and requests with New England's top DJ's. Admission $12. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Friday, Jan. 18, 8:30 to midnight South Shore Country Club, Grand Ballroom, 274 South St., Hingham. www.southshorecc.com 781-749-1720. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte.3. se-4u.com Dance music by award-winning DJ, 8:30 - 12 AM. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 9-10. Free door prizes, raffles, & additional MATCH game prizes. For singles & couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Admittance is only $10 before 9.Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club USA. Info call (781 446-0234.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 18 **Chain Drive 781**-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **DJ every Friday** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 18, **Shannel & the Ripchords** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage-cafe.com myspace.com/satch-snewbluesrevue

Call for artists

THE DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION is calling all artists to submit artwork in any media for an upcoming exhibition titled: Musical Inspirations. To be considered for the exhibition, original artwork containing an image that has been "inspired by music" must be hand delivered to the Duxbury Art Association. Entry is open to all artists. DAA membership is not required. Work must have been completed within the last three years and not previously exhibited in a DAA Show. **Artwork Registration Dates**: Jan. 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Jan, 23 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information contact the Duxbury Art Association, 781-934-2731 x4 duxburyart.org

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Saturday, Jan. 19

The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour returns **Jan. 12,** to satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth every Saturday through April 26. The fully-narrated, three-hour journey of decadent desserts and fun facts features tasty visits to **Top of the Hub Restaurant,** the historic **Omni Parker House Hotel** and **The Langham Hotel Boston**. The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour departs from the **Trolley Stop Store** at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-269-7010.

Plimoth Plantation announces, the return of **Plimoth Cinema** with a new winter film series commencing Jan.19, Plimoth Cinema re-opens its doors with two screenings at 4:30 and 7 p.m., along with a new matinee screening on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. The first film scheduled to appear is the drama, **Before The Devil Knows You Are Dead**, directed by Sidney Lumet. Lumet is the acclaimed movie director with more than 50 films to his name and stars an award-winning cast of actors including, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Ethan Hawke and Marisa Tomei. The two hour and three minute drama is rated "R." Those interested in receiving updates and schedules should register for the Plimoth Cinema Newsletter at www.plimoth.org 508-746-1622, ext 8222.

South Shore Hospital presents its third **"Dare to C.A.R.E."** program. Learn from South Shore Hospital's cardiovascular experts what you can do to minimize your risk of having a heart attack, stroke and other health complications. Jan. 19, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lantana, 43 Scanlon Drive, in Randolph. The program is **free and open to the public**, but pre-registration is encouraged. A complimentary breakfast and lunch will be provided. For information or to register for the Dare to C.A.R.E. program, call 781-340-8272 or visit southshorehospital.org

Recycling Event takes place at **Church of the Holy Nativity**, Jan. 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 8 Nevin Road, behind Rte.-18-Nevin-Building 851 Main St., South Weymouth. Bring your computers, monitors, faxes, copiers, water bubblers, scanners, notebooks, microwaves, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, printers at $10 each. Stereo equipment and speakers are $5 each. Cell phones and PDAs are $1 each. Televisions are $15 and $20 each — pricing may be minimally adjusted due to Weymouth landfill charges. Drive in, pay and drop off. Don't even have to get out of the car. Businesses can bring as much as they want. Carload and truckload discounts apply. Tax deduction receipts are available on request. Asset disposition documentation is available for businesses on request. For residential pickups the day of the event for an extra charge. call 781-849-1257 and leave a message.

The Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree presents: **Beginning Genealogy and Family History** Jan. 19, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in the auditorium on the upper level Why do we study our ancestry, and what makes it so compelling? **Michael Brophy**, professional genealogical researcher, author and lecturer, covers the basics of starting out in the search for your family's ancestry using vital records, census data, and the Internet among others. He will provide handouts at the end of his lecture, but you might want to bring along a tape recorder (for your personal use only) to capture all his advice. Free and open to the public. For information, call 781-848-0405 x4420.

The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square, Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., in Hingham Square. **Marshfield native Kevin Connolly** will perform Jan. 19, at 8 p.m. The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the, 107 Main St., in Hingham Square just up from the Loring Hall Theater and on the MBTA's 220 bus from Quincy Center. Admission is $10 at the door (sorry, no reservations). The concert begins with an open mike at 8 p.m. Beverages and desserts are 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For information or to volunteer (free admission) call 781-749-1767. For information about Kevin, visit kevinconnolly.com.

French Memories Bakery, 64 S. Main St., Cohasset Jan. 19, 3 to 5 p.m. **DRIFT AWAY Duo** (J Place & Joe Micarelli) no cover charge 781 383 2216.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 19 **Radio for the Blind** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. Jan. 19, **Exits and Alibi's** 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 19, **Hoodoo Revelator** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnew-bluesrevue

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(L-R)— Peter Salhaney of Weymouth, Matt McCarty of Marshfield, Meghan Reilly of Marshfield, Andrew DeVitre of Cohasset.

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The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 25, Satch Romano and The Mighty Houserockers at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

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ROBERT BURNS CELEBRATION Jan. 26, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Duxbury Senior Center. Robert Burns is the national poet of Scotland and his birthday is celebrated worldwide. Enjoy an evening of traditional music, poetry, dance and food. Ron Wolfe, as emcee, will introduce the assortment of entertainment.. The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Boston Branch, will lead the dancing. MacFarlane, head of the MacFarlane clan in New England, will present the Haggis. Ean Connell, in full Highland dress, will entertain guests with his bagpipe. Raffle prizes A cash bar is available. Tickets $30 may be purchased with cash or a check made out to the Town of Duxbury, Duxbury Cultural Council at Westwinds Bookshop, Entres Nous or by calling Eija Heward at 781-934-5848 or Laura Doherty at 781-934-6634, extension 12.

EAGLES' TRIBUTE BAND, Tequila Sunrise, to perform at the Company Theatre Stage; Feb. 1-2 at 8 p.m. TEQUILA SUNRISE captures The Eagles' timeless music with songs. Tickets are priced at $32 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

LOCAL BOSTON BLUES LEGEND, JAMES MONTGOMERY and his band will perform Feb. 9 at the Weymouth Eagles Hall, 1338 Washington St., Route 53, Weymouth Opening will be **The Mighty HouseRockers Band.** Doors open at 8 p.m. Show begins at 8:30 p.m. Cash bar from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are $25 each. Advance tickets will be available at The Eagles Club (rear club entrance), and from Satch at The Next Page Cafe', Weymouth. Plenty of free parking. Information jamesmontgomery.com or visit myspace.com/satchnewbluerevue or call Satch at 781-258-5832.

THE SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY is taking its annual day day-trip to the Metropolitan Opera in New York City March 1, to hear Renee Fleming as Desdemona in Verdi's *Otello*. This year they have purchased tickets in the prime orchestra as well as the balance orchestra (underneath the balcony). The total cost includes an opera ticket, round-trip motor coach, lunch at Josephina's and a box supper on the return trip. The total cost with prime orchestra seating is $445 and with balance orchestra seating is $375. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis. A $150 deposit will reserve your place. Contact Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565 x 19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org.

THE PASSION PLUNGE will take place on Feb. 16 into the icy Atlantic Ocean at **Nantasket Beach, Hull** in an effort to raise money to benefit Special Olympics Massachusetts. Enjoy food, music, contests, fundraising incentives and more. Timeline includes: 10 a.m.- Registration Opens; 11:15 a.m., Costume Parade; 11:45a.m., Plunger Safety Briefing; noon PLUNGE; 12:15 p.m., Post Plunge Party Begins; 1 p.m., Awards Ceremony. All information can be found at www.PassionPlunge.org

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Kevin Connolly

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Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, Saturday, Jan. 19, **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No Cover. Come sing, come play, come listen. Call 508-830-1262.

Sunday, Jan. 20

South Shore Citizens will be traveling to Washington, D.C. for the **Annual March for Life**, remembering the Supreme Court decision of Jan. 22, 1973, Legalizing abortion on demand. A bus will leave Immaculate Conception Church parking lot, 720 Broad St., (before Jackson Square). Sunday, Jan. 20,at 10 p.m., arriving early Jan. 21 in D.C. Travelers will stay overnight at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill. On Jan. 22, they will join thousands of people witnessing for life as they walk from the Mall to the Supreme Court. Travelers will return from D.C. at 5 p.m., arriving Weymouth about 1 a.m., Jan. 23. Bus and accommodation costs from $110-195. Register w/Mrs. Sally Healy, 781-848-3796.

South Shore's Finest Bridal Expo takes place Jan. 20, at the Independence Mall in Kingston from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vendor space still available. Register at web site for Scavenger Hunt. Enter to win a free wedding package compliments of the Country Club of Halifax. For information, visit CMRevents.com or call 508-224-4044.

New England Singles Dance, Jan. 20, 7 to 11 p.m. **Halifax Country Club**, 100 Country Club Dr., Route 106, Halifax, Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Hors d'oeuvres. Door prizes. Music from the 70's to the present and requests with New England's top DJ's. Admission $10. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. Jan 20, Toasted at 8 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Monday, Jan. 21

The South Shore Natural Science Center is also open Monday, Jan. 21, Martin Luther King Day from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Drop in programs include Feed the Animals at 10 .am. and Meet an Animal at 2 p.m. Free with paid admission.

Sports Card Show. 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Holiday Inn, Hampshire Street, Mansfield. Three Providence Bruins players will appear from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and sign autographs. One free photograph with paid $1 admission. For information, contact Douglas Keating at 508-369-2471 or www.cardboard-promotions.com.

The No Place for Hate Committee and the **Duxbury Interfaith Council** will sponsor it's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Jan. 21 at 8:15 a.m. The celebration will be held at Pilgrim Church on Washington St. Several students from the Duxbury Middle School will read essays that they wrote specifically for this occasion. The Duxbury High School Chamber Singers, under the direction of Mr. Jim Donovan, will also perform inspirational pieces. There is a requested donation of $5 per person or $10 per family. For information call 781-934-8388.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 21 **Free Texas Hold Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

The South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus invites men of all ages who like to sing to join them. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., at the corner of Central Street. Call 781-337-SING for additional information or e-mail danielcostello@gmail.com or billfitzjr@aol.com.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

Deborah McSorley-Kery, of McSorley-Kery Design will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 7 a.m. The President's Club Chapter of BNI is comprised of leading business people from Quincy, Holbrook, Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Stoughton, Canton, Hull, Randolph, Hanover, Norwell, Brockton, Milton and Dorchester, but welcomes anyone who works or lives in southeastern Massachusetts. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Larry Czech at 781-356-1440 or by email at lczech@czechcpa.com.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, The South Shore Natural Science Center and the **Mass Audubon South Regional** headquarters present another **winter lecture series** every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the science center located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Open to the public free of charge. **Jan. 23, What's the Buzz, Howard Scott, beekeeper and author.** For information visit nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168; Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400; or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.



The BearBones Band will host a night of live music in Scituate at 7 p.m. Jan. 26. Performers include Walter 'Bear' Zaremba, Jesse Allen, Andy Bergsten, Bob Linton, Shane Merritt, Dave Smith, Burning Moth, Gregg and Nancy Zappolo, Donna Harrington, Bob Garvin and more. It is a night of blues, folk, original, and other music in an informal setting. $5 donation at the door benefits the Mt Hope Improvement Society Scholarship Fund. Mt Hope is the old schoolhouse located on Clapp Rd/Cedar St. in Scituate. Doors open at 7 p.m. For info contact Bearbonesband@gmail.com or 781-544-3122.

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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 23 **Flydown Unplugged** 781-829-6999.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 24

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 24, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St., Pembroke. **Texas Hold 'Em every Thursday** The games take place 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

Red Lion Inn, 170 S. Main St., Cohasset Jan. 24, 8 to 11 p.m. ***DRIFT AWAY* Duo** (J Place & Joe Micarelli) No Cover Charge 781-383-1704.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 24 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam **Cindy Daley Band Blues Jam open mic** 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe .com myspace.com/satchsnew-bluesrevue

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The Notorious' Duo of Eden MacAdam-Somer (violin, fiddle) and Larry Unger (guitar, banjo) will perform at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, on Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. These two musicians bring together traditional and contemporary acoustic music from around the world, creating a dynamic, swinging sound. They present American, Celtic, and Eastern European tunes, swing, blues, and their own compositions. Free and open to the public. For information call 781-413-1327.

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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 25, **Chubba Lang** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 25, **Satch Romano and The Mighty Houserockers** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe .com myspace.com/satchsnew-bluesrevue.



Mike Donovan *Jerry Thornton* *Annette Pollack*

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove St., (Rt. 28) Middleboro. Comedy & Dinner Show at 7 p.m. Jan. 18, featuring Mike Donovan, Jerry Thornton, Annette Pollack, Rick Sinnott. Your host: Matt McArthur. Dinner/Show package $29.95; Comedy show $15. Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833. tuscanhouserestaurant.com myspace.com/annettepollack

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TOWN COMMONS - *SUBMISSIONS*

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. **Deadline is Friday at noon.** *Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at townonline.com — click on your town — then click the entertainment tab.*

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CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28, 2008

MONDAY COURSES
Chair Caning & Fiber Rushing - $75
Construction Supervisors Licensing Course - $325
Home Handyman - $100
Intro to the Internet - $75
Welding - $120 + $60 Lab Fee
Yoga/Stretching Class - $80

TUESDAY COURSES
Auto Body Repair - $135
Airbrush Art - $110
Beginner Watercolor - $100
Culinary Arts - $70 plus food fee
Intro to PC & Microsoft Word - $95
Ballroom Dancing - $85
Welding - $120 + $60 Lab Fee
Woodworking & Furniture Making - $120
Advanced HVAC-R- $120

WEDNESDAY COURSES
Auto Body Repair - $135
Keyboarding - $90
Quick Books - $100
Welding - $120 + $60 Lab Fee
Woodworking & Furniture Making - $120

THURSDAY COURSES
Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD) - $475
15 Hour Electrical Code - $125
Italian Cooking Class - $70
Heating/Refrigeration Beginners - $120
Line Dancing - $85
Small Engine Repair - $100
Welding - $120 + $60 Lab Fee
Woodworking & Furniture Making - $120

Workshops

BEEKEEPERS SCHOOL The Plymouth Country Beekeepers Association will offer Beginning' School starting Jan. 24. Call Charles Marchewka at 781-585-8908.

COMMUNITY EXERCISE PROGRAMS at South Shore Hospital You don't have to be a patient to benefit from the services of the Outpatient Rehabilitation Department at South Shore Hospital. Classes are small and held in the hospital's private gym and poll settings. Classes include; Personal Training, Children's Condit-ioning,Teen Fitness Men's Fitness, Golf Conditioning, Women's Aquatic Conditioning, Morning Workout, Prenatal exercise, Postnatal exercise, Senior Aquatic Conditioning, Intermediate Exercise for 55 Plus, Aquatic Arthritis Program, Parkinson's Exercise Program, Osteoporosis Exercise Program, Fibromyalgia Exercise Program. Call the Outpatient Rehabilitation Department at 781-340-8177 for information on how to register for these programs.

FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP South Shore Housing in partnership with Bristol County Savings Bank is offering in Two Sessions: Jan. 26 and Feb. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Carver Public Library, 2 Meadowbrook Way, Carver. Cost: $25 per household. Participants must attend all sessions. For information on the advantages of attending this workshop contact Jan at SSHDC 1-781-422-4284.

FREE EDUCATIONAL HOMEBUYER SEMINARS sponsored by Mount Vernon Mortgage Corporation for South Shore Residents, Thursday, Jan. 31, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Weymouth: Tufts Library (Main Branch), 46 Broad St. Saturday, Feb. 2, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Quincy: 500 Victory Road, Marina Bay. Free Pre-registration is required. Participants can register online at MtVernonMortgage.com/Events or register by phone at 781-337-2432 x16.

LIFE ENHANCING SEMINAR: An eight-week journey in transformation. Call 781-871-1740 or for more info visit heavenlymessengers.net. EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique) Powerful tool for Lasting Weight Loss. Channeling The Arch Angels, The Angels of Americo Michael Workshop. Call 508-697-2334 to register. The Proper way to "Muscle Test." Call Cathy at 781-871-1740 to register.

THE NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY is offering the following winter classes. For information or to register, visit northriverarts.org, call 781-837-8091 or email info@northriver-arts.org. Bird carving, The Business of Your Art, Everyone Can Draw and Paint, Drawing for the Absolute Beginner, Watercolor for the Absolute Beginner, Beginning/Intermediate, Oil Painting, Winter Landscape in the Studio, Still Life in Oils: Mastering Edges, Beginning Pastels, Painting a Pastel Portrait, Open Life Studio, Drop-In Knitting with Mac, Switch Gallery, Young artists - Drawing & Painting: Skills for the Young Artist, Drawing with Color in Winter, Sewing, February Art Camp –Young Artists Day, and Boy Scout Artist Badges.

SCITUATE ARTS ASSOCIATION announces "Arts Alive!" Classes and Workshops for the Winter I Semester of 2008 at the Ellis House, 709 Country Way, Scituate. Intermediate & Experienced Oil Painting, Foundation To Painting, Landscapes and more…marshes, boats and harbors, Color works, Card Art, Cartooning For Beginners: The Fundamentals Of Cartooning, Drawn Together, Water Color: Beginning And Intermediate, Weekend Workshops: Gelatine Printing. Satellite Classes: Make Your Own Glass Bead. Woodcarving Classes. Complete Class descriptions and instructor Bios can be found on scituateart.com/calendar or by contacting Janet Cornacchio at jcornacch@aol.com, or 781.545.7613.

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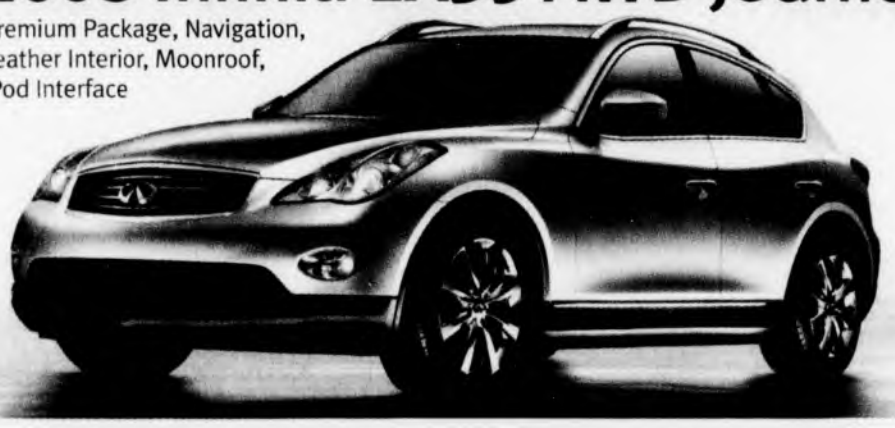
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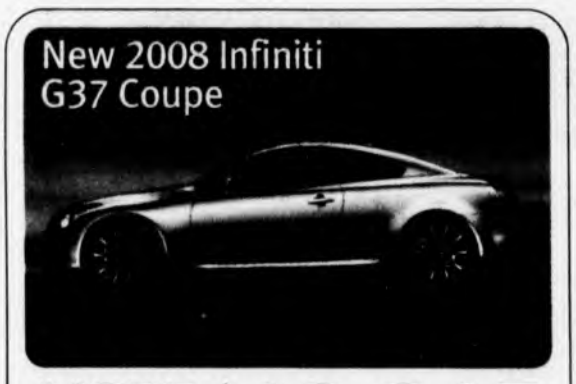
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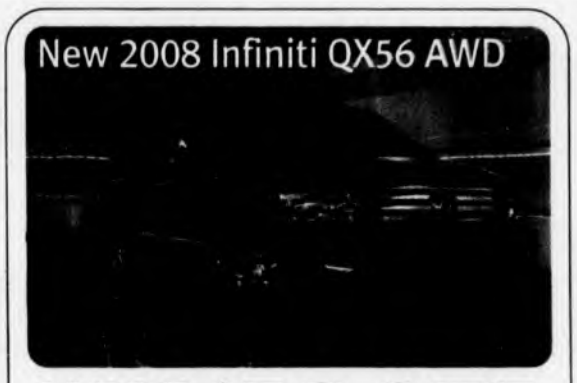
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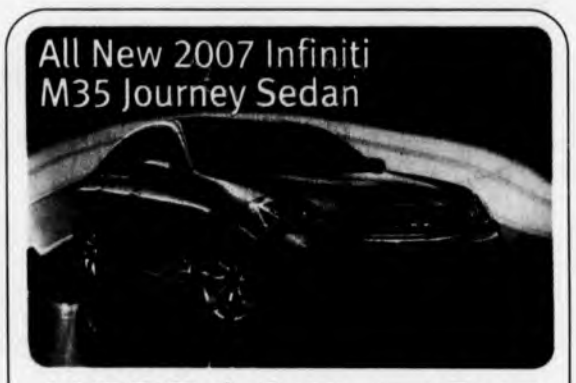
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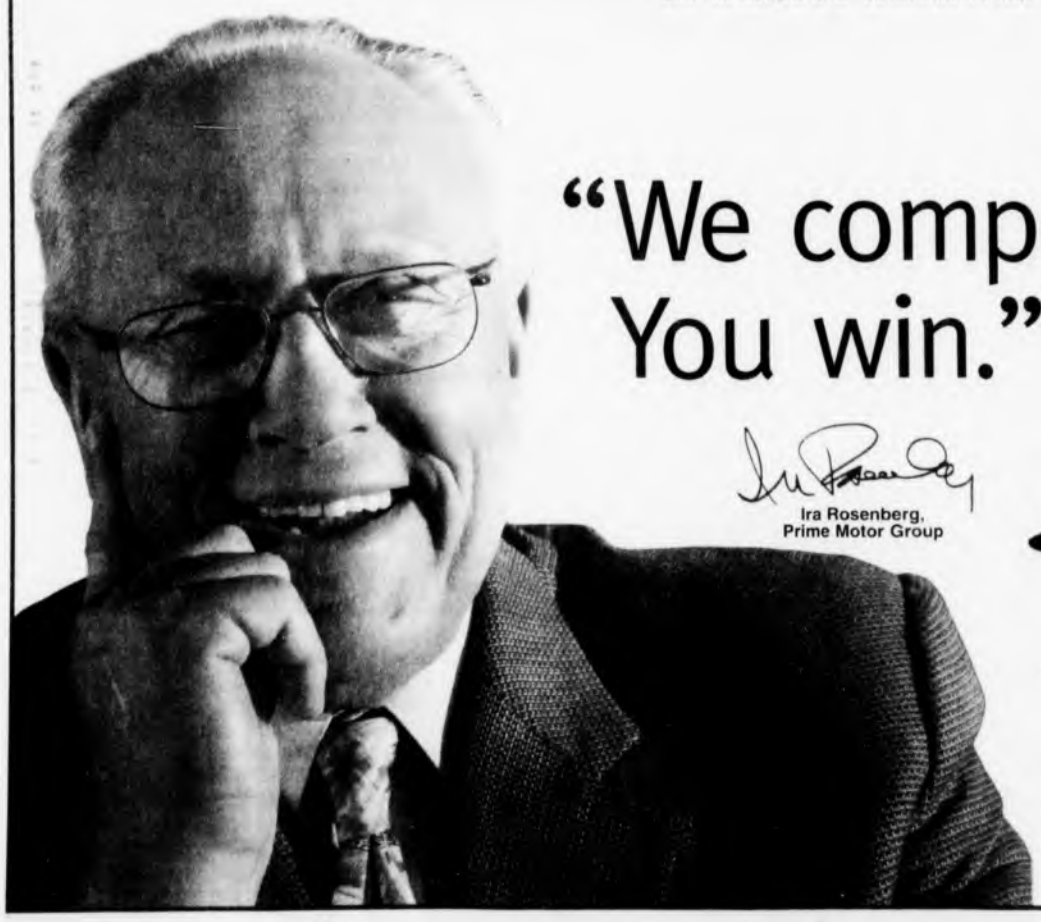
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Preschoolers like Gym Dandy



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Citizen of Year nominations open

Who is the town's top citizen? In keeping with a 15-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement – the Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Please find the nomination form on page 28. Nominations are due by 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1.

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Cyclocross gets family geared up

Father, mother, son all participate in sport

By Nancy White
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It's rare to find a sport that an entire family can participate in and enjoy. But, one family in Cohasset has found such a sport in cyclocross.

While the name makes many think of motorcycles or dirt bikes, cyclocross is a type of bike racing. It's a timed race around a short course of about 1.5 to 2 miles featuring a combination of grass, pavement, wooded trails, steep hills, stairs and barrier obstacles. It's a niche sport but has a growing following in New England and even on the South Shore.

The Morse Family of Forest Avenue are avid participants. Sam Morse, father and husband, has been involved in cycling for over 20 years, principally as a road cyclist. About 10 years ago he got back into competing in cyclocross races and hasn't looked back.

"A lot of cyclists do [cyclocross] to extend their cycling season, stay fit and it's fun," says Sam. Cyclocross became a family activity once his son Nate, a seventh grader at Cohasset Middle School, started competing at age nine.

"It's something we can do together as a family," says Trish Morse, mother and wife. After several years of primarily being a spectator of the sport, Trish decided to give cyclocross a shot this past season. Last spring, she trained to participate in the 100-mile Best Buddies charity cycling ride — all three family member completed the race.

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PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Sam, Trish & Nate Morse of Cohasset are cyclocross enthusiasts who participate in races throughout the region as well as attending the National Championships in Kansas City this past December.

Power forces

Alternative energy meets Sustainable Cohasset group

By Nancy White
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To make significant strides toward a sustainable community, Cohasset is likely going to need the support of all residents. To that end, the Alternative Energy Committee is reaching out to private organizations like Sustainable Cohasset to gain momentum for their objectives, many of which could be on the table for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting.

Members of the AEC attended the monthly meeting of Sustainable Cohasset to discuss their current initiatives.

Knowing the strapped town operational budget, the AEC is focused on providing energy alternatives where there is both minimal upfront cost to taxpayers and a good return on the investment.

With that in mind, AEC Chairman Andrew Willard said there is a possibility a large 10-kilowatt solar photovoltaic (PV) array, could be installed on the roof of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library at little or no cost to the town. The installed cost of the solar panels is about $100,000.

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Tapping the artist within

SSAC's program in its fourth year

By Nancy White
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Every child has a little bit of an artist in them. To bring out that little piece inside everyone, the South Shore Art Center has a program, now in its fourth year, where students from across the region can come to enjoy, learn and create art.

Each week, the Artist in Residence program welcomes children from as far as Bridgewater or as close as Deer Hill School. It's a hands-on experience where students learn about the process of creating art pieces from an Art Center gallery artist, then are offered the chance to try it for themselves.

In past years the Artist in Residence has taught photography, pastel painting and collage. For this school year, the focus is on printmaking and etching.

"The most important thing I want each child to realize is they are all artists," says this year's Artist in Residence Danguole Rita Kuolas, "it's just a matter of learning the process and tools to be successful."

A fifth grade group from the Eames Way School in Marshfield attended this week's Artist in Residence program Wednesday morning, the program is targeted toward third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students.

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Wearing an apron splattered with 30 years worth of colorful ink, Danguole Rita Kuolas walks the class through her methods of creating a piece of print art.

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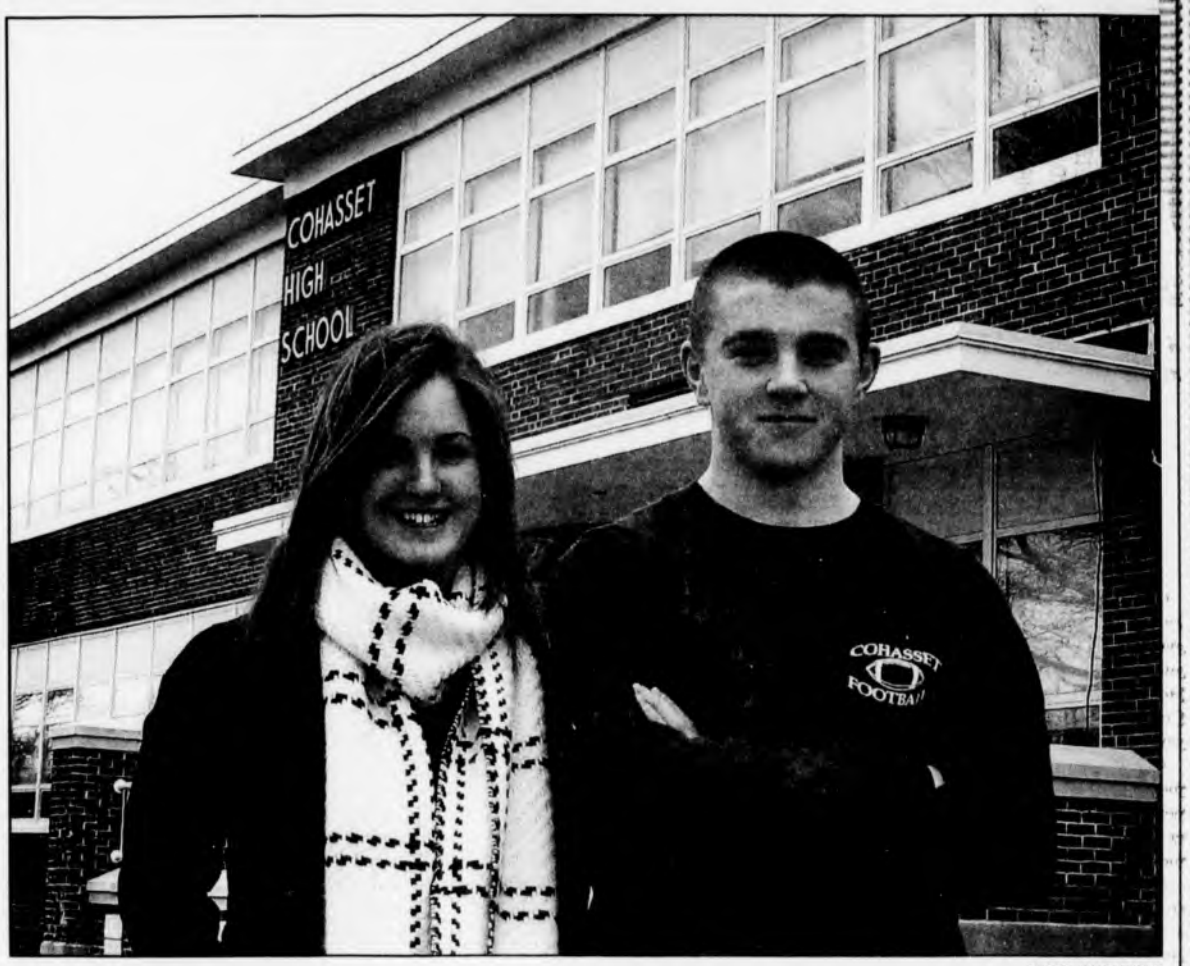
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PICTURE THIS/Anna Roberts and Mike Froio



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Anna Roberts and Mike Froio are peer leaders at Cohasset High School. The Mariner caught up with them this week for Picture This.

Names: Anna Roberts and Mike Froio.

Occupation: Peer leaders and high school students.

Best day of your life: Picking out our dog with our family (Anna). Yet to come (Mike).

Best vacation: San Diego (Anna). Chartering a sailboat in the Virgin Islands (Mike).

Favorite season: Summer (Anna). Fall (Mike).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Anna). Fourth of July (Mike).

Favorite junk food: Kit Kats (Anna). Oatmeal cream pies (Mike).

Best book: "The Great Gatsby" and "Pride and Prejudice" (Anna). Autobiography of Malcolm X (Mike).

Best movie: "The Holiday" (Anna). "Children of Men" (Mike).

Best TV show: "Boy Meets World" (Anna). "Lost."

Most memorable moment: Winning first in the state of Georgia for my own musical composition (Anna). Rock the Bells 2007 (Mike).

Pet peeve: When people use the words: moist, soothing and crisp (Anna). People who don't know what they are talking about (Mike).

Goal: Doing well enough on the SATs so I only have to take them once (Anna). Trying to place at states in wrestling (Mike).

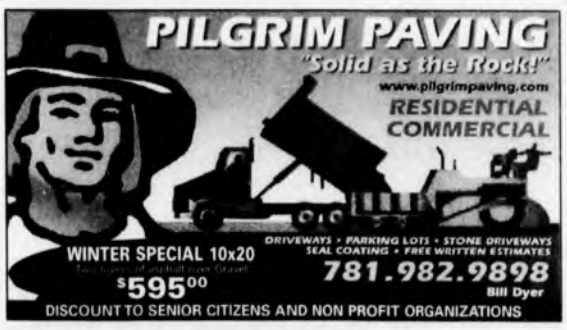
Person you'd most like to meet: John Mayer (Anna). Felipe Coronel & Lawrence Parker (Mike).

Biggest worry: Not getting into the college of my dreams (Anna). Not doing something fulfilling with my life (Mike).

Best part of Cohasset: The beach in the summertime (Anna). The train (Mike).

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A two-alarm fire destroyed much of this home on Monday morning.

Two-alarm fire on Howe Road

By Nancy White
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On Monday, shortly after 1a.m., the sound of smoke alarms pierced the silent night awakening the residents of a Howe Road home in North Cohasset. That sound may have saved their lives.

After finding light smoke in the house and hearing fire overhead in the attic, the homeowner gathered everyone and exited the house to call 911.

After receiving the 911 call from the family around 1:20a.m., Cohasset police officers were first to arrive on the scene, followed shortly after by a Hull Fire engine. Soon after Hull's arrival, Cohasset engines pulled up. The firefighters headed into to the residence at 106 Howe Road to battle the blaze.

"The fire has a bigger head start than we originally thought," said Fire Chief Robert Silvia and the volume of fire was too large to fight from the interior. Firefighters exited the home and shortly after the roof of the one and half story ranch collapsed. The firefighters began to fight the fire from the exterior before entering the house again.

Mutual aid was sought from Hull, Hingham and Scituate. Norwell firefighters covered the station while all Cohasset units were at the scene.

Firefighters were on the scene over five hours until 6:30a.m., with a detail truck remaining afterwards in case the flames started back up again.

The family of six spent the remainder of the night in a hotel, but planned to move in with friends for the near future, officials said. Even the family cat, which was initially thought missing, was found in the first floor of the home and returned safely to the family. The name of the family couldn't be confirmed by press time.

"The house sustained major damage including serious structural damage," said Silvia, but it will be up to the homeowner and the insurance company to determine if it is a total loss.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but officials believe it was started in the area around the chimney. Representatives from the state fire marshal's office were called in to investigate the blaze as standard procedure when the cause of a fire is not obvious. The cause of the fire is not considered to be suspicious.

"The smoke detectors did their job, warned the family and they were able to exit the building safely," said Silvia, "we were able to get there quickly and do our thing."

It's another example of the importance of having smoke detectors, making sure they work and having a family meeting place established, said Silvia.

POLICE BEAT

Four arrested following drug rip-off

On Jan. 23, at approximately 1:57 p.m., Cohasset Police received a 911 call from a citizen reporting that four males had just assaulted another male on Norfolk Road in Cohasset. A description of the suspect vehicle was broadcasted to responding patrols and a Hull police officer performing a traffic detail subsequently located the suspect vehicle on Jerusalem Road. After several attempts to stop the vehicle, the vehicle was finally stopped in the area of 449 Jerusalem Road. As the officer approached, two of the occupants ran from the vehicle and escaped into back yards on the west side of Jerusalem Road. Cohasset Police, with the assistance of Hull, Hingham and Scituate Police, established a perimeter and called for K-9 assistance from Scituate and Hull police while another officer interviewed the victim.

Preliminary investigation disclosed that the four male subjects had agreed to meet the victim to purchase a quantity of illegal drugs. After picking the victim up, the victim was physically assaulted by one of the occupants of the vehicle and robbed of the drugs that he had intended to sell to the four males. He was then told to exit the vehicle and was physically assaulted a second time on the side of the road.

The two suspects who remained in the vehicle were placed under arrest and at approximately 2:33 p.m., one of the suspects that had fled was apprehended in the area of Forest Avenue and Jerusalem Road. At approximately 3:23 p.m., a 911 caller reported seeing a male crouched alongside a house on Old Coach Road. Several patrols and two K-9 units were immediately dispatched to the area. As the officers closed in on the fourth suspect, he entered a Ford Explorer that was parked at a residence on Old Coach Road and drove off at a high rate of speed toward several police officers standing in the roadway before colliding with an unmarked Scituate Police vehicle. Following the collision, the fourth suspect was taken into custody after a brief struggle.

The Cohasset Police Criminal Investigation Division is conducting a parallel investigation into the drug distribution aspect of this incident.

The three adult male suspects were held overnight at the Cohasset Police station pending arraignment at Quincy District Court on Jan. 24 on the following charges:

- Juvenile male, age 15. Charge: Unarmed robbery.
- Edward S. Long, age 19, 2 Friend St., Hingham. Charges: Unarmed robbery; failure to stop for a police officer.
- James C. Barkas, age 22, 238 Hull St., Hingham. Charges: Assault to murder; assault with dangerous weapon; two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon; assault and battery on a police officer; unarmed robbery; larceny of a motor vehicle; operating a motor vehicle with revoked license as HTO; reckless operation of a motor vehicle; resisting arrest; failure to stop for a police officer.
- Barkas was also wanted on four felony arrest warrants from three different jurisdictions.
- Ryan J. Cinquergrano, age 24, 161 Nokomis Road, Hingham. Charges: Unarmed robbery; resisting arrest.

The 15-year-old juvenile was release to guardian(s).

Police Chief James Hussey said this was a great example of law enforcement, with the community's assistance, working together to take some dangerous felons off the street.

"Starting with the original 911 call, the dispatchers coordinating police resources from Hingham, Hull, Scituate and Cohasset, the continued calls from the public providing further information and the determined efforts of the officers on the street is a tremendous credit to all personnel involved," he said.

Pockebooks taken

Over the past week an 87-year-old Scituate woman and an 18-year-old Cohasset woman both reported that their pocketbooks had been stolen from their unlocked cars after they dashed into the post office.

The Scituate woman told police she left her bag in the car with the side door unlocked. Police looked around the area and have not located the pocketbook. The woman lost credit cards, her license and about $100 in cash.

That same day, the Cohasset woman left her purse inside the car while she ran into the post office to buy some stamps. She estimates she was gone for five minutes and got home before she realized her purse was gone. She reversed her steps and determined it had been taken while she was parked at the post office.

Both the thefts occurred on Tuesday (Jan. 15).

There has been a rash of similar thefts in parking lots in Cohasset, like Shaw's and Stop & Shop, and outside convenience stores in Hingham.

Chief James Hussey again urges all residents to lock any valuables in the trunk of the car, even if they plan to be away from the car for just a quick errand.

If anyone has seen anything suspicious, they should call the police at 781-383-1055.

Dunkin Donuts break-in

Detectives are investigating a break-in that occurred sometime overnight Sunday (Jan. 20) at Dunkin Donuts on King Street. When the manager arrived at 4:30 a.m., the door was forced open and access had been gained to the office area. An undetermined amount of money was taken. Detectives processed the scene and have gathered evidence.

Wires down

A tractor-trailer took down a bunch of low-hanging wires last week on Ripley Road and snapped the top of the pole. Because some of the wires were "live" the fire department evacuated some of the nearby stores and businesses until National Grid could respond. The incident occurred Wednesday (Jan. 16) at about 12:20 p.m.

Spotlight

While Hollywood actors might enjoy the spotlight, Cohasset homeowners certainly do not.

Police received a complaint last week about a vehicle that had been shining a spotlight on the house across the street at 4:15 a.m. that morning.

The concerned resident went to the station to speak to an officer later that day.

Chief Hussey said police investigated but could not find anything. The night had been very windy and Hussey speculated that it could have been a truck from National Grid checking for downed wires.

Verbal dispute

An incident of "parking lot rage" outside Shaw's spilled into the supermarket resulting in a 9-1-1 call to police. The two people had been involved in a near "miss" that resulted in a verbal altercation. The call to police last Thursday (Jan. 17) at about 7:40 p.m. was from a third party, Chief Hussey said. Police talked to the two individuals involved and peace was restored.

Beer stolen

A large quantity of beer was stolen from a locked cooler at the Red Lion Inn last week. The thief used a bolt cutter to gain access to the cooler. Police are working with the management and are reviewing surveillance tapes, Chief Hussey said.

Warrant service

Cohasset police served an arrest warrant last week on a 23-year-old Cohasset resident for motor vehicle violations. Chief Hussey said the warrant was a follow-up to a letter police sent the resident notifying him that he had outstanding violations.

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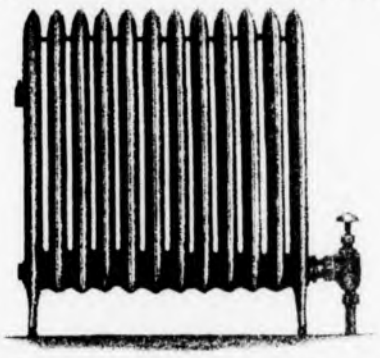
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Alternative energy meets Sustainable Cohasset

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But to get grants and matching funds from a state sponsored program to do the project the AEC needs community support. They are encouraging residents to sign up for National Grid's Clean Energy Choice Green Start program. Signing up means households pay a between $5 and $10 on each month's electric bill and the money supports the development of renewable energy. Each additional participating household helps to earn matching grants for the town.

Cohasset currently has roughly 30 households participating in the program and already $7,000 in grant funding is available to the town. If Cohasset were able to get 240 households, or roughly 12 percent of the town's homes participating, by April 30 they would be eligible to receive grants totaling $100,000 to install a solar array on the library's roof, Willard said. Grants are available from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative for about $37,000 and the Green Start program is offering grants ranging from $13,000 to $56,000 (depending on how many households sign up for the program).

"Over its 30-year life span, the solar wall could save the town about $1 million."
— Andrew Willard, AEC Chairman

The large solar array could provide over 5 percent of the library's total electric consumption and could reduce its annual electric bill by $2,000, Willard said.

The AEC is also looking to harness the power of the sun in a different way for another municipal building in town — the DPW garage at the transfer station. A southerly facing wall is the ideal location for a relatively simple technology called a solar wall. The solar wall is a mechanism to pre-heat the air before it enters the building. A piece of steel, with thousands of tiny pinholes is installed on the side of the building, air is pulled up from the bottom of the panel and heats the air from 20 degrees (or whatever the outside temperature is) to about 50 degrees. The result is the oil heating system does not have to work as hard, or expend as much energy, to heat the building's air to a comfortable temperature.

The cost of installing a solar wall is under $40,000, but the mechanism will pay for itself in saving in about five years. The first year savings at current oil prices is estimated to be $4,300.

"Over its 30-year life span, the solar wall could save the town about $1 million," said Willard. "Deer Hill and Middle-High School offer potential as well, but this will be a very good model."

The AEC is proposing a spending article to do this project for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen will have to give its vote of approval to place the article on the warrant.

While solar energy holds real possibility, the AEC has been actively looking at the wind turbines. A meteorological experimental test, or MET tower, is collecting wind data on Turkey Hill to ensure a windmill is feasible. At the upcoming Town Meeting they are proposing establishing a wind turbine bylaw, which would establish regulations for commercial sized windmills.

"It would allow the town to accept large wind turbines to be placed anywhere in town as long as it meets setback requirements," said AEC member Mike Bliss. Only four parcels in town have land suitable for a turbine about the size of Hull's Wind I by the high school: behind the Middle-High School, at the transfer station, behind Hingham Lumber (Graham Waste) and Turkey Hill.

The bylaw does not include regulations for residential windmills, but if a resident would like to install a backyard wind turbine they can apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The members of Sustainable Cohasset were receptive to the AEC's efforts toward energy alternatives for the town.

"The crossover between our organizations is beneficial to us," said Willard.

Governor's numbers fall short of predictions

Numbers from Governor's budget released this week were a little short than what the school administration and the School Committee had hoped for from the state. Chapter 70 state aid came in just over $50,000 short of the school's projections.

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The school's draft budget presented in late December anticipated $1.84 million in state aid, or a one percent increase, over last year's Chapter 70 allocation. The proposed Chapter 70 state aid is $91,844 over the last year's fiscal 2008 budget.

Although other sections of the Governor's budget could change, Superintendent Denise Walsh was confident the Chapter 70 funds would not change.

"The only thing that is sound is Chapter 70," said Walsh, explaining those numbers are based on a complex formula that is not likely to change through the budget process.

With this new information, the School Committee plans to look at their options, but has a positive outlook that they could make it work. "Regardless of the $52,000, we're in pretty good shape," said Chairman Rick Flynn.

Walsh named a few items she thought the committee wanted to look at including fees, class size (particularly at Deer Hill) and enrichment programs.

"Now, we know what we're working with," said Walsh. A budget sub-committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 6p.m.

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Because of the unsafe ice, warnings have been posted and the police will enforce the ban on any winter activity on Lily Pond. The Water Department has discussed this with the Recreation Department, Police Department, Town Manager and Fire Department so all affected town agencies are working together to ensure a safe winter.

The bubbles will add oxygen to the pond water helping to reduce some of the iron and manganese that is dissolved in the pond water, which should help to reduce discolored water in the water distribution system. The aeration system will also improve the ecological state of the pond, according to the Water Department.



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Two pull papers for Sewer Comm.

Dow, Sawchuk could seek seat

By Nancy White
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One other race is possible so far as four candidates have pulled papers to run for Library Trustee...

Two citizens are putting their hats into the ring for the one open Sewer Commission seat: Wayne Sawchuk of 432 Beechwood St. and James Dow of 502 North Main St. Sitting member Ray Kasperowicz is not seeking re-election.

Sawchuk, a familiar name in town politics, says he brings a construction and real estate background to the table. Although he says he has now retired from developing land, with the exception of a parcel in the village, he can bring a different perspective to the board. In particular, he says his experience is relevant given the Little Harbor sewer project is one of the largest municipal undertakings ever by the town.

"There are things to do in the future," said Sawchuk, a lifelong resident of the town, "we have to be careful not to extend sewer so much to allow increased development."

"I know the hours and hard work involved in being a town committee member," said Sawchuk. He has served stints on the Planning Board, Advisory Committee and Capital Budget Committee, "volunteering for the town is nothing new to me."

Dow has practical knowledge of sewer operations after 21 years of working for the Hingham Sewer Department, 17 years as a supervisor. He has lived in Cohasset for 12 years.

"I thought it might be a good fit for me and my experience could benefit the town," said Dow in a phone interview. His wife noticed the open seat on the Commission and encouraged him to pull papers, this will be his first run for a town elected seat.

The Sewer Commission has big issues to deal with in the coming years, the ongoing Little Harbor water and sewer project will bring almost 500 new homes onto the sewer system some will come tie-in within the next three years — the length of the term.

"It will be a great benefit for the resident as well as the environment," said Dow.

One other race is possible so far as four candidates have pulled papers to run for Library Trustee and there are only three three-year positions available. George Haley of 119 Pleasant St. and Mary Lou Lawrence of 15 Beach St. could vie for a seat with incumbents Rodney Hobson of 31 Deep Run and Sheila Evans of 72 North Main St. Citizens are not considered candidates until they return their papers with the required signatures.

Three-term Selectman Fred Koed pulled papers to run for re-election. Robin Lawrence, a sitting Board of Health member, and Mary Granville, a current member of the Board of Assessors, pulled papers to retain their seats.

The last day to take out nomination papers is Thursday, Feb. 14. In order to hold a position you must be registered voter of the town.

Positions available for the 2008 town election include: Selectmen — two for three-year positions; Moderator — one three-year position; Town Clerk - one three-years position; School Committee — one three-year position; Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor—one three-year position; Board of Health — one three-year position; Planning Board — one for five-year position and one three-year position (to fill an unexpired term); Recreation Commission - one five-year position and one two-year position (to fill an unexpired term); Sewer Commission-one three-year position; and Water Commission — one three-year position.

Waterfront study possible

Planning Board to request $25,000

By Nancy White
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"What we learned from the village is to do this right, we need to bring in an expert and it brings a professionalism to it."
— Alfred Moore, Planning Board

The Planning Board is revving up for another in-depth study of a key area of town. While the village was under the microscope last year — and got a complete zoning bylaw overhaul — the waterfront harbor area could be next.

Members of the Planning Board voted to seek a $25,000 appropriation from Town Meeting to hire a consultant to look at waterfront and evaluate the current zoning bylaws at a recent meeting.

Residents may recall there was a citizen's petition on the Special Town Meeting warrant to amend the waterfront zoning bylaws, but the effort was indefinitely postponed. The proposed bylaw amendments incorporated relevant aspects found in the village bylaw amendments, specifically allowing mixed-use development with apartments/condominiums. Back in November, the Planning Board told the primary proponent attorney Charles Humphreys it was considering a master plan study for the harbor in the upcoming year. Now, the Planning Board is making good on its promise.

"What we learned from the village is to do this right, we need to bring in an expert and it brings a professionalism to it," said Planning Board chairman Alfred Moore, more so than if the planning board and other town entities did it alone. The village consulting firm, Concord Square Development of Boston, led by principal Angus Jennings was hired under an expandable contract and is interested in working with Cohasset again, said planning board members.

Humphreys was hired by Peter Roy of 49 Margin St. and owner of much of the very limited Waterfront Business District, which includes the businesses on the harbor side of Border Street — Cohasset Harbor Inn, Atlantica, Olde Salt House and the Mill River Marine — ending at the Border Street bridge. The small storefronts near the intersection of Elm Street and Border Street are considered downtown zoning district, not the waterfront.

At the last Planning Board meeting (January 9) there was some debate on whether the waterfront district was in need of zoning facelift.

"The village is old and however it looks we like it," said planning board member Bob Sturdy of the feelings that prompted the town to look at the village zoning bylaws as a method to preserve what was there. He said the town common and town hall were other examples, "the whole community wanted to preserve those areas."

But, the harbor business district was a different story, according to Sturdy, claiming not all residents were enamored with the boxy structure of the Cohasset Harbor Inn and would rather not seen apartments/condos there.

"It's not the highest and best use of the area," said Sturdy, "we should be looking for ways to improve by demolishing."

At a meeting with the Board of Selectmen in November, Humphreys said his client would like to convert the second and third floors of the Cohasset Harbor Inn to 16-18 condominium units. Right now, the bylaw prohibits residential use. Sturdy argued many in town would like to see open space or increased harbor views where the inn is located.

Moore said while that may or may not be the case, a study of the waterfront would help determine if bylaw changes are warranted and would increase the economic viability of the district.

"I think we could see more dynamic change in the harbor because of the value of the property," said Tom Callahan of 35 Hillside Drive from the audience.

"I want the funding to see what's in the best interest of the town," said Sturdy, not the interests of a private landowner. Humphreys agreed, "everything is on the table."

A request of $25,000 for the waterfront study will be put forth at Town Meeting, as well as language to allow monetary donations. Humphreys relayed Roy may be willing to contribute to the town's general fund to offset the cost.

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued from Dec. 17 to Jan. 17, at Town Hall:

Williams, 125 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, fire damage reconstruction, $20,000; Beale, 31 Brewster Road, replacement of eight windows, $9,000; McQuade, 609 Jerusalem Road, construction of addition per plans, $250,000; Gelson, 41 Pleasant St., remodeling of kitchen without structural changes, $20,000; Roma, 42 Oak St., rebuilding of chimney, $7,500; Comerford, 703 Jerusalem Road, installation of replacement windows and sliding door, $10,000; Stamp, 111 Ripley Road, 38 sq. EDPM, arch and 80 shingles, $18,500; Willms, 123 Atlantic Ave., demolition of existing house and construction of new house per plans, $925,000; Dick, 27 Parker Ave., replacement of sliding doors and four small windows, $4,000; Schwandt, 223 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, interior work per plans, $35,600;

Cohasset Golf Club, 520 Main St., all interior work, roofing and siding, $53,000; Larson, 12 Virginia Lane, installation of new windows, roof, bath kitchen, $200,000; Osten, 50 Linden Drive, two-story addition per plans, $150,000; Dukeshire, 15 Hill St., new two-car detached garage, remodeling of bathroom and bedroom, $35,000; Thornton, 109 Nichols Road, stairway, siding and roofing, $110,000; Slanetz, 14 Nichols Road, remodeling of two bathrooms, installation of new windows, tile, walls and 2-foot by 8-foot beams, new plumbing and electrical, $18,500; Karoff, 19 Border St., restoration of first and second floors to original state, repairing of water damage, $70,000; Hayward, 31 Elm St., removal of 10-foot wall section and installation of two 10-foot beams, $600;

Rath, 10 Stevens Lane, removal of existing 12-foot by 30-foot concrete pad and construction of 7-foot by 10-foot entryway, $15,000; Whitehead Road LTD, 90 Whitehead Road, interior demolition, $19,000; KJER, 56 Ledgewood Drive, installation of three new windows, new patio door, new trim, wainscoting and fireplace mantel, $14,140; Stenbeck/Cundall, 140 Pond St., finishing of basement with Owens Corning wall panel system, $41,271; DeSisto, 50 Surrey Drive, replacement of 14 windows, installation of bump out for new tub and new french door in master bath and new fireplace in bedroom, $88,000; Stop & Shop, 400 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, renovations per plans, $1,700,000; McBride, 198 South Main St., 8 sq. asphalt roofing, $3,850; Centerpoint Cap., 31 Elm St., installation of new kitchen floor, thimble for wood stove hook up, lining for one chimney and rebuilding of mantle, $3,000; and Devine, 12 Hobart Lane, remodeling of bathroom, $9,500.

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CHECKING IN

Hello Cohasset. How is everyone doing this month? News has been very slow but that happens during the slow cold months of winter. Let me know about any special birthdays, events or other news you may have to share. As I was out walking the other day, I looked around to watch families skating and playing on the ice at the Common. It was so nice to see and watch as kids practiced, parents talked with one another and it looked like a perfect winter scene. Make sure to try to get outside and enjoy some of this weather, not only is it pretty, it will be one more day closer to SPRING! Great job to all the kids and the parents who were on skates and doing so well.

AVERY APPOINTED

The Straits Pond Watershed Association (SPWA) is pleased to announce the newest member of its Executive Board: **Richard Avery** of Cohasset. He is the new At-Large Member from Cohasset replacing **Nancy Atwood**, who moved out of the area. We are pleased and fortunate to have him on the Board.

If you would like to become a Member of the SPWA please call **Sue Lofchie** at 781.925.0535.

LITURGICAL CHOIR

Aisling Guinee, daughter of **Paul and Kathleen Guinee** of Cohasset, will sing as a member of the St. Michael's College Liturgical Choir on a tour of five schools and churches in New Jersey, Feb. 1 through 3.

Aisling, a first-year student exploratory major at St. Michael's, graduated from Cohasset Junior/Senior High School before going to St. Michael's.

St. Michael's Liturgical Choir performs in its own eclectic and popular musical style, using a combination of African, Latin American and Irish flavors, along with traditional hymn singing. Guided by their mission of inspiring sung prayer, they perform with enthusiasm and enhance the experience of all who hear them. The group was one of the select few choirs invited to perform by Pope John Paul II at World Youth Day in Denver, Colo., in the '90s.

CYBSA ONLINE

The Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association (CYBSA) is holding its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball spring season ONLINE now through Feb. 1. Parents/guardians can complete the registration process by visiting the website: CYBSA.net. The CYBSA will also provide a one-day, walk-in registration on Saturday, Jan. 26. Please visit the website for more details.

POST PROM

Attention Cohasset High School Senior Class parents! There will be a Post Prom Planning meeting on Thursday, Jan. 31 in the High School library at 7 p.m.. All parents are needed and welcome to start planning the Class of 2008 Post Prom Party. Agenda items include deciding on a theme and forming committees. If you cannot attend, but would like to participate, please call or email **Ann Kelly** at 781-383-2069 or annfkelly@aol.com.

It is so important for everyone to come out and help with this event to ensure a safe, fun-filled and memorable time for the Seniors.

HAVE A HEART

The Friends of Women's Health, a committee of the Friends of South Shore Hospital, invite the public to join them for the annual "Have a Heart Tennis Challenge and Celebration," Saturday, Feb. 2, at The Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive in Weymouth. There's no need to be John McEnroe or Martina Navritilova to enjoy this event.

Guests don't need to participate in the round-robin tennis tournament — they can just come and enjoy dinner, a silent auction and dancing with music provided by the Fat City Band!

The event is a blast, but the cause it supports is very serious. Heart disease is the number one killer of women in the United States, and cardiovascular issues are one of the biggest concerns for all people. South Shore Hospital is committed to beating heart disease through its new Cardiovascular Center that includes three cardiac catheterization labs, a 10-bed patient care area, four procedure rooms, a 64-slice CT scanner, and an integrated cardiovascular information system. The Center also offers wireless EKG/cardiac stress testing, vascular ultrasound, echocardiography, electrophysiology, nuclear cardiology, and other cardiovascular testing services.

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That is all we have for this week. Send in all of your news no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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Aisling Guinee, Colleen Richardson, troop leader Alison Callahan, Virginia Spofford and Katie Callahan.

Cohasset Girl Scouts receive Gold Award

The Award Ceremony included a special presentation to their leader, Alison Callahan, who had been their troop leader for 13 years.

Four Cohasset girls from the Seashore Service Unit, Patriots' Trail Council, Troop 4778, have achieved the highest award attainable, the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award. They are: Kathryn Elizabeth Callahan, Aisling C. Guinee, Colleen Reid Richardson and Virginia Anne Spofford.

The Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishment in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. It is the equivalent of the Boy Scout Eagle Award. Prior to these four recipients, only five other girls have completed the requirements of the Gold Award, since it's renaming in 1980.

Each of the girls fulfilled specific requirements for the award, conforming to guidelines established by Girl Scouts of the USA and approved by the local Patriots' Trail Council. They each completed a service project geared toward their own interests and as a compilation of all that they learned in Girl Scouting. The projects provided a leadership platform, and resulted in a positive impact to their community or project population, while being designed to continue into the future.

Virginia Spofford, now attending Wake Forest University in North Carolina, developed an historical walking tour of the downtown Cohasset area. Colleen Richardson, a freshman at Dartmouth College, designed a mentoring program in the middle/high schools for girls interested in math and science. Aisling Guinee, now at St Michael's College, organized an annual caucus of regional towns to present and explain the septic data collection results of the Center for Student Coastal Research and the training of student populations for future scientific studies. Katie Callahan, organized a platform to learn about environmentally important issues such as global warming and presented her project at Champlain College.

Katie, Aisling, Colleen and Virginia received their Gold Awards from Sheila Bestick, a Patriots' Trail Council representative on Jan. 3. Each girl also received various other citations from government officials, including citations and congratulations from the President and First Lady, George and Laura Bush, Gov. Deval Patrick and other state and federal officials. Selectman Paul Carlson awarded them a commendation and Town Manager Bill Griffin presented each girl with an American flag, which had been flown over the Cohasset Common, representing the years of service and dedication they had shown the town. The girls had all been a part of Troop 4778 for at least 12 years, some since kindergarten. Many of their Girl Scout projects over the years had been on behalf of the town, including Earth Day Clean-up, Town-wide Girl Scout Encampment and many community service projects, and they all graduated from Cohasset High School last May. Lillian Curley, Service Unit chairwoman, presented the girls with Lifetime Membership pins, as they are now registered in Girl Scouts of the USA as adults.

The Award Ceremony included a special presentation to their leader, Alison Callahan, who had been their troop leader for 13 years. Callahan received the Outstanding Leader Award, having been nominated to the Service Unit for her extraordinary dedication and commitment in motivating this troop with remarkable mentoring and guidance through their high school years. The ceremony also included a candle and ribbon ceremony presented by younger town Girl Scouts and an inspiring solo, "Defying Gravity" from "Wicked," performed by fellow troop member, Anne Chapman.

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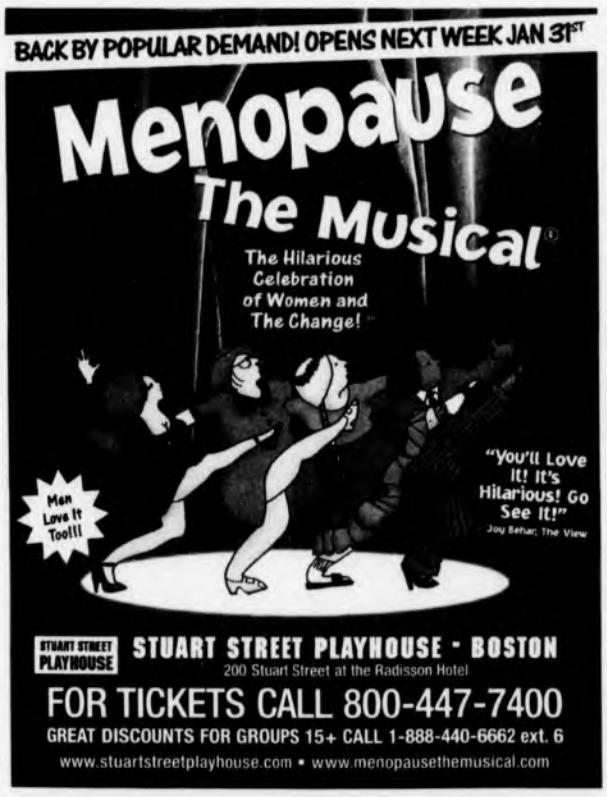
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Martin Luther King's philosophy lives on

Breakfast honors civil rights leader

By Nancy White
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Frigid temperatures in the teens didn't deter many Cohasset residents — both young and old — from attending the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day breakfast. Each year, the venue changes and it was St. Anthony's hosting on Monday morning. The Diversity Committee and the Cohasset Clergy sponsor the event.

About 50 people crowded into the light filled room to discuss Dr. King's vision and philosophy while enjoying a pancake breakfast. The featured speaker was Richard Tarlaian, a certified trainer in Kingian Non-violence at the University of Rhode Island Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies.

He said there was a bit of irony in his being asked to speak on non-violence because "I have spent most of my life in the other persuasion." At 18, he joined the Army and fought in the Vietnam War and then spent 34 years as a police officer in Providence.



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Jeff Stone, left, is served a pancake breakfast at the Saint Anthony Parish Church Hall by Molly McElgunn. Stone works with youth and police in Boston and attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration to hear the guest speaker, Richard Tarlaian, who also works with the police to promote nonviolence.

"I was born and raised and trained into violence," said Tarlaian, "I've seen enough to know it doesn't work."

However, since leaving the police force after 34 years, Tarlaian has pursued a non-violent life. Tarlaian said he wanted to speak to the group of the Dr. King beyond his famous "I have a dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial.

"They shot at Dr. King, but they missed," said Tarlaian meaning that King's philosophy and influence would live on indefinitely, "The reason that I am here is because they missed."

"He was for justice, not for any one group," said Tarlaian, he stood up against the "triple evils" of racism, war and poverty. He said King, if alive today, would stand up against discrimination or abuse not only against race but also any group based on religion, sexual orientation, ability, economic standing or gender.

"He was someone who wanted to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable," said Tarlaian, speaking specifically to materialism in society.

Tarlaian discussed the six principles of Kingian non-violence, or "the will," the core of King's non-violent approach. King's first principle is "non-violence is a way of life for courageous people."

"Nonviolence is always superior to violence," Tarlaian explained, it is not passive, but rather spiritually active and creative in its approach, "it takes a lot more courage not to fight."

With his presentation, Tarlaian said he could only touch the surface of King's philosophy but hoped to educate and provoke Cohasset residents to want to know more.

Representatives of the Cohasset High School Peer Leadership program helped Tarlaian conduct a discussion among the tables on one of the King's principles. Several peer leaders, who were trained by the Anti-Defamation League, circulated throughout the room to aid in the discussions.

State Representative Garrett Bradley said a few words on behalf of Governor Deval Patrick about how Dr. King's work is still not done.

Tarlaian said he has been asked to return to Cohasset in the spring with a colleague to conduct a more in-depth two-day training about Kingian nonviolence.



Betsy Connolly of Cohasset, a member of Saint Anthony's Parish and emcee for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Breakfast, delivers a welcome to attendees and introduces the event's speaker.



Barbara Baumgarten and her daughters Clara (center) and Ellie start off the day with "Amazing Grace." Proceeds from the pancake breakfast will benefit the Pine Street Inn.



Richard Tarlaian speaks before the attendees at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr Day Breakfast. Tarlaian is a Certified Trainer in Kingian Nonviolence at the University of Rhode Island Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies.

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Artist in Residence program in its fourth year

FROM ARTIST, PAGE 1

Kuolas, a full-time artist who lives in Cohasset, has extensive art teaching experience and enjoys working with kids, which made her a perfect fit for the program. While primarily a printmaker, specializing in collagraph and block printing, she often dabbles in other forms of art. A three-dimensional wire basket of her creation is currently on display the Fuller Museum of Art in Brockton.

The Art Center was a part of the reason she moved to Cohasset four years ago and she has enjoyed being a part of the strong artistic community it has. She got her first taste of art in a class similar to the one she now teaches, so she knows how important (and influential) an art experience at an early age can be.

Wearing an apron splattered with 30 years worth of colorful ink, Kuolas walked the class through her methods of creating a piece of print art.

"There is a lot of planning involved and thinking involved in making art," said Kuolas. She told the kids her number one rule in creating prints and art is knowing when to stop. She involved each member of the class in the process so each student got a chance to be a part of the art process.

She stresses along the way the importance of not wasting any of the materials from excess ink to paper. An environmentally aware artist, she makes her own paper and strives to reuse resources where she can. She uses prints that maybe didn't come out perfectly as inspiration for future work, she explains.

The program runs throughout the school year from mid-September to June, a total of 24 weeks, so being the Artist in Residence is a big commitment.

"I'm committed to teaching the class so I've worked it into my schedule," said Kuolas. She is not alone in her commitment to the program; three volunteers devote their time and skill each Wednesday morning.

"This program is only made possible by the volunteers," says Heather Collins the Art Center's director of community programs who oversees the program. Libby Allard and Sharon Daly, both Cohasset residents, are long-term volunteers with the program. Susan Walker of Scituate has joined the program as a volunteer this past fall.

Together, the volunteers help the children with the creative part of the program — making their own art piece to take home. Students are asked to create their own block print from foam core. Examples of African symbols, called Adinkra originating from Ghana, are discussed. Some students choose to emulate those symbols, while other create a symbol meaningful to them — a hockey stick, a heart, a star, or an initial. Using non-toxic paint, the symbols are transferred to construction paper.



Danguole Rita Kuolas, "Artist-in Residence" at the South Shore Art Center, pulls a print with Eames Way Elementary School student, Patrick Sheridan during the Print Making Workshop.



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Artist, Sharon Daly of Cohasset, and South Shore Arts Center Community Programs Manager, Heather Collins, look at some of the finished block prints that students from the Eames Way Elementary School in Marshfield created during the Artist-in-Residence Print Making Workshop.

One of the prints is used to fashion a classroom mural to be hung in the classroom, the other the kids can take home.

"I want the kids to come away with knowing art is something they can do," said Allard. At the end of the class, ideas to continue the art project at home are given to spark the kids' imagination and inherent artistic ability.

"We started the program basically because funding for arts in schools has gone down dramatically," said Allard, "if the kids don't have a good art teacher, kids can get turned off from art…here we've yet to have a class that's not crazy about the program."

Heather Collins,. The Artist in Residence program was started in 2004 in conjunction with Art Center's 50th anniversary as a way to expand its outreach program to provide new opportunities for learning about art to new populations of students in the region. It's offered free to schools across the region, all they have to pay for is the bus to get there.

"With this program we want show the best of what South Shore Art Center has to offer. It lets towns, schools, parents, teachers and kids we are a resource in the community," said Collins, "our asset is our artists and this program showcases that and all we have available."

The coordinators of the program have received many positive responses over the last few years, from teachers and students alike.

One student wrote this year with a message that speaks volumes about the Artist in Residence program, "The South Shore Art Center has opened the art in me."

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Nate Morse watches his dad, Sam, as he rides a wind trainer in their basement gym. The wind trainer enables Sam to train at speeds that simulate race conditions during cyclocross racing events..

Cyclocross gets family geared up

FROM CYCLOCROSS, PAGE 1

While Sam says their family is atypical in having all family members participate in the sport, it just goes to show how versatile and welcoming the sport is. Currently, there are five different skill levels — from novice to professional — where one can compete and age groups defined by every five to 10 years. The sport is still dominated by males, but Trish says there is a growing number of females joining cycling and cyclocross. She plans on starting a team of women over 40 next season.

Cyclocross as a sport started in Europe as a way road cyclists could stay fit beyond the regular spring and summer season. Over time, cyclocross became an individual sport on its own merits. In the late seventies it started gaining popularity in the US, particularly in the Pacific Northwest and New England.

"It's the fastest growing aspect of cycling in terms of numbers in the US," says Trish. During the season, which runs roughly from late September to early February, there are competitions nearly every weekend in New England. Courses are as close as Canton and Plymouth.

The cyclocross bicycles are similar to racing bicycles: lightweight, narrow tires and drop handlebars. But, because of the varying conditions the tires typically are knobbier for increased traction and are equipped with a different brake system. The bikes need to be lightweight because during the race to get over a pair of 16-inch barriers or to quickly ascend a steep hill cyclists need to dismount his/her bike and carry it.

"From a kid's perspective, it's a mini adventure every time on the course," said Trish. Each fall, Nate sets up a shortened version of a cyclocross course to practice. He has a set of barriers, a section of grass (which is sometimes covered with snow or ice) and the driveway for pavement.

In a full-length cyclocross course, there are pit stops, similar to stock car racing, where cyclists can change bikes if the tires get too muddy or if there is a technical issue.

Many cyclists use cyclocross training and competition to extend their road cycling season and stay active during the long off-season. The varying types of terrain help cyclists improve their handling skills on the bike, says Sam. Both Nate and Sam compete in road cycling as well.

In addition to the athleticism and competition, the Morses enjoy the family atmosphere and community feel at the weekend events. Every weekend there at a different venue on a different course all over New England, but the same competitors are there with them.

"Families at cyclocross have become some of our dearest friends. It's a big community," says Trish. While on the racecourse Nate and his fellow competitors vie for top position but the minute its over the contention evaporates, says Trish.

The Morse family recently headed out to the cyclocross National Championships in Kansas City, Kansas where both Nate and Sam were competitors. An ice storm left the course a winter wonderland for spectators, but on the course the ice created varying conditions of deep, thick mud and slick ice. Internationally ranked cyclists competed on the same course as the Morses.



Cyclocross competitor Nate Morse, who recently celebrated his 13th birthday, leaps over a barrier that is part of a practice course in his backyard.

Nate points out that while at a professional football or baseball game, the players are kept at arms length, but on a cyclocross course there isn't a barrier or security team to prevent someone from approaching an professional cyclists. Young racers can go up to professional cyclists congratulate them on a great race and even ask for a few tips, says Nate.

In addition to the welcoming community, the sport is accessible because it involves a skill most already have —riding a bike, says Trish, and can be practiced anywhere at anytime. A little bit of training on different terrains and how to maneuver over the barriers, can lead to a rewarding experience in cyclocross.

But if jumping on a bike in 30 degree whether isn't your cup of tea, the cyclocross races is a exciting spectator sport. At larger venues, as many as 100 cyclists can be in one race. With little space — the course width is typically only four meters — competition can be fierce. The courses are designed so about three-quarters of the race can be seen from any one position.

"Of all the cycling disciplines, it's the most fun to watch," says Trish, "there's so much variety for the spectators and the riders."

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The following events are sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs at 3 North St. Registration is required for all events, unless noted, by calling 781-383-9112.

Beginner And Expert Quilters – Mary Maloney, who has received many awards for her quilting articles, will conduct quilting classes at Cohasset Elder Affairs. Call to register. Details to follow once a group of interested people sign up for the classes. Mahoney will supply material for beginners to practice and start projects.

St. Valentine's Tea – Thursday, Feb. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Second Congregational Church. Food will be prepared by Anna's Gourmet Club. Entertainment will be provided by pianist and entertainer Paul McWilliams.

Primary Day – Feb. 5. Shuttle service will be available to the polls.

Filing for real estate tax exemptions

Cohasset Board of Assessors Office is currently accepting applications for fiscal 2008 real estate tax exemptions. The qualification date is July 1, 2007. Applicants who have filed tax exemption forms since July 1, 2007, are not required to file again. The deadline for filing is March 31, 2008.. The following exemptions are available:

Persons Over 70 Years of Age – $2,000 off. Clause 41C – if annual income is less that $18,000 (single person) or $23,000 (married couple), and the value of assets, excluding one's home, is less than $33,000 (single person) or $35,000 (married couple) and must own and occupy for previous 10 years.

Surviving Spouse (no age requirement) – $350 off. Clause 17D – also minors of deceased parents and persons over 70 years of age. There is no limit on income, but the value of your assets, excluding your home, must not exceed $40,000 and must own and occupy for previous five years.

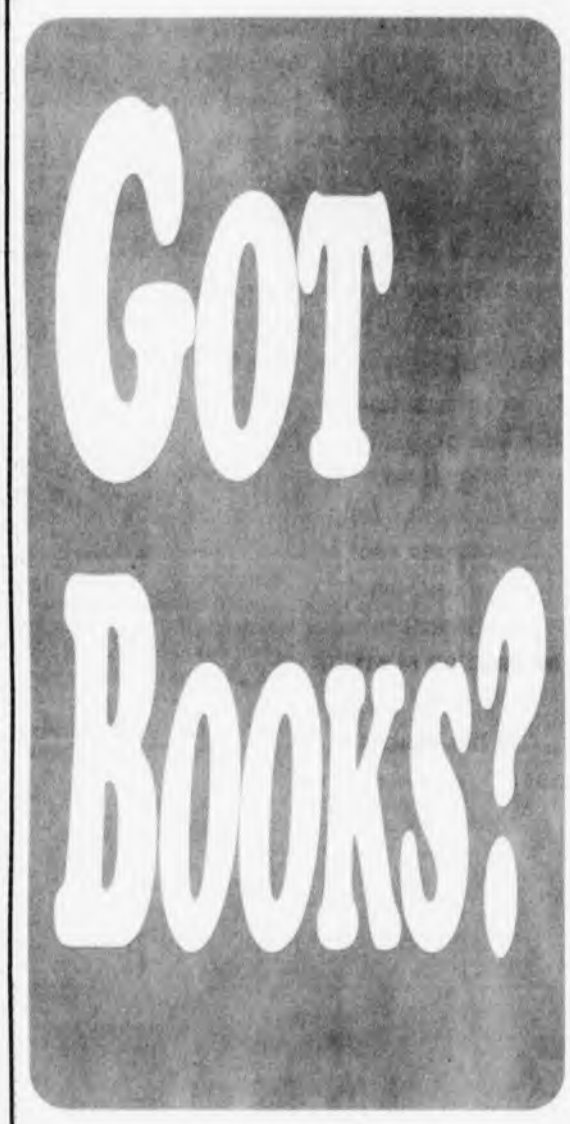
Exemption forms are available at the Assessors' office in Town Hall.

Disabled Veterans – $800 off. Clause 22 – At least 10 percent disabled as determined by the Veterans Administration. Purple Heart Award recipients qualify, as well as Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross. Other exemptions are available for more seriously disabled veterans and paraplegic veterans. Veteran must have been a Massachusetts resident six months prior to enlisting or live in Massachusetts for five consecutive years.

Blind Persons – $875 off. Clause 37 – Must be registered with the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

Tax Deferral – All or part of the tax. Clause 41A – Applicant must be 65 years of age as of July 1, 2007, with income less than $40,000 and must have resided in Massachusetts for the preceding 10 years. All or part of the tax may be deferred. Effective 2007 the interest rate has been reduced to 4 percent.

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WEDDING



Colette Cameron and Christopher Stevens

Stevens - Cameron

Colette Cameron, daughter of Michele and Jerry Cameron of Westfield, N.J., and Christopher Stevens, son of Dick and Gail Stevens of Cohasset, were married Oct. 27, 2007, at St. Helen's Church in Westfield, N.J.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Jerry Cameron. The matron of honor was Danielle McGinley, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Jessica Stevens of Hull and Kristyn Stevens of Cohasset. The flower girls were Lauren and Kate Stevens of Cohasset and Cameron McGinley of Madison, N.J.

Michael Stevens of Cohasset and Gregory Stevens of Hull were the best men. The ushers were Graig Cameron of Westfield, N.J., and John McGinley of Madison, N.J.

The bride is a graduate of Westfield High School in New Jersey and Boston College. She is employed in the membership services division at the Federal Home Loan Bank in Boston.

Christopher is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Providence College. He is an assistant vice president at Sterling Associates in Whitinsville.

A reception was held at the Olde Mill Inn in Basking Ridge, New Jersey.

Following a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple is living in Hull.

Library Corner

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Library Book Group – The group will meet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 30, to discuss Diane Setterfield's book "The Thirteenth Tale."

Basic Genealogy and Family History – Meet professional genealogist Michael Brophy at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 31, who will discuss how to research family roots, organize findings and explore record sources. This is an opportunity for budding or experienced genealogists. Those interested can register for this free event online, by telephone or in person at the library. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Movie Matinee – Enjoy a free screening of the film "The Odd Couple," starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau at 11 a.m., Friday, **Feb. 1**. The movie site license is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee. The Friends of the Library will provide light refreshments.

New Titles – Grab these hot, new fiction titles: "Light of the Moon," by Luanne Rice; "Sizzle & Burn," by Jayne Ann Krentz; and "Touchstone," by Laurie R. King. Need help sorting out the upcoming election process? Try "A Voters Guide: Election 2008," by Franklin Foer and "Choosing the President 2008," by the League of Women's Voters. Ask any library staff member place your name on the holds list if the book has already been checked out.

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Trying out a new path

Greenway project would link towns

By Tessa Fitzgerald
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"Each of these towns has been working on this subject, but in isolation. This is a chance to bring them all together."

— Judeth Van Hamm,
a member of the greenway planning team

Imagine a walking and biking trail that connects Norwell's Norris Reservation to downtown Scituate, to the ocean in Hull and other outdoor areas in Hingham and Cohasset.

That concept could soon become a reality.

Three students from the Conway School of Landscape Design in Conway, Mass., will be working the towns to design the South Shore Greenway.

But before they begin, they want to hear input from residents who live in or drive to these towns everyday.

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m., a public hearing will be held at the First Parish Unitarian-Universalist Church in Norwell. At the hearing, residents can offer their input in the form of what areas in these towns they would like to see connected to the greenway, why they love their towns and what makes the South Shore special. The meeting's in Norwell, but the event is planned for residents from all of the towns.

"Everyone is welcome," said Judeth Van Hamm, a member of the greenway planning team who lives in Hull.

"This is a chance for residents and officials and businesses to come out and say what's important to them," Van Hamm said.

Van Hamm said the concept is not totally new to her.

"We had a meeting a couple of years ago working on making some roads that connect Hull and Hingham safer for walking and bicycling," Van Hamm said. "At that meeting we started talking about connecting harbors on the South Shore."

So the towns of Cohasset and Scituate were included.

The concept of a bike-walk path is not new in any of these towns, though.

"Each of these towns has been working on this subject, but in isolation," Van Hamm said. "This is a chance to bring them all together."

Van Hamm was the person who made the initial contact with the Conway School. She had been working on a grant proposal for a different project and had seen the school represented at the Northeast Sustainable Energy tradeshow in Boston. She didn't get the grant for the other project, but the school did call to tell her some students had an opportunity to do a research project this winter.

The South Shore Greenway planning group, consisting of citizens from each of the towns, met about three weeks ago in Hull.

Norwell Town Planner Todd Thomas attended the meeting to see if he could get Norwell involved in the project. He said he would love to see the Norris Reservation connected to the pathway.

"It's a great site," Thomas said. "It's a wonderful amenity, not just for Norwell, but for the whole South Shore."

Thomas said the greenway would also give residents more transportation choices. If a person didn't want to drive their car into Boston, they could potentially ride their bike from Norwell to the Greenbush line in Scituate and take the train in. Or if somebody wanted to spend the day in one of the seashore towns, they could walk, jog or bike there on a safe pathway.

Thomas said students at the Conway School are going to put the greenway plan together pretty quickly, with another meeting to be held in March.

When the plans have been put together, the towns will have the option of applying for state and federal grants, or even individually voting to use money out of their community preservation funds to bring the greenway plans to life.

Andrew Weir, a student at the Conway School who will be working on this project, said the greenway would also be good for area wildlife, so animals aren't stuck on small patches of open land. They would also offer people alternative transportation.

"I really believe in making cities and landscape and suburbia better," Weir said. "I don't like all that sprawl and I don't like having to ride everywhere. We can make things better for people."

Weir said he and team members Michael Lance and Kathleen McCormick have been working to gather information on each of the towns. They have reviewed existing bike path plans and seen the land for themselves.

Weir said they are eager to hear ideas people have for this project.

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society



Winter got you down? Mrs. Lyman Underwood seems to be enjoying a ride with Lad and Dude in the winter of 1914.

If you have enjoyed reading our columns and discovering some of what we hold in our archives, please consider supporting the Historical Society. Your tax-deductible donation can be sent to: Cohasset Historical Society, PO Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025. All donations are gratefully appreciated.

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From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

Cohasset Democrats to hold annual caucus

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will hold their annual caucus at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 9, in the Paul Pratt Public Library at 35 Ripley Road to elect five delegates and two alternates to the 2008 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Two female and two male delegates, and one male or female delegate will be elected.

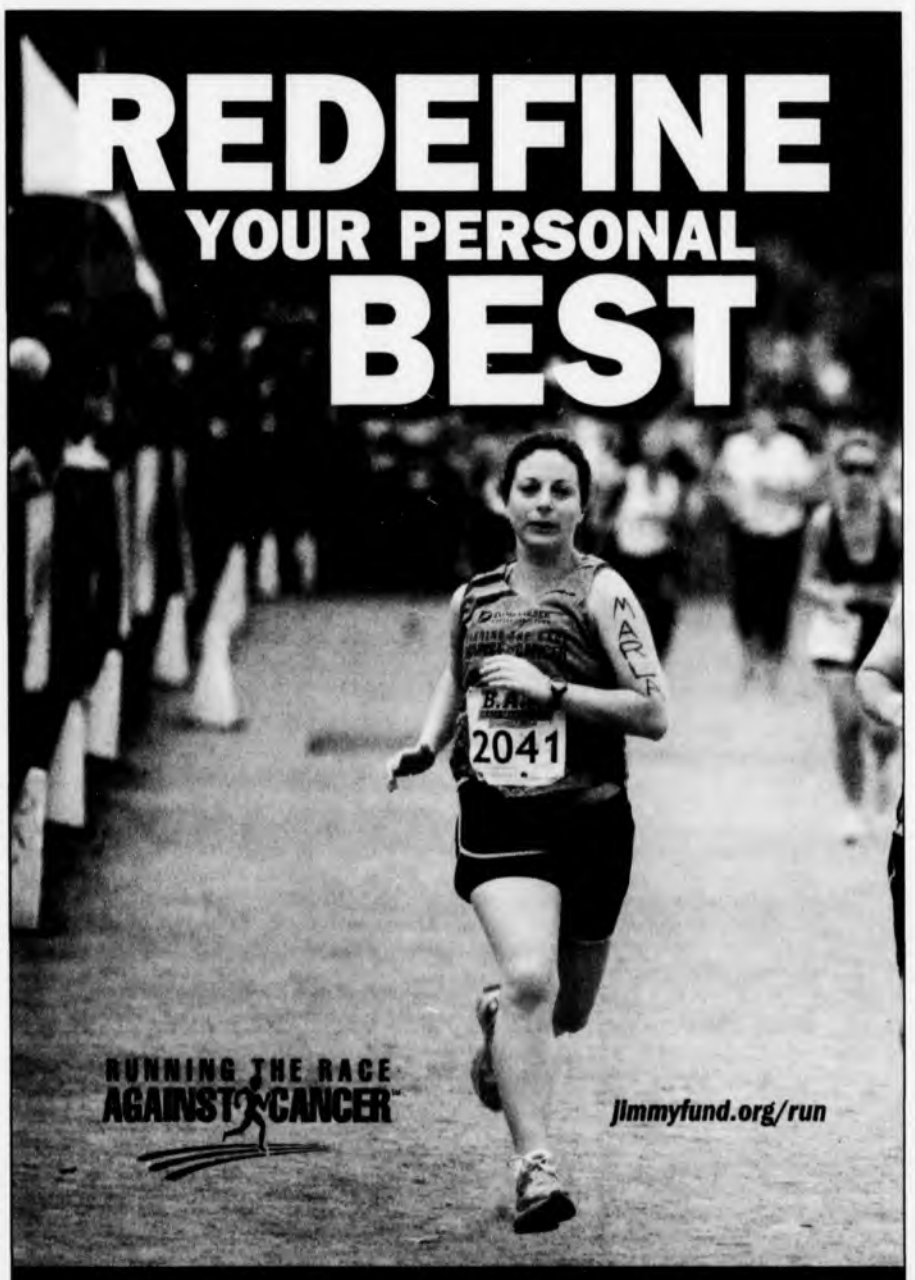
The State Convention will be held Friday, June 7, at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell. At that time, Democrats from across the state will gather to endorse candidates for the office of U.S. Senator. The names of those candidates who receive 15 percent of the state convention vote will be placed on the Democratic Primary ballot Sept. 16.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus. All ballots will be written and secret. Those not elected as delegate and/or alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates in the category of youth, minority, or disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 56 Roland St., Suite 203, Boston, MA. 02129, no later than ten days after the caucus date. For caucus information, contact chair, Agnes McCann, at 617-686-4866.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Our planet

We continue to be impressed with those in Cohasset who have "gone public" with their efforts to encourage recycling, conservation and find new sources of energy.

JoAnn Mirise, who pens the column Toward a Sustainable Cohasset, has inspired us personally to use reusable bags instead of their paper or plastic counterparts at the supermarket and to return to drinking tap water and stop buying bottled water.

This week we are encouraged to learn that the Alternative Energy Committee, a town committee, has reached out to Sustainable Cohasset, a private group, to work together on energy-saving initiatives.

To help the town obtain grants and matching funds for initiatives such as solar panels on the library, the Alternative Energy Committee urges residents to sign up for National Grid's Clean Energy Choice Green Start program.

In terms of the "world picture" the steps proposed are small ones. However, if the enthusiasm and efforts in Cohasset are being repeated elsewhere – or other municipalities are inspired by our example – then those small steps can turn into major strides.

To help the town obtain grants and matching funds for initiatives such as solar panels on the library, the Alternative Energy Committee urges residents to sign up for National Grid's Clean Energy Choice Green Start program.

Signing up means electricity customers pay from $5 to $10 a month on their electric bill to support the development of renewable energy. Each additional household (Cohasset currently has 30 participating) that signs up helps earn matching grants for the town.

The AEC says if 240 households sign up by April 30, the town would be eligible for grants to install a solar array on the library's roof, reducing the library's electric bill.

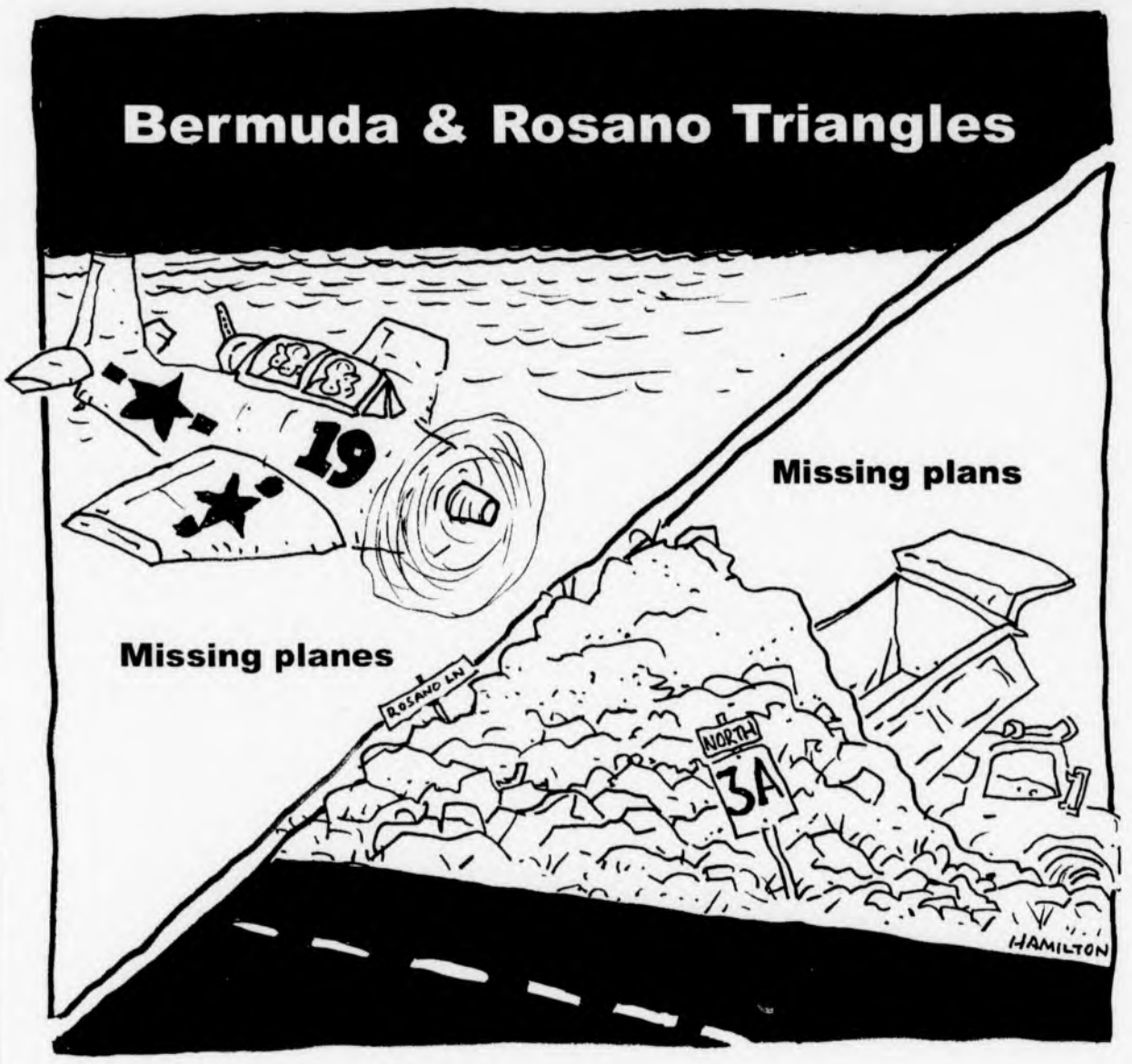
Other proposed initiatives include a solar wall at the DPW building that would preheat air before it enters the building and wind turbines.

Plans are in the works to ask Town Meeting to support a funding article for the solar wall and another for a wind turbine bylaw. Both articles will be aired by the selectmen in the weeks ahead.

We also believe that taking better care of our planet is an issue that young people really care about and want to be involved in.

The Center for Student Coastal Research is a great example. Under the leadership of teacher Jack Buckley of Cohasset and other concerned citizens, the CSCR has puts its arms around the health of the harbor and other bodies of water.

With young, old and those in the middle all working together – Cohasset is truly a bright light in terms of its tangible efforts to make a difference in the environment and to enlighten more and more of us about how we can all be part of the solution and less a part of the problem.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dimly painted crosswalk

TO THE EDITOR:

A few days ago I participated in a bit of road rage in downtown Cohasset.

Proceeding eastward toward the harbor down Elm I was neatly cut off by a car emerging from Brook which had stopped there to allow a rather nice looking young lady to cross. Perturbed but not irked I climbed the rise to where a pedestrian was strolling across the street, cell phone in ear. Sleekily I allowed him to clear, parked, got out and retrieved my groceries and cane, which I had dropped.

I looked up and there in front of me stood the same man I had just seen crossing the street, who said, "I am a police officer and you have just violated the crosswalk and if you do so again I will arrest you."

Silently I acknowledged the officer's diligence for he had re-crossed the walk and also, I was dimly aware of the dimly painted crosswalk lines, a general problem I had previously discussed with town officials – and the Police Department.

Nevertheless I was wrong and said so – we exchanged names, pleasantries and departed, but did not shake hands because I had none to spare.

What, I thought, an interesting contretemps.

Robert C. Ernst Sr.
60 Elm St.

Parents' right to know

TO THE EDITOR:

If the Cohasset School Committee is not concerned about Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh's omission of her involvement in a federal lawsuit, I as a parent am. This is unacceptable and indicative of the failure to disclose material facts that Ms. Walsh has been alleged to have done in Middleboro. This is not something that the parents of Cohasset should be willing to tolerate.

Since the article in the Patriot Ledger ran about Ms. Walsh's involvement in the disaster in Middleboro and again this past week when a similar article ran in the Cohasset Mariner, there has been considerable discussion among parents in Cohasset about this situation. In the past three years there have been teachers in Cohasset that have been mysteriously dismissed from the school system without adequate explanation. Parents have the right to know the details of what is happening at our schools and not be left in the dark, as they were in Middleboro. The School Committee should not be blasé about a pattern of concealment of material facts. Our town officials should be more concerned with the safety of our children and a parent's right to know what the truth is in our schools.

David Kusek
3 Cedar Acres Lane

Parents' rights group launched

TO THE EDITOR:

A group of Cohasset citizens have formed a parents' rights group.

The Parents Rights Defense (PRD) organization is committed to the protection of parents and children from educational institutions whose exercise of power denies parents' their human and constitutional rights.

The mission of PRD is to provide a powerful independent voice that acts as a check and balance to entrenched political and bureaucratic systems.

PRD will use its resources to challenge those bureaucracies that paralyze parents through threats, intimidation, coercion or legal action. PRD will represent threatened parents to bring about change using the court of public opinion, the ballot box and when necessary the courthouse. Parents and others, acting together can raise a voice that cannot be ignored or silenced through threat of retaliation.

Parents are invited to report issues to PRD in privacy to avoid any threat of retaliation to their children. PRD will examine each case and suggest a course of action. Action is taken only when parents agree. Interested parents and others may contact Louis S. Harvey at LouisHarvey@comcast.net.

PRD is funded by donations from parents and others concerned with the loss of rights suffered through excessive use of power by those whose purpose is to serve the public. Donations may remain anonymous and can be sent to:

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The first case taken on by PRD is that of Kevin & Peggy Lewis of Cohasset, who were taken to court by the Cohasset School System to force their son, a near honor student, into a Special Education Program that was demonstrably injuring the child.

Louis S. Harvey
465 King St.

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MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Jan. 29, 7 p.m.
Alternative Energy Committee, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.
CMHS School Council, Feb. 6, 2:30 p.m., Room 116 at the high school.
Community Preservation Committee, Jan. 29, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.
Recreation Commission, Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m.
Selectmen, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.; Feb. 4, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Feb. 25 & March 24, 6 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

POLITICAL NOTES

Karen Quigley makes it official

Karen Quigley recently returned her nomination papers for the Board of Selectmen with significantly more than the required amount of signatures. "I'm thrilled with the support for my candidacy so far," said Quigley. "It's coming from every part of town and all ages and interest groups."

In preparation for her run for selectman, Quigley is launching a "Listen and Learn" tour by attending meetings of the Board of Selectmen and other committees at Town Hall. "It's important to get to know the people who sit on the committees," she says, "and imperative to learn about the issues."

Quigley is best known as an environmentalist and town activist who believes in approaching issues "objectively and with logic and common sense."

Republicans to meet for straw poll

Cohasset Republican Town Committee is having its first meeting of the New Year on Tuesday, Jan. 29 in the new function room at BIA BISTRO, 35 S. Main St., Cohasset Village. All are invited to attend this meeting that will start at 7 p.m. While at BIA, attendees can enjoy their hospitality and hors d'oeuvres, dinner, or just beverages while discussing a favorite candidate with area Republicans. A pre Super Tuesday Straw Poll will be taken at the end of the meeting. Any cost is whatever one personally orders from the menu.

For more information, call Kevin O'Donnell at 781-383-6113 or Lee Jenkins at 781 383-0024.

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Fixed-price contract for big project

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush — From time to time, we get reports of unusual things happening at some of our railroad crossings. If you happen to notice any action by the railroad equipment that doesn't seem normal or any persons who are in areas of the railroad where they shouldn't be, it is everyone's obligation to call 911 as quickly as you can. This is only common sense, but it could save a life.

Stuff about Cohasset Little Harbor Project — From time to time we'd like to include a bit about this humongous public works project. With the exception of the not too recent schools projects, this is the largest public works project to be undertaken in Town, totaling around $15 million. As we're sure you know it includes both sewer, water and storm drainage. We don't intend to duplicate the work of the Sewer Commissioners or the design engineering firms who already have an outreach program in place. We just hope to add a bit more understanding to the project and help explain why some things are the way they are.

As has been mentioned before, the way our Town is undertaking this project is really very smart. We are all used to seeing one project tear up the roads, do their stuff and repair the roads only to have another project come right behind them and tear up the whole shebang all over again. This time, all three Town-related utilities (sewer, water, and storm drainage) are being constructed in one project by one contractor. Sewer is the lead dog in this project with about 60 percent of the total work. Water has about 30 percent of the work, and storm drainage has just less than 10 percent. The cost benefits to the Town are great. The Town has only one set of contractor mobilization costs rather than three. (Mobilization costs are the costs that allow the contractor to bring his people and equipment into Town and prepare to work. These alone are typically in the range of 15 to 20 percent of the total cost.) And, using one machine to dig three sets of trenches at the same time is a real money saver. Thus, the time required for the construction for each of the projects can be seriously compressed by doing them together. And, with one contractor all three services; sewer, water and drainage get constructed in a much more coordinated fashion.

This project has been referred to by some, as Cohasset's Big Dig. Nothing could be further from the truth. This project is a fixed price contract. It was awarded to the qualified bidder with the best price. The Town does not pay any more if the contractor has a thousand people working or less with one person working. Of course, if they operate in either of these ways, the contractor won't make any money or won't meet the schedule. So it is in the contractor's best interests to employ only those labor resources that will get the job done on schedule. The only way this project can exceed the budget is if the scope of work changes. Then, each change, results in a negotiated increase or decrease in cost. So, the only thing our project has in common with the Big Dig is the temporary upset of the surrounding neighborhoods. As we have said before, construction is not a stealth activity.



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Ledge chomping on Rust Way.

This time, all three Town-related utilities (sewer, water, and storm drainage) are being constructed in one project by one contractor.

Someone asked, "Why are you digging so much?" Why not just put all three pipes into one trench. Clearly, that should be simple to do. Not so fast! There are rules and regulations to which we need to pay attention. For reasons of public health and safety, normally the pipes serving the water and sewer must be separated by a distance of 10 feet. The reason is simple. If either of the pipes should develop a leak, we must avoid cross contaminating the drinking water system or polluting the ground/surface water at all costs. Thus, the 10-foot rule. (Note, There are exceptions. For example, if the sewer pipe is encased in concrete, a horizontal separation of 3 feet is allowed.) But, at no time may the pipes be adjacent.

Different services need different pipe materials, different depths in the ground and different slopes to the pipes. Water is always pumped, so the slope of the pipes in not critical. But, some sewer lines may flow by gravity, so the slope of the pipes becomes important. Where gravity won't do the sewer job, pumps must be used and slope is not too important. Storm drains, however, are almost always gravity flow systems. The slope of the pipes is very important to direct the storm water to its destination. Each of these three systems uses different materials and sizes for their pipes based on the volume carried in the pipe and pressure in the pipe and other technical requirements. That's why you will see so many different sizes and colors of pipe near the construction sites.

There are often surprises. In a Town as old as Cohasset there are lots of systems that were placed underground a hundred years ago or more. Some of these were done privately. For a variety of reasons, these systems were never recorded for posterity. For example, on Jerusalem Road the project stumbled on an old, very well built, drainage system. The covers to some of the manholes were several feet below the road surface and were found pretty much by accident. These were probably put in to serve some of the grand estates that graced our shoreline in the late 1800's. The system we saw was fabricated from brick and really showed excellent masonry craftsmanship. Some of the manhole access points went 7 feet or so below the road surface. Presently engineers are trying to see if portions of these systems are suitable to be placed back into service somehow as a part of the new system.

So, you can see there are a lot of details involved in a project like this, and a lot of reasons why things are the way they are. We will continue to keep you posted as things progress.

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To swear or not to swear

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see where the city council in St. Charles, Missouri, a 62,304-folk suburb of St. Louis, is considering an ordinance that would ban swearing as well as table-dancing, drinking contests, and profane music in barrooms.

Councilor Richard Veit said he filed the measure after learning from his constituents that people who drink the stuff they serve in barrooms often misbehave and the cops need the ordinance to stop it.

His proposal would ban indecent, profane, or obscene language, songs, entertainment, and literature, which pretty much covers everything a guy would go into a barroom for, except, of course, the booze.

I don't know about drinking contests and profane music and I haven't been table-dancing since that time . . . but no one's interested in that . . but St. Charles may run into difficulties when they ban swearing.

It was about 15 years ago that our own neighbors, the city of Quincy, egged on by Mayor Jim Sheets, passed an ordinance that prohibited swearing in public.

"I come out of city hall after work every night and I have to listen to this profanity and vulgarity being screamed from one side of Hancock Street to the other," complained Mayor Jim, and the ordinance was born.

I don't know if the law is still on the books, but if it is, then it's widely ignored, as I can attest after visiting Quincy during a recent snow removal crisis — profanity and vulgarity are still being screamed from one side of Hancock Street to the other.

St. Charles's valiant attempt to clean up the English language also shows you how times have changed from the days when we kids used to look up swears in the dictionary in the Thayer library branch across Quincy Avenue from Fred Grant's Shell Station.

When the novel "Strange Fruit" was published, somehow word leaked down to us kids that the most dreaded of all the four-letter Anglo Saxon functional verbs appeared in print on one of the pages, and that page in the library's copy was almost worn out by teen and pre-teen curiosity.

There were sections of that book that most of us had stared at so much we could quote the key passages flawlessly.

If they had had a rating system in 1939 when the movie "Gone With the Wind" was released, it might have drawn an R rating simply because Rhett Butler, Clark Gable's character, told Scarlett, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn!"

It's hard to believe 70 years later, but there actually were demands that such cussing had no place in a motion picture that might be seen by children. Of course, once they heard that, the kids just had to see the flick.

Now the word "damn" and even stronger language is a staple of the radio talk shows, and if you want to wallow in the strongest obscenities and cuss words of all, just tune in to one of the cable channels, not only after nine o'clock but any time of the day.

Except in St. Charles, Missouri, where soon it may not be safe to swear even in a barroom.

Girls may rule, but do boys really drool?

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Gender-based personality differences don't occur naturally. Boys and girls are born with an equal distribution of talents, but cultural pressures force them down separate roads, with different opportunities requiring different skills and nurturing different interests, which reinforce existing cultural stereotypes, and around and around. Nobody's from Mars. Nobody's from Venus. Everybody just go back home to Earth and behave yourselves. There's nothing to see here.

That explanation seemed plausible to me in the heady enlightened days of college, and all the women I wanted to date firmly believed it, so who was I to argue? The fact that male and female roles had converged so dramatically during the 20th century was clear proof that our paths would soon merge together, and the concept of human predilections that were characteristically male or female would some day seem as quaint and out-of-date as religious wars or authoritarian Russian leaders.

Many years later I was still comfortable with the idea that boys and girls were essentially the same animal. Then I attended a poetry reading in my daughter's kindergarten class. All eight of the girls' poems were about either rainbows or princesses. Out of four boys, two had written about killer sharks attacking babies, and the other two poems were also good but too disturbing to describe here.

It got me to thinking. When I was seven, my friends and I spent every free minute playing a game called Kill the Guy with the Ball. It was actually more sophisticated than it sounds. What you did was, one Guy would pick up the Ball, and the rest would try to Kill him. We played this at recess, birthday parties, funerals for former Guys with the Ball, you name it.

There was never a scrum of girls across the field playing an equivalent game. Even today you would probably have to poll every girl in the state to find enough willing seven-year-olds to make up a decent round of Kill the Girl with the Ball. The female force we did have to contend with during second grade recess called themselves The Kissing Girls, whose M.O. was even more self-explanatory than that of the Guy with the Ball.

Now, I'm not interested in debating which group is smarter or even which game is better, the cool one designed to sustain and cause as many injuries as possible — maybe even a couple of spectacular deaths — or the lame one glorifying affection and love. The point is that in the end, to persist in denying that boys and girls are very different does a disservice to both, and especially to girls, because there really is so much they could learn from boys.

For example:

1) Absolutely any human activity can be made into a competition. As I was flipping channels the other day I stumbled across a barn full of men shearing sheep with a sense of urgency you normally associate with emergency c-sections. At first I thought it might be a variation on a game called Kill the Guy with the Sheep, which we used to play up in Topsfield while our sisters were at 4H meetings, but it turned out to be The Professional Sheep Shearing Championships. Few things say as much about the male approach to life than that title, except perhaps the Professional Emergency C-Section Championships, which sadly are no longer legal in this country.

2) Bullies are mean people you avoid, whereas Friends are a different group of nice people you hang out with. It seems girls are still unclear on that one. Also, people who are mean to you one minute and nice to you the next are part of a third group, called Psychos. Treat them like plague. If it turns out that everyone you know is either a Bully or a Psycho, it's time to lay low for a few years and get into cars.

3) Kill the Guy with the Bone should always be played with a bone, otherwise it gets too confusing.

I've come to believe most boys are born violent and crude, and only after decades of training are they fit to enter decent society. Meanwhile girls are too wrapped up in social complexities to enjoy their relationships. These things don't seem to change. Sometimes I worry that my three daughters are so innately different from boys that my descendants are doomed to repeat all the same misunderstandings and conflicts men and women have suffered through since time immemorial. Then I walk into the lavatory off the play room and find that three days ago the toilet plugged but no one bothered to tell me and they just kept using the toilet for all the things toilets are used for, and I think gosh darn it, maybe there's hope after all.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. He has a ball and most Friday evenings free if anyone is interested.

HEALTH NOTES

Not taking town health for 'grant'ed

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In a changing world, it's prudent to retain a certain agility in our perception of how things work. Take, for example public improvements. We have all recently been exposed to a downtown revitalization that began as a disaster in both appearance and fiscally. What finally appeared was by most measures, not bad. The way the town snatched victory from defeat was through change.

In addition to the Town manager and most Selectmen, we changed many of the systems previously being used. Typically, the way a public improvement works is: A need becomes so pressing it can no longer be ignored by anybody; the town votes to pay for a minimum necessary fix. The State or the Feds require environmental or health improvements which we can't pay for. To get money from the state to pay for such improvements, a town must play the *grants* game. It must find a grant that addresses the town's need, apply for and implement it. Generally such grants require proof that the need exists: an assessment; a scientific study and analysis, which no one has the staff or money to pay for. Fortunately, Cohasset has developed within its educational system a means for making such assessments. Over the past 5 years, Cohasset students, while learning, have added to the Town's knowledge of its environment enough scientific information in one form or another to enable the town to apply and obtain its own grants for nearly $1 million worth of infrastructure improvements. Much of such learning was done within the school system in public service classes as well as outside of school in publicly sponsored programs such as Boy and Girl Scouts and organizations like the Center for Student Coastal Research.

A good example of the joining of school with nonprofit is shown by the contribution of Chloe Koines, a high school senior, doing public service work for the Board of Health at the CSCR's open house last Monday. The event displayed results of studies by students supporting various environmental and ecological programs being managed by that organization, most of which were paid for by State grants.

According to Chloe: "A group of CSCR students work in association with the Board of Health in efforts to produce scientific data that was comparable to that of a professional laboratory. Each week, we collect samples from Bassing Beach, Cohasset Yacht Club, Little Harbor, Sandy Cove, Sandy Beach, and Black Rock Beach, which we then process and analyze." Her exhibit is now on display in the Town Hall next to the Nurse's office

Students do the collecting. The Board compares samples from the sites with results sent to a local certified lab and decides which beaches to close, etc. However we get samples from the students in many locations for which we are not required to take samples so we have a broader and more general picture of the health of our water bodies.

And now, the town is taking the process one logical step further: the Conservation Commission is applying to the Community Preservation Committee for a grant to improve "Ten locations within a quarter mile radius of Jacobs Meadow. Controls within the James Brook watershed are needed to reduce the impacts of stormwater pollution affecting James Brook, Jacobs Meadow, Cohasset Cove and Cohasset Harbor. Designs will promote catchment, treatment, filtration, storage, evaporation and detention of stormwater prior to discharge into the tributaries to Cohasset Cove."

Additional project funding has been requested from the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management's Coastal Pollutant Remediation Grant Program. Matching funds will come in part from work done by the town, CSCR, the Water, Sewer, School department and others as an aggregate statement of the value of permitted labor hours for those contributing to the project.

And so, the Town is changing the way we're doing things. Throughout the upheavals going on in sewer, water, harbor and other infrastructure improvement programs, for the first time ever, we're getting recognition and financial support we desperately need from *all* of those involved in the Town's efforts at improvement.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

our town

Artificial turf field

On Cohasset's TV talk show, Our Town, co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin sit down with George McGoldrick and Bill Cavanaro of the newly formed Cohasset Sports Partnership to discuss their efforts to raise funds to build an artificial turf field in Cohasset.

Tune in starting Monday at 9p.m. on channel 10 or catch up on Tuesdays or Thursday at 9p.m.

Tune in Cohasset and stay informed.

Delahunt schedules office hours

Members of U.S. Rep. Bill Delahunt's staff will resume the ongoing schedule of office hour visits to local town halls. Congressional staffers will be on hand to field any questions of individual or community concern.

All local residents are welcome. Office hours will take place in Cohasset from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM LETTERS, PAGE 12

Full disclosure warranted

TO THE EDITOR:

Whoa! "Supt. Walsh named in federal lawsuit?" "Supt. Walsh" aka Cohasset Superintendent of Schools? This is big news. Much bigger than Home Field for this CMS/CHS parent. And unless I've been sleeping, which I openly admit to when it comes to some School Committee business, this is not "old news" – or at least not for parents concerned for the safety of their children in Cohasset Schools.

I trust that going forward, the School Committee will uphold its commitment to the community by disclosing fully, their understanding and prior knowledge (if any) of this serious allegation.

I trust, also, that the School Committee will honor its commitment to the safety of our students by respecting a parent's right-to-know and clearly communicating any, alleged or otherwise, inappropriate conduct by school officials, faculty or staff; past and present.

Sally Ayers
90 Elm St.

Feedback on wrestling coverage

TO THE EDITOR:

I had my first occasion to attend the Cohasset High School hosting of a 10-school, non-league Wrestling Tournament event a week ago last Saturday afternoon at Cohasset High School. It was amazing! Other schools included, as example, Milton, Hingham, Duxbury, Scituate, Rockland, Braintree, Marshfield, etc. About 250-plus student wrestlers engaged, usually three matches in progress at a time with excellent referees. Easy to view from the close stands. The team members from each school got to wrestle the team members, one-on-one, from all the other schools on a rotating basis. The fans, from all towns, were great – like being at a Patriots game. It was captivating! Each match consists of three 2-minute periods – intense, energy burning maneuvers until a winner is declared by a pinning or by points gained throughout by successful takedowns or escape from a takedown.

The stands were packed full – parents and other fans and students! Parking was plentiful. A wide spectrum of tasty food, hot and cold sandwiches, snacks, beverages, deserts, ice creams, etc. was available in the adjoining cafeteria, quite inexpensive, all home-prepared (thus tasty!) and served by parents of the Cohasset team. Banners everywhere. A true, organized, festive event, including a couple of co-ed matches!

This was wrestling in classic, amateur format. Not the bizarre, violent, rehearsed stuff one sees on TV. Sure – the Cohasset team was somewhat overmatched with some of the larger schools, but that's part of the "learning" value for team members participating. The Cohasset team is excellent and usually prevailed over school teams in its size class. The excellent coaching and sportsmanship the Cohasset members receive and exhibit was obvious. Sportsmanship prevailed throughout – class acts from all. Student wrestling – perhaps the oldest, pure sport in the history of mankind, carried on from ancient Greek and Romans. Caesar preferred that Brutus wrestled?

I was disappointed today (Friday, Jan. 18 issue) when I read the Mariner coverage of the above huge event. Four and a half pages of Cohasset school sports coverage – but I (finally) found the one small photo of the above event. I played a lot of sports, at all levels, growing up in Boston in high school and college and know first hand how welcome the Boston papers' coverage and photos were for the community, the teams and the athletes – especially for the scrapbook. Don't we all still have our scrapbooks? The Mariner, to its credit, always seeks feedback from its readers. Well, here you have it! This fine, well coached, Cohasset Wrestling Team, a perennial top team on the South Shore, merits more discovery, support and Mariner coverage, especially events such as above.

Richard E. Brooks
68 Nichols Road

Concerned about Walsh case

TO THE EDITOR:

After reading your article about School Superintendent Denise Walsh being named in a federal lawsuit, I felt as though something was missing. In this case, our Superintendent is charged with being complicit in the rape of a student by failing to warn the public of a teacher who Walsh knew had a history of inappropriate contact with students.

The School Committee may not be concerned about this case, but I am. What concerns me is that regardless of the timeline of events and the details of the lawsuit, this is another illustration of poor judgment by Superintendent Walsh. Because the incident did occur four years ago, shortly before coming to Cohasset, the School Committee's view is that it is not affecting her performance here. It is nonetheless a case of poor judgment that appears to have been repeated in Cohasset in the recent Special Education (SPED) lawsuit against the Lewis family.

In the Special Education action, I am concerned about the quality of judgment in the decision to sue the Lewis family to force a near honor student back into Special Education, considering that he will be entering a private school next fall. This lawsuit was initiated to overturn the Bureau of Special Appeals' (BSEA) order that permitted the Lewises to remove their child from the SPED program. Superintendent Walsh made the judgment that court proceedings were prudent in spite of the BSEA's order.

For this, the taxpayers are now liable for unknown sums of money in legal expenses and lost time while at the same time the School Committee is contemplating a reduction in academic teaching staff. Where is the money coming from? It would seem from the classroom. Should we be prepared for School Committee talk of an override to cover these expenses?

In the Middleboro lawsuit, the Superintendent answered your inquiries by stating, "It's really old news, it happened four years ago," with no denial of the accusations. We are talking about a case involving the rape of a young boy by a man in a position of authority. I can think of a lot of ways to describe this case, but "old news" is not one of them. Has the School Committee's win in the Lewis case given such arrogance to the school administration that they have no compassion for the family of the raped boy? Yes, something is definitely missing.

Jamie Williams
60 Surrey Dr.

Dismayed by Walsh report

TO THE EDITOR:

I was very dismayed to learn of the legal actions that are pending regarding Dr. Walsh. It seems to me that we shouldn't have to learn about this in the Mariner and that this issue should have been brought up during her interview for the position. Considering that there have been several teachers in the Cohasset School System that have mysteriously taken a "leave of absence" I am wondering whether a similar pattern of cover-up is happening here in town. Although obviously certain things happen that are not the fault of Dr Walsh, as we have learned from history many times the hiding of the facts is worse than the crime

What is even more dismaying are the comments by Chmn. Rick Flynn that "it's nothing that affects the town of Cohasset". It seems to me that Mr. Flynn is either completely naive or like Dr. Walsh is not telling the whole story.

Ralph D'Antonio
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Charity and the sewer project

TO THE EDITOR:

Kudos to reporter Nancy White for the excellently comprehensive article about Cohasset's largest project ever, connecting nearly 500 more homes to the sewage treatment system. How fortunate we are finally to be able to do it, after so many years of delay. Also fortunate is having a staging area adjacent to the work. It isn't a perfect site, but it is the only one available and sufficiently close to the work, and it sure beats using the streets to store materials, equipment, supervisor's trailers, etc.

How could anyone think that locating the staging area on the far side of 3A made sense? The result would have been scarce use of it; inevitably the interference with efficient work, and the safety issues with so much travel, would cause the streets to become the actual storage area. And how can anyone with common sense be charitable to the abutter who has taken legal action to make the staging area go away? But let's move on to the subject of charity.

It seems to be inherent in the American personality to be generous to charitable causes, and that is fortified by the bountiful nature of this fortunate continent, and by the virility of our industry.

But maybe we would be even more generous if we were more confident that our contributions were well spent, and that we were choosing the charities making most effective use of the donations. The financial reporting of charitable organizations is inconsistent, and often misleading and incomplete. The layman needs help from professionals well-versed and experienced in interpreting and questioning the financial reports.

The nonprofit American Institute of Philanthropy (P.O. Box 578460, Chicago IL 60657-8460) publishes a tri-annual Charity Rating Guide and Watchdog Report at no charge to its members (i.e. those who donate a few bucks to it).

It does not deal with the technical effectiveness with which organizations perform their stated mission; its focus is on percent of income spent on program services and on the fundraising money spent to raise each $100. It rates about 750 charities, and provides other useful information, leavened by a few examples of egregious behavior.

Some of its conclusions are surprising, and give reason to change one's mind about allotment of charitable donations. For example, not all organizations purporting to serve our veterans are equally worthy of our donations, at least based on financial effectiveness, including some of the best known.

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Parents have a right to answers

COMMENTARY

HOWIE ALTHOLTZ

I read with concern, the recent article regarding Superintendent Walsh being named a defendant in a Federal lawsuit regarding conduct at her previous school system (Middleboro). That conduct is alleged to have put children in that school in danger and raised liability issues for that town. I am also concerned with some school committee members seeming inclination to minimize this disclosure, which connects directly to events now going on at our school. With student safety at issue, how could we not ask questions? These committee members must have not thought through the full impact for our community and children.

This is not by any stretch "old news". This is new information about an ongoing case, which at a minimum raises serious questions about Ms. Walsh's judgment and competence, what she did or didn't do in Middleboro, and its impact on those children and their community. More significantly, it should raise very serious concerns as to whether that same behaviors and policies, which may have contributed to the terrible consequences in Middleboro, are being repeated here in Cohasset.

As the committee is aware, there is evidence that similar decisions now being made regarding teachers in Cohasset, could pose similar risks for our children and potential liability for the town.

There are also ethical issues raised by Ms. Walsh's apparent failure to mention the ongoing lawsuit during recent negotiations and renewal of her contract, which directly bear on issues of integrity.

Protecting our school's image and good PR spin are not sufficient reasons to adopt a, "see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil" posture. It's time for some answers.

What isn't "old news," is the fact that in the last three years alone, at least three teachers were removed from teaching at Cohasset Middle/High, under very secret and suspicious circumstances.

About two years ago a teacher at the Middle/High school was quietly removed, mid-week in mid-term, without any real information to the community, parents or the children. There was widespread concern about his behavior toward students over an extended period of time, and some parents with "inside information," were already taking kids out of the class. Most parents never got the information they needed to protect their children, either while the teacher was still in class, or afterwards when he might still have had contact with unsuspecting children (like in the Middleboro case).

Last year a high school teacher was quietly ushered out of the school mid-week in mid-term without a word to parents, the community or the children. Instead parents were served a stew of misleading information and rumors. It was later disclosed that while reviewing tapes on a hidden video camera, school officials observed him doing something very concerning, purportedly on a computer. There may have been more. So concerning was the behavior in fact, that he was forced to leave very abruptly. An investigation was later commenced by the Department of Education. At the end of last year, a third teacher was reportedly engaged in conduct so concerning that he had an "observer" posted in his room and was asked not to return this year.

The facts alleged in the Middleboro case are that a teacher had been, "quietly let go" by the school system for certain undisclosed, inappropriate conduct in class, without any notice or information to the community or parents (Sound familiar?). Still in the community area, he apparently made contact with students who were not informed enough to be concerned, and unsuspecting parents who were kept in the dark by the school administration did not have the basic information they needed to protect their kids. It resulted in a child being raped.

When Cohasset school officials were asked to explain recent incidents and teacher disappearances at our schools, even the simplest of questions, as for example, whether a teacher would be returning next year or not?, were responded to with comments like, "I'm not at liberty", or "Please contact our lawyer"... What?

Secrecy like that just naturally breeds suspicion. And for good reason.

Parents shouldn't be deprived of basic information they need to protect their children, because a government bureaucrat decides they can't handle the truth.

There are ways to communicate the truth and facts, even while protecting whatever privacy interests there may or may not be. Why are we so afraid of offending the offenders?

If the administration is too squeamish to tell the truth in detail, how about simply saying, "There was a disagreement over appropriate classroom conduct and we felt it was mutually beneficial for him to leave"... Or, "we were concerned about non-compliance with certain standards of conduct and decide it was best to part ways".

There are a million ways to be truthful, as well as discreet. Just say something...anything, so parents could know there was some problem they need to be aware of, and prepared to protect their children accordingly.

Understand that in the long term, secrecy won't protect against lawsuits, as we see with the Middleboro case, it may in fact cause them. And kids may be harmed along the way

Maybe there were more questions some parents should have been asking about what happened in those Cohasset classrooms. How could they even know to ask?

Maybe some kids had unreported episodes, maybe they had trauma reflected in their conduct or grades, that their parents couldn't understand...but never knew the right questions to ask.

The school's concealment of this information from parents and the community is just plain wrong on every level.

Parents should decide what information they need to protect their children, not the government. Taxpayers and the public have a right to know what is going on at their schools.

With a recently renewed lucrative three-year contract just awarded to Ms. Walsh, (as reported by the Mariner, a salary higher than many adjacent towns with bigger student populations and better test scores), one would think allegations in an active federal lawsuit concerning possibly negligent conduct in a previous job, is something a job candidate should ethically disclose, which I'm told is not the case here. Once the board has such information, it is a very legitimate, even important, subject of inquiry. You can't just wish the whole thing away and continue with "happy talk." It directly bears on competence, integrity, school safety and liability issues for the town.

Why would we sweep such critical issues concerning our children's safety under the rug?

It also raises related questions concerning the hiring process. Are teachers being screened properly to begin with? And what information will be given to the next community where teachers go to. Will they just quietly move on to the next school district? What are those communities entitled to know?

I don't have the answers but I do know there are a lot of questions that those with the information need to start answering.

As a start, the school committee could please tell us what happened to those three teachers who went missing. Why did they leave so suddenly and secretly?

I'm told that when Dr. Walsh was directly asked about one or more of the teacher disappearances by a town official, her response was essentially, you don't want to know. Well actually Dr. Walsh, we do want to know, especially when it comes to the well being of our children.

I urge the school committee to put politics and personalities aside, and be forthcoming — not defensive. After all, this is nothing less than an issue of public safety for our children.

Howie Altholtz lives on Cedar Street.

CAMP FAIR

Saturday, January 26, 2008
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
(*Snowdate* Sunday, January 27)
hosted by
Derby Academy, 56 Burditt Ave., Hingham, MA

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House bills address the issues

YOUR REP

REP. GARRETT J. BRADLEY



As we enter the new calendar year, and resume the second half of the legislative session, I am pleased to report that the House of Representatives has addressed several important issues. The following bills were passed by the House in calendar year 2007.

Group Insurance Commission for Municipal Employees: In acknowledgement that the skyrocketing cost of providing health insurance to municipal workers had become a drain on the coffers of cities and towns across the Commonwealth, the House passed legislation to allow municipal workers and retirees to opt into the Group Insurance Commission healthcare plan, which will yield millions of dollars in savings to municipalities that can be used to provide much-needed property tax reductions.

Pension Reserves Investment Trust for Municipal Employees: Maintaining its commitment to cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth, the House passed legislation to permit the state to take over poorly performing municipal pension systems, a measure that will provide significant savings to municipalities and help provide further property tax relief.

Green Communities Act of 2007: The House unanimously approved bold energy reform legislation to promote the use of cleaner, renewable energy in Massachusetts. The bill establishes energy goals for the Commonwealth and acts to implement those goals through state-wide clean energy initiatives and reforms. The bill provides incentives to individuals, business owners and municipalities to invest in energy-saving technologies and aims to reduce energy consumption at the state level.

Liheap Fuel Assistance Appropriation: The House acted to avert a home heating crisis by unanimously approving $15 million in emergency funding to help more than 100,000 elderly residents and low income families stay warm this winter.

Child Abuse And Neglect Legislation: A bold reform to the state's social service network that toughens laws meant to protect the state's most vulnerable children, creates a new cabinet secretary dedicated solely to child welfare, establishes minimum educational requirements for social workers and their supervisors, and orders training of mandatory reporters and increase criminal penalties.

Film Tax Credits: To increase revenue and spur job growth in the Commonwealth, the House passed legislation to provide the burgeoning Massachusetts movie industry with incentives to film here through meaningful tax credits. The impact was immediate, with "The Pink Panther 2" moving its central location to Boston to take advantage of the credits.

Identity Theft: To protect Massachusetts residents from the growing problem of identity theft, the House passed comprehensive legislation to notify the public of data breaches, establish security freezes of accounts subject to identity theft and set standards for disposal of records containing personal data.

Baby Safe Haven Law: Makes permanent legislation originally passed in fiscal 2004 that provides a safe alternative for parents who might otherwise abandon their babies to surrender their newborns, 7 days of age or younger, to appropriate personnel at hospitals, police departments or manned fire stations.

Expanded Access to Birth Certificates of Adoptees: In an effort to simplify the process of obtaining their birth certificates, the House passed legislation to allow adoptees, 33 years or older, to access their birth certificates without a court order.

Increased Benefits to the Families of Police and Firefighters: In the immediate wake of the tragic on-duty deaths of two Boston firefighters, the House approved a bill authorizing municipalities to raise funeral expense reimbursements to families of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty from $5,000 to $15,000.

Fiscal 2008 Supplemental Budget: The House passed a $278.7 million supplemental budget that closed the books on fiscal 2007 and provided approximately $100 million for key economic development initiatives to stimulate emerging industries such as clean energy development and support growth industries such as life sciences.

Aid To Commercial Fishing Sector: The House voted to provide financial support to the commercial fishing industry in Massachusetts through an appropriation of no less than $500,000.

Tidelands/Chapter 91: The House overwhelmingly passed legislation to ensure a new, public-driven review process for large-scale projects being built on the Commonwealth's many tidelands.

Property Tax Classification: The House acted to reinstate the current property tax rate for businesses at 175 percent of residential rates in a further effort to help stem the rising tide of residential property tax rates.

Ticket Re-Sale Legislation: The House overwhelmingly passed legislation designed to simplify existing laws on the resale of sports, concert and other event tickets while giving broad new protections to consumers victimized by counterfeiters and frauds.

Mortgage Foreclosure Relief: In the midst of a national and statewide mortgage foreclosure crisis, the House passed bold new legislation to help stem the number of mortgage foreclosures by encouraging banks to help borrowers, providing a new three-month window to cure defaults and mandating tough new licensing standards for mortgage loan originators.

Child Abuse and Neglect Legislation: Acting to toughen the laws meant to protect our most vulnerable children from abuse and neglect, the House passed legislation to create a new cabinet secretary dedicated solely to child welfare, establish minimum educational requirements for social workers and their supervisors, and order training of mandatory reporters and increase criminal penalties.

Electronic Health Records for Health and Human Services: To promote a standard and up-to-date system of health records for those enrolled in state health and human service programs, the House passed a bill that would establish a task force to create electronic health records for these individuals.

Protecting Patient Confidentiality: In order to provide clients of licensed mental health counselors with the same right to confidentiality as clients of psychiatrists, social workers and psychologists, the House passed legislation to protect confidential communications in certain legal proceedings between clients and counselor.

Labor Reorganization Bill: In order to increase efficiency among state agencies, the House approved Gov. Patrick's reorganization of the Labor and Workforce Development secretariat.

Darfur Divestment: In an effort to help weaken the government-sanctioned genocide occurring in Darfur, the House voted to divest the state's employee pension funds from companies providing financial support to the Sudanese government.

School Building Assistance: In its three-year history, the MSBA has successfully contained the Commonwealth's unsustainable financial liability under the former program for 1,150 local school construction projects. In July, the Board of the Authority approved the most sweeping revisions to regulations in 60 years and improved the way local school construction is funded. These revised regulations combined with sound fiscal management have allowed the MSBA to reopen a sustainable, reformed grant program this year.

Recently, Treasurer Cahill announced that the Massachusetts School Building Authority had granted 83 new projects including one in the town of Hingham.

The Legislature has many issues deal with in the coming months and your thoughts and comments are always helpful. I look forward to hearing from you.

Garrett J. Bradley is the state Representative for the Third Plymouth District that includes Hingham, Cohasset, Hull and part of Scituate.

Absentee ballots available for Presidential Primary

Absentee ballots for the Presidential Primary on Feb. 5 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon, on Monday, Feb. 4, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. People who will be in town on Election Day and are able to come to the polls should vote in person. Residents may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

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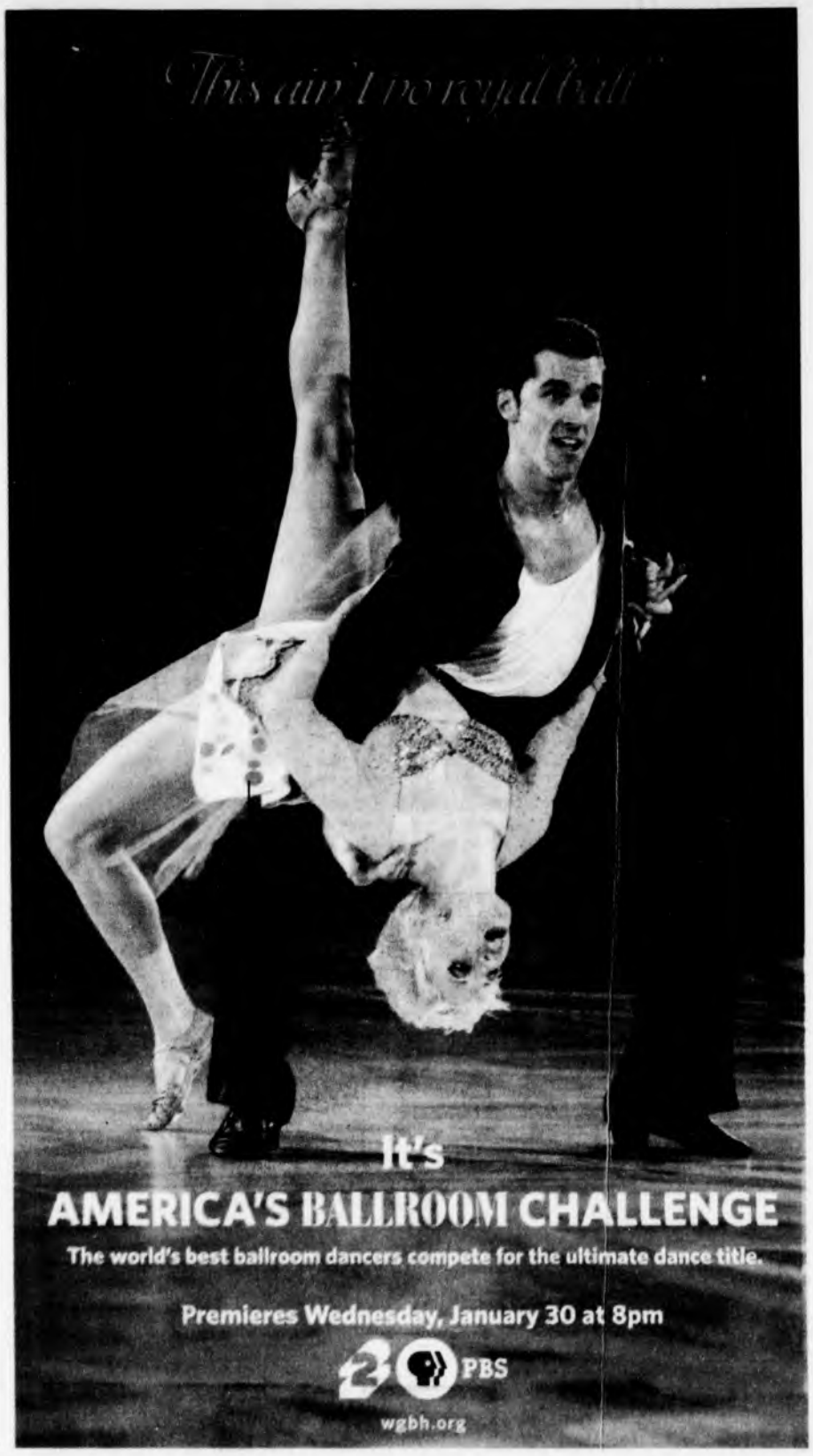
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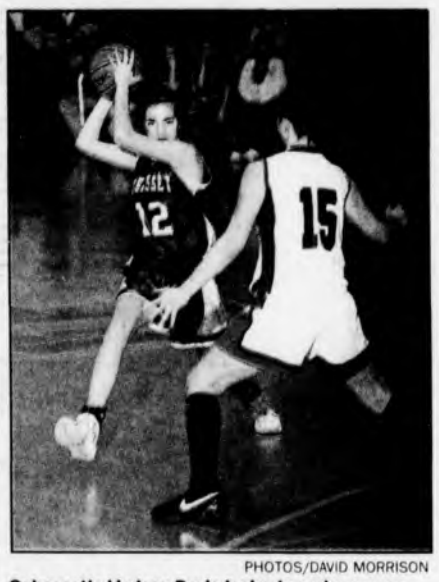
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Cohasset's Lindsay Davis looks to make a pass against Abington.

Girls in first

The Cohasset High girls basketball team qualified for the Division 4 South sectional with a, 58-24, win over Cape Cod Regional Tech, Wednesday night. Carli Haggerty and Tori Lehr each had nine points. Rachel Fredey and Isabelle Franklin got some solid minutes in the game.

Cohasset is 10-2 overall, 8-1 in the South Shore League, good enough for first place. The Skippers took the top spot in the league with the Norwell win against Carver, Tuesday.

Cohasset defeated Abington, 40-27, Tuesday avenging its only league loss of the year.

Tori Lehr led with 11 points, Sammi Lehr added 10 and Samantha Crough chipped in with nine points. Carly Salerno, Kayla Farren and Meredith Kelly dominated on defense and were a big reason the Green Wave only scored 27 points in the game.

Carli Haggerty had 10 rebounds in the game.

The first place Skippers play at home January 25 against Carver. Tip-off is 6:30 p.m.



Sammi Lehr is under a lot of pressure from the Green Wave. The girls are alone in first place after Norwell defeated Carver, Tuesday night.

Change up

Top two lines look tip-top with Doonan's return

By Joel Racicot
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Chemistry and hockey go hand in hand like February and pond skating. When Cohasset High sophomore Brendan Doonan went down with a groin injury during warm-ups a few ago, linemates, Pat Doonan and Charlie Czerkawski were without their third wheel.

In comes Paul Pozniak and things start to click. Over three games that powerful line scores 11-of-13 goals. Doonan comes back but Pozzy has been very effective on the top line so Skippers coach Bob Walsh sticks him with the Goetz brothers, Alex and Anders, on the second line.

It's a match made in hockey.

"We flipped the guys and that second line produced big," Walsh said. "That line explodes with Doonan and now we have two lines that can put the puck in the net."

Walsh notes that both lines were producing OK, but since the switch they have done much better. Take the last two games, Harwich and Carver, both Cohasset wins. The Skippers are now 7-3-1 overall, (6-1 in the South Shore League, good for second place behind Norwell).

The Skippers knocked off Harwich, 8-6, Saturday, Jan. 19. Doonan returned and scored one goal and handed out three assists. Anders Goetz got his first hat trick, and the eventual game-winning goal. Alex Goetz scored an empty netter and added three assist of his own.

Talk about production from your second line.

"I talked to Brendan and I said 'I think you are the missing link on that line,' they clicked and played off each other, it was great," Walsh said.

As for the top line, they played outstanding as usual, with Pat Doonan, Czerkawski and Pozniak combing for two goals and four assists. Ian Lyster scored and Frank Wheelwright and Conor Queenan both contributed in the win.

"This game pretty much started out as expected but from my perspective, it didn't finish in the manner I thought it would," Walsh said. "I give a tremendous amount of credit to Harwich. They're a good team with a short bench, (only 12

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Skippers hit the mats

Wrestlers in league title hunt; ready for sectionals

By Joel Racicot
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In the life of a wrestling season the wins and losses aren't as important as first glance may indicate. That's why the 5-13 overall mark for the Cohasset High boys wrestling team is a bit deceiving. The Skippers still have a very good shot at winning the May Shore League title.

At 3-0 in the MSL, and with a big match against Tri-County (Tuesday, Feb. 5) most likely the decider there is plenty of important wrestling ahead for Cohasset. Instead of needing to be .500 or better overall to qualify as a team for the tournament, all of the individual scores will be added up during sectionals this year and a team score will be given. The top four teams make the tournament.

That's why Saturday's quad meet against Durfee, Wayland and Whitman-Hanson doesn't sting all that bad. Cohasset lost, 42-36, to Durfee; 50-6, against Wayland and, 39-33, to Whitman-Hanson.

"It absolutely doesn't hurt," Cohasset wrestling coach Torin Sweeney said. "It doesn't hurt to have a good non-league schedule, we will show our mettle in the sectionals."

Stephen Hurlbut won all three of his matches over the weekend and freshman Thomas Flibotte was an "eyelash" away from winning all three of his, going 2-1. Another freshman, Alex Kinnealey (189 pounds) is contributing and playing an important role.

"He's doing a great job at that weight class for such a young kid," Sweeney said.

Injuries have hurt Cohasset. Mike Froio and Nick Secatore have seen limited action lately and they have been sorely missed, especially during the Cohasset Wrestling Tournament held Jan. 12.

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Down the stretch they come

Skippers 6-6 heading into Carver game

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High boys basketball team lost to Abington, 64-51, at home Tuesday night. Pat McCarthy led the Skippers with 20 points in the game; Dan Martin added 15 points and 12 rebounds and Robert Jones chipped in with nine points. The Skippers are now 6-6 overall, 2-4 in the South Shore League and need some big wins down the stretch if they want to qualify for the Division 4 South sectionals.

"We came out slow in the first half and fell behind by a considerable amount," Cohasset coach Dorian Bryant noted about the Abington game. "The kids worked really hard to cut the lead to four in the fourth quarter but we have to do a better job of staying close."

The boys defeated East Bridgewater, Friday night, 78-61. Martin continued his outstanding play, recording his second straight triple double with 20 points, 12 rebounds and 11 blocks. The big guy has been, *ah* huge, for Cohasset.

"Right now he is being really aggressive on offense," Bryant said. "He has also found his touch, it's not often you find a guy with his size that can hit a 10- or 12-foot jump shot and our offense is geared toward that."

With big games against Carver, Hull and Norwell on the horizon, the Skippers are going to have to put their best foot forward if they want to make the tournament.

If Martin is Taylor Made for the Skippers offense then the same goes for the defense where the junior center dominates the defensive boards and continues to record a silly number of blocks per game.

"He is blocking shots well," Bryant said. "We are teaching him to stay down on the initial move and then go up on the second, he is pretty good at timing and continues to rebound well."

Marcus Charles added 16 points against the Vikings with Gordon Smith (15 points) and McCarthy (10) both playing well in the win.

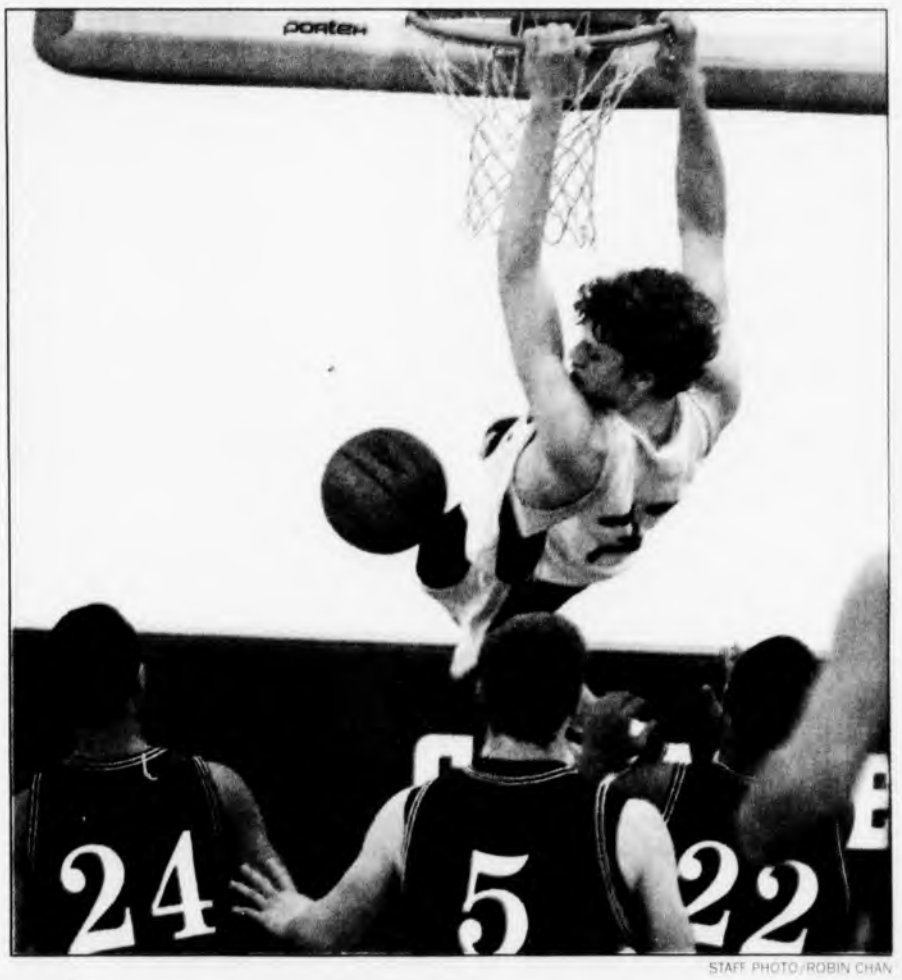
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"As always you got to win," Bryant said with a laugh when asked what his team needed to do to get into the tourney. "Every opponent we have now is tough. We have to take care of things in practice, rebounding, defense, and free throw shooting. We are playing better as a team and hopefully what we do in practice will translate in the games."

Having a freshman point guard doesn't worry Bryant.

"The backcourt is playing really solid," he said. "Robert Jones is really steady and I am just impressed with him as a freshman point guard. Even when he struggles a little bit he is playing well."

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Right, Cohasset's Danny Martin (33) hangs on to the rim after his slam dunk earlier in the season. Martin has been dominating down low for the Skippers.

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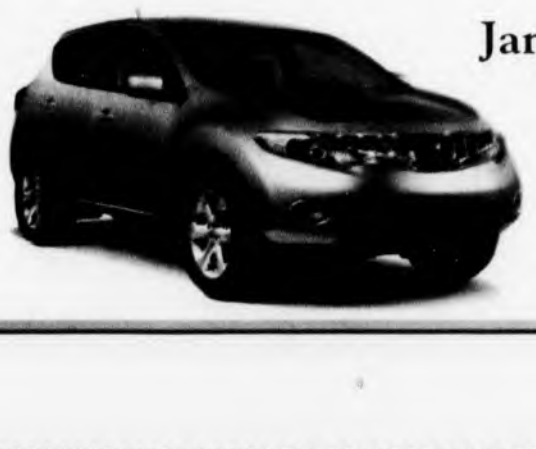
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In the end; however, the sports staff at Community Newspaper Company (CNC) had to make some tough decisions and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top public school boys soccer athletes for this honor.

This is the Community Newspaper Company boys soccer *squad comprised of athletes from Taunton, Lakeville Raynham, Randolph, Avon, Hanson, Whitman, Hanover, Marshfield, Weymouth, Braintree, Plymouth, West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Norwell, Scituate, Hingham, Abington, Rockland, Halifax, Plympton, Easton, Pembroke, Kingston, Holbrook, Carver, Cohasset, Duxbury, Norton and Mansfield. This is an abridged version of the team. For a complete list visit www.cohassetmariner.com*

Sam Roth – Senior
Midfielder – Cohasset

Roth was one of the better scorers in the South Shore League…The South Shore League All-Star scored 13 goals and had 18 assists for the Skippers…Led Cohasset into the state tournament and spearheaded the Skippers offense from the midfield position.

Kereith Pinnock – Senior (Capt.)
Forward – Carver

The speedy forward ended his high school soccer career by helping the Crusaders to their second South Shore League title in four seasons…Despite being the player every team wanted to stop, the three-time South Shore League All-Star selection still managed to score 58 goals and assist on 17 others during his career.

Jared Spicer – Junior
Midfielder – Carver

Spicer was one of Carver's top offensive threats, playing a part in many goals this season…He closed out the season with nine goals and 11 assists…The three-year starter helped Carver to a perfect regular season and the South Shore League title.

Cory Hendrickson – Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder – Duxbury

An All-State All-Star this season, Hendrickson was ranked by Division 2 coaches as the top player in the Patriot League this past fall…A skilled midfielder, the flow of the game was controlled by Hendrickson, who led the Dragons to a share of the Patriot League Keenan title with a 7-2-2 mark…Also added six points with three goals, three assists…Hopes to continue his soccer career in college.

Dan Sangster – Sophomore
Forward – Duxbury

Talk about a breakout season…Sangster was named an Eastern Mass. All-star in his first varsity year, leading the Dragons with 20 points on 10 goals, 10 assists…Had a stellar game against rival Hingham, tallying two goals, one assist in a 3-1 win, helping Duxbury lock up a share of the Patriot League Keenan title (7-2-2)…Also plays hockey at Duxbury High and plans to continue his soccer career in college someday.

James Adams – Senior
Forward – East Bridgewater

Finished second in scoring on the team with six goals and four assists this season…Scored two goals in a season-defining victory over Rockland in September…The Vikings hadn't beaten Rockland in seven years… Scored the clinching goal in East Bridgewater's 2-0 shutout of Pembroke in the tournament quarterfinals playing as the Vikings only forward because injuries had forced head coach Jeff Driscoll to move everybody else back…A South Shore League All-Star this year.

Nicholas Clark – Senior (Capt.)
Goalie – East Bridgewater

Clark led East Bridgewater to the Division 3 South semifinals…Pitched 11 shutouts this season to lead the South Shore League…Allowed more than one goal only once in 18 regular season games…Finished the season with a sparkling 0.28 goals against average…Shut out Pembroke, 2-0, in the tournament quarterfinals…A South Shore League All-Star in '06 and '07.

Greg Giguere – Senior
Striker – East Bridgewater

Senior striker led the Vikings in scoring this season with 15 goals and seven assists…A three-year starter, Giguere wrapped up his career with 27 goals and 13 assists…Scored winning goal in double-overtime in East Bridgewater's 2-1opening round win over Cardinal Spellman…A South Shore League All-Star this season.

Jake Smock – Senior (Capt.)
Goalie – Hanover

A two-year starter in the net for the Indians, Smock was about as solid as it gets…The senior posted 12 shutouts this season, perhaps his biggest coming in a late-season 0-0 draw with Pembroke, with whom Hanover shared the Patriot League Fisher Division title (8-1-2)…Finished the fall with a stellar 0.81 goals against average…Also plays lacrosse at Hanover High and hopes to attend the University of Vermont next fall.

Charlie Wasson – Senior (Capt.)
Defense – Hingham

This talented player was an Eastern Mass. All-Star for the rebuilding Harbormen squad, which still qualified for the Division 2 postseason with a 6-6-6 mark…On a team which struggled to score at times, Wasson continually kept his squad in games this past fall with his strong play…Was an essential part of a defense that shutout five opponents and was edged in several contests by a lone goal…Also played a role in Hingham's previous two seasons, reaching the Division 2 South finals two years in a row.

Robbie Canning – Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder – Marshfield

Blistering speed and toughness made this flashy midfielder a huge asset for the Atlantic Coast League North Division champion Rams (10-0-3)…Canning was among the leading scorers on the Marshfield team this season and got the squad going in its Division 1 quarterfinal tourney game against Mansfield with a goal…Later, he had to leave the game after taking a hard hit and sat out the remainder of the tournament, where the Rams reached the semifinals.

Ryan Fischer – Senior (Capt.)
Forward – Marshfield

A dynamic player at midfield/forward whose skills are uncompromised, Fisher earned All-State All-Star honors this past fall…Led his team and was second in the Atlantic Coast League in scoring with 23 points on 11 goals, 12 assists…Paced the Rams to an Atlantic Coast League North Division title (10-0-3) and appearance in the Division 1 South semifinals…Also a hockey player at Marshfield High, Fisher plans continue his soccer career in college.

Colin Henry – Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder – Norwell

It's hard to encapsulate this kid's career as a Clipper…A two-time South Shore League Most Valuable Player, finished his career with 68 goals and 53 assists…All State selection and Eastern Mass. All-Star the last two seasons…Led the team with 21 goals and 15 assists this season, leading the Clippers back into the tournament…"Colin is probably the best all around player I've ever had the pleasure to coach," Norwell coach Jack Browne said…Plans to play soccer at Boston University next year.

Mike McCarthy – Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder – Norwell

One of the most well-rounded players on the South Shore, McCarthy was a four year varsity player…Named to the South Shore League All-Star team, scored 10 goals and had seven assists this season…"Mikey was just such a huge part of our overall game at both ends of the field," Norwell coach Jack Browne said. Plans on playing soccer in college next year.

Justin LaBonte – Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder – Pembroke

Led the Titans to the Division 3 South Sectional final with a team high 10 goals and 11 assists…A two-time Patriot League All-Star, finished his career with 25 goals and 18 assists…Team captain both junior and senior year and named to the Eastern Mass. All-Star team.

Joe Bohenek – Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder – Rockland

This speedy midfield/defender was very tough to contain, often getting offensive plays going from the back for the tough-luck Bulldogs (4-13-1)…A three-year starter and two-year Patriot League All-Star, Bohenek was a key part of a Rockland squad that was in every game it played, with five losses by one goal…Also plays basketball and runs outdoor track at Rockland High.

Tucker Fairbanks – Junior
Midfielder – Silver Lake

Fairbanks will be one of the key components next fall when the Lakers set out to defend their Patriot League title…The Patriot League All-Star used his speed to be a force on both ends of the soccer field.

Adam Smith – Senior
Forward – Silver Lake

When the Lakers needed a goal this season, more often than not Smith was right there to find the back of the net…The first-time Patriot League All-Star led the league with 15 goals…He closed out his high school soccer career with 23 goals and one assist.

Honorable mentions:

Matt Kelly – Sr. – Forward. – Avon
Tony Bernasconi – Jr. – Midfield – Avon
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Skippers hit the mats

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The Skippers placed sixth out of 10 teams. Hurlbut, David Toomey and Jack Murphy recorded third place finishes. Ross Collins-Wooley took fourth.

"It's a great tournament," Sweeney said, the tourney is now in its 17th year. "The young guys got to see a lot of good wrestling and that was important. We are so young and with the injuries that we have guys are learning everyday."

Cohasset has won the tournament a number of times over the years and should be favorites down the road when some of the youngsters from this year's team get more experienced. Cohasset only has two seniors (Hurlbut and Secatore).

Cohasset vs. Carver, Jan. 16

The Skippers defeated the Crusaders after trailing, 24-6, at one point. Andrew Littauer, David Toomey, Jake Wheelwright and Stephen Hurlbut all won by pin. Hurlbut's pin at 215 pounds clinched the victory.

"He's having a great season," Sweeney said about his senior captain who is 20-2 through this past weekend. He also has 17 pins on the year.

"The pins have been great," Sweeney said. "You don't want to count on them but looking at a match he's a guy that is going to get you six points. The whole match starts with him."

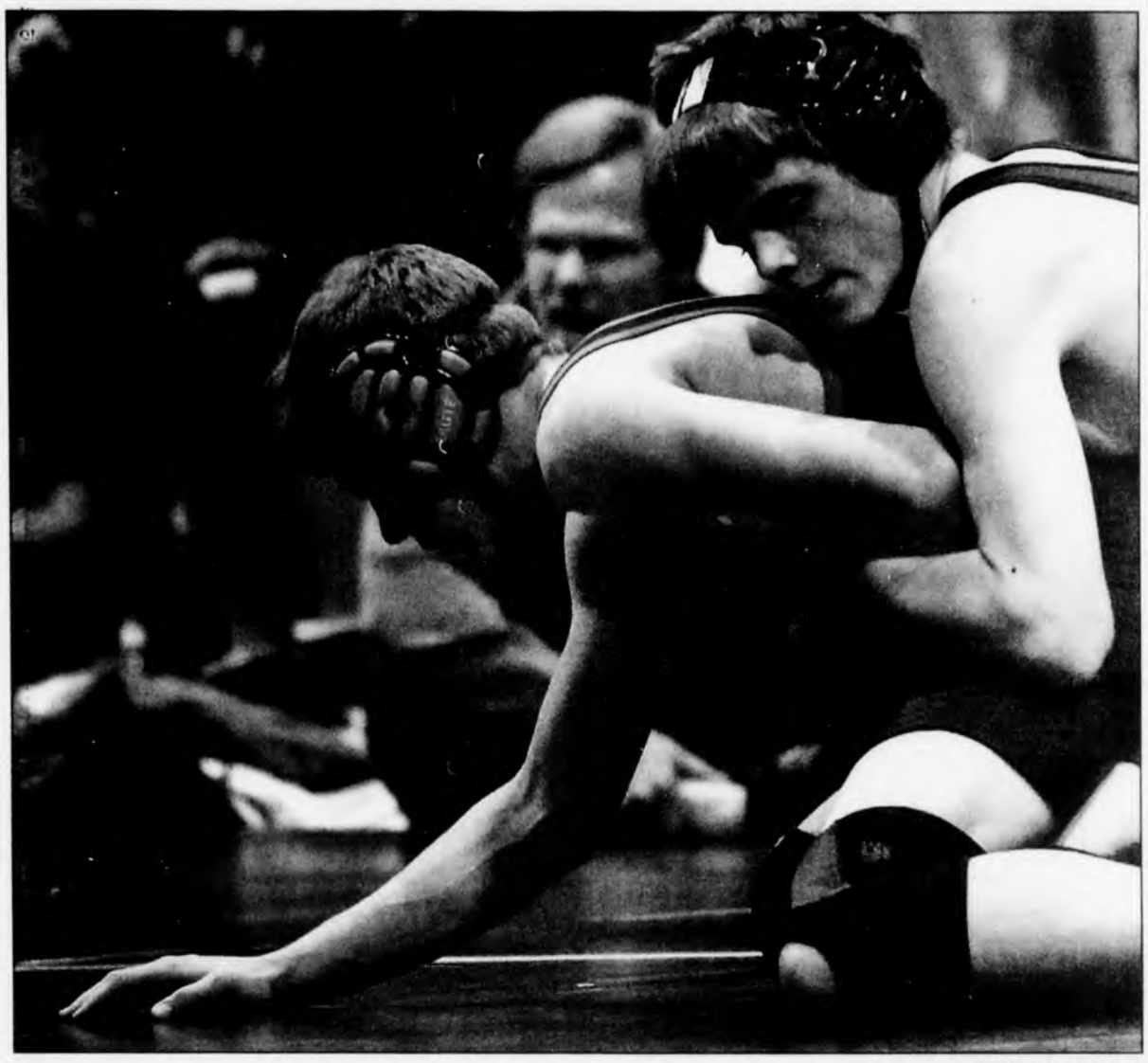
Cohasset vs. Norwell; Jan. 9

The Skippers clinched a valiant comeback beating the Clippers, 42-36. They trailed, 24-9, when Littauer, Toomey, Wheelwright, Collins-Wooley and Froio all won their matches by pin. Flibotte got his first varsity win in this one, but it was Hurlbut who, as usual, had the game-winning pin.

"That was a big league match," Sweeney said. "They (Norwell) are really coming along."

Up next

Cohasset wrestled Southeastern Regional earlier this week (Wednesday, Jan. 23) after the Mariner went to press. They will wrestle at Marshfield today (Friday, Jan. 25) at 4 p.m.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Andrew Littauer (140 lbs) has a hold of his Middleboro opponent during his first round win in the Marshfield Holiday Wrestling Tournament. Littauer and the rest of the wrestlers have been busy of late and are 3-0 in the May Shore League, through this weekend.

Cohasset High School sports schedule

Boys Varsity Wrestling

January		
25	@Marshfield	4 p.m.
25	@Rockland	4 p.m.
25	@Scituate	4 p.m.
30	@S.S. Reg.	7 p.m.
February		
2	Nauset	10 a.m.
2	Worcester Tech.	10 a.m.
2	Milton	10 a.m.
5	Tri-County	3:30 p.m.
9	@MIAA Div. 3	TBA

Boys Varsity Basketball

All games at 6:30 p.m. unless noted.

January		
25	@Carver	
29	@Harwich	
February		
1	Hull	6 p.m.
5	Norwell	
7	S.S. Regional	5 p.m.
8	@Mashpee	
13	E. Bridgewater	
14	S.S. Christian	

Girls Varsity Basketball

All games at 6:30 p.m. unless noted.

January		
25	Carver	
29	Harwich	
February		
1	Hull	7:30 p.m.
5	@Norwell	
8	Mashpee	
11	@Cape Cod Reg.	5:30 p.m.
13	@E. Bridgewater	
14	S.S. Christian	5 p.m.

Girls Varsity Gymnastics

January		
26	Brockton	1:30 p.m.
28	@Marshfield	7 p.m.
February		
1	Notre Dame	7 p.m.
4	@Silver Lake	7 p.m.
9	@Cranberry Conf. Meet/Somerset	TBA

Boys Varsity Ice Hockey

January		
26	@Abington	4:30 p.m.
30	@Norwell	7:40 p.m.
February		
6	Hull	7:40 p.m.
8	Rockland	8 p.m.
10	@Mashpee	6:55 p.m.
13	@Harwich	7 p.m.
16	@S.S. Regional	2:50 p.m.
20	@Old Rochester	10:30 a.m.

Sports Notes

Coaching vacancies

Spring Sports

Head Boys and Girls Track and Field Coach (co-operative team w/ Hull), Head Softball Coach, JV Softball Coach. All interested parties should contact Ron Ford at 781-383-6103.

CYBSA Launches New Online Registration for 2008 Season

The Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association (CYBSA) will hold its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball spring season ONLINE beginning December 21, 2007 through February 1, 2008. Parents/Guardians can complete the registration process by visiting our website: CYBSA.net.

The registration process will be closed on February 1, 2008. Registrations that are completed after February 1, 2008 will be charged a $50 per player late fee and late registrants will only be placed on a team if space permits, on a first come first serve basis. The late fee will be strictly enforced, and there is no guarantee that late registered players will be accommodated, as uniform orders and other season plans will be made on February 1st. Your cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order equipment and uniforms so that we are ready for opening day.

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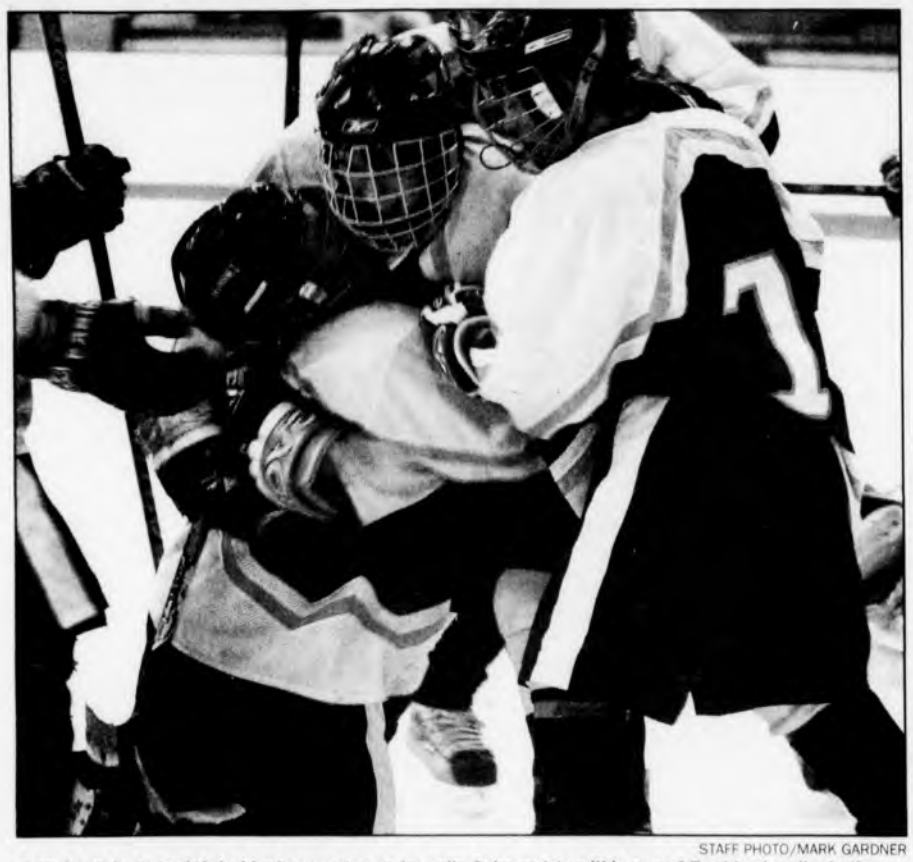
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Alex Goetz is congratulated by teammates as he pulls Cohasset to within one of Rockland earlier in the year. Goetz netted a hat trick Wednesday night against Carver.

Change up

FROM CHANGE UP, PAGE 17

skaters and two goalies).

"They poured it on in the third period, out worked us and took advantage of a number of mistakes we made in a number of areas," Walsh said. "As a result, we took four penalties, making us shorthanded for six of the 15 minute period. However, we were fortunate enough to come away with the win."

Cohasset led by as much as, 7-4, before Harwich crept back into the game.

Wednesday night the Skippers beat Carver, 8-4. The game was closer than the final score indicated. Cohasset led, 2-1, after one period and, 4-3, after two periods.

Anders Goetz scored on a penalty shot to get things started in the third period. He finished the game with one goal and three assists. Alex Goetz recorded a hat trick, including two third period goals. Czerkawski finished with two goals.

Pat Doonan (20) points and Czerkawski (18) were leading the team in scoring through the Harwich game (Carver stats not included).

Cohasset outshot Carver 39-25 in the win. They play Saturday night, Jan. 26, against Abington at the Rockland Ice Rink. The puck drops at 4:30 p.m.

Rock the night away

Come dance the night away to the classic rock sounds of the "GR8FLS" (formerly known as the Greatful Dads) at the beautiful Red Lion Inn Barn, February 1. The event benefits the Cohasset Hockey team and promises to be a rockin' time for everyone.

If you didn't make it last year, don't miss it this year. It's a great way to shake off the doldrums of winter and have a fun night out with friends in Cohasset. Here are the details, February 1, 8:00 p.m. to midnight. Classic and current rock provided by the "GR8FLS." Tickets are $20, available at the door or through any hockey team member or parent. Hors D'Oeurves and cash bar, so join the Cohasset Hockey Boosters who truly know how to put the "fun" back in fundraising and "come on down" to the Red Lion Inn February 1!

Hoop team wins three out of four

Sixth grader travel squad receiving contributions from all players

The Cohasset sixth grade travel basketball team posted three victories out of their last four Patriot League contests. The boys in blue continue to improve as the season takes shape and the competition gets stronger. This well coached team is developing its skills with improved shooting and great defense, including tight press coverage and good pass blocking; overall good team execution of plays that are drilled during weekly practices. This team sees production from every position, which is evident with scoring seen across the board. As the team approaches midseason, the competition looks to pick-up a notch, as the boys will face teams sitting high in the standings in the upcoming weeks of play.

The setting for Saturday night's contest against Silver Lake could have fooled most Hollywood producers for the set on Hoosiers…dim lights…seasoned court…noisy rims…good old fashioned round ball charm! Silver Lake came to play, but Cohasset was up for the challenge. Timmy Cavanaro started the scoring for Cohasset with a nice 12-foot jumper to get things going. Cavanaro finished the night with a pair of baskets and an all-around great effort. Henry Brown scored four himself and played great defense, he was a force all game. Brendan O'Connell directed things from the point draining five, including one big-timer from a wood-grain away from three-point land. Jack Conte drained a clean swish late in the game to keep things close. Rocco Laugelle, Jack Stanganelli and Mark Brown contributed with a bucket each. Connor Green was a beast on the boards, logging four points while doing a nice job maintaining possession.

But this one was back and forth from the get go, and Silver Lake battled to the end, including taking the lead with seconds remaining before Chris "Hoops" Haggerty rose to the occasion with a sweet looper through the rickety rim to knot it up with seconds left. Onto overtime, which became "Joe Buckley" time. In fact this game was just about all Joe B's tremendous effort. Buckley led the team in scoring with 11 points, including a way too dramatic finishing bucket to put this one away in double overtime. What a finish!

Hanson traveled to Cohasset's home court Sunday afternoon to play a close contest that would test Cohasset's patience on defense, as Hanson had some good shooters and a tenacious point guard that fought hard all game. This game was another example of how Cohasset continues to get production across the board from every position. Eleven players posted numbers in the scoring column, indicating a very well balanced attack. Doug Fitzgerald, Zach Coggins and Jack Conte all continue to handle the ball well at guard and create multiple scoring chances. Brendan O'Connell and Rocco Laugelle played terrific on both sides of the ball. Big men Mark Rattenbury and Mark Brown put up some big numbers all game to lead their team to a 34-20 victory.

Saturday afternoon Pembroke hosted Cohasset in a game that played a lot closer than the final score indicated. Cohasset prevailed 34-15 in the end, but the halftime score of 12-8 was more indicative of the close contest through midway of the second half. Overall, Cohasset played another well-balanced effort receiving scoring from nine out of 11 players and a solid effort from everyone on the floor. Jack Stanganelli played a wonderful game at the forward position with many scoring chances, great defense, good passing and great hustle. Laugelle and Rattenbury led the team in scoring. Mark McKenna and Brendan O'Connell each scored four and played solid from the guard position. Doug Fitzgerald, Chris Haggerty and Timmy Cavanaro all contributed with points and strong play. Jack Conte displayed great ball control and disrupted Pembroke's rhythm with good defense. A well-played contest by the visiting team to post three wins in a row.

The last of the four-game stretch was at home against the second place team from Whitman that takes no prisoners. These boys mean business. This was a good experience for Cohasset to see how a bigger town that produces bigger talent plays bigger and better. Whitman came out firing and never looked back. Cohasset held on and fought hard for the entire game, but in the end fell, 39-21, for the first time in four games. A great run that hopes to continue as the season grows old with experience.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

Marcus Charles makes a free throw for Cohasset.

Down the stretch they come

FROM STRETCH, PAGE 17

Senior leadership from David Snowdale continues to be, and will be relied upon if Cohasset wants to be successful from here on out.

"He has been excellent for us," Bryant said about the senior forward. "He brings leadership and gets us ready to go every game."

Snowdale doesn't put up big numbers on a regular basis, but he and teammate Kyle Pinkus bring a level of toughness on defense.

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At the end of her Gym Dandy class Cameron Sasso blows bubbles.



Casey Bell checks the springboard at the South Shore Community Center during her Gym Dandy class.



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Family bonding on the high seas

Felicity Long
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Aboard the Liberty of the Seas — There comes a time in every family, no matter how tightknit, when for kids the idea of traveling with parents is a lot less appealing than hanging out with friends. That said, cruise lines have put a lot of energy into creating a product that entertains hard-to-please teens.

A case in point is Royal Caribbean's new Liberty of the Seas, a 3,634-passenger ship, which shares the title of world's largest cruise ship with its sister, Freedom of the Seas.

Lured by features that include onboard surfing, indoor ice skating and a rock-climbing wall, I set out to experience the Liberty with my 14-year-old daughter, Chloe, on a weeklong eastern Caribbean cruise out of Miami.

It was the wave pool that proved to be the A-list attraction. The FlowRider lives up to the hype, drawing crowds of kids and adults looking to brave the wave. Even though staff is on hand to help surfers climb onto their surfboards, falls are frequent, much to the hilarity of the spectators - bathing suit mishaps add to the laughter. (We recommend you wear a T-shirt over your suit.)

Because we had three full days at sea, we had plenty of time to snag some rays at the ship's main outdoor swimming pool and H20 Zone, where water sculptures and spray features are a real hit for families with younger kids.

Chloe and I strapped on skates and hit the indoor ice rink, where you can also watch an impressive ice show performed by a professional cast.

With the ship attracting a family crowd, Adventure Ocean youth programming is offered at five age levels for kids 3 to 17.

I had to nudge Chloe to try the teen program, not so much because she was driving me crazy - she wasn't - but because I knew she would have more fun if she found a few kids her own age to hang out with.

She quickly made friends, and the activities turned out to be pretty cool - especially Scratch DJ 101, with hands-on turntable lessons created by New York's Scratch DJ Academy. Teens also have their own lounge called Fuel. And young drama queens can try their acting chops via a series of performance sessions taught by professionals from New York City's Camp Broadway children's theater program.

With Chloe occupied, I had time to enjoy drinks in the bar and sneak away by myself to the adults-only solarium area, lured by hot tubs that sexily extend over the edge of the deck.



The FlowRider wave pool is the A-list attraction on the Liberty of the Seas, a ship filled with things to do.



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Family ice skating fun on the Liberty of the Seas.

A favorite feature for both of us was the ship's Royal Promenade, an atrium-style interior walkway lined with shops and restaurants where there is nearly always a party, musical event or parade going on. Picture Jumbie dancers on stilts, jugglers entertaining small fry, performances by a classical trio and a few uniformed crew zipping around on Segways and you get the idea.

The shops had some surprisingly trendy items, including Roxy jeans and T-shirts and Havaianas flip-flops, all for about what you'd expect to pay on shore.

The Promenade is also the place to come for a free slice of pizza, a deli sandwich or fresh-baked cookies. Or you can pony up a few dollars for a Ben & Jerry's ice cream or designer coffee drink.

For a splurge, the ship's Day Spa not only offers a full menu of adult treatments, but also a program for kids with treatments like Surfers Scrub and Acne Attack Facial. Those under 16 have to have a parent in the room during spa treatments, some of which are quite pricey - about double what you'd pay at home.

Dining venues on the Liberty of the Seas include the three-level main dining room, the Windjammer buffet and the poolside grill. But for us the real attraction was the onboard Johnny Rockets, where onion rings, burgers and floats are served by dancing waiters. The specialty restaurants, Chop's Steakhouse and Portofino, serving Italian (both have a cover charge of $20 per person) are a worthwhile splurge.

While much was happening onboard, there are plenty of options for onshore fun.

On St. Maarten, we signed up for the ship's Loterie Farm Treetop Adventure Tour, a combination zipline and ropes course. Beside the fact that participants had to hook up their own cables at each of the 30 or so treetop stops - and I would encourage the company to get a better system - the course was fun in a high adrenaline sort of way. It made for some good mother-daughter bonding, except that Chloe whipped through the course so fast I barely saw her.

We spent our day in San Juan, Puerto Rico, horseback riding in the rainforest, stopping for a refreshing dip in the river at the halfway point.

In Labadee, Haiti, where Royal Caribbean operates a private beach (but allows pushy vendors) we joined the ship's fitness staff for yoga on the beach, followed by a joyously crazy 2,600-foot Dragon's Breath zipline flight over water.

The smile from Chloe after the hair-raising adventure said it all.

Healthy Cruising

Mainstream cruising has come a long way from the days when it was all about eating and shuffleboard. Having said that, the average passenger can gain up to 7 pounds on a weeklong cruise, according to conventional wisdom. But what if you could reverse the trend and come away a little lighter without sacrificing any of the sun and fun Caribbean cruises are famous for?

Thanks to the new Vitality program (also available on sister ship Freedom of the Seas), this goal might be more attainable than you think. The program intertwines fitness activities, menu choices and shore excursions designed to help cruisers eat more healthfully and get moving.

As someone who regards the shipboard gym as a room you walk through on the way to the spa, I was skeptical at first. But the Vitality program comprised some pretty fun options - tai chi, yoga on the beach, Pilates and even seminars on body age assessment and acupuncture. Even the things I didn't try - such as working with a personal trainer in a boxing ring and jogging on the dedicated jogging trail - were appealing. By the end of the cruise, I was even voluntarily hitting the elliptical trainer.

The seminars on nutrition were a little less interesting to me, partly because they emphasized low-fat dining, while I'm more of a low-carb fan. The menu choices at the Windjammer buffet featured plenty of low-fat items while not as many fresh vegetables as I would have liked. The salad bar, however, was consistently first rate, and the Vitality options at the sit-down restaurants were appetizing and included a full range of appetizers and desserts.

IF YOU go...

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Warm indoor fun in Vermont

Frances J. Folsom
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IN NEW ENGLAND

Most people head to Vermont in winter to enjoy the outdoor delights, but there are plenty of enticing indoor activities as well. If you're not a skier, or when your legs tell you it's time for a break from the slopes or cross-country trails, check out some of these educational options.

Upper Valley

King Arthur Flour Co. Baking School, Norwich, 800-652-3334, www.kingarthurflour.com

Keep warm and be surrounded by wonderful aromas in one of the classes run by the King Arthur Flour Co. Learn to bake artisan, rye, rustic, yeast and sourdough breads and wood-fired pizzas. Or create luscious pies, cookies, scones and muffins. Prices range from $50 for three-hour classes to $250 for two-day seminars.

Montshire Museum of Science, Norwich
802-649-2200, www.montshire.org

This science museum boasts 60 mostly hands-on exhibits on nature and science. All are imaginatively wrapped in a stunning state-of-the-art building.

Billings Farm and Museum, Rte. 12, Woodstock
802-457-2355, www.billingsfarm.org

Founded in 1871 by Vermonter Frederick Billings, today the farm pays homage to Vermont's rural agricultural history. Exhibits are housed in several connected 19th century barns.

Southern Vermont

Bennington Museum, Bennington
802-447-1571, www.benningtonmuseum.com

On view here is the largest private collection of artwork by Grandma Moses in the United States. The museum is also known for its examples of Bennington pottery dating back to 1785, 18th century American glassware and dioramas and artifacts depicting the Revolutionary War battle of Bennington. (Closed in January.)

Mid-Vermont

Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, Burlington
802-863-5966, www.flynncenter.org

This art deco gem features a full calendar of winter entertainment; choose from performances of "Doubt"or "Three Days of Rain" by the Vermont Stage Co. or the musical comedy of Capital Steps and ballet by the St. Petersburg Ballet Theater.

Fleming Art Museum, Burlington
802-656-2090, www.uvm.edu/fleming/

Located on the campus of the University of Vermont, the Fleming is a repository for 20,000 anthropological objects spanning from early Mesopotamia to 21st century America.

Northern Vermont

St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, St. Johnsbury
802-748-8291, www.stjathenaeum.org

This National Historic Landmark was a gift to the town from Horace Fairbanks, industrialist and art collector. The Hudson River School is well-represented in the art gallery.

Fairbanks Museum, St. Johnsbury
802-748-2372, www.fairbanksmuseum.org

Down the street from the Athenaeum, this museum serves up a collection of mounted birds, mammals, reptiles, fish and insects from around the world.

SCHOOLS

Cohasset Middle School honor roll

The following students were named to the honor roll at Cohasset Middle School.

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Integrated Preschool

Applications for the Cohasset Integrated Preschool will be available Monday, Jan. 28, at both Osgood School and the Student Services Office at Cohasset Middle High School. Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2008 to participate in the morning class and 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2008 to participate in the afternoon class.

Applications should be returned to the Student Services Office at 143 Pond St., no later than Friday, Feb. 15. The lottery will be held Monday, Feb. 25, and families will be notified by mail that week.

A deposit of $75 is due by Monday, March 10, to hold the space. Tuition is currently $1,500 for the year, which includes four days of 2.5-hour sessions each school week, but is subject to change by the school committee.

Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2008-2009 school year has begun. Registration will be at Osgood School, daily, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents will be asked to indicate interest in full-day kindergarten or half-time kindergarten at the time or registration. Parents are also encouraged to register early to facilitate planning for programs.

Children who turn 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2008, are eligible to attend kindergarten. A birth certificate and proof of residency are required in order to register.

For more information, call Osgood School at 781-383-6117.

First Parish to host parenting seminar

The program will focus on discipline methods that work, how to prevent tantrums, how to make rules your child will follow, routines that make life easier, how to care for your child at different stages and great ways to take care of yourself.

Is parenting your little one tougher than you thought it would be? First Parish Unitarian-Universalist on Cohasset Common, with the help of The Social Service League of Cohasset, will host the nationally-celebrated parenting course, "1, 2, 3, 4, Parents!" for the parents of children 1 to 4.

"1, 2, 3, 4 Parents!" is a two-hour, three-session video-based interactive learning experience that is both entertaining and educational. The program is written by national parenting experts, Dr. Michael Popkin, Dr. Betsy Gard and Dr. Marilyn Montgomery. Jan Tedeschi of Marshfield will facilitate all sessions. Jan has a master's degree in marriage and family therapy, and is a certified school adjustment counselor who has taught active parenting courses for more than a decade.

The program will focus on discipline methods that work, how to prevent tantrums, how to make rules your child will follow, routines that make life easier, how to care for your child at different stages and great ways to take care of yourself. Participants will meet other parents of toddlers and preschoolers and discover what a wonderful difference the program will make for themselves and their families.

The program will take place Tuesdays, Jan. 29, and Feb. 5 and 12, in the livingroom of First Parish. There is a choice of two sessions, 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is $100 per person for First Parish members and $120 for nonmembers. A 25 percent discount is available for spouses attending the same program. Some financial assistance is available, courtesy of The Social Service League of Cohasset.

The program is open to the entire community. To register call Sandy Bailey, parish administrator, at 781-383-1100. Sign-up is on a first-come first-served basis and classes fill up quickly.

For more information, call Woody Chittick at 781-383-3215 or Jan Tedeschi at 781-659-1885, or visit www.askjantedeschi.com.

In addition, the three-week "Active Parenting Now!" course for parents of children 5 through 12 will be offered beginning Wednesday, Feb. 27.

Rockin' Time at the Red Lion Barn on Feb. 1

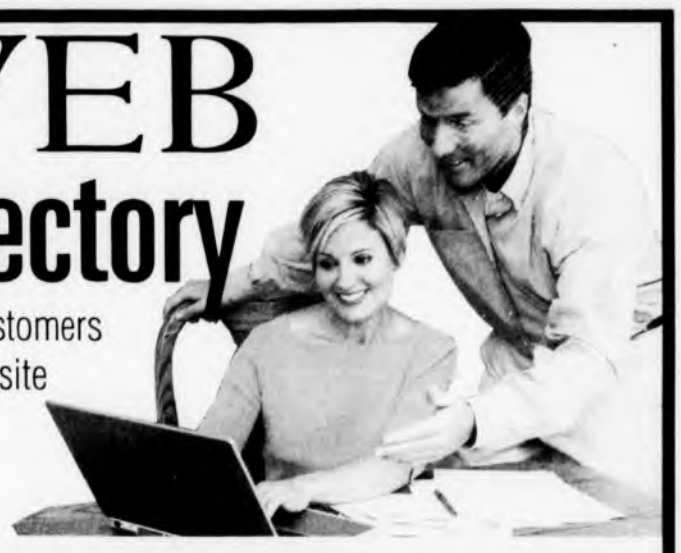
Come dance the night away to the classic rock sounds of the "GR8FLS" (formerly known as the Greatful Dads) at the beautiful Red Lion Inn Barn on February 1st. The event benefits the Cohasset Hockey team and promises to rockin' time for everyone. If you didn't make it last year, don't miss it this year. No need to be a hockey fan to have fun at this event! It's a great way to shake off the doldrums of winter and have a fun night out with friends in Cohasset. Here are the details:

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- Classic and current rock provided by the "GR8FLS" (local musicians Vic Lanzilotti, Rick Shea, Chuck McDermott, Jon Leet, Jim Limbey and Anne Czerkawski)
- Tickets $20, available at the door or through any hockey team member or parent
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OBITUARIES

Mary M. Fitzsimmons

Retired from Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Mary M. Fitzsimmons

Mary M. (Dooley) Fitzsimmons, 93, of Cohasset, died Jan. 19, 2008, at South Shore Hospital after a brief illness.

A former resident of Daytona Beach, Fla., Roslindale, Hyde Park and Roxbury, Mrs. Fitzsimmons was the former Corps Manager and Corps Mom of the Most Precious Blood Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps. She worked and later retired from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Wife of the late Francis "Frank" B. Fitzsimmons, she leaves her children, Sandra M. Coady of Rockland, F. Roy Fitzsimmons of Cohasset and Joann M. Titcomb of Florida; her sisters, Catherine Harrington of Foxboro and Rita D. Keohane of Stoughton; her brother, John Dooley of Dedham; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Visiting hours omitted. Interment private. Arrangements are by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Anthony Church, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

William T. McAuliffe

Financial advisor for leading investment firm



William T. McAuliffe

William Thompson McAuliffe, 57, of Cohasset, formerly of Scituate, died Jan. 20, 2008, at home.

Born in Boston, he grew up on the South Shore and was a graduate of Saint Sebastian's School and Boston College. Mr. McAuliffe's career spanned many years as a financial advisor with leading investment firms including his latest employer, Stifel Nicolaus of Boston.

An avid golfer and a member of Hatherly Country Club in Scituate, he also sailed out of the Cohasset Yacht Club and supported his alma mater with a membership to the Boston College Club of Boston.

He leaves his wife of 31 years, Laura (Budke) McAuliffe of Cohasset, formerly of St. Louis; his sons, Andrew and William McAuliffe, both of Colorado; his mother, Elizabeth Thompson McAuliffe; his brothers, Eugene F. McAuliffe III, of Quincy, and Robert and Richard McAuliffe, both of Hingham; and his sisters, Betsy Dobrowski of Plymouth and Carol Madden of Lexington. He was the son of the late Dr. Eugene F. McAuliffe.

A funeral Mass to celebrate his life was held Jan. 24, at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc., 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA. 02472, or to a charity of one's choice. To sign the online guestbook, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

Mary Rose C. Mitterando

Active member of the Cohasset Garden Club

Mary Rose C. (McDonald) Mitterando, 61, of Cohasset, died suddenly at her home on Jan. 19, 2008.

Mrs. Mitterando retired from Merrill Lynch in New York City and spent much of her time with photography, dancing, traveling, and gardening. She lived in Cohasset for the past several years, residing with her son, Dr. James Mitterando. She was an active member of the Cohasset Garden Club and a contributor to the Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset. She loved life and her family and was a loyal friend. She touched many people's lives in town, filling them with laughter.

Mrs. Mitterando leaves two sons James Mitterando, M.D. and his wife, Julie Mitterando, M.D. of Cohasset and James Mitterando and his wife, Maria of New York; five grandchildren, Olivia, Isabella, Elizabeth, Victoria, and David; three brothers, Frank, Jack, Matthew and one sister, Ann McDonald all of New York. She also leaves seven nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held in St. Ann's Church, Flushing, NY.

Local arrangements were handled by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary Rose's memory may be made to the Cohasset Library Trust, Inc., 35 Ripley Rd., Cohasset, Ma. 02025. For an online guestbook, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com

The Mariner welcomes photos of your loved ones to accompany obituaries by e-mail to mford@cnc.com or by mail to 73 South Street, Hingham, MA 02043

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Bible Study series continues on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Practical Christianity. Some Christians commonly view the Old Testament as a storybook-full of fascinating tales, yet ancient and irrelevant to modern reality. This exceptional 10-week study from *Insight For Living* with *Chuck Swindoll* will help you blow the dust off these timeworn chronicles and discover enduring truths that relate directly to you, while translating into reliable patterns for godly living. Experience familiar passages as never before, and find fresh inspiration in the memorable scenes revisited. Follow the examples of faithful Old Testament heroes such as Abraham, Joseph, David, and many others as you learn to apply timeless biblical principles to your everyday life. Please join us.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

- Jan. 27: "Christ's Feet and Voice?"
- Feb. 3: "Christ's Heart?"
- Feb. 10: "Beechwood and Beyond?"

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Interim Choir Director: Jeanne Scammell. Interim Organist: Carolyn Bates; Alternate Interim Organist/Accompanist: Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Jan. 27

8 a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Bill Baird & Kirk Jackisch and meeting 2nd & 4th Sundays)

10 a.m. – "Toward Becoming a Welcoming Congregation: Standing on the Threshold" – A service led by our minister and our Welcoming Congregation Committee, with a dialogue sermon featuring Steve Brown, a member of our Welcoming Congregation Committee, and Jim Hamilton, Chair of the Welcoming Congregation Committee of First Parish UU in Duxbury

This service is the opening act for the Welcoming Congregation initiative. Directly after the service, all are invited for coffee and refreshments in the Parish House and for dialogue on the message of our morning worship.

Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100. All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together!

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites you to join us this Advent.

We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. To learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

"Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.

- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

Sunday Services at 8 am and 10 am

Wednesday healing service with Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

"The earth is but one country and mankind it's citizens" 1(800)22-UNITE www.bahai.us

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Interim pastor at Beechwood Church

Beechwood Congregational Church, an independent church founded in 1863, has announced the appointment of the Rev. Richard Chamberlain of Hingham as part-time interim pastor. The Rev. Chamberlain's experience includes, but is not limited to, serving as youth pastor and director of Single Adult Ministries at a church in Hingham and as area director of Young Life on the South Shore. He is currently serving as a chaplain at Plymouth County Jail and House of Correction.

Rev. Chamberlain has embraced Beechwood's mission statement, "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." Join the congregation in welcoming Rev. Chamberlain to the church in the Beechwood section of Cohasset. Come and enjoy being placed in the heart of each of his sermons through his "sanctified imagination." All are welcome.

Church services take place Sundays at 10 a.m. Following a children's sermon, children are dismissed to Sunday School. Bible Study takes place every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, JAN. 4

4:17 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, hazard, caller reports there are 3 large trashcans blocking sidewalk at above location. Officer reports he moved trashcans near the fence – they are not blocking sidewalk.

4:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen.

5:10 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire – public assist, Fire Dept. reports enroute to above location to assist homeowner with frozen water pipes.

7:03 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports there is a vehicle parked in the front parking lot with high beams on – no one around it. Officer reports there is no car with high beams on – there are subjects working inside school.

7:48 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, icy road conditions.

11:39 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, icy road conditions, Lt. at above location icy roads contacted DPW – they will be enroute with sander.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5

12:56 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:57 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

6:36 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, calm, 28.

10:02 a.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning., officer reports party has brand new New Hampshire license.

1:04 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, 911 caller reports a motor vehicle accident. DPW notified, they need to sand Jerusalem Road. National Grid notified, under ground line hit nearest pole.

1:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement, verbal warning.

2:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, caller reports hearing gunshots on the lower floors of the building. Officers on scene report that there is construction going on. The nose was coming from nail guns.

5:36 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, stroke.

5:54 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:05 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued. Scituate man summoned on charges of operating motor vehicle with suspended license, speeding.

6:36 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:36 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted.

6:57 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:08 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:25 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, bolo out of Hull. Black Ford Explorer, 2 door, driven by a white male for an A&B domestic. Stop and hold for Hull PD.

8:21 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:37 p.m. **Lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:56 p.m. High School and Pond St., building checks.

9:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:48 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:49 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks, traffic citation issued.

10:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11 a.m. **Mill Lane**, disturbance, peace restored, caller reports a pick up truck driving around on this person's property. Officer reports that the owner of the motor vehicle involved is the property owner and some friends on an ATV.

11:52 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, noise complaint, caller states there are "firecrackers" going off in the vicinity. There is debris on the roadway, but no people.

SUNDAY, JAN. 6

12:46 a.m. **HQ**, bolo announcement, bolo from Hull: "Wanted by this department for A&B domestic abuse. Male is operating a Ford Explorer, color black. Male is possibly headed to Newton. This department has probable cause for arrest."

1:41 a.m. **Pond St., and Clay Springs Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:28 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, assist citizen, 911 caller "requests no lights and sirens."

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 38.

8:34 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

8:41 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

9:13 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, public service other, Hull PD reports kids playing on the ice.

9:18 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:19 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports that her neighbor is away and there are 2 men in her yard. They may be workers, but she is unsure.

12:54 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:34 p.m. **North Main St., and RR Tracks**, traffic enforcement.

2:56 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports that her two motor vehicles vandalized last night. She did not want to speak to an officer and stated she would come in tomorrow.

4:19 p.m. **Summer St.**, suspicious activity, walk in party reports there is water leaking all over the road and down driveway. Officer reports looks like homeowner is draining pool. Officer reports homeowner will stop.

4:49 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and White Head Rd.**, fire, investigation, walk in party reports strong odor of gas outside at above location. Keyspan on scene.

8:43 p.m. **Hull St.**, vandalism report, caller reports her car window ahs been broken out. Officer reports he located another vehicle that has been damaged. Officer reports possibly a BB gun.

9:16 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism report, caller reports her vehicle was parked at above location, vehicle mirrors (both) were damaged.

10:19 p.m. **Grace Drive and Hull St.**, investigation.

10:36 p.m. Medical aid, patient sign off, female fell.

10:43 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

MONDAY, JAN. 7

1:07 a.m. **Stagecoach Way**, suspicious activity, lights on inside the building and the outside door is open. Perimeter checks secure. Door secured. Interior lights are still on.

5:41 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:56 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:14 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:24 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 42.

10:32 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

12:21 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a silver BMW acting suspicious in the area on a daily basis, caller believes possibly involved with some drug activity in the area. Officer is out with vehicle on South Main Street.

1:44 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, vandalism report, caller reports car windows were smashed out overnight.

2:20 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports an injured seagull in the common.

2:23 p.m. **North Main St.**, public service, caller requests an officer to confirm a VIN number on a vehicle.

2:27 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:06 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:41 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire alarm activation, alarm company reports a fire alarm activation at these locations. E3 reports alarm set off by cooking on the second floor, system has been reset, all companies to quarters.

10:01 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire investigation, call directly into Fire HQ for an unknown odor behind this location.

TUESDAY, JAN. 8

12:18 a.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered), officer report RX found in Toy's for Tots box.

1:28 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

5:27 a.m. **Ash St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports there is a vehicle driving up and down the street shining a large flashlight. Officer reports subject delivering newspapers.

9:02 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:02 a.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:14 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:06 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance – neighborhood, party would like it logged that she caught a woman letting her dog go to the bathroom on her lawn.

4:33 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller stated he had a verbal argument with other involved parties and wanted it logged in case there was any further occurrences.

7:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9

1:21 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, abandoned 911 call. On call back homeowner reports vehicle was stuck on his lawn. Officer reports vehicle is stuck in mud.

8:58 a.m. **North Main St.**, officer wanted, caller would like to speak with an officer.

9:07 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:21 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, downed power lines, call directly into Fire HQ for wires down at this location.

12:24 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, larceny.

3:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, caller reports the ceiling lights are smoking.

420 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

7:24 p.m. **Hull Police**, bolo announcement, Hull PD reports stop and hold pick up. Wanted for selling beer to minor.

8:48 p.m. **Summer St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports 2 vehicles were speeding.

9:21 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:28 p.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

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POLICE STATUS REPORT

Recap of police activity

December was a very busy month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were 18 arrests; five for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, two for assault and battery, one for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, one for possession of a class D substance, one for violation of a restraining order, one for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, one for threats to commit a crime, one courtesy booking, one for protective custody, and finally, four for outstanding warrants, Chief James Hussey said.

He said during the month of December the police department investigated 22 motor vehicle accidents, two of which resulted in personal injury. There were 83 motor vehicle citations issued, totaling $725 in fines. Additionally, there were 53 parking tickets issued, totaling $1,650 in fines.

Also, in the month of December the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 833 calls for police services, of those 219 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of December there were two reports of breaking and entering, one involving a motor vehicle, and one involving a private residence. Also, in December there were 12 criminal complaints issued.

November was a very quiet month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were two arrests; one for assault and battery and one for protective custody, Hussey said.

He added that during the month of November the police department investigated 14 motor vehicle accidents, three of which resulted in personal injury. There were 59 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,125 in fines. Additionally, there were 20 parking tickets issued totaling $625 in fines.

Also in the month of November, the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 1,009 calls for police services, of those 230 were Emergency 911 calls.

Finally, in the month of November there was one report of breaking and entering involving a motor vehicle. Also there were two criminal complaints issued for the month of November, Hussey said.



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Tree Warden
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 87, Public Shade Tree Law, Section 3 (Cutting of Public Shade Trees; Hearing; Damages), **the Town of Cohasset Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing regarding an application from National Grid to remove and prune public shade trees on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at 6:00 PM in the Cohasset Town Hall, Basement Meeting Room, 41 Highland Ave. Cohasset, MA.** Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated.

The program included a tree-by-tree hazard assessment of public and private trees, along the main three-phase lines which serve the community. The work is recommended to remove hazard trees and prune for additional clearance in order to reduce tree outage problems affecting large numbers of customers served by these main lines. National Grid's arborists have identified fourteen (14) town trees for removal along town roads, and eight (8) town trees for pruning. Town trees located within the public way that are designated for removal have been posted with a notice of public hearing in the field. Trees designated for pruning have been marked with a small blue ribbon.

The roads with town trees affected by the program are listed below, together with the number of trees proposed for removal or pruning along each road:

Streets Affected		
Pond Street	**Town Trees to be Removed**, 6	**Town Trees to be Pruned**, 7
Elm Street	**Town Trees to be Removed**, 3	**Town Trees to be Pruned**, 0
North Main St.	**Town Trees to be Removed**, 5	**Town Trees to be Pruned**, 1

A complete list of town trees designated for removal and pruning, including information about the location, size and species of the affected trees and the reason for removal, is available weekdays from the Town Hall during normal business hours.

Andrew Swanson
Tree Warden

AD#11565195
Cohassset Mariner 1/18, 1/25/08

SADLER ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P0115EP

In the Estate of JOHN EDWARD SADLER
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death December 18, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that ORIANA TEMPESTA SADLER of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 27, 2008.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, January 16, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11569647
Cohasset Mariner 1/25/08

To Place A Legal Ad Call Mary (781) 433-7902

POLICE/FIRE LOG

FROM POLICE LOG, PAGE 27

11:31 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, well being check, caller reports someone at above location needs assistance. Caller refused to give name or any further information. Officer reports no problem at above location. This is an ongoing problem – someone calls stating that something is wrong at this location – homeowner is upset that this occurred.

THURSDAY, JAN. 10

1:50 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:56 a.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:33 a.m. **North Main St.**, disabled motor vehicle, 911 caller states there is a motor vehicle on the tracks. MBTA notified.

6:44 a.m. **Spring St.**, public service, walk in party reports the train gates keep going up and down.

7:10 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, public service, MBTA reports motor vehicle off the tracks. Tracks have been inspected. Rail service is staring up.

11:52 a.m. **Brewster Rd.**, threats.

12:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid/transported SSH/ALS.

2:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

2:40 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism report, officer reports the resident has reported to him vandalism done to property. Officer reports this is malicious damage.

2:49 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer requesting back up from motor vehicle stop. Operator summoned.

4:29 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:16 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:29 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports she found a chocolate lab – she took it home.

6:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller stated that she returned to her vehicle and her purse is missing – credit cards, several items taken – items taken from passenger side of vehicle.

6:33 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports there is a large item in the middle of the road.

7:32 p.m. **North Main St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports she was stopped at the train tracks – gates were down – a white jeep went around gates when train was coming – train blew horn – vehicle was on wrong side of tracks. Caller wanted this logged in.

8:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Scituate PD reports erratic motor vehicle on 3A North – comes back to N. Main Street, given to Cohasset units.

9:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer reports criminal complaint issued. Cohasset resident summoned on charges of unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

11:51 p.m. **King St.**, public service, caller states a black Cadillac drove off without paying. Unknown direction of travel.

FRIDAY, JAN. 11

12:38 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:39 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

4:33 a.m. **Elm St.**, noise complaint, caller states "there is a trash truck outside of Flemings."

7:19 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

8 a.m. Weather: Rain, light wind, 42.

10:01 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, hazard (traffic), callers are reporting since the last lightening strike the crossing lights are stuck on solid red. Officer reports some of the lights are on and the gates are up.

10:16 a.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard (traffic), callers reporting the train has approached the crossing and the gates did not come down, the train has stopped at the crossing. MBTA has been notified and they are attempting to fix the problem. The train will be stopping at all railroad crossing.

10:20 a.m. Weather: due to weather conditions all train crossings have gone out of service. MBTA has been notified and the train is to stop at all crossings.

2:01 p.m. **Hull St.**, medical aid, transported QMC/ALS.

2:13 p.m. **Rust Way**, fire, investigation, callers report a major gas line break at this location. Units report strong odor of gas in the area and gas is spraying into the air. Keyspan has been notified. Fire Capt. reports all units tied up at the scene checking homes in the area. Fire Capt. reports a second break at this location. Scituate engine to cover Fire HQ. Plymouth County Control notified.

4 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, harassment report, walk in parties in HQ to speak with Lt. regarding harassing telephone calls from an unknown person. Victims have been advised of their recourse through the courts. Lt. will attempt to follow-up with the suspect if a current address and telephone number can be located.

4:17 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation.

4:30 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, officer wanted, walk in party seeking guidance regarding past neighbor dispute. Advised to contact police if problems persist.

8:53 p.m. **Newport Rd., Hull**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

12:21 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

12:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

9:02 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:20 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in would like to speak to an officer regarding trespassing. Officer spoke with party and advised of her options.

9:43 a.m. **Elm St.**, lost property, walk in dropped off a wallet he found near Brass Kettle Trail on King Street. Contacted owner and left a message.

9:48 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

10:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

11:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:22 a.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports kids taking wood from a construction site at this location.

1:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, lost property, walk in dropped off a wallet she found at this location. Attempted to contact owner.

2:25 p.m. **First Parish Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, female that hit her head.

2:41 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, parking complaint, owner of the plaza complains of people parking in the handicapped spots when they are not handicapped.

2:57 p.m. **Lower King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:35 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, elderly female has fallen.

5:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, alarm – commercial/business, alarm company reports front door, rear door and infa-red motion. Police units are requesting the Fire Dept, several feet of water in the building near the electrical. E3 reports the gas and most of the electricity has been shut off to the building.

6:07 p.m. **Clay Spring Rd., and Bayberry Lane**, public service, AAA reports a vehicle broken down in the middle of the street.

6:18 p.m. **King St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a male in a green Volvo driving erratically. Caller reports the male is in the Mobile Station parking lot and is having trouble pulling out of his parking space. Caller reports the male appears intoxicated. Green Volvo pulled back onto 3A headed North.

8:12 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, walk in party reports he had a minor accident at this location and would like to make a report.

SUNDAY, JAN. 13

1:14 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:15 a.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:29 a.m. **King St.**, public service, caller states the lights are flashing and the gates are lowered at the crossing. MBTA has been notified.

2:37 p.m. **North Main St.**, public service, lights flashing and gates are down at this location, also.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, calm, 34.

8:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports the gates malfunctioning. The gates came down, no train, went back up.

9:41 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:35 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, escort.

10:45 a.m. **Cedar Acres Drive and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, 911 caller reports a motor vehicle accident at this location.

10:55 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

11:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:16 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:12 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation.

9 p.m. **Clay Spring Rd.**, medical aid/transported SSH/ALS.

MONDAY, JAN. 14

1:33 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:34 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

5:19 a.m. **Pond St.**, no school, dispatch received recorded phone call, no school in Cohasset.

5:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, no school, dispatch received a recorded message, no school in Cohasset.

5:37 a.m. **All Roads**, icy road conditions.

8:33 a.m. **Oak St., and Hill St.**, downed power lines.

9:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop.

9:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

10:07 a.m. **Pond St.**, downed power lines, caller reports a wire down from the pole into the street blocking on lane one lane of traffic.

10:08 a.m. **Church St., and Doane St.**, downed power lines, caller reports a downed wire from the pole into the street blocking one lane of traffic. National Grid notified and responding. There is no service to the church, a member has been contacted.

11:05 a.m. **Cedar St., and Hull St.**, downed power lines, multiple callers report a downed wire around this location.

11:07 a.m. **Cedar Acres Drive**, power outage, caller reports her power has just gone out.

11:18 a.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, power outage, caller reports she has no power and also has heard a loud boom. National Grid has been notified of the outage.

11:28 a.m. **South Main St.**, public service, officer out with this vehicle after being flagged down. Male party reports his car was hit with a snowball or a rock and the kids are there with him. Caller reports the youths have apologized; there is no damage to the vehicle.

11:50 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle violations, officer reports a brown Chevy in front of this location with no plates displayed.

12:08 p.m. **Clay Spring Rd., and Pond St.**, low hanging power lines, E3 has cut the wires and moved them out of the way. Verizon has been notified.

12:25 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports the cycle of lights may not be working property MBTA notified.

12:44 p.m. **North Main St.**, public service, caller reports crossing gates are down, MBTA notified.

1:32 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity, walk in party would like to speak to an officer. Reports a vehicle shining a spot light on house across from hers this morning. It's a dark colored vehicle, no plate was seen.

2:49 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, downed power lines, caller reports a downed wire at this location.

8:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports male having chest pain.

9:41 p.m. **Sea Gate Circle, Scituate**, fire, structure.

9:47 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, caller to report smoke in his house doesn't know why. Smoke is caused by dishwasher. E3 reports ventilating the house.

TUESDAY, JAN. 15

1:48 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:49 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:37 a.m. **Pond St.**, icy road conditions, caller reports at above location icy parking lot.

8:10 a.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, power outage, caller reports he has lost power. National Grid notified and responding.

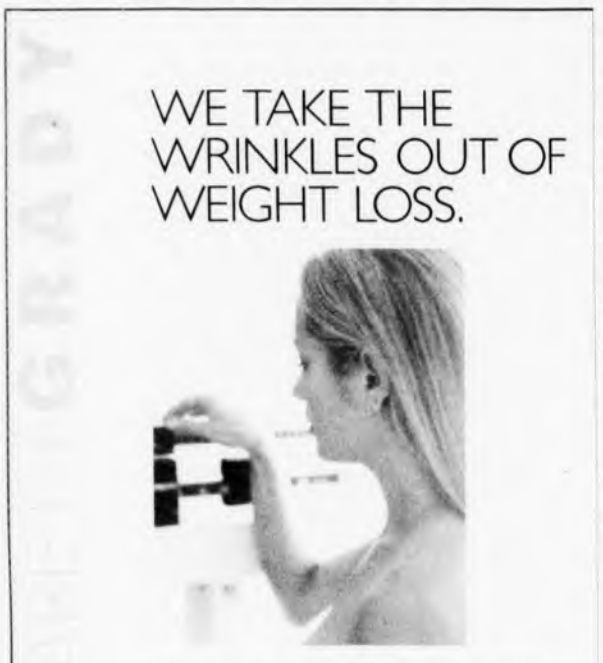
8:10 a.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, power outage, caller reports there is no power, heat or phone service and would like one of her neighbors checked on.

8:11 a.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, well being check, caller requests a check on her neighbors that have no power, heat or phone.

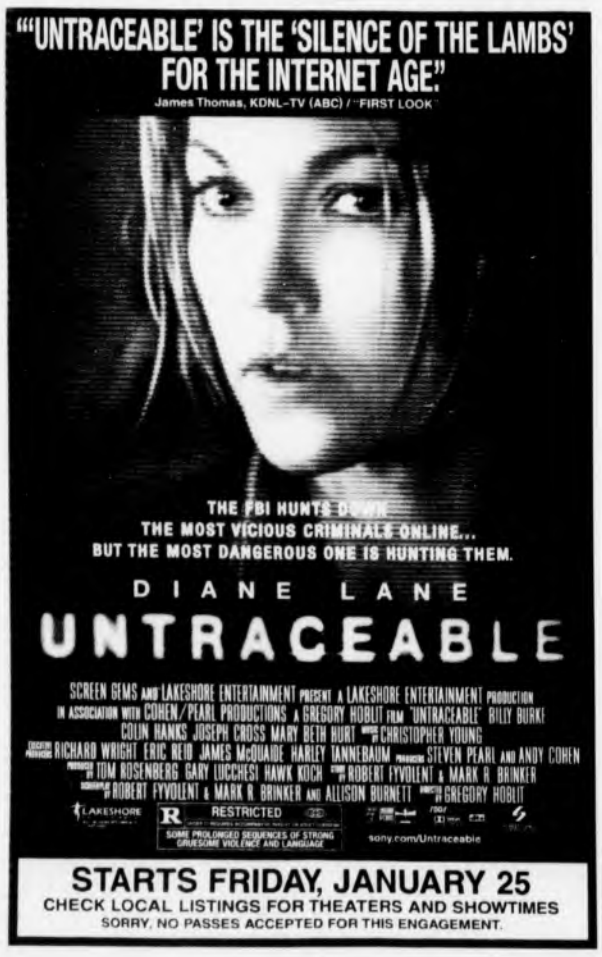
8:51 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:20 a.m. **Doane St.**, hazard, caller reports at the end of her driveway is either a water main or something to do with the gas company, but the cover is missing and someone could get caught in the hole. Caller thinks the cover may have come off during snow plowing. Officer states the cover is nowhere to be found. Water Dept. notified of this.

9:31 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.







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Fill out form and mail to:
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Nomination Deadline: Friday, Feb. 1st at 5 p.m.

TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

JANUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 1, 2008

A.R.T. imitates life

Local actor tackles historically significant role

By R.Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

It was more than 20 years ago now, while he was a student at Cohasset High School, but actor John Kuntz still vividly recalls his first visit to the American Repertory Theatre (A.R.T.).

"The first show I ever saw at the Loeb Drama Center was an A.R.T. production of Harold Pinter's 'The Homecoming.' I remember being so intrigued by it and my memories of it are still clear today. I've been a fan of the A.R.T. ever since," recalled Kuntz by telephone recently. "Some of the best theatrical experiences I have ever had have been at the A.R.T."

Kuntz — a professional actor and playwright and founding member of the Actors Shakespeare Project — is currently realizing a long-held career ambition, making his A.R.T. debut in the Cambridge company's production of "Copenhagen," Michael Frayn's Tony Award-winning play about the relationship between physicists Niels Bohr and Werner Heisenberg.

"I have always wanted to work at the A.R.T. Actors have no control over casting, of course, so how I came to get this show is kind of funny. Scott Zigler, the director of 'Copenhagen,' offered me the part of Werner Heisenberg without making me audition. That's a good thing, too, because otherwise I might never have gotten the role. I'm not very good at three-minute auditions. I've never worked for Scott before, but I think he saw me in 'Richard III' with Actors Shakespeare at the Old South Meeting House and in 'The Pillowman' at the New Rep," says Kuntz, who made his name on Boston area stages in lighter fare like "The SantaLand Diaries" and "Fully Committed."

Zigler hasn't been the only one to take notice of the Boston University graduate. Kuntz has earned both Elliot Norton and IRNE (Independent Reviewers of New England) awards as an actor. In addition, his plays "Sing Me to Sleep" and "Freaks!" both received Norton awards for Outstanding Fringe Production, while his "Jasper Lake" earned both the Michael Kanin and Paula Vogel Playwriting Awards for productions at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., and the New York Fringe Festival.

In "Copenhagen"—performed first 10 years ago in London, on Broadway in 2000, and on a 2002 national tour that played Boston's Colonial Theatre—Kuntz plays the younger Heisenberg, a German nationalist employed as an atomic researcher by Hitler's Nazi party, who travels to Copenhagen for a meeting with his mentor Bohr and his wife, Margrethe. Frayn's very human drama imagines just what may have happened between the two towering scientists at the pivotal moment in history when both the Allies and the Nazis were embroiled in a race to create the atom bomb.

Kuntz is well aware that the role of Heisenberg, who some believe may have known more about the creation of the atom bomb than he admitted and might actually have steered the Nazis away from pursuing its development, is a significant one.

"This is the biggest production I have ever been involved in. I am very conscious of the fact that I have been entrusted with such an important role."

Sharing the Loeb stage with veteran A.R.T. company members Will LeBow (Niels Bohr) and Karen MacDonald (Margrethe Bohr) has helped Kuntz, especially since the three have worked together previously in the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company's production of "Twelfth Night" on Boston Common.

"So much of 'Copenhagen' deals with the relationships between Heisenberg and the Bohrs and there is just so much to wade through that it helps to have a kind of shorthand with your fellow actors. Just knowing Will and Karen has helped me a great deal with this whole experience," says Kuntz, who lives in Cambridge with his partner, Tommy Derrah, a founding member of the A.R.T. acting company. "I respect Will and Karen not only as actors, but also as people. They are both just wonderful."

Kuntz, who teaches at the Boston Conservatory, also has fondness for his character.

"Heisenberg really needed Bohr to help him, but World War II had torn them apart. Heisenberg really loved Germany. I think that Frayn really feels for Heisenberg and his desire to stay in Germany and not leave his family. We'll probably never know whether he would have built a bomb for Hitler or was instead just misleading the Nazis. That moment in time has long passed. Heisenberg may not have built the bomb, but he also didn't work to overthrow Hitler. He probably would have been killed if he had said anything to Bohr and then whoever replaced him just might have built the bomb."

The A.R.T. will present "Copenhagen" at the Loeb Drama Center at Harvard University, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, through Feb. 3. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-47-8300 or go online at amrep.org.

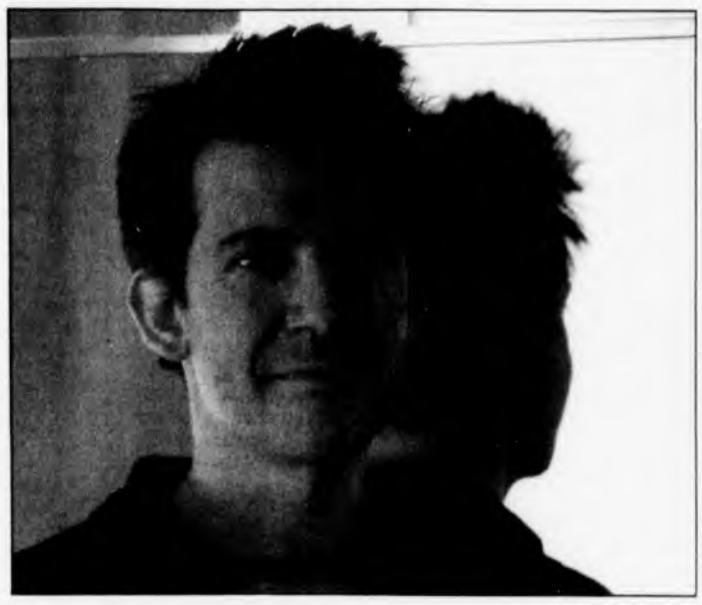


PHOTO K. MITCHELL

Former Cohasset resident John Kunz performs in the American Repertory Theatre's production of "Copenhagen."



PHOTO: MICHAEL LUTCH

Will LeBow, John Kuntz, and Karen MacDonald perform in "Copenhagen" at the Loeb Drama Center at Harvard University, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, through Feb. 3.

Movie review

Cusack keeps mope alive

Grace is Gone (C)

Film Review
BY AL ALEXANDER

You'd think a movie about a grief-stricken father struggling to find the courage to tell his young daughters that their mother is dead would be emotionally wrenching. Then add in the fact that his wife died while serving her country in Iraq.

Yet "Grace Is Gone" is anything but depressing, eliciting more jeers than tears, as writer-director James C. Strouse invests more in political views than human insight. Heck, I'm not even sure Stanley Philips, the dopey dad played by John Cusack, is even human.

He certainly doesn't behave like one, especially around his kids, 12-year-old Heidi (Shelan O'Keefe) and 8-year-old Dawn (Gracie Bednarczyk), to whom he remains distant if not disconnected. He's bitter, you see, over being booted from the Army because of his poor eyesight (metaphor alert!).

It's left him depressed and a tad emasculated, especially knowing that his wife, who he met in the service, is in the thick of battle while he's stuck leading a battalion of underachievers as the manager of a Home Depot.

This, of course, requires Cusack to mope like he's never moped before. He's good at it, too. But it makes his character appear so self-involved that it's almost impossible to feel empathy for him or his plight after his wife is killed by an IED and he's left to pick up the pieces of his shattered dreams.

The girls, though, are another story. Them you care about. The two terrific young actresses convey the fear and loneliness of their characters in rich and subtle tones.



Stanley (John Cusack) ponders how to carry on after losing his wife.

You just wish they didn't have such a cowardly jerk for a father. What kind of dad is too afraid to tell his kids that they no longer have a mother? Would he rather they learn it from their friends, their principal, the TV news?

In Stanley's case, he'd rather they never heard it at all. So he does what any responsible parent would do: He yanks them out of school, loads them in the car and heads south to Florida to visit an amusement park. Enchanted Gardens, to be exact.

Strouse couches the trip as a desperate attempt by a father looking to prolong the innocence of his children, but it's really just an ineffectual gimmick for him to protest both the war and slackening American values, particularly a perceived corporate takeover of the government.

We see it in the succession of Wal-Marts, Home Depots and various other box-store chains that litter the American landscape.

It's a compelling theory, and one that would likely make for an excellent movie — if it were in the hands of a more competent filmmaker than Strouse, whose only previous experience was writing the script for Steve Buscemi's "Lonesome Jim," a flick I equate with a slow crawl through hell.

While "Grace" is a significant step up from that, it still lacks scope and grit, two things Strouse really needs to work on, along with his painfully predictable dialogue. On more than a dozen occasions, I found myself reciting the next line before the actors even opened their mouths.

That's almost as big a letdown as the scene when Stanley finally delivers the sad news to his kids. You'd think after 90 minutes of build up that Strouse might make us privy to Stanley's strong, sensitive words, but he instead chooses to drown out the film's most powerful moment with a crappy pop song. What was he thinking? Did he decide to personally begin the writers' strike a year early?

The movie could have been worse, though. A lot worse, if not for the performances by the three leads and the undervalued Alessandro Nivola as Stanley's hippie-dippy dead beat brother, who of course opposes the war and anything to do with the establishment — like finding a job. But, as good as they are, there's just no saving "Grace."

Rated PG-13. "Grace Is Gone" contains a small amount of bad language.

Calendar of events

Thursday, Jan. 24

Beekeepers School The Plymouth Country Beekeepers Association will offer Beginning' School starting Jan. 24. Call Charles Marchewka at 781-585-8908.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 24. **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St., Pembroke. **Texas Hold 'Em every Thursday** The games take place 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

Red Lion Inn, 170 S. Main St., Cohasset Jan. 24, 8 to 11 p.m. ***DRIFT AWAY* Duo** (J Place & Joe Micarelli) No Cover Charge 781-383-1704.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 24 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **open mic** featuring **Cindy Daley Band Blues Jam** 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewblues-revue

Friday, Jan. 25

Dickinson Gallery Offers Winter Show through Feb. 2, Annual Winter Show, the work of 25 artists in oil, acrylics, watercolor and mixed media, from Jan. 25 through Feb 2. Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth. Free admission, off-street parking. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Visit www.dickinsonartgallery.com. 781-331-3384.

The Clemens Gallery located in the Hingham Public Library will host a showing of Hingham artist **Irene B. Manian's** miniature oil and glass paintings through Jan. 31.

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree, 9 p.m. Jan. 25 **Comedy Night** featuring Weymouth's own **Bob Niles** along with **Annette Pollack, Mike Wass, Craig Murphy, John Polli, Chris Trabulsie** hosted by **Shaun Bedgood.** Admission: $15 dinner and appetizers available jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack 781-848-0300.

The Company Theatre's Teen Conservatory brings a sci-musical to the stage with STARMITES! Performances are Friday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. Fun for the entire family, tickets to STARMITES are just $15, and can be purchased at the Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell. Tickets can also purchased by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

New England Singles Dance, Jan. 25, 8 to midnight **Halifax Country Club**, 100 Country Club Dr., Route 106, Halifax. Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Hors d'oeuvres. Door prizes. Music from the 70's to the present and requests with New England's top DJ's. Admission $10. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

CALENDAR, see next page

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LOCAL BOSTON BLUES LEGEND, JAMES MONTGOMERY and his band will perform Feb. 9 at the Weymouth Eagles Hall, 1338 Washington St., Route 53, Weymouth Opening will be **The Mighty HouseRockers Band.** Doors open at 8 p.m. Show begins at 8:30 p.m. Cash bar from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are $25 each. Advance tickets will be available at The Eagles Club (rear club entrance), and from Satch at The Next Page Cafe', Weymouth. Plenty of free parking. Information jamesmontgomery.com or visit myspace.com/satchnewbluerevue or call Satch at 781-258-5832.

THE SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY is taking its annual day day-trip to the Metropolitan Opera in New York City March 1, to hear Renee Fleming as Desdemona in Verdi's *Otello*. This year they have purchased tickets in the prime orchestra as well as the balance orchestra (underneath the balcony). The total cost includes an opera ticket, round-trip motor coach, lunch at Josephina's and a box supper on the return trip. The total cost with prime orchestra seating is $445 and with balance orchestra seating is $375. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis. A $150 deposit will reserve your place. Contact Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565 x 19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org.

THE PASSION PLUNGE will take place on Feb. 16 into the icy Atlantic Ocean at **Nantasket Beach, Hull** in an effort to raise money to benefit Special Olympics Massachusetts. Enjoy food, music, contests, fundraising incentives and more. Timeline includes: 10 a.m.- Registration Opens; 11:15 a.m., Costume Parade; 11:45a.m., Plunger Safety Briefing; noon PLUNGE; 12:15 p.m., Post Plunge Party Begins; 1 p.m., Awards Ceremony. All information can be found at www.PassionPlunge.org



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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 25, **Chubba Lang** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 25, **Satch Romano and The Mighty Houserockers** at 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Zahn's Bahn @ Kilroy's, 132 E. Howard St,. Quincy. Jan. 25, **Ashmont Station.**

Saturday, Jan. 26

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. **Weekend Winter Walk: What's That Tree**? Saturday, Jan. 26, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Bring the family and enjoy a guided walk of Science Center trails with Naturalist Dot MacFarlene. Afterwards warm up with a cup of hot chocolate. Pre-registration requested, fee $4 Members, $6 non-members. Information 781- 659-2559 or ssnsc.org.

The band Uncle Moe will perform a concert for families on Saturday, Jan. 26 at 11 a.m. at First Parish Church, 24 River St. in Norwell. The concert is sponsored by the James Library Center for the Arts with support from First Parish Preschool. The participatory concert is suited for children ages 3 and older. Tickets are $5 per person and are available at the door. For information call The James Library at 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org.

The 10th Annual Lesbian & Friends Dance, a fund-raising event for the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition, will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Jan. 26 at the Brookline Holiday Inn, 1200 Beacon St., Brookline. The evening will include music by DJ Ann Rogers, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar and a silent auction. More information and tickets can be found at http://www.mbcc.org or by calling 617-376-6222.

First Time Home Buyer Seminar by Eastern Bank takes place at Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Register for a free and informative First Time Homebuyer Seminar. Learn about a variety of options for homebuyers programs such as My Community which provides 100 percent financing as well as Mass Advantage products through Mass Housing Finance Agency. Contact Pat Talbot at 781-348-4963 or p.talbot@eastembk.com Jan. 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Singles Dance
Fri. Jan. 25 8pm-12am
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★ Top DJ
★ Terrific Dance Music 70's, 80's & 90's
Everyone Welcome
Admission $10
Mention this ad for $2 off before 8:30pm
For more information: 617-325-4900 or www.singlesdancesnewengland.com

First Time Homebuyer Workshop South Shore Housing in partnership with Bristol County Savings Bank is offering in Two Sessions: Jan. 26 and Feb. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Carver Public Library, 2 Meadowbrook Way, Carver. Cost: $25 per household. Participants must attend all sessions. For information on the advantages of attending this workshop contact Jan at SSHDC 1-781-422-4284.

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The BearBones Band will host a night of live music in Scituate at 7 p.m. Jan. 27. Performers include **Walter 'Bear' Zaremba, Jesse Allen, Andy Bergsten, Bob Linton, Shane Merritt, Dave Smith, Burning Moth, Gregg and Nancy Zappolo, Donna Harrington, Bob Garvin** and more. It is a night of blues, folk, original, and other music in an informal setting. $5 donation at the door benefits the Mt Hope Improvement Society Scholarship Fund. Mt Hope is the old schoolhouse located on Clapp Rd/Cedar St. in Scituate. Doors open at 7 p.m. For info contact Bearbonesband@gmail.com or 781-544-3122.

The Company Theatre's Teen Conservatory brings a sci-musical to the stage with STARMITES! Performances are Friday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. Fun for the entire family, tickets to STARMITES are just $15, and can be purchased at the Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell. Tickets can also purchased by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 26, **Jon Frattasio & Friends** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. Jan. 26, featuring **70s and 80s night**. 781-849-7007.

French Memories Bakery, 64 S. Main St., Cohasset Jan. 19, 3 to 5 p.m. **DRIFT AWAY Duo** (J Place & Joe Micarelli) no cover charge 781-383 2216.

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Sunday, Jan. 27

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The Notorious' Duo of **Eden MacAdam-Somer** (violin, fiddle) and **Larry Unger** (guitar, banjo) will perform at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, on Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. These two musicians bring together traditional and contemporary acoustic music from around the world, creating a dynamic, swinging sound. They present American, Celtic, and Eastern European tunes, swing, blues, and their own compositions. Free and open to the public. For information call 781-413-1327.

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Monday, Jan. 28

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, offers a safe place for healing and encouragement as you start a new chapter of your life. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main Street, Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. No appointment is necessary. Information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com Jan. 28 will be a night of **Rememberance** in which we remember those loved ones who are deceased and light a candle in their memory.

Dr. Robert Brooks, nationally known speaker and author of many books will return to Duxbury to speak on **Fostering Family Closeness and Respect** on Jan. 23, in the Duxbury Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. reception; 7:30 p.m. speaker. His presentation will focus on how you and your family can experience greater warmth and love on a regular basis. Tickets can be purchased for $5 by check at Westwinds Book Shop or The Duxbury Free Library. They can also be purchased at the door for $7. To reserve a ticket for purchase at the door, email mail@theparentconnection.org with your name and number of tickets needed.

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Theater review

'Third' comes up short

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



PHOTO: T CHARLES ERICKSON.

Freshman student Woodson Bull III, or "Third" (Graham Hamilton, r.) tries to convince professor Laurie Jameson (Maureen Anderman) that he didn't plagiarize his paper on King Lear in the Huntington Theatre Company's production of "Third: by Wendy Wasserstein, running through Feb. 3 at the Huntington's main stage, the Boston University Theatre.

Many years ago, as I made my way up the aisle of Broadway's Plymouth Theatre at the intermission of a matinee of "The Heidi Chronicles," I noticed playwright Wendy Wasserstein seated alone in the back row of the orchestra taking notes on a legal pad. When I mentioned the sighting to the show's press agent, I learned that this was not uncommon. Apparently, Wasserstein regularly checked in on productions of even her Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning plays, and sometimes revised her work for the future.

Watching a recent performance of the Huntington Theatre Company's "Third" at the Boston University Theatre, I couldn't help but wonder what might be different if Wasserstein — who died in January 2006 of lymphoma — had been around to shepherd the play from its late 2005 off-Broadway run to the regionals.

What is now, sadly, her last play is a Wasserstein effort that, like her earlier works, tracks the progression of the author's own life. Her first major success, "Uncommon Women and Others," which ran off-Broadway in 1977, was her graduate thesis at the Yale School of Drama and reflected her own experiences as an undergraduate at Mount Holyoke College. In her subsequent plays, from "The Heidi Chronicles," which explored feminism and the changing roles of women in society from the 1960s to the 1980s, to "The Sisters Rosensweig," with its look at the relationships between three Jewish sisters and the role their faith plays in their lives, through "An American Daughter" and "Old Money," Wasserstein made her name with her depictions of strong female characters wrestling with personal insecurities.

That tradition is carried on in "Third," where the lead character is a gifted East Coast English professor, Laurie Jameson, whose steadfast liberal leanings lead her to accuse a male student, Woodson Bull III, whom she believes to be both politically conservative and economically privileged, of plagiarism when she doubts his masterfully written King Lear essay is really his own work. The resulting conflict pits Laurie against not only the student, but also her family and friends and ultimately causes the longtime academic to question her own judgment.

The professor's family includes an unseen husband who we learn is in the throes of a midlife crisis, a college-aged daughter itching to ditch Swarthmore for romance and relocation with an older bank teller, and a father whose dementia seems to be intentionally like that of King Lear himself. Her friends are represented by another female professor, Nancy Gordon, who is battling cancer.

Director Richard Seer does well with material that, while interesting, does not seem fully developed and characters whose conflicts are not adequately detailed in the script. We see the professor tell the student she plans to charge him with plagiarism, but we don't see them together again until an epilogue in which she merely explains motivations that should have been explored dramatically.

Maureen Anderman has built a loyal Huntington following with finely etched portrayals in "Rabbit Hole" and "The Sisters Rosensweig," but has less to work with here even in the starring role of Laurie Jameson. As Woodson Bull III, the college wrestler and Shakespeare scholar whose nickname gives the play its name, Graham Hamilton does as well as he can with his character's overnight transition from enthusiastic student to embittered cynic. The most affecting work comes from Robin Pearson Rose who infuses her cancer-stricken Nancy Gordon with compelling naturalism and strength.

While "Third" does not feel like it is ready to takes its place alongside Wasserstein's earlier works, it does leaves one wishing there could more from its author.

The Huntington Theatre Company will present "Third" at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston, through Feb. 3. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-266-0800 or go online at huntingtontheatre.org.

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Boston Pops searching for the next teen star

By Dana Barbuto
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Maybe it's the "High School Musical" phenomenon or the "American Idol" influence, but the Boston Pops have just launched their own statewide teen musical talent search.

Called the "Boston Pops High School Sing-Off: A Best of Broadway Challenge," it's the first Boston Pops musical theater competition for Massachusetts high school students. It is patterned after the popular POPSearch, the contest that has offered amateur singers, including Kingston's Frances Botelho-Hoeg, a chance to perform with the Pops.

"'High School Musical' is a phenomenon and one of the cool things about it is that it's turning youngsters onto musical theater," said Keith Lockhart, Pops conductor for the past 13 years. The goal of the competition is to showcase the talent of local high school students, Lockhart said. "It's an amazing platform for them," he said.

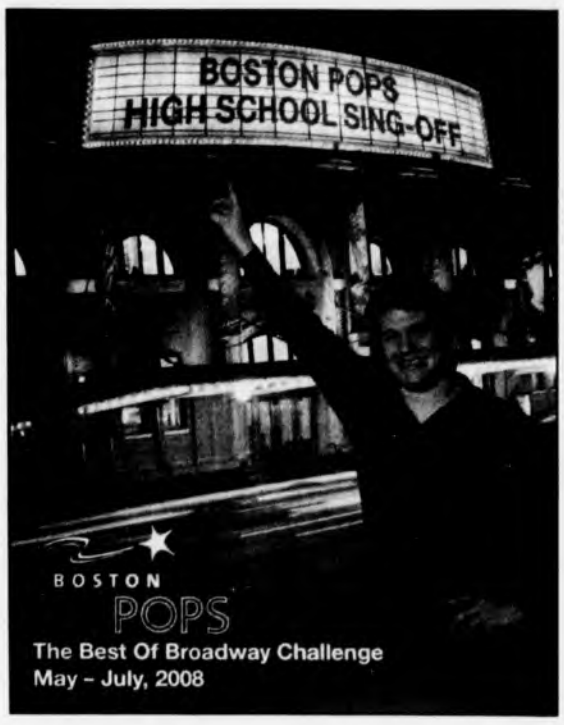
Students are to pick songs from such Broadway greats as "Sweeney Todd," "Chicago," "West Side Story" and "My Fair Lady." Lockhart, who called himself a musical theater geek, said the Pops have a great love of Broadway and of finding new talent.

Entries are being accepted now. The winner will be featured in the Boston Pops' Fourth of July concert at the Charles River Esplanade.

Students, solo or up to five people, are to submit audition tapes of musical theater vocal works by May 9. Lockhart and the Pops management will choose the top 20 from the taped auditions. The next round is a live performance with the orchestra, from which six will be left standing. Six goes to three for the next round and then the winner will be selected at the July 1 concert.

For complete details on how to enter, go to www.BostonPops.org. The entry fee is $10.

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Adult Irish Ceili Class learn the basic movements of Irish dancing and popular Ceili dances. Classes will take place on Monday evenings from 7:45 to 9 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 610 Broad St (near Immaculate Conception Church) in East Weymouth. Session begins on Jan. 28. Call, email or sign up at class to register :Nevin Academy of Irish Dance 781-749-7663 nevindanceacademy@yahoo.com www.nevindanceacademy.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 28, **Nintendo Wii Tournament hosted by DJ Alvzie** and **free Texas hold 'em** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, presents "Voyage of Discovery" fine **Black & White & Sepia Photography** by **Sally Pollard-Fiore** will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, through Jan. 30. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. jameslibrary.org or 781-659-7100.

Rescheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Scituate Town Library is **Insights, Atlantic Symphony Orchestra's** musical educational series for adults. Annotator **Steven Ledbetter**, a renowned musicologist and former Dartmouth College professor, presents "Mahler and the Symphonic Form." Using recorded versions of Mahler's 5th Symphony to explain the structural form of a symphony, Mr. Ledbetter helps us get into the mind of a composer, showing how themes are introduced and developed, and how all the pieces fit together to create an enduring masterwork. Tickets are $10 and are available at Scituate Town Library or through Atlantic Symphony Orchestra at 781-740-5694. Tickets will also be available at the door on the evening of the program. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Scituate Town Library. For information, or directions to the library, call 781-545-8727 or consult the library website at www.scituatetownlibrary.org.

Grub Street South at Buttonwood, an ongoing program for writers, will meet on Jan. 29, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. The instructor is **Stuart Horwitz** and his topic is "Plot: Demystification and Development." This is a free event however reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a 12 Step program for individuals suffering from food obsession, overeating, under eating and bulimia. There will be a free community information meeting held at 7 p.m. on both Tuesday, Jan. 29, and on Thursday, Jan. 31. The Tuesday night meeting is at the VA Hospital in West Roxbury, 1400 VFW Parkway, in the Barsamian Auditorium. The Thursday night meeting is in Sharon at the First Congregational Church, 29 North Main St., first floor. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. Everyone is welcome, Information: Call Elissa at 781-784-1468 or visit our website at www.foodaddicts.org.

Braintree Choral Society will hold open rehearsals on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at Braintree High School. Rehearsals will remain open to new members throughout January. This is a non-audition chorus. All voice parts are open. Spring concert includes Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise". See www.braintreesings.org for information or contact at braintreechoral@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Braintree Art Association artist of the month, **John Marshall Dyke** will exhibit his work for the months of January and February at the Thayer Public Library, (main floor) 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-335-4675.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, **The South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Regional** headquarters present another **winter lecture series** every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the science center located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Open to the public free of charge. **Jan. 30, The Great Hurricane of 1938: A 70-year history, John Horrigan, historical folklorist.** For information visit nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168; Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400; or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 30, **Flydown Unplugged** 781-829-6999.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 31

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, presents **Seeing with Photography** through Feb. 10, showcasing the work of New York's Seeing With Photography Collective, a group of photographers who are visually impaired, sighted or completely blind. Their work is created using film and a technique called "painting with light." For information visit ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

Free Educational Homebuyer Seminars sponsored by Mount Vernon Mortgage Corporation for South Shore Residents, Thursday, Jan. 31, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Weymouth: Tufts Library (Main Branch), 46 Broad St. Saturday, Feb. 2, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Quincy: 500 Victory Road, Marina Bay. Free Pre-registration is required. Participants can register online at MtVernonMortgage.com/Events or register by phone at 781-337-2432 x16.

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Oliveira's, 300 Center St., Pembroke. **Texas Hold 'Em every Thursday** The games take place 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

Auditions

STOUGHTON STARS will hold auditions for "Disney's High School Musical," Jan. 26, at 9:30 a.m. directed by Audrey Mutascio at High Output, 495 Turnpike St., Canton. Production dates April 4 to 6. Contact www.stoughtonstars.com for information.

HINGHAM CIVIC MUSIC THEATRE will be holding auditions for it spring 2008 musical "NUNSENSE" on Feb. 25 and 26, at 7 pm. Callbacks will be on Feb. 27, if necessary. Auditions will be held at the Sanborn Auditorium in the Hingham Town Hall 210 Central St., Hingham. Production dates are April 25-26 and May 2-3-4. Call director Bill Boyer at 617-537-3131 for further information.

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Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. **Deadline is Friday at noon.** *Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.*

Red Lion Inn, 170 S. Main St., Cohasset Jan. 31, 8 to 11 p.m. **DRIFT AWAY Duo** (J Place & Joe Micarelli) No Cover Charge 781-383-1704.

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Dance the night away to the classic rock sounds of the **GR8FLS** (formerly known as the Greatful Dads) at the Red Lion Inn Barn on Feb. 1. The event benefits the Cohasset Hockey team Feb. 1, 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets $20, available at the door or through any hockey team member or parent. Hors D'Oeurves and Cash Bar.

"Single Executives Club" Singles Dance. Friday, Feb. 1, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com. Dancing with music by Award-winning DJ from 8:30 a.m. to noon Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and MATCH GAME prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30-8:30 p.m. For singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $10 before 9. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club.

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New England Singles Dance Fri. 2/1, 8p.m.-midnight, Moseley's On The Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, MA. 70s, 80s, 90s Music. Light buffet. DJ. $12

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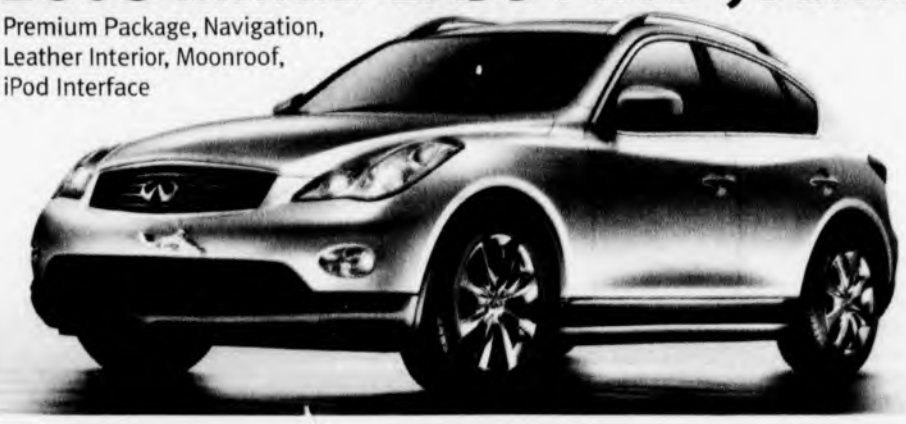


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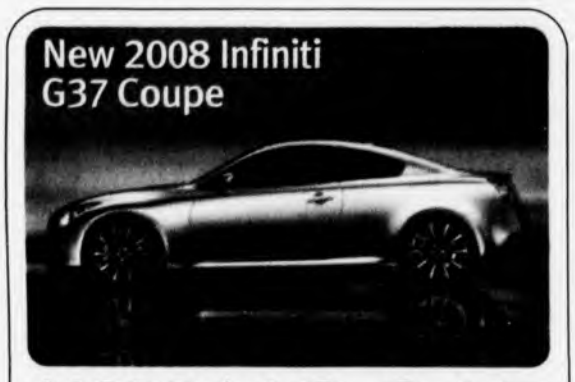
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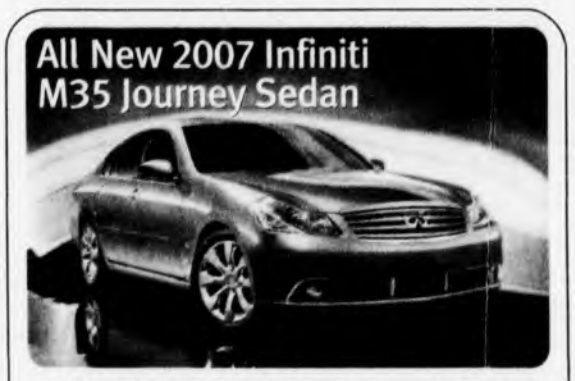
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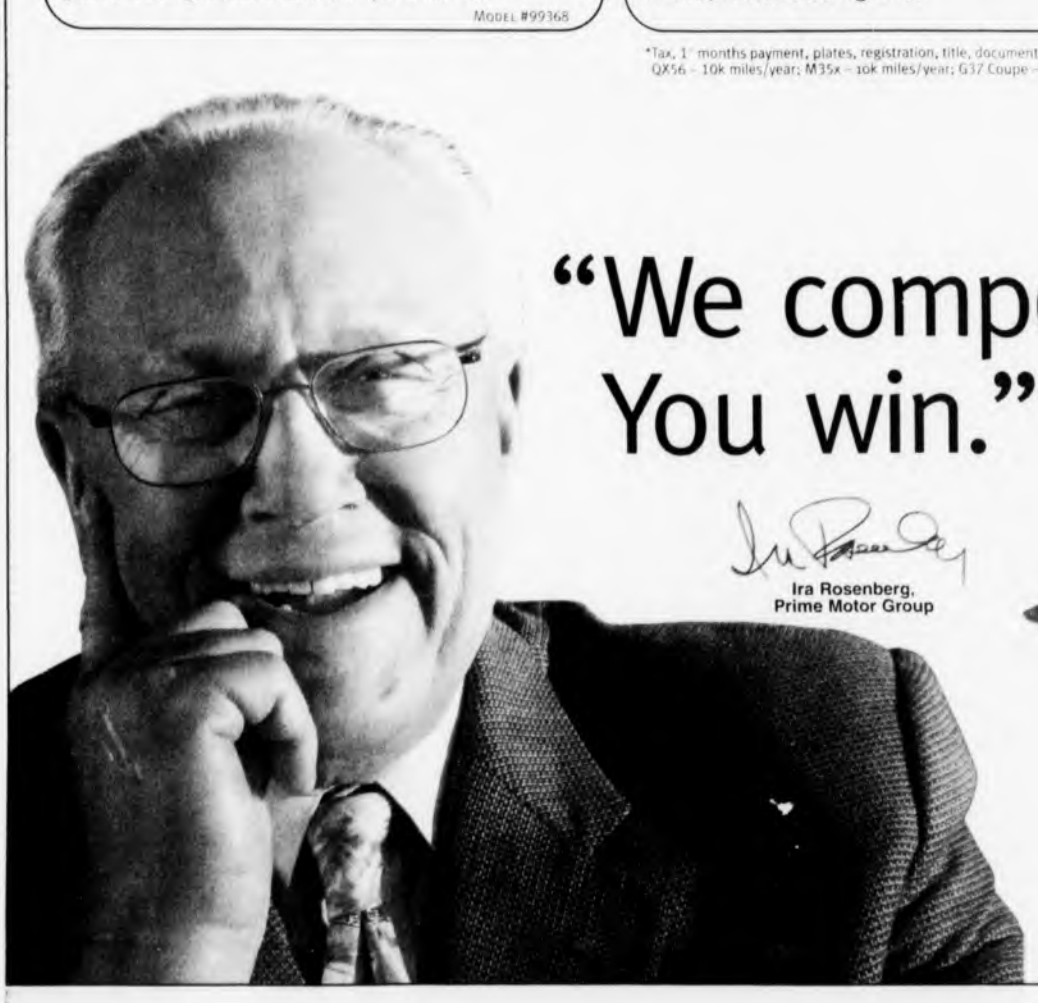
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Who ya gonna call?

Enfield Paranormal Society says Town Hall is haunted

By Nancy White
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The Town Hall is haunted. That's the determination made by a team of ghost hunters who investigated paranormal activity within the "old" part of Town Hall this past weekend. A five-person team calling themselves the Enfield Paranormal Society investigated the possibility of a ghostly presence at the Town Hall.

After two nights of investigation in the dead of the night, founder and lead investigator Matt Kondracki has declared the Cohasset Town Hall haunted — and he has evidence to back up his claim.

On infrared camera, the Enfield Paranormal Society captured a door that leads to the Town Hall attic slowly closing all by itself around 11:30p.m. Saturday night. The other members of the crew were outside and he was downstairs in the auditorium.

Kondracki wanted to ensure the door closing was truly paranormal activity, not a draft or a person's doing. Accompanied by a police officer that stopped in to check on them, Kondracki attempted to de-bunk the video by trying to re-create the closing of the door in the same fashion. He could not close the door without being seen by the camera.

"We couldn't do it man-made," said Kondracki, which led him to conclude, "Something in this Town Hall is haunted."

The camera's positioning on this particular door, located on the second floor just off the Board of Health office, was purposeful. On Friday night several of his team either witnessed or heard the door slam shut.

To Kondracki, the door closing was the smoking gun evidence of the weekend, but not his only evidence of paranormal activity in Cohasset's Town Hall.

On Friday night, Kondracki and his crew began to set up cameras and digital recording equipment around 8p.m., with all lights being turned off around 9:30p.m. The first night they were able to capture electronic voice phenomenon, or EVPs, on a digital recorder. Ghosts use the electrical energy in a digital recorder to manifest themselves. EVPs cannot be heard by the ear alone, but can be heard through a tape recorder. On Friday night, they recorded a male voice saying a stern and clear "no."

"EVP does not make a house haunted," said Kondracki in an interview Friday. Unexplained heavy breathing was also caught on the digital recorder.

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For a video documentary on the night's ghostly activity, visit: www.wickedlocalcohasset.com and click on Nancy White's story.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Matt Kondracki and Jason Grundstrom, Ghost Hunters from the Enfield Paranormal Society, set up their equipment on the stage in Cohasset Town Hall where they will determine if there are in ghosts in the basement. Some of the equipment they use includes infrared cameras, digital recorders and EMF detectors.

Pizza eatery knows its place

Good Fella's reopens on Ripley Road

By Nancy White
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For loyal customers, the seven months without Good Fella's Pizza may have seemed like an eternity. The tasty pizzas and homemade pastas Cohasset has grown accustomed to during Good Fella's four years in business vacated its Ripley Road location last summer.

"A lot of customers came to Norwell to get their pizza," says owner and chef Joe Armstrong of his seven-month stint inside Drums Emporium in Norwell Center. But now the Good Fella's Cohasset residents had grown to love is back within town limits and better than ever, says Armstrong.

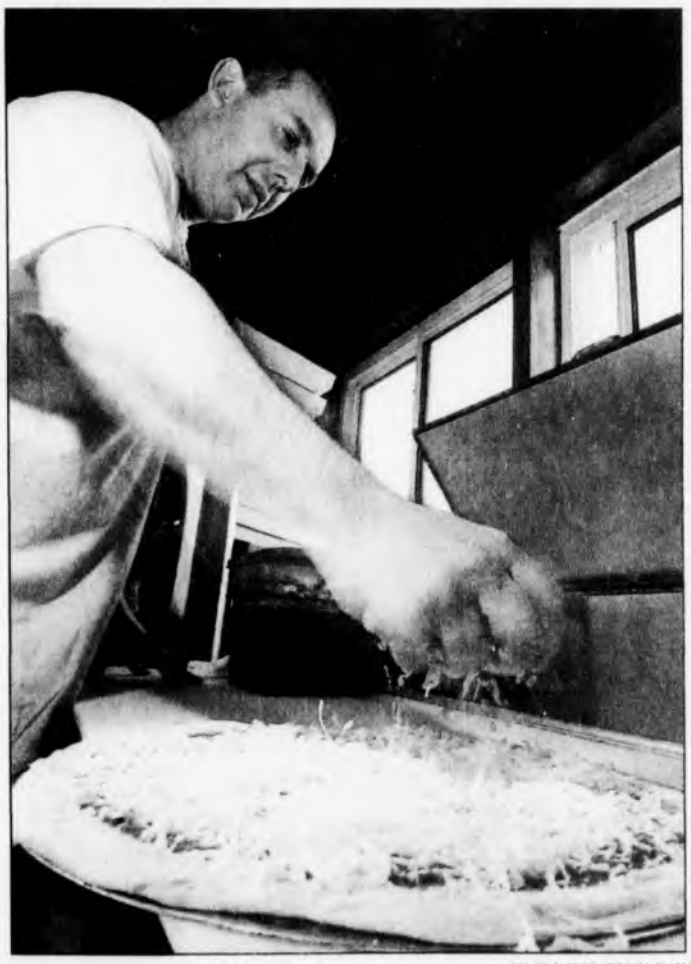
Late last year Armstrong re-opened the doors to his original Good Fella's location, tucked behind and between Adrian Morris Salon and Bernard's. An expanded menu with more lunch offerings like paninis and simple sandwiches have been added.

Armstong considers himself a hidden gem in Cohasset because of his off the beaten path location and the wide array of homemade meals he prepares each day.

"I want to be everybody's personal chef," says Armstrong. He thinks the alley-like location and Greenbush train only add to the ambiance of his restaurant named after Martin Scorcese's Oscar-winning movie of the same name.

But it's the food that keeps people coming back, says Armstrong. Good Fella's makes own special tomato sauce and homemade salad dressings. The

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Joe Armstrong, owner of Good Fella's Pizza, adds cheese to a pie while making a pizza in his newly reopened restaurant.

Super Tuesday

Presidential primary is coming to town

By Nancy White
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Cohasset is getting ready to wield its collective voting power on the upcoming "Super Tuesday" presidential primary vote.

The Massachusetts' primary was originally set for March 4, but was moved up so the state could participate along with 22 other states in the Super Tuesday primary, perhaps allowing the state's voters to have a more influential say in the ultimate presidential candidates.

Voting for precincts 1 and 2 is held in the Cohasset Town Hall auditorium from 7a.m. to 8p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5. During the presidential primary, voters will also cast ballots for Town Committee members and State Committee Man and Woman.

The Town Clerk's office has been busy this past month registering and filling requests for absentee ballots.

"We've had a lot of new young people come in to register to vote," said Town Clerk Marion Douglas, including high school seniors and college level students, as well as residents who have recently moved to town, "some were excited because it was their first time voting."

Many of those younger voters who are now away at college came to get absentee ballots to ensure they were

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This week the Mariner caught up with Jennifer Sullivan director of the Carriage House Nursery School, 23 North Main St. Carriage House held an open house last Saturday. For more information about the nursery school, all Jenn at 781-383-9785.

Name: Jennifer Sullivan.

Occupation: Director and teacher, Carriage House Nursery School.

Best day of your life: My wedding day.

Best vacation: First trip to Aruba.

Favorite season: Fall, because of the colors and it's football season!

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite junk food: Any kind of chips!

Best book: "The Velveteen Rabbit," by Margery Williams and "The Da Vinci Code," by Dan Brown.

Best movie: "Meet Joe Black."

Best TV show: "Friends."

Most memorable moment: Being in the delivery room when my youngest niece was born.

Pet peeve: When people abandon or abuse animals.

Goal: To retire to Florida!

Person you'd most like to meet: Jason Varitek, catcher for the Red Sox.

Biggest worry: My health.

Best part of Cohasset: The Carriage House Nursery School.

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Dog forms are on a tear-off portion of the census forms. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 2008. Dog forms need to be returned as soon as possible with a current rabies certificate although some residents may have recently renewed the 2007 license.

Anyone who did not receive the census should call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100.

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Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:56 p.m.*			
Fri. 1	6:27	8.1	7:11	7.0	12:01	2.0	12:51	1.4
Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:57 p.m.*			
Sat. 2	7:23	8.2	8:08	7.1	12:56	2.0	1:48	1.3
Sunrise: 6:56 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:58 p.m.*			
Sun. 3	8:17	8.5	9:00	7.3	1:51	1.8	2:40	1.0
Sunrise: 6:55 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:59 p.m.*			
Mon. 4	9:06	8.8	9:47	7.7	2:49	1.6	3:26	0.6
Sunrise: 6:54 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:01 p.m.*			
Tues. 5	9:52	9.1	10:29	8.1	3:29	1.2	4:09	0.2
Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:02 p.m.*			
Wed. 6	10:35	9.5	11:09	8.5	4:14	0.8	4:49	-0.2
Sunrise: 6:52 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:03 p.m.*			
Thurs. 7	11:16	9.7	11:47	8.8	4:57	0.4	5:29	-0.5
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Police Beat

Wave of motor vehicle mishaps last week

By Mary Ford
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Police urge motorists, who hit a car and there is no one around, to leave a note or call the station.

There was a spate of minor accidents last week, some of which were due to wintry weather.

• On Tuesday (Jan. 22), a walk-in at the station at 12:24 p.m. reported his 2005 Ford pickup had been struck while parked at the post office. There were marks on the tailgate door. Police have a partial plate number and color of the gray SUV believed to be responsible. The incident is under investigation.

• On Wednesday (Jan. 23) at 1:29 a.m., a caller, whose backyard backs onto Atlantic Avenue, reported a car had "just crashed into her yard" and slid into the stockade fence. Officers confirmed the damage but there was no sign of the vehicle. The caller could not provide a plate number.

• Police say a medical issue was apparently responsible for a crash in the village last Wednesday (Jan. 23) at about 1:42 p.m. involving several parked cars. The operator of a 1998 Toyota from Cohasset appears to have experienced a medically related incident while driving into the village from the direction of the Common on South Main Street. He apparently passed out striking a car that was in the angled spaces on the right side of the road and then continued on, hitting four more cars that were parked in the angled spaces along the opposite side of the street just beyond the hardware store. One of the parked cars was occupied but that person was not injured, Chief James Hussey said. The operator of the Toyota was transported to the hospital. Three of the cars involved had to be towed, he said. "We were very fortunate there were no serious injuries," Hussey said.

• What was described as a minor accident involving a 2004 Cadillac and a 2001 Saab last Wednesday (Jan. 23) at about 3 p.m. at Shaw's was worked out between the people involved. Chief Hussey said the man in the Cadillac accepted fault for the incident and the matter would be worked out between the insurance companies.

• A motorist with a 1996 Nissan parked outside Mullaney's reported the driver's side, front-quarter panel was scraped by an unknown vehicle in an apparent hit and run last Friday (Jan. 25) at about 4:30 p.m. There were no witnesses, police said.

Chief Hussey explained that leaving the scene after property damage could be a criminal offense. Police urge motorists, who hit a car and there is no one around, to leave a note or call the station.

• Snowy road conditions contributed to a single-car accident on Hull Street on Sunday (Jan. 27) at about 9:17 a.m. A 2001 Ford Focus was heading north toward Hull when the driver lost control near a bend in the road and slid off the road into a tree. There was front-end damage to the car, which had to be towed. The operator had no apparent injuries.

• A car went into a slide near the Roy house on Margin Street on Sunday (Jan. 27) at about 10:15 a.m. and hit a stonewall. The Dodge Stratus was driven by a Weymouth resident, who was not injured. The car was towed, police said.

• On Sunday (Jan. 27) at about 11:40 a.m. a 2007 Ford driven by a Cohasset woman was traveling west on Jerusalem Road near house number 250 when an oncoming 2006 Toyota driven by a woman from New Jersey came around the bend and went across the road hitting the Ford. The road was snow covered, police said. Both cars were towed. The women were checked out at the scene but were not transported to the hospital.

• A 1994 Saturn driven by a Cohasset resident that was headed north on upper King Street near Lily Pond swerved to avoid an unidentified oncoming car and went off the road to avoid a collision at about 5:15 p.m. Sunday (Jan. 27). The Saturn nicked a utility pole but did not damage the pole. The car was towed and the operator had no apparent injuries, police said.

Bike missing

An Atlantic Avenue resident whose home has a detached garage reported the apparent theft of a gray, 26-in., Trek off-road bicycle last week.

The garage door was closed but not locked, police said. Officers checked the area and did not find anything.

The homeowner, who had not recently checked the garage, is not sure when the bike was taken but it was sometime during the past two months. The incident was reported Saturday.

Furnace turned-off

A resident told police that she believes a neighbor in the same multi-unit dwelling with a "beef" may have turned off her furnace. She called a maintenance worker when her heat was off and the worker determined the furnace had been turned off. Police are investigating.

Camouflage

After receiving a report from Scituate that a man dressed in camouflage had pointed a gun and threatened to shoot a woman's dog in that town and fled in a red pickup toward Cohasset, Cohasset police searched the area. However, nothing was found, police said.

Rifle piece

An officer driving by the maintenance shack at the Cohasset Golf Club found a piece of a 22-caliber rifle that was rusty and not usable, police said. The officer took the gun piece into custody. Police do not know how it got there or whom it belonged to.

Road rage

Police said a woman reported that a man blocked her in last week, got out of his car and yelled at her near Shaw's. The man was frustrated that the woman in the car in front of him was talking on her cell phone. The woman called 9-1-1 and police went to the scene and peace was restored. The male driver was traveling north in the parking lot of Shaw's Plaza on the road way in front of the stores and the woman pulled out from the lot and entered that same roadway when the incident occurred, police said.

Pocketbook found

A man walking on North Main Street near the train station found a woman's pocketbook and the contents strewn around and brought them into the police station. The pocketbook belonged to a Scituate resident and was stolen from her car during one of the recent pocketbook thefts in Cohasset. Police returned the items to her.

There were two more pocketbook thefts in Hingham this week. In both cases, police said the women took some money and left their pocketbooks on the front seat of an unlocked car. They both ran inside a store to conduct a quick errand and when they came out, their pocketbooks were gone.

Police are urging people to lock valuables in the trunk or take them with them if they leave their cars, even if it is just for a few minutes.

Summonsed

A Scituate woman is being summonsed to court after she was stopped for having a headlight out and no front license plate. An officer was on patrol Saturday night near the Mobil Mart when the officer saw the car. Further investigation revealed the car's registration had been revoked due to insurance cancellation. She will be summonsed on the charge of driving a car without insurance and for defective equipment. Police had the car towed.

Water rebate program ends

By Mary Ford
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Hingham residents are going to see an increase in their water bills.

While water rates have not changed, the clock runs out this month on a 10-year rebate program approved in 1998 that affects customers of Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts and those of 21 other districts.

Residential customers in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset will see an increase of about $24.25 per quarter or $100 annually. That means the amount the average customer pays would go from about $549 to $646 per year.

Back in the 1990s state Sen. Robert Hedlund and then state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray worked to grandfather in communities that had already built treatment plants to meet federal safe water act standards to receive reimbursements for certain costs.

"Essentially what had happened was the federal government created an incentive for communities to do what these 22 districts had already done," state Rep. Garrett Bradley explained.

Aquarion's predecessor, Mass-American Water Company, built the $37 million treatment plant in Hingham that came on line in 1996.

"The Massachusetts legislation made $8 million available annually for 10 years for reimbursement through a line item in the state budget," Bradley explained. The federal government reimbursed the state for no more than 50 percent of that amount.

Bradley and Hedlund are sponsoring new legislation that would extend the reimbursement program for another 10 years because interest on the debt on the treatment plant was not part of the calculation of reimbursable costs. Post 1998, the federal government changed the rules from a straight grant program to low-interest loans that could include the cost of the debt service in the reimbursable amount. The 22 affected districts – including Aquarion's customers in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset – have not benefited from this change. "We think equity dictates," Bradley said. The legislation would spread $80 million in reimbursements over another 10 years.

Hedlund said he is proud to have created this program that resulted in significant savings for ratepayers over the last 10 years.

"With that 10-year program ending, we have been fighting hard to continue the program based on the issue of program equity," Hedlund said. "Right now it is an uphill battle, but I will continue to fight for the ratepayers of my district."

Bradley also said the bill could have a tough road ahead because the state is facing a $1.3 billion deficit. If passed, the bill would not take effect until the end of the session in July.

In the meantime, the funding on the original program is running out at the end of January.

For a more detailed explanation of the water rebate, see page 14.

Planning Board meets Mondays

For the indefinite future, Planning Board meetings will be held Monday evenings. Therefore, the Planning Board will meet Mondays, Feb. 4 and 25, and March 3 and 10. The meeting date of Monday, March 24, is tentative.

After many years of Wednesday evening meetings the board knows this will be an adjustment, and will make every effort to make this a smooth transition, and accommodate any conflicts this change may cause.

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Budget talks start in earnest

By Nancy White
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If money becomes available in the budget, the $90,000 school cuts will be among the first to be funded.

The budget season is upon Cohasset. Town Manager Bill Griffin unveiled his fiscal 2009 budget message to the Board of Selectmen Monday.

A recommended figure of $36,306,872 was brought forth after removing roughly $518,000 in department requests from town department heads; about $92,000 of that number came out of the proposed school budget. The school budget makes up 45 percent of the town's operating budget.

"The budget I'm proposing is a no-override budget," said Griffin, but an override discussion is not out of the question.

"Since my budget just came out, I would think it is too early to say that there definitely will not be an override," stated Griffin in an e-mail Tuesday, "the School Committee will have to meet and discuss their budget after my reduction, and others might advocate for one."

Overrides allow voters to increase taxes above the limit of 2-1/2 percent set by the state to increase revenue to the town. No override was proposed last year, but the two years prior to that brought the override question to the ballot box. Both times the override failed.

Much discussion will take place with the School Committee in the coming month to determine what the right number for the schools will be, said Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh in a phone interview. While the school department has proposed a budget increase of 4.9 percent over fiscal 2008, Griffin has recommended a 4.24 percent increase, a difference of $92,496. The School Committee will not certify a budget number until after a public hearing on the budget set for March 5.

Going into budget preparations, town departments were asked to submit two budgets, one a level services/ enhanced version and the other reflecting a 2 percent less FY08 budget. Some departments requested new staffing, including the police, fire and facilities management departments, but all those requests were denied for the time being. Griffin has prioritized those requests if and when additional funds become available.

The tax levy is always the major source of revenue (roughly 70 percent) with $26,502,911, which includes a 2.5 percent increase in the tax levy and an estimated $450,000 in new growth revenue from new construction or renovation.

When the Governor's budget was revealed last week, numbers were less than Griffin anticipated, particularly with Chapter 70 funds. Griffin said the only blessing in receiving less state aid is it does not comprise a major part of the budget (just under 10 percent), "Cohasset doesn't receive a whole lot of state aid."

The Governor's budget also decreased lottery aid, but made it up by incorporating casino fees, "I'm certainly not confident in what's going to happen with casinos," said Griffin and therefore his recommended budget did not include assume receipt of the town's $63,000 share in casino fees.

The proposed budget is $921,331 or 2.6 percent over the fiscal 2008 budget. The general government budget would see an increase of $580,023 or 1.86 percent. Of that increase, $579,997 is for the schools, $94,854 is for benefits and health insurance. All other town departments were cut by approximately 0.5 to 1.5 percent from the fiscal 2008 budget.

Variables are still at work within the budget numbers. New growth is expected to be about $450,000, but firm numbers from the assessors won't be in until fall 2008. Final budget numbers from the state will not come until the late spring. All town union contracts are due to expire on June 30, 2008, currently only step raises are incorporated into the recommended budget. Health insurance could increase up to 9.1 percent, but could also remain level. With a few winter months still ahead, a portion of free cash might have to be used to address the snow and ice deficit.

"Everyday it snows I feel less confident," said Griffin.

If money becomes available in the budget, the $90,000 school cuts will be among the first to be funded. Followed closely by an additional facilities management maintenance worker, a fire prevention officer, a police patrolman position, a police school resource officer and others. Griffin's priority list totals about $371,000.

"We had to squeeze this budget, it's really getting tough here," said Griffin.

While over the summer the Griffin and Finance Director Mike Buckley presented predictions of a roughly $410,000 shortfall for fiscal 2009. But in the last six months various factors have come into play to close the gap between projected revenues and expenses.

In the preliminary prediction Griffin assumed the school budget to go up 6 percent, while now the school's proposed budget is up 4.9 percent and in Griffin's recommended budget 4.24 percent on fiscal 2008. A three percent increase on the town-side budget was forecasted, but after reductions the budget will rise only 1.5 percent. Initial conservative estimates on increases in health insurance and county pension assessment proved to be too conservative and eased up the budget restraints.

CPC looks forward to Town Meeting

By Nancy White
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"We're starting this year off in much better fiscal shape than we'd thought we would."
— Stuart Ivimey, Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Committee is ramping up to a very active season. Projects from myriad organizations both private groups and town committees have applied for CPC funds. Meetings began this week with a full agenda (*see related story*).

Although the state match percentage is in question for the coming October, CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey says Cohasset is in great shape for this round of projects.

"We're starting this year off in much better fiscal shape than we'd thought we would," said Ivimey in a phone interview. He was conservative with the numbers last spring when he heard rumblings the state match for CPC fund may not be the dollar for dollar match the town — and towns across the state — has enjoyed since Cohasset adopting the Community Preservation Act in 2001.

The Community Preservation Act's funds are generated from two sources, a town real estate tax surcharge (in Cohasset 1.5 percent) and some level of state match, determined year-to-year. The state funds are derived from a $20 surcharge on all documents filed in the Recorder of Deeds office statewide (e.g. mortgages, deeds, homesteads, etc.).

This past October, the town received a 100 percent match from the state on last year's town CPC surtax. Ivimey said they earned more interest on their funds in the neighborhood of $25,000. And to top it all off, at last year's annual Town Meeting voters allocated $150,000 to service the remaining Beechwood Ballpark debt, but that entire total did not need to be spent.

"We took in more money and spent less than we thought we would," said Ivimey. Then, no projects came forward for consideration at the Special Town Meeting in November.

He has again planned conservatively for the upcoming year, "I'm confident we will receive over a 50 percent match, but I don't have any confidence in a number beyond that."

In fiscal 2008, the town will collect $330,000 from the town property tax surcharge. The average single family home valued at $848,000 will pay roughly $120 in CPA tax this year. Ivimey is estimating the state will match those funds with at least $165,000 this coming October, giving the town an estimated revenue of about $500,000.

So far, six projects have applied for Community Preservation funds to be allocated at the Annual Town Meeting March 29. The nine-member committee began to sift through the requests this past Tuesday.

Ivimey is trying to get a head start on the requests so the committee's recommendations can be included in the printed warrant sent out to each household prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

"I want to give the applicants enough time to amend their requests and to answer whatever questions the committee may have," said Ivimey.

The CPA at a glance

- Funds from the CPA can be spent in three specific areas: open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation.
- Aside from minor administrative costs, the CPC does not spend money. The CPC only makes recommendations to the legislative authority in a town or municipality, (in Cohasset's case, Town Meeting).
- Each year, the CPC must spend or bank 10 percent of its annual revenue on each of the three specific areas.
- CPA funds are generated from two sources, a town real estate tax surcharge (in Cohasset 1.5 percent) and a some level of state match, determined from year-to-year. So far Cohasset and other participating towns have received a 100 percent state match each year. The state funds are derived from a $20 surcharge on all documents filed in the Recorder of Deeds Office statewide (e.g. mortgages, deeds, homesteads, etc.).
- The average single family home valued at $848,000 will pay $118.93 in CPA tax this year.

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CPC projects line up for funding requests

Not an easy ride for Housing Partnership

By Nancy White
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The Community Preservation Committee has its work cut out for them. From archival restoration to perc tests to watershed protection, the applications came from diverse applicants and interests. At the end of the marathon meeting and reviewing seven applications, the CPC had voted to recommend a total of $423,679 to projects around town.

Funds from the Community Preservation Act can be spent in three specific areas: open space, housing, and historic preservation. Each year, the CPC must spend or bank percent of its annual revenue on each of the three specific areas. Projects falling under all three categories came before the committee Tuesday night.

Although the CPC reviews and make recommendations on all applications, Town Meeting will ultimately decide whether to fund any of the recommended projects.

While the two applications for historical preservation passed with little controversy or discussion, the community housing and open space projects sparked ample discussion and led to three split votes within the committee.

The Housing Partnership Committee came forth with two applications for funding. First, the Partnership was looking for a $20,000 allocation to perform multiple perc tests on 14 acres of town land located that backs up to the South Shore Music Circus.

Earlier this month, the Board of Selectmen authorized the Partnership to do the perc tests with a 3-2 split vote. Now, the Partnership needs the money to actually do the tests.

"Right now, we don't have any particular plans."

Debate on whether housing was the highest and best use of the land was discussed at length. CPC member Susan Sardina said the Partnership had to start somewhere in order to develop housing while member Al Moore argued for open space instead of "opening a can of worms" with housing. Callahan explained the need for a subsidy like utilizing town land in order to make affordable housing economically feasible.

Before the vote, CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey clarified one point, "if we recommend the $20,000 (for the perc test) it by no means can be interpreted as an endorsement in any way, shape or form for a potential housing development (on the land)."

The CPC recommended the project in a 5-2 vote (Moore and member Nathaniel Palmer were the two dissenting votes).

Without having a minute to catch its breath, the Housing Partnership jumped into its request to have the CPC fund a to-be-created "Housing Trust" fund. An article seeking to create a Housing Trust committee and fund is likely to be on the spring Town Meeting warrant.

A Housing Trust has been created in towns across the state, including Hingham and Duxbury. A state statute sets out the general terms of a Housing Trust. At its simplest terms, the Housing Trust is the functional equivalent of a separate enterprise fund, like the water and sewer departments, set up for the purposed of developing affordable housing, said Callahan.

"It gives the town flexibility to react to the market place and not be limited by the town meeting cycle," said Callahan. The Housing Trust still has checks and balances with a nine-member board, including representatives from the Housing Partnership and Board of Selectmen, overseeing the fund. Any decision to buy or sell land would have to go before the Board of Selectmen.

The Housing Partnership proposed transferring all or some of the CPC's housing sub-account funds, currently at $196,206, to the Housing Trust if successfully created at Town Meeting. Each subsequent year, Town Meeting would have to vote to transfer the funds from the CPC account to the Housing Trust.

Callahan said funding sources could ultimately come from multiple sources in addition to the CPC: developers, donations or general revenue.

Palmer was concerned transferring the money to the Housing Trust would shift the checks from a general vote of Town Meeting to the Selectmen. However, Callahan argued Town Meeting would still have the authority to appropriate the CPC money to the Housing Trust every year.

Ivimey acknowledged the positives of the application: the Housing Trust would have expertise in affordable housing and have a professional consultant to advise them. But, also felt the proposal took away from the spirit of the CPA funds, "the CPC is giving up its control over the money."

Callahan said the Housing Trust was a better, more efficient mechanism to enable to creation of affordable housing, "a lot of other towns have trusts and CPCs working together, we shouldn't be at odds."

The divisiveness caused over affordable housing and development in the community was a fight member Al Moore did not want the CPC to be a part of, citing the neighborhood outcry over the Partnership's proposal at 25 Ripley Road early last year.

"I'm asking you to support affordable housing and the tools to create it," said Callahan before a vote was taken. The application was denied in a 5-2 vote (members Margy Charles and Susan Sardina were the dissenting votes).

CPC Project Status

Organization	Project	Amount	Status
Town Clerk	Restore town archives	$50,000	Recommended
Stormwater Comm./ Conservation Comm.	Raingardens	$88,500	Recommended
Housing Partnership	Perc tests	$20,000	Recommended
Historical Society	Restoration and preservation of buildings and archives	$51,700	Recommended
Water Commission	Land purchase-Brass Kettle Watershed	$175,000	Recommended
	Debt service / Watershed Land purchase	$38,479	Recommended
Total amount recommended		$423,679	

"We want to explore the possibility of the land to see whether it can be developed in the future."

— Tom Callahan, chairman of the Housing Partnership

Watershed protection

Five years ago the town set off on a mission to acquire land around Lily Pond, the town's primary water supply. After acquiring a little over 200 acres, one 20-acre parcel remains that is critical to water protection, said Water Commission Chairman Glenn Pratt. Once the land is acquired a conservation restriction will be placed on the land to keep it as open space.

"We think we have everything set out to get this," said Pratt. In addition to seeking $250,000 in CPC funding, several other sources — state funds, town organizations, private organizations and private donors — are lined up to contribute to the purchase price of roughly $500,000, a cost on par with previous land purchases in the area. The Water Commission has received a $146,000 grant from the state's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to put toward the purchase of the land. The Cohasset Conservation Trust and Water Commission are kicking in $25,000 each and the Bates family trust, $30,000. The Trustees of Reservations, an abutter to the property, is willing to contribute $50,000.

"Town Meeting support this unanimously (in 2004), to me we're charged with making it happen," said Pratt.

Concerns were raised over the price of the land, which seemed high to some of the committee members considering the current real estate market. However, Pratt said negotiation over the price of the land has been ongoing for several years and the clock was ticking on the weighty state grant, which expires on June 30, 2008.

The committee discussed the importance of this land purchase versus other projects coming down the line, including Town Hall restoration and was split on this issue. Some felt protecting the water supply was of utmost importance while another said there was enough open space in town.

The motion to recommend the requested $250,000 allocation failed, then was amended to $200,000 and was voted down again. Ultimately, the motion passed in 4-3 split vote to allocate $175,000.

Other recommended projects

• The Housing Authority requested an electrical generator for the community room to be used the event of an emergency. The entire complex runs on electrical heat and air conditioning so if the power goes out residents are left without heat. The cost is $30,000. The CPC tabled the request to allow the Housing Authority to look into alternative systems that may have more benefit.

• Town Clerk Marion Douglas applied for $50,000 to continue the restoration of the town's archives. Birth, death and marriage certificates need to be preserved, as well as recently discovered town books.

• The Stormwater Management Committee and the Conservation Committee proposed the installation of bio-retention cells, or raingardens, in the watershed around Jacob's Meadow and James Brook. The raingardens would mitigate stormwater pollution from the first flush of rainwater. They have applied to receive a grant from Coastal Zone Management for the project and are hopeful its receipt. The $88,500 request will build about five raingardens, with the CZM grant funding another five. CPC voted to recommend the project.

• The Historical Society requested $51,700 to continue restoring their buildings and better preserving their extensive textile collection. The CPC recommended the allocation.

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Hello Cohasset, how is everyone doing on this first day of February? I wonder what type of month we will have in terms of weather, I hope some more mild weather. We will see. Send in your wintertime news if you have any: birthdays, special events and days, new babies and other pieces of news to share with the community.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

A very special Happy Birthday wish goes out to our friend, **Sasha Nakashima** as he celebrates his 13thbirthday this weekend. Enjoy your weekend Sasha with your family and friends.

DEAN'S LIST

Here is some news on a few schools and students, great work to all.

Tufts University will start us off and it recently announced the dean's list for the fall, 2007 semester. Cohasset student, **Caren Garber,** class of 2011, made the list with a semester GPA of 3.4 or greater.

Also sending us the news is the University of Massachusetts and on its dean's list for the Fall of 2007 were Cohasset students **Abigail Coakley**, **Hana Doggett, Kathryn Hines, Peter Kovach, Julie Lordan** and **Sara Osmanski.**

The last to release the news this week is the Fitchburg State College which had Cohasset residents, **Kyle E. Goines** and **Jeremy R. Simms,** make their Fall 2007 dean's list. Congratulations to all of you on your accomplishments, keep it up.

PASSION PLUNGE

Plunges seemed to be all the news last week, and here we go announcing the big one The 10th Annual Passion Plunge for Special Olympics Massachusetts. This year's event will be Saturday, Feb. 16th, at noon at Nantasket Beach, one of four sites for the Plunge this year. Last year over 940 Plungers raised more than $400,000. Several brave Cohasset supporters have signed on to Plunge already and they are seeking pledges of support for this challenge. Cohasset Special Olympics athletes **Jay Nothnagle, Jessica MacDonald** and **Nicholas Sida** were among the first to sign up and they will be joined by **Jeff Nothnagle, Graham Sida, Laurel Hickey, Doug Yeager, Chris Evans, Jack DeLorenzo, Rich Quebec,** and **Bill Greentree**. There is still plenty of time to join the South Shore Mariners Team. If plunging is not for you, please support these brave participants by an online donation at www.passionplunge.org or in person by check or cash to any one of them.

Special Olympics Massachusetts supports 10,700 athletes with intellectual disabilities who train and compete in 26 sports year-round. No athlete is ever charged to participate and the funds raised by our Cohasset Plungers come back to our local programs. The South Shore Mariners is a team of 85 athletes from ages 8 to 65 from seven area towns.

QUILT SHOW

The 15th Annual Quilt Show & Luncheon will be held at Second Congregational Church on Saturday, March 1st from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.. More than 50 beautiful quilts will be on display. The luncheon menu features recipes for the new church cookbook, which will be available for sale at the show. If you have a quilt that you would like to share for this event, please call the church office (781-383-9474) and ask for a registration form. Quilt registrations are due by Feb. 10th. Tickets for the show are also available from the church office and are $12 for this delightful event.

PAC MEETING

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) welcomes all to join them on Tuesday, Feb. 5th. The Cohasset Public School clinical staff offers a framework for understanding behavioral interventions across settings. The presentation explores the relationship between contexts (home, school, and community) and behavior change, and the impact of this relationship on aspects of student development. Presentation will be held at the Osgood School in the library and will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. All workshops/presentations are free and sponsored by the PSO/Parent Advisory Council. If you would like to be added to the e-mail network for updates please forward your contact information to: southshorepac@comcast.net

HOCKEY ROCKS

Here is a great event that is coming up to warm you up during these cold winter months. Come dance the night away tonight to the classic rock sounds of the "GR8FLS" (formerly known as the Greatful Dads) at the beautiful Red Lion Inn Barn on Feb. 1st. The event benefits the Cohasset Hockey team and promises to rockin' time for everyone. If you didn't make it last year, don't miss it this year. It's a great way to shake off the doldrums of winter and have a fun night out with friends in Cohasset. The date is Feb. 1, tonight from 8 pm-midnight with Classic and current rock provided by the "GR8FLS". Tickets are $20 and are available at the door or through any hockey team member or parent. Appetizers and a cash bar will be there and it will be a super night of fun.

That is it for this week. Please send me all of your news, event information and stories in written form either electronically or by mail as I will no longer accept phone messages due to glitches and erased calls etc.

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COURTESY PHOTOS

The CSCR staff: left to right in front, Jon Choi and August Oddleifson, Student Staff chairman. Standing in back, from left: Sondra Hart, Chloe Koines, Maggie McGoldrick, Jenny Cahill, Lauren Allen, Margaret Goodwin, Jessie Fitts, Fiona McBride; Middle row, from left, Jean Thomae and Ellie Baumgarten.

CSCR hosts open house



Zach Troupe carefully examines the 3D model of the James Brook watershed and non point source pollution study of 2006.

A significant number of Cohasset residents ventured into the Center for Student Coastal Research recently to learn about Cohasset High School's Summer Institute program and the many research projects that students can join. Those who braved the chilly winds swirling at the harbor on Jan. 21, found dozens of warm and friendly students inside CSCR eager to explain key facts and findings about wetland monitoring, harbor water quality, bacteria at swimming beaches, and many others.

Open House visitors learned that some projects are on-going, some take the form of after school extra curricular activity and some projects start anew come the end of the school year during the Summer Institute 2008. While most projects are geared primarily for students in grades 7 through 12, Mrs. Haran, formerly of Deer Hill, is running an engineering class after school for students in grades 4 through 6. Information about the projects are available at www.ccscr.org.

The Summer Institute is a CMHS program that began in 1999, created by Cohasset High School teachers, Dave Magnussen, Pattie McGrail, Jody Wood, Ruth Fennessey, Ann Thomae, and Jack Buckley. The Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) is the off-campus home for the Summer Institute, but CSCR is operated as a community nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching students how to perform coastal research projects needed in our community.

Inly to host 'Annie' Feb. 8-10

With the help of professional adult actors, directors and musicians, Inly School in Scituate will present the musical "Annie" on the weekend of Feb. 8 to 10. The musical production will be a fundraiser to benefit the school and its programs, many of which are open to the public.

This show is a collaboration involving local professional actors, directors and costume and set designers, as well as members of the school community. Inly students in grades three through eight will play parts such as orphans, mansion staff members and Annie. Professional adult actors, as well as Inly parents, staff and alumni, will fill in the main cast.

The Meehan Family Artsbarn will be transformed into 1930s New York City, with scenes on multiple levels of the barn and stage area. The seating will be arranged so the action will be in, around and through the audience.

All shows are open to the public. The performances will take place at Inly School, 46 Watch Hill Dr., off Route 123 in Scituate, on Friday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 9, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 10, at 2 p.m. Tickets in the main seating area are $25; for information on special front row seats, plus the opening reception, visit inlyschool.org/news. To purchase tickets, call 781-741-5533.

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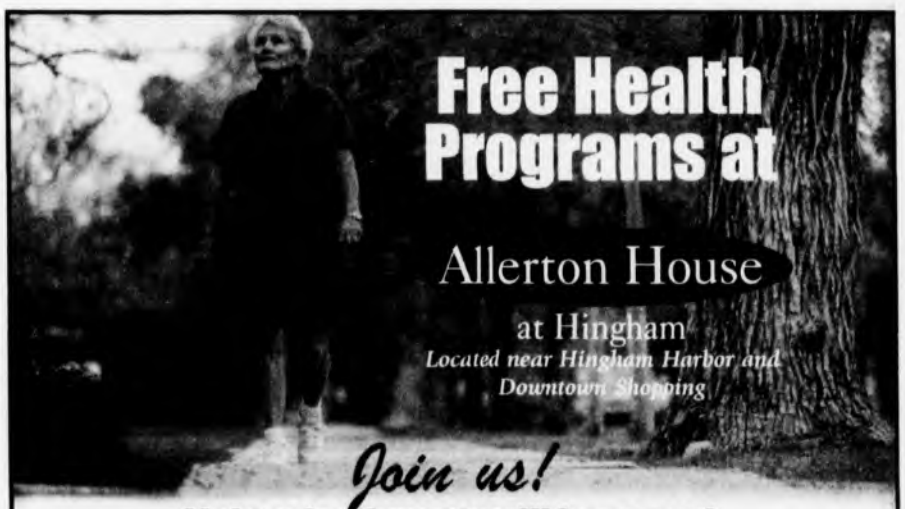
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CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH UPDATE
Thursday, February 7
2:00 – 3:00 pm
Nancy Manzolillo, MS, RN, cardiac clinical nurse specialist, **South Shore Visiting Nurse Association**, offers up-to-date information about cardiovascular disease, new cholesterol guidelines, healthy heart habits and the Well at Home Program.

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Pizza eatery knows its place

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pasta dishes sounds like something just like an Italian grandmother would make: handmade cannelloni con vodka, chicken aosta, penne boscaiola and pasta pomodoro. He's going to be offering "pretty unique" pasta specials in addition to the regular menu items.

Armstrong says his basic philosophy is to serve good food at reasonable prices and people will continue to come back.

The meatballs are substantial to say the least, each boasting a weight of about a half a pound and he's had time to perfect his recipe, "I've been making meatballs since I was six years old."

A $6.99 side order comes with three of those monster meatballs.

What has really put Good Fella's on the map, with several regional awards, is its pizza. In 2005 it was named Boston Best pizza, it won the Summer Sizzle Cookoff 2007 and a Community Newspaper's Reader's Choice Award. What makes it so special?

"I think it's the love I put into it," says Armstrong. He offers specialty pizzas that go beyond cheese and pepperoni. The best-selling "Taranto" pizza is topped with marinated grilled chicken, broccoli, tomato and a roasted garlic béchamel. The "Pescara" is loaded with grilled shrimp, artichoke hearts, roasted red peppers, asparagus and roasted garlic aioli.

"It's something different and you know you're getting something good," says Armstrong.

Good Fellas opened in 2004 as a joint venture with Armstrong and his brother, Patrick. Now, Armstrong is going at it alone but he has 26 years of experience in the restaurant business to support him. He's worked as a chef at the Flying Fish Cafe at Disney World serving celebrities like Mariah Carey and John Stamos. He was the executive chef at Campari's in North Chatham and at the now closed Casa Del Rey in Hingham.

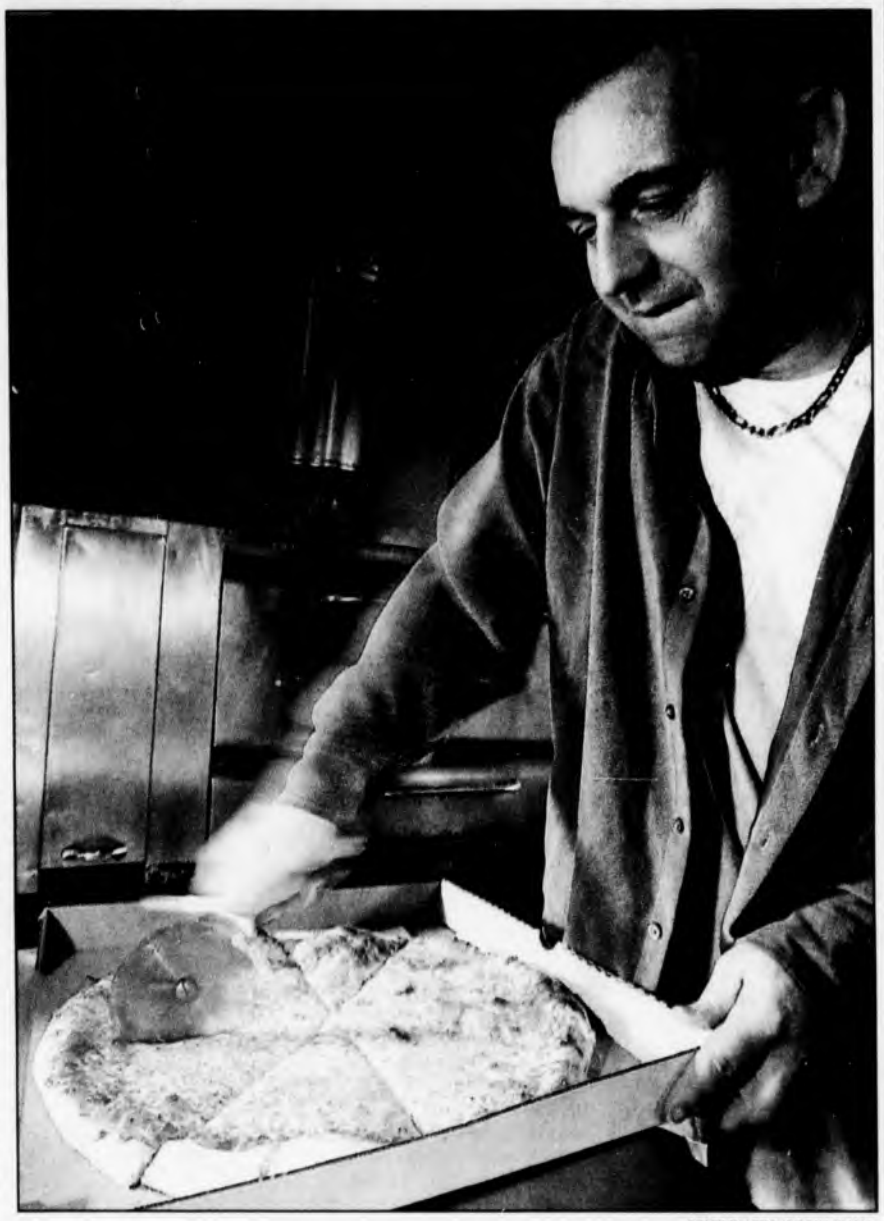
"I just enjoy cooking," says Armstrong, "I always find myself back in the kitchen."

Last summer, Good Fella's added a 30-foot deck with seating to the building and offers fried seafood from May to September. They've brought back delivery Thursday through Sunday and are willing to cater parties.

When he arrived in Cohasset in 2004 he didn't know anyone but his landlord, now he counts families all over Cohasset and many of the supportive business community in the village as friends.

"It's good to be back," says Armstrong, "I'm definitely in Cohasset for awhile."

Good Fella's Pizza is open six days a week, Tuesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner..



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Joe Armstrong, owner of Good Fella's, slices up a pizza for a hungry customer. Armstong considers himself a hidden gem in Cohasset because of his off the beaten path location and the wide array of homemade meals he prepares each day.

SENIOR SCENE

Raffle prizes being sought

The following events are sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs at 3 North Street. Registration is required for all events unless noted, by calling 781-383-9112.

Events

Raffle Items sought – Did you receive a gift at the Holidays that just wasn't for you or that you don't think you will use? Why not re-gift it to Cohasset Elder Affairs? It will be used for a raffle prize. All monies raised will augment its programs. Drop items off at the Senior Center. Cohasset Elder Affairs gratefully accepts donations and thanks everyone who has donated to its programs.

Valentine's Tea – Join the Valentine's Tea from 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Second Congregational Church. Anna's Gourmet Club will prepare the feast. To sign up, call 781-383-9112.

Lunchtime Lectures

Prescription Advantage Workshop – Kathy Campbell Outreach Coordinator for Prescription Advantage will present a workshop on Prescription Advantage from 11 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Jan. 23. A gourmet lunch will follow the presentation. The cost for both is $2.50. For more information, call Kathy at 617-222-7520.

Legion seeking donations for those deployed

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

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Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. The following items are being collected at the American Legion for deployed servicemen and women:

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Also, sports magazines, local newspapers, socks, T-shirts, candy (no chocolate), phone cards, peanut butter and crackers, dry tuna in a bag, deodorant, winter hats and gloves, gum, mints, Lifesavers, Q-Tips, sunscreen, soap and body wash, dry soup, beef jerky, Tylenol, Advil, Excedrin and cameras.

Also, athlete's foot cream or spray, bandanas, socks, Bounce dryer sheets, chap sticks, ground coffee, CoffeeMate, antibiotic cream, duct tape, used CD or DVD's, paperbacks, knee-hi hose, cologne, Band-Aids, a variety of shoe inserts, playing cards, black pens, writing pads, envelopes, puzzle magazines, flea collars, lens cleaner for glasses, Ramen noodles in the cup, breakfast bars, gum, single-serve packets hot chocolate or soup, Pringles, hard candy, and microwave popcorn. Personal notes or cards are encouraged.

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Who ya gonna call?

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Their medium, Mike Quadrato, said he felt the voice was an older gentleman who believes the Town Hall is his domain.

While in the actor's dressing room behind the auditorium stage, Kondracki got a huge spike on a K2 meter, a device that pick up on changes in a room's electric magnetic field which is thought to be connected to paranormal activity. As soon as Kondracki saw the spike on the meter, a nearby video camera battery went completely dead.

It's unclear who the ghost (or ghosts) of the Town Hall could be. Given the older portion of Town Hall has served myriad purposes since being built in 1857 including a theater, a private school, a movie theater, a basketball court, a ballroom, a jailhouse and, of course, a building for town departments, the ghost could have been a part of any of those activities. Town historian and archivist David Wadsworth can shed no light on the possible identity of the Town Hall ghost.

"I don't know where the story (of a ghost in Town Hall) came from," said Wadsworth, "people hear something about it and it becomes a legend."

But, theories abound from the ghost hunters, the medium and people in the community on who the haunting could be — a disgruntled prisoner in the basement jail cell or the victim of a hanging, a long-time janitor, school headmaster or a beautiful actress.

Ghost hunters

Kondracki, 25, has done investigations in private residences, public buildings and graveyards in Connecticut and Massachusetts. He lives in Enfield, Conn., while others in his team are based in western Massachusetts. He found the Cohasset Town Hall in a listing of haunted places on the internet (www.theshadowlands.net). The detail explained there was possible poltergeist activity, particularly in the basement area, which once served as the town's jail.

"A true poltergeist is a rarity," says Kondracki. Poltergeists are troublesome, noisy ghosts often manifesting themselves with doors slamming, strange knocking, or similar unexplained events. With his interest piqued, he called the Town Hall to seek permission for his team to investigate over a weekend.

When Kondracki called the Town Manager's office he reached administration assistant Jennifer Oram. A fan of the SciFi's Channel's "Ghost Hunters" series along with her son, Oram had a knowledge of what Kondracki meant by a paranormal investigation. With permission she scheduled them to come this past weekend.

Kondracki has been ghost hunting for about a little more than a year, but he's passionate and committed to it. Although always somewhat interested in the paranormal, it wasn't until his aunt, a psychic, passed away in August 2006 he started his ghost hunting. His aunt had told him he had a special gift but he was too young to understand it.

"I can see and bring out spirits," said Kondracki, who considers himself a "sensitive"— a person who can feel a ghost's presence, and often their emotions, "ghosts and paranormal like to respond to me, it's crazy."

He can't explain his ability, but what he has encountered so far has only propelled him to continue investigating the paranormal. He has devoted nearly all his free time to ghost hunting. He started two groups: Ghost Hunter Investigations and then, Enfield Paranormal Society.

"I'm in this to convince people that ghosts are out there. I want to teach people the paranormal and ghosts are real," said Kondracki, "there is an afterlife and maybe people will have a better ease of dying."

While skeptics doubt him practically at every turn, Kondracki is unwavering and unashamed in his beliefs. His Jeep Grand Cherokee is plastered with "Ghost Hunters" on the side. He is truthful at job interviews when they ask him of his other interests. He wears his "Enfield Paranormal Society" t-shirt out and about. He is willing to talk to anyone about paranormal activity and doesn't turn down any investigations. He offers his services without charge and will often drive hours to an investigation, like he and his crew did this past weekend.

"I wouldn't change this for anything in the world," said Kondracki. He's been able to convert six non-believers into believers over the past 13 months, including his mother and grandmother, "if I can convince a non-believer to believe, I've done my job."

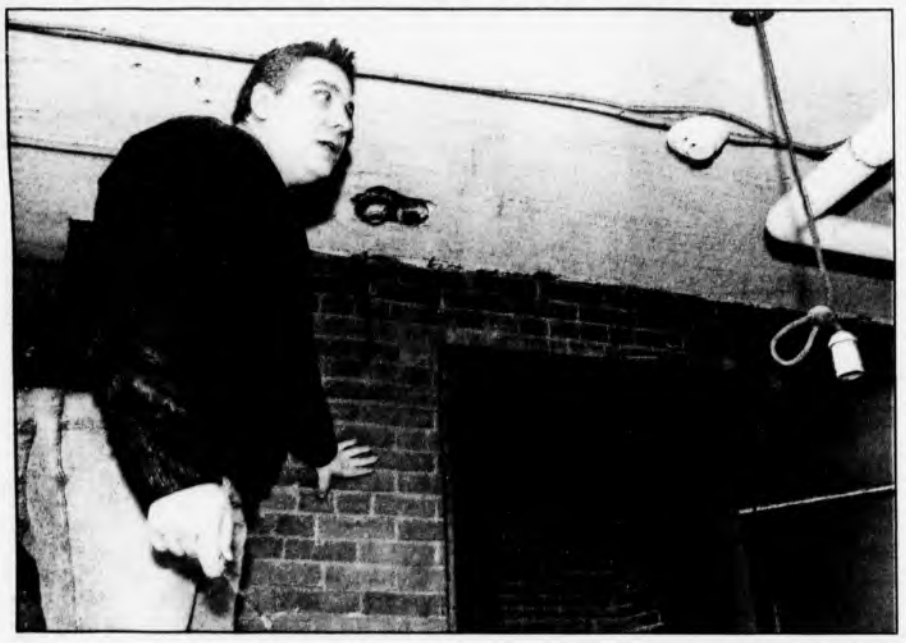
While the reference to the 80s movie "Ghostbusters" is nearly unavoidable, Kondracki says he doesn't mind the reference to the iconic pop culture movie, "if people want to know us by a well known movie that's okay with me."

Pat Martin, host of the Comcast local cable television show "Our Town," tagged along with the Enfield Paranormal Society members all weekend. She has hours of videotape from the two nights of investigation she plans on turning into an hour-long television show and Martin plans on proposing a television series for Comcast's CN8 station.

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Matt Kondracki, of the Enfield Paranormal Society, unravels a 300 ft. extension cord that will be connected from his computer monitor to a infrared camera. Matt will be able to monitor Psychic Medium, Mike Quadrato, as he walks around the basement in total darkness searching for ghosts.



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Mike Quadrato, a psychic medium, who is part of the Enfield Paranormal Society, roams the basement of Cohasset Town looking for "hot spots" that might reveal the location of a ghost.

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Enfield Paranormal Society says Town Hall is haunted

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Methodology

Ghost hunting is a high-tech endeavor with infrared cameras, digital audio recording devices, video cameras, and electromagnetic field recorder (K2 meter). However, the most important piece is the human element.

"I approach it as if I'm intruding on their space. I'm just a guest," said Kondracki. Having the right attitude and tone in your voice is imperative, "if you introduce yourself, explain why you're here, you tend to get a better response."

When trying to pick up EVPs on a digital recorder, Kondracki will ask questions when he senses a presence. Some of the questions he may pose to the ghost are who are you, why are you here, and did you die here. He waits about 20 seconds between questions. He's had experiences where every question was answered.

He brings a small group with him on investigations, typically around five to six people. People interested in going on an investigation can send in a request from the Enfield Paranormal Society's website.

"I take it serious, I don't bring 15 or 20 people," said Kondracki, which makes it more like a haunted house than an investigation. To the Cohasset Town Hall investigation he brought medium, Mike Quadrato, lead assistant Tammy Kraft, technology specialist Jay Grundstrom and Kondracki's cousin Kevin Koropatkin.

He does not recommend investigating alone and "never say you're scared." Ghosts feed off the fear, says Kondracki.

Renovations

The old portion of Town Hall is on the cusp of some major renovations in the next year. An historical architectural firm is currently investigating the Town Hall on a much different level, determining what kind of renovation is necessary and desired for this integral piece of town history.

David Farrag has been heading up the Town Hall renovation committee for the past year. The committee plans on seeking Community Preservation funds at the upcoming Town Meeting.

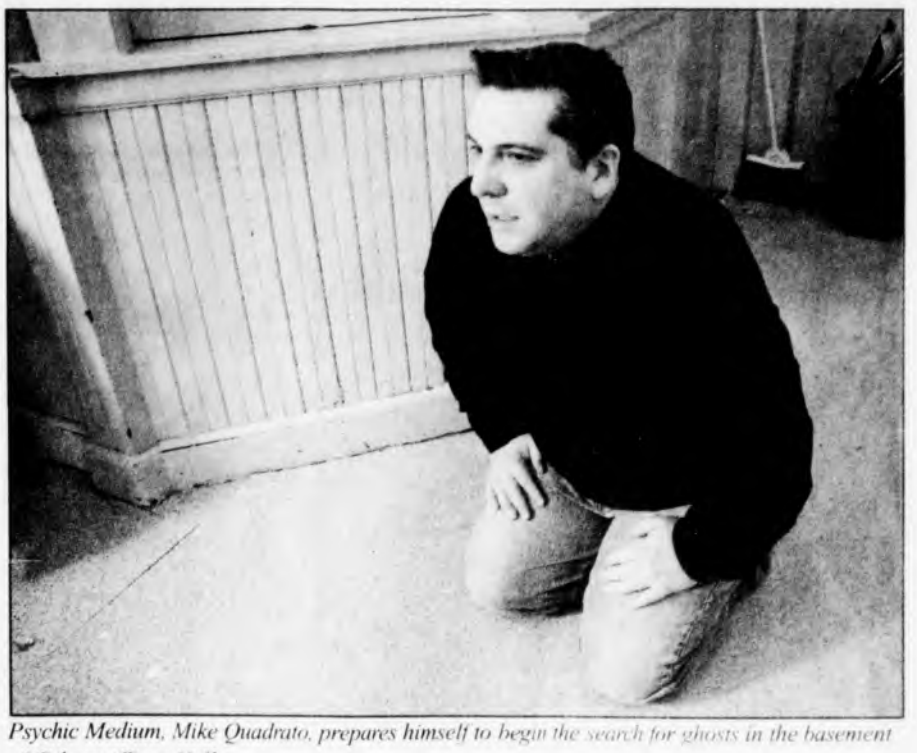
When Kondracki heard about the possible renovations, he warned the Town Hall could see increased paranormal activity.

"During renovations ghosts can really start letting you know they're there," said Kondracki. As he feels at least one of the Town Hall ghost considers the Town Hall his domain, he might take action to keep it just the way he likes it. The last time the Town Hall was renovated (not including the addition in the 1980s) was in the 1920s.

Farrag isn't too concerned with the interference of a ghost in upcoming renovation, but knows the renovations will cost a significant chunk of money.

"If there are any ghosts, I want them paying rent," quips Farrag.

To find out more about the Enfield Paranormal Society including how to request an investigation or to join on an investigation, visit www.freewebs.com/enfieldparanormal or www.myspace.com/enfieldparanormal society.



Psychic Medium, Mike Quadrato, prepares himself to begin the search for ghosts in the basement of Cohasset Town Hall.



Matt Kondracki from the Enfield Paranormal Society explains how he and his crew will go about determining if there are ghosts in the basement of Cohasset Town Hall.

Cohasset's ghostly haunts

Maritime Museum

Cohasset's Maritime Museum, once Samuel Bates' ship chandlery on Border Street, is reputed to have been haunted by a ghost for some years after it was moved to its current location on Elm Street in the Village. Not long after the Maritime Museum opened to the public, its curators began to hear pacing footsteps coming from the upstairs office. During a meeting of the Historical Society downstairs in the Maritime Museum, the entire board witnessed the footsteps. A ghost hunter and author, Hans Holzer visited the museum and deduced the ghost must be John Bates, the last of the Bates family to own the building. John Bates was likely unhappy with the building's move from the harbor.

It's been said that the ghost of John Bates left the museum in 1972; perhaps satisfied the museum was a worthy use of his old chandlery. Since David Wadsworth has been the museum's curator since the early 1980s he has never heard the footsteps.

The Enfield Paranormal Society wrote to the Historical Society to investigate, but were told the building was too cold during the winter months (it doesn't have heat). The ghost hunters are interested in returning to Cohasset to investigate the ghost of John Bates when the weather gets warmer.

Minot Light

The tall granite lighthouse standing off the coast of Cohasset wasn't the first Minot Light. Built in 1848 to 1849 the first Minot Light was a lantern room atop nine legs driven into Minot Ledge. In a severe April 1851 storm, the lighthouse toppled into the sea taking with it two lightkeepers, Joseph Wilson and Joseph Antoine. Wilson reportedly swam to Gull Rock off the glades in Scituate but did not survive the night. Antoine drowned in the storm before reaching shore.

During storms fishermen have reported seeing the ghost of Joseph Antoine standing on ladder outside Minot Light yelling "keep away, keep away."

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Cohasset to read together

Library kicks off second annual program

By Nancy White
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"A truly good book teaches me better than to read it. I must soon lay it down, and commence living on its hint. What I began by reading, I must finish by acting."
— Henry David Thoreau

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is once again harnessing the power of a book to bring the residents of Cohasset together. Next week, the library will kick off its second annual "Cohasset Reads Together" initiative — the beginning of eight weeks of events, discussions and lectures.

The 2008 Cohasset Reads Together program follows on the heels of last year's "One Book One Cohasset" program. Over the summer, a book selection committee consisting of library staff, school representatives, Town Manager, trustees and Friends of the Library representatives got together to discuss the most appropriate book choice. Deciding two books were better than one, they chose a classic and a contemporary with similar (and complementary) themes: "Walden" by Henry David Thoreau and "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson.

"We are excited to present a literary program that brings members of the Cohasset community together to read and discuss great literature and to explore the environmental themes exemplified in both books," says Library Director Jackie Rafferty. Environmental issues have gained town-wide interest marked by the formation of Sustainable Cohasset, a private group and Alternative Energy Committee, a town committee.

"These groups are working hard to identify and implement solutions to environmental and energy challenges that impact the local community and that have profound effects on the environment," says Rafferty.

"Walden" is a narrative following Thoreau's two-year stint in a log cabin beside Walden Pond in Concord, Mass. He uses his experience in a life of simplicity to expound on greater issues of wealth, money, nature, and spirituality.

"A Walk in the Woods" gives a 21st century perspective on America's cultural and geographical landscape as witnessed from hiking the Appalachian Trail.

One is an esteemed classic, already found on the high school reading list, and the other a highly acclaimed, contemporary narrative. The selected books are connected through their examination and celebration of the American wilderness.

The library hopes both books will not only spark discussion on their own merits, but also open the door for a dialogue for greater environmental concerns.

The varied programming calendar has something for all ages, including a Thoreau impersonator, a lecture on "Greening your suburban landscape," an Appalachian Trail slide show and a live owl show.

To ensure all segments of the population are included in the library's initiative Marjorie Murphy, the Friends of the Library outreach coordinator will lead discussions of transcendental poetry with fourth- and sixth-grade students as well as residents at Sunrise Assisted Living and the Golden Living Center.

Two children's books about the life of Henry David Thoreau: "Henry Hikes to Fitchburg," by D.B. Johnson and "Walking with Henry," by Thomas Locker.

Last spring, the Friends of the Cohasset Library sponsored our first town-wide reading initiative, One Book One Cohasset. The book chosen was "The Last Pick" the biography of long-distance runner and Boston Marathon race director Dave McGilvary, co-authored by Cohasset resident Linda Fechter.

This year, the Cohasset Reads Together is made possible by a $7,500 federal Library Service Technology Act grant awarded to an "On the Same Page" town-wide reading program. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners selected Cohasset's application after a competitive process.

"The mission of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library is to enrich the Cohasset community by promoting a love of reading and the pursuit of knowledge. Books change lives," says Rafferty, "We read in order to enjoy and appreciate good writing, to be swept away by a good story, and to learn about our world. Beyond reading for sheer pleasure and learning, books often inspire us to take action."

Rafferty offers a quote from Thoreau himself explains the purpose of the Cohasset Reads Together program better than she could herself: "A truly good book teaches me better than to read it. I must soon lay it down,

and commence living on its hint. What I began by reading, I must finish by acting."

The kick-off party will be held Sunday, February 10 from2 to 4p.m. at the library. There will be calendars of events, flyers available to take home, granola bars to munch on and event sign ups. The first five people will receive a free copy of "Walden" by Henry David Thoreau and "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson.

The Cohasset Reads Together calendar of events is posted on the Cohasset Library's website, www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Program at a glance

- What: One Book One Cohasset encourages the entire town to read one book and participate in discussion groups and other activities which unite the community around the book's central theme.
- When: The program will officially kick off in February 10 and will continue until April 6, culminating with the Road Race By the Sea.
- Books: "Walden," by Henry David Thoreau and "A Walk in the Woods," by Bill Bryson.
- For the kids: Companion books about Henry David Thoreau were chosen, "Henry Hikes to Fitchburg," by D.B. Johnson and "Walking with Henry," by Thomas Locker.
- Where to get it: The Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Buttonwood Books and major book retailers.

Mandarin Chinese for kids

This new class is being offered to children ages 7 to 9 and will introduce students to the language of Mandarin and Chinese culture. Mandarin for Kids is an eight-week session and will begin Feb. 11 at the South Shore Community Center on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. (based on demand, a second class may be offered from 4:30 to 5:20 p.m.). The instructor has just returned to the Boston area after living and teaching in China for four years. She will be sharing her knowledge and experiences in a small class format so spaces are limited. Call Chuck Gilliatt at 781-383 2901 or email at cgilliatt@comcast.net for more information.



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Check out the February issue of Parents and Kids!


Love is in the Air
In this month's issue of **Parents and Kids**, peruse our list of ideas to make this Valentine's Day a romantic one. You'll also feel the love when you read the winning entries of our Best of 2007 contest. Like the entry from 7-year-old Luke who wrote this about his 14-year-old brother: "He brings me to the movies. He also brings me to happiness." We all know love is the universal language making it the perfect month to offer ways families can experience and appreciate other cultures. P&K contributor Maria Olia, an Italian-Irish-American living in Newton with her Iranian husband Masoud and their four children, offers unique ways to prepare your child for a multi-cultural world.
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Stormwater bylaw is back on table

Selectmen have a few concerns

By Nancy White
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Although one more meeting of the minds on the Stormwater Management bylaw is expected, it looks as if the bylaw of nearly two years in the making could be ready for prime time at the Annual Town Meeting (March 29).

A five-page Stormwater Management bylaw is proposed to establish regulations and organization to the town-wide issue of flooding and stormwater runoff. The draft bylaw was put to the Board of Selectmen on Monday night for feedback and criticism. Board members were quick to recognize the work the Stormwater Management Committee, a Selectmen appointed committee, has put into the bylaw but still felt the bylaw could be costly and tedious for applicants with smaller projects.

"The level of work required for smaller projects is significantly onerous," said Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who solicited estimates from local engineering firms on the cost of to complete the requirements outlined in the current draft bylaw. The estimates ranged from $4,000 to $8,000. For smaller projects, several professional engineer stamped maps and plans are required, including pre- and post-development drainage plan, grading plan, proposed vegetation and hydrolic calculations.

Stormwater Committee's consultant Mark Bartlett of Norfolk Ram said that while Dormitzer's estimates are likely accurate for smaller projects, they did not take into account about 50 percent of the single family re-development projects would already be doing much of what's required because of Board of Health or wetlands protection requirements and permits.

"It's an incremental cost," said Bartlett and would probably be closer to $1,000 for those applicants required to go before other boards.

The stormwater bylaw is significant because it could implement controls on stormwater runoff so increased development will not exacerbate the flooding issues throughout town. The regulations ensure post-development runoff (including peak flow, total volume of runoff and water quality of runoff) for development and re-development project are equal or less than what exists now.

"Most lots get a lot of runoff now, it's that incremental change we're trying to capture" so the stormwater problem does not increase, said Bartlett.

"We have a big stormwater problem in town, part of the reason is nature of soil," said Sarah Charron, Stormwater Committee member, explaining stormwater carries significant pollution into key water ways like James Brook and Jacob's Meadow which ultimate lead to the harbor and Bassing Beach, "we established the regulations based on science."

The bylaw creates two levels of regulation. An administrative review will be required for any construction that will result in an increase of impervious surface area between 500 and 5,000 square feet of land. The lower end (500 square feet) would be about the size of a two-car garage.

Dormitzer said he was concerned best management practices and solutions to stormwater neighbor-to-neighbor issues were being lost in engineering plan requirements for these smaller projects.

"We're looking for solutions, I'd like to see money spent on BMPs (best management practices). Let's go do something with the money," said Dormitzer.

The Board of Selectmen found little fault in the more stringent stormwater permit process involving a public hearing in front of the Conservation Commission for any activity disturbing more than 5,000 square feet or more of land and any undeveloped land. In both cases a town-hired engineer, or "stormwater agent," the fee to be paid by the applicant, will review the plan.

By not having regulation below 500 square feet, Stormwater Committee Chairman Marty Nee said small projects like decks, sheds or a small room addition could be added "without over regulating or adding significant cost to those types of projects."

The bylaw has undergone various drafts as the Stormwater Committee gathered feedback from other committees and the community. Last year, a version of the Stormwater bylaw appeared in the Annual Town Meeting warrant but was ultimately indefinitely postponed. While that version of the bylaw established a full-blown Stormwater Commission, the current draft places the authority for stormwater permits in the hands of the Conservation Commission.

In the bylaw, the Conservation Commission is given the authority to contract the services of an engineer to assist them in the review of both levels of regulation — administrative review and stormwater permit applications.

Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil suggested some language changes including not making a stormwater agent a requirement of the bylaw, instead letting one be hired at the Conservation Commission's discretion. He also agreed with Dormitzer the administrative review may be too stringent and asked the committee to look at streamlining the process for smaller projects.

Selectmen will have to vote to place the Stormwater management bylaw on the warrant on behalf of the Stormwater Management Committee. Ultimately, they will have the final say on the wording in the bylaw.

"If there is an impasse, we can do it our way," said Vanderweil adding, "I think we're almost there."

The Stormwater Committee will meet to discuss and vote on possible changes in the bylaw at Monday, Feb. 11 and will likely come before the Board of Selectmen again before Town Meeting.

Filing for real estate tax exemptions

Cohasset Board of Assessors Office is currently accepting applications for fiscal 2008 real estate tax exemptions. The qualification date is July 1, 2007. Applicants who have filed tax exemption forms since July 1, 2007, are not required to file again. The deadline for filing is March 31, 2008.. The following exemptions are available:

Persons Over 70 Years of Age – $2,000 off. Clause 41C – if annual income is less that $18,000 (single person) or $23,000 (married couple), and the value of assets, excluding one's home, is less than $33,000 (single person) or $35,000 (married couple) and must own and occupy for previous 10 years.

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Blind Persons – $875 off. Clause 37 – Must be registered with the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

Tax Deferral – All or part of the tax. Clause 41A – Applicant must be 65 years of age as of July 1, 2007, with income less than $40,000 and must have resided in Massachusetts for the preceding 10 years. All or part of the tax may be deferred. Effective 2007 the interest rate has been reduced to 4 percent.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Voters: be a party animal

Calling all elephants and donkeys.

The presidential primary lies straight ahead.

It's time to rally behind the candidates you want to see on the ballot in this fall's presidential election.

Republicans and Democrats both hope to see their clout increased by a new party animal arriving on the scene: the independents, who are unenrolled in a political party.

The ranks of independents are swelling to the point where their numbers may swing an election.

In Cohasset, for instance, the 2,804 unenrolled voters outnumber both the Democrats (1,180) and Republicans (1,197).

Independents are a proud and freewheeling breed.

They know their own minds and avoid being entangled in party lines.

They totally conform neither to the Republican or Democratic creeds.

As one independent put it, "I have some ideals from both parties."

On Super Tuesday, Feb. 5, independents who wish to have their voices counted will have to shed their label to cast their ballot.

In order to vote for their favorites in the race for the Oval Office, independents must choose either a Democrat or Republican ballot.

Independents actually have their own unofficial "presidential candidate," CNN's Lou Dobbs, the outspoken spokesman for Independents in America.

Has the time come for independents to find their own voice?

Part of the persona of the Independent is being unencumbered.

Right down to Election Day, Independents are free to choose the mantle of either party, yet this freedom and liquidity actually undermine their voice.

Has the day come when we need an Independent Town Committee, along with the Republican and Democratic Town Committees?

The Presidential primary is generating a lot of voter interest.

Town officials are predicting a healthy turnout, and there are reports of an upswing in the registration of young, first-time voters.

The Town Clerk's office has been busy this past month registering voters and filling requests for absentee ballots.

"We've had a lot of new young people come in to register to vote," said Town Clerk Douglas, including high school seniors and college level students, as well as residents who have recently moved to town, "some were excited because it was their first time voting."

Many of those younger voters who are now away at college came to get absentee ballots to ensure they were able to cast their vote. In total, 92 absentee ballots had been taken out as of Wednesday this week.

So, whatever your political affiliation, it's time to get out and vote for the candidate of your choice.

Tuesday is presidential primary day, as it is in 21 other states across America.

Let's party!

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

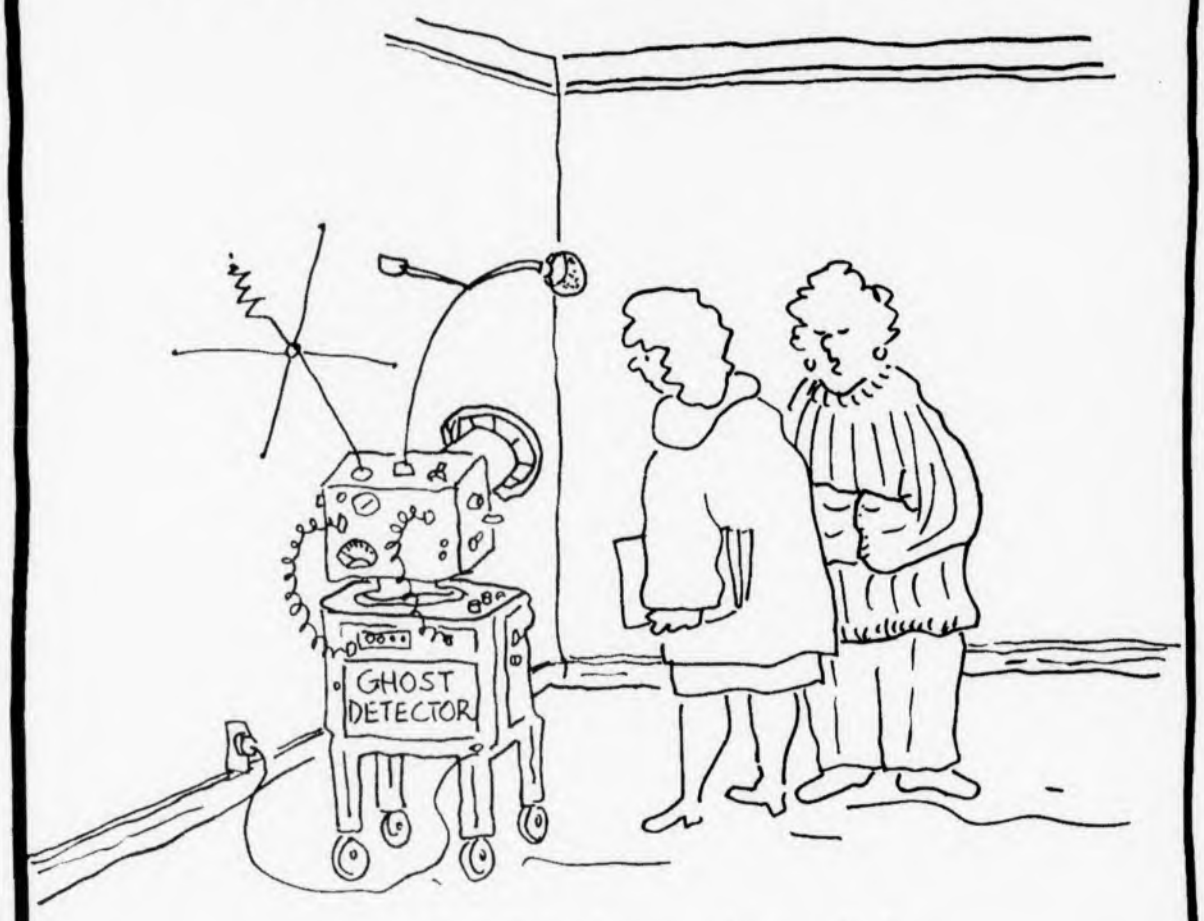
Advisory Committee, Feb. 4 & 5, 7 p.m.
Alternative Energy Committee, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.
CMHS School Council, Feb. 6, 2:30 p.m., Room 116 at the high school.
Community Preservation Committee, Feb. 5, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, Feb. 4 at selectmen's meeting; Feb. 6 & 13, 7:15 p.m.
Harbor Committee, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.
Historical Commission, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.
Planning Board, Feb. 4, 7 p.m.
Selectmen, Feb. 4 & 11, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Feb. 25 & March 24, 6 p.m.
Stormwater Committee, Feb. 14, 7 p.m.
Water Commission, Feb. 2, 10 a.m. at Town Hall; Feb. 11, 6 p.m. at the King St. plant.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Mark your calendar

- Feb. 14: Deadline for nomination papers to be returned to Town Clerk's office for eligibility on the ballot.
- March 7: Last day to register to vote in the Annual Town Meeting.
- March 29: Annual Town Meeting begins at 9a.m.
- April 5: Annual Town Election

Ghost detecting equipment installed in Town Hall



We used to call the chill around here a draft

HAMILTON

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Forgotten Rocky Lane

TO THE EDITOR:

Kudos to Martha Gjesteby for coming forward with sidewalk concerns. She identified three streets that beg for sidewalks. Please add a fourth, Rocky Lane, and move it to the top of the list.

The MBTA put in a bridge, but denied us a sidewalk. The Town of Cohasset has agreed to build the sidewalk, but claims they must wait until the MBTA moves the guardrails to the proper location. They were installed incorrectly. This is one of several problems with the bridge construction.

Here's an idea – remove the guardrails and put in a sidewalk. It has been almost two years since I first requested that the town not get caught up in the politics of who is to blame. Please do the right thing for the sake of our children's safety and for the aesthetic value of our town. I believe most people would agree that Cohasset pride's itself on its beauty.

I respectfully ask for all residents to raise their voices and request that we abolish the eyesore on the road that leads to the quaint village of Cohasset.

Leslie Armstrong
39 Rocky Lane

Issues raised tackled one by one

COMMENTARY

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Currently Dr. Walsh and Chief Hussey have a strong and healthy working relationship and they converse on a regular basis to discuss issues relating to student safety and student and staff behavior.

We're not quite sure where to begin in responding to the letters posted in last week's Mariner referencing many different school topics, among them, our Superintendent of Schools, school safety, the qualifications of our professional staff, the Lewis case and a possible budget override. However, we will try to address many of them.

We will start by stressing that for the School Committee, the School Superintendent and the Administrative Staff of the Cohasset Public Schools, the well being and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. Four years ago, upon Dr. Walsh's arrival, one of the first things she did was to convene a group of school and town officials to create a five-year Strategic Plan that would become the framework upon which most financial and organizational decisions for the schools would be based going forward. One of the members of this committee was then sitting School Committee member Jamie Williams and another was our Chief of Police, James Hussey. A key point of the Strategic Plan was to create a better working relationship between the School Department and the Police Department. This was the first step toward the creation and approval of a School Safety Plan, Protocols & Procedures for Emergencies and the creation of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two departments that would govern and the delineate each other's role when dealing with school related incidents.

Currently Dr. Walsh and Chief Hussey have a strong and healthy working relationship and they converse on a regular basis to discuss issues relating to student safety and student and staff behavior. None of the School Committee members are naïve to the issues that were brought up by Ms. Williams & Ms. Ayers and Messrs. Altholtz, Kusek & D'Antonio. Whenever we have had a situation involving staff behavior that was of a questionable nature, Chief Hussey has been consulted along with our legal council, and if necessary investigators from the Massachusetts DOE. As we're sure Mr. Altholtz is well aware, many cases involving an individuals rights relative to hiring and firing often place an employer at a severe disadvantage regarding what can or cannot be said when an individual is either terminated or resigns. Dr. Walsh has been extremely candid with the School Committee relative to the events alleged in your letters and we are very comfortable with the actions she has taken. At no time did we feel that any student's safety or well being had been compromised and when faced with any decisions of this nature student safety will always prevail.

Any implication that the School Committee or the Superintendent of Schools has turned a blind eye toward negative behavior by the teaching staff at the risk of students is ridiculous. The letter writers would have you believe that the Cohasset School Committee has had Columbia-like kidnapping conspiracy in place where we have made teachers vanish into thin air. We can tell you that is not the case.

With regard to the Middleboro case, Dr. Walsh took the action that she thought necessary by accepting the resignation of the individual in question. There was nothing to predict the action that would follow by this former employee and to make any statements publicly to that effect would surely have been an act that could have created legal consequences. There is in no way a lack of sympathy or a lack of recognition of the seriousness of the act that was committed, but we are hard pressed to the lay the blame for another person's heinous actions at the foot of Dr. Walsh. The appropriate agencies were informed at each step of the way.

All of the actions and performance we have witnessed from Dr. Walsh in the past four years have been of a very professional nature. We know some would have you believe that we have been an unquestioning passive board supporting Dr. Walsh. That is hardly the case. Dr. Walsh and members of the School Committee speak on a very regular

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Train 'punch list' still a priority

MAKING TRACKS

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Greenbush – The Greenbush Commuter Rail system seems to have settled down. We do get comments from time to time about things that residents see that appear to be unusual. But, usually there is a good explanation for what they saw. There are also unplanned situations such as the lightning that wreaked havoc on some of the crossing signal systems a week or so ago. In this case, the train resorted to manual control at the crossings. This means that the train must come to a complete stop at each crossing. The conductor then has to leave the train and act as a traffic safety guard at the crossing until the train has crossed. Then he re-boards the train and it continues on its way.

We continue to correspond with the MBTA regarding our "punch list" of incomplete items. Recently, we received a copy of Scituate's punch list and it is very similar in nature to ours. When the spring comes, construction season will restart and we expect you will see construction workers finishing up items like the Town Parking Lot.

Other ways that we stay involved with the project and the MBTA, although on a much higher level, is through the MBTA Advisory Board. Their Mission is "To provide public oversight of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority as well as technical assistance and information on behalf of the 175 community members of the Advisory Board and the transit-riding public." We attended a meeting this past week. There appeared to be many members who were looking forward to the presentation that was to be made by MBCR (Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Company, the Greenbush and other commuter rail lines operator) at the meeting. Unfortunately, at the last minute the MBCR could not make the meeting. So, they are scheduled to present at the next meeting. We'll keep you posted.

Little Harbor Water, Sewer & Storm Drainage Project – To continue a little more about project background, what is being done and why?

First, we'll review a bit of terminology. Sewer pretty much speaks for itself. Sewers carry sanitary waste from our homes to a facility where that waste will be processed to eliminate the pathogens and other microorganism nasties that might cause harm to the general population. Septic systems are also mini-processing stations, but we all know the plight of these around Little Harbor. Storm drainage captures the surface water from our streets and land, collects it and drains it to areas where it is permitted to be drained. Newer EPA rules require this water to be processed, as well, to remove hydrocarbons, salt and sand and even trash that collect from our roads and driveways. So, new systems can no longer just dump storm water anywhere. (Recently, the Water Dept. built a number of rain gardens around town. Rain gardens are essentially miniature processing plants using vegetation and natural soil characteristics to clean up storm water and let it drain naturally back into the ground.) The Water portion of this Project deals with the distribution of potable water used by most of us for personal use, cooking, and various cleaning needs and becomes that agent that carries the sanitary waste from our homes. In subsequent articles, we'll cover more about the project background.



"Slightly used" culvert after removal (corrugated galvanized pipe that had corroded).



Saw cutting at Sandy Beach with silt fence in background.



Fire truck stationed on Whitehead Road.

We have said that any construction project is loaded with unknowns. Last week, while the contractors were replacing pipes at the intersection of Nichols Road and Atlantic Avenue, they uncovered an old storm drain culvert that looked a bit like Swiss cheese. It was corrugated galvanized pipe that had corroded seriously over the years. There were no plans to replace this storm drain, but it would be crazy not to do it. So the project, after consulting with the Water Commission, replaced it. The included photo shows the old pipe waiting to be removed from its storage location.

Safety First – As we know, for any construction project safety is very important. This project is certainly no exception. The Little Harbor project area has many small private lanes. When construction is underway on these small lanes it is very difficult to get safety service vehicles past the construction work to serve the residents separated by the construction. The contractor has reached an agreement with the Cohasset Fire Department that they will locate a fire detail (an engine with a two person crew) within the "difficult to reach" area. Thus, should any emergency occur, either fire or personnel safety-related, an emergency crew will be right there ready to offer the necessary service. They will be able to deploy a fire hose from their truck or begin medical stabilization procedures until other equipment and personnel can arrive. The accompanying photo shows our small agile four-wheel drive fire engine currently stationed off of Whitehead Road.

The Next Phase and a Reminder – This past week we happened to see the contractor beginning to prep the road for construction for the next phase which will cover Atlantic Avenue and parts of Jerusalem Road. In the photo, the contractor is cutting the asphalt roadway alongside the trench location with a large power saw near Sandy Beach. Notice also, that they have begun to erect a black plastic siltation fence along side the road. This is necessary to prevent construction debris from washing into the adjacent marshlands.

Just as a reminder, there will be a meeting of all of the residents who live in the next area to undergo construction. If you live on Jerusalem Road and your house number is from 292 to 475 or if you live on Atlantic Avenue numbered from 17 to 430, please plan on attending. The meeting will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, in the Lower Meeting Room in Town Hall at 10 a.m.. This is your chance to ask questions and find out the details of the construction that will be occurring near your home. It will give you an excellent chance to find out what to expect, how long the work will take and to ask about any other issues that you may have as an abutter to the project.

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Temperance lives in Virginia

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Shana McKillop's LaTasca, a Spanish tapas restaurant in Alexandria, Virginia, was doing right fine serving up burritos and paella washed down with a particularly fine sangria.

Then somebody blew the whistle on her.

Her sangria, a blend of red wine and brandy that is served in all the best Spanish restaurants, is illegal and she could face a fine of $2,500 and loss of license.

Seems that in 1934, a year after national prohibition ended, the state of Virginia enacted a law forbidding its citizens from mixing the grain and the grape.

Seventy-three years later, no one knows exactly why.

"I presume that the purpose was to encourage temperance," said Curtis Coleburn of the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. "Adding the spirits increases the alcohol content."

By my calculations that would also make every martini stirred (not shaken) in the state of Virginia since 1934 illegal. As everyone knows, the ideal martini is eight parts grain to one part grape.

We have developed a love-hate relationship with the grain and the grape and it shows up every now and then in the laws of the states and the Canadian provinces.

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth I happened to wind up in the airport outside Edmonton, Alberta, with a three-hour wait for a connecting flight to Toronto.

The first thing one does when faced with a three-hour wait is find the nearest bar and snuggle up to a martini, but there was no bar at the Edmonton airport. This was 50 years ago, remember.

The nearest watering hole, I was told, was a hotel about a mile down the road to Edmonton. I arrived in a squealing of taxi brakes at about quarter after five to find the bar closed.

Don't worry, a man who was waiting outside the door told me. They'll open at six. Bars in Alberta followed the old English law of closing for an hour to give the working man a chance to go home before he blows his paycheck.

Another time, I checked into a hotel in Austin, Texas, to find that the bar was a club for members only. Don't worry, the desk clerk told me. When I checked in I became a club member for the rest of my stay.

Yet another time, I flew from Chicago to Davenport, Iowa, then a beer-and-wine-only town on the Mississippi, to catch a train to Keokuk. Of course, I went into the bar across from the station.

The back bar was lined with bottles of beer. I ordered a Jack Daniels Black Label, the trendy drink in our crowd that year. The bartender reached under the bar and produced it.

Sure it was illegal, he explained, but if he didn't then the business would simply go across the river to Moline, Illinois, an economic move that was winked at by Davenport authorities.

In our own state of Massachusetts, 50 years ago, one could not sit at the bar on Sunday, a law enacted, I was told, so union waiters would have jobs bearing drinks to tables and booths.

Reader feedback on water quality

SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JOANN MIRISE

The best part about writing is the feedback I get from readers. Whether positive or negative, it creates the kind of critical thought and dialogue that I believe is at the root of a sustainable civilization. It's what separates us from plankton and tree bark. We can reason, emote and act.

Many people from all over wrote to me in response to a recent article, which extolled the importance of choosing tap instead of bottled water. The common theme was "I get it. Bottled water takes a huge toll on our environment. But have you ever tried (fill in the name of the town) water. It's terrible!"

I hear you. The first year I lived in Cohasset, the water department released findings that trihalomethane, a byproduct of the disinfection process that is linked to cancer, was at a higher than acceptable limit. Not good.

The water department solved the trihalomethane problem, though the solution created another issue: high manganese levels in some homes. In large doses over time, manganese is linked to neurological health issues, and it turns our water brown. Not exactly an appealing choice to quench our thirst or launder our clothes. Again, not good.

After attending one of the water department's public meetings, I was assured that the commissioners and staff labor intensively to respond to issues. From rain gardens to new facility technologies to hiring professional tasters from the California wine country to assess our water's palatability, those at the helm are on it. With the intention of staying a step ahead they are, however, continually challenged.

From what I observe, maintaining the balance necessary for high quality drinking water seems to be a moving target. Some of that has to do with natural processes. The very attributes that make Cohasset so beautiful – its location, topography and large watershed – also make its water supply high-maintenance. The other part of the balance, however, has to do with unnatural processes. Every time we dig, develop, dump, use chemical sprays and over-water we directly affect the supply and infrastructure. Therefore, it's not just the water department's problem, it's our problem too.

For many of us, it has been easier to ignore our role in the larger issues and instead take the easy route of buying filters for our homes. But how do we know if the filters we buy are even doing their job? And what about those households that can't afford to buy and maintain a filter? And what happens to the non-humans that don't shop for filters? Aquatic and wildlife depend on clean, safe water supplies as well. Is the intricate ecosystem on which we depend being irreversibly threatened because we are focused on ourselves as opposed to the greater good?

In the same way that buying organic produce doesn't eliminate pesticides, and purchasing recycled paper towels doesn't protect our forests, buying water filters does not better our water supply. We can't shop our way to a safer, more sustainable world. We must, instead, work together with the community as the focus, to create true and lasting solutions.

While I believe that we still need to green our personal lives, my focus is shifting toward the collective movement. For someone from one of the "me generations" (somewhere in the midst of Baby Boomer, Gen X and Gen Y) that so fervently perfected hyper-individualism in America, coming together does not seem to come naturally. The case for community however, is proving to be too compelling. Historically, many of the big changes that positively affect our daily life have occurred because of a communal movement or group pressure that catalyze policy change. Think food labeling, pesticide regulations, clean air bills and seat belt requirements. Recently, China's State Council put a nationwide ban on plastic bags. In one fell swoop an estimated 37 million barrels of oil will be saved a year, and the positive environmental benefits will be immeasurable. With efficiency and scope of this magnitude we can't afford to not come together.

This means, for starters, I am going to begin locally by following the water department's recommendations for water quality protection measures, and participating in more of the decisions affecting our water. I am going to sign up for the GreenStart program that was highlighted in the Jan. 25, 2008, issue of the Mariner. Only 240 more families need to sign up and the town gets a solar array for the library offering not only free energy but a learning experience for the community. Also, I'd like to get behind the Greenway project which will connect many of our neighbor towns with walk and bike paths thus providing alternative transportation options that are safe and enjoyable.

I've got my eye on some state, national and worldwide movements as well. After all, why not think big.

JoAnn Mirise lives and writes in Cohasset.

LIBRARY CORNER

New audiobooks on CDs available

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Adam's Apples" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, **Feb. 21.** Free admission and refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. Ivan is an unusually optimistic preacher who takes in convicts to help around the remote, rural church he ministers to. His newest "helper" is Adam, a vicious neo-Nazi anxiously serving his community service time so he can return to hell-raising. Asked to set a goal for his stay, Adam sarcastically answers that he'd like to bake a pie. Ivan cheerfully takes that statement at face value and puts him in charge of the parish's pride and joy: the only apple tree in the vicinity. Grasping the extent of Ivan's crazed, preternatural determination to look on the bright side of everything, Adam decides to shake Ivan out of his rose-colored world. Danish with English subtitles. 94 minutes.

New Audiobooks – Don't have time to sit down and read? Try listening to books on CD. It's a great way to revisit classics such as "The Jungle" by Upton Sinclair, "The House of Seven Gables" by Nathaniel Hawthorne, "Animal Farm" by George Orwell, "The House of Mirth" by Edith Wharton or "Islands in the Stream" by Ernest Hemingway. Listen while exercising, waiting to pick up the kids or commuting to work. Visit the library today and take home a few audiobooks by favorite authors.

CHILDREN'S CALENDAR

MamaSteph – Performances will take place on Mondays, Feb. 4, 11 and 25, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room

Drop-in Story Time – Tuesdays, Feb. 5, 12 and 26, at 10:30 a.m., in the Story Room.

Free Tickets – Tickets for "Eyes on Owls," a live animal show, and the movie "Flipper will be available Wednesday, Feb. 13.

Sign Up for March Story & Craft – Friday, Feb. 15. Sign up online and by calling the library.

Drop-In Animal Craft – Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Story Room.

"Eyes on Owls" – This live animal show will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 20, and is for ages 5 and older. Tickets are necessary.

Drop-In Friendship Necklace Craft – Thursday, Feb. 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Story Room

Movie Matinee – "Flipper" will be shown from 2 to 3:45 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 22. Tickets are necessary. For students in grades three and up.

Free Tickets – Tickets will be available Thursday, Feb. 28, for David Polansky musical concert for children and a movie matinee, "The Amazing Panda Adventure," R-PG.

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Artificial turf field

On Cohasset's TV talk show, Our Town, co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin sit down with George McGoldrick and Bill Cavanaro of the newly formed Cohasset Sports Partnership to discuss their efforts to raise funds to build an artificial turf field in Cohasset.

Tune in starting Monday at 9p.m. on channel 10 or catch up on Tuesdays or Thursday at 9p.m.

Tune in Cohasset and stay informed.

Planning Board moves to Mondays

For the indefinite future, Planning Board meetings will be held each Monday evening. Therefore, the Planning Board will meet Mondays, Feb. 4 and 25, and March 3 and 10. The meeting date of Monday, March 24, is tentative.

After many years of Wednesday evening meetings the board knows this will be an adjustment, and will make every effort to make this a smooth transition, and accommodate any conflicts this change may cause while they transition to Monday evening meetings.

Nuclear energy renaissance needed

COMMENTARY

R. MURRAY CAMPBELL

The U.S. has not built a new nuclear-generating plant for many years, but other countries have, especially in Asia...

Renewables and nuclear energy are not alternatives to each other, we need all we can get from both, in addition to conservation, to reduce pollution and greenhouse effect from fossil fuels and our bondage to foreign oil. The efforts of our Renewable and Sustainable Energy Committees are commendable, and complementary to the broad issue of ensuring sufficiency of reliable electricity. Our demand for electricity continues to increase in step with GDP; increases in efficiency (conservation) are offset by ever new uses for electricity, and by switching energy usage from non-electrical to electrical.

Although the U.S. hasn't ordered a new nuclear plant for some years, there are 104 U.S. plants generating 19.6 percent of U.S. electricity, and 439 nuclear plants in the world, generating 16 percent of the world's electricity, accumulating 12,500 years of operating experience, and thus contributing mightily to mitigation of greenhouse gases, global warming and pollution. Unlike fossil fueled plants, the wastes are contained and isolated. Although permanent nuclear waste disposal is a somewhat intractable political problem in the U.S., the technical solutions are well developed. Implementation is no big deal compared with what is necessary to cope with many other problems of the industrialized world. In time, we probably will retrieve and reprocess much of the waste to recover the energy still available in it, and to transmute by irradiation much of the long-lived waste to short-lived waste, and to make use of other valuable elements in the waste.

The U.S. has not built a new nuclear-generating plant for many years, but other countries have, especially in Asia, and 34 are currently under construction outside the U.S., and many more planned. During this period, much progress has been made in design, and also in the performance of existing plants, here and elsewhere. The U.S. licensing process has been greatly improved, and several new reactor plant designs already have been pre-approved. About 27 applications to construct and operate new nuclear plants in the U.S. are expected in the next two years.

The economics of nuclear generation, including "external costs" of fuel mining and processing, and of payments to the fund for permanent waste disposal, are far more favorable than oil, natural gas and biomass fuels and about the same as coal. But the effluents from these plants are not contained, as are the products of nuclear generation, and so their environmental "cost" is difficult to measure and is not included. Whatever the relative economics and availability of nuclear and renewable energy sources, renewables and nuclear are not alternatives to each other. We will need all we can practically get from both to satisfy our ever-growing electricity demand, (despite conservation) while reducing the environmental impact of fossil fuels, especially if electric and hydrogen vehicles catch on as a means of displacing imported oil for vehicle propulsion. (Hydrogen production uses electricity, no matter which process is used. And electricity for vehicle battery charging is far less expensive from central generating plants than from small on-board gasoline engines.)

We can no longer rely on our bountiful resources to excuse poor leadership, and sabotage of the national interest by irresponsible and ill-informed ideologues or self-styled "consumer" or "environmental" advocates. We have to emulate the pragmatic realism of those nations not so blest with and spoiled by abundance, such as the Asiatic and European nations who are taking over the leadership in utilizing the peaceful atom. Nuclear energy is here to stay, and will be a major (perhaps dominant) energy source in the future, so better we recognize the realities, understand the issues properly and employ objectivity to overcome myth, weak leadership, false hopes and irresponsibility.

R. Murray Campbell lives at 217 Jerusalem Road.

Laws need to change system

COMMENTARY

STEVEN FUSCO

While most teachers are wonderful dedicated professionals, like any statistically significant group, they have a problematic population among them.

Anyone truly concerned about creating a safe environment for their children attending public or private school should focus on the current system for hiring and terminating teachers. In my opinion Cohasset administrators, School Committee and law enforcement have the primary responsibility to make sure our children are safe while they attend school. However, they are forced to work within a very flawed system. The only significant way to properly mitigate the risk to our children is to fundamentally change our laws.

The most significant issue we face today is that today's system allows terminated teachers to move between states or between private and public schools without appropriate oversight. I contacted Rep. Garrett Bradley and Sen. Robert Hedlund about six months ago to see what can be done and they both initially responded very quickly, I have yet to hear back on what options they are considering.

The Globe reported on a nationwide Associated Press investigation published in October: "There were 2,570 educators whose teaching credentials were revoked, denied, surrendered or sanctioned from 2001 through 2005 following allegations of sexual misconduct."

This problem is systemic and not unique to our town or our state. There are 15 states trying to get tougher oversight and punishment to protect their students for this very reason. How big is the problem? There are roughly three million public school teachers nationwide. While most teachers are wonderful dedicated professionals, like any statistically significant group, they have a problematic population among them. The odds are fairly strong that a segment of this population is capable of extreme forms of misconduct. Currently our only real defense, besides normal hiring practices, is something called a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check. During the hiring process the potential school employee is subjected to a CORI check. Massachusetts' law requires:

"M.G.L. c. 71, 38R requires all schools to conduct criminal background checks on current and prospective employees and volunteers, including those who regularly provide school related transportation to students, who may have direct and unmonitored contact with children. CORI must be obtained from the CHSB at least every three years during an individual's term of employment or service."

Unfortunately, the CORI check is flawed and does not provide adequate information. Terminated teachers from other countries, states or even private schools can slip through and be allowed to pass through the system undetected.

Some progress is being made in places like Missouri. A recent Associated Press study showed 87 teachers who had lost their credentials in a five-year period due to sexual misconduct. Missouri ranks 11th among the 50 states in this category. New York Governor Eliot Spitzer recommends automatic suspension of teachers convicted of sex crimes. Maine Governor Baldacci wants to share the names of abusive teachers with other states, unfortunately a 1913 confidentiality law there prohibits this sort of information sharing. Florida's governor endorsed federal legislation to create a national database of abusive teachers and a call-in hotline for complaints. Other states want to increase penalties, expand background checks or broaden their ability to police schools for abuse.

So if you really want to have a positive impact on the safety of our children I recommend you take some of that Mariner editorial energy and focus it on your local lawmakers. Bottom line is we need to do everything we can to mitigate this risk, but it can't be solved without strong legislation and constant monitoring. Please contact your state senators, congressmen and representatives and ask them what they are doing to protect our children. We need change now.

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Fax news of your event to 781-741-2931

Aquarion customers face end of line for water rebate

COMMENTARY

LARRY BINGAMAN

Since the State rebate ends on Jan. 31, 2008, after 10 years, customers' water bills will now have to absorb this amount. I would like to explain this in more detail and what affirmative actions Aquarion has taken to extend the rebate.

It has been said that all good things must come to an end. In times of tight state budgets, that saying is truer than ever. For the past 10 years, customers of Aquarion Water Company in the Hingham/Hull District have been receiving a credit on their water bill of about $24.25 per quarter, or $0.27 per day. This is a rebate from the State to partially offset a rise in water rates caused by the Hingham/Hull District Water Treatment Facility being brought online in 1996. It is important to note that the rebate is for the sole benefit of water customers and did not change the water rates set by the Department of Public Utilities.

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In 1996, Aquarion's predecessor company in Massachusetts, the Massachusetts-American Water Company, brought online the Hingham/Hull District Water Treatment facility to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The facility cost about $37 million and as a result the typical residential customer's water bill increased from about $250 per year to some $600 annually.

To help partially offset this increase, in 1998 Senator Robert Hedlund, Representative Mary Jeanette Murray, and the water company worked together to successfully enact legislation that resulted in Hingham/Hull District customers, along with residents in twenty-one other water districts, receiving a state rebate spread over ten years. Those twenty-two districts are: Amherst, Attleboro (2 grants), Auburn, Bellingham, Hingham/Hull/North Cohasset, Holyoke, Hudson, Lenox, Littleton, Milford, Natick, North Adams, Norwell, Palmer, Peabody, Rockport, Rutland, Spencer, Westborough, Westfield, Winchester, and Worcester.

In 2007, our typical residential customer used about 70,900 gallons of water during the year and paid an average annual water bill of $646. Of this amount, each customer received approximately $24.25 per quarter from the State shown on the water bill as a "Treatment Facility Surcharge Credit" to, so the net average water bill was about $549 per year.

With the 10-year grant award coming to an end in early 2008, Aquarion began discussing a year ago with State Senator Robert Hedlund and State Representative Garrett Bradley the financial impact to our customers.

We were particularly concerned because we knew that, after seven years, we would be filing for a rate increase in the same year.

Working with Senator Hedlund and Representative Bradley, it was discovered that the State Drinking Water Program provides a greater amount of assistance to communities now than the original grants received by the twenty-two water districts because the cost of interest on debt to finance a project is included as an eligible cost. In mid-2007, Senator Hedlund and Representative Bradley filed Senate Bill 508, An Act Relative To Drinking Water Revolving Fund Equity, to address this inequity by extending the grant to account for the allowed interest paid on debt to finance a water facility in the original twenty-two water districts. Each of these town's residents receives a rebate in the form of reduced water, tax or sewer rates to offset the cost of a water project.

A hearing on SB 508 was held before the Joint Committee on Natural Resources, Environment & Agriculture on June 25, 2007. Aquarion, Representative Bradley, Senator Hedlund, and the Towns of Hingham and Hull provided testimony in support of the bill. It was subsequently reported out favorably by the Environment Committee and referred to the Senate Ways and Mean Committee on October 22, 2007.

Senator Hedlund and Representative Bradley, as well as the 14 other State Senators whose districts are affected by this legislation, have been in touch with members and staff of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. In addition, representatives of Aquarion met with Committee staff members to point out that passage of this bill is a matter of fairness since the original calculations for the rebate did not take into account all eligible costs, such as interest on debt to finance a water or wastewater project. The bill would correct this inequity for residents of the affected towns so they receive the same benefit as those whose town received Drinking Water Funding that included interest costs. And, it eases the cost burden of water projects that have been brought on line to comply with regulations.

To date, the Senate Ways and Means Committee has not acted on the bill.

As a result of this inaction, funding for the ten-year rebate ends on January 31, 2008. Therefore, Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset Aquarion water customers will no longer receive the rebate of about $24.25 per quarter or $97 per year.

Aquarion, along with Senator Hedlund and Representative Bradley, will continue to work as long as it's practicable to extend the rebate for its customers as a matter of fairness. We strongly recommend that customers contact the Senate Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, Senator Steven Panagiotakos (Telephone: (617) 722-1630; E-Mail Address: Steven.Panagiotakos@state.ma.us to ask for favorable action on SB 508.

With customers' support, maybe good things don't have to come to an end after all.

If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-928-3734.

Larry Bingaman is Sr. VP of Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts.



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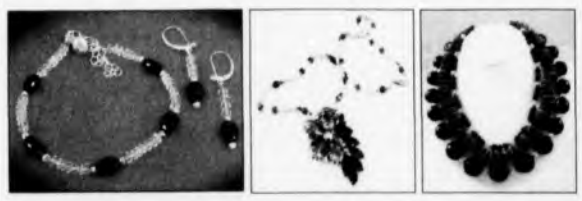
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COMMENTARY

MARK BELL

The recent Middleboro stuff with Ms. Walsh? Junk...forget about it. Real small-picture stuff at the end of the day.

I only see Cohasset from the outside these days, but its funny how cycles repeat, and the cycle of superintendents in Cohasset has been interesting. I'm not sure what human could endure the pressures these people sign up for. Seems as if most do not.

Reading comments from Supt. Denise Walsh and seeing how the school system has been handled, I can only commend her and the supporting committees for having the schools open for business on any day. Is there any angle from which she/they have any immunity? After school finances are torn away, citizens still expect exemplary performance. In this they only kid themselves. The amazing educators the school committee has employed, along with good citizens who support them with opinions and actions, has always been a staple of the great schools. By hook or crook, they seem to make it work. (Wasn't it $700K of pushed-aside bills Walsh faced after being hired? Don't try *that* at home....) Could they be better? The schools are the water of a fast moving stream of town growth and culture. Bad today, better tomorrow. Good today...don't get used to it.

If achieving federal funding...any funding...to keep the doors open and the heat on, works, it's got to be done. It seems as if more and more communities use IEP's in their schools and other funding mechanisms elsewhere to bring in well-needed funds the tax base cannot provide. It's got to be good funding, as it seems to pay the funding-goal *and* be worth the legal bills.

In it all you may ask: What kind of system plants educators against parents and their children, as in the recent IEP/parent horror? Answer: The system we have ushered into creation. If the community does not like it, they can make the choices to fund the schools, or not. Is there a law that says people with children in the schools cannot add to the schools funding on their own to avoid the excuse of tax dollars from "the other side" not wanting to pay for it? No, there is just a "principle." Entitlement? Well, the courts sure handled that....didn't they? Do you like what you're "entitled" to? Remember, the result of mediation in most circumstances only makes each party equally *unhappy.* I'd say that goal was met.

The recent Middleboro stuff with Ms. Walsh? Junk...forget about it. Real small-picture stuff at the end of the day. Let Ms. Walsh handle it....Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future. You don't know all of what's going on anyways, and seldom will without digging, which few do. Concentrate on what you see. Is she doing the job as best as she is being funded? Do the schools work? Does she show up for work every day with all the critics at the ready? (Who wants to enter the "Be Denise for a day" contest?) That's what you're paying her for. Let those without past burdens step forward...although they may be busy watching the Superbowl, with today's model of paternity, Tom Brady, there to also Judge.

Navigate to corruptcourts.us on the web and understand that "corrupt" is not a dig on the people, but the result of poorly operating systems...like "corrupt" software. Many of these are explained on the page and at the resource section of the website. See if the Constitution, as we learned it was, is found in any of the material there. It won't take long. It's very scary.

Is it all any better here in Westfield? Well, bigger tax base ($50 million just for education) and 50's era school buildings, growing population, stressed infrastructure...all the same pretty much...maybe a bit behind Cohasset with upgrades...a daily paper helps track it. Busy paper. Being a primarily working class community, few *expect* things to occur, but many also realize that part of doing a good job is staying with a hard one, and helping out the other guy as much as one can. No matter what town, rich, poor, or in between, societies are somewhat similar. In the end it's all about "us."

We are more alike than different, but losing precious rights in a democracy we can control. This is a very large problem. Very large.

Good luck to Ms. Walsh, the parents, and the children, and may God bless democracy and Cohasset.

Mark Bell, a former Cohasset resident, lives at 44 Highland View St., Westfield.

Issues raised tackled one by one

COMMENTARY

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FROM ISSUES, PAGE 12

basis. When we have questions or concerns about various school issues, they are asked and addressed and we move forward. Dr. Walsh has brought a great deal of professionalism to our district. She and her staff have put our financial house in order, upgraded our staff with new teaching hires and created efficiencies to make our dollars go further. Our current teaching staff is 100 percent certified under Mass DOE standards and all but two of our teachers are " Highly Qualified" under the No Child Left behind Act. The remaining two are working on waivers as they complete the necessary course work.

Finally, we would like to address Ms. Williams many assertions with regard to the Lewis case and hopefully clarify some of the confusion of this issue. First of all she questions Dr. Walsh's judgment in pursuing the Lewis case in light of the fact that the Lewis's child would be enrolling in a private school in the fall and Ms. Williams also claims that our action was taken to overturn the Bureau of Special Education Appeals decision. Additionally there is a connection made between the costs of the Lewis case and its implication for a possible 2009 budget override and the elimination of two teaching positions. We know there is a lot thrown together here.

First of all, the Lewis case was about a student's rights not a parent's right. Every student under Massachusetts Law has a right to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). Under the IEP that the Lewis boy was on he was getting FAPE. When Mr. & Mrs. Lewis decided to remove their son from his IEP the decision by the rest of the SPED team was that without it the Cohasset School District would be denying the child his right to FAPE. The order of the BSEA was in the child's favor. The order read, "Cohasset's IEP with modifications, and its extended evaluation provides Ethan with a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment. Parent's proposal for regular education with private services will provide Ethan with some benefit but does not constitute a FAPE."

As such, the actions by the Cohasset School Department were reinforced by the BSEA and the subsequent judgment by the Superior Court came to the same finding. The decision as to how to deal with the Lewis child had nothing at all to do with his possible future enrollment in a private school, nor were there budget considerations taken into account. The only decision necessary at the time, by the Cohasset School Department staff, was what action would be best for the child. We hope anyone in a similar situation would want their child's needs placed first.

We are currently working on the 2009 Budget and any decision around overrides or staff reductions are still taking place. Those decisions will be made as a town and in no way are they connected at all with the Lewis case. Any expenses related to the Lewis case would impact the 2008 budget.

The School Committee, the Superintendent and the School Department are working diligently to move the district forward. We believe that the vilification of Dr. Walsh by a minority of residents needs to end. We know Dr. Walsh to be an honest, caring and hardworking person. Having said that, we acknowledge that one person responsible for over 200 employees and all the town's school children can't please everybody all the time. We hope the readers of last week's Mariner will take the time to honestly evaluate all of the opinions and facts expressed last week and this week. If you still have questions, please feel free to contact any of us and we will try to provide answers.

The Cohasset School Committee: Rick Flynn, Lucia Flibotte, Steve Fusco, Adrienne MacCarthy, and Alfred Slanetz.

Cohasset Democrats to hold annual caucus

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus.

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will hold their annual caucus at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 9, in the Paul Pratt Public Library at 35 Ripley Road to elect five delegates and two alternates to the 2008 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Two female and two male delegates, and one male or female delegate will be elected.

The State Convention will be held Friday, June 7, at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell. At that time, Democrats from across the state will gather to endorse candidates for the office of U.S. Senator. The names of those candidates who receive 15 percent of the state convention vote will be placed on the Democratic Primary ballot Sept. 16.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus. All ballots will be written and secret. Those not elected as delegate and/or alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates in the category of youth, minority, or disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 56 Roland St., Suite 203, Boston, MA. 02129, no later than ten days after the caucus date. For caucus information, contact chair, Agnes McCann, at 617-686-4866.

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Two pull papers for Planning Board seats

Evans seeks second term as moderator

By Nancy White
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No residents have come forward thus far to run for the Recreation Commission; two seats, one five-year term and one two-year term are available.

While things have been quiet on the Planning Board election front that all changed this week when two candidates pulled papers to run for separate seats on the Planning Board. Charles Samuelson of 6 West Gate Lane will seek the five-year term and Clark Brewer of 262 North Main Street signaled his intent to run for the three-year seat.

Samuelson is a newcomer to town politics, but says he is ready to join in the fray to contribute positively to the town.

"I really believe Cohasset is a fantastic town," said Samuelson in a phone interview, "I want to support the quality of life and character of the community."

Big issues (and development) could be coming down the line for the village, the waterfront and Route 3A in the next five years leading to some tough decisions, he said.

Although a three-year seat is open on the Planning Board, Samuelson said he views the commitment as long-term, "consistency is important," which is why he chose to run for the five-year term.

Samuelson has lived in Cohasset for 10 years and works as an engineering manager at a high-tech firm in Boston. To the Planning Board he looks to bring good common sense, an understanding of technology and the impacts of decisions on the quality of life in Cohasset and extensive business experience including working closely with other committees and departments.

Brewer has been actively involved with the Housing Partnership Committee, currently serving as co-chair. He also served as vice chairman on the Growth and Development Committee that created the Master Plan.

"I've wanted to run for the Planning Board for a number of years," said Brewer in a phone interview, "I've been in Cohasset long enough, about 12 years, to get a longer term prospective on the town."

He hopes to revisit the Master Plan with the Planning Board to review and, if needed, modify the document to make it relevant for today's Cohasset and the future.

As an architect by trade, Brewer hopes to bring a site design perspective to the table, "I have an interest in all aspects of the architectural business, including construction" as well as more long-range planning.

He's worked on projects as large as 1.5 million square feet in Boston and as small as a neighbor's 70 square feet addition. Brewer said he has many ideas on how to bring good development and positive change to Cohasset.

In addition, Town Moderator Daniel Evans pulled papers to seek his second term as moderator.

"I've decided to run again because I've enjoyed having the opportunity to serve Cohasset as moderator. Having grown up in Cohasset, Cohasset is important to me, and being moderator is an opportunity to be involved and hopefully help the town. " said Evans in an e-mail this week.

No residents have come forward thus far to run for the Recreation Commission; two seats, one five-year term and one two-year term are available.

At least two races for seats are possible so far. Two candidates are interested in running for Sewer Commission: Wayne Sawchuk of 432 Beechwood Street and James Dow of 502 North Main Street. While four candidates have pulled papers to run for Library Trustee and there are only three three-year positions available. George Haley of 119 Pleasant St. and Mary Lou Lawrence of 15 Beach St. could vie for a seat with incumbents Rodney Hobson of 31 Deep Run and Sheila Evans of 72 North Main St. Citizens are not considered candidates until they return their papers with the required signatures.

Three-term Selectman Fred Koed pulled papers to run for re-election. Karen Quigley of 27 Clay Spring Road is seeking a seat on the Board of Selectmen. Alfred Slanetz intends to run for re-election to School Committee. Robin Lawrence, a sitting Board of Health member, and Mary Granville, a current member of the Board of Assessors, pulled papers to retain their seats. Town Clerk Marion Douglas has pulled paper to retain her position. Current Water Commission Glenn Pratt will seek re-election as well.

The last day to take out nomination papers is Thursday, Feb. 14. In order to hold a position you must be registered voter of the town.

Positions available for the 2008 town election include: Selectmen — two for three-year positions; Moderator — one three-year position; Town Clerk - one three-years position; School Committee — one three-year position; Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor—one three-year position; Board of Health — one three-year position; Planning Board — one for five-year position and one three-year position (to fill an unexpired term); Recreation Commission - one five-year position and one two-year position (to fill an unexpired term); Sewer Commission-one three-year position; and Water Commission — one three-year position.

Super Tuesday is Feb. 5

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"We've had a lot of new young people come in to register to vote."
— Town Clerk Marion Douglas

able to cast their vote. In total, 92 absentee ballots have been taken out.

Although Douglas is hesitant to make an election turnout prediction, she hazards to say 40 percent will turn out for the primary. The fact Massachusetts is voting on "Super Tuesday" along with 22 other states might bring out more voters, said Douglas.

During the presidential primary, voters will also cast ballots for Town Committee members and State Committee Man and Woman. There are four party ballots - Green-Rainbow, Democratic, Republican, and Working Families, which has no candidates listed.

Of the Cohasset's 5,193 registered voters, 1,180 are registered Democrats, 1,197 are registered Republicans, three are green-rainbow, one is working family and 2,804 are unenrolled. Voters registered to the libertarian or reform parties are not eligible to vote in the election (Cohasset has one voter register in each of those parties).

Voters registered to a particular party must vote for a candidate in that party. Unenrolled voters can arrive on Tuesday and choose the party they would like a ballot for, and then return to unenrolled status after completing the ballot.

The listed Democratic presidential candidates are John R. Edwards, Hillary Clinton, Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Christopher J. Dodd, Mike Gravel, Barack Obama, Dennis J. Kucinich, and Bill Richardson. (Edwards, Biden, Dodd, Kucinich, and Richardson have withdrawn from the race.)

Listed Republican candidates include John McCain, Fred Thompson, Tom Tancredo, Duncan Hunter, Mike Huckabee, Mitt Romney, Ron Paul, and Rudy Giuliani. (Thompson, Tancredo, Hunter and Giuliani have withdrawn from the race.)

Green-Rainbow listed candidates include Jared Ball, Ralph Nader, Elaine Brown, Kat Swift, Cynthia McKinney, and Kent Mesplay.

At this point in time, both parties have no real frontrunner for the Democratic and Republican party nominations. Democrats Clinton and Obama have been neck and neck throughout the primary season. While the Republicans still have McCain, Romney and Huckabee as strong candidates.

Fred Koed, a member of the Massachusetts State Democratic Committee, said the recent endorsements of Senator Ted Kennedy and Caroline Kennedy for Obama may influence a portion of voters in Massachusetts.

"Right now in Massachusetts there are a lot of people in both camps," referring to Clinton and Obama, said Koed, "I'll be interested to see how Massachusetts votes."

But, he's quick to add, "I'm not making any predictions."

The Republican Town Committee is predicting widespread support for former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney. On Tuesday evening, they held a straw vote with 20 voters at Bia Bistro. Romney received 70 percent of the voters' support (14 votes). Giuliani, who has now withdrawn from the race, received four votes, with McCain and Paul each receiving one vote.

"There should be a good vote for the governor in the state," said Kevin O'Donnell, Republican Town Committee chairman, "I think most are pleased with all the work he did here."

O'Donnell said if Romney stays in the race and the field clears a bit more, "there will be a very stark contrast between Romney and McCain. Romney could shine."

Absentee ballots available for Presidential Primary

Absentee ballots for the Presidential Primary on Feb. 5 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon, on Monday, Feb. 4, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. People who will be in town on Election Day and are able to come to the polls should vote in person. Residents may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, which ballot is requested, Democrat, Republican, Green-Rainbow, or Working Families, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant. If a voter is Un-enrolled (Independent) he/she needs to choose a ballot and will remain Un-enrolled after the primary.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by Feb. 5 to be counted.

The town will be using the Accu-Vote optical scan system. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the oval to the right of one's choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check in tables. The ballots can be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as they insert it into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

Residents who are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast a vote at the polling place, may file a letter from a physician with the Town Clerk, stating that they are permanently unable to cast their vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for the resident to sign and return will be mailed to them by the Town Clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

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The organization is looking for companies and individuals that would like to support New Beginnings by becoming a sponsor. Donations will help outreach to those who need to find a place to recover and can be made in any amount. Or, sponsors can reach more than 300 active members with an ad in the monthly newsletter for a nominal charge.

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Health Notes

'Heartsavers' being trained around town

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

...it is only recently that the new system of layperson training, operation and maintenance has been put in place.

Last Tuesday in the basement of Town Hall, new technology and judicious application of the town's resources provided a demonstration of an overlay of protection and support to everyone in the town that was simply not available two years ago. The occasion was a class in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR for short) for town employees. Overseen by Chief Bob Silvia, who also provided refreshments, the Fire Department's Lieutenant John Docray and Firefighter Paramedic Dan Smith instructed about 16 employees in the latest methods of resuscitation and the use of the new automated external defibrillator (AED).

For several years now, the Board of Health has been trying to obtain defibrillators to be placed at various critical sites all over town because evidence has shown that early intervention in instances of cardiac arrest has vastly improved the probability of survival in heart attack, stroke, drowning, electric shock and other emergencies. Originally, we bought a number of such devices. The Fire Department also mounted a campaign to raise money to acquire them and numerous citizens donated funds to do so. Defibrillators were obtained, but they were complicated and their use necessitated training, which was not broadly available to lay people. Moreover, to be effective, they required a system of maintenance, periodic checks and oversight, which was difficult to implement. Recently, these problems were solved and the town now has AEDs in every emergency vehicle in town along with others at selected sites all over town, including schools, the library, the Harbor Master's boat, the DEP facilities at the RTF and selected businesses such as Hingham Lumber, which have also bought the devices and been trained in their use.

Although the town's emergency personnel (police, fire, medical, etc.) have been trained in CPR and the use of AEDs, it is only recently that the new system of layperson training, operation and maintenance has been put in place.

The new standards of CPR and the use of AEDs have only been available since 2006 when the American Heart Association published new guidelines for their application and substantially modified procedures for their use. For example, previously, CPR used two, then four, then seven chest compressions to restore heart function. The new protocols require 30 or more and training was often carried out on live subjects. It was determined that the use of biometric dummies was a much more effective training method than human subjects, so on Tuesday, the class had four of the latest dummies bought with grant money and contributions from citizens. Moreover, the class also used pediatric dummies to train the staff on the latest methods for infant resuscitation.

In all, training required about four hours. Two different groups used the dummies; eight in the morning and eight in the afternoon. Training covered both the use of the AHA new protocols for CPR and also the use of the AEDs. Each participant was given an AHA pamphlet and a CD explaining in detail the various steps in the process, and each participant practiced CPR on a dummy until fully proficient. Chest compressions used in CPR require strength and not a little stamina. In addition to which the student must follow a rigorous procedure to ensure that vital steps in the resuscitation process are not missed. For example, it is necessary for the subject to be clear of any dangerous materials, wires, manhole covers that may inadvertently have been electrified, etc. Essentially, the civilian responder becomes the leader of a team that performs a number of functions. In addition to performing CPR, the responder points out and instructs bystanders to call for help (911), obtain an AED and keep the area safe from vehicles, traffic, etc.

Training on use of the AED is accompanied by several aids such as pictorial descriptions of the chest paddles and methods for placing on the victim. The process sounds forbidding, but verbal instructions given by the self-contained machine itself make application of a resuscitating shock foolproof and easy. The machine does all the calculation and work formerly performed by a practitioner; senses the need for shock or lack thereof, and finally applies the proper shock at the right time. Simply amazing.

And so, thanks to emergency service capacity of Police and Fire department personnel headed by enlightened and effective leadership, the town has a peerless system of emergency response that has already saved the lives of many of our citizens and will be effective in doing so into the future.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Political Notes

Logan running for reelection

Paula E. "Polly" Logan of Cohasset — Republican State Committeewoman for the Plymouth-Norfolk Senatorial District — is seeking re-election for a four-year term in the Feb. 5 GOP primary on Tuesday.

From grassroots town offices to the Statehouse to Washington, Logan has mentored and helped elect more Republican candidates than possibly any single figure in the history of the commonwealth. Acknowledged and respected by political activists of all persuasions, Logan was recognized by former Gov. Mitt Romney as "the grand dame of politics in Massachusetts."

Former Lt. Gov. Kerry Healy cited Logan as "the first person who offered me both moral and financial support when I began my political career - something for which I'll be eternally grateful."

Logan's consistent and continual organizational and fundraising skills over past terms have been instrumental in the election of state Sen. Bob Hedlund, U.S. Attorney and former Plymouth County District Attorney Mike Sullivan, current Plymouth County District Attorney Tim Cruz, Rep. Daniel Webster and others.

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Today (Friday, Feb. 1) Cohasset High School will host the First Annual Cohasset Athletics Winter Carnival. Basketball games against Hull will begin at 3 p.m. with the boys junior varsity followed by the girls junior varsity at 4:30 p.m. The boys varsity will tip-off at 6 p.m. followed by the girls at 7:30 p.m.

All children under 12 will be admitted free provided an adult accompanies them.

There will be face painting, a moonwalk and music.

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Getting better everyday

Lady Skippers put stronghold on SSL

By Joel Racicot
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The only thing Cohasset High girls basketball coach John LeVangie asked his team to do this year was to improve everyday.

So far it's working.

Bereft of a single senior, the Skippers are in the midst of an amazing season. At 12-2 overall and 9-1 in the South Shore League, the girls cemented their spot atop the league with wins against Carver and Harwich this week.

"It's good to be in first but it's better after the 20th game of the season," said LeVangie, not allowing his team or anyone else to look ahead. "The kids just come out to play, work hard everyday and are improving."

There were rumblings before this year started from area coaches that the Skippers would be a league contender, but this kind of success from such a young team wasn't expected.

Friday, the girls defeated Carver, 50-37, one preseason favorite to contend for the league. Tori Lehr led Cohasset with 17 points and seven rebounds. Carli Haggerty added 10 points and eight rebounds, while Sammi Lehr chipped in with 13 rebounds.

The Big Three have been immense inside this season and are a big reason why the Skippers have had success. Although the Lehr sisters get the start inside, Haggerty plays equal time off the bench. It's part of LeVangie's eight starters philosophy.

"They all play the same minutes," LeVangie said. "Their chemistry is getting better and better each week."

Cohasset trailed 9-6 after the first quarter and jumped to a 20-14 halftime lead against the Crusaders. They held that lead through the third quarter until they pulled away in the fourth.

Once again defense was the name of the game.

"We located their shooters and moved them outside their range," LeVangie said. "We also rebounded very well."

The backcourt pressure on the Carver guards was crucial. Carly Salerno, Kayla Farren and Meredith Kelley continued to play like defensive stalwarts in the press, limiting any kind of a Carver attack.

"Carly (Salerno) and Kayla (Farren) have been running the front of the press for three years and they are really getting an understanding of it," LeVangie said.

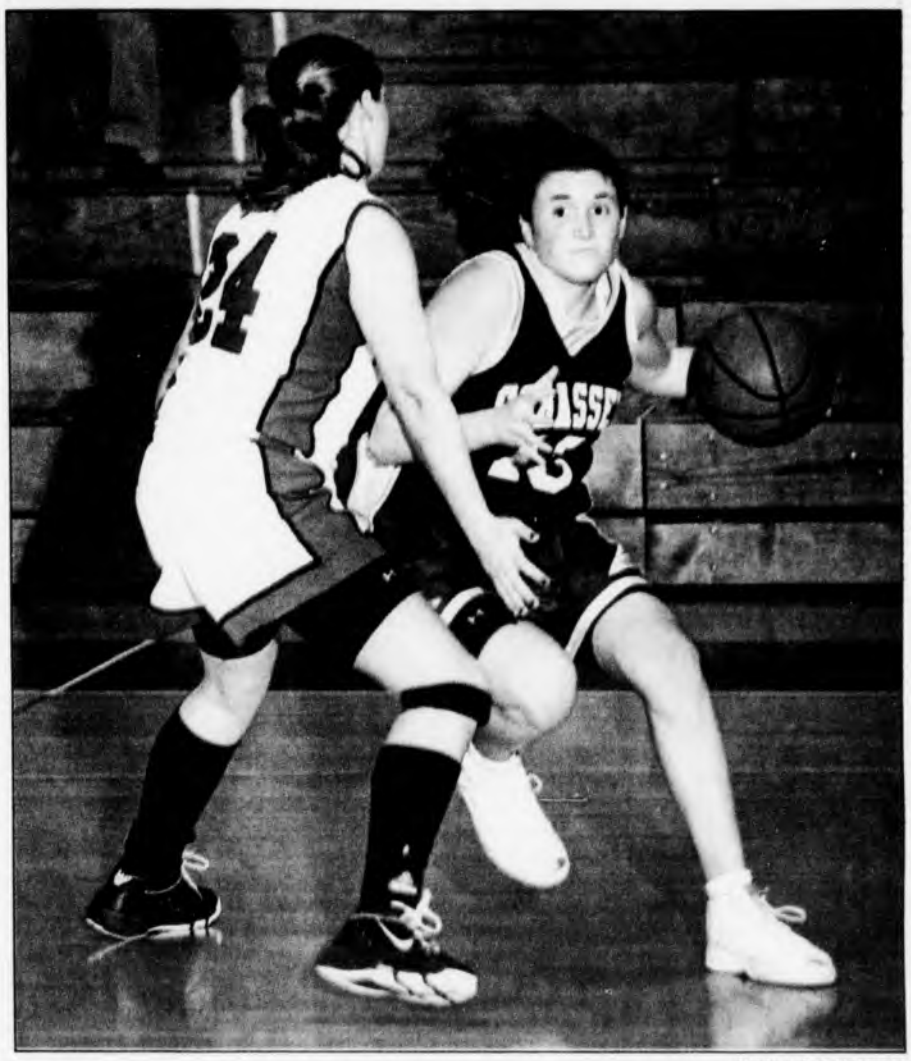
"It's good to be in first but it's better after the 20th game of the season. The kids just come out to play, work hard everyday and are improving."
John LeVangie

Cohasset's depth has helped them keep pace and stay in games, and it should be a major factor heading into postseason play.

Samantha Crough, Lindsay Davis, Izzy Franklin and Rachel Fredey have all contributed big minutes and stepped up of late according to LeVangie.

The girls beat Harwich, 42-29, Tuesday night.

Sammi Lehr led with 10 points, Farren added seven and Haggerty came in off the bench with eight points and seven rebounds.



PHOTO/DAVID MORRISON

Meredith Kelley drives to the basket for the first place Lady Skippers. Kelley continues to play solid in the backcourt for the South Shore League's first place team.

Cohasset High School Hockey Notebook

The Cohasset High boys hockey team defeated Abington/EB, 3-0, Saturday night behind a pair of goals from Chaz Czerkawski, one goal and one assist by Pat Doonan, and a 32 save shutout by Jonny Wade in net.

Cohasset's third line of Andy McKenna (sophomore), Andrew Bell (junior) and Vinny Curran (junior) played well in the win.

"We skated three lines in the win, we usually run two lines but they work hard every single practice," said Cohasset High coach Bob Walsh. "Curran is usually on the fourth line but with Ian Quinlan out, I said 'you want to play and he said, 'yes sir.'

"We had a really good team effort all three periods. Jonny Wade made some incredible saves, once again. Our defense played great zone coverage and remained in control of their emotions."

Abington/East Bridgewater came out and attacked from the opening face off and despite having the Skippers pinned in a number of times, they were able to contain the shots to positions that enabled Wade to see what was going on.

According to Walsh, Wade played like "Jonny 08," referring to the year, rather than "Jonny 07."

"He and I sat down and talked about game prep," Walsh said. "I wanted him to re-focus on how he preps for a game, what he does before certain games when he does well."

Cohasset is now 8-4-2 overall and 7-2 in the South Shore League after Wednesday night's 10-1 drubbing by Norwell. Nothing went well in the game and the Clippers set the tone from the get go. It's a game Cohasset would soon like to forget.

Norwell qualified for the Division 3 South Sectionals with the win earning its 21st point of the year. Cohasset still has 18 points with the loss and needs a win to qualify.

Last Wednesday, January 23, the boys defeated Carver/Sacred Heart's Fighting Crusaders 8-4.

"Carver/Sacred Heart is a hard playing team," Walsh said.

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Pat Doonan carries the puck for the Skippers. Doonan and Co. had a tough time in a 10-1 loss to Norwell, Wednesday night. The boys look to get back on track Wednesday, February 6 against Hull.

All-Scholastic girls soccer team

Cohasset's Hart, Brophy, Coggins, Kucinski, Lehr and McGoldrick among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Unlike individual league all-star teams, we did not choose our team in deference to event considerations. Instead the only criteria we considered was overall value these athletes had to their respective teams.

In the end; however, the sports staff at Community Newspaper Company (CNC) had to make some tough decisions and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top public school girls soccer athletes for this honor.

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Torey Hart – Junior
Forward – Cohasset

Led the South Shore League in scoring with 27 points (13 goals and 14 assists)...A key member of the young Skippers, helped lead the team to the Division 3 South sectional...A three time South Shore League All-Star, Hart should be a vital asset in another deep tourney run in 2008.

Kate Murray – Senior
Forward – Carver

With the graduation of Tina Gillen, the senior forward became the offensive threat opponents had to stop when they went up against the Crusaders this season...Murray handled the attention well, putting up double-figures in goals...She capped off her high school soccer career by earning a spot on the South Shore League All-Star team.

Tristin Chin – Junior
Defender – Duxbury

This talented defender was a major reason why the Dragons (11-2-5) allowed just 13 regu-

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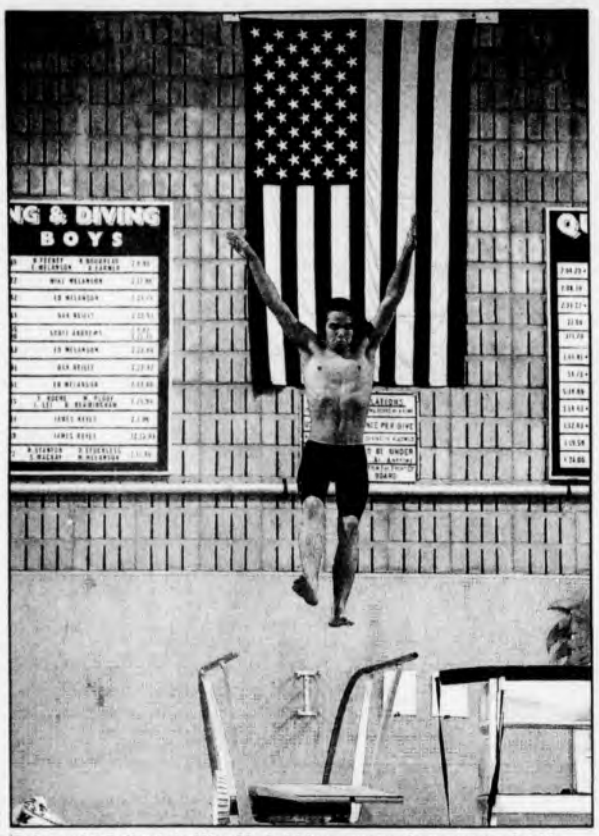
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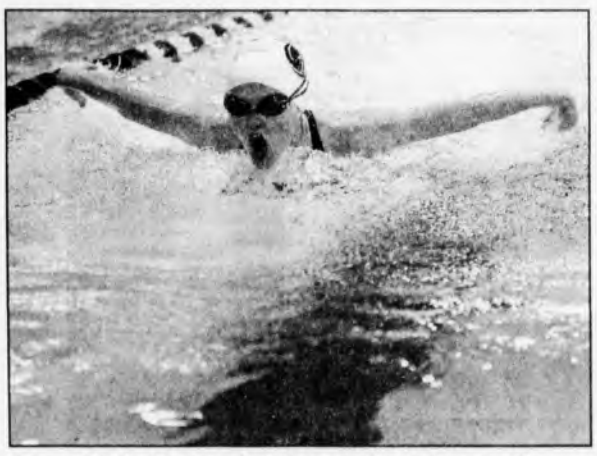
Cohasset/ Scituate's Wes Medwid leaps up as he prepares for his final dive during their meet against Norwell, Friday. The boys won their meet 85-64 and remained undefeated after beating Duxbury 95-83, Tuesday.



Cohasset/ Scituate's Jonny Drybanski leaps out at the start of the 100-yard breaststroke race, Friday. The boys beat Duxbury for the first time in the history of the program.



Cohasset/ Scituate's Alison Costa looks up in exhaustion after placing second with a time of 6:13.28 in the 500 yard freestyle race during their meet against Norwell.



Cohasset/Scituate's Torey Hart of Cohasset explodes out of the water during the butterfly portion of the 200 yard IM placing third with a time of 2:42.71

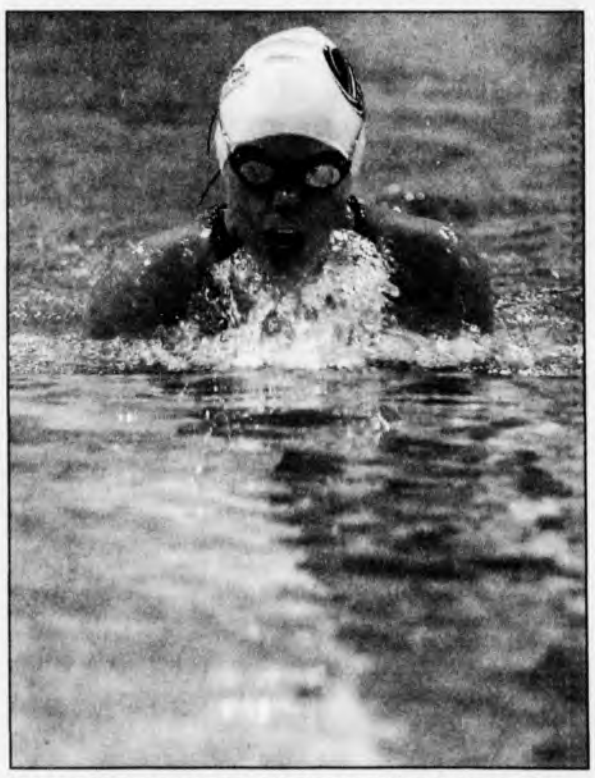


Cohasset/ Scituate's Sean Crowley leaps back at the start of the 100 yard backstroke which he won with a time of 1:03.50 on Friday.



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The Cohasset/ Scituate swim team huddles up at the end of their meet with Norwell. The girls are 5-3 overall after defeating the Clippers, Friday.



Cohasset/ Scituate's Megan Little rises up during the breaststroke portion of the 200 yard IM. She would place first wth a time of 2:32.94 on Friday.

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All-Scholastic girls soccer team

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lar season goals and shut out seven opponents…Playing primarily at right fullback, Chin's speed and skill made her a very tough obstacle to get around…Often marked the opposing team's best player and more than did her job this past fall…Played particularly stellar defense in shutout wins over rivals Pembroke (1-0), Rockland (2-0)…Just a junior, Chin returns to the field next fall.

Jordyn Krall – Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder – Duxbury

Voted the Patriot League MVP for the second-straight year after tallying the winning goal in all 11 of the Dragons' victories this past fall…The three-time Patriot League All-Star led her squad in scoring with 28 points on 15 goals, 13 assists for the Keenan Division champs (8-0-4)…Finished her career with 94 points on 41 goals, 53 assists…Made the All-State Division 2 team for the second-straight year…Will continue her soccer career at the University of New Hampshire.

Stephanie Abiassaf – Senior
Stopper – East Bridgewater

Senior stopper led Viking defense that surrendered only 21 goals in 18 regular-season games (1.16gpg)…A three year starter for East Bridgewater, Abiassaf finished the season with three goals and three assists giving her career totals of six goals and five assists…A South Shore League All-Star this season.

Katie Egan – Junior
Forward – Hanover

A dynamic player on the left wing, Egan has the ability to change the flow of a game almost instantly…Very quick and skilled Egan was among her team's leaders in scoring this past fall and finished second among Patriot League Fisher Division scorers…Broke open a tight 1-1 game against Hingham with a pair of goals and an assist en route to a 5-1 win…Her solid play helped the Indians (9-9-0) qualify for postseason play…Just a junior, Egan will return to soccer field next fall.

Meri McCann – Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder – Hingham

Essentially every play went through this talented and skilled midfielder…A two-time Patriot League All-Star, McCann was an excellent playmaker in the center of the midfield…Led her Hingham team in scoring for the second-straight year this past fall and was third amongst Patriot League strikers…Was an intricate part of a Harborwomen team that went 5-1-1 down the stretch, tying rival Duxbury and beating Division 1 powers Braintree and Mansfield…McCann plans to continue her soccer career in college.

Allie Coppenwrath – Junior
Forward – Marshfield

A two-time Atlantic Coast League All-Star, Coppenwrath was the go-to girl for the Rams this season…Typically found in the center of the midfield or on the front line the shifty Coppenwrath led her team in scoring this fall…Her offensive skill was essential to getting the Marshfield back to the Division 1 South semis…Also a member of the Marshfield High track team, Coppenwrath has hopes of continuing her soccer career in college…Before that, she'll be back with the Rams next fall.

Michelle O'Neill – Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder – Marshfield

One of those players who does all the little things right, O'Neill leaves a big hole to fill after spending four-straight seasons in the midfield for the Rams (15-4-1)…You'd find this three-time Atlantic Coast League All-Star on the right side of the midfield, getting plays started with her tremendous skill and speed…Was among her team's leader in assists throughout her career…Was an essential part of a team that reached the Division 1 South finals for three-straight seasons and went to the semis this year…O'Neill hopes to continue her soccer career in college next fall.

Jill Cammett – Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder – Norwell

The South Shore League MVP helped lead the Clippers to back-to-back Division 3 South sectional titles…Earned a reputation as a leader and star on the field for one of the areas best soccer programs…Two-time Division 3 All-State player, Cammett will play lacrosse next season at the Syracuse University.

Hannah Earner – Junior
Midfield – Pembroke

Led the talented Titans in scoring with 14 goals and eight assists…A two time Patriot League All-Star and Division 2 All-State second team member…Already named as a captain for the Titans next season, Earner should help lead the Titans again in the competitive Patriot League.

Kathryn Nathan – Junior
Midfield – Pembroke

This Patriot League All-Star scored eight goals and had 12 assists leading the Titans deep into the Division 3 South sectional…A Division 2 All-State team member…Nathan will spearhead a very talented senior class next year for Pembroke.

Dee Gordon – Senior (Capt.)
Midfielder – Rockland

One of the most feared players in the Patriot League, Gordon was the catalyst on the Bulldogs' squad once again this season…The four-time Patriot League All-Star led Rockland (10-4-5) in scoring this past fall with 32 points on 15 goals, 17 assists…Selected to the Division 2 All-State team for the second-straight year…Will continue her soccer career at Division 1 Boston College next fall.

Steph Gordon – Senior (Capt.)
Goalie – Rockland

Very little balls got by this talented four-year starter and Patriot League All-Star…Gordon has been a virtual brick wall in the net for the Bulldogs since stepping onto the field as a freshman…A three-time All-State Division 2 team member, Gordon posted six regular season shutouts and added another big one in the South tourney against rival Duxbury…Allowed just 14 regular season goals, boasting a very strong 0.78 goals against average…Plans to continue her soccer career at Northeastern University next fall.

Rosie Branton – Junior
Forward – Scituate

Branton returned during her junior season and showcased her uncanny knack for finding the back of the net…Led the Patriot League with 22 goals and recorded three assists…The two-time Patriot League All-Star was a big reason the Sailors went 12-6-1 this year and qualified for the Division 3 South sectional tournament… "She is a player with a lot of hard work and determination that puts herself in a position where she can get shots off and can score," Scituate High girls soccer coach Ross Maki said.

Tess Weafer – Senior
Defense – Scituate

This talented senior was the foundation and helped revitalize of the girls soccer program at Scituate…One of the most skilled and versatile players in the area, Weafer was a rock in the back for the tourney bound Sailors…The Patriot League All-Star plans to play soccer next year at the University of Vermont…"She has probably the biggest shoes to play," Scituate High girls soccer coach Ross Maki said about the four-year starter. Having a player of that category you with she could stay back with us for one more year."

Chelsea Shaughnessy – Senior
Midfielder – Silver Lake

The senior is one of the best pure athletes you are going to see at the high school level…The midfielder defensive ability was one of the main reasons Silver Lake was able keep its goal against total at a manageable level this fall.

Jenn Stack – Sr.
Goalie – Silver Lake

Stack did everything she could do this season to get the Lakers back into the tournament…The three-time Patriot League All-Star broke the school record for career shutouts this season…A four-year starter, Stack will be great missed by Silver Lake next season.

Honorable mentions:

Becky DiSieno – Sr. – Midfielder – Abington
Lacey Olson – Jr. – Back – Carver
Johanna Brophy – Jr. – Goalie – Cohasset
Sarah Coggins – Jr. – Defense – Cohasset
Kaci Kucinski – Fr. – Forward – Cohasset
Sammi Lehr – Jr. – Defense – Cohasset
Maggie McGoldrick – Jr. – Midfield – Cohasset
Caitlin Burke – So. – Forward – Duxbury
Laikyn Nadolny – Jr. – Defense – East Bridgewater
Lesley Guenard – Sr. (Capt.) – Forward – Hanover
Kelly Collins – Sr. – Defender – Hingham
Casey Edward – Jr. – Goalie – Marshfield
Jennifer Cronin – Sr. – Midfielder – Norwell
Amelia Cimini – Sr. – Defense – Norwell
Sally Hardy – Sr. – Goalie – Norwell
Kylie Smith – Sr. – Midfield – Norwell
Coco McDonough – Jr. – Forward – Pembroke
Mary Vercollone – Jr. – Defense – Pembroke
Kara Pantano – Sr. – Sweeper – Rockland
Jackie Jones – Sr. – Defense – Scituate
Katrina Maki – Sr. – Midfielder – Scituate

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Cohasset Strikers fall just short in finals

After a choppy start to the indoor season, the U10 Cohasset Strikers ran the table to earn a spot in the U10 indoor finals game. The Strikers began their season at 2-2 but had to forfeit their fifth contest and dropped to 2-3.

With a playoff berth in jeopardy, the Strikers dug deep to run the table and move from a distant fifth place into second. They won their first playoff game handily over the Hingham Rovers which set the stage to face the tough, undefeated Norwell Clippers. Having lost 9-2 in a game earlier in the season, the Strikers knew they had to play their best in order to raise the champion's trophy.

The goalie tandem of Dan Varney and Mathias Loft had played strong all season and would certainly be tested early in this contest. Thomas Durkin and John Harzich provided a strong defensive tandem keeping the talented Clipper forwards in check. Ryan Golz and Mitchell Buckley worked hard in the mid-field trying to spark some offensive strikes. After spotting the Clippers a, 4-0, lead the Skippers future looked bleak.

Then the sparks started to fly.

Forwards Liam O'Connell, Luke Nutting, Mike McKelvey and Deven Varney sprang into action and helped cut the Norwell lead to 4-3 over a seven-minute span. With time running out Cohasset threw everything they had at Norwell. The offensive surges left the Strikers exposed and the Clippers netted two more goals and won 6-4. The Strikers played a hard and well-fought game. Missing three strong players, Cole Joslin, Mark Bodner and Graham Schwant, the Strikers gave it their all.



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The U10 Cohasset Strikers ran the table to earn a spot in the U10 indoor finals game. Front row: Michael McKelvey, left, Deven Varney, Dan Varney, Ryan Golz and Luke Nutting. Back row: Mitchell Buckley, left, Liam O'Connell, Mathias Loft, Thomas Durkin, John Harzich and head coach Erik Golz. Cole Joslin, Mark Bodner, Graham Schwant and assistant coaches Klaus Loft and Jack Buckley are missing from the photo.

Flibotte continues to pace Lady Zebras

Cohasset native, Gabriella Flibotte, paced the Groton School Lady Zebras (9-4) to a, 56-49, victory over Thayer Academy (6-8).

Flibotte registered four points before the aggressive Thayer team got on the board. Groton would extend its lead to, 19-10, with 8:16 to play in the first half. But Thayer would answer and close the gap and the teams headed into the intermission with Groton up by, 27-25.

Flibotte hit a three-pointer to extend the Zebras lead early in the second half, but Thayer would get hot from outside and take a, 41-36, lead with 8:22 to play. Groton would go on an 11-3 run, regaining the lead and forcing Thayer to foul in order to stop the clock.

Flibotte would seal the victory for the Zebras shooting 5-for-6 from the charity stripe in the final 30 seconds of play. Flibotte finished the night with 14 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals.

Sports Notes

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading

Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleader Organization will be holding its Annual Board of Director Elections at the Scituate Public Library at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. Anyone interested in serving on the board for Scituate Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading is encouraged to attend in order to be considered for a position on the board. For more information, please contact 781-556-0215.

Rock the night away

Come dance the night away to the classic rock sounds of the "GR8FLS" (formerly known as the Greatful Dads) at the beautiful Red Lion Inn Barn, February 1. The event benefits the Cohasset Hockey team and promises to be a rockin' time for everyone.

If you didn't make it last year, don't miss it this year. It's a great way to shake off the doldrums of winter and have a fun night out with friends in Cohasset. Here are the details, February 1, 8:00 p.m. to midnight. Classic and current rock provided by the "GR8FLS." Tickets are $20, available at the door or through any hockey team member or parent. Hors D'Oeurves and cash bar, so join the Cohasset Hockey Boosters who truly know how to put the "fun" back in fundraising and "come on down" to the Red Lion Inn February 1!

CYBSA Launches New Online Registration for 2008 Season

The Cohasset Youth Baseball & Softball Association (CYBSA) will hold its annual registration for the upcoming baseball and softball spring season ONLINE beginning December 21, 2007 through February 1, 2008. Parents/Guardians can complete the registration process by visiting our website: CYBSA.net.

The registration process will be closed on February 1, 2008. Registrations that are completed after February 1, 2008 will be charged a $50 per player late fee and late registrants will only be placed on a team if space permits, on a first come first serve basis. The late fee will be strictly enforced, and there is no guarantee that late registered players will be accommodated, as uniform orders and other season plans will be made on February 1st. Your cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order equipment and uniforms so that we are ready for opening day.

Please be advised that returning players already assigned to a Major League team are still required to register.

The CYBSA will also provide a one day walk- in registration on Saturday, January 26, 2008. Please visit our website for details.

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"They just came off a couple of wins and we beat them back in December so we knew they were serious coming into tonight's game. Tony Rota's a good coach and knows how to motivate his players."

A penalty shot early in the third period proved to be key for the Skippers.

"Actually, for us, that was a big turning point in the game since the score was 4-3 after the second period," Walsh noted.

A little more than a minute into the third period, there was a scrum in front of the Carver net and one of the Crusaders covered up the puck while lying on the ice, awarding Cohasset the choice of either a penalty shot or Carver getting a minor penalty.

"I took the penalty shot and had freshman Anders Goetz take it," Walsh said. "Little Goetzie has been hot recently having scored a hatrick in the last game so I gave him the green light. He made a good move on Carver's goalie and gave our team the boost we needed."

After the penalty shot, Carver's first line center, Cal Ciarcia beat Cohasset goalie Jonny Wade making the score 5-4 and keeping the Crusaders in the fight.

But at 8:13 of the third, senior captain Alex Goetz tallied two goals back-to-back, assisted by younger brother Anders, sophomore Brendan Doonan and blue liner, senior captain Frank Wheelwright—giving Goetz a hatrick for the night.

Alex commented on the performance of his line mate Brendan Doonan after the game.

"I'm loving having Brendan on this line," Goetz told his coach. "He's really working hard and we complement each others play."

The final tally for the night came from Czerkawski.

Sports Editor Joel Racicot contributed to this notebook.

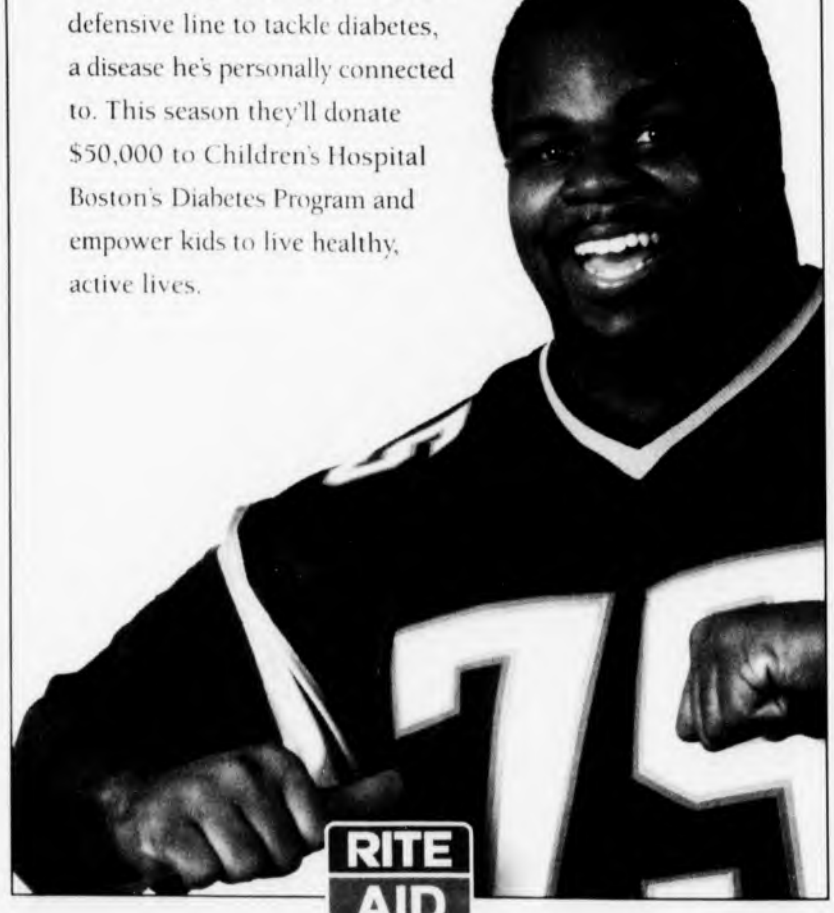


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Alex Goetz squeezes the puck in under the Rockland goalie for a Cohasset goal earlier in the season.

A Blitz Against Diabetes

Rite Aid has joined Vince Wilfork's defensive line to tackle diabetes, a disease he's personally connected to. This season they'll donate $50,000 to Children's Hospital Boston's Diabetes Program and empower kids to live healthy, active lives.



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Bill Brett will be at Buttonwood on Feb. 17.

Bill Brett to share photography tips

Buttonwood Books & Toys will welcome Hingham resident and Boston Globe photographer Bill Brett at 2 p.m., on Sunday, Feb. 17, at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A. The subject of Brett's talk will be photography. He will share his techniques and give tips to sharpen photography skills. Attendees will learn how to take outstanding photographs and how to bundle them into a collection that deserves a book. Amateurs and professionals will learn and benefit from Brett's proven skills.

Brett started working at The Boston Globe as an 18-year-old part-time photographer. In 1977, he became chief photographer and climbed the ladder to become the paper's director of photography in 1999. He retired in 2001, but continues to capture the local scene as a contributor to the "Party Lines" and "Names" columns. Copies of Brett's books, "Boston: An Extended Family" and "Boston: All One Family," will be available for purchase at the event.

Reservations are appreciated but not required. Those unable to attend who would like to order a personalized or signed copy can call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at buttonwoodbooks.com.

Teen dance set for Feb. 8

Cohasset Youth Resources Midnight Blue Teen Center Dance will take place from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 8. Cohasset youngsters in grades six through eight are invited to attend. Cost is $5 per person, and attendees will be required to show a student ID when signing in for the dance.

Those attending should be sure they are able to gain admittance to the dance before their ride leaves as once capacity is reach no further admittance will be allowed. There will be no admittance in any case after 8:30 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

This is not a school function.

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The event benefits the Cohasset Hockey team. Tickets are $20 available at the door or through any hockey team member or parent.

Electronic music at the conservatory

South Shore Conservatory announces the creation of a new music technology department, under the direction of guitarist/composer Mark Campbell.

The new department is dedicated to teaching the many uses of technology in the music field by offering classes such as Electronic Effects for Guitarists and Orchestra Incognito, a class which uses synthesizers and keyboards to sound like a four-piece rock band, string orchestra or percussion ensemble. The next session of Orchestra Incognito starts Monday, Feb. 4, and is hosted by music technology specialist Tim Butterworth. Students taking music tech lessons will have full access to the conservatory's new group instruction lab.

The department has also begun an internship program with New England Institute of Art. Graduates of the recording arts program will run the Pro-Tools recording studio, which is available for recording projects at a rate of $25 per hour.

Beginning in February, recording interns will host open studio sessions on MIDI sequencing and home recording.

For more information on music technology and other conservatory programs, visit southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 13.

Unsafe ice on Lily Pond this winter

There will be no winter activity on Lily Pond this winter. To reduce the amount of discolored tap water in the distribution system, the Water Department has installed a system of aeration tubes in Lily Pond. The units create a steady stream of tiny bubbles that rise to the surface of the water.

"This aeration system will make all of the ice on Lily Pond unsafe for any winter activity on the ice this year," said Glenn A. Pratt, chairman of the Water Commission. "We may not need to run the aeration system every winter, so this may not be a permanent situation."

Because of the unsafe ice, warnings will be posted and the police will enforce the ban on any winter activity on Lily Pond. The Water Department has discussed this with the Recreation Department, Police Department, Town Manager and Fire Department so all affected town agencies are working together to ensure a safe winter.

The bubbles will add oxygen to the pond water helping to reduce some of the iron and manganese that is dissolved in the pond water, which should help to reduce discolored water in the water distribution system. The aeration system will also improve the ecological state of the pond, according to the Water Department.

Signs are being placed around Lily Pond to warn people from walking on the ice. The Water Department activated the system Dec. 15.

Goodbye first semester!

LIFE AT CHS

Christine Kent



Wednesday's half day will mark a new beginning for students as second semester starts, not to mention the countdown for the end of the year.

"All good things must come to an end."

This week the first semester ended on Tuesday, meaning no more studying 'til the wee hours of the morning for end of term finals! Wednesday's half day will mark a new beginning for students as second semester starts, not to mention the countdown for the end of the year. Many seniors can be heard chanting this mantra, "half way through the school year!" On a side note, some students spiced up their first day of Quarter 3 by attending the long awaited Spice Girls reunion concert....it's about time, ladies. No doubt, Thursday was a rough day for the late night concertgoers not to mention for all the other students, who realized that it was time to get down to scholarly business.

However, Thursday was not completely filled with 90-minute classes and exhausting course descriptions thanks to Dr. Thomae's interesting assembly, Focus the Nation. What kid doesn't love a good assembly in the middle of the day, especially hosted by the always entertaining and enlightening "Doc T", a fan favorite, in addition to students and Senator Hedlund? The topic of Global Warming and Solutions for America were presented at the gathering, which proved to be thought provoking.

Yes, it is true, the CHS Mr. Skipper beauty pageant is approaching and male volunteers (who must be students in grades 9-12) are needed. If the prospect of dawning a snazzy suit and walking down the aisles of the auditorium with a hot chick on your arm doesn't entice you then maybe the prospect of winning a hundred dollars and the title of Mr. Skipper will do the trick! Who can forget that along with the prestigious title comes a shiny new yellow rain suit and pizza. So guys, fine-tune those dancing moves, show off your singing chops and sign up before February 29, 2007...now is your time to shine!

Before I forget, AP students need to bring in their $84 for an AP test by Feb. 29th. If there are any questions or concerns see guidance counselor Ms. Porter.

Now, it is time for the top events of the week:

• **Monday, Jan. 28**: Sunday's snowfall clearly did not result in a snow day, which is lucky for the varsity gymnastics team who were able to compete against Marshfield. Also, the boys and girls Varsity Alpine Skiing team tore down the slopes in the Mass Bay Ski League-East Division.

• **Tuesday, Jan. 29:** Bye, Bye, second quarter. Hello new quarter and new teachers.

• **Wednesday, Jan. 20:** Professional Development Day aka early release for students. Also, the varsity wrestling and hockey teams showed off their athleticism during their away games.

• **Thursday, Jan. 31**: Focus the Nation captured the attention of high school students, hopefully prompting kids to recycle and conserve energy. Parents channeled their inner teenager for a meeting of the Post-Prom Committee.

• **Friday, Feb. 1:** A sports filled day for the athletes of CHS. Both the Boys and Girls basketball teams faced off against Hull rivals, while the gymnastics girls flipped in to high gear against Notre Dame. Also, who can forget the carnival that was held at CHS! Kids and adults stepped on up!

Well, that's it for me this week. Have a great weekend!

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

Behavioral presentation

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will host a presentation, "Putting Misbehavior into Context: Positive Approaches to Discipline," at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the library of the Osgood School, 210 Sohier St., Cohasset. The Cohasset Public School clinical staff will offer a framework for understanding behavioral interventions across settings. The presentation explores the relationship between contexts such as home, school, and community in behavior change and the impact of this relationship on aspects of student development.

All workshops and presentations are free and sponsored by the PSO and Parent Advisory Council. To be added to the PAC e-mail network for updates, forward your contact information to southshorepac@comcast.net.

Integrated Preschool

Applications for the Cohasset Integrated Preschool are available at both Osgood School and the Student Services Office at Cohasset Middle High School. Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2008 to participate in the morning class and 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2008 to participate in the afternoon class.

Applications should be returned to the Student Services Office at 143 Pond St., no later than Friday, Feb. 15. The lottery will be held Monday, Feb. 25, and families will be notified by mail that week.

A deposit of $75 is due by Monday, March 10, to hold the space. Tuition is currently $1,500 for the year, which includes four days of 2.5-hour sessions each school week, but is subject to change by the school committee.



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Local author gets rave reviews for 'Pulitzer' book

Focuses on journalism prize

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Hingham resident Roy J. Harris Jr.'s latest project proved to be a "life-changing" experience.

Although many books have been written about the Pulitzer Prizes, his discovery that none focused exclusively on the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service Journalism — the highest honor in American journalism — inspired him to write one. "I saw this as a big void in the literature of journalism," Harris said.

"Pulitzer's Gold: Behind the Prize for Public Service Journalism" tells the fascinating tales of the journalism projects that have won the prestigious Gold Medal for public service since Pulitzers were first awarded in 1917.

The Public Service Prize, one of three journalism awards envisioned by Pulitzer, was the only one intended to go to a news organization rather than to an individual.

"Pulitzer's Gold" is the first book to trace the 90-year history of the coveted Gold Medal public service Prize. "I think my book contains important new material for both budding and seasoned journalists, and for Americans interested in a new perspective on the media and on United States history as a whole," Harris said. "My idea was to make this prize-winning journalism come alive, casting it in terms of human drama rather than providing a dry history."

Harris' intent was to craft "Pulitzer's Gold" as an "approachable history full of human drama where the stories come alive for the reader – U.S. history through the lens of Pulitzer Prize public service reporting."

Avid readers, history buffs, and others who would like to learn more about "Pulitzer's Gold" will have an opportunity to do so firsthand on Tues., Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. That evening the Hingham Public Library will host a talk by Harris and a book-signing. "I'll be talking and signing away!" said Harris playfully. Copies of the book may be purchased at the event, provided by Buttonwood Books & Toys of Cohasset.



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Roy J. Harris Jr. sits down to read the Wall Street Journal where he worked for a number of years before working at the magazine, CFO.

Story of a lifetime

Whenever possible, Harris tries to capture the "Aha!" as reporters and editors discovered that "some seemingly routine assignment was becoming the story of a lifetime," Harris said. "For many readers, that will be the most interesting element of these case studies."

Harris delivers the "story behind the story" compellingly in each case against a rich backdrop of the history of that particular era, whether the World Wars, the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, the civil rights struggle, the Watergate scandal, the Vietnam era, Sept. 11, 2001, or Hurricane Katrina.

The tales he tells run the gamut from an interview with Bob Woodward concerning his and Carl Bernstein's investigation of the Watergate scandal to interviews with the editors of the tiny weekly Point Reyes Light in California, which won the Prize in 1977 for its investigation of Synanon, which started out as an anti-drug program but became an armed cult. (The story became one of national interest when, as the Light investigated, one Synanon critic was attacked by a rattlesnake that a group operative had placed in his mailbox.)

Ironically, Harris had been a softball buddy of Paul Moran, the man who had been attacked, 28 years earlier and became reacquainted with him during an interview for "Pulitzer's Gold." This is only one of several unexpected connections Harris discovered while writing his book.

Because the details of Watergate were familiar to many people, Harris asked Woodward what it was like to actually cover the story and about life after Watergate. Holding the actual Pulitzer Prize Watergate entry in his hands at the Columbia University Library was the thrill of a lifetime.

Harris, a journalist himself, found Hingham to be the perfect place to write his 448-page book (including an extensive appendix listing every Pulitzer Prize winner from 1917 to 2007 and 75 photographs).

This project, which came to fruition for Harris after spending almost four decades in the news business, was brought to life at a busy time in his career. He continued to work his regular job in Boston as senior editor of CFO, a monthly magazine with 450,000 subscribers in the world of corporate finance. (Harris also operates the CFO.com website.)

The only exception was a seven-month unpaid break to do intensive research and newsroom interviews outside the Northeast, from Portland, Ore., to New Orleans and Biloxi, Miss., where he interviewed members of the Times-Picayune and Sun Herald news teams. Both newspapers won public service Pulitzers in 2006 for their Hurricane Katrina coverage.

Passion for newspapers

Throughout his 12-year stint with CFO, Harris has maintained his passion for newspapers. That's not surprising since he worked for the Los Angeles Bureau of the Wall Street Journal for 20 years before leaving Southern California in 1996 to work for CFO, taking up residence in Hingham. He is also a former Los Angeles Times and St. Louis Post-Dispatch reporter.

"Besides the beauty of the town and the nearness of World's End, the commuter boat was the big attraction," Harris said. "The quiet World's End area [where Harris lives with his family] turned out to be the perfect place for concentrated writing, especially on rainy days!"

Harris' book is a true "labor of love," a brainstorm following a talk he gave about the Public Service Prizes won by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch at the St. Louis University School of Law in 2002 on what would have been his father's 100th birthday.

Harris' father, also named Roy, was a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and part of the Post-Dispatch teams that won three more of the Prizes between 1937 and 1948. When the Post-Dispatch won another Pulitzer in 1952, it became the only newspaper at that time to own five Gold Medals.

During the talk, Harris discovered that the St. Louis journalists who attended were not aware that the Post-Dispatch had won five Pulitzers.

This led to his decision to dedicate an entire book to the Public Service Prize, giving proper praise to editors, reporters, photographers, and others who were part of Prize-winning teams throughout the history of the award but previously went unrecognized.

"I felt like I had to write this book because it appeared that no one else was going to do it," Harris said.

While the iron was hot, his wife, Eileen McIntyre, urged him to carry forth with what she agreed was a good idea. "I'd say to him, don't just think about it, do it!"

Harris had his first experience with newspapers as a copy boy at the Post-Dispatch. During summers while attending Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, he worked as a reporter for the Post-Dispatch. He recalls being sent back to the scene of a fire three times by his rewrite-man father, who sought more information than his son had provided.

Story behind story

During his interviews, Harris spoke with former members of the Post-Dispatch news team who were by then in their 80s and 90s. "I wanted to get the original story behind the paper's Pulitzers," Harris said. "Some of the people knew my dad, and I had known a couple of them when I worked there as a copy boy. I visited one of them in a nursing home. I had heard a little about some of these stories from my dad. It gave me goosebumps."

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Book signing is Feb. 19

Avid readers, history buffs, and others who would like to learn more about Hingham resident Roy J. Harris Jr.'s new book, "Pulitzer's Gold: Behind the Prize for Public Service Journalism," will have an opportunity to do so firsthand on Tues., Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. That evening the Hingham Public Library will host a talk by Harris and a book-signing. Copies of the book may be purchased at the event, provided by Buttonwood Books & Toys of Cohasset.

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Local author gets rave reviews for 'Pulitzer' book

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At the same time, Boston is "front-and-center" in Harris' book due to the Boston Globe's award-winning Catholic priest sexual misconduct stories, which had a Hingham hook, and coverage of the Charles Ponzi scheme in the old Boston Post. Harris notes that sometimes when a controversial story breaks, one with far-reaching ramifications, "careers are hanging in the balance – if the story is wrong, or if it's right."

The book also has other more positive Hingham ties. For example, Harris interviews Hingham resident Fox Butterfield, who was a member of the Pulitzer Prize-winning secrecy-shrouded New York Times Pentagon Papers team in the 1970s.

Other tales center on the New York Times special "A Nation Challenged" section following the Sept. 11 attacks and the Arkansas Gazette's coverage of the school integration crisis in the 1950s.

"After the planes hit the World Trade Center, New York Times reporters had to figure out how to come up with a whole new system of covering a tragedy," Harris said.

The book addresses the issues of the day, such as the decline of newspapers and how to reverse it, the question of whether pursuit of prizes undermines "real" public service, and other interesting subjects.

"Pulitzer's Gold" also illustrates how public service reporting is a point of pride for the America press, whether part of a large daily or a small community newspaper.

So far, "Pulitzer's Gold" has met with rave reviews. Gene Roberts' glowing review of Harris' book says it all. And that's quite a compliment coming as it does from the co-winner of the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for History. "There is no higher calling among American newspapers than public service journalism, and Roy Harris delves into it with flair and expertise," Roberts wrote. "He tells us why and how extraordinary stories were done. It is a must-read for those who want an inside look at journalism at its best."

Window on world

Harris converted a downstairs guest room into an office in preparation for writing "Pulitzer's Gold." He enjoyed watching his border collie, Omaha (who died in 2005), chasing squirrels outside his office window. "This became my window on the world," said Harris. His desk is piled high with books with a Pulitzer theme, and boxes of information about the Pulitzer Prize, filed by year, sit in one corner.

Harris credits his family and friends for offering support on what he refers to as basically a "solo journey" – more than five years of planning, research (including the Pulitzer archives), writing, editing, rewriting, polishing, packaging, and now marketing.

"I owe a lot to a number of librarians, particularly Anne Dalton of the Hingham Public Library for her helpfulness in getting documents delivered and assistance with the microfiche," Harris said. "She was a real collaborator."

Another Hingham resident, Johanna Seltz, helped with editing and proofreading.

"That's all part of the hard job; the fun stuff is in acknowledging all the assistance I got and the friends I made along the way, and showing them a product that, I hope, is beyond their expectations."

And that's exactly how his wife feels about the book. "I love it. I've read it in many different pieces and now I will read it from cover to cover," she said with a smile.

McIntyre said she admired her husband's "passion concerning this book. It was a big part of his life. He would write in the early morning and late at night. He was really caught up in it."

After spending five worthwhile but challenging years researching and writing his book, Harris said sincerely, "I could never be a book reviewer and be tough on an author. As long as they were able to finish it, I'd say, 'That's wonderful!'"

To order a copy of "Pulitzer's Gold," call 1-800-828-1894 (University of Missouri Press) or visit:
http://press.umsystem.edu.

Publishing pioneer Joseph Pulitzer started prize

The Pulitzer Prizes were established in the will of publishing pioneer Joseph Pulitzer. The first Prize was awarded in 1917.

As detailed in his will, a "gold medal costing $500" was to be given each year for "the most meritorious and disinterested public service rendered by any American newspaper." *(See related story.)*

The medal is now gold-plated silver instead of solid gold, but that hasn't tarnished its image whatsoever. In fact, the Public Service award is the most coveted of them all.

The Public Service Prize, one of three journalism awards envisioned by Pulitzer, was the only one intended to go to a news organization rather than an individual. The other two awards went to a reporter and an editorial writer.

Today there are 14 journalism categories in various areas of news and opinion writing, photography, and cartooning. Including non-journalism prizes honoring work in arts and letters, 21 Pulitzers are awarded in a typical year, subject to more than one prize, or no prize, being given in a category.

The winners are selected by a 19-member Pulitzer Prize Board, which includes a diverse range of top-ranking newspaper journalists and academics from around the nation.

Board members meet for two days in April in the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism's World Room, named for the former New York newspaper once owned by Pulitzer.

Source: Roy J. Harris Jr.



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Roy J. Harris Jr. looks at a display he put together honoring his father's Pulitzer Prize winning story on the Illinois Gravy Train in 1950. It includes the congratulatory letter from Joseph Pulitzer and his son.



Approximately 75 books are part of the research that went into the making of Roy J. Harris Jr.'s first book that took five years to write.



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Lance McInerney of Cohasset helps his son Will, 4, learn how to skate at the pond by Cushing Road on a recent Saturday

(N)ice time

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Ben Masotta, 19, of Cohasset tries to keep the puck away from Ryan Crough, 17, while playing a pick up game of hockey at the pond on Cushing Road earlier this month.



Patty McInerney helps her son Reid, 3, who was learning how to skate at the pond on Cushing Road. This is Reid's first year on the ice.



Corbin Faber, 18 right, tries to work the puck inside to a teammate while Ben Masotta, 19, defends him during a recent pick up game of hockey.



PHOTO/KERRY BRETT

Kelley Tuthill was diagnosed with breast cancer after giving birth to her second daughter, Cecilia, pictured here with Kelley.

Two women doing their part in fight against breast cancer

Five years ago, Kerry Brett embarked upon a journey to raise money for a cause that hit far too close to home: breast cancer. She created a portrait promotion, Avon Breast Cancer Crusade, with little knowledge the far-reaching effect it would have. More than $75,000 later, and with countless faces that have gone before her to tell their story, including family members and close personal friends, she is taking her awareness efforts to yet another level, as she finds with each passing year the stakes are raised higher still.

Brett discovered inspiration in fellow Hinghamite and friend, news anchor Kelley Tuthill. On Dec. 22, 2006, Tuthill was faced with the news of a breast cancer diagnosis. At age 36, having just given birth to her second daughter, Cecilia, the diagnosis was, simply put, most unwelcome. Yet, instead of wallowing in self-pity, Tuthill strongly faced the cancer and chose to publicize her voyage through chemotherapy, radiation and ultimately, surgery and recovery.

Brett was repeatedly overwhelmed by Tuthill's fortitude in the face of adversity. Continuing her ardent strides in the daily grind, Tuthill was stalwart for her girls, she diaried continually on

"I became motivated beyond measure by what I witnessed, as she is truly an inspiration to all."
— Kerry Brett

TheBostonChannel.com to chronicle her journey, gave Boston the news on a daily basis and did it all with style and grace.

"I became motivated beyond measure by what I witnessed, as she is truly an inspiration to all," Brett said.

When asked about her personal experience, Tuthill speaks to others and focuses not on herself. "The treatment for breast cancer can be challenging, to say the least. Many endure surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation treatments. I would not have made it through without the love and support of my husband, my children, my parents, sisters, family, friends and co-workers. My support network was amazing, but I know sadly that is not every woman's experience.

"The Ellie Fund is the sister, the mom and the friends that not everyone is graced with as they fight their battle. The Needham-based charity runs a 'Care for the Caregiver' program that provides transportation to medical appointments, housecleaning, daycare, meals and more free of charge for women and their families undergoing treatment for breast cancer in Massachusetts," Tuthill said.

Tuthill requests the help of every woman and man to "please help (me) help other women who are in need of a stronger cornerstone. The Ellie Fund strives to enable them to focus on getting back the good health so many of us take for granted. Thank you so much."

Now is the time to have a portrait of your family or child created and the reason could not be better. A $150 donation to the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade will purchase a portrait session, which includes one custom 8 by 10 black and white print. Each donation to the Ellie Fund will go a long way to helping someone in need. The event is limited to the first 75 bookings, so call Brett today at 781-749-8205. Checks are to be made out to the Ellie Fund and in the memo section of the check put Kelley for Ellie. This promotion is fully tax-deductible.

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Old Ship Church to host Candlelight Concert

The Candlelight Concert series at Hingham's historic Old Ship Church opens its 35th year of performances with a free concert of Chinese orchestral music by musicians from the Foundation for Chinese Performing Arts at 4 p.m., on Sunday, Feb. 3, in the meetinghouse.

Concerts are presented free of charge to the public and are handicap accessible.

Founded in 1989, the Foundation for Chinese Performing Arts seeks to increase the visibility of Chinese music and performing arts through public performance, and to stimulate further interest and research in the field.

Candlelight Concert series was founded by members of an Old Ship family who, following a vacation trip to London, wished to encourage the presentation of free concerts similar to the tradition they experienced in the churches of Europe. The first concert was presented in December 1973, with a performance by the Cambridge Quartet.

Concerts are presented free of charge to the public and are handicap accessible. Children are especially welcome accompanied by adults. Call 781-749-1067 for large group reservations. Directions are available from the church office during business hours by calling 781-749-1679 or online at oldshipchurch.org. The church is at 107 Main St., Hingham.

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Celebrate Romance at a New England inn

There may be no better place for a romantic interlude in winter than a cozy New England inn. Snuggle with your significant other in front of a warm fire, watching the snowfall out the window. Dine on inspiring cuisine and toast each other with a glass of champagne. Play in the snow, then share a hot bubble bath.

A New England inn stay inspires romance and memories.

In the spirit of St. Valentine, we sent writers - accompanied by their significant others - to explore some of the most romantic inns in New England. Their reports follow.

- Fran Golden,
GateHouse New England
travel editor



PHOTO BY RABBIT HILL INN

Get romantic at Vermont's Rabbit Hill Inn.

Alluring Alone Time in New Hampshire: *Notchland Inn*

By Tim Jones

The Notchland Inn in Hart's Location, New Hampshire's smallest town, defines "romantic."

The place is surrounded by mountains - no other buildings in sight, no TV, no Internet, no radio, no cell phone service. There's little to distract you from the person you love, my sweetheart and I found.

Eight comfortable, beautifully decorated, very quiet rooms - all but one with a wood-burning fireplace - offer exquisite privacy. Some of the five suites add whirlpool tubs.

The inn's candlelit, five-course dinner is a leisurely gastronomic adventure, accompanied by an excellent wine list. Breakfast, too, is an unhurried delight.

If you can peel yourself away from gazing into the eyes of the one you adore, the inn has a quiet library and a game room filled with old-fashioned board games and a jigsaw puzzle always in progress. The music room has CDs and a piano. An outdoor hot tub for guests is located in a gazebo by a running brook.

If you need still more diversion, snowshoe and hiking trails lead from the door into the White Mountains National Forest, and all of the civilized distractions of North Conway are a few miles down the road.

But if our experience is any indication, you'll likely find that once you've cocooned yourself in the luxurious solitude at Notchland, you'll want to do little more than pay serious attention to each other. That's romance.

Bed and breakfast rates are from $225 for deluxe rooms and from $275 for suites. Add $35 per person for the five-course dinner. Call 800-866-6131 or visit www.notchland.com.



PHOTO BY THE NOTCHLAND

Quiet together time can be had at The Notchland Inn in Hart's Location, New Hampshire's smallest town.

Romance by the Sea in Maine: *White Barn Inn*

By Greg Reibman

If the White Barn Inn in Kennebunkport, Maine, has a specialty, it must be pampering.

My wife and I went to the White Barn to celebrate our anniversary and anxious to explore the Maine coast - including the seaside town's quaint shops and attractions. But the moment we saw the blazing fire and chilled bottle of Pommery champagne waiting for us in our suite, we weren't in a hurry to go anywhere.

Our room, one of seven "junior suites" in the former 19th century country estate, blended the luxuries of a modern condominium with colonial trimmings. A comfortable queen bed sat in its own niche with upholstered headboard, piled with a sumptuous white down duvet and mountains of pillows.

The gorgeous granite bath featured his/her vanity sinks and a deep two-person whirlpool tub. You could enjoy the fire or the TV from the tub or from a small seating area. The suite also featured a separate granite shower room sporting a steam shower with numerous body sprays and bench seating.

When we did leave our oasis it was to enjoy the gourmet dining and extensive wine cellar, which have gained the inn, a member of the prestigious Relais & Chateaux Association, its acclaim.

Chef Jonathan Cartwright does his magic in a former barn, now outfitted with rustic furnishings that contrast nicely with the delicate service.

Guests can choose the four-course prix fixe meal ($93 per person) or the six-course with wine pairings ($135) from a menu swimming with local seafood selections. The inn's signature dish is an out-of-the-shell lobster with coral sauce.

The inn also boasts a full-service spa. We did eventually find time to watch the waves crash against the nearby icy shore from the comfort of our car.

During the month of February, the White Barn Inn is offering a special Valentine's romance package, which includes accommodations, dinner, champagne and custom butler-drawn bubble bath for two, starting at $266 per person, per night. Call 207-967-2321 or visit www.whitebarninn.com.



PHOTOS BY WHITE BARN INN

The White Barn Inn in Kennebunkport has guestrooms that inspire romance



Enjoy a romantic bath at the White Barn Inn in Kennebunkport.

Keeping Cozy in Vermont: *Rabbit Hill Inn*

By Tim Jones

"I want to live here," sighed my girlfriend, Marilyn, as we settled into the Cedar Glen room at the Rabbit Hill Inn in Lower Waterford, Vt.

It was a very nice room, with a loveseat nestled in front of a gas fireplace, a two-person Jacuzzi, a queen-size four-poster bed and braided rugs covering the wide pine floors.

All 19 guest rooms at Rabbit Hill are uniquely furnished; some larger, some smaller, most with fireplaces, some with Jacuzzis, all cozy and perfect.

As inviting as our room was, however, the public rooms were even more so. These include the Snooty Fox Pub, open for inn guests only, and a pair of comfy living rooms with fireplaces for contemplating and couches for cuddling and reading.

Nearby attractions include a stroll in the tiny village of Lower Waterford, snowshoeing on the inn's private trails or skiing at Burke Mountain. After a day skiing we grabbed wine and snuggled, feeling we deserved a chance to sit and do nothing.

Soon enough, though, we were called to dinner in the dining room. Intimate is the right word here. The food is memorable - dishes like tuna puttanesca followed by tournedos of beef tenderloin Bordelaise with a potato-cheddar-apple gratin, grilled portobello strips and baby Brussels sprouts. Yes, it tasted as good as it sounds, and the dining experience (by candle and firelight, of course) was relaxed and delightful.

We came back from dinner to the bed turned down and candles flickering by the Jacuzzi. Do you think that sounds like an invitation to romance? Believe me, it most certainly is.

A two-night Romantic Vermont Getaway package includes chilled champagne, an intimate dinner one evening, afternoon tea and candlelit breakfast daily, and a romantic music CD to bring home. From $519 per couple. Call 800-762-8669 or log on to www.rabbithillinn.com.

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PHOTOS BY RABBIT HILL INN

A welcoming guestroom at Rabbit Hill Inn in Lower Waterford, Vermont.



Enjoy a romantic dinner for two at the Rabbit Hill Inn in Lower Waterford, Vermont.



PHOTOS BY CLIFFSIDE INN

Beatrice Turner and her mother watch over those enjoying breakfast at Newport's Cliffside Inn.

Romance returns at Newport's Cliffside Inn

IN NEW ENGLAND

Stephen Jermanok
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

I was absorbing the details: "Beatrice led a repressed life, forced to leave the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts at the age of 18 because the Turners did not want their daughter to paint nude models."

"When she was seen with a suitor on the Cliff Walk, those same parents locked her in her room of this house."

Wow, this was some juicy, Gilded Age gossip, I was thinking as I chomped down another scone lathered with lemon curd and listened to gregarious innkeeper Paul Archambault tell of artist Beatrice Turner.

It is teatime at Newport's Cliffside Inn, the circa-1876 Victorian home once owned by the Turners. The house is a virtual shrine to the legacy of Beatrice, who would never marry and instead devoted her time to painting. After her death, she was featured in a 1950 Life magazine article, "Lonely Spinster Paints 1,000 Portraits of Herself."

Some of those portraits are seen in the parlor, hallways and 16 guest rooms of the inn. Indeed, her wide-eyed melancholy stared at me through afternoon tea.

My wife, who had joined me for a weekend getaway, was eating this up, along with a piece of quiche. You would think the former home of a repressed spinster would not be the ideal romantic getaway spot. Yet Beatrice's early adult passion seeps into rooms, like the Governor's Suite, with a four-poster king-size bed, wood-burning double-sided fireplace, whirlpool for two and unique 1890s multi-nozzle shower.

With the spirit of Beatrice in mind we headed in the morning to the nearby Cliff Walk, the 3½-mile gem of a trail perched above the sea. In the summer months, this route is crowded with tourists admiring the sloping lawns and backsides of the summer "cottages" the Vanderbilts, Whitneys and Astors built at the turn of the century. But in winter, we passed only one dog walker as we took in the expanse of the mansions and the sea. Very inspiring for romance.



The afternoon tea spread at Newport's Cliffside Inn.

IF YOU go...

Staying there: Rooms at the Cliffside Inn range from $150-$595 per night and include lavish breakfast and afternoon tea. Visit www.cliffsideinn.com; 800-845-1811.

Dining there: For dinner, one of Newport's most romantic and glamorous spots is the intimate Spiced Pear Restaurant at The Chanler inn. Entrees from $36; prix fixe menus available. Visit www.thechanler.com; 401-847-2244.

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OBITUARIES

Teresa J. Berigan



Teresa J. Berigan

Teresa J. (Monbouquette) Berigan, of Hingham, died Jan. 27, 2008.

She was born, raised and educated in Norwood. Mrs. Berigan lived in Hingham for the past 50 years with her husband, William. She worked as a waitress at the Whitonn House in Hingham for 15 years before retiring. Mrs. Berigan loved to travel, cook and bake. She enjoyed wearing hats and had an extensive collection. Mrs. Berigan was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

She leaves her husband of 56 years, William H. Berigan of Hingham; her daughters, Patricia Egan and her husband Joseph, of Hingham, Kathleen M. Berigan and her husband Phillip Avery, of Cohasset, Michelle T. Berigan and her spouse Viki Missar, of Texas; her sons, Paul J. Berigan and his wife Pamela, of Hingham and John M. Berigan of Boston; her sisters, Rita Crimmins of Norwood, Phylis Palleiko and Lillian McHugh; her brothers, John and Bernard Monbouquette; and her grandchildren, Michael Egan of Hingham and Colby, Avery, and Shea Teresa Berigan of Hingham.

She was the sister of the late Alice McCormack.

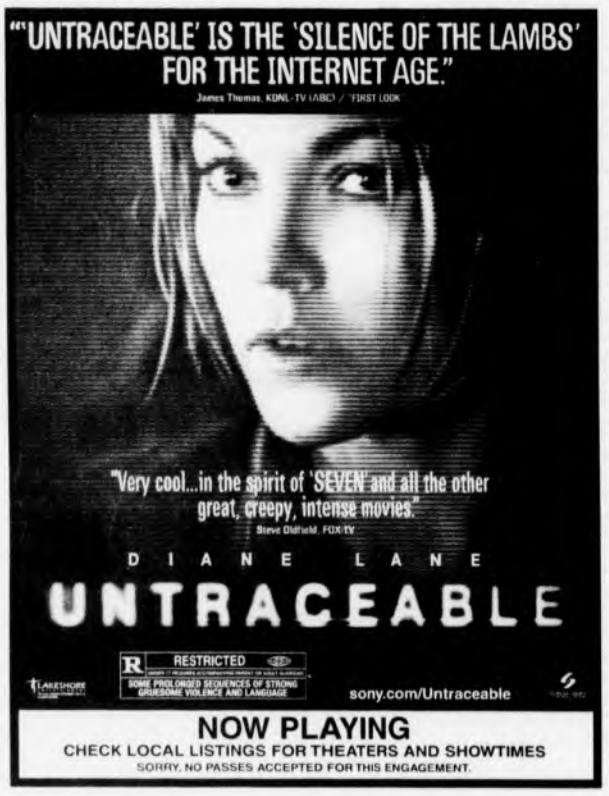
Arrangements handled by Pyne Keohane Funeral Home in Hingham. Interment is in Saint Paul's Cemetery in Hingham.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 1311 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, N.Y. 10605. To sign the online guestbook, visit www.Keohane.com.

WORSHIP NEWS

St. Joseph Retreat Center events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset will host the following upcoming programs: Wednesday, **Feb. 6**: Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer: Awakening to the Deep Within; Thursday, **Feb. 14**: Day of Prayer: Come Away for a Day With God – The Beloved; Friday, **Feb. 15**: Day Workshop: Perceptions and Emotions in Prayer: Desire and Intimacy; **Feb. 15 to 23**: The Retreat Center is available for one, three, or seven days/nights of directed or private prayer; and Sunday, **Feb. 24**: A Day of Prayer for Men and Women Living with HIV. For more information and to register, visit www.csjretreat-center.org or call 781-383-6024.





Interim pastor at Beechwood Church

Beechwood Congregational Church, an independent church founded in 1863, has announced the appointment of the Rev. Richard Chamberlain of Hingham as part-time interim pastor. The Rev. Chamberlain's experience includes, but is not limited to, serving as youth pastor and director of Single Adult Ministries at a church in Hingham and as area director of Young Life on the South Shore. He is currently serving as a chaplain at Plymouth County Jail and House of Correction.

Rev. Chamberlain has embraced Beechwood's mission statement, "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." Join the congregation in welcoming Rev. Chamberlain to the church in the Beechwood section of Cohasset. Come and enjoy being placed in the heart of each of his sermons through his "sanctified imagination." All are welcome.

Church services take place Sundays at 10 a.m. Following a children's sermon, children are dismissed to Sunday School. Bible Study takes place every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Blood drive to be held

The demand for blood products is increasing due to the uncertainty of the times in which we live, requiring a new commitment to maintain a 5-to-10-day community blood supply. The Hull Knights of Columbus and the American Red Cross are teaming up to help ensure that a safe and adequate blood supply is available when needed.

A blood drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 3, at Memorial Middle School, 81 Central Ave., Hull. It only takes about an hour and one small pinch to become a hero to someone in need. Anyone 17 years or older, weighing 110 pounds or more, and in good health may be eligible to donate blood. For more information on donating blood, call 800-448-3543 or visit www.newenglandblood.org.

Old Ship Coffeehouse

Jake Armerding will perform at the Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m.

After growing up with Vivaldi and bluegrass, by the seventh grade Armerding was playing in his father Taylor's bluegrass band, Northern Lights. He has gone on to develop his own seamless blend of folk and bluegrass. He is also a first-rate fiddler and mandolin player.

The Coffeehouse off the Square is at Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from Loring Hall Theater. Admission is $10 at the door; no reservations.

The concert begins with an open mike at 8 p.m. Beverages and desserts are 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For more information or to volunteer, which provides free admission, call 781-749-1767.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Bible Study series continues on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Practical Christianity. Some Christians commonly view the Old Testament as a storybook-full of fascinating tales, yet ancient and irrelevant to modern reality. This exceptional 10-week study from *Insight For Living* with *Chuck Swindoll* will help you blow the dust off these timeworn chronicles and discover enduring truths that relate directly to you, while translating into reliable patterns for godly living. Experience familiar passages as never before, and find fresh inspiration in the memorable scenes revisited. Follow the examples of faithful Old Testament heroes such as Abraham, Joseph, David, and many others as you learn to apply timeless biblical principles to your everyday life. Please join us.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

- Feb. 3: "Christ's Heart?"
- Feb. 10: "Beechwood and Beyond?"

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Feb. 3

8 a.m. - Circle Ministry in the Parish House/Atkinson Room - Group led by Joan Kovach & Susan Meikleham and meeting (1st & 3rd Sundays)

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – "Woulda, Shoulda, Coulda"

Religious education classes for toddlers, children and youth and child-care for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Refreshments and fellowship follow the morning service and RE classes.

Noon – 1:30 p.m. – Open Conversation on Vision of RE at First Parish (the second of four optional sessions) – Atkinson Room

Note: The third and fourth sessions are scheduled for Monday, Feb. 4, 6:30 to 8 p.m., and Tuesday, Feb. 5, 6:30 to 8 p.m.. For more information, please contact Jim FitzGerald, our Interim Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100 or JFitzG2038@yahoo.com.

Noon – 2:30 p.m. – Soul Work: Conversations across Congregations – First Parish UU in Cohasset hosting! – Minister's Study

Come whether or not you've participated before and whether or not you've read the chapter.

Begun a year ago on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, we undertake the work of anti-racism as spiritual practice through respectful dialogue. Lunch is available at noon, and we convene for conversation from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Our discussions are based on *Soul Work: anti-racist theologies in dialogue*. We'll focus on the essay, "Proclaiming Our Prophetic Voice: Liberal Theology and the Challenge of Racism," by Paul Rasor, Director of the Social Witness Program at Pendle Hill, the Quaker study center near Philadelphia. Eva Marx and Jan Carlsson-Bull co-facilitate. This series is dedicated to the late Rev. Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley, Friend, Mentor, and co-editor of *Soul Work*.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org_to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites you to join us this Advent.

We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. To learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

Sunday Services at 8 am and 10 am

Wednesday healing service with Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

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NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 0800116EP

In the Estate of GERTRUDE C. MURRAY
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death November 2, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that SUSAN M. WHITNEY of SCITUATE in the County of PLYMOUTH and RICHARD B. MURRAY of SANTA FE in the State of NEW MEXICO or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, JAN. 15

10:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

10:34 a.m. **King St.**, public service, caller reports a male trying to pull up the driveway is stuck.

11:03 a.m. **Town Parking Lot**, motor vehicle violations, sticker.

12:29 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:44 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, larceny (report), caller reports a woman had her pocketbook stolen from her vehicle in the parking lot.

2:48 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, animal complaint, caller reports he found a black lab on Margin Ct with an electric fence collar, but no tags.

4:45 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, hazard, caller reports there is a tree limb that is low, it is not causing a problem at this time.

5:10 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, larceny, walk in party reports her purse was taken from her vehicle, occurred about 1 p.m. this date.

6:07 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, hazard, caller reports the lights are flashing but there is no train. Officer reports the train just left the station – officer enroute to check. Officer reports gates are malfunctioning. Officer directing traffic. Officer reports MBTA crew has arrived.

8:29 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer wanted, investigated, caller requesting officer to listen to phone message.

8:52 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller stated his wife had 2 flat tires somewhere in the above area – male hung up phone – no further information. Officer unable to locate motor vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

6 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:01 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

6:48 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 25.

12:22 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, downed power lines, several callers reporting all the wires came down and a pole has snapped behind the building. National Grid has been notified. Businesses in the area are being evacuated at this time. National Grid 20 minutes ETA. Fire Capt. reports he is taking command at this time and to notify the wiring inspector. DPW advised to respond to scene with sand truck. Comcast on scene. Verizon on scene.

1:18 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:17 p.m. Harassment report, caller reports she would like to see an officer regarding some messages left on her machine from her neighbor that has been harassing her.

3:26 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire – public assist, caller request if the Fire Dept. can help her remove an IV that was left in her arm by the doctor at this hospital.

4:09 p.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

4:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:48 p.m. **Pembroke Police**, bolo announcement.

6:20 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, assist citizen, walk in party requesting to speak to officer.

7:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard (traffic), caller reports there is a large box in the middle of the road. Officer has removed box from road.

8:20 p.m. **Clapp Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

8:44 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious person, caller reports white male wearing leather jacket walking in the middle of the road. Officer reports unable to locate male.

9:33 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:39 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

1:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

3:01 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

5:43 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:52 a.m. **Orchard Cove**, fire.

6:58 a.m. **King St.**, public service, there is a hydrant down. Water Dept. is aware of the problem and will be making repairs.

7:03 a.m. **Deep Run**, fire.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, calm, 23.

12:04 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:39 p.m. **Elm St.**, party into HQ for fingerprints for employment.

1:56 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:20 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a strong outside odor of gas in the area.

4:42 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:55 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check, caller requests a well check on an 84-year-old female cancer patient at this location, they have not been able to raise her by phone today. Female checks out ok, all units clear.

5:05 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller reports resident has fallen and needs medical assistance.

5:56 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, warrant services. Officer to assist Hingham PD with a warrant. Male in custody at Hingham PD.

7:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist motorist, officer transporting male party to Forest Ave.

7:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, 911 caller reports male verbally abusing female that was just involved in a motor vehicle accident in the parking lot. Officer spoken to all parties involved. Issue resolved.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

6:44 a.m. **King St.**, public service, caller states "the lights at the train crossing on the Forest Ave side are not working." MBTA notified. All lights checked. All appear to be working normally.

6:56 a.m. **Deep Run**, fire.

6:58 a.m. **King St.**, public service, train went through the intersection with no problems. All lights are working correctly.

7:04 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, assist motorist, fuel truck stuck at this location. Truck is waiting for a tow.

8 a.m. Weather: Rain, calm, 40.

8:24 a.m. **Rust Way**, fire, investigation, detail officer reports a gas main has been broken through. Keyspan rep is on scene at this time.

9:26 a.m. **Doane St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:47 a.m. **Rust Way**, hazard, detail officer reports the construction company has now broken through the water main. Water Dept. notified.

11:05 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, investigation, E3 to this location for water flowing into the basement. Fire Capt. reports the water is flowing into the electricity underground, they need National Grid to the scene. Fire Capt. reports he is taking command of the scene at this time. Fire Capt. requesting the rescue to the scene for some minor injuries.

11:10 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, 4 hydrants are out of service at this location including the Roy Estate and from 404 Jerusalem, all the way to Rust Way, There is no water service.

2:04 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint, walk in party reports a dead seal on the beach. ACO notified.

3:32 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood Schools check.

4:13 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a dog was just hit by a car in front of this location. Officer reports he was picked up and brought to Crazy Paws, the woman who hit the dog came down to HQ.

5:05 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint, caller reports a dead seal on the beach. The New England Aquarium was contacted and there will be someone coming out tomorrow morning to take care of this.

5:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:43 p.m. **North Main St.**, warrant services.

5:57 p.m. **Joy Pl.**, warrant services.

6:11 p.m. **Hull St.**, warrant services.

8:55 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

8:57 p.m. **North Main St.**, warrant services, arrest, Cohasset male.

9:44 p.m. **Deerhill/Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:52 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance, caller reports kids are out egging houses. Area search negative.

11:16 p.m. **Hull St.**, assist other Police Department.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

12:15 a.m. **Pond St., and Bancroft Rd.**, public service.

12:25 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

12:26 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:03 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:36 a.m. **Pond St., and Bancroft Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reported a dead raccoon in the middle of the road. DPW advised they do not pick up dead animals.

9:18 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:03 am. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicles stop, verbal warning.

10:29 a.m. **Sohier St., Deerhill/Osgood School** check. No cars parked in fire lanes.

3:56 a.m. **Pond St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a dead raccoon on the side of the road at this location.

SUNDAY, JAN. 20

4:35 a.m. **King St.**, B&E (past/report), caller reports the back door has been broken into – items taken from office. There is a manager on scene. Officer reports there has been a break in – notify CID.

8:12 a.m. Medical aid, services rendered.

10:44 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

11:27 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, icy road conditions, walk in party reports across from this location, when going down the hill, the road is all ice.

11:30 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:31 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

12:21 p.m. **South Main St.**, larceny, caller reports someone came in while they were closing and stole some things.

12:39 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, larceny, caller reports a past larceny.

2:53 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, officer wanted, caller would like to speak with an officer.

5:38 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, lost property, caller lost a set of keys. 4 keys and an "I Love NY" tag.

8:01 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance, caller complains about her neighbor having a party.

8:54 p.m. **North Main St.**, barking dog, caller complains about her neighbors barking dog.

10:26 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

10:33 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

MONDAY, JAN. 21

12:58 a.m. **South Main St.**, officer reports found open back door. Officer inside checking. Officer reports everything checked out inside.

6:14 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

6:20 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

907 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

9:18 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:08 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:48 a.m. **Rust Way**, notification, detail officer reports a broken water pipe. Water Dept. personnel on scene. Water Dept. reports water is back on at above location.

12:08 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, public service, officer reports this is a civil matter.

2:12 p.m. **Nichols Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, detail officer is requesting the Gas Company for an odor of gas. Keyspan has been notified. Detail officer reports the smell is getting stronger, to notify the Fire Dept. E3 is responding.

3:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller (clerk) reports $7.00 worth of gas – drive off. Officer spoke to owner of vehicle. Owner of vehicle will be in to pay for gas, it was accidental.

5:04 p.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, animal complaint, caller found 2 yellow Labs. The dogs have no tags.

5:40 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

6:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking complaint, officer reports there is a trailer parked on the dirt road at above location.

6:47 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, lost property returned.

7:50 p.m. **N. Main St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Hingham PD reports erratic motor vehicle, silver pick up – unknown registration.

8:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller reports gas drive off of $26.60. Contacted owner of vehicle – he will return to above location.

9:14 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:21 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:02 p.m. **N. Main St.**, caller reports her white Poodle is missing, her name is Bon-Bon, she has a collar on.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

12:56 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:57 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:22 a.m. **Howe Rd.**, fire, structure, 911 caller states his smoke detectors are going off and there is smoke in the house.

1:22 a.m. **Landfill Access Rd., Hull**, fire, late entry. 911 caller reports a fire on Howe Rd. Caller advised Fire Dept. is aware of the situation.

1:22 a.m. **Howe Rd.**, fire, late entry. 911 caller reporting fire next door. Caller was advised Fire Dept. is aware of the situation.

1:47 a.m. **Diab Lane**, fire, 911 caller reporting the fire on Howe Rd. Caller advised Fire Dept is on scene.

5:38 a.m. **South Main St.**, downed power lines.

6:31 a.m. **North Main St.**, fire, lift assist with Fallon Ambulance.

7:12 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, fire.

9:17 a.m. **Diab Lane**, suspicious activity, calling party discovered that her heat was off on Saturday and had a maintenance worker to her residence to discover that her furnace had been turned off. She suspects male party involved has done this because of recent history.

10:06 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10:24 a.m. **North Main St.**, fire – public assist, Fallon Ambulance called requesting assistance getting a resident back into the house.

12:24 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, walk in party reports his vehicle was just hit in the parking lot at this location, the operator of the other vehicle did not leave any information.

3:27 p.m. **Summer St., Scituate**, suspicious activity, Scituate Police reports a male party dressed in camouflage came out of the woods and pointed a gun at a female dog and fled in a red pick up truck headed possibly towards Cohasset. Officers checking the area at this time.

6:39 p.m. **Cedar St.**, property found (weapons).

6:52 p.m. **Pond St.**, fire – public assist, 87-year-old female fell in bathroom.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

1:10 a.m. **All Over Town**, icy road conditions.

1:29 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller states her back yard is on Atlantic Ave and a motor vehicle just "crashed" into her yard and hit a stockade fence. Caller does not want to see an officer, just wanted to report the erratic operation No motor vehicle description or direction of travel. Officer confirms damage to the fence.

1:48 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:56 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:55 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, public service, there will be hunting on the course today.

7:30 a.m. **HQ**, harassment report, walk in party has a problem with her boyfriend.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 31.

11:01 a.m. **Howe Rd.**, fire, salvage company on scene, home has been released to home owner.

11:27 a.m. **Stockbridge St.**, parking complaint, caller reports a gold Convertible blocking her driveway.

11:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, road rage, female caller on 911 states a male party just blocked her in, got out of his vehicle and verbally threatened her and she took off. Female will be waiting for an officer up the street. Officer has spoken to both parties, peace restored.

1:30 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Bound Brook Lane**, traffic enforcement.

1:57 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, assault and battery, caller reports a male just got beat up by 4 white males in a red Jeep and the males then fled the scene. Units off speaking to victim at his residence and Hull officer has suspect vehicle stopped. Two males have fled on foot from officers. Lt is requesting a K9 to the scene. Sgt. reports they are setting up a perimeter in the area. Officer reports open door at a residence in the area where K9 has tracked. One in custody at this time. Lt. request ambulance to the scene for suspect with a K9 bite. 3 males in custody at this time. 2 males that are in custody are in transport to HQ, the third male is en-route to the hospital, other male is still on the run. Vehicle has just been stolen by the male party on the run. 4th male is in custody at this time. Arrest: James C. Barkas, II, 22, 238 Hull St., Hingham. Charges: Assault to murder, assault with dangerous weapon, A&B with dangerous weapon (2 counts), A&B on police officer, unarmed robbery, larceny of motor vehicle, operating motor vehicle with revoked license as HTO, reckless operation of motor vehicle, resisting arrest, failure to stop for police, warrant (4 counts). Arrest: Ryan J. Cinquegrano, 24, 161 Nokomis Rd., Hingham. Charges: Unarmed robbery, resisting arrest. Juvenile arrest: Age: 15. Charges: Unarmed robbery. Arrest: Edward S. Long, 19, 2 Friend St., Hingham. Charges: Unarmed robbery, failure to stop for a police officer.

3:25 p.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle crash.

3:59 p.m. **Pond St.**, disturbance, caller reports her 5-year-old daughter didn't get off bus, the bus kept going, after her daughter appeared to be asking to get off the bus. While on the phone with caller bus came back and the daughter got off bus. Call would not like to see officer at this time and will report incident to school.

5:05 p.m. **Margin St.**, animal complaint, caller found a black Lab with red collar.

5:26 p.m. **Country Way, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:34 p.m. **Linden Drive**, investigation. Pembroke K9 on scene.

6:24 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, Lt. requests rescue for prisoner.

6:55 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny, walk in party reports her pocketbook was stolen.

6:57 p.m. **Elm St.**, prisoner transport, transporting prisoner from South Shore Hospital back to headquarters.

9:18 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, caller stated that cars have been parked for an extended period of time.

9:51 p.m. **Elm St.**, prisoner transport, transporting 1 prisoner from South Shore Hospital back to headquarters.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

12:25 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:27 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:56 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, public service, call, who is a school bus driver in Hull, reports there is a problem with the lights at the lower King Street Crossing. She states it is an ongoing problem.

7:01 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, fire, (misc.).

8 a.m. Weather: Partly sunny, calm, 27.

8:46 a.m. **Elm St.**, prisoner transport, officer transporting two males to QDC.

8:47 a.m. **Elm St.**, prisoner transport, prosecutor transporting 1 male prisoner in a marked cruiser to QDC.

10:15 a.m. **Linden Drive and Jerusalem Rd.**, investigation, K9 from surrounding towns are searching the area at this time for evidence.

12:40 p.m. Medical aid, patient sign off.

3 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports she just returned home and she heard a loud bang and saw some smoke.

4 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, (misc.).

4:46 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

5:36 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

5:37 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:23 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she can hear what sounds like someone playing with the gate in her back yard. Officer reports no one in the area, possible problem with the gate.

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

12:31 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door in the back. Building is secure.

12:36 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, motor vehicles will be there for an extended period due to the remodeling of the store.

12:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, motor vehicle parked in the lot had a door ajar. Door was secured. Nothing inside appeared to be disturbed.

7:04 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, fire, (misc.).

9:15 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

9:38 a.m. **Stockbridge St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

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Perfect for the part

Maureen Keiller steps into spotlight

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

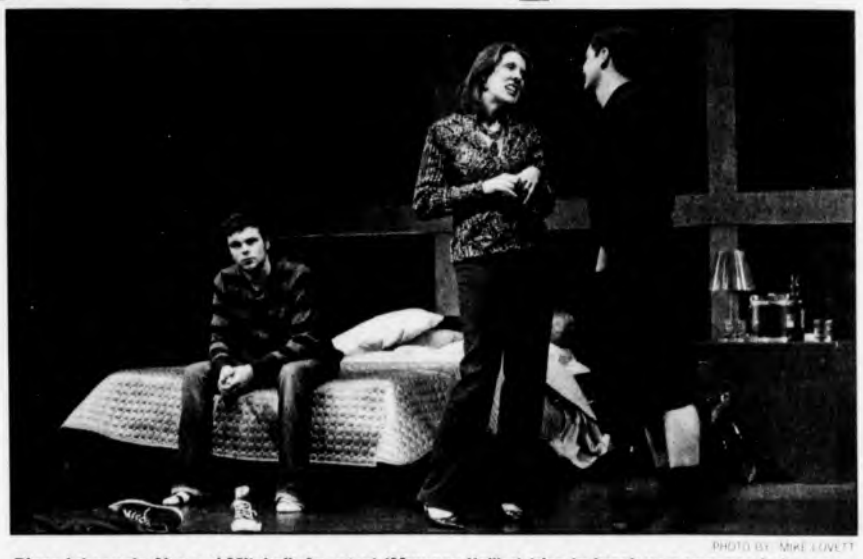


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Diane Interrupts Alex and Mitchell: An agent (Maureen Keiller) tries to break-up a romance between a rent boy (Jonathan Orsini, left) and her movie star client (Robert Serrell, right) in a scene from the SpeakEasy Stage company production of "The Little Dog Laughed," running now through Feb. 16 at the Calderwood Pavilion at the BCA, 527 Tremont St. Boston. Tickets/Info: 617-933-8600.

Maureen Keiller knew the minute she read the script for "The Little Dog Laughed"- currently being presented by SpeakEasy Stage at Boston's Calderwood Pavilion - that she just had to play the role of Diane, the agent willing to do and say anything to take her young movie star client and herself to the top of the Hollywood heap.

"I read the play for the first time in the StageSource office and I immediately thought the part of Diane was perfect for me. The language in this piece is so much fun. Diane gets to say some horrible things in some wonderful ways, especially when she is trying to protect her client with 'the slight recurring case of homosexuality.' Diane is delicious and ruthless at the same time. She will stop at nothing to get what she wants," explained Keiller from her home in Hull last week. "I don't know if it is possible to actually like Diane, but you have to admire her drive. She has a strong need to be on top and she plays to win. The way I see her, she is someone who was always interested in Hollywood. She probably started out somewhat naive, before realizing that playing it nice would get her nowhere. Now her armor protects her inner warmth."

The role was originated off-Broadway by actress Julie White two years ago. White again played the role, and took home the 2007 Tony Award for Best Actress, when the Douglas Carter Beane comedy moved to Broadway the following season, with East Bridgewater native Tom Everett Scott as the up-and-coming movie star. Around the time that White was picking up her Tony, Wellfleet Harbor Actors' Theater and SpeakEasy Stage were exploring a collaboration that was intended to bring the show to both the Cape and Boston, and Keiller was discovering Diane.

"My initial audition was actually in Wellfleet. Fortunately for me, I stayed involved even when the plans for the Wellfleet co-production were dropped."

Playwright Beane has acknowledged writing Diane for Cynthia Nixon ("Sex and the City"). Nixon ultimately passed on the off-Broadway run to instead take a role in the Broadway production of the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Rabbit Hole," which won her the 2006 Best Actress Tony Award. White - an Elliot Norton Award winner for the 2004 Huntington Theatre production of "Bad Dates" - then beat out many other actresses for the part. Competition was no less intense in Boston where insiders say A.R.T. favorite Karen MacDonald looked likely to don Diane's power suits, before she decided to stay on her home turf for "Copenhagen." Keiller knows she went up against some heavy-hitters, but believes it was all worth it.



Maureen Keiller

"I feel very strongly about this production. Our director, Paul Melone (SpeakEasy General Manager), is wonderful so all of us involved knew from the very first read-through that this entire experience would be a good one."

And a significant experience, too, for Keiller, who has previously played mostly smaller roles.

"Most of my roles are supporting so this is a breakthrough for me in that Diane is such a big part and this production also marks the first time that SpeakEasy will be in the larger Wimberly Theatre at the Calderwood," says Keiller, a three-time IRNE (Independent Reviewers of New England) award winner who has previously appeared at SpeakEasy in "The Women," "Almost, Maine" and "The Wild Party," and in "A Streetcar Named Desire" at the New Rep in Watertown.

A Connecticut native who studied theater at the University of Connecticut, Keiller's current success helps balance some earlier career missteps that began when she left college early to become a New York actress.

"I don't know what I was thinking, but I went there without any real plan. I was living in a one-bedroom apartment in Brooklyn with five other young actors. One day, I went on a cattle call audition for summer theater roles in musicals like 'Grease' and 'Godspell.' Literally hundreds of very talented, polished performers showed up and I was there without even a resume or a headshot. I was so out of my league that I left the audition in tears and went to the nearest payphone to call my sister. I just gave up right then and there and moved home to wait tables in a restaurant."

In 1984, Keiller relocated to Boston and before long she was a hairdresser with a steady clientele at a downtown Boston hair salon. A decade later, however, Keiller decided it was time to perform again and she became the lead singer for The Twisters, a cover band, that developed a loyal South Shore following with weekly gigs at the old Hosea's in Pembroke. In 1999, Keiller married attorney Patrick Miehe and the couple now live in the Allerton Hill section of Hull. Contentment at home gave Keiller the confidence to return to performing.

"About the time I started singing with the band, I also took an acting class to help me overcome my fears. I booked my first commercial and I went on stage for the first time in years in 'Psycho Beach Party' at a tiny little theater in Cambridge. I had an amazing time and I knew, once again, that acting was for me."

With small roles in feature films like "Fever Pitch" with Jimmy Fallon and Drew Barrymore, and the upcoming Kate Hudson and Dane Cook release, "My Best Friend's Girl," which is set to open in September, Keiller has just enough time to do her own hair these days. Soon she may even need her own agent, but perhaps one not quite as intense as her current character.

"In a way you want someone like Diane on your side, but personally I can't relate to people who are that tough."

(The SpeakEasy Stage Company production of "The Little Dog Laughed" will be at Virginia Wimberly Theatre in the Stanford Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., Boston, through Feb. 16. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-933-8600 or go online at SpeakEasyStage.com.)

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Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St. (Route 18) Weymouth. Edwina Caci, a skilled portrait artist in oil, pastels, and other media, will be the featured artist from Feb. 2 through Feb. 15. The public is invited to attend a reception on Feb. 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is free and off-street parking at no charge is available. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30, Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Evening hours by appointment. 781-331-3384.

Calendar of events

*Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is **Friday at noon**. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web atwickedlocal.com— click on your town — then click the fun tab.*

Thursday, Jan. 31

Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a 12 Step program for individuals suffering from food obsession, overeating, under eating and bulimia. There will be a free community information meeting held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31, in Sharon at the First Congregational Church, 29 North Main St., first floor. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. Everyone is welcome. Information: Call Elissa at 781-784-1468 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

Lauren Gottlieb, one of the final six dancers from the TV show, **So You Think You Can Dance**, will teach contemporary master dance classes on Jan. 31, at the Radisson Hotel off Route 228 in Rockland. The first session, for children 10 to 13, runs from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and the second session, for people 14 and older, runs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. A short autograph session will be held following each class. Cost $25. 781-829-0410.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Jan. 31, **Rob Benton Band** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St., Pembroke. **Texas Hold 'Em every Thursday** The games take place 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

Red Lion Inn, 71 S. Main St., Cohasset Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m. 8 to 11 p.m. **DRIFT AWAY** featuring Cohasset's J Place-vocals, harmonica, together with Hingham's Joe Micarelli-piano, and Hull's John Litwin-drums (J Place, Joe Micarelli John Litwin) No Cover Charge 781-383-1704.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Jan. 31 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam **open mic** 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Feb. 1

Atlantic Symphony & Jin Kim, conductor, present Masterworks Gala: Debussy's Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun and Mahler's Symphony No. 5. Friday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Jordan Hall at New England Conservatory, 30 Gainsborough St., Boston. $40 adults, $25 seniors, $10 students. Call 781-740-5694 or order online at www.atlanticsymphony.org.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 1, **Jim Pircio and Track 44** at 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

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Movie review

Woody has a (familiar) 'Dream'

Cassandra's Dream (B+)

Film Review
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Uncle Howard (Tom Wilkinson) startles Ian (Ewan McGregor) and Terry (Colin Farrell) with a personal request.

Woody Allen's latest morality tale, "Cassandra's Dream," is very much the European version of "Before the Devil Knows You're Dead," as brothers desperate for cash enter into a pact with deadly consequences.

While not nearly as accomplished as Sidney Lumet's much-praised Oscar contender, it's considerably less off-putting thanks to a pair of appealing performances by Colin Farrell and Ewan McGregor, well cast as siblings with wildly divergent moral compasses but identical desires for quick-strike riches.

They hit the jackpot when their stinking rich uncle (Tom Wilkinson) from the States drops in on them — with the kind of timing that only happens in movies — seeking a most unpleasant favor in exchange.

True to the title, a reference to the Greek goddess of doom, this bit of immoral quid pro quo is headed for a very bad place, turning brother against brother in a suspenseful, twist-filled framework that's more Hitchcock than Allen.

Allen fared better with a similar earlier effort, "Match Point," but given the sorry state of his recent comedies, "Cassandra's Dream" almost seems refreshing simply because it doesn't stink.

It's also nice to see Allen being less predictable and more open to change, like his decision to forgo his usual jazz-tinged scores for one by Philip Glass. The move to Europe, where each of his last three films were shot, also seems to have rejuvenated the auteur, albeit out of necessity after his well of American investors ran dry.

Never, though, has he worked with a cast minus a single American actor. It's a bit disorienting at first, but a decision you wind up applauding, given the caliber of the performances by his three male leads.

They keep the thing afloat, but sometimes just barely, as Allen's moralizing becomes almost as predictable as the plot. Hitchcock he's not. But he is a competent storyteller, never failing to hold interest, even when the story puts credulity severely to the test.

What's most interesting about the plot is how closely it follows "Before the Devil Knows You're Dead," with disparate brothers, one of them slick and amoral, the other gullible and honest to a fault, suddenly finding themselves in need of serious cash; a need so severe they'll literally do anything to get it.

Of the two, McGregor has the more charismatic role, playing Ian, the proverbial player who's all talk and no cash, a liability that becomes dire after he falls for a beautiful, worldly actress played by newcomer Hayley Atwell. He's the epitome of sleaze, but McGregor infuses him with so much charm, no matter how duplicitous it might be, you can't help empathizing with him.

It's Ferrell, though, who walks off with the movie, delivering a much-needed reminder of the actor he used to be before stumbling through a succession of flops from "Miami Vice" to "Alexander." As Ian's younger brother, Terry, a successful entrepreneur with a wife (Sally Hawkins), two kids and a devastating gambling habit.

Even when Terry's ahead, he can't quit, a foible that lands him 90,000 pounds in debt to very unsavory people, a dilemma that allows Ferrell to take Terry through a litany of emotions from elation to utter despair. The actor excels at showing the guilt that fills every inch of Terry's fragile soul. You believe the fear and desperation in his Terry after he and Ian make a Faustian deal with their loyal but not terribly ethical uncle.

Wilkinson plays the latter with such a quiet ease that when he floats his unsavory request to his desperate nephews it's genuinely shocking. More of him and less of Ian's relationship with Atwell's less-than-compelling two-bit actress would have been preferable, but even in his all-too-brief time on screen, Wilkinson manages to make quite an impression.

I wish I could say the same about "Cassandra's Dream." It's derivative and instantly forgettable. But it's no nightmare, either. It's a Woody Allen film, for gosh sakes, and that should still mean something, even if it is less than a dream.

Rated PG-13. "Cassandra's Dream" contains some sexual material and brief violence.

Call for artists

THE SCITUATE ARTS ASSOCIATION invites all artists to submit their works to Scituate Arts Association's *Arts Alive!* Juried Show to be held at the SAA's Front Street Gallery from April 4 -13, 2008. Join the Association's celebration of its 50th year by entering in this event. One $500 prize for Best In Show will be given with up to $1,000 in prizes to be awarded. The Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday, April 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate. Works will remain on display for normal Gallery hours through Sunday, April 13.

Entrees must be delivered to the Ellis House, 709 Country Way, Scituate on either Thursday, March 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. or Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A complete prospectus on this event may be downloaded from the Association website at www.scituateart.com For further details, questions or to have a prospectus mailed to you contact Janet Cornacchio, SAA President at jcornacch@aol.com.(preferred) or call 781-545-7613.

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ANNIE, the musical, will be performed at the Inly School, 46 Watch Hill Dr., off Route 123 in Scituate the weekend of Feb. 8, 9, and 10. With the help of professional adult actors, directors, and musicians, the musical production will feature will be a fundraiser to benefit the school and its arts-rich programs, many of which are open to the public. All shows are open to the public. The performances take place Friday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 9 at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets in the main seating area are $25; for information on special front-row seats, plus the opening reception, visit www.inlyschool.org/news/. To purchase tickets, call 781-741-5533. All shows are expected to sell out, so be sure to call in advance.

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4th Floor Artists, a show of more than 40 artists will be on view at the James Library and Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from Feb.1 to 27. An opening reception will be held on Friday, Feb. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed from Tuesday to Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. www.jameslibrary.org

Dance the night away to the classic rock sounds of the **GR8FLS** (formerly known as the Greatful Dads) at the Red Lion Inn Barn on Feb. 1. The event benefits the Cohasset Hockey team Feb. 1, 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets $20, available at the door or through any hockey team member or parent. Hors D'Oeurves and Cash Bar.

"Single Executives Club" Singles Dance. Feb. 1, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3.. Dancing with music by DJ from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $10 before 9. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com

Eagles' Tribute Band, Tequila Sunrise, will perform at the Company Theatre Stage; Feb. 1-2 at 8 p.m. Tequila Sunrise captures The Eagles' timeless music with songs. Tickets are priced at $32 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

New England Singles Dance Feb. 1, 8p.m. to midnight. **Moseley's On The Charles**, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, 70s, 80s, 90s Music. Light buffet. DJ. $12

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 1, **Six Foot Sunday** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **DJ every Friday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Snug, 114 North St., Hingham, Feb. 1 at 9:30 pm. **Mardi Gras Party** with **J's JU JU** No cover charge 781 749 9774.

The Pub at the Radisson Hotel, Water St., Plymouth, Feb. 1 and 2, at 8:30 p.m. **Max Di Faz** plays Top 40 and other favorites. This one-man band sings and plays the keyboards in this intimate Vegas-style show.

Saturday, Feb. 2

Mamas Move- Wellness and Fitness Center, 45 Pond St., Norwell. (off Route 3, Exit 14) celebrate and attend complimentary classes at their open house Saturday, Feb. 2, from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008 from 10 am to 2 pm. a place for every new, expectant, and veteran mom out there, where she can go and shop for unique, eco- friendly and specialty retail, take fitness classes, enroll in birthing, lactation, nutrition, and new parent groups and classes, get a massage, bring her little one(s) and enjoy an environment built especially for mom and her children in mind. For information and schedules, visit http://www.mamas-move.com/ or call 781-616-6244.

Walk through Webb Memorial Park in Weymouth on Saturdays, Feb. 2 and Feb. 23. An education ranger from the Boston Harbor Islands will lead the mile-long walk that follows an evenly-graded trail along shoreline, salt marsh and glacial hills, known as drumlins, featuring views of Grape Island, Slate Island and the Boston skyline. The two-hour walk meets in the parking lot, off of River Street in Weymouth, at 10 a.m. on both dates. Free and open to the public. Information 617-223-8666 or BostonIslands.com

The digital photography of Susan Hagstrom exhibit takes place from Feb. 2 through the 28 at the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery. The public is invited to the artist's reception on Feb. 3 at 2:30 p.m. in the Clemens Gallery. Light refreshments will be available.

Realty Development Associates, a builder specializing in modular or factory-constructed homes, invites the public to see the latest in modular construction at two open houses to be held Feb. 2 and 3 at RDA's model located at 1 Bluff Road, off Route 6A in Sagamore. For additional details call 508-888-4212.

Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St. (Route 18) Weymouth. **Edwina Caci,** a skilled portrait artist in oil, pastels, and other media, will be the featured artist from Feb. 2 through Feb. 15. The public is invited at attend a reception on Feb. 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is free and off-street parking at no charge is available. 781-331-3384.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. **Celebrate Groundhog Day**! Saturday, Feb. 2, 9:30 a.m. to noon Free with price of admission. Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow? Will there be six more weeks of winter or is spring right around the corner? Just what *is* a groundhog? Drop in anytime between 9:30 a.m. to noon for fun activities that celebrate this famous fur ball. Learn what "hibernation" is. Visit the exhibits and enjoy live animal presentations. *Admission is free for anyone whose name is Phil or Phyllis!* Information: contact 781- 659-2559 or ssnsc.org.

The Duxbury Art Association's 34th annual Winter Juried Show Gala Opening Reception on Feb. 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. The prestigious show will feature the work of 100 artists from the New England area and is exhibited at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. The reception will include piano music by John Kramer of South Shore Conservatory, delicious hearty hors d'oeurves from The Chef's Table and a cash bar. The award ceremony begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for ***Cool Art, Hot Party*** are $25 and available by calling the Duxbury Art Association at 781-934-2731, ext 4.

The Friends of Women's Health, a committee of the Friends of South Shore Hospital, invite the public to join them for the annual **"Have a Heart Tennis Challenge and Celebration," Saturday, February 2, at The Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive in Weymouth**. Enjoy dinner, a silent auction and dancing with music provided by the **Fat City Band.** For tickets or more information, call 781-340-4170 or 781-340-3788.

Pasta Dinner at Immaculate Conception Parish in E. Weymouth, on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 5 p.m. $7.50 per person or $25 for a family of four or more. Proceeds benefit those traveling to Australia for World Youth Day 2008.

New England Singles Dance Feb. 2, from 8 p.m. to midnight Sheraton Braintree Grand Ballroom, Rt. I-93 at Exit 6, Braintree, MA. 70s, 80s, 90s Music. DJ. $12.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance. Feb. 2 from 8:30 to midnight. Best Western Hotel Grand Ballroom, 477 Totten Pond Rd., Waltham. Exit 27A off Rte. 128. 781446-0234. www.se-4u.com Dance music by DJ. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples 35+ years old. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. Proper business dress required, sports jacket for men highly recommended. Cost is $10 before 9.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 2, **Spank** 781-829-6999.

Sweet Fordy's, 290 Center St., (Rte 36), Pembroke, Feb. 2, **Pastry and wine tasting** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 781-294-8550 sweetfordys.com

The South Shore Folk Music Club located at The Beal House of the Kingston Unitarian Church, Main St., (Route 106) Kingston, presents **Jonathan Byrd and Karen Mal** at 8 p.m. Feb. 2. Members $10; nonmembers $12. Handicapped accessible. Information: 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

The Plymouth Community Theatre presents an evening of entertainment with the **Mary and Ethel show**, a tribute to Broadway musical stars **Mary Martin and Ethel Merman** with vocalist **Stephanie Miele** and pianist **Bob Schneider** at 8 p.m. Feb. 2. The show will be performed at the Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North St., Plymouth. Tickets $12 and can be purchased in person or by phone at the Center for the Arts, 508-746-7222, or by calling the Theatre's Ticket Hotline at 508-743-7830. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Light refreshments will be served.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. Feb. 2, **Tommy Baker Band** 781-849-7007.

Foodies Market, 46 Depot Street, Duxbury. Feb. 2, noon to 3 p.m. **Sweets and Treats Valentines Tasting** at **live guitar music**, food samplings storewide, wine and recipe suggestions.

French Memories Bakery, 60 South Main St., Cohasset Feb. 2, from 3 to 5 pm ***DRIFT AWAY*** duo (**J Place** and **Joe Micarelli**).

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, Feb. 2. **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No cover. come sing, come play, come listen. Call 508-830-1262.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 2, **Cindy Daley Band**, 9:15 p.m. for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The Pub at the Radisson Hotel, Water St., Plymouth, Feb. 1 and 2, at 8:30 p.m. **Max Di Faz** plays Top 40 and other favorites. This one-man band sings and plays the keyboards in this intimate Vegas-style show.



(L-R) Keith Thoma (Don Henley), Vern Roop (Joe Vitale), Doug Gery (Don Felder), Alex Stevens (Timothy B. Schmidt), Paul Sidoti (Joe Walsh), Jason Manning (Glenn Frey).

Tequila Sunrise soars with Eagles music

Endorsements from other politicians matter if you're running for President, but if you're a rock band there is no bigger stamp of approval than a rave from the best-selling, most respected magazine in the music industry. That's just what Tequila Sunrise got when "Rolling Stone" described the Nashville-based ensemble as "The Best Eagles Tribute Band on Earth."

When Tequila Sunrise takes the stage at the Company Theatre this week, there will be no mistaking their intent. They will be in Norwell to present the most authentic and completely live re-creation of "The Eagles," one of America's most beloved rock bands.

With extraordinary vocal harmonies and perfect musicianship, Tequila Sunrise is able to capture the timeless music that has delighted fans of "The Eagles" since the early 1970s. The six professional musicians bring a tremendous amount of talent and experience to the stage, having performed with some of the greatest live acts of our time, including Eddie Money, Eric Carmen, Hootie and the Blowfish, Bryan White, Lonestar, Josh Gracin, Sam Moore, and Gary Lewis and the Playboys, to name but a few.

Their extensive all-Eagles play list includes "Hotel California," "Take It Easy," "Lyin' Eyes," "Life in the Fast Lane," "Desperado," "New Kid in Town," and many more.

Tequila Sunrise will be at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, Feb. 1-2. Only limited tickets remain for both shows. For more information, please visit the box office or call 781-871-2787.

— R. Scott Reedy

Sunday, Feb. 3

Cornerstone Lodge, 585 Washington St., Duxbury. **All you can eat breakfast buffet**, from 8 to 11:30 a.m., Feb. 3. Menu: scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, toast, English muffins, baked beans, juice and coffee. Pancakes and French toast cooked to order. Adults $7, seniors $6, children age 12 and under $5. **Open to the public.**

The Hingham Public Library and the **Boston Classical Guitar Society** will present a free performance "Music for Voice and Guitar" by **Robert Margo** and **Wendy Silverberg** on Sunday, Feb. 3 at 3:30 p.m. in the Whiton Room. Music for Voice and Guitar" is part of the Sunday Sounds Special Series free concerts at the Hingham Public Library. More information about the series may be obtained at hinghamlibrary.org.

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Moderation by Rose Olson

The opening reception for Consequences of Geometry has been scheduled for Feb. 3, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. The varying results, as Diane Ayott, Mary Bucci McCoy and Rose Olson explore geometric abstraction, make for a fascinating, new exhibit. Although these three Boston area artists work with different mediums, their art, in the end, is shaped by geometric systems. All are welcome.

Mark your calendar

LOCAL BOSTON BLUES LEGEND, JAMES MONTGOMERY and his band will perform Feb. 9 at the Weymouth Eagles Hall, 1338 Washington St., Route 53, Weymouth Opening will be **The Mighty HouseRockers Band.** Doors open at 8 p.m. Show begins at 8:30 p.m. Cash bar from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are $25 each. Advance tickets will be available at The Eagles Club (rear club entrance), and from Satch at The Next Page Cafe', Weymouth. Plenty of free parking. Information jamesmontgomery.com or visit myspace.com/satchnewbluerevue or call Satch at 781-258-5832.

CHASE AWAY THE WINTER BLUES on Feb. 9, from 6:30 to 11 pm at the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham. All proceeds benefit educational programming and financial aid. The evening will include blues music including vocalists, piano bar and R & B band. Cocktails and "comfort" food served throughout the evening with libations and "blue" martinis, along with a silent auction. Tickets are $75. For information and to purchase tickets visit southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565 x 19.

JOIN THE FINE ARTS CHORALE on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Weymouth Elks Lodge, 1197 Washington St.,, So. Weymouth for "Bavarian Night" – a fun-filled evening featuring authentic German food, a silent auction, and singing and dancing to the lively tunes of King Ludwig's Bavarian Band. Tickets are $30 per person and can be purchased by calling 800-230-7555 or by e-mailing FineArtsChorale@aol.com. Groups of 10 or more will be able to buy their tickets for $25 per person.

A SINGING VALENTINE TO SOMEONE SPECIAL is being offered by the South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus on Feb. 13, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. and Feb. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Available for $75, a quartet will be sent in tuxedos to anywhere on the South Shore, sing "Heart of My Heart I Love You" and "I Love You Truly," present a long-stemmed red rose, Valentine card and a Polaroid photo. Deadline for orders is Feb. 10. For information and to place order and call Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-7464.

THE PASSION PLUNGE will take place on Feb. 16 into the icy Atlantic Ocean at Nantasket Beach, Hull in an effort to raise money to benefit Special Olympics Massachusetts. Enjoy food, music, contests, fundraising incentives and more. Timeline includes: 10 a.m.- Registration Opens; 11:15 a.m., Costume Parade; 11:45a.m., Plunger Safety Briefing; noon PLUNGE; 12:15 p.m., Post Plunge Party Begins; 1 p.m., Awards Ceremony. All information can be found at www.PassionPlunge.org

ANDY COONEY'S FOREVER IRISH TOUR comes to The Company Theatre on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 3 p.m. Two shows on Saturday, Feb. 16 are sold out. This is a high-energy show that showcases Irish music, comedy and dance. Tickets are priced at $32 are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

THE SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY is taking its annual day day-trip to the Metropolitan Opera in New York City March 1, to hear Renee Fleming as Desdemona in Verdi's *Otello*. This year they have purchased tickets in the prime orchestra as well as the balance orchestra (underneath the balcony). The total cost includes an opera ticket, round-trip motor coach, lunch at Josephina's and a box supper on the return trip. The total cost with prime orchestra seating is $445 and with balance orchestra seating is $375. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis. A $150 deposit will reserve your place. Contact Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565 x 19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org.



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Jin Kim

Jin Kim conducts the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra in Boston's other world-famous concert hall, Jordan Hall at New England Conservatory on Friday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. An expanded orchestra will perform Mahler's Fifth Symphony and Debussy's Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun in a venue known for its superb acoustics and warm ambiance. Tickets $40 adults, $25 seniors, $10 students of all ages. Read the Mahler program notes and order tickets online at www.atlanticsymphony.org, or call 781.740.5464.



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Cast of "Five Guys Named Moe"

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Auditions

JOSE MATEO BALLETTHEATRE – Summer Dance Intensive Program, five weeks June 30-Aug.1. Auditions take place Feb. 3 and March 2. Ages 10-13 at 1:30 p.m. Ages 14 and over at 3 p.m. at 400 Harvard St. Harvard Square, Cambridge. Call 617-354-7467 to pre-register Audition fee: $20. Tuition $1,950. Scholarships available.

HINGHAM CIVIC MUSIC THEATRE will be holding auditions for it spring 2008 musical "NUNSENSE" on Feb. 25 and 26, at 7 pm. Callbacks will be on Feb. 27, if necessary. Auditions will be held at the Sanborn Auditorium in the Hingham Town Hall 210 Central St., Hingham. Production dates are April 25-26 and May 2-3-4. Call director Bill Boyer at 617-537-3131 for information.

BOSTON POPS HIGH SCHOOL SING-OFF: A BEST OF BROADWAY CHALLENGE The first Boston Pops musical theater competition for Massachusetts high school students. Students are to pick songs from such Broadway greats as "Sweeney Todd," "Chicago," "West Side Story" and "My Fair Lady." Entries are being accepted now. The winner will be featured in the Boston Pops' Fourth of July concert at the Charles River Esplanade. For complete details on how to enter, go to www.BostonPops.org. The entry fee is $10.

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Performance has a prayer

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

In "Whistle Down the Wind," the musical from composer Andrew Lloyd Webber and rock lyricist Jim Steinman ("Total Eclipse of the Heart") now at Boston's Wang Theatre, Eric Kunze plays a mysterious stranger who a Louisiana girl comes to believe is Jesus when she finds him hiding in her barn.

"The story is set in a small town in the deep South in the 1950s and it opens at the funeral of the young girl's mother. As the girl, Swallow, is beginning to deal with her loss she stumbles on to this man hiding in her barn. He's actually an escaped convict. When Swallow asks him his name, however, the first words he says are 'Jesus Christ' and she immediately thinks of all of her prayers have been answered," explained Kunze by telephone last week.



Eric Kunze



PHOTO CREDIT: JOAN MARCUS

Eric Kunze as *The Man* and the Children's Ensemble in *"Whistle Down the Wind,"* playing through Feb. 3, at the Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre.

This isn't the first time Kunze has been the savior in an Andrew Lloyd Webber musical — or, for that matter, of one. In 2002, Kunze replaced ex-Skid Row front man Sebastian Bach in the lead role in "Jesus Christ Superstar" days before the show opened in Boston.

"I was living in Orange County, California, when I got the call to go into 'Jesus Christ Superstar' on less then one week's notice. I had done the show before so I was somewhat ready and I was first hired as a three-week replacement until they could find another name star to continue the national tour. Finally, they decided the music was the star of the show and three weeks became three years on the road."

Kunze—whose Broadway credits include "Les Miserables" and "Miss Saigon"— now lives in San Diego where he spends his downtime in the real estate business. Having previously appeared in "Evita" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Kunze is happy to be back on tour in another Lloyd Webber musical, this one based on the 1961 feature film of the same name which starred Hayley Mills and was taken from the novel by her mother, Mary Hayley Bell. The musical adaptation of "Whistle Down the Wind" made its American debut in 1996 at Washington, D.C.'s National Theatre, under the direction of Hal Prince. A planned Broadway transfer was canceled and the musical was reworked for a successful West End production in 1998, helmed by Gale Edwards. A subsequent U.K. tour in 2001, under current producer and director Bill Kenwright, featured a restructured book. At Lloyd Webber's request, the new production played a limited engagement in London's West End in 2006. Kunze believes the changes have been for the better.

"It's a story of redemption and special bonds. There are things about my character, The Man, that are not specifically written, but still hint at his past. He may have been unfairly convicted and it is left up to the audience to decide his guilt or innocence. He is a likeable character, but there is always the question of his guilt, especially as he becomes more involved in Swallow's life. She needs to believe that he is Jesus Christ and see that he is redeemed."

While Kunze says changes to the book have made the show stronger, he believes Lloyd Webber's music is its greatest strength.

"This show isn't 'Phantom of the Opera' or 'Sunset Boulevard. It isn't meant to be on a grand scale like those earlier shows. This one has a simple, beautiful story and some beautiful Andrew Lloyd Webber music, with some positively gorgeous, sweeping melodies."

In celebration of the New England Patriots AFC victory and to wish them well in Super Bowl XLII, the producers of "Whistle Down the Wind" have priced all tickets for the Boston engagement, through Feb. 3, at $25 each. For more information, visit the Citi Performing Arts Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., Boston, call 1-800-447-7400 or go online at citicenter.org.



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The digital photography of Susan Hagstrom exhibit takes place from Feb. 2 through the 28 at the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery. The public is invited to the artist's reception on Feb. 3 at 2:30 p.m. in the Clemens Gallery. Light refreshments will be available.

The Hingham Library and Buttonwood Books welcome author, **Richard Marinick,** on Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at the library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Marinick will be discussing his new book, "In For A Pound." This is a free event. Books, provided by Buttonwood, will be available for purchase at the event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 7 **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St., Pembroke. **Texas Hold 'Em every Thursday** The games take place 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

Red Lion Inn, 71 S. Main St., Cohasset Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m. 8 to 11 p.m. **DRIFT AWAY** featuring Cohasset's J Place-vocals, harmonica, together with Hingham's **Joe Micarelli**-piano, and Hull's **John Litwin**-drums (J Place, **Joe Micarelli John Litwin**) No Cover Charge 781-383-1704.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 7 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with Ryan Fardy Blues Jam **open mic** 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage-cafe.com myspace.com/satchsnew-bluesrevue

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Friday, Feb. 8

The Abington Relay for Life Comedy Night will be held on Friday, Feb. 8, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the **Weymouth Elks Club**. Tickets are $15 each by contacting **Larry Jacobs** at 617-721-7460 larry.jacobs@children-sharvard.edu or Elaine Carroll at 781-871-6871 carroll91@com-cast.net Must be 21 years of age to attend.

Local Boston blues legend James Montgomery and his band will perform Feb. 9 at the Weymouth Eagles Hall, 1338 Washington St., Route 53, Weymouth Opening will be **The Mighty HouseRockers Band.** Doors open at 8 p.m. Show begins at 8:30 p.m. Cash bar from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are $25 each. Advance tickets will be available at The Eagles Club (rear club entrance), and from Satch at The Next Page Cafe', Weymouth. Plenty of free parking. Information jamesmontgomery.com or visit myspace.com/satchnewbluerevue or call Satch at 781-258-5832

Single Executives Club Singles Dance. Friday, Feb. 8, at RAFFAEL'S, 1601 Main St., Rte. 1A, Walpole. Hundreds of singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $10 before 9. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended, collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com.

ANNIE, the musical, will be performed at the Inly School, 46 Watch Hill Dr., off Route 123 in Scituate the weekend of Feb. 8, 9, and 10. With the help of professional adult actors, directors, and musicians, the musical production will feature will be a fundraiser to benefit the school. All shows are open to the public. The performances take place Friday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 9 at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets $25; for information on special front-row seats, plus the opening reception, visit inlyschool.org/news/. To purchase tickets, call 781-741-5533. All shows are expected to sell out, so be sure to call in advance.

Join La Leche League of Silver Lake for information, encouragement, mother-to-mother support and education. Free meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Duxbury Free Library on Alden Street, in the Merry Room. Meeting are at 7:15 p.m. and all children are welcome. The winter series is: Feb 8, March 8, April 12. For information visit illeus.org/web/silverLakeMA.html or call us: Heidi 781-582-1187, Lisa 781-829-9075, Joanne 781-924-1919 or Krishyon 781-294-7477

New England Singles Dances Feb. 8, 8p.m.-midnight. **Dalton Club**, 777 Plymouth St., Rte. 139, Holbrook, MA. 70's, 80's, 90's Music. Light buffet. $10.

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Karen Mal *Jonathan Byrd*

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The South Shore Folk Music Club located at The Beal House of the Kingston Unitarian Church, Main St., (Route 106) Kingston, presents Jonathan Byrd and Karen Mal at 8 p.m. Feb. 2. Members $10; nonmembers $12. Handicapped accessible. Information: 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

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The opening reception for **Consequences of Geometry** has been scheduled for Feb. 3, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. The varying results, as **Diane Ayott, Mary Bucci McCoy** and **Rose Olson** explore geometric abstraction, make for a fascinating, new exhibit. Although these three Boston area artists work with different mediums, their art, in the end, is shaped by geometric systems. All are welcome.

The Candlelight Concert series at Hingham's historic Old Ship Church opens its 35th year of performances with a free concert of **Chinese orchestral music** by musicians from the **Foundation for Chinese Performing Arts** at 4 p.m., Sunday Feb. 3, in the meetinghouse. The concerts are presented free of charge to the public and are handicap accessible. Children are especially welcome accompanied by adults. Call 781-749-1067 for large group reservations. Directions are available from the church office during business hours at 781-749-1679, or online at oldshipchurch.org.

Monday, Feb. 4

The Pilgrim Festival Chorus (PFC), a volunteer, not-for-profit **choral group is welcoming men throughout the region to join them** for the second half of their 2007-08 season at a New Men's Voices Night. On Feb. 4. Music Director Bill Richter will welcome new vocalists to the group at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of the Pilgrimage, Town Square in Plymouth. Rehearsal for the spring season will immediately follow at 7:30 p.m. For information regarding membership and auditions (for voice placement), contact Bill Richter, 781-789-3343 or by emailing director@pilgrimfestival.org For information visit pilgrimfestival.org or call Cyndy Dorchester at 781-447-4865, or Meredith Hutchings at 508-746-5314.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. No appointment is necessary. Information: call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com Feb. 4, is **Appreciation Night** where we honor those who have volunteered this past year for New Beginnings.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 4, **Free Texas Hold em** with Northern Poker League781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local businesses in the South Shore area. They meet on the first Thursday of each month at their **new meeting location** at Advanced Mortgage in335 Washington St. (Rte. 53) in Norwell from 5pm to 6pm, and on the third Thursday of each month at Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m., lunch is extra. For information, email info@network4success.org_or visit network4success.org for meeting information, news on our membership, and our upcoming events

ASAP meeting Feb. 5 Focus on Moving Forward: Finances, Fundraising and Priorities. Come add your voice and expertise as critical issues affecting our children and community are discussed. ASAP (**A**doption & Foster Care **S**chool **A**wareness **P**roject) is committed to increasing awareness in the schools and in our communities of the special needs of families formed through adoption and foster care. All parents, educators and friends are welcome. For more info contact Charlotte Simpson at 781 293-3341 or visit asapmass.org

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Rockland Garden Club Meeting. Program: "Rock Gardens" Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m. Rockland Memorial Library, Belmont St., Rockland. Guests are welcome.

StoryTime Returns to Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor beginning Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. Calling all good listeners of pre-school and kindergarten ages! You are invited to StoryTime at Front Street Book Shop! Mary will read you stories every Wed. from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Story Time is free. Adult supervision is required. Call 781-545-5011 for info or see frontstreetbookshop.com

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, **The South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Regional** headquarters present another **winter lecture series** every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the science center located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Open to the public free of charge. **Feb. 6 Ground Fishing, the Fisheries You Thought You Knew with Frank Mirarchi, Fishing Boat Captain.** For information visit nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168; Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400; or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

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Thursday, Feb. 7

The Alzheimer's Care Partners Group will meet Feb. 7, at 10:30 a.m. at the John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., (Route 139) Hanover. The discussion will focus on how grief assumes an unexpected role in the lives of the family living with Alzheimer's and what we can do about that. This is a welcoming group you may join at any time. Meetings are free. For information, contact Penny Peterson, LCSW at 781.659.2691.



The Fat City Band

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The Friends of Women's Health, a committee of the Friends of South Shore Hospital, invite the public to join them for the annual "Have a Heart Tennis Challenge and Celebration," Saturday, Feb. 2, at The Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive in Weymouth. Guests don't need to participate in the round-robin tennis tournament—they can just come and enjoy dinner, a silent auction and dancing with music provided by the Fat City Band. For tickets or more information, please call (781) 340-4170 or (781) 340-3788. If you would like more information about cardiovascular services at South Shore Hospital, please visit www.southshorehospital.org.



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The Hingham Historical Society celebrates Lincoln Day 2008 on Feb. 2, at 11 a.m. at The Old Ship Church, 106 Main St., in Hingham Square. The Lincoln Day celebration is free and open to the public. For information, contact Suzanne Buchanan at 781-749-7721 or director@hinghamhistorical.org. The ceremony will feature familiar patriotic songs, organ music, vocal music provided by the Hingham High School a cappella group, "Choral Spectrum", and brief remarks by Philip Edmundson. Following the Old Ship portion of the ceremony, there will be the traditional procession by participants and attendees down Main Street through Hingham Square to the Lincoln Memorial and Statue at Fountain Square, where wreaths will be placed and military honors rendered.

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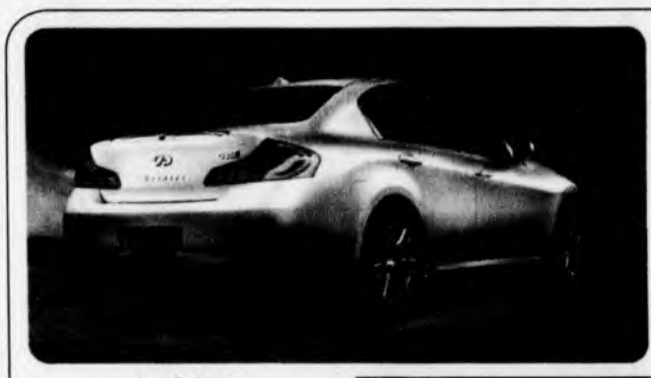
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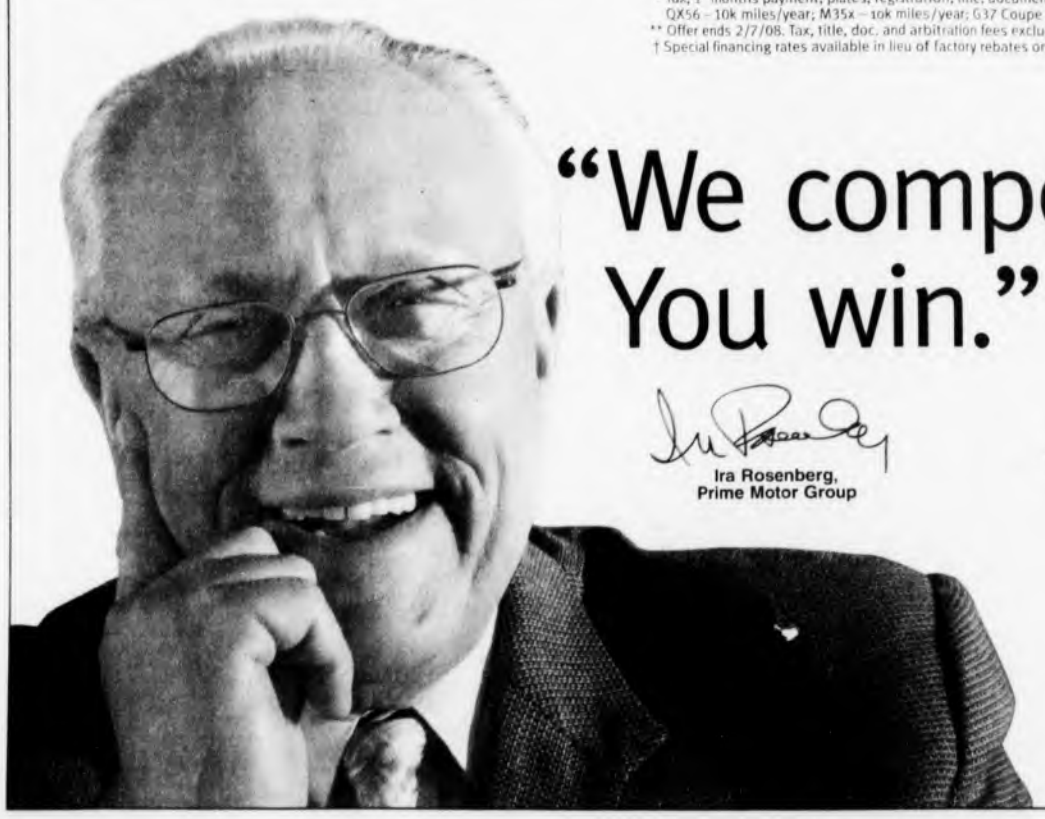
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Two towns affected by tragedy

Both boys have Cohasset ties

By Nancy White and Brian Nanos
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Area teenagers, their families and the community at large are still trying to come to terms with the devastating loss of a high school student last weekend.

Family and friends filled St. Mary of the Nativity Church in Scituate beyond capacity Wednesday to say goodbye to Timothy Mahoney, a 16-year old Scituate High School sophomore and athlete, who died in a tragic car crash in Cohasset this past Saturday morning.

The driver of the car, Chris Barrow, 18, remains in the hospital with serious injuries that family members say will leave him paralyzed, but his injuries are no longer life-threatening.

The aftermath of grief has crossed town borders, as both boys had strong ties to both Scituate and Cohasset. Mahoney's father, Frank Mahoney, is a Cohasset fire captain. Barrow's father, Robert, lives in Cohasset.

Teenagers, public safety officials and the community share in the sorrow and disbelief over Mahoney's death. Counselors were available to both Scituate High students and Cohasset police and fire officials this week.

In Mahoney's eulogy, given by his uncle Philip Mahoney, he spoke to the grieving student population. "Stick together. Support each other and remember your friend. Remember that smile and laugh. You were his inspiration, his motivation. You filled his passion for life."

A simple, somber memorial at the scene of an accident on Route 3A just beyond Pond Street has been visited by teenagers all week. Bouquets of flowers have been placed on the side of the road and a number 9 — Mahoney's varsity number — is posted on a nearby tree.

On the Scituate Mariner website more than 100 readers responded to the story about the accident. Many were messages of condolences to the Mahoney family, get well wishes for Barrow and expressions of support for both families.

Mahoney played both hockey and lacrosse for Scituate High and hockey coach Michael Breen says he was well liked by his teammates.

"Just picture a good kid," Breen said, "that's how he was."

The accident, which happened shortly before 1a.m. Saturday morning, is still under investigation, Police Chief James Hussey said. The Massachusetts State Police Accident Reconstruction Team is currently completing its investigation.

Hussey would not speculate on the speed the pickup was traveling or if it flipped over several times before coming to a stop on its roof on the opposite side of the state highway about halfway between Beechwood and Pond streets.

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Scituate and Cohasset firefighters and police officers, including Cohasset Fire Chief Robert Silvia (top right), line the stairway as the crucifix leaves St. Mary of the Nativity Church at the end of the funeral service for Tim Mahoney on Wednesday.

Smoking bylaw change on table

By Nancy White
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Cohasset could soon be almost completely smoke-free. An amendment to the smoking bylaw is on the table to prohibit smoking in private clubs around town, but the Board of Selectmen wasn't ready to give its support to the bylaw change yet.

While the bylaw will formally regulate private clubs the George H. Mealy Legion Post is the only one that has not voluntarily banned smoking on its premises. Other private clubs which include the Cohasset Yacht and Sailing clubs, Bancroft Hall and all church organizations.

"I don't think we have to discuss the negative effects of smoking," said Robin Lawrence, a member of the Board of Health, "we need to protect employees from second hand smoke. We all know secondhand smoke is not innocuous."

However, Selectman Paul Carlson was hesitant to establish regulations for private clubs, "I'm inclined to let them run their club as they want it. If a majority of members don't want a smoking, they can handle it without a bylaw."

The Board of Health held a public hearing on the smoking bylaw amendment a few weeks ago and heard from

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Kevin O'Donnell, chairman of the Republican town committee, wipes his windows dry with a towel so he can tape his Romney placards on his car Tuesday morning.

Cohasset likes Obama, Romney

53 percent of voters went to polls

By Nancy White
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Cohasset has always had an independent mind.

While the majority of the state voted for Hillary Clinton, Cohasset voters casting a democratic ballot favored Barack Obama. Like the rest of the state, former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney got a majority of the Republicans vote in town.

Despite the rainy weather throughout the day, 53 percent of the town's voters came out to the polls. By 3p.m., 1420 voters had made the trip

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Last chance to vote!

Don't miss out on your last chance to vote for your local favorites. Today's edition is the fourth and final week that we will print our 2008 Reader's Choice ballot. The Reader's Choice ballot allows you to weigh in on your local favorites in more than 70 different categories. You can also log onto www.wickedlocalfavorites.com and submit your votes online. Results for the 2008 Reader's Choice will be published in a special insert publication the third week of June.

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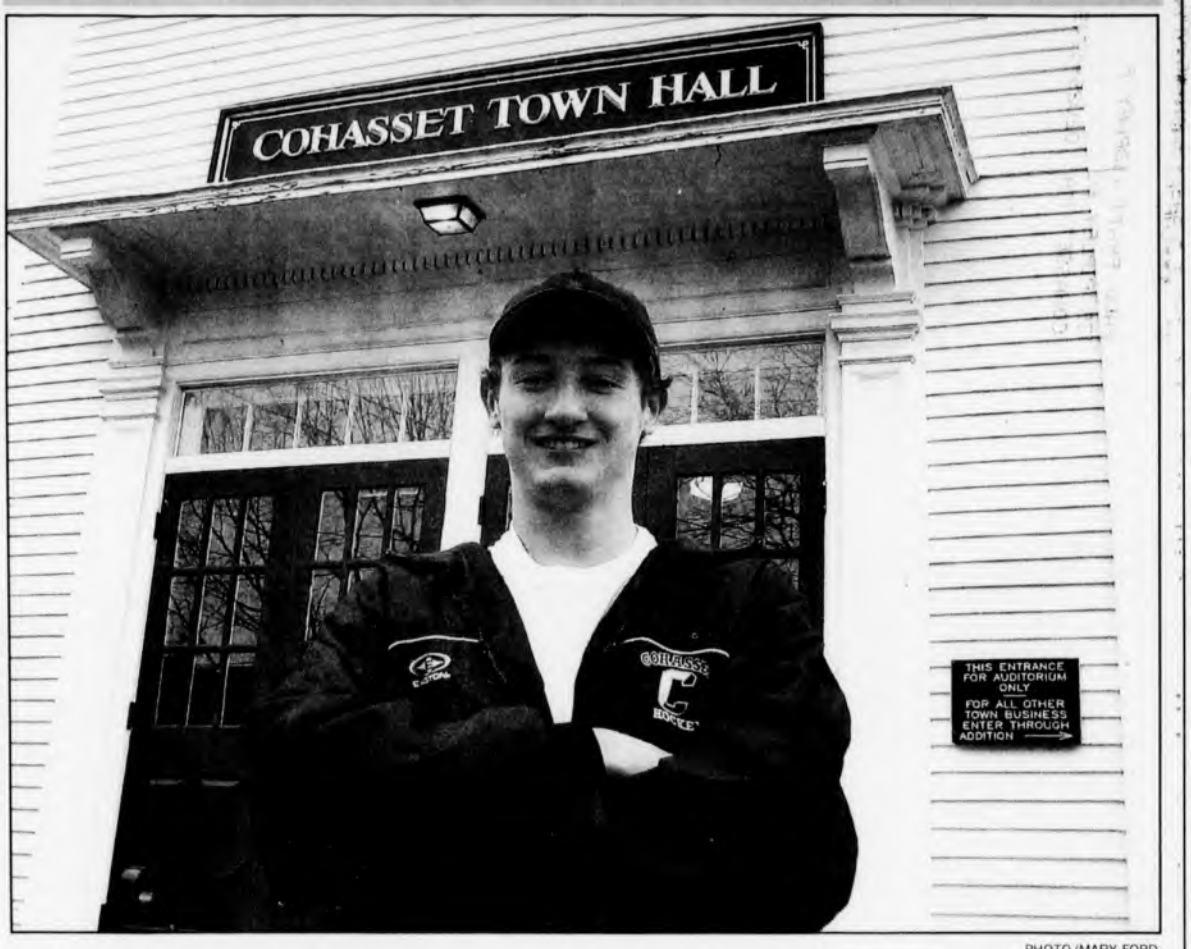
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The Mariner caught up with high school student and first-time voter, Frank Wheelwright, at the polls on Tuesday afternoon.

Name: Frank Wheelwright.

Occupation: Student.

Best day of your life: Getting accepted to my first college.

Best vacation: White water rafting on the Snake River in Idaho.

Favorite season: Winter because I love playing pond hockey.

Favorite holiday: Christmas because there's a lot of food and I see all of my family.

Favorite junk food: Snickers.

Best book: "Huckleberry Finn," by Mark Twain.

Best movie: "Superbad."

Best TV show: "Seinfeld."

Most memorable moment: When I got my first acceptance letter.

Pet peeve: Bad drivers.

Goal: To succeed in life.

Person you'd most like to meet: Tom Brady.

Biggest worry: Not succeeding.

Best part of Cohasset: The Cohasset 500.

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Planning Board meetings move to Mondays

For the indefinite future, Planning Board meetings will be held each Monday evening. Therefore, the Planning Board will meet Mondays, Feb. 25, and March 3 and 10. The meeting date of Monday, March 24, is tentative.

After many years of Wednesday evening meetings the board knows this will be an adjustment, and will make every effort to make this a smooth transition, and accommodate any conflicts this change may cause while they transition to Monday evening meetings.

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Library

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Cohasset Reads Together Vacation Program

The following programs will be held from Tuesday, Feb. 19, through Friday, Feb. 22. A caregiver must accompany young children to any of the vacation programs.

Create an Animal – Children can drop-in to create a pond or woodland animal between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, **Feb. 19**, in the Story Room.

Eyes on Owls – A live owl show, "Eyes on Owls, will be held at 3 p.m., Wednesday, **Feb. 20**, in the Meeting Room. This show requires tickets and is suggested for children 5 and up. Free tickets will be available starting Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the circulation desk.

Create a Friendship Necklace – Children are invited to drop-in to create a friendship necklace between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Thursday, **Feb. 21**, in the Story Room.

For more library news, see page 14.

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McMorris may run for Rec Commission

By Nancy White
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Ronnie McMorris of 89 Doane Street pulled nomination papers to run for the five-year seat on the Recreation Commission. As a former Selectman, McMorris is no stranger to town politics. She could not be reached for comment by press time.

The two open seats on the Planning Board each have a candidate. Charles Samuelson of 6 West Gate Lane will seek the five-year term and Clark Brewer of 262 North Main Street intends to run for the three-year seat.

Town Moderator Daniel Evans has pulled papers to seek his second term as moderator.

No residents have come forward thus far to run for the two-year term currently open on the Recreation Commission.

At least two races for seats are possible so far. Two candidates are interested in running for Sewer Commission: Wayne Sawchuk of 432 Beechwood St. and James Dow of 502 North Main St. While four candidates have pulled papers to run for Library Trustee and there are only three three-year positions available. George Haley of 119 Pleasant St. and Mary Lou Lawrence of 15 Beach St. could vie for a seat with incumbents Rodney Hobson of 31 Deep Run and Sheila Evans of 72 North Main St. Citizens are not considered candidates until they return their papers with the required signatures.

Three-term Selectman Fred Koed pulled papers to run for re-election. Karen Quigley of 27 Clay Spring Road is seeking a seat on the Board of Selectmen. Alfred Slanetz intends to run for re-election to School Committee. Robin Lawrence, a sitting Board of Health member, and Mary Granville, a current member of the Board of Assessors, pulled papers to retain their seats. Town Clerk Marion Douglas has pulled paper to retain her position. Current Water Commission Glenn Pratt will seek re-election as well.

The last day to take out nomination papers is Thursday, Feb. 14. In order to hold a position you must be registered voter of the town.

Positions available for the 2008 town election include: Selectmen — two for three-year positions; Moderator — one three-year position; Town Clerk - one three-years position; School Committee — one three-year position; Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor— one three-year position; Board of Health — one three-year position; Planning Board — one for five-year position and one three-year position (to fill an unexpired term); Recreation Commission - one five-year position and one two-year position (to fill an unexpired term); Sewer Commission-one three-year position; and Water Commission — one three-year position.

BRIEFLY

Small override suggested

There could be a summit of three boards to discuss the upcoming fiscal year budget. Town Manager Bill Griffin suggested the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Advisory Committee caucus on the 2009 budget to be presented at the March 29 Town Meeting. A tri-board meeting like this has been done in the past and given the tight finances of the town Griffin thought it might be a productive meeting.

Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil asked the board if it would consider a small override request at Town Meeting.

"I certainly don't want an override but if it's in the best interest of the town," said Vanderweil. The other board members consensus was along the same lines — they were willing to consider it. In particular, Selectmen Paul Carlson said the budget for building maintenance was not being adequately funded.

"They are very thinly staffed for all the work they have to do," said Carlson.

North Cohasset water

Last week, Selectman Paul Carlson, Water Commissioner Nathaniel Palmer and Windy Hill Road resident Joe McElroy met with Aquarion representatives to discuss the possibility of Cohasset water supplying water to North Cohasset in the event of another summer drought.

Carlson said Aquarion's initial response was positive, but there are technical and legal issues to wade through.

"If Aquarion is willing to work with Cohasset it could be a great win," said Carlson.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Feb.	HIGH				LOW			
	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 7	11:16	9.7	11:47	8.8	4:57	0.4	5:29	-0.5
Sunrise: 6:50 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:05 p.m.*			
Fri. 8	11:58	9.9	—	—	5:40	0.0	6:09	-0.7
Sunrise: 6:49 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:06 p.m.*			
Sat. 9	12:26	9.2	12:40	9.9	6:24	-0.3	6:49	-0.8
Sunrise: 6:48 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:07 p.m.*			
Sun. 10	1:06	9.5	1:24	9.7	7:09	-0.5	7:32	-0.7
Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:09 p.m.*			
Mon. 11	1:49	9.7	2:11	9.4	7:57	-0.5	8:17	-0.4
Sunrise: 6:46 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:10 p.m.*			
Tues. 12	2:34	9.8	3:03	9.0	8:48	-0.4	9:06	0.0
Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:11 p.m.*			
Wed. 13	3:25	9.7	3:59	8.5	9:43	-0.2	10:00	0.4
Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:12 p.m.*			
Thurs. 14	4:20	9.6	5:01	8.1	10:44	0.0	10:59	0.7
Sunrise: 6:42 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:14 p.m.*			

Tides between Cohasset and Plymouth are within 10 min.

POLICE BEAT

NE Aquarium: seals belong on beach

By Mary Ford
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Although seals are a fairly routine sight along Cohasset shores – the arrival of one of the animals on the beach triggers calls to the police. In recent weeks, police have followed up on calls about "beached" seals.

After a call last Tuesday (Jan. 29), an officer checked on the seal throughout the night and an employee with the New England Aquarium checked the seal the next morning. Later that day, police were asked to tell people to stay away from the seal.

"Being on the beach is their normal habitat," Police Chief James Hussey said. "However, if someone gives us a call we will go out and look at the seal to see if it is hurt. But if it is just lying there – there is no cause for alarm.

The police have a pamphlet from the Aquarium that explains about seals. "Unlike whales or dolphins, seals are semi-aquatic and are comfortable out of water," the Aquarium states. "Most seals come onto beaches to sleep, nurse or soak up some sun."

The Aquarium says seals are cute but they are wild animals and should not be disturbed. If people get too close, the seal might bite or become upset.

The Aquarium recommends the following if someone spots a seal on the beach:

- Watch quietly from at least 150 feet away
- Keep dogs away from the seal
- Do not offer the seal food or water
- Do not pour water on the seal or try to cover it with a towel or blanket.
- Do not try to make the seal move.

While most seals on the beach are perfectly healthy, sometimes they do need assistance.

"If the sea has obvious injuries, gunky eyes, or looks skinny or underweight, the Aquarium asks that observers note its location, size, coloring and behavior and call the Aquarium's Animal Hotline at 617-973-5247.

It is illegal to disturb seals or other marine animals. Those caught harassing or disturbing seals could face large fines.

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Election disturbance

Police said a 42-year-old Cohasset resident would be summonsed to court on charges of assault and vandalizing a campaign sign after a disturbance on Highland Avenue late Tuesday afternoon. The man allegedly grabbed a Hillary Clinton sign away from a campaign worker and ripped it, Chief Hussey said. The investigating officer talked to the victim and other witnesses and determined the campaign worker was not on private property but was on the sidewalk, which is town property. The disturbance did not appear to be politically motivated, Hussey said.

Protective custody

A 40-year-old Canton woman was taken into protective custody last week after police found her sitting in her disabled car and determined she had been drinking.

Chief Hussey said police believe she could be the same woman that Scituate police reported taking off in an intoxicated state in a beige-colored Ford Contour with South Carolina plates at about 3 p.m.

Police answered the call about the disabled car at about 7:10 p.m. the same day.

"It appeared to be the same car involved in the earlier incident," Hussey said. "The woman said the car would not start and the officers smelled alcohol and determined she had been drinking."

Police took the woman into protective custody. She was not arrested for drunk driving because police had not observed her operate the car.

She was brought to the station and her car was towed, Hussey said.

Erratic operation

Although police were not able to locate a Mercedes, that a caller reported as "swerving all over the road" last Thursday (Jan. 31) at about 4:30 p.m. along Route 3A, police do encourage concerned citizens to notify them about erratic drivers.

In this case, there was no plate provided and both Hingham and Cohasset police could not find the car.

Chief Hussey said erratic operation can mean the driver is drunk, having a medical problem, or has taken their eyes off the road for some reason.

"We welcome calls about erratic drivers, as we can check it out," he said.

Parking lot

Parking at Shaw's appears to be risky in terms of cars getting dented or dinged while the motorists are shopping. There have been numerous hit and run accidents reported and enumerated in the police log in past weeks and months.

Last week, a walk-in to the police station reported that he thought his 2006 gray Nissan was hit at about 2 p.m., Friday (Feb. 1). The man noticed the dent to his rear bumper when he arrived home and wanted it logged.

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Economic development ready to work

Selectmen approve EDC charter

By Nancy White
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The four-page charter includes a vision statement, a four-pronged mission statement and action items, with estimated completion, to accompany each part of the mission statement.

The Economic Development Committee has been no stranger to the Board of Selectmen over the last few months. Since the early fall they have come before the Selectmen on multiple occasions in an effort to establish a new charter to guide them in the upcoming year and beyond.

They left Monday night's meeting with a smile after the Selectmen gave their stamp of approval to the charter—with a few suggestions and changes.

"This new charter is much better than the old version," said Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil to open the discussion. EDC Chairman Peter Brown credited the recent addition of Alain Pinel and his "fresh ideas" for many of the changes.

"We're here to get your blessing on the charter and go to work," said Brown. The four-page charter includes a vision statement, a four-pronged mission statement and action items, with estimated completion, to accompany each part of the mission statement.

The new vision statement was added so the committee members could always remind themselves what they are working toward. However, the Selectmen had some fresh ideas of their own and tweaked the vision statement by adding an additional phrase.

The EDC proposed the vision "to make Cohasset the most desirable place to live, visit and prosper," but the Selectmen were concerned with not including a caveat to not change the character of Cohasset — a reason many people move to and stay in town.

"We don't want to be Beverly Hills, I like Cohasset to be an unknown secret," said Vanderweil. The Selectmen and the EDC brainstormed to come up with additional wording to ensure their efforts were maintaining the character of the town.

The result was "to maintain Cohasset's character and keep Cohasset the most desirable place to live, visit and prosper."

Although the Selectmen did not have other specific wording concerns, Selectman Ralph Dormitzer cautioned the EDC to be sensitive to other established groups in town like the Farmer's Market and Arts Festival, "make yourself a support to something, don't try to co-op them."

Brown said he understood Dormitzer's concern, "we plan to promote and improve as we can," adding there is a lot of new energy with the merchants and a revived Chamber of Commerce that they hope to support and cultivate.

Other items of interest for the EDC were identifying town sewer capacity, particularly for the village. The Sewer Commission has said previously additional capacity for new village development is at least five years down the line, "that's unacceptable." To that end, the EDC requested a Sewer Commissioner be an ex-officio member of their committee.

Before the close of the meeting, the Selectmen appointed a new member to the committee: Tim Chamberlain of 235 Pond Street.

"We're off to a running start," said Brown the Selectmen gave their unanimous approval of the charter and the appointment.

Amendment would ban smoking from private clubs

FROM SMOKING, PAGE 1

one Legion member in opposition, they said.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer felt the town owed it to Legion members to allow them to speak for or against the bylaw, "I think we need to listen to both sides on this."

Lawrence agreed, "I think it would be wise to get primary sources on this."

The Legion Post is located at 98 Summer St. across from the Veterans Memorial Park at the harbor. While operated by the American Legion, the town owns the building itself. The town leases the building to the Legion for $1 per year and has done so since just after World War I, said Town Manager Bill Griffin.

"We all know secondhand smoke is not innocuous."
— Robin Lawrence, Board of Health

"We need to protect all employees in the town, not just some of them," said Jim Wells, a representative from the South Shore Tobacco Collaborative. Bartenders at the Legion Post are continually exposed to secondhand smoke, he said.

The Massachusetts Smoke-Free Workplace Law is primarily intended to protect workers from health hazards resulting from exposure to secondhand smoke. Under the state's smoke-free workplace law, memberships/private clubs are exempt when the building is not open to the public or when non-members are not invited guests. This bylaw would not allow smoking under any circumstances.

Cohasset established a smoking bylaw banning all smoking in restaurants and bars in 1998. The bylaw was then amended in 2003 to include all workplaces. According to the bylaw, no smoking is permitted within 20 feet of any entrance.

"It's a slam dunk as far as were concerned," said Steve Bobo, member of the Board of Health.

The Selectmen requested the Board of Health get in touch with members of the Legion that are for and against the smoking bylaw to continue the discussion on the bylaw amendment before making their recommendation.

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Regional planners: parking can be beautiful

By Mary Ford
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Newly installed Town of Hingham parking spaces face the Talbots lot in Hingham Square. Regional planners suggest installing paid meters for prime parking to encourage short-term use.

Acres of asphalt? Multi-story cement parking garages?

Attendees from towns stretching from Plymouth to Holbrook at a regional parking forum in Hingham last week were all in agreement: there is nothing pretty about parking.

However, consultants tried to persuade the 60 people in attendance — including Cohasset's Wayne Sawchuk and Clark Brewer — that parking meters can be beautiful.

Parking spaces have value, experts say, and customers will and should be expected to pay for them.

Pictorial slides of Boulder, Colo. and Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif. showed how a city and a college could turn parking problems into parking solutions through paid meters, green space and better planning. Other options offered were lots with permeable surfaces and changing zoning to relax parking requirements.

But the key issue remains: will those solutions fly south of Boston?

Although there were no "one size fits all" answers – the Jan. 31 forum at Hingham Town Hall delivered suggestions and provided fresh thinking on an old issue.

Timothy G. Reardon, coordinator for the South Shore Coalition, a sub-region of the Metropolitan Planning Council that hosted the forum, explained the MAPC has been beating the drum for "smart growth."

Smart growth roughly translates into mixed-use development that is environmentally sensitive.

"Most trips are done by car," Reardon said about the South Shore. "We need to deal with the parking issue in our town centers to make sure that parking is not a restraint."

Three consultants provided different aspects of the parking dilemma including the actual cost of each space in a parking garage (ranging from a low of $15,000 to a high of $77,000 per additional space) and the benefits of paid on-street parking, even if that necessitates hiring people for enforcement.

Jim Gallagher of the MAPC told the audience that included town planners, public officials, business owners and interested citizens said parking was a local issue with regional consequences. He summarized the parking issues as:

- Not enough downtown parking

"We need to deal with the parking issue in our town centers to make sure that parking is not a restraint."

— Timothy Reardon, South Shore Coalition

- Parking spilling into nearby neighborhoods
- Too much land devoted to parking
- Whether to charge for parking
- Environmental impacts of parking lots
- How to set up parking requirements

Tom Gallagani, economics, planning and real estate consultant, said charging people for premium parking "incentivizes" them to only stay there short-term and encourages others, such as employees, to find cheaper parking.

Both Gallagani and Jason Schreiber, a planner with Nelson Nygaard Associates, suggested eliminating parking restrictions altogether.

Judy Sneath, who sits on the Hingham Planning Board and is also director of the Hingham Downtown Association, a private organization of businesses and merchants, explained that downtown Hingham is facing challenges. Now that Greenbush construction is no longer a deterrent to shoppers – ensuring there is enough convenient parking for customers is critical for the downtown area to thrive.

She said that there are about 100 on-street spots downtown that can evaporate if used up by 80 postal employees. Hingham's main post office is on North Street, right in the center of the downtown area.

Hingham officials are trying to encourage employees of shops and businesses to park in the newly refurbished Station Street Parking Lot, which is a short walk from the shopping district. Hingham police are also about to start ticketing cars that park over the on-street limits.

Schreiber, the planner with Nelson Nygaard, said enforcement and education are both key. He noted in Pasadena, Calif., the entire community became invested in compliance. Parking meters there have stickers stating meter revenue is dedicated to public improvements.

Parking Benefit Districts can also be established where the merchants can influence how the money is spent and therefore, have more interest in promoting compliance.

There was some discussion on "shared parking," including being able to use town parking in off hours for residents or other businesses.

Wayne Sawchuk, a business landowner in Cohasset, described his dilemma. He is renovating a downtown historic building that will include apartments. However, even though the 166-car town parking lot abuts the back of his property – zoning bylaws preclude his being able to use those spaces. He is considering installing an underground garage with an elevator.

Schreiber, the planner with Nelson Nygaard, said while convenient, installing the garage takes away from the "human interface" and hurts the community.

Hans Dietrich hopes to open a restaurant in the former Settles Glass building at the top of Station Street downtown Hingham. He is looking at a variety of parking options, including leasing space, valet parking, and building an underground garage. One parking space would be required for every four seats, or 25 for a 100-seat restaurant.

Schreiber said the occupancy of parking lots is much lower than most think.

The consultants stressed that building lots for the biggest shopping days of the year – for example the day after Thanksgiving – is a waste of space when much of the lot remains empty at other times.

He said once a parking analysis is done, town officials find out fast that if parking regulations are eliminated – parking can be treated as a shared resource.

The MAPC has copies of the presentations, detailed notes about the discussion on the parking page of the MAPC Sustainable Transportation Toolkit website:

http://transtoolkit.mapc.org/Parking/index.htm.

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Business Notes

Bodell vice chairwoman of ICC Standing Committee



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Tanya Bodell lives on South Main Street.

CRA International Inc., a provider of management consulting services and economic and financial expertise, announced that vice president Tanya Bodell has been appointed vice chairwoman of the International Chamber of Commerce Standing Committee of the International Centre for Expertise. The appointment is for three years.

Founded more than 30 years ago, to facilitate international commercial relations, the ICC International Centre for Expertise provides access to experts who can assist with a range of business matters. Expertise may be used in a variety of contexts including: removing uncertainty in business operations; assisting with the amicable settlement of disputes; and assisting in connection with litigation or arbitration. The Centre relies on 10 appointed members of its Standing Committee as well as more than 90 ICC national committees to assist with referring experts from around the world.

"In appointing Tanya Bodell to its Standing Committee, the ICC has selected a talented and insightful leader," said James C. Burrows, CRA's president and chief executive officer. "CRA congratulates Tanya on this well-deserved honor and appointment."

Bodell specializes in various aspects of the energy industry, including the effects of government regulation on profit opportunities, particularly in the areas of competitive markets and environmental policy. She has provided support to companies involved in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and litigation for more than 14 years. She is a Sloan Fellow at MIT, and holds a master of arts degree in public policy from the University of Chicago and a bachelor of arts degree from Pomona College.

In commenting on her appointment, Bodell said, "The ICC has put together a talented team to lead the Centre in its offer of expertise support services in the international arena. Whether proposing experts, appointing experts, or administering expertise proceedings, the Centre provides a critical service to the dispute resolution process. As globalization continues, I anticipate that there will be even greater demand for a neutral international forum where parties from different countries can resolve their disagreements in an efficient way. I look forward to working with the ICC and other members of the Standing Committee to serve worldwide business."

Bikram Yoga Classes

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces it will offer Bikram Yoga Classes, taught by National licensed Master Yoga Teacher, Katrina Klein, of Bikram Yoga South Shore. The six-week program, for youths 7 through 13, will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., from Wednesday, Feb. 27 through April 2. They will take place in the second level, west wing of the Bikram Yoga Studio at 380 Chief Justice Cushing Highway in Cohasset.

Bikram Yoga focuses on physical flexibility, coordination and strength of mind and body. Many studies have shown that children who practice yoga often experience increased self-esteem and are better able to cope with stress. Yoga reduces sports injuries and stress, both physically and mentally.

The fee is $70 per person. Participants need to bring a mat and water to each class. For more information or to register, visit www.BikramYogaCohasset.com or the Cohasset Recreation Department at Cohasset Town Hall. Class size is limited, so early registration is advised.

Piano students hit right note

AROUND TOWN



Jennifer Piepenbrink

HELLO

Hello Cohasset. Well, this past week has been a sad one for two families that is for sure. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Frank and Laurie Mahoney, their family and friends as they said goodbye to their youngest son Tim at an age that was way too young. The communities of Scituate and Cohasset will stand by and support you in whatever ways are wanted and needed and all want you to know that everyone is here for you. Life is a treasure that can change so quickly, embrace each day with love, happiness and joy.

We have a number of pieces to talk about in the column this week that recognize some students in a variety of programs and colleges.

DEAN'S LIST

Ryan Ingram, daughter of **Linda and Stephen Ingram** of Cohasset and a 2007 graduate of Cohasset High School was recently named to the fall dean's list with distinction at Trinity College at Duke University. Nice work, Ryan.

A Cohasset student at Wake Forest University student has been named to the university's dean's list for fall semester, 2007. Congratulations to **Virginia A. Spofford** on the work put into this accomplishment. I am sure your family is so proud.

TABOR HONORS

Another job well done goes out to **Samantha Bobo**, who is the daughter of **Steve and Heidi Bobo** and granddaughter of **Steve and Vivien Bobo**, all of Cohasset, and a freshman at Tabor Academy. Samantha earned HONORS in her first semester. Samantha's decision to attend Tabor Academy was based on her interest in Marine Biology.

PIANO STUDENTS

South Shore Conservatory congratulates Cohasset piano students Miles Morin and Audrey Kirwan for having placed first and third respectively in Division II of the Conservatory's 20th Annual Concerto Competition. Both students of Hui-Min Wang, Miles and Audrey received trophies and performed in the winners' concert. As a first place winner, Miles received an SSC scholarship. The Concerto Competition is open to all current Conservatory students and is made possible by support from the Mary DeForest Seymour Endowment Fund. For more information, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.



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From left, Division II winners in the South Shore Conservatory's Concerto Competition include Audrey Kirwan of Cohasset, Devin Chen of Norwell, Ilve Bayturk of Duxbury; and Miles Morin of Cohasset.

CUBMASTER

A "Going Away" party for **Jeff Forsdick** is being held at the Red Parrot in Hull on Feb. 12 at 6 pm and the cost is $25 per person. Jeff has been Cubmaster for Pack 38 Cub Scouts for 33 years. He is moving to Wyoming and felt it would be to long a commute from there to stay on as Cubmaster. The families that have had boys in Cubs in the last 33 years owe a deep appreciation to Jeff. You can call either **Linda Farrag** at 781-383-9519 or **Merle Brown** at 781-383-1625 for reservations.

ON STAGE

Several Cohasset residents are performing in the musical "Annie" at Inly School this weekend. Adult cast members include **Rob Bishop** (as Rooster), **Eilene Davidson** (as Lily), **David Game** (as Drake), **Paul Antico** (as FDR), **John Lengyel** (as Bert Healy), **Tania Keeble** (as Mrs. Greer), **Ed Seksay** (as Morganthau), and **Sally Sisson** (ensemble). Inly alum **Sally Meehan** stars as "Star to Be," and current students include **Harry Braga** (as Wacky), **Kelsey Behenna** (as Molly), and **Tucker Antico, Adam Game, Tucker Meehan**, and **Lily Seksay** as Orphans. Friends will also want to cheer on former Cohasset residents **Liz Knox** and Elizabeth **Soutter Schwarzer**, both in the adult ensemble, along with orphans **Ellen Park** and **Phoebe and Lucy Knox**. This is a great cast and a show you won't want to miss.

CYBSA SIGNUPS

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association has extended its online 2008 Spring Softball registration until Feb. 15th for ages 5-14. For more information and to register online, visit the website at CYBSA.

GO, GO JOSEPH!

With a crash of drums and a flash of light Joseph will arrive on the Cohasset Town Hall stage in his dazzling coat of many colors. The Production Team of Co-Directors **Lisa Pratt** and **Lisa Rafferty**, Music Director, **Mark Bono** and Choreographer, **Tina Combs-Fabrizio** is thrilled with all that this talented local cast of "Joseph" has accomplished thus far. Led by Cohasset resident, **Mike Nakashima** as Joseph, and Hingham resident, **Ann McCoy** as The Narrator, their combined musical skills handily deliver performances worthy of professional theaters anywhere. And their supporting ensemble brings some additional Cohasset faces to the limelight including **Mark Alves**, as the Pharaoh and **Laura Coletta, Tara Goodwin, Ashley Howard, Jenna Neer, Jen Piepenbrink** and **Logan Pratt** as the some of the wives. **Sharon White** will play the "evil" temptress, Mrs. Potiphar. Cohasset is well represented in the Youth Ensemble of the show as well. This group is made up of young people, ages 10 to 13 and includes **Whitney Jaffe, Callie Piepenbrink, Faith Porter, Madison Pratt** and **Julia Thompson**. Opening night is Feb. 29th with shows running, March 1, 7, 8, 14 & 15 at 7:30 p.m. and March 2, 9 & 16 at 2 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. Tickets are $14; $12 for groups of eight or more, and are available at Buttonwood Books, Paperscapes, and Front Street Books, or by calling 617-697-2115.

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POST-PROM

The next Post Prom Committee Meeting is on Wed, Feb 13 at 7:00 pm in the Deer Hill School Library. Committees are now being formed and all Senior parents are needed and asked to attend to make this event a wonderful success. If you are unable to attend but have questions or suggestions, contact either **Ann Kelly** at annfkelly@aol.com, or **Babette Strecker** at babettestrecker@gmail.com

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Love is in the Air

In this month's issue of **Parents and Kids**, peruse our list of ideas to make this Valentine's Day a romantic one. You'll also feel the love when you read the winning entries of our Best of 2007 contest. Like the entry from 7-year-old Luke who wrote this about his 14-year-old brother, "He brings me to the movies. He also brings me to happiness." We all know love is the universal language making it the perfect month to offer ways families can experience and appreciate other cultures. P&K contributor Maria Olia, an Italian-Irish-American living in Newton with her Iranian husband Masoud and their four children, offers unique ways to prepare your child for a multi-cultural world.

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Jessie MacDonald has been a Special Olympics athlete for 14 years.

Special Olympics athlete inducted in Hall of Fame

Jessie MacDonald, a Cohasset native, was notified Jan. 29, at the Red Parrot in Hull, that she was inducted into the 2008 Special Olympics Hall of Fame. MacDonald will be formally recognized and inducted at the 2008 Let Me Be Brave Anniversary Gala to benefit Special Olympics Massachusetts, on Saturday, April 5, at Gordon Indoor Track and Tennis Center at Harvard University. The event will be a black tie and sneakers dinner and program highlighting the 2008 Hall of Fame.

MacDonald has been a Special Olympics athlete for 14 years and at one time was a nationally ranked power lifter. She attended the World Games in 2001 and won a gold medal in Alpine Skiing. In 2006 she traveled to Iowa for the Special Olympics National Games and brought home four gold medals in power lifting.

An active athlete and fundraiser for Special Olympics, MacDonald has jumped into the frigid February waters for the last five years at the annual Passion Plunge, Special Olympics largest annual fundraiser.

She also represents Special Olympics South Section as a Global Messenger, a Special Olympics athlete trained in public speaking. MacDonald also assists coaches with younger athletes, organizing of competitions, purchasing of equipment and uniforms.

To top it all off, MacDonald holds a full time job at the YMCA in Hanover.

"MacDonald has taken advantage of the many innovative opportunities that Special Olympics offers. In addition, MacDonald contributes immensely to Special Olympics experience in both sports and heart. Special Olympics Massachusetts is honored to induct Jessica MacDonald into the very prestigious Hall of Fame.

Active parenting course to be offered

First Parish Unitarian-Universalist Church, 23 North Main St., will offer a follow-up parenting course to one that is currently underway. The new course for parents of children 4 to 12, "Active Parenting Now," will be held in three sessions Wednesday, Feb. 27, and March 5 and 12, in the living room of the church. A choice of 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. will be offered.

Perhaps some parents have all the skills they need, but if the following phrases sound familiar to you, this program will be helpful: "Stop teasing your brother, " "Go ask your father," "One more story, but that's it," "Go to sleep now," "Did you clean your room yet," "Pick that up," and "For the last time, no!"

More than 1,000,000 parents have found "Active Parenting Now" entertaining and effective. It is a two-hour, fast moving three-session, video and discussion- based program that teaches both communication and discipline skills that eliminate the power struggle.

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First Parish Unitarian-Universalist in Cohasset sponsors these courses with financial assistance available through the Social Service League of Cohasset. The program is written by national parenting expert, Dr, Michael Popkin and will be facilitated by Jan Tedeschi of Norwell, known for her active parenting teaching.

The cost is $100 per person for First Parish members, $120 for non-members and a 25 percent discount will be offered for spouses attending the same program. To register, call Parish Administrator, Sandy Bailey, at 781-383-1100. For more information, visit www.askjantedeschi.com

Boy Scout cubmaster to leave Cohasset

Jeff Forsdick heads for Wyoming

By Nancy White
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Jeff Forsdick's longevity in the Cohasset program has given him the unique opportunity to be guide two generations of children.

In 1975, Jeff Forsdick walked into to Boy Scout registration with one purpose — to sign up his girlfriend's seven-year-old son. But he left with another purpose, one that would be a part of his life for the next 33 years. On that fateful day, Forsdick got signed up to be a Boy Scout leader and decades later he is still involved.

"I just fell into it and I've enjoyed it," says Fordick, who has served as "Cubmaster" overseeing the programs for the Cub Scouts, boys in first through fifth grade.

But now Forsdick, a Cohasset native, is leaving his post and Cohasset to move out to Wyoming to be closer to family.

"It's odd to me the hardest thing I'm finding to say goodbye to is the Boy Scouts," says Forsdick, who also is leaving close friends, a "gorgeous" town and a job he enjoys at Hingham Lumber. While he may continue his involvement in boy scouting in Wyoming, Forsdick believes it is his love for the pack more than his love for boy scouting makes his leaving bittersweet.

Forsdick grew up on Red Gate Lane and was a Boy Scout himself, originally in a troop run by the late Mary Jeanette Murray, Cohasset's long-time state representative.

He's had many fond memories and proud moments of boy scouting, "the kids I used to have in boy scouts have grown up to be really good kids," says Forsdick. While he credits the parents for the most part, he says scouting reinforces the good values the kids are learning at home, "it gives them more guidance."

He's had about 10 boys continue on to complete their Eagle Scout badges, "I'm not taking credit, but I'm proud of it."

His longevity in the Cohasset program has given him the unique opportunity to be guide two generations of children. Kids who he mentored when they were in elementary school are now bringing in their kids to join Boy Scouts.

"It doesn't make me feel old, but proud," says Forsdick. It's heartwarming for him to see the close friendships he saw forming in Boy Scouts still exist today.

Boy scouting also offers the opportunity for young boys to get out into the great outdoors, or sometimes as close as their backyard. Growing up adjacent to Wheelwright Park, Forsdick has enjoyed taking the boys on a nature walks through the paths he knows so well.

"I relive my childhood with the kids. Wheelwright Park was my backyard," says Forsdick. Spending time in the outdoors is an important component to boy scouting, but a fading one in everyday life.

"Kids and families would rather google Yellowstone National Park than actually go there," says Forsdick, "all achievements in boy scouting have to do with sports or the outdoors which I think is important."

Although camping trips are typically done until the boy scouts are a little older, Forsdick begins to prepare them in Cub Scouts. They learn basic camping skills like knot tying, how to deal with Mother Nature and survival skills.

He laughingly recalls when nature got the best of him on a camping trip — a tent sagging with rain tore during the night dumping gallons of water on him and his boy scouts, "every time I went camping rain followed."

One trip the cub scouts he annually looks forward to is a sleepover at the Museum of Science. 300 Boy Scouts stay over inside the museum and get to see each of the exhibits up close and personal.

"You learn a lot more that way, it's the only way to see it," says Forsdick.

Other annual events Forsdick looks forward to is the Memorial Day Parade, the Blue and Gold Banquet, Haunted House at Deer Hill and the Pinewood Derby.

The Pinewood Derby has been an evolution of sorts. For years he endured arguments from parents about his judging skills (or, some argued, his lack thereof) at the annual event. Two years ago they invested in a modern aluminum four-lane track that judges the derby cars with results accurate to one-tenth of a second. "I haven't been in any arguments in the last two years," he says with a laugh.

Forsdick says the thought of leaving the boy scouts long before this has crossed his mind, "every year and before every meeting I say to myself, 'here we go again' but the second I'm there I have the time of my life."

A "Going Away" party for Jeff Forsdick is being held at the Red Parrot in Hull on Feb. 12 at 6 pm and the cost is $25 per person. Call either Linda Farrag at 781-383-9519 or Merle Brown at 781-383-1625 for reservations.

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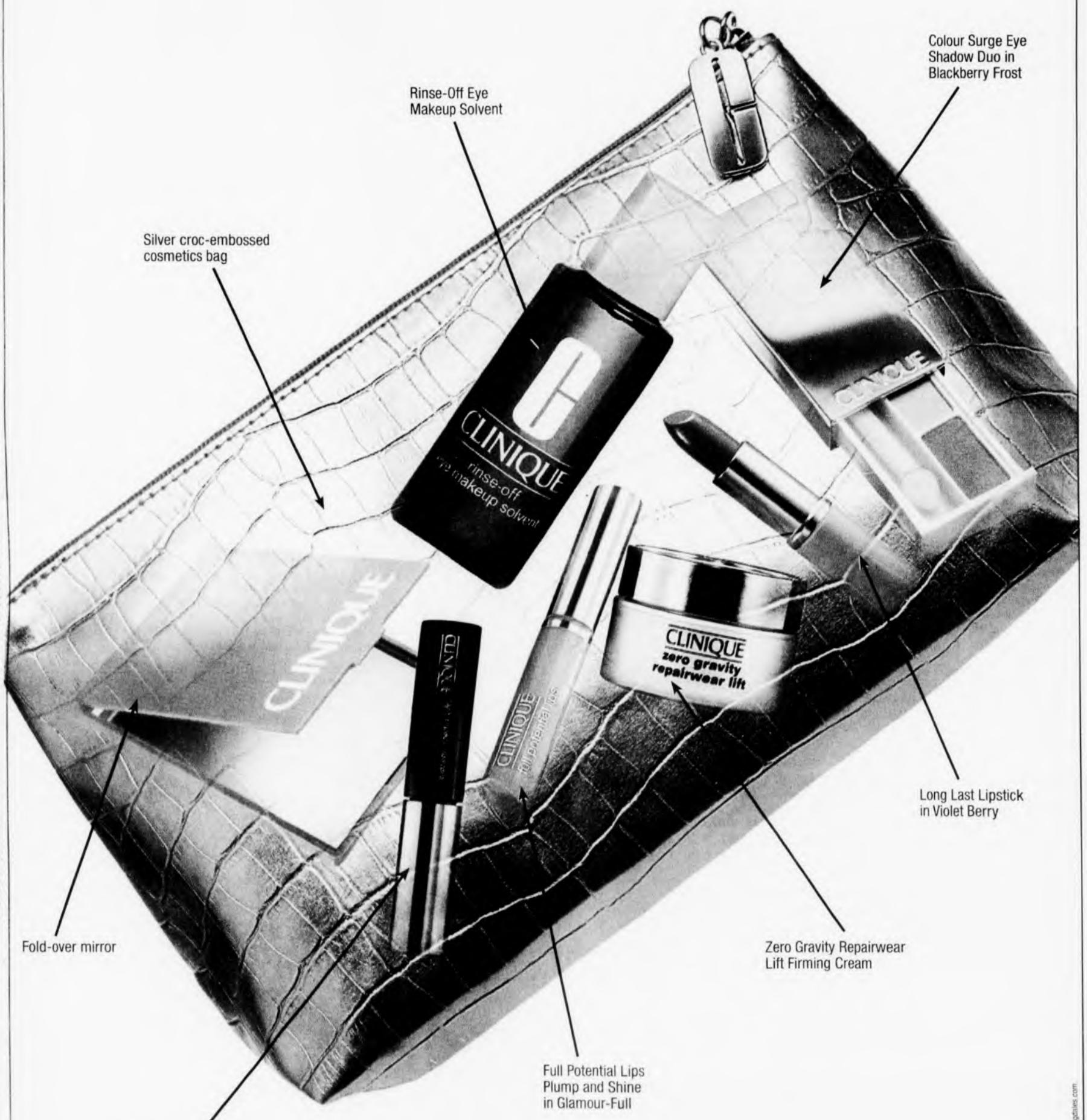
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Leisa Legge arranges an outfit on a display in her dining room while preparing her house for the Carlisle Collection trunk show.

High-end fashion shopping

Cohasset mom offers personalized service

By Lisa Hennessey
CORRESPONDENT

She will determine which cuts are most flattering, which colors suit your skin, as well as examine your existing wardrobe...

Leisa Legge is warming up for her first trunk show this week, selling elegant, high-end spring fashions from the Carlisle Collection, a New York city-based couture fashion house.

Legge, a Cohasset hockey mom, has recently joined Carlisle as a consultant, a sales position that focuses on highly personalized service. Four times a year, when Legge hosts the one-week trunk show — or direct sale clothing show — her living room and dining room will be transformed into a luxurious mini-boutique, with about 500 beautifully tailored pieces from 12 different collections, including jackets, pants, shirts, accessories and jewelry.

Despite the weakening economy, there's good reason her new job will be as hot as the fashions she's selling. First, Jane Reardon, the area's field manager for the Carlisle Collection, reports that the mid-January selling season has begun (elsewhere in the country), and in its first week, "we've had the best spring we've ever had." She says that women recognize "investment dressing" a necessity. Smart career attire, in her opinion, is required regardless of a weakened economy.

Second, there's Legge's training and experience as a salesperson. She is a graduate of the nationally renown sales program at the Campbell's Soup Company, earned her MBA and then had a long successful career with a medical marketing company. In the past few years, she has been volunteering within the school system, and most recently with the Cohasset Educational Foundation and its computer lab launch at the Osgood School. And although she occasionally dons a hockey helmet and shoots pucks with her friends, wearing the Carlisle couture may prove to be her best marketing tool, showing that she's smart, feminine and fun — and a significant player in the world of fashion.

And finally, Carlisle's reputation is like gold. Legge says, "After I joined the company, and started talking about my new career, I was amazed at how many people I know that are already existing customers." These high quality fashions parallel Chanel, Valentino, and Ungaro. The designers use fine European fabrics with exquisite details, and trendy but classic styles, so it's just possible that these clothes may outlast the buyer.

With price tags like $225 for a silk blouse, $350 for a pair of fancy embellished jeans, and about $1000 for a full suit, women who shop for these clothes are all business. And Legge, slender and stunning in a copper-colored fitted Carlisle jacket, is ready to go to work.

It all starts with an invitation by mail, not to be mistaken with the popular in-home parties where socializing and wine drinking take center stage. This trunk show is all about you. You'll make a private appointment, each season, which lasts about an hour or two. During that time, Legge will help you select the season's clothing in combinations that reflect your personal style. She will determine which cuts are most flattering, which colors suit your skin, as well as examine your existing wardrobe, determining what can be added or needed.

Reardon explains that some seasoned customers prefer to get in and get out. In fact, one woman who travels a lot and works in the financial industry has the shopping experience down to a science, "once purchasing about $4000 of clothes in 20 minutes." She says that this speedy transaction is only possible because her consultant has developed a relationship with the client. "She knows her likes and dislikes, what works and what doesn't work. And this woman was able to get on with her life."

The most appealing service for other shoppers might be the "wardrobe building." The idea, Legge explains, is that savvy shoppers choose one or two pieces at a time that are versatile and last longer than the big box retail fashions.

Legge asks, "How many times have you said, 'I've got nothing to wear' while staring at a completely jam-packed closet?" With her initial investment in the business, she continuously receives training, including how to overhaul a woman's closet. By keeping a file on all the clients and their past purchases as well as what's in the closet already, she can recommend smarter choices and wiser investments.

She adds, "Sometimes women might decide that they have too many clothes on their hands. I can help them prioritize by knowing what's in their closet." New collections build upon the last seasons' styles as well.

Another perk: for those worried about wearing the same sweater as "Jane Doe," Legge will inform you who has already bought it. And it just might be Heather Unrue, WCVB-TV Channel 5 newscaster or even Barbara Bush, both customers of Carlisle.

At the end of the appointment, you can't take the clothes with you. But Legge will order the clothes and hand deliver them two weeks later. On average, Legge will invite about 250 women to private showings in her home; her goal is to book about 50–75 appointments each season. In the end, Legge receives a percentage of the sales.

"I am thrilled to find myself in such a professional company." The Carlisle Collection has been around for over 25 years, and offers comprehensive programs for helping a new consultant essentially run her own business. Reardon says that average consultants in this area earn about $60,000, while the top salesperson earns $225,000 a year.

For more information, visit www.carlislecollection.com, or you can contact Leisa Legge at thelegges@comcast.net, or call 781-383-9301.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Paid parking

Paid parking meters in downtown Cohasset?

No one in Cohasset is suggesting the devices be installed on South Main Street but at a regional parking forum dubbed "New Parking Strategies for Town and Village Centers" last week, experts said parking meters can work and do not deter shoppers.

The forum, which was hosted by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council at Hingham Town Hall, was an eye-opener from the standpoint that it presented parking solutions in a new light.

Over the years some have suggested building a multi-story parking garage in the parking lot behind where Loring Hall and Nobles are located along Main Street in Hingham Square.

It has always sounded like a good idea to us – but after hearing the cost of parking garages and seeing slides of the eyesores they become, we are not sure that would be the answer or even be feasible.

We admit being intrigued by the paid meter idea, especially today when it is possible to pay using an ATM card and not have to search for change.

Experts explain that on-street parking has a value and charging a fee could discourage long-term use of convenient spots. In other words, employees who plan to park all day won't use metered spots and someone there to shop at a boutique or eat at a restaurant would.

There were other ideas and suggestions offered including allowing businesses and merchants to have all or part of the revenue generated from parking meters by establishing a Parking Benefit District.

Another suggestion: tossing out parking regulations altogether!

The regional planners explained that towns often plan parking lots for the "day before Christmas crowds" and the remainder of the time, much of the asphalt remains empty.

Shared parking areas that could be used for shoppers in the daytime and restaurant-goers at night were also put on the table, as were shuttles, and "zip" cars.

The forum was packed with interested citizens and governmental officials from here in Cohasset and from as far away as Harwich.

Everyone, no doubt, had different issues and concerns.

Plymouth, for example, is larger than Cohasset and Hingham combined and has a huge tourist population.

Hanover does not really have a town center with small shops but has business and parking regulations along Route 53 to contend with.

But the attendees all seemed to be in agreement that parking is an issue and looking at its solutions in more modern, environmentally and aesthetically pleasing ways could translate into something good.



Keep an eye on that little cloud. It looks like an override.

Meetings

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Harbor Committee, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.
Historical Commission, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.
Selectmen, Feb. 11, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Feb. 25 & March 24, 6 p.m.
Stormwater Committee, Feb. 11, 7 p.m.
Town Hall Restoration Committee, Feb. 20, 7 p.m.
Water Commission, Feb. 11, 6 p.m. at the King St. plant.
Zoning Board of Appeals, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Town Census forms sent to households

The Town Census for 2008 was mailed to each household the week of Jan.21. Information obtained from the census is ultimately used to prepare the street list, annual registry of voters, school list, dog owner list and jury list. It also establishes eligibility for resident's tuition at state colleges, veteran reimbursement, senior citizen programs and other benefits. The census provides information to various departments throughout the town.

Dog forms are on a tear-off portion of the census forms. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 2008. Dog forms need to be returned as soon as possible with a current rabies certificate although some residents may have recently renewed the 2007 license.

Anyone who did not receive the census should call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100.

Letters to the Editor

'Remember the women'

To the Editor;

The following is a copy of an email I sent to Senator Kennedy regarding his endorsement of Senator Obama. I wrote it in response to an email that I received from Sen. Kerry, which was essentially a forwarded email of Sen. Kennedy's statement endorsing Sen. Obama.

Chartis Tebbetts

Dear Sen. Kennedy,

While I respect your decision to back Senator Obama at this time, I am disappointed that once again a leading political figure in Massachusetts has turned away from an extraordinarily well-qualified woman seeking the highest office in our country. Massachusetts has a dismal record in electing women to the most important offices in our state. Time after time, the best and the brightest have tried to penetrate the "Old Boys Club," for that is what it seems to be in this state, and been dismissed. I look around the country, to Kansas, for instance, where a woman was elected to be the Democratic Governor in a Republican state. She was given the honor to present the Democratic rebuttal to the President's State of the Union address, and did an excellent job.

I look around the world, where in 47 countries, a woman is or was the holder of the highest office in that country. What is the matter with us in the U.S.A. and Massachusetts? There will always be well-qualified men who will be competing for high office. There will never be a time when a woman will win because there was no other alternative. So we go along, basically denying the opportunity for us to benefit from trying something really new in the White House: a woman calling the shots. How sad, and perhaps, dangerous.

Of course if Sen. Obama gains the nomination, I will campaign for him with enthusiasm. He is truly an inspiring man, gifted, and ready to govern. But what about Hillary? Can you imagine a woman better qualified to be our President?

I am 67 years old. I am beginning to doubt that in my lifetime we will have a woman as our President. I fear that if we don't give one a chance at this job, that wars will go on, and health security and excellence in public education and family values and fairness and compassion will take their places as priorities below other more traditional values like strength, competiveness, winning, wealth, military power, and superiority.

What's done is done. But, as Abigail Adams once said, remember the women. We are more than 50 percent of the population and our leadership style and strengths are untapped at everyone's peril.

Chartis Tebbetts
Cohasset

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Political Notes

Quigley kickoff party held

The Committee to Elect Karen Quigley Selectman held a well-attended Kickoff Party on Sunday, Feb. 3, at Lou Harvey's King Street home.

"What people are telling me is they want leadership, independent thinking, logic and common sense in Town Hall. That's good because that's what you'll get with me." said Quigley. "As a private citizen I spoke out and made a difference. As a committee member I have made a difference. I will make a difference as Selectman," she continued.

The next Meet the Candidate Event is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 10 from 3-5pm at Steve & Margie Brown's home, 275 Jerusalem Road. All interested residents are invited to hear Quigley's views on town issues and ask questions.

Visit www.electkarenquigley.com to learn more about Karen's experience and positions on town issues or to sign up to support the campaign. Karen can be reached at 781.383.6368 or kmquigley@comcast.net.

Campaign donations can be sent to Melissa Browne, Treasurer, The Committee to Elect Karen Quigley, 32 Linden Drive, Cohasset MA 02025.

Koed at MMA meeting

Fred Koed joined more than 1,000 local officials from across the state at the Massachusetts Municipal Association's 2008 annual Meeting and Trade Show, at Sheraton Boston Hotel and Hynes Convention Center.

Koed joined selectmen, mayors, managers, councilors and finance committee members during the two-day meeting where participants attended special sessions and workshops on local concerns. The workshops were designed to provide the latest information on issues such as collective bargaining strategies for health insurance, boomer-ready communities, the creative economy and a variety of other topics of interest to municipalities.

The MMA program included remarks by Sen. John Kerry and Gov. Deval Patrick. Also, Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino welcomed conference participants. The MMA conference also included a keynote speech by Bill Taylor, bestselling author and co-founder of Fast Company magazine.

In addition, Boston Red Sox announcer Jerry Remy was the Friday dinner speaker and author and political analyst Juan Williams closed the conference on Saturday.

The meeting also featured more than 220 exhibitors at its trade show, offering the latest products and services to municipalities. The MMA annual meeting is the single largest statewide gathering of local officials each year. It provides city and town leaders with an opportunity to meet with colleagues from different areas of the Commonwealth to share innovations and insights in managing municipalities.

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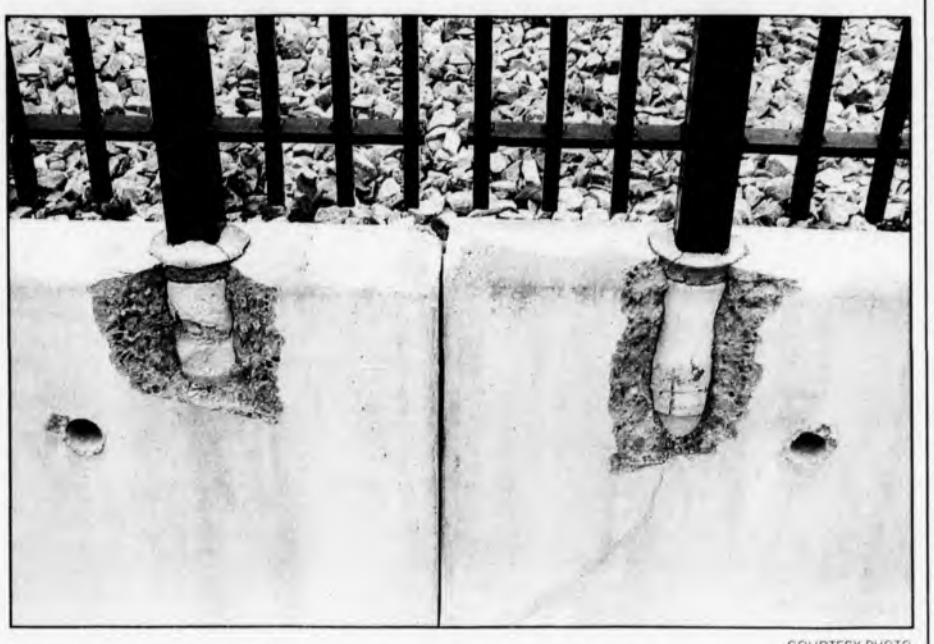
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Cracks in iron fence structure

MAKING TRACKS

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The most severely damaged fence support walls by the James Book Crossing.

Greenbush – Early this past week, we received an email from a shopkeeper at the James Brook Crossing stores. They noticed that the precast concrete structures that support the beautiful iron fence had developed minor, and in some cases, major cracks at the point where the fence posts have been mounted. We inspected the area, took pictures and sent them to the Greenbush project for their review. The project has acknowledged the problem and will be addressing it.

A bit of Greenbush history – This past month we were doing some research for another reason, concerning newspaper articles that were written from 1846 to 1849 when the South Shore Railroad was originally being constructed. The first article we encountered about the railroad project was in the 1846 Quincy weekly newspaper. The article told of a group of prominent South Shore residents who instituted a legal action against the South Shore Railroad. The reason … the residents claimed that steamboats were a much better and more economical way to get from the South Shore to Boston. Does this sound familiar, or what?

Another item we found during our research is that it was only after the railroad was in commercial service, which started in January of 1849, that private property claims against the South Shore Railroad in Cohasset were finally settled. A number of Cohasset residents who had lost property, or had their property split into two parts due to the railroad, could not reach agreement with the South Shore Railroad regarding the extent of the damages they were due. Under railroad law, the County Commissioners convened a quasi-judicial board that ultimately awarded damages to the residents later in 1849.

Little Harbor Project, last, but not least – By now we're sure you realize that construction areas are not a pretty sight. For those who live on the streets under construction, or drive over streets under construction, please drive slowly. Even after the work on these roads appears to be complete, it will be a while until paving will be completed. We have found from experience, whenever roads are dug up, the trenches will still settle, even if the disturbed earth is well compacted. Thus, it is just not prudent to pave immediately after construction even though that's what we'd like as residents. It is always better to let the road settle for a period of time prior to paving. How long will this be, you ask? There is no set answer. It depends on the temperature, rainfall and other factors. However, we do have the commitment of the contractor that they will do their best to keep the roads safe and passable in the interim. If there are any issues in this regard, just call Kevin McRae at the project office, 781-383-2900. As we said in the beginning, please be careful and drive appropriately for the road conditions.

Short Term Project Schedule – At a meeting the week ending Friday, Feb. 1, after last week's deadline for this article, we received an update from the general contractor showing the work they are planning for the next 5 weeks. Please keep in mind, that like all construction work, this schedule is very weather dependent. We thought these data might be helpful information for you.

As we mentioned last week, a meeting was held last Saturday at Town Hall to update residents who live along new areas of construction. The Sewer Commission, the Water Commission and their engineers and field personnel were on hand to make the presentation and to answer questions. The session was very well attended and filled the Town Hall lower meeting room to near capacity. Nearly everyone seemed to feel that the presentation was helpful.

Several of the interesting facts from the presentations and Q&A session were:

- Water work is typically done on any street before sewer work. This is because water lines are replaced in their existing trenches, so digging is easier. The new, upgraded water lines are then more capable of withstanding the shock of removing the inevitable ledge during the construction of the new sewer line trenches.
- The upgrade of the sewer plant, which will create the additional capacity to handle the approximately 450 new homes, is underway at the present time. This work must be completed before the expanded system can be connected and placed into service.
- Many unanticipated underground utilities have been found that were unmarked from the initial survey work. The reason is that some are very old and just predate the current records. For example buried old Western Union lines were found on Jerusalem Road. These are probably reminiscent of the grand old estate days. Also, non-metallic water lines, if not on any of our drawings, cannot accurately be located prior to construction.
- The residential sewer betterment cost will include the cost of the sewer line installation as well as the plant upgrade that will provide the necessary capacity to serve the new connections.
- The sewer plant upgrade is designed to serve only the existing homes and not any newly constructed housing units. This could possibly change after it is demonstrated that there is surplus capacity.
- Why don't Keyspan and other utilities upgrade their services as long as the roads are torn up with water, sewer and drainage? The project has contacted the other utilities, but they have either not responded or appear to have no plans to do the work at this time.

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Short Term Project Schedule

Location	Work to be Done	Week Starting 2/04/08	Week Starting 2/11/08	Week Starting 2/18/08	Week Starting 2/25/08	Week Starting 3/03/08
Deep Run Rust Way	Sewer Services					
Jerusalem Rd. from Deep Run to Atlantic	Sewer Mainline					
Jerusalem Road from Rust Way to Deep Run	Sewer Mainline & Possible Electric Work	Schedule To Be Determined (*Major electric service cables have been found in the street. Coordination is underway with National Grid to determine what needs to be done with these cables.*)				
107 to 109 Nichols Rd.	Sewer Mainline					
Nichols Rd.	Sewer Services					
Atlantic Ave from Sandy Beach to Whitehead	Sewer Mainline					
Whitehead Rd.	Water & Sewer (Ledge Removal)					
Sandy Cove	Sewer Mainline					

Active Work

Sewer Mainline: Installation of the main sewer line in the roadway.
Sewer Services: Installation stub pipe that will go from the main sewer line to the edge of private property.

Spygate revisited and revisited

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Glenn "Pop" Warner was the football coach at the Carlisle Indian School, Jim Thorpe's alma mater, in 1912 when he came up with a brilliant idea.

If he sewed pads the size, shape and color of footballs on the front of his Indians' jerseys then the opponents wouldn't know who was really carry the ball.

He tried it in a game against Syracuse and it worked. Unfortunately, there was a Harvard alumnus in the stands that day and the Crimson was next on the Carlisle schedule.

When the Indians trotted out on the field with brown footballs on their chests, Harvard Coach Percy Haughton then produced the game ball --- painted red. Harvard won, 17-0.

Pop Warner Football, where youngsters learn sportsmanship, is named for the Carlisle coach and Haughton is a revered figure in Ivy League football.

So much for Spygate.

Football coaches have been bending the rules of the game ever since 1895 when John Heisman instructed Tick Tichner of Auburn to tuck the ball under his jersey and run against Vanderbilt. He scored in a 7-7 tie.

Now the Heisman Trophy is awarded annually to the best college player.

Nobody noticed that Georgia had only 10 players in their formation on the first play from scrimmage against Alabama in 1912.

The 11th player, flanker Alonzo Awtrey, was near the sideline, in bounds and onside, wearing white overalls and carrying a water bucket, just like the waterboy.

When the ball was snapped, he dropped the bucket and ran down the field and caught a pass. He was tackled at midfield but Georgia won, 13-9, and Alonzo won a spot in football history.

It's not as much cheating as it is seeking an edge.

Can Red Auerbach be called the Bill Belichick of Basketball when he recommends, as he did in his book, that the home court clock be made as complicated as possible to confuse the visitors?

Is it cheating when a National Hockey League team turns up the heat in its rink a notch to soften the ice when the speedy Montreal Canadiens are coming to town? It's been known to happen.

Not even the National Pastime of baseball is immune.

The home field of the John McGraw's Baltimore Orioles in the 1890s had tilted baselines so that ostensibly foul bunts would suddenly veer into fair territory and speedy Orioles would beat them out.

The Seattle Pilots of the American League in 1980 had their groundskeeper lengthen the batter's box toward the mound when a curveball pitcher was due to hurl for the opposition so hitters could move forward to swing before the ball broke.

The same year pitcher Rick Honeycutt of the Pilots was caught with a thumbtack taped to his finger and sandpaper attached to the tape so he could rough up the ball and make it do tricks on the way to the plate.

And they busted the Patriots for just taking pictures.

HEALTH NOTES

211 is the new information hotline

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Every day, someone somewhere in Massachusetts needs to find essential community services, an after school program, a food bank, or where to secure care for an aging parent. Many face these challenges, but don't always know where to turn for help. Frequently, anxiety changes the simple need for information into an emergency and the call reaches 911. Such calls disrupt the 911 system and cause real emergency response to be delayed. Hence, 211 was born. 211 is an information hotline that provides health and human service information and referral. It will also provide updated information on disasters, post-disaster programs, and volunteering and donation opportunities. It is designed to provide information; not aid.

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Formed by the Council of Massachusetts United Ways, 211 is also used by Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency as the Commonwealth's primary telephone information call center during times of emergency. The easy to remember 211 telephone number is utilized as a resource for human service and public safety/disaster response and planning agencies.

211 offers citizens access to information on:

- Basic human needs: food banks, clothing closets, shelters, rent assistance, utility assistance.
- Physical and mental health: health insurance programs, Medicaid and Medicare, maternal health, Children's Health Insurance Program, medical information lines, crisis intervention services, support groups, counseling, drug and alcohol intervention and rehabilitation.
- Employment supports: financial assistance, job training, transportation assistance, education programs.
- Support for older Americans and people with disabilities: adult day care, congregate meals, Meals on Wheels, respite care, home health care, transportation, homemaker services.
- Support for children, youth and families: childcare, after school programs, Head Start, family resource centers, summer camps and recreation programs, mentoring, tutoring, protective services.
- Volunteer opportunities and donations.
- Vital updated disaster information, numerous post-disaster programs, interpreter services and call tracking of caller locations. Mass 211 will also have the ability to act as the registration site for spontaneous volunteers and donations from the public during an emergency or crisis.

Mass 211 was created in response to the national Federal 211 program by The Council of Massachusetts United Way in partnership with the Alliance of Information & Referral Systems, a professional membership association that brings people and services together.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency is the state agency responsible for coordinating federal, state, local, voluntary and private resources during emergencies and disasters in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. MEMA provides leadership to develop plans for effective response to all hazards, disasters or threats; train emergency personnel to protect the public; provide information to the citizenry; and assist individuals, families, businesses and communities to mitigate or prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies, both natural and man made. For additional information about MEMA, go to www.massgov/mema. Visit the Mass 211 Web site for more information at www.mass211.org.

Remember, 211:

- Is a confidential call.
- Is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Is an easy way to find or give help in your community.
- 211 responds immediately during times of crisis, to field calls regarding the crisis and to direct callers to services most appropriate for their needs.

Remember, 211 is not an emergency line. It is an information line you can use to get answers to your questions. Try it out: give 211 a call.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Artificial turf field

On Cohasset's TV talk show, Our Town, co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin sit down with George McGoldrick and Bill Cavanaro of the newly formed Cohasset Sports Partnership to discuss their efforts to raise funds to build an artificial turf field in Cohasset.

Tune in starting Monday at 9p.m. on channel 10 or catch up on Tuesdays or Thursday at 9p.m.

Tune in Cohasset and stay informed.

Ghost hunters

The Cohasset Town Hall and its suspected paranormal "tenants" have become the talk about town — and beyond. WHDH-Channel 7 and reporter Sorboni Banerjee visited the Cohasset Town Hall Monday to feature the story on their 10 and 11p.m. night newscast. The report can still be viewed on its website, www.whdh.com.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer suggested the interest in the recent ghost hunt conducted by the Enfield Paranormal Society could be an opportunity to have some fun and possibly raise some money for the Town Hall's future renovations.

"Maybe we can bring in Bill Murray and the Ghostbusters," Dormitzer joked.

Cohasset election results

Presidential Preference Republican Party Candidate	Pr1	Pr2	Total
John McCain	317	271	588
Fred Thompson	2	0	2
Tom Tancredo	0	0	0
Duncan Hunter	0	0	0
Mike Huckabee	9	8	17
Mitt Romney	368	259	627
Ron Paul	7	10	17
Rudy Guiliani	0	0	0
No Preference	0	2	2
Write-Ins/Scattering	3	2	5
Blanks	1	1	2
Total	707	553	1260

State Committee Man Republican Party Candidate	Pr1	Pr2	Total
John P. Cafferty	449	355	804
Write-Ins/Scatterings	3	4	7
Blanks	255	194	449
Total	707	553	1260

State Committee Woman Republican Party Candidate	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Paula E. Logan	492	386	878
Write-Ins/Scattering	11	3	14
Blanks	204	164	368
Total	707	553	1260

Presidential Preference Democratic Party Candidate	Pr1	Pr2	Total
John R. Edwards	6	8	14
Hillary Clinton	323	376	699
Joseph R. Biden Jr.	4	2	6
Christopher J. Dodd	1	0	1
Mike Gravel	0	0	0
Barack Obama	409	367	776
Dennis J. Kucinich	0	2	2
Bill Richardson	2	0	2
No Preference	2	3	5
Write-Ins/Scattering	0	2	2
Blanks	2	1	3
Total	749	761	1510

State Committee Man Democratic Party Candidate	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Gregory M. Shanahan	440	467	907
Write-Ins/Scattering	4	0	4
Blanks	305	294	599
Total	749	761	1510

State Committee Woman Democratic Party Candidate	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Karen F. DeTellis	443	456	899
Write-Ins/Scattering	1	1	2
Blanks	305	304	609
Total	749	761	1510

Presidential Preference Green-Rainbow Party Candidate	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Jared Ball	0	0	0
Ralph Nader	0	1	1
Elaine Brown	0	0	0
Kat Swift	0	0	0
Cynthia McKinney	0	1	1
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	0
Write-Ins/Scattering	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0
Total	0	2	2

State Committee Man Green Rainbow Party Candidate	0	0	0

State Committee Woman Green Rainbow Party Candidate	0	0	0

Town Committee Green Rainbow Party Candidate			
Karen Quigley	0	1	1

Working Families Party Presidential Preference Candidate			
No Preference	0	0	0

State Committee Man Working Families Party Candidate	0	0	0

State Committee Woman Working Families Party Candidate	0	0	0

Town Committee Working Families Party Candidate	0	0	0

Town Committee Republican Party Candidate	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Group	243	214	457
Lisa A. Creighton	273	234	507
Terese D'Urso	302	252	554
Daniel S. Evans	348	267	615
David H. Farrag	298	252	550
F. Roy Fitzsimmons	304	279	583
Edythe B. Ford	294	238	532
Thomas A. Fogarty	283	242	525
Martha K. Gjesteby	327	265	592
Juliette D. Guild	345	266	611
Louis S. Harvey	318	273	591
Bruce A. Herzfelder	333	244	577
Stuart Ivimey	296	249	545
Leonora C. Jenkins	327	280	607
Raymond Kasperowicz	317	260	577
Alexander C. Koines	280	231	511
Paula E. Logan	391	299	690
Beth E. Marsden-Gilman	311	240	551
Jean M. Muir	301	256	557
Kevin F. O'Donnell Sr.	300	281	581
Paul M. Ognibene	267	226	493
Nathaniel G. Palmer	307	242	549
Karen M. Quigley	326	264	590
Kenneth J. Roth	278	243	521
Peter Richardsson	273	229	502
Alfred Slanetz	303	239	542
Catherine R. Taylor	265	226	491
Judith P. Volungis	301	251	552
George B. Watts Jr.	312	241	553
Jamie G. Williams	304	251	555
Edward F. Woods	320	256	576
Grace R. Tuckerman	209	259	468
R. Murray Campbell	340	274	614
Write-Ins/Scattering	14	5	19
Blanks	463	11240	11703
Total	10473	19568	30041

Town Committee Democratic Party Candidate	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Group	286	324	610
Agnes McCann	335	388	723
Thomas J. Callahan	355	408	763
Susan Kent	326	364	690
Gail J. Collins	332	376	708
Kevin McCarthy	317	366	683
Edwin H. Tebbetts	357	374	731
Patricia A. Laugelle	341	407	748
Sally L. Sisson	345	378	723
Chartis L. Tebbetts	387	405	792
Peter J. Pescatore	330	359	689
Edwin G. Carr	333	368	701
Judith Chute	320	354	674
Donna J. McGee	348	403	751
Roseanne M. McMorris	370	424	794
David J. McMorris	340	392	732
Margaret R. Charles	357	394	751
Frederick R. Koed	373	441	814
Carol A. Barrett	328	367	695
Ronald Goodwin	390	449	839
Helene A. Lieb	331	357	688
Edward Lappen	347	366	713
Pamela A. Miles	325	353	678
Betsy W. Connolly	344	392	736
Edward J. Connolly	327	386	713
Coleman F. Nee	325	373	698
Write-Ins/Scattering	7	5	12
Blanks	17625	16986	34611
Total	26501	26959	53460



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Susan Playfair, left, and James Ward, right, check out while Elizabeth Schwarzer, center, waits her turn during the presidential primary Tuesday.

Cohasset likes Obama, Romney

FROM ELECTION, PAGE 1

down to the Town Hall and by the time the polls closed at 8p.m. the number had nearly doubled to 2772 voters. Town Clerk Marion Douglas said around dinner time (6p.m.) began the biggest surge of voters, but there was a steady stream all day.

While last week Douglas predicted a 40 percent turnout, she was pleasantly surprised to see more voters at the polls, "I was so happy we got more, that was great."

On the Democratic side, the Illinois Senator Obama garnered 776 votes, while Clinton received 699 votes town-wide. While Clinton ultimately lost in the townwide vote with the tallies broken down by precinct a majority of Precinct 2 voted Clinton.

Romney and McCain had a very close vote, closer than the democrats. Romney received 627 votes, with McCain at 588 — just 39 votes behind. But, like on the Democratic side, when the tallies are looked at by precinct there is a change. Precinct 2 preferred McCain to Romney.

"We're very happy Romney won in Massachusetts as he should have being the former governor," said Kevin O'Donnell, Chairman of the Republican Town Committee. He also wryly noted Romney won more decisively in his home state of Massachusetts than McCain did in his home state (Arizona).

O'Donnell set up his car with Romney signs, but did not stand out in the rain, "as Republicans we're too smart to stand out in the rain," he joked. Obama supporters were energized on Highland Avenue so O'Donnell was not surprised the Illinois senator won in Cohasset.

Neither was Joe Stanganelli, one of the main organizers for the Obama campaign in Cohasset, "we were as grassroots as you can get."

Through e-mails, networking, signs and sticker, Stanganelli and other volunteers got out the word on Obama in the weeks and months prior to the primary vote.

Although Stanganelli was not personal friends with Obama, he attended Harvard Law School at the same time so he got to see the young to-be-Senator at close range, "I know what an opportunity he is for this country," explaining Obama's combination of intelligence, integrity and charisma is what is needed in the White House.

Cohasset and Duxbury were the only towns on the South Shore to vote Obama. In Duxbury, Obama and Clinton was statistical tie, Obama narrowly edging the former first lady by a mere four votes.

With the democratic nomination at a near draw, Stanganelli doesn't know who will ultimately get the nomination, but does say "momentum is definitely in our direction."

Following the election Tuesday, he's come up with a new slogan for the Obama campaign, "As Cohasset goes, so goes the nation."

Two voters requested Green Rainbow ballots, with one voting for Ralph Nader and the other Cynthia McKinney. With no candidates on the Working Families Party ballots, no one requested that party's ballot.

Cohasset has nearly equal registered Democrats and Republicans. Of Cohasset's 5,193 registered voters, 1,180 are registered Democrats, 1,197 are registered republicans, three are green-rainbow, one is working family and 2,804 are unenrolled. Voters registered to the libertarian or reform parties were not eligible to vote in the primary election (Cohasset has one voter register in each of those parties).

Many local and national political analysts were surprised with Clinton's fairly comfortable victory over Obama in Massachusetts. With more than half of the state precincts reporting, Clinton held a 58-40 percent lead over Obama. Clinton was declared the winner in Massachusetts around 9:20 p.m.

Mitt Romney was declared the winner of the Republican primary in Massachusetts soon after the polls closed at 8 p.m. With 50 percent of the precincts reporting at 10 p.m., Romney held a 51-41 percent edge over McCain.

Sen. John McCain swept a series of delegate-rich primaries along the East Coast Tuesday night, seemingly taking command in the race for the Republican presidential nomination. McCain won primaries in Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Illinois while Romney won in Massachusetts, Utah, Colorado, Minnesota, Montana, and North Dakota. Mike Huckabee is still in the race after winning five Southern states on Tuesday.

In the hotly contested coast-to-coast struggle for the Democratic nomination, Obama and Clinton are still neck and neck in the race for delegates. After the "Super Tuesday" primaries Clinton holds a slight lead over Obama in the delegate count.

Fax news of your event to 781-741-2931

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COMMENTARY

LEE JENKINS

This is in response to the statements of the school committee letter last week (Feb. 1).

"All of the actions and performance we have witnessed from Dr. Walsh in the past four years have been of a very professional nature. We know some would have you believe that we have been an unquestioning passive board supporting Dr. Walsh. She and her staff have put our financial house in order."

After the debacle of the last superintendent, Ed Malvey, the Cohasset School Budget Investigation Committee was convened and presented their findings to the April 2, 2005, town meeting.

This town appointed committee discovered the following systemic problems within the School Committee: insufficient upfront information, incompatible financial reporting systems, acceptance of overrides, poor monitoring, weak communication and insufficient oversight over the school superintendent and school administration.

This committee believed Cohasset had an opportunity to heal the apparent divisiveness and bitterness in the town with the new school superintendent, new town manager and the town finance director.

Also at this same 2005 town meeting, through citizen's petitions two bylaws were passed that required the monthly reporting by the schools and the town of all spending and funds with the reports to be available at the public library for easy access.

In her first "bare bones, transparent, needs based, built from the bottom up" budget for FY '06, Dr. Walsh included a $10,000 raise for herself unbeknownst to the school committee. She acted directly against the request to refrain from school administrative raises for Fiscal 2006 as the town employees did for Fiscal 2005.

At the end of her first year in the summer of 2005, the school came to the Advisory Board with a request for $222,083 for unpaid bills, before the school "discovered" a surplus of $190,652. When caught in this obvious ploy, the superintendent only returned $109,000 to the town claiming the rest, according to state law, was to go into prepaying SPED.

At a concerned taxpayer forum held in April 2005, Dr. Walsh promised that the long awaited networking of the school financial files with the town computer systems would be completed by July 1, 2005. To date the school committee has not seen this implemented.

On July 13, 2006, of her second year School Business Manager, Dave DeGennaro, was "unable" to disclose the surplus available at the close of Fiscal 2006, as he and school chair Adrienne MacCarthy were requesting $109,000 of town reserve funds from the Advisory Committee. A few days later the school surplus was calculated at $432,603. For most of this period, Dr. Walsh had two business managers on the payroll: a full time manager employed in mid Aug. 2005, and her former associate, who was receiving money as a part time manager through Feb. 2006.

Through negative and ruthless override campaigns, the divisiveness and bitterness has not abated in the community

In the ensuing years, rather than attempting to correct any systemic problems and follow any recommendations of the Budget Investigation Committee, it appears that the majority of the School Committee has just done business as usual. Through negative and ruthless override campaigns, the divisiveness and bitterness has not abated in the community. In fact, due to the misinformation disseminated regarding the need for huge overrides, the distrust has been increasing with the disclosures of huge surpluses after failed overrides.

With the onset of deliberate confusing budgets, Dr. Walsh being fined by the state for violating Campaign Finance Laws and the School Committee discussing ways to punish the parents following failed overrides, the parents and taxpayers have been left bewildered and outraged.

To reward Dr. Walsh, the school committee rewrote her perpetual contract after the first three years, granting her a 23 percent raise over the next three years, increasing her vacation to six weeks plus increasing her sick time to an average of six weeks per year

Continuing the fiscal mismanagement, last fall the DOR demanded that $260,000 be removed from the school budget and returned to the town because it was determined that the school was illegally building their own cash reserve account by overtaxing the residents. This money was in the Circuit Breaker account used for SPED.

The town currently does not know the cost of taking the Lewis child to court to keep him in a SPED program against his parents' wishes.

Regarding "the creation of a memorandum of understanding between the two departments that would govern and the delineate each other's role when dealing with school related incidents," as parents it is important to read the entire memorandum, especially the definition of "reportable acts." This memorandum of understanding addresses "the reporting by school officials of reportable acts which they determine rise to the level of requiring police involvement." The key words, "which they determine," allows parents to be left in the dark.

In answer to Mr. Fusco's diatribe against parents regarding the CORI checks. Part of the "very flawed system" is the contract that the Cohasset School Committee negotiated with the teachers that limits the CORI checks that can be conducted on the employees.

"District will not conduct CORI check for individual employees more than once every three years without cause. Only those who are CORI certified, shall have access. Retain one copy only in Superintendent's office in a locked file cabinet separate from personnel file. Employee shall be notified when CORI report has been requested and shall receive copy of report upon request."

Unless parents do their duty by understanding the facts and standing up for their rights and those of their children, it is has been clearly demonstrated that your elected officials aren't going to either.

Leonora (Lee) Jenkins lives at 198 Jerusalem Road

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM LETTERS, PAGE 10

Vehicle fuel revolution

TO THE EDITOR:

The public (or the media which moulds our thinking) has taken little notice of ultracapacitor development, which promises to greatly accelerate the demise of petroleum as the primary fuel for vehicles, and rapidly expand the use of utility-generated electricity for vehicle propulsion. Currently, ultracapacitors are being used only in a few demonstration/test hybrid vehicles to supplement their lithium ion batteries, and in some experimental hydrogen fueled vehicles.

Batteries store and release electrical energy by storing or releasing ions (electrically charged atoms or groups of atoms) by a chemical process. Capacitors store and release ions electrostatically, a process which is must faster but usually provides much less quantity of energy. Ultracapacitors have some physical characteristics similar to batteries, and can store energy in quantities comparable to batteries. Having no constantly reversing chemical process, they last much longer than batteries and do not suffer the gradual degradation of output and of storage capacity that is characteristic of batteries. They can release and store energy much faster than can batteries, so they overcome the rather unexciting throttle response of hybrid vehicles, can recover far more of regenerated energy from braking, and can be recharged very rapidly (an advantage if the refueling station in home or service station is equipped with ultracapacitor energy storage). Currently, they are expensive and are larger than batteries, so development to counter these deficiencies is critical, and is receiving much attention.

Electricity is generated far more economically and environmentally friendly in large central stations than with small on-board engines, so plug-in vehicles are the wave of the future, with hybrids probably only an interim step to full electric. Unfortunately, the limitation on reducing our pollution from petroleum and other fossil fuels, and our bondage to foreign oil, may not be the speed with which we can introduce electric or hybrid electric vehicles, but the pace with which we can expand the nation's electric generating capacity. That pace is hampered by many factors, including false hopes for conservation, other public misconceptions, poor leadership, and the counter-productive deregulation of electric utilities. Will we limp along behind other, more pragmatic, countries, or will we regain our leadership?

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Frightening experience

TO THE EDITOR:

The following letter was addressed to the Board of Selectmen.

On Dec. 29, 2007, going southbound I drove my car onto the railroad tracks at the crossing on North Main Street. It was a very frightening experience. My wife and I exited the vehicle immediately and I called 911. I was concerned that a train would collide with my vehicle. After my 911 call a police officer, whose name I did not get, was on the scene almost instantly, followed by Lt. Quigley and the Fire Department headed by Captain Bilodeau and firemen Herman, Forde and Durette. The MBTA was notified and the train was stopped. The responding men took over and I cannot tell you how impressed I was by their efficiency and also their kindness and concern. They repeatedly asked my wife and I if we were all right, if we needed help of any sort and reassured us that we weren't the first to make this mistake.

I would like to tell you why I ended up on the tracks. It was about 4:30 p.m., just getting dark, and we drove into an impenetrable fog bank. I am familiar with the crossing but because of almost zero visibility when I entered the crossing the only thing I saw was an unmarked telephone pole almost directly in front of me. I had to make a split-second decision to turn either to the left or to the right. I was afraid that if I turned to the left I might be turning into oncoming traffic and instead I turned to the right and ended up straddling the tracks.

I would again like to express my thanks to all of the responding personnel. They are a credit to their profession and a credit to the Town of Cohasset. You should be very proud of them.

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Two towns affected by tragedy

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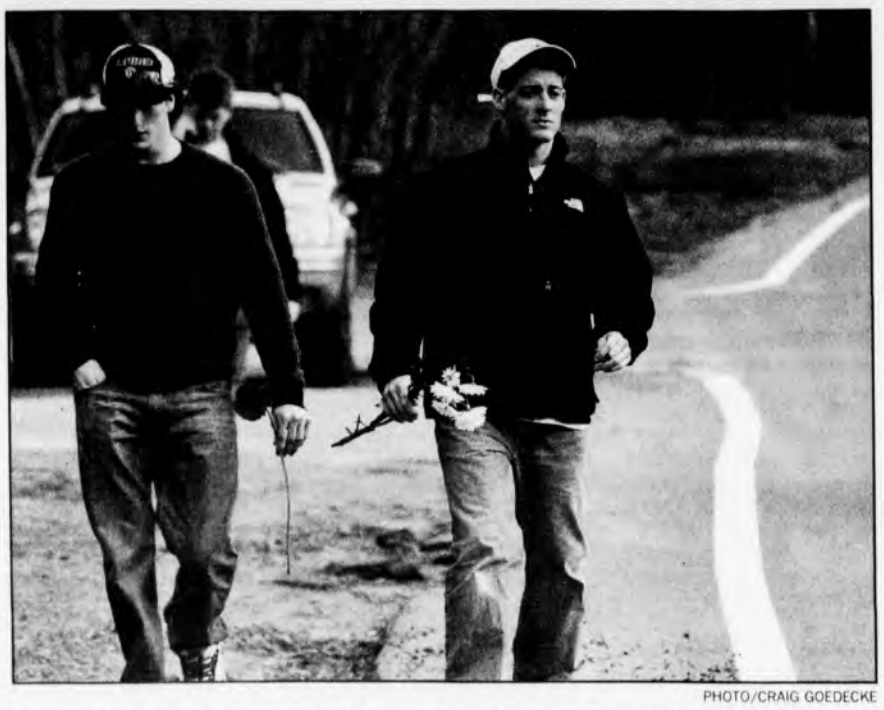
He did say there was extensive damage to the cabin of the truck. "The roof caved into the cabin," he said.

"The accident reconstruction team will provide us with an idea of what took place, estimate the speed, and determine if the truck rolled over more than once," Hussey said.

When police arrived the two teenagers were trapped inside. The Jaws of Life was used to extricate Barrow. Mahoney was pronounced dead at the scene.

"Everybody is devastated by the accident."

— Selectman Fred Koed



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Scituate High School classmates Rob Dongara (left), Mike Tierney (right), and Roly Barrie (background) head to the accident scene along Route 3A between Mendel Road and Pond Street on Saturday afternoon to place flowers for Timothy Mahoney, 16.

Mutual aid from the Scituate and Hingham police and Scituate and Hull fire departments assisted. Route 3A was shut down for several hours.

Hussey said there is nothing worse than a death involving young people.

"It is difficult for family and friends and for public safety personnel – it is difficult on everyone," he said.

The Board of Selectmen extended condolences to the family and friends of Tim Mahoney at its Monday night meeting. Koed grew up with Captain Mahoney, "everybody is devastated by the accident."

"I feel it's one of the most difficult things to be a police or firefighter and come upon a scene like that," said Koed.

Chris Barrow, remains in serious condition at Brigham and Women Hospital in Boston. A senior at Scituate High, Barrow suffered from two collapsed lungs and a snapped spinal cord. An operation stabilized his spinal cord Sunday, but that was all the doctors could do, said Jim Lagrotteria of Cohasset, Barrow's step-grandfather.

Scituate High baseball coach Kevin Greer said Barrow is "a great athlete" who had recently joined the team's off-season workouts in preparation for the upcoming spring season.

"He's the kind of kid people want to be around," said Greer, adding many of Barrow's friends hope to get up to visit him in the hospital. "we're saying our prayers and we hope he'll be at our practices this spring."

Although the police have not received the blood alcohol tests from the night of the accident, Lagrotteria said alcohol was not a factor.

"There is no OUI, his blood alcohol level was within the limits. I'd like people to know that," said Lagrotteria. He said speeding on a rainy, foggy night contributed to the tragic accident.

"Two families are ruined," said Lagrotteria, one having lost their son and the other having to live with the memory of the accident, "it is a tough time for both families."

Barrow faces charges

Cohasset police have issued criminal citations to Chris Barrow and a court date will be set.

Police have issued citations to Barrow for motor vehicle homicide by negligent operation and operating under the influence (alcohol); speeding; negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and other charges.

According to David Traub, spokesman for the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office, a court date will be scheduled for Barrow depending on his recovery and medical condition.

Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey said the accident investigation is continuing and police are looking to gather further evidence.

There was evidence of alcohol at the scene — a bottle of Kahlua. Cohasset police have not received results of blood tests to see if the teenagers had been drinking.

Barrow and/or his counsel can seek a hearing before a clerk magistrate to contest the citations or simply allow them to issue as charges and be put on for arraignment, Traub said.

If the defendant does not contest the citations and requests a hearing within about two weeks, the citations become charges and forwarded to the DA's office for arraignment.

If convicted, motor vehicle homicide OUI with negligence carries a statutory maximum penalty of 15 years in state prison, Traub said.

Barrow is also facing misdemeanor criminal citations of being a minor in possession of alcohol and minor transporting alcohol.

Motor vehicle citations also include marked lanes violation and failure to wear a seatbelt.

Traub explained that the District Attorney's office is called to almost all fatal motor vehicle crashes where there is a potential defendant.

Enthusiasm abounds for South Shore Greenway

By Nancy White
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The South Shore could have its own "emerald necklace" before too long. Enthusiastic support has been met with an idea to create walking and bike paths throughout five local towns including Cohasset. The pathways would connect conservation land and highlight points of interest in each town.

Judeth Van Hamm, president of Sustainable South Shore, and Steve Bobo, Board of Health member, came before the Selectmen to request the town's support of the project as it gets off the ground. The Selectmen gave the South Shore Greenway the encouragement and support they desired.

"I consider (this project) a windfall for the South Shore towns," said Bobo. The towns of Hull, Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate and Norwell are involved in the project. Right now, students at the Conway School of Landscape Design are drafting a master plan for connected greenways in all five towns.

While in some respects each town has been working on efforts in isolation, this project brings the towns together toward a common goal — and could possibly make for a more appealing grant application down the line. The combination of pedestrian access to the train stations and collaboration between several towns will make a compelling case, said Van Hamm.

"I see it as a major resource for residents and an economic boon for commercial interests," said Van Hamm, "I believe it will help every commercial node in our towns."

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— Judeth Van Hamm, president of Sustainable South Shore

Cohasset's recent efforts have included completion of the Forest Avenue sidewalk and a bike path connection to Wompatuck State Park beginning across from the train station. The rest of Cohasset's greenway is already complete or in the works.

According to Bobo, it begins at the bike path to Wompatuck State Park across from the train station then will connect with the to-be-built sidewalk on Route 3A and King Street then pedestrians could have the option to continue to the waterfront and Hull via Forest Avenue or down North Main Street to the Village. Sidewalk connection then can take pedestrians or bike riders to the harbor or down South Main Street to the Cohasset/Scituate town line.

The town of Scituate is looking for funding to build a sidewalk on Country Way from the North Scituate train station to the Cohasset/Scituate town line.

"It will connect Cohasset residents to another train station," said Bobo and connect Cohasset to North Scituate center and then other Scituate areas.

Van Hamm, who lives in Hull, tried for federal grant funds for a similar project in her hometown in 2005 and 2007, but was not awarded the funding either time. She began to think broader and was able to get a team of students at the Conway School to take on the South Shore Greenway master plan as a research project.

"The landscape architects are not just connecting bike paths, it's connecting open space and greenspaces on the South Shore," said Van Hamm. Last week, dozens of residents from all towns met in Norwell to discuss the greenway.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm for this project," said Bobo.

Van Hamm and Bobo requested $400 from the town to contribute to the growing fund to pay for the landscape architects. Cohasset Cycle Sports has contributed $100 already. With a draft plan in place, the hope is all five towns could apply for a funding grant to make the greenway accessible to residents with maps and signage.

"I think it's a great idea," said Selectman Fred Koed and the Board supported his sentiment unanimously.

The students from the Conway School of Landscape Design will present a draft plan at a meeting Monday, March 3 at Cohasset Town Hall.

LIBRARY

Cohasset Reads Together – Come celebrate the beginning of the town-wide reading initiative, Cohasset Reads Together, with a kick-off party from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, **Feb. 10**, in the meeting room. The Paul Pratt Memorial Library has chosen two books this year, "Walden," by Henry David Thoreau and "A Walk in the Woods," by Bill Bryson. Library staff members will be on hand to answer questions about this eight-week event. There will be plenty of informational flyers and calendars of events to take home. Be sure to sign up for exciting events for children and adults, as seating is limited. The first five people will receive a free copy of each of the books. For more information on Cohasset Reads Together, call the library at 781-383-1348.

A Visit with Henry David Thoreau – As part of the Cohasset Reads Together reading initiative, Thoreau impersonator Richard Smith will deliver, in character the essay, "Walking," which was one of Thoreau's most popular lectures at Lyceums throughout the 1850's, at 11 a.m., Wednesday, **Feb. 13**, in the meeting room. After the reading, Mr. Thoreau will answer questions. Step back in time to 1855. All are welcome to this free event.

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Capital investment

Special stabilization fund proposed for Town Meeting

By Nancy White
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The Capital Budget Committee wants to move from a short-term planning strategy to a more long-term philosophy toward capital purchases. To that end, the creation of a capital stabilization fund is on the table for the upcoming spring Town Meeting.

A capital stabilization fund is a separate fund dedicated to capital improvement, projects and equipment for all town departments.

Steve Gaumer, chairman of the Capital Budget Committee, took questions and received positive feedback from the Advisory Committee Tuesday night on the committee's proposed fund. Some members of the Advisory Committee have been advocating for a fund for capital investments for a while, said Vice Chairman Pat Waters, and were happy to see the stabilization fund come forward.

In recent history, the town has relied on free cash for maintenance and capital purchases, instead of including the costs in the department's operational budgets. Available funds from free cash changes from year to year making it difficult for the town to plan ahead for capital projects.

"When we don't maintain our assets adequately, it ends up being more costly in the long run."

— Steve Gaumer, chairman of the Capital Budget Committee

The CBC's role is to advise Town Meeting, Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee on issues relating to the capital budget. The CBC is still in preliminary talks with town boards and employees, but is looking to reach a consensus on how to adequately and appropriately support the stabilization fund financially, if Town Meeting approves its creation.

Ideally, the stabilization fund would be used for smaller capital investments and maintenance like DPW equipment, ambulances, painting or roofing.

"We've been paying cash the past few years but there is not a dedicated fund," said Gaumer in a phone interview "we shouldn't rack up a credit card bill to buy a police car,"

Much of the discussion centered on the possibilities of funding the stabilization fund the CBC has explored so far. One of the key concerns is ensuring whatever funding route is pursued will survive well into the future when the same people may not be involved.

While the CBC floated a $500,000 override in early September to the Selectmen, Gaumer said an override might not be the best route in the long run

"An override made sense in practicality, but (in later years) it is subject to political whims," said Gaumer. Once an override, a permanent increase in the tax levy, is approved by Town Meeting and by a ballot vote each subsequent year an article allocating the funds to the stabilization fund must be approved by a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting. In a year when finances are tight, the money could be spent elsewhere in the budget and its original purpose lost.

Another possibility is to mandate a percent of the budget to capital needs by placing it in the stabilization fund. But, Town Counsel has advised against this proposal because it binds the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager and Town Meeting to an annual budget allocation, said Gaumer. In devoting a part of the operational budget to the stabilization fund, the funding pool for other town departments and services could be decreased.

The last option and what may prove to be the most workable, said Gaumer, is as the town pays down pieces of its excluded and non-excluded debt, that percentage can be dedicated to the stabilization fund. Starting in fiscal 2010, there will be a reduction in debt service that could be devoted to capital stabilization fund.

"Our overall concern is we have a capital base right now that we don't support," said Gaumer by phone. An inventory of town capital items, not including bridges or water and sewer infrastructure, estimates the town's capital is worth about $96 million. Each year, only a few hundred thousand dollars is spent in free cash to maintain the town's assets, said Gaumer.

"When we don't maintain our assets adequately, it ends up being more costly in the long run," said Gaumer.

The discussion on the capital stabilization fund will continue in the coming weeks within the CBC and with other town boards, including the Selectmen.

Cohasset Democrats to hold annual caucus

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will hold their annual caucus at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 9, in the Paul Pratt Public Library at 35 Ripley Road to elect five delegates and two alternates to the 2008 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Two female and two male delegates, and one male or female delegate will be elected.

The State Convention will be held Friday, June 7, at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell. At that time, Democrats from across the state will gather to endorse candidates for the office of U.S. Senator. The names of those candidates who receive 15 percent of the state convention vote will be placed on the Democratic Primary ballot Sept. 16.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus. All ballots will be written and secret. Those not elected as delegate and/or alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates in the category of youth, minority, or disabled.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Cohasset.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 56 Roland St., Suite 203, Boston, MA 02129, no later than ten days after the caucus date. For caucus information, contact chair, Agnes McCann, at 617-686-4866.

Four articles recommended for warrant

By Nancy White
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The Board of Selectmen recommended four articles for submission and approval on the Town Meeting warrant Monday night. Town Manager Bill Griffin presented background information on three articles, followed by Sewer Commission chairman Sean Cunning on one article.

Griffin was happy to report there were no unpaid bills from previous fiscal years therefore the standard article required no action from the Selectmen or Town Meeting. The Selectmen recommended indefinite postponement of the article.

Another warrant article proposes the creation of a post-retirement health insurance stabilization fund. This fund follows on the heels of two other stabilization funds created in the past few years for pensions and sewer betterments.

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"As we can yearly put money in the fund, we will," said Griffin, adding there may be money left over in this year's budget from health insurance and he would advise for that amount to be placed in the to-be-created post-retirement health insurance stabilization fund. Griffin said he would come back to the Selectmen once he knew that amount, a transfer of funds into the stabilization fund requires a two-thirds vote by Town Meeting.

The Board supported the creation of the stabilization fund in a 4-0 vote (Vice Chairman Ted Carr was absent).

In addition, Cohasset's memorandum of agreement to the South Shore Recycling Co-operative (comprised of 15 area towns) is coming to an end this year. A Town Meeting article seeks to renew Cohasset's membership for another five years.

Griffin said the co-operative could wield some power in upcoming contract negotiations with the contractor who removes the trash from the transfer station. It costs the town $4,000 each year to belong. The Selectmen recommended approval of the article.

Lastly, the Sewer Commission is looking to reclaim some of its sewer capacity by buying back betterments from residents. Town Meeting must give the Sewer Commission the authority to do so on a parcel-by-parcel basis, said Cunning.

While sewer capacity hasn't been such an issue in the past, "now that we are bumping up to our limits (of sewer capacity), we have plenty of people to take it," said Cunning. The Selectmen recommended approval of the article 4-0.

Still time to file for real estate tax exemptions

Cohasset Board of Assessors Office is currently accepting applications for fiscal 2008 real estate tax exemptions. The qualification date is July 1, 2007. Applicants who have filed tax exemption forms since July 1, 2007, are not required to file again. The deadline for filing is March 31, 2008.. The following exemptions are available:

Persons Over 70 Years of Age – $2,000 off. Clause 41C – if annual income is less that $18,000 (single person) or $23,000 (married couple), and the value of assets, excluding one's home, is less than $33,000 (single person) or $35,000 (married couple) and must own and occupy for previous 10 years.

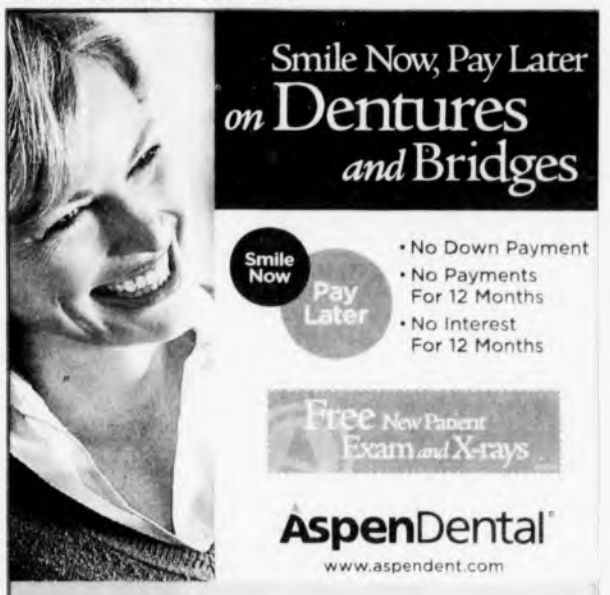
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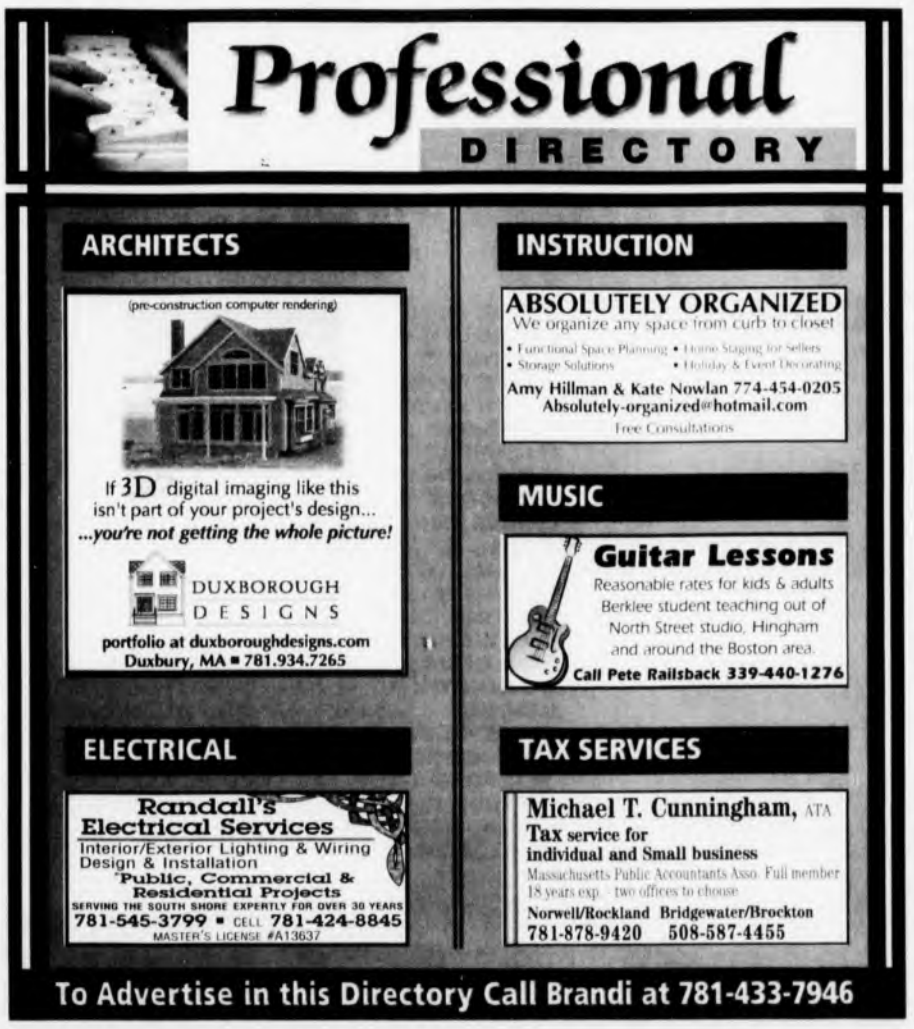
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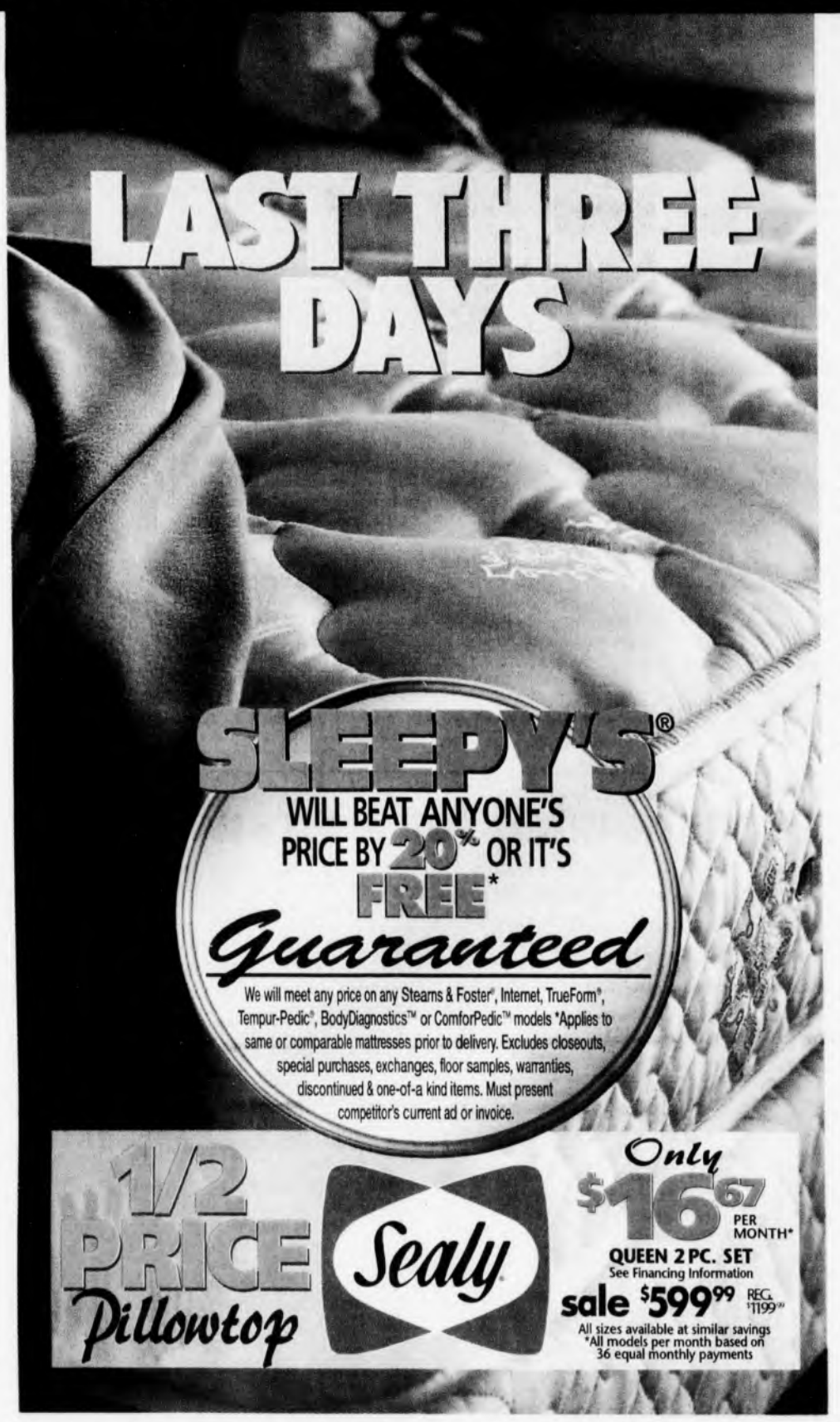
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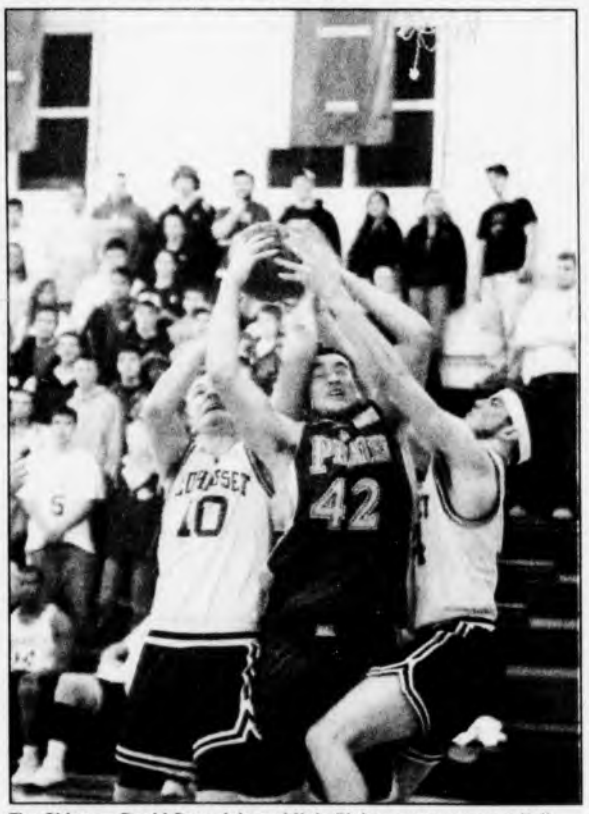
Cohasset High School sophomore and cheerleader Tina D'Antonio was all smiles while cheering for her team during the Winter Carnival held Friday evening. Kids enjoyed face painting, a moonwalk and a rock band.



Ten-year-old Taylor Frederick of Cohasset shows off her New England Patriots colors by face painter and Cohasset High School captain Meg Anderson.

The First Annual Cohasset High School Winter Carnival!

Photos by Craig Goedecke



The Skippers David Snowdale and Kyle Pinkus converge on a Hull player during their game Friday.



Seven-year-old Jack Mahoney of Cohasset shows some true Cohasset High School spirit Friday evening during its Winter Carnival.

League champs

Skippers take SSL title for first time in 20 years

It's been an amazing run so far for the Cohasset High girls basketball team. Winners of 12 straight, the girls defeated Hull, 48-32, Friday and Norwell, 43-35, Tuesday to wrap up sole possession of the South Shore League title.

Cohasset is 14-2 overall and 12-1 in league play.

Sammi Lehr led the way with 17 points and 11 rebounds against the Clippers. Meredith Kelly added nine points and four steals, and Carli Haggerty chipped in with seven points and four rebounds.

Sammi Lehr led all scorers Friday with 15 points.

Cohasset will host Mashpee tonight (Friday, Feb. 8) at 5:30 p.m.

Skippers in must win situation

Recent skid puts boys behind eight ball

Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

Falling to a 6-10 record, the Cohasset High boys basketball team's struggles continued against league opponents Hull and Norwell. Both games had great meaning to Cohasset, a team vying for a spot in the state tournament. The Skippers were unable to step up and took a hard loss to the Pirates, 53-48, Friday, and another defeat at the hands of the Clippers, 58-41, Tuesday.

"Our backs are up against the wall. It's our challenge to put forth a good effort in these next four games."
Cohasset coach Dorian Bryant

For the First Annual Winter Carnival held at the gymnasium the Skippers decided to go retro and wear their 90s throwback uniforms with the shorts pulled up high against league rival Hull. Unfortunately the charisma shown as the team came out with its retro uniforms did not translate to the floor.

Cohasset struggled in the first quarter settling for mostly outside shots, unable to work the ball inside.

"The big guys need to just post up harder and that's something we'll work on," Cohasset coach Dorian Bryant said.

Bryant also mentioned the tight defensive game plan Hull drew up to make it hard for Cohasset to get the ball to the big men.

After falling behind early, junior Marcus Charles nailed a big three at the end of the first quarter to bring the Skippers within eight points and not let the game get out of reach. Subsequently, the Skippers played much-improved ball in the second quarter and were only trailing 28-25 at halftime. This was mostly thanks to senior captain Pat McCarthy's three three-pointers and 12 points in the half. He finished the game with 21 points.

The Skippers great play continued in the second half as they went on an 11-3 run to start the third quarter giving themselves a 36-31 lead. Heading into the fourth quarter Cohasset led by a mere basket and this lead would not hold. Hull scored seven straight points to start the final quarter and had all of the momentum going its way.

Charles hit another three-pointer, finishing with 11 points, which was then followed by fellow junior Danny Martin's layup. That tied the game back up with just over five minutes left, but the next five minutes were something Cohasset would have liked to get back.

The Skippers quickly fell back down by four; and despite continuously fighting back, they were unable to overcome the deficit.

"Unforced turnovers killed us tonight" Bryant said about those last five minutes where it was still any team's game.

Cohasset's mid-season struggles continued against Norwell as the Skippers were outplayed. Norwell led 27-18 at halftime and Cohasset's offense was having trouble making shots. Martin led all Skippers at the half with nine points, including a slam dunk off his own steal. He finished the game with a team high 11 points.

Cohasset displayed signs of life in the third quarter as it came out strong and cut the lead to five points.

Norwell responded with seven unanswered points and continued to score at will.

The fourth quarter saw no mercy for these Skippers as Norwell's lead made it up to 20 points and Cohasset's offense just could not find a way to score.

"Turnovers and bad shot selection negated anything we did well and that was a killer," Bryant said.

Bryant described the game as a "combination of Norwell playing really well and us just not executing." He added that it simply meant going through everything again in practice and that practice was the only way to overcome their problems.

With only four games remaining, Cohasset must win all four games to earn a spot in the state tournament.

"Our backs are up against the wall," Bryant said. "It's our challenge to put forth a good effort in these next four games."

Wrestlers ready for sectionals

Boys come in second in May Shore League; prep for Saturday

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High wrestling team fell short of winning back-to-back May Shore League titles with a, 42-31, loss to Tri-County Vocational, Tuesday.

Both teams spilt seven-to-seven, but Tri County had seven pins to Cohasset's three. Cohasset finished the regular season with a 9-19 overall record and a 5-1 mark in the MSL.

The Skippers won six of their first seven matches starting at 140, but only managed one win over the next seven matches.

Jack Murphy (119), Andrew Littauer (140), David Toomey (145), Nick Secatore (160), Mike Froio (171), Thomas Flibotte (189) and Steven Hurlbut all won. Froio, Flibotte and Hurlbut all pinned.

"I knew early we didn't get the pins so we were going to need an upset along the way," said Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney. "They (Tri-County) are really good in the lower weight classes."

Despite Cohasset's under par overall record, which is a product of an amped up schedule, Sweeney is pleased with the effort from his team. Although after Tuesday's match, the coach was understandably upset.

"For our age we are making strides," Sweeney said. "The kids didn't get down after (Tri-County) they stayed upbeat, maybe better than me. They had a good perspective on it."

Cohasset's ability to show up on the mat everyday and work hard is one reason the boys can take the most from tough losses.

"They never stopped working," Sweeney said. "They come ready to work, its been great."

Cohasset has lost seven matches this year by one bout. Those should turn into wins as the Skippers mature next year.

Saturday, Cohasset High School will play host to the Division 3 South Sectionals for the second straight season. The top four teams qualify for the state tournament and the top four individuals at each weight class qualify for the state's as well.

Rockland, Pembroke and Hingham are all favorites in the tournament, but the fourth spot is open to just about any team.

"Hopefully we get a good effort," Sweeney said. "I want to get at least half a dozen kids in the state tourney."

Last year Hurlbut and Toomey finished third and fourth, both qualifying. As far as the home mat advantage, it's something that can't hurt the Skippers.

"It helps to be in your own gym," Sweeney said. "The kids enjoy it. The kids can rest up if they have long breaks."

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At the center of the Hingham girls hockey team's first line, junior Stephanie Invernizzi has played a huge role in the Harborwomen's 13-0-3 season. One of the best playmakers on the squad, Invernizzi has already tallied 35 points this winter on nine goals, 26 assists. Her numbers place her among the top 20 point-getters in Eastern Mass.

Coastal Nissan has donated $500 to the Hingham High School Athletic Fund in Stephanie Invernizzi's name.

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Stephanie Invernizzi
Hingham High School

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Waves wash over competition

19 local swimmers qualify for New England 13-and-over championships

Nineteen members of the Weymouth Waves swim team have qualified for the New England 13-and-over age group championships that will be hosted by Harvard University beginning this Thursday, Feb. 7, and concluding Sunday, Feb. 10.

The Waves, under head coach Mike Riley, swim out of the Weymouth Club (health and fitness facility).

Actually, for the coaching staff and swimmers, it is the first of two very busy weekends as the following weekend (Feb. 15-17), 91 Waves will be competing at the Regional meet, which will be conducted at Salem State College.

However, first things first, and that is this weekend's Championship at Harvard.

Heading the list of the 19 swimmers are 15-year-old Caitlin Cronin (Kingston), 14-year-old Peter McDonald (Norwell) and 14-year-old Milou Lammers (Hingham), each of whom has qualified in seven events.

Not far behind is Weymouth's Samantha Sliwinski (Weymouth), who will swim in six events.

Samantha's older brother, Ian, will compete in five events. The Sliwinskis are two of five swimmers from Weymouth who will be at Harvard. The others are Kevin Boddie, who will swim in three events, and Al Auclair and Kyle Ripley, who are entered in one event each.

The other swimmers, who have qualified for this weekend's age group championships, by town are: 14-year-old Olivia Dilorati (Braintree), four events; 17-year-old Rose Buckley (Brockton), two events; 14-year-old Christopher LeDonne (Canton), two events; 13-year-old Hope Kissick (**Cohasset**), four events; 14-year-old Vincent Kennedy, (**Cohasset**) one event; and 17-year-old Jonny Drybanski (**Cohasset**), one event; 14-year-old Katie Kenney (Dedham), four events; 14-year-old Spencer Bogle (Hingham); 16-year-old Rachel Redfearn (Marshfield), one event; 15-year-old Clarissa Palmer (Randolph), two events; and 17-year-old Brian McGuiness (**Scituate**), five events.

91 Waves will be competing at the Regional meet, which will be conducted at Salem State College.

"Four years ago, we had two swimmers qualify for these championships, and this year we have over 90 (the age group as well as the Regional meet)," said Riley, who took over the Waves program four years ago. "This is a testament to the hard work the swimmers have done. We started swimming back Sept. 11th, and it has taken a strong commitment on the part of the swimmers to reach this point.

"It is also a tribute to the hard work put in by the coaches," Riley said. "Our coaches have worked very hard with their swimmers and it shows."

In addition to Riley, the other members of the Waves staff includes Chelsea Brace, who is the head coach of the age group swimmers, and Meg Folcarelli and Nikki Burnham, both of whom coach the 10-and-unders.

Introducing the Norwell/Cohasset gymnastics team

Although the season is drawing to a close for the Cohasset/Norwell varsity gymnastics team, the energy level and attitudes of the girls remains high. Whether they are practicing floor, bars, beam, or vault, these gymnasts are always having a good time and working to the best of their ability.

"This season we are a building team, lots of new faces and positive attitudes," says Norwell/Cohasset coach Amy Maree, "This is a great group of girls and I expect many things to come in the following years."

Amy Maree graduated from Bridgewater State College earning a Bachelors of Science in Physical Education with a concentration in Recreation. Snowmobiling is her favorite activity and one day she wants to work for Disneyworld. "Great job girls, from such a young team! We will miss our two seniors, Kali and Juliette next year!"

Kali Devaney is a senior at CHS. This is her third year in gymnastics. "Everyone is very close, and we help each other improve with our love and support," said Devaney. She hopes to stay close to home next year at college.

Juliette Karp is a senior at CHS and the captain of the gymnastics team. "The girls on the team are really nice and we are all very close," Karp said. Her favorite event in gymnastics is floor and during her off time, she teaches gymnastics to the younger girls at the community center. Juliette has been doing gymnastics for 13 years.

Cassandra Pacella is a junior at NHS and is a co-captain with Juliette. "Everyone tries their hardest and gets along great," she said. "I hope it's the same next year, except Juliette and Kali will be missed very much!" After nine years in gymnastics, Cassie is an all around competitor and loves gymnastics and this team. When she's older she wants to be a gymnastics coach and a kindergarten teacher.

Alexandra Smith is also a junior at NHS and has been doing gymnastics for six years. "We work together so well," she said. Alex competes floor and beam. Outside of gymnastics she is involved with Best Buddies and she used to be a figure skater.

Shiandra Cardoso is a sophomore at NHS. This is her fourth year in gymnastics.

"We all work together and help each other," Cardoso said. She competes in bars, floor and sometimes the beam.

McKenzie Hagney is a sophomore at NHS and has been a gymnast for five years. "We are all very supportive of each other, all the girls are hardworking and we are all very close," Hagney said.

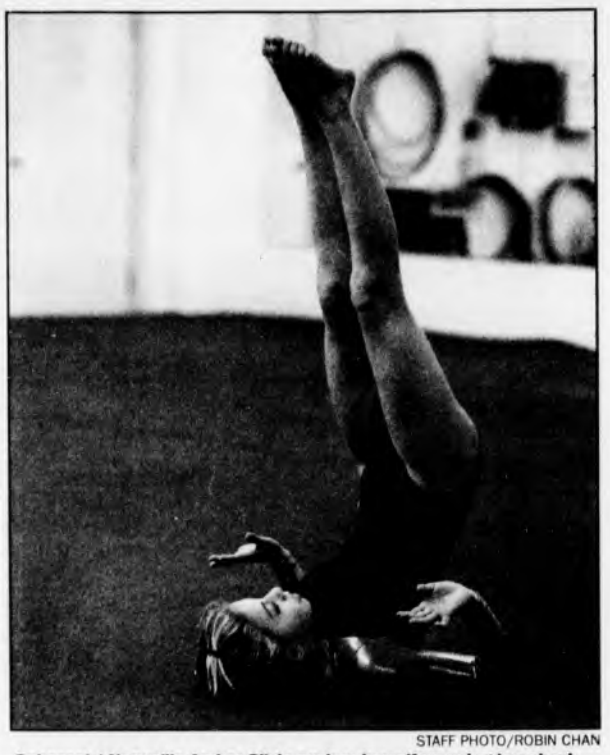
Sarah Harding is our third sophomore at NHS. "I love these girls to death," she said. "I think of them as my sisters." Along with doing gymnastics for the last six years, she is a cheerleader and works in the playroom at the YMCA in Hanover.

Liz Driscoll comes to the team as a freshman at NHS and has been doing gymnastics for three years. She usually competes on the bars and beam.

"The team gets along great and we always have a fun time," Driscoll said. Liz does cross-country as a fall sport.

Hannah McIttrick is also a freshman at NHS. She's been involved with gymnastics for two years.

"We are one big happy family," she said. Hannah competes vault, floor and bars.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset/ Norwell's Amber Silvia pushes herself up using her shoulders during her floor routine.

Paige Richards rounds out the freshman list at NHS. She's also been doing gymnastics for two years. She thinks the team is really friendly and "are wicked supportive."

Carly Schwantner is one of two eighth graders on the varsity gymnastics team. She's been doing gymnastics on and off for 11 years. "Our team gets along great and has so much fun together," she said. "These girls are like my family." Carly's favorite events are the floor and the vault. She enjoys being on the team with her friend Amber and when she's not in gymnastics she's playing field hockey.

Amber Silvia, is the other eighth grader has been a gymnast for nine years.

"I love how the whole team is supportive and we are really close even though we range from eighth grade through twelfth grade," Silvia said. "I like that I have new friends from another town." Gymnastics is Amber's favorite sport and she would like to become a gymnast when she's older. She is an "all arounder", participating in vault, bars, beam and floor. Floor is her favorite event.

Tourney bound

Win over Hull puts Skippers over the top

The Cohasset High hockey team got back on the winning track with a 7-1 win against Hull, Wednesday night. Andy McKenna saved 13 shots in his varsity debut in net. Senior captain Frank Wheelwright scored a hat trick and sophomore Brendan Doonan added one goal and a pair of assists.

"For us, this game was big because it gave us the final two points we needed to get into the tournament," Skippers coach Bob Walsh said.

Cohasset is in second place in the South Shore League with an 8-2 record and is 9-4-2 overall with five more games to play.

"We still haven't played our best hockey this year and I'm hoping to see it before the end of the season," Walsh said. "With a tournament berth now secured, we can play for a seed position which is something the Cohasset hockey team hasn't done for awhile."

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All-Scholastic football team

Cohasset's Cuneo, Pinkus, Doonan, McCaw and Snowdale among area's elite

As is always the case with these kinds of things, the selection process with this team was not an easy one.

Unlike individual league all-star teams, we did not choose our team in deference to event considerations. Instead the only criteria we considered was overall value these athletes had to their respective teams.

In the end; however, the sports staff at Community Newspaper Company (CNC) had to make some tough decisions and, after consulting with area coaches, we do feel secure that we chose the top public school football athletes for this honor.

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Jake Cuneo – Senior (Capt.)
Lineman – Cohasset

Cohasset head coach Pete Afanasiw said we might be seeing this 6-5, 275 pound lineman playing Sundays down the road…One of the most dominating lineman in area for the last three years…The South Shore League all-start averaged 10 pancake blocks per game for the Skippers…Had seven sacks and 75 tackles from the defensive tackle position…Will prep a year before heading to play college football.

Kyle Pinkus – Senior (Capt.)
Running back – Cohasset

WATD Player of the Year in the South Shore League, Pinkus led the eight win Skippers on both defense and offense…Named team MVP…Gained 746 yards on 96 carries scored five rushing touchdowns and one receiving…Notched 115 tackles including 92 solo jobs and three sacks on defense…An SSL all-star.

Jarad Dunn – Senior (Capt.)
Offensive/Defensive line – Abington

The senior captain is a big reason the Green Wave finished the season with a 10-2 overall and 5-1 in the South Shore League…This offensive/defensive lineman is a repeat South Shore League All-Star.

Brandon Holbrook – Junior
Wide Receiver – Carver

Whether on offense, defense or special teams, Holbrook is a danger to the opposition any time he gets his hands on the football…The junior rolled up more than 1,600 yards in total offense this season…The wide receiver/defensive back is a three-time South Shore League All-Star.

Shane DiBona – Junior
Running back – Duxbury

Despite missing the first three games of the fall for the Dragons (9-2), DiBona still managed to gain 1,090 yards and 18 touchdowns this season…Had a great effort in a Turkey Day loss to Marshfield, rushing for 250 yards and four TD's…Also threw for a TD this fall…Also shined at linebacker, where he recorded 38 tackles…Also runs indoor track and plays baseball at Duxbury High…Future plans include playing football in college.

Peter Bobseine – Senior
Receiver/Corner back – Duxbury

One of quarterback Cross' favorite targets and for good reason…Bobseine caught 21 passes for 444 yards and six touchdowns for the Dragons (9-2) this past fall…Also a talented cornerback, the senior never allowed a TD or catch for more than 10 yards in his vicinity…Also had 35 tackles and five interceptions…Also plays basketball at Duxbury High and hopes to continue his football career in college.

Sean Cross – Junior
Quarterback – Duxbury

Gave the Dragons the option of a spread offense with his effective throwing arm…Threw for a school record 1,318 yards this past fall, while connecting for 18 touchdowns…A two-year starter, Cross had 200 total yards in a win over Whitman-Hanson, throwing for 150 and rushing for 50 more…Also runs indoor track and plays baseball at Duxbury High…Future plans include playing football in college.

Brian Phillips – Senior
Tailback – East Bridgewater

Three-year starter finished the season with 900 rushing yards and 16 touchdowns (13 rushing and three receiving)…Led South Shore League in scoring…Ran for 173 yards and a touchdown in Vikings 14-8 Thanksgiving Day win over Bridgewater-Raynham… "I can't say enough about Brian," head coach Shawn Tarpey said. "He was our hardest worker in every phase."…South Shore League All-Star for the second year in a row.

Greg Baggett – Senior
Defensive End – East Bridgewater

The 6-foot, 3-inch, 225-pound defensive end wrapped up his senior season with 55 tackles, four sacks and two fumble recoveries… "Greg was probably the best defensive player in the league," head coach Shawn Tarpey said. "He was just dominant. He could change the course of a game all by himself."...Pulled down 10 passes for 150 yards and one touchdown as a tight end in the Vikings run-first offense…A South Shore League All-Star this season.

Mike Wheeler – Senior
Halfback – Hanover

One of the most productive backs in the area, Wheeler gained 1,956 yards this season en route to 26 touchdowns…Rushed for 200 yards or more in four games this past fall…The shifty back accomplished the feat against Hingham and Middleboro, scoring four TD's in each of those contests…Also runs track and plays lacrosse at Hanover High and plans to continue his football career in college.

Marc MacDougall – Senior
O/D Tackle – Hanover

Chris Constantine – Senior (Capt.)
Halfback – Hingham

Rich McCann – Senior (Capt.)
Offensive line – Hingham

Josh Golden – Senior (Capt.)
Fullback – Hingham

Cam Evans – Senior (Capt.)
Running back – Norwell

Kevin Helm – Senior (Capt.)
Linebacker – Norwell

Peter Harrison – Senior (Capt.)
O/D Lineman – Rockland

Alex Cuomo – Senior (Capt.)
Running back – Scituate

Honorable mentions:

Kristian LaPointe – So. – Running back – Abington
Taylor LeClair – Jr. – Linebacker – Carver
Pat Doonan – Sr. – Receiver – Cohasset
P.J. McCaw – Sr. – Running back – Cohasset
David Snowdale – Sr. – Quarterback – Cohasset
Scott Austin – Jr. – Receiver – Duxbury
Pat Caffrey – Sr. (Capt.) – Linebacker – Duxbury
Kevin Hannigan – Sr. – Cornerback – Hanover
Pat Curran – Sr. – Fullback – Hanover
Matt Cawley – Sr. – Lineman – Hingham
Mike Murphy – Sr. – Receiver – Hingham
Matt Kelly – Sr. – Defensive back – Marshfield
Jake Russell – Jr. – Linebacker – Marshfield
Sean Ryan – Jr. – Running back – Norton
Pat Hannon – Sr. – Linebacker – Norton
James Long – Sr. – Tight end – Norwell
Tom Finkenstaedt – Sr. – Quarterback – Norwell
Brian Hill – Sr. – Running back – Pembroke
Lee Nguyen – Sr. – Lineman – Plymouth North
David Fournier – Sr. – Linebacker – Plymouth South
John McNeil – Sr. – Running back – Randolph
Ryan Kane – Sr. – Lineman – Scituate
Sean Cooney – Sr. – Wide Receiver – Scituate
Stephen Ferriter – Sr. – Linebacker – Scituate
Andrew Thomas – Jr. – Lineman – Silver Lake
Matt LoSciuto – Sr. (Capt.) – Linebacker – Rockland
Matt Harris – Sr. – Linebacker – West Bridgewater
Greg Pigeon – Sr. – Defensive back – West Bridgewater

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

STEPHANIE INVERNIZZI
Hingham

Name: Steph Invernizzi
Family: father, Barry; mother, Heidi; sister, Christina; brother, Nicholas
Hobbies: running track, throwing javelin
Favorite athlete: Sydney Crosby
Favorite athletic accomplishment: being a member of Hockey Night in Boston
Favorite subject: Oceanography
Favorite teacher: Mr. Gauthier
Favorite TV show: Grey's Anatomy
Favorite food: Chicken Parm
Favorite movie: She's the Man
Most underrated teammate: Meg Findley

Nominees for the South Shore Athlete of the Month are chosen by sports editors from the following towns: Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth. One student-athlete is chosen from the list of nominees as the South Shore Athlete of the Month. Coastal Nissan, sponsor of the South Shore Athlete of the Month, will present a check in the amount of $500 each month to the athletic department from the winning school.

Nominees for the month of January are: Abington: Kelsea Cheney; Braintree: Amy Cushing; Cohasset: Tori Lehr; Hanover: Charlie McGinnis; Hingham: Stephanie Invernizzi; Marshfield: Nicole Buresford; Norwell: Dan Dempsey; Rockland: Stephanie Crawford; Scituate: Rodney Beldo; Weymouth: Tom Deegan.



The Athlete of the Month for January is Stephanie Invernizzi. At the center of the Hingham girls hockey team's first line, junior Stephanie Invernizzi has played a huge role in the Harborwomen's 13-0-3 season. One of the best playmakers on the squad, Invernizzi has already tallied 35 points this winter on nine goals, 26 assists. Her numbers place her among the top 20 point-getters in Eastern Mass. The Harborwomen are currently the fourth-ranked girls hockey team in the state.

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State Senator Bob Hedlund, right, (hands shown) talks with Conor Michaud, Emerson Oronte, and Evan Deutsch following their presentation to all the students at Cohasset High School on Focus the Nation Day. Focus the Nation was a national teach-in day where the focus was on the environment and global warming solutions like recycling or organic gardening.



Stat Senator Bob Hedlund is silhouetted by a slide depicting global warming during seniors, Conor Michaud's and Emerson Oronte's, slideshow on organic farming. They did an independent study on organic gardening last semester when they were juniors.

Environmental focus

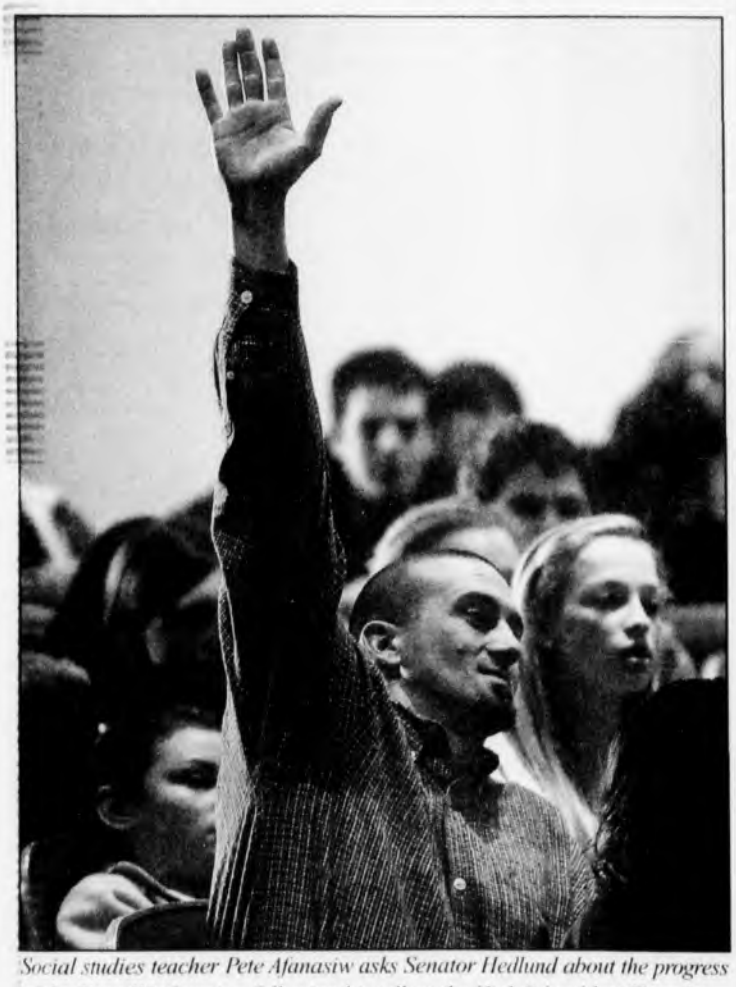
CHS part of national awareness effort



Freshman Prescott Coughlin, 15, leans forwards and listens closely to the Focus the Nation presentation in the auditorium on Jan. 31.



Senator Bob Hedlund listens to senior Evan Deutsch, 18, before a presentation to the high school students. Evan is a member of the environmental club.



Social studies teacher Pete Afanasiw asks Senator Hedlund about the progress of the Cape Wind project following his talk at the High School last Thursday (Jan. 31).

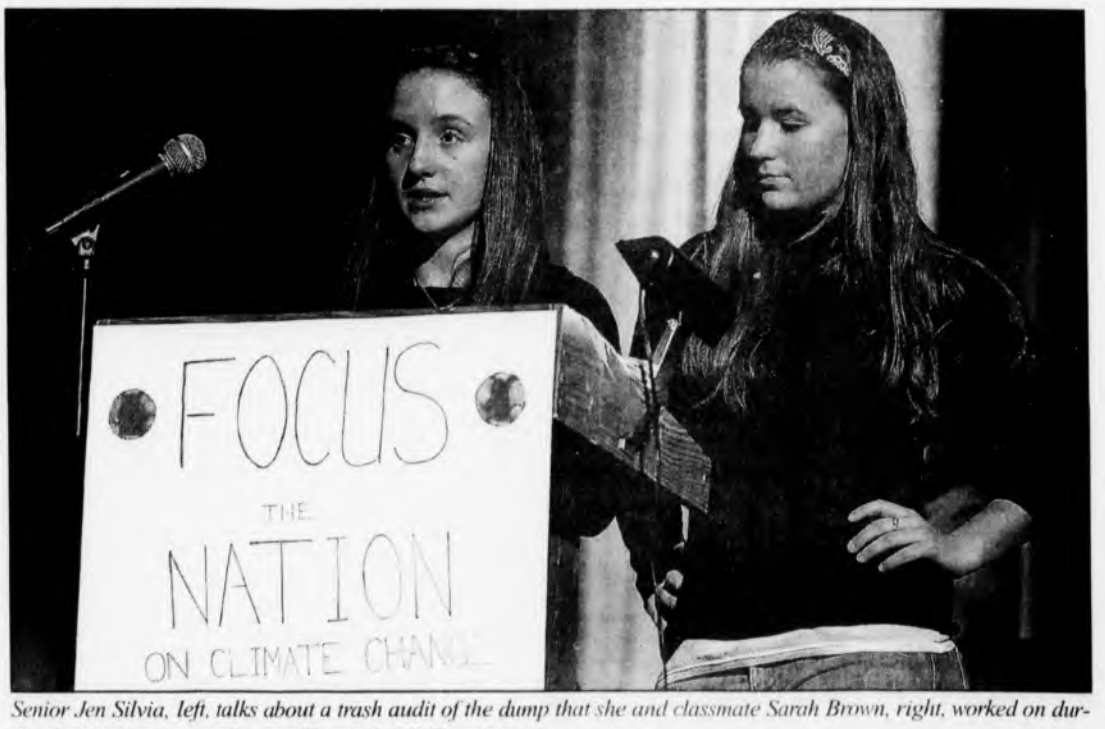
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Seniors Jen Silvia and Sarah Brown talk about things they found in the town landfill that could have been recycled during their trash audit.



Seniors Sarah Brown, Jen Silvia, Conor Michaud, and Emerson Oronte chat before the start of their presentation during Focus the Nation Day.



Senior Jen Silvia, left, talks about a trash audit of the dump that she and classmate Sarah Brown, right, worked on during their junior year in Dr. Ann Thomae's AP Chemistry class.

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Hallelujah, the weekend is here!

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



Friday could not have arrived soon enough. This week, there were strong overwhelming feelings, thanks to new class chaos, Spinnaker layout madness, and the distribution of report cards. Teachers and students alike were seemingly on edge. Thank goodness for some of the humourous morning announcements made by Ms. Berman's Public Speaking class to break the early A.M. dazes. Senior, Eric McCarthy's broadcast was a fan favorite, bringing a unique flare to the 7:30am time slot!

Also, the student council took a field to Cradle to Crayons to view the ins and outs of their chosen charitable cause. The student council will help package the toys collected during the winter holidays. Further CHS achievements include the published works of seniors, Brian Hill and PJ MacCaw in Teen Ink. Congratulations!

Readers don't forget that next Thursday the Valentine's Day issue of "The Spinnaker" will be available for $1 at the high school. So, parents there is no need to be alarmed, those flailing students waving papers are not nuts, they are just trying to do some friendly business. This issue is going definitely going to be great so get it while it's hot!

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

PAC workshop on organizing skills

Back by popular demand, all are welcome to join the Parent Advisory Council for a presentation of "From Direction to Done," by Sarah Ward, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, in the auditorium of Cohasset High School at 143 Pond St.

The workshop is helpful for parents of all students, especially for those that struggle with organization. Sarah Ward will provide parents with strategies they can use in order for children to self regulate, initiate, organize and finish tasks at home and school. The focus will be on how to improve a child's executive function skills. Sarah is a speech pathologist specializing in cognition and attention. She teaches her clients organizational behaviors and then helps them generalize those behaviors in real life.

All workshops and presentations are free and sponsored by the Cohasset PSO/Parent Advisory Council. If you would like to be added to their e-mail network for updates, forward your contact information to southshorepac@comcast.net.

Integrated Preschool

Applications for the Cohasset Integrated Preschool are available at both Osgood School and the Student Services Office at Cohasset Middle High School. Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2008 to participate in the morning class and 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2008 to participate in the afternoon class.

Applications should be returned to the Student Services Office at 143 Pond St., no later than Friday, Feb. 15. The lottery will be held Monday, Feb. 25, and families will be notified by mail that week.

A deposit of $75 is due by Monday, March 10, to hold the space. Tuition is currently $1,500 for the year, which includes four days of 2.5-hour sessions each school week, but is subject to change by the school committee.Debbie

Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2008-2009 school year has begun. Registration will be at Osgood School, daily, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents will be asked to indicate interest in full-day kindergarten or half-time kindergarten at the time or registration. Parents are also encouraged to register early to facilitate planning for programs.

Children who turn 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2008, are eligible to attend kindergarten. A birth certificate and proof of residency are required in order to register.

For more information, call Osgood School at 781-383-6117.

Teen dance set for Feb. 8

Cohasset Youth Resources Midnight Blue Teen Center Dance will take place from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 8. Cohasset youngsters in grades six through eight are invited to attend. Cost is $5 per person, and attendees will be required to show a student ID when signing in for the dance.

Those attending should be sure they are able to gain admittance to the dance before their ride leaves as once capacity is reach no further admittance will be allowed. There will be no admittance in any case after 8:30 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

This is not a school function.

Honor roll correction

The assistant principal of Hingham Middle School announces that the names of some students were left off the honor roll list due to a computer glitch they experienced. Earning high honors were Hannah Piasecki and Brendan O'Connell, both in grade 6 and earning honors were Zoe Whilton, grade 8 and Mackenzie Dickson, grade 6.

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GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Invading American troops are one thing. Invading wealthy tourists are another. And the path to a tourist invasion is in place on the sleepy Caribbean island of Grenada as developers seek to create "a new St. Bart's" for the high-end travel set.

British entrepreneur Peter de Savary is leading the way, making a multimillion-dollar investment, including a redesigned harbor for the capital, St. George's, so his new Port Louis marina can welcome yachts - very, very big yachts.

The attitude is build-it-and-they-will-come - the businessman envisions a place of luxury hotels and villas, eco spas, restaurants, shops and other niceties geared toward a chic set that includes his friends (he is an unabashed name dropper, peppering conversations with mentions of Bill Clinton, Mick Jagger and the like). The marina will be able to accommodate yachts of up to 300 feet.



PHOTO BY MOUNT CINNAMON

Grand Anse is a gorgeous stretch of two miles of white sand beach.

With a population of about 102,000, Grenada has previously held a low-key position on the tourism map. In fact, the English-speaking West Indies island nation may be the last of the truly authentic places in the Caribbean.

Once a favorite of sailors as a gateway to the Windward Islands, there hasn't been much of a tourist trade of late beyond small hotels and resorts. Most businesses cater to locals rather than tourists, though a new cruise facility is attracting visits by cruise ships on Southern Caribbean itineraries.

Grenada serves up white-sand beaches, deep-blue waters, mountains, rainforests and much lush greenery - one-sixth of the land is protected as national parks.

Yet it is best known as the place where Ronald Reagan sent troops in 1983 - following a coup and amid increasing coziness with Cuba and the Soviet bloc - to "rescue" American students attending the island's medical school. The country has had a stable democracy since 1984.

The economic mainstay for generations was nutmeg, with one-third of the world's production coming from the "Spice Island."

Then came Hurricane Ivan, the 2004 storm scoring a direct hit, destroying about 85 percent of the structures on Grenada and stripping most of the nutmeg crop.

It takes nutmeg trees about 10 years to regenerate. So island officials took a serious look at tourism and opened the door to more development, with de Savary leading the way. He is known as the developer of the St. James's Clubs in London and New York, the Abaco Club in the Bahamas, Skibo Castle in Scotland and Bovey Castle in England. Tax incentives were part of the deal.

Grenada currently has only 1,500 hotel rooms. But with de Savary's plans for villas and luxury hotels, and the unrelated construction of a Four Seasons Resort and other small projects, that number is expected to double by 2012.



PHOTO BY FRAN GOLDEN

Must-do activities in Grenada include watching the monkeys at Grand Etang Forest.

Grenadians see their island as "the sweetest island in the world," according to Junior Cuffie, harbormaster for de Savary's Port Louis marina. And they want to keep it that way, at the same time welcoming the opportunities development provides. Tourism officials are quick to point out the emphasis is on luxury and lesser projects have been turned away - the floodgates are not open.

At de Savary's Mount Cinnamon, a boutique resort, 21 luxury villas sold out in a matter of months last year. A second phase is under way with two- and three-bedroom villas priced from $795,000. Nightly rentals, available after March 1, are from $500 per night.

The white-walled complex occupies a hillside above Grand Anse beach, Grenada's main beach, with two blissful miles of white sand and not a high-rise in sight - though you can see the colorful Georgian buildings of St. George's harbor in the distance.

Elsewhere, the coast - Caribbean on one side and Atlantic on the other - is rippled with fjords and isolated tiny beaches, some accessible only by boat.

The scenery is stunning, and so is the unspoiled local charm.



PHOTO BY FRAN GOLDEN

Visitors and locals alike cool off at Grenada's beautiful waterfalls.

In little villages, there is dancing in the street, literally, especially on weekly Fish Friday, centered in the northern village of Gouyave.

Visitors will see donkeys and goats crossing small winding roads. Some locals still wash their clothes in streams and you may see women carrying goods on their heads.

In one town, Victoria, a bridge just went up a few months ago to connect a main road to the school. Before that, the children, in full school uniform, would cross stones in a roaring stream to get to school.

Traffic lights have only been a factor on Grenada for the last decade, and there are still very few.

Will this all change with the upcoming development? Probably.

But, promised Cuffie, "We don't want to spoil it. We don't want it like Barbados and those places. We want it like Grenada."

Getting to know Gre-NAY-dah

Here are some of our favorite ways to enjoy the island:

1. Sit on a quiet white sand beach.
2. Visit the monkeys and hike the trails at the Grand Etang rainforest.
3. Take a dip in a waterfall at Annandale Falls.
4. Go game fishing for marlin, tuna and sailfish.
5. Dive to see the Bianca C, an Italian cruise ship that sank off Grenada in 1962.
6. Take in the sights and sounds of the bustling open-air market in St. George's.
7. Stop by the Westerhall Rum Distillery for a taste and tour.
8. Learn about nutmeg, coffee and cocoa production at the Belmont Estate (www.belmontestate.net).
9. Visit Fort George, built in 1706, and center of the island's Oct. 19, 1983, political disturbance when Maurice Bishop, and part of his cabinet, were executed by the people's Revolutionary Government. It's now police headquarters.
10. Try curried goat, callaloo soup and other West Indies dishes at restaurants including BB's Crabback (www.bbscrabback.com) on the St. George's waterfront.

IF YOU go...

WHERE IS GRENADA? The island nation is in the southern Caribbean, 100 miles from Venezuela. To the south is Trinidad and Tobago and to the north is St. Vincent and The Grenadines.

GETTING THERE: American Airlines (www.aa.com) offers connecting service through San Juan.

STAYING THERE: Mount Cinnamon (www.mountcinnamon-grenada.com) offers villas overlooking Grand Anse beach. All units are done up in bright tropical decor and have kitchens. The property is home to the poolside Savvy's restaurant and has a small spa and fitness club among facilities. Rates are from $500 per night for two (special rates apply in early March).

For a low-key experience, the Bel Air Plantation (www.belairplantation.com), is a nice hillside hideaway overlooking a secluded bay, with 11 cottages and villas, all with ocean views and kitchens. There's also an open-air restaurant. Winter rates from $350 per night.

BOATING THERE: For information on the Port Louis marina and available slips, visit www.portlouisgrenada.com.

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Cafe, cinema and gallery combine in Maine college town

Christina Tree
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

IN NEW ENGLAND

Brunswick, Maine -For eight years Michael Gilroy traveled ancient trade routes through the Middle East and Asia, leading cultural expeditions and thinking about how to share what he saw, tasted and heard.

"I wanted to bring it all home to a community, but in a way that wasn't as elitist as a gallery or even an art house would be," Gilroy said. The resulting Frontier Cafe, Cinema and Gallery in Brunswick, Maine, is a winning combination - a culinary and cultural meeting spot.

Gilroy calls it "a crossroads." And it is literally at a crossroads of busy Rte. 1. The complex fills 10,000 square feet in the rear of a former textile mill. The cafe's 12-foot-high industrial-style windows overlook the Androscoggin River, and the gallery divides the Cinema from the Cafe.

Food, Gilroy said, is what first gets people in the door. The all-day menu features panini wraps and antipasti, mixing local and exotic ingredients. There are also Italian, French and Middle Eastern combination plates. The top-priced ($12) Cheese Market Plate is a palate pleaser with three cheeses, dried fruits, nuts, olives, fresh fruit, Belgian chocolate, a baguette and crostini. Beer and wine is available.

Patrons order and then wander through the Cafe, eyeing the artwork, thumbing through reading material in a living room-like corner, taking in views of the river from counter stools along the windows.

The artwork changes frequently. A recent Japanese Festival included an exhibit of kimonos and prints, along with Japanese music, film and food.

The Cinema is equipped with a digital projector and 75 seats salvaged from a movie house. It is the venue for art and foreign films, locally produced projects and high-definition concerts ranging from Bruce Springsteen to La Scala opera.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINA TREE

Customers enjoy food, art and more at the Frontier Cafe, Cinema and Gallery in Brunswick, Maine.

The schedule at Frontier Cafe also includes visiting authors, poets, pundits and storytellers. A Frontier Passport series highlights various regions of the world for kids.

The Frontier isn't the only reason to visit Brunswick's premier college town. Long, lively Maine Street leads to the handsome campus of Bowdoin College and its museums, including an outstanding, recently renovated Museum of Art. Freeport, home of L.L. Bean and more than 100 outlet stores, is less than seven miles south.

Frontier Cafe, Cinema and Gallery, Fort Andross, 14 Maine St., 207-725-5222; www.explorefrontier.com. (Parking is at the front of the mill).

IF YOU go...

STAYING THERE: Middle Bay Farm Bed & Breakfast is a hospitable 1830s mansion on a quiet cove minutes from downtown Brunswick: rates from $150 per couple, per night, including a full breakfast. 800-299-4914; www.middlebayfarm.com.

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PHOTO BY ERIC PENCE FROM GREATER BOSTON'S BLIZZARD OF 1978

Cars buried in the Fenway area of Boston where Eric Pence lived at the time of the Blizzard of '78.

Hingham resident's photos enliven Blizzard of '78 Book

"The photos Eric took are some of the most memorable in the book. They really show the progress of the storm and how the city was transformed."

— Alan R. Earls, Greater Boston Blizzard of 1978

Like millions of others living in Massachusetts back in February of 1978, Eric Pence of Lafayette Avenue, was unaware that the snow coming down late in the day on Feb. 6 was anything more than just another New England snowstorm. However, recalls Pence, the fury of the storm started to dawn on him when he found the outside landscape significantly changed in the course of a half-hour subway ride from Cambridge to Kenmore Square that evening. By morning, with the power out, snow still falling, and cars already out of sight under the drifting snow, Pence got to work chronicling the historic storm with his camera.

For years, the stunning photographs that resulted were simply stored away. But several years ago, Pence posted them on his web site. Then, last year, Pence was contacted by Alan R. Earls, who was putting together a book for Arcadia Publishing on the Blizzard and wanted to use the images. Pence agreed and now the photos are bringing back memories for others as well. "The photos Eric took are some of the most memorable in the book," said Earls. "They really show the progress of the storm and how the city was transformed."

For Eric, though, the fun of capturing history eventually faded and despite a ban on driving and a public transportation system that was barely functioning, he decided to try to get to Weymouth, where his girlfriend and future wife, Patti Rosenfield, had recently purchased a house. "The first time I tried I got as far as Andrews Square in South Boston and they announced that the train couldn't go any farther," recalled Pence. However, a day or two later, persistence paid off — he was able to take the Red Line to what was then its terminus in downtown Quincy. "Then I just got out and walked down Route 53 for probably another five miles or so," he said. Pence recalls that there were quite a few other walkers but the only vehicles on the road belonged to the Army or local emergency services.

Pence and Rosenfield — who married in 1979 and moved to Hingham in 1982 — spent the several more days enjoying the enforced leisure before getting back to work the Monday following the Blizzard.

And, Pence adds, "My wife's main reason for moving to Weymouth had been to get a fenced in yard so she wouldn't need to walk her dog. However, with the three feet of snow from the Blizzard on top of two feet that had fallen a few weeks earlier, the fence all but disappeared, so it was back to dog walking."

The final kicker from the storm came about two weeks later. "I had actually paid for a car before the Blizzard but hadn't yet picked it up from the dealer," noted Pence. When he finally went to pick it up, though, it wouldn't start because the engine compartment had been entirely filled with the blowing and drifting snow of the Blizzard.

Despite the many inconveniences caused by the storm, Pence said, "We were fortunate, for us the storm was mostly a lot of fun."

Greater Boston's Blizzard of 1978 (ISBN-13: 978-0738555195) is available at area bookstores, independent retailers, and on-line retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing at (888)-313-2665 or www.arcadiapublishing.com.

High School seeks entries for edible art exhibit

Cohasset High School is seeking entries for its seventh annual edible art exhibit, to be held beginning at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 6. The edible art competition is open to people 4 through 104. The artwork must be edible, meaning it must be safe for human consumption. It can be created by individuals or by a collaborative group. Artists will be responsible for setting up their pieces for viewing.

There will be two categories for judging: original artwork and copies of artwork. There will be many prizes, which will be provided by local restaurants and merchants. After all prizes are awarded, all work becomes property of the party, where attendees will eat and enjoy the art. The admission fee will be $2.

For information or to register, call Nina Berkowitz at Cohasset High School at 781-383-6100 or email nberkowitz@Cohassetk12.org.

Book Group to discuss 'The Bone People'

Buttonwood Book Group for Adults will meet at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "The Bone People" by Keri Hulme, winner of the 1985 Booker-McConnell prize for fiction. Facilitator will be Sarah Duffield.

Reservations are not necessary. All are welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 for more information.

'Fascinating Rhythms' reception next Friday

An opening reception will take place from 6 to 8 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 15, at the South Shore Art Center for the annual South Shore Art Center Gallery artist exhibition titled "Fascinating Rhythms." More than 75 juried gallery artists are participating in the exhibition in the Art Center's Bancroft Gallery. The exhibition is sponsored by Motoko and Gordon Deane and continues through March 30.

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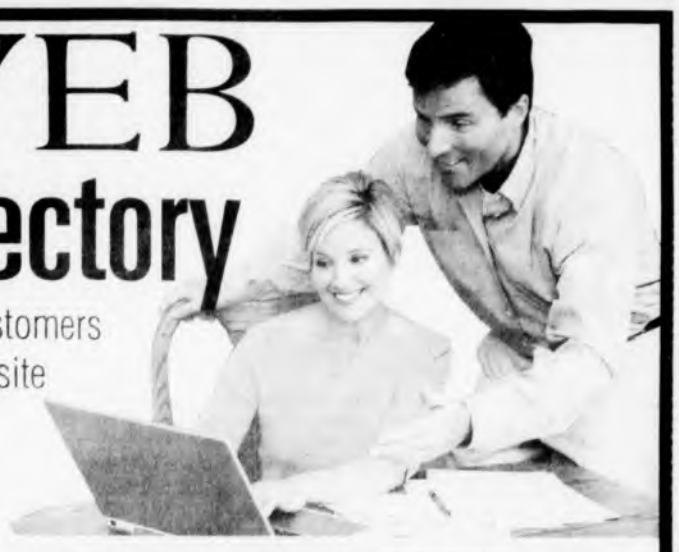
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

10:13 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:10 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:17 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, Deer Hill/Osgood school check.

1:18 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports that pipes burst in his mothers house and is flooding the basement. Capt. reports water and electricity has been shut off.

1:42 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, multiple 911 calls reporting a motor vehicle accident, Scituate rescue reporting.

3:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports a minor motor vehicle accident.

3:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered), found cell phone.

4:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hit and run (motor vehicle accident).

7:10 p.m. **King St.**, public service, caller reports she received a phone call about an open door at this location and would like an officer to check this out.

7:39 p.m. **North Main St., and Rocky Lane**, motor vehicle stop, written warning.

9:04 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, investigation, call directly into the Fire Dept. for an odor of gas in the house.

9:53 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:53 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, manager of location in station regarding problem with customer. Subject did leave at managers request. Manager advised to call police if subject returned.

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

1:03 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:04 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:24 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, notification.

10:10 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:16 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks, Deer Hill/Osgood school check. 1 motor vehicle in Fire Lane at Osgood School, officer reports he located the operator and the motor vehicle was moved.

10:53 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, fire, (misc.), caller reports the basement at this location is flooded and may be hitting electrical outlets.

11:53 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party reports her mother gave away her dog. Walk in party has proof of ownership. Officer reports he spoke with the mother and advised her that her daughter does have proof of ownership and has been asked to have the dog returned. Mother agreed to contact the person who has the dog and will have the dog returned.

12:57 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a group of youths have just cut through her yard and climbed the fence onto Jerusalem Road.

2:01 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, larceny (report), caller reports a bicycle has been taken from his garage.

5:26 p.m. **Sohier St.**, Deer Hill/Osgood school check.

5:35 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. 28-year-old female of Scituate summoned on charges: Motor vehicle lights violation, operating motor vehicle with suspended registration, uninsured motor vehicle.

SUNDAY, JAN. 27

1:50 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:50 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building appears secured.

1:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building appears secured.

9:17 a.m. **Cedar St., and Hull St.**, motor vehicle crash, 911 caller reports a motor vehicle accident at this location. Hingham handled.

10:12 a.m. **Margin St.**, motor vehicle crash, 911 caller reports a motor vehicle accident, no injury. Owner request for tow because it is undriveable.

10:55 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Deer Hill/Osgood school check.

11:05 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:39 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, 911 caller reports 2-car motor vehicle accident.

12:30 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, annoying phone calls, caller reports getting annoying phone calls.

1:58 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, bolo from Hull. Gray Jeep Cherokee with heavy front-end damage wanted for hit and run. No plates and direction of travel.

3:28 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Nichols Rd.**, hazard (traffic), walk in reports a steel plate that fell into a hole at this location. LM Holding contacted and will have someone respond.

4:07 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

4:39 p.m. **Woodland Drive**, barking dog, caller reports there is a dog tied to a tree at above location – the dog is barking. Officer reports dog is inside residence.

5:14 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports vehicle slid off the road at above location, there is a tow truck on scene. Officer reports driver nicked pole – National Grid is not needed.

7:09 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, notification, officer reports there is a hazard that is at above location that is a danger, contacted contractor, they will put plate over hazard.

7:31 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

9:42 p.m. **Spring St.**, animal complaint, caller reports her dog is missing. Her name is Cricket – black Lab.

11:03 p.m. **Cedar St.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports he is stuck in the snow just past the dump, in a mini van. Officer requesting AAA Tow – estimated time of arrival, 20 minutes. Officer reports plow came before wrecker, vehicle is on its way.

11:13 p.m. **Cedar St.**, icy road conditions, officer reports the roads are icy.

MONDAY, JAN. 28

12:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:35 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, foot prints in the snow by the doors. Building checks secure.

7:28 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, caller requests info on the fire activity. Caller was advised that it is a problem with dust.

7:30 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, assist citizen, caller request info on the fire activity. Caller was advised it is a sawdust problem.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy, windy, 25.

9:27 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

11:27 a.m. **Lower King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard (traffic), caller reports two elderly females pulled over in the intersection, caller does not know if this is a minor accident or disabled vehicle. Officer reports this is a disabled vehicle in a bad spot.

4:21 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, 209A service.

6:35 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard (traffic), officer reports lights are flashing – no train. MBTA is going to check Lower King Street and N. Main Street to make sure there are no problems with RR tracks and lights.

9:34 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:40 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:36 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist other Police Dept., Medford Police called regarding wanted person.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29

2:03 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:08 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:37 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

9 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, detail officer reports the construction company has broken through the gas main. Command requesting Keyspan to the scene.

10:12 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, (misc.), detail officer requests Fire to respond to address for live wires. Called national Grid to double check response.

12:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public assist, lift assist with Fallon Ambulance.

1:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:31 p.m. **Doane St.**, animal complaint, caller reports he found a dog – brown Poodle.

6:44 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint, caller reports large seal on shore – still alive. Contacted New England Aquarium Rescue Team. New England Aquarium called back, stated leave seal alone – it is resting…an employee will check on seal in the morning. Officer will check on seal through the night.

9:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle all over the road – white Chevy pick up.

9:20 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

1:49 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:51 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:59 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:50 a.m. **King St.**, building checks.

7:06 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint, representative of New England Aquarium has checked the seal. She is an adult harp seal. She is just resting. Adult seals can charge people. Advise caller of same. Callers may contact the aquarium hotline, also.

7:10 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement.

9:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:14 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Osgood/Deer Hill School check.

11:49 a.m. **North Main St.**, larceny, walk in party reports a bike has been stolen from her garage.

12:57 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

2:11 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

2:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller reports a gas drive off. Dispatch has contacted the owner of the vehicle and it was an honest mistake using a speed pass. Male will be returning to pay for his gas.

3:11 p.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

3:20 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, officer wanted, 911 caller reports a problem at his neighbor's house with the roof. Officer reports the tarp is blowing off and wrapping around the wires and there is debris coming off the roof. Contractor notified of same.

4:28 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, walk in party reports her husband is fixing a lock in her son's house, she cannot get into the house and her husband is not responding to her calling his name. E3 reports the male party has been located and is o.k.

4:39 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint, walk in party is requesting an officer to ask people to stay away from the seal. The ACO has also been advised. He is aware of the situation.

4:53 p.m. **Cedar Acres Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

6:58 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, warrant services.

7:14 p.m. **Hull St.**, warrant services.

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

109 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, outside odor of gas.

146 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:47 a.m. **King St.**, building checks.

2:13 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, assist other Police Dept. Hull Police are looking for a male party that attempted to steal a bicycle. Male party may have crossed the line into Cohasset.

7:06 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:17 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:28 a.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 27.

9:21 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party requesting to speak to an officer regarding a motor vehicle accident the other day.

9:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

10:27 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:28 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance, caller stated that there are some suspicious people in her front yard. Caller stated that there are suspicious people pointing and gesturing at her house.

3:01 p.m. **Border St.**, suspicious vehicle, Scituate PD reports a female just took off in a vehicle after drinking alcohol and is drunk at this time. She is part of a cleaning crew and she has taken off in the vehicle intoxicated and left the rest of the crew at the home they are working at. Vehicle is a beige colored Ford Contour with South Carolina plates.

3:04 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a raccoon is walking around in his back yard in circles, appears to be injured. The animal is missing its tail and is limping around. ACO notified.

4:50 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, warrant services.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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5:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Caller reports a silver Mercedes driving behind him swerving all over the road, vehicle is headed north on 3A. Caller has pulled off the road at this time. Hingham PD has also been notified, no plate number was given. Officer reports nothing to the Hingham line, Hingham PD reports nothing from the Cohasset line to the rotary.

709 p.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, assist other Police Dept., called in by Scituate PD, drunk female in front of this location and the vehicle she is driving won't start. 40-year-old female from Canton in protective custody.

7:19 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop.

7:56 p.m. **Allen St.**, medical aid, Scituate FD requests R3 for a medical aid.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

12:20 a.m. **Gannett Rd.**, bolo announcement. Scituate PD looking for a dark color vehicle possibly blue or black – has bad front tire….riding on rim….unknown plate number, maybe headed towards Border Street in town…given to Cohasset units. Scituate PD – out with vehicle.

12:59 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire alarm activation, alarm company reports general fire alarm activation. Homeowner reports accidental – set off by candle. Officer reports smoke on second floor due to homeowner holding a pillow up to the glass on fireplace. Pillow ignited but was extinguished by homeowner. Note: There was no candle.

1:15 a.m. **High St., and Pond St.**, officer reports building appears secured.

1:16 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building appears secured.

7:16 a.m. **Riley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9 a.m. **Sohier St.**, parking complaint, caller reports a dark colored van parked across from the school on the sidewalk. Caller reports kids have to walk around the van in the street. Vehicle being moved.

9:26 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Sohier School check.

10:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:38 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:35 a.m. **Border St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports two suspicious males, one in a white baseball cap, no description on the other one. One male was walking towards Scituate and the other towards the Lobster Pound. Caller reports these two males looked as if they were checking out houses and cars. She reports them to be in their 20's and they don't look familiar. Detail officer spoke with a party matching the description on Atlantic Ave and he checks out o.k. and is working for a legitimate company.

12:36 p.m. **Rust Way**, fire, investigation, Hingham officer on detail reports a gas line was hit by construction workers on Rust Way. Gas company on scene.

3:01 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, notification, walk in party reports his vehicle was hit while parked at approximately 2:05. Police were not called to the location at the time of the alleged incident. Information taken and noted for the log.

4:22 p.m. **Hull St.**, well being check, caller reports that her neighbor's porch door is wide open. She would like to have the housed checked to make sure everything is o.k. All appears o.k. at this home. Officer left a business card.

4:37 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:29 p.m. **Hull St.**, animal complaint, 1-year-old Cockapoo missing. Brown in color with tags.

11:36 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, downed tree, caller reports a tree limb down at this location. Officer on scene reports tree limb in the road - officer removed the limb - no Fire is needed - cancelled - no wires involved.

11:50 p.m. **Hull St., and East St., Hingham**, disabled motor vehicle, officer reports there is a subject passed out behind wheel. Hingham PD enroute. Officer reports Hingham PD on scene. Late entry – Hingham has one subject in custody – OUI.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

12: 45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle crash/fatal, transported SSH/ALS, caller reports vehicle overturned in woods. Officer on scene report subjects trapped. Scituate PD blocking road – B/W and 3A. Hingham PD blocking road – 3A and Sohier Street. State PD – (accident reconstruction team enroute). Norfolk Company DA office on scene.

5:04 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, assist citizen, caller reports her 17-year-old son has not returned home from a party…caller didn't want officer to respond… caller was going to call son's friends. She will call later if son doesn't return home.

8:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building secure.

10:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, clerk reports a drive off. Owner contacted and a message was left. Owner of the motor vehicle went back and paid.

2:49 p.m. **Cedar St.**, suspicious vehicle, plates match owner. Owner of motor vehicle just bought the car and has correct paperwork.

2:56 p.m. **Oak St.**, party came into station with black Lab Puppy and said he found it wandering around. He is going to take it home.

5:58 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports there is a new child's white sneaker in the middle of the road. At another location there is another white sneaker. Officer reports the sneakers are old, officer has sneakers in vehicle.

6:42 p.m. **Diab Lane**, suspicious activity, caller reports his neighbors had an argument.

7:20 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, officer reports 3 vehicles tagged.

7:46 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports there are several vehicles parked at above location.

9:06 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:13 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:29 p.m. **Lothrop Lane**, suspicious activity, large equipment digging at Sandy Cove. Contacted DPW, they are cleaning flapper at beach.

10:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports motor vehicle accident at above location/no injuries. Officer reports minor damage. All subjects agree to handle without officer assist.

11:14 p.m. **Hull St.**, assist other Police Dept. Hingham PD requesting Cohasset PD to make contact with female at above residence. Advised her to contact Hingham PD. Officer made contact with female – she will contact Hingham PD.

11:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Crocker Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:47 p.m. **Jerusalem Road Drive**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports there is a vehicle going up and down road throwing bottles out. Area search negative.

SUNDAY, FEB. 3

1:06 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:43 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:21 a.m. **Kendall Village**, disturbance, caller reports she would like it logged that her neighbor is harassing her again. Caller will come to HQ later today to speak to an officer.

4:39 p.m. **Lower King St.**, public service, officer reports a vehicle in the middle of the road. Officer reports the woman was trying to use her cell phone and didn't realize she was in the middle of the road.

4:53 p.m. **King St.**, public service, caller reports a drive off of $68.33, plate comes back, no matching record.

9:22 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:28 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

POLICE/FIRE TERMS

ACO -Animal Control Officer
ALS - Transport, Ambulance Transporting - Advanced Life Support (High level of care with paramedics administering drugs)
BLS Transport - Ambulance Transporting, Basic Life Support (Usually not life threatening)
BOLO - Be On the Look Out
BT - Breath Test (having to do with liquor offenses)
CID - Criminal Investigation Division (Cohasset Detectives)
D/K - Drunk
E1 - E4 - Cohasset Fire Engines
GOA- Gone on Arrival
HQ - Headquarters
Juvenile -Person under the age of 17
L1 - Cohasset Fire Ladder Truck
LEAPS/NCIC - Police Computer System (National)
ME - Medical Examiner
M/V - Motor Vehicle
OIC - Officer in Charge
OUI - Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)
PC - Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody - not a criminal charge)
PI - Personal Injury
PT - Patient
QMC - Quincy Medical Center
R3 - Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)
RMV -Registry of Motor Vehicles
RO - Restraining Order
S/P - Suspicious Person
SSH - South Shore Hospital
WMS - Warrant Management System (Name for Massachusetts computer system that holds arrest warrants)

Heating safety during winter months

By Robert D. Silvia
COHASSET FIRE CHIEF

It's a cold winter night. You decide to use a space heater, or perhaps light a fire in the fireplace, to save on the heating bill. Comfortable from its warmth as bedtime approaches you think, "What harm could it cause to leave it on overnight?"

Think again. While these heating devices may help you feel cozy and warm, they can become extremely dangerous if not used properly. Home heating equipment was involved in an estimated 62,000 home fires in 2005, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association. The cost of these fires is more than just property damage. The cost includes roughly 700 lives and roughly 1,500 injuries.

Home heating fires are largely preventable when you know the rules. The Cohasset Fire Department's goal is to reduce the number of home-heating fires in our community. But we need your help. We are urging Cohasset families to use extra caution this winter when heating your home.

The majority of heating fire deaths are caused by space heaters! Most heating fires are caused by creosote build-up in the chimney.

To help keep our community safe and warm this season, the Cohasset Fire Department recommends that you follow these guidelines:

- Space heaters need space. Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- Turn portable heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug power cords only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.
- Inspect for cracked, frayed or broken plugs or loose connections. Replace before using.
- Have your chimney inspected each year and cleaned if necessary.
- Use a sturdy fireplace screen.
- Allow ashes to cool before disposing. Dispose of ashes in a metal container.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home – when one sounds, they all sound. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.

With simple precautions, help us meet our goal of decreasing home-heating fires this winter.

'Are you OK?' program offered by Sheriff

An 84-year-old Braintree woman has returned to her home in good condition after Norfolk County Sheriff Michael G. Bellotti's daily phone check program for the elderly discovered she had fallen and was bleeding from her head.

Operators of Sheriff Bellotti's "Are You OK?" program placed a phone call to the woman around 8:30 a.m. Friday to check on her well-being. The woman sounded troubled and said she needed help. She said she had fallen the previous night and was bleeding.

The operator called the Braintree Police, who summoned an ambulance that took the 84-year-old to a nearby hospital.

After being evaluated and treated at the hospital, the woman was released to return to her dwelling over the weekend.

Her case marked the 51st time "Are You OK?" has summoned help for someone who had fallen or was suffering from some sort of health emergency.

Each morning, "Are You OK?" operators place calls to roughly 270 people, most of whom are elderly and live alone, to check on their well-being. The program brings peace of mind to the elderly clients as well as their sons or daughters, who know someone is "looking in" on their parent's daily.

Bellotti introduced the free-of-charge program as a public safety service available throughout Norfolk County in 2001.

If you're interested in signing up for the program or getting an elderly relative on the "Are You OK?" phone list, call the program office at 781-751-3504.



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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 07P3065AA

In the Estate of GIOVANNI A. LOCCHI A/K/A JOHN LOCCHI OR JOHN A. LOCCHI
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death November 23, 2005

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE WILL ANNEXED

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that PAMELA A. SHEEHAN of BRAINTREE in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed as administrator with the will annexed of said estate to serve with personal surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MARCH 12, 2008.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, January 29, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11583051
Cohasset Mariner 2/8/08

ANGELLIS ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P0246EP

In the Estate of MICHAEL P. ANGELLIS A/K/A MICHAEL PETER ANGELLIS
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death November 27, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MICHAEL JOSEPH ANGELLIS of HULL in the County of PLYMOUTH and DAVID MATTHEW ANGELLIS of PEMBROKE in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MARCH 12, 2008.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, January 30, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11583276
Cohasset Mariner 2/8/08

MORTON ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P0155EP

In the Estate of RITA M. MORTON
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death January 1, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that WILLIAM J.E. MORTON of SAUSALITO in the State of CALIFORNIA and SARAH E. MORTON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MARCH 5, 2008.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, January 23, 2008.

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OBITUARIES

Natalie E. Hines

Retired clerk for Hingham Police Department

Natalie E. (Dolan) Hines, 78, of Cohasset, formerly of Hingham, died Jan. 27, 2008, at Weymouth Healthcare Center after a long illness.

Mrs. Hines was a lifelong resident of Hingham prior to moving to Cohasset eight years ago. She graduated from Hingham High School and for many years had been an active member of the High School Reunion Committee. For 15 years she served as a clerk for Hingham Police Department, retiring in 1994.

She leaves her children, Janet M. MacKenzie of Hanover and John R. Hines Jr. of San Diego, Calif.; her brother, George Dolan of Plymouth; and her grandchildren, Sean, David and Melanie MacKenzie, all of Hanover.

She was the sister of the late John Dolan.

Friends may visit at Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, 21 Pond St., Hingham, from 2 to 4 p.m., on Sunday, Feb. 10. A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m., on Monday, Feb. 11, at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, 726 Washington St., Weymouth.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.downingchapel.com.

Timothy J. Mahoney

Sophomore at Scituate High School

Timothy J. Mahoney, 16, of Scituate, died unexpectedly Feb. 2, 2008.

The son of Francis X. Mahoney Jr. and Lori A. (McGovern) Mahoney of Scituate, Tim was born in Boston and was a sophomore at Scituate High School where he was a varsity hockey and lacrosse player since his freshman year, and a member of the Scituate Hockey 2007 state championship team.

In addition to his parents, he leaves his brothers, Justin Mahoney and Patrick Mahoney of Scituate; his grandparents, Josephine and Gino DiGirolamo of Marshfield and Francis X. Mahoney of Cohasset; and many cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary of the Nativity Church, followed by burial in St. Mary's Cemetery. Arrangements by Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate.



Timothy J. Mahoney

Memorial donations may be made to the Timothy J. Mahoney Memorial Fund, c/o Scituate Federal Savings Bank, 72 Front St, Scituate, MA 02066.

To sign the online guest book, visit mem.com.

Pauline E. Adams

Retired waitress, born in Cohasset

Pauline Ethel (Salvador) Adams, 80 of Sanford, Fla., died Jan. 24, 2008.

She was born in Cohasset, the daughter of the late Louis and Gladys Salvador.

Mrs. Adams was employed as a waitress at the Ranch House Restaurant, then at the Touchstons Drug Store and lastly the Colonial Room, which she retired from in January 1987.

She was predeceased by her husband Robert Allen Adams in 1972 and her son George Adams in 1977.

She leaves her children Robert Adams and wife Kathy of Deltona Fla., Edward Adams of Sanford, Fla., Paula Gleason and husband Bill of Florida and Barbara Foley and husband Tim of Sanford, Fla.; 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She also leaves three sisters Mary Hobart of Holbrook, Shirley Kehoe of Cohasset, Sally Costello of Rockland and a brother Joseph Salvador of Las Vegas, Nev. She was the sister of the late Barron Salvador of Cohasset.

Arrangements were made by the Collison Family Funeral Home, Sanford, Florida.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Bible Study series continues on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Practical Christianity. Some Christians commonly view the Old Testament as a storybook-full of fascinating tales, yet ancient and irrelevant to modern reality. This exceptional 10-week study from *Insight For Living* with *Chuck Swindoll* will help you blow the dust off these timeworn chronicles and discover enduring truths that relate directly to you, while translating into reliable patterns for godly living. Experience familiar passages as never before, and find fresh inspiration in the memorable scenes revisited. Follow the examples of faithful Old Testament heroes such as Abraham, Joseph, David, and many others as you learn to apply timeless biblical principles to your everyday life. Please join us.

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• Feb. 10: "Beechwood and Beyond?"

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Feb. 10

8 a.m. - Circle Ministry in the Parish House/Atkinson Room - Group led by Bill Baird & Kirk Jackisch and meeting 2nd and 4th Sundays)

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – "Simple Gifts" – An Intergenerational service of song and story

Folksinger and songwriter Ben Tousley is our guest worship leader for this service of songs, stories and reflections.

"Simple Gifts" promises to be a lively interactive meditation on the meaning of gifts in a society which emphasizes the market value of things. A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, Ben has brought concerts and services to over a hundred Unitarian Universalist churches during the past 25 years. His Community Music Programs for schools and libraries was awarded the 1989 Boston Beyond War award "for communicating a clear sense of our richly diverse human family through music." Ben currently teaches part-time at Springfield College School of Human Services in Boston and works part-time as chaplain for Hospice of the North Shore in Danvers.

Religious education classes for toddlers and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House. Children and youth are invited to join their parents for the intergenerational service in the Meeting House.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service.

The First Parish Chocolate Auction directly follows! This is our second annual delicious FUNdraiser. Contribute, prepare, indulge in this edible favorite—Chocolate, the official food of Valentine's Day!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School provided at the same time. Join us for fellowship in Bates Hall following the 10 a.m. service. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children. Periodic book, Bible and topical discussion groups. For more information please call 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at: www.2ndcc.org.

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

St. Joseph Retreat Center events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset will host the following upcoming programs: Thursday, **Feb. 14**: Day of Prayer: Come Away for a Day With God – The Beloved; Friday, **Feb. 15**: Day Workshop: Perceptions and Emotions in Prayer: Desire and Intimacy; **Feb. 15 to 23**: The Retreat Center is available for one, three, or seven days/nights of directed or private prayer; and Sunday, **Feb. 24**: A Day of Prayer for Men and Women Living with HIV. For more information and to register, visit www.csjretreatcenter.org or call 781-383-6024.

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What's happening on the South Shore

FEBRUARY 7-15, 2008

Cazenove catches a lucky break

'My Fair Lady'currently playing at Boston's Opera House

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESOPNDENT



PHOTO: MICHAEL LE POER TRENCH

Lisa O'Hare as Eliza Doolittle and Christopher Cazenove as Henry Higgins.

In the theater, telling an actor to break a leg is meant to bring him good luck. When Christopher Cazenove actually broke his leg, however, it almost cost him the role of his dreams.

"I wanted to succeed Jonathan Pryce as Henry Higgins in the 2001 West End revival of 'My Fair Lady,' but I broke my leg before that could happen. I'm glad I made my interest known, though, because, a few years later, the West End producers cast me in the U.K. and U.S. tours," explained Cazenove by telephone recently from the Chicago tour stop of the Cameron Mackintosh and the National Theatre of Great Britain's production of the Frederick Lerner and Alan Jay Loewe musical now at Boston's Opera House.

A popular British actor with many film, television, and stage credits, Cazenove is anything but casual when he discusses his interest in playing the role of the phonetics professor who boasts that he can turn a flower-peddling Cockney girl by the name of Eliza Doolitle into a manor-born aristocrat.

"This is one of the parts I have lusted after for the longest time. It is a great role in a great show with great music," says the 62-year-old Cazenove. "Henry Higgins is a very interesting character. He is a misogynistic bully who, as Rex Harrison put it, is very humorful by the end of the show when he finds his female side."

Based on George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," and featuring book and lyrics by Lerner and music by Loewe, "My Fair Lady" opened to great success on Broadway on March 15, 1956 – with Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews in the starring roles – and went on to win eight Tony Awards that year including Best Musical. The 1964 film adaptation enjoyed similar success, winning eight Academy Awards including Best Picture. The current touring production, with direction by Trevor Nunn and choreography by Matthew Bourne, originally opened at the National Theatre of Great Britain in March 2001 before transferring to the Theatre Royal Drury Lane where it ran for over two years. The show boasts what is to this day considered one of the best scores ever written with songs like "Wouldn't It Be Loverly," "The Rain in Spain," "I Could Have Danced All Night," "On the Street Where You Live," and "Get Me to the Church on Time."

If the role of Higgins is to be forever associated with Harrison, then his singing style will also always be a part of that enduring connection and for good reason.

"I listened to Harrison, for whom this part was written, on the cast album and I learned a great deal. Speak-singing is how this part was written. It is, of course, how he did it and how I do it. It is utterly ghastly when people try to sing this role. I may do a bit more singing than Harrison, but only a bit," explains Cazenove, whom American television audiences may remember as Ben Carrington on "Dynasty."

Assuming the role created on stage by Julie Andrews and on film by Audrey Hepburn, and joining Cazenove as the only other U.K. cast transfer, is Lisa O'Hare, who earned West End acclaim in the title role of 'Mary Poppins.' Also featured as Mrs. Higgins, Henry's mother, is Marni Nixon, who provided the singing voice of Eliza Doolittle in the film.

In the stage production, the cast does its own singing and It is one of the best-loved songs in a show of much-loved music that is Cazenove's favorite.

"I love all the music, of course, but my favorite song – at least of those I get to do – would have to be 'I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face.' It comes at the time that Henry has finally found his emotional center and it provides a tender, really beautiful moment in a beautiful show."

"My Fair Lady" will be at the Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston, through Feb. 17. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at broadwayacrossamerica.com.

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Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St. (Route 18) Weymouth. Edwina Caci, a skilled portrait artist in oil, pastels, and other media, will be the featured artist from through Feb. 15. The public is invited to attend a reception on Feb. 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is free and off-street parking at no charge is available. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30, Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Evening hours by appointment. 781-331-3384.



***Tango caliente* oil painting by Edwina Caci**

Calendar of events

Thursday, Feb. 7

Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. First Thursday Lecture Series **The Blizzard of '78**: 30th Anniversary Recollections with **Chris Haraden**, author of Storm the Century and Editor of the Hull Times, for a look back at this unforgettable storm that wrought both massive destruction and lifelong memories. Have a story or photo to share? Send it to us or drop it by the museum. We will scan photographs and include as many as possible in the evening's slide show. Include your name, as well as the circumstances and location of the photograph. Call 781-925-5433 or email lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net for more information.781-925-5433, lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net www.lifesavingmuseum.org

The Alzheimer's Care Partners Group will meet Feb. 7, at 10:30 a.m. at the John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., (Route 139) Hanover. The discussion will focus on how grief assumes an unexpected role in the lives of the family living with Alzheimer's and what we can do about that. This is a welcoming group you may join at any time. Meetings are free. For information, contact Penny Peterson, LCSW at 781.659.2691.

The Hingham Library and Buttonwood Books welcome author, **Richard Marinick,** on Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at the library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Marinick will be discussing his new book, "In For A Pound." This is a free event. Books, provided by Buttonwood, will be available for purchase at the event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

CALENDAR, see next page

Movie review

Black and 'Bruges'

In Bruges (A-)

Film Review
BY: AL ALEXANDER



Hitmen Ray (Colin Farrell) and Ken (Brendan Gleeson) hide out in a pub while awaiting orders.

When a film as good as Martin McDonagh's "In Bruges" rattles around in the wee ol' cranium and favorable comparisons to classics like "To Catch a Thief," "The Last Detail" and "Sideways" begin to emerge, you know you've experienced something special.

And special is exactly what "In Bruges" is: A hit-man parable that doubles as a picture-postcard portrait of a city that's been rightfully called "Venice of the north."

You gaze lustfully at the sights - Colin Farrell, if you're a woman, French hottie Clemence Poesy, if you're a guy - and absorb the ambiance of a historic Belgian city that literally hasn't changed since its medieval heyday.

As the title suggests, the city and its canals are the film's chief asset and No. 1 star. It lights the screen, too, with the power of a thousand Julia Roberts smiles.

But it's McDonagh, the award-winning and edgy playwright whose work has graced many local stages, who provides the bite with his quirky tale about a couple of Irish assassins (Farrell and Brendan Gleeson) sent to Bruges (pronounced broozh) by their psycho mob boss (Ralph Fiennes) to lay low for two weeks after a job goes terribly wrong.

Often called the David Mamet of the Emerald Isle, McDonagh is a master at toying with your mind, always playing against expectations (almost to a fault) and making every character and every scene — no matter how minor or off beat — play an intricate part in his scheme.

His greatest gift, though, is dialogue. It's real, it's fresh and it's devastatingly funny. But it's also full of basic truths about what it is to be human, no matter if the person reciting it is a lowly ticket-taker at a popular tourist attraction or a couple of mismatched hit men like Ken (Gleeson) and Ray (Farrell) who can agree on nothing — except maybe covering each other's backs.

You hang on every word of it, awed both by the meaning and by the melodic cadence of McDonagh's prose as it flows off Gleeson and Farrell's wagging tongues with urgency and universality.

I still can't decide who floored me more: Farrell as the quick-tempered, deeply reflective rookie who despises everything about Bruges; or Gleeson, as the laid-back, hopelessly romantic veteran who sees the possibilities of forgiveness and atonement in a real-life fairyland.

Each presents a fascinating character study on men who've spent so much of their lives operating on the dark side that they're not quite sure what to make of a place where magic seems to flow in with the nightly fog.

And if they're not careful, they just might find love, no matter if it's a fatherly sort that Ken feels toward his young, naïve protégé; or the romantic kind that envelops Ray after he stumbles onto a movie set and meets the lovely Chloe (Poesy), an actress with a past only slightly less dark than his.

It's amid this bliss that Fiennes foul-mouthed mobster, Harry, eventually raises his vengeful head, blowing in like a category-five tornado and sucking up everything in his path.

It's a terrific performance that finds Fiennes every bit as frightening as he was in "Schindler's List." But he's also funnier than you've ever seen him, which only cements the idea that Fiennes was born to play villains.

As mean as Harry is, though, he's always strangely empathetic, as are all of McDonagh's characters, even the snooty, racist American actor played hilariously by Jordan Prentice; and Chloe's crazy (and I mean CRAZY) jealous boyfriend, Eirik, fully fleshed out by the gifted physical comedian Jeremie Renier.

Of course, it's the old chicken and the egg: Are the actors making McDonagh's words humorous, or are his hilarious words making the actors funny? I'd give a slight edge to McDonagh on that one, after all he's the one with a couple of Tony nominations ("The Lieutenant of Inishmore," "The Pillowman") and an Oscar (for his short "Six Shooter").

But as much as I loved his script, not to mention his competence as a first-time director, I must quibble with a third act that piles on implausibilities and, worse, allows gratuitous violence to trump intelligence. It makes for a disappointingly conventional ending to a decidedly unconventional movie.

Still, it does little to taint the exuberance and charm of a journey that proves to be a real trip.

Rated R. "In Bruges" contains violence, language and some drug use.

Mark your calendar



Butterflies from Whispering Wings Butterfly Farm in Cohasset will be on display at Kennedy Gardens, 85 Cushing Highway, Route 3A Scituate, during its annual Winterfest Feb. 16-18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ANNUAL WINTERFEST AT KENNEDY'S COUNTRY GARDENS, 85 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Route 3, Scituate. Feb. 16-18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lectures and demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday include earth-friendly lawn and garden care, new plants for 2008, roses, pruning tips, spring flower arranging and more. Monday is Kid's Day featuring hands-on-activities from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with woodland animals. Horticultural organizations will set up booths. Information: www.kennedyscountrygardens.com or 781-545-1266.

A SINGING VALENTINE TO SOMEONE SPECIAL is being offered by the South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus on Feb. 13, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. and Feb. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Available for $75, a quartet will be sent in tuxedos to anywhere on the South Shore, sing "Heart of My Heart I Love You" and "I Love You Truly," present a long-stemmed red rose, Valentine card and a Polaroid photo. Deadline for orders is Feb. 10. For information and to place order and call Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-7464.

THE PASSION PLUNGE will take place on Feb. 16 into the icy Atlantic Ocean at Nantasket Beach, Hull in an effort to raise money to benefit Special Olympics Massachusetts. Enjoy food, music, contests, fundraising incentives and more. Timeline includes: 10 a.m.- Registration Opens; 11:15 a.m., Costume Parade; 11:45a.m., Plunger Safety Briefing; noon PLUNGE; 12:15 p.m., Post Plunge Party Begins; 1 p.m., Awards Ceremony. All information can be found at www.PassionPlunge.org

ANDY COONEY'S FOREVER IRISH TOUR comes to The Company Theatre on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 3 p.m. Two shows on Saturday, Feb. 16 are sold out. This is a high-energy show that showcases Irish music, comedy and dance. Tickets are priced at $32 are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

ARTFEST 2008 AT KENNEDY'S COUNTRY GARDENS, 85 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Route 3, Scituate. Feb. 23 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. View works of art, photography, pottery, basket weaving, vintage jewelry and more by local artisans. Free refreshment samples by local businesses. Information: Information: www.kennedyscountrygardens.com or 781-545-1266.

THE SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY is taking its annual day day-trip to the Metropolitan Opera in New York City March 1, to hear Renee Fleming as Desdemona in Verdi's *Otello*. This year they have purchased tickets in the prime orchestra as well as the balance orchestra (underneath the balcony). The total cost includes an opera ticket, round-trip motor coach, lunch at Josephina's and a box supper on the return trip. The total cost with prime orchestra seating is $445 and with balance orchestra seating is $375. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis. A $150 deposit will reserve your place. Contact Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565 x 19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org.

HOOT & H'OWL TRIVIA Tournament Fundraiser Feb. 29, 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the Cushing Center, 673 Main St., Rt 123, Norwell Cost: $30 per person or $200 for a team of eight. Enjoy a casual evening for adults with fun, food and friendly competition. Seating limited- reserve your place now. Trivia Tournament, Silent and Live Auction, Raffle Drawing – Win $5,000. Information: Contact the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell 781-659-2559 Web site www.ssnsc.org

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Let's rock this joint

'Five Guys Named Moe' perform at Norwell's Company Theatre this week

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



"Five Guys Named Moe" will be at the Company Theatre. 30 Accord Park Drive, through Feb. 10. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-871-2787 or go online at companytheatre.com.

Things aren't going too well for Nomax. His woman has left him, he's out of money and he's an alcoholic. One very early morning, just as his problems seem ready to overtake him, he finds help from "Five Guys Named Moe," a zoot suit-clad 1930s vocal quintet made up of Big Moe, Four-Eyed Moe, Eat Moe, Little Moe and No Moe which emerges from his vintage radio to offer Nomax comfort in the form of the music of songwriter and saxophonist Louis Jordan. With a book by Clarke Peters and featuring the music of Jordan and others, "Five Guys Named Moe" was first produced in London's West End in 1990 and on Broadway two years later. A touring production of the show plays Norwell's Company Theatre this week.

"The music may be classic jazz and rhythm and blues, but the story is contemporary with people cutting and scratching just to keep their heads above water," according to Ron Lucas, an associate producer and sometime performer on the show's current tour, being directed by A. Curtis Farrow. "Fortunately for Nomax, 'Five Guys Named Moe' come to life to school him in the ways of survival through some terrific music."

It is music that led Jordan, a pioneering jazz and blues musician from the 1930s to the 1950s, to be alternately referred to as "King of the Jukebox" and later "The Grandfather of Rock and Roll." Jordan reached the top of the "race charts," now known as the R&B charts, more than 50 times with songs like "Choo Choo Ch' Boogie," "Don't Let the Sun Catch You Crying," "Ain't Nobody Here But Us Chickens," and "Caledonia." After Duke Ellington and Count Basie, Jordan was probably the best-known, most successful African-American bandleader of his day, heading "The Tympany Five" and working with everyone from Ella Fitzgerald to Bing Crosby.

Lucas acknowledges that even in his own life Ellington and Basie have sometimes overshadowed Jordan.

"My dad used to sing these random lines around the house when I was growing up, but I didn't what songs they were from or who had written them until I started working on this show and I was like 'Oh my God, that's something my father used to say.' It didn't take me long, however, to fall in love with the music of Louis Jordan. That's what often happens with our audiences, too. They're not always sure what to expect, but we have plenty of chances for them to get involved with the show including a rhumba-line to 'Push Ka Shi Pie.' Before long they find themselves having a great experience."

"Five Guys Named Moe" will be at the Company Theatre. 30 Accord Park Drive, through Feb. 10. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-871-2787 or go online at companytheatre.com.



Jake Armerding

Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square, Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., in Hingham Square. Jake Armerding will perform on Feb. 16, at 8 p.m. After growing up with Vivaldi and bluegrass, by the seventh grade Jake was playing in his father Taylor's cutting-edge bluegrass band, Northern Lights. He has gone on to develop his own "seamless blend" of folk and bluegrass. Jake is also fiddler and mandolinist. For information, visit jakearmerding.com. Admission is $10 at the door (sorry, no reservations). The concert begins with an open mike at 8 p.m. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For information or to volunteer (free admission!) call 781-749-1767.

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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 7 **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

Foodies Market, 46 Depot St., Duxbury Thursday, Feb. 7, **Transylvanian Honey Tasting** from 2 to 5 p.m. 781-934-5544.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Oliveira's, 300 Center St., Pembroke. **Texas Hold 'Em every Thursday** The games take place 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 781-294-4700.

Red Lion Inn, 71 S. Main St., Cohasset Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m. 8 to 11 p.m. **DRIFT AWAY** featuring Cohasset's J Place-vocals, harmonica, together with Hingham's **Joe Micarelli**-piano, and Hull's **John Litwin**-drums (J Place, **Joe Micarelli John Litwin**) No Cover Charge 781-383-1704.

Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington St., Rt. 53 Hanover, saxophonist **Holly Stevenson** and keyboardist and arranger, **Yasko Kubota** will perform every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 7 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Ryan Fardy Blues Jam - open mic** 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage-cafe.com myspace.com/satchsnew-bluesrevue

Zahn's Bahn @ Kilroy's, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy across from the Shipyard off Route 53. Every Thursday at 8 p.m. **Country Karaoke w/ Lynne**.

Friday, Feb. 8

The Abington Relay for Life Comedy Night will be held on Friday, Feb. 8, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Weymouth Elks Club. Tickets are $15 each by contacting Larry Jacobs at 617-721-7460 larry.jacobs@childrensharvard.edu or Elaine Carroll at 781-871-6871 carroll91@comcast.net Must be 21 years of age to attend.

Local Boston blues legend, James Montgomery and his band will perform Friday, Feb. 8 at the Weymouth Eagles Hall, 1338 Washington St., Route 53, Weymouth Opening will be **The Mighty HouseRockers Band.** Doors open at 8 p.m. Show begins at 8:30 p.m. Cash bar from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are $25 each. Advance tickets will be available at The Eagles Club (rear club entrance), and from Satch at The Next Page Cafe', Weymouth. Plenty of free parking. Information jamesmontgomery.com or visit myspace.com/satchnewbluerevue or call Satch at 781-258-5832

Single Executives Club Singles Dance. Friday, Feb. 8, at Raffael's, 1601 Main St., Rte. 1A, Walpole. Hundreds of singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $10 before 9. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended, collared dress shirt and slacks acceptable. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com.

ANNIE, the musical, will be performed at the Inly School, 46 Watch Hill Dr., off Route 123 in Scituate the weekend of Feb. 8, 9, and 10. With the help of professional adult actors, directors, and musicians, the musical production will feature will be a fundraiser to benefit the school. All shows are open to the public. The performances take place Friday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 9 at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets $25; for information on special front-row seats, plus the opening reception, visit inlyschool.org/news/. To purchase tickets, call 781-741-5533. All shows are expected to sell out, so be sure to call in advance.

Join La Leche League of Silver Lake for information, encouragement, mother-to-mother support and education. Free meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Duxbury Free Library on Alden Street, in the Merry Room. Meeting are at 7:15 p.m. and all children are welcome. The winter series is: Feb 8, March 8, April 12. For information visit illeus.org/web/silverLakeMA.html or call us: Heidi 781-582-1187, Lisa 781-829-9075, Joanne 781-924-1919 or Krishyon 781-294-7477

Foodies Market, 46 Depot St., Duxbury Feb. 8, **Fair Trade Coffees and Greek Olive Oil tasting** from 2 to 5 p.m. 781-934-5544.

New England Singles Dances Feb. 8, 8p.m.-midnight. **Dalton Club**, 777 Plymouth St., Rte. 139, Holbrook, MA. 70's, 80's, 90's. Music. Light buffet. $10.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 8 **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

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Saturday, Feb. 9

The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents **One Woman Show** Actress **Marcia Estabrook** presents **Three Mill Girls** on Feb. 9 at 3 p.m. Estabrook brings the Lowell cotton mills to life in this riveting program that touches on women's rights, textile history and immigration in the 19th century. Suitable for adults and students age 12 and older. Tickets are $10 and are available by calling 781-659-7100 and at the door.

Wild Goose Qi Gong demonstration Feb. 9, from 2 to 3 p.m. in the auditorium on the upper level of the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Tai Chi/Qi Gong Instructor **Peggy Leung, R.N.**, demonstrates Wild Goose Qi Gong, The Healing Dance - natural movement for healthy living. Benefit from the "wisdom of Man and Nature" in these easy to follow movements. Suitable for beginners, no experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothes. No sign up necessary. You do not have to be a Braintree resident to attend. Free and open to the public. For information, call 781-848-0405 x4420.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 9 **Triple Crown** 781-829-6999.

Great Chow, 497 Bedford St, Abington Feb. 9 **Bag Full of Blues**. 781-871-8832.

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Anne Murray sings with her friends

Recording artist to perform Saturday, Feb. 9, with the Rhode Island Philharmonic

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



Anne Murray will be at the Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosset Street, Providence, R.I., Saturday, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m.

Anne Murray didn't know what she was in for when executives from her record label, EMI Music Canada, called her in for a meeting.

"My manager was there as was my assistant and what seemed to be all of EMI. I didn't know what was going on. I thought maybe it was some kind of intervention," Murray says with a laugh. "I told them right off that I wasn't going to do another album. As far as I was concerned, I had done my last album and that was that."

Fortunately, for legions of Murray fans in Canada, the U.S. and throughout the world – including those heading to the Providence Performing Arts Center Wednesday, Feb. 9, for her concert with the Rhode Island Philharmonic – EMI proved persuasive and soon the four-time Grammy award winner was sold on the idea of making a duets album of some of her best-loved songs with some of her favorite singers.

"I never once in my life thought about doing a duets album," the singer explained by telephone from her home north of Toronto last week. "And I was adamant that I had done my last album. I knew I couldn't do another album of original musical, because it just wouldn't sell in today's market. The duets idea interested me right away, however, especially when I started thinking about all the possibilities."

Murray, 62, started thinking about possible singing partners, too, soon after she shared one important idea with her record label.

"I suggested all my duet partners be female," Murray said. "It seemed to me it would not only simplify some of the logistics, but I also thought it hadn't been done before. The label resisted at first, but they came around."

They also signed nine-time Grammy Award-winning record producer Phil Ramone to the project. Ramone, founder of A&R Recording, had previously worked with everyone from Karen Carpenter, Elton John and Aretha Franklin to Rod Stewart and Paul Simon.

"Our first meeting to discuss this project happened in January 2007 and the album was done by October. Phil Ramone was the first producer they approached and he was in like a dirty shirt. He works very hard and I learned a lot from him. Once we picked the songs, I told him he had free reign with them. He never strayed too far from the original arrangements, which is a good thing, because people like to hear familiar songs done the way they first heard them."

With the veteran producer onboard, Murray set about finding duet partners for the album, "Anne Murray Duets: Friends and Legends," which was released last month and spent last week at #8 on Billboard's Country chart and at #42 on Billboard's Top 200 Albums chart.

"I knew the Canadian girls like Celine Dion ('When I Fall in Love'), Shania Twain ('You Needed Me') and k.d. Lang ('A Love Song') who grew up with me would probably be interested so we approached them first," says the Nova Scotia-born Murray. "And then we added some people I had worked with before like Emmylou Harris ('Another Pot O' Tea') and others who I had not like Carole King ('Time Don't Run Out on Me') and Olivia Newton-John.

"Olivia replied right away. She's a big Gordon Lightfoot fan so she wanted to do his song, 'Cotton Jenny.' Olivia was great and she came in prepared and was so good that we nailed it after only a few tries and we still had time to go out to dinner."

Before long the list of collaborators also included Nelly Furtado ("Daydream Believer"), Indigo Girls ("A Little Good News"), Amy Grant ("Could I Have This Dance"), Martina McBride ("Danny's Song"), Murray's daughter, Dawn Langstroth ("Nobody Loves Me Like You Do"), and others. One with a musical theater pedigree was paired with the "Canadian songbird" on what is perhaps her signature song.

"When I first heard that the label wanted me to do 'Snowbird' with Sarah Brightman, I wasn't sure what to think, because her voice is just so different. When we first got together in the studio, she looked me in the eye and said 'You'll have to help me with every line, because I really want to get this right.' She was really very sweet and the song turned out very well."

The 17 songs were recorded in Toronto, Los Angeles and Nashville, with Murray and each of her fellow artists sharing a studio, something almost unique to contemporary duets albums, which often find artists recording separately.

"That was one of my conditions. If I was going to do this album, I would get to meet each of these people." Murray made only one exception for someone she calls "my hero," the popular British singer Dusty Springfield, who died of cancer in 1999.

"Our duet is magical," Murray said of her pairing with Springfield on "I Just Fall In Love Again." With consent from Springfield's family and estate, a new duet was made using a 1979 Springfield recording and new Murray vocals. Springfield had made her recording in a booth, instead of on the floor with the musicians, so it was possible to isolate her vocals and place them on a new track with Murray's, making it seem like the old friends were once again singing together.

I had sung with Dusty so many times over the years. It was eerie to be in the studio again, singing along with her, knowing she is no longer with us. Everyone in the control room felt the same way. That song works beautifully as a duet and I never thought it would. I love Dusty's voice so much."

Anne Murray will be at the Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosset Street, Providence, R.I., Saturday, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 401-421-2787 or go online at ppacri.org.



Free Family Drum Circle, South Shore Conservatory, Hingham campus, One Conservatory Drive, Feb. 10 from 5 to 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to this open session. Drum circles are fun, interactive ways to involve an entire family in an activity. Although children of any age may join, it is best suited for kids from age 6 to 100. Facilitator Ed Sorrentino provides the percussion instruments, or if they wish, participants may bring their own. 781-749-7565 x 21. Visit the Web site at southshoreconservatory.org or call 781.749.7565, ext. 34.

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Call for entries

NRAS MEMBERS' SHOW 2008 Drop-off: Saturday, Feb. 9 10 to noon. **Monday, Feb. 11,** 7 to 9 p.m. **Entry fee is $10.** The North River Arts Society invites member artists to participate in its 2008 Members Show, Feb. 16-24, at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Opening Reception takes place Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. The exhibit will be open for viewing from Feb. 16 to Feb. 24. Hours: Monday to Friday 9 a.m.-noon Saturday and Sunday noon to 3 p.m.

THE SCITUATE ARTS ASSOCIATION invites all artists to submit their works to Scituate Arts Association's *Arts Alive!* Juried Show to be held at the SAA's Front Street Gallery from April 4 –13. The Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday, April 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate. Works will remain on display for normal gallery hours through Sunday, April 13. Entrees must be delivered to the Ellis House, 709 Country Way, Scituate on either Thursday, March 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. or Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A complete prospectus on this event may be downloaded from the Association website at www.scituateart.com For further details, questions or to have a prospectus mailed to you contact Janet Cornacchio, SAA President at jcornacch@aol.com.(preferred) or call 781-545-7613.

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The Beatles back on stage ... kinda

By Ed Symkus
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Joey Curatolo has been Paul McCartney almost as long as Paul McCartney has been Paul McCartney. He and Steve Landes were both members of the Beatles stage show, "Beatlemania," which started in 1978.

"'Beatlemania' was a generic show," says Curatolo. "It was more of a look-alike than sounding like the Beatles."

In 1983, he and Landes jumped to "Rain: The Beatles Experience," which plays the Colonial Theatre in Boston, Feb. 6-8. "This one is put together to our tastes," says Curatolo "It's more in-depth."

"The big difference is that 'Beatlemania' played the same 30 songs for its whole 10-year run," adds Landes. "And it was much more focused on the multimedia; the Beatles and what we were doing as a band was almost secondary. So we've tried to reverse that. Our show is about the band, and we strive to authentically replicate this music, the records as you remember them, only live.

"There are more than 200 Beatles songs to choose from," he adds, "and we rotate them."



"Rain," begins with the Beatles during their Ed Sullivan Show days.

Landes proudly claims that they can play every one of them, "but there are some that we choose not to do. I don't think that every Beatle fan would want to hear 'Revolution 9' every night. We've really honed the act to songs that we know will work with an audience."

"It's really about pleasing three generations of Beatle fans," Curatolo explains.

"But we also do some obscure stuff," he adds. "We've done 'You Know My Name,' 'Martha My Dear,' 'Honey Pie.' We get out there."

The show includes costume changes, along with films that give a taste of the times. In telling the story of the Beatles, it starts out in the Ed Sullivan era, with songs that were performed on the "Ed Sullivan Show," then moves on through the Shea Stadium period, "Sgt. Pepper" and "Let It Be."

"It's as if you could force the Beatles to perform their whole career in two hours," says Landes, with a laugh. "We play the songs, use authentic guitars and drums, and go through costume changes and various looks. My hair miraculously grows to hippie length in the course of the show."

Curatolo refers to "Rain" as a capsule of the '60s with the music of the Beatles as a storyboard. The visual element — much of which goes on during costume changes — includes video montages that show newsreels and TV commercials from the '60s, and insert the cast members into pieces of film that originally showed the Beatles.

There's one other component that most tribute bands would likely choose to skip over, but members of Rain all agree is the way to go: Their live performances even include the fluffed words and the blue notes — in other words, all of the flubs — that are on the Beatles records.

"People don't realize that these songs are engrained in our psyche so well, that if those pieces are not there, then it sounds like something is wrong," says Curatolo. "We try to dissect every little thing — the words, the mistakes. There were a lot of little clams they did on some of these recordings. And we cop it."

"Rain" runs at the Colonial Theatre in Boston on Feb. 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m., and on Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $36-$60. Call 617-931-2787.

Ed Symkus can be reached at esymkus@cnc.com.



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Chase Away The Winter Blues on Feb. 9, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham. All proceeds benefit educational programming and financial aid. The evening will include blues music including vocalists, piano bar and R & B band. Cocktails and comfort food served throughout the evening with libations and "blue" martinis, along with a silent auction. Tickets are $75. For information and to purchase tickets visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565 x 19.

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South Shore Dancers is having a Mardi-gras themed dance on Feb. 9. It will be held at the Cushing Center on Route 123 in Norwell. A lesson will be given at 7:30 p.m. Dancing will be from 8 to 11 p.m. Mardi-gras attire is welcome. Tickets are $9 for members and $10 for non-members. Reservations are requested. Call Tom Osterland at 781 659-4703 or through www.SouthShoreDancers.org.

Country Line and Couples Dance at Taunton Elks, 119 High St., Taunton, Feb. 9. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. with DJ and instructor, Dave Pytka. Dance 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Dancing includes Line dancing and Couples: Two step, Waltz, East Coast and West Coast Swing, Pattern/Flow dances, Cha Cha, Nightclub 2, dance mixers and more. Refreshments, cash bar. $6. Over 100 dancers expected. Sponsored by Down East Dancers, Inc. 508-653-7937; 508-695-4548. downeastdancers.com

Fine Arts Chorale will host **Bavarian Night**. Feb. 9, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Weymouth Elks Lodge, 1197 Washington St., So. Weymouth for "Bavarian Night" a fun-filled evening featuring authentic German food, a silent auction, and singing and dancing to the lively tunes of King Ludwig's Bavarian Band. Bring your friends, your dancing shoes and your appetite. Tickets are $30 per person and can be purchased by calling 800-230-7555 or by e-mailing FineArtsChorale@aol.com. Groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets for $25 per person.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane(the Gristmill), Plymouth, Feb. 9, Traditional **Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No Cover. Come sing, come play, come listen! Call 508-830-1262.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. Feb. 9, **The Infractions** 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 9, **Mission of Blues** 9:15 p.m. for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com /satchsnewbluesrevue

Zahn's Bahn @ Kilroy's, 132 E. Howard St., in Quincy across from the Shipyard off Route 53 *in the location of the former Yard Rock.* Feb. 9, **The Greg Burroughs Band**



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The 10th annual Evening of Jazz takes place Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Furnace Brook Middle School. The first half of the evening will feature all of the jazz performing groups in the Marshfield Music Department. The Marshfield Music Faculty Jazz Ensemble will perform with special guest Cassie Griffith for the second half of the evening. Admission is $4 for senior citizens and students and $5 for adults ($10 family maximum). Information: Jim Thomas, Director of Music, at 781-319-3563.

Former Marshfield student and current Kaplan Scholarship winner at Berkee College of Music, Cassie Griffith.

Sunday, Feb. 10

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Ventress Memorial Library, Library Plaza, Marshfield. **Sunday concert series** Feb. 10, at 2 p.m. **Caribbean Music for Kids**. 781-834-5535

Quincy Symphony Orchestra presents **Winter Family** concert Feb. 10 at 2:30 p.m. at North Quincy High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets adults $17, seniors and students $12, children under 12 with an adult $5. Inclement weather date: Feb. 12 at 8 p.m.

Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St. (Route 18) Weymouth. **Edwina Caci,** a skilled portrait artist in oil, pastels, and other media, will be the featured artist from through Feb. 15. **The public is invited to attend a reception** on Feb. 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is free and off-street parking at no charge is available. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30, Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Evening hours by appointment. 781-331-3384.

Monday, Feb. 11

Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St. (Route 18) Weymouth. **Edwina Caci,** a skilled portrait artist in oil, pastels, and other media, will be the featured artist from Feb. 2 through Feb. 15. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30, Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Evening hours by appointment. 781-331-3384.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization in Norwell has been supporting widowed, divorced and separated men and women through their life-changing crises. Programs are open and are held at the UCC Church, Norwell, each Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings is looking for companies and individuals who would like to support New Beginnings by becoming a sponsor. Donations will help outreach to those who need to find a place to recover. Or, you can reach more than 300 active members with an ad in their monthly newsletter for a nominal charge. For information, contact former President, Manny Hammelburg at 617 875 2986 or write to Manny at mhammelburg@comcast.net.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 11 **Free Texas Hold Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

The Buttonwood Book Group for Adults will meet on Feb. 12, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is **The Bone People** by Keri Hulme. The facilitator is Ms. Sarah Duffield. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

The Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield hosts an ongoing book discussion group. The next session will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the library's Historical Room. Discussion will continue on January's featured book "**Madame Bovary**" by the 19th century **French novelist Gustave Flaubert**. Sign up in advance to reserve a seat, or just come on the day to listen. Free and open to the public. New members welcome. Light refreshments will be served. For information call the library at 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org

The Hingham Area Branch of the American Association of University Women is sponsoring **Time to Laugh** Motivational speaker **Barbara Tortorella** will be speaking at Linden Ponds, 203 Linden Ponds Way, Hingham, on Tuesday Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. Barbara will inspire you through humor to reassess your priorities and put your life's quandaries in perspective. Information: Jane Moore at 781-659-9443. Free and open to the public. Let the Linden Ponds guard know that you are there for the AAUW meeting.

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La Leche League meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library. The program will be "Baby Arrives: The Family & the Breastfed Baby. All mothers and mothers-to-be are welcome. Babies are welcome, too. Other LLL services include a lending library and 24-hour telephone help. For information, call Christie 781-740-7808, Kathleen 781-749-2404, Tina 781-544-6226, Heather 781-544-9230, or Patti 781-986-6980.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 12 **Flydown Unplugged** 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower St., Duxbury, Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont Street, (Route 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630 for information.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, **The South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Regional** headquarters present another **winter lecture series** every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the science center located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Open to the public free of charge. **Feb. 13 Bug Invasions! By Joe Francese, USDA Entomologist.** For information visit nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168; Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400; or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

Thursday, Feb. 14

The Norwell Garden Club will present **Cooking With Herbs with Ellie Deaner** at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb.14 at the Church Hill Methodist Church, 11 Church St., Norwell. She will demonstrate and prepare a special brunch for all attending-using recipes with herbs. Reservations are required. The fee is $8 and open to residents and non-residents of Norwell. Call Lois Athanasiou at 781-659-7866.

Thomas Minichiello of Sorgi & Minichiello LLP in Hanover will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), on Feb. 14 at 7 a.m. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Larry Czech at 781-356-1440 or by email at lczech@czechcpa.com.

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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 14 **Rob Benton Band** 781-829-6999.

Friday, Feb. 15

The South Shore Folk Music Club located at The Beal House of the Kingston Unitarian Church, Main St., (Route 106) Kingston, presents Young Performers Night featuring **Matt and Sarah Borrello**, special open mic to follow at 8 p.m. Feb. 15. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Members $10; nonmembers $12. Handicapped accessible. Information: 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58E Grove St., (Rt. 28) Middleboro, Comedy Show and Italian Buffet – Valentine's Day Show, 7 p.m. Feb 15, featuring **Harrison Stebbins** along with **Annette Pollack, Chris Trabulsie, Mike Hanley** and host, **Bill Farrell**. Tickets: $29.95. Advance reservations required. 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 15 **Apek Groove 781**-829-6999

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 15, **Racky Thomas Band** 9:15 p.m. for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

New England Singles Feb. 15, 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington, MA. Light buffet. $10.



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The MightyHouserockers Band



James Montgomery

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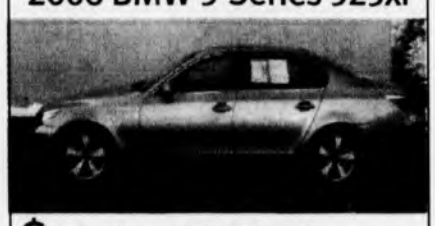
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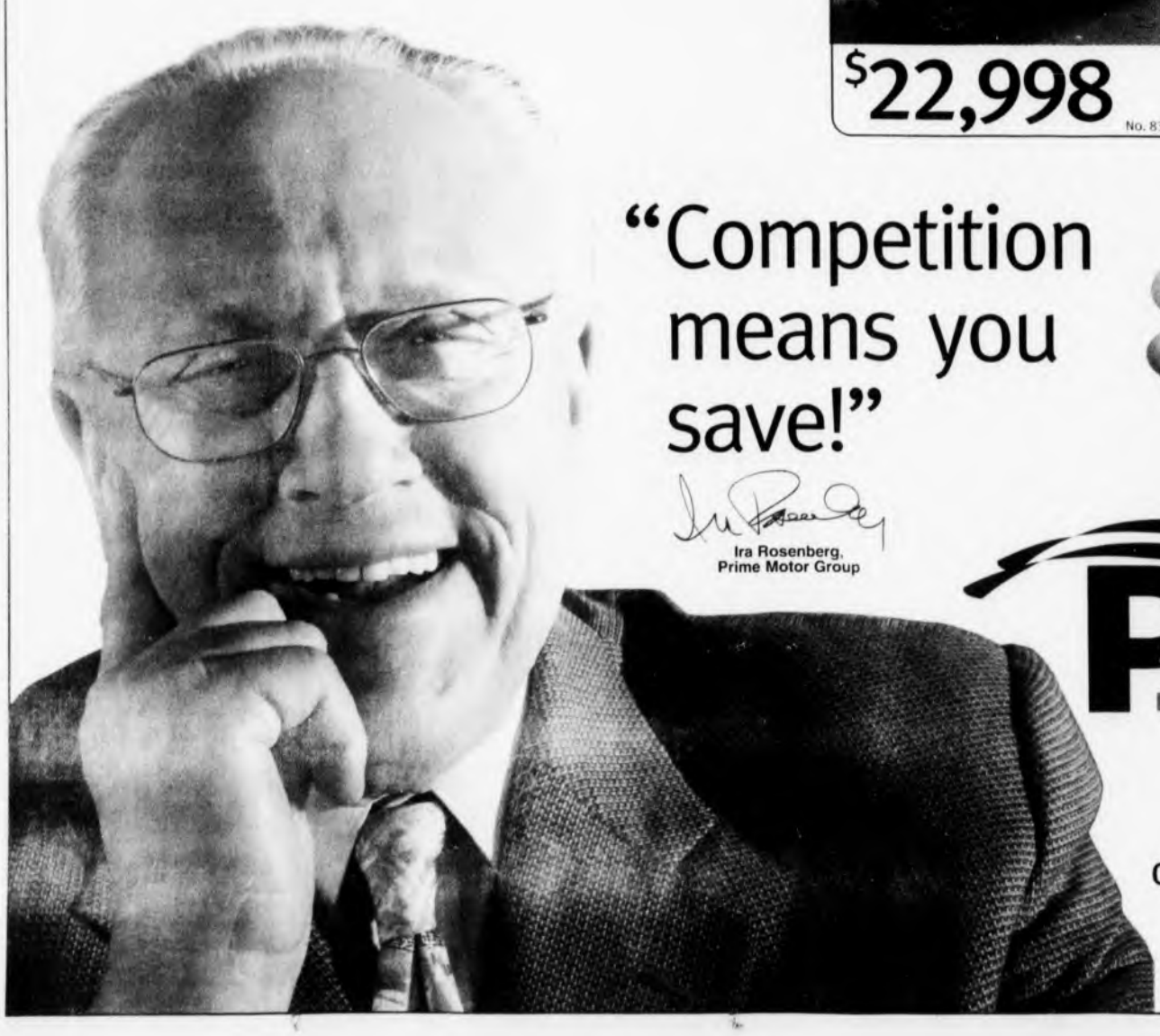


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Girls gear up for tournament



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Read-a-thon is on a roll



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Merle Brown gets things done

Self-professed 'townie' is Citizen of Year

By Mary Ford
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Merle Brown may give new definition to the term "townie."

Not only have Brown's family roots been firmly planted in the Beechwood section of Cohasset since 1812 – when his ancestors came to town – but Brown continues to donate innumerable hours to a host of projects and organizations.

"In all those years we have not moved more than a mile away since we first came," Brown said. "We are a townie family."

For Brown being a Cohasset native (apart from a stint in Germany when Brown was in the U.S. Army, he has never lived outside Cohasset) has meant giving back to the place he has called home for nearly all of his 75 years.

"I like doing it," Brown says in his trademark unassuming way. "I can't sit around and do nothing."

Years of involvement with the Boy Scouts that continues today were the predecessor to Brown's becoming one of Cohasset's most prolific volunteers.

It is Brown's undiminished love of the town, as evidenced most recently by the Beechwood Ballpark Project that led to his being selected as Citizen of the Year.

"Cohasset has been so lucky to have Merle Brown live in town," wrote Jane Long of Cedar Street in her nomination. "Throughout Merle's life he has consistently done as much as he could for the town he loves."

In fact listing Brown's many activities might require more newsprint than feasible for this story. Suffice it to say that some of those who nominated Brown for this year's award, pulled annual Cohasset Town Reports and detailed everything from his service as a selectman (four terms) to launching the recycling committee and "Pay-as-You-Throw" recycling initiative in town.

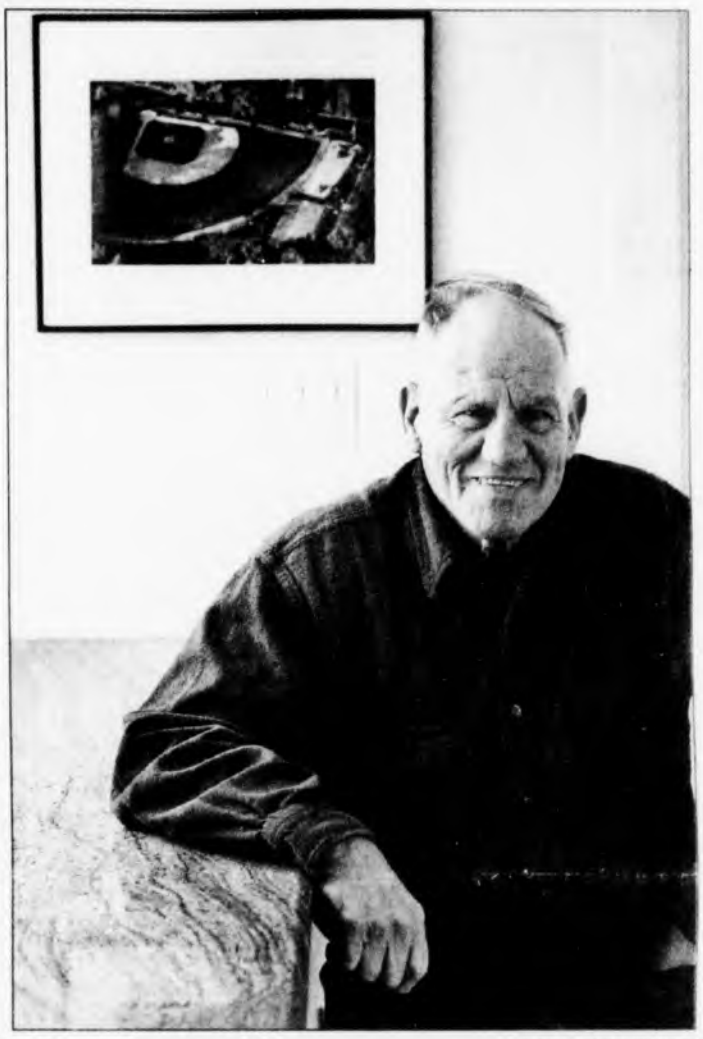
The Citizen of the Year selection committee consisting of Debbie Shadd of 31 Summer St.; Sheila Evans of 72 N. Main St., and Bill Burnett of 11 Linden Dr., joined editor Mary Ford at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square on Sunday afternoon to pore over the 16 nominations submitted by 36 individuals. The Citizen of the Year is an annual award started by the Cohasset Mariner in 1993.

Brown's house on Beechwood Street is a stone's throw from the house where he was born at 32 Doane St. and just around the corner from the refurbished Beechwood Ballpark, a rebuilding effort that Brown is quick to point out was also accomplished with the help of Glenn Pratt, a dedicated committee, and money from the Community Preservation Fund approved at Town Meeting

Brown noted the ballpark is for all ages and thinks the facility will help return a village atmosphere back to the Beechwood neighborhood where his late father E. Harold Brown operated a grocery store. "People used to say if you can't find it downtown – then go to Brown's and if he doesn't have it – you don't need it," Brown recalls about his dad's store.

It was back in 1980 when Jack Hubbard, who knew of Brown's work with the Scouts, convinced him to apply for the Conservation Commission. "He thought I would know about land and asked me to think

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Merle Brown, who has been named the Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year, sits by an aerial photo of the rebuilt Beechwood Ballpark. Brown played an integral role in the effort to refurbish the worn-out ballpark.

A Westie's happy 'tail'

'Macho' is on the road to recovery

By Nancy White
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With a name like Macho a dog has a lot to live up to. But almost since the moment his family set eyes on him, he has been perfectly described as macho man and now, more so than ever, he is living up to his name.

"We like to say he took on an SUV and won."
— Siobhan Stackpole

Macho, a one-year-old West Highland white terrier, or Westie as they are more commonly known, has fought the battle of his life over the past month. Macho was hit by a SUV in Cohasset Village a few weeks ago. With loving support from his family, veterinary care above the call of duty and an inner strength, Macho is now on his way to recovery.

"We like to say he took on an SUV and won," says Siobhan Stackpole, looking down at the alert, but tired, Macho sitting in her lap. He's been through a lot over the past few weeks.

Stackpole and her boyfriend, Terence, were walking in the village on a Friday evening planning to stop in at French

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Liza Riedel, 11, gets ready to kiss her Westie, Macho Blanco, who is OK thanks to veterinarian Fawn Stevenson of Crazy Paws.

Sewer staging

ZBA denies neighbor's appeal

By Nancy White
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The Little Harbor water and sewer project staging area is allowed under the town's zoning bylaws.

Since November, the fate of the staging area located on Jerusalem Road has been in limbo. A resident in close proximity to the area appealed the Building Inspector's decision to allow the multi-functional construction staging area on a piece of private property in a residential zoned area.

"In a way, it was a tough call," said ZBA Chairman Woody Chittick in a phone interview, adding both sides had brought good arguments. In the end, Chittick said, the board took a strict constructionist approach to determine what were zoning issues and what didn't fall under the zoning purview.

In a surprisingly short deliberation in light of the amount of time the ZBA had devoted to hearing both sides of the issue over the last three months, each of the voting members gave their perspective on the issue and a vote was taken within 15 minutes time. The vote was 2-1 in favor of denying Eileen Craven's appeal.

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Name: Sharon Moody.

Occupation: Children's librarian at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Best day of your life: When I got a Master of Education degree.

Best vacation: Caribbean cruise with my family.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: July 4th.

Favorite meal: Thai food.

Best book: "Centennial," by James Michener.

Best movie: "Last of the Mohicans."

Best TV show: "Bones."

Most embarrassing moment: I am embarrassed when I don't recognize former students.

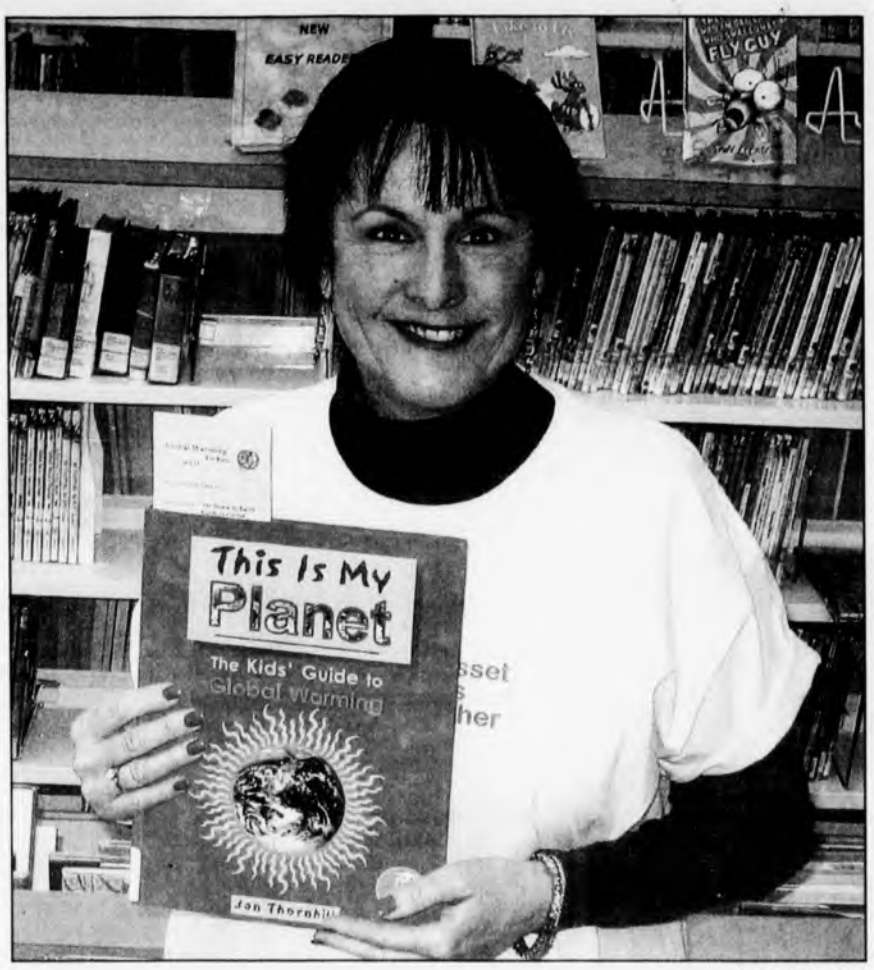
Pet peeve: Caregivers who talk during toddler story time.

Goal: To provide a high quality of service to library patrons.

Person you'd most like to meet: Maria Montessori.

Biggest worry: The future of our children.

Best part of Cohasset: Children's room at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

As the town-wide "read-a-thon" gets under way, the Mariner thought it would be nice to feature children's librarian, Sharon Moody, in Picture This. For more about the read-a-thon, see page 21.

BRIEFLY

Planning Board meetings move to Mondays

For the indefinite future, Planning Board meetings will be held each Monday evening. Therefore, the Planning Board will meet Mondays, Feb. 25, and March 3 and 10. The meeting date of Monday, March 24, is tentative.

After many years of Wednesday evening meetings the board knows this will be an adjustment, and will make every effort to make this a smooth transition, and accommodate any conflicts this change may cause while they transition to Monday evening meetings.

Sustainable Cohasset to host meetings

Sustainable Cohasset will host a showing of the award-winning NOVA documentary "Dimming the Sun." The film begins with a United States scientist's unexpected observation of a 3-degree increase in temperature ranges when all air traffic is frozen and contrails disappear from the sky immediately following Sept. 11. With all the intrigue of a good murder mystery, the film then systematically explores worldwide meteorology studies to find an explanation for the post Sept. 11 phenomena and reaches some startling conclusions.

Join Sustainable Cohasset for this 56-minute film at 7 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 25, at Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Additionally, all green book and blog lovers are welcome to join Sustainable Cohasset in an open discussion of green literature and/or movies at the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., on Feb. 26, in the Atkinson Room at First Parish Church, 25 North Main St.

Some of the titles to be discussed are Barbara Kingsolver's "Animal, Plant and Mineral," Cormac McCarthy's "The Road," Alan Weiseman's "World Without Us" and Michael Pollan's "In Defense of Food." All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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Sunrise: 6:39 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:16 p.m.*			
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Sunrise: 6:37 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:18 p.m.*			
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No races yet

Citizens have until Tuesday to return papers

By Nancy White
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Citizens are not considered candidates until they return their papers with the required signatures.

Nomination papers have hardly been flying out of the Town Clerk's office this year. Although all but one open seat has had a resident pull papers, as of the Mariner press time there were only two races possible in this year's election.

As of press time, no new candidates came forward this week to pull nomination papers. Yesterday (Thursday, Feb. 14) was the last day for citizens to take out papers from the Town Clerk's office.

Residents who have pulled papers have until Tuesday, Feb. 19 to return them in order to be placed on the ballots. Citizens are not considered candidates until they return their papers with the required signatures. The Town Clerk must then certify signatures before the resident is considered a candidate.

Last week, Ronnie McMorris of 89 Doane St. signaled her intent to run for a five-year seat on the Recreation Commission. As a former Selectman, McMorris is no stranger to town politics.

When reached this week, she said a strong interest in health and fitness influenced her decision to run.

"The Recreation Commission has been looking for people to serve, it seems like every year. As someone who believes in public service, I thought it was time to step up," said McMorris. "The Cohasset (Recreation) Commission has done a fantastic job of programming over the years," said McMorris, adding Jack Worley is dedicated individual, who can include the transformation of the Teen Garage among his many accomplishments.

She'd like to see Cohasset Recreation introduce programming for adults in the community, in addition to the kids and teen programs, "I would like to be part of the work they are doing," said McMorris.

The two-year seat on the Recreation Commission is the only open seat not to have a resident pull papers to run.

The following candidates have returned their nomination papers and had their signatures certified: Karen Quigley for Board of Selectmen; Fred Koed for Board of Selectmen; Charles Samuelson for Planning Board (five-year term); Marion Douglas for Town Clerk; Glenn Pratt for Water Commission; Dan Evans for Town Moderator; Mary Lou Lawrence for Board of Library Trustees; Sheila Evans for Board of Library Trustees; Rodney Hobson for Board of Library Trustees; Wayne Sawchuk for Sewer Commission; and Robin Lawrence for Board of Health.

Some residents have pulled papers, but have yet to return them. Among them are Clark Brewer for the Planning Board three-year seat and James Dow for Sewer Commission.

George Haley of 119 Pleasant St. pulled papers for Library Trustees, but has not brought them back in. Incumbents Alfred Slanetz (School Committee) and Mary Granville (Board of Assessors) have yet to return their nomination papers.

Library Trustee and Sewer Commission are the only committees with more possible candidates than open seats. Four pulled papers for three open seats on the Board of Library Trustees and two pulled papers for Sewer Commission.

Positions available for the 2008 town election include: Selectmen — two for three-year positions; Moderator — one three-year position; Town Clerk - one three-years position; School Committee — one three-year position; Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library - three three-year positions; Assessor—one three-year position; Board of Health — one three-year position; Planning Board — one for five-year position and one three-year position (to fill an unexpired term); Recreation Commission - one five-year position and one two-year position (to fill an unexpired term); Sewer Commission- one three-year position; and Water Commission — one three-year position.

Police Beat

Suspects caught after break-in at Curtis Liquors

By Mary Ford
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Police Chief James Hussey said the men arrested following a break-in at Curtis Liquors on Sunday night are suspects in other burglaries including one recently at the Dunkin' Donuts off King Street and another one in Cambridge.

Police responded to a commercial alarm at Curtis Liquors at 8:35 p.m., the store closes at 6 p.m. on Sundays. Witnesses provided officers with a description of two vehicles that were seen leaving the plaza and heading north toward Hingham. Cohasset and Hingham police stopped a red Toyota Corolla at the intersection of Routes 3A and 228 in Hingham.

Police pursued a white Chevrolet van from Cohasset into Hingham, Weymouth, Quincy and Boston to apprehend the third suspect.

Emmanuel Cirino, 22, of Dorchester, was arrested after the stolen white van he was driving struck a light pole on Old Harbor Road in South Boston.

Cirino; Edward Nugent, 24, of Dorchester; and John Joyce, 39, of Quincy, face charges of breaking and entering a building in the nighttime to commit a felony; destruction of property; larceny; possession of burglarious tools and conspiracy. Cirino also faces additional charges of larceny of a motor vehicle, speeding, reckless operation, and failure to stop for a police officer.

The three suspects were arraigned in Quincy District Court on Monday morning.

The van driven by Cirino initially stopped and then took off, speeding and failing to stop for traffic lights, police said. State Police assisted with Cirino's arrest.

Hussey said the men, who went in through the back of the building, appeared to be planning to steal the safe because they took a dolly into the liquor store.

"Our officers' quick response, with assistance from the community, was key in capturing the suspects," he said. "This arrest may very well clear other breaking and entering(s) we have experienced recently in town."

Purse snatching

Cohasset had another purse snatching incident last week. Both Cohasset and Hingham have experienced a rash of this type of thefts over the past month.

In the most recent incident that was reported last Thursday, a Parker Avenue woman called and said earlier she had parked near the front of Shaw's. She explained the doors to her car do not lock. She took her purse but left her pocketbook in the car and when she came back out her pocketbook was gone. The only item of value in the pocketbook was a cell phone, police said.

The pocketbook was later discovered off Deep Run.

Last Friday morning in Hingham, a woman ran into Tedeschi's on South Street. A female thief grabbed the pocketbook she left on the seat of her unlocked car, surprising the motorist's two children, ages 9 and 6, in the backseat. Then on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., a woman in the parking lot at CVS in Hingham Square had her pocketbook stolen while she dashed into the store. The parking lot was full of cars and shoppers were entering and exiting the store.

Police are urging women to take their pocketbooks with them no matter how quick their errand is. Chief Hussey asks that people report to police if they see anyone suspicious hanging around a parking area, even if they are just sitting in the car for a period of time.

Shoplifting

A Scituate man is being charged with shoplifting after he allegedly stole about $450 in meat, seafood, produce and groceries from Shaw's last week. Police were notified at about 1:15 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 7) that a man had just walked out of the supermarket with a carriage full of groceries. The responding police officer viewed the video that showed the man inside the store and leaving. Employees provided a description of the car and license plate. Further investigation revealed the vehicle was registered to a Scituate resident.

Scituate police went to the man's home, met with him and found a carload of groceries.

The 43-year-old man is being summonsed to court on charges of shoplifting over $100 and larceny over $250, police said.

OUI arrest

A 41-year-old Cohasset man is facing a drunk driving charge after being stopped for speeding on Beechwood Street last Thursday (Feb. 7) at about 11 p.m. Police said an officer was traveling east on Beechwood when the officer saw a large truck heading west at a high rate of speed. The officer pulled off to shoulder of the road for safety reasons. The officer turned around and caught up with the truck on Church Street. Based on the officer's observations and further investigation at the scene, the officer determined the man had been drinking. He was charged with OUI (second offense); negligent operation of a motor vehicle; and speeding.

Possible break-in

Police have not ruled out that damage to a screen and a broken windowpane could be a sign of an attempted break-in at a home on Jerusalem Road. The resident reported the incident to police last week and said he believed someone had tried to break-into his home. An officer met the victim and viewed the damage. An iron object lying on the ground near the front door that is used as a boot scraper could have been used, police said. No entrance was gained to the property. It is not clear if this was an attempted break-in or malicious vandalism, Chief Hussey said.

Car towed

Police had a car towed after a Jerusalem Road resident complained that the Toyota RAV4 had been parked at the end of the street all morning. Investigation revealed the motorist delivered newspapers. Chief Hussey explained that police did their "due diligence" and contacted the owner but could not locate the driver and ended up having the vehicle towed.

Laundry room

A resident on Old Pasture Road heard someone in the laundry room in the basement but thought it was a relative. Later it was discovered the relative had not yet arrived home. The resident also saw someone running through the back yard and called police the next morning.

It appears that someone entered the laundry room through an outside door. Nothing appears to have been taken but laundry was thrown about the room and the laundry baskets were on the floor, police said. The incident that was reported Saturday is under investigation.

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Active parenting course offered

First Parish Unitarian-Universalist Church, 23 North Main St., will offer a follow-up parenting course to one that is currently underway. The new course for parents of children 4 to 12, "Active Parenting Now," will be held in three sessions Wednesday, Feb. 27, and March 5 and 12, in the livingroom of the church. A choice of 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. will be offered.

Perhaps some parents have all the skills they need, but if the following phrases sound familiar to you, this program will be helpful: "Stop teasing your brother, " "Go ask your father," "One more story, but that's it," "Go to sleep now," "Did you clean your room yet," "Pick that up," and "For the last time, no!"

It is a two-hour, fast moving three-session, video and discussion- based program that teaches both communication and discipline skills that eliminate the power struggle. You will learn effective methods to instill courage and self-esteem, create cooperative kids, make responsibility a reality, and develop problem-solving techniques. In short, you will understand your child's thinking. Tell a friend and come have some fun.

First Parish sponsors these courses with financial assistance available through the Social Service League of Cohasset. The program is written by national parenting expert, Dr. Michael Popkin and will be facilitated by Jan Tedeschi of Norwell, well know throughout the South Shore for her active parenting teaching.

The cost is $100 per person for First Parish members, $120 for non-members and a 25 percent discount will be offered for spouses attending the same program. To register, call Parish Administrator, Sandy Bailey, at 781-383-1100. For more information, visit www.askjantedeschi.com

Housing hunt

New tools to aid in affordable housing development

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New tools to aid Cohasset in its pursuit of affordable housing units — a requirement mandated by the state's Chapter 40-B law — are on the table for Annual Town Meeting.

The Housing Partnership, the Selectmen appointed committee devoted to developing and maintaining affordable housing, presented two Town Meeting articles to the Advisory Committee last week (Tues. Feb. 5). The Partnership proposes a revision to the town's current inclusionary zoning bylaw as well as the creation of a housing trust.

No vote to recommend (or not recommend) the articles to Town Meeting was taken on either of the two proposals; rather the meeting was a healthy discussion of concerns and questions. The Partnership owned the floor for an hour and a half; the majority of the discussion centered on the creation of a housing trust, with the discussion circling back to the inclusionary bylaw for a short time.

"The Housing Partnership's role is to develop and maintain affordable housing, these two things are tools to helps us," said Housing Partnership co-chair Tom Callahan of the proposed revised inclusionary zoning bylaw and the creation of a Housing Trust.

Both tools would give the town the means to more aggressively seek out and develop affordable housing; something by state law the town is obligated to do.

"Whether we like it or not, 40-B is a requirement," said Callahan. Under Chapter 40-B, each municipality must have 10 percent of their housing stock deemed affordable.

"A trust is a tool many communities have used over the last 10 years to pursue goals to develop affordable housing," said Callahan. The state's Department of Housing and Community Development recognized this trend and as a result created a trust structure by statute to make it easier for municipalities to adopt the mechanism. The trust proposed by the Housing Partnership takes the state statute and adds a few provisions to increase local control.

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> — Tom Callahan, Housing Partnership

Callahan describes the Housing Trust as the functional equivalent of a separate enterprise fund, like the water and sewer departments, set up for the purposed of developing affordable housing.

The Housing Trust still has checks and balances with a nine-member board, including representatives from the Housing Partnership and Board of Selectmen, overseeing the fund. Decisions on larger sums of money to buy or sell land and borrowing funds would need to go before the Board of Selectmen.

"Basically the trust gives the tools to be able to react quickly to the real estate market we're working in," said Callahan. The housing trust funds could be used for deposits on available real estate or to grant subsidies to private developers.

The Partnership plans to fund the trust through a variety of sources: developer contributions collected through the implementation of the proposed revised inclusionary bylaw, grants, gifts, loans and general appropriations at Town Meeting.

The partnership's application for an allocation of the Community Preservation Funds set aside for community housing development was voted down at a recent meeting. The Community Preservation Committee currently has about $196,000 in funds in the housing account.

Callahan explained CPC funds allow housing to be developed to target price points at both affordable (by 40-B standards at 80 percent of the area median income) and just above that (100 percent of the area median income). Both price points are lacking in Cohasset and developing both is a focus of the Housing Partnership, said Callahan.

"There's still a question about what affordable what it looks like and feels like," said Housing Partnership co-chair Clark Brewer. An affordable apartment at the to-be-built Avalon apartment complex would have a monthly rent of $1200.

Inclusionary zoning

In 2006, Town Meeting established an inclusionary bylaw, now the Housing Partnership is looking to establish more comprehensive bylaw, derived from Duxbury and Marshfield's inclusionary bylaw.

An inclusionary zoning bylaw is a mechanism for towns that have achieved the state mandated 10 percent affordable housing stock to maintain that threshold by requiring all future multi-unit development to contain at least 10 percent affordable units. For towns like Cohasset that have yet to achieve 40-B compliance, an inclusionary bylaw can help it get and maintain the 10 percent threshold.

The proposed inclusionary bylaw repeals the prior inclusionary bylaw/provisions and closes a loophole in the original inclusionary bylaw that left the Cook Estate development without affordable housing units, "the bylaw was not made applicable to single-family development," said Callahan.

The proposed inclusionary bylaw is triggered in all development of five or more units and single-family home development. In addition, it requires commercial development to contribute toward affordable housing in town.

Advisory Committee members brought up the partnership's attempt at affordable housing on 25 Ripley Road, which received opposition from the neighborhood early last year.

Callahan said the initial meeting with the neighborhood was an attempt to build consensus among the community, adding the neighbors had some real concerns including traffic and if the building was going to be enlarged, but other concerns were not.

Some Advisory Committee members were not surprised at residents' objections to affordable housing projects in their neighborhood, "why would they want anything to devalue the biggest investment they had?" said Advisory Committee member Tucker Glavin.

Callahan said there was little evidence to back up residents' claims that affordable housing in their neighborhood would lower they're property values. In Cohasset, Callahan gave the example of Straits Pond where many homes have been converted to condominiums, similar to those planned for 25 Ripley Road, and home values in that neighborhood have not been decreased.

Advisory Committee member Chartis Tebbetts said much would depend on whether the community would support projects on an individual basis, adding the Partnership's smaller project, town-wide approach as opposed to large clusters of units is the route to take, "we need to make it possible to make this town more economically diverse."

"The committee can move forward better and more successfully with a trust," said Tebbetts, "we can get it off the ground at no cost to the town."

How close is Cohasset to 40-B compliance?

Right now, Cohasset is holding steady with 76 countable units, most of them at the Harborside Apartments at 60 Elm Street. Town-wide there are currently about 2805 housing units, giving Cohasset about 2.6 percent affordable. That leaves Cohasset short approximately 205 units short of the 10 percent threshold required under the state's 40-B law.

Several large developments in the pipeline (Avalon, the TOD project and the Cook Estate) add up to 245 units, increasing Cohasset's town-wide housing units to approximately 3055. At that point Cohasset will need 306 units to comply with the Chapter 40-B. The to-be-built units do not count for the state until a building permit is taken out from Town Hall. With currently Avalon tied up in appeals, a building permit for the 200-unit apartment complex could be a year or more away. (Under 40-B because of a dearth of rental property, all units count in a rental complex even though only 25 percent would be affordable.)

"Until Avalon takes building permits, something could come in and it could be something the town doesn't want," said Callahan. Under Chapter 40B, a state law, a town's zoning board can approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Towns that are under the 10 percent threshold of their housing stock deemed as affordable by state standards are vulnerable to 40-B projects.

Avalon and the TOD mixed-use development include 202 affordable units, leaving Cohasset about 20 affordable housing short of the 10 percent threshold. The only other affordable housing project in the works is two affordable units by the Housing Partnership for 821 Jerusalem Road.

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Stormwater solution

CZM awards grant to build four raingardens near harbor

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Cohasset Harbor is one of the town's greatest resources and attractions. Together, the Stormwater Management Committee and the Conservation Commission are making strides to protect the harbor and its tributaries.

Earlier this week, the town's application for a Coastal Pollution Remediation grant was approved, awarding the town $46,430 to build four raingardens in the Jacobs Meadow/James Brook watershed. Coastal Zone Management (CZM), a state agency, oversees this type of grant.

"This is a stellar example of what the committee has accomplished by coordinating within the town board and committee and in conjunction with state agencies to identify solutions that are effective in preventing and mitigating water pollution in the town," said Stormwater Committee Chairman Marty Nee.

The bioretention systems, which are more commonly known as raingardens, are considered a best management practice solution by the state Department of Environmental Protection. The low impact development strategy is designed to create a natural filtration process to treat stormwater runoff.

Topographically, some will have vegetation (flowers and other plantings) while other will just be a grass swale. But, it's what's underneath the ground — a natural filtration system — that really makes the bioretention systems work. The vegetation and soils remove pollutants from the stormwater, such as nutrients, suspended solids, salt, and petroleum byproducts. The goal is to reduce flooding by slowing the flow and to have cleaner stormwater throughout the James Brook/Jacob's Meadow watershed, which flows directly into the harbor.

Sarah Charron, a member of both the Stormwater Committee and the Conservation Commission, says the raingardens will primarily help with the pollution issues associated with stormwater. The strategically placed raingardens are most effective on capturing and cleaning the first one-inch of rainwater, the rain that typically picks up the most contaminants.

The effects of stormwater pollution on the harbor are most apparent in the summer when often following after heavy rainfall beaches are closed due to high levels of bacteria.

"A lot of that is caused by the first inch of rain water going straight into Jacobs Meadow, James Brook and then into the harbor," said Nee, "this structural best management practice will absorb a lot of the rainfall before it even gets into the ecosystem."

This latest project is part of a comprehensive effort to alleviate water quality and flooding issues that included the Jacob's Meadow salt marsh restoration project, a priority project of CZM's Wetland Restoration Program. The grant application process was a fairly competitive one with only seven proposals from a pool of 17 received funding. In total, $439,000 in grants was awarded to relieve coastal pollution.

To complement this grant, the Stormwater Management Committee and the Conservation Commission are jointly seeking $88,500 in Community Preservation Funds to build an additional six bioretention systems throughout the James Brook/Jacobs Meadow watershed.

The project received unanimous approval from the Community Preservation Committee at its recent meeting.

"It's protecting our most precious piece of open space," said CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey. Annual Town Meeting (March 29) will have the final say on this allocation. The committees hope to design and build the raingardens within the next five to six months.

"I think this grant shows the effectiveness of having a committee focusing strictly on stormwater issues," said Nee, "this committee certainly doesn't do it all, but we do pull all the different boards and committees together on this issue. It's important for the state to see the town is behind the stormwater problems from comprehensive standpoint."

The Stormwater Committee is also in the process of finalizing its stormwater management bylaw for the March 29 Annual Town Meeting. The bylaw seeks to implement controls on stormwater runoff so increased development will not exacerbate the flooding issues throughout town.

The Water Department has been the pioneer of raingardens in Cohasset and will complete installation of close to 50 of them in the Lily Pond watershed by the end of this year in an effort to protect the town's primary drinking water source.

Since 1996, the Coastal Pollutant Remediation Grant Program within EEA's Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) has provided more than $5 million in grants to help communities improve water quality degraded by non-point source pollution. The leading cause of water quality impairment in the nation, non-point source pollution is caused when rainfall or snowmelt moves over and through the ground, picking up pollutants and depositing them into nearby coastal waters, rivers and bays.

This year, the South Shore towns of Weymouth and Duxbury as well as the Cape Cod towns of Provincetown, Dennis, Brewster and Bourne received Coastal Pollutant Remediation grants.

Still time to file for real estate tax exemptions

Cohasset Board of Assessors Office is currently accepting applications for fiscal 2008 real estate tax exemptions. The qualification date is July 1, 2007. Applicants who have filed tax exemption forms since July 1, 2007, are not required to file again. The deadline for filing is March 31, 2008.. The following exemptions are available:

Persons Over 70 Years of Age – $2,000 off. Clause 41C – if annual income is less that $18,000 (single person) or $23,000 (married couple), and the value of assets, excluding one's home, is less than $33,000 (single person) or $35,000 (married couple) and must own and occupy for previous 10 years.

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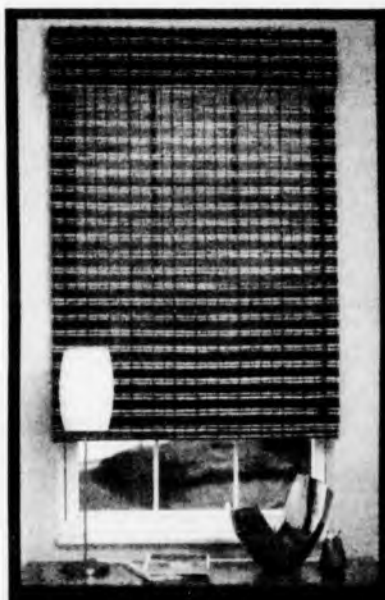
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Roy Harris will be at the Hingham Public Library on Feb. 19

Harris to discuss 'Pulitzer's Gold'

Join author Roy Harris Jr. in a discussion of his newly published book, "Pulitzer's Gold: Behind the Prize for Public Service Journalism," at Hingham Public Library on Tuesday, Feb. 19. A reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the library's Whiton Room, with the talk commencing at 7 p.m.

"Pulitzer's Gold" takes a behind the scenes look at the history of the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service, which is awarded annually to a newspaper. It includes accounts of the Boston Globe's uncovering of sexual misconduct by priests, the Pentagon Papers exclusive by the New York Times and the Watergate scandal unearthed by Robert Woodward and Carl Bernstein. It also spotlights other famous and not so famous stories from the two world wars, the Great Depression, the Civil Rights struggle, Vietnam era and present day environmental and corporate scandals.

Harris is a senior editor of The Economist Group's CFO magazine, and served from 1971 through 1994 as a reporter with the Wall Street Journal, including six years as deputy chief of its 14-member Los Angeles bureau. He also reported at the Los Angeles Times and St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

All are invited to attend this free event sponsored by Buttonwood Books and Hingham Public Library. Copies of "Pulitzer's Gold" will be available for sale, and Harris will sign them. For more information, call 781-741-1405, ext. 2650.

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

CRAZY WEATHER

All right Cohasset, this weather is crazy and a bit weird, don't you think? I know it is winter in New England but... Anyways, I hope that everyone was able to make it through this wet week with little or no flooding issues and enjoyed a Happy Valentine's Day with all the people you love. I want to wish all who are on February vacation next week a fun and happy week whether you are staying around here and relaxing or traveling to another location for some time away from home. If you have any stories or photos to share, make sure to send them along. Stay safe no matter where you go and enjoy.

OH BOY, OH BOY!

We have a few new bouncing baby boys to talk about this week.

Brendan Richard Loughlin was born on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008 at 11:25am. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long. Brendan is the new brother to **William,** who is 4-1/2, and **Sarah**, who is 16 months old. The proud and happy parents are **Michelle and Mark Loughlin** of Cohasset. All are adjusting well to the new family member. Congratulations to you all.

Alexandra Lynner Gilbert and JT Gilbert are the proud parents of **Jakob Henry Gilbert,** who was born on Jan. 9, 2008. He weighed in at 8 pounds 8 ounces. **Marianne and Steve Lynner** of Cohasset and **Henry "Tim" and Sharon Gilbert** of Summit, N.J., are the proud and happy grandparents of this bouncing baby boy. Congratulations to you all on this new addition to the family.

JOSEPH ON STAGE

Get ready to come and enjoy a colorful and musical story of Joseph and his coat of many colors as told through the musical score and lyrics of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber presented by the Cohasset Dramatic Club. The dates for this show are Feb 29, March 1, 7,8,14 and 15 at 7:30 pm and March 2, 9 and 16 at 2 pm and the show is held at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. Tickets are $14, $12 groups of 8 or more and may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Ticket also available at the door.

PASSION PLUNGE

The 10th Annual Passion Plunge for Special Olympics Massachusetts takes place Saturday, Feb. 16, at noon. Locally a large group of supporters from Cohasset will be Plunging at Nantasket Beach. We expect over 500 Plungers at Nantasket including **Jay and Jeff Nothnagle, Laurel Hickey, Jessica MacDonald, Brook Miele, Graham, Charlotte and Nick Sida, Doug Yeager, Jack Delorenzo, Rich Quebec, Bill Greentree, Chris Evans, Bob and Christy Driscoll, Brendan Michaud**, and **Lindsey and Richard Kennedy**. Please support these Plungers by donating directly to one of them or online at www.passionplunge.org and searching for your favorite Plunger.

All the money raised goes to support the local and state programs of Special Olympics MA which serves over 10,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities by providing year-round sports training and competition in 26 different sports. There is still plenty of room for more Plungers! Come to the Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse at 10 a.m. to register, to see the Costume Parade at 11:15, or to cheer on the Plungers at Noon, and remember to support this great effort.

QUILT SHOW

Spring begins in Cohasset with the Quilt Show at Second Congregational Church. No matter what the weather outside, the interior brings an unbelievable array of color as more than 50 quilts are on display in the sanctuary. The color continues in the church hall as tables are set with white tablecloths and flower centerpieces, and red aproned waiters await your selection from a delightful menu. This fifteenth annual Quilt Show and Luncheon will take place on March 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are available at Second Congregational Church (781-383-0345) and are $12 for the entire event. It is a good idea to buy them ahead as seating is limited.



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The kids ensemble of "Joseph" prepares for a scene. Pictured front row, from left: Jessi Tassini, Scituate, Molly Rafferty, Scituate, Madison Pratt, Cohasset, Megan Rafferty, Scituate, back row: Jack Duff, Scituate, Whitney Jaffe, Julia Thompson, Callie Piepenbrink, all of Cohasset, and Molly McLellan of Rockland.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Congratulations go out to a number of Cohasset students who are attending colleges or schools around the area on there accomplishments.

Courtney Culhane, a Cohasset 10th grade student attending Notre Dame Academy who made the President's List for her most recent grades on her report card. This is the highest award of achievement that can be obtained and Courtney's family is so proud of her. Courtney is enjoying her time on JV Ice Hockey and will be jetting off to Italy over February vacation with her Latin Class for a wonderful experience and trip. Keep up the great work Courtney.

Samantha Bobo is a freshman at Tabor Academy and she received honors for her first semester. Samantha's decision to attend Tabor Academy was based on her interest in Marine Biology. Samantha is the daughter of **Steve and Heidi Bobo** and the granddaughter of **Steve and Vivien Bobo,** all of Cohasset. Everyone is super proud of you Samantha.

Stonehill College recently named **Robert Carpenter,** a member of the class of 2008, and **Mary Previte**, a member of the class of 2011 to the dean's list. At Stonehill, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered. Nice job to both of you on this accomplishment.

Brenna O'Donnell, of Cohasset, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2007 semester at the University of Vermont. Brenna is a senior Secondary Education English major in the College of Education & Social Services. This was nice to hear about Brenna, keep up the good work.

Caitlin Sanchez was named to the dean's list with a grade point average of 3.2 or higher out a possible 4.0 for the Fall 2007 Semester at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. This was due to your hard work Caitlin, your family is proud I am sure.

STAR QUALITY

Does your pet have star quality? Then submit one, two, or more photos for the 2009 Pet Photo Calendar made to help support the Scituate Animal Shelter to photos@3afarmfund.com. Each photo entry is just $10; please mail your entry donation to Scituate Animal Shelter Pet Photo Contest, P.O. Box 823, Scituate MA 02066 — with all funds going to help the homeless Shelter animals. Photos must be received by May 1 for consideration in the juried collection of pet photos. To get an idea of how great your pet may look, pick up a limited edition, 2008 Pet Photo Calendar, available for sale at the Scituate Animal Shelter for just $5. Our calendars make fantastic gifts for those special animal fans in your life. All proceeds benefit the Scituate Animal Shelter's 3A Farm Fund. Questions? Call 781-545-8703.

WORKSHOP

Back by popular demand! All are welcome for this presentation 'From Direction to Done' on Tuesday, March 4th, by **Sarah Ward**, MS, CCC/SLP.

This valuable workshop is helpful for parents of all students, especially for those that struggle with organization. Sarah Ward will provide parents with strategies they can use in order for children to self regulate, initiate, organize and finish tasks at home and school. The focus will be on how to improve a child's executive function skills. Ms. Ward is a speech pathologist specializing in cognition and attention. She teaches her clients organizational behaviors and then helps them generalize those behaviors in real life. The presentation will be held at the Cohasset High School Auditorium, 143 Pond St., at 7 p.m. All workshops/presentations are free and sponsored by the Cohasset PSO/Parent Advisory Council.

That is the news for this week. Send it all into me for next week no later than 5 on Tuesday evening.

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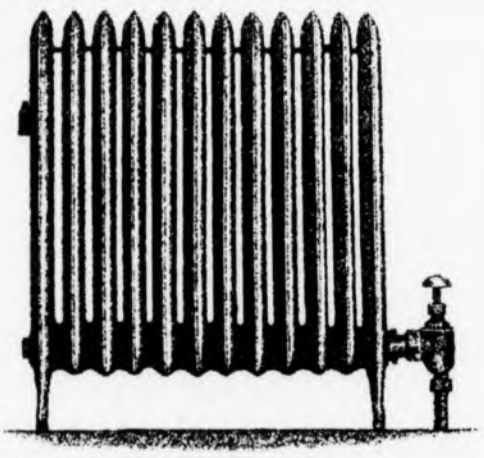
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Mariner receives 16 nominations

By Mary Ford
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The Cohasset Mariner received 16 nominations from 36 individuals for the annual Citizen of the Year Award. A selection committee consisting of Debbie Shadd of 21 Summer St.; Sheila Evans of 72 N. Main St., and Bill Burnett of 11 Linden Dr., and editor Mary Ford pored over the nominations at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square on a recent Sunday and selected Merle Brown of Beechwood Street for the annual award.

The decision was unanimous, although not reached without considerable discussion about all the other very deserving candidates including:

• Madeline Altholtz, for working hard to do her best at everything she takes on whether school, sports or family obligations, she tries to do the right thing. She is a team player all the way, every day.

• Steve Bobo for contributing in so many ways to make Cohasset a better place for all: on the board of health, at the historical society, advancing the Center for Student Coastal Research, Cohasset Lightkeepers, and informing readers through his weekly Mariner column, Health Notes.

• JoAnne Chittick for organizing a group of 50 women for at least 27 years to cook dinner once a month for Rosie's Place in Boston. JoAnne has signed up the cooks, provided the recipes and reminded people when it is their turn to provide. For one person to have chaired this effort for so long, is indicative of her generous and loving spirit, and her concern for others less fortunate.

• Ralph Dormitzer for his tireless effort actively protesting the Logan Airport flight patterns over Cohasset helping to reduce the aggravating noise pollution experienced by Cohasset residents.

• Louis F. Eaton Jr. for contributions to Cohasset over 67 years including serving on nine town committees, on the MBTA advisory board, and as town counsel and in numerous other civic activities. As a Red Cross donor, he has also donated more than 17 gallons of blood over the years.

• John Englander, founder of the current Cohasset Education Foundation, which has created a support mechanism for the schools. He worked tirelessly to create bylaws, find donors, create fundraisers, and attract community leaders to the organization – all for no personal or political gain.

• Ann Marie Goff for her tireless efforts coordinating gift boxes for deployed troops, organizing the raffle prizes for the American Legion Clambake, and her involvement with the Relay For Life starting the Clark Chatterton team. She has also organized and managed a fundraiser for an uninsured cancer patient.

• Ronnie Goodwin for constantly and quietly giving of himself over many years both personally and through his business Goodwin Graphics. He truly understands that he is part of the larger community and has the heart to match the enormity of his selflessness and generosity.

• Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan, the "Greenbush Guys," for doing a truly outstanding job in monitoring and overseeing the Greenbush project, village revitalization and water/sewer projects. Leaving no stone unturned. The duo makes sure Cohasset's interests are looked out for without compromise to safety.

• Kathy O'Malley, whose volunteer efforts as president of the Cohasset Historical Society, and being its ambassador of good will, have seen the organization grow and thrive.

• Harry St. Onge, a cancer survivor, who has led the Relay For Life over the past several years. He has pored all his energy into making each Relay a successful one.

• Chartis Langmaid Tebbetts, for her dedication and service on the League of Women Voters, Cohasset Housing Partnership, on the School Committee, on the Diversity Committee, and on the First Parish Committee, to name just a few. As a leader she inspires others with her enthusiasm, work ethic and positive approach.

• Hamilton Tewksbury for his selflessness and quiet giving to Cohasset through the Government Island Study Committee, Hagerty Property Committee and the historical commission and his long time commitment to driving the medical van for the Council on Elder Affairs.

• Gary Vanderweil for his unselfish leadership and service to Cohasset on the Sewer Commission, Board of Selectmen, Cohasset Conservation Trust, Cohasset Land Foundation, CHS Alumni Field and Tennis Court Renovation Committee.

• Tom Wigmore for being the driving force behind the Sons of the American Legion, his service to veterans by placing the flags on veterans graves in all the cemeteries in town, and bringing the Healing Field flag display to town. Through his job as Cohasset Dispatch Supervisor, Tom also serves on the town's Emergency Management Committee.

Merle Brown gets things done

FROM MERLE, PAGE 1

about serving on the Conservation Commission," Brown recalls. That started a legacy of involvement with town affairs.

After 11 years on the Conservation Commission, Brown ran successfully for selectman in 1992. At his first meeting, then Town Administrator Gregory Doyon unearthed a photograph that had been down in the Town Hall basement featuring a prior Board of Selectmen and put it up in Brown's honor. The photograph included Brown's late grandfather, Selectman Herbert Brown.

The retired project and manufacturing engineer (he completed his degree nights at Northeastern) has worn many hats over the years including his current role as a member of the Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations on both the budget and other articles to Town Meeting. Brown is also a member of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative and joins the Appalachia Service Project every summer where he volunteers his construction expertise.

"I was assigned as his partner on one such trip to Kentucky," Taffy Nothnagle wrote in her nomination. "I was worried that my lack of similar skills might disappoint him, but I should have known that his years in Scouting had also made him a skilled teacher.

"I was amazed to see how patient this big, gruff man was with teaching the teenagers and me how to use the power equipment and how to approach the project. He let us make mistakes and learn from them, and helped us to gain confidence in what we could accomplish."

Brown met his future wife Joan when they both worked for the Kennedy Company in Cohasset, a manufacturer of large radar antennas. They have been married for 48 years and have two children, Marcy and Jeffrey, and five grandchildren, Christian, Audrey, Elizabeth, Kathleen and Madeleine.

Brown, who graduated from Cohasset High in 1951, has never considered leaving Cohasset or the Beechwood neighborhood. "I like this area, every morning I can look out (my window) to the reservoir," he said. "I like walking in Wompatuck State Park to the Mount Blue spring, take a drink and walk home."

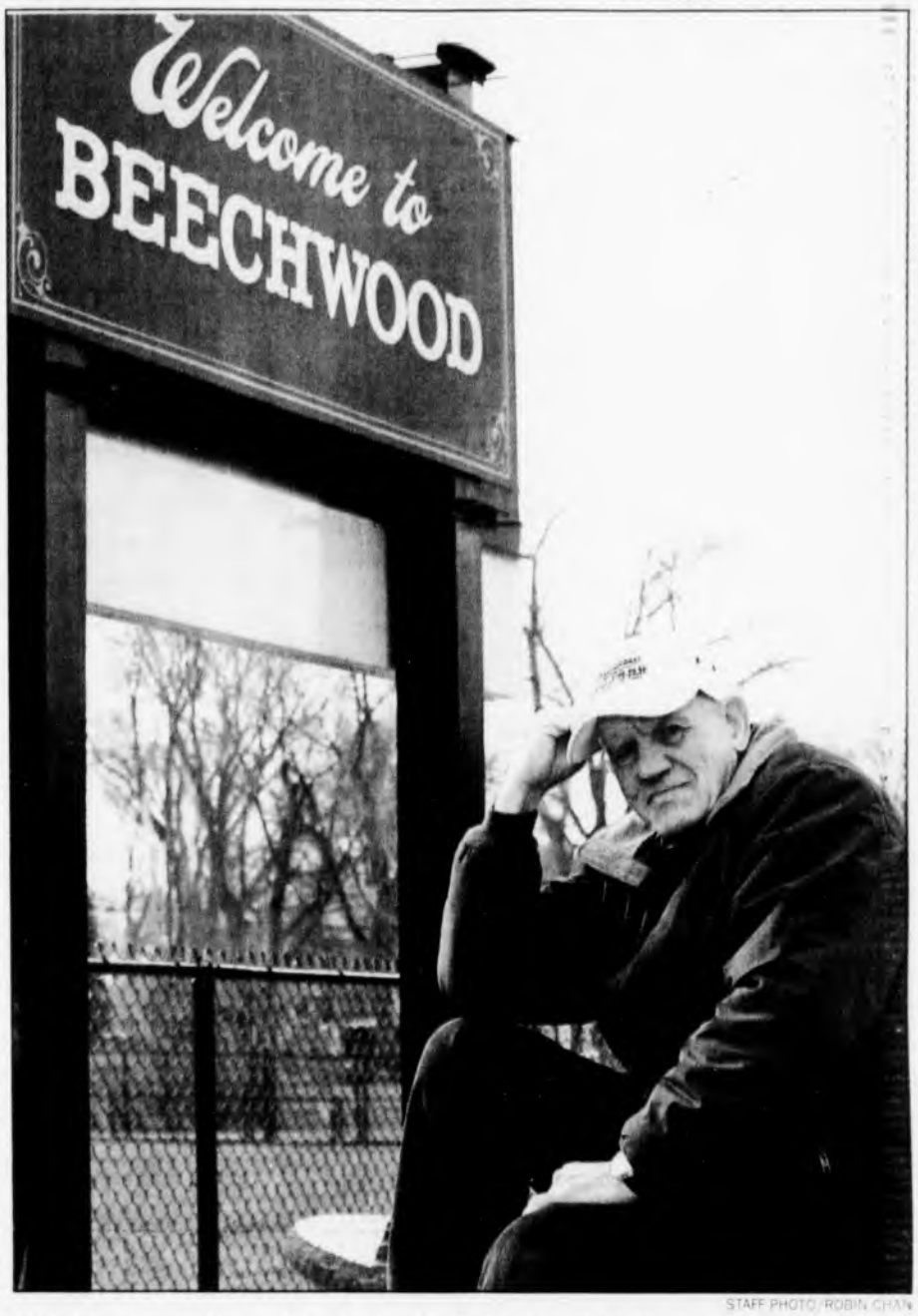
Although Cohasset has changed and become more of a bedroom community, Brown says it still possesses a small town atmosphere where neighbors know one another and it is possible to know many people by name when in the village or elsewhere around town.

Judging from the heartfelt notes asking that Brown be considered for this year's Citizen of the Year award, Brown has many friends indeed.

"No town should be without a Merle Brown and haven't we been fortunate to have him among us?" wrote Carol L. Martin in her nomination.

Margy Charles may have summed up Brown the best.

"Merle Brown has continually served the town with a smile, sort-of laugh, and great persistence to do good," she wrote. "No self-serving interests there. A good man! Can there be any definition in its simplicity more ennobling?"



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Merle Brown, a grandfather of five, has lived in the Beechwood neighborhood his entire life. He is being honored for being one of the town's most prolific volunteers.

'Healing Field' planned for Memorial Day

The Sons of the American Legion is planning to install a Healing Field as part of the town's Memorial Day 2008 observances.

The effort should result in hundreds of American flags on eight-foot-tall poles temporarily installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets. The island faces Veterans Memorial Park where the annual Memorial Day observances are held.

The flags sell for $25 and can be dedicated to anyone. In other words, the purchase of a flag is not limited to those honoring someone who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces. (Those who purchase flags will be able to pick them up after 10 days).

Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with a note on the memo line indicating "Healing Field" and sent to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, please visit www.healingfield.org/cohasset or contact the Legion post at 781-383-9657 or stop by the post at 98 Summer St. any weekday after 3 p.m., Saturdays after 10 a.m. or Sundays after 12 noon. Applications for Healing Field flags are available at the Post. All proceeds will go to veterans' projects of the Sons of the American Legion.



'Living History Series' features The Oaks Farm

Cohasset Historical Society will begin its Spring Lecture Series on Wednesday, Feb. 20, with a film from the Living History Series. Noel Ripley interviews Dr. Walter Kerr for his insights on "The Oaks Farm." At one point in the history of the town, this was a working farm owned by Clarence Barron owner of Dow Jones Inc. with its flagship paper, The Wall Street Journal. In the 1920s, the Barron family summered in Cohasset on their estate "The Oaks" overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and worked their farm, knows as "The Oaks Farm" located along Sohier Street. The last Barron to occupy the property was Clarence Barron's step-granddaughter, Jane Bancroft Cook, who died in 2002.

The Historical Society invites the community to the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St., to view this bit of history and learn more about the property and the people of the town. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m., there is no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Entries for edible art exhibit being sought

Cohasset High School is seeking entries for its seventh annual edible art exhibit, to be held beginning at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 6. The edible art competition is open to people 4 through 104. The artwork must be edible, meaning it must be safe for human consumption. It can be created by individuals or by a collaborative group. Artists will be responsible for setting up their pieces for viewing.

There will be two categories for judging: original artwork and copies of artwork. There will be many prizes, which will be provided by local restaurants and merchants. After all prizes are awarded, all work becomes property of the party, where attendees will eat and enjoy the art. The admission fee will be $2.

For information or to register, call Nina Berkowitz at Cohasset High School at 781-383-6100 or email nberkowitz@Cohasset k12.org.

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Mr. Leonard leaves legacy of caring

By Grace Steele
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Reprinted from the Valentine Issue of the CHS Spinnaker.

The CHS community is unfortunately losing yet another valuable faculty member to retirement. For the past 34 years, Mr. Edward Leonard has served in the field of education, and works as one of our veteran guidance counselors at Cohasset Middle-High School. His retirement will surely be felt by all of us, as we know that it will be impossible to replace the hard work and dedication Mr. Leonard has put into every aspect of what he does. As Mr. Leonard said, "I knew at a young age that I wanted to help others," which is clearly evidenced in his compassion for his job and his relationships with the students, the staff, and the faculty.



Edward Leonard, guidance counselor, will retire at the end of the school year.

His retirement will surely be felt by all of us, as we know that it will be impossible to replace the hard work and dedication Mr. Leonard has put into every aspect of what he does.

His desire and aptitude for aiding people was exposed at an early age. Raised in a family with eight children, Mr. Leonard became very close with one of his sisters, who is handicapped. Growing up he enjoyed helping his sister, and knew he could do similar work with others when he was older. After graduating from Bridgewater State College with a degree in Special Education, Mr. Leonard began working in his hometown at Milton High School in 1974, where he was employed as a Special Education teacher. He left Milton to change his direction and area of discipline at Hanover Middle School as a guidance counselor; however, he was riffed due to budget cutbacks. He then journeyed to Sacred Heart High School in Kingston where he served as a counselor, and finally docked his ship in Cohasset in 1984, working as the guidance counselor for grades seven through 12. In 1986, Mr. Leonard became the Adjustment Counselor at Joseph Osgood and Deer Hill Elementary schools, but finally, in 1999, he returned to CHS as the guidance counselor.

Mr. Leonard and his wife Pat have been married for the past 20 years and have four children between them. He first came to Cohasset in 1984; he was single and looking for love. At a graduation party for Stacie Stobart, a former student of his, Stacie introduced him to his current wife, who was Stacie's mom's best friend. According to Mr. Leonard, "Stacie worked 'behind the scene' to make sure we went out on a date!" Mr. Leonard and Stacie now have two sons and two stepsons, all of whom he and his wife have raised together. Two of his sons are engineers, one is an architect, and one is a police officer. He has five grandsons, ranging from ages two to six. As you can imagine, "When they are together, there is enough energy produced that Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant could be shut down," Mr. Leonard says. Thankfully, he shares the same level of enthusiasm for his family as he does for his students, which has proven to be encouraging and inspiring.

Despite Mr. Leonard's love for his job, his only complaint about the public education system is the policies put forth in the "No Child Left Behind Act." The increase in standardized tests throughout the years has made schools more and more focused on just the test scores rather than the child's abilities. The younger students of CHS will have to endure more tests than any previous grades. Mr. Leonard feels that these changes will create an education system in which the intelligence of students is now based solely off test scores, an unfortunate occurrence considering that the academic potential of students cannot be adequately reflected through standardized tests.

Nevertheless, Cohasset High School triggers several happy moments for Mr. Leonard. When asked what his favorite memory from working here was, he recalled dressing up in an elf costume for the holidays, asking for donations around the school. He says, "I really hope there are no pictures of that." This is only one of hundreds of examples of how Mr. Leonard has brought a special light into CHS with his sense of generosity and sense of humor. School would not be school without being greeted by Mr. Leonard with a warm smile and hello, and he has without doubt incorporated some fun into the daily regime of school.

After spending 24 years at Cohasset schools, the relationships Mr. Leonard has built in Cohasset have been exceptional. When he was asked what he would miss the most at CHS, Mr. Leonard said, "I will definitely miss the relationships with my students and the community. It is nice to see people around town, like at road races...and seeing familiar faces." The close relationships the community and students of Cohasset have made with Mr. Leonard will always be valued.

This senior class would agree that anyone retiring with the Class Of 2008 seems very appropriate. As Mr. Leonard said, "I feel like I have become very close with this class throughout the years and I will be very happy to walk onto the stage with [them]." We are proud to have him be a part of our graduation this upcoming June.

Although Mr. Leonard does not have specific plans for his future after retiring, he hopes to perhaps look into occupations in the medical field. He is sure he wants to do something new in his future, however, and whatever it is, we all hope he succeeds.

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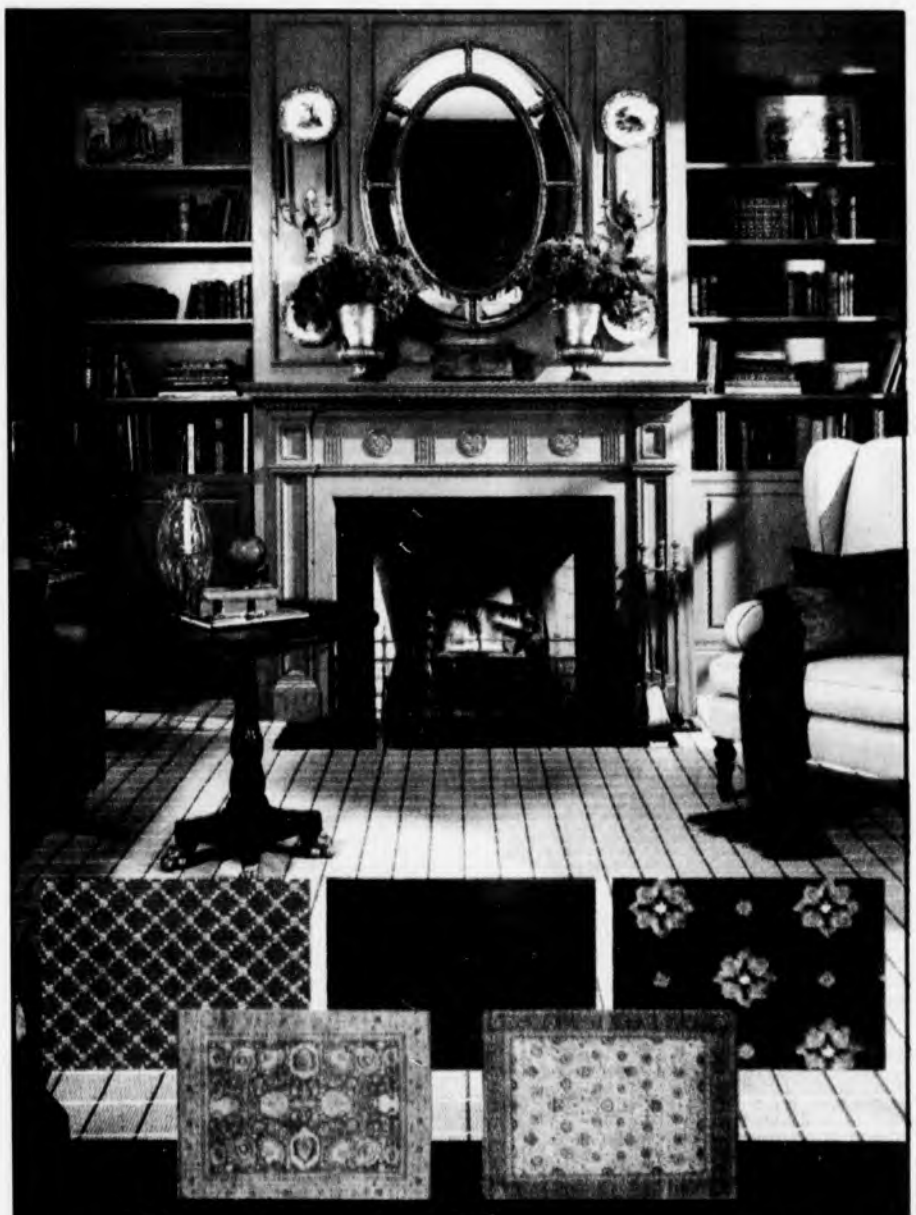
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Resolution on sewer staging area

FROM STAGING, PAGE 1

Since the early fall, the town's contractor for the large project, L M Holdings, has been using a small parcel at 198 Jerusalem Road as its home base for operations.

The decision is significant in it allows the staging area to remain where it is, a site in the midst of the construction area around Little Harbor/Atlantic Avenue. Project managers explained during the hearings that the staging area cut down on transportation costs and time wasted during the day allowing the contractor to work quickly and efficiently.

During the hearings, sewer commissioners and residents alike said if the staging area is forced to move as a result of the appeal, the $15.2 million project could face delays and additional cost. Residents of Little Harbor, many of them with failing septic systems, have waited years to be hooked up to town sewer.

Since the early fall, the town's contractor for the large project, L M Holdings, has been using a small parcel at 198 Jerusalem Road as its home base for operations. The Building Inspector Bob Egan gave a verbal go ahead to use the site before work began, but Craven of 6 Nichols Road appealed his decision to bring the issue before the Zoning Board. At the hearings, attorney Rich Henderson represented Craven and another neighbor Paula Becker of 185 Jerusalem Road in the appeal.

With the ZBA solely focused on if the staging area is allowed under the town's zoning bylaws, the pivotal issue throughout the hearings and the decision became whether the town had operational control of the site. The zoning bylaws allow the staging area use in a residential district if the town or other governmental agency is operating the use of the property.

"In the end, we were satisfied the town did have operational responsibility and ultimately had control," said Chittick, "the town could step in if they needed to intervene on the site."

Chittick said documentation, including a memorandum of agreement signed by the L M Holdings (the contractor), the town, and the Leland and Leonora Jenkins, the property owners, as well as verbal testimony by the Sewer Commission and project manager Dan Coughlin of Coughlin Environmental Services tipped the scale.

Issues with the contract between the town and the contractor were a main piece of discussion in the final hearing brought on by Zoning Board member Kathleen Hunter. But, Chittick said while the issues were interesting to mull over, they were not related to zoning.

The appeal of the staging area could be taken to a higher court, either Superior Court or Land Court. Craven declined to comment and Becker referred the Mariner to attorney Henderson. A call to the Henderson's office was not returned by press time.

The Sewer Commission is satisfied with the decision, "this is the right decision for the town and the project. The sewer project will add 485 Little Harbor homes to town sewer and the benefits of a year and half of inconvenience is a cleaner environment, brand new roads and increased property values," said Sewer Commission Chairman Sean Cunning, adding that all homes connecting to town sewer are experiencing inconvenience.

"We are happy to work with the abutters to soften the impact of the (staging area) site," said Cunning.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Siobhan Stackpole holds their Westie, Macho Blanco, who was run over by an SUV resulting in a shattered pelvis that is seen in the x-rays on the wall. Luckily for Macho, Fawn Stevenson, right of Crazy Paws, was there to save the day to the delight of Liza Riedel, 11, Siobhan's daughter, and Siobhan's boyfriend, Terence Shapiro.

A Westie's happy 'tail'

FROM MACHO, PAGE 1

Memories for a cup of coffee. As they walked down South Main Street, Stackpole noticed Macho was unusually interested in something across the street. As they approached French Memories, Macho managed to get off his leash and dart across the street.

The next few seconds, Stackpole says, passed as if in slow motion. She tried to alert the driver of the SUV of her little white dog running across the street without putting herself in harm's way. But it was too late and Stackpole watched in horror as Macho was run over by the front wheel of the huge vehicle.

"I was pretty certain he was not going to make it," says Stackpole. A Good Samaritan, who Stackpole still doesn't know the identity of, rushed out of French Memories to their aid. She helped them scoop up Macho from the road and drove them immediately to her vet, Crazy Paws in James Brook Crossing on Pleasant Street. When they arrived the door was locked.

"But when they saw the look in our eyes, the staff promptly opened up and surrounded Macho," says Stackpole. Veterinarian Fawn Stevenson immediately went to work to make sure Macho didn't go into shock from the pain and then gave him medicine to deal with the pain. X-rays showed Macho had shattered his pelvis in five places and broken both his hind legs.

"The poor little guy was a mess," says Dr. Stevenson. She recommended Macho stay the weekend at Crazy Paws and then head to an orthopedic veterinary surgeon, Dr. David Diamond, at the South Shore Animal Hospital on Monday.

Heartbroken and sick with worry, Stackpole headed home to break the news to daughter Liza Riedel. A couple of hours later, Stevenson called to tell them she had decided to take Macho to her home for the weekend to keep a close eye on him.

"We take him everywhere with us so being in a place unfamiliar without any human contact wouldn't have been good," says Stackpole, adding Stevenson recognized Macho was part human and needed companionship especially during this time.

Every two hours, Stevenson gave him pain medication to make him as comfortable as possible. She was able to hand feed him small pieces of food. Macho was in extreme pain and anxious, but Stevenson found ways to keep him calm.

"He's super humanized so one of the ways to keep him calm was to turn on the television," says Stevenson, who looked at the weekend as a chance to stay home and unwind, "we watched old movies together."

The next morning, Stackpole and Liza visited Macho at Stevenson's home. He was upstairs in a playpen, closely monitored by Stevenson, her Doberman pincher and her ferret.

The following Monday, Stackpole brought Macho to the South Shore Animal Hospital in Weymouth. When they arrived the receiving vet, Ann Klocke noticed Macho was paler than he should be. Macho needed a blood transfusion before he could undergo the three surgeries he would need to recover.

"The dog definitely has a tough spirit," says Stevenson, which helped him fight through the pain. When she needed to give him medicine or move him she says, "he'd look me dead in the eye and stay connected with me. He's a bright dog with a lot of trust and a strong spirit."

Although it was through her daughter's research and persistence Macho came into their lives, Stackpole says she had no idea how much she could fall in love with an animal. Liza describes Macho as "a genius" who is spunky, friendly and curious. His best friends are an English mastiff and a German shepherd, "he has no idea he's that small," Liza says.

Macho is expected to make a full recovery and be back to being the friendly puppy he is over the next few months, "he's doing a lot better, you can see he wants to chase the cat again," says Stackpole with a laugh.

"He's got age on his side and people not leaving him alone for a minute. It's obvious his family really, really loves him," says Stevenson, "he has a long life ahead of him."

Stackpole says Macho will likely always have a bit of a swagger in his step, but that will only add to his spirited personality.

"I attribute his survival to prayers of friends and strangers, the dedicated staff at South Shore Animal Hospital, Macho's huge heart and generous spirit, and most of all to the folks at Crazy Paws, especially Fawn Stevenson, who took a personal approach and brought a broken, confused creature into her home and nursed him back to life. We will be forever grateful," says Stackpole.

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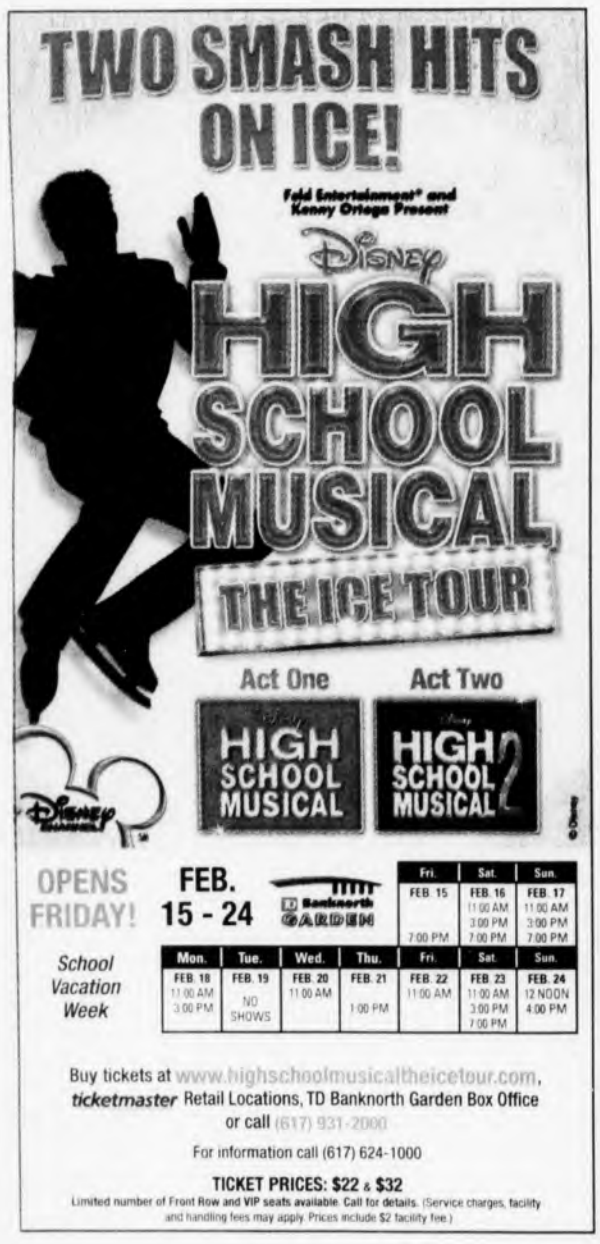
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

'A good man'

As editor of the Cohasset Mariner, it is my pleasure to announce that Merle Brown of Beechwood Street is the Citizen of the Year.

The town can count itself lucky that Merle — who was born in a house right around the corner from the home where he lives today with his wife, Joan – has never wanted to live anyplace else.

The grandfather of five and father of two has spent most of his "free" time for decades volunteering for myriad programs and projects.

Some readers may not know that Merle was the "mover" behind restoring the front doors in the old section of Town Hall a couple of years ago. In his frank, unassuming way – Merle says he just got tired of the fact they would not open and close properly.

Merle is not one who sits on the sidelines. His commitment to community service started with the Boy Scouts, a program that he remains involved in today and has helped at least seven young men reach Eagle Scout, the highest rank a Scout can earn.

While nominations were open, 36 individuals took the time to propose candidates for the annual award, detailing the nominee's contributions to help make this town we all love a better place.

The selection committee consisting of Debbie Shadd of 31 Summer St.; Sheila Evans of 72 N. Main St., and Bill Burnett of 11 Linden Dr., and editor Mary Ford met at the Cohasset Mariner Office in Hingham Square on Sunday afternoon to review all the heartfelt letters of nomination. The decision to select Merle was unanimous but not reached without considerable discussion about all the very deserving candidates

Taffy and Jeff Nothnagle of Atlantic Avenue put is best in their nomination.

"Merle Brown represents so much that is good about Cohasset," they wrote. They noted that when Merle was a selectman (he served four terms), he always answered telephone calls and they always knew where he stood on an issue. "We, like so many, felt he was the people's selectman."

When asked what motivates him to be so involved, Merle replies in his trademark, modest manner "I like doing it. I can't sit around and do nothing."

Jane Long of Cedar Street wrote in her letter nominating Merle that Cohasset is fortunate to have been able to count Merle among its population. "Throughout Merle's life he has consistently done as much as he could for the town he loves," she stated.

Some readers who nominated Merle went to Town Hall and pored over Town Reports so they could provide a list enumerating all that Merle has done in an "official" capacity. The list is practically endless and includes service on the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Advisory Committee, Recycling Committee, Beechwood Ballpark Committee, and also being instrumental in seeing the town had a new DPW facility,

"I am pleased to be counted among his many friends," wrote Carol L. Martin of N. Main Street.

Merle has shared his construction expertise for years as part of the Appalachia Service Project. "He always showed enthusiasm and willingness to get a job done, along with a good sense of humor when conditions turned out to be less than ideal," wrote Margot Cheel of Margin Street. "With good cheer, he'd find a way to do what was needed."

Merle's most recent effort has been helping to see the tired-out, old Beechwood Ballpark brought back to life. Again, he stepped forward and helped create a "field of dreams," that Merle hopes will return Beechwood to the village atmosphere, which the neighborhood had in his youth.

Margy Charles of Linden Drive summed Merle up in a few simple lines, "A good man! Can there be any definition in its simplicity, more ennobling?"

With this award, the Cohasset Mariner offers recognition for making a difference. In our society too many role models go unrecognized. Too often people today look to the sports, rock or movie stars with envy, when the real hero is the local police officer, firefighter, parent, teacher, church leader or government official.

The annual Citizen of the Year Award is our way of taking our hats off to those among us who go that extra mile without asking for anything in return but the intrinsic reward of helping to make Cohasset a better place.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Feb. 26, 7 p.m.

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Planning Board, Feb. 25, 7 p.m.

School Committee, March 5, 7 p.m. public hearing on the budget, regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., at the high school.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Government's slippery slope

TO THE EDITOR:

Although I am not a member of the George H. Mealy Post of the American Legion, I am a World War II veteran, and I admire the perspective of one of the Legion members and particularly the attitude of Mr. Paul Carlson, a Cohasset Selectman, for stalling at least temporarily a possible amendment to the town's Smoking Bylaw to force a smoking ban within buildings of a private nature.

Of course, smoking is not in the best interests of good health, but the issue is more important than that. From time immemorial, one's home and that's to assume one's private club, has been known to be one's castle. When the time comes that town, state or federal laws intrude upon activities within our private sanctuaries, that edict will have accomplished a frightening transgression into personal lives. It would further grease the slippery slope of governmental authorities nibbling away at personal freedoms we have long held dear.

I would suspect that the George H. Mealy Post would eventually make an intelligent decision to curtail smoking, but that should be in the realm of its own judgment and not the town's mandate.

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Bernard's rumor

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After reviewing the Mariner's All-Scholastic football team, I would like to highlight the play of Boston College High School senior and Cohasset resident, Cody Morgan. Over the past several years, I have greatly enjoyed following Boston College High School's football program compete against the best high school football teams in Massachusetts with great success. Morgan was at the core of BCH's success fulfilling the need of making timely big plays and was often seen by many of us on the sidelines as the most important player on the field, especially in key match-ups against Division I powerhouses like Brockton, Xaverian and Andover. Morgan plays the game with an admirable combination of intensity, athleticism and sportsmanship.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to acknowledge the play of a Cohasset resident whose athletic abilities compare quite favorably with the talented members of the Mariner's All-Scholastic team.

Mike Kearney
245 Pond St.

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HEALTH NOTES

Too much water: fixing the problem

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Five years ago, the EPA revised the Clean Water Act to make its provisions for managing stormwater more effective. Among other things, the EPA mandated that communities must have a stormwater bylaw with six principal features: a stormwater management plan for land disturbance; post construction maintenance of stormwater remediation; creation of a permit system; a program for public outreach; and an annual report with a list of requirements and prohibition of illicit discharges.

At the time, the Board of Health, because of its negative impact on public health, was the only agency in Town interested in the growing stormwater problem. The board had observed the poor sanitary conditions that accompanied overflowing septic systems because of ignorance about the conditions needed for treatment in areas with unacceptable soil conditions. The bacterial conditions appearing in many stormwater catchbasins in Town closely resembled those found near failed septic systems, and when these basins overflowed at the beginning of a rainstorm, water with high bacterial count was swept onto lawns, fields and open areas, eventually into water bodies which became ever more frequently polluted by the effect.

The situation continued until in 2005, beach closings from harbor pollution reached a new high. Finally, on Mothers Day in 2006, several back yards on Elm Street were filled with water continuously, and cellars around Jacobs Meadow were becoming impossible to clear. Several years previously, water from James Brook had filled the Post Office parking lot after rain and became a continuing issue despite attempts to improve drainage. Finally in 2007, downtown revitalization and the "T" project was finished. The result for Jacobs Meadow was a disaster. Virtually every rain fills the meadow and adjacent back yards with virtually no relief.

The only good news from the above scenario is that a large consensus believes that something should be done about stormwater. Last year, the Selectmen formed a stormwater committee whose purpose was to recommend a course of action. Their report in December indicated considerable progress. The committee was able identify and find partial funding for 10 stormwater projects around Jacobs Meadow which should begin

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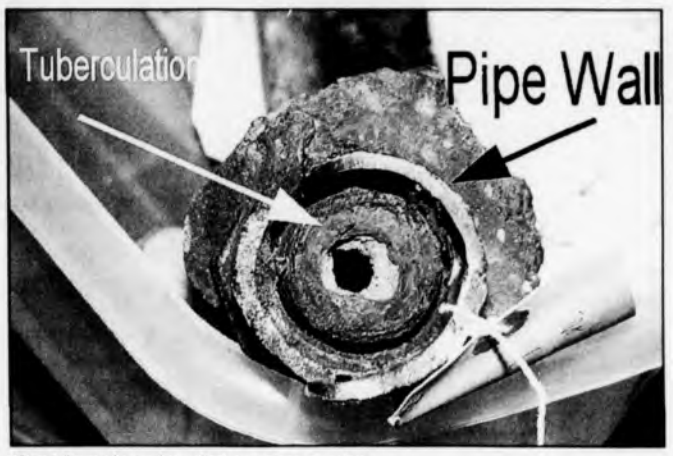
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"Signs of the Times" by Nancy Colella is on exhibit at the art center.



Significantly reduced pipe cross-section.

All aboard for art center train show

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush Project – The South Shore Art Center is hosting a reception Friday, Feb. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. to kick off a new series of gallery exhibits. The exhibit in the Dillon Gallery is an exhibition entitled "All Aboard: The Train Show." The paintings and photographs highlight our very own Greenbush railroad. The show will be available through March 30. Please come and see these marvelous artistic interpretations of the railroad.

Little Harbor Project – In last week's article, we started talking about reasons for the Little Harbor Project, which combines sewer, water and storm drainage. From the sewer aspect, it's easy. The Sewer Commission is adding sewer service to all the areas around Little Harbor. This is one of the worst areas in Town to attempt construction of a septic system due to the extensive ledge and environmentally protected harbor area. The addition of sewers will offer the prospect of substantially reducing the pollution that now finds its way into the Little Harbor watershed.

But, why are we doing water services? Don't all residents have water now? Yes, they do. But, the present system needs attention in specific areas. Over the past several years the Water Commission has had a policy of upgrading areas that are contributing to low pressure, or areas where frequent breaks occur, and so on. Why do these things happen? Well, in some instances, the water mains are just too small or in poor condition so the water pressure suffers. Remember water pressure is not only an issue for our homes, but is a fire fighting safety issue as well. So, what can cause water pressure to drop? Perhaps the number of homes in the area was expanded since the water lines were originally installed. Or, the water consumption at the homes has increased due to lawn sprinklers, new bathrooms, or other water consuming appliances that may have been added.

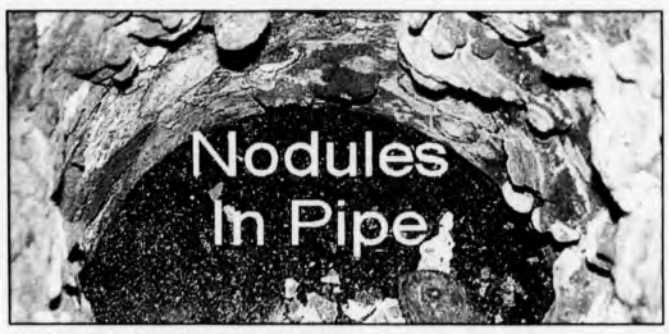
Another reason for low pressure is that some older pipes have clogged with a build up of deposits which effectively reduces the inside diameter of the pipe. The technical term for this clogging phenomenon is "tuberculation." Tuberculation not only decreases the inside diameter of the pipe, but it adds roughness to the inside of the pipe. (See the photo of nodules on the inside of a pipe.) Both of these phenomena make it harder for water to flow through the pipe and lowers the pressure to the customer.

Some of the new water lines are being installed to "loop" existing dead end water mains. By looping the mains, specific areas can be served with water supplied from two different directions. This helps to stabilize pressure and improves essential high capacity water needs such as emergency fire service. For example, the water line in White Head Road is being looped to the lines in Sandy Beach Road. This will improve the general water pressure and add to the fire fighting capability in these neighborhoods.

Occasionally, water lines have been in service so long that they deteriorate and leak. If the leak is small, it may go unnoticed, at least until the leak grows larger. In areas with frequent breaks and service interruptions, it is good practice to periodically examine these water lines. If the lines have deteriorated significantly, the Water Department must plan for their replacement.



Pipe leak caused by a pressure point.



Pipe nodules interfere with water flow.

Leaks can also be caused by improper water line installation. If sharp stones and rocks are put back into the water line trench such that they can come directly in contact with the pipe, the rocks can actually wear through the pipe at their contact points. One such pipe leak is shown in the accompanying photo. This is why engineers carefully specify the materials that are replaced into the trench around the water lines. (Actually this applies to all kinds of underground pipes.) Usually, the soil material in Cohasset is so filled with rock that it is hauled away and better new material is put back into the trench.

So, that's why the water lines in critical areas of the Little Harbor are being added or upgraded.

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Fear is not fun for 1980s gal

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT



DIANE K. DANIELSON

When did we become a society of daredevils? I must have missed the memo on that one. Because, despite my belief that "she who has the most fun wins;" I can't think of a single situation where believing that I could possibly die, or maim myself in some horrendously bloody, "Grey's Anatomy" "very special episode" sort of way, could ever be confused with fun. In my world, "fun" and "fear" are two diametrically opposed concepts.

Yet, I seem to be in the minority. This is something I never really noticed until I re-entered the dating scene. In the old days, we might meet a date at a bar, take in a movie, or go see a band. But, today, it seems that dating has evolved into a series of mini-*Survivor* episodes, where I'm being voted off the singles' island because I don't scuba, ski or skydive.

Now, I admit that I'm not the most outdoorsy type and prefer tennis whites to camouflage, and golf shoes to hiking boots. But, what's up with wanting me to play paintball? Using me for target practice this early in a relationship is one red flag that even I couldn't miss. Speaking of red flags, thanks for the invite, but really, I have no deep-rooted desire to watch you run with the bulls in Pamplona.

Sea kayaking? White-water rafting? Pass. An early attempt to ride some rapids had me literally up a raging creek without a paddle, or raft, for that matter. Rock climbing? Not in this lifetime. Fear of heights, as well as the thought of someone staring at my backside the whole time. Horseback riding? Sadly, no. My last leisurely trail ride ended up as an audition for "Seabiscuit," when my horse decided he was just plain tired of looking at the other horses' backsides. So, how about that ride on the back of your brand new motorcycle? Sorry, I'm not risking my life for someone else's midlife crisis.

Generally, my refusals garner responses like: "Hey Babe, you need to lighten up and relax more." Sure thing, … right after you explain to me how any of those activities are relaxing.

Yet, it's not just the boys. It seems that most of my girlfriends spend their vacations taking flying lessons, camping, or cycling across Europe. Even downhill skiing is not enough anymore. Now they need to be dropped out of helicopters somewhere in the middle of Canada with nothing but an energy bar and an iPhone.

Not that I haven't had my own share of adventures. I travel the world, frequently drive in Boston traffic, and even hold up the line as I attempt to order a "small, regular coffee" in Starbucks. The difference is that putting myself in personal danger is not actually the point of these activities.

Still, sometimes adventures sneak up on you. Like on my last vacation, where I conquered my fear of fish just long enough to take my son snorkeling. While I was assured that it was all perfectly safe for him, it was clear that they didn't realize that I was the one mentally unprepared to swim alongside a four-foot shark and his barracuda buddy.

As I recovered at the bar over a Pina Colada, I realized that maybe I'm living in the wrong decade. Perhaps, I really am a 1980s kind of gal. After all, I like Pina Coladas, and getting caught in the rain. I'm not into yoga; I am into champagne … Yes. Rupert Holmes had it right, because that sounds much more like my type of escape (or vacation, for that matter).

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LIBRARY CORNER

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org

Holiday Closing – The library will be closed for Presidents Day on Monday, **Feb. 18**.

Knitting Group – The Knitting Group will meet at 10 a.m., on **Feb. 20**, in the Meeting Room. All knitters are welcome. Next meeting will be March 12.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Adam's Apples" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, **Feb. 21.** Free admission and refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. Ivan is an unusually optimistic preacher who takes in convicts to help around the remote, rural church he ministers to. His newest "helper" is Adam, a vicious neo-Nazi anxiously serving his community service time so he can return to hell-raising. Asked to set a goal for his stay, Adam sarcastically answers that he'd like to bake a pie. Ivan cheerfully takes that statement at face value and puts him in charge of the parish's pride and joy: the only apple tree in the vicinity. Grasping the extent of Ivan's crazed, preternatural determination to look on the bright side of everything, Adam decides to shake Ivan out of his rose-colored world. Danish with English subtitles. 94 minutes.

Greening Your Suburban Lifestyle – Join Jim Shipsky, from Sustainable Cohasset, as he talks about how to help make a better world by going green at 3 p.m., on Sunday, **Feb. 24**, in the Meeting Room. The talk is free and all are welcome. This is a Cohasset Reads Together event.

Library Book Group – Join the group for coffee and discussion of Bill Bryson's "A Walk in the Woods" at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, **Feb. 27**. Bryson's book was chosen as one of the selections for Cohasset Reads Together because it celebrates the American wilderness. Free. All are welcome.

Appalachian Trail Slide Show – Learn about what it takes to maintain and manage the Appalachian Trail from Massachusetts Appalachian Trail Management Committee member Steve Smith. Smith will present a slide show of the trail at 7 p.m., on Thursday, **Feb. 28**. This is a Cohasset Reads Together event. Free. All are welcome. Seating is limited.

Cohasset Reads Together Vacation Program

The following programs will be held from Tuesday, Feb. 19, through Friday, Feb. 22. A caregiver must accompany young children to any of the vacation programs.

Create an Animal – Children can drop-in to create a pond or woodland animal between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, **Feb. 19**, in the Story Room.

Eyes on Owls – A live owl show, "Eyes on Owls, will be held at 3 p.m., Wednesday, **Feb. 20**, in the Meeting Room. This show requires tickets and is suggested for children 5 and up. Free tickets will be available starting Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the circulation desk.

Create a Friendship Necklace – Children are invited to drop-in to create a friendship necklace between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Thursday, **Feb. 21**, in the Story Room.

Movie Day – The movie, "Flipper," for children in grade 3 and up, will be shown from 2 to 3:45 p.m., Friday, **Feb. 22**, in the Meeting Room. The movie is rated PG and stars Elijah Wood and Paul Hogan. Tickets are required for this free event and are available at the circulation desk.

Recollections of the Maharishi

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I was working for the Sunday Herald at the time under the legendary editor Homer Jenks when we got the word that Prudence Farrow, Mia's sister, was in town…

I was thumbing through the obituary pages the other day, as those of us who have reached four score and three years in age are wont to do, when I came across a familiar name — Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

I met the Maharishi once, or at least I think I did. There were so many little men with gray beards and saffron robes roaming around the States in the name of Transcendental Meditation 40 years ago that it was difficult to tell them apart.

I was working for the Sunday Herald at the time under the legendary editor Homer Jenks when we got the word that Prudence Farrow, Mia's sister, was in town with her personal guru in tow and if we got it in gear we could interview him.

I got the assignment since my résumé showed a brief stint as religion writer for the Associated Press, although the Maharishi's connection with religion was as strained as my credentials as a religion writer.

The AP had a religion editor who wrote a popular column for Saturday morning papers and the few remaining Saturday afternoon papers wanted one too. We drew lots. I lost. The resulting column was forever known as the black bean.

But the years of dealing with the Rev. Carl McIntyre's upstart American Council of Churches and the promoters of World Harvest Evangelism didn't prepare me for the Maharishi.

I met Prudence and her guru in a Back Bay apartment that was headquarters for something called Rising Sun Christianity. Prudence was an attractive, waiflike blonde who looked like her sister before Woody Allen moved in. The Maharishi looked like a generic maharishi from central casting.

I got the interview started with what I thought was a good question. The Maharishi answered and answered and answered. In less than 10 minutes I knew I was in trouble. I hadn't the foggiest idea what he was talking about. It was like a football writer interviewing Casey Stengel.

I took notes, mostly to keep the franchise, although occasionally I'd recognize a word or a phrase or even a whole sentence. It was just that I couldn't connect them up into a meaningful paragraph. Prudence was no help. She just kept nodding with a beatific smile on her face, like she understood every word.

The interview lasted maybe an hour. I left entertaining the thought that if I got hit by a car maybe I would be hospitalized long enough so that Homer would forget the story and I wouldn't have to write it. No such luck. It was a struggle to write it, but Homer liked it and it went into the paper and I went on to something else.

His obit said the Maharishi was 91 years old when he died and he taught his disciples to recite every morning and evening a simple sound, or mantra, and delve into their consciousness.

"Don't fight darkness. Bring the light and the darkness will disappear," he would say.

That doesn't sound like the Maharishi I met.

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Artificial turf field

On Cohasset's TV talk show, Our Town, co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin sit down with George McGoldrick and Bill Cavanaro of the newly formed Cohasset Sports Partnership to discuss their efforts to raise funds to build an artificial turf field in Cohasset.

Tune in starting Monday at 9p.m. on channel 10 or catch up on Tuesdays or Thursday at 9p.m.

Tune in Cohasset and stay informed.

Joint budget meeting to be held

A joint budget meeting with members of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Advisory Committee has been scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 28, 7p.m. at the high school library. The three boards will convene to discuss the fiscal 2009 budget.

Deregulation vs. Nuclear Energy

COMMENTARY

MURRY CAMPBELL

Some have asked why electric utility deregulation hampers the exploitation of sorely-needed nuclear energy. The short answer is that deregulation inhibits the ability of utilities to finance costly new generating plant largely with low-interest bonds, together with a small percentage of shares, which promise only modest dividends. Regulated utilities could market these low-return securities because of the negligible risk; the ability to earn the interest and dividends and pay off the bonds was virtually assured by the state-regulated selling price of electricity. The cost of financing the huge capital costs of new and replacement generating plant is a very large component of the total of all the costs that determine the cost of generating and distributing electricity.

The selling prices of electricity were set by the state-regulating agency with the intent of covering the utility's costs including reasonable (generally modest but fairly certain) dividends to its shareholders. In return for this assurance of continued financial viability, the utility was required (and enabled) to provide reliable service at reasonable (and controlled) prices in its "franchised" area and to acquire additional and replacement generating plant to satisfy the inexorable increase in electricity demand. (Note that cost of electricity has two versions: the cost of a kilowatt hour delivered, ***and the cost resulting from a kilowatt hour not delivered when needed***, especially to industries. Hence reliability is important).

The public was assured of adequate and reliable supply of electricity, at controlled prices unlikely to be bettered by hit-or-miss "competitive" free market provision of generation additions/replacements.

Deregulation has effectively removed from the utilities the responsibility for planning for and procurement of generating plant additions and replacements, which they had done in a very rational way. Now it is left largely to "the free market" to respond i.e. to the chance that some entrepreneurial organization will decide it is worth the risk of raising capital to build and operate a generating plant. Of course, such organizations can't sell bonds at the high ratings and low interest that regulated utilities could, so the cost of financing is much greater. Nuclear generating plants have even higher first costs than fossil fueled plants (although much lower fuel costs that more than compensate in determining overall generating cost), so the method of financing is very important, and has a significant effect on the cost of generation. The bottom line is that not many organizations are competing to build generating plants, especially plants with high initial cost. Those being built may not be the best choices for long-term economics and reliability, and tend to use expensive fuel (such as natural gas) in order to minimize first cost.

Regulation of utilities has served the nation well for about a century and was a most useful compromise between free enterprise and government control. Abandonment for the chimera of competition was shortsighted. Only about half of the states fell for it, and at least one (California) seems inclined to climb back into the security of regulation.

The considerations are of course more complex than this simplistic explanation but that is the essence of the argument against deregulation. A more potent argument is its demonstrated lack of success. Once again has been demonstrated the old adage "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

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A treat for Treat's Pond

Funding sought for salt marsh restoration

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Treat's Pond restoration is back in the spotlight.

The Board of Selectmen put its support behind a Town Meeting article to fund the Treat's Pond restoration project proposed over the summer.

A citizens petition was submitted for the Town Warrant, but now the Selectmen would like to put their own name and weight behind the article. Pending agreement from the citizens petition proponents, the Board of Selectmen will be putting forth the article themselves.

"I think it will give it more weight with the federal government and give it more weight at Town Meeting."
— Gary Vanderweil, Selectman Chairman

The Treat's Pond restoration project comes with a bit of history. A $250,000 congressional appropriation was initially provided to the town so the Army Corps of Engineers could begin the planning of the project. Last summer, the Treat's Pond restoration project came into renewed focus when representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers presented their solutions to restore Treat's Pond to its historical state as a saltwater marsh. Treat's Pond is located on the ocean side of Atlantic Avenue near Whitehead Road.

The Army Corps of Engineers presented two viable solutions for the restoration, one with an outfall pipe in the inner harbor (via Atlantic Avenue) and the other an outfall pipe to the outer harbor (via Whitehead Road and Whale Meadow). No position was taken at the time as to which of the option the Selectmen preferred.

However, the Board of Selectmen wrote to US Representative William Delahunt to convey its support for additional funding to restore Treat's Pond. In late December, the town of Cohasset was notified a congressional appropriation of $728,000 had been secured for the environmental restoration project for Treat's Pond.

Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil broached the subject of the Board of Selectmen putting forth the article as opposed to leaving it as a citizens petition, "I think it will give it more weight with the federal government and give it more weight at Town Meeting," said Vanderweil, adding he considers the project to be an element of flood control.

"I definitely agree, we took an active position asking Congressman Delahunt to go after the funds," said Vice Chairman Ted Carr. Selectmen Fred Koed and Paul Carlson agreed with the move.

There was consensus among the board members to advocate for the outer harbor outfall pipe, as opposed to the inner harbor pipe. At the Army Corps of Engineers presentation last summer, the selectmen and the engineers agreed this outer harbor option came with real estate easement complications.

The amount of funds to be requested will be determined in the next month leading up to Town Meeting. Town Manager Bill Griffin said they would have a number by end of the month after consulting with the Army Corps.

At their presentation over the summer, the Army Corps engineers estimated a non-federal source contribution, either town or state funds, to be upwards of $400,000.

In addition to restoring the salt marsh, the Army Corps has said the project would relieve some of the flooding in the area during major storm events.

The Selectmen voted 4-0 to make the Treat's Pond restoration funding article a Board of Selectmen sponsored article. Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer, who recused himself from previous discussion on Treat's Pond over the summer, was absent from the meeting.

POLITICAL NOTES

DTC movie night

Cohasset Democratic Town Committee continues its movie night series at 7 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 15. All movies are chosen to both enlighten and entertain and focus on social/political subjects. "Anytown USA" will be shown in the Community Room at Paul Pratt Library. This documentary features the story of a hotly contested mayoral campaign in the town of Bogota, N.J.

Join the Democratic Town Committee for this behind-the-scenes story of a hard-fought, small town election depicted in this film. This political race between a conservative Republican incumbent, a retired Democrat brought back into the fray and a disabled, write-in candidate will keep viewers in suspense with its twists and turns.

The movie is free of charge and refreshments will be provided.

Quigley supporters

"My intention is to continue to reach out and solicit opinion throughout the campaign and my term in office. Things look different from outside Town Hall," said Karen Quigley, about her run for selectman. "I don't want to lose that valuable perspective. To help keep me grounded in that reality, I've sought out a diverse group of individuals."

"I am proud and grateful to have the following individuals among those campaigning on my behalf: Melissa Browne, Treasurer; Tom Wolf, Campaign Manager; Paul Pattison, Katherine Stanton, Vee Roebuck, Jody Butman, Sallyann Chatterton, Joy Nash, Julie Guild, Nancy Garrison, Ted and Amy Purdy, Robin & Marylou Lawrence, John K. McNabb, Jr., Tina Watson, Jack & Lisa Creighton, and Ben Watson."

PAC workshop on organizing skills

Back by popular demand, all are welcome to join the Parent Advisory Council for a presentation of "From Direction to Done," by Sarah Ward, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, in the auditorium of Cohasset High School at 143 Pond St.

The workshop is helpful for parents of all students, especially for those that struggle with organization. Sarah Ward will provide parents with strategies they can use in order for children to self regulate, initiate, organize and finish tasks at home and school. The focus will be on how to improve a child's executive function skills. Sarah is a speech pathologist specializing in cognition and attention. She teaches her clients organizational behaviors and then helps them generalize those behaviors in real life.

All workshops and presentations are free and sponsored by the Cohasset PSO/Parent Advisory Council. If you would like to be added to their e-mail network for updates, forward your contact information to southshorepac@comcast.net.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. BHRC records local senators' votes on two roll calls and local representatives' votes on three roll calls from the week of February 4-8.

EDUCATION REORGANIZATION (H 4488)

House 135-19, Senate 33-5, approved Gov. Deval Patrick's 28-page education reorganization plan. The detailed proposal creates an executive office of education that would be run by a new cabinet secretary appointed by the governor. The measure also gives the governor the power to appoint the chair of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees. Supporters said that the package would give the governor more authority and hold him accountable for improving public educational opportunities from early education through college. They noted that it is important to put in place a structure that can coordinate the state's education bureaucracy and ensure that it works to make Massachusetts a leader in education. Opponents said that this package was crafted behind closed doors without input from many legislators and would result in an estimated 30 new employees, a cost of $1.5 million and a bigger, less independent and more politicized education bureaucracy. They noted that the measure is a power grab by Gov. Deval Patrick and might even be part of his desire to ultimately abolish the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test, stop the expansion of charter schools and use his executive power to bypass the Legislature and allow illegal immigrants to pay the lower in-state college tuition rates. The vote was strictly along party lines. Democrats voted in favor of the plan while Republicans opposed it. (A "Yes" vote is for the reorganization plan. A "No" vote is against it).

EXEMPT SENIORS FROM SOME BANK FEES (H 975)

House 154-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill exempting seniors over 65 from paying a fee for their bank records when they apply for Medicaid. The state looks at the prior five years of an applicant's bank records in order to verify assets and help determine whether he or she qualifies for Medicaid. Supporters said that the fee is only a few dollars but can make a big difference to seniors who are struggling on fixed incomes. (A "Yes" vote is for waiving the fee).

BAN USE OF DISHWASHER DETERGENTS WITH PHOSPHOROUS (H 4523)

House 154-0, approved a bill banning by July 2010 the use of phosphorous in dishwasher detergents used in household dishwashers. Current law exempts these detergents from the 1994 phosphorous ban on all household cleaning products. Supporters argued that the ban would help reduce the flow of this dangerous substance that causes damage to our rivers and streams. They noted that household dishwashing detergents were exempted from the 1994 law because at that time many people were concerned that dishwashing detergents without phosphorous did not adequately clean dishes and utensils. They said that things have changed and that there is now proof that some dishwashing detergents without phosphorous do in fact clean sufficiently. The Senate has approved a different version of the measure. The House version now goes to the Senate for consideration. (A "Yes" vote is for the ban).

RULING PROHIBITING DEBATE AND A VOTE ON SEX OFFENDER AMENDMENT (S 2472)

Senate 33-5, upheld the ruling of the chair prohibiting debate and a vote on an amendment establishing mandatory minimum sentencing for rape with the use of force of a child and for child pornography crimes. The chair at the time was Sen. Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst) who was filling in for Senate President Therese Murray (D-Plymouth). The chair ruled that the amendment, a variation of Jessica's Law, is beyond the scope of a child abuse and neglect bill which was being debated on the Senate floor. The vote was strictly along party lines. Democrats supported the ruling of the chair while Republicans opposed it. Supporters of the chair's ruling said that the amendment clearly goes way beyond the scope of the legislation that was being debated on the floor. Some noted that they support tougher penalties for predators that abuse children but said that separate Jessica's Law proposals are currently in committee and will soon be brought to the Senate floor for debate and a vote. Opponents of the chair's ruling said that the bill being debated would increase prison sentences for the neglect and abuse of children. They argued that the Jessica's Law amendment is clearly related and should be allowed on the floor for debate and a vote. They noted that for years they have unsuccessfully made repeated attempts to get similar Jessica's Law proposals out of committee and onto the Senate floor for a vote. The Senate later postponed until February 26 action on the original bill overhauling the state's system of handling cases of child abuse and neglect. (A "Yes" vote is for the chair's ruling prohibiting the Jessica's Law amendment from being brought up for debate and a vote. A "No" vote is against the chair's ruling and supports allowing the Jessica's Law amendment to be brought up for debate and a vote).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PROMOTE NURSING (S 674) - The House approved a bill creating the Massachusetts Nursing and Allied Health Workforce Development Trust Fund. The fund would be used to increase the number of public and private higher education faculty and students who enter nursing and allied health and to improve education offerings in these fields at state colleges. The measure does not provide any money for the fund but specifies that it would be allowed to accept funding from the Legislature, federal grants, loans and private donations. The Senate has already approved the bill. Additional approval is needed by both branches prior to the proposal going to Gov. Patrick.

INTERFERING WITH TRAINS AND SUBWAYS (H 3498) - The House approved legislation creating a new crime of "interfering with the operation of any train or subway." The measure imposes a range of jail sentences and fines on anyone who shoots at or throws anything at a railroad or subway car, places objects on the tracks or generally interferes with the vehicle's operation.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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Perspective on end of water rebate

COMMENTARY

ROBERT HEDLUND



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I wanted to take some time to respond directly to the recent news that the water rebate from the state that ratepayers have been benefiting from for the last 10 years was coming to an end.

I believe some historical perspective is important.

In 1996, the Massachusetts-American Water Company (now the Aquarion Water Company) completed a new water treatment facility located at 900 Main Street in Hingham. The company was forced to build the new facility in order to comply with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. This project cost nearly $40 million and caused residential water bills to increase by about 158 percent.

While the Federal government provided funding to the state to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act, it did not include funding for private water companies or grandfathered projects. In 1997, Governor Weld filed a bill to establish a state Drinking Water Revolving Fund in order to take advantage of the federal money. However, that bill also did not include private water companies or grandfathered projects, like the Mass.-American Hingham project.

I felt strongly that it was unfair to force my constituents in Hingham and Hull (and later, parts of Cohasset) to foot the entire bill for their new facility while other ratepayers across the state would receive a break through this new program. That is why I offered and successfully pushed through an amendment that established a program for customers of private water companies and grandfathered projects to participate in the Drinking Water Revolving Fund.

My amendment resulted in Mass.-American (now Aquarion) receiving a grant equal to 50 percent of the eligible project costs spread over a 10-year period. My amendment resulted in $80 million in savings for ratepayers across the state, including $13 million in savings for my district alone. The $13 million resulted in a reduction of nearly $100 annually in each residential ratepayer's bill for the past 10 years.

Everyone understood, including the water company executives, that this was a fixed, 10-year grant for a specific project. So the fact that this money will no longer be available to offset water rates should be a surprise to nobody. However, I have still been working hard for more than a year to bring additional relief to Aquarion ratepayers.

I, along with Representative Bradley, have been working with Aquarion officials and the executive director of the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust – the group that oversees the grant program – to help find possible solutions. In our research, we soon discovered that the grandfathered projects, such as the Hingham plant, had actually received inequitable aid when compared to subsequent projects. To make a long and complicated story short, projects approved after 1998 received aid in the form of a low-interest loan that factored in both the principal and interest cost of the project. The grant aid given to grandfathered projects did not include reimbursement for interest payments.

Having learned of this inequity, I filed Senate Bill 508, Act Relative to Drinking Water Revolving Fund Equity at the start of the current legislative session, back on Jan. 10, 2007. The bill would basically reimburse the grandfathered projects for a portion of interest payments, thus establishing some equity.

The estimated cost of my bill is about $7.5 million annually for the next five years, with $1.2 million a year directed at Aquarion customers.

I have secured the support of all 15 Senators whose districts would also benefit from my bill. I also offered testimony before the committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture back on June 25, 2007. In October, I was pleased when the Committee voted favorably on my bill. My bill now sits before the Senate Ways and Means Committee for their review. With a $1.3 billion budget deficit being projected by the Democrats, having them support our $7.5 million request is an uphill battle. But it is a battle I will continue to fight.

Finally, I think it is important to note that it is not just Aquarion ratepayers that I have been fighting for as state Senator. Year after year I have successfully co-sponsored budget amendments and fought against governor vetoes to bring sewer rate relief to MWRA customers in my district. For the last four years alone, I have successfully supported more than $70 million in relief to MWRA sewer bills, meaning hundreds of dollars in annual savings to each residential customer.

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HEALTH NOTES

Too much water: fixing the problem

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to alleviate flooding of adjacent homes, but also mitigate the damaging peak flows which have caused the most distress in neighborhoods near the downtown.

Best of all, the Stormwater Committee has made recommendations to the Selectmen for an arsenal of other tools for fighting the stormwater threat, none of which will add to the tax base. The Town is already fighting stormwater with drainage improvements being accomplished with drainage changes going on in concert with water and sewer infrastructure improvements. These, together with a stormwater master plan proposed by the Selectmen and funded by available funds, will be used with funds from State grants and Community Preservation funds recently approved to fund the 10 stormwater projects around Jacobs Meadow alluded to earlier.

Along with the work now going on, the Town stormwater program is undergoing a logical change of management. The Board of Health was the logical stuckee when things were in crisis mode. But stormwater mitigation is at best a tangential duty for a Board of Health. After all, Stormwater is an environmental problem. Most towns, depending on their organization, have the Stormwater duties as a part of their Conservation Commission, Planning, DPW or under a Town engineer. For Cohasset, a logical choice appeared to be our Conservation Commission. Accordingly, a Bylaw for the next Town Meeting was drafted and appears to be favored by both the Selectmen and the Advisory Committee. The Bylaw contains a provision for inclusion of members from both the BoH and ConCom plus selected individuals from other committees involved in one way with stormwater, like the Harbor Health committee and an "at-large" citizen. One item, provision for banning illicit discharges now still rests with the BoH because those working with septic systems have found the majority of illicit discharges.

So, in future, the town should have a plan and funding to battle stormwater, but more important a place to go when individuals are confronted by Stormwater problems. For questions call the BoH or the ConCom.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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When school rights trump parents' rights

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

I am of the view that parents have the duty and responsibility to educate and protect their children and the use the school system to support their efforts. It is evident that the view of the School Committee is that the duty and responsibility for children lay with the schools and parents role is meerly to support the schools.

The School Committee explained, "First of all, the Lewis case was about a student's rights not a parent's right." Are we to understand from this that the parent's rights differ from the rights of their child? One would have to believe that there was a dispute between parent and child, in which the school intervened. This is clearly not the case. The parents have demonstrated a passionate interest in the well being of their son.

The School Committee wrote, "The order of the BSEA was in the child's favor." This comment omits the fact that the order gave the parents the right to remove their child from the special education program. Here is what BSEA said that was omitted from the School Committee's commentary, "Parents have the right to make decisions regarding [their son] including educational decisions to withdrawing [their son] from special education." Your letter would have us believe the outcome of the appeal was something totally different. In fact, the Lewis child was legally removed from special education after the BSEA judgment.

Furthermore, if BSEA action was in favor of the school, why then was it necessary for the school to take out a temporary restraining order against the Lewises to force the child back into the special education program, and seek an alternative finding in Superior Court?

The school community is eager to make excuses. "...we acknowledge that one person responsible for over 200 employees and all the town's school children can't please everybody all the time." No one is talking about "pleasing"; the issue on the table is violating parents' rights.

Debra Lydon
255 Forest Ave.

Who knew what and when did they know it?

TO THE EDITOR:

Taken from another cover up, the question "what did the School Committee know about the Middleboro (federal lawsuit involving the rape of a student by a former teacher) and when did they know it" is most appropriate for Cohasset in 2008. The answer will establish if the School Committee has acted in the best interest of the community. The judgment in hiring the Superintendent and subsequent contract renewal is questionable if these actions were taken with knowledge of the federal case. On the other hand, if the fact was not disclosed, then there was, arguably, a material omission.

Another critical question whether the Superintendent denies responsibility or involvement in the Middleboro case? Such a denial would go a long way to discount the suspicions that have proliferated since news of this case was made public.

Several other questions remain unanswered. Is School Committee concerned about the failure to disclose the Superintendent's involvement in the Middleboro case? Will the School Committee explain the disappearance of three teachers? Are there cover-ups of behavior of persons in a position of trust in Cohasset, similar to the Middleboro situation?

The taxpayers of Cohasset are owed answers to these questions and a full explanation by the School Committee.

Colleen Roth
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Everyday people

Girls win 15 in a row and continue to get better

The Skippers wrapped up their first league title since 1988 with hard work and balanced production from all members of the team.

By Joel Racicot
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Winners of 15 games in a row, the Cohasset High girls basketball team is now 17-2 overall, a remarkable record for a team with such youth. Yet, age is just a number, and these girls are proving that one game at a time.

"It's been unbelievable," said Cohasset coach John LeVangie. "We weren't projected to finish in the top half of our league, to turn it up like they have is just unbelievable."

The Skippers wrapped up their first league title since 1988 with hard work and balanced production from all members of the team. The bench isn't big but it packs some punch, hence the eight starters philosophy. Just another reason Cohasset will be playing some home tournament games this year.

"In practice they just work hard, this team is talented but is probably the hardest working team I've ever had," said LeVangie. "To win 15 games in a row proves that they hard every night."

Sammi Lehr (Jr.), Tori Lehr (So.) and Meredith Kelly (So.) were named to the South Shore League all star team. The Lehr sisters have dominated in the post, each averaging double digits in scoring and regularly grabbing double digits in rebounds. Not to mention their defensive presence down low causes fits for opposing teams.

"They are really consistent," LeVangie said.

Along with Carli Haggerty (Fr.) Cohasset prides itself on a pretty strong Big Three.

Kelly may not score a ton of points but ask area coaches about her presence on the court and you will know why the sophomore was named to the all star team.

"She gets steals, rebounds, applies pressure she makes us go," LeVangie said.

Kelly along with captains Carly Salerno (Jr.) and Kayla Farren (Jr.) as well as back-up point guard Lindsay Davis (Fr.), spearhead one of the areas best full court presses. That backcourt pressure creates turnovers and provides instant offense.

As for the elder statesmen on the team, Lehr, Salerno and Farren, they have done a remarkable job keeping the girls on track.

"It say's something about them," LeVangie said when asked about not having a single senior on the team. "They make the kids work hard and stay hungry and poised."

Samantha Crough (So.) joins the regular eight man rotation with a nice outside shot.

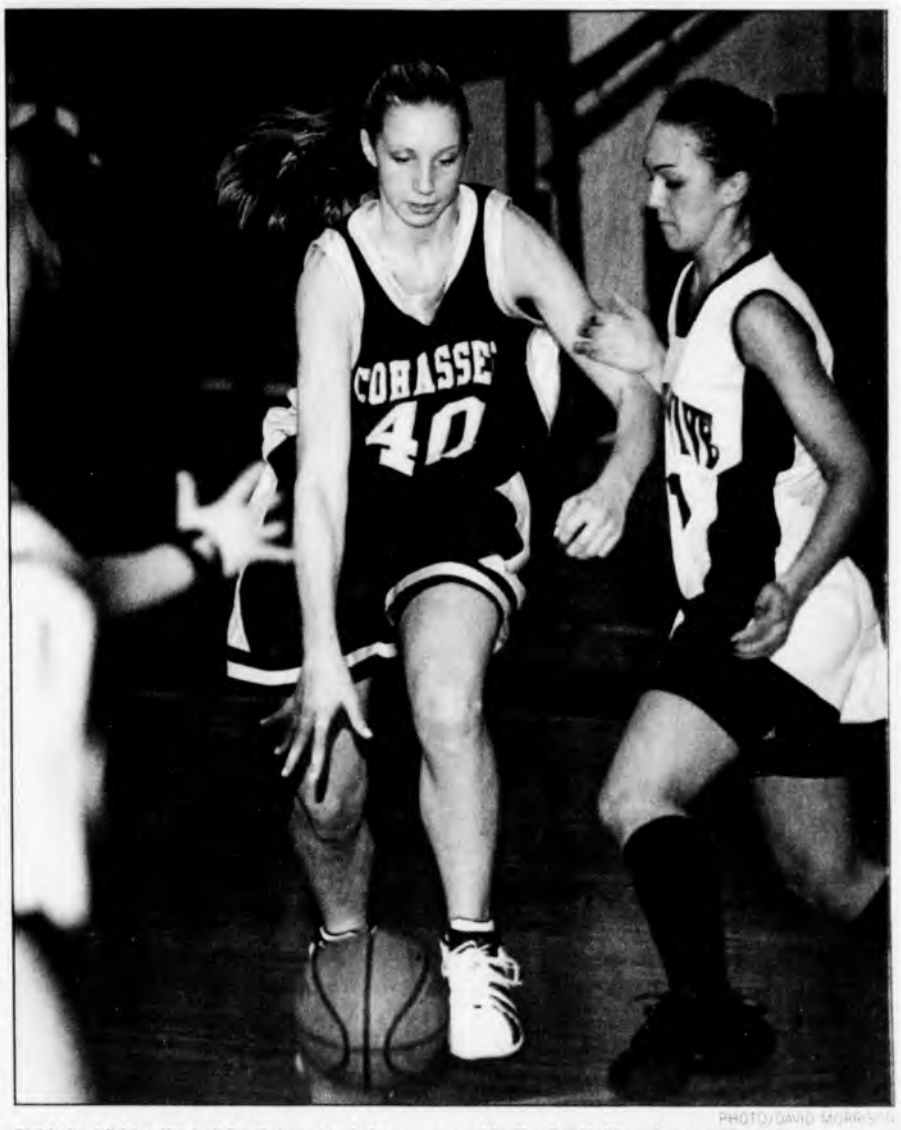
"She is a shooter," added LeVangie.

Rachel Fredey (Fr.) and Isabelle Franklin (So.) weren't getting minutes earlier in the season but came to play in practice everyday. That hard work now has them in the regular rotation, seeing plenty of quality minutes on the floor.

Skipper notes

Cohasset defeated East Bridgewater 61-30 Wednesday night to finish the SSL slate with a 13-1 record. Tori Lehr scored 16 points while Haggerty added 12. Monday, the Skippers knocked off Cape Cod Tech 57-26. Sammi Lehr scored 17 but the story of the game was Haggerty who hauled down 21

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PHOTO/DAVID MORRISON

Tori Lehr dribbles the ball for Cohasset. Lehr was named to the South Shore League all star team.

Skippers skid into finish

Boys struggle in second half; Martin named to all star team

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High boys basketball team has dropped eight straight games since winning two in a row in mid-January. The Skippers lost to Mashpee Friday, 72-60, and to East Bridgewater Tuesday, 60-51. Their last win was against the Vikings, January 18.

"We're going through a tough stretch and we are going to have to fight our way through it," Cohasset coach Dorian Bryant said Monday afternoon.

Bryant was speaking about the last two games of the season, an eventual loss to the Vikings and Thursday's South Shore Christian finale, after the Mariner went to press.

"There has been an inability to focus and a lot of work ethic things of that nature," Bryant said.

Turnovers have hurt the Skippers (6-13) over the tough final stretch, something that is difficult for any team to overcome.

"We just have to work on our ball handling and decision making," added Bryant.

Freshman point guard Robert Jones continues to learn on the fly and has handled a very important position on the floor with a coolness usually reserved for an upperclassmen.

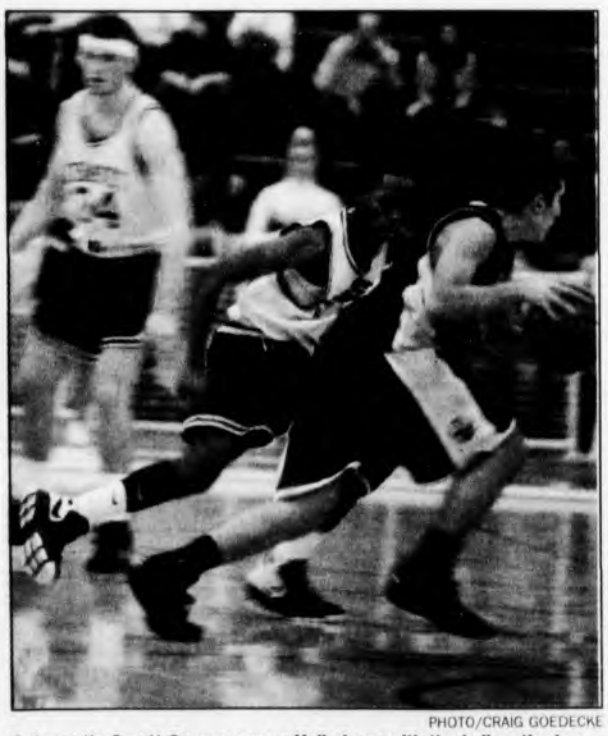
"To do what he has done as a freshman is very demanding," Bryant said. "He hasn't seen the game played at that speed before but he is perfect for the position, he doesn't get too high or too low. I think he is going to be a good player."

Despite the losing streak, Bryant is proud of the guys who have finished strong.

"We are still working hard," he said. "Sometimes it just comes down to you are not as good (as the other team), but our guys are still working."

Dan Martin (Jr.) scored 20 points and grabbed nine rebounds against the Hawks Friday. Pat McCarthy (Sr.) added 11 points in the game.

Martin was elected to the SSL all star game that will be played Friday, Feb. 15 at Norwell High School. The girls tip-off at 6:00 p.m. with the boys to follow.



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Cohasset's Garett Canney eyes a Hull player with the ball as the two head down court during recent action.

Cohasset Hockey Notebook

The Cohasset High boys hockey team has been busy over the last week. The Skippers most recently defeated Harwich 4-2. Stars of the Game were Brendan Doonan who recorded a hat trick and goalie Jonny Wade.

The goalie match up had two of the South Shore League's all star goalies—Frank Ulsch for Harwich and Wade.

The first period was all Cohasset as they out shot Harwich 18-6 and scored three goals. The first by Brendan Doonan assisted by freshman Anders Goetz at 4:50 of the first period.

"Anders shoveled a rainbow pass to Brendan Doonan coming through the slot and Brendan was able to beat Ulsch," said Cohasset hockey coach Bob Walsh.

Doonan would find the chink in Ulschs' armor two more times.

The second goal, (and first of his high school career), came from sophomore Andy McKenna assisted by senior captain Pat Doonan less than one minute after the goal by the younger Doonan.

Goal number three was a minute and a half later when Brendan Doonan would score assisted by senior captain Alex Goetz ending the first period with the Skippers ahead 3-0.

During the second period, Harwich's Myles Franklin scored at the 11 minute mark

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Alex Goetz squeezes the puck in under the Rockland goalie for a Cohasset goal earlier in the year. The Skippers are prepping for the tournament.

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Patriot League Swimming Championships

The Cohasset/Scituate boys swim team finished the season undefeated (9-0) and won the Patriot League Championships. It was the first time in 12 years a team other than Duxbury won the league.

The following boys results are from the PL meet. All the boys mentioned were named to the league all star team.

Brian McGuiness (Sr., C) placed first in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle. Mike Fassnacht (Jr.) placed first in the 50 freestyle. Mike Wall (Sr.) came in first in the 100 freestyle and third in the100 breaststroke.

Jonny Drybanski (Sr., C) came in second in the 200 individual medley and second in the100 breaststroke. Wes Medwid (Jr.) came in third in diving. Jake Kissick (Fr.) placed third in the 200 individual medley, second in the100 fly. Sean Crowley (Jr.) came in third in the100 backstroke. John McGuiness (So.) placed second in the 200 freestyle.

The Scituate-Cohasset boys won all three relays at the league meet (200 medley relay, 200 free relay and 400 free relay).

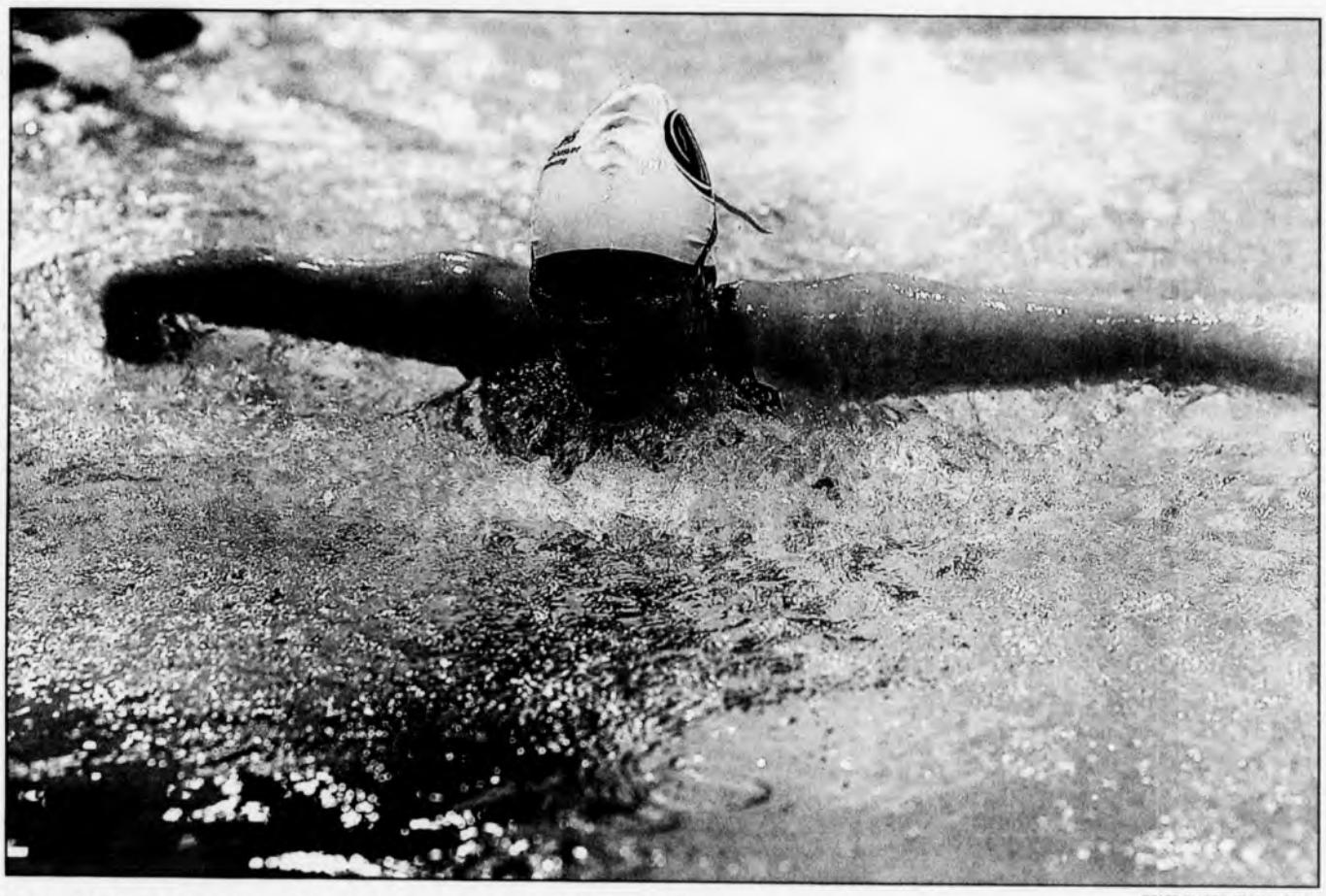
The girls finished third in the league this year but had a great league championship finishing second. All the following girls were named to the league all star team.

Betsy Crawford (So.) placed first in diving. Megan Little (So.) came in third in the 50 freestyle and second in the100 freestyle.

Torey Hart (Jr.) placed first in the100 breaststroke.

The Scituate-Cohasset girls placed second in the 200-medley relay, third in the 200 freestyle relays and second in the 400 free relays.

Sectionals are this weekend at MIT. See next week's Cohasset Mariner for in depth coverage of the team, results from sectionals and more on how the boys finally dethroned Duxbury.



Cohasset/ Scituate's Mimi Mahoney leaps out of the water during the 100 yard butterfly.

STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset sixth graders test their skills

The Cohasset sixth graders battled the Patriot League's best recently with back-to-back contests against two powerful clubs from Whitman and Bridgewater. Unfortunately, the results were the same—two losses, but the experience was a triumph in competitive play.

The Cohasset boys came away a little wounded from the tussle with Whitman falling by a wide margin. They returned to their home court in less than 24-hours to force a very talented Bridgewater team to play its best to overcome a tenacious attack from Cohasset that kept the game close.

In the first contest at Whitman the boys struggled. A few rays of hope came from Jack Conte's nice jumper from ten feet. Doug Fitzgerald had some nice shots that danced with the rim. Jack Stanganelli played some tough defense. Joe Buckley played terrific, including four points and multiple rebounds on both ends of the court.

Mark Rattenbury led the team with ten hard fought points.

After the dust settled, Cohasset patched up its wounds and laced up for a rematch against Bridgewater.

Cohasset came ready to play the second time around. With some tough physical defense, and a few wrinkles in the offense to keep Bridgewater guessing all game, Cohasset played well.

Rocco Laugelle moved inside and turned into a lay-up machine. Laugelle had 14 points for an individual season record, including six-for-eight from the line. Chris Haggerty delivered big in the second half with six points from the perimeter. Mark Rattenbury delivered another six points along with some severe punishment down low on both offense and defense.

Brendan O'Connell handled the ball well from the point and added another five-spot with a couple of nice jumpers. Mark McKenna drained one from the key and made some nice deliveries to his big men in the post. Connor Green played terrific defense. Joe Buckley and Timmy Cavanaro added points with some clutch free throws.

Zach Coggins handled the ball well at the guard position and setup some great plays with a crisp passing attack. Henry Brown disrupted Bridgewater's offense on many occasions and had a few nice shots that flirted with the laces.

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when, less than two minutes later, Brendan Doonan would score his third of the night unassisted.

Harwich's captain Jake Dumos would score one more for Harwich in the third but Cohasset dominated the play for the rest of the game outshooting Harwich 17-8 in the third period.

The win marks Cohasset's tenth victory in the South Shore League as they finished with a 10-2 record in the SSL. Cohasset is 11-4-3 with two more regular season games to play.

"I'm happy that we've been able to find a way to win games during the season but we still haven't played our best hockey as a complete team," said Walsh. "We've had games where our defense has been great and we've had games where our forwards have dominated, and still other games where our goalie has basically carried the team on his back, but we have not had all three at once.

"We've had a couple of games where we couldn't get out of our own way and ended up shooting ourselves in the foot. On those two occasions, it cost us the chance of winning our league championship. This team knows how to win. I'm proud of their discipline and hard work and I look forward to being there when they put all three components together."

There are about 150 kids that play in the South Shore League. Within the league only 18 are chosen and named to the SSL all star team. This year, four Cohasset players were named to the team, senior captain, Chaz Czerkawski, senior captain, Pat Doonan, senior captain, Frank Wheelwright and junior goalie Jonny Wade.

"The performance of these guys has been unmistakable," added Walsh. "As players, teammates and leaders, these guys create a foundation for the Cohasset High School hockey team. The one other guy who rounds out the group is senior captain, forward, Alex Goetz who was nominated for the all star team. As a coach, I couldn't ask for a greater group of guys—each with their own special piece that creates a cohesive unit to make the chemistry work."

Skippers notes

The boys took one on senior night defeating Rockland 3-2. Paul Pozniak scored the first goal, followed by a pair of Pat Doonan offerings. Cohasset out-shot Rockland 37-31.

"We knew this game was huge for Rockland," said Walsh. "They have only one more game left and they need two points to make the tournament. They're a tough team with some chippy players. Going in, we knew it was going to be hard hitting and hard fought."

Cohasset knocked off Mashpee Sunday 3-2. Pat Doonan scored twice and Czerkawski added the eventual game winner.

"At this point in the season, all the teams play much harder because of the threat of not making a tournament spot," Walsh said.

Cohasset locked up its berth Wednesday night with five games remaining.

"It's good and bad for us," Walsh said. "This is when injuries happen to players because teams become more scrappy with the possibility of elimination. We came out flat in the first period, made some adjustments and progressively got better. In the end, we played pretty well staying out of the box for the most part."

Cohasset will wrap up the season against South Shore Voc-Tech, Saturday, Feb. 16 and Old Rochester, Wednesday, Feb. 20.

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Love is in the Air

In this month's issue of **Parents and Kids**, peruse our list of ideas to make this Valentine's Day a romantic one. You'll also feel the love when you read the winning entries of our Best of 2007 contest. Like the entry from 7-year-old Luke who wrote this about his 14-year-old brother, "He brings me to the movies. He also brings me to happiness." We all know love is the universal language making it the perfect month to offer ways families can experience and appreciate other cultures. P&K contributor Maria Olia, an Italian-Irish-American living in Newton with her Iranian husband Masoud and their four children, offers unique ways to prepare your child for a multi-cultural world.

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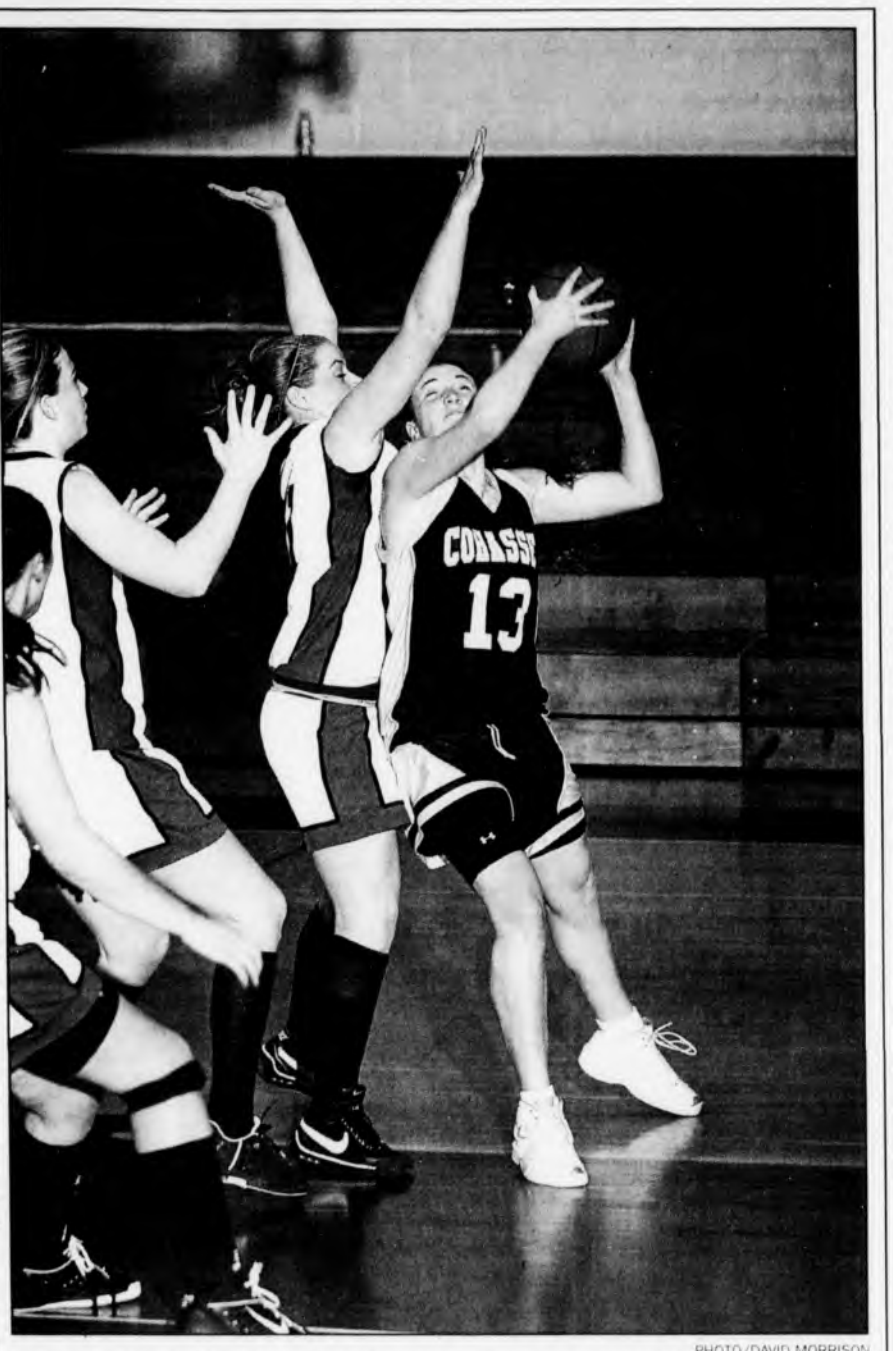
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Meredith Kelly goes up for a basket in early season action. Kelly was named to the SSL all star team.

Girls win 15 in a row and continue to get better

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rebounds and scored 10 points.

"She has been really tough on the boards," LeVangie said. "Sometime she is overlooked with the Lehr (sisters) but that was a great performance especially for a freshman."

The girls closed the season Thursday night against South Shore Christian after the Mariner went to press. The SSL all star game will be held at Norwell High School. The girls tip-off at 6:00 p.m. with the boys game to follow.

Local Road Race Calendar

Sunday, March 9

The 18th Annual Raynham Knights of Columbus Charity 5 Miler will take place Sunday, March 9, at 11 a.m. in Raynham. The residential course is flat and fast. There will be prize money. For information, contact John Donahue at 508-822-6015 or johnmdonahue@comcast.net.

Sunday, March 30

The James H. Lamb Memorial Scholarshop Road Race will take place Sunday, March 30, at 11 a.m. in Taunton. The race is five miles. The top overall male and female will receive cash prizes. For information, contact Peter Lamb at 508-984-4800 or Pclamb@burkelambcpa.com.

Saturday, April 5

The 6th Annual East Bridgewater Viking Sports Parents 5K Road Race will take place Saturday, April 5, in East Bridgewater. The day also includes a 5K walk. For information, contact John Donovan at 508-378-4781 or jd_955@msn.com.

Sunday, April 6

The 32nd Cohasset Rotary Road Race by the Sea will take place Sunday, April 6, in Cohasset. The 10K course follows the coastline and through the rolling roads of Cohasset. For information, contact Brad Goodwin at 781-223-2513 or goodwinbc@aol.com.

Sunday, April 20

The 7th Annual Shawn D. Patterson Memorial & Scholarship 5 & 10K Road Race will take place Sunday, April 20, in Scituate. There is a 5K and 10K race. There will be awards, refreshments and a raffle. For information, contact Pat Patterson at 508-790-5834 or patpatterson@netscape.net.

Sunday, May 11

The Tiara Classic 5K Mothers Day Road Race will take place Sunday, May 11, in Mattapoisett. The charity run includes kids fun run and prizes. For information, contact Lara Stone at 508-612-8775 or lhstone@comcast.net.

Saturday, May 17

The 6th Annual Wareham 5K Road Race will take place Saturday, May 17, in Wareham. The 5K race/walk goes through the village of Onset. Prize money will be given out to the top three men and women. For information, contact JoAnn Watson at 508-295-9622, ext. 15, or jwatson@ymcasouthcoast.org.

Sunday, May 18

The 8th Annual Evans Run 5K/10K Race & 5K Walk will take place Sunday, May 18, in Norwell. Prize money will be awarded. For information, contact Carol Henry at 617-347-2068 or chenry0813@hotmail.com.

Sunday, May 18

The Mansfield High School All Sports Boosters Club 5K will take place Sunday, May 18, in Mansfield. This is a run and walk. Ice cream will be available. For information, contact Jim Miller at 508-339-5309 or jimedmil@comcast.net.

Sunday, June 15

The 14th Annual Fathers Day Road Race and Walk will take place Sunday, June 15, in North Easton. Runners will travel throughout historic Easton. There will be prizes, raffles, free food and music. For information, contact Steve Keohane at 508-230-3789 or cme417@yahoo.com.

Saturday, June 28

The Hanover 5K Road Race will take place Saturday, June 28, in Hanover. The course is flat and fast, and it's ideal for runners and walkers. For information, contact Brian Cassidy at 781-826-1300 or bcassidy@healthtrax.net.

Saturday, June 28

The Marshfield High gohills08 5 Mile Race/1 Mile Fun Run will take place Saturday, June 28, in Marshfield. This race is a fundraiser to raise money for the football team to go to California. The course is flat and fast. For information, contact Michael Ryan at 781-837-7136 or mike.ryan@awin.com.

Friday, July 4

The Duxbury 4th of July Road Race will take place Friday, July 4, in Duxbury. Runners will travel near the ocean and over wooden bridges through historic Duxbury over this 4.25-mile course. For information, contact Beth Kenney at 781-934-9252 or bak5557@aol.com.

Sunday, Oct. 19

The 5th Annual Readers Become Leaders 5K Run/Walk will take place Sunday, Oct. 19, in Wareham. The top male and female will receive a cash prize. The first 100 entrants will receive a T-shirt. For information, contact Kathy Moore Minkle at 508-291-3550, extension 1102, or kamoore@wareham.k12.ma.us.

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Duxbury Bay Maritime School ergometers

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Wrestlers fare well at sectionals

Murphy, Froio and Hurlbut all qualify for states

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High wrestling team had five members place at the Division 3 South Sectionals, Saturday at CHS. The Skippers finished out of the mix in terms of a team score, but will send representatives to Wakefield High School for the individuals this weekend.

David Toomey (Jr., C, 145) placed sixth in the tournament going 3-3. He finished 24-12 on the season.

"He really topped off a good year," said Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney.

Nick Secatore (Sr., C, 171) took fifth place, an alternate spot for states. After missing a month because of injury he returned for the Tri-County match. His return to the team was an obvious boost, as he went 4-2, Saturday, losing to the first and third seed in his weight class.

Mike Froio (Jr., C, 160) finished fourth, qualifying for states. He had wrestled only twice since January 5 and is slowly getting his conditioning back. He went 3-2 at sectionals.

"I'm hoping at states he will be reaching his stride," said Sweeney. Froio is 18-4 on the year.

Stephen Hurlbut (Sr., C, 215) finished in second place.

"He's had a phenomenal season," said Sweeney. Hurlbut is 34-4 this season and won three matches via pin Saturday.

Jack Murphy (So. 119) was the sectional champion. Cousin to former CHS State Champion Nick Cambi, Murphy made the family proud with an exciting performance Saturday.

"It was one of the most exciting matches of the night," Sweeney said.

In the championship match, Murphy faced Foxboro's Mike Hayes. Hayes had Murphy on his back twice, Murphy had Hayes on his back twice and the match was even stopped for a bloody nose. Murphy trailed 10-9 at one point.

"I told him the importance of hand control," Sweeney said. Murphy reversed Hayes on the whistle to take an 11-10 lead, cradled him up and pinned him in the second period.

"There wasn't a second where something was not happening in that match," Sweeney said.

Murphy had three pins before the championship match to round out his four-pin night.

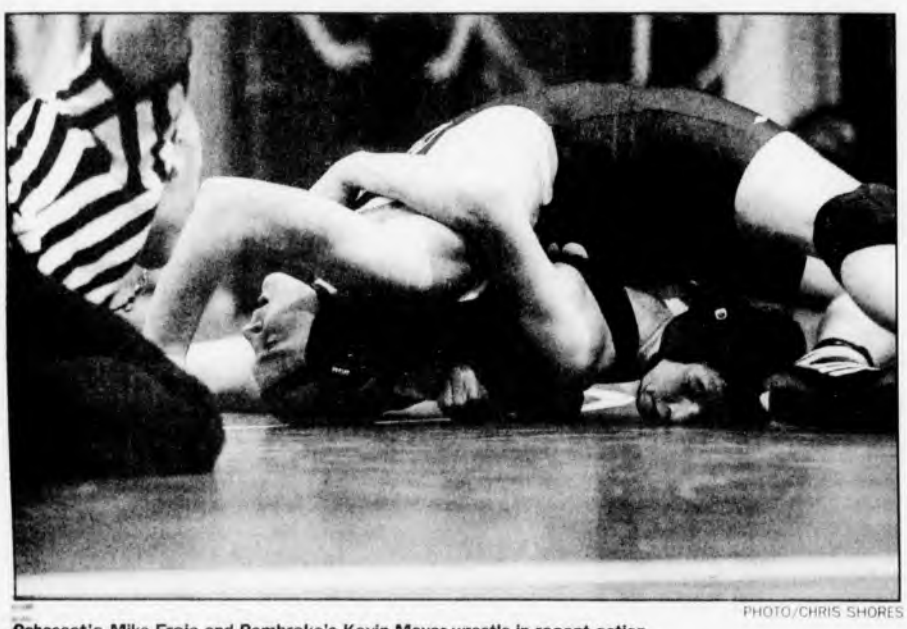
"Four pins is pretty impressive," Sweeney added.

Murphy will be a three seed at WHS this weekend, Hurlbut a five seed and Froio a 15 seed.

As for the guys who didn't qualify, Sweeney thinks the future looks bright for the Skippers.

"A lot of young kids had a good season, we should be ready to get it going next year," he said.

See next week's Mariner for a season wrap up and results from individuals.



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Cohasset's Mike Froio and Pembroke's Kevin Meyer wrestle in recent action.

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coached by Joe Bernal, an Olympic coach who holds the highest certification set by the American Swimming Coaches Association. He is a recognized leader in developing the swimming skills of young children. The Gators have more than 35 years of experience. The program, which focuses on skills and techniques in all four Olympic strokes, is held at the Percy Walker Pool, 178 St. George St., Duxbury. For information, call Janice Gately at 978-443-4584, Paula Kokins at 781-934-9225 or 781-254-2799, or go to www.bernalgators.com.

Aqua-Dux swimming

The Aqua-Dux Swim Club, a member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Swim League Swimmers, for youths 6 to 18, who are able to swim full lengths of the pool on their stomachs and backs. Practices are held Tuesdays and Thursdays. Older swimmers meet from 4 to 5 p.m. and younger swimmers meet from 5 to 6 p.m., unless there are home high school swim meets. Forms are available in the lobby of the Percy Walker Pool, 178 St. George St., Duxbury. For information, call Susan Littlefield at 781-934-7353.

SSBC Indoor Spring Training Camp

The South Shore Baseball Club's first indoor Spring Training Camp of the 2008 off-season, which started Saturday, Feb. 2, in Hingham, is open to players between the ages of 8 and 12. The second of three Little League Battery Club sessions also began Saturday, Feb. 2, at SSBC. The last Spring Training Camp session will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Feb. 23. STC features defensive instruction for infielders and outfielders, one solid hour of batting, hitting lectures by SSBC's experienced staff, two live batting cages, and five individual hitting stations. Advanced registration is required. STC is open to SSBC members as well as non-members. Two additional SSBC Indoor Spring Training Camps are scheduled in March and April for players between 8 and 15.

Softball pitching clinic at SSBC

The final South Shore Baseball Club softball pitching clinic five-week session will be held Sunday, March 16, to Sunday, April 20, with special instructor, Barry "No Hit" Needham, at SSBC in Hingham. The one-hour clinic will be offered from 9 to 10 a.m., 10 to 11 a.m., or 11 a.m. to noon. Pitchers must be between the ages of 10 and 18 and provide their own catchers. Softball pitching clinics are open to SSBC member and non-members alike, with different fees, on a first come, first served basis.

Little League Battery Club

South Shore Baseball Club's Little League Battery Club four-week session, for players 8 to 12 and 13 to 15 are slated for Saturday mornings in March and April for ages 8 to 12 and 13 to 15; and Monday and Thursday nights, March 3, 6, 10 and 13, for high school varsity players.

Pitching instruction will concentrate on proper mechanics from the wind-up and stretch, strategy and pitch selection, different grips and its effects on the ball, pick-off moves, fielding, and positive attitude. Catching sessions focus on correct receiving and throwing techniques, pitch selection, blocking low pitches, and overall strategy.



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The eighth grade girls travel team after their 35-21 victory over Pembroke. Front Row: Ellie Tedeschi, Olivia Franklin, Christie Fitzgerald and Sage Stebbins. Back Row: Isabel Robinson, Anna Seraikas, Allie Farren, Jen Mullin, Watson Leffel and (missing from photo Ruthann Barry).

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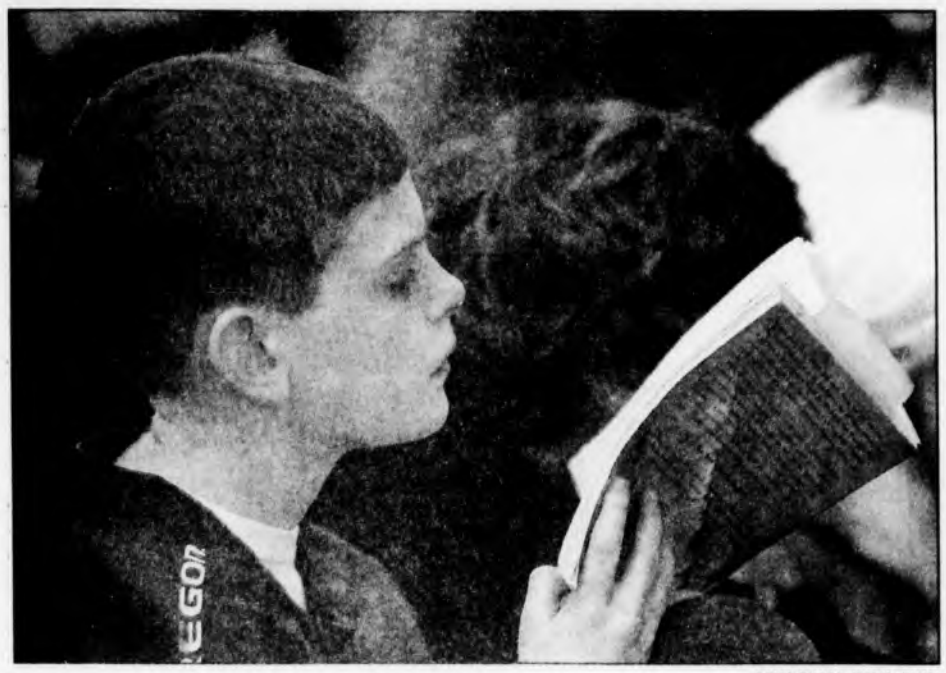
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Fourth grader Lucas Slater gets a head start on the read-a-thon while reading from his Harry Potter book during Friday's assembly at the Deer Hill School.



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Hooray For Reading! Osgood students cheer for the start of the read-a-thon.

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Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan explains exactly what the read-a-thon is all about.



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Kids of Osgood look on as Meg Connolly of the Trustees of Reservations reads her favorite book to kick off the read-a-thon.

The Cohasset PSO's fourth annual Read-a-thon, has officially begun! Last year, this event raised over $17,000 to benefit the Joseph Osgood, Deer Hill and Cohasset Middle Schools. Participating students from the three schools have set reading goals for the three-week-long event and will be logging their minutes spent reading. At the end of the Read-a-thon, students will collect pledges from the family and friends who have sponsored them. Money raised will support and maintain school enrichment and curriculum programs. The nature theme of this year's Read-a-thon is intended not only to encourage reading, but to inspire the children to respect and appreciate our environment and the great outdoors.

This year's Read-a-thon will run in tandem with the Cohasset Reads Together initiative. The goal of Cohasset Reads Together, sponsored by the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, is to foster a love of reading and a sense of community for all ages. The town-wide book selections are "Walden" by Henry David Thoreau and "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson. Companion books have been chosen for the elementary schools. At the Joseph Osgood School, students are reading, "Henry Hikes to Fitchburg" by D.B. Johnson, a story about Henry David Thoreau, and "Our Neighbor, Millie" by Alyse Clinton of Hull about the 330-foot wind turbine next to her house. Deer Hill students are reading "Walking with Henry" by Thomas Locker. The Paul Pratt Library and Cohasset Reads Together have generously donated copies of each of these books to classroom teachers.

The 19-day Read-a-thon was kicked off on Feb. 11 at the Joseph Osgood School and the Deer Hill School with a special guest speaker. Megan Connolly, from the Weir River Farm in Hingham, spoke to the students about how many wonderful discoveries can be made by reading, and by enjoying and exploring the outdoors. Megan showed the students some of the unique and special wildlife that we have here in Cohasset. She also discussed how important it is for everyone to respect and care for nature, and to not harm and destroy the plants and wildlife that we may come in contact with. The kickoff at the schools generated a lot of excitement and enthusiasm.



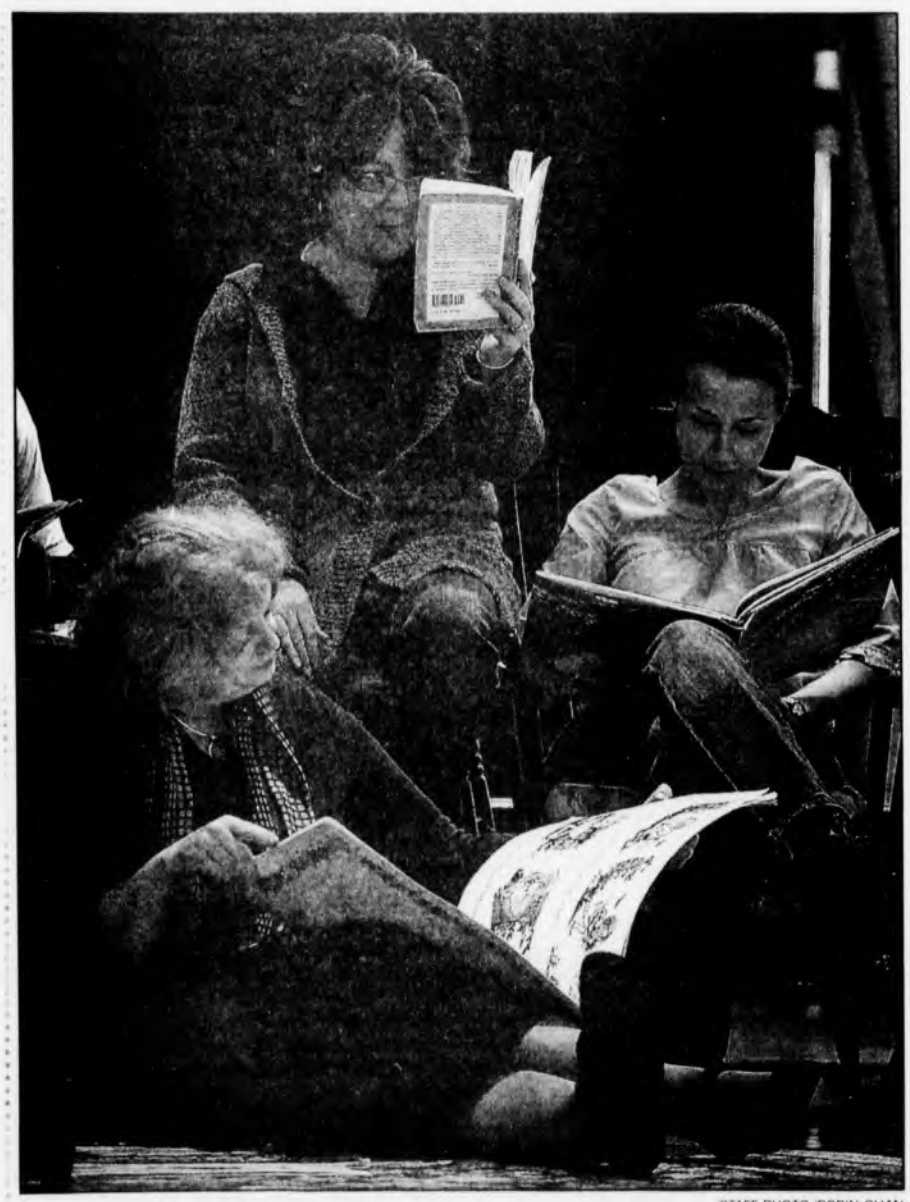
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Meg Connolly of Weir River Farm reads the book, "Where the Wild Things Are," during the assembly on Friday at the Deer Hill School.



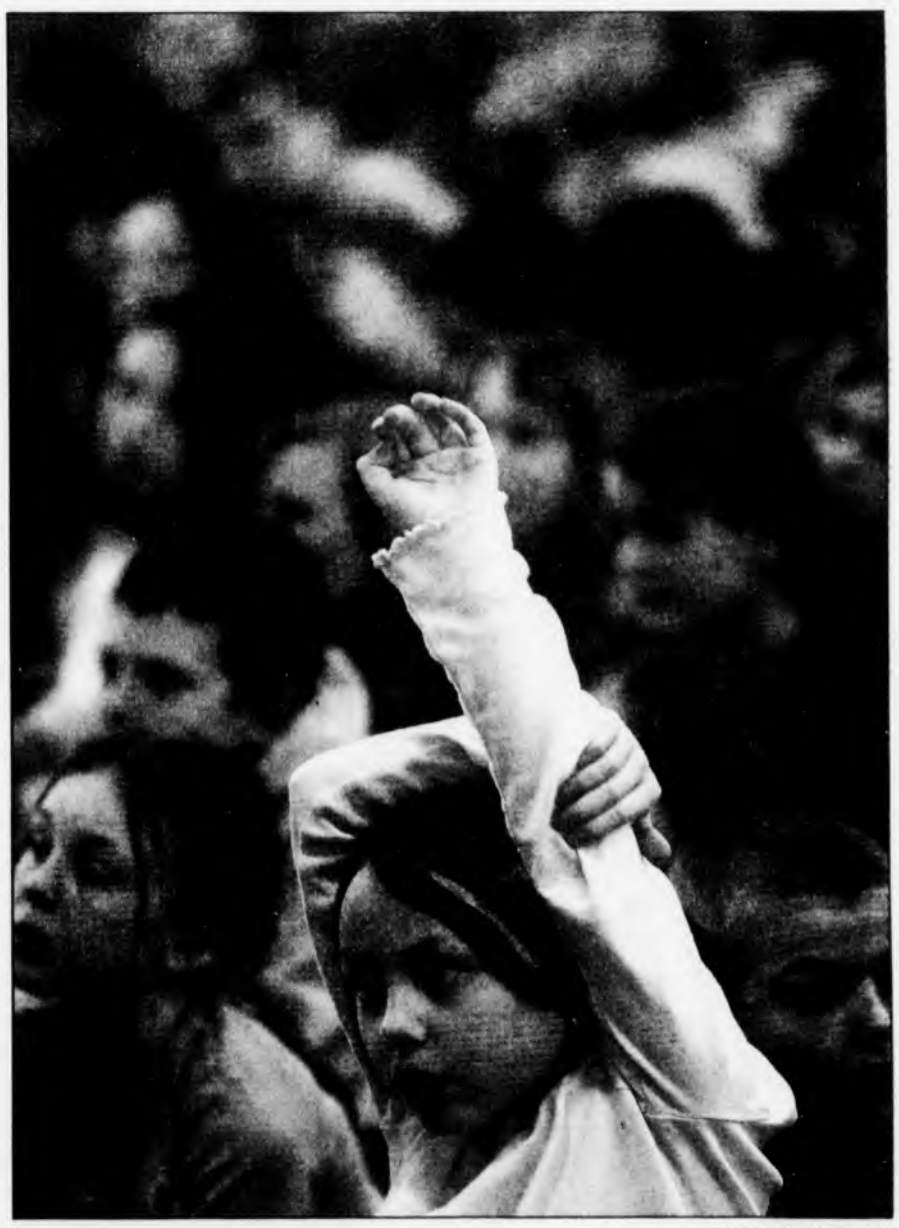
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Faculty members from the Deer Hill School try to inspire their students to read by showing that they enjoy reading as well during Friday's assembly.



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From left, third-grade teacher Jean Hanson, fifth-grader teacher Kathleen Jordan, and Literary Specialist Alex Bouestein read books at the start of a school assembly to kick off the Read-a-thon at the Deer Hill School.



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Third grader Charlotte Marcelli raises her hand while trying to answer a question during Friday's assembly.

get AWAY

Mount Washington Resort offers winter fun and a touch of class



PHOTOS BY JIM WALKER

The Mount Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, opened in 1902 and originally catered only to summer crowds. Today the resort offers year-round fun with skiing in the colder months and tons of outdoor activities like mountain biking and hiking and golf as the weather warms up.

Erin Clossey
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Bretton Woods, N.H. -

Make no mistake. The impeccably dressed and inscrutably accented maitre d' of The Dining Room at the Mount Washington Hotel will turn away gentlemen who arrive for dinner sans jacket and tie.

After a momentary flush of embarrassment for one such man, my dining companion and I decided we were glad The Dining Room stood on its traditions. We had taken care to bring "evening clothes" (not normally part of our travel accessories), and would have been miffed to find we could've gotten away with less.

The hotel, part of the Mount Washington Resort at Bretton Woods, N.H., and especially The Dining Room, tips a top hat to its former life as a turn-of-the-century mountain refuge for the moneyed and leisured classes. Sitting on stiff-backed chairs under crystal chandeliers, as black-tied servers dodged potted palms and a three-piece orchestra played a staid version of "Summertime," I felt a little like I was dining aboard the Titanic.



A couple takes a stroll along the long warp-around porch at The Mount Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire.

But those weren't icebergs outside the panoramic windows, they were the Presidential Range - part of New Hampshire's White Mountains - one of the premier recreation areas in the Northeast.

The main attraction of the Mount Washington Resort is the mountains, and they have been since the hotel opened in 1902. In those days, it was exclusively a summer retreat, attracting such notables as President Woodrow Wilson, Thomas Edison and Babe Ruth.

But since the hotel was winterized in 1998-1999 (a little too well - we often broke a sweat walking back from breakfast) it has catered as well to skiers, snowshoers and snowmobilers.

The resort incorporates Bretton Woods, the largest ski area in New Hampshire, with 434 acres of ski and snowboard terrain. There is also a Nordic center with 100 kilometers (about 62 miles) of trails, a skating pond and a tubing hill.

Guests can arrange to go dog sledding, snowmobiling or take a sleigh ride through a setting so beautiful it looks a lot like a 3-D version of a Currier & Ives print.

In addition to the iconic 200-room Mount Washington Hotel - more chateau than chalet with its red-roofed Spanish Renaissance architecture - the resort accommodates guests in The Lodge, a motel near the slopes; the Bretton Arms Inn, a Victorian bed-and-breakfast; and a clutch of townhouses for bigger families with bigger budgets.

Despite the nighttime dress code, it's hardly a stuffy place. After dinner my companion and I headed downstairs at the hotel for a pinot noir-fueled grudge match of air hockey in the hotel arcade. Resort-wear during the day in the winter is mostly snow pants or jeans and fleece.

And what stands out, wherever you go on the resort, is the vast number of kids. Even amid the Gilded Age veneer of the hotel, Mount Washington Resort seems to be most simpatico with families.

At breakfast in the hotel, staff put out a kid-size table of mini-cereals and Froot Loop/marshmallow bars for the young and sweet-toothed set.

A popular activity at the resort is the tubing hill. For $5, you get an enormous inflated doughnut that you drag to the top of a slope and ride down in a giddy whirl.

The downhill ski slopes "make everyone feel like they're a good skier," said Chris Ellms, general manager of Bretton Woods, and that attracts a particular kind of crowd. Bretton Woods prides itself on such top-rated programs as Hobbit Ski and Snowboard School, in the Kids' Alpine Club, and weekly children's apres ski parties. And while there are a fair number of black diamond and double-black diamond trails among the 101 slopes, derring-do just isn't the specialty.

"We can take care of families beautifully. Can we take care of the 25-year-old hotshot? Probably not," Ellms said.

James and Heather Matarazzo and their five kids come up to Bretton Woods from Alton Bay, N.H., to treat themselves, even though they have a ski resort in their "backyard." The long, sloping trails mean everyone in the troupe can have a good time, James Matarazzo said. And the snow at Mount Washington is nearly always plentiful, he added.

The weather was beautiful the weekend we were there. But my companion and I don't downhill ski, and a week of warm temperatures and rain had given the cross-country trails a slick crust of ice that scared us off schussing. Instead, we lashed snowshoes to our boots and set off across the golf course in search of wilderness solitude.

We found it only 10 minutes away from the hotel, along the Ammonoosuc River. The only sound we could hear, apart from the crunch of crampons on crusty snow, was the water gurgling against ice floes. Well, OK, and also our own jabbering about the aloof beauty of the place, and how we should call in sick to work on Monday and try to go dog sledding.

Discovering the Whites

You could stay on the Mount Washington Resort property and still get your fill of rugged mountain beauty. But then you'd miss the northern New Hampshire scenery that has managed to become iconic without turning cliche.

Near the resort the coal-fired Mount Washington Cog Railway takes passengers on abbreviated one-hour winter runs to Upper Waumbek at 4,000 feet. In the summer, the rail goes right up to the summit, and is a popular area attraction (it is not afilliated with the resort).

The Old Man of the Mountain rock formation shuffled off this mortal coil and left Franconia Notch (the ledges that collectively looked like a profile of a face collapsed in 2003). But the notch itself is still distractingly beautiful. You'll pass through the area on I-93 on your way to or from the White Mountains - avail yourself of one of the scenic turnoffs.

For the quintessential New Hampshire village experience, head west on Rte. 302 from the Mount Washington Resort for about a half-hour. Littleton is a pretty little town (get it?) with red brick buildings and a healthy respect for nostalgia. Boutiques and independent bookstores share the main drag with Jax Jr., a two-screen movie theater with roots dating back to the 1920s, and Chutter's General Store, which boasts the "World's Longest Candy Counter."

In nearby Sugar Hill, check out Harman's Cheese & Country Store on Rte. 117 and try a bit of their cheddar (closed Sundays in winter).

Covered bridges are another attraction - there are dozens in the White Mountains region. Find a listing and other New Hampshire travel advice at www.visit-newhampshire.com.

IF YOU go...

STAYING THERE: A standard room at The Mount Washington Hotel (www.brettonwoods.com; 800-314-1752) on a winter weekend is from about $279 per night for a family of four, but there are several packages available that combine meals and skiing. Summer rates are higher - with summertime attractions including golf, tennis and hiking. If your room is on the back of the hotel, be aware construction is under way on a 25,000-square-foot spa expected to open in about a year. Ski-and-stay packages at The Lodge are from $99 per person, per night, based on double occupancy.

DINING THERE: Main courses in The Dining Room at The Mount Washington Hotel range from $23-$33. The wine list is extensive and runs from moderately priced to exorbitant.

SKIING THERE: A full-day weekend lift ticket at Bretton Woods (www.brettonwoods.com) is $69 for adults, $42 for teens, $31 for kids 5-12. A Nordic trail pass is $14 for adults, $11 for teens and $7 for kids. Kids 4 and under ski free with a paying adult.

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The New England Ski Museum has the evolution of skis among its displays.

Ski Museum serves up history and memories

Barbara Radcliffe Rogers
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

IN NEW ENGLAND

Franconia, N.H. -

The Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway in New Hampshire's Franconia Notch carried some of America's first skiers to the top of the mountain, so its base is a fitting location for a museum dedicated to the history of downhill skiing.

The New England Ski Museum documents the sport with permanent collections of vintage equipment, skiwear and art, along with exhibits on the World War II 10th Mountain Division, the "ski troopers." Changing special exhibits focus on subjects that might range from the first ski trail to the current feature on the creation of the National Ski Patrol.

The museum's collections are presented in displays that show skiing not only from its technical aspect with the evolution of equipment, but from its aesthetic, nostalgic and even whimsical side. Skirts worn by the Women's Olympic team in the 1930s join historic skis and bindings in the displays.

Ski legend Hannes Schneider, visitors learn, had begun popularizing recreational skiing in the Austrian Alps even before his arrest by the Nazis and subsequent emigration to North Conway, N.H. His small following of European skiers were called schnee hasen - snow bunnies - and an artist created cartoon rabbits shown in one of the earliest ski posters, surrounding Schneider on a mountainside.

In addition to the films presented with the current ski patrol exhibit, documentaries about ski history are shown continuously in the museum's theater. These films of early skiers remind viewers just how far the sport has come from the days of long, straight wooden skis to the turn-carving parabolic skis of today. And the clips of great - and not so great - racers are fun to watch.

America's first alpine ski trail was opened in 1933 at Cannon Mountain - it was created by a Russian Duke. And the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway opened in 1938 so skiers could ascend the mountain in 20 minutes instead of a climb of several hours. One of the original cars, replaced by much larger ones in 1980, is displayed outside the museum, within sight of the current tramway to make the size comparison even more dramatic.

For lifelong skiers, the museum is a trip down a memory trail; for non-skiers, it's an interesting look at New England history.

The New England Ski Museum, Franconia, N.H. (www.skimuseum.org), is located at the base of the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway. Open daily 10-5. Admission is free.

(For more travel features visit www.wickedlocal.com/getaway)

Saying 'I love you' with a song



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Robert Beauregard of Hingham, Bill Fitzgerald of Weymouth, Tony Carbone of Cohasset, and Dan Costello of Pembroke get ready to greet sweethearts with a song and a flower.

Singing Valentines convey heartfelt messages

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Roses, chocolates, and sentimental greeting cards are all part of a traditional Valentine's Day celebration.

Add to that a "Singing Valentine" delivered right to your sweetheart's door by a tuxedo-clad barbershop quartet. Who could ask for more?

For the past 12 years, fun-loving members of the South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus have arrived unannounced on numerous doorsteps or at offices, classrooms, banks, restaurants, or any place on the South Shore during Valentine's Day week to regale special someones (male or female) with "The Song of the Rose" ("Heart of My Heart, I Love You") and "I Love You Truly." They then present a long-stemmed red rose and a lovely Valentine naming the thoughtful sender and leave behind a photo of the delightful experience as a souvenir. Each year, the demand grows.

This activity is part of a nationwide program offered by the group's parent organization, The Barbershop Harmony Society. "Hundreds of quartets from more than 800 choruses throughout the country sing their hearts out, bringing pleasure to people of all ages who receive these expressions of love and caring," said SSMH member Bill Fitzgerald, who organizes the program for the South Shore barbershoppers from his Weymouth home and is sometimes part of a quartet. "The many deliveries to residents of nursing homes and shut-ins are especially meaningful and touching." Often the recipients of these one-of-a-kind Valentines join the quartet in songs of days gone by.

Proceeds primarily support the Youth Outreach Music Program offered in some South Shore schools to promote vocal music education. This is accomplished by familiarizing students with the "songs and melodies that represent America's vast and varied musical heritage," according to Fitzgerald.

He recalls with amusement the time a few years ago when despite extensive publicity about the "Singing Valentine" program and a well-placed feature story in a local publication, Fitzgerald hadn't received any inquiries.

Then, at the end of the week, he got a call from a woman on the classified advertising staff of a local newspaper that had run the group's ad. She asked if he was the contact person for the "Singing Valentines."

The caller told him that a woman named Mary had just returned home from vacation to find 15 calls on her answering machine requesting more information about "Singing Valentines." As it turns out, Fitzgerald's telephone number had been printed incorrectly in the newspaper. She wanted to know who Fitzgerald was and how to get in touch with him.

The ad representative put Fitzgerald in touch with Mary, who patiently relayed the messages to him. She facetiously dubbed herself his "secretary" and called every few days to pass along more misdirected messages. It turned out that her phone number was just one digit different from Fitzgerald's.

"Out of gratitude, we decided to include Mary and her husband, Ed [whose name was listed in the phone book], among the happy recipients on that Valentine's Day," Fitzgerald said. However, several attempts to find Mary at home were unsuccessful.

"Still, I was pleased that the number of singing valentines we delivered that year exceeded the previous years' totals," he said.

Following a meaningful two days of bringing happiness to others, the quartet passed by Mary's house one more time and "lo and behold, there was a car in the driveway!" Fitzgerald said.

The men, dressed in black tuxedos and red bow ties, approached the house with their one remaining rose hoping to find the couple at home.

"Mary opened the door in astonishment, both smiling and crying after greeting her visitors, realizing who they were but never expecting such a surprise," Fitzgerald said.

Sadly, Mary explained that she had just returned from visiting the grave of her husband, who had passed away the previous year.

"They had spent many happy years together, had a wonderful family, and she had wished him a 'Happy Valentine's Day' along with her prayers before returning home," Fitzgerald said. "This quartet of gentlemen was able to deliver Valentine's wishes to Mary on Ed's behalf by singing 'Heart of My Heart, I love You' and 'I Love You Truly.' This is a most memorable Valentine story."

The SSMH, which sings both old standards and contemporary songs, welcomes new members. They meet – and sing together — Tuesday evenings at the Hingham Community Center from 8 to 10:30 p.m. The group is available for bookings, including at churches (they also have a religious/spiritual repertoire). For further information, call (781) 337-SING or send an email to: *messages@southshoremenofharmony.org*.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Did you know that:

- The oldest known Valentine's Day card was created in 1415 and is on display at the British Museum in London.
- About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent to a "special someone" every year, second only to the number of Christmas greetings — and women purchase about 85 percent of them, according to the Greeting Card Association.
- The first commercial Valentine's Day greeting cards in the United States were produced by Esther A. Howland in the 1840s. She is known as the "Mother of the Valentine."
- Valentine's Day is celebrated in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Australia.

Source – Valentine's Day facts compiled by the "New Orleans Homes & Lifestyles" magazine.

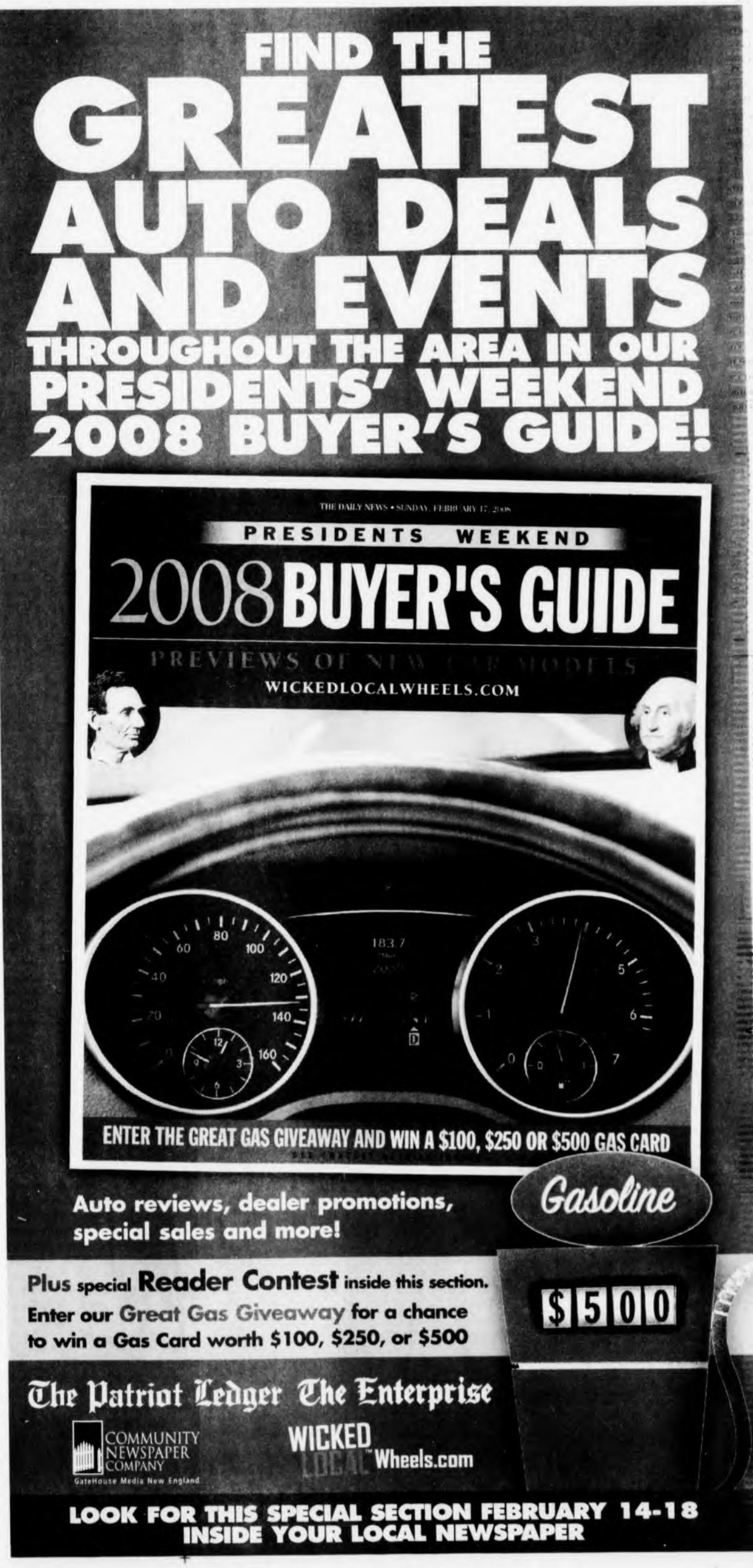
Lifesaving Museum pirate acting workshop, performance

Children ages 5 through 8 can put their piracy to the test by bringing their creativity to a new level. This will be an acting workshop based around pirates of yesteryear.

A school vacation pirate acting workshop and performance, sponsored by Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, will take place Tuesday through Thursday, Feb. 19 to 21, and Friday, Feb. 22. Cost is $50 for members, $60 for non-members. Optional lunch available for an additional fee.

Children ages 5 through 8 can put their piracy to the test by bringing their creativity to a new level. This will be an acting workshop based around pirates of yesteryear. Workshop hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 3 to 5 p.m. Then to celebrate, participants will have a workshop on Friday, from 3 to 5 p.m., followed by supper for the students and a performance from 6 to 6:30 p.m. for the public to see. Following the performance there will be cider, juice, goodies and good cheer. A daily snack and craft will be provided.

For more information, call Laura Taberner at 781-925-5433 or visit lifesavingmuseum@Comcast.net.



Spinnaker hits the newsstands

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



"Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, Friday is here.... WAHOO!"

Happy belated Valentine's Day readers. Hopefully, no one forgot to give their significant others that special V-day gift, whether it be heart shaped chocolates from CVS or roses from Shaws, it was better to give "thriftily" than to own up to the mistake! Oddly enough, the students this week acted as though there was no vacation next week.... could they have been suffering from severe premature sugar crashes? I guess candy hearts and tasteless chocolates can do that to a kid.

Also of note; multiple weeks of intense work paid off on Thursday with the successful sale of the winter_Spinnaker: Great job to everyone involved. ...You guys should be proud of yourselves! The paper marked the last issue involving the first semester Journalism students, however as of now, the editors remain the same for the remainder of the year. Readers of The Spinnaker can look forward to the *new styles* and flavours of the second semester writers in the spring issue, which will also be the *final installment* of this year's newspaper.

Well, moving on, it is time for the rundown of the week!

- Monday, Feb. 11: Bitterly cold weather clearly didn't prevent CHS students from attending school.
- Tuesday, Feb. 12: The varsity basketball team laced up their high-tops to play against East Bridgewater's team. Sadly, these short shorts wearing guys were unable to defeat EB. At least they lost in style!
- Wednesday, Feb. 13: Secret Admirers were given the chance to finally show their special someone some love, thanks to the sale of student council's Valentine candy grams!
- Thursday, Feb. 14: Aside from Cupid having worked his busiest day, students also kicked it into high gear selling and purchasing the school paper while trying to maintain a stable blood sugar level!
- Friday, Feb. 15: 2 pm marked the beginning of a well needed vacation!

That's it for me this week. Have a happy and safe week!

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

'We can change the world'

By Sarah Brown
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Reprinted From the Valentines Issue of The Spinnaker.

On the afternoon of Thursday, Jan. 31, Doctor Anne Thomae, a science teacher at Cohasset High School, stood confidently behind the podium of the crowded school auditorium. The sounds of the rap song "Climate Control Jam" blared through the loudspeakers while a slideshow depicting students sorting CMHS trash played behind her. As the music faded and the curious crowd soon quieted, Thomae proudly announced, "We *are* Cohasset. We *can* change the world." And so began Focus the Nation Day.

We, as people inhabiting the Earth, currently stand at a critical moment in human history. The decisions we make in the next few years regarding the health of the environment could possibly make or break our future. These decisions will have far-reaching and irreversible impacts on the lives of today's students and the lives of their children. Ms. Patricia McGrail, another environmentally active science teacher at the high school, told her students, "You are the future CEO's, parents, political leaders, teachers, and citizens. Therefore, you must be able to understand how the world works and the impact humans have upon the natural world in order to make educated choices throughout your lives."

Focus the Nation holds true to this concept. It is an organization which concentrates on global warming solutions for America; the members have been creating dialogues at over a thousand colleges, high schools, places of worship, civic organizations and businesses, and directly engaging millions of students and citizens with the nation's decision-makers.

The idea of Focus the Nation Day is essentially just that: focus. Almost everyone is aware of the issue of global warming, yet it unfortunately continues to remain on the backburner. If we all took one day out of our busy schedules and devoted our combined energies to raising awareness about global warming, perhaps then we could take action. As the mission statement of Focus the Nation ambitiously claims, "Our intent is to move America beyond the fatalism to a determination to face up to this civilizational challenge, the challenge of our generation."

Therefore, the students of Cohasset High School participated in Focus the Nation Day.



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During Focus the Nation Day seniors Jen Silvia and Sarah Brown give a presentation of things they found in the town landfill that could have been recycled.

Almost everyone is aware of the issue of global warming, yet it unfortunately continues to remain on the backburner.

Senior Evan Deutsch, the president of the Environmental Club who plans to major in Environmental Studies at Middlebury next year, presented the idea to the student club. Deutsch and Thomae, the faculty advisor to the Environmental Club, worked incredibly hard to make the concept a reality. Thomae noted, "As a scientist and informed citizen, I have known the facts about human impact on climate change for a long time. When Evan suggested that the Environmental Club should participate, I saw it as a great opportunity to get the word out." And getting the word out is exactly what the presentation achieved.

After Thomae's opening remarks, the student body attentively listened to two presentations by their peers. The first was a summary of a trash audit performed last spring by the juniors of Thomae's AP Chemistry class. Sarah Brown and Jen Silvia, both now seniors, described the experiment to the student body; the students had brought one day's worth of CHS trash to the dump and sorted through it with hockey sticks to analyze how much of the total volume was actually non-recyclable waste. The students concluded that two thirds of the volume could have been recycled, and also emphasized the monetary benefits of recycling. They proposed that if proper recycling were implemented at the high school, the town, which funds the school's trash disposal system, could cut the current cost in half. The presenters continued to emphasize what the students as individuals could achieve, as not everyone could relate to the bigger picture. Silvia noted, "We are not asking for recycling to be your top priority. We are simply asking that when given the choice between a trash can and a recycling bin, please do the right thing and recycle." The other students who were involved with the trash audit last June were Cam Cope, Ryan Crough, Ian Cundall, Chloe Koines, and Maura Regan, all now seniors.

The second presentation was an informative slideshow about an organic garden, which seniors Conor Michaud and Emerson Oronte designed as an Independent Study Project. They educated the students on the importance of organic foods, and demonstrated that through eating organic, people may help the environment and also become healthier. McGrail served as the advisor of the Independent Study. She notes, "From the stage it appeared that the students were engaged and listening. At the very least, the presenters have planted the seeds of knowledge and awareness. I am quite sure they have had an impact on the behavior of many of their peers."

Focus the Nation Day culminated in a speech by Massachusetts Senator Robert Hedlund. Hedlund was able to offer a political perspective on the issue of global warming, and truly captivated the audience. Thomae was delighted with his contribution to the assembly. "He provided many interesting facts and anecdotes. There is too much partisanship in politics these days so I found it important that he is a Republican voicing a so-called 'Democratic' position. Clearly, this issue obscures party lines." McGrail, too, was impressed with Hedlund's honesty about "the lack of progress on environmental issues."

Focus the Nation Day was an incredibly successful event for CHS, but the true success is in the hands of the students. You now hold the information to truly make a difference in the environment, but what can you, as individuals, do to help? Thomae proposes it is a combination of trivial and essential steps. Drive electric cars or small cars with good gas mileage. Or how about forget the car, and bike, walk, or use public transportation. Conserve all of your resources. Don't run the water while you brush your teeth. Recycle at school and at home. Make parents sign up for the alternative energy plan through National Grid, our electric company. Conserve all resources.

Clearly, education and raising awareness can only go so far. The next step is action, and that is entirely up to the Cohasset community. Thomae said it best in her opening remarks: "We *are* Cohasset. We *can* change the world."

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Integrated Preschool

Applications for the Cohasset Integrated Preschool are available at both Osgood School and the Student Services Office at Cohasset Middle High School. Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2008 to participate in the morning class and 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2008 to participate in the afternoon class.

Applications should be returned to the Student Services Office at 143 Pond St., no later than Friday, Feb. 15. The lottery will be held Monday, Feb. 25, and families will be notified by mail that week.

A deposit of $75 is due by Monday, March 10, to hold the space. Tuition is currently $1,500 for the year, which includes four days of 2.5-hour sessions each school week, but is subject to change by the school committee.

Kindergarten registration is ongoing

Kindergarten registration for the 2008-2009 school year has begun. Registration will be at Osgood School, daily, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents will be asked to indicate interest in full-day kindergarten or half-time kindergarten at the time or registration. Parents are also encouraged to register early to facilitate planning for programs.

Children who turn 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2008, are eligible to attend kindergarten. A birth certificate and proof of residency are required in order to register.

For more information, call Osgood School at 781-383-6117.

CHS honor roll

The following students earned honor roll status for Term 2 at Cohasset High School.

GRADE NINE
HIGH HONORS

Jack Carrier, William Choi, Natalie Dignam, Matthew Durant, Andrew Fewsmith, Rhiana Fitts, Rachel Fredey, Samuel Green, Carli Haggerty, Elizabeth Kinnealey, Sarah Mavilia, Jay Monaco, Greta Shwachman, Danielle Sookiasian, Emily Toomey and Alice Williams.

GRADE NINE
FIRST HONORS

Colette Altholtz, Dylanne Axelson, Michelle Berube, Andrew Burnett, Meaghan Costello, Morgan Grasz, Lauren Hayes, Ashley Howard, Alexander Kinnealey, Mark Kissick, Jack Nelson, Elise Quebec and Mollie Sinclaire.

GRADE NINE
SECOND HONORS

Caroline Collins, Kelsey Erler, Thomas Flibotte, Tara Goodwin, Samantha Liberty, John McGoldrick, Kelby Pontes, Meghann Salerno, Imani White-Barboza and Olivia Yerardi.

GRADE 10
HIGH HONORS

Christine Coner and James Earle.

GRADE 10
FIRST HONORS

Hannah Burgess, Melissa Campedelli, Margaux Donze, Tyler Durant, Hilary Gaumer, Meredith Kelly, Andrew Littauer, Cameron Lucitt, Jennifer Magruder, Katie Malveira, Lucy Noble, Ian Porter, Dominique Rioux, Eric Studley and William Wise.

GRADE 10
SECOND HONORS

Emily Bertovich, Logan Breslow, Kelsey Coughlin, Isabelle Franklin, MacKenzie Hart, Victoria Lehr, Sarah Libby, Meaghan Mahoney, Austin Meyers, Johanna Regan, Megan Richardson, Daniel Sullivan and Sarah Trahon.

GRADE 11
HIGH HONORS

Fiona McBride, Kristin Monaco, David Oddleifson, Graham Sinclaire and David Toomey.

GRADE 11
FIRST HONORS

Adam Berger, Johanna Brophy, Lennart Brown, Widmaier Charles, Jonathan Choi, Jessica Fitts, Margaret Goodwin, Lesen Haracz, Victor Hartmann, Amanda Masotta, Margaret McGoldrick, Rachel McMorris, Alyssa Mullin, Erika Orner, Carly Salerno, Gordon Smith, Stephanie Smith and Timothy Treese.

GRADE 11
SECOND HONORS

Lauren Allen, Luke Brewer, Jennifer Cahill, Melissa Castro, Andrew DiPaolo, Kathryne Gaumer, Molly Gilbert, Aisling Kearns, Samantha Lehr, Alexander Livingstone, Lauren Mack, Caitlin Mahoney, Stephanie Malveira, Wesley Medwid, Conor Murphy, Conor Ofsthun, John Sturino, Jonathan Wade, Tyler Wood and Carley Zappolo.

GRADE 12
HIGH HONORS

Sarah Brown, Abby Foley and Jesse Meade.

GRADE 12
FIRST HONORS

Stephanie Belz, Oliver Brennan, Samantha Burgoon, Marc D'Antonio, Samuel DeGiacomo, Evan Deutsch, Kali Devaney, Colin Dignam, Anna Haggerty, Sondra Hart, Amanda Hurd, Juliette Karp, Tyler Kelly, Olivia Kimla, Chloe Koines, Alexandra Lesniewski-Laas, Eric MacCarthy, Sara Meehan, Conor Michaud, Kenneth Muir, Richard Quebec, Nicholas Secatore, Jennifer Silvia, Paige Strecker and Jenna VanEtten.

GRADE 12
SECOND HONORS

Meghan Anderson, Meagan Coakley, Ryan Crough, Patrick Doonan, Michael Grimm, Brian Hill, Christine Kent, Michael Kusek, Christiane Leger, May McCarthy, Nathan Porter, Maura Regan and Samuel Roth.

Youth Ministry to host family event

A special evening, sponsored by the St. Anthony and St. Paul Youth Ministry, will take place Saturday, March 1. There will be a presentation and reflection by the Youth Ministry group on last summer's trip to New Orleans and the upcoming trip to Louisville, Ken. See what the youth of both parishes are doing for those less fortunate.

This is sure to be an uplifting and fun event, so gather family and friends to attend. There will be food, silent auction and raffles.

For tickets and information, contact Bette Baker at 781-383-7310 or betbaker@Comcast.net; Lindsey Watson at 781-749-7310, boomerw@comcast.net; or youth minister Bill Mezzetti at 781-589-0911, billmezzetti@yahoo.com.

Manners make a difference at SSCC

Knowing the correct thing to do in any social situation, whether it is at the dinner table, introducing parents to teachers or simply answering the telephone, will benefit a child throughout his/her entire life. "Children learn by example," said Renate Devin, founder and president of Boston School of Etiquette. "We know that parents believe teaching children social skills is a vital part of parenting. But we, as parents, also recognize that many times it is the influence of another voice that reaches our children."

The etiquette program offered at SSCC includes table manners, communication skills and social graces. "We want every child to feel special and important so each class has a beautiful set table with fresh flowers, china, crystal and delicious food," said Devin. "The pride you see on their faces is wonderful!" Deborah Donahue has her two oldest children enrolled in the current class. She said, "My kids look forward to every class. They are having fun learning good manners while experimenting with different food."



Social graces are needed at the dinner table.

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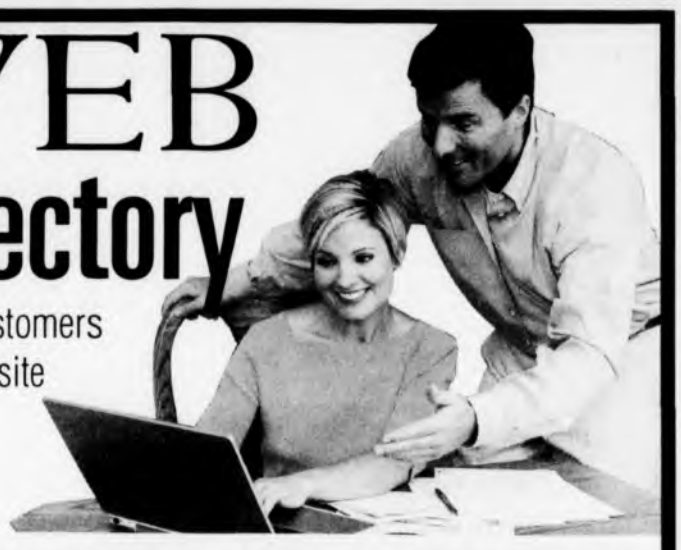
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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Bible Study series continues on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Practical Christianity. Some Christians commonly view the Old Testament as a storybook-full of fascinating tales, yet ancient and irrelevant to modern reality. This exceptional 10-week study from *Insight For Living* with *Chuck Swindoll* will help you blow the dust off these timeworn chronicles and discover enduring truths that relate directly to you, while translating into reliable patterns for godly living. Experience familiar passages as never before, and find fresh inspiration in the memorable scenes revisited. Follow the examples of faithful Old Testament heroes such as Abraham, Joseph, David, and many others as you learn to apply timeless biblical principles to your everyday life. Please join us.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. **Music Director:** Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Feb. 17

8 a.m. - Circle Ministry in the Parish House/Atkinson Room - Group led by Joan Kovach and Susan Meikleham and meeting 1st and 3rd Sundays)

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – "Seasoned Love"

Religious education classes for toddlers, children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish House directly after the service and RE classes.

Let's remember that there are folks on the South Shore without the resources to buy food and basic household items! Let's fill the baskets in the entry to our Parish House with items that will go directly to our Cohasset Food Pantry for those among us in need. Suggested items include: concentrated juices, beef stew, spaghetti sauce, clam chowder, tissues, shampoo, and dish and laundy detergent.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday morning. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately follow the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. Lent began Feb. 6th with a 7:30pm Ash Wednesday service in the chapel. Our Lenten Study Group, Positive Thinking… Priceless, will began at 6:30 on Wednesday Feb. 13th. Bring you own brown bag supper and we will provide beverages/desserts as we view the DVD "The Secret" by Rhonda Byrne. Our following meetings will take place on Feb. 27th and March 3rd at 7pm as we explore "A Complaint Free World" by Will Bowen. The same brown bag format with beverages/desserts will be provided. Books will be available at Buttonwood Books We are an open, welcoming church family. A Seder Meal in a Christian context will be offered on Sunday March 16th at 5pm (call for reservations). We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project. Holy Week and Easter services will begin with a Maundy Thursday traditional Tenebrae service (with Communion) at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Easter Sunday March 23rd will offer a choice of three services: 7:30 am Sonrise at Sandy Beach (dress causally and warmly), 9:15am in the sanctuary (intergenerational with children's musical performances), 11 am in the sanctuary (traditional service with adult choir). For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites you to join us this Advent.

We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. To learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

• "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.

• Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group

• Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison

• Monthly luncheon for seniors

• Fellowship and fun; music

• Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

Sunday Services at 8 am and 10 am

Wednesday healing service with Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Worship News

Reverend Tutu speaks at Abbey

The Glastonbury Abbey continues its inter-religious lecture series, "Listening to Other Voices – Prophets of Compassion: Who Cares," with the Rev. Mpho A. Tuto, who will present "Pilgrims on this Earthly Journey: We Who Must Care," at 7:15 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28, in the Glastonbury Conference Center at 16 Hull St. in Hingham.

The Rev. Mpho A. Tutu has taught, studied, ministered and preached in a variety of venues as diverse as Worcester and Grahamstown, South Africa. At varying times, she has worked with children, seminarians, mothers, and rape survivors and their families. From her personal experience, she knows well the matter of pilgrims, and those who must care. An Episcopal priest, she now serves as Assisting Priest at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. She is the founder and Executive Director of the Tutu Institute for Prayer and Pilgrimage. Daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, she served for five years as the director of the Bishop Desmond Tutu Southern African Refugee Scholarship Fund to provide full four-year college scholarships to refugees from South Africa and Namibia.

Reservations are recommended. For more information or to make reservations, call 781-749-2155. The lecture series is free, however donations are gratefully accepted. For more information on Glastonbury Abbey, visit www.glastonburyabbey.org.

Program on Israel

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom and AIPAC invite the public to a special adult education program featuring Yaakov Katz, military correspondent and defense analyst for the Jerusalem Post, at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 28, at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham. Refreshments will be served.

Katz's presentation will focus on Israel's security situation a year after the Lebanon War, and Israel's current strategic assessments with a particular look at the threats from Syria, Iran and Hezbollah. Katz's presentation will also tackle the differences between Israel and United States intelligence on the Iranian threat, and Israel's various options. This is of particular importance given the recent release of the threat assessment concerning Iran's nuclear program.

Register by Monday, Feb. 25, by calling the temple office at 781-749-8103 or by emailing CSSADM@AOL.COM.

St. Joseph Retreat Center events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset will host the following upcoming programs: **Feb. 15 to 23**: The Retreat Center is available for one, three, or seven days/nights of directed or private prayer; and Sunday, **Feb. 24**: A Day of Prayer for Men and Women Living with HIV. For more information and to register, visit www.csjretreatcenter.org or call 781-383-6024.

Business Notes

Campbell elected trustee of Mass. Bar Foundation

At its recent Annual Meeting, the Massachusetts Bar Foundation elected Cohasset resident, Richard P. Campbell, to its Board of Trustees.

Founded in 1964, the Massachusetts Bar Foundation (MBF) is the philanthropic partner of the Massachusetts Bar Association. Through its grant making and charitable activities, the MBF works to increase access to justice for all Massachusetts citizens. In 2007, the MBF IOLTA Grants Program awarded 144 grants, totaling approximately $4.5 million to legal aid programs across Massachusetts

Campbell is the founder and a shareholder of Campbell Campbell Edwards & Conroy. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is certified as a Civil Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. After graduating from the University of Massachusetts, Campbell earned his law degree, cum laude, from Boston College Law School. In 1995, Boston College Law School



Richard P. Campbell

presented him with its highest award, the Founder's Medal, for his achievements and dedication to the law. He currently serves as Chair of the Board of Overseers for Boston College Law School.

As trustee of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, Campbell will be part of a 20-member board charged with overseeing the operations and charitable activities of the Foundation. He will serve his term as trustee through January, 2012.

For information about the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, visit:

www.MassBarFoundation.org.



From left, Head teller Janet Trask accepts the 2007 Teller of the Year award from Rockland Trust chief financial officer Denis Sheahan.

Rockland Trust announces Teller of the Year

Janet Trask, Cohasset head teller, was named Rockland Trust's Teller of the Year for 2007. Trask was selected from a pool of 225 tellers at the bank.

She joined Rockland Trust in 1990, and does an exemplary job as head teller in the bank's Cohasset branch. Her positive attitude and pleasant personality provide a friendly branch environment for both customers and her fellow employees. She resides in Cohasset.

Old Ship Coffeehouse features Jake Armerding

Jake Armerding will perform at the Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m.

After growing up with Vivaldi and bluegrass, by the seventh grade Armerding was playing in his father Taylor's bluegrass band, Northern Lights. He has gone on to develop his own seamless blend of folk and bluegrass. He is also a first-rate fiddler and mandolin player.

The Coffeehouse off the Square is at Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from Loring Hall Theater. Admission is $10 at the door; no reservations.

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The concert begins with an open mike at 8 p.m. Beverages and desserts are 50 cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For more information or to volunteer, which provides free admission, call 781-749-1767.

Lisa DiTullio celebrates release of her first book

A reception and book signing event was held Feb. 7 for Cohasset resident Lisa DiTullio, who just released her first book, "Simple Solutions: How Enterprise Project Management Supported Harvard Pilgrim Health Care's Journey from Near Collapse to #1."

DiTullio, principal of Lisa DiTullio & Associates, said, "I am thrilled and honored to celebrate the release of my book with so many colleagues, associates, friends and family." She added, "Many of the people here tonight



Lisa DiTullio

have been influential in my success and have reinforced my professional goals through ongoing encouragement and support."

The event honoring Ms. DiTullio was held at the Alumni House at Curry College in Milton.

About Simple Solutions

Simple Solutions shares the simple project management practices that were used to turn the Boston-based health insurance company around. The author presents simple practices and shares real-life perspectives from key business stakeholders within Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, all of whom participated in the company's success. Copies are available by visiting www.lisaditullio.com.

About Lisa DiTullio & Associates

Lisa DiTullio & Associates is a South Shore-based consulting group that provides expertise in the set up, management, and continuous improvement of Enterprise Project Management Office models. In addition to working with companies seeking better project management practices, Lisa DiTullio is also a renowned international speaker on this topic. A leading force in project management, she is the editor of ProjectBestPractices, a quarterly newsletter from ProjectWorld and a contributor to PM Network Magazine. For additional information on Lisa DiTullio & Associates, contact her at www.lisaditullio.com.

New Beginnings offers healing, encouragement

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9400 South Shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. New Beginnings offers a safe place for healing and encouragement as people start a new chapter of their lives.

New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell from 6:30-9 p.m.. Support groups meet 6:30-7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30-7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. All are welcome. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call Peggy Loud at (781) 659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com .

The organization is looking for companies and individuals that would like to support New Beginnings by becoming a sponsor. Donations will help outreach to those who need to find a place to recover and can be made in any amount. Or, sponsors can reach more than 300 active members with an ad in the monthly newsletter for a nominal charge.

For more information, call former president Manny Hammelburg at 617 875 2986 or email:

mhammelburg@comcast.net.

Send your news tip to mford@cnc.com

Bikram Yoga classes to start

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces it will offer Bikram Yoga Classes, taught by National licensed Master Yoga Teacher, Katrina Klein, of Bikram Yoga South Shore. The six-week program, for youths 7 through 13, will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., from Wednesday, Feb. 27 through April 2. They will take place in the second level, west wing of the Bikram Yoga Studio at 380 Chief Justice Cushing Highway in Cohasset.

Bikram Yoga focuses on physical flexibility, coordination and strength of mind and body. Many studies have shown that children who practice yoga often experience increased self-esteem and are better able to cope with stress. Yoga reduces sports injuries and stress, both physically and mentally.

The fee is $70 per person. Participants need to bring a mat and water to each class. For more information or to register, visit www.BikramYogaCohasset.com or the Cohasset Recreation Department at Cohasset Town Hall. Class size is limited, so early registration is advised.

Send your news tip to mford@cnc.com

Legal Notices

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LEGAL NOTICE
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 7:30PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §9.7.8 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Cathy and Matthew Witkos**, seek to construct an addition and a two car garage in the flood plain at **69 Elm Street**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08-02-12..

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P0267EP

In the Estate of
MARGARET M. DAY
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death October 3, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JANET L. DECOURCEY of HINGHAM in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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Pianist Elaine Kwon will be in recital on Palm Sunday, March 16.

St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset will be presenting New York pianist Elaine Kwon in recital on the Palm Sunday, March 16, at 3 p.m.. Prize-winning Kwon, DMA, has performed solo and chamber concerts throughout the US, Canada, and Asia. Most recent performances in New York include artist composed and choreographed productions and venues at the Angel Orensanz Theater and Lincoln Center, and a program at Carnegie Hall is in preparation. Dr. Kwon is an Affiliated Artist at MIT in Cambridge, and Ambassador of the Women's World Conference to be held in Bulgaria. Her website is www.elainekwon.com. Elaine has won many prizes in the area of Tai Kwon Do, and had appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show, as well as hosting her New York television series. Dr. Kwon is known for her clarity in performance and her great technical skill – this is a program not to miss!

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The recital will be held in the Music Room at St. Stephen's and will be introduced by music director of the parish, David Baker. A reception will follow the program.

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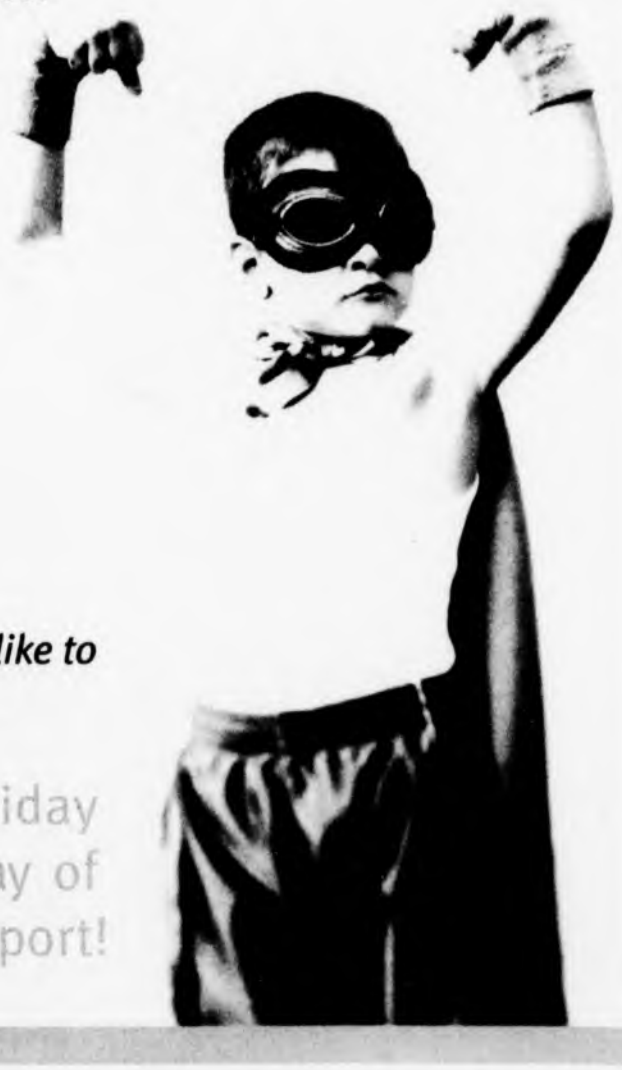
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, FEB. 4

12:18 a.m. **Elm St.**, well being check, spoke to resident, he stated he is fine, he was having problems with his phone.

11:33 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

1:21 p.m. **Haystack Lane**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports water coming through her ceiling and the water is going into the light fixtures.

2:21 p.m. **North Main St.**, walk in party reports she has locked herself out of her house.

2:34 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity, walk in party reports his 13-year-old daughter has received very explicit messages on her cell phone.

2:55 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

4:28 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle.

11:03 p.m. **Scituate PD**, bolo announcement, approximately 20 minutes ago an attempted armed robbery on Front Street at the Shell Station in the harbor. A revolver was shown. Vehicle was a light blue or aqua Nissan Altima. The blue is a very distinct color. Possibly two males, one with a beard. No plate was given and no direction of travel was seen.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

12:03 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, noise complaint, caller states there is a group of kids making noise on the basketball court.

12:57 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window.

7:13 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller states there is a gold box van that may have a NH, parked by the soccer field. Motor vehicle has been in the area for 1 fi hours and has been going in and out of driveways.

7:28 a.m. **Stockbridge St.**, public service, Water Dept. will be doing a reverse 911 for the water main break.

7:42 a.m. **King St.**, fire, outside, caller states there is smoke coming out of the woods. Location is 200 yards from the Beechwood Street and King Street intersection in the woods opposite Lily Pond. Area search negative at this time. Smoke is coming from a chimney at a residence which checks out ok.

8:52 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism report, caller reports he believes someone has attempted to break into his home.

9:38 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, 911 caller reports a white Toyota RAV 4 parked at the end of her street and would like it checked on, it has been there all morning. Operator of the vehicle is a driver for the Boston Globe. Contacted the male, unable to explain the situation to him, due to a language barrier, but was able to communicate with a male party that works with him. Vehicle is being towed because it was left on someone's property and the operator of the vehicle said he is not having it moved until tomorrow.

12:57 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:51 p.m. **School Buildings**, buildings checked.

4:28 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, disturbance, 911 caller reports a male party causing a disturbance outside Town Hall. 42-year-old male from Cohasset summoned on charges of assault, vandalized election poster/supplies.

4:29 p.m. **Cedar St.**, officer reports finding a gas key and ignition key at the gas pumps.

4:35 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist other Police Dept. Norwell PD called requesting a cruiser meet them at an address in town with a female that they had pulled over in their town and the female started yelling she has to get home because her son is in trouble. The address the female is giving Norwell PD does not match town records. After speaking with female's husband they are stating the 18-year-old son had a problem with a friend of his and was concerned that the other male was going to his house to beat him up. Officer is going to check well being of the male at his residence. Male party checks ok, no problems at all.

5:15 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, property (recovered), walk in party reports a blue kids Scorpio bicycle left across from this location under a tree.

7:40 p.m. **Oak St.**, disturbance, caller reports that his neighbor yelled at him. Just wanted it logged. Does not want to see an officer at this time.

8:06 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, well being check, caller reports he's been trying to call the above listed party for about 40 minutes now and the phone line has been busy. Officer reports his party checks out, no problem.

8:53 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, disabled motor vehicle, two males in the travel lane in a red vehicle with the hood up.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

12:33 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window. Door secured.

12:43 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:48 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:49 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity.

4:54 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

8 a.m. Weather: Rain, light wind, 44.

6:18 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicles that have been parked in the spaces in front of the store for along time and would like them moved. Vehicles will be moved shortly Sgt. reports this is a group that just came from a funeral and are getting dinner in the square.

10:16 p.m. **Elm St.**, parking complaint, officer reports that no parking sign have been posted.

THURSDAY, FEB. 7

1:25 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building appears secured.

1:26 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building appears secured.

4:06 a.m. **Pond St.**, assist other Police Dept. Boston PD requesting a well being check on female at above location. Boston has intoxicated male in custody, he stated he had a fight with female. Male wouldn't give any further information. Officer reports female is fine.

10:46 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:39 p.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

3:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, shoplifting, caller reports a male party just walked out with a carriage full of groceries without paying. Scituate PD is out with this party on Country Way. Male party will be summoned. Officer bringing all the items back to the store. 43-year-old male from Scituate summoned on charges: Shoplifting more than $100 worth by asportation, larceny over $250.

4:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:52 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports she just returned home from Shaw's and discovered that while she was at Shaw's her vehicle was broken into and items were taken. At this time the victim has called back stating someone just called her stating they found her pocketbook tossed onto the rocks by Deep Run. Officer is returning the property to the owner, unable to process because it has been handled by a few people. This will remain an open case.

6:14 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

6:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, investigation.

7:15 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, 911 caller reports person hit on the head with a bowling ball. Lt. reports this is an assault with a dangerous weapon.

8:13 p.m. **Mann Lot Rd., and Route 3A**, medical aid, Scituate Fire requesting R3 for a roll over accident.

9:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:46 p.m. **Doane St.**, assist citizen, officer transporting a female to her residence from the T Station. She left her keys at work.

10:55 p.m. **Church St.**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Glenn A. Davis, 25 Church St., Cohasset. Charges: OUI of liquor (2nd offense), negligent operation of motor vehicle, speeding.

11:10 p.m. **Town**, icy road conditions.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

7:19 a.m. **Sheldon Rd.**, notification.

8:25 a.m. **Hingham PD**, bolo announcement, from Hingham PD a purse snatching from the Tedeschi's on North St. looking for a female with gray hair operating a gray colored vehicle, last seen headed towards the rotary.

8:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

9:19 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:47 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, power outage, elderly caller reports her electricity has gone out.

2:16 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, suspicious activity, off duty Fire Captain reports a male party on the MBTA right of way between Pleasant Street and Sohier Street. Officer reports no on in the area MBTA notified of this.

4:12 p.m. **Beach St.**, animal complaint, caller reports her dog is loose – yellow Lab 1-year-old. Caller reports she found her dog.

4:47 p.m. **Kendall Village**, officer wanted, walk in party reports female is harassing her via e-mails and phone calls. She reports this is an ongoing problem. Officer reviewed e-mails. Nothing was harassing or criminal in nature on e-mails. E-mails pertained to caller duties as condo trustee. No police service. All civil matters.

7:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny (report), caller reports gas drive-off – blue Altima headed south given to Scituate PD.

7:26 p.m. **Evergreen Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:04 p.m. **Town**, officer reports icy road conditions – contacted DPW.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9

12:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

12:37 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:38 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:39 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

3:22 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS, walk in party requests rescue to take wife to hospital.

8 a.m. **King St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports an electrical odor in her front hallway. E3 reports an electrical fire in the refrigerator, appliance has been unplugged, units are ventilating the home at this time.

9:02 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, B&E, caller reports someone entered the basement in his home last night through the outside basement door, which was left unlocked.

9:14 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

11:29 a.m. **Elm St.**, walk in party would like to speak with an officer. After speaking with the reporting party, officer reports this is civil matter, no crime involved.

12:27 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, caller reports an outside odor of gas at this location.

3:14 p.m. **Elm St.**, parking complaint, caller reports a white van parked half way up the hill and states it made it hard for her to pull into her parking space. She reports the vehicle has been there for about three hours now.

7:18 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, motor vehicle stop.

8:27 p.m. **Cedar St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

9:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, icy road conditions, DPW notified.

8:37 p.m. **Hugh Strain Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports that he believes there is an intruder in his home. Spoke with granddaughter and she said mistook her entrance as an intruder. Officer confirms no problem at this location.

8:59 p.m. **Lambert's Lane**, officer wanted, officer wanted to speak with her unruly child. Officer spoke with child.

SUNDAY, FEB. 10

12:21 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window, building secure.

11:33 a.m. **South Main St., and Brook St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:36 p.m. **Pond St.**, downed power lines, callers reporting a live wire down in the road and also one in a tree right next to the home. It is sparking at this time. Additional 911 caller reports there is a fire on the pole as well as the wire.

6:26 p.m. Medical aid, patient sign off.

8:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, B&E (in progress). Alarm Company reports burglar alarm activation. At the same time a female caller called from this location stating that as the alarm activated a white work type van and a small compact car pulled out from the rear of the building at a high rate of speed, given out to all units from dispatch. Units are in pursuit of motor vehicle. Officers on scene report his was a break open rear door. Pursuit into Quincy at this time. Officer has second vehicle involved stopped at this time in Hingham. Other vehicle still in pursuit. Officer reports 2 in custody at this location in Hingham. Units still in pursuit of first vehicle involved. Sgt. reports vehicle has been stopped in South Boston at this time, male in custody. 1 male in custody at this time in South Boston pursuit has ended. Both vehicles being towed back to Cohasset HQ. 3 males in custody all together from the break. Sgt. reports male will be booked at State Police Station 6 and then brought back to Cohasset HQ by Sgt. Scituate K9 and Sgt. responding to the scene. Scituate K9 in the building. Business owner notified responding. All parties being held without bail. Arrest: Edward R. Nugent, 23 Dewolf St., #2, Dorchester. Charges: Felony for B&E of building in the nighttime, Wanton destruction of property more than $250, failure to stop for Police. Arrest: John D. Joyce, 83 Nightingale Ave., #2L, Quincy. Charges: Felony for B&E of building in the nighttime, Wanton destruction of property more than $250. Arrest: Emmanuel Cirino, 42 Beach Point Drive, Dorchester. Charges: Felony for B&E of building in the nighttime, Wanton destruction of property more than $250, failure to stop for Police, reckless operation of motor vehicle, speeding in violation of special regulations.

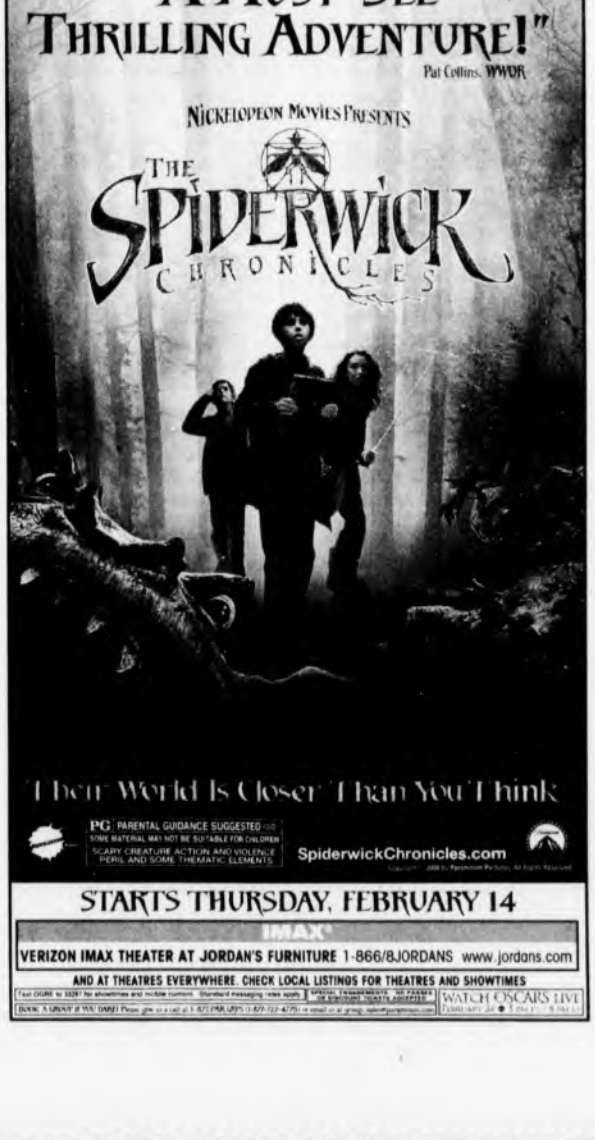












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FEBRUARY 14-22, 2008

Menopause: 'We're all in this together'

The musical returns to Boston's Stuart Street Playhouse

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Most women would run in the other direction rather than go through menopause more than once, but not Mary Callanan. The actress and singer says she is delighted to be back in "Menopause: The Musical," now in its return engagement at Boston's Stuart Street Playhouse – just don't ask her if she relates to the show's theme.

"I refuse to ever admit to the condition, but I will admit to the musical," said Callanan with a laugh recently from her home in Weymouth. "I love doing this show and I'm delighted we're back in Boston. We have a new director, Michael Larson, and a new choreographer, Daria Melendes, and we've made some changes to the show to make it even better than people remember."

Callanan herself hasn't had to reach too far back for memories of the musical by writer and producer Jeanie Linders which puts parody lyrics to familiar songs from the 1960s and '70s to celebrate women who are on the brink of, in the middle of, or have survived "the change." Since the musical concluded its first two-year run in Boston in May 2006, Callanan has appeared in Florida and Denver productions of "Menopause" as one of four women with nothing in common who quite literally bump into each other at a Bloomingdale's lingerie sale. Before long, the newly minted quartet bonds over their shared experiences with memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, wrinkles, late-night chocolate binges, Botox injections, too little sex, too much sex, and much, much more. As "Earth Mother," Callanan plays a lost-in-the-past free-love generation hippie, and someone whose back story Callanan has herself enhanced with local flavor.

"The way I see her, she is the daughter of well-to-do people from Chestnut Hill. After being educated at Wellesley College, she moved to Vermont where she made a fortune making cheese, but she is still a hippie and probably always will be."

The show's other characters include a professional woman, an Iowa housewife and a soap star being played by Boston theater favorite Kathy St. George who, along with Callanan, is the only holdover from the show's original Boston company.

"I'm so glad to be back onstage with Kathy St. George. Kathy and I are old friends and we love working together. We call each other ham and cheese, because we work so well together. We have the same comic sensibility and really enjoy each other's company when we're doing a show and when we're not."

For many years now, theater audiences have enjoyed keeping company with Callanan, who has appeared in the sit-down runs of "Nunsense," "Nunsense II" and "Nuncrackers" at Boston's Theatre Lobby; the national tour of "The Sound of Music" with Marie Osmond; and alongside Joanne Worley in Reagle Players' production of "Hello, Dolly!" in Waltham. The veteran performer believes her latest assignment will also have broad appeal.

"People love this show and some will see it over and over, bringing new friends along with them each time. We call them 'Menopause Heads,' because like 'Dead Heads' with The Grateful Dead, they just can't get enough of this show. We're expecting plenty of repeat business from our loyal fans and lots of new business, too," says Callanan. "This show has a simple message: 'I'm okay, you're okay. It's going to happen to us no matter what so let's just accept that we're all in this together.' I always tell women that if you're not having a good time with menopause and your husband isn't either, then bring him along with you to the theater. It will be a release for you and a relief for those who love you."

"Menopause: The Musical" is at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St., Boston. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 800-447-7400, or go online at stuartstreetplayhouse.com.



PHOTO BY RICHARD FELDMAN

Kathy St. George (*Soap Star*), left, and Mary Callanan (*Earth Mother*), right, star in "Menopause The Musical," playing a limited engagement at the Stuart Street Playhouse through Sunday, March 30.



Mary Callanan

Thursday, Feb. 14

Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham Clemens Gallery, digital photography by **Susan Hagstrom** through Feb. 28. Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. 781-741-1405 www.hinghamlibrary.org

The Norwell Garden Club will present **Cooking With Herbs with Ellie Deaner** at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb.14 at the Church Hill Methodist Church, 11 Church St., Norwell. She will demonstrate and prepare a special brunch for all attending-using recipes with herbs. Reservations are required. The fee is $8 and open to residents and non-residents of Norwell. Call Lois Athanasiou at 781-659-7866.

Thomas Minichiello of Sorgi & Minichiello LLP in Hanover will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), on Feb. 14 at 7 a.m. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Larry Czech at 781-356-1440 or by email at lczech@czechcpa.com.

The Red Lion Inn, 170 Main St., Cohasset, Feb. 14, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The **DRIFT AWAY Trio** will be performing their "Crazy Love" repertoire.www.redlioninn1704.com 781 383 1704.

Sweetheart Comedy Dinner Dance at the Weymouth Eagles 1338 Washington St., Weymouth, Feb. 14, Comedian **Jackie Flynn** and **Jessica Casciano** take the stage for an evening of comedy, dinner and dancing. Tickets are $30/person or $50/couple.Call Shannon at 781-331-4400 ext. 3 for tickets.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Zahn's Bahn @ Kilroy's, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy across from the Shipyard off Route 53. Every Thursday at 8 p.m. **Country Karaoke w/ Lynne**.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 14, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Sweet Melissa open mic** 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 14 **Rob Benton Band** 781-829-6999.

Friday, Feb. 15

South Shore Art Center Gallery, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. **Fascinating Rhythms**, an exhibition featuring more than 75 juried gallery artists takes place in the Art Center's Bancroft Gallery. The exhibition is sponsored by Motoko and Gordon Deane and continues through March 30.

All Aboard: The Train Show features the work of Art Center Gallery artists: **Kimberlee Alemian** and **Judy St. Peter**, of Cohasset; **Sue Charles**, Marshfield; **Nancy Colella**; **Jane Flavell Collins** and **Wendy Hale**, Duxbury; **Brooks Kelly**, Pembroke; **Peggy Roth Major** and **Valerie Forte Vitali,** Scituate; and **Michael Weymouth**, Hingham. An opening reception will be held at the South Shore Art Center on Friday, Feb. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. The reception will feature the **Cohasset High School Jazz Combo** and is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For information visit www.ssac.org. 781-383-2787.

The South Shore Folk Music Club located at The Beal House of the Kingston Unitarian Church, Main St., (Route 106) Kingston, presents Young Performers Night featuring **Matt and Sarah Borrello**, special open mic to follow at 8 p.m. Feb. 15. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Members $10; nonmembers $12. Handicapped accessible. Information: 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org

The Fish Tale Pub at **On The Water Restaurant,** 44 Jericho Road, Scituate. **J Place** Feb. 15 at 9 p.m. No cover. www.onthewaterscituate.com 781 545 4700.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 15 **Apek Groove 781**-829-6999.

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Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth Feb. 15, **Tex, Mad Dog & The Cat** 8:45 p.m. to closing. 508-830-1262.



Nancy Colella, oil "Where is Everybody?"

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The Vine European Style Wine Bar, 18 Main St., extension lower level, Plymouth Feb. 15, **Kurt Peterson** 508-830-1942.

Saturday, Feb. 16

The Passion Plunge will take place on Feb. 16 into the icy Atlantic Ocean at Nantasket Beach, Hull in an effort to raise money to benefit Special Olympics Massachusetts. Enjoy food, music, contests, fundraising incentives and more. Timeline includes: 10 a.m.- Registration Opens; 11:15 a.m., Costume Parade; 11:45a.m., Plunger Safety Briefing; noon PLUNGE; 12:15 p.m., Post Plunge Party Begins; 1 p.m., Awards Ceremony. All information can be found at www.PassionPlunge.org

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CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

ARTSFEST 2008 AT KENNEDY'S COUNTRY GARDENS, 85 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Route 3, Scituate. Feb. 23 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. View works of art, photography, pottery, basket weaving, vintage jewelry and more by local artisans. Free refreshment samples by local businesses. Information: Information: www.kennedyscountrygardens.com or 781-545-1266.

THE SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY is taking its annual day day-trip to the Metropolitan Opera in New York City March 1, to hear Renee Fleming as Desdemona in Verdi's *Otello*. This year they have purchased tickets in the prime orchestra as well as the balance orchestra (underneath the balcony). The total cost includes an opera ticket, round-trip motor coach, lunch at Josephina's and a box supper on the return trip. The total cost with prime orchestra seating is $445 and with balance orchestra seating is $375. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis. A $150 deposit will reserve your place. Contact Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565 x 19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org.

THE COHASSET DRAMATIC CLUB presents "Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" The colorful story of Joseph and his coat of many colors as told through the musical score and lyrics of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber Feb. 29, March 1, 7, 8, 14, 15 at 7:30 p.m. March 2, 9, 16 at 2 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, Cohasset. Tickets $14, $12 groups of 8 or more. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Ticket also available at the door.

HOOT & H'OWL TRIVIA Tournament Fundraiser Feb. 29, 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the Cushing Center, 673 Main St., Route 123, Norwell Cost: $30 per person or $200 for a team of eight. Enjoy a casual evening for adults with fun, food and friendly competition. Seating limited- reserve your place now. Trivia Tournament, Silent and Live Auction, Raffle Drawing – Win $5,000. Information: Contact the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell 781-659-2559 Web site www.ssnsc.org

THE NORWELL WOMEN'S CLUB will be sponsoring its yearly Fashion Show, "Hats off to Charity" Thursday, April 3, at Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston. The event will feature clothing and accessories from many local businesses, and will also feature elegant recovery clothing from Healing Threads by Spirited Sisters. contact Pat Bigger at *tpbigger@aol.com* or Chris Gillis at *seagirley.com* for more information about this year's Fashion Show.



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Reunions

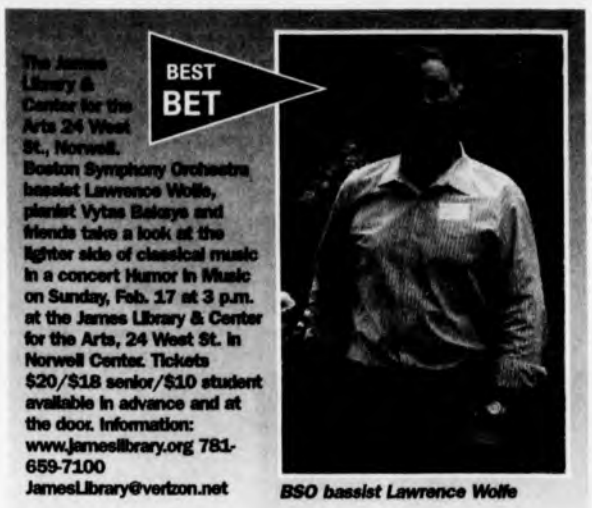
NEW BEGINNINGS, Norwell Chapter. is holding it's Annual Celebration at the Pembroke Country Club on May 3, from 7 p.m. to midnight. All members, past and present, as well as friends, family and colleagues are invited. Information and tickets, contact: To RSVP, send your check with names of attendees made out to New Beginnings to: Mimi Wigman, Treasurer, 43 Lowell Road, Pembroke, MA 02359. If you would like to receive a ticket, include a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE). Information: call Michael Bennett, Chairman, at 617 462 5453 or email ambennett@adelphia.net

ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL 25th Reunion, Class of 1983 July 12, Location: TBD Time: tentatively 6 to 11 p.m. Seeking classmates.Contact Lisa Daniels (c.508-404-8326 or muffinmanny2000@yahoo.com or (w 508-350-0101 or jimstoffel@hotmail.com with updated contact information.

Want your reunion posted in Town Commons? E-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com

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The James Library & Center for the Arts 24 West St., Norwell. Boston Symphony Orchestra bassist Lawrence Wolfe, pianist Vytas Baksys and friends take a look at the lighter side of classical music in a concert Humor in Music on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 3 p.m. at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell Center. Tickets $20/$18 senior/$10 student available in advance and at the door. Information: www.jameslibrary.org 781-659-7100 JamesLibrary@verizon.net

BSO bassist Lawrence Wolfe

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North River Arts Society, G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield. Members Show Feb. 16-24. Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to noon; Saturday-Sunday noon to 3 p.m. 781-837-8091 www.northriverarts.org

Weymouth Art Association will meet Feb. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St, Weymouth. **Margaret McWethy** will demonstrate painting in oils. Free and open to the public. 781-337-1402 or 781-337-8134.

Dickinson Art Gallery presents **The Luminous Landscape** Feb. 16 to 29. Featuring the art work of six artists who paint in the encaustic medium, in which melted wax is fused with pigment: **Lindsay Bentis, Janet Bartlett Goodman, Dot Krause, Julie Shaw Lutts, Tracy Spadafora and Charyl Weissbach**. The medium interacts with light to create an exciting luminosity to landscapes and other familiar settings. The public is invited to the artists' reception on Sunday, Feb. 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. Free parking. Gallery hours Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. 1132 Main St. Weymouth. 781-331-3384. www.dickinsonartgallery.com

The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour returns to satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth every Saturday through April 26. The fully-narrated, three-hour journey of decadent desserts and fun facts features tasty visits to **Top of the Hub Restaurant**, the historic **Omni Parker House Hotel** and **The Langham Hotel Boston**. The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour departs from the **Trolley Stop Store** at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-269-7010.

Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square, Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., in Hingham Square. **Jake Armerding** will perform on Feb. 16, at 8 p.m. After growing up with Vivaldi and bluegrass, by the seventh grade Jake was playing in his father Taylor's cutting-edge bluegrass band, Northern Lights. He has gone on to develop his own "seamless blend" of folk and bluegrass. Jake is also fiddler and mandolinist. For information, visit jakearmerding.com. Admission is $10 at the door (sorry, no reservations). The concert begins with an open mike at 8 p.m. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. For information or to volunteer (free admission!) call 781-749-1767.



Mike Bobek

Jason Marcus

BEST BET

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree Five Corners, Feb. 22, 9 p.m. Comedy Show featuring Paul Keenan along with Annette Pollack, Jay Margaca, Mike Bobek, Alicia Love and Jason Marcus, hosted by Matt McArthur. Advance reservations requested by calling 781-848-0300. jimbossteakandfin.com or www.myspace.com/annettepollack



Jay Margaca

Auditions

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY THEATER will be holding auditions Feb. 19 and 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. for "Book of Days" by Lanford Wilson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, in the PCT classroom located Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North St., Plymouth This play is a straight drama and mystery that calls for seven men and five women actors. Come prepared with your audition monologue, which can be an excerpt from a modern, classic, tragic or comedy play. It must be gender specific as well as age specific to you. You also need to bring an 8 by 10. A stage manager is also needed for this production. Jeannine Washburn 508-209-0025 or jwashburn29@comcast.net

JOSE MATEO BALLET THEATRE – Summer Dance Intensive Program, five weeks June 30-Aug.1. Auditions take place March 2. Ages 10-13 at 1:30 p.m. Ages 14 and over at 3 p.m. at 400 Harvard St. Harvard Square, Cambridge. Call 617-354-7467 to pre-register Audition fee: $20. Tuition $1,950. Scholarships available.

HINGHAM CIVIC MUSICTHEATRE will be holding auditions for it spring 2008 musical "NUNSENSE" on Feb. 25 and 26, at 7 pm. Callbacks will be on Feb. 27, if necessary. Auditions will be held at the Sanborn Auditorium in the Hingham Town Hall 210 Central St., Hingham. Production dates are April 25-26 and May 2-3-4. Call director Bill Boyer at 617-537-3131 for information.

BOSTON POPS HIGH SCHOOL SING-OFF: A BEST OF BROADWAY CHALLENGE The first Boston Pops musical theater competition for Massachusetts high school students. Students are to pick songs from such Broadway greats as "Sweeney Todd," "Chicago," "West Side Story" and "My Fair Lady." Entries are being accepted now. The winner will be featured in the Boston Pops' Fourth of July concert at the Charles River Esplanade. For complete details on how to enter, go to www.BostonPops.org. The entry fee is $10.

Single Executives Club New Singles Dance Feb. 16 Ridder Country Club, 390 Oak St, Rte. 14, Whitman. 8:30 p.m. to midnight Dance music by award-winning DJ. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres 9 to 10 p.m. Numerous free door prizes and MATCH-game for more prizes. Proper business dress required, sports jacket highly recommended. For singles & couples 35+ years old. Admission is $10 before 9 pm. www.se-4u.com.

New England Singles Dance Feb. 16, 8 p.m. to midnight Halifax Country Club, 100 Country Club Dr., Route 106, Halifax, 70s, 80s, 90s Music. **Light buffet. Admission $10.**

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett St., (Route 58), Halifax. Feb. 16, **Boston Best Comics** includes buffet dinner and three stand-up comics. Doors open at 7 p.m. Advance tickets $30 by calling 781-293-2116.

South Shore Stars Dinner Theater, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. presents **Laffs On Us,** featuring three comics, **Chance Langton, Bill Compbell and Rick Beretta Feb. 16-17,** Saturday, dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday matinee, dinner at 1:30 p.m. show at 3 p.m. Tickets for dinner and show $45; Saturday; $39.95 Sunday. Free parking. Handicapped accessible. 781-843-5862 or pick up at ticket office at 654 Washington St., Braintree.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 16 **3rd Left** 781-829-6999.

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JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St., Braintree. Feb. 16, **The Don's** 781-849-7007.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane(the Gristmill), Plymouth, Feb. 16 **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and sing-along. Admission is free. No Cover. 508-830-1262.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 16, **Paul Speidel Band with Lisa Marie** 9:15 p.m. for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Sunday, Feb. 17

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, artwork by **Jack Dickerson** through Feb. 29, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday Saturday and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. 781-383-1348.

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Andy Cooney's Forever Irish Tour comes to The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Dr., Norwell, Sunday, Feb. 17 at 3 p.m. This is a high-energy show that showcases Irish music, comedy and dance. Tickets are priced at $32 at The Company Theatre box-office by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

Monday, Feb. 18

Grub Street South at Buttonwood welcomes **Dr. Pauline W. Chen** on Feb. 18, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. Dr. Chen 's topic is **Mining Your Past: Windows onto Vanished Worlds**. Dr. Chen will discuss methods to revive memories and experiences. She will offer strategies both verbally and by using writing exercises. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

DivorceCare for Kids support group meetings on Mondays. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vineyard Community Church, 8 Hilltop Ave., Kingston. A 13-week self contained revolving sessions for kids ages 5 to 12. Information, contact Rosalie 781-585-4776 or rosalie@thevineyardkingston.org.

Irish set dancing and ceili classes on Mondays. 7:30 p.m., at **Irish Cultural Centre of New England**. 200 New Boston Drive, Canton. Beginners level, no experience or partner necessary. For more information, call 781-821-8291 or visit www.irishculture.org.

A pet loss support group is being offered by the Scituate Animal Shelter at the Scituate Library the first Monday of every month from 7 to 8 p.m. It will be led by therapist and an animal specialist, Kim Spall. Information: 781-545-8703 Free and open to the public.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization in Norwell has been supporting widowed, divorced and separated men and women through their life-changing crises. Programs are open and are held at the UCC Church, Norwell, each Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. New Beginnings is looking for companies and individuals who would like to support New Beginnings by becoming a sponsor. Donations will help outreach to those who need to find a place to recover. Or, you can reach more than 300 active members with an ad in their monthly newsletter. For information, contact former President, Manny Hammelburg at 617-875-2986 or write to Manny at mhammelburg@comcast.net.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 18 **Free Texas Hold 'Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Feb. 19

South Shore Conservatory, 1 Conservatory Dr., Hingham, Palmer Gallery, artwork by **Lisa Marder and Page Railsback** through April 30. Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. www.southshoreconservatory.org

Wrestling with Angels (and with difficult questions of faith) will occur in the Asher-Stoddard Hall of the church every Tuesday in Lent, at 7:30 p.m. Questions and discussions follow. People of all faiths are welcomed to all services and activities the Nevin Building (851 Main Street) across from South Shore Hospital. Information, 781-335-2030.

The South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus invites men of all ages who like to sing to join them. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., at the corner of Central Street. Call 781-337-SING for additional information or e-mail danielcostello@gmail.com or billfitzjr@aol.com.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, presents **Winter Exploration** is the theme for the drop in program for grades 3-5, Feb. 20 and Feb. 22. Play with snow and ice, look for animal tracks, find out how to tell who made them, and learn how to find our way through the icy forest. Dress for the weather and if you have snowshoes (not required), feel free to bring them along. Sessions are 9:30 a.m. to noon. Cost per day $30M/ $35NM. This is a drop-in program, no registration or pre-payment required. Come to one or both sessions. 781-659-2559; fax: 781-659-5924 ssnsc@comcast.net

StoryTime Feb. 20 at 10 a.m., Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Mary reads age appropriate stories from 10 to 10:30. Good listeners of pre-school and kindergarten age along with an adult, are invited to attend. Free. Information: 781-545-5011 or www.frontstreetbookshop.com

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, **The South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Regional** headquarters present another **winter lecture series** every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the science center located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Open to the public free of charge Feb. 20, **Current Trends and Future Impacts of Global Warming to New England with Dr. Stephen Nodvin, Climate Messenger** Information visit nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168; Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400; or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 20 **Flydown Unplugged** 781-829-6999.

Thursday, Feb. 21

Braintree Art Association will meet Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. **John Nutter** will demonstrate pastels. 781-335-4675.

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local businesses in the South Shore area. They meet on the first Thursday of each month at their new meeting location at Advanced Mortgage in335 Washington St. (Rte. 53) in Norwell from 5pm to 6pm, and on the third Thursday of each month at Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m., lunch is extra. For information, email info@network4success.org or visit http://www.network4success.org for meeting information, news on our membership, and our upcoming events

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 21, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Zahn's Bahn @ Kilroy's, 132 E. Howard St., Quincy across from the Shipyard off Route 53. Every Thursday at 8 p.m. **Country Karaoke w/ Lynne**.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 21, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Medicine Man with Greg Miller Blues Jam open mic** 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

School vacation

CURIOUS GEORGE MOVIE The Hingham Newcomers Club presents this family classic at 10 a.m. Feb. 22 at the Loring Theater. Tickets are $5/person over 2. Concession will be open.

THE SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER, Norwell offers February Vacation Week Programs Feb. 19 through Feb. 22 for grades K- 2. Choose one session or attend all four sessions; sessions are from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Cost per day is $30 members, $35 non-members. Register by calling 781-659-2559 ext. 214. Pre-registration and prepayment required. **Leaping Lizards, It's Leap Year** is the topic for children in grades K-2. Topics are Feb. 19, **Local Leapers,** Feb. 20, **Exotic Hoppers,** Feb. 21, **Popping Plants,** and Feb. 22, **Spring Into Action!**

OLD COLONY Y FEBRUARY VACATION FUN CLUB. The program for children ages 5-12 is being held at the Hobomock Elementary school. Rollerskating, Disney's High School Musical: The Ice Tour, Olympics, arts and crafts, teambuilding activities, and lots of fun are planned. The program runs from 7 a.m. until 6p.m., Monday through Friday. Pre registration and advance payment are required, enrollment is limited. Call 508-833-4796.



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A painted turtle will be one of several reptile species appearing at the educational presentation during the Winterfest display at Kennedy Gardens, Feb. 16-18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Friday, Feb. 22

James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell through Feb. 27, **4th floor Artists,** work by more than 40 artists, Tuesday-Friday 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 781-659-7100 jameslibrary.org

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New England Singles Dance Feb. 22, 8 p.m. to midnight. Moseley's On The Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, 70's, 80's, 90's Music. DJ. light buffet. $12.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance. Feb. 22, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. Dancing with music by Award-winning DJ from 8:30 p.m. to midnight Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $10 before 9. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended. Information: 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its belated Valentines dance Feb. 22, with DJ: Rick Walsh from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Fine dancing, music, refreshments, door prize, cash bar. Information: 781-331-0021. www.southshoresingles.org

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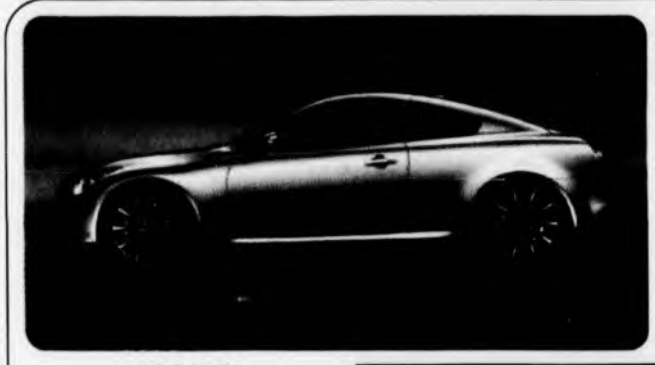
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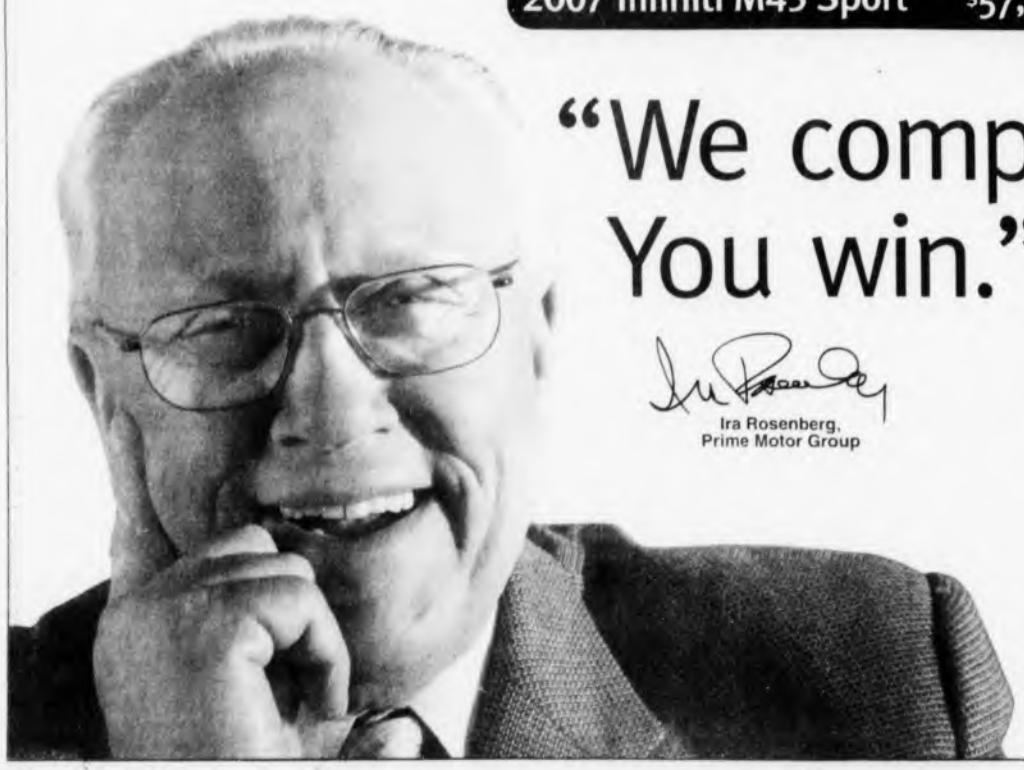
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A bill before the Legislature recognizes that public safety on Massachusetts roads has taken a "back seat" to inconsiderate drivers who text message on their cell phones while driving.

Jury out on cell phone ban

House likes bill, Senate stalls it

By Mary Ford
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Ever been stopped for "DWT" (driving while texting)? How about "DWC" (driving while calling)?

If the state House of Representatives has its way, then Massachusetts residents could join motorists in many other states in facing fines and "surchargeable" offenses if they are caught using a hand-held cell phone or text messaging while driving.

But House Bill #4477 is facing resistance in the Senate and may not come up for discussion.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund explained that Senate leadership has not given any indication it intends to bring it up for debate and has not put the bill on the calendar. If it is not taken up by July 31 – the chances of the bill gaining any traction are nil.

"I don't like the bill," said Hedlund, who represents Cohasset and seven other South Shore towns. "But I have no problem doing what I am paid to do and have it come up for debate."

Hedlund's objection to the legislation is making cell phone use "surchargeable" — a provision that he describes as a "kiss for the insurance companies" that would benefit from higher rates.

"I am an avid cyclist and am more cognizant than most of the potential threat from some elderly drivers, young drivers and distracted drivers," he said. "I do not have an objection to restrictions – it is the insurance surcharge that completely turns me off."

He explained there is already a law on the books that police can use to stop motorists for using a cell phone. The "impeded operation" law requires the user of a CB radio or cell phone keep one hand on the steering wheel.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, who represents Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and one precinct in Scituate, says while there are already laws dealing with distracted driving – the level of cell phone use while operating a motor vehicle puts it into in a class of its own.

"The level of people utilizing cell phones while driving is so great – that it needs special classification," Bradley said. "That is why I voted for the bill."

Bradley joined 106 other representatives from across the Commonwealth in voting for a bill last month that

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Abutters seek sewer plant fix

Want hold on new tie-ins to system

By Nancy White
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Cohasset knows it has a stormwater problem. Flooded basements and streets are the norm whenever there is a heavy rainfall. The Stormwater Committee is actively seeking both physical and regulatory ways to alleviate the problem, which has been exacerbated by increased development throughout town. Town Meeting funded a Flood Control Master Plan to identify solutions to the pervasive town-wide problem.

But, the town's stormwater issues never seem to come into focus more plainly than when the Wastewater Treatment Plant has an overflow. After a day of heavy downpours last Wednesday, Feb. 20, the influx of water became so great the Wastewater Treatment Plant could no longer handle the hydraulic flow and began to overflow.

Abutters on Elm Street have raised concerns in light of the latest overflow about whether the plant is able to take on the 450 homes scheduled to tie-in to the plant from the Little Harbor district. A group of residents plan to request the Sewer Commission at its meeting Monday Feb. 25 to put all new tie-ins on hold until the town addresses the stormwater issues that lead to the sewer overflows.

"The town frankly needs to fix the problem. This is a problem that has been misdiagnosed, overlooked or put lower on the priority list. We just want the town to fix it," said Joe Coggins of 57 Elm Street. The overflow water

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The Best & The Brightest

We at Community Newspaper Company know there are many bright, talented and caring young people in our communities and, once again, we are sponsoring "The Best & The Brightest," a program developed to celebrate their accomplishments.



Do you know an individual between the ages of 16 and 21 who should be honored for academic achievement, volunteerism, athletic prowess, artistic acumen or the pursuit of excellence in another field? Look for the nomination form on Page 23 in this issue. Nomination forms will run for several weeks.

A selection committee, comprising local educators, businessmen and community members, will read each nomination form and choose the area's best and brightest teens and young adults.

This spring, your newspaper will include "The Best & The Brightest," a special section devoted to sharing as many of the stories and photographs of those nominated as possible.

We look forward to receiving your nominations by March 31 and hope you'll share in our excitement to recognize these outstanding individuals.

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Music director Mark Bono and director Lisa Pratt of the Cohasset Dramatic Club have teamed up to produce "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The show opens Feb. 29 and continues March 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15, at 7:30 p.m.; and March 2, 9 and 16, at 2 p.m., at Cohasset Town Hall. Tickets are $14 or $12 groups of eight or more. Tickets may be purchased at Buttonwood Books at Shaw's Plaza, Paperscapes in Cohasset Village, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Tickets will also be available at the door. For photos of the upcoming musical, see page 22.

Names: Mark G. Bono and Lisa Pratt.

Occupation: New Business Officer, Retirement Plans Consultant with CitiStreet Advisors (Mark). More than I can count, and I am grateful for every one (Lisa).

Best day of your life: 10/27/04: Red Sox win World Series (Mark). The days that my three daughters were born (Lisa).

Best vacation: Cape Cod with my parents when I was young (Mark). Any vacation with my family (Lisa).

Favorite season: Spring (Mark). Fall (Lisa).

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving (Mark). Christmas (Lisa).

Favorite junk food or meal: Edy's Double Fudge Brownie ice cream (Mark). Anything Mexican (Lisa).

Best book: "First Man," by James R. Hansen (Mark). "The DaVinci Code," by Dan Brown (Lisa).

Best TV show: Just about anything on Discovery or History Channel (Mark). "Grey's Anatomy" (Lisa).

Best movie or actor: "All of Me" (Mark). Glenn Close or Meryl Streep (Lisa).

Most embarrassing moment: Tripping while going onto the stage during an assembly in front of my entire fellow junior high school classmates (Mark). Being totally surprised by a surprise party for me. I always think I know everything! (Lisa).

Pet peeve: Rude, inconsiderate people (Mark). People who can't say "Thank you" (Lisa).

Goal: Health and happiness (Mark). To do something nice for someone else everyday (Lisa).

Person you'd most like to meet: Living-Neil Armstrong; Deceased-Ludwig Van Beethoven (Mark). Queen Elizabeth (Lisa).

Biggest worry: National economy (Mark). For the health and safety of my family (Lisa).

Best part of Cohasset: All of the beautiful views by the water (Mark). Having lived here since I was 4, and all the great memories that have come with that (Lisa).

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Feb.	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
	HIGH				LOW			
Thurs. 21	11:18	10.0	11:47	9.3	4:55	-0.2	5:27	-0.6
	Sunrise: 6:32 a.m.				*Sunset: 5:23 p.m.*			
Fri. 22	—	—	12:02	9.8	5:41	-0.3	6:07	-0.5
	Sunrise: 6:30 a.m.				*Sunset: 5:24 p.m.*			
Sat. 23	12:27	9.3	12:44	9.5	6:25	-0.2	6:47	-0.2
	Sunrise: 6:29 a.m.				*Sunset: 5:25 p.m.*			
Sun. 24	1:06	9.3	1:25	9.1	7:07	-0.1	7:26	0.2
	Sunrise: 6:27 a.m.				*Sunset: 5:26 p.m.*			
Mon. 25	1:44	9.1	2:07	8.7	7:50	0.2	8:06	0.6
	Sunrise: 6:26 a.m.				*Sunset: 5:28 p.m.*			
Tues. 26	2:24	8.9	2:51	8.2	8:34	0.5	8:48	1.1
	Sunrise: 6:24 a.m.				*Sunset: 5:29 p.m.*			
Wed. 27	3:06	8.6	3:38	7.7	9:21	0.9	9:33	1.5
	Sunrise: 6:23 a.m.				*Sunset: 5:30 p.m.*			
Thurs. 28	3:53	8.3	4:30	7.3	10:11	1.3	10:23	1.9
	Sunrise: 6:21 a.m.				*Sunset: 5:31 p.m.*			

Tides between Cohasset and Plymouth are within 10 min.

DEP grant for Cohasset

Cohasset was among the 161 towns awarded a portion of the Department of Environmental Protection's funding for fiscal year 2008 to be used towards climate change, sustainability, and pollution prevention.

The funding will support innovative efforts to save energy, throw away less, recycle and compost more, eliminate hazardous materials from school facilities and grounds, and reduce people's exposure to air pollution from excessive idling of bus, car, and truck engines.

Cohasset was awarded $17,050 to assist with its "Daylighting and Gasoline Efficiency Project," which stands to be an example both within and outside the community as to the importance of being more environmentally aware.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley said, "I am glad to see that The DEP has recognized the work that Cohasset has put in to make their town greener and more sustainable. These funds will be instrumental in continuing those efforts."

"There are few long-term issues bigger and more important than becoming better stewards of the environment," Sen. Robert Hedlund said. "We all have a role to play, whether as consumers, heads of households, or local leaders. I am pleased that the state has recognized the efforts being undertaken by Cohasset."

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Legislature OKs water sale bill

By Nancy White
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Cohasset was the envy of neighboring towns last summer when the majority of its residents did not have to endure a water ban. Now, Cohasset Water will have the power to share their water wealth with other municipalities and water companies.

A bill, which got its start at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, passed through the State House and Senate last week. Under the legislation, Cohasset is allowed to sell up to 50 percent of its safe yield, or about 2 million gallons of water a day, either by entering into long-term contracts up to 20 years or by emergency circumstance.

A water department's safe yield figure is the amount of water that a department can pump daily without threatening the long-term health of the water supply. The Cohasset water system is provided with about 4 million gallons of water per day, an EPA certified number compiled from 40 years of rain data.

The town consumes approximately 800,000 gallons per day and projections indicate that number will not go significantly higher, said Water Commissioner John McNabb.

"We have more water than we are using," said McNabb. In recent years, Hingham and Scituate have been struggling to meet their water needs and this past summer had months long water bans.

McNabb said selling water to Aquarion Water Company, which services North Cohasset and Hingham households, would involve little upfront cost, "we have the booster station and the pipelines in place."

"It offers a significant savings for the Cohasset rate payer and will help neighboring communities by providing a needed resource," said state Rep. Garrett Bradley, "it's a win for all involved."

Revenue gained from wholesale water sale contracts would go directly back into improvements and maintenance of the Cohasset system.

"Every dollar the water department gets from water sale will be used to improve the system and that's a dollar we don't have to get from the Cohasset water users," said McNabb.

The bill was filed as a home-rule petition following a vote at the March 31, 2007 Annual Town Meeting. Long standing legislation requires state approval whenever a community wants to displace its own aquifer to another community. The bill received final House approval on Feb. 13 and Senate approval the following day. Governor Deval Patrick is expected to sign the bill this week.

"This bill should help provide some additional relief for Cohasset rate payers," said state Sen. Bob Hedlund. "More than anything I think this bill represents the town's commitment and ability to protect its water supply."

Leading up to and on the floor of Town Meeting last year concerns were raised over ensuring the contracts to sell water had checks and balances. The Water Commission will be limited by the provision that the aggregate of the contracts may not exceed half of the daily safe yield. In addition, contracts will not take effect without Town Meeting approval.

Before the bill passed, the legislation enabled the Commission to only sell water to private parties or private homes, not other municipalities or other water companies. Cohasset took advantage of this legislation by negotiating a 20-year contract to provide water to the Linden Ponds development in South Hingham.

At full build-out the Commission will provide approximately 306,000 gallons per day to the complex. During the last calendar year, the water department took in $200,000 in revenue under the Linden Ponds contract. When the senior housing complex is fully built out the deal will bring $600,000 in revenue annually.

Car crashes into front door of bank

By Mary Ford
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This was at least the fourth incident of cars being driven into buildings in Cohasset over the past decade.

A 77-year-old Cohasset woman driving a 2000 Chrysler Sebring convertible told police her foot slipped off the brake and onto the accelerator causing the car to crash into the Bank of America last week.

The accident resulted in considerable damage to the front doors in the entryway of the bank that is located in Shaw's Plaza, 765 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. The doors had to be boarded up, police said.

The building inspector was contacted and deemed the building was structurally sound and the Chrysler was towed from the scene.

There were no injuries. The woman had no driving infractions and was not cited.

"It appears to have been an unfortunate incident," Lt. William Quigley said. "It was just an accident. The driver was not impaired in any way."

This was at least the fourth incident of cars being driven into buildings in Cohasset over the past decade. Previous incidents included Cohasset News, Tedeschi's and Darilynn's – all located in Cohasset Village. Earlier this month, a 76-year-old Hingham woman drove into the side of the Hingham Post Office off Fearing Road. She told police she accidentally hit the gas pedal.

Other accidents

• A deer darted in front of a police cruiser at about 1 a.m. Monday (Feb. 18) on North Main Street near Wheelwright Park causing about $1500 damage to the patrol car. The cruiser was not drivable. The officer was not heading to a call and was not injured. The deer was killed. Police have had to put the department SUV into service while the cruiser is being repaired. Police have four marked cruisers. There are as many as 20 deer versus car accidents annually in Cohasset, police said. The cruiser driver's side fender, headlight assembly, door and bumper need to be replaced or repaired.

• A 1988 Mack truck operated by a 57-year-old Bridgewater man tipped onto its side while trying to remove construction debris from a dumpster at a Jerusalem Road house that is under construction. The incident occurred at about 4:15 p.m. on Monday (Feb. 11). The truck apparently shifted due to ice and the frozen ground and overturned. A tow truck was called to pull the truck back up. There was no property damage and no injuries. There was a small diesel oil spill that was cleaned up by the fire department. The DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) was also notified.

• Snowy road conditions were the apparent cause of a car sliding into a guardrail at about 9:40 p.m. on Tuesday (Feb. 12) near the intersection of Jerusalem Road and Bow Street. Police were able to push the 2000 Mitsubishi Eclipse, driven by a 50-year-old Hull woman, off the guardrail. There was minor damage to the guardrail and the car, police said.

• A school bus backed into a fire hydrant at the DPW garage last Wednesday (Feb. 13) and snapped it off, police said. School buses park at the DPW garage and the driver was backing up and positioning the bus when the mishap occurred. The top of the hydrant was constructed to break away.

• An operator of a pizza delivery run failed to stop at the stop sign at Spring and South Main streets and hit a 2003 Honda Civic that was traveling on S. Main, police said. The accident occurred at about 6:30 p.m. on Saturday (Feb. 16). A 23-year-old Scituate man was driving a 1998 Jeep Cherokee heading out of Spring over to Summer Street and did not stop. He was cited for failure to stop at a stop sign. There were no injuries but the Honda Civic had to be towed.

• A tow truck had to be called to tow a 2007 Toyota Camry, driven by a 71-year-old Cohasset woman, off a wall at about 7:35 p.m. on Saturday (Feb. 16). The woman backed into the wall, which is across from her residence and got stuck on the wall. The car was drivable.

OUI arrest

A 53-year-old Cohasset woman is facing the charge of operating under the influence of alcohol (second offense) after police made a traffic stop Wednesday (Feb. 13) at about 6:30 p.m. Police said an officer on traffic detail near Linden Drive during the flooding of last week's rainstorm saw a 2003 BMW approaching at greater speed than other cars. He directed the car through the standing water but then it started to speed. The officer got into the cruiser and stopped the car at Jerusalem Road and Jerusalem Road Drive. The woman failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for OUI. She was also charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle; marked lanes violation and speeding in violation of special regulation.

Suspended license

An officer recognized a motorist who had a suspended license and pulled the car over at about 6:10 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 14). Police receive a list every week from the Registry of Motor Vehicles with names of those whose licenses have been suspended. The 23-year-old Cohasset man was driving a 1994 Ford pickup, which was towed. He was charged with operating on a suspended license, operating with a suspended registration, and driving an uninsured motor vehicle.

Lost car

An 83-year-old Cohasset man reported that his 2006 Chevy Impala had been stolen out of Shaw's parking lot last week. As it turned out, the man went in a different door than he exited, lost his bearings and could not find his car. Police put out a radio description of the car that was cancelled. Lt. Bill Quigley explained that police will put out a call right away if a car is suspected as stolen so an opportunity to find the car is not missed. The radio call can easily be cancelled, he said.

Car not stolen

A man who winters in Florida reported that his vehicle was not in his driveway and was stolen. However, further investigation revealed lack of communication among family members who were taking care of the house. The car had been borrowed by a family member, police said.

Homeless man

A man whose last known address was in Scituate but is now homeless was held in the police lockup over the long holiday weekend after being arrested on a probation warrant Saturday. The 32-year-old was walking on Oak Street. He was taken to court on Tuesday.

Beer cooler

Police recovered bolt cutters from the scene of an apparent attempted break-in to the beer cooler that is under an overhang at the Red Lion Inn. A 9-1-1 caller, who is an employee at the inn, reported two juveniles breaking and entering the cooler at about 11:23 p.m. on Saturday (Feb. 16). Detectives are processing the bolt cutters for prints, police said. The teens were wearing hooded Northface jackets, with the hoods pulled tight over their heads.

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Abutters seek sewer plant fix

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brings partially treated sewage into the flooded backyards of Elm Street residents, "it's a health issue."

A combination of a high flow of stormwater and faulty infrastructure (cracked pipes and inflow and infiltration issues primarily in the Central District) left the plant unable to systematically process the wastewater. When the plant can no longer handle the flow of water in the typical process through the plant, water begins to go into an anoxic tank. The tank is designed to disinfect the water with chlorine tablets then when the water becomes too much the overflow spills into the wastewater treatment plant and Jacob's Meadow.

A similar overflow event occurred on Patriot's Day (April 16, 2007) stirring up discussion and calls for action from immediate abutters. According to Sewer Commission chairman Sean Cunning, this overflow was significantly smaller than the one on Patriot's Day last spring or before that, the Mother's Day storm in 2006.

Cunning said the most recent overflow amount was 10,000 gallons compared to last April's 80,000 gallons.

"Unfortunately, [the Sewer Commission] looks like the bad guys again," said Cunning in a phone interview, but is confident the ongoing plant upgrades, including a state-of-the-art membrane system and an extreme flow pipe, will put an end to further overflow incidents.

However, Coggins said the bigger issue is the stormwater that comes down the James Brook corridor and empties to Jacob's Meadow, which continues to stress the plant, "as a result the sewer plant is not completing its job."

Despite assurances of increased communication between the Sewer Commission and the abutters after last spring's incident, notification of the overflow was delayed.

According to Cunning, the overflow began around 8:30p.m., after a long day of heavy rainfall. Around 9:30p.m. Cunning received a call from an Elm Street abutter about the overflow. The abutter said he heard water overflowing from the anoxic tank. Cunning went down to the plant where he found the two plant operators frantically attending to the overflow.

After last spring Patriot's Day overflow, the Sewer Commission met with abutters to have an open discussion about the overflow and what the Commission was doing to deal with the issue. One of the key items to come out of the meeting was to increase communication between the abutters and the commission. A notification protocol was set forth to ensure James Meadow abutters were given immediate warning in the event of an overflow.

According to the notification protocol, when there is an overflow event, the plant operators are supposed to immediately contact the Sewer Commission chairman (Sean Cunning) who in turn contacts Kathy Crosby of 75 Elm Street, then a Connect-CTY blast message is distributed to households in the Jacob's Meadow area. The message informs residents to keep adults, kids and pets away from the Jacob's Meadow area for the next few days.

The flow of notification stumbled at the first step. Cunning said the operators had the overflow largely contained to the building until shortly before 8:30p.m. when the plant could no longer handle the inflow of water. When the water began spilling over the anoxic tank, the plant operators were focused on the containing and disinfecting of the overflowing effluent.

When Cunning arrived at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, he talked with the operators and abutter. Cunning said the overflow was contained around 10p.m. The Connect-CTY message was distributed to 285 homes in the Jacob's Meadow area shortly after 10:30p.m.

Big problem

Much like the overflows are indicative of a pervasive stormwater problem, the delayed notification is only the small issue for abutters in a greater lack of communication throughout the town.

"We as abutters end up running from board to board," said Coggins, whether it is the Sewer Commission or the Harbor Health Committee, the Board of Selectmen or the Stormwater Committee.

"It's coming together" but at a snail's pace, said Coggins. Each board's issues directly affect another's issues, he said.

Coggins said past engineering studies directed the town to install a retention pond upstream of James Brook to enable to slow the flow of water to Jacob's Meadow. Yet, a retention pond was never installed.

"The town has done nothing to fix the problem," said Coggins.

Coupled with the overflows is severe flooding in the backyards of home on Elm Street. Past action to alleviate flooding in other areas of town could have increased flooding in Jacob's Meadow. Elm Street residents have told the Board of Selectmen at previous meetings their flooding issues have increased considerably in recent years.

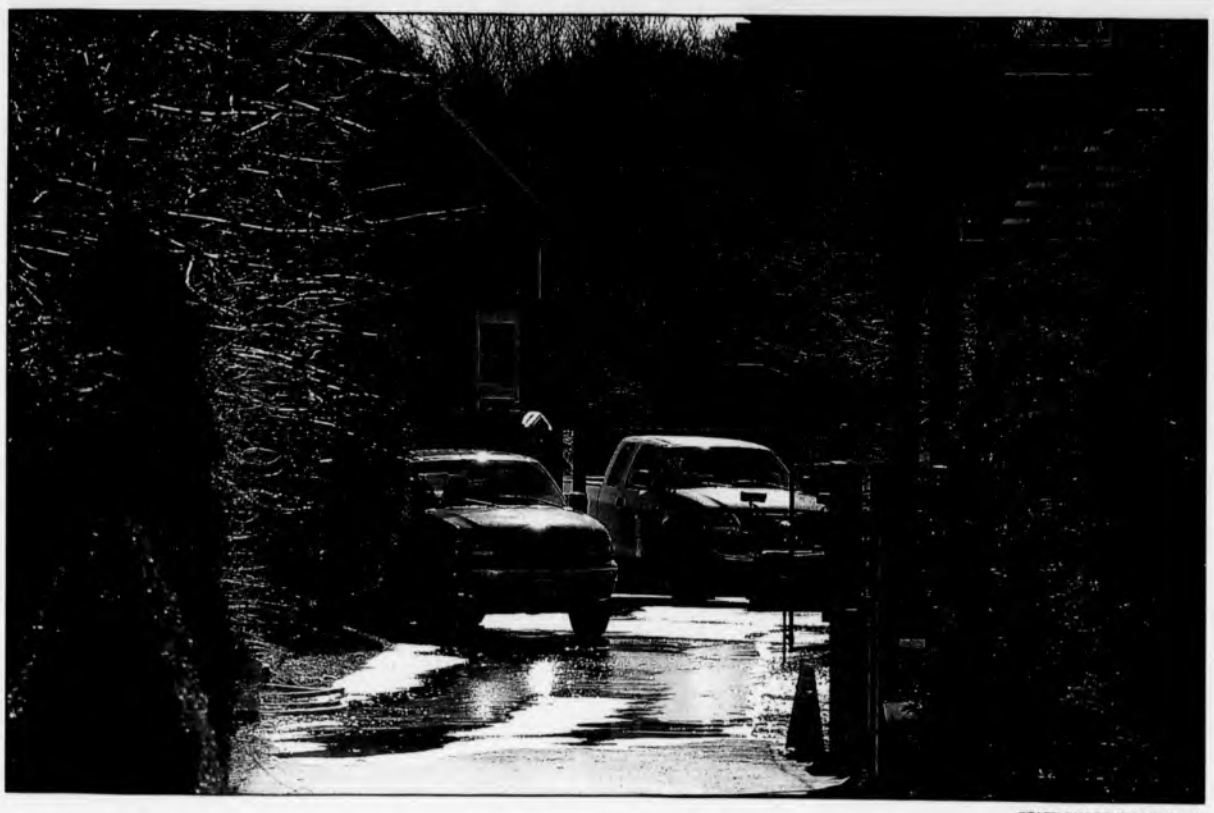
Measures to alleviate flooding near the post office on Ripley Road after severe flooding in 1996 strategies were developed to address flooding along James Brook. It included work at the upper end near King Street as well as at the lower end in the village using Greenbush mitigation funds. MBTA construction could have contributed to flooding issues as well.

Right now, a town-wide flood control master plan is being drawn up by Coughlin Environmental Services. Principal engineer Dan Coughlin said the master plan is still in its early stages, but is planning to have an interim report for Annual Town Meeting with the final report due in the summer. The plan will identify and outline possible solutions for flood control throughout town, but it may take years for solutions to be implemented.

Coughlin said a retention pond or storage area to delay peak flows down into the Jacob's Meadow system is just one of the options the town could implement to alleviate the Jacob's Meadow problem.

But until the stormwater issues are addressed, Coggins and other residents are concerned more households taxing the wastewater treatment plant will exacerbate the current issues.

"Why continue going forward with enhancements when they can't even get the situation they have handled?" said Coggins, "the burden is being put on the abutters of James Brook and Jacob's Meadow."



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Water covers the driveway leading to the water treatment plant off Elm Street last week after the plant overflowed following a heavy rainstorm. A group of residents plan to request the Sewer Commission at its meeting Monday Feb. 25 to put all new tie-ins on hold until the town addresses the stormwater issues that lead to the sewer overflows.

A group of abutters plan to attend Monday's Sewer Commission meeting to request all hook-ups to the system be delayed until the persistent stormwater and flooding issues are addressed.

The Town of Cohasset is under a state mandate to have the 485 Little Harbor homes hooked up to town sewer by 2012.

"The town frankly needs to fix the problem. This is a problem that has been misdiagnosed, overlooked or put lower on the priority list."
— Joe Coggins, 57 Elm St.

Plant upgrades

The Wastewater Treatment Plant is currently undergoing a significant upgrade in conjunction with the Little Harbor sewer expansion project. After last spring's overflow, the scheduled plant upgrades, particularly the installation of an extreme flow pipe, were moved up in the calendar.

"We targeted the extreme flow control pipe as a primary element," said Dan Coughlin of Coughlin Environmental Services, the Sewer Commission's consultant and engineering firm overseeing the Little Harbor sewer project. The cost for the plant upgrades is about $2.5 million.

The extreme flow pipe is about six weeks from completion; it should be up in running for April's notorious showers. The goal with the extreme flow pipe is to improve the quality of effluent as it leaves the plant.

"When flows are high from localized flooding and stormwater flow, 80 to 90 percent of the water coming into the plant can be rainwater during those periods," said Coughlin. Currently in an overflow event the water is partially treated by chlorine tabs at the anoxic tank.

With the extreme flow pipe the excess flow, primarily rainwater, will be directed to an UV light chamber, where it will be disinfected. The wastewater that has gone through the plant and membranes will then mix with the wastewater from the UV chamber and travel to the harbor for discharge. The wastewater will be in compliance with environmental standards. The installation of the extreme flow pipe will reduce the likelihood of sewage overflow into Jacobs Meadow like what happened last week, said Coughlin.

By the fall, the remainder of the upgrade components, including a state of the art membrane system, should be installed making the extreme flow pipe an emergency, safety net feature for the system, Coughlin said. The plant upgrade needs to be done in certain phases because the plant must remain functional during the duration of construction.

The Little Harbor sewer project will bring an additional 150,000 gallons of wastewater through the plant each day. Accordingly, the upgrade is designed to handle approximately 450,000 gallons of water per day, but will have the capacity to handle two million gallons, explained Coughlin, widening the buffer between normal capacity and peak flow capacity.

Plant upgrades are to be complete in the fall and new tie-ins not scheduled to at the earliest mid-2009, "at that point in time we will have gone through a full springtime with the membranes in place," said Coughlin. The operational time will allow the system to be thoroughly tested to ensure it can handle both the 450 additional Little Harbor homes and extreme flows caused by intense rainfall.

"With the upgrade of the plant, the new membranes and the overflow pipe, I think we'll be good," affirmed Cunning.

BRIEFLY

Town Census forms sent to households

The Town Census for 2008 was mailed to each household the week of Jan.21. Information obtained from the census is ultimately used to prepare the street list, annual registry of voters, school list, dog owner list and jury list. It also establishes eligibility for resident's tuition at state colleges, veteran reimbursement, senior citizen programs and other benefits. The census provides information to various departments throughout the town.

Dog forms are on a tear-off portion of the census forms. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 2008. Dog forms need to be returned as soon as possible with a current rabies certificate although some residents may have recently renewed the 2007 license.

Anyone who did not receive the census should call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100.

Sustainable Cohasset to host meetings

Sustainable Cohasset will host a showing of the award-winning NOVA documentary "Dimming the Sun." The film begins with a United States scientist's unexpected observation of a 3-degree increase in temperature ranges when all air traffic is frozen and contrails disappear from the sky immediately following Sept. 11. With all the intrigue of a good murder mystery, the film then systematically explores worldwide meteorology studies to find an explanation for the post Sept. 11 phenomena and reaches some startling conclusions.

Join Sustainable Cohasset for this 56-minute film at 7 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 25, at Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Additionally, all green book and blog lovers are welcome to join Sustainable Cohasset in an open discussion of green literature and/or movies at the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., on Feb. 26, in the Atkinson Room at First Parish Church, 25 North Main St.

Some of the titles to be discussed are Barbara Kingsolver's "Animal, Plant and Mineral," Cormac McCarthy's "The Road," Alan Weiseman's "World Without Us" and Michael Pollan's "In Defense of Food." All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.


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Only one race in town election

Two vie for Sewer Commission seat

In Cohasset, it is very unusual for open seats on the Board of Selectmen and School Committee to go unchallenged.

By Nancy White
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Election season has officially begun. A sole race has surfaced as two residents have returned nomination papers to run for one Sewer Commission seat.

For the past two years, candidates for town election positions have been slim. In 2007, although all seats had a candidate there were no races for positions on any of the town committees. This year, one seat remains without a candidate and one seat is contested.

The deadline to return nomination papers passed on Tuesday and George Haley, who had pulled papers to run for one of three seats on the Board of Library Trustees, was the only candidate not to return papers. The Town Clerk has certified the signatures on the nomination paper and all candidates are good to go.

James Dow of 502 North Main St. and Wayne Sawchuk of 432 Beechwood St. are candidates for one open Sewer Commission seat. Sitting member Ray Kasperowicz is not seeking re-election.

In Cohasset, it is very unusual for open seats on the Board of Selectmen and School Committee to go unchallenged. But, this year neither committee has a contested race.

Two seats on the Board of Selectmen are up for re-election and two candidates have come forth. Selectman Fred Koed is looking to retain his seat for a fourth term, while Karen Quigley of 27 Clay Spring Road is running to fill the other open seat. Selectmen chairman Gary Vanderweil is not seeking re-election.

Incumbent School Committee candidate Alfred Slanetz is running unopposed for a second three-year term. Slanetz said not having a contended race makes his campaign significantly easier, "it's a sad statement for the town, we need good people to step up and serve the community."

Quigley agrees, "Quite frankly I'm baffled," she said, "I hope it doesn't signify anything other than people are happy with the candidates that have come forward."

While Sawchuk does have a contender in his quest for a Sewer Commission seat, he said the sheer amount of time and effort involved in campaigning and then participating on a town committee could be keeping people from putting their hat in the ring.

"The work you have to do to get on [a committee] that involves hard work to begin with may deter people. You have to get some personal satisfaction that you are doing something good for community," said Sawchuk, "I'd like to see every position have at least two candidates."

Although the majority of positions are not contested, Cohasset learned in last year's town election an uncontested race doesn't necessarily translate in to a walk in the park. In the 2007 Town Election, an 11th-hour write-in candidate Lucia Flibotte beat out the balloted candidate Peter Richardsson for a seat on the School Committee.

"It's something I'm aware of and know there is always a possibility it could happen," said Quigley. That said she feels like she has broad support from all different sectors in the community, "I'm going to continue to be active, attend meetings, reach out to voters if they have questions or concerns. I'm going to keep my candidacy visible."

Sewer Commission candidate James Dow said he's not really concerned with a write-in campaign to challenge his own, "I think townspeople are smart enough to vote for the candidate they think will serve the town's need for the future, I don't see it as a popularity contest."

Both Sewer Commission candidates plan on being active on the campaign trail and available to answer voters' questions and hear their concerns.

The two-year seat on the Recreation Commission is the only open seat not to have a resident pull papers to run. A resident could mount a write-in, or sticker, campaign to fill the seat.

There are two candidates for the Planning Board, but each is running for a different seat. A five-year and a three-year position are open on the Planning Board. Charles Samuelson of 6 West Gate Lane is seeking the five-year position while Clark Brewer of 262 North Main Street is candidate for the three-year seat.

Other candidates not mentioned above include: Ronnie McMorris (Recreation Commission, 5 years); Mary Lou Lawrence, Sheila Evans, Rodney Hobson (Board of Library Trustees, 3 seats); Mary Granville (Board of Assessors, 3 years); Robin Lawrence (Board of Health, 3 years); Glenn Pratt (Water Commission, 3 years); Daniel Evans (Town Moderator, 3 years); and Marion Douglas (Town Clerk, 3 years).

Friday, March 7, 2008 is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 29, 2008 and for the Annual Town Election to be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008.

Department of Corrections

Due to a reporting error, an article in last week's Mariner, "No races yet" incorrectly stated incumbent candidate for the Board of Assessors Mary Granville had not returned her nomination papers to the Town Clerk. Granville returned her papers and had her signatures certified in mid-January. The Mariner regrets the error.

Still time to file for real estate tax exemptions

Exemption forms are available at the Assessors' office in Town Hall.

Cohasset Board of Assessors Office is currently accepting applications for fiscal 2008 real estate tax exemptions. The qualification date is July 1, 2007. Applicants who have filed tax exemption forms since July 1, 2007, are not required to file again. The deadline for filing is March 31, 2008.. The following exemptions are available:

Persons Over 70 Years of Age – $2,000 off. Clause 41C – if annual income is less that $18,000 (single person) or $23,000 (married couple), and the value of assets, excluding one's home, is less than $33,000 (single person) or $35,000 (married couple) and must own and occupy for previous 10 years.

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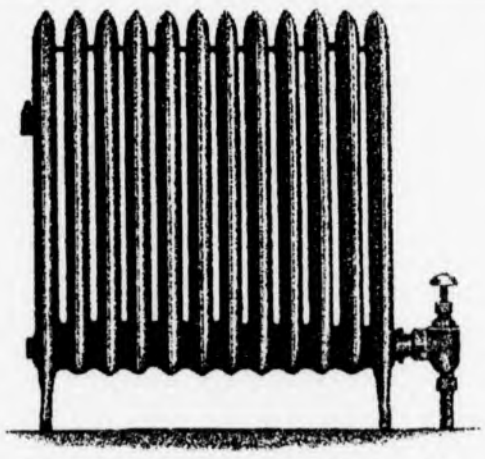
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Hi Cohasset. I hope that everyone has had a wonderful week of vacation and fun. A few more days to enjoy and then back to school and work. If you have any stories or photos to share, make sure to send them in.

MEETING ELMO

Here is a funny little story about our well-loved adjustment counselor at the Joseph Osgood School here in Cohasset. **Joshua Liberty** is a second grader at Osgood, he attended preschool there also. Joshua has a pet snake named Elmo, who is now around 5 feet 7 inches long. Joshua has always loved holding Elmo, walking around with him around his neck. For four years, Joshua has been bringing Elmo in to class for show and tell, and every year Joshua asks **Bob Lecount** if he would like to hold him.

Well, Bob has always said "no thank you". Bob doesn't like snakes, and who can blame him. This is Joshua's last year at Osgood, and we just had to get Bob to hold Elmo, just once before the school year was out. Joshua's teacher **Lauren Cook** also held Elmo, but I don't think she was as frightened as Bob Lecount!

Bob, GREAT JOB and I am so impressed as I honestly felt that I had seen someone who was as equally not thrilled to be around those snakey things as me. YOU DID IT!

JOSEPH ON STAGE

Get ready to come and enjoy a colorful and musical story of Joseph and his coat of many colors as told through the musical score and lyrics of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber presented by the Cohasset Dramatic Club. The dates for this show are Feb 29, March 1, 7,8,14 and 15 at 7:30 pm and March 2, 9 and 16 at 2 pm and the show is held at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. Tickets are $14, $12 groups of 8 or more and may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Ticket also available at the door. This is such a great way to enjoy an evening with friends and/or family members with music, color and fun. See you there!

COLLEGE HONORS

We have some Cohasset students who have been recognized through their respective schools on some wonderful accomplishments for us to see.

Let us start with **Melissa Anne Crawford**, who is attending University of Delaware and was named to the dean's list for the 2007 fall semester. Melissa is a sophomore fashion merchandising major in the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy.

Kristen M. Dooley, a freshman in international business, and **Kristen A. Watts**, a senior in management, have been named to the fall semester dean's list at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I. Both girls are students from Cohasset.

Northeastern University is pleased to let us know that **Charlotte Reel**, majoring in liberal arts, science and **Rita Carpenter**, majoring in nursing, both were named to the dean's list.

Jackie Flint, a sophomore at the College of the Holy Cross was named to the dean's list for the first semester of her school as well. Jackie is the daughter of **Charlie and Judy Flint**, who now reside in Hingham but were formally of Cohasset. Jackie grew up here in town and graduated from Milton Academy where she was a three-sport Varsity captain (field hockey, ice hockey and lacrosse.) Her freshman year she helped the Holy Cross Women's Ice Hockey team to one of its best seasons ever and currently the team sits third in the ECAC with an outstanding 12-4-1 record! Great job Jackie.

Congratulations to you all on this news. Keep up the good work.

The Barn at the Red Lion Inn will be transformed into a Venetian Carnivale setting for the South Shore Art Center's annual winter fundraising gala. The event will take place on Friday, Feb. 29th at 6:30 p.m. and will feature a seated dinner, live music and entertainment, and spectacular live and silent auctions. Boston's Billy Costa will be the master of ceremonies. Auction items include sports memorabilia, luxury travel packages, event tickets, and many works of art by highly regarded regional artists such as **Sergio Roffo, Richard Loud, Anne Heywood, Irma Cerese, JoAnne Chittick, Cindy Vallino, Jane Flavell Collins, Frank Strazzulla**, and **Nancy Colella.** For reservations to Venetian Carnivale contact the South Shore Art Center at 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org. Tickets are $125 for Art Center members, $145 for non-members. All proceeds support the exhibitions and education programs of the South Shore Art Center.

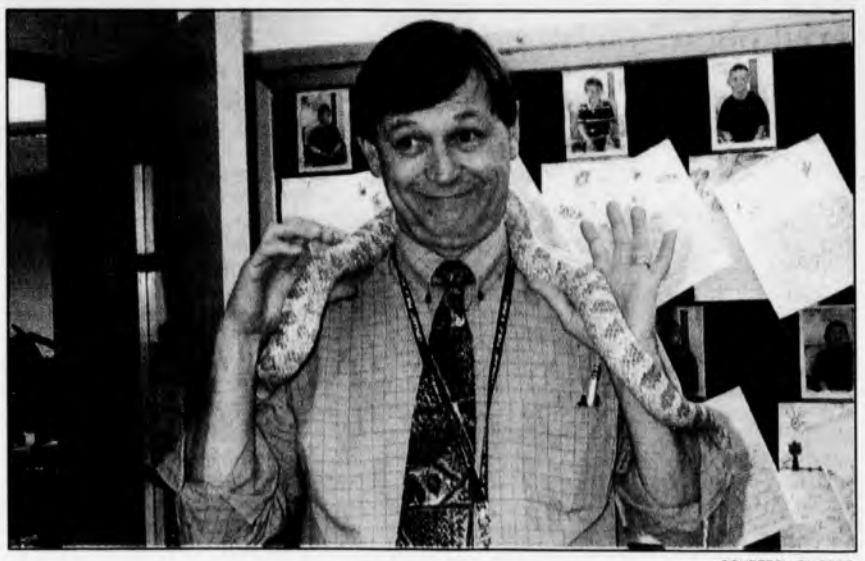
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That is it for this week. Send in all your news and information along with any photos no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Bob Lecount, adjustment counselor at Osgood, holds Elmo for the first time.



Joshua Liberty and his second-grade teacher, Lauren Cook, visit with Joshua's pet snake, Elmo.



Joshua Liberty, Bob Lecount and Brianna Smith are all smiles as Mr. Lecount and Elmo become friends.

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Flying high above

Aerial photography brings new perspective to artist

By Nancy White
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From high above the ground, the earth below can be seen in a whole different perspective. From her very first small plane flight, Margot Cheel fell in love with the view from above and has made it her career to photograph the world below from hundreds of feet above. The intent with her aerial photography is to show the beauty, fragility and interconnectedness of the world around us.

Cheel, a Cohasset resident, has been an aerial photographer for 11 years. It was serendipity that she got into the unique line of work, like road markers on a highway, signs pointed her in the direction and slowly a new life's work came together.

It began as her youngest daughter headed off to college, Cheel was thinking about pursuing a new line of work, but she didn't have any firm plans or ideas.

As she headed home from dropping off her daughter at the University of Maine to her now empty nest her mind and eye began to take notice of small airports along the way. In the following week, she was drawn to a book in Buttonwood Books about women aviators, then a magazine article about a woman in a mid-life crisis who took up flying. Cheel recalls a quote from the woman, "the perspective from above really makes a difference in the way you walk the ground after."

She got the message — planes were somehow to be in her future. Before too long, she signed up for an introductory flight instruction. The introductory flight turned into lessons and her new passion in life was discovered.

"[My daughter] flew the nest so it was time for me to fly too," quips Cheel. At the same time she found flight, she was also taking art classes to nurture her creative side, particularly in photography, "slowly but surely the two interests came together."

She started out taking aerial shots of homes for a church fundraiser and her art form grew from there. She's helped realtors sell homes, given homeowners an interesting conversation piece and provided a unique tool for conservation groups to promote preservation.

"People connect with the photos, they mean something to people."
— Margot Cheel, aerial photographer

"People connect with the photos, they mean something to people" says Cheel, recalling a man at an art show who was drawn to her photo of Hingham Harbor and rotary. He excitedly told her, "this picture is my life." He went on to explain that he worked and lived all within the scope of the photo.

She has served The Trustees of the Reservations, The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, The Massachusetts Audubon Society, and collaborated with realtors throughout Boston's South Shore, chambers of commerce, seacoast facilities, as well as homeowners, local businesses and The Appalachia Service Project.

Now, she has a desire to expand her photography work to environmental groups, "aero-photography creates awareness of the environment, you see things from an entirely different perspective."

By flying above the air she has learned to appreciate the land and earth and where we live. While some think of aerial photography as a way of mapping, she strives to show the beauty and fragility of the earth through her photography.

"We're just running out of time, our earth is showing its vulnerability," said Cheel. She hopes to use her photography as a tool so people can see — in images — the fragility of our world.

"My photography is about enhancing people's awareness and connection to land," says Cheel. A photo of water off Chatham depict the golden sand meeting the blue water, but with an explanation is shows how powerful storms have changed the landscape of the area so land once connected is now separated by water. The landscape in this particular area changes every year, says Cheel.

In her flights, Cheel is on the lookout for the perfect shot whether she is on her way to a scheduled shot or not. She looks for the beauty inherent in nature, the artistic and aesthetic values that reveal themselves while flying. It may be colors that attract her eye or a pattern in the landscape.

Where the water meets the land is Cheel's favorite landscape to photograph. She has a photograph of the cerulean blue of the North River as it snakes through the tawny marshlands contrasting with a border of green woods. Others show the scalloped edge of Nantucket and the delicate balance of land, river and sea as the North River meets the Atlantic. More often than not Cheel doesn't set out to photograph the scene but she stumbles upon it, "if you go looking for it, you're not going to find it."

Staying flexible and being in the moment helps her to find the striking scenes that have put her work on the map, "you really don't know what you're going to find once your in the air."

But, part of the fun is coming upon that perfect unexpected shot, she says.

Aerial photography comes with its own set of challenges and limitations. Safety for flight is always a major consideration before she sets out for a shoot, says Cheel.

"Wind is one of the big factors, it can be a beautiful day on the ground but once 1000 feet in the air you can get tossed around," making for shaky photographs despite her camera's image stabilization, says Cheel. Rain puts a damper on flight and photography, while clouds can either add to a photo or make a good shot impossible. Coordination with appropriate air traffic control is necessary. Sometimes she'll be all ready for scheduled shoot but weather or other factors force her to wait until another day.

"All these challenges puts value on the aerial photos, it take coordination with weather and people," said Cheel, adding in the end it's still about who's behind the camera whether on the ground or in the air.

Although Cheel is a licensed pilot she does not fly and photograph at the same time, "both things require lots of concentration" so doing both is out of the question. She flies with a co-pilot, but often she'll fly the plane to destination or back to the airport to keep her skills sharp. She always shoots with the window open to ensure a clear view of the land below.

Cheel typically flies out of the Plymouth or Marshfield airports, but has flown out of the Cape airports. While visiting Florida, Ontario and Seattle, she has taken to flight to photograph.

Cheel also teaches a course called "The Artist's Way" based on a book and philosophy by Julia Cameron about the artistic process. The basis of the class is everyone is creative, it's just a matter of uncovering it, says Cheel.

"It's about keeping yourself fresh," says Cheel. Although she has been teaching it for 10 years, she's never gotten tired or bored of the course.

She's president of the New England chapter of the American Society of Media Photography as well as a member of the Ninety-Nines, the international organization of women pilots.

Cheel often displays her work at juried art shows, including Cohasset's Arts Festival. To view some of her work, visit her website at www.margotcheel.com. Cheel can be reached at 781-383-9184 or by e-mail at margot@margotcheel.com.



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Aerial photographer, Margot Cheel, holds her camera while standing by an airplane at the Plymouth Municipal Airport before heading out for a job over Hull on Saturday.

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Seal stops at Sandy Beach

NE Aquarium sends harp seal on its way

By Nancy White
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During the summer residents flock to Sandy Beach to soak in the sun, build sandcastles and take a dip in the Atlantic Ocean. During the off-season, seals are often drawn to the golden sands of Sandy Beach to rest from their long journeys.

Such a seal came to Cohasset on a recent evening drawing the attention of neighbors, kids and nearby construction workers. The constant visitors left the seal unable to relax or rest and the New England Aquarium Marine Animal Response team intervened and helped the seal make her way back out to sea.

The adult harp seal, believed to be a female, arrived at Sandy Beach around 7p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Although seals are a fairly routine sight along Cohasset shores — the arrival of one of the animals on the beach triggers calls to the police. The police notified representatives from the New England Aquarium about the seal. Cohasset resident Sheila Sinclaire, a marine biologist with the aquarium, was given the responsibility to monitor the animal.

"It's completely normal for animals to come out on the beach. It's not uncommon for seals to spend two or three days out of the water," said Sinclaire. Seals usually travel the ocean by themselves.

The seal, which was healthy, spent the night and following day lounging on Sandy Beach. As word spread about the seal, more people came down to the beach to check the brown and white harp seal up close. Little Harbor sewer project construction work on Jerusalem Road brought even more visitors.

When humans get to close to a seal, it increases the animal's stress because to seals humans are predators.

"The seal wasn't getting any rest," said Sinclaire, so on Thursday she and another aquarium representative made the decision to encourage the seal to return to the ocean. "We wanted to give her the opportunity to find somewhere else to rest.

Sinclaire and other aquarium marine rescue team members spent most of that Thursday persuading estimated 150-pound seal back to the ocean using two boards to guide the seal down to the water line. The tide had gone out making the distance from where the seal sat to the low water mark even greater.

Marine animal protection laws mandate observers stay 150 feet away from an animal, but Sinclaire said that's often impossible.

"Observe from a safe distance so you don't stress out the animal," said Sinclaire, giving 75 feet as a guideline.

Seals are commonly spotted along the New England shoreline. Unlike whales or dolphins, seals are semi-aquatic and are comfortable out of water, according to a New England Aquarium pamplet, "Most seals come onto beaches to sleep, nurse or soak up some sun."



COURTESY PHOTOS/MARTY GRASSIE

An adult harp seal, believed to be a female, tries to relax on Sandy Beach.



The seal, which was healthy, spent a night and following day lounging on Sandy Beach.

The Aquarium says seals are cute but they are wild animals and should not be disturbed. If people get too close, the seal might bite or become upset.

The Aquarium recommends the following if someone spots a seal on the beach:

- Watch quietly from at least 150 feet away
- Keep dogs away from the seal
- Do not offer the seal food or water
- Do not pour water on the seal or try to cover it with a towel or blanket.
- Do not try to make the seal move.

While most seals on the beach are perfectly healthy, sometimes they do need assistance.

"If the sea has obvious injuries, gunky eyes, or looks skinny or underweight, the Aquarium asks that observers note its location, size, coloring and behavior and call the Aquarium's 24-7 Animal Hotline at 617-973-5247.

It is illegal to disturb seals or other marine animals. Those caught harassing or disturbing seals could face large fines.



The seal makes its way from the beach into the water with a little encouragement from the marine animal response team.



The 150-pound adult harp seal swims away. Unlike whales or dolphins, seals are semi-aquatic and are comfortable out of water.



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EDITORIAL

Driven to distraction

There are some studies that show talking in a car whether on a cell phone, using a hands-free device, or with another passenger can be equally distracting and cause accidents.

There is also plenty of evidence that turning a radio dial, reaching for a cup of coffee, or turning around to check on your kids in the back seat – can cause the driver to veer off the road or into the oncoming lane.

However, even with that knowledge, the use of hand-held cell phones by motorists has reached such epidemic proportions that, as state Rep. Garrett Bradley points out, the practice is in a class by itself.

Any pedestrian or motorist can share stories about preoccupied drivers on their cell phones.

From our vantage point from the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square, we see so many drivers get into their motor vehicle and once they start to pull out of their parking space on South Street they pick up the cell phone and make a call. Why can't they make the call while they are still parked?

We would also estimate that at least 50 percent of the drivers of cars passing through the four-way stop at Central and South streets are chatting away on hand-held cell phones.

Driving along Route 3A or Route 228, we have become more defensive in our driving. We have found more vehicles veering toward us – thankfully, the oncoming, distracted driver recovers his or her focus and pulls back into the proper lane.

There is a bill on Beacon Hill that would ban cell phone use for all junior drivers (16-1/2 to 18) and ban hand-held cell phones for adult drivers.

While all of us may not agree on whether using a cell phone should be a "surchargeable" violation (adding points to our insurance) – we should be in agreement that the issue needs to be debated and something needs to be done.

What is really distressing is that while the House of Representatives has debated and passed a bill banning hand-held cell phone use by motorists – the bill is languishing in the Senate and may not even come up for debate this session. Apparently the Senate "leadership" sets the calendar and can arbitrarily decide which bills reach the floor.

We urge our readers to contact state Sen. Robert Hedlund, who objects to making cell phones a surchargeable offense but wants to debate the issue, and let him know your thoughts on this critical issue.

At the very least, we need a tough law restricting the use of cell phones, whether hand-held or hands-free, by junior operators.

Many of us remember before cell phones were the norm, teens had to call home from a friend's house or even a pay phone to let their parents know they were running late. There were many parents "back then" who would have appreciated the cell phone because it would have also provided a way for them to call their child.

But as cell phones among young people have proliferated and the ability to text, talk and take pictures has become increasingly popular – mixing the devices with an inexperienced driver is a recipe for disaster. Those of us with adult children, who missed the cell phone boom as teens, are now grateful of that fact.

We hope that our elected officials will take immediate action to protect the public by restricting cell phone use by junior drivers and debate a wider ban to come up with a law that is fair and enforceable.

Readers can contact Sen. Hedlund by email at: Robert.Hedlund@state.ma.us

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MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Feb. 26, 7 p.m.

Advisory Committee, Selectmen and School Committee, joint meeting, Feb. 28, 7 p.m. at the high school library.

Board of Health, March 19, 7 p.m.

Capital Budget Committee, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. March 3 & 4, 7 p.m.

Cohasset Housing Authority, Feb. 27, 6 p.m. at 60 Elm St.

Economic Development Committee, Feb. 27, and March 3, 12, 19 & 26 at 7:15 p.m.

Deer Hill School Council, March 4, 7:30 a.m. at Deer Hill.

Planning Board, Feb. 25, 7 p.m.; March 3, 6:45 regular meeting, 7:15 public hearing on zoning articles

Recreation Commission, March 12, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee, March 5, 7 p.m. public hearing on the budget, regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., at the high school.

Selectmen Feb. 25 & March 3, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Feb. 25 & March 24, 6 p.m.

Town Hall Restoration Committee, Feb. 25, 7 p.m.

Water Commission, March 6 & 18, 6 p.m. at the King Street plant.

ZBA, March 4, 7:30 p.m.

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Stay 'tooned

Cohasset Mariner cartoonist Jim Hamilton will be back next week.

OPERATING WHILE TEXTING



STAFF PHOTO ILLUSTRATION/JACOB BELCHER

Text messaging, dialing and talking on cell phones while driving has become an increasingly disturbing trend. The question is whether Massachusetts will join other states in legislating some restrictions for drivers who use the devices while operating a motor vehicle.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support for commuter boat

TO THE EDITOR:

I've had the opportunity to ride the Hingham Commuter Boat to downtown Boston for the past six years after my wife and I relocated from Boston to the South Shore. It's been an effective, efficient and enjoyable way to commute into the city. I've always been impressed with the extensive schedule and flexibility the boat offers commuters. My wife has also used the boat to come into the city to meet me or friends for dinner or to go shopping. It's made both of us more connected to the city. I also notice that when others are looking to move to the South Shore, the commuter boat is often mentioned as one of the perks.

When the commuter train started running back in the fall I watched in anticipation to see what would happen to the number of riders on the boat. I admit, I rode the train a few times to see which would be better for me. I quickly found that there was no difference in the time spent commuting, and was reminded about what I really enjoyed about the boat – the networking opportunities, the customer service provided by the staff, plus, a pretty terrific view.

Recently, I've noticed quite a reduction in the number of cars in the boat parking lot and the number of people on the boat. I've always been appreciative of the flexible schedule the boat offers, and I'm growing concerned that the boat will have to respond to a reduced number of riders, and therefore, start to reduce the boat schedule. As a regular commuter I think we should recognize that in order for all of us to benefit from having this unique way to get into Boston, we need to continue to ride the boat. We should take a look around, see what's happening with the boat and encourage people to ride.

Jason Catlender
232 Beaver Dam Road
Scituate

HEALTH NOTES

Stormwater issue can be draining

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Tip O'Neill said all politics is local; well so is stormwater and the problems it creates.

There seem to be two factions appearing in the aftermath of several recent storm events. For every flooding problem, there are at least two proposed solutions. Generally the solutions are either related to treating stormwater by developing devices to recharge it into the land, so-called smart growth solutions, or creation of additional drainage systems to get the runoff out into the nearest estuary. Supporters of each approach to remediation differ depending on location with respect to one's house. Tip O'Neill said all politics is local; well so is stormwater and the problems it creates. Several years ago, the problem was in Newtonville. When new water pipes were put in that neighborhood, drainage was installed and the flooding problems were lessened substantially — and flooding appeared in other back yards near where the water was being diverted to the Harbor.

One of the things Gary Vanderweil proposed and the Selectmen passed was the creation of a yet another master plan; this time for stormwater. If such a plan is to succeed, the Town will need to adopt a unified effort involving the use of every available means to recharge water into the ground where the soils permit and drainage of areas without overflowing the drainage structures. Both will require storing sufficient water in the system so that overflow is minimized or eliminated. Not an easy job. One further addition to the task will be to fix all of the broken and damaged connections to the sewer from homes using old technology clay pipes. It is estimated that 30 percent of the pollution coming after the first flush of surface water into our drainage system is caused by broken sewer pipes.

We have already seen the disruption caused by the type of construction ongoing to fix the problem. It's going to be the task of the stormwater master plan to integrate sewer, water line, drainage and stormwater remediation into one concerted effort. The thing we all can do if we are not yet affected by the disruption being caused is to offer support to those presently being affected. Soon, backhoes and bulldozers will be coming to your neighborhood.

And the fixing will not come cheap.

An example of the two solutions to a problem is Treats Pond. Last week, you read in the Mariner part of the story about Treats Pond. In reality, the problem of flooding around Treats Pond has three solutions: two proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers described in the Mariner last week. The third solution involves periodic removal of sand blocking a drain from Treats Pond on the beach at Sandy Cove. Since the beginning of this year, the DPW has been denied access to private property for the purpose of cleaning out the drain on Sandy Cove Beach. As a result several houses have been immersed in water a good part of the time since. Such flooding represents a real health problem.

At its last meeting, the Board of Health relinquished most of its stormwater responsibilities to the Stormwater Committee appointed by the Selectmen. We no longer report to the EPA as previously required, and we have endorsed and approved a new Stormwater Bylaw subject to any minor revisions the Selectmen may have.

On the Warrant for Town Meeting, there is an article authorizing a sum of money for "Treats Pond restoration". This is an article not to be taken lightly. Nor is the article creating a Stormwater Bylaw.

The Treats Pond article is for a sum of money to restore Treats Pond. Several solutions exist, but the issue deals with the health of dwellings all along a large section of Atlantic Avenue where flooding has become intolerable because of substantial construction of large dwellings in the area on both sides of Atlantic Avenue; dwellings where, for the most part, the effects of stormwater draining from their property was ignored.

The proposed Stormwater Master Plan utilizing the Army's ideas for Treats Pond or any other solution should be a matter for consideration by the Stormwater Committee for recommendations on the technology, but also the Selectmen and finally, citizens of the Town who have to pay for it.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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Some details about Dig Safe

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush Project – We continue to review Cohasset's Open Items list with the MBTA. This is a list of 42 items from the Greenbush project that need the MBTA/Cashman Balfour Beatty teams to address. Thirty-two of these remain uncompleted, at this time. The Town does not have a total mutual agreement with the project concerning the complete list of open items. However, we continue to present the Town's case.

The extreme rainstorm on Wednesday, Feb. 13 caused flooding all over town. At Spring Street near the tracks, an under-construction storm drain caused a washout to occur. We took a photo of the washout and emailed it to the Greenbush Project.

Within one day they came out and erected a temporary barrier to keep people out of the dangerous area. Thanks to the Greenbush Project for your quick response.

Little Harbor Project – We would like to thank those of you who have commented to us concerning our additional coverage of the Little Harbor Project. We are glad that some of you find our background articles interesting and informative.

During the project, we have had a number of unscheduled outages of other utilities that share space in the roadways with our new sewer lines. In order to understand why this might happen, let's first look at what the project does to try to avoid interrupting other utility services.

By state law, all contractors are required to contact Dig Safe (Dig Safe System, Inc. is the official corporate name of the organization and their web site is www.digsafe.com.) The Dig Safe service is free to all contractors and is funded by its member utilities. All contractors must, by law, call Dig Safe 72 hours prior to beginning underground construction on public lands. (Dig Safe does not do work on private property, but it does mark buried utilities on public and private ways.) It is Dig Safe's responsibility to travel to the construction site and mark the underground services for its member utilities. A color coding scheme is used to identify the various underground utilities. These are the funny colored lines and marks you see in the streets or on the ground prior to construction.

So if you see a red line, it means that there is a buried electrical cable under that line. Similarly, blue is used for water services, and so on. However, not all utilities are members of Dig Safe. The member utilities can be found on Dig Safe's web site. For example, Cohasset Water is not a member, because municipal water systems are not covered by the state regulation. Consequently, Dig Safe will inform anyone doing construction in Cohasset that they must contact the Cohasset Water Department separately to mark the underground water services within the construction area. The next obvious question is why doesn't Cohasset Water belong to Dig Safe? First of all it is an added expense to our Water Department. And, since their crews are all local it is easy for them to get to any construction location in Cohasset to mark their own lines.

So far, this all sounds neat and clear. So why do we still find unplanned underground utilities?

Let's look at a recent situation on Jerusalem Road. Dig Safe marked out electrical wires with the requisite red line. So, construction started what did we find? About two feet below the road surface on Jerusalem Road we found a buried 2 in. by 12 in. wooden plank. In the vicinity of the plank we found a buried 3 conductor 5,000 volt main power distribution cable, a 230 volt secondary power set of cables, and lastly, cable to support the street lighting circuits. Dig safe only indicated, what one might assume was a buried wire. Instead, there were three sets of wires, a very complicated electrical structure. The high voltage line was inadvertently nicked by a power shovel removing the line from service. Fortunately, the homes in this area were able to be back-fed from another power source, so the inconvenience to the residents was minimal.

Another situation has occurred with water lines. A number of the older water lines are constructed with a non-metallic piping. Thus, it is much more difficult to locate these lines. Sometimes they cannot be found at all. (Note today when non-metallic lines are used, metallic tracers are buried with the pipe so it can be located underground at a later time.) And, to make matters worse, a large number of older water lines have never been documented on any plans. So, occasionally unmarked and undocumented water lines are accidentally broken by the Little Harbor contractor. Fortunately, the Water Department is usually "Johnny on the spot" and quickly repairs the broken line. But, residents are briefly inconvenienced.

In a prior article we spoke of an old Western Union line that was found in Jerusalem Road. When do you think the last time a Cohasset home used these lines? Our guess – probably not since the 1920s. We don't mean to paint an impossibly complicated picture, but sometimes very positive things do come out in the end. We pointed out previously that the other utilities had no plans to upgrade their facilities in the Little Harbor construction area. Well, that may be about to change. Very recently, we've had detailed discussions with National Grid, our electric utility. They have agreed to work in our trenches to bury conduits that will be used later to provide new wiring to selected areas of Jerusalem Road. We are currently discussing a similar proposal with Verizon, and we expect to hear from them shortly. In the final analysis, we may not only have upgraded water, new sewer, and better drainage, but also some new electric and phone services in some of the same areas.

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Spring Street washout after last week's rainstorm.



The Greenbush project blocked the hazardous area within a day.



Excavation area mark (white marks the area of construction).



Highland Avenue Dig Safe marks for buried commmunication cable (marks are in orange).

Color	Utility Service
Red	Electric power lines, cables, conduit or light cables
Yellow	Gas, oil, street petroleum, or other gaseous materials
Orange	Communication cables or conduit, alarm or signal lines
Blue	Water, irrigation and slurry lines
Green	Sewer and drain lines
White	Marks for a proposed excavation area

This chart shows the Dig Safe marking color codes.

Holidays, holidays

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Friday is George Washington's birthday, only we celebrated it Monday but we called it Presidents Day because we wanted to include Abraham Lincoln whose birthday was six days before that and only government workers really paid much attention to a lot of it.

Got that?

Here it is only the third week in February and already we've had four holidays and I'm counting Valentines Day because I called Strawberry Fair, the Norwell restaurant, to see if we could use coupons for our gracious dining that day and was told we couldn't because it was a holiday.

I am coming to the conclusion that the reason most of our industry is being outsourced to China, Indonesia and other foreign lands is that we have just too many holidays to fill the orders and I say this as one who once protested the 37-1/2 hour work week as a speed up.

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We start the year off with a holiday (Jan. 1) and, before you know it, there's another, Martin Luther King Day, on the third Monday and another, Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 and yet another, Presidents Day, the third Monday in February.

Notice I am not including Groundhog Day (Feb. 2) or Mardi Gras (the Tuesday before Lent) or the Lunar New Year, which this year was celebrated for 15 days starting Feb. 7 by the one in five residents of Quincy who are Asian by extraction, or Ronald Reagan's birthday (Feb. 6), the target of the Gipper's fan club.

There's only one holiday in March and that's Evacuation Day, the day in 1776 when the British left Boston, official only in Boston, Revere, Chelsea and Winthrop, but known as St. Patrick's Day everywhere, perhaps a double or triple holiday since recovery from corned beef and cabbage and whatever else often requires an extra day or two of rehab.

April starts with a holiday, April Fools Day, really hits its stride with Patriots Day (the third Monday) when everything 26 miles, 385 yards east of Hopkinton gets tied up for the Boston Marathon, and tails off with Arbor Day (the last Friday), when we all get out and hug a tree.

May brings us not only Mothers Day (the second Sunday) and Memorial Day (the last Monday), which used to be known as Decoration Day, but also Armed Forces Day (the third Saturday) and National Teachers Day (the Tuesday of the first full week), when the kids leave their weapons at home.

That brings us to June, which has another one of those holidays, Bunker Hill Day (June 17), which is observed in Suffolk County only, as well as Flag Day (June 17) and Fathers Day (the third Sunday), the biggest day of the year for the necktie industry.

By this time it's summer and the vacation season when we can all rest up from the holidays.

Introducing Cohasset to the world

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Until this week I've written my column with only a local audience in mind. But the Mariner is available for free on the Internet these days, which means in theory anyone in the world, can read it as soon as it's published. An Australian kangaroo farmer could be perusing the paper on-line as we speak, reading with concern about the latest Buick to beach itself on the railroad tracks. For all we know our storm water bylaw is a huge hit in China. They've got 1.3 billion people over there, so even if only a hundred million of them follow the Little Harbor Sewer Expansion Project, that's a lot of people to you and me.

I believe it's time we stopped thinking of the Mariner as just a "local" phenomenon, and used the web's international reach to introduce ourselves to a curious, tech-savvy, purely hypothetical global audience.

Hello, Others!

Cohasset Massachusetts is a picturesque seaside village on Boston's South Shore. Translated roughly from Algonquin, the name Cohasset means "long rocky place." The Wampanoags called the area, "long, God dam rocky place," while the Nausets called it, "the place where we dump all our rocks." It definitely has that "small town" feel. Imagine a spy satellite that can look straight down your pants and tell the CIA whether you're going commando. That satellite would miss Cohasset, and the fact that we all go commando remains the town's best kept secret.

A cozy community like Cohasset has many advantages. For instance you don't have to "ring up" your friends and neighbors in order to see them every day. Just go to the library. Or the school. Or the grocery store, or the Girl Scout drop off, or the dump. Or all five in succession. Wherever you go, they'll be there for you, ready to talk about anyone who's somewhere else at the time.

Leaving valuables behind while we run errands may seem careless until you realize just how many valuables we have to keep track of here. Our key chains alone weigh close to five pounds.

Its charming look and ideal location might evoke images of homogeneity and privilege, but Cohasset is a town that celebrates racial diversity. As it happens we don't have any ourselves, but we're quite happy for towns that do. Besides, what we lack in color we make up for in other kinds of variety. For instance every mansion is just a little different. As are the professional interests of Cohasset's working residents, which range everywhere from finance to investments to financial investments. And if you're looking for physical diversity, all it takes is a June afternoon stroll on Sandy Beach to see that not everyone in town takes spinning classes over the winter. You Cohasset readers know who I'm talking about I'm sure!

Cohasset has a very low crime rate, a luxury that affords its residents extra time to worry incessantly about what little crime there is. A purse is snatched from the passenger seat of an open BMW convertible parked at the post office with its engine running, and serious consideration is given to hiring more police officers. In the end, since extra police tend to cost money, it's decided that half the force normally assigned to directing traffic around landscaping trucks will be pulled off to comb the woods for empty Coach bags, and another town meeting is adjourned.

Leaving valuables behind while we run errands may seem careless until you realize just how many valuables we have to keep track of here. Our key chains alone weigh close to five pounds. We've got three or four car keys, keys for our house, keys for our previous house that we've been trying to sell since 2006 — it's a pain to carry them all around. So we leave them in the car. Cohasset is like one big Hertz Gold Club parking lot. It's the AAA recommended pit stop for fugitives involved in high-speed police chases. Reaching the Music Circus is like crossing the Mason-Dixon line. We would take our keys with us into the house at night but then our whole tourism industry would go in the tank.

I hope the information I've shared has made the stories you read in the Cohasset Mariner easier to understand for those of you in other parts of the world, like Marshfield or Greece. Naturally we in Cohasset have many questions about your culture as well. Do you love your children too? What exactly is a Babka? Is there anything in your Holy books that can explain how David Tyree hung onto that pass? And what is your traditional reaction when you see a set of train tracks veering off the road toward a golf course? We'd love to hear from you!

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. He apologizes for blowing the lid off the whole commando thing.

Artificial turf field

On Cohasset's TV talk show, Our Town, co-hosts Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin sit down with George McGoldrick and Bill Cavanaro of the newly formed Cohasset Sports Partnership to discuss their efforts to raise funds to build an artificial turf field in Cohasset.

Tune in Mondays at 9p.m. on channel 10 or catch up on Tuesdays or Thursday at 9p.m.

Tune in Cohasset and stay informed.

Joint budget meeting to be held

A joint budget meeting with members of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and the Advisory Committee has been scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 28, 7p.m. at the high school library. The three boards will convene to discuss the fiscal 2009 budget.

Jury out on cell phone ban

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would ban junior operators (those under 18) from using cell phones while driving and require adults to use only hands-free communication devices. Forty-seven representatives did not back the legislation.

The legislation would mean that junior operators could not use a cell phone or hands-free cell phone and adults could use cell phones if equipped with hands-free gadgets, like earpieces or headsets. All drivers would also be banned from "texting." Adult drivers would be allowed to use their hands to initiate (dial) or terminate (hang up) from a call. The legislation recognizes that all drivers need two hands to operate a motor vehicle.

Bradley explained that the House allowed "ramp-up time" should the bill pass deferring the implementation of surcharges for a year.

Hedlund has no problem with restricting cell phone use for junior operators. As a member of the Conference Committee in 2006 charged with finalizing a bill on junior operator restrictions, he backed a ban on cell phones but was outvoted on that measure.

"The reason why I supported that was that I have seen the data on the prevalence of accidents among teen drivers and that they are the most susceptible to distractions," Hedlund said.

Hedlund also said he is concerned that police might give motorists a break and not apply the law even-handedly because the offense would translate into an insurance surcharge.

Cohasset Police Lt. William Quigley said the underlying problem is driver inattention, whether it is talking on a cellular telephone, texting friends, or juggling a cup of coffee while driving.

"It seems that vehicles have become an extension of the office," Quigley said. "Until we realize that operating a motor vehicle requires our undivided attention, we will continue to see accidents increase on congested roads like Route 3A."

Quigley said personally, he thinks that education, followed-up with enforcement (of any new law), will help reduce accidents.

"We would fully support any law that enhances safety and reduces accidents," he said. "All you have to do is take a ride through the yard of one of the local body shops and you'll notice that most of the wrecked cars being repaired have heavy front end damage. That tells me that people are following too close and not paying attention to what's going on in front of them."

Art Kinsman, AAA of Southern New England director of government affairs, said text messaging while driving is clearly dangerous. A person texting is typing on a tiny keyboard, taking his hands and eyes off the road for extended and repeated periods of time.

Kinsman said talking on a cell phone is also a distraction, albeit a lesser one, but the reason is surprising and tends to debunk the idea that requiring hands-free devices will solve the safety problem.

"We've found it's the conversation itself that's the real distraction," he said.

How's that different from talking to a passenger?

It may not be that different, Kinsman said. There are all sorts of distractions drivers need to be on the alert for, many of them decidedly low-tech, such as eating or turning around to yell at the kids in the back seat, he said.

Kinsman said voice-recognition technology would obviously make dialing safer, but he said there may be an unintended consequence. As cell phone use becomes easier, it may become even more pervasive.

His advice: "We tell people, keep it short, and if it's going to be a lengthy conversation, find some place safe to pull over."

Jessica Foley, an attorney specializing in juvenile and criminal defense with the firm Sullivan and Sweeney with an office in Hingham, said hands free devices are a good idea, as it is an attempt to prevent accidents by distracted drivers.

"However, I would imagine that unless drivers have updated technology and/or are tech savvy they are going to look down to dial their telephone, and this is when they will be most distracted.

"It is an attempt to prevent accidents by distracted drivers," Foley said. "But I'm not sure that the supporters of the cell phone ban have thought through the law's impact. It will increase license suspensions for junior operators (drivers between 16-1/2 and 18), but perhaps it will keep them safer.

"This law will increase ticket revenues for our cities and towns, increase insurance surcharges and also give law enforcement yet another reason to conduct traffic stops," she said.At least five states have banned hand-held devices, including California, whose law goes into effect July 1.

Reporters Rebecca Hyman and Paula Vogler contributed to this story.

Some statistics

- 73 percent of 1200 drivers surveyed talk on cell phones while driving. Use was highest among young drivers.
- 19 percent say they text message while driving
- Some research has found that talking on a cell phone is as dangerous as driving drunk, even if the phone is a hands-free model
- 80 percent of crashes and 65 percent of near crashes involve some form of driver inattention within three seconds of the event.
- 15 states have passed laws banning or restricting young drivers from using cell phones.
- As many as 40 countries restrict or prohibit the use of cell phones while driving.
- Businesses are increasingly prohibiting workers from using cell phones while driving to conduct business. There have been several cases where an employer has been held liable for an accident by a driver using a cell phone.

Source: Insurance Information Institute.

A summary of House Bill 4477

House Bill 4477, an act prohibiting the use of certain communication devices while operating a motor vehicle.

Section 1. Defines the terms "mobile telephone", "hands-free accessory", "hands-free mobile telephone", and "mobile electronic device" within chapter 90 of the General Laws. This section also allows an exception for drivers using hands-free technology to activate or deactivate a phone call using one hands..

Section 2. Prohibits junior operators from using mobile telephones, whether hand-held or hands-free, and mobile electronic devices, such as text messaging devices, while operating a motor vehicle.

Punishes violations accordingly:

- 1st offense: $100 fine and 60-day JOL or learner's permit suspension
- 2nd offense: $250 fine and 180-day JOL or learner's permit suspension
- Subsequent offenses: $500 fine and 1-year JOL or learner's permit suspension

Exempts mobile telephone calls made for emergency purposes, including emergency calls to a law enforcement agency, health care provider, fire department or other emergency service or entity, provided that the junior operator provides documentary or other evidence in support of such claim.

Exempts junior operators using a mobile telephone or mobile electronic device while pulled over to the side of a public way and out of a lane of travel from punishment under this section

Section 3. Strikes a provision in chapter 90, section 13 allowing the use of mobile telephones while driving, as long as the vehicle operator keeps one hand on the steering wheel at all times.

Inserts a provision in the same section allowing the use of amateur radios while driving, as long as the vehicle operator keeps one hand on the steering wheel at all times.

Section 4. Strikes a provision in chapter 90, section 13 prohibiting television screens or other equipment capable of receiving a television broadcast that is viewable from the driver's seat of a motor vehicle.

For consistency, television-related equipment forward of the driver's seat will now be treated the same as DVD players within the definition of a mobile electronic device and will be banned under chapter 90, section 8 for junior operators or chapter 90, section 24Y for adult drivers.

Section 5. Creates a new section 24Y in chapter 90, which prohibits adult drivers from using mobile electronic devices or hand-held mobile telephones while driving, but allows for the use of hands-free mobile telephones.

Punishes violations accordingly:

- 1st offense: $100 fine
- 2nd offense: $250 fine
- Subsequent offenses: $500 fine

Exempts mobile telephone calls made for emergency purposes, including emergency calls to a law enforcement agency, health care provider, fire department or other emergency service or entity, provided that the violator provides documentary or other evidence in support of such claim.

Exempts persons using a mobile telephone or mobile electronic device while pulled over to the side of a public way and out of a lane of travel from punishment under this section.

Exempts emergency personnel, such as firefighters operating a fire-fighting vehicle, the driver of a rescue vehicle or ambulance, and state, county or local public safety officials, from the provisions of this section.

Section 6. Postpones an offense under this act from being surchargeable until July 1, 2009.

Section 7. Directs the RMV, in cooperation with the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, to implement a public awareness campaign for junior operators and adult drivers on the restrictions of this bill.

Weighing in on driving with cell phones

Readers were asked: *Do you have any horror stories involving a close call with a driver on a cell phone? Is it time Massachusetts restricted cell phone use on the roads?*

'Close calls'

I ride my bike frequently around the South Shore and am amazed by the number of close calls that I have with drivers talking on the phone and ignoring me on the side of the road riding my bike. Probably the worst place around is the Greenbush Rotary. It's difficult enough to navigate the rotary, but balancing the phone on one shoulder and driver is way too much for most people.

Marty Grassie

'Serious menace'

I witnessed a slow speed head-on collision clearly caused by one driver being on her cell phone when she needed both hands when rounding a corner. Hand held or not, they are a serious menace to public safety-yours and mine.

R. Murray Campbell

'Pass the law'

I have no more horror stories than the average professional commuter, as I see people (and I am one of them) talking on the cell phone every day while driving. I would fully support a ban on 18-and-under use of phones while driving, and a requirement for hands-free operation by adults. Massachusetts should pass the law, in my opinion.

Chris Blackburn

'Close calls'

I have had quite a few close calls actually. The two that stand out for me are as follows.

The first: I was sitting in my first-floor home office at my computer and a truck drove off the road into a small ravine — about 40 feet from where I was sitting at my computer. Fortunately, the young driver was O.K. despite hitting a tree and crushing the whole right side of the truck's cab. A police officer at the scene said it was lucky there was no passenger with him, then added to me, "And lucky for you, your car, or your house that there was a tree."

It turns out the young man was looking down to dial his cell phone and he wandered too far to the right, started off the road into the drop-off and couldn't recover.

The second incident was a woman on a cell phone who went at a very high rate of speed through a red light on Route 3A at the Beechwood Street intersection. My husband, who was driving, is fortunately a very cautious driver and was able to stop as we entered the intersection — but it was very close. The woman didn't even seem to be aware of what she was doing as she sped on her way.

I honestly think the world has become too fast-paced and people are not "present" to what they are doing at the moment. While people may not intend to endanger others while they talk, text and dial cell phones while driving, the reality is it only takes a moment to change someone's life forever — whoever that might be.

As you might have guessed, I do think cell phone use on the roads should be restricted as this bill states.

Jane Norton

'Brain'

I have heard that the same part of the brain that focuses on traffic outside a moving vehicle is the one we use to have a conversation on a phone — not the same as if talking with another passenger. Very interesting!

Dee Lehner

'Artful drafting'

No horror stories, and a qualified YES to "Is It Time?"

As with any legislation (and I have not seen the bill you refer to) artful drafting will make a huge difference in whether it is effective. Exactly what gadget/use/circumstance behind the wheel does it apply to? Is enforcement realistic? Does it make sense or provoke resistance?

I agree that a law regarding use of devices while driving is probably needed, due to their proliferation. I think it will only work if it is well thought-out.

I think hands-free use overall is less a distraction and therefore to be preferred; but if you're in stopped traffic and want to call ahead, what's the difference? Want to report an emergency but can't pull over? Why have to choose?

Junior drivers may benefit from a total ban on using just to underscore the privilege, once gained, and its value; and to eliminate texting (and whatever else . . .), which is obviously completely incompatible with driving. It might steer them to form the right habits early.

Agnes McCann



'Ban supported'

According to WebMD: "Drivers who talk on a mobile phone are four times more likely to be involved in a serious crash". As well, 5 states (California, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Washington), the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands have enacted jurisdiction-wide cell phone laws prohibiting driving while talking on handheld cell phones. Many other states ban cell phone use in specific situations. At least 45 nations ban cell phones use while driving – including the UK since 2003, Japan since 1999 and Russia since 2001. Finally, on a more local level, while walking down Sohier Street several months ago I observed a cell chatting driver hook a wide swerving left hand turn onto Sohier — about 50 feet in front of me. After brushing up onto the sidewalk, the cell chatting driver quickly hurtled the large and oncoming SUV back onto the street. If I had taken my morning walk 10 seconds earlier I'm sure I would not be writing this note. Yes, Massachusetts clearly should ban cell phones while driving and if the State does not do it then the town of Cohasset should.

Kevin R. McCarthy

'Over due'

I've had a lot of close calls, about one per week, but no accidents yet! I've learned to be extra vigilant with shoppers leaving malls after shopping, parents leaving schools after dropping off kids, movie-goers leaving theaters, etc. These are the "I'm leaving—be there shortly" calls! The ban is overdue!

Dick Brooks

'Distracted'

Several years ago, I was driving south on Main Street opposite French Memories when a man pulled out of his parking spot beside the filling station and drove into the side of my van breaking a rear door window. He said his cell phone had distracted him.

Steve Bobo

'Headset'

I have no personal experiences, but support a junior operators ban, as well as the headset idea for "mature drivers".

Susi Coley

'Near fatality'

I did witness a near fatality as one junior driving approximately 19-22 was driving from Hull to 3A a few Sundays back, 6:30a.m. She was on her cell taking the curve in the road where she simply slid across yellow line into on coming traffic lane, and just barely missed an oncoming car, due to the other driver's quick reflexes (A Senior!).

The girl never got off her phone, nor did she get out to see how the other driver was doing, she just continued on like it was no big deal! I witnessed the whole event, and at the next red light, I asked her how she was, she was still on the phone, and just nodded, "ok."

I'm all for hands free in Massachusetts — it will cause the driver to focus on the road vs. on the phone, and perhaps there will be less accidents!

Mary Cirafice

'Impossible

I don't believe that this law, if passed, will be very effective, so therefore I do not support it. It is simply impossible to get people to not use their cell phones on a daily basis, especially while they're driving. Though talking while driving does pose an obvious danger, legislation against it may cause people to try to hide such activities and create an even greater danger. Also, I don't believe that restricting people to hands free devices will lessen the problem. Psychological studies have shown that it is not the actual phone this poses the danger, but the concentration (or lack thereof) of the driver that is focusing on a conversation with someone else. In a nutshell, drivers become virtually blind when they try to talk while they drive.

Mike Froio

'Safety's sake'

There are examples I could cite EVERYDAY that involve a driver not paying attention because he/she is on a cell phone. Going through red lights, involuntarily reducing their speed to a crawl, swaying into an adjacent lane (or even across double solid lines into oncoming traffic), and nearly running down pedestrians are daily observations. Then when you warn these drivers about their safety miscues by the only safe means available to another driver (the horn), you receive glares, foul language, aggressive driving, and even stopping so they can share their opinion up front and personal. But the reaction, which is even more disturbing, is when the driver does not notice you beeping the horn. Their cell phone conversation, and poor driving, is unabated! Because I work in Boston, I also see how pedestrians on cell phones become zombies who further exacerbate safety concerns. As a former police officer, these are times I wish I was back in uniform and had the authority to issue summons. To paraphrase a safety message regarding motorcycles: "Cell Phones are Everywhere!" For safety's sake, let's hope these two omnipresent enthusiasts never cross paths.

Michael J. Pevarnik

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Sex offenders and community safety

MENTAL HEALTH

JOSEPH DOHERTY



Like the bumper sticker that says, "Motorcycles are everywhere," so are sex offenders. They inhabit our families, they roam our parks and our playgrounds and they walk our streets. Much as we might wish it otherwise, they will not go away. While it is easy to make them a target of our anger, it is much harder to understand who they are.

These days not many people want to understand sex offenders. With increasing regularity, community after community, not just in Massachusetts, but nationwide, is enacting ordinances to limit where sex offenders can reside. Some communities do not want them living within their jurisdictions at all. When news reports surface of yet another sex crime it just increases our anxiety that something must be done to stem this seeming epidemic. Restricting where offenders can live appears to be a good solution. At least it calms our anxiety in that we can point to something being done.

One question that might be asked is "Does stigmatizing and already stigmatized population – by enacting ordinances that restrict where they can live – really promote community safety?" While such restrictions might assuage our fears about sex offenders, are they really helpful in keeping our communities safe?

One might begin by asking oneself what the needs of an offender are upon his being released from prison. When offenders are asked this question the same three responses are generally given – work, housing and a support network. All three are essential in stabilizing the offender. Without stability an offender is at risk to act out again, which is one argument against restricting where they live, as uncertainty about how safe their housing situation is makes them unstable.

Unless the offender has a specialized skill, and his employer either does not do background checks or does them and is willing to give the offender a chance, employment is hard to come by.

If an offender does not have employment, or the employment that he has is not sufficient for him to rent his own apartment, offenders are faced with one of two choices – live in a shelter or live on the street. Neither promotes stability.

Some offenders have described themselves as modern day lepers. Few are befriended and the mental template that most people have sees all who carry the label of sex offender as "dangerous" people who would recidivate at the earliest opportunity. While this is certainly true of some sex offenders, it should not be generalized to all sex offenders. But it often is and the offender ends up being isolated at a time in their life when someone who has some faith in them counts the most.

Who will undertake the task of aiding sex offenders just released from prison?

Adjustment to the outside world is difficult enough for someone who has been incarcerated, but the adjustment process is more difficult for the sex offender, due to the nature of his crime. The Department of Correction offers no worthwhile transition program and while it allegedly has assumed the responsibility for providing the offender with job and housing leads, the information is often outdated and of no use.

Legislators cannot be counted upon to offer a solution as they appear to be busy catering to the fears of their constituents, i.e. passing restrictive laws that do not ensure safety and only promote instability into the life of an offender, making him more at risk to act out. (Last month the Georgia Supreme Court unanimously ruled that limiting where offenders can live was unconstitutional. Many other states may follow.)

We all want safety in our communities, especially if we have sex offenders living within our borders. But let's not delude ourselves into thinking that the more punitive we can be with offenders the better off we'll be. Unless and until we address their most basic needs we are only promoting instability in the offenders life, putting them at greater risk to again sexually act out.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Going green with Jim Shipsky

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org

Greening Your Suburban Lifestyle – Join Jim Shipsky, from Sustainable Cohasset, as he talks about how to help make a better world by going green at 3 p.m., on Sunday, **Feb. 24**, in the Meeting Room. The talk is free and all are welcome. This is a Cohasset Reads Together event.

Library Book Group – Join the group for coffee and discussion of Bill Bryson's "A Walk in the Woods" at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, **Feb. 27**. Bryson's book was chosen as one of the selections for Cohasset Reads Together because it celebrates the American wilderness. Free. All are welcome.

Appalachian Trail Slide Show – Learn about what it takes to maintain and manage the Appalachian Trail from Massachusetts Appalachian Trail Management Committee member Steve Smith. Smith will present a slide show of the trail at 7 p.m., on Thursday, **Feb. 28**. This is a Cohasset Reads Together event. Free. All are welcome. Seating is limited.

Great Decisions Discussion Group is back – Through the generosity of the Friends of the Library, Paul Pratt Library is now registering interested individuals for the 2008 Great Decisions Discussion Group scheduled to take place April 29 through June 17. Great Decisions is the oldest and largest grassroots world affairs education program of its kind in the country. Topics of discussion focus on United States foreign policy on a number of issues. It is free to the public, however, seating is limited to 10 people. Sign up with reference librarian Gayle Walsh at 383-1348, by visiting the library or through the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on April 29 on the Calendar of Events tab.

FOR CHILDREN

Movie Matinee – "Flipper," rated PG, starring Elijah Wood and Paul Hogan, will be shown from 2 to 3:45 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 22, in the Meeting Room. This show requires tickets and is for students in grades three and up. Limited free tickets are available at the circulation desk for as long as they last.

March Story and Craft – Online and telephone registrations are now being accepted for the March Story and Craft series that will take place in the Story Room Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27. Story and Craft is for Cohasset residents age 3 through 6, is a four-week commitment and requires pre-registration. Each week a theme is explored through literature, music and craft. To register online go to cohassetlibrary.org, click on Calendar, click March 6, click register. Specify morning or afternoon, and fill out the registration form with child's name and age.

MamaSteph – Monday, Feb. 25, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. MamaSteph will perform in the Meeting Room. Doors close promptly at 10:35 a.m. Sponsored by Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Drop In Story Time –Tuesdays, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., in the Story Room through the month of March.

Weighing in on driving with cell phones

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'Pay attention'

In my opinion, there should be no use of cell phones, except absolutely hands-free cell phones by any vehicle operators throughout the U.S.

Again and again I encounter folks driving through town and on the highways, using their cell phones and thereby diverted from watching the road. When my husband, Dan, and I taught our daughters how to drive, our mantra was, "Pay attention." It's impossible to pay attention if you have the wheel in one hand and a cell phone in the other. Many drivers are now behind the wheels of massive SUVs, difficult to negotiate with or without a cell phone and difficult to rationalize environmentally given an SUV's appetite for finite fossil fuels. Cell phones in hand increase the risk to us all — drivers, passengers, and pedestrians.

Letting go of our cell phones when we're behind the wheel is akin to buckling up as a basic measure of safety and consideration. Our job behind the wheel is singular: "Pay attention!"

The Rev. Jan Carlsson-Bull

'Ran stop sign'

Right on House!

Yes, we should restrict cell phones while driving, young and old.

Near mishaps (I have witnessed) to greater or lesser degree occur at the intersection of North Main and Forest, in Shaw's parking lot, West Corner, and at the driveway of Osgood and Deer Hill schools.

Most recently I saw a car sail through North Main and Forest, dispensing with the stop sign, and the adult driver talking with one hand expressing herself, the other on the wheel, and the phone between her shoulder and chin. She was totally engaged in conversation and had no idea she ran the stop sign.

Tana Carlson

Take part

The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper.

Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.

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This year's Quilt Show and Luncheon will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 1, at 43 Highland Ave.

Wrap up winter, warm up spring!

"Festivals and Festivities," the church's cookbook, will be on sale for $18.

The 15th annual Quilt Show and Luncheon, hosted by Second Congregational Church in Cohasset, means spring is around the corner. For years, South Shore residents have enjoyed the bright colors and personal designs of local artisans as their handcrafted quilts are displayed at the church.

The show, which began as a way to spend a late winter afternoon, has blossomed into a community favorite and a charitable program that raised more than $20,000 for youth programs.

Each year, approximately 60 quilts are displayed during the show featuring unique designs and patterns. Many designs are inspired by personal experiences of the artist, such as the prints from the Hawaii quilt created from memories of a tropical vacation. A bit of history is always on display at the show as well. This year, the Hourglass quilt, made of 10, 418 pieces, will be on loan from Cohasset Historical Society.

"Festivals and Festivities," the church's cookbook, will be on sale for $18.

The Quilt Show and Luncheon will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 1, at 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset. For tickets to the show and luncheon, call Second Congregational Church at 781-383-0345 or purchase tickets at the door. Tickets are $12, and proceeds will benefit Boston Medical Center's Spark Center, Children's AIDS program, and the Reach Out and Read program.

'Healing Field' is planned for Memorial Day

The flags sell for $25 and can be dedicated to anyone. In other words, the purchase of a flag is not limited to those honoring someone who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces.

The Sons of the American Legion is planning to install a Healing Field as part of the town's Memorial Day 2008 observances.

The effort should result in hundreds of American flags on eight-foot-tall poles temporarily installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets. The island faces Veterans Memorial Park where the annual Memorial Day observances are held.

The flags sell for $25 and can be dedicated to anyone. In other words, the purchase of a flag is not limited to those honoring someone who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces. (Those who purchase flags will be able to pick them up after 10 days).

Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with a note on the memo line indicating "Healing Field" and sent to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, please visit www.healingfield.org/cohasset or contact the Legion post at 781-383-9657 or stop by the post at 98 Summer St. any weekday after 3 p.m., Saturdays after 10 a.m. or Sundays after 12 noon. Applications for Healing Field flags are available at the Post. All proceeds will go to veterans' projects of the Sons of the American Legion.

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Skippers tangle at state tournament

By Joel Racicot
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Jack Murphy, Mike Froio and Stephen Hurlbut all made the trek up to the North Shore to take part in the Division 3 Individual State Tournament after qualifying in the south sectionals the previous week. None of the Cohasset standouts placed in the top six during Saturday's meet. Top six in each weight class earns a spot to the All-State.

CHS coach Torin Sweeney was still very proud of the way each of his guys performed.

Murphy (119 pounds) is the first sophomore to win the Div. 3 South Sectional since Ryan Freeman in 1992. He placed top eight at Wakefield High School but couldn't crack the top six. He went 2-2. He lost to Josh Despard (Southwick) and John Toy (Weston) who finished third and fourth respectively.

The 2-0 loss to Toy was a bat-

"He has a very bright future."
CHS coach Torin Sweeney

tle from the start, but Murphy couldn't manage a two count despite getting the Weston foe on his back a number of times in the match.

Despard won his match against Murphy 9-4. Last year the Southwick wrestler was a state runner-up at 112 pounds. He brought a lot of experience to the mat.

The sky is the limit for Murphy who gained plenty experience of his own over the last few weeks.

"He has a very bright future," Sweeney said.

Froio (Jr., 160) lost his first match to Winchester's Mike Hale, 12-2. He was the only wrestler the Winchester star didn't pin in the first period on his way to a first place finish.

"Mike (Froio) really gave him a good fight and pushed him hard," Sweeney said. "He (Mike Hale) was tired afterward."

Frio pinned his next opponent from Greenfield in the third period and lost his final match against his Burlington opponent 15-11.

"That was a really good experience for him," added Sweeney.

Hurlbut (Sr., 215) capped off his amazing career going 1-2. He pinned his first opponent from Frontier and lost to the eventual champion from Wilmington, 6-0. He also lost to his Josiah's Quincy opponent who finished fourth.

"His career ends but on a high note at the state tournament," Sweeney said.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

Cohasset senior Patrick McCarthy attempts a jump shot earlier in the season.

Seniors go out on high note

Skippers look to improve during off-season

Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

With high expectations coming into this season the Cohasset High boys varsity basketball team was unable to live up to the hype. The Skippers failed to make the state tournament, finishing with a 7-13 overall record.

Now they will look to next season.

Despite the disappointment Cohasset pulled out one last win out over South Shore Christian Academy, 71-43, during senior night for Pat McCarthy and Dave Snowdale.

Cohasset appeared to be on a mission right from the tip as it jumped out to an early lead. Focused and determined, the Skippers led 21-8 by the end of the first quarter.

"We wanted the seniors to go out on a high note, a positive note," said Cohasset coach Dorian Bryant.

The Skippers continued their outstanding play throughout the second quarter and never looked back. Led by Snowdale's nine points and McCarthy's eight, which included two three-pointers, Cohasset led SSCA, 38-24, heading into halftime.

Although it seemed almost impossible, Cohasset actually came out playing better in the second half, something the team has done all season. The Skippers defense allowed only seven points in the entire third quarter and Cohasset's offensive attack remained steady dropping 18 points in the third.

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasse's David Snowdale (10) looks to pass the rock to a teammate under pressure from Carver's Marquis Silvia (24) in recent action. Snowdale and teammate Patrick McCarthy were honored at senior night.

Balanced attack from CHS skaters

The whole gang gets in on the attack against Old Rochester

With the regular season done and seeding set to begin Saturday February 23, it's now watch and wait time for the Cohasset High boys hockey team. The Skippers finished the regular season with a 13-4-3 overall record and a 10-2 mark in the South Shore League.

The boys beat Old Rochester, 5-1, Wednesday night. Anders Goetz (Fr.), Andy McKenna (So.), Pat Doonan (Sr.), RK Quebec (Sr.) and Alex Goetz (Sr.) all scored in the game.

"For us, this game started out like the last game we played ORR," said Cohasset High hockey coach Bob Walsh. "We came out strong in the first and finished the period with a 3-0 lead. Then ORR came back to tie us in the end. Today, however was a bit different with both teams playing for seed position in the Division 3 sectionals, Cohasset played with a bigger sense of urgency.

"The second period was more ORR than it was

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Cohasset's Chaz Czerkawski battles for the puck with a Rockland opponent. The Skippers look to make some damage in the upcoming state tournament.

State sectional meet results

Scituate/Cohasset swimmers stack up

The Scituate/Cohasset swimmers had an outstanding weekend at the sectionals.

On the girls side, Torey Hart broke her own team record in the 100 breaststroke while diver Betsey Crawford placed second overall, one up from placing third as a freshman. Colby Smalzel placed sixth in the diving portion and her placement marked the only girls team at the sectionals with more than one diver qualifying for the meet.

"Our dive coach Craig Dolloff does an amazing job," stated Sci/Co swim coach Jon Fortin. "He deserves all of the credit for the accomplishments of our dive team."

The boys placed seventh overall, third place out of the public schools, from 40 competing schools. The highlights include Mike Wall who qualified for states in two events off a leading leg of two relays.

Brian McGuiness came in third in the 200 free and second in the 100 free, setting new team records in each. Sean Crowley dropped almost four seconds in his 100 backstroke shattering the old team record by two seconds.

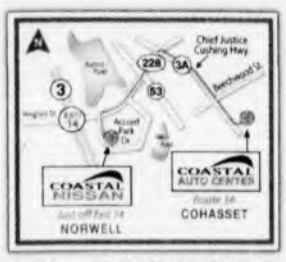
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Cohasset/Scituate's Wes Medwid is one member of the team's dominating dive crew.

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State sectional meet results

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The Sci/Co 400 free relay placed second overall next to BC High.

"I can't even begin to explain how huge of an accomplishment this is," Fortin stated.

Scituate was seeded tenth overall going into the meet and by the end of the race dropped 12 seconds on its season's best time.

When all was said and done, the boys qualified for more individual events for the state divisional championships this weekend than for the state sectional meet this past weekend.

"I am very proud, the guys worked so hard this season and for them to be rewarded with a league championship and amazing results from the state sectional meet like this is very satisfying for me as a coach," Fortin said. "It speaks to how unified this team is and to how committed they are to this program.

"It takes a dedicated student-athlete to ride that bus to Quincy everyday for an hour and a half round trip. It's nice to be able to show the kids that it was worth all the hard work and the sacrifices they have had to make over the past three months."

Girls varsity—Mimi Mahoney (Cohasset, So.), 100 fly, 1:09.42, (23), 100 back, 1:10.85 (22), Alison Costa (Scituate, Jr.), 50 free, 26.99, (15), 100 free, 59.76, (19), Torey Hart (Cohasset, Jr.) 100 breast, 1:16.24, (10), Megan Little (Scituate, So.), 50 free, 27.11, (21), 100 free, 59.73, (18), Colby Smalzel (Cohasset, Fr.), diving, 236.13 (6), Betsy Crawford (Cohasset, So.), diving, 315.30 (2), 200 medley relay: 2:04.89, 200 free relay: 1:55.39, 400 free relay, 4:07.69, (13, 20, 15), Alison Costa, Caitlin Mahoney, Caitlin Mahoney, Mimi Mahoney, Alyssa McCarthy, Mimi Mahoney, Megan Little, Michelle Berube, Alison Costa, Torey Hart and Megan Little.

Boys varsity—Jonny Drybanski (Cohasset, Sr.) 200 im, 2:10.86, (9) 100 breast, 1:07.61, (13), Brian McGuiness (Scituate, Sr.), 200 free, 1:47.89, (3), 100 free, 48.90 (2), Sean Crowley (Scituate, Jr.), 100 back, 1:00.80, (8), Jake Kissick (Cohasset, Fr.), 50 free, 23.57 (19), 100 fly, 1:00.26, (18), Wes Medwid (Cohasset, Jr.), diving, 165.65, (14), 200 medley relay, 1:48.31, 200 free relay, 1:37.97, 400 free relay, 3:24.97 (5, 15, 2), Jonny Drybanski, Mike Wall, Jonny Drybanski, Sean Crowley, Ryan McCarthy, Mike Wall, Jake Kissick, Mike Fassanacht, Jake Kissick, Brian McGuiness, John McGuiness and Brian McGuiness.

Patriot League Swimming Championships

The Cohasset/Scituate boys swim team finished the season undefeated (9-0) and won the Patriot League Championships. It was the first time in 12 years a team other than Duxbury won the league.

The following boys results are from the PL meet. All the boys mentioned were named to the league all star team.

Brian McGuiness (Sr., C) placed first in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle. Mike Fassnacht (Jr.) placed first in the 50 freestyle. Mike Wall (Sr.) came in first in the 100 freestyle and third in the100 breaststroke.

Jonny Drybanski (Sr., C) came in second in the 200 individual medley and second in the100 breaststroke. Wes Medwid (Jr.) came in third in diving. Jake Kissick (Fr.) placed third in the 200 individual medley, second in the100 fly. Sean Crowley (Jr.) came in third in the100 backstroke. John McGuiness (So.) placed second in the 200 freestyle.

The Scituate-Cohasset boys won all three relays at the league meet (200 medley relay, 200 free relay and 400 free relay).

The girls finished third in the league this year but had a great league championship finishing second. All the following girls were named to the league all star team.

Betsy Crawford (So.) placed first in diving. Megan Little (So.) came in third in the 50 freestyle and second in the100 freestyle.

Torey Hart (Jr.) placed first in the100 breaststroke.

The Scituate-Cohasset girls placed second in the 200-medley relay, third in the 200 freestyle relays and second in the 400 free relays.

Seniors go out on high note

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Cohasset continued its dominance in the fourth as well, but the highlights of the final quarter were the standing ovations given to Snowdale and McCarthy as they exited the game. Unceremoniously, Snowdale was forced out of the game with his fifth foul in the game with five and a half minutes left. McCarthy lasted until the three-minute mark when he was taken out due to the large lead.

Both received hugs from the whole bench and loud cheers of appreciation from the crowd.

McCarthy and Snowdale also expressed their feelings about the whole situation following the game.

"It's always sad finishing a four-year sport," Snowdale said. "It's been a great experience and the coaching was great."

About never making it to the tournament Snowdale had this to say.

"I gave one hundred percent and expected my teammates to do the same, even though we didn't make it, we played well. We were just were never consistent enough."

McCarthy shared similar thoughts.

"It's different not having basketball anymore, not going to practice with coach but I enjoyed having him (Bryant) all four years."

He went on to talk about not making the tournament.

"It's tough not to make it for me because I played all year round and now I'll never know what that playoff experience will be like."

Bryant had a lot to say about his two seniors.

"They have both been great for me, unfortunately we were never able to make the tournament for them."

Bryant also praised the senior pair individually.

"I've grown close to him over these four years and I could always count on him," Bryant said about McCarthy. "David brought it every game and was a very good leader, one of the more vocal players on the team."

Snowdale will be attending Pennsylvania College of Technology next year, and although he won't be playing basketball, he plans to play baseball. McCarthy on the other hand does hope to play basketball next year, but has is undecided.

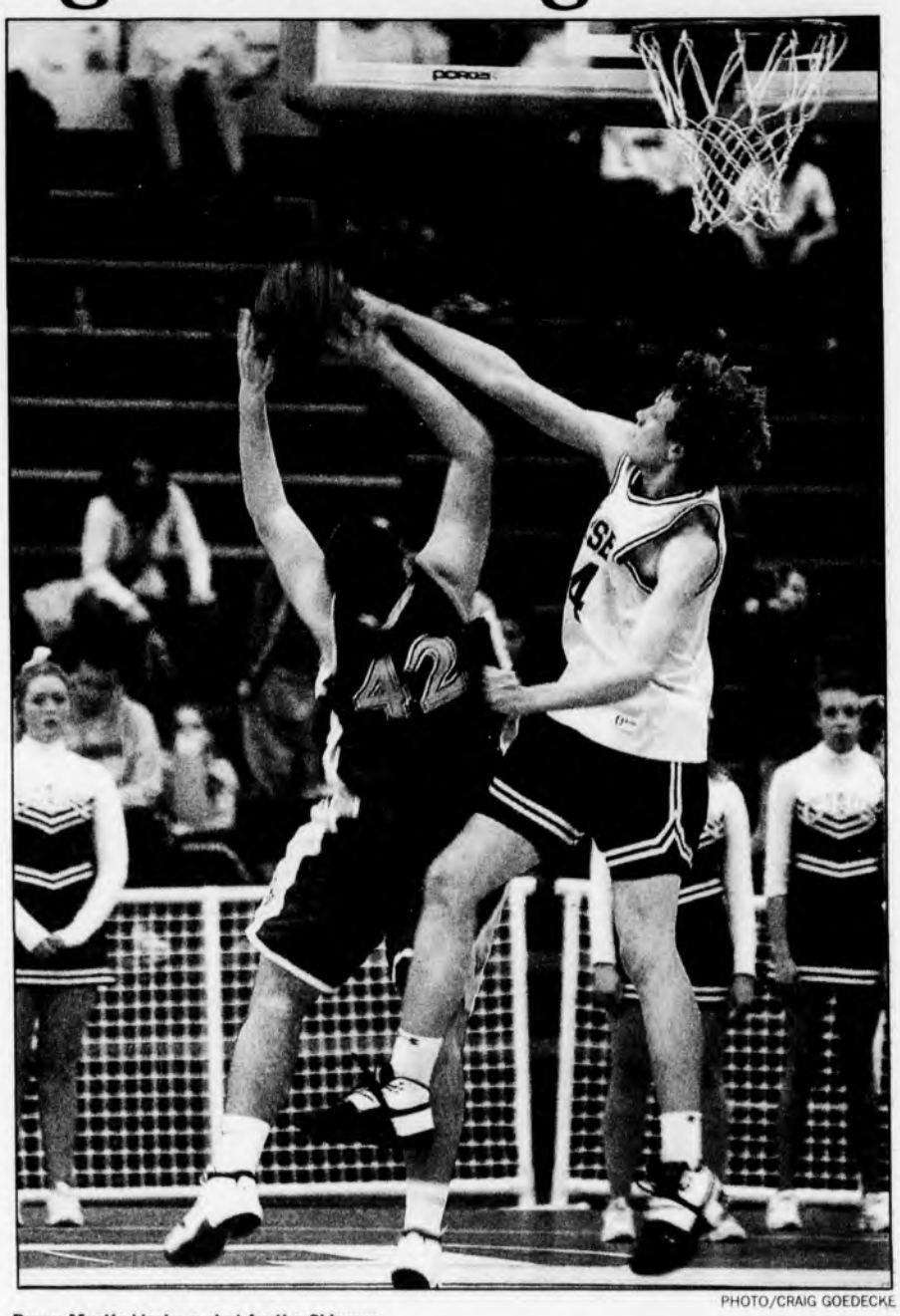
Both players said a special thanks to coach Bryant and said they will miss the team.

Fortunately, both McCarthy and Snowdale ended their Cohasset basketball careers on high notes, as McCarthy went for 15 points and Snowdale recorded a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Gordon Smith (Jr.) and sophomore John Maher also recorded double-doubles in the game.

"It was a very up and down," said Bryant about the season. "We didn't improve in some areas that other teams improved in, but it was nice to win the last game for them [McCarthy and Snowdale]."

Bryant also talked a lot about what his team is prepared to do in the off-season and next year. The off-season is something that Bryant has always put a strong focus on.

"This off-season is a big part of it, the kids have got to show the effort and work hard at it," Bryant said.



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Danny Martin blocks a shot for the Skippers.

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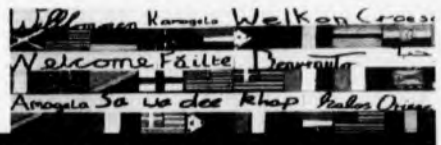


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Balanced attack from CHS skaters

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Cohasset. We weren't playing as well in the second period getting a little too cute for our own good and giving ORR four power-play opportunities. Thanks to Jonny Wade in goal, we were lucky to come out of the period only having given up one goal."

With the score 3-1 going into the third period, Cohasset refocused and went back to doing what it has been doing best by putting two more goals on the board and finishing with a the win.

"Our five goals were scored by five different guys today that for me is a tribute to the way the boys have finished out the regular season," Walsh added. "We had goals from one defenseman and four different forwards. I'm proud of the way the boys played today but we still need to play better hockey and put together three periods of good hockey. We're working on it and hopefully we can bring it in the post season."

Cohasset 8, South Shore Vocational Technical, 4

Chaz Czerkawski (three goals, one assist), Frank Wheelwright (one goal, one assist), Brendan Doonan (one goal, one assist), Andy McKenna (one goal, one assist), Alex Goetz (one goal), Anders Goetz (one goal), Pat Doonan (two assists) and RK Quebec (one assist) all put up points in the win.

The Skippers had a commanding first period in this one.

"This was the hockey I had been waiting for all season," said Walsh. "Jonny Wade played great controlling everything around the net, playing the puck up, controlling rebounds. The defense was covering everyone in position, great breakouts and regroups and the forwards were attacking with both the first and second line scoring goals.

"This had the makings of a tough game for SSV with one exception, I know Derek Mariani, (the coach of the Vikings), and I know he wasn't about to sit back on his senior night and let this happen."

The first period ended with Cohasset leading 3-0.

"Our five goals were scored by five different guys today that for me is a tribute to the way the boys have finished out the regular season,"
Cohasset High hockey coach Bob Walsh

The Vikings came out in the second period and dominated the play and scored four unanswered goals.

"They had Jonny Wade rattled to the point that I had to call a time out to refocus him and the team and get out of the period without any more damage being done. Fortunately, we were able to contain the balance of the period."

Walsh urged his charges on after the bad second period.

"A polite word for what my players might call me is 'passionate,'" Walsh said. "When I came into the locker room, I was passionate to say the least. We made adjustments and refocused and prepared to come out and play our game. I have to give a tremendous amount of credit to my captains and my players.

"We have such a great relationship, there is no misunderstanding my messages when we prepare to play. They listen and ask the questions they need to then they take it and increase their performance as best they can. In most cases, it works out. In this case, it definitely did."

The third period was a new and different game with Cohasset digging in and pulling the trigger, not once or twice but five times. The Czerkawski line and the Goetz line once again scored goals; as did senior defenseman, captain Frank Wheelwright.

"It came from all sides in the third period," Walsh said. "Jonny Wade was back in form and the team played well and finished strong."

A top seed expected for Lady Skippers

Experienced playoff group readies for sectional

By Joel Racicot
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After finishing the regular season with a, 48-24, win over South Shore Christian the Cohasset High girls basketball team is set to get either a two or three seed in the Div. 4 South Sectional tournament. Nantucket lost Wednesday giving them the same 18-2 overall record as the Skippers. A coin flip will decide the matter.

Considering the two and three seed are on the same side of the bracket, with the one and four in the other side, it stands that neither seeding really makes much of a difference.

Avoiding Sacred Heart (the projected number one) until a possible clash in the sectional final is a bonus for winning 18 regular season games. The brackets come out Friday, February 22. Games will begin early next week.

Cohasset will likely get one or even two home games and may play as early as this Tuesday or as late as next Friday.

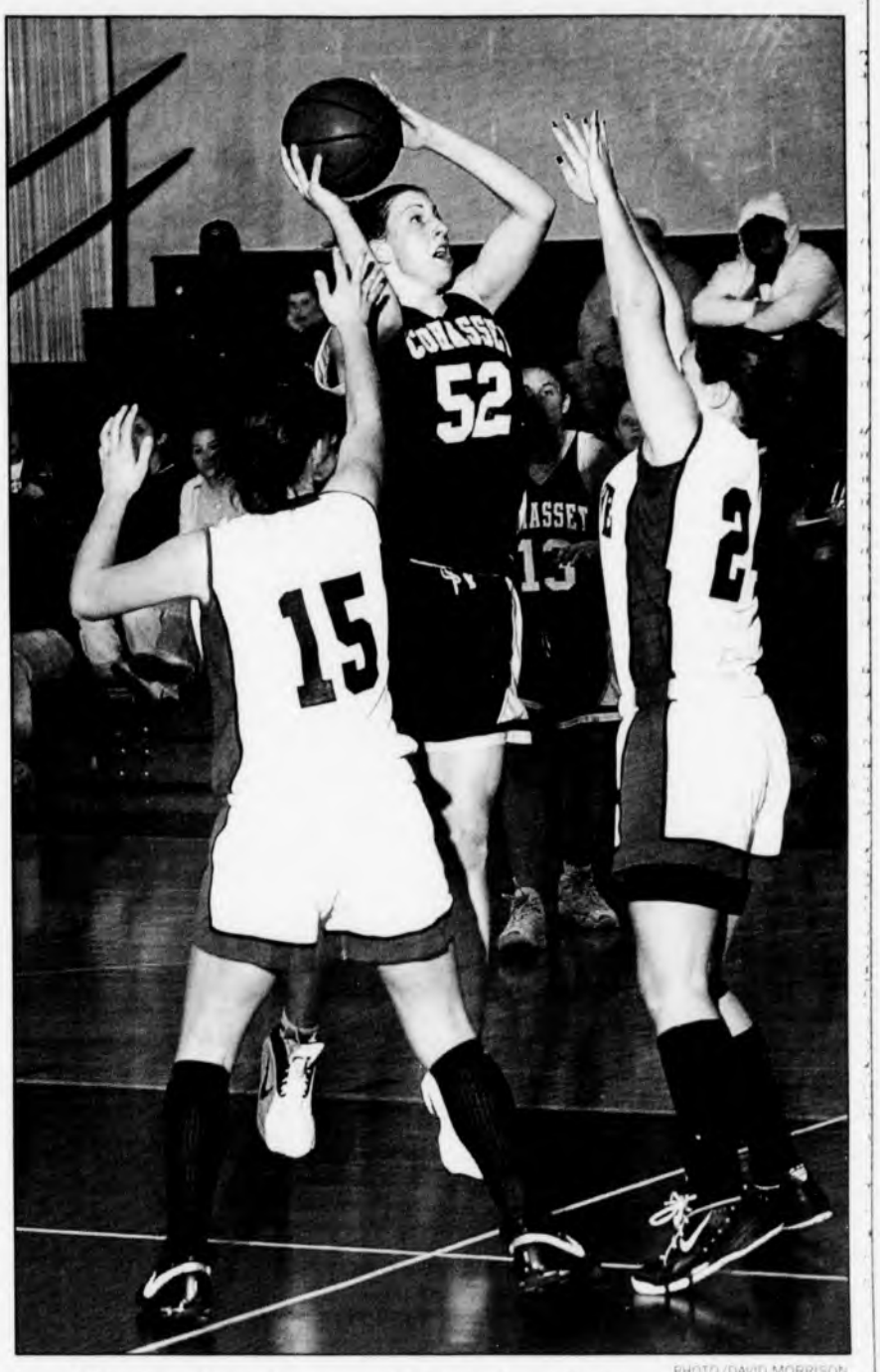
This is the fifth year in a row the girls have made the tournament under head coach John LeVangie. The Skippers made the sectional semi-finals two years ago. All three senior captains, Carly Salerno, Kayla Farren and Sammi Lehr were there.

Considering each has played over 60 career games, including a pair of playoff appearances, it's safe to say the senior-less Skippers are not inexperienced.

"We are at this point in the year," LeVangie said when asked about his team's level of readiness. "At this point everyone has at least one year under their belts."

Five of the eight teams in the South Shore League are Div. 3 squads. Cohasset's 13-1 first place showing in league should help prepare them. Cohasset also played both sacred Heart (loss) and West Bridgewater (win) during the regular season.

Still, the tournament has a way of working itself out. Often times a lower seed can cause trouble. Seeding is based on records, nothing else.



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Sammi Lehr continues to make her presence felt down low for the Skippers.

"The tourney is the luck of the draw," LeVangie said. "Its strictly on wins and losses and some leagues are better than others so playing a team with a .500 record from a strong league can be a real tough game."

Cohasset hasn't had a record like this in LeVangie's five years at the helm, so expectations are high for the girls to make some noise.

Sticking to the basics should do the trick.

"Defense is our best attribute," LeVangie said. "We have held all but three teams under 30 points. Defense is so big in the tournament, it's a lot harder to get open shots."

The girls continue to work hard as a unit and they remain focused at the task in hand.

"They have a great attitude," LeVangie said. "From the Monday after Thanksgiving to today. They never look beyond the next game and it has worked. They improve week by week and that seems to be the key."

South Shore Umpires Association

The South Shore Umpires Association will hold training sessions for umpire candidates in room 305 at Braintree High School. Classes will be held Wednesdays, **Feb. 27** and **March 3, 5** and **12**. The exam will be held Wednesday, **March 19**. For information, contact Dom DiMare at 617-413-3851 or visit www.ssua.org.

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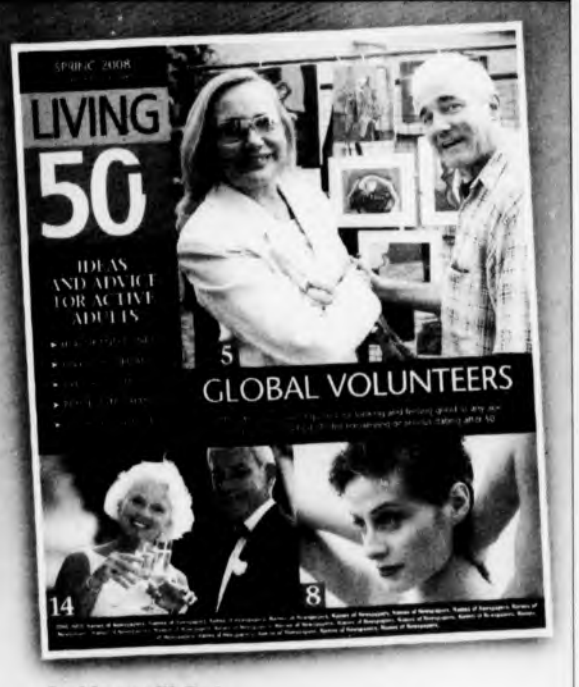
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Kaitlin Young of Pembroke, dressed in ancient Egyptian costume, looks over a string of beads that she used for barter in the Egyptian Market at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum in Cohasset. The South Shore Home Learners, which includes home-schooled children from area towns, sponsored the program.



Wearing her Egyptian headscarf and shawl, Hope Brown of Marshfield, immersed herself in the Egyptian Market that included children bartering their treasures, a hospital station, craft table, Egyptian tasting center and a display table.

Opening doors to Egypt

Our World hosts discovery program

Photos by Laura Sinclair



Jonah Young of Pembroke uses a screwdriver to drive a screw into a board at one of the Egyptian tool exhibits.



Kali Dexter of Pembroke looks over her "Webkin's" cards that she offered for trade during the Egyptian Market.



Victoria Bollendorf of Randolph gives out figs, dates, and other fruits and vegetables that were eaten by the Egyptians during the Egyptian Market program sponsored by South Shore Home Learners at Our World Museum.



Ashton Newton of Halifax uses a "shaduf" to raise a bucket of water. A shaduf was a common tool used in ancient Egypt. Ashton is part of the South Shore Home Learners, an area support group for home-schooled children.



Edward Peralta of Milton opens the Egyptian Market program with a brief history of ancient Egypt. The program was offered by the South Shore Home Learners and held at the Our World Museum in Cohasset.



Justin Conner of Kingston and Liam Sheedy of Quincy, use a "lever" to move a large brick. The "lever" was used in ancient Egypt to move heavy stone. The South Shore Home Learners has spent this session at Our World in Cohasset focusing on Egypt.

IT'S HAPPENING

Afternoon tea with author

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, will host an afternoon tea for author Anne Easter Smith at 2 p.m., on Sunday, March 9. Smith will be discussing "A Daughter of York," her book of historical fiction about Princess Margaret, a 15th century noble and sister to two kings, King Edward IV and Richard the III.

Life at court, either medieval or 20th century, is rich with detail and intrigue. People are fascinated by the details of fashion, food, ceremony and behavior. Smith's research allows her to recreate Margaret's life and successfully imagine characters who would have been among Margaret's confidantes. Smith grew up in England, Germany and Egypt. At age 24 she moved to the United States. Thirty years later, she is still in the U.S., but her love for English history remains. Her first book was "A Rose for the Crown," her fictionalized story about Richard III. Smith is a member of the Richard III Society and the Historical Novels Society. She currently lives in Newburyport.

This is a free event. Reservations are requested, and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

King's celebrates Daffodil Days

Spring fast approaches as indicated by the February launch of Daffodil Days, the uplifting fundraiser held each year by the American Cancer Society. A perennial supporter of this event, King Jewelers Inc. of Cohasset is busy with plans to participate in this worthy endeavor and work diligently as in years past to assist the Society in their charitable efforts.

This will mark the fifth year in which King's will participate in this program, having generated thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society's regional office during its annual events.

Beginning now through Feb. 29, King's will provide a location for customers, friends and members of the general public to go and place an order for bouquets of the spring flowers. For every two bunches purchased, King's will purchase a third bouquet until the first one hundred bunches have been acquired. Bouquets of cheery daffodils are available for $10 each and consist of 10 stems. One hundred percent of the proceeds generated from the sale of the blossoms is donated to the American Cancer Society.

Orders for the flowers will be accepted through Feb. 29 and the bouquets will be available to be claimed at the store on March 18. As has become an annual tradition, King Jewelers plans a Springtime Party on that day for the pleasure of all who visit to claim their flowers. As Daffodils represent hope and new beginnings, the jewelers choose to carry that theme further with displays of spring previews of new and fresh jewel collections, the introduction of new designers and entertaining activities ,all harbingers of the impending spring season.

According to Sarah Hanison of the regional office of the American Cancer Society, to her knowledge, King Jewelers' festive event is the only one of its nature to make participation in the Daffodil Days Celebration available to the general public. The staff at King Jewelers invites the public to come to the store, order flowers and return for the Spring celebration the week of March 18.

For further information please call Valerie King or Mary Jane Hanron: 617-771-0123 or visit the store's website: www.KingJewelersInc.com .

Active parenting course offered

First Parish Unitarian-Universalist Church, 23 North Main St., will offer a follow-up parenting course to one that is currently underway. The new course for parents of children 4 to 12, "Active Parenting Now," will be held in three sessions Wednesday, Feb. 27, and March 5 and 12, in the living room of the church. A choice of 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. or 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. will be offered.

Perhaps some parents have all the skills they need, but if the following phrases sound familiar to you, this program will be helpful: "Stop teasing your brother, " "Go ask your father," "One more story, but that's it," "Go to sleep now," "Did you clean your room yet," "Pick that up," and "For the last time, no!"

More than 1,000,000 parents have found "Active Parenting Now" entertaining and effective. It is a two-hour, fast moving three-session, video and discussion-based program that teaches both communication and discipline skills that eliminate the power struggle.

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First Parish Unitarian-Universalist in Cohasset sponsors these courses with financial assistance available through the Social Service League of Cohasset. The program is written by national parenting expert, Dr, Michael Popkin and will be facilitated by Jan Tedeschi of Norwell, known for her active parenting teaching.

The cost is $100 per person for First Parish members, $120 for non-members and a 25 percent discount will be offered for spouses attending the same program. To register, call Parish Administrator, Sandy Bailey, at 781-383-1100. For more information, visit www.askjantedeschi.com

Pianist in concert at St. Stephen's

St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset will be presenting New York pianist Elaine Kwon in recital on the Palm Sunday, March 16, at 3 p.m.. Prize-winning Kwon, DMA, has performed solo and chamber concerts throughout the US, Canada, and Asia. Most recent performances in New York include artist composed and choreographed productions and venues at the Angel Orensanz Theater and Lincoln Center, and a program at Carnegie Hall is in preparation. Dr. Kwon is an Affiliated Artist at MIT in Cambridge, and Ambassador of the Women's World Conference to be held in Bulgaria. Her website is www.elainekwon.com. Elaine has won many prizes in the area of Tai Kwon Do, and had appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show, as well as hosting her New York television series. Dr. Kwon is known for her clarity in performance and her great technical skill – this is a program not to miss!

The recital will be held in the Music Room at St. Stephen's and will be introduced by music director of the parish, David Baker. A reception will follow the program.

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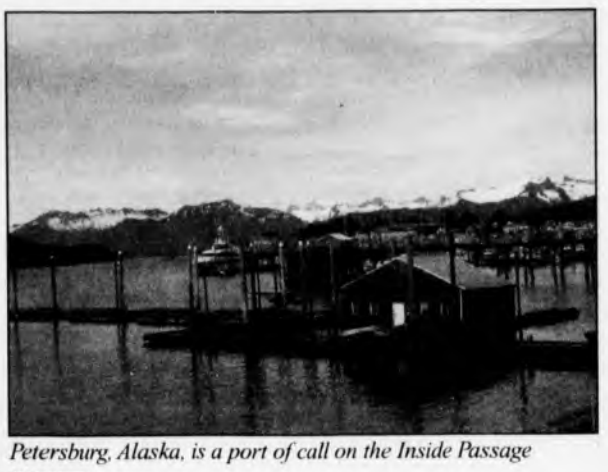
Cruise gets passengers up close and personal with Alaska

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Glacier viewing from Cruise West's Spirit of Yorktown.

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Petersburg, Alaska, is a port of call on the Inside Passage itinerary.

Aboard the Spirit of Yorktown - "Whale" someone shouts, and everyone rushes to the large windows that line the dining room's starboard side. You almost expect the small ship to tip over.

Out the window there's a hump and then a spout, practically at eye level.

And then there's a shout from the port side. And everyone rushes to the windows there, pushing dining chairs out of the way as they go, banging their cameras on the tableware.

The view is two killer whales, their backs distinctively black and white.

It is exciting and fabulous, until a lady seated on the port side declares, "Our whales are better than yours."

And the wildlife-viewing competition is on.Those of us on the starboard side head back to our tables to finish a fine meal but keep our binoculars at hand, just in case. The crowd - mostly active retirees but some younger folks as well - are all fired up.

You come onboard the 138-passenger Spirit of Yorktown to explore Alaska from the close-up vantage point of a comfortable small ship and it doesn't disappoint.

There are no casinos, no show productions, no spas and gyms. In fact, there is not even TV or Internet (bringing a good book to read is highly recommended). There is no need to dress up or make a fuss - pack your hiking boots, not your heels.

Most of the cabins are small and outfitted with twin beds (although four suites with queen-size beds and balconies were added in a fall refurbishment). And other than the lower-deck dining room and plentiful open deck space, the only other public room on the 257-foot ship is a big lounge with a bar in the corner that serves as a relaxation and conversational hub, and doubles as a snack venue and lecture hall with rangers and scientists and Native American speakers coming onboard.

And that is where the sights come in. On our week on the Yorktown's Inside Passage itinerary, from Juneau to Ketchikan, we spotted many whales, dozens of bald eagles and numerous other creatures of sea, sky and land. All wildlife sightings were recorded by the crew, a list posted daily.

There was even a giant brown bear that thrillingly stood on his feet to show us his full 10-foot height. We watched him through binoculars from the safety of our ship.

Come to Southeast Alaska and you quickly know where you are. And it is like no place else. What grabs you is both the vastness and how much of the land is protected - when President Jimmy Carter signed the act preserving national parks in Alaska, he doubled the size of the U.S. national parks system.

Most days on our Alaska cruise, passengers bundled up against the chill - summer temperatures can get down to the 40s - and spent time on the open decks trying to take everything in.

In the 3.3 million-acre Glacier Bay National Park, glaciers can shed Hilton Hotel-size chunks to a sound that has aptly been called "White Thunder." From a safe distance we were treated to a show and could feel the ripples under our ship as a mammoth piece of glacier loudly broke off and collided with the water.

Another day, Misty Fjords National Monument offered whales and views of giant granite rocks in a waterfront park the size of Connecticut.

Our crew was as enthusiastic about the sights as we were. Many were college students working their summer breaks. They were in Alaska to see as well as serve - even the bartenders kept binoculars close at hand so they wouldn't miss anything.

While there is a rush involved in group sightings, the experience on the Yorktown is not about adventure. There are short complimentary tours at each port, but if you want to get active, you need to do so on your own or on paid shore excursions at the ports.

I tried a thrilling Zipline excursion ($169 per person) in Juneau, strapping on a harness and literally zipping from platform to platform above the treetops of a rainforest, my gloved hand forming an ad hoc brake.

Later, near the historic Gold Rush town of Skagway, I hit a hiking trail that brought me far enough into the wilderness that I thought I spotted a wild wolf. Except on closer inspection the "wolf" turned out to be someone's dog. That sighting did not get written down.

There were opportunities to kayak including in stunningly scenic Haines, which is the kind of funky little Alaska town that must have influenced the TV show "Northern Exposure." There's even a bar where the lumberjacks hang out.

The ship also called at Sitka, which boasts a Russian heritage; the small fishing village of Petersburg, which prides itself on its Norwegian roots; and the Native Tsimshian village of Metlakatla (complimentary dance performances were offered at Petersburg and Metlakatla).

To be clear, the onboard pace of a Spirit of Yorktown cruise is slow. Organized entertainment and activities are nonexistent and there is no shipboard nightlife.

Still, there are your binoculars and the thrill of sightings to get you through the day.

GateHouse Media New England travel editor Fran Golden is co-author of "Frommer's Alaska Cruises & Ports of Call."

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Shop owner has a love for 'all things French'

La Petite Maison celebrates 10th anniversary

By Carol Britton Meyer
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It's not unusual for diners leaving the Square Café to step inside La Petite Maison next door.

Shared interior windows between the cafe and the French-inspired boutique offer restaurant patrons a birds-eye view of the eye-catching array of fine French linens, antiques, decorative accessories, French pottery, soaps, fragrances, and candles, French-made hand-braided lavender sachet ornaments, and baby gifts nestled into every nook and cranny.

Once inside, the sounds of French music and the scent of French soaps fill the air. "I have a love for all things French," said owner Nanette Walsh, who lives in Hingham and travels to France once a year.

The shop specializes in personal service and design consultation and draws customers from Hingham, Cohasset, Braintree, Weymouth, Scituate, Norwell, Duxbury, Milton, and other communities.

"Our offerings range from a $3.50 bar of French soap to bed ensembles," Walsh said. "Many of the items sold here are imported from France or have a French influence."

La Petite Maison is one of the leading shops south of Boston that specialize in French and other fine imported linens.

The boutique features handsomely dressed antique beds, lush Matouk towels, Yves Delorme bedding, elegant Juliska glassware, needlepoint pillows, and vintage silver and porcelain.

The recent addition of unique decoupage accessories by John Derian has met with enthusiasm. Derian uses unusual antique flower, fruit, and animal prints and centuries-old ledgers and letters that are reprinted and pieced together in layers to create collages under glass accessories. La Petite Maison is among the few shops that have been selected to carry the Derian line of plates, platters, and paperweights.

The shop also carries the exclusive "Atelier du Vieil Apt" line of marbleized pottery from Provence.

Walsh attributes the boutique's success to fine customer service. "We know our customers very well," she said. "Besides knowing their names and saying hello when they walk through the door, we also know what their favorite soap or candle is, what pattern their linens are, or what color towels they have," she said. "Customer service is first and foremost our specialty."

An example of this is the time when a rush order for some new bedding was made for a regular customer who needed it in time for a wedding that was taking place at her home. "It arrived on Saturday, the day of the wedding," Walsh recalled. "So I personally went to her house to make up the beds while the wedding ceremony was going on in their yard and placed mints on the pillows before I left. Needless to say, it was a pretty stressful situation that worked out well for everyone."

A broad range of services is offered to customers, from matching wallpaper in a bathroom to new towels and bath rugs to creating an entire bedroom ensemble. "We spend the time with our customers to ensure what they select is exactly what they want," Walsh said.

Located in the heart of Hingham Square at 142 North St., La Petite Maison has much to celebrate these days besides its expansion plans. That's because the shop recently received "Best Home Accessories South of Boston" awards from two leading magazines. "Boston" praised La Petite Maison as "the undisputed attention getter . . . brimming with French-inspired panache."



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One can find a number of French items in La Petite Maison in Hingham Square.



Nanette Walsh stands outside her store La Petite Maison that has been in Hingham Square for the past 10 years. La Petite Maison is expanding into the former Bowl & Board space and will now have 1750 square feet.

La Petite Maison has expansion plans

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This year marks Hingham Square's La Petite Maison's 10th anniversary, with plans to expand not only the size of the shop (to include the space most recently occupied by Bowl & Board after it was downsized a few years ago) but also its custom design activity.

Renovations to the new space, including opening up the wall in-between the current and new space and installing new lighting, began this month.

"I want to create a clean and fresh space in keeping with the current shop," said owner Nanette Walsh. She travels to France once a year on a combined pleasure and buying mission to shop the markets for unusual antique and decorative objects. She even offers travel advice upon request.

After leaving the corporate world a decade ago, Walsh, who frequented antique shows across New England, decided to open a shop with a French theme in downtown Hingham. This was based on a love of France cultivated during trips to the French countryside with her husband, Dan.

"I was looking for something exciting to do that would allow my creativity to flow," Walsh said. "I was nervous about opening up my first store, but with encouragement from family and friends I went for it."

With a small antique business already going, Walsh acted on her dream to own a shop with a French theme in late 1998 by opening La Petite Maison at 53 South St. in half of the 800-square foot space previously occupied by Maxwell's candy store. A woodcraft shop already occupied the other half.

Walsh's first sale was a piece of English china. Sometime later she sold the one bed she had room for in the small shop and then worried about getting another one right away to feature all her lovely fine linen – sheeting, duvets, coverlets, blankets, and bed skirts — "made from Egyptian cotton, which is the finest available – soft and luscious," Walsh said.

When the wood shop closed less than a year later, La Petite Maison expanded into that space because business was so good.

In 2003, La Petite Maison moved just around the corner to its current location at 142 North St. when Bowl & Board was downsized. This was about the same time the Square Café opened next door. The walls are painted in stripes of La Petite Maison's signature periwinkle blue and whimsical French motifs, and customers can see into the Square Café through a window in the dividing wall.

Incorporating the remainder of the former Bowl & Board space will increase the current space by 750 square feet, for a total of 1,750 square feet.

The design consultation area will be expanded to better meet customers' decorating needs, complete with worktable, hanging swatches, and color samples. Walsh plans to increase the staff and to offer one-on-one consultation.

Some new lines and items being added, including chandeliers and decorative furniture. The popular baby section, which features crib bedding, fine baby gifts, and the popular line of collectable German-made Steiff animals "that remind people of their childhood" will be expanded.

The new space will also include a "French Market" featuring market baskets and gourmet foods such as Dijon mustard, Provencal honey and jams, herbs from Provence, sea salts, Brittany butter cookies, and French teas.

Walsh shares the credit for the shop's success with her employees. Ann Logue, the assistant manager, has been working with Walsh for nine years. Mary McLellan, who has since retired, was with Walsh from the beginning and stayed on for five years.

La Petite Maison is among Cohasset resident Elaine Breslow's favorite shops. "In opening La Petite Maison, Nan was a pioneer in that there wasn't and isn't anything else like it in Hingham or on the South Shore," she said. "There's a nice selection of European linens and decorative accessories. When you walk in, you feel comfortable. There's no feeling of pressure. Besides, how many places can you shop and at the same time get advice on the best place to get a hot chocolate in Paris?! I really believe that Nan helped change the landscape of downtown Hingham to what it is today."

Once inside the shop, it's hard for customers to pull themselves away. When they finally leave, signs on the doors leading to North Street thank them for their business and invite them to come back again – "Merci, Au Revoir" and "Merci à bientôt." Who could resist?

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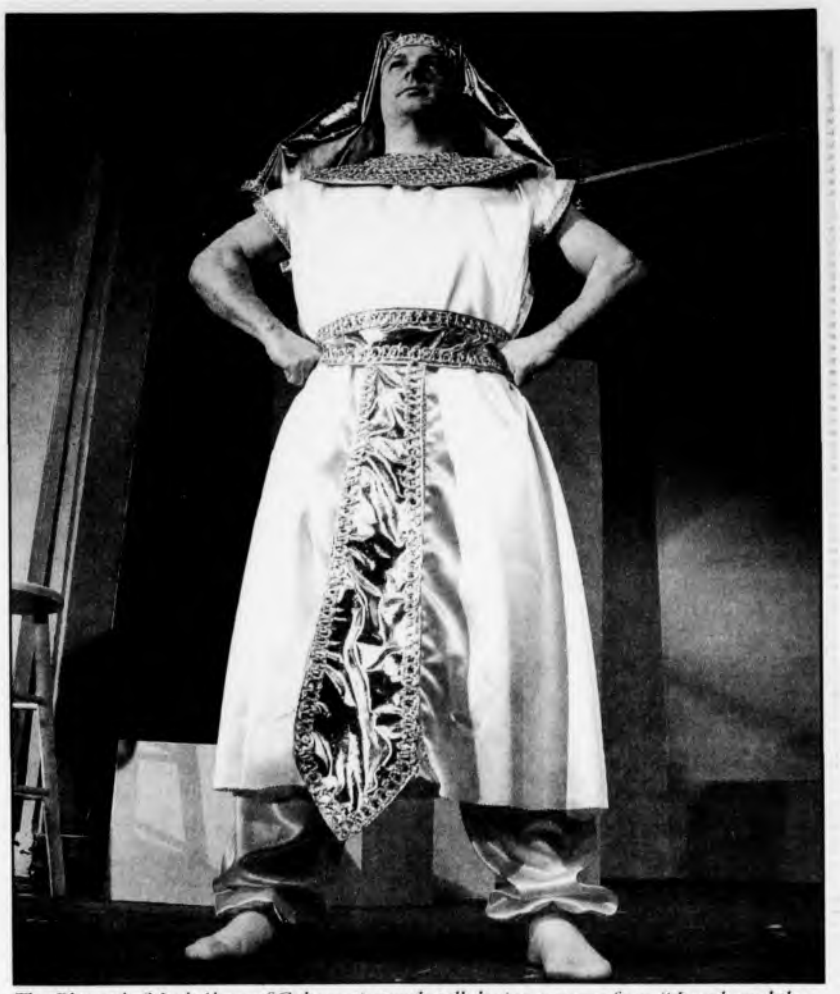
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The Pharoah (Mark Alves of Cohasset) is surrounded by the wives, from left. Jenna Neer of Cohasset, Debbie Carleton of Scituate, Jean DiGiacomendrea of Scituate, Laura Coletta of Cohasset, and Sharon White of Cohasset. The Cohasset Dramatic Club production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" opens Feb. 29 at Town Hall.



The Pharoah (Mark Alves of Cohasset) stands tall during a scene from "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." For tickets and information, call 617-697-2115.





(Left) Wealthy Landowner, Mr. Potiphar (Mark Chason of Hingham), looks out over the land in the Cohasset Dramatic Club production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Tickets are $14; $12 groups of eight or more. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Paperscapes in Cohasset Village, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115.

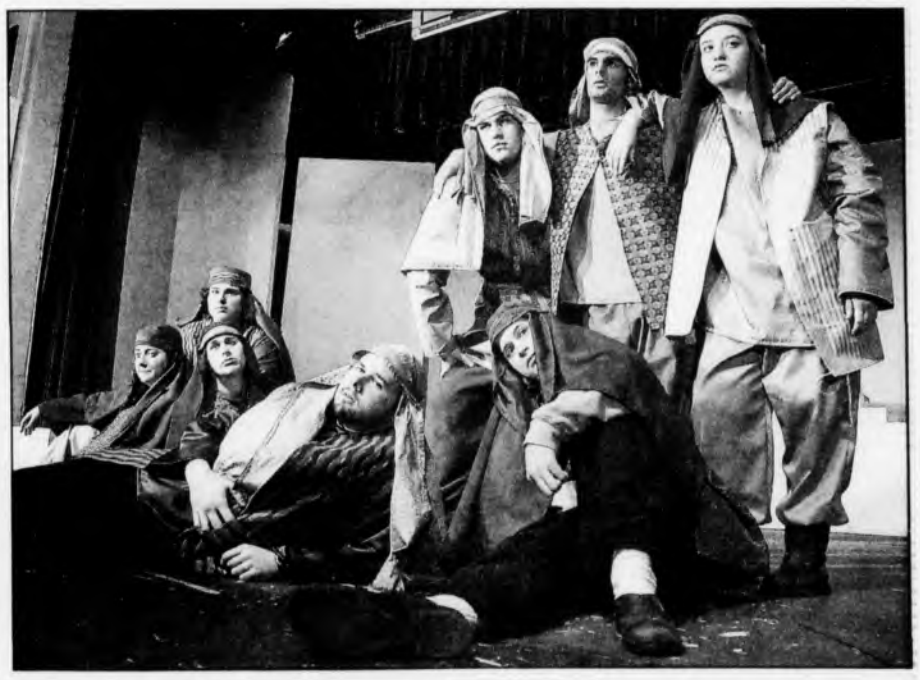
(Far left)Mrs. Potiphar (Sharon White of Cohasset) is the wife of a wealthy landowner as well as a seductress in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," a Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber musical.

(Bottom left) The Youth Ensemble is are full of excitement and color for the upcoming show. Front row form left: Faith Porter, Madison Pratt, both of Cohasset; Molly and Megan Rafferty of Scituate. Back row, from left: Grace Henderson of Scituate; Callie Piepenbrink and Julia Thompson, both of Cohasset; and Molly McLellan of Rockland. Middle row: Jack Duff of Scituate; Eric Daniels of Hull and Jessilyn Tassini of Scituate.

(Bottom right) The Brothers stand together, from left, Rick Chason of Scituate; Ellen Spadorcia of Weymouth; Denise Feeney of Abington; John Ferguson of Bridgewater; Ryan Barrow and Andrew Divitre, both of Cohasset; Logan Pratt of Cohasset; and Nicole DiRuzza of Quincy. Opening night will be Feb. 29, with shows on March 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15, at 7:30 p.m.; and March 2, 9 and 16, at 2 p.m., at Cohasset Town Hall auditorium, 41 Highland Ave.

Photos by Laura Sinclair









TELL US ABOUT YOUR
proudest mom moment

for a chance to win cool Mom prizes from

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MOODZ

Was it when your child offered to share his favorite teddy bear with a friend or when your daughter raised money for a local charity? Little or big achievements can make any mother proud.

One lucky mom will be randomly selected to win an All American Spa Day at **Moodz, Spa, Salon and Boutique** in Wayland ($270 value), a $200 gift certificate to **E.A. Davis** in Wellesley and a $100 gift certificate to **Home Trends** in Needham offering the best brands in home fashions.

ENTER TO WIN!

E-mail your entries to parentsandkids@cnc.com by April 6.
Or mail them to: **Parents and Kids, c/o Proud Mom Moments, PO Box 9113, Needham, MA 02492-9113.**
Remember to provide your name, hometown and contact information.

Submissions will be printed in the May issue of Parents and Kids as space allows.

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Youth Ministry to host family event

A special evening, sponsored by the St. Anthony and St. Paul Youth Ministry, will take place Saturday, March 1. There will be a presentation and reflection by the Youth Ministry group on last summer's trip to New Orleans and the upcoming trip to Louisville, Ken. See what the youth of both parishes are doing for those less fortunate.

This is sure to be an uplifting and fun event, so gather family and friends to attend. There will be food, silent auction and raffles.

For tickets and information, contact Bette Baker at 781-383-7310 or betbaker@Comcast.net; Lindsey Watson at 781-749-7310, boomerw@comcast.net; or youth minister Bill Mezzetti at 781-589-0911, billmezzetti@yahoo.com.

The Best & The Brightest

Braintree Forum, Cohasset Mariner, Duxbury Reporter, Hanover Mariner, Hingham Journal, Kingston Mariner, Marshfield Mariner, Norwell Mariner, Old Colony Memorial, Pembroke Mariner & Reporter, Plymouth Bulletin, Scituate Mariner, Wareham Courier, Weymouth News

We know there are many bright, talented and caring young adults in our communities, and this year, a special section entitled "The Best & The Brightest" will appear in the COHASSET MARINER to celebrate their accomplishments.

Please help us find these remarkable teens and young adults by filling out the nomination form on this page. You can nominate an individual between the ages of 16 and 21 who, you believe, deserves to be honored, whether it be for academic achievement, volunteerism, athletics, artistic acumen or the pursuit of excellence in another field. Here's your opportunity to get involved.

You can bring the form to the Community Newspaper Company office at 182 Standish Ave., Plymouth, MA 02360 or mail the form to Beth Doyle, or fax the form to 508-591-6601.

All entries will be considered by a selection panel, and successful nominees will be interviewed and photographed. During the week of May 26th, Community Newspaper Company will include "The Best & The Brightest," a special section devoted to sharing as many of the stories and photographs of those nominated as possible.











The Best & The Brightest

Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Birthdate / Age (16-21): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Names of Parents: _____

Nominee's School: _____

Grade Level: _____

Major Academic Interest: _____

College or Career / Occupation Plans: _____

Athletic Activities (Optional): _____

School Activities: _____

Community Service: _____

Awards & Honors: _____

Hobbies & Interests: _____

Employed by: _____

Quote About Nominee: _____

Nominated By: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Telephone: _____

Please fill out form & return to Community Newspaper Company

Please direct questions to Beth Doyle at 508-591-6620

Don't put it off... Send us your nomination today.
The deadline for the receipt of nominations is Monday, March 31, 2008.

Mail entries to: Best & Brightest
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POLICE/FIRE TERMS

ACO -Animal Control Officer
ALS - Transport, Ambulance Transporting - Advanced Life Support (High level of care with paramedics administering drugs)
BLS Transport - Ambulance Transporting, Basic Life Support (Usually not life threatening)
BOLO - Be On the Look Out
BT - Breath Test (having to do with liquor offenses)
CID - Criminal Investigation Division (Cohasset Detectives)
D/K - Drunk
E1 - E4 - Cohasset Fire Engines
GOA- Gone on Arrival
HQ - Headquarters
Juvenile -Person under the age of 17
L1 - Cohasset Fire Ladder Truck
LEAPS/NCIC - Police Computer System (National)
ME - Medical Examiner
M/V - Motor Vehicle
OIC - Officer in Charge
OUI - Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)
PC - Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody - not a criminal charge)
PI - Personal Injury
PT - Patient
QMC - Quincy Medical Center
R3 - Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)
RMV -Registry of Motor Vehicles
RO - Restraining Order
S/P - Suspicious Person
SSH - South Shore Hospital
WMS - Warrant Management System (Name for Massachusetts computer system that holds arrest warrants)

Help available from 'Are You OK?' program

An 84-year-old Weymouth woman remained under observation at South Shore Hospital recently after an officer from Norfolk County Sheriff Michael G. Bellotti's "Are You OK?" program summoned emergency help when the woman failed to answer her daily morning phone call.

The "Are You OK?" officer notified a neighbor who tried to enter the woman's home to check on her, but found the door bolted. The officer then called the police, who forced their way inside and found the woman sitting in a back room of the home in which she lived by herself. She was disoriented and was helped into an ambulance to be taken to South Shore Hospital, where she remains under observation.

This episode marked the 54th "save" for "Are You OK?" officers since Bellotti introduced the program and made it available at no cost to all Norfolk County residents in 2001.

"Time and time again, this program helps families avoid potentially tragic situations by getting medical care to elderly people living alone whose problems might otherwise go unnoticed," Bellotti said.

Each morning, "Are You OK?" officers place nearly 300 phone calls to elderly Norfolk County residents who live by themselves. The daily well-being check helps ensure their safety and provides peace of mind to program participants as well as their children and younger loved ones.

For more information about "Are You OK?" or to sign up for the free program, call a program officer at 781-751-3504.

Heating safety during winter months

To help keep our community safe and warm this season, the Cohasset Fire Department recommends that you follow these heating guidelines:

- Space heaters need space. Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- Turn portable heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug power cords only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.
- Inspect for cracked, frayed or broken plugs or loose connections. Replace before using.
- Have your chimney inspected each year and cleaned if necessary.
- Use a sturdy fireplace screen.
- Allow ashes to cool before disposing. Dispose of ashes in a metal container.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home – when one sounds, they all sound. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.

With simple precautions, help the fire department meet its goal of decreasing home-heating fires this winter.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, FEB. 11

12:19 a.m. **Brook St.**, motor vehicle stop, motor vehicle parked on the side of the road. No one around.

6:52 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, fire.

7:09 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, downed tree, tree branch in the roadway. DPW notified.

7:34 a.m. **Holly Lane**, downed tree, caller reports tree limb on wires. Nation Grid notified.

8:56 a.m. **Elm St.**, prisoner transport, officer transporting 2 males to Quincy District Court.

8:57 a.m. **Elm St.**, prisoner transport, officer transporting 1 male to Quincy District Court.

10:16 a.m. **School Buildings**, building checks, officer reports building checks secure.

10:49 a.m. **Ash St.**, medical aid, investigated.

11:10 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:43 p.m. **Rockland St., Hingham**, bolo announcement. Hingham PD is looking for a motor vehicle that hit a sign on Rockland Street with front-end damage.

1:02 p.m. **South Main St.**, missing person, caller would like to see an officer regarding a missing person. Officer still looking into this case, report to follow.

2:59 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports a large work truck and trailer parked right on the curve blocking the road.

3:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, alarm company reports alarm activation. Caller from the business reports they have lost power due to the pole and wires on fire down the street. Units report they are investigating at this time, an electrical smell in the pump room Units at this location report everything checks out o.k.

3:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, outside, 911 callers reporting a pole fire at this location. E3 tied up at this scene with a pole fire from a large limb on the wires. National Grid notified. Units report pole fire and about 200 yards of live wire is down across the road.

3:15 p.m. **Woodland Drive**, lock-out/lock-in, caller reports resident is locked out of her house.

3:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports they have lost power and people are stuck in the elevators.

4:16 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/roll over, call directly into Fire HQ for a truck on its side at this location. Caller reports there are no injuries, but possible fluids leaking. E1 reports there is approximately 5-10 gallons of hydraulic fluid that has leaked from the truck at this time, E1 using speedy dry and pads. S1 enroute with three bags of speedy dry. D.E.P. notified. Officer reports the truck and the container has been pulled off its side and is now upright. Command reports the truck and container have been removed from the scene.

4:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, E3 investigating. E3 responding to a medical. E3 reports the power has been turned back on.

4:43 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:42 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, suspicious person, walk in party reports a male who looks to be in his 60's has been hanging around the area all day. She reports he is now in the area of the train tracks at the above location and isn't wearing heavy clothing. She is concerned he may be missing from somewhere.

6:11 p.m. **Howard Gleason Rd.**, well being check. Caller requests a check on his father, who he has been trying to reach and the phone is off the hook. On a call back from the call, he reports he has his father on the phone. There is no problem.

6:19 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, caller reports he has a broken water pipe that is flooding his den and bedroom. Water Dept. and wiring inspector has been notified and are responding.

TUESDAY, FEB. 12

1:24 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:31 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

4:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, transport citizen.

7:23 a.m. **Sohier St.**, caller states the gates at Sohier Street did not come down. MBTA notified.

7:40 a.m. **King St.**, icy road conditions.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, light wind, 17.

9:05 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, fire detail at this location reports a high-pressure gas line break. Captain reports he is taking command, all units tied up. Keyspan has been notified. Units checking homes. Fire command reports no homes evacuated.

9:40 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:28 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid.

10:43 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports she just arrived home and has a very strong odor of gas in the house. Caller was advised to leave the house with her dog. Keyspan on scene.

2:07 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:09 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

2:24 p.m. **Spring St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports it smells like something is burning in the house. Captain reports holding on companies on the scene. Investigating an odor in the basement. Boiler has been shut down, service tech enroute.

3:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, several 911 callers reporting a motor vehicle drove into the bank. Officers requesting building inspector to the scene.

4:41 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

4:47 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Cedar Acres Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:04 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Forest Ave.**, animal complaint, white Husky with red collar seen running around.

5:06 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:24 p.m. **Washington St.**, bolo announcement from Quincy PD. Approximately 4:56 p.m. today, at 230 Washington Street in Quincy, a white male approximately 50-years-old wearing a white long sleeve shirt with a black vest and dark hair forced a white female with brown hair approximately 50-years-old to an ATM at knife point and then into a silver Ford Explorer. Unknown registration and unknown direction of travel.

6:56 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

9:42 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports she had slid into a guardrail, she reports there are no injuries.

10:44 p.m. **Elm St., and South Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

1:08 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10 a.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports she has had a squirrel in her house for two days and it is now running around her attic. ACO was notified and will be calling this party.

10:08 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid.

11:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:51 a.m. **Jericho Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, Scituate Fire requests R3 for a car into a pole.

1:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, well being check, caller reports an elderly female walking down 3A Northbound towards the Hingham line, wearing a beige jacket with a hood. Caller was concerned because of the weather.

4:14 p.m. **Cedar St.**, property damage, caller reports one of the school buses just backed into a fire hydrant.

4:47 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports the entire building is flooding due to the rain. The water is starting in the top apartment and going down to the bottom apartment inside. Fire Capt. requesting the DPW as well as National Grid.

5:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, hazard (traffic). Lt. reports 3A is completely flooded at this time causing traffic concerns and is a safety hazard. Mass Highway notified.

5:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports his son's vehicle has broken down in the middle of 3A.

5:45 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports his basement is flooding and the water is going into the furnace and electrical board.

5:48 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports his basement is flooding and cannot find the shut off to his power.

5:57 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Linden Drive**, hazard (traffic), 911 caller reports 2 vehicles broken down from the flooding about 2 feet of water. Officer reports 2 vehicles disabled at this time, police cannot access because of the height of the water.

6:04 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports about 2 feet of water in the basement.

6:29 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Jerusalem Road Drive**, motor vehicle stop. Female party in custody at this time for OUI. Arrest: Deborah Marie Coleman, 53, 11 Holly Lane, Cohasset. Charges: OUI of liquor (2nd offense), negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, speeding in violation of special regulation.

8:41 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports his basement is flooded.

8:53 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, suspicious vehicle, caller requests to speak with an officer regarding a suspicious vehicle that was hanging around his house. Vehicle was described as a silver medium sized Taurus.

9:56 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports his carbon monoxide detector is going off. Resident was advised to wake his young children and exit the house.

10:27 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

10:34 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:35 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist other town agency. Sewer Commissioners into HQ requesting help sending out a connect-city message regarding sewerage overflow at the Elm Street sewer plant. Lt. assisted them in sending out message. Any calls regarding sewer overflow should be directed to Sewer Department. Drinking water is safe per Sewer Dept.

11:20 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, investigation.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

1:26 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building appears secured.

6:19 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Stephen D. Lydon, 23, 3 North Main St., #6, Cohasset. Charges: Operating motor vehicle with suspended license, operating motor vehicle with suspended registration, uninsured motor vehicle.

6:33 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:03 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, fire, detail, S1 clear of the detail per LM Holdings, they cannot work due to flooding.

8:40 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, hazard (traffic), the gates have been down for about five minutes and no train has come through. MBTA has been notified of this.

9:18 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

9:21 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, property (recovered), wallet brought into HQ.

10:02 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:43 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports a party's motor vehicle has been taken from the parking lot. Plate and description given out to all towns and put over Bapern 3. Motor vehicle located in parking lot, all towns notified.

4:19 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports there is a vehicle parked on the wrong side of the road causing a traffic hazard – lost contact with caller, no further information. Officer reports vehicle has flat tire. Officer reports owner of vehicle is changing tire at this time.

5:41 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard (traffic), officer reports at above location – lights flashing ad gate going up and down – train already went through. Contacted MBTA – they will check into it.

6:26 p.m. **Border St.**, icy road conditions, black ice in the area. Officer reports there is water on the side of the road, but no ice.

7:33 p.m. **Border St.**, icy road conditions, officer reports road is starting to ice over. Contacted DPW.

9:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid.

9:29 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a German Shepard running loose at above location.

11:12 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

FRIDAY, FEB. 15

5:48 a.m. **Holly Lane**, suspicious vehicle, caller states there is a motor vehicle "sitting at the beginning of the road."

6:47 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, windy, 35.

8:45 a.m. **Oak St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

9:20 a.m. **King St.**, fire, public assist, caller reports a resident needs 2 rings cut off.

10:45 a.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement from Braintree PD. Pick up, color black, vehicle was just stolen in a house break.

10:46 a.m. **Parking Way**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:51 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a gas line was broken through at this location. Keyspan notified, responding. Fire command reports a bad break at this location.

11:27 a.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports an elderly female has broken down in the middle of the intersection.

1:01 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle theft, caller from Florida reports his vehicle has been stolen from his garage at this address in Cohasset. OIC investigating attempting to get full story still at this time. Units going to this residence again for further investigation. Vehicle has been entered as stolen at this time and administrative message has been put out to surrounding communities. Vehicle is not being reported stolen now at this time.

1:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid.

2:42 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:57 p.m. **Mount Pleasant Ave., Hull**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

7:06 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious vehicle.

7:48 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports her vehicle was egged – caller didn't want to make a report, she wanted PD aware of this traffic.

9:25 p.m. **Pond St., and Buttonwood Lane**, suspicious activity, officer reports out with group of kids. Officer reports group has been sent on their way – they are from Scituate.

9:36 p.m. **Smith Pl., and Cushing Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:51 p.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

1:06 a.m. **King St.**, open door/window, open gate. Property checks secure.

1:59 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, medical aid.

2:43 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:50 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

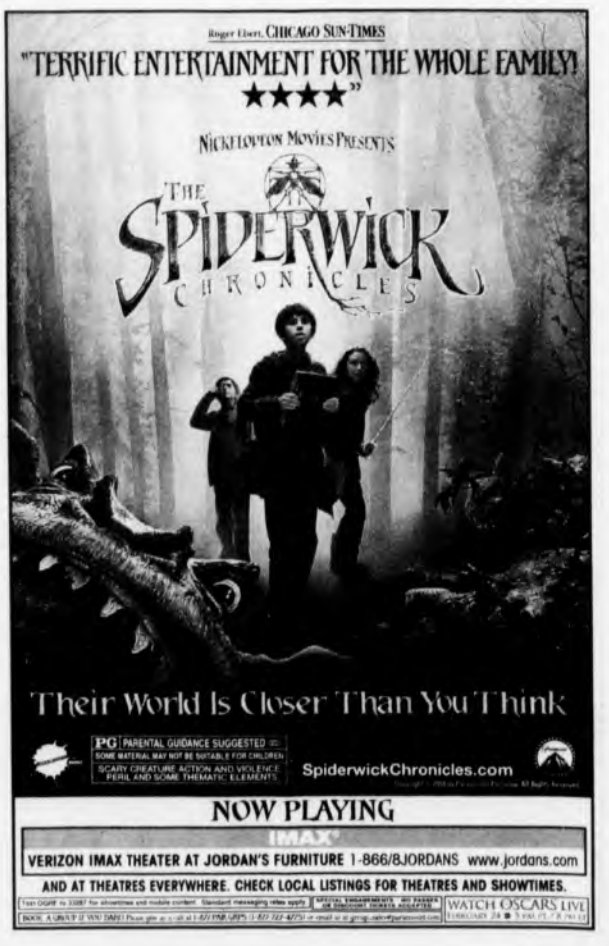
10:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, icy road conditions, officer reports there is a large area of ice on 3A just north of King Street. Mass Highway notified, they will respond and sand.

10:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

11:20 a.m. **Oak St.**, arrest, officers out with a male party that has an active warrant. Male is in custody at this time. Arrest: Ray Paul Gillis, 32, Homeless, last known address is Scituate. Warrant is "No Bail" held for long weekend. Charges: WMS warrant.







OBITUARIES

Betty Lou Pearce

Loved home, family, cooking

Betty Lou (Priestley) Pearce, 84, of Cohasset, died Feb. 15, 2008, of a stroke.

Born in Kansas and brought up in Florida, where her southern charm captured her husband at first glance, she studied to be a teacher at Florida State Women's College, now Florida State University. Ever since, she enjoyed debate and was a member of the Discussion Club. She was filmed in a Tarzan movie with Johnny Weismuller while working for Wakulla Springs in Florida before World War II.

Mrs. Pearce was a member of Cohasset Yacht Club for decades. She also enjoyed gardening and was a member of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset for some years. She was an avid tennis player, skier and bowler until she suffered her first stroke in 1993.

Her family will miss her cooking, through which, she expressed her love and sense of elegance and balance in taste. Her graceful touch enlivened all she befriended.

Wife of 58 years of the late Mauran "Pete" Pearce Jr., she leaves her children, Kathy of San Francisco, Calif., Mitchell of San Jose, Calif., Peter of Cohasset and Elizabeth of Sea Cliff, Long Island, N.Y.; her daughters-in-law, Ansley and Maggie; and her grandchildren, Douglas, Nathan and Lucas.

A celebration of her life was held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset. Arrangements by McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home.



Betty Lou Pearce

Memorial donations may be made to South Shore Hospital Foundation, 55 Fogg Road, Weymouth, MA 01290-2455.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

Johanna Walker

Member of St. Mary Church

Johanna (Henken) Walker, 86, of Scituate, died Feb. 17, 2008, at her home following a long illness.

Born in Patterson, N.J., Mrs. Walker was raised in Ridgewood, N.J., and graduated from Ridgewood High School and completed training to be a medical technician at Bergin Pines Hospital. She lived in Skaneateles, N.Y., before moving to Scituate 49 years ago.

Mrs. Walker managed a pharmaceutical lab in Ridgewood before retiring to raise her children. She enjoyed playing the piano, spending time with her family and friends, gardening, birds, cooking and dogs. She had been active with the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts in Scituate, and was a member of St. Mary Church.

She leaves her husband of 66 years, Stuar D. Walker; her children, Andrew D. Walker of Cohasset, Tracy A. Wyman of Goffstown, N.H., and Matthew D. Walker of Methuen; her sister, Lena Willis of Brooksville, Fla.; nine. grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral was held from Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Nativity Church, Scituate. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Scituate.

Memorial donations may be made to Scituate Etrusco, 1 Common St., Scituate, MA 02066 and/or Pine Street Inn, 1754 Beacon St., Brookline, MA 02445.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.mem.com.

WORSHIP NEWS



COURTESY PHOTO

The Rev. Mpho A. Tuto speaks at the abbey on Feb. 28.

R Reverend Tutu at inter-religious series

The Glastonbury Abbey continues its inter-religious lecture series, "Listening to Other Voices – Prophets of Compassion: Who Cares," with the Rev. Mpho A. Tuto, who will present "Pilgrims on this Earthly Journey: We Who Must Care," at 7:15 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28, in the Glastonbury Conference Center at 16 Hull St. in Hingham.

The Rev. Mpho A. Tutu has taught, studied, ministered and preached in a variety of venues as diverse as Worcester and Grahamstown, South Africa. At varying times, she has worked with children, seminarians, mothers, and rape survivors and their families. From her personal experience, she knows well the matter of pilgrims, and those who must care. An Episcopal priest, she now serves as Assisting Priest at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. She is the founder and Executive Director of the Tutu Institute for Prayer and Pilgrimage. Daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, she served for five years as the director of the Bishop Desmond Tutu Southern African Refugee Scholarship Fund to provide full four-year college scholarships to refugees from South Africa and Namibia.

Reservations are recommended. For more information or to make reservations, call 781-749-2155. The lecture series is free, however donations are gratefully accepted. For more information on Glastonbury Abbey, visit www.glastonburyabbey.org.

Program on Israel at Sha'aray Shalom

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom and AIPAC invite the public to a special adult education program featuring Yaakov Katz, military correspondent and defense analyst for the Jerusalem Post, at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 28, at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham. Refreshments will be served.

Katz's presentation will focus on Israel's security situation a year after the Lebanon War, and Israel's current strategic assessments with a particular look at the threats from Syria, Iran and Hezbollah. Katz's presentation will also tackle the differences between Israel and United States intelligence on the Iranian threat, and Israel's various options. This is of particular importance given the recent release of the threat assessment concerning Iran's nuclear program.

Register by Monday, Feb. 25, by calling the temple office at 781-749-8103 or by emailing CSSADM@AOL.COM.

St. Joseph Retreat Center schedule of events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, is hosting the following upcoming programs:

- Sunday, Feb. 24, Day of Prayer for Men and Women Living with HIV.
- Feb. 29 through March 2, At-Home Retreat. Make a retreat in the midst of one's lived reality and come to St. Joseph Retreat Center each day for a 45-minute individual meeting to share prayer.
- March 7 through 9, "Behold Your Life." Lenten retreat weekend to rest, reflect and journal with memories.
- Wednesday, March 12, Morning of Prayer, "Do Not Be Afraid."
- March 20 through 23, Triduum Retreat from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday.

For more information and to register, visit csjretreatcenter or call or call 781-383-6024.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Bible Study series continues on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Practical Christianity. Some Christians commonly view the Old Testament as a storybook-full of fascinating tales, yet ancient and irrelevant to modern reality. This exceptional 10-week study from *Insight For Living* with *Chuck Swindoll* will help you blow the dust off these timeworn chronicles and discover enduring truths that relate directly to you, while translating into reliable patterns for godly living. Experience familiar passages as never before, and find fresh inspiration in the memorable scenes revisited. Follow the examples of faithful Old Testament heroes such as Abraham, Joseph, David, and many others as you learn to apply timeless biblical principles to your everyday life. Please join us.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Feb. 24

8 a.m. - Circle Ministry in the Parish House/Atkinson Room - Group led by Bill Baird and Kirk Jackisch and meeting 2nd and 4th Sundays)

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – "The Oldest Profession"

Religious education classes for toddlers, children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish House directly after the service and RE classes.

The Cohasset Food Pantry needs filling! Hunger and spare resources are realities on the South Shore! Suggested items are: concentrated juices, beef stew, spaghetti sauce, clam chowder, tissues, shampoo, and dish and laundry detergent. You'll find baskets awaiting your items in the entry to our Parish House at 23 North Main Street. Thank you for sharing!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday morning. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately follow the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

Lent began Feb. 6th with a 7:30pm Ash Wednesday service in the chapel. Our Lenten Study Group, Positive Thinking… Priceless, began at 6:30 on Wednesday Feb. 13th. Bring you own brown bag supper and we will provide beverages/desserts as we view the DVD "The Secret" by Rhonda Byrne.

Our following meetings will take place on Feb. 27th and March 3rd at 7pm as we explore "A Complaint Free World" by Will Bowen. The same brown bag format with beverages/desserts will be provided. Books will be available at Buttonwood Books. A Seder Meal in a Christian context will be offered on Sunday March 16th at 5pm (call for reservations). Holy Week and Easter services will begin with a Maundy Thursday traditional Tenebrae service (with Communion) at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Easter Sunday March 23rd will offer a choice of three services: 7:30 am Sunrise at Sandy Beach (dress casually and warmly), 9:15am in the sanctuary (intergenerational with children's musical performances), 11 am in the sanctuary (traditional service with adult choir).

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083 or visit our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org to see our calendar of events or learn more about the parish. Our parish interim priest is Rev. Dr. Edward C. Kienzle. The interim assistant is Colette Wood.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites you to join us this Advent.

We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. To learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

Sunday Services at 8 am and 10 am

Wednesday healing service with Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30 am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091. 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 379 Gardner St. Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination: Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m.–3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.–2 p.m.



Legal Notices

SCHOOL BUDGET

LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING ON COHASSET PUBLIC SCHOOLS
F.Y. 2009 SCHOOL BUDGET

There will be a public hearing on the F.Y. 2009 School Budget on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Committee Meeting Room/Central Office at the Cohasset Middle-High School, located at 143 Pond Street, Cohasset. A copy of the budget will be available, on March 3, 2008 for review in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools located at 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA.

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 7:30PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §9.7.8 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Cathy and Matthew Witkos**, seek to construct an addition and a two car garage in the flood plain at **69 Elm Street**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08-02-12..

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To Place A Legal Ad Call Mary (781) 433-7902





TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

FEBRUARY 21-29, 2008



BEST BET

L-R front row: Ellen Spadorcia, Weymouth, Logan Pratt, Cohasset, Denise Feeney, Abington, back row: Mark Alves, Ryan Barrow, Andrew DeVitre, all of Cohasset, Richard Chason, Hingham, Tony Light, Rockland.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat The colorful story of Joseph and his coat of many colors as told through the musical score and lyrics of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber presented by: Dates: Feb. 29, March 1, 7, 8, 14, 15 at 7:30 p.m. March 2, 9, 16 at 2 p.m. Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, Cohasset. Tickets $14, $12 groups of 8 or more. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Ticket also available at the door.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, Feb. 21

Braintree Art Association will meet Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. **John Nutter** will demonstrate pastels. 781-335-4675.

The North River Arts Society presents the artwork of **Tatiana Yanovskaya** at the Ventress Library Gallery, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield, through March 7.

Three Columns Gallery, Mather House, Harvard University, 10 Cowperthwaite St. Cambridge, **Panoramic Landscape Photographs**: an exhibit of color photographs by **Mike Sleeper.** Feb. 16 to March 17. Opening reception with the artist Feb. 21, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. 781 424 7018.

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local businesses in the South Shore area. They meet on the first Thursday of each month at their new meeting location at Advanced Mortgage in335 Washington St. (Rte. 53) in Norwell from 5to 6pm, and on the third Thursday of each month at Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m., lunch is extra. For information, email info@network4success.org or visit http://www.network4success.org for meeting information, news on our membership, and our upcoming events

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 21, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Foodie's Market, 46 De4pot St,. Duxbury. **Tasting** Feb. 23 noon to 2 p.m. Niel's Jamaican Hot and Sweet Pepper Sauces. 781-934-5544.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 21, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Medicine Man with Greg Miller Blues Jam open mic** 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com /satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Feb. 22

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 22 **Mother Focus Party Band** 781-829-6999.

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree Five Corners, Feb. 22, 9 p.m. **Comedy Show** featuring **Paul Keenan** along with **Annette Pollack, Jay Margaca, Mike Bobek, Alicia Love** and **Jason Marcus**, hosted by **Matt McArthur**. Advance reservations requested by calling 781-848-0300. imbossteakandfin .com or www.myspace.com/annettepollack

New England Singles Dance Feb. 22, 8 p.m. to midnight. Moseley's On The Charles, 50 Bridge St., Dedham, 70's, 80's, 90's Music. DJ. light buffet. $12.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance. Feb. 22, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. Dancing with music by Award-winning DJ from 8:30 p.m. to midnight Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $10 before 9. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended. Information: 781-446-0234, www.se-4u.com.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its belated Valentines dance Feb. 22, with DJ: Rick Walsh from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central Street, Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Fine dancing, music, refreshments, door prize, cash bar. Information: 781-331-0021, www.southshoresingles.org

The Vine European Style Wine Bar, 18 Main St., extension lower level, Plymouth Feb. 22, **Dave Yaegar** 508-830-1942.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 22, **Tom Enright Band with Bobby Christina** 9:15 p.m. for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, Feb. 23

ARTSFEST 2008 at Kennedy's Country Gardens, 85 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Route 3, Scituate. Feb. 23 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. View works of art, photography, pottery, basket weaving, vintage jewelry and more by local artisans. Free refreshment samples by local businesses. Information: Information: www.kennedys countrygardens.com or 781-545-1266.

Foodie's Market, Duxbury, **Tasting** Feb. 23, noon to 2 p.m. Niel's Jamaican Hot and Sweet Pepper Sauces. 781-934-5544, ext. 21.

Joe's American Bar and Grill, 2087 Washington St., Hanover, Feb. 23, **Bag Full of Blues** 781-878-1234

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. Feb. 23, **Jesse and The Rippers** 781-849-7007.

The Vine European Style Wine Bar, 18 Main St., extension lower level, Plymouth Feb. 23, **Judy Pavadore and Paul Colarusso** (country blues, classic rock) 508-830-1942.



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Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and conductor Jin Kim present a Discovery Concert at the Inly School in Scituate on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. On the theme of Clowning Around the Orchestra, the concert features two special guests: clowns Dr. Gonzo and Dr. Mal Adjusted, from Big Apple Circus, Circus to Go! Along with young professional Atlantic Symphony musicians, the clown doctors will take the audience on a fun-filled tour of classical music and the instruments in an orchestra. Be ready for some surprises (and some red noses!)The program consists of an hour of festive classical music with a circus twist, followed by an Instrument Showcase, where the audience can meet the musicians (and the clowns) and check out their instruments up close. Tickets: $20 adults, $15 seniors, $8 youth through age 18. Call 781-740-5694 to reserve, or order online at www.atlanticsymphony.org

The Painted Ladies art exhibit opens on Feb. 29

What do you get when you combine four award-winning female artists all with a sense of humor, fun, and an affinity for puns?

"The Painted Ladies" — artists Susan Benoit and Maria Hopkins of Duxbury, Gayle Loik of Hanover, and Heidi Mayo of Plymouth come together to bring you an eclectic feast of fine art at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane (just off Rte 123), Norwell, Feb. 29 through April 5, 2008. Meet the artists at an opening reception on Sunday, March 2, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Complementing one another, but each with her own unique style, they are masters (or better yet, mistresses) of their palettes with pastels, watercolor, acrylic, photography and mixed media, creating a cornucopia of works from *plein air* landscapes to still lifes, portraits, architectural and abstract art. Free admission. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information call Susan Benoit at 339-832-0046.

The Painted Ladies met while working with local pastel artist Donna Rossetti-Bailey. Among them, they share techniques and tips picked up in workshops and classes with renowned artists such as Albert Handell, Liz Haywood-Sullivan, Maggie Price, Dick McEvoy, and Doug Dawson. Their memberships include Duxbury Art Association, Plymouth Guild for the Arts, North River Arts Society, Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod, South Shore Arts Center, and others. Over the years, all four have enjoyed the honors of numerous awards and works exhibited in juried shows.



Susan Benoit, Gayle Loik, Heidi Mayo and Maria Hopkins are the Painted Ladies.

Susan Benoit paints in both acrylics and pastels, though her training included graduate work in oils, printmaking and design. After many years as an interior designer, Susan appreciates the luxury of time to return to fine art. "Capturing the play of light and shadow is both a challenge and a pleasure, both here on the South Shore and in my travels," says Susan. Landscape and archi-tecture are her favorite subjects. www.susanbenoit.com

Gayle a. Loik paints watercolors and pastels. After 25 years in fashion and commercial art, she now enjoys creating fine art and teaching adults and children at the Pembroke Library and Michael's Arts and Crafts. Gayle says, " I love to paint anything and everything!" artngayle1@aol.com

Maria Hopkins is a talented photographer and pastel painter who creates beautiful fine art note cards from her photos and paintings. Maria says, "I have a passion for pastels; I love the immediacy, how I can push them around on the paper, and especially painting landscapes en plein air." Maria's studio is in the Wright Building in Rockland. wellnotedartcards.blogspot.com

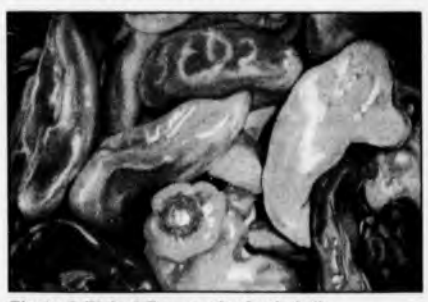
Heidi Mayo, pastels and mixed media, attended classes at Vesper George School of Art in her youth and has been doing art of one kind or another ever since. She teaches pastel painting to adults and children privately and for the Plymouth Guild. Heidi loves painting landscapes *en plein air* and teaching her students to, "Put the brain down, pick the pastels up, and let the divinity of creation flow through you." www.heidimayo.com



Tuscan Jug by Susan Benoit



Golden Bay by Maria Hopkins



Plenty O Picked Peppers by Gayle Loik



Matthew's Rhody by Heidi Mayo

Sunday, Feb. 24

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 23, **Blind Billy and the Spectacles** 9:15 p.m. for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce invites all brides of the South Shore to attend the third annual **PACC Wedding Showcase** held at **Indian Pond Country Club**, 60 Country Club Way in Kingston, on **Feb. 24,** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission for the Wedding Showcase is $7, if pre-registered and $9 at the door. All guests may visit www.paccweddingshowcase.com for their special two for one Showcase Admission Coupon.

James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St in Norwell. Four Boston area poets — **John Hodgen, Jean Keskulla, George Stalker** and **Sue Ellen Kuzma** present **Beasts Seen and Unseen** a thematic poetry reading on Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St in Norwell. Free and open to all. Information: 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., corner of Broad and Middle Sts. Central Square, Weymouth. Feb. 24, 7 to 11 p.m. **The James Montgomery Blues Band**, Exclusive South Shore appearance featuring opening act **Satch Romano & The Mighty HouseRockers**, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. All tickets $20. Any comp. tickets previously won for the canceled Eagles will be honored. 781-258-5232.

Mark your calendar

THE SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY is taking its annual day day-trip to the Metropolitan Opera in New York City March 1, to hear Renee Fleming as Desdemona in Verdi's *Otello*. This year they have purchased tickets in the prime orchestra as well as the balance orchestra (underneath the balcony).The total cost includes an opera ticket, round-trip motor coach, lunch at Josephina's and a box supper on the return trip. The total cost with prime orchestra seating is $445 and with balance orchestra seating is $375.Tickets are available on a first come first served basis. A $150 deposit will reserve your place. Contact Amy Schomp, 781-749-7565 x 19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org.

THE NORWELL WOMEN'S CLUB will be sponsoring its yearly Fashion Show, "Hats off to Charity" Thursday, April 3, at Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston. The event will feature clothing and accessories from many local businesses, and will also feature elegant recovery clothing from Healing Threads by Spirited Sisters. contact Pat Bigger at *tpbigger@aol.com* or Chris Gillis at *seagirley.com* for more information about this year's Fashion Show.

THE SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY, Ellison Center for the Arts, Duxbury. Eugene Kaminsky, Artistic Director and the Conservatory's Maestro Chamber Players will bring chamber music selections from Handel's "Neun Deutche Arien" among others will be performed March 9 at 4 p.m. Maestro Chamber Players performing include Lorna Jane Norris, soprano, Patrick Owen, cello, Eden Macadam Somer, violin and Eugene Kaminsky, piano. A wine and cheese reception follows the concert. Tickets: $20 adults; $12 children – free SSC students. Tickets may be purchased online at www.southshoreconservatory.org Information and tickets contact Amy Schomp 781-749-7565x 19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org

CALENDAR, see next page

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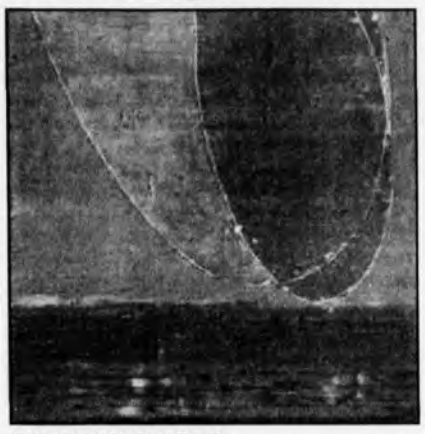


Artwork by Charyl Weissbach

Dickinson Gallery presents "The Luminous Landscape" through Feb. 29

The Dickinson Art Gallery is hosting a special exhibit called "The Luminous Landscape", now through Friday, Feb. 29, featuring the art of encaustic painting, Six artists who work in this ancient medium, where hot wax is fused with pigment to create a painting, will display their work. The artwork is exciting to see, because the encaustic medium interacts with light to create an exciting luminosity to landscapes and familiar scenes.

The public is invited at a reception to meet the artists on Sunday, Feb. 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the gallery, located at 1132 Main St., in Weymouth. Admission is free and off-street parking is available at no charge. The exhibit can be seen daily Wednesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Call 781-331-3384 for information or visit www.dickinsonartgallery.com



Artwork by Lindsay Bentis

Six artists are exhibiting at this event: Charyl Weissbach of Boston and Janet Bartlett Goodman of Brookline, who organized the exhibit, and four other artists: Lindsay Bentis of Wellesley, Dorothy Simpson Krause of Marshfield, Julie Shaw-Lutts of Salem, and Tracy Spadafora of Westborough.

Charyl Weissbach credits Joanne Mattera, another Massachusetts artist, as her mentor in encaustic painting. Mattera wrote a basic book on the subject, *The Art of Encaustic Painting*, published in 2001.

"Luminous Landscapes" Will Travel

With many New England artists doing encaustic work, Ms. Mattera suggested the concept of "luminous landscapes" to introduce the paintings to a wider audience in several different locations. The Dickinson Gallery is one of the first three to offer the exhibit.

The artists in this exhibit have employed encaustic as a unique means for exploring the subtle and mesmerizing affinity imparted by our surroundings," she says. The vivid color and translucent properties of encaustic is uniquely able to convey nature's vastness and its mysterious allure.

"Encaustic painting was known to the ancient Egyptians, who painted encaustic portraits for the mummies in their tombs," she said. A fabulous find at the Fayum area in Egypt produced a large collection of encaustics that remained as fresh and vivid as new paintings, because of the encaustic medium itself, and the dry atmospheric conditions in Egypt.

Dorothy Simpson-Krause of Marshfield is a painter and collage-maker focusing on both traditional and digital mixed media. She is a retired professor from Massachusetts College of Art, where she founded their Computer Art Center. She is a pioneer in digital media, and is co-author of *The Digital Art Studio*, published in 2004. Her paintings start with digital images on a special textured surface, and her encaustic landscapes are said to "have an unusual surreal quality that captivates the viewer, and deepens our appreciation for the grandeur of nature's pristine quality."

Cheryl Weissbach of Boston holds a BFA degree from Massachusetts College of Art in painting and art history, after studying fashion design and sculpture. She is a member of the South Boston Arts Association, SoWa Artist Guild, New England Wax (an encaustic organization) and the United South End Artists, a very active Boston group. In the Dickinson show, she has a dramatic landscape, 36-inches wide, called "Annie's Sunrise." A glowing sky in sunrise tones of red and pink, with touches of white clouds, is set off against by a dark impressionist foreground that suggests dark trees. She says that she "derives great pleasure in reinterpreting the landscape, and says her work is "a combination of drawing, abstraction and impressionism." She uses Belgian linen for encaustic paintings "to create the illusion of timelessness, and expansiveness," through paintings that are "tranquil, atmospheric, and luminous."

Lindsay Bentis of Wellesley is a BFA graduate of Boston University and holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from American University in Washington. She says she used to paint beach scenes in oil, but when she entered encaustics, she began to paint landscapes with ovals and circles instead of actual objects. "That oval there might be a rock," she said," but it's still part of a landscape." her "Untitled: Blue" in The Luminous Landscape is an example She is intrigued small parts of the landscape, rather than the whole vast space.

Janet Bartlett Goodman of Brookline paints trees and forests. She earned a BFA degree at Massachusetts College of Art, but says, "My background is in product design, so for me, materials and processes are very important. "We have a place way up in the Adirondacks" she says, "where we're surrounded by trees." She takes photographs and then paints stands of trees. She says loves the actual encaustic painting process, even the smell of the warm beeswax is pleasant. She paints directly on the board, without using any mixed media effects like collage or photographs.. "You paint with the hot wax and a brush in layers." Her landscapes are described as "ongoing patterns of nature's forest that speak of mystery and grandeur."



Artwork by Dorothy Simpson Krause



Artwork by Janet Bartlett Goodman

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The Scituate Library, 85 Branch St., Scituate, presents shark expert and Scituate resident **Captain Tom King** on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. King presents a fascinating, illustrated and informative program describing shark species found in the Scituate and New England areas, what time of year they can be found here, and includes many photos of sharks. A question and answer period concludes the presentation. This program is suitable for adults and children ages 8 and above. 781-545-8727 www.scituatetownlibrary.org. www.newenglandsharks.com

Monday, Feb. 25

South Shore Christian Academy, 45 Broad St, Weymouth, presents **Dr. Drew Trotter,** an expert on film and culture Feb. 25, at 9:30am. 781-331-4340 ext. 3312. www.sscaonline.org

DivorceCare for Kids support group meetings on Mondays. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vineyard Community Church, 8 Hilltop Ave., Kingston. A 13-week self contained revolving sessions for kids ages 5 to 12. Information, contact Rosalie 781-585-4776 or rosalie@thevineyardkingston.org.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization in Norwell has been supporting widowed, divorced and separated men and women through their life-changing crises. Programs are open and are held at the UCC Church, Norwell, each Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. The program for Feb. 25, is **Reducing stress with Joan**, a RN and pastoral counselor that uses "drumming" as part of ancient spiritual and healing practices. Bring a tambourine, baby rattle or other noise maker. New Beginnings is looking for companies and individuals who would like to support New Beginnings by becoming a sponsor. Donations will help outreach to those who need to find a place to recover. Or, you can reach more than 300 active members with an ad in their monthly newsletter. For information, contact Manny Hammelburg at 617-875-2986 or email mhammelburg@comcast.net.

A pet loss support group is being offered by the Scituate Animal Shelter at the Scituate Library the first Monday of every month from 7 to 8 p.m. It will be led by therapist Kim Spall and an animal specialist, Sue Hart. Information: 781-545-8703 Free and open to the public.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Feb. 18 **Free Texas Hold 'Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

South Shore Conservatory, 1 Conservatory Dr., Hingham, Palmer Gallery, artwork by **Lisa Marder and Page Railsback** through April 30. Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. www.southshoreconservatory.org

Wrestling with Angels (and with difficult questions of faith) will occur in the Asher-Stoddard Hall of the church every Tuesday in Lent, at 7:30 p.m. Questions and discussions follow. People of all faiths are welcomed to all services and activities the Nevin Building (851 Main Street) across from South Shore Hospital. Information, 781-335-2030.

The South Shore Men of Harmony Barbershop Chorus invites men of all ages who like to sing to join them. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., at the corner of Central Street. Call 781-337-SING for additional information or e-mail danielcostello@gmail.com or billfitzjr@aol.com.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

StoryTime Feb. 27 at 10 a.m., **Front Street Book Shop**, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Mary reads age appropriate stories from 10 to 10:30. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age along with an adult, are invited to attend. Free. Information: 781-545-5011 or www.frontstreetbookshop.com

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books welcome **Stephanie Schorow** on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. (Snow Date: March 5) discussing "The Crime of the Century: How the Brinks Robbers Stole Millions and the Hearts of Boston" at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Free event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, **The South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Regional** headquarters present another **winter lecture series** every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the science center located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Open to the public free of charge. **Feb. 27 The World is Your Oyster: Oyster Farming in Duxbury Bay with Alex Mansfield and John Brawley**. Information visit nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168; Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400; or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

Thursday, Feb. 28

The Scituate Arts Association's Front Street Art Gallery, will feature **Constance Favell Pratt's** trial sketches in a show titled **Courtroom Drawings.** The show runs from Feb. 28 through March 30 with an opening reception on Sunday, March 2, from 1 to 5 p.m. 781-545-6150 www.scituateart.com

South Shore Art Center Gallery, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. **Fascinating Rhythms**, an exhibition featuring more than 75 juried gallery artists takes place in the Art Center's Bancroft Gallery. The exhibition is sponsored by Motoko and Gordon Deane and continues through March 30. **All Aboard: The Train Show** features the work of Art Center Gallery artists: **Kimberlee Alemian** and **Judy St. Peter**, of Cohasset; **Sue Charles**, Marshfield; **Nancy Colella**; **Jane Flavell Collins** and **Wendy Hale**, Duxbury; **Brooks Kelly**, Pembroke; **Peggy Roth Major** and **Valerie Forte Vitali,** Scituate; and **Michael Weymouth**, Hingham. Gallery hours are open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For information visit www.ssac.org. 781-383-2787.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 28, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Jeremy Lyons Band from New Orleans Blues Jam open mic** 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Feb. 29

Nationally acclaimed and hilarious Loretta LaRoche shares her spirited and optimistic perspective on life at 8 p.m., Feb. 29, at the Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St., Duxbury. Tickets for Kick Up Your Heels with Loretta LaRoche are available at Westwinds Bookshop, 45 Depot St., Duxbury, and Foodies Market, 46 Depot St., Duxbury, or at the box office by calling 508-747-1340. Gold tickets are available for $35 each and include the meet and greet reception at 7 p.m. Balcony seat tickets are available for $25 each and are first come, first served. For information, send email to mail@theparentconnection.org.



BEST BET

Vcevold Strekalovsky of Hingham dances with professional Dancesport instructor—a preview of the South Shore Art Center's Carnivale fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 29.

The Barn at the Red Lion Inn will be transformed into a Venetian Carnivale setting for the South Shore Art Center's annual winter fundraising gala on Friday, Feb. 29, at 6:30 p.m. and will feature a seated dinner, live music and entertainment, and live and silent auctions. Boston's Billy Costa will be the master of ceremonies. Auction items include sports memorabilia, luxury travel packages, event tickets, and many works of art by highly-regarded regional artists such as Sergio Roffo, Richard Loud, Anne Heywood, Irma Cerese, JoAnne Chittick, Cindy Vallino, Jane Flavell Collins, Frank Strazzulla, and Nancy Colella. For reservations call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org Tickets are $125 for Art Center members, $145 for non-members. All proceeds support the exhibitions and education programs of the South Shore Art Center.

The South Shore Natural Science Center will host **Hoot and Howl**, a trivia tournament, live auction and raffle drawing, from 6:30 to 11 p.m., Friday, Feb. 29, at the Cushing Center, 673 Main St., Route 123, Norwell. The cost is $30 per person or $200 for a team of eight. The tournament will feature general trivia. Desserts and coffee will be provided and there will be a cash bar. Participants are welcome to bring their own appetizers. Form your own team of eight or register individually. The tournament begins at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Live auction. For reservations or information, call 781-659-2559 or email Tricia DeGiulio, at haikufancy@comcast.net.

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"Single Executives Club" Singles Dance Feb. 29, 8:30 p.m. to midnight. The Lafayette House Ballroom, 109 Washington St., Rte. 1 south, Foxboro. Next to the America's Best Value Inn www.se-4u.com. Dance music by award-winning DJ. Complimentary buffet all night. Numerous free door prizes, raffles, and MATCH Game prizes. For all single professionals and couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper business dress required; sports jackets for men. Admission is $10 before 9. Call 781-446-0234 for info. Co-sponsored by Rhode Island's Most Eligible Singles.

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, will feature the works of **H. L. DeWaltoff** of Cataumet. The opening event will take place at the gallery on Friday, Feb. 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and visitors will have a chance to meet the artist at that time. The exhibit will be on display until Thursday, March 20. www.southstreetgallery.com 781-749-0430.

The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents A lecture, **A Lyceum on the History of the American Lyceum Movement**, by **Stuart Twite** of Marshfield on Friday, Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Information: www.jameslibrary.org 781-659-7100

Sacred Circle Dancing, Feb. 23, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Old Ship Fellowship Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham, Entry at Rear, Left Side. Middle school age and up. $5 suggested donation. Light refreshments served. gept@mac.com 413-268-9429.

New England Singles Dance, Feb. 29, 8p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Light buffet. $10.

The Vine European Style Wine Bar, 18 Main St., extension lower level, Plymouth Feb. 29, **Dan Bell** (Beatles, Lennon, Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, etc.) 508-830-1942.

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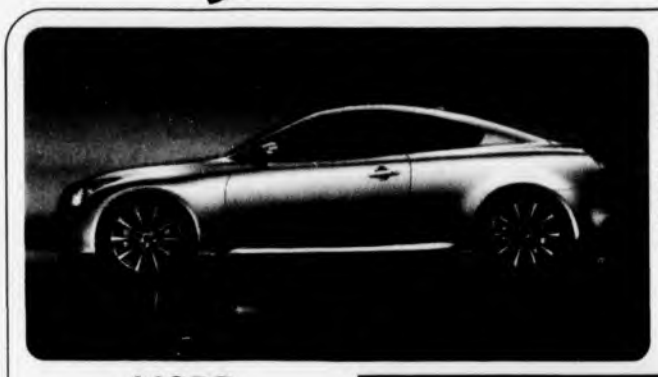
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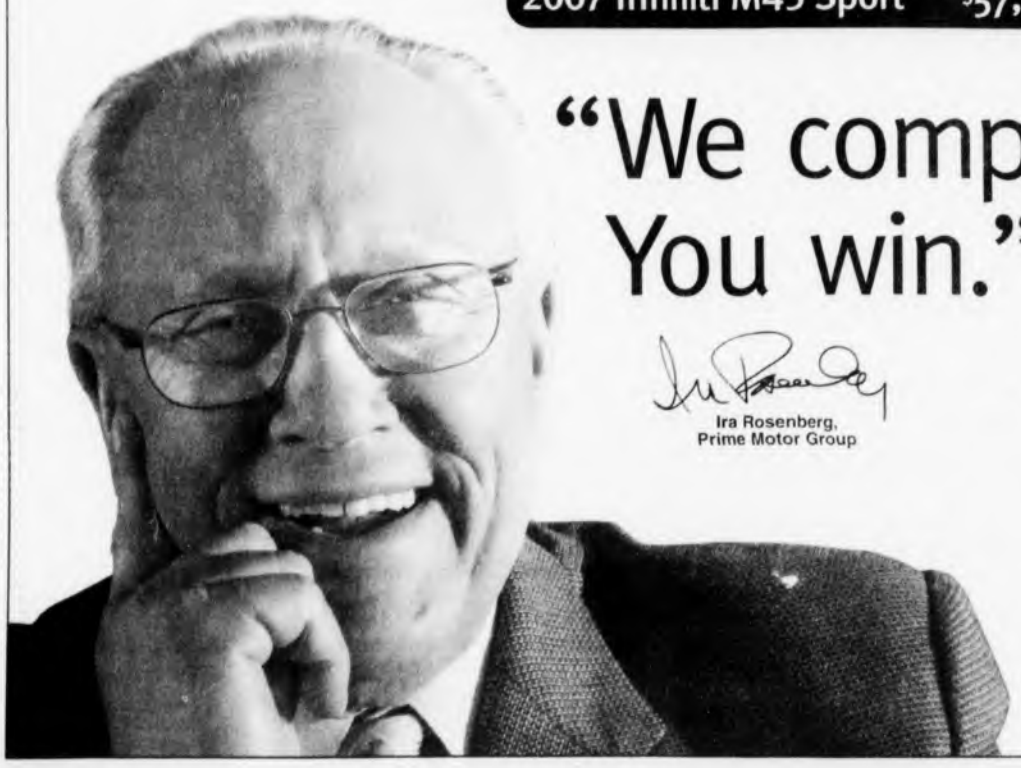
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Technology age

Middle schoolers enjoy engineering lab

By Nancy White
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A race car. A CD case. A golf tee. A blueprint. A robot.

These seemingly unrelated objects have one thing in common — they are being designed and constructed at the Cohasset Middle School.

The recently completed technology and engineering lab is up and running and classes of sixth, seventh and eighth graders are getting hands-on experience in a cross section of engineering disciplines.

Thanks to the funding provided by a joint effort of the PSO and the Cohasset Education Foundation (CEF) the lab was integrated into the curriculum this year.

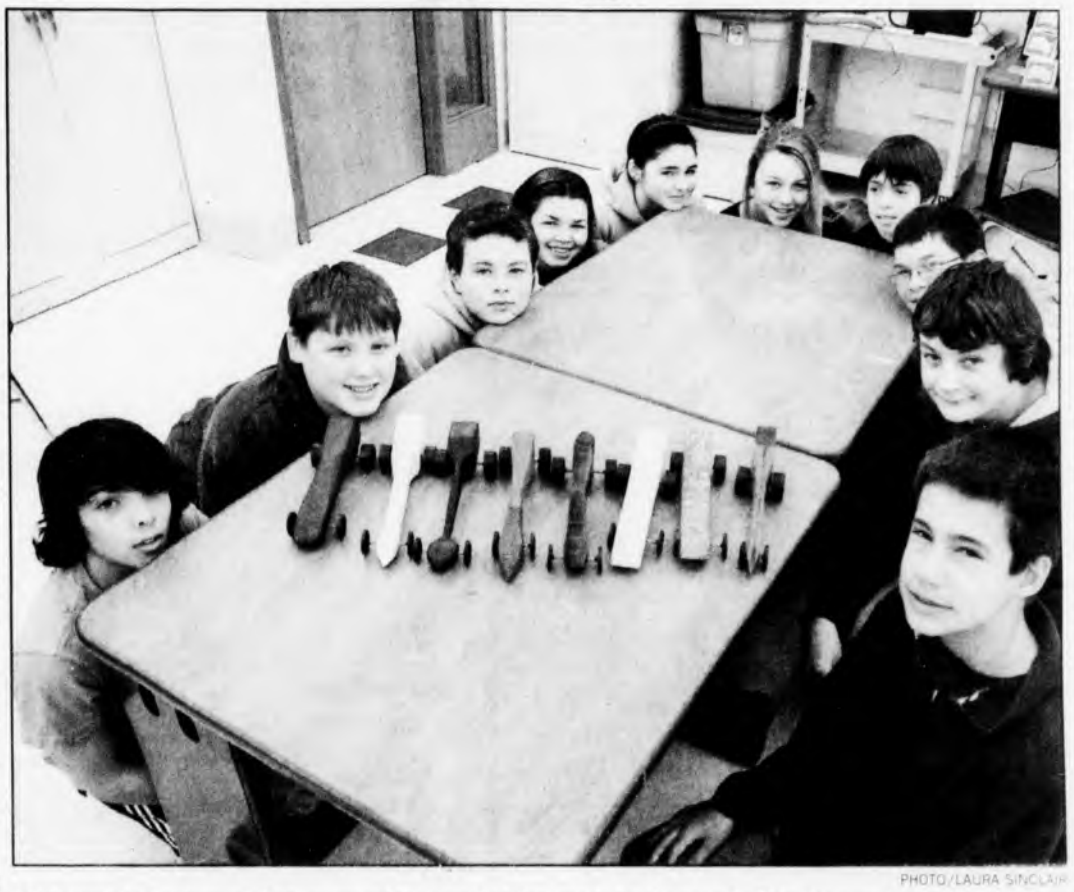
The Paxton/Patterson technology lab is computer-based learning with tangible activities to give practical application to the concepts.

"It's an introduction to technology. We're trying to build technology literacy," said teacher David Young, "the US is lagging behind the rest of the industrial world in math, science, technology and engineering."

The program gives students a foundation and could spark an early interest in engineering for many students.

"The benefit is the students learn to apply math and science through technology" helping students to internalize

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PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Mr. Young's technology students surround the cars that they made for the races held in the corridor of the school yesterday morning. From left are: Colin Gideon Murphy, James Lydon, Colin Bell, Sarah Karp, Suzanne Reichardt, Makayla Barrow, Billy Curry, Zach Washak, Master Mat, and Thomas Gilliatt.



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Ellen Duarte is hard at work in the weekly botanical art class at the South Shore Art Center. For the fourth year in a row, artists from the class will be displaying a selection of their work at the upcoming New England Flower Show at the Bayside Expo Center in Boston.

Budding artists

Art Center class captures the botanical

By Nancy White
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There may still be snow on the ground and the temperatures are still frigid, but inside the South Shore Art Center there is a sure sign of spring — flowers.

A weekly botanical art class is channeling the beauty and intricacies of nature's plants into works of art. Led by accomplished botanical artist Sarah Roche, the all-female class is a mixture of beginners and seasoned botanical artists. For the fourth year in a row, artists from the class will be displaying a selection of their work at the upcoming New England Flower Show at the Bayside Expo Center in Boston.

Many of the women were attracted to the class because of its interesting subject, a few of them are avid gardeners,

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Pool in pipeline

Possible renovation at Swim Center

By Nancy White
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The Cohasset Swim Center is a favorite summertime haunt, but some say it could be much more than that. Plans are afoot to look turn the outdoor pool into a year-round multi-use facility.

The project is in its infancy, but Bill Burnett, one of the organizers of the project, came before the Community Preservation Committee to introduce the potential community project and discuss where CPC might fit into the equation down the line.

"We have a facility that's very old and needs help. It's aging and there is no handicap access," said Burnett, who also is founder and race director of the Cohasset Triathlon.

Along with Deborah Thomas, Burnett is spearheading an effort to investigate the feasibility of a new facility with an indoor pool on the swim center land. He and Thomas are working separately but with the support of the Board of Directors who oversees the day-to-day operations of the Swim Center. The Swim Center is a privately owned, non-profit organization.

The current pool is a six-lane pool with a diving board used only during the summer months. Built 35 years ago, the swim center relies on memberships and donations to maintain the facility. The Swim Center sits on a 3.65 acre piece of land off Sohier Street.

Burnett is using a recently completed

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The Mariner caught up with Janice Ridge at the Council on Elder Affairs this week. For more news about "senior happenings" see Senior Scene, page 6.

Name: Janice Ridge.

Occupation: Senior aide and outreach staffer at the Council on Elder Affairs, 3 N. Main St.

Best day of your life: My 15th birthday.

Best vacation: Christmas vacation on Nantucket Island with family.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite food: Pistachio ice cream.

Best TV show: "M*A*S*H."

Best actor: Jack Lemmon.

Best book: "Hawaii," by James Michener.

Most memorable moment: Publishing my first article with a byline in a local newspaper and framing the first paycheck.

Pet peeve: Drivers, who cut you off.

Goal: To publish a journal of poetry.

Person you'd most like to meet: Paul Newman.

Biggest worry: Lack of affordable health care.

Best part of Cohasset: Cohasset Village.

Care packages for the troops

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Honoring those who serve

The following men and women from Cohasset are on active duty:

- Lt. Col. John Atkinson, USMC;
- Lt. J.g. Michael Baird, USCG;
- Maj. William E. Baird, USAF (in Iraq);
- 1LT Allen L. Beaune, US Army (Kosovo);
- Ensign Allison Berg, USN;
- Master Sgt. Kenneth G. Borland, USAF;
- CWO2 Jeffery H. Brown,-USN
- Ensign Cosimo F. Cambi, USCG
- LTC Charles D. Coe, US Army;
- Master Sgt. Mark A. DiNardo, USAF;
- Lt. J.g. Kevin Duffy, USCG;
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- Master Sgt. Laurence Hoogeveen, USAF;
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- Lt. Matthew Lewis, USN;
- LCDR David J. MacDonald, US Navy;
- Maj. D. ROSS MacLeod, USAF;
- Lt. Col. Christopher Mahoney, USMC;
- CPL. Justin Maitland, US Army (in Iraq).
- Lt. Peter Minnar, USAF;
- CDR Patrick O'Connor, USN
- RADM Brian Salerno, USCG;

Direct additions or changes to this listing to Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee.

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EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Feb.-Mar.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 28	3:53	8.3	4:30	7.3	10:11	1.3	10:23	1.9
	Sunrise: 6:21 a.m.				*Sunset: 5:31 p.m.*			
Fri. 29	4:45	8.1	5:27	7.0	11:07	1.5	11:18	2.1
	Sunrise: 6:19 a.m.				*Sunset: 5:32 p.m.*			
Sat. 1	5:42	8.0	6:28	6.9	—	—	12:06	1.6
	Sunrise: 6:18 a.m.				*Sunset: 5:34 p.m.*			
Sun. 2	6:41	8.1	7:27	7.1	12:16	2.1	1:05	1.5
	Sunrise: 6:16 a.m.				*Sunset: 5:35 p.m.*			
Mon. 3	7:38	8.3	8:21	7.4	1:13	1.9	2:00	1.1
	Sunrise: 6:15 a.m.				*Sunset: 5:36 p.m.*			
Tues. 4	8:31	8.7	9:09	7.9	2:08	1.5	2:49	0.7
	Sunrise: 6:13 a.m.				*Sunset: 5:37 p.m.*			
Wed. 5	9:20	9.1	9:53	8.4	2:58	1.0	3:34	0.2
	Sunrise: 6:11 a.m.				*Sunset: 5:38 p.m.*			
Thurs. 6	10:06	9.6	10:34	9.0	3:45	0.4	4:16	-0.2
	Sunrise: 6:10 a.m.				*Sunset: 5:40 p.m.*			

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'Healing Field' is planned for Memorial Day

The Sons of the American Legion is planning to install a Healing Field as part of the town's Memorial Day 2008 observances.

The effort should result in hundreds of American flags on eight-foot-tall poles temporarily installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets. The island faces Veterans Memorial Park where the annual Memorial Day observances are held.

The flags sell for $25 and can be dedicated to anyone. In other words, the purchase of a flag is not limited to those honoring someone who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces. (Those who purchase flags will be able to pick them up after 10 days).

Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with a note on the memo line indicating "Healing Field" and sent to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, please visit www.healing-field.org/cohasset or contact the Legion post at 781-383-9657 or stop by the post at 98 Summer St. any weekday after 3 p.m., Saturdays after 10 a.m. or Sundays after 12 noon. Applications for Healing Field flags are available at the Post. All proceeds will go to veterans' projects of the Sons of the American Legion.

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Selectmen won't silence noisy leaf blowers

Say proposal not ready for primetime

By Mary Ford
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Should Cohasset limit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers?

Marcus Ramsden of 262 Jerusalem Road thinks so. To that end, he is sponsoring a Citizens Petition that could be debated at the annual Town Meeting on March 29.

Cohasset voters can insert an article in the Warrant by obtaining the signatures of at least 10 registered voters.

However, if the cool reception for the article at Monday's Selectmen's meeting is a gauge then Ramsden could have a tough road to win approval to the proposed bylaw. "The proposal is to limit the use of gas-generated leaf blowers to 9 a .m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday," Ramsden told Selectmen.

He said a $200 fine would be levied on homeowners who use the devices outside those specific hours and days.

"What people need is access to the world of natural sounds not in Vermont or on cable but here in this town," Ramsden said.

While Selectmen agreed Ramsden's idea of creating a better environment is a good one – they were not sure if leaf blower noise is an issue in town.

Selectman Paul Carlson said lawnmowers were noisier. "I have not seen this as a nuisance," he said about leaf blowers.

Selectman Ted Carr, who was serving as chairman in Selectman Gary Vanderweil's absence, asked if the bylaw was about more than noise.

"Is this to protect the environment from gas use or just sound?" he asked. "I have an old electric one (leaf blower) that is louder than the dickens."

Selectman Fred Koed wanted more information about how extensive the problem is in Cohasset.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer was the most vocal about the issue. He said while he is not opposed in general to some kind of ordinance, homeowners would need the opportunity over time to buy quieter equipment.

He objected to levying fines and said the time restrictions could effect people who work long hours, including half of Saturday, and must do their lawn work in the evenings or Sundays.

Carr also said he was concerned how the bylaw would affect all parties, including commercial landscapers.

Peter Buckley of Buckley Landscaping stated in a Feb. 22 letter to Selectmen that was provided to the board, Ramsden and the press at Monday's meeting that the restriction could result in higher costs, especially for spring and fall cleanups; a decrease in the availability of landscape services; and a potential decrease in the quality of those services.

Buckley suggested addressing the issue with the individual landscaping operations in town might be the first step.

"My employees and I attempt to be observant of nap times, kids coming home off the bus, people out for a walk, etc.," Buckley wrote. "I would gladly address on a case by case basis any concerns or complaints that arise."

Buckley also explained that Sunday is an overflow day for periods of foul weather.

Ramsden said commercial landscapers could shift their accounts. Electric blowers and raking can be used during the restricted hours. He suggested that many homeowners would be willing to pay for an "organic" service.

He pointed out that it takes one of his neighbors 1 hour and 45 minutes to rake his property but would take a crew of three men half his age to use a leaf blower on the same yard. "Interior standards (for cleaning) are now being applied to the outside world," he said.

Selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend the article. They said the proposal needs more work. Selectmen's recommendations can carry weight at Town Meeting but voters have the final say.

Following the meeting, Ramsden said he was very disappointed in the vote but would press ahead. He said he planned to improve his presentation to Sustainable Cohasset, an environmental group, and to the Advisory Committee next week.

Snowballs crack car's windshield

By Mary Ford
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Police gave a couple of Cohasset boys at "talking to" after it was discovered they were throwing snowballs at cars near the Border Street bridge on Saturday morning (Feb. 23). There may have been more boys involved – one caller put the number at four or five – but police were only able to apprehend two juveniles. Police spoke to the boys and their parents.

One woman reported her windshield was cracked after being hit by a snowball.

The boys are writing letters of apology and will pay restitution if the victim does not handle it through insurance company, Chief James Hussey said.

One of the boys is a Cohasset resident and the other is a former resident.

"There is an obvious fascination with throwing snowballs at a moving target," Hussey said. "The officer talked to the kids and impressed upon them that hitting a car with a snowball can put someone's life in jeopardy if it causes an accident."

Flat tire

Reports of vandalism to a motor vehicle parked behind Papa Gino's last week appear to have been unfounded.

Chief Hussey said an officer took a look and it appears the car hit a curb and got a blow out. The tire did not look as though it had been damaged by a vandal, he said. The call came in last Monday (Feb. 18) at just past 2 a.m.

Pocketbook found

A walk-in to police headquarters turned in a red pocketbook last week (Feb. 18). As it turns out the pocketbook belongs to a Hull resident and was stolen on Feb. 12 in Hingham as part of a rash of purse-snatches in the area, police said.

On Feb. 14, a pink wallet — belonging to the same woman and which had been inside the stolen pocketbook — was recovered. Both the purse and pocketbook were discovered around the 300 block of Jersusalem Road.

Chief Hussey said police are working on the assumption that the same subjects have been responsible for purse thefts in both Hingham and Cohasset.

He again reminded residents to bring their pocketbooks or valuables into a store with them, no matter how quick their errand is or to lock them in the trunk.

Late-night jogger

A report of suspicious activity at about 2:18 a.m. on Tuesday (Feb. 19) turned out to be a jogger who runs regularly every night. Chief Hussey said the jogger was wearing reflective gear and was apparently running at that hour because it was the best time that worked for him.

"We prefer that people jog during daylight hours but realize that is not always possible," he said. Hussey said joggers who run in the dark should wear a reflective vest on their torso or wear a jacket or shirt with reflective striping. Joggers should also run toward traffic when on the street.

Hussey explained that a motorist might not always see a jogger. When running toward oncoming traffic, a jogger can react and jump out of the way if need be.

Walkers on the street should also walk facing traffic, he said.

MV accidents

• At 11:26 a.m. on Tuesday (Feb. 19) a 2002 Jeep traveling north on North Main Street that was owned and operated by a Cohasset resident stopped to make a left onto Sohier Street when it was hit from behind by a 1996 Volvo. The Volvo was also owned and being operated by a Cohasset resident. The Volvo was towed and the operator was cited for following too closely. There were no apparent injuries, police said.

• At 7:44 p.m., also on Tuesday (Feb. 19), a 2002 Jeep that was owned by a Cohasset resident and being operated by a relative was heading south on North Main when as it was coming around a curve, slid on snow and ice and hit a utility pole. National Grid was called to repair the pole, which did snap. The Jeep had to be towed but the driver did not appear to have any injuries, police said.

Napping

Police checked out a woman who was inside a gray Mercedes and was asleep last Tuesday (Feb. 19) at about 3:37 p.m. in the Tedeschi Plaza parking lot. The caller told police there was a baby in the car. An officer did a welfare check and as it turned out the woman was just "resting her eyes" and there was no infant in the car.

Gates issue

Complaints about the functioning of the railroad crossing gates on Pleasant Street resulted in the determination that the arms of the gates were not going all the way up so the lights continued to flash.

Chief Hussey explained the arms stopped just short of going all the way up. The MBTA was on the scene within minutes of being called and made repairs. The incident occurred at 8:15 a.m. on Friday (Feb. 22).

No trespass

A woman who had been involved in a prior shoplifting incident at Stop & Shop returned to the supermarket last week where she was spotted by store personnel who reported her to the police.

Police talked to the woman who had a "no-trespass" order not to return to the store. Apparently she thought it was no longer in effect, police said.

Chamber of Commerce planning Networking Social

Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is planning its first Networking Social of 2008 at the Cohasset Historical Society, 106 South Main St., from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 6. All current members, as well as anyone interested in becoming a Chamber member, are invited to mix and mingle with the energetic and rapidly growing group. Come meet some of the new business owners in town. Light refreshments will be served.

The Chamber has many new initiatives underway...

The Chamber has many new initiatives underway, come hear about plans as the ambiance of the Paul Pratt Building is enjoyed. The Pratt Building is a local treasure; it is the Cohasset Historical Society headquarters and features artwork, period furniture and artifacts of the Cohasset area.

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The 15th annual Quilt Show and Luncheon, hosted by Second Congregational Church in Cohasset, means spring is around the corner. For years, South Shore residents have enjoyed the bright colors and personal designs of local artisans as their handcrafted quilts are displayed at the church.

The show, which began as a way to spend a late winter afternoon, has blossomed into a community favorite and a charitable program that raised more than $20,000 for youth programs.

Each year, approximately 60 quilts are displayed during the show featuring unique designs and patterns. Many designs are inspired by personal experiences of the artist, such as the prints from the Hawaii quilt created from memories of a tropical vacation. A bit of history is always on display at the show as well. This year, the Hourglass quilt, made of 10, 418 pieces, will be on loan from Cohasset Historical Society.

"Festivals and Festivities," the church's cookbook, will be on sale for $18.

The Quilt Show and Luncheon will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 1, at 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset. For tickets to the show and luncheon, call Second Congregational Church at 781-383-0345 or purchase tickets at the door. Tickets are $12, and proceeds will benefit Boston Medical Center's Spark Center, Children's AIDS program, and the Reach Out and Read program.

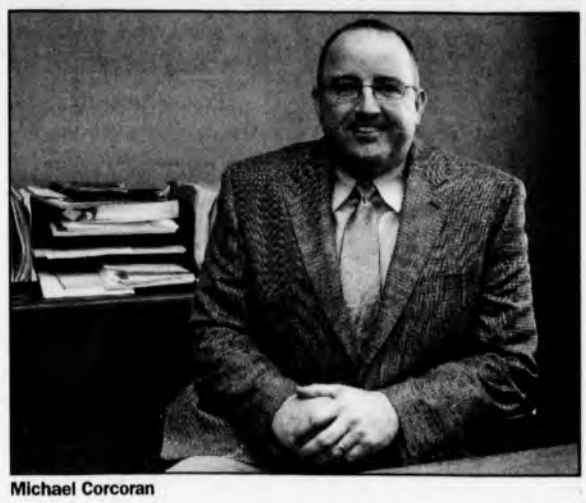
Corcoran named advertising director

Michael Corcoran has been named advertising director for GateHouse Media New England's South Unit, publisher of the Cohasset Mariner.

Corcoran was formerly the senior financial analyst in GateHouse Media's Needham office.

"Michael has extensive knowledge of the Marshfield-based operation," Publisher Mark Olivieri said. "After moving to our Needham office, Mike has continued to work with the South Unit on not only day-to-day operations but all major company initiatives and launches pertaining to the South Unit. Having worked directly with Michael since his first day on the job, I can speak first hand to Michael's unmatched passion and knowledge for revenue growth, product strategy and newspaper profitability."

"Michael has extensive knowledge of the Marshfield-based operation."
— Mark Olivieri, publisher


Michael Corcoran

Corcoran's tenure with GHMNE/Community Newspaper Company reaches back to 1999, when he was appointed financial analyst in the South's Marshfield facility. After being assigned to the Needham finance department, Corcoran served many roles in his support of the advertising, circulation, creative and production arms of the company.

Raised in Hingham, Corcoran now resides in Scituate with his wife, Martha, and son, Michael Jr., where he is involved with local youth groups. He is a graduate of Boston College with a master's degree in finance.

"As a life-long resident of the South Shore, I look forward to the opportunity of providing the businesses of our region with the right advertising solutions for their needs," Corcoran said. "I am also very excited to work with a great staff that produces quality products week in and week out."

The South Unit of GateHouse Media New England includes main offices in Plymouth and Raynham, with its headquarters in Marshfield.

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Possible renovation at Swim Center

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pool in Concord, Mass. as his model, "that's my dream pool," he said. He envisions something similar for the swim center — an eight-lane pool, a separate diving well and a kiddie pool. The Concord pool facility also has a workout room and a heated pool.

John Cavanaro, a local engineering consultant, is performing initial surveying to determine if what Burnett has visualized will physically fit on the land. The report will be finished in March.

"It may or may not fit, I have no idea," said Burnett, "this is the very first step of a long, long process."

More than a pool, the facility would be an asset for the community. The Cohasset-Scituate swim team for practices and meets, as well as other area teams could use it. Right now, the team must go out of town for practices. Also, he foresees whole families being able to use the facility to the fullest extent.

"From the community aspect and building community, that's what I'm really passionate about."
— Bill Burnett, project proponent

"From the community aspect and building community, that's what I'm really passionate about," said Burnett; the facility would be a gathering place for the young and old.

CPC member Susan Sardina, who formerly lived in Concord, loved the idea of the pool, "it becomes a whole bigger thing that just a pool. It facilitates the high school and facilitates a healthy lifestyle."

She suggested Burnett look into other possible sites as well if the swim center site doesn't work out, particularly behind the high school.

When the project begins to gel a little bit more, the Swim Center will be looking to fund the construction form a variety of sources. Community preservation funds could be one of many sources.

CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey said as far as his committee's involvement he worried about two things. First, the price tag of the project and amount of money the swim center proponents would request for the project.

"You have to be reasonable and realistic with what you come to us for," said Ivimey, as the project could ultimately be a multi-million dollar undertaking. Burnett said he knew private fundraising would have to be a main component.

Also, Ivimey said the CPC was not allowed to fund gymnasiums, so where the line crossed from pool to gym would have to be thoroughly discussed.

CPC member Ralph Dormitzer advised Burnett to think ahead to not only getting the project built, but also how it will be properly maintained. Burnett said he was aware of that aspect and would look to the successful model of the Concord pool for guidance.

The primary objectives of the Swim Center has always been to provide an affordable source of recreation for families, which Burnett and the directors of the Swim Center aim to continue even with a new facility.

"Hopefully sometime in my lifetime, we'll see a new pool," said Burnett in a phone interview.

Still time to file for real estate tax exemptions

The deadline for filing is March 31, 2008.. The following exemptions are available:

Persons Over 70 Years of Age – $2,000 off. Clause 41C – if annual income is less that $18,000 (single person) or $23,000 (married couple), and the value of assets, excluding one's home, is less than $33,000 (single person) or $35,000 (married couple) and must own and occupy for previous 10 years.

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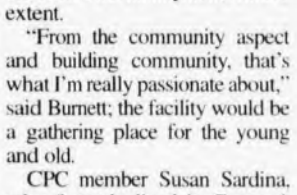
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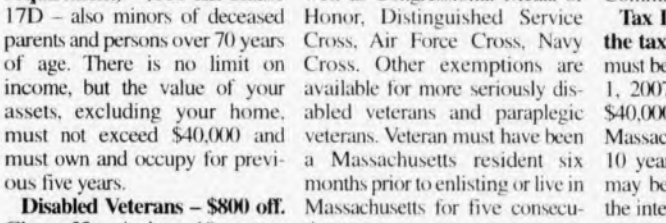
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Overflow meeting

Plant upgrades needs to be tested before new connections

By Nancy White
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Sewer Commissioners were in the hot seat on Monday night as they heard from an audience of about 25 neighbors and abutters of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The meeting follows on the heels of another overflow at the plant on Feb. 13 — the fourth in two years. The meeting covered a lot of ground in the hour and a half of discussion. Communication, townwide "I and I" issues topped discussion and the Little Harbor sewer expansion project.

The abutters pushed for a firm timeline for the new 450 Little Harbor tie-ins and assurances the plant could handle its current flow — without overflow events — before any additional capacity is added.

The issues that lead to the sewer plant overflows are many and complex, but the result is easy to describe: partially treated sewage overflows into the backyards of Elm Street homes and Jacob's Meadow creating a health hazard for pets, kids and adults. Increased flooding over the past few years compounds the overflow issues.

The exchanges between the abutters and the two Sewer Commission members present were at times heated and contentious. But, both sides tried to move toward identifying a plan of action going forward.

The most vocal abutter Joe Coggins of 57 Elm St. expressed his frustration with the committee and the lack of action to fix the overflow issue and its underlying causes.

We're asking you to run a sewer plant that doesn't dump a toilet in my backyard."
— Joe Coggins, 57 Elm St.

His first issue was the lack of notification to the abutters. Notification protocol was established following the Patriots Day overflow in April 2007, but was not followed in the most recent event.

"The first obligation is to take care of the problem (the overflow)," rather than make a phone call notifying the abutters of an overflow event, said Sewer Commissioner Ray Kasperowicz. However, it was Coggins' point of view the health of the pets, kids and adults of the neighborhood should be of paramount concern.

"Shouldn't you be concerned with the health of the neighbors of your sewer plant?" said Coggins, offering as an example of his dog being let out into his backyard, which unbeknownst to him is flooded with untreated and minimally treated sewage. When the dog comes back into the house, Coggins doesn't know what's on his paws or on his fur.

"No one is asking the Sewer Commission to tear down the plant. We're asking you to run a sewer plant that doesn't dump a toilet in my backyard," said Coggins later in the meeting.

Dick Nye of Veolia, the town's wastewater treatment plant operator, said he knew an overflow was imminent after the heavy rains in the morning and early afternoon hours. Sewer Commissioner Sean Cunning asked that the operators notify him or another sewer commissioner when they believe an overflow is imminent so they can begin to notify the abutters.

"We could do a better job, we will do a better job on the communication side," said Cunning. Coggins and other abutters also asked to be kept abreast of the plant upgrades underway in conjunction with the Little Harbor sewer expansion project— updates they say they have asked for and not received.

"We have been asking all along because it is impactful," said Coggins.

The upgrade has two components. An "extreme flow pipe" that will disinfect the water through a UV chamber and reroute a portion of effluent to the harbor in extreme flow instances typical during heavy rainfall. The pipe is expected to be up and running within six weeks. But, the abutters have concerns about the extreme flow pipe would only move the problem to the harbor instead of solving it.

The second component is the installation of new and additional membranes designed to handle the additional capacity of the Little Harbor homes. Fall 2008 is the expected completion time of the plant upgrade.

Cathy Witkos of 69 Elm St. said the lack of regular communication and follow-through on the behalf of the commission has led to mistrust, "it's beyond not right."

"We agree we are probably guilty of a misrepresentation to abutters," said Kasperowicz. But, this admission didn't satisfy, "we know you're guilty," said Coggins, "what bothers me is the Sewer Commission, the engineers and operators won't stand up and admit this isn't working."

Beyond notification and increased communication, there was plenty of discussion on what is causing the overflows. The primary culprit, it seemed all agreed, is influx and infiltration, or "I and I," issues throughout the town. "I and I" is the term used to describe the ways groundwater and stormwater enter a sewer system. Inflow is water that is dumped into the sewer system through improper connections, such as downspouts and groundwater sump pumps. Infiltration is groundwater that enters the sewer system through leaks in the pipe. Illegal sump pumps could also be contributing to the influx of water to the plant during wet weather.

While there is no way to completely eliminate "I and I" issues in town, the abutters and the Sewer Commission agreed steps should be taken to address the largest culprits.

As a way to quantify the effect of "I and I" on the system, plant operator Nye explained on an average day the plant processes an average of 250,000 gallons of wastewater everyday, but when there is an overflow it jumps to 1.7 million gallons.

Town Meeting authorized the borrowing of $1 million to address town-wide "I and I" issues. Coughlin Environmental Services have collecting flow data and inspecting manholes to try to get a handle on where the "I and I" problems exist. They have almost a year's worth of data and are in the process of compiling the data, analyzing and putting together an interim report, said principal engineer at Coughlin Environmental Services, Dan Coughlin.

In the spring they will begin testing the pipes, starting with those closest to the plant, for leaks. But, the issue could be beyond the main sewer lines into the service connections (between the main line and the home) for which the Sewer Commission will need to get permission to access, inspect and fix.

Homes around Jacob's Meadow because of the severe flooding issues will be the first to be targeted, said Coughlin in a phone interview. The pumping station at Smith Place has also been identified as a potential place where "I and I" issues can be easily addressed, said Coughlin.

Approximately $100,000 of the $1 million has been used thus far.

Little Harbor sewer expansion

With over 450 homes and 150,000 gallons per days scheduled to come into the Wastewater Treatment Plant within the next few years, the abutters are extremely concerned the increased flow even with the expansion would make their issues even worse.

The abutters called for a defined period for additional tie-ins — nd a substantial testing period between the completion of the expansion and the new sewer hook-ups.

"We need a commitment to how much time will be given to make sure the (upgraded) plant is working," said Witkos, offering at least a year as an ideal period. But, the Sewer Commission and Coughlin seemed hesitant to agree to a firm year before tie-ins. Kasperowicz said the expanded plant would need wet weather event to test it to make sure the plant does not overflow.

The Town of Cohasset is under a state mandate to have the 485 Little Harbor homes hooked up to town sewer by 2012.

"If it does overflow [after the plant upgrade] then we've got a huge problem," said Cunning. Alternative options if the plant cannot handle the increased capacity of the Little Harbor homes were vague. The Hull wastewater treatment plant has available capacity, but it would come with a hefty price tag.

"If we are not comfortable with how the plant is operating, Little Harbor won't be hooked up," said Kasperowicz, "I can't imagine (the state) wouldn't give us an extension. There are tensions all over, but I think in the end right has to prevail...we have to solve the immediate problem before addressing the longer view problem," he said.

If the Sewer Commission was able to negotiate an intermunicipal agreement for additional sewer capacity, there are engineering challenges involved. The matter is not simply turning a valve to send the effluent to Hull, said Coughlin. Additional pressure and an expanded pumping station could be required to put the additional homes onto the Hull system.

The abutters were clear options have to be explored and the necessity of concrete objectives for the upgraded plant established.

"There needs to be a threshold of success," said Coggins, asking the Sewer Commission to define what the results have to be to prove to the abutters, the town and themselves that the problem is solved.

The abutters pushed for something in writing to implicitly define the parameters of success and a firmer timeline for the Little Harbor tie-ins to ensure their concerns are addressed even after the current committee has changed personnel.

Pianist Elaine Kwon to play concert at St. Stephen's

St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset will be presenting New York pianist Elaine Kwon in recital on the Palm Sunday, March 16, at 3 p.m.. Prize-winning Kwon, DMA, has performed solo and chamber concerts throughout the US, Canada, and Asia. Most recent performances in New York include artist composed and choreographed productions and venues at the Angel Orensanz Theater and Lincoln Center, and a program at Carnegie Hall is in preparation. Dr. Kwon is an Affiliated Artist at MIT in Cambridge, and Ambassador of the Women's World Conference to be held in Bulgaria. Her website is www.elainekwon.com. Elaine has won many prizes in the area of Tai Kwon Do, and had appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show, as well as hosting her New York television series. Dr. Kwon is known for her clarity in performance and her great technical skill – this is a program not to miss!

The recital will be held in the Music Room at St. Stephen's and will be introduced by music director of the parish, David Baker. A reception will follow the program.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave., is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call 781.383.1083.



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Great Decisions group registration

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org

Great Decisions Discussion Group – Through the generosity of the Friends of the Library, Paul Pratt Library is now registering interested individuals for the 2008 Great Decisions Discussion Group scheduled to take place April 29 through June 17. Great Decisions is the oldest and largest grassroots world affairs education program of its kind in the country. Topics of discussion focus on United States foreign policy on a number of issues. It is free to the public, however, seating is limited to 10 people. Sign up with reference librarian Gayle Walsh at 383-1348, by visiting the library or through the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on April 29 on the Calendar of Events tab.

Movie Matinee at the Library – Can't get out at night to a movie theater? Join others for a free movie at the library at 11 a.m., on Friday, March 7. The classic "Moby Dick" starring Gregory Peck will be shown in the Meeting Room. Free admission and free light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Meet Author Jeffrey Cramer – As part of the Cohasset Reads Together reading initiative, author Jeffrey Cramer, curator of collections at Thoreau Institute at Walden Woods and Thoreau scholar, will give a talk titled "Thoreau's Life and Writings" at 3 p.m., on Sunday, March 9. Cramer has appeared on public radio's "On Point with Tom Ashbrook" and on C-span's "Book-TV." The event is free.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Her Name is Sabine" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, March 20. Free admission and free refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

FOR CHILDREN

March Story and Craft – Online and telephone registrations are now being accepted for the March Story and Craft series that will take place in the Story Room Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27. Story and Craft is for Cohasset residents age 3 through 6, is a four-week commitment and requires pre-registration. Each week a theme is explored through literature, music and craft. To register online go to cohassetlibrary.org, click on Calendar, click March 6, click register. Specify morning or afternoon, and fill out the registration form with child's name and age.

Drop In Story Time –Tuesdays, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., in the Story Room through the month of March.

SENIOR SCENE

Intergenerational connection

The following events are sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North St. Registration is required for all events, unless noted, by calling 781-383-9112.

LUNCHTIME SPEAKERS

Connecting the Generations – Presenter will be Kim Noble, registered nurse. Meets Wednesdays, March 5 and 26, 11 a.m. to noon.

Paul Minn from the United Way – Presentation titled "Dial 2-1-1" for non-emergency information. A gourmet lunch will be presented by the Angel Food Project. Cost is $3.

EVENTS

Derby Academy Chorus – Wednesday, March 12, 11 a.m. to noon. Join others at the CEA for the annual concert.

New England Flower Show – Wednesday, March 12. This is a change of date. Cost is $69. Call the CEA for more information.

St. Patrick's Feast – Monday March 17, noon to 2 p.m., at St Anthony Parish Center. Hosted by Anna and Friends. Cost is $10.

Antique Appraisal Day – Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Center. Cost for one item is $10; three items for $25. Maximum of three items. Call the CEA for more information.

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WITH A SMILE

Hello Cohasset, hope you are having a great end of February and getting ready to greet March 1 with a smile! I am writing about an event for this evening as well as one for tomorrow to help pass the time as we look ahead to Spring. Enjoy.

NEW ARRIVAL

Oliver Daniel Lemon was born to **Lisa Bull and Rob Lemon** on Friday morning, Feb. 22, 2008, at New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York City. The family resides in Glen Ridge, New Jersey. Elated grandparents include **Rev. Jan Carlsson-Bull**, minister of First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset, and **Daniel Bull**, of Scituate, and **Mary and David Lemon** of Komoka, Ontario, Canada.

BU HONORS

Two Cohasset residents have recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the Fall semester. Congratulations to **Chelsea Grossman** and **Caroline Steele** for achieving this honor.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Narrator and Joseph, Ann McCoy of Hingham and Mike Nakashima of Cohasset, take a break from rehearsing "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" for the Cohasset Dramatic Club's run of the show which opens tonight at Town Hall. Call 617-697-2115 for tickets.

'JOSEPH' PREMIERS

Get ready to come and enjoy a colorful and musical story of Joseph and his coat of many colors as told through the musical score and lyrics of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber presented by the Cohasset Dramatic Club. The dates for this show are Feb 29, March 1,7,8,14 and 15 at 7:30 pm and March 2, 9 and 16 at 2 pm and the show is held at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. Tickets are $14, $12 groups of 8 or more and may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books, Front Street Books in Scituate, or Paperscapes, or by calling 617-697-2115. Ticket also available at the door.

This is such a great way to enjoy an evening with friends and/or family members with music, color and fun. See you there!

NETWORKING

Come attend the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce networking event, March 6 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Members and non-members welcome. The Chamber has many exciting new initiatives underway, come hear about its plans as you enjoy the beautiful ambiance of the Paul Pratt Building. The Pratt Building is our local treasure; it is the Cohasset Historical Society headquarters (106 South Main St.) and features artwork, period furniture and artifacts of the Cohasset area. Please join us for this congenial evening and bring a colleague.

POST PROM

The next Post Prom planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in the Deer Hill library. All interested in theme, decorating, entertainment and food are encouraged to come! For questions or more information, please contact annfkelly@aol.com or babettestrecker@gmail.com.

U HARTFORD

The University of Hartford is pleased to announce its dean's list for Fall 2007. **Thomas E. Morgan** of Cohasset achieved this honor, nice job!

TASTE OF VENICE

The Barn at the Red Lion Inn will be transformed into a Venetian Carnivale setting for the South Shore Art Center's annual winter fundraising gala. The event will take place tonight (Friday, Feb. 29) at 6:30 p.m. and will feature a seated dinner, live music and entertainment, and spectacular live and silent auctions.

Boston's Billy Costa will be the master of ceremonies. Auction items include sports memorabilia, luxury travel packages, event tickets, and many works of art by highly-regarded regional artists such as Sergio Roffo, Richard Loud, Anne Heywood, Irma Cerese, JoAnne Chittick, Cindy Vallino, Jane Flavell Collins, Frank Strazzulla, and Nancy Colella. For reservations to Venetian Carnivale contact the South Shore Art Center at 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org. Tickets are $125 for Art Center members, $145 for non-members. All proceeds support the exhibitions and education programs of the South Shore Art Center.

QUILT SHOW

Spring begins in Cohasset with the Quilt Show at Second Congregational Church. No matter what the weather outside, the interior brings an unbelievable array of color as more than 50 quilts are on display in the sanctuary. The color continues in the church hall as tables are set with white tablecloths and flower centerpieces, and red aproned waiters await your selection from a delightful menu. This 15th annual Quilt Show and Luncheon will take place on March 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Tickets are available at Second Congregational Church (781-383-0345) and are$12 for the entire event. It is a good idea to buy them ahead as seating is limited.

DERBY HONORS

Derby Academy Head of School Andrea Archer recently acknowledged qualifying seventh- and eighth-grade students who achieved academic First or Second Honors for the fall semester.

Those students awarded First Honors earned an A- (90) or better average in all academic subjects.

From Cohasset they are: **Katherine Brown** (8th Grade); **Doyle Calhoun** (8th Grade); **Riley Calhoun** (8th Grade); **Myles Garbarini** (7th Grade); and **Robin Spofford** (7th Grade).

Those students awarded Second Honors earned a B (84) or better average in all academic subjects.

From Cohasset they are: **Derick Buffum** (8th Grade); **Sarah Evans** (8th Grade); **Deven Koswick** (8th Grade); **Emily O'Brien** (8th Grade); and **Hannah Rawson** (8th Grade).

Congratulations all!

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Decals to raise money for memorial fund

Remembering SHS athlete, Tim Mahoney

By Mary Ford
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The Cohasset Fire Department has found a way to remember Tim Mahoney while raising money for a memorial fund set up by the late teenager's family.

"We thought it would be a nice tribute to Tim," said Cohasset Capt. James Runey, about the blue and white decals that feature the No. 9, which was Tim's jersey number for both the hockey and lacrosse teams at Scituate High where he was a sophomore.

The decals, which sell for $5 each, are available at the Cohasset Fire Headquarters on Elm Street or by calling 781-383-6116 and at Scituate High where two students are selling them, Runey said.

"Every dollar we take in will go to the Timothy J. Mahoney Memorial Fund which has been set up at Scituate Federal Savings Bank," Runey said.

Tim, 16, was killed in a single-car accident Feb. 2 on Route 3A between Mendel Road and Pond Street. The driver, Chris Barrow, 18, and a senior at Scituate High, remains hospitalized.



The decals are available for $5 each at the fire department on Elm Street.

"Tim was from a well loved and respected family and he was great kid.:
— Capt. James Runey, Cohasset Fire Department

Runey, who is in charge of Group 3 at the fire department, said his Group came up with the idea. Tim's father Capt. Frank Mahoney is in charge of Group 1.

"Group 3 came up with the idea, but everyone is involved," Runey said.

David Hassan Sign Company of Cohasset donated the first 500 decals. The firefighters' union, Cohasset Permanent Firefighters Local 2804, will pick up the cost of any decals over the 500.

Runey said the decals could be put on a hockey or lacrosse helmet or on a window.

"I have never seen such an outpouring like I did with this particular funeral," Runey said about Tim's services. "Tim was from a well loved and respected family and he was a great kid.

"Tim will be remembered for a long time."

Runey said how the memorial fund will be used will be up to the Mahoney family.

The Timothy J. Mahoney Memorial Fund has been set up at Scituate Federal Savings Bank, 72 Front St., Scituate, MA 02066.

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society

The Cohasset Historical Society is grateful to those who remember us with donations of Cohasset photographs, textiles and memorabilia. We would like to take this occasion to thank you for your continued generous support.

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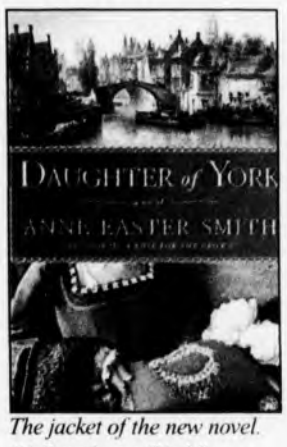
Judith McNeil recently donated this wonderful photograph to the Society. Her mother is among the "dolls" but we don't know much more about the photograph. Can anyone help us? We believe it was taken in the 1920s. Perhaps you can recognize yourself in the picture or perhaps the gentleman. A close examination of the photo shows that each child is dressed as a different doll. Please give us a call at 781-383-1434 if you can shed some light on the children in the photo or occasion on which it was taken.

Afternoon tea with author March 9

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, will host an afternoon tea for author Anne Easter Smith at 2 p.m., on Sunday, March 9. Smith will be discussing "A Daughter of York," her book of historical fiction about Princess Margaret, a 15th century noble and sister to two kings, King Edward IV and Richard the III.

Life at court, either medieval or 20th century, is rich with detail and intrigue. People are fascinated by the details of fashion, food, ceremony and behavior. Smith's research allows her to recreate Margaret's life and successfully imagine characters who would have been among Margaret's confidantes. Smith grew up in England, Germany and Egypt. At age 24 she moved to the United States. Thirty years later, she is still in the U.S., but her love for English history remains. Her first book was "A Rose for the Crown," her fictionalized story about Richard III. Smith is a member of the Richard III Society and the Historical Novels Society. She currently lives in Newburyport.

This is a free event. Reservations are requested, and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.



The jacket of the new novel. "A Daughter of York."

Entries sought for edible art exhibit

Cohasset High School is seeking entries for its seventh annual edible art exhibit, to be held beginning at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 6. The edible art competition is open to people 4 through 104. The artwork must be edible, meaning it must be safe for human consumption. It can be created by individuals or by a collaborative group. Artists will be responsible for setting up their pieces for viewing.

There will be two categories for judging: original artwork and copies of artwork. There will be many prizes, which will be provided by local restaurants and merchants. After all prizes are awarded, all work becomes property of the party, where attendees will eat and enjoy the art. The admission fee will be $2.

For information or to register, call Nina Berkowitz at Cohasset High School at 781-383-6100 or email nberkowitz@Cohassetk12.org.

Youth Ministry to host family event

A special evening, sponsored by the St. Anthony and St. Paul Youth Ministry, will take place Saturday, March 1. There will be a presentation and reflection by the Youth Ministry group on last summer's trip to New Orleans and the upcoming trip to Louisville, Ken. See what the youth of both parishes are doing for those less fortunate.

This is sure to be an uplifting and fun event, so gather family and friends to attend. There will be food, silent auction and raffles.

For tickets and information, contact Bette Baker at 781-383-7310 or betbaker@Comcast.net; Lindsey Watson at 781-749-7310, boomerw@comcast.net; or youth minister Bill Mezzetti at 781-589-0911, billmezzetti @yahoo.com.

South Shore Conservatory to host Drama Open House

South Shore Conservatory invites children ages 4 and older to come and discover the creative person within themselves at a Drama Open House from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, March 1. Children will participate in creative, dramatic games that are fun for all ages, and encourage them to use their imagination and speaking voice.

Drama department chairwoman Ellen Kelly hopes the participants have fun and learn how to feel at ease in front of an audience. "I hope they all bring their imagination with them," she said.

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Trio teams up for cancer patients

By Brian P. Nanos
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Three Scituate women are working with a Cohasset business to provide what they hope is more personal help to women and families suffering cancer.

On March 8, Learn Live Love, a charity run by Scituate residents Pam Ahl, Rosemary Lonborg and Amy Webber, is teaming up with Cohasset's Adrian Morris Salon to hold a full day of fundraising to help cancer patients.

The day will begin with the salon's Cut-A-Thon, which will include a guest makeup artist. That night, revelers will gather at the River Club in Scituate for a night of dinner, drinks and dancing. Last year, similar events raised $32,000.

The money will go to the women's Scituate-based charity that helps women and families who have been affected by cancer by providing basic services such as babysitters, wigs and help paying the mortgage.

"Science is great and all the big charities are necessary, but sometimes we forget that just getting sick can be expensive," Ahl said of the group's philosophy.

The charity was formed in late 2005 after Ahl herself was diagnosed with cancer and received a first-hand education on just how helpful community support can be. According to Ahl, she had decided to get through the treatments herself without asking her friends for help.

"We're women; that's what we do," she said. "We survive. We multitask. We take care of other people."

But her friends, especially Lonborg, would hear none of it. The formed a tight-knit community that helped Ahl with the everyday reality of adding cancer treatment and care to her already full schedule. Ahl describes the outpouring of support as "humbling."

"I had received an outpouring of support and so many people came forward to help me in so many ways," she said.

Cuts for a Cure

Daytime
When: March 8, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Adrian Morris Salon, 103 Ripley Road, Cohasset
More information: Adrian Morris Salon 781-383-6663

Evening
When: March 8, 7 p.m.
Where: The River Club, 78 Border St., Scituate
Cost: tickets are $45
More information: St. Mary's Parish Center 781-545-3335

"Oh my gosh. It's humbling that people continue to want to help on behalf of other people."
Pam Ahl

"I said, 'You know everybody should have this.'"

And so Lonborg and Ahl decided, in Lonborg's words, "to get something positive out of something very sad."

They teamed up with Webber, a coworker from St. Mary's Parish Center who had lost her husband to cancer to hold an information expo. Then Adrian Morris, Lonborg's hairdresser, who had already held his own cancer fundraisers, started to raise money for Learn Live Love,

"All of a sudden we had all this money," Webber said.

Together, they have raised $80,00 in three years. The money has gone to help families throughout the South Shore.

And as she was when her friends first began showing up to help her through treatments, Ahl is still taken aback by the generosity.

"Oh my gosh," she said. "It's humbling that people continue to want to help on behalf of other people."

Art Center class captures the botanical

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others were looking for an artistic outlet and some just wanted to reignite a former passion for art. But, nearly all readily admit the challenging nature of the art form.

The extremely technical form of art is meant to capture nature as the artist sees it, balancing the artistic elements and portraying the plant as it exists in nature, says Roche.

"Art and science share an almost symbiotic relationship. A botanical illustrator must actually be an artist with one foot planted firmly in science," says Roche. "If you can produce a drawing or painting that, besides accurate is also beautiful, you may have created a work of art, but not all illustration is art, some may show every tiny detail, but still be dry and dull."

The beginning of each project begins with the examination of the plant specimen. The class is currently examining and producing watercolor paintings of the primrose. In front of each student is a small potted plant to serve as her muse. Each primrose is unique in its shapes, texture, color and size, which must be brought out in each artist's work. They study it. They turn it. They draw it. They match nature's colors to watercolors.

"You have to imagine you are the first person painting a plant, so it's important to be really accurate," says Roche, a South Shore Art Center gallery artist. She has taught the botanical art class for 10 years at the Art Center, but has taught adults the craft of botanical art for 23 years. Roche is the founding director of the New England Society of Botanical Artists, which is affiliated with the larger American Society of Botanical Artists.

"It's about recording and learning about the world."
— Sarah Roche, botanical artist

Many of the students who have taken the class for several years have joined the New England Society of Botanical Artists.

The laid back yet focused class covers the basics from accurately sketching the plant, to mixing watercolors to truly represent real life specimen to precisely re-creating a two-dimensional painting of a three-dimensional object.

"It's about recording and learning about the world," says Roche.

One of the artists in the class, Claire Watts of Cohasset has been taking the class almost since Roche started teaching it. She said she has always loved to draw and paint, but with a full-time job it was often difficult to make that happen, "this class is the discipline to make that happen," says Watts.

The class has all skill levels. When Anne Morrison started taking the class in 2001, she says she was a true beginner but she has gained the love and skill involved with the art form.

"With this class no matter how many times you take it, you just never graduate. I learn something new every class," says Morrison, adding "this is an art form everyone can learn."

But, it does not come without its challenges. Beginners often struggle with the focused, detailed work botanical art involves and encounter the innate problems of working with a living thing.



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Muriel Long of Hull revels in the detailed work the botanical art form involves.

Muriel Long, a third year student from Hull, bought a wine-colored lady slipper orchid a few weeks ago when the blossom had yet to open. She began her work with the leaves, banking on the flower opening by the time she was ready to begin painting the top half of the flower. But she had no such luck, the stubborn orchid stayed shut.

She called the flower shop where she had purchased the plant to ask what she could do to help the plant along, but they couldn't help her. Eventually, she bought a similarly colored orchid to finish her painting. Then, in order to create an accurate portrayal of the plant Long has to adjust the coloring and pattern of the leaves to more closely reflect the second plant.

"We can't have things too easy, then what would be the fun of it?" says Long with a smile.

Long revels in the detailed work the botanical art form involves. Self-described as an anal person, she dons magnification glasses to more closely examine both the plant and her watercolor painting.

"The first day I attended a class it was like I was a dry sponge dumped in a bucket of water," said Long, "it's been a great experience."

Whereas typical watercolor painting is more loose and airy, the botanical art is detailed and exact — a process right up Long's alley. Others struggle with the exacting process involved in botanical art, but veterans encourage the new artists in the program to keep with it.

Once an artist gets beyond the initial struggles of getting the painting just right, Morrison and others agree the process can become a relaxing one.

"It's a zen thing," says Morrison, where sometimes two or three hours can go by before she realizes it.

Kathy Folino of Rockland took up botanical art two years ago and hasn't looked back since, "it's an incredible way to help you see the beauty of nature," she says. She is currently pursuing her botanical art certificate at Wellesley College also taught by Roche.

Through the art class, Folino says she has learned a lot more about plants and nature than she ever intended to know. After doing initial sketches she researches the plant to gain a greater understanding of it.

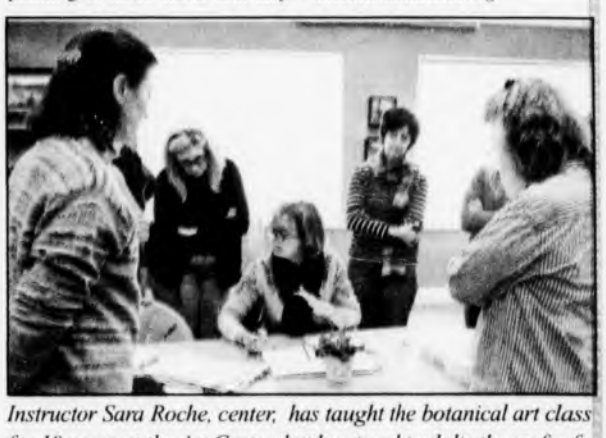
Each artist brings his or her own eye and perspective to the 'seeing' part of the process.

"I just paint what I see, that's what it's about — painting what you see," says Roche.

To find out more about botanical art, visit www.ssac.org or www.nesbaartists.org.



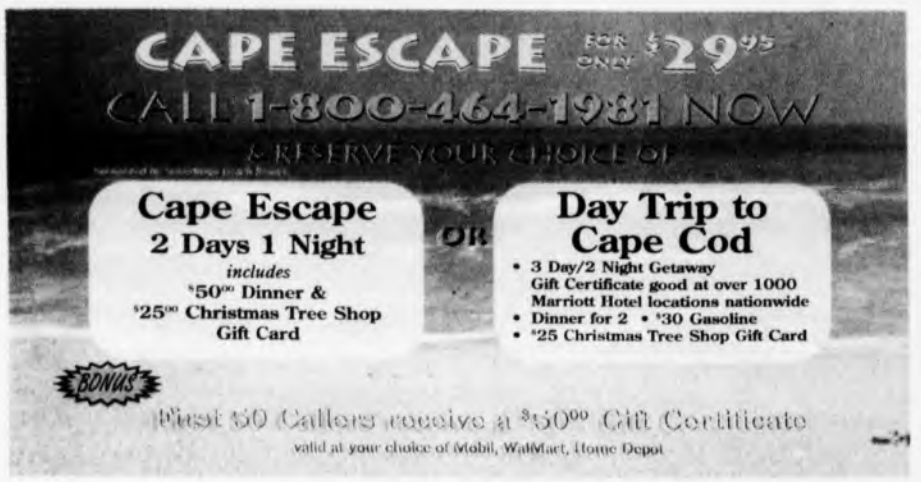
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Kicking back in tiny, low-key Nevis

Rick Holmes
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Nevis, West Indies -

Some travelers collect states. Some collect countries, taking great pride in the stamps on their passports. Others collect cities, theaters and fine restaurants. They can compare notes till closing time.

Then, there are the travelers who collect islands. They store memories of sandy Pacific atolls, of rustic inns off the coast of Maine, of all-inclusives in the Caribbean, of white Greek villages surrounded by the blue Aegean Sea. They are veterans of cruises, connoisseurs of beaches. They know that every island is a gem of a different hue, a unique cut.

So where does Nevis fit in their jewel box?

Put it in a small compartment, because it's a tiny gem of a destination. And store it with your cherished antique pieces, because Nevis feels like it's from another time, a time before the Caribbean became Disneyfied and Americanized.

How small? Nevis is oval shaped, roughly 6 miles wide and 7 deep. It's got one small town, the capital, Charlestown, one majestic mountain, Nevis Peak, and one main road.

Nevis is the junior member of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, two of the Leeward Islands, about 200 miles east of Puerto Rico. Nevis has a population of 11,000, which, combined with the population of St. Kitts, makes for a country smaller than some New England towns.



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Nevis serves up views including of neighboring islands.

Wherever you are on Nevis, you can turn one direction and see Nevis Peak, with clouds dancing around its point. The clouds reminded Christopher Columbus of snow - Nieves in Spanish - which became the name Nevis (pronounced Nee-vis) after it was made a British colony.

Look the other direction and you can see the sea, the horizon decorated with other islands, including St. Kitts, Monserrat and Antigua, depending on which direction you are facing.

In the island's heyday, sugar plantations stretched from the sea almost to the top of Nevis Peak, but that heyday passed more than a century ago. Now, the top half of the mountain has been taken over by rainforest, and the largest plantations have been turned into resorts.

The plantations have an Old World charm to them, as do much of the buildings on the island. Charlestown's buildings date back to the 1700s, and nothing looks especially new.

Nevis has hosted famous visitors for centuries - from Lord Nelson to Princess Di to Oprah - but it still has an undiscovered feel to it.

That is partly by design. The airport can't handle large jets and the harbor can't handle large cruise ships, limits that keep the island from feeling overwhelmed by tourists. I spotted no T-shirt shops in Charlestown and souvenirs are hard to find. Nor will you find Starbucks, Gucci or any other recognizable brand - foreign-owned store chains are prohibited. In fact, if shopping is your favorite vacation activity, you had best pick another island.

There is one name-brand resort, the classy Four Seasons. And many go there to golf and dine in high style.

For sunseekers, Nevis' calling card is its crystal waters and uncrowded beaches. It is not a noisy beach scene, but you can rent kayaks, windsurf or fish. For $55, you can spend a terrific afternoon on a catamaran, sipping rum punch and snorkeling over coral reefs teeming with colorful, exotic fish.

On land, activities include golf, horseback riding and hiking in the rainforest. The hikes can be strenuous, especially if you intend to climb Nevis Peak, and a guide is recommended. The Nevisians (rhymes with Parisians) haven't done much to take advantage of this natural wonder - parking lots at the end of marked trails would be a start - but at least you don't have to worry about crowded trails.

The island's cultural attractions are few and unremarkable. There is a botanical garden, a preserved historic sugar plantation, a small museum dedicated to American patriot Alexander Hamilton, who spent his childhood on Nevis. There is no movie theater and no casino, though both can be found on St. Kitts, with regular ferries connecting the islands (the trip takes about 45 minutes).

The relative lack of 24/7 entertainment points to what Nevis really offers: a relaxed, uncluttered pace at which to enjoy the finer things of life.

You can spend an entire afternoon eating, drinking and making friends at Sunshine's, a beachside bar famous for its "Killer Bee" rum drinks and nobody will think you're wasting time. You can loll away the day at the Golden Rock Plantation Inn, waiting for afternoon tea time, when resident monkeys join guests for a snack. You can settle into a Nevisian rhythm that finds more than enough entertainment in tropical sun, soft breezes and fresh seafood off the grill.

And you'll have an undiscovered gem of an island to add to your collection.

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Staying there: Nevis offers a range of accommodations, in terms of price and altitude - how far up onto the mountain (and away from the beach) you are willing to go? A sampling:

* The Four Seasons Resort Nevis (www.fourseasons.-com/nevis/) is at sea level, on Oualie Beach. By far the biggest resort on the island, it boasts an 18-hole golf course, luxury villas as well as luxury rooms, and five-star amenities, with rooms starting at $700 a night.

* The Oualie Beach Resort (www.oualiebeach.com) is at the end of the island's most popular beach, and offers spacious suites in Victorian cottages. A short walk from the Four Seasons, its rooms start at $270.

* At the other end of the altitude scale is the Golden Rock Plantation Inn (www.goldenrock.com). An exquisitely renovated sugar plantation, it sits halfway up Nevis Peak on the edge of the rainforest. The wildlife, ocean views and pastel cottages draw artists and nature lovers. The inn's proprietors also operate a restaurant on the beach, with frequent shuttles between the two. Rooms start at $135.

* The Banyan Tree Bed and Breakfast (www.banyantree-bandb.com/), just down the hill from the Golden Rock, sits among bamboo groves and a 300-year-old banyan tree. Run by a couple from New Hampshire, it caters to travelers who want to get away from it all: no phones, no AC and no TV - but it does have WiFi. The b&b has just three suites, going for $135 to $185.

* A range of guesthouses offers a more affordable stay, often in locations with less convenient access to the beach or the mountain. JPs Guest House (www.nevis-hotels.travel-/JPs_Guest_House), in the heart of Charlestown, offers a chance to get closer to Nevisian culture. It is within walking distance of the beach and the ferry, so you can save on car rentals. It's comfortable, not luxurious, for $72 a night.

Getting around: If you're staying more than a few days, renting a car makes the most sense, but you will have to learn to drive on the left on the narrow island streets. You will also have to pay $24 for a Nevis driver's license in addition to rental car fees (a valid driver's license from home is needed; no test required).

Getting there: American Airlines (www.aa.com) offers connecting service to Nevis via San Juan on a daily basis.

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A donkey grazes in Nevis.

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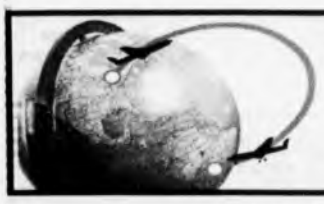
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EDC launches 3-year plan

Less than a month after obtaining the approval and the green light from the Board of Selectmen, the Economic Development Committee is ready to embark on the ambitious mission to bring more vitality and revenues to Cohasset outlined below:

EDC Mission:

• To foster and promote ideas, opportunities and events that will cultivate sustainable solutions for the **economic well being** of the town.

• To capitalize on **Cohasset's unique assets**, such as its beautiful coast line and its art tradition, to attract those desirable businesses and visitors that will enhance the quaint atmosphere of the town.

• To be committed to establishing **lasting economic viability** and success for Cohasset retail and commercial businesses, as well as facilitate new investment and capital expansion to increase employment, create new revenue sources and broaden the tax base.

• To interact with the various media and business entities for the purpose of **promoting the town's image**, strengths and best economic interests.

EDC Proposed 3 year Action Plan (what, why, how & when) :

(Articulated around each paragraph of the mission statement)

In each of the following initiative/Action step, where there is an existing organization involved, the EDC shall be sensitive to that organization's history and leadership, focusing its efforts on a supportive role.

1. Foster and promote ideas, opportunities and events…

Initiatives/Action steps:

a. Organize annual **"Cohasset Day"** for locals and visitors in the village. No car traffic on S. Main between the Red Lion and Sotheby's. BBQs on the street. Shops displays on sidewalks. Pets parade. Automobile Concours d'Elegance. Auction. Games for kids and adults on the Commons. Presence of personalities (if possible actor/actress who starred in movie showcasing Cohasset). Regional media, including TV, invited. (time frame: 08)

b. Develop the dimension of the **Farmers Market** to make it a bigger and more vibrant market. Solicit/invite more vendors/booths.

c. Add Cohasset **directional signs** in strategic places: on 3A, on 228, off route 3, etc. to demonstrate that indeed Cohasset welcomes visitors. Today, the famous phrase "if you don't know where it is, you should not be there in the first place" seems to be the rule of the land. It is not the best way to market the "visitor-friendly" message.

d. Work with all **Cohasset events** organizers (Art Festival, Music Circus, Triathlon…) in order to create more synergy/impact and standardize the permit delivery process on behalf of the town. Next year, the BOS might want to look into forming a "Special Events Committee" or a sub-committee attached to the EDC.

e. Explore possibility of a regular **shuttle** between the train station and the village in order to incite visitors to come to Cohasset.

f. Sell day/weekend **passes to the beach** to only those visitors staying in a Cohasset hotel. Short of doing this, it is somewhat deceiving to attract visitors when they cannot fully enjoy one of the main reasons they wish to come.

g. Consider adding **"By-the-sea"** to "Cohasset" as a marketing theme. This would create a great opportunity to talk about the town, its natural attributes, and make it easier to promote Cohasset to those visitors who do not know where it is.

2. Capitalize on Cohasset unique assets, such as its beautiful coast line and its art tradition…

Initiatives/Action steps:

a. Encourage new **art galleries** and stores specializing in high end sea-related merchandise to open in the village. Organize a marketing campaign (mailings/articles in specialized magazines/calls to associations and societies to target key people and galleries and "sell them" on the Cohasset opportunity.

b. Create stronger identity, sophisticated image and **town pride** by developing and selling through local stores trademarked (revenue opportunity) Cohasset brand on Cohasset t-shirts, sweat shirts, caps, maps, etc.

c. Solicit and support the **movie industry's** interest in making appropriate movies in Cohasset –especially ones whose themes are consistent with the town's key assets.

d. Make Cohasset cleaner and more inviting. It is particularly critical to clean or re-finish the basin/fountain in the Commons since it represents the image of the town and is a focal point. Perhaps a "fun activity morning" can be organized twice-a-year to get willing residents and concerned shop/business operators to help.

e. Work with the Cohasset Historical Society and the Community Preservation Committee to devise one new perennial event in the summer that will draw significant attendance –such as a day devoted to smaller **historic ships** that would visit Cohasset Harbor.

f. Provide information/photos of the Cohasset sea shore, harbor, village, etc. to editors of travel guides and other tourism vehicles to promote the **beautiful assets** of the town to nature and art lovers.

g. Following the first successes (new stores), encourage high-end well known **restaurants** to take advantage of the town momentum and new development vision to open in town…while it is still possible.

3. Establish lasting viability and success for Cohasset retail and commercial businesses…

Initiatives/Action steps:

a. Serve as an ombudsman for existing **businesses** and new businesses interested in coming to Cohasset and organize with the owners/operators a regular forum to brainstorm about ideas to increase activity (ex: a *Buy-Cohasset* discount for residents – double during off-peak times) and provide whatever expertise we can to help them grow their business.

b. Investigate whether the **harbor's' income** and expenses should be breakeven if they are not presently and promote the idea they should be positive. Evaluate the implementation of elastic moorings to expand moorings and increase revenues. Meet with the Harbormaster and others knowledgeable with this device to explore feasibility.

c. Support the Water Commission in exploring options of selling off additional excess potable **water capacity** without impacting the long term Cohasset needs to reduce residents water rates.

d. Explore opportunities for immediate expansion of **sewer capacity** for commercial development in the town.

e. Identify, support and promote Route 3A and Village District property owners that want to build or renovate under-utilized or **undeveloped properties**. Send out a mailer explaining how the new zoning changes can benefit them.

f. Work closely with the Planning Board to identify **space opportunities** for new businesses and parking. Support the increase in municipal parking through development of Parcel 2. Support the implementation of visitor/customer-friendly parking regulations that would include employee parking.

4. Interact with the various media and business entities to promote the town…

Initiatives/Action steps:

a. Create and use an interactive **EDC public website**, linked to the town site, to connect with residents, local businesses, potential new businesses (stores, restaurants, services), investors, developers, visitors, etc. and provide information and assistance. Online menu and agenda of all annual Cohasset events. Online Q & A. Home page illustrated with town logo and photos or graphic references to coast line/village/harbor/art/music. The site would feature both the town's vision and the EDC mission.

b. Create a list of "**Reasons to live and/or visit** Cohasset" associated with a brief historical background and illustrations to publish on the site and in the media.

c. Establish a partnership with **local newspapers**, i.e. the Mariner and the Tiny Gazette, to carry our message to the residents, announce upcoming events, report on ideas to explore and, most importantly, keep the dialogue open with all residents to seek their opinion and suggestions, earn their trust and support for our marketing strategy. Work with the Mariner to develop a "Business of the month" promotion with the goal of evolving it into an annual function that would utilize local restaurants.

d. Create a list of **types of businesses** and stores which ideally fit/identify with the vision of the town development in order to prioritize the marketing actions.

e. Promote and support the town's Alternative Energy Committee in the adoption of a **"Wind energy** strategy" to reduce the town long term energy costs that will result in direct savings to the taxpayers.

f. Publish **brochures of Cohasset** "yesterday, today and tomorrow" and distribute in strategic locations: boat shuttles in Boston & Hingham, travel agencies, hotels, chambers of commerce, etc.

Economic Development Committee:Members: *Peter Brown, Chairman; Tim Chamberlain, Charles Hurd, Michael Milanoski, Timothy O'Brien, and Alain Pinel.* ***Ex-Officio Members:*** *Planning Board: Michael Westcott-Planning; Board TBD – Sewer Commission.* ***Board of Selectmen Liaison:*** *To be appointed by the BOS: First appointed – Ted Carr.*

Funds supported for Town Hall work

By Nancy White
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"The old Cohasset Town Hall is at the heart of Cohasset's character and embodies the 'can do' spirit of Cohasset as it has been used for so many different uses."
— David Farrag, citizen proponent

The Town Hall stands as a symbol of Cohasset. It's served dozens of different purposes over its 150-year life span, each one a reflection of the town's storied history. Besides being a central meeting place for town business, it's served as a theater, a private school, a movie theater, a basketball court, boxing matches, a ballroom, a jailhouse and (most recently discovered) a 'haunted' house.

Serving so many different purposes has put wear and tear on the aging building, but the Town Hall could be restored to a glory worthy of its history. Last year, Town Meeting voters allocated $35,000 of Community Preservation funds for a historic restoration architectural firm to advise the Town on how to best repair the "old" part of Town Hall.

"The old Cohasset Town Hall is at the heart of Cohasset's character and embodies the 'can do' spirit of Cohasset as it has been used for so many different uses," David Farrag, citizen proponent, wrote in his CPC funding application this year.

Now, a year later with an architect on board, physical improvements are ready to be made to the building. Farrag, who has been heading up the Town Hall renovation effort, returned to the Community Preservation Committee to request $300,000 to partially restore the exterior of the building — windows, chimney, gutters and downspouts. The committee gave their full support to the project with a 6-0 vote to recommend it to Town Meeting. It will be the largest monetary project to go before Town Meeting. Voters will have the final say on how CPC funds are spent at Town Meeting March 29.

"We didn't come with any preconceived notions, we knew we were going to discover things as we went along. We're uncovering history as we're going through Town Hall," said Farrag. The proposal is just the first of what may be several phases of restoration work.

Cambridge-based architectural firm Carr, Lynch and Sandell has been evaluating every aspect of the Town Hall since being hired in the late fall. They are working toward a full feasibility study that will give the town a blueprint of what needs to be done to fully restore and optimize the building's infrastructure and space for the future. The five- person Town Hall Restoration and Renovation Committee has been working closely with the architectural firm to establish the scope of the project.

The renovations proposed in this first step are "stand alone" renovations, meaning when interior renovations are done, these items will not need to be re-done, said Farrag. The majority of the $300,000 will go toward restoring the 41 out of the 47 windows of the Town Hall (approximately $120,000). Some of the windows are original to the building, dating back to 1857. Others are from when the Town Hall was significantly renovated in 1928.

The windows will be completely removed and restored to their original luster. The window restoration will take months to complete as only a few windows will be taken at a time and each restoration will take one to two weeks. Storm window will be added and the result will be increased energy efficiency throughout the building.

"Right now, we're basically heating the town common," quipped Farrag.

The remainder of the funds will be used for other needed exterior items. Currently, the chimney is unbraced and literally could fall down in a high wind, "it's in the category of miracle when there are high winds," said lead architect and Cohasset resident Jim Sandell. The chimney will get new flashing, tiebacks and re-pointing.

The cornice, gutters and downspouts will be re-done. Sandell said in heavy rainwater comes down cracks in the gutters landing around the foundation and cracks are already beginning to show.

The long view cost estimate to restore the town hall will fall somewhere between $2 and $5 million. The interior renovation will include mechanical updates for heating, air conditioning, electricity and plumbing. The basement will be recaptured for town record storage, as well as handicap bathrooms and an elevator, just to name a few of the items in the greater scheme.

Farrag recognizes community preservation funds cannot be the sole source of funding for the project. Grants will be sought and private fundraising will be done as well.

For this first step to address major exterior issues, the CPC fully supported the project.

"The Town Hall should be a showpiece," said CPC chairman Stuart Ivimey, adding the project has gotten a lot of community support.

Although the CPC still has a few other project to come before them, CPC member Susan Sardina said these items were urgent, "the longer we let something like this go on, the more expensive it will get…what could be more important than our Town Hall. It is the essence and heart of our community."

Recommended CPC Projects

Organization	Project	Amount
Town Hall	Exterior renovation	$300,000
Conservation Comm./ Harbor Health Comm.	Border St. culvert replacement	$35,000
Town Clerk	Restore town archives	$50,000
Stormwater Comm./ Conservation Comm.	Raingardens	$88,500
Housing Partnership	Perc tests	$20,000
Historical Society	Restoration and preservation of buildings and archives	$51,700
Water Commission	Land purchase-Brass Kettle Watershed	$175,000
Debt service	Watershed land purchase	$38,479
Total amount recommended		$758,679


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EDITORIAL

Issues, issues

If someone was moving into town this month – given the shortage of election contests -- they might get the impression that Cohasseters are not opinionated and are generally apathetic about their government.

We know that could not be further from the truth. Percolating just under the surface is the same passion for this seaside community and its future that there always has been.

Last year, for example, a town election that was previewed as an "election with no races" – one that could have had a historic low turnout -- changed literally overnight when two candidates launched write-in campaigns for the School Committee.

Things were much quieter for Selectman. Paul Carlson ran unopposed for an "open" seat on the Board of Selectmen. (Incumbent Rob Spofford did not seek reelection). This year, Selectman Gary Vanderweil is not seeking a second term. Karen Quigley and incumbent Selectman Fred Koed are unopposed in their bids for two seats.

In Cohasset there have always been a lot of smart people willing to put their time and energy into town boards and other volunteer activities.

So we hope despite the "bruising battles" of last year's write-in campaign and the divisive override election of two years ago have not deterred potential candidates from seeking office.

Debate is a good thing because airing the issues helps increase awareness by bringing them to the forefront. So this year -- with the exception of the Sewer Commission where there is a race between Wayne Sawchuk and Jim Dow -- that is going to be a bit more difficult.

However, here at the Mariner we would still like to conduct the Question of the Week for the Sewer Commission, School Committee, Planning Board and Selectman candidates. We encourage all those candidates to take part.

Here are next week's questions:

• **For Sewer Commission candidates** (Wayne Sawchuk and Jim Dow):
In light of the plant overflow events, some residents have no confidence in the Sewer Commission. What can you do to turn that around?

• **For Selectman candidates** (Fred Koed and Karen Quigley):
Is affordable housing a critical issue for Cohasset?

• **For School Committee candidate** (Alfred Slanetz):
Have the schools lost ground since the failure of the override two years ago?

• **Planning Board candidates** (Clark Brewer and Charles Samuelson):
Has the Large House Site Plan Review done its job in controlling "mansionization?"

Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like.

All candidates running for any office are also invited to submit a photograph and a formal statement announcing their candidacies. There is no word limit on the formal announcement but candidates are encouraged to be as concise as possible.

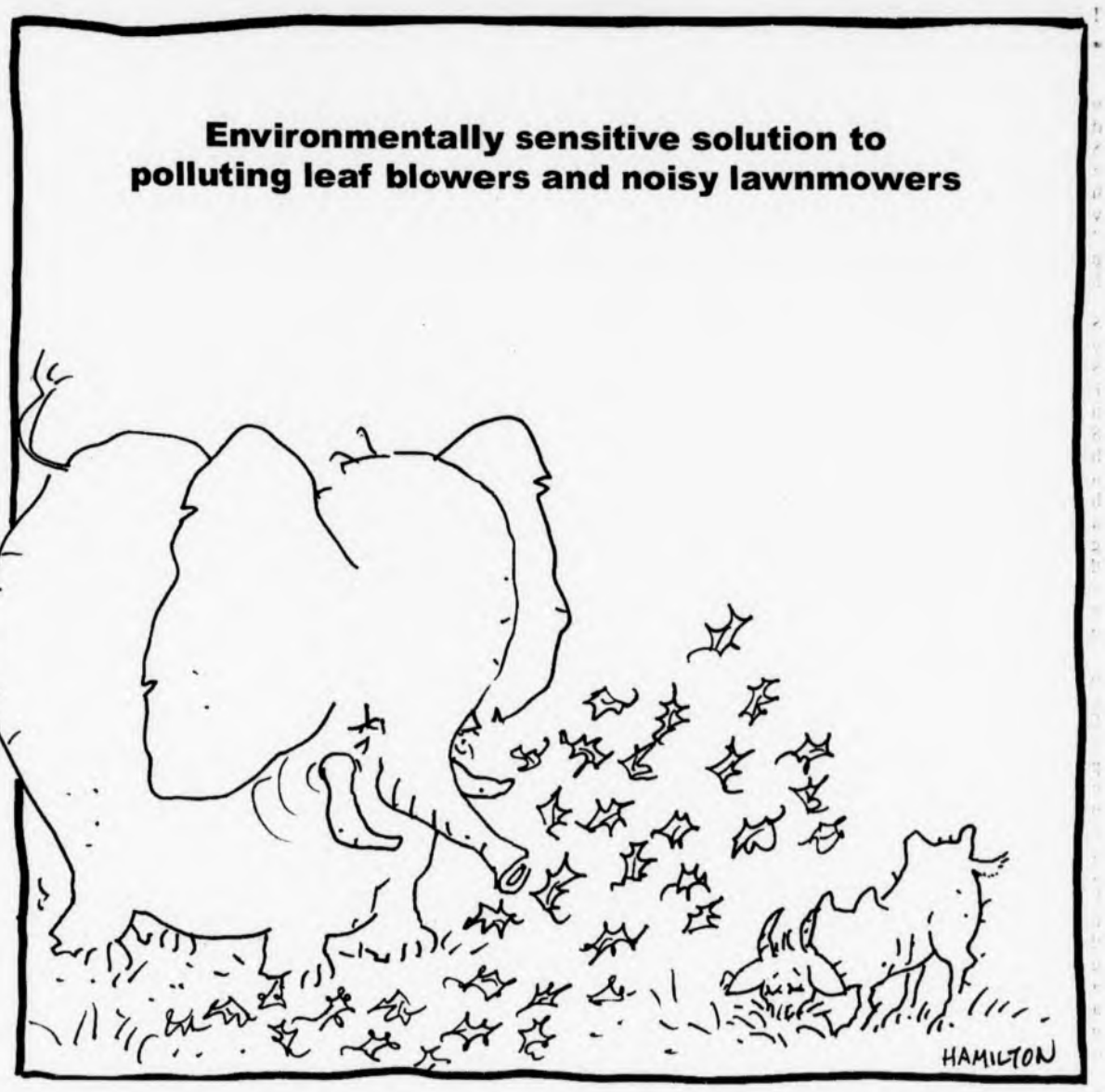
The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by email at mford@cnc.com.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Board of Health, March 19, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commssion, March 6 & 20, and April 3, 7 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, March 3, 12, 19 & 26 at 7:15 p.m.
Deer Hill School Council, March 5, 7:30 a.m. at Deer Hill.
Historical Commission, March 12, 7:30 p.m.
Planning Board, March 3, 6:45 regular meeting, 7:15 public hearing on zoning articles
Recreation Commission, March 12, 6:30 p.m.
School Committee, March 5, 7 p.m. public hearing on the budget, regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., at the high school.
Selectmen March 3, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, March 24, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, March 6 & 18, 6 p.m. at the King Street plant.
ZBA, March 4, 7:30 p.m.
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



HEALTH NOTES

Spring and stormwater: a fateful combination

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

While the thermometer may not suggest so — Spring is here and with it comes the fear of flooding for many Cohasset residents whose homes lie in low areas near freshwater marshes and streams and the harbors. Historically flooding was always expected in these areas but lately within the past 10 years the problems have become more acute with greater potential for disaster. The problem is partially explained in the global climate shift that even the skeptics have come to accept as real. However the major and immediate cause of this situation is man-made. Upland development is the root of the problem ignoring stormwater runoff leaving the site and altering historic water conveyance patterns.

Uncontrolled flooding is a potential ecological and human health disaster aside from consideration of the municipal and residential costs these events generate.

The Stormwater Committee in concert with the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission have developed a draft bylaw which will be put before the voting public for approval at the March Town Meeting. The Bylaw is the product of over 18 months of careful research and negotiation. The intent of this effort is to establish a functional review mechanism to bring the problem of stormwater and site runoff in significant development activities under control and mitigation.

The Bylaw is not something out of the blue but actually required by US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which recognized the deleterious effects of uncontrolled stormwater upon the water quality of our wetlands, streams, rivers and harbors in the Clean Water Act. The Stormwater Committee was formed of members representing town boards and committees with an active interest in the management of Cohasset's water resources. The Federal deadline to institute some acceptable regulations is May 2008. Without such regulations a town could be liable for fines of up to $10,000/day. The proposed bylaw has been reviewed and revised extensively incorporating comments from various town agencies and committees and finally approved by the Board of Selectmen. This final product will be published in the Town Warrant for a vote at Town Meeting.

Some key features of the bylaw are the definitions and the exclusions under the law and establishment of a tiered review process for site development and redevelopment throughout the Town. The purpose is to bring stormwater and runoff considerations into the granting of building permits and Conservation Commission approval for site activities. The bylaw encourages the use of the panoply of mitigation methods that can significantly reduce or eliminate stormwater runoff. It forces the applicant to increase infiltration of excess water at the sites under construction. The point is to consider the project in terms of its potential to affect off site and downstream land parcels with stormwater leaving the site during and after construction.

One point to consider is the Federal minimum area of concern is once acre of disturbance in Cohasset Bylaw the minimum for review is 500-5,000 square feet. This minimum size was not determined at random but by a careful review of the more recent Cohasset construction permits. The rationale is based on a historic review of Cohasset building permits to determine which range of area disturbances demonstrated a significant increase in the volume of runoff generated. The data revealed that a loss of roughly 20 percent of the site infiltration spikes a significant change in the amount of water leaving a site. The impacts of this excess water leaving the site are in the suspended sediment and contaminants that are carried downstream to the harbor. This "first flush "of stormwater contains the greatest concentration of suspended sediments and pollutants the first few minutes. Roadway oils and greases; animal wastes, septic leakage and suspended dirt and sediment all act to seriously degrade receiving waters or these discharges. This problem is one of both volume and velocity.

As a first step in the process of bringing the existing problems under control the Town has contracted with Coughlin Associates of Stoneham to develop a master plan to establish timelines and activities to resolve problems and deficiencies in our present stormwater collection and discharge system. The BOH and Cohasset DPW with monitoring assistance by Center for Student Coastal Research have begun this process over the past several years with studies identifying "hotspots" of pollutant sources entering the harbor. The Water Department and Board of Health working with Norfolk Ram Engineers have sought and won state grants to help pay for assessment of these hotspots and the engineering and construction of appropriate controls using Best Management Practices to successfully ameliorate the most critical areas of concern around both Lily Pond (the town's key water supply). Cohasset Harbor and Little Harbor the principal receiving water bodies for stormwater in town.

This process is both complex and critical. It will not be resolved by simple solutions. Uncontrolled flooding is a potential ecological and human health disaster aside from consideration of the municipal and residential costs these events generate. This situation affects every taxpayer in direct costs and indirectly through more expensive insurance rates. The Stormwater Bylaw is the keystone to a coordinated attack on the problem and will become the basis to by which we can begin to resolve the acutely dangerous flooding patterns of recent memory.

Please take the time to read through the text of Article XX and get your questions answered by the Board of Health or the Conservation Commission which are sponsoring the article.

And don't forget to vote at the Town Meeting to support this vital and critical piece of environmental regulation.

Material from this column came from the Board of Health, the Stormwater Committee, the Water Resources Protection Committee and many others. Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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Hammerhead turn planned for Spring St.

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush update – CBB, the MBTA's contractor, returned a week ago and marked out the delineation for a hammerhead turn at the end of Spring Street on the Main Street side of the road closure. So what's a "hammer head turn?" It is a turn around, shaped like the head of a hammer, wherein the vehicle can pull into one end of the "head" and back into the opposite "head" and then pull out to the street with the front of the vehicle facing the direction of travel.

Well here's Cohasset's situation on Spring Street, now a dead end road. If a large emergency vehicle (think fire truck) needs to enter Spring Street from S. Main Street across from the Historical Society, to get back to S. Main Street the vehicle must back out all the way to S. Main Street. Not only is this a cumbersome operation, but it could delay the ability of the fire truck to get to another emergency location. Thus, a hammerhead turn around will enable the fire engine to turn around and drive out as quickly as possible. Our goal now is to make sure that the Fire Chief agrees that the design will provide ample room to maneuver our largest fire truck. So, we are preparing to meet with the chief on location to review its dimensions and make sure it is adequate.

Little Harbor project – This past Monday morning we had the opportunity to meet with our contractor, L&M Holdings, along with National Grid and project engineering representatives. The issues were something that we hinted at in the past, but which represents a genuine hazard to the construction workers as well as possible inconvenience for area residents. On Jerusalem Road, from Rust Way to Linden Drive, where the new sewer lines are scheduled to be buried, we found several different sets of electrical lines directly buried about 2 feet below the asphalt. The contractor inadvertently hit a 5,000-volt line with their equipment. Fortunately, the contractor was using a large piece of power digging equipment and the operator was isolated from the high voltage. Had the contractor been digging by hand with a shovel, the worker could have been seriously harmed of even killed.

Needless to say, L&M was very hesitant to go back and do more digging in this area, either by hand or by machine. As a matter of fact, any digging near buried power lines must be done by a person with special training and certification, which most contractors don't have on their payroll. At the meeting last Monday, National Grid was extremely cooperative and agreed to supply a construction worker with the necessary background and skill to do all of the digging within 18 inches of the power lines. This is really a big deal because not only because of the 5,000-volt line which must be avoided, but each dwelling has a 240 volt service under ground that connects to the power line and crosses the location of the new sewer line. In addition, from Rust Way to Linden Drive, National Grid has agreed to place brand new underground conduit. Thus, if for any reason in the future they need to upgrade the underground wiring, the conduits will be in place. All National Grid needs to do is to pull wires through the conduit and the road surface does not need to be disturbed. We wish to thank National Grid for their cooperation and foresight.

Little Harbor Project schedule update – The schedule was received on Monday, Feb. 25th from the contractor. It's possible that part of "Jerusalem Road, Rust Way to Deep Run" task could begin as early as March 3rd rather than March 10th as listed in the schedule. This does depend on the weather and when National Grid actually begins their cooperative work with our contractor. This scheduling variation demonstrates how dynamic schedules are in any construction project. At best, we should consider that schedules are a guideline.



Tube demonstrates pavement settling.



Another photo of trench settling.

Construction trenches and paving — We've spoken about delaying the final paving after a construction project takes place in the roadway, particularly one that involves deep trenches. The accompanying photos will give you a good indication of what we are talking about. S. Main Street was dug up for new water lines last summer. The trench was backfilled, the earth was well compacted and the paving was patched. Now after 7 months, the patch has settled as the pictures show. That's why the DPW requires a contractor to wait and do final paving after the ground *really* has a chance to settle.

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Little Harbor Project Schedule as of Feb. 22, 2008
Sewer Mainline: Installation of the main sewer line in the roadway
Sewer Services: Installation stub pipe that will go from the main sewer line to the edge of private property
Erosion Control: Adding silt fence and hay bales alongside work area to keep construction debris from wetland areas.

Location	Work to be Done	Week Starting 2/25/08	Week Starting 3/03/08	Week Starting 3/10/08	Week Starting 3/17/08	Week Starting 3/24/08
Jerusalem Rd. Jerusalem Rd. Dr. to Atlantic	Sewer Mainline					
Jerusalem Rd. Rust Way to Deep Run	Sewer Mainline (Depends on National Grid Issues)					
Atlantic Ave. Jerusalem Rd. to Nichols	Sewer Mainline (Start on 3/10 if National Grid not resolved (above)					
Nichols Road	Sewer Services					
Atlantic Ave from Sandy Beach to Whitehead	Sewer Mainline					
Atlantic Ave. Nichols to Jerusalem Rd.	Sewer Mainline					
Sandy Cove	Sewer Mainline					
Whitehead Rd.	Sewer Mainline					
Atlantic Ave. Jerusalem Rd. to Nichols	Erosion Control					

Piracy on the high seas

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



On the morning of Nov. 15, 1772, Capt. Joseph Doane Jr. was sailing along the Cape between Nantucket and Chatham when he spotted the fishing vessel Abigail flying a signal of distress.

Aboard, he found the decks awash with blood and a single survivor, a terrified 21-year-old sailor from Chatham named Ansel Nickerson, who told him this story:

Abigail had left Boston the day before bound for her homeport of Chatham. Off the Cape, they were approached by an unidentified schooner. Nickerson, fearing impressment into His Majesty's Navy, went over the side, clinging to the taffrail.

Some men from the schooner boarded Abigail and set about murdering the crew, Ansel's brothers, Thomas and Sparrow, and brother-in-law Elisha Newcomb. A fifth member of the crew, William Kent Jr., a boy of 13, was kidnapped.

Nickerson's story was a sensation, not only on the Cape but in far away Boston, where the firebrand Sam Adams was stirring up the masses against the governor, Thomas Hutchinson, and recollections of the Boston Massacre were still fresh.

"The conversation of the town and country has been about the strange occurrences of last week, a piracy said to have been committed on a vessel bound for Cape Cod, 3 men killed, a boy missing, and only one man escaped to tell the news," noted John Adams, the Braintree barrister, in his diary.

Nickerson was congratulated on his narrow escape but his story didn't satisfy Governor Hutchinson, who suspected anti-British forces were at work, and the young sailor was arrested and brought to Boston.

After questioning by the governor himself as well as Admiral John Montagu, Lt. Gov. Andrew Oliver and Secretary Thomas Flucker, Nickerson was charged with piracy and robbery on the high seas.

Nickerson's trial was set for Dec. 16, 1772, in a Special Court of Admiralty, which meant he would be judged by appointed officials and not a jury, which angered the patriots in Boston but due to court delays, it didn't start until the end of July.

Meantime, Hutchinson noted that the prisoner "was often visited in prison by some of the most active persons in the opposition . . . the sons of liberty took part with him and professed to make no doubt of (the pirate vessel) being a man of war schooner."

When the trial opened, who showed up as Nickerson's lawyer but John Adams, along with his colleague, John Quincy Jr., the same duo that defended the Brits in the Boston Massacre.

They charged him six pounds, 13 shillings, a modest sum. But it didn't matter. Their client stiffed them. Nickerson's IOU can be seen today among the Adams papers at the Massachusetts Historical Society. But I digress

The minutes of the trial have been lost to history in the momentous events that unfolded in Boston in the early 1770s but Nickerson was acquitted or, as Gov. Hutchinson put it "escaped punishment of a murder, which may be ranked among the most atrocious ever committed."

Or as a broadside published, author unknown but obviously a Nickerson partisan, announced for all "a more impartial (trial), perhaps, was never known in America, or elsewhere."

Nickerson went back to Chatham and blended in with the rest of the population. He died sometime prior to 1790 either at sea or on the island of Martinique (who knows), either a guilty or an innocent man (who knows that too?)

(The story of Ansel Nickerson and the events aboard Abigail and the trial that followed are told in more detail in "Witches, Rakes and Rogues, True Stories of Scam, Scandal, Murde , and Mayhem in Boston, 1630-1775," by D. Brenton Simons.)

Rekindling a love affair with food

TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JOANN MIRISE

When asked what comes to mind upon hearing the phrase "chocolate cake," Americans were more likely to say "guilt," while the French replied "celebration".

I love food. I love that it sustains my body and gives me the energy to enjoy life. I love the miracle of planting a tiny seed in a spot of rich earth only to be rewarded, in time, with a delicious fruit or vegetable. I love that food offers us a glimpse into the culture of a place -- its people and environment. And I love food because it is so completely sensual -- the taste, smell, texture, beauty. Divine.

I have not always had an enjoyable relationship with food. Like a lot of Americans, I have sifted with confusion through the food fads du jour -- carbs vs. protein, good fats vs. bad fats, sugar, cholesterol, calories etc. In the name of "superfood" nutrition I have forced down shriveled, bitter berries from Tibet, powdered cruciferous root vegetables from Peru and shots of juiced wheat grass from a friend's backyard. And, how many times at the waiter's post-entree question, "Dessert?", did I politely decline? Too many, I'm afraid.

A few years ago, a social scientist studied the food attitudes of people across cultures. When asked what comes to mind upon hearing the phrase "chocolate cake," Americans were more likely to say "guilt," while the French replied "celebration". Americans worry more about food and derive less pleasure from eating than people in any other nation surveyed.

Our concern about food should be no surprise. Our post-industrial society created an opportunity for agriculture to become big business. In the name of corporate profit, much of our food has been replaced with ingestible junk -- food-like substances — that is highly processed, chemically-derived, and in some cases genetically-modified. The word agribusiness now has its place in the dictionary, and our nation has its place as one of the unhealthiest developed countries despite our wealth and freedom. In addition, by reducing our food to fodder for the laboratory we have blindly allowed so-called experts to tell us what we should and should not eat. We are bombarded with daily news reports detailing the latest (usually questionable) nutritional study. Eggs bad. No, eggs good. Butter bad. No, butter good. As a result we have lost our own common sense. And we seem to have entered a whole new realm of foolery when the blurb "Contains Whole Grains!" now appears on a box of Lucky Charms.

As if we didn't have enough to worry about, now we have the added dimension of concerning ourselves with the environmental impact of our food choices. Is my food pesticide-free? Is it in season? Is it locally grown? Are the farmworkers treated justly and fairly? It's no wonder we are so often left overwhelmed and bewildered by the question, "What's for dinner?" No wonder so many of us throw our hands in the air and gas it to the nearest drive-thru.

What happened to just eating real food? Fresh, diverse fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts, whole grains, with fish and pasture-raised animals as a complement (if chosen). What happened to eating the delicacies of our specific regions, defined by the uniqueness of landscape and location? And what happened to the joy of cooking, the company of family and friends, and getting lost in the pleasure of the meal?

It's been my goal to recapture my love of food, and I hope, encourage others to do the same. The following are a few steps I have taken to elevate food to the level it deserves in our lives.

I buy quality, real food even when it requires re-prioritization of my family's budget. (The average American spends less than 10 percent of their income on food while our European counterparts, who, by the way, have higher ratings in health and quality of life indexes, spend double this.) I choose to limit purchases to whole foods, organic when possible, and foods with ingredients I can understand. I choose to support local farms, farmers' markets and community co-ops. And finally, I have taken to successfully growing and raising food in my backyard.

I have also reclaimed the art of preparing food. Thanks to inspiration from my favorite chefs I manage to flow instead of stumble around the kitchen. Because I have found local, seasonal food to be so delicious I have taught myself how to preserve it so that I can savor the flavors on a frigid, February day in New England. Could I have ever imagined that I, a self-professed urbanite with a black thumb, would be growing food, canning tomatoes...and liking it?

And lastly, I eat. Hopefully with family, sometimes with friends, and always with gratitude and love. To know that these changes also happen to dramatically lessen my impact on our planet is the perfectly ripe, in-season, locally grown, pesticide-free cherry on top. *Bon appetit!*

JoAnn Mirise lives and writes in Cohasset.

Selectmen candidates

our town

Cohasset's TV talk show, Our Town, is featuring candidates for the Board of Selectmen. Co-host Mark DeGiacomo interviews incumbent Fred Koed, who is seeking reelection. Co-host Pat Martin talks with candidate Karen Quigley.

Tune in Mondays at 9p.m. on channel 10 or catch up on Tuesdays or Thursday at 9p.m.

Tune in Cohasset and stay informed.

Mark your calendar

- March 7: Last day to register to vote in the Annual Town Meeting.
- March 29: Annual Town Meeting begins at 9a.m.
- April 5: Annual Town Election



COURTESY PHOTO/JIM DRYSDALE

DPW clearing Treats Pond drain at Sandy Cove. This will not be necessary if the pipe is extended to clear the sand, Jim Drysdale said.

Ill-defined, Everglades-like scheme

COMMENTARY

JIM DRYSDALE

Many will question whether improving the aesthetics of a private pond and private beach merits this public expenditure in our debt-ridden town.

The Board of Selectmen has adopted an article for Town Warrant originally sponsored by some residents of Sandy Cove to convert Treats Pond on Atlantic Avenue into a tidal pond. This may require taking land by eminent domain. The project has an estimated cost of about $1.7 million with 65 percent coming from a congressional earmark to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) obtained through the efforts of a former congressman that lives in this area. The town's share will be 35 percent, which would be about $595,000. In addition, the town may already have incurred a $100,000 debt for a preliminary study but this cost is being disputed. Our total could therefore be about $700,000, which is comparable to some overrides and deserves scrutiny.

Many will question whether improving the aesthetics of a private pond and private beach merits this public expenditure in our debt-ridden town. However, proponents hope that the project will also reduce a serious flooding problem in this area. This may be wishful thinking. ACE has no mandate for flood control and offers no such plans. Indeed, flood control is not even mentioned as a possible benefit in their latest project description. Rather than spend money on this pig in a poke, the town should first explore much simpler remedies at hand that would prevent flooding and cost less than 1 percent of the ACE project.

The flooding arises from a town drain from Treats Pond to Sandy Cove that periodically gets blocked by sand and can cause overflows after heavy rains unless cleared by DPW. Flooding can be severe since many homes lie on the flood plain and are also subject to storm water runoff from overlooking properties. To complicate matters, some homes and roads are built on fill which restricts the dispersion area for storm water and funnels it onto properties at the original level.

A similar situation occurred at the north end of the beach with the stream feeding Treats Pond and was simply solved by extending an existing drainage pipe. The same contractor estimates that extending the Treats Pond pipe to be clear of the sand would cost about $4,000. Regrettably, this simple remedy is opposed by some south end residents who "expressed concerns about the safety of small children and pets as well as aesthetics" (ACE to JD). This opposition seems to be the major reason why ACE devised plans to transfer the entire watershed to nearby Whale Meadow under the guise of a "salt marsh restoration." Not surprisingly, overtures to persuade residents there to accept the proposed 42-in. pipe and tide gate failed, even with considerable financial inducements. The selectmen therefore may propose to take land by eminent domain to create a new outfall at Whale Meadow by blasting a 250-yard trench through a 15-foot high ledge to Treats Pond.

This is an unnecessary encroachment on private property without obvious benefit to the town. It is also unnecessary since the town already owns the drainage easement on Sandy Cove. The easement was gifted to the town in 1964 to maintain Treats Pond in "its natural state as a marsh pond" (Norfolk County Land Court Document 259864, plan 3183D). This restriction, shown in current land plan 3183F, is continued in subsequent subdivisions and in the Sandy Cove South Association's "Declaration of Restrictive Covenants" LCD 388218. The pipe can be extended in two days for less than $4,000. This will immediately stop the flooding. In addition, rain gardens and other storm water remedies could interrupt and cleanse runoff from overlooking properties. These measures, together with the advent of the sewer next year, will essentially eliminate both the flooding and the pollution. Before spending $600,000 it seems worthwhile to try this simple option.

In summary, it is regrettable that the Board of Selectmen has chosen to embark on an expensive, ill-defined, Everglades-like scheme that does not address the fundamental problem of storm water flooding. It is also a sad commentary that they would pursue this ecologically questionable project at the expense of so many more deserving public projects. If the real objective is to improve the aesthetics and property values on a private beach with public money, let's all share in this beach with free and open access. If it is to clean up a private pond, let's leave that to the owners. If it is to relieve the overriding problem of flooding, let's deal with that directly and sensibly.

JD represents Cohasset in the South Shore Coastal Watershed Alliance and is also a member of the Stormwater Committee. His views may not reflect those of other members.



COURTESY PHOTO/ THE FRIENDS OF TREAT'S POND

Treat's Pond has become a shallow puddle choked with phragmite.

Flooding, restoration and Treat's Pond

COMMENTARY

PRISCILLA AND AMO HOUGHTON

To accomplish these goals, the Corps plans to reconnect the pond to the ocean with a tide gate to regulate flow into and out of the pond.

At town meeting on Saturday, March 29, you will be asked to vote on a warrant article relating to an Army Corps of Engineers project to restore Treat's Pond and control flooding on Atlantic Avenue. The total cost of the project is estimated to be $1.7 million. The Federal Government has allocated $1.1 million to the Army Corps of Engineers, provided that local sources fund the remaining 35 percent or $595,000. The town's share is estimated to fall between $50,000 and $300,000 and is based on an expectation of a significant contribution from State sources.

As many are aware, the low area of Atlantic Avenue between Whitehead Road and Lothrop Lane becomes severely flooded at every major rainstorm. This winter alone, properties in the area have been inundated three times. In the Mother's Day storm two years ago, cars parked in driveways were flooded up to their windows. Most of the water comes from the high ground on the west side of Atlantic Avenue. It cascades down the ledge and flows into catch basins that connect under the roadway to culverts that terminate in people's yards. From there it travels in a ditch along Atlantic Ave. and across yards and driveways into Treat's Pond.

Before the mid-1800s, the pond was connected to Sandy Cove. Flow out of the pond to the ocean relieved flooding, while flow into the pond created a healthy salt marsh environment for aquatic plants and animals. After the devastating Lighthouse Gale of 1851, the configuration of Sandy Cove changed, cutting off the connection between the pond and the ocean. Today Treat's Pond is landlocked, separated by more than 1,000 feet from the ocean. It has become a shallow puddle choked with phragmite. Various attempts have been made to reconnect the pond to the ocean, but all have been defeated by the sea and the accreting sand. When the pond fills after a rainstorm, water backs up, flooding some 26 residential properties.

The Army Corps project will restore the salt marsh and eliminate the flooding. To accomplish these goals, the Corps plans to reconnect the pond to the ocean with a tide gate to regulate flow into and out of the pond. For the past two years the Corps has conducted studies to determine the effectiveness of the proposed tidal exchange in eliminating phragmite, reducing bacteria, restoring the marsh and controlling flooding. They have also examined three potential routes for the pipe to determine the most cost-effective and efficient. The routes would result in outfalls either (a) on Sandy Cove, (b) in Cohasset harbor at Margin Street and Howard Gleason Road or (c) in the outer Harbor at Whale Meadow. The latter appears to be the most favorable because it is the shortest route, has high tidal exchange, and would be subject to less storm damage.

The town has recently supported and funded several flood control and ecological restoration projects including James Brook/Jacob's Meadow, Straits Pond, Little Harbor and the Border Street culvert. It is expected that there will be continuing support and appropriations for these and similar projects in the future. The Treat's Pond project is unique in that it will be funded almost entirely by federal and state grants. The town's share will be a small percentage of the cost. The federal grant, however, is contingent on the implementation of the Army Corps of Engineers plan. Under the Federal Clean Water Act the Corps has jurisdiction over Treat's Pond so that any alternative to their plan would require approval and permitting by them. If the vote fails at town meeting, Cohasset will still be obliged to eliminate the flooding and address the ecological health issues of the pond — but at its own expense, without federal funding. Please support this project and vote affirmatively on Saturday, March 29. We will provide more detailed information about the Treat's Pond project in subsequent articles for the Mariner.

Priscilla and Amo Houghton for The Friends of Treat's Pond.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

St. Stephen's, 16 Highland Ave., $5,000, 50 square feet asphalt roofing. Corrigan, 351 Forest Ave., $18,500, install new doors and interior/exterior trim. Salvaggi, 138 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, $1,980, 6 square feet asphalt shingles. Hassan, 15 Arrowwood St., $10,000, remove and replace roof, increase pitch. Evans, 35 Sohier St., $11,000, repair/remodel due to water damage in second floor bedroom. Rossi, 89 Ripley Road, $10,000, install seven new windows in existing openings; retrim. Hansen, 12 Margin St., $500, install wood stove. O'Brien, 36 Hillside Dr., $38,500, remodel kitchen, two bathrooms; construct laundry closet on second floor.

South Shore Caregiving Collaborative to present seminar

South Shore Caregiving Collaborative will present a seminar on how to relief stress from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 3, at Glastonburry Abbey, 16 Hull St., Hingham.

The "Relax, Renew, Refresh – Practical Techniques for Caregiver Stress Relief" seminar for caregivers will be led by Stacey Shipman of Let It Flow, who will share the four key components to managing stress. Attendees will learn relaxation techniques through an experiential exercise. A question and answer session will follow. This educational offering is free and a light dinner will be provided.

To register, call Kathleen Capuzzo at South Shore Elder Services at 781-848-3939, ext. 335.

This program is funded through Blue Hills Community Health Alliance, Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, South Shore Hospital and Sheilds MRI of Massachusetts in addition to a Title 3 IIIE grant of the Older Americans Act through South Shore Elder Services Inc.

For more information call 781-848-3910 or visit the Web site at sselder.org.

URGENT RECALL NOTICE • URGENT RECALL NOTICE

Product Safety Recall

Attention 2001 Saturn L-Series Owners

General Motors has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2001 model year Saturn L-Series model vehicles, equipped with a 2.2L 4-cylinder (RPO L61 -VIN F) engine. Some of these vehicles have a condition in which the engine timing chain fails prematurely. If the timing chain fails while the engine is running, the engine will stall and will not restart. Saturn of Raynham will replace the Timing Chain at no charge to you provided your vehicle is part of this urgent recall.

Your automobile is in need of inspection and/or correction to assure its continued Safe/Proper Operation. According to our records, the Manufacturer has previously attempted to notify you, but the NO CHARGE inspection/correction has not been performed. We urge you to call for an appointment As Soon As Possible. Don't worry. You will not be inconvenienced here; we will provide a rental, Free! We'll even throw in a Free car wash & vacuum.

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WWTP overwhelmed by stormwater

COMMENTARY

CATHY WITKOS AND JOE COGGINS

Raw sewage was flowing down the driveway towards Elm Street at 8pm and still very much in evidence at 6am.

As you may know, the Wastewater Treatment Plant overflowed during the heavy rains on Feb. 13. What you may not know is that this is the fourth overflow into Jacob's Meadow and our backyards within the past two years.

Why is the plant overflowing? Simply put, because the system is overwhelmed by stormwater volume during rain events.

The return of the Greenbush Line, the disregard of engineering studies advising upstream mitigation of stormwater, and the James Brook drainage project have dramatically increased the amount of stormwater that floods Jacob's Meadow and the abutting properties.

Stormwater infiltrates aging, porous clay sewer pipes. Coupled with sump pumps illegally hooked into sewer connections there is no way for the plant to handle the flow. Deluged, the WWTP overflows adding effluent to stormwater. The result is a bacterial cocktail that pollutes Jacob's Meadow and the Harbor, and poses a health hazard not just to abutters but also to all who swim, sail or visit the Harbor.

Inflow and infiltration is a serious problem. Designed for a maximum 400,000 gallons a day, the WWTP was hit with 1,700,000 gallons of water during the Mother's Day Storm of 2006. Until this problem is solved, the sewage will overflow, partially treated at best, and will pollute the Harbor waters. And still the Sewer Commissioners and their engineer push on to hook up 450 more homes to this disaster.

Let us be perfectly clear on this, we want our neighbors on Little Harbor to be on the sewer system. Not one Jacobs Meadow abutter, to date, has asked that any town initiatives be stopped or money be wasted.

However, we have an aging, porous system that is unable to cope with existing infiltration. How will the expansion affect this? Discussions of new technologies and membrane enhancements leading to higher capacity are little comfort if the membranes are bypassed. Promised plans for I&I control are accompanied by assessments of futility.

The abutters of Jacob's Meadow and the James Brook ask only that the WWTP be as efficient, unobtrusive and safe as possible.

Here is a little history…

On Mothers Day 2006, the WWTP overflowed during heavy rains dumping untreated sewage into Jacob's Meadow. Unaware, children and pets were in our yards splashing in stormwater containing raw sewage with bacteria levels that posed a health hazard. (When levels reach 200 parts per 100ml the Board of Health closes the Harbor for swimming. Readings in our yards exceeded 49,000 parts per 100ml, and have exceeded 200,000 parts per 100ml at the point of release.) Abutters were not notified of an overflow nor warned of the health hazard. Two days after the overflow an abutter discovered the WWTP had overflowed and asked the sewer commission for details.

Abutters then requested a meeting with town officials, the Sewer Commission and their engineer. After much discussion the engineer assured us that this situation would not happen again as the plant was going to hook up a bypass pipe. This 'solution' bypasses the meadow and our yards and dumps effluent into the Harbor. This is moving the problem down the line, not solving it.

We were told this pipe would be hooked up by the Fall of 2007 but it is still weeks away from completion, and we have experienced yet another overflow. At that same meeting the Sewer Commission's engineer stated we would receive regular updates on the plant upgrade and bypass pipe. We have never received a single update.

Additionally, the Sewer Commission established a protocol to be followed to notify abutters before an overflow occurs. This did not happen.

There is no need to go into the details of the overflow on Patriots Day 2007 since the story is the same: no notification to the abutters (again, an abutter walked down to find the plant overflowing and notified the other abutters); insanely high bacteria levels dumped into the meadow, and flowing into the harbor when the tide cycle allowed.

Following the most recent overflow on Valentines Day 2008, the Mariner printed an article detailing the event. As disturbing as the facts in this account are, the Mariner reporter was given inaccurate timelines and comments crafted to downplay the dangerousness of this event. For example, the impression that this was a one-hour event that was quickly contained is patently untrue. Raw sewage was flowing down the driveway towards Elm Street at 8pm and still very much in evidence at 6am. Successful containment in the eyes of the sewer operators consists of hosing the untreated effluent into the marsh. This effluent mixes with the already contaminated stormwater and floods the yards of every meadow abutter. When the tide cycle allows, the gates open and this sewage hits the open harbor.

That brings us to we are right now. On last Monday night a large group of abutters and concerned citizens met yet again with the Sewer Commission and their engineer to hear the details of the most recent overflow. Here are some of the highlights:

- While the Mariner was told the overflow started at 8:30pm, the plant engineer told Joe Coggins on the night of the overflow that it was clocked in as starting at 7:45pm. Joe is the abutter who heard the overflow from his home on Elm Street and went down to the plant to find the plant operator frantically trying to control the overflow. The raw waste from the tank was halfway down the driveway of the plant and was being hosed directly into the meadow by the plant operators. Keep in mind this polluted water is not only going into our backyards but also into your Harbor.
- The plant operator said during the meeting that he "dances in the overflow effluent" and he is fine, so what is the big deal? Exposing families to a health risk should be a big deal.
- In his official report, the plant operator said that "at about 3pm on Feb. 13, I thought there was a good chance of an overflow…and I went home to get any gear needed for an overflow event. We met back at 6 p.m. and moved to higher ground anything in the plant lower than waist level, this is about the high level of foam (effluent) in the plant during an overflow event." Did he call anyone? Did the Sewer Commission, knowing that we were in the middle of a heavy rain execute an official check on the status of the plant? Did anyone follow the newly established protocol and notify the abutters prior to overflow? No, no and no.
- A Sewer Commissioner noticed foam on the driveway; admitted he wrongly assumed the extreme overflow pipe was completed; didn't report the overflow to anyone; didn't initiate the reverse 911 protocol, didn't even speak with the plant operators to assure that the operation was not in distress.
- It was not until just before 11 pm that evening that a reverse 911 call was issued.

For those readers who have made it to the end of this letter, thank you. If you wish to obtain more information, monitor what actions are being taken or become involved in helping us correct this situation, please email us at jacobsmeadow@comcast.net. Your concern is appreciated.

Cathy Witkos and Joe Coggins for the Jacob's Meadow Association.

Attorney General approves village zoning bylaws

"It's an affirmation that the zoning bylaws were legally done in way that was sound."

— Angus Jennings, consultant

On Monday, the town received notice the village zoning bylaw passed at Town Meeting got the stamp of approval from the Attorney General's office. All zoning bylaws must be approved by the Attorney General to ensure none of the parts violate the constitution and adhered to procedural requirements.

"Until the final Attorney General approval is in hand, there is still some uncertainty," said Angus Jennings of Concord Square Development, the town's consultant on the village zoning bylaws, adding the approval is more a formality than anything.

"It's an affirmation that the zoning bylaws were legally done in way that was sound," said Jennings.

Although property owners or developers could have applied under the new bylaws as soon as they were approved at Town Meeting, the applicants would have done so at their own risk, said Jennings. With the village zoning bylaws officially in the books, applicants can now propose projects under the revised bylaws without any risk of them being altered.

Jennings said he and his team are currently working with the planning board on design review guidelines for the village and will be back on the planning board agenda in the spring.

South Shore Greenway meeting scheduled

South Shore Greenway final presentation meeting will take place at 7 p.m., on Monday, March 3, at Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, next to Town Hall.

Conway School of Landscape Design will present their plans for a connected pathway through five South Shore towns.

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Lady Skippers take the tournament opener

By Joel Racicot
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The last time the Cohasset High girls basketball team played West Bridgewater at home it wasn't much of a game. The Skippers met the Wildcats in the consolation round of the Cohasset Holiday Basketball Tournament and won, 48-15.

The Wildcats looked out of sorts and 1,000-point scorer and Mayflower League all-star Julie Conrad was held in check for the entire game.

During the Wildcats first round game in the Div. 4 South Sectional Wednesday night, Conrad dropped 29 points in an overtime win against Marian. A Conrad lay-up with one second left put the game into overtime. The 15-8, No. 7 seed Wildcats have the look and feel of a team with something to prove.

Fast forward to Friday, Feb. 29, 7:00 p.m., the CHS gymnasium. Things are going to be different. At least the lifelessness the Skippers saw from the Wildcats nearly two months ago won't be repeated.

WBHS coach Steve Barrett is too good of a coach and Conrad is too good a player.

That being said, No. 2 Cohasset has bee like a snowflake at the top of Mount Everest since that December meeting—by now they are in sight of base camp and closing in fast. They are much bigger, stronger, faster and better than before.

"The kids found a way to win and that is what they have done all year."
Cohasset coach, John LeVangie

The Skippers disposed of Bishop Connolly, 50-41, in their opening round home game, Wednesday night. They didn't play their best basketball of the year, but at this time of the year, a win is a win.

"We won and that is the big thing," said Cohasset coach John LeVangie. "It was not one of our better games of the year, and part of that was because Bishop Connolly was a very scrappy team. But the kids thought we had a chance to play a lot better."

Experience proved to be an important factor in the win, as LeVangie noted that his upperclassmen kept the team on the right track during the opening round win. Kayla Farren (Jr., point guard) played only a few minutes in the game because of an injury. Back-up point guard Lindsay Davis stepped in and played a solid game in the backcourt to help secure the win.

Farren is expected to be back for Friday's game against West Bridgewater.

"When you don't play you're A game and you win that is a good thing," LeVangie said. "The kids found a way to win and that is what they have done all year."

Sammi Lehr (Jr.) and Carly Salerno (Jr.) made big contributions in the win according to LeVangie.

"We need to step it up a notch Friday," LeVangie said. "We'll take tonight, run with it and move on."

Nantucket and Hull advanced to the quarterfinals on the bottom of the Cohasset bracket. That game is set for Friday at 5:30 p.m. On the other side of the brackets No. 1 Sacred Heart lost a shocker to No. 16 Millis. That leaves Millis, South Shore Christian Academy, Cathedral and Chatham.

With the No. 1 seed going down, that leaves Cohasset as the top dog remaining out of the eight teams left in Div. 4 south.



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Cohasset goalie Jonny Wade (1) gets a stick on a shot for a save during the first period of the Westwood game.

Best effort not enough

CHS skaters fall to Westwood in first round

By Joel Racicot
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It only took 16 seconds into Wednesday's Div. 3 South Sectional hockey game against Westwood and the Cohasset faithful at the Bog in Kingston already looked and felt like Ralphie Parker from *A Christmas Story* when he first thinks he didn't get his Red Ryder BB gun.

Moment's earlier pre-game innocence and excitement had the place to a near boil. And then poof, Steve McManus found Steve Musto in front of the Cohasset net where he deposited the puck for the 1-0 lead. The Wolverines, a dark horse No. 9 seed out of the Tri-Valley Conference, looked ready to pounce.

And most people hadn't even settled into their seats yet.

But, No. 8 Cohasset fought back, eventually losing the game 2-0, ending its season with a 13-5-3 overall record. The opening tally could have opened the floodgates and put junior goalie Jonny Wade on his heels, but it didn't.

Just three minutes later Alex Goetz fired a rocket that went off the crossbar, a sign of things to come for the Skippers. The remaining 45 minutes of hockey proved to be tournament worthy. Like all good games, a few inches to the left, an extra man on the ice or a break from the hockey gods one way or the other could have changed the course of events.

In the end though, the Skippers didn't have enough to get the job done.

"This is an emotional end to the season," stated Cohasset High hockey coach Bob Walsh

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Duffy family inducted into wrestling Hall of Fame

Cohasset family honored for service to CHS wrestling

By Joel Racicot
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The Duffy family of Cohasset was recently inducted into the Massachusetts Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame for their work done with the Cohasset High School wrestling program. Dan and Rosemary have three sons who all participated for the Skippers wrestling team, Brian (1995), Kevin (1997) and Danny (2001).

The Baird family, also from Cohasset, was inducted into the MWCHOF in 2004. Both Dan Duffy and Bill Baird played major roles in building the Cohasset Wrestling Boosters in the late 1980's and early to mid-90's.

According to Dan Duffy, the Boosters were always in the red ink or just breaking even until things turned around. He credits the success to a large contingent of families that helped throughout the years. He and his family's longevity with the program helped reinforce a strong foundation.

When Dan left as president in 2001, there were two $1,000 scholarships given out to students, both male and female, wrestler or not. They are still handed out today.

"There were a lot of people involved, a lot of families," Dan Duffy said. "It was a real group effort."

His wife, Rosemary agreed.

"We are deeply honored but there were so many wonderful families involved," she said. "This is for a lot of other families as well."

Cohasset head coach Torin Sweeney nominated the Duffy's to the hall's board of electors (including himself). He credits their longevity with the program and wonderful commitment as just part of the reason for the induction.

"They were always supportive always helping out at matches," Sweeney said about Dan and Rosemary. "They always asked, 'what can we do to make your job easier.' They helped run the concessions at the Cohasset Wrestling Tournament, they were involved with the banquets, and they just were so supportive of the wrestling staff.

"They couldn't have been better supporters and were instrumental in setting up the offices of the Boosters Club."

As for the three boys who took it to the mats over the course of 12 years, Brian, Kevin and Dan, all were captains and exceptional wrestlers.

Sweeney had glowing remarks for each.

Brian Duffy: "He was a really quiet leader," Sweeney said. "He led by example and was a great student."

Kevin Duffy: "He was a little more outspoken and an intense kid," Sweeney said. "He was a

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Left to right, assistant coach Peter Buckley, Dan Duffy Jr., Rosemary Duffy, Dan Duffy Sr. and head coach Torin Sweeney at the Division 3 South Sectional wrestling tournament at CHS.

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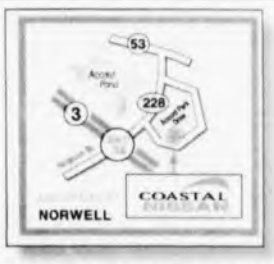
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CHS skaters fall to Westwood in first round

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through e-mail late Wednesday night, adding to what he already told the press post-game. "I've known Mike Welby (the coach of Westwood) for a couple of seasons now, and he always gets the most out of his guys—my hat is off to the Westwood boys.

"I felt that we out played them in the second period and had our scoring chances but we just couldn't put it in the net. The third period, we came out ready to play but took five penalties and in a 1-0 game, it's difficult to win when you spend one half of the period in the penalty box."

The score remained 1-0 after two periods. If Westwood owned the first, Cohasset had the second frame, out skating, out shooting and out playing the bigger Wolverines.

Walsh and his assistant coaches reminded his team they needed to step it up after the first period.

"We talked to the guys about being a little bit more aggressive and going after the puck," Walsh said. "I think at the end of the first we all agreed that we had seen just about everything Westwood had. I think (our guys) were nervous in the first period and we got them to settle down in that second period."

After the first goal slipped in, Wade became the story of the game, stopping a number of Westwood shots.

"The first goal is tough, the first shot is tough," an emotional Wade said after the game. "You got to remember, it's a long game you have 45 minutes to play. You got to settle down, you are still in it"

Settling Wade down after the first shot wasn't a problem Wednesday, but Walsh conceded he was nervous when that opening shot got through.

"We decide typically how his night is going to go if he stops the first three shots and when the first shot went in we (coaches) started looking at each other like 'oh my god' but he settled right down and got right back in the game," Walsh said.

"Jonny Wade played his skull off tonight, he made some great saves and played a really great game."

Westwood added its second goal of the game when Perry Treon found the back of the net at 11:24.

"In 19 years of coaching both as an amateur and a professional, this team, and my seniors in particular, had more heart than most. I will miss them as if it were like I was sending my own sons off to college next year."
Cohasset High hockey coach Bob Walsh

Cohasset had a number of scoring opportunities mostly in that second period. Both lines applied decent pressure but never had that one clear-cut moment where a goal seemed imminent. Westwood did just enough to hold Cohasset off.

"A bounce here a bounce there it's a different hockey game," Walsh said.

Cohasset will graduate five seniors Alex Goetz, Pat Doonan, Charlie Czerkawski, Frank Wheelwright and R.K. Quebec.

"I've never had a group of guys like this, the four captains were the heart and soul of this team," Walsh said afterwards.

He also added later Wednesday night how proud he was of his team for the way they played all season.

"Despite the penalties, I can't say enough about how proud I am of my guys not only for this game but how they carried themselves all season," he said. "This is my second season with some of these guys and a closeness develops after a couple of full seasons that makes this type of life lesson so hard.

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Cohasset's Pat Doonan (24) sends Westwood's Stephen Wright (13) into the boards during first period play.



Cohasset's Chaz Czerkawski (18, C) gets tangled up with a Westwood player while going after the loose puck in the first period Wednesday.

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BY BETTE BUSSEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION, NEW ENGLAND

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Cohasset family honored for service to CHS wrestling

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three sport kid but his passion was wrestling."

Duffy was the only ever All-State champion (1997) in the history of Cohasset wrestling.

Dan Duffy: "He was a great student and a three sport athlete who took wrestling to heart," Sweeney said. "He did a nice job and never missed a practice."

As for the Duffy's they had nothing but praise for Sweeney and all the assistant coaches over the years.

"Torin Sweeney, Ricky Rourke and Peter Buckley were all such great influences," Rosemary said. "They taught the boys how to behave, to be gentleman and how to toe the line in school, the kind of guys you would want as examples for your children."

Dan agreed.

"Torin (Sweeney) taught them about wrestling and how to conduct oneself in life," he said.

Cohasset Sports Briefly

First and second grade Cohasset Youth Lacrosse Clinic

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is sponsoring a clinic for boys and girls in the first and second grades to take place during the months of April and May of this year. There will be a total of six sessions of approximately one hour each to be held late Saturday afternoons at approximately 4 p.m. with three sessions each in April and May.

The goal of the sessions is to provide a skill focus atmosphere enhanced by fun activities so that all of the kids have a very positive experience and learn basic stick handling. There will be several coaches and small groups of kids for individual attention.

The sessions will be non-contact, although the boys will be required to wear regulation helmets and gloves and the girls regulation eye protection. There will be non-contact scrimmaging for both as the sessions progress. Cost of participation will be $125. That will include USLL membership for all players.

Registration and USLL forms will be available in the town hall outside the Recreation Department office starting Saturday, March 7th. Registrations are to be finalized by March 29th. All required forms must be submitted per the indicated address on the registration form in order to complete a registration. Additional information will be available in the town hall.

Cohasset recreation department South Shore Baseball Club

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with South Shore Baseball Camp will be providing and April Vacation Baseball Clinic, beginning Tuesday, April 22, through Friday April 25 at Barnes Field Complex.

The clinic runs from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. and this week long program will cost $125 per participant.

For more information call the recreation office at (781) 383-4109. Registration forms can be found at the Recreation Office first floor, Town Hall.

You may register with a credit card by calling South Shore Baseball Club at 781-740-4382 or forms are available at the Cohasset Recreation Dept. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Coastal Athletic Club Girls Basketball AAU Tryouts

Coastal Athletic Club will be hosting tryouts for girls Saturday, March 15 and Sunday March 16 at Cole School in Norwell.

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Bernal Gators swim club

The Gators swim club is coached by Joe Bernal, an Olympic coach who holds the highest certification set by the American Swimming Coaches Association. He is a recognized leader in developing the swimming skills of young children. The Gators have more than 35 years of experience. The program, which focuses on skills and techniques in all four Olympic strokes, is held at the Percy Walker Pool, 178 St. George St., Duxbury. For information, call Janice Gately at 978-443-4584, Paula Kokins at 781-934-9225 or 781-254-2799, or go to www.bernalgators.com.

Aqua-Dux swimming

The Aqua-Dux Swim Club, a member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Swim League Swimmers, for youths 6 to 18, who are able to swim full lengths of the pool on their stomachs and backs. Practices are held Tuesdays and Thursdays. Older swimmers meet from 4 to 5 p.m. and younger swimmers meet from 5 to 6 p.m., unless there are home high school swim meets. Forms are available in the lobby of the Percy Walker Pool, 178 St. George St., Duxbury. For information, call Susan Littlefield at 781-934-7353.

High School Basketball Notebook

Bobby Knight, the polarizing men's basketball coach known as much for his loyalty to players as he is for throwing a folding chair, retired in early February. The unexpected resignation from the coach who won more games in college basketball than any other, left many inside and outside the college basketball world speculating his legacy.

We recently asked a few area high school basketball coaches a simple question. Would you want your son to play for Bobby Knight? Those who had sons answered with experience, those without answered the hypothetical.

Matt Poirier Scituate High School boys basketball coach: *I read the book by Steve Alford and in the concluding paragraph he said yes, Steve Alford would have his son play for Bobby Knight.*

Yeah I would. I know it would be more than basketball. I know practices would be hard but if you ever read anything about coach Knight he supports his team and his kids well after the fact and it's more than basketball to him. He wants the best for them when they are on the floor.

Bobby Knight does coach hard and there are some things about Bobby Knight that I think are really bad and ugly but in the long run the better aspects of him far outweigh the bad parts.

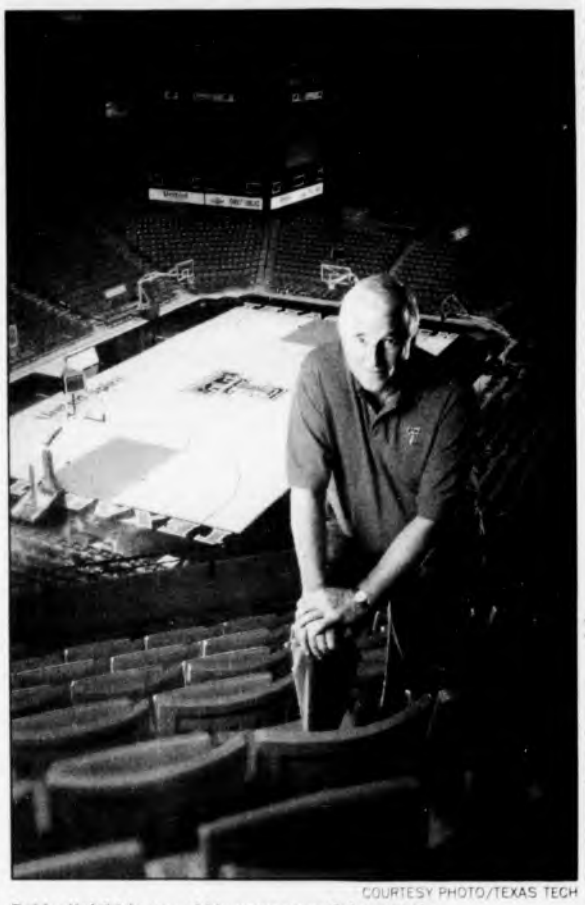
John Willis Norwell High School boys basketball coach: *Yes I would. I know there are some controversial things about coach Knight in the past and today he runs a disciplined program but he cares about his kids although it might not come off that way. He has his style and it might not be one people can handle but honestly I wouldn't have a problem with it.*

Dorian Bryant Cohasset High School boys basketball coach: *Absolutely. I am a huge Bobby Knight fan. I have all of his books and I appreciate what he has done for the game. If I ever had a son that was good enough to play for a Bobby Knight or a John Chaney (Temple) I would definitely let them coach my son. I don't think there is a better teacher in life. He makes boys into men.*

He is a very honest person and if you want to get better as a player you have to be told where you are weak and where to get better and he will tell you. Has he done things in the past? Yeah. But I tend to like those type of coaches, if you can take the criticism and do something better with it that's a good thing.

Paul Wholey Pembroke High School boys basketball coach: *Yeah I would. From all the people that played for him over the years if they could abide by his rules and discipline they usually came out better people. His kids graduate and go to class they are student athletes. Bobby Huggins (Cincinnati, Kansas State, West Virginia) never had a kid graduate college. But the kid does have to be the right kind of person. When one of my sons went to college he played for a guy that was very similar to (Knight). I wouldn't tell my son not to.*

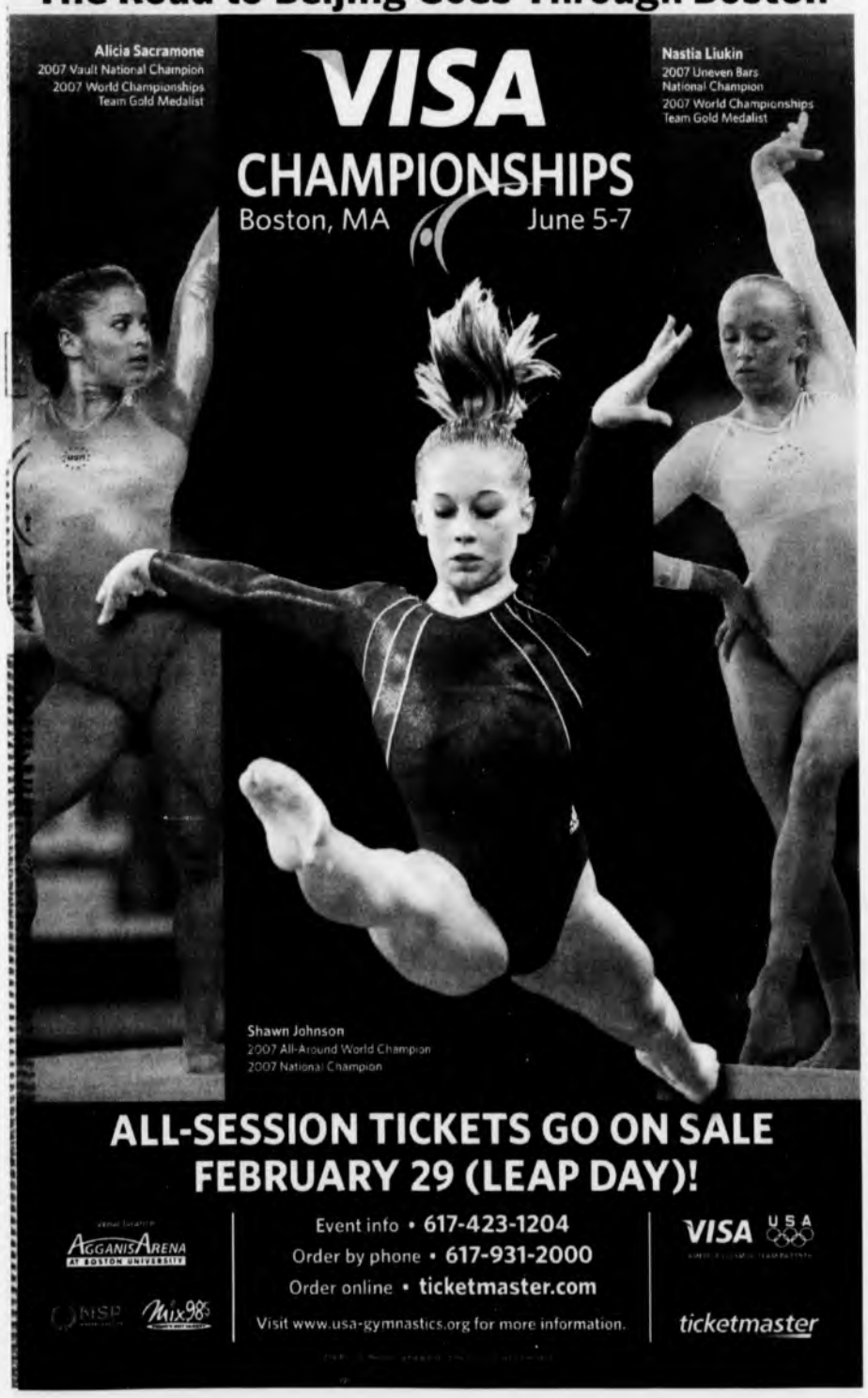
Reports compiled by sports editor Joel Racicot.



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Bobby Knight in one of his more peaceful moments.

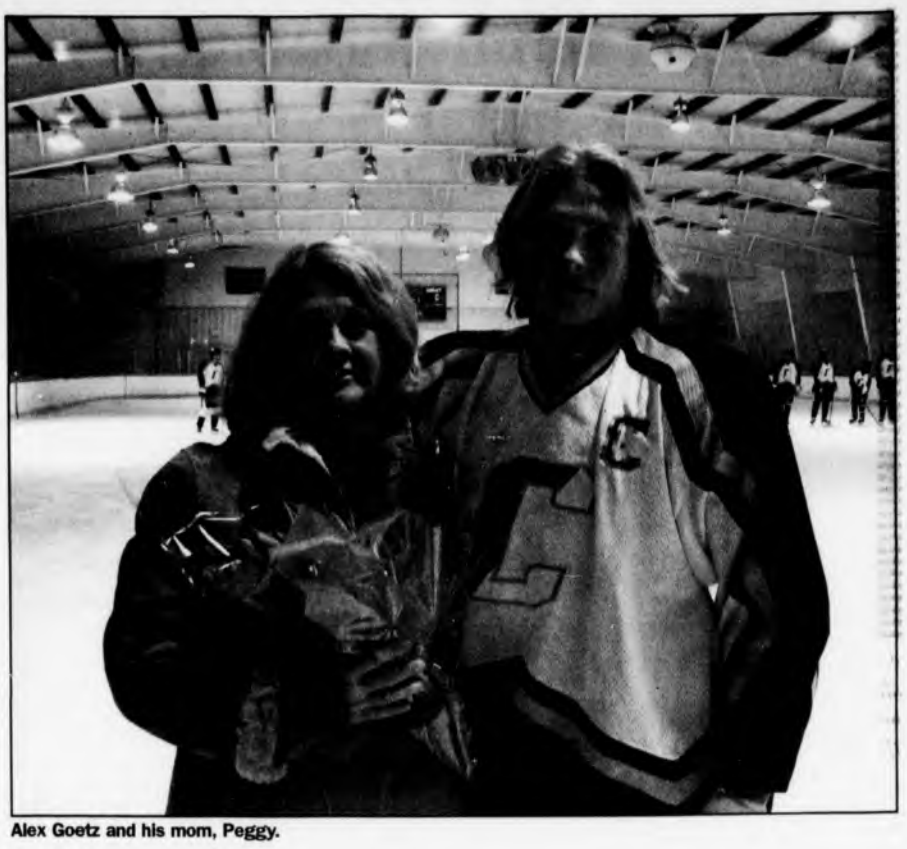
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Charlie Czerkawski and his mom, Anne.



Alex Goetz and his mom, Peggy.



Pat Doonan and his mom, Karin.

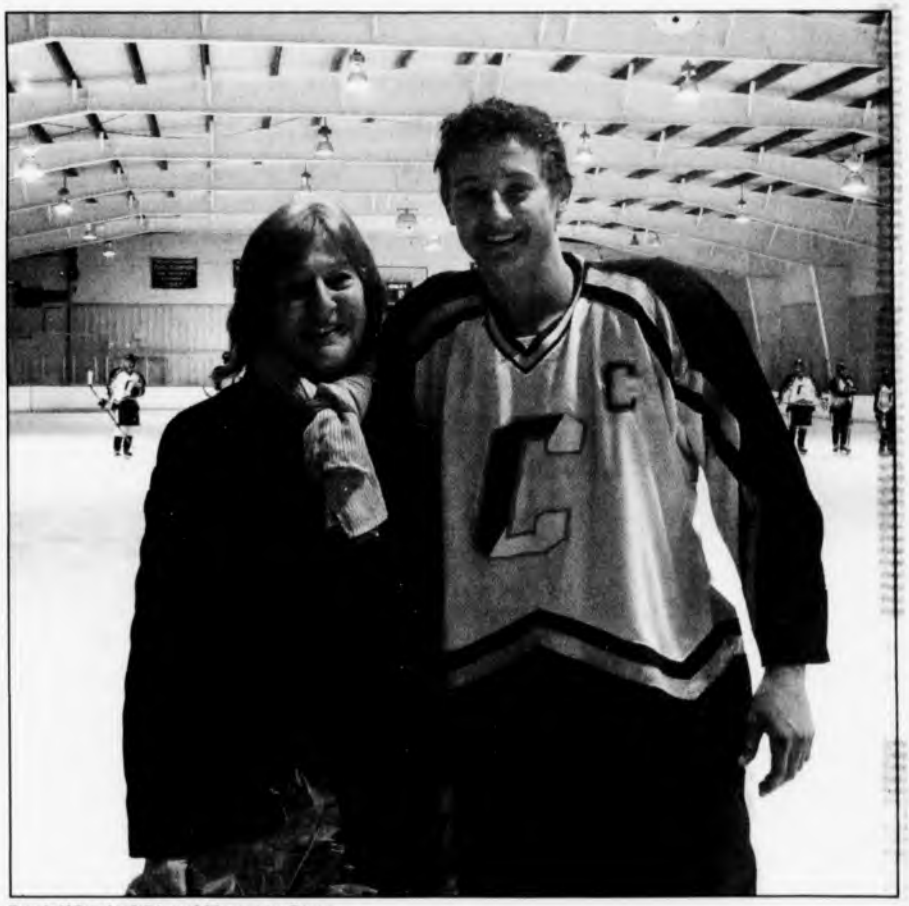
Thanks, mom

The Cohasset High School hockey team will graduate five seniors of this year's team. As the high school hockey season ends for the Skippers, a special thanks goes to hockey moms far and wide, flowers and all. (You didn't think all those 6 a.m. ice times and frozen limbs at Pilgrim Arena were for nothing, did you?)

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R.K. Quebec and his mom, Sallyann.



Frank Wheelwright and his mom, Caren.

Send us your sports news

Sports teams and leagues are encouraged to send their results and news to the Mariner. Information can be faxed to 781-837-4543 or e-mailed to sports editor Joel Racicot at jracicot@cnc.com or mailed to Community Newspapers/South, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA. Joel can be reached at 781-837-4577.



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Wide-eyed!



A Saw-Whet Owl looks out of a birdhouse after Marcia Wilson put it in there during her program at the library on Wednesday (Feb. 20).



A snowy white owl stretches its wings out fully as if to take flight while Marcia Wilson of "Eyes on Owls" shows the owl to the delight of a number of children at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Wednesday (Feb. 20). This was the library's kick off Cohasset Reads Together event for children.

Kids flock to owl program at library



A Saw-Whet Owl eyes Jared Nash, 6, who volunteered to try to imitate its call during Marcia Wilson's program. Wilson is a renowned naturalist and owl rehabilitator.



Jane Wrenn, 7, claps with joy after Marcia Wilson takes out the snowy owl for all the children to see during her program.

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Quentin Humphrey, 4, imitates the call of a Great Horned owl being held by its handler, Marcia Wilson, during her special program at the library.



Left, Arianna McMahon, right, reads from the book, "Adopted by an Owl", to her granddaughter, Kalin McMahon, 6, before Marcia Wilson's program on Wednesday (Feb. 20).



The spectacled owl's brown and yellow down blends well with the rainforests of Central and South America helping it elude predators.



Charlie Cunningham, 6, listens closely to Marcia Wilson while she was reading from the book, "Owl Babies" at the Paul Pratt Library last week.

The Best & The Brightest

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We know there are many bright, talented and caring young adults in our communities, and this year, a special section entitled "The Best & The Brightest" will appear in the COHASSET MARINER to celebrate their accomplishments.

Please help us find these remarkable teens and young adults by filling out the nomination form on this page. You can nominate an individual between the ages of 16 and 21 who, you believe, deserves to be honored, whether it be for academic achievement, volunteerism, athletics, artistic acumen or the pursuit of excellence in another field. Here's your opportunity to get involved.

You can bring the form to the Community Newspaper Company office at 182 Standish Ave., Plymouth, MA 02360 or mail the form to Beth Doyle, or fax the form to 508-591-6601.

All entries will be considered by a selection panel, and successful nominees will be interviewed and photographed. During the week of May 26th, Community Newspaper Company will include "The Best & The Brightest," a special section devoted to sharing as many of the stories and photographs of those nominated as possible.











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Back into the swing of things

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



Unfortunately, over the break some seniors seemed to contract more serious cases of "senioritis."

"Welcome Back!" The many sun and snow kissed students of CHS re-entered the beige school halls this week (much to their chagrin) after taking a short one-week hiatus for February vacation. Though tired and sometimes sunburned, students and teachers alike eased back into the old swing of things, tackling homework assignments, essays, and quizzes…nothing new here!

Unfortunately, over the break some seniors seemed to contract more serious cases of "senioritis." It won't be long before the sweet sounds of Michelle Branch's "Goodbye to You" and Vitamin C's " Graduation" are blasting from the stereos. Given that they have only a few more months before departing from CHS, it appears that this time off furthered their desire to "focus" on anything other than schoolwork. No need to despair, we are simply saving our energy and mental strength for college next year!

In other news, two varsity sports, Boys Hockey and Girls Basketball, competed on Wednesday in their state tournaments. Cohasset's very own "Mighty Ducks" faced off against Westwood, passing the puck at the arena in Kingston. Luckily for our Girls Basketball, their number two ranking allowed for their game versus Bishop Connolly to be played on home turf. For more details, I recommend turning to the sports page!

Tired of lose change weighing you down or fed up with the clinking of those seemingly useless pennies? Why not drop them off in the designated boxes in either the High School office or 8th-grade English teacher, Ms. Crimmins' room. The 8th-grade fundraiser is called Pennies for Peace, a cause that supports schooling for kids in Pakistan and Afghanistan (for more info check out the website at www.penniesforpeace.org). Help give other kids their chance to receive a better education by donating. Make a difference!

Now, for the week's top stories:

- Monday, Feb. 25: A slow day back from break.
- Tuesday, Feb. 26: The Jazz Ensemble met to practice and create beautiful music!
- Wednesday, Feb. 27: CHS' star athletes for winter sports put their skills to the test competing in tournaments. Academically, the new members of the National Honor Society met after school to discuss their future plans in the NHS. The action-packed day continued with Mr. Willis and his debate team's intense match up against New Bedford.
- Thursday, Feb. 28: The Yearbook Committee reunited and continued their efforts to capture the essence of this year on every page!
- Friday, Feb. 29: Happy Birthday to all the Leap Year babies!

That's it for me, have safe and exciting weekend! On behalf of The Spinnaker staff, we would like to say congrats to the winners of the "Are You Smarter Than A Middle Schooler" quiz. 7th- graders Robbie Hillman and Andrew Leighton won free Spinnaker Staff shirts for their achievement.

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner..

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PAC workshop on organizing skills

Back by popular demand, all are welcome to join the Parent Advisory Council for a presentation of "From Direction to Done," by Sarah Ward, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, in the auditorium of Cohasset High School at 143 Pond St.

The workshop is helpful for parents of all students, especially for those that struggle with organization. Sarah Ward will provide parents with strategies they can use in order for children to self regulate, initiate, organize and finish tasks at home and school. The focus will be on how to improve a child's executive function skills. Sarah is a speech pathologist specializing in cognition and attention. She teaches her clients organizational behaviors and then helps them generalize those behaviors in real life.

All workshops and presentations are free and sponsored by the Cohasset PSO/Parent Advisory Council. If you would like to be added to their e-mail network for updates, forward your contact information to southshorepac@comcast.net.

Teen center dance

There will be a Midnight Blue dance for Cohasset children in grades 6 to 8 on Friday evening, March 7, from 7 to 10 p.m. Dances are $5 per person and you will be required to show your student ID when you sign in for the dance.

Make sure you are able to gain admittance to the dance before your ride leaves as once filled to capacity, no further admittance can be allowed. There will be no admittance in any case after 8:30 p.m. for dances. Snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

This is not a school function.

'Annie' has Cohasset connection

Inly School stages production • *Photos by Chris Bernstein*



David Game, of Cohasset, as Drake the butler, tries to reassure Annie (played by Megan Reilly of Scituate). Behind them, from left: Colleen Quinn (Grace) of Hull and Lori Batta (Mrs. Pugh) of Marshfield.



Cohasset High School senior Sally Meehan prepares backstage for her solo performance singing "Star to Be in NYC."



Rob Bishop, of Cohasset, as Rooster, with his sister Miss Hannigan (played by head of school Donna Milani Luther of Norwell). This show was a collaboration involving local professional actors, directors and costume and set designers, as well as members of the school community.



From left, Paul Antico (Cohasset) as FDR, with Cabinet members Bob Sommer (Scituate), Bill Dana (Marshfield), and Ed Seksay (Cohasset) on stage performing with the Inly School production of "Annie" Feb. 8-10.



Cohasset's Kelsey Behenna as Molly, the youngest orphan, sings about a bright tomorrow. Adam Game (of Cohasset) to her left, and Jimmy Hunt (of Hanover), to her right, look less optimistic.



Orphans L to R: Elizabeth Harrington (Scituate), Tucker Meehan (Cohasset), and Kayia Alleyne (Dorchester).



Harry Braga, of Cohasset as Wacky, Bert Healy's trusty assistant.



Front row: Mrs. Greer (Tania Keeble of Cohasset) welcomes Annie (Megan Reilly of Scituate) to the mansion. Back row: Shannon Wilson (Pembroke), Colleen Quinn (Hull), Lori Batta (Marshfield) and Gabrielle Hunt (Hanover).



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'Be magnificent' at Maxime

Salon gives new meaning to style

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Picture this scene: men and women relaxing around a table drinking wine or cappuccino and enjoying good food and conversation.

But this isn't your usual gathering of friends at someone's home or at a local restaurant. It's a hair-coloring session at Maxime (meaning "be magnificent" in Hebrew) Salon at 1 Derby St. in South Hingham.

This popular team-based salon with a cosmopolitan flair recently celebrated its first year in Hingham after moving from Norwell. Maxime's customers come from all over the South Shore and beyond.

"I love people and have always been fascinated by their life stories and accomplishments," said owner Ronit Enos, a Scituate resident. "I wanted to open a salon that not only provides the space and people to create new and amazing looks but also one where we can share stories and information and socialize and enjoy each other's company – a space where we could also enjoy good food and music and host interesting events, fashion shows, and workshops."

The space was designed with a large dining table around which customers and the colorist team sit as color is applied. On evenings and Saturdays, the 53 South restaurant delivers "white-glove" food. There are also peanuts and cookies for those who just want a snack. "They are our guests – men and women together talking like old friends," Enos said. "It's like a night out. It's entertainment." Others choose to bring along their laptops so they can get some work done while they wait.

"A lot of men get their hair colored here," Enos said. "We use a special technique that takes only half an hour and then they're off!"

The physical space, with its sleek SoHo-like ambience, was designed with New York City and Italian salons as inspiration – brilliant light, comfortable seating, fresh flowers, porcelain floors, beautiful color bar and sinks, and a lively color table where treatments are applied while customers converse.

"I wanted to bring sophistication to the suburbs," Enos said. "I wanted to create a place where my guests would feel as though they were in a very chic salon with an upper-East-side quality."

All-white palette

While many salons have walls painted in beautiful colors, Maxime was designed in an all-white palette. "That's because the color of the walls affects the color on the hair, which results in reflections that make it tough to discern the true shade you're putting on a head," Enos said.

Accordingly, the floors are non-staining, white Italian tile and the color bar and shampoo bowls are white. Color application is done out in the open at the long table rather than at individual stations.

"Our physical space is complemented by our awesome team of stylists and colorists who work with a common passion for beauty and fashion," Enos said. "We love working together to produce beautiful transformations for our customers."

The internationally trained stylists work by design to create updated and fashion-forward styles. Techniques consist of advanced cutting and styling methods, including scissoring, razor work and dry and precision cutting.

"Our stylists are patient and artistic and take the time to review products and styling methods with each client to ensure they go home feeling confident that they can successfully achieve their new style on their own," Enos said. "Our staff and customers share the same passion for looking good and feeling great."

All the services offered at Maxime are tailored to color-treated hair so that a cut is enhanced by the right color design. The salon offers everything from intricate highlights to lustrous glazes.

"Our training program gives our staff the confidence to stand in front of our very educated guests and tell them with 100 percent certainty that this will or will not work for you and this is why," Enos said.

She and her staff create customized programs allowing each guest to choose the amount of maintenance time and money they want to devote to their "transformation."

Enos believes that using coloring products from several manufacturers ensures that clients get the best there is to offer. "It's like being a chef. We use it all. It can get expensive, but it's the best way to color hair," she said.



Ronit Enos goes over coloring plans with Julie Wetherbee of Saugas, who was at Maxime to get highlights done. Techniques at Maxime also consist of advanced cutting and styling methods, including scissoring, razor work and dry and precision cutting.



Ronit Enos, who is sitting at her coloring consultant table in her salon, says the physical space at Maxime is complemented by an awesome team of stylists and colorists who work with a common passion for beauty and fashion.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Ronit Enos also sells Kabala jewelry that promotes harmony and peace around the world. Words like good health, love, and peace are carved in these pieces in ancient Hebrew.

Move a success

The move from Norwell has been successful not only because the salon's business has doubled, but also because it has received numerous accolades. Maxime was named "2007 Best of the New" by The Boston Globe Magazine and received its fifth "Best of Boston" award from Boston Magazine.

Enos is quick to share the praise. "I couldn't do it without my team and husband, Bill," she said. "They are all so incredibly talented."

The challenge, she said, is "to always be on top of fashion" because today's consumer is so well-educated. "Our inspiration for hair is the silver screen, celebrities, and what models look like on the runway."

Enos has an interesting background. As a young girl in her home country of Israel, she had a great interest in beauty and fashion. "But the most intriguing piece to me was hair color and what it can do for an individual," she said.

At the age of 14 she embarked upon what was to become a lifelong passion for "all things beautiful" by working at a local hair salon. There she learned the intricacies of hair color.

After graduating from high school, Enos temporarily put aside her aspirations in order to serve a mandatory two-year military service requirement in the Israeli army as a combat trainer.

"I gained confidence from that experience and learned how to listen and appreciate people for who they are," she said.

Once Enos' time in the Army was up, she returned immediately to the beauty and fashion world.

Her career has taken her all over the world, where she studied at such famous schools as the Vidal Sassoon Academy in London and L'Oreal in Paris.

Transformation

"I love seeing the transformations that take place in such a brief time. In only three short hours, blondes look more glamorous, beautiful brunettes take on warm tones, and a dark-haired woman can become a vivid, lively redhead," Enos said. "It's satisfying to witness the physical results but even more rewarding to know that the customer feels great about herself. It's a magnificent feeling."

Enos moved to Scituate a number of years ago with her husband to raise their two children, Gabrielle and Will, now 17 and 16, and to pursue her dream of opening a salon. Enos worked at several local salons and trained and educated stylists in advanced techniques. She also assisted in launching two businesses, both of which are now successful beauty salons, before opening her own a number of years ago.

After six years in Norwell, Enos moved Maxime to its new, airy space in Hingham, where the approach is warm and personal.

Kerry Perkins has been a loyal Maxime customer for several years. "I think Ronit had a vision in terms of the salon she wanted to create, and she certainly has realized that vision," she said. "The salon is an inviting and comfortable space. I always look forward to what I know will be a relaxing experience. Every member of the staff is professional and has an upbeat attitude. I always leave feeling pampered and with a style that I can easily manage at home!"

The salon is primarily for adults, although some customers bring their preteens and teenagers in for special cuts or styles.

Maxime recently began a charitable partnership with Medicine for Humanity, an international health/relief organization with ties to the South Shore. Maxime donates $1 from every service it provides to clients to MFH. In countries served my MFH, even $5 a day can make a difference, Enos said.

She also has plans to launch an academy at Maxime in the near future, offering advanced training for stylists and colorists.

As if that weren't enough, a new line of natural, mineral-based makeup, b.yoffi (meaning "be beautiful" in Hebrew) was recently unveiled at the salon.

Makeup classes for teens are also offered. "At first the girls are shy, but they love it in the end," Enos said. "It's not so much about being beautiful but about loving themselves." Each teen leaves with a photograph of the "new me" taken by Maxime's own photographer.

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Middle schoolers enjoy engineering lab

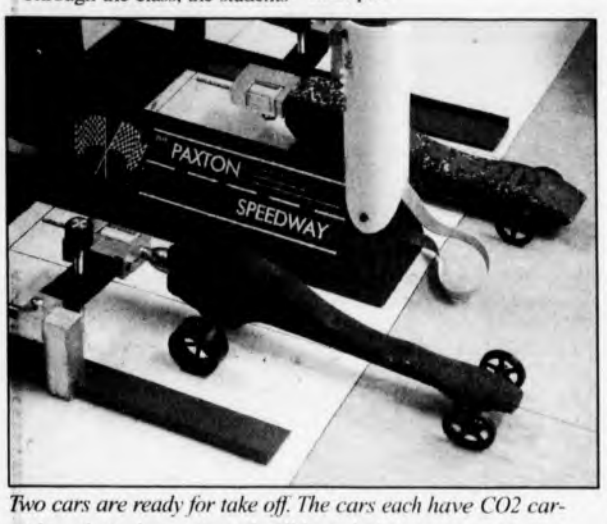
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concepts, said Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini. The technology course links together concepts and gives students practical skills, answering the question often asked of math and science teachers, "when am I ever going to have to know this?"

The lab has 10 modules each with a different focus. Under the guidance of Young, the students follow instructions that lead them through the activities.

Through the class, the students learn the practical application of the technology concepts. They make a robot name "Cye" move across the room by typing into a computer. They make flyers and brochures using Microsoft Publisher. They turn plastic pellets into golf tees and create a picture frame with thermoset plastic.

"I try to teach the kids that many of the things they have, they can make. They don't have to buy everything," says Young, showing a CD holder as an example.



Two cars are ready for take off. The cars each have CO2 cartridges that when activated will launch the cars.



With her thumb on the trigger, Makayla Barrow waits to receive the signal before launching her car.

The stations instruct on flight technology, structural engineering, materials processing, research and development, electricity, robotics, mechanism, computer graphics and animation, computer assisted drawing (CAD) and virtual architecture.

The students work in pairs or threes so there is a bit of teamwork and collaboration necessary. Students work together to design a home from the foundation up using the same type of computer programs architects and engineers use. At the research and development station, students build their own CO2 powered racecar, learning about drag and aerodynamics. trying to make them as aerodynamic as possible.

"Nothing is done the first time, everything is refined," said Young. The students test their model then tweak it on their prototype. Young says it teaches the kids to explore solutions and assess the results.

While the focus in creating a foundation and understanding in technology, Young said of equal importance is to be able to communicate and apply those ideas. Accordingly, each station includes a narrative assignment where students must provide a solution to a given problem applying the knowledge they've gained.

"It's not enough to know it, you have to be able to communicate it," said Young, "you can have the world's greatest gizmo, but if you can't communicate what it does you're not going to be able to do as well."

Being able to articulate ideas and concepts successfully is a skill needed on the MCAS.

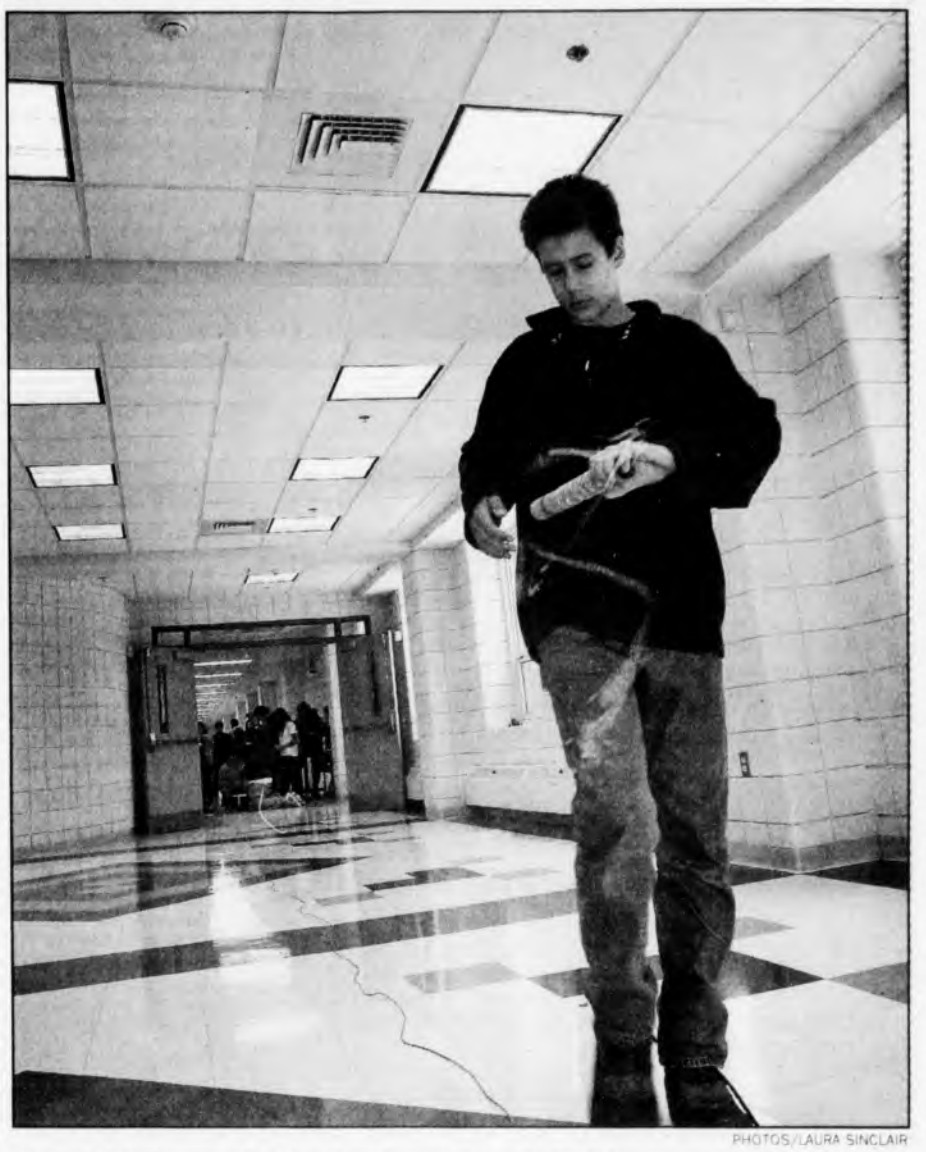
With questions on technology and engineering popping up on the eighth grade MCAS, this addition to the Middle School curriculum is one that keeps Cohasset students competitive. But, this is only a side benefit.

"It's not as important that students test well but rather explore the activities embedded in the applications, linking together the subjects," said Antolini.

Each student in the middle school grades is currently enrolled in one trimester a year in the technology lab, but Antolini says the school is looking to make the class a year-round requirement creating even more opportunity for linkages to be made between the core subjects of math and science to technology.



Teacher, David Young, and student Colin Bell watch as two of the cars are launched. Principal Joel Antolini is in the background looking on. Students built their own CO2 powered racecar, trying to make them as aerodynamic as possible.



PHOTOS/LAURA SINCLAIR

Thomas Gilliatt runs a nylon line along the corridor to the finish line as part of the preparation for the car races at the middle school Thursday. Each car is hooked into the line to keep it from spinning out of control.

"We're trying to build technology literacy."

—David Young, teacher

Bringing a pre-engineering program to the high school is also being explored, said Antolini. While the middle school lab teaches the fundamentals and basics of engineering and exposes the students to different areas of technology, a high school program would be require more advanced thinking.

"It would stress the importance of independent thinking and problem solving," said Antolini. The program may not necessarily require a computer lab like the one at the middle school.

The PSO and CEF both found the technology lab a worthwhile endeavor for the school and its students.

"Engineering is something covered on the MCAS but it's also something students are interested in and of growing importance in education," said Isabel Blackburn, president of the PSO. They funded the lab in two parts giving a total of $37,500.

"It's going to help the curriculum in so many ways," said Blackburn.

After funding the first five modules of the engineering lab, the PSO turned to the newly re-energized CEF for additional financial support.

"It was a joint collaboration, it wouldn't have happened without the support of the other," said Mary McGoldrick, CEF board member and chair of the grant committee. The CEF felt the technology lab fulfilled many aspects of their mission statement.



Jimmy Lydon loops some nylon line through one of the cars before putting it in place for take off. The line keeps the car from going out of control. The metal protruding from the car is the CO2 cartridge that will propel the car forward.

"It was in innovative project, a program that has enduring value and impacts a good portion of students. The lab fit the bill," said McGoldrick. The curriculum-based project offers an increased opportunity for students to get a working knowledge of science, math, engineering and technology, she said. The CEF matched the PSO's grant of $37,500.

"We have to thank the parents and people in the community who made the donations to the PSO and the CEF that made the lab possible," said Antolini.

An open house will be held for parents and families to see what the technology and engineering lab is all about on Wednesday, March 5 from 6 to 7p.m.

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Worship News



The Rev. Margot Critchfield

St. Stephens welcomes Rev. Margot Critchfield

St. Stephens Episcopal Church, for the first time in 23 years, has called a new rector, truly a cause for celebration. The parish welcomes the Rev. Margot Critchfield to St. Stephen's as the new rector. Rev. Critchfield was most recently senior assistant rector at St. Albans Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. She just arrived in town with her husband, Don, daughter, Grace, and their dog, Max.

Rev. Critchfield will celebrate her first service on Sunday, March 2. Everyone in the community is invited to attend and welcome her to the parish. Services take place at 8 and 10 a.m. Children's religious education is provided during the 10 a.m. service. Coffee and conversation in Walton Rodgers Hall, adjacent to the church, follows the 10 a.m. service. St. Stephens is at 16 Highland Ave.

St. Joseph Retreat Center schedule of events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, is hosting the following upcoming programs:

• Feb. 29 through March 2, At-Home Retreat. Make a retreat in the midst of one's lived reality and come to St. Joseph Retreat Center each day for a 45-minute individual meeting to share prayer.

• March 7 through 9, "Behold Your Life." Lenten retreat weekend to rest, reflect and journal with memories.

• Wednesday, March 12, Morning of Prayer, "Do Not Be Afraid."

• March 20 through 23, Triduum Retreat from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday.

For more information and to register, visit csjretreatcenter or call or call 781-383-6024.

Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Bible Study series continues on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Practical Christianity. Some Christians commonly view the Old Testament as a storybook-full of fascinating tales, yet ancient and irrelevant to modern reality. This exceptional 10-week study from *Insight For Living* with *Chuck Swindoll* will help you blow the dust off these timeworn chronicles and discover enduring truths that relate directly to you, while translating into reliable patterns for godly living. Experience familiar passages as never before, and find fresh inspiration in the memorable scenes revisited. Follow the examples of faithful Old Testament heroes such as Abraham, Joseph, David, and many others as you learn to apply timeless biblical principles to your everyday life. Please join us.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, March 2

8 a.m. - Circle Ministry in the Parish House/Atkinson Room - Group led by Joan Kovach & Susan Meikleham and meeting 1st & 3rd Sundays)

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – "When Stewardship Grows Within Us" - Guest minister, Rev. Bob Thayer - Stewardship Sunday

Religious education classes for toddlers, children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Everyone is invited for a Stewardship Brunch in the Parish House directly after the service and RE classes.

Noon – 2:30 p.m. – Soul Work: Conversations across Congregations – Second Parish UU - 685 Main Street in Hingham!

Come whether or not you've participated before and whether or not you've read the chapter.

Begun a year ago on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, we undertake the work of anti-racism as spiritual practice through respectful dialogue. Lunch is available at noon, and we convene for conversation from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. Our discussions are based on Soul Work: anti-racist theologies in dialogue. We'll focus on the essay, "The Paradox of Racial Oppression," by Rev. Dr. Thandeka, Senior Research Professor at Meadville Lombard Theological School. This series is dedicated to the late Rev. Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley, Friend, Mentor, and co-editor of Soul Work.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday morning. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately follow the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

A Seder Meal in a Christian context will be offered on Sunday March 16th at 5pm (call for reservations). Holy Week and Easter services will begin with a Maundy Thursday traditional Tenebrae service (with Communion) at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Easter Sunday March 23rd will offer a choice of three services: 7:30 am Sunrise at Sandy Beach (dress causally and warmly), 9:15am in the sanctuary (intergenerational with children's musical performances), 11 am in the sanctuary (traditional service with adult choir).

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites you to join us this Lent.

This week, St. Stephen's welcomes our new rector, the Reverend Margot Critchfield!

Services on Sunday are at 8 am and 10 am.

Highlights of our parish life include:

• "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.

• Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group

• Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison

• Monthly luncheon for seniors

• Fellowship and fun; music

• Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

Coming up this week:

Monday, March 3 – 3 Christian Meditation

Wednesday, March 5 – 9:30 Holy Eucharist with healing; 10:30 Bible Study

Friday, March 7 – 8:45 am –9:30 Lenten prayers and meditation; 9:30 Yoga; youth group ski trip

Saturday, March 8 – 7 am Bible Fellowship

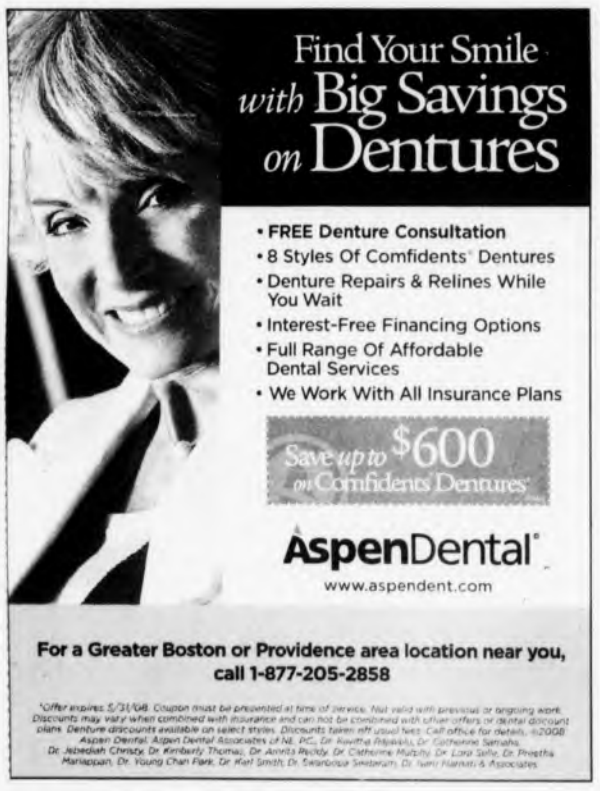
Sunday, March 9 – Services at 8 am and 10 am

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 16th at 11 a.m. - Palm Sunday Service. Thursday, March 20th at 7 p.m. - Holy Thursday Service. Friday, March 21st at 3 p.m. - Good Friday Service. Silence will be observed on the grounds from 12 noon to 3 p.m.. Sunday, March 23rd at 11 a.m. - Easter Sunday service.

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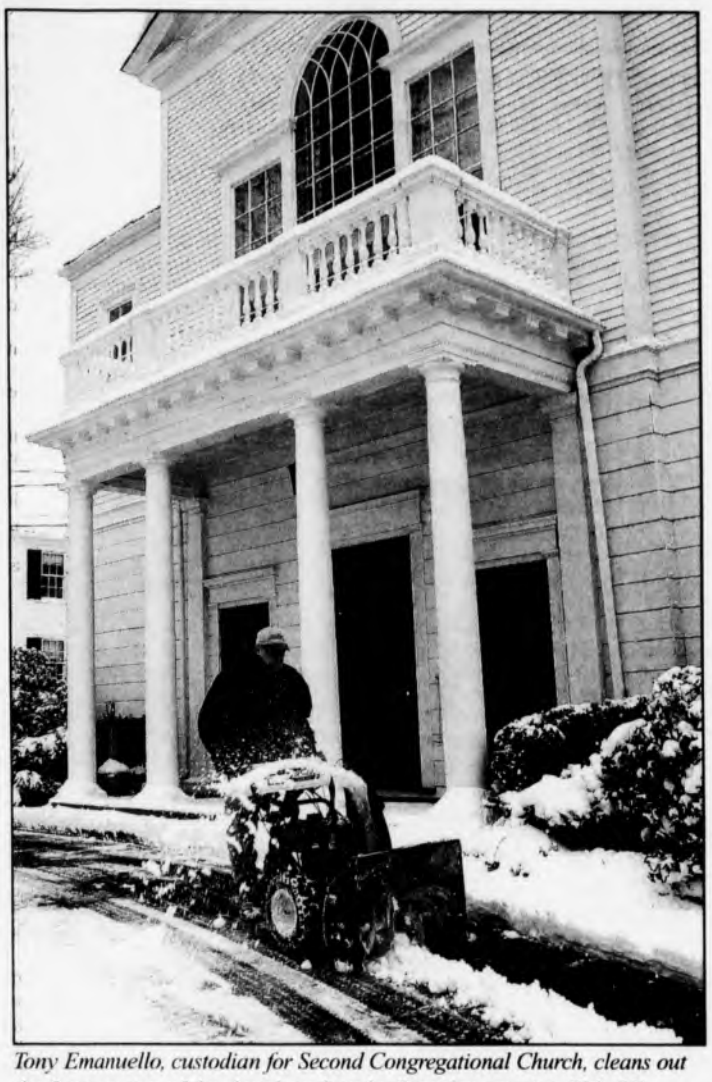
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Snow scenes

White blanket covers Cohasset

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Tony Emanuello, custodian for Second Congregational Church, cleans out the front section of the church parking lot Saturday morning (Feb. 23).



Georgia Barrett, 3, pulls her little sister Tess, 1, along in a sled in front of the Pratt Library. The girls were with family members during a sledding outing.



Five-year-old Gabe Barrett and his Mom, Melissa, head down the hill on the family's snow tube Saturday (Feb. 23) in front of the Pratt Library. The seven inches of snow that fell across much of the South Shore the day before promoted great sledding for all ages.



The snow that fell from last Friday's storm (Feb. 22) left a tranquil scene across Cohasset's Harbor Saturday morning. Here the Miss Judy awaits better weather to cast off.



Storm clouds begin to clear over a cold Cohasset Harbor Saturday morning (Feb. 23) from the snowstorm that left 7 inches of snow across the South Shore. The Cohasset Yacht Club is in the background.



Snow flurries fall while Liz Bowling walks along Sandy Beach with her friend Scout after last week's snowstorm.



The railing of the Cohasset Yacht Club frames a wintry harbor scene Saturday after Friday's snowstorm left seven inches.



Last Friday's snowstorm left this dinghy snow covered in Cohasset Harbor. Residents spent the day cleaning up walkways and driveways, while others enjoyed the snow and scenery.



Five-year-old Jack Wipf and Gabe Barrett, also 5, get a push from Paul Barrett down the hill on a snow tube in front of the Pratt Library.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

1:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:35 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire – public assist, party into Fire HQ to have a ring cut off.

6:28 p.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

7:16 p.m. **Turner Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports a male urinating in the parking lot at this location. Caller reports the party is headed SB on 3A. Scituate notified.

7:36 p.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, 911 caller reports she backed into a wall. Hingham Rescue cancelled. E3 in service at the scene.

10:18 p.m. **Pond St., and Virginia Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:23 p.m. **South Main St.**, B&E (in progress), 911 caller reports 2 juveniles B&E a cooler in front of this location. All units on scene. 886 reports 2 juveniles with hooded Northface jackets. Hoods pulled tight over their heads. One suspect is about 5'9", one is about 5'6". Direction of travel is going towards Pleasant from the gas station.

SUNDAY, FEB. 17

3:06 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist other Police Department, State Police, Norwell, are attempting to locate the Bail Commissioner.

6:11 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window, open back door. Building checks secure.

11:20 a.m. **Spaulding Ave., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, departmental action.

9:31 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid.

10:42 p.m. **Hull PD**, bolo announcement. Hull PD is looking for a purple Mazda pick up truck. This vehicle was at a known drug house that was being raided, and left.

MONDAY, FEB. 18

12:19 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle crash, run-in with a deer.

2:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen, caller states his motor vehicle was "vandalized." Motor vehicle is parked behind Papa Gino's. Motor vehicle has a flat tire. Caller will attempt to move the motor vehicle later in the AM.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy, gusty wind, 61.

10:45 a.m. **Pond St.**, downed tree, caller reports a large limb down across the road.

11:38 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd**, property (recovered), walk in party turned in a red pocketbook. Female notified and will be coming to HQ to retrieve her pocketbook.

11:55 a.m. **Hollet St., Scituate**, medical aid, patient sign off.

12:59 p.m. **Pond St.**, downed tree, caller reports a large limb hanging on the wires, officer reports this is not a hazard at this time, DPW should be notified to remove when they can.

5:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:47 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer wanted, caller reports there are no lights on at the high school, it's pitch black. Officer reports the alarm is set, no problems, kids are on vacation for the week, the town is probably saving energy.

7:17 p.m. **Old Oaken Bucket Rd., Scitutate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:33 p.m. **Doane St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports a BMW in the parking lot with the truck popped open and no one is around. The shop is not open at this time. Officers on scene report this is one of the owners.

7:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, caller reports a drive off of gas, the Mobile Pass did not go through. Owner of the vehicle was called and is going back up to clear this up.

8:54 p.m. **Pond St., and Virginia Lane**, downed tree, walk in party reports a downed tree in the road. Officer reports the limb has been taken care of.

TUESDAY, FEB. 19

1:27 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

1:28 a.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:18 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller reporting there is a jogger running in the above area. Officer has located subject – he is out every night – he is wearing a reflector vest – subject is fine.

8:20 a.m. **Elm St.**, transport prisoner.

8:26 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:39 a.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check. (1) car removed from Fire Lane at Deerhill School.

10:03 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:26 a.m. **Elm St.**, public service, walk in party would like to speak with an officer about a house on Hull Street regarding youth activity.

12 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking, caller reports motor vehicle's blocking the handicapped spaces.

12:12 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

1:36 p.m. **Doane St.**, public service, caller reports she is with a woman and two little kids who have come out of the Wompatuck Entrance and are lost and cannot find their way back. Officer transporting this party back to the Visitor Center.

2:48 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire alarm activation, caller reports her smoke alarm is going off due to cooking and she cannot reset it. System has been reset.

3:22 p.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, well being check, caller reports a woman inside a gray Mercedes sleeping, caller states another party told him there was a baby inside the vehicle. Officer reports woman was resting in her car.

7:44 p.m. **Hull St.**, well being check, based on previous complaints from neighbor's house, check to keep the peace. Everything appears ok.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

12 a.m. **Town Roads**, icy road conditions, contacted DPW.

1:55 a.m. **Cedar St.**, notification, caller reports the garage door broken, caller will put a tarp to cover the door.

2:55 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, suspicious person, walk in party reports young white male walking on the side of the road – wearing gray/white hood, not more than 12 or 13 years old. Officer reports nothing in the area.

10:37 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:39 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

11:38 a.m. **Hull St.**, follow-up.

11:55 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

12 p.m. **Hull St.**, transport citizen, transporting a party to the Hingham line.

1:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported other/ALS.

4:32 p.m. **Utility Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:34 p.m. **Hull St.**, open door/window, officer reports no one inside – appears the wind opened the door, officer reports door secured.

6:26 p.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

6:29 p.m. **North Main St.**, assisting walk in party regarding a domestic problem. Ex-girlfriend keeps calling him at work and making threats.

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

1:26 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

1:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, windy, 23.

9:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

10:14 a.m. **Elm St., and Stevens Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:45 a.m. **Elm St., and Stevens Lane,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:39 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:30 p.m. **Pond St.**, public service, engineer from Tutela Engineering into HQ to let us be aware that they will have a large drilling machine in the parking lot by the gym entrance overnight, exactly where they will be working tomorrow. The have been advised to tape it off and emergency vehicles will be able to get by it if needed.

2:48 p.m. **Elm St.**, service for the courts.

5:32 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, 209A service.

5:44 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports the RR gates were malfunctioning. Gates appear to be fine.

6:02 p.m. **North Main St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports the lights were flashing and gate went up and down too fast causing the caller to jam her brakes on. Caller wanted this logged in.

9:55 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, barking dog, caller stated there was a dog in the area barking – while on the phone the dog stopped barking. Caller will call back if the dog barks again.

FRIDAY, FEB. 22

6:40 a.m. **Wood Way**, fire, structure, 911 caller states her chimney is on fire. Source moved from the chimney. Homeowner to contact Chimney Sweep.

7:04 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, icy road conditions, there is an icy spot on the roadway. DPW notified.

8 a.m. Weather: Snow, light wind, 27.

8:15 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance – neighborhood, several calls regarding the gates at the crossing. Called MBTA Dispatch Center. MBTA person on scene.

10:37 a.m. **Hillside Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:03 p.m. **Thomas Clapp Rd., Scituate**, medical aid.

1:54 p.m. **Country Way and Captain Pierce Rd.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury. Cancelled prior to patient contact.

4:31 p.m. **North Main St., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports motor vehicle accident at this location. National Grid notified, pole has snapped.

5:31 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Meadow Lane**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports an odor of gas at this location. E1 responding. Keyspan notified.

6:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports motor vehicle accident near this location. All units searching area. Nothing found.

6:14 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard, caller reports road plates have been moved. LM holding on scene, placing cones and fixing the problem.

9 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports that he is unable to get his motor vehicle up his driveway. He will be leaving motor vehicle off to the side of the road.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

12:30 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:59 a.m. **Buttonwood Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy, calm, 28.

8:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

8:40 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

POLICE STATUS REPORT

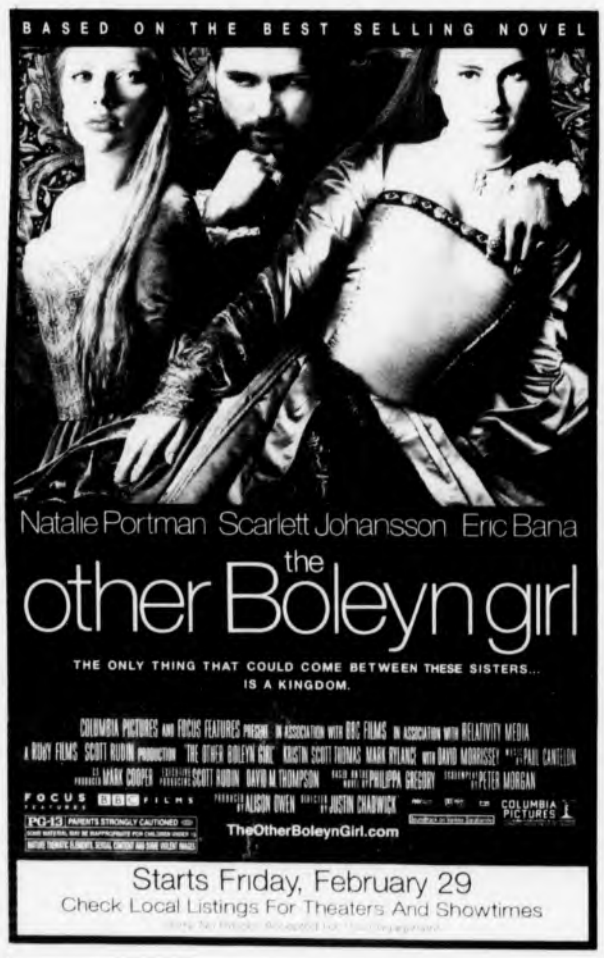
Police arrested six last month

January was a fairly busy month for the Cohasset Police Department; there were six arrests, two for unarmed robbery, one for assault to murder, one for operating under the influence of liquor, one for an outstanding warrant, and finally, one for protective custody, Chief James Hussey said.

During the month of January, the police department investigated 15 motor vehicle accidents, four of which resulted in personal injury. There were 51 motor vehicle citations issued, totaling $170 in fines. Additionally, there were 32 parking tickets issued, totaling $800 in fines.

Also in the month of January, the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 734 calls for police services, of those 208 were Emergency 911 calls, Hussey said.

In the month of January, there was one report of breaking and entering involving a business. Also in January there were eight criminal complaints for the month.











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PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS FOR RELEASE WEEK OF FEB. 17, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Stop being the wool-gathering Lamb, and start turning that dream project into reality. You have the ideas, the drive and the charisma to persuade others to follow your lead. So do it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You've scored some big successes. But remember that all hardworking Ferdinands and Ferdinandas need some time to restore their energies and refresh their spirits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're gaining a stronger mental image of what you're trying to achieve. Now look for the facts that will help get this to develop from a concept into a solid proposal.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some of you eager-to-please Moon Children might want to delay some decisions until midweek, when you can again think more with your head than your heart.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new business venture seems to offer everything you've been looking for. But be careful that that rosy picture doesn't betray traces of red ink under the surface.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A volatile situation needs the kind of thoughtful and considerate care you can provide right now. There'll be plenty of time later to analyze what might have gone wrong.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your loyalty to a friend in a tough situation earns you respect from people you care about. Those who criticize you don't understand what friendship is all about.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your strong work ethic is rewarded with the kind of challenging opportunity you love to tackle. Now, go ahead and celebrate with family and/or close friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A legal matter you thought had been finally resolved could require a second look. But don't make any moves without consulting your lawyer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Taking charge is what you like to do, and since you do it so well, expect to be asked to lead a special group. This could open an exciting new vista for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An important matter might wind up being entrusted to you for handling. The responsibility is heavy, but you'll have support from people able and eager to help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A spouse or partner might make an important, even life-changing, suggestion. Consider it carefully. It could hold some of the answers you've both been looking for.

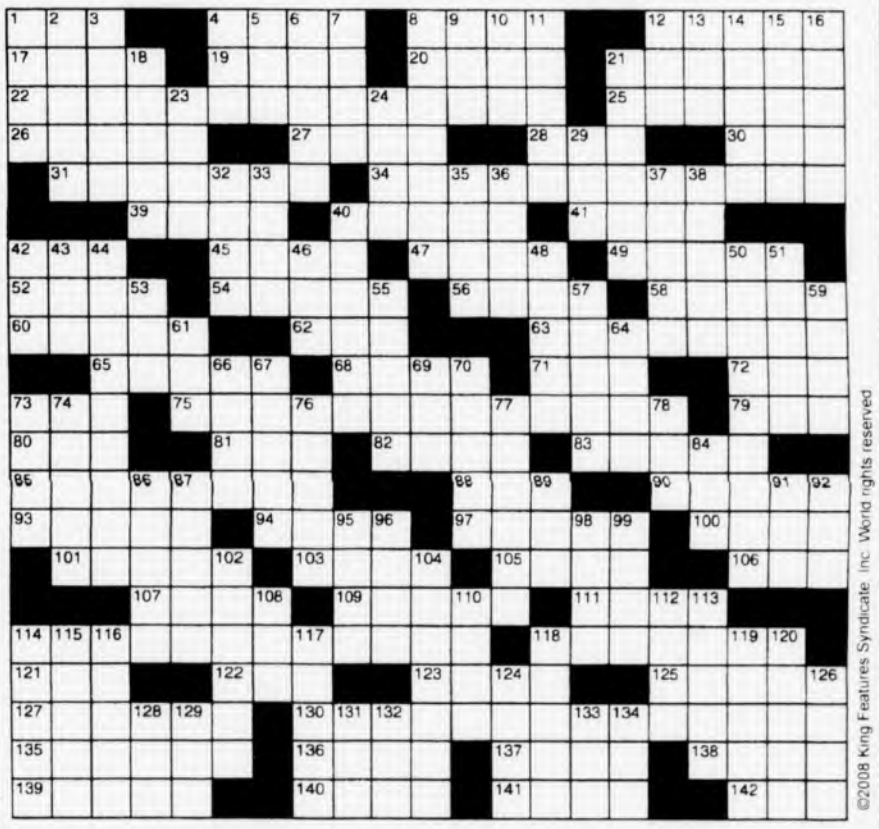
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BORN THIS WEEK: You always try to do the right thing, and for the right reasons. No wonder people have come to depend on you.

Crossword - A plus

ACROSS
1 Buddy
4 Verne hero
8 Cantata composer
12 Goo
17 "— corny as Kansas ..."
19 Orenburg's river
20 Literary pseudonym
21 Like Schoenberg's music
22 Like Felix Unger?
25 Act like Holmes
26 "— Card" ('90 film)
27 Comic Orson
28 Bungle
30 Sweater letter
31 On the nose
34 Skinny novelist?
39 Get on
40 Rocker Tom
41 Curly coif
42 "Saving Private Ryan" extras
45 Moffo or Magnani
47 Reggae's Peter
49 Offer an apple?
52 Pinnacle
54 Dawns, to Donne
56 Coarse flour
58 "— on My Pillow" ('58 song)
60 Stiller's partner
62 Tread the boards
63 Man from Munich
65 Ponderosa, for one
68 Mrs. Zeus
71 Mineral suffix
72 Sgt., e.g.
73 Gamble
75 Extremely encouraging individual?
79 Kitten's comment
80 Sharpton and Yankovic
81 Hockey great
82 A sweeping success?
83 Calliope's sister
85 '66 Tommy Roe tune
88 Merino male
90 Shiva worshiper
93 Throw forcefully
94 "The Ramayana" heroine
97 Actress Samantha
100 Jury member
101 Economize
103 Calligraphy supply
105 Land in the sea
106 Longing
107 Jets, Mets, or Nets
109 Release
111 Hideaway
114 Dishonest anchorman?
118 New Jersey's Pine —
121 Port: abbr.
122 Director Lupino
123 "Dies —"
125 Be of use
127 Bring to light
130 Corrupt college official?
135 Acid's opposite
136 Bronte heroine
137 Ice-cream thickener
138 Writer Hunter
139 June birthstone
140 Paper quantity
141 Stink
142 Prior to, to Prior

DOWN
1 BB-gun sound
2 "That's —" ('53 tune)
3 Paint ingredient
4 Lots of laughs
5 Part of NATO
6 Hayes of westerns
7 Crafter's need
8 Publisher Cerf
9 Ginger —
10 Security grp.
11 Couldn't stand
12 Canonized Mlle.
13 King's "Salem's —"
14 Motionless
15 "— Man" ('78 song)
16 Singer John
18 Farm sight
21 Directionless
23 Native Peruvian
24 Yarn
29 Singer Chris
32 Soho streetcar
33 Carson's successor
35 Particle
36 AMEX rival
37 Scacchi of "The Player"
38 Seascape painter
40 Cisco's chum
42 Pin
43 The — Capades
44 Einstein's chair?
46 New Deal agcy.
48 Convent wear
50 Dentist's fee?
51 Vestige
53 Geologic division
55 Cook veggies
57 Make chair legs
59 Chilly powder?
61 Social worker?
64 Swerve
66 Word with pork or karate
67 Toast start
69 Dietary abbr.
70 TV's "Hearts —"
73 Big party
74 Cary of "The Princess Bride"
76 Bit of a beach?
77 Leisurely, to Leoncavallo
78 Team scream
84 Palm oil?
86 Lloyd Webber musical
87 Principle
89 Booker T.'s group
91 Billy — Williams
92 Fancy planter
95 Slope
96 Cain's victim
98 — breve
99 Bring up
102 Gauguin setting
104 Feminist Gloria
108 Pie ingredient?
110 Greek sandwich
112 Neighbor of Turkey
113 Variety show
114 Tight
115 Actress Berry
116 Slezak or Alexander
117 Consumer advocate Ralph
118 Stocking shade
119 Credulous
120 Indian instrument
124 Way over yonder
126 Director Adrian
128 Roller-coaster unit
129 Under the weather
131 Hook's mate
132 Southern constellation
133 Scottish refusal
134 Annoy



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Sudoku

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Level: Hoo Boy

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Magic Maze - Reduplicative Words

F H E C A X E O T C A T C I T
V T R P N L J E H F D B Y X Y
V T R P O M Y O K P O T P I T
I G M U M B O J U M B O A E F
D B Z X E H W U U W H T R T I
R Q O Y C E N D A C L J P I F
I G B O E F M S P D C A I B Y
Y X O G W U E O V T S R R D T
P H E O D E H O N L K J I I F
C E G G S C Y T T I B Y T T I
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Choo-choo
Chop-chop
Dum-dum

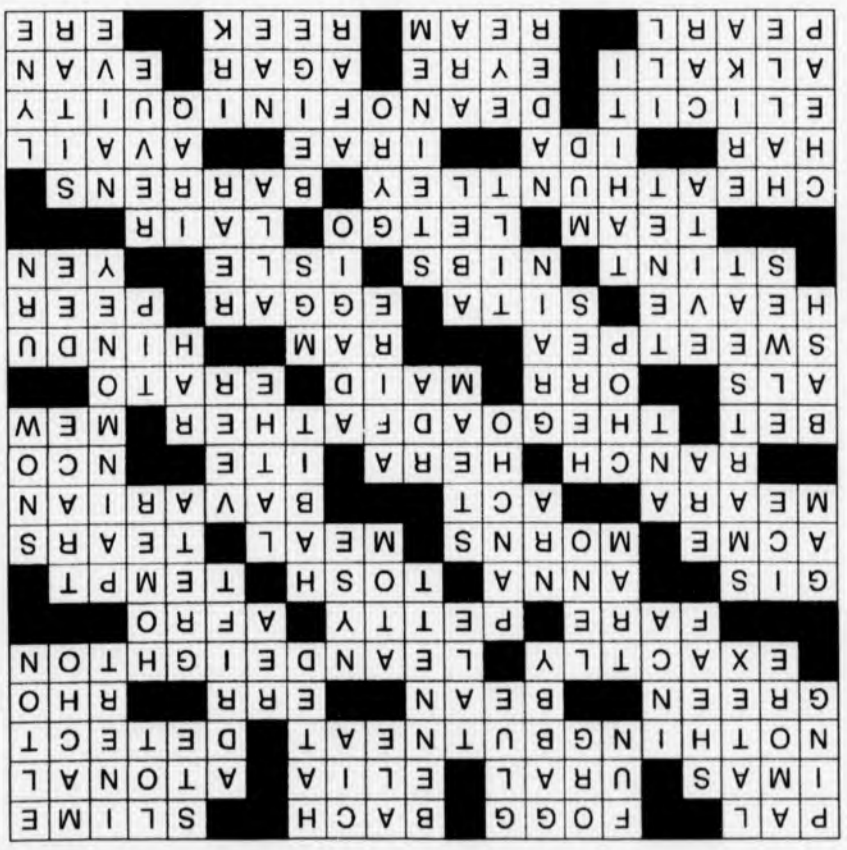
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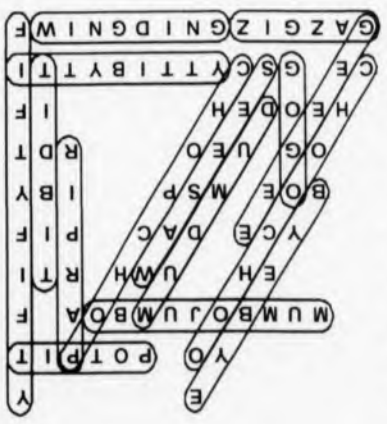
Tip-top
Wingding
Zig-zag

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Crossword Solution - A plus



Magic Solution - Reduplicative Words



Sudoku Solution

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5	8	9	3	4	2	6	1	7
6	7	2	8	5	1	3	4	9
8	1	7	4	3	5	9	6	2
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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

FEB. 28 - MAR. 7, 2008

Flat Stanley comes to life on stage

Local actor shows kids the world in musical

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Unlike most actors, Avon native John Ambrosino doesn't mind at all when audiences describe his performance as one-dimensional.

In fact, that is exactly what he hopes they'll say when they see him as the title character in "The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley," which comes to Boston's Colonial Theatre next week. Ambrosino plays Stanley Lambchop, a typical little boy whose life changes one day when he wakes up flat.

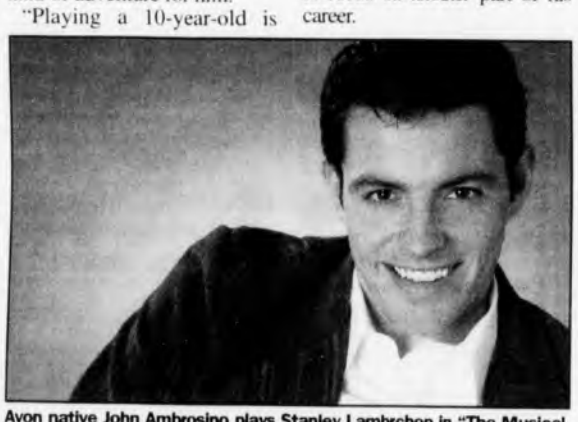
"This kid has ambitions that go well beyond his everyday life," Ambrosino explained by telephone last week from Kansas. "So, when his bulletin board falls on him and flattens him in his sleep Stanley sees it as an opportunity. He arranges to have himself mailed all around the world so he can have all kinds of different experiences and adventures."

Ambrosino acknowledges that portraying such a young character represents its own kind of adventure for him.

"Playing a 10-year-old is quite an experience for me as a 28-year-old," Ambrosino said. "A 10-year old boy now is so different than when I was 10 years old. They carry themselves so differently and seem so much wiser than I remember being at 10."

The actor's own childhood was spent in Avon where his mother, Joyce Ambrosino, still lives, and in Scituate during the summer months. A 1997 graduate of Braintree's Thayer Academy, Ambrosino earned a bachelor's degree in theater from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, in 2001. After college, he returned to the Boston area to found Animus Ensemble, a Boston Center for the Arts-based theater company where he directed nine productions including "The Baltimore Waltz," "Once Upon a Mattress," and "Promises, Promises," which earned him an Independent Reviewers of New England (IRNE) nomination as Best Director.

After spending six years as co-artistic director for Animus, Ambrosino decided it was time to focus on another part of his career.



Avon native John Ambrosino plays Stanley Lambrchop in "The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley" at the Colonial Theater March 7-9.



The cast of "The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley."

"In the last two years, I decided I wanted to act again and not just be a director," Ambrosino said. "I just knew that I needed to go back to acting."

It was that ambition that led him to his first national tour in the musical about the little boy who has the ultimate study abroad experience – being stamped, posted and canceled all the way from Washington, D.C., to France, Mexico, China, and Russia – as he pursues his dream of once again becoming a three-dimensional boy. Based on the children's book series by Jeff Brown, with illustrations by Scott Nash, "The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley" features a book by Timothy A. McDonald and music and lyrics by Bryan Louiselle and McDonald. Under the direction of McDonald, the stage show grew not only out of the popularity of the books, but also Flat Stanley's more recent move into the realm of cultural icon with an appearance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," a visit to the White House with current President George W. Bush and cameos on "ER" and the now-defunct "The West Wing." These appearances stemmed from "The Flat Stanley Project," in which schoolchildren initiated worldwide pen-pal relationships by mailing copies of the character to other youngsters around the globe.

"Before I took this role, I didn't know much about Flat Stanley, although I had seen the photo of him with Condoleeza Rice," says Ambrosino, who makes his home in Boston's Downtown Crossing with his husband, designer Kory Kolligian. "I even turned down this role initially. The more I learned about it, however, the more I wanted to do the show."

Ambrosino admits his knowledge of his character has come more from the creative team on the stage adaptation than from Brown's original source material.

"This musical is based on the book, but it is still far different from the original story," Ambrosino said. "Tim McDonald goes in very different directions with this story than Jeff Brown did in his first book. My inspiration in playing this character has come from the music written for this show."

And from enthusiastic young audiences that have been on hand at every stop so far on the national tour.

"The first couple of performances we gave in front of 2,000 children were wild," Ambrosino said. "Children use their own imaginations to really enjoy these characters. They find humor in all kinds of things, too, which is wonderful. And there is nothing like our curtain calls. When the lights go out and 2,000 kids are screaming, it is an amazing experience which demonstrates that our audiences really believe in us."

Helping inspire that belief is some creative costuming by Theresa Squire that has Ambrosino's Stanley passing for a pancake.

"I wear a suit that, when I'm turned sideways, gives the illusion that I'm flat," Ambrosino said. "I studied Bunraku classical puppetry in school and it has really helped me play Flat Stanley. Wearing this costume is almost like a form of puppetry, because it changes the way you walk and move. The flat suit is made of foam, which is lightweight, but not incredibly comfortable. I love making the costume come alive for the kids who see our show."

Some of who have their own ideas about how to help Stanley.

"The kids in our audience are just wonderful," Ambrosino said. "One young boy raised his hand at the end of the show. When we called on him, he let us know that he knew how to restore Stanley to three-dimensionality. Another time, a little girl down front in the orchestra was following along in her picture book with everything that was happening on stage. It was so sweet to see her so taken with the story."

"The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston, March 7-9, for six performances only. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at flatstanleyboston.com.



"Sunlight and Shadow" by Susan Benoit

The Painted Ladies- artists Susan Benoit and Maria Hopkins of Duxbury, Gayle Loik of Hanover, and Heidi Mayo of Plymouth come together to exhibit fine art at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane (just off Rte 123), Norwell, Feb. 29 through April 5.Meet the artists at an opening reception on Sunday, March 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. Free admission. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. For information call Susan Benoit at 339-832-0046.

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(L to R): Union Jack members David Porter, Thom Aylesworth, Scott Armstrong, Bob Hoffman and Don Packer will play on Leap Night, February 29th, at Mount Blue in Norwell.

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Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, Feb. 28

The Scituate Arts Association's Front Street Art Gallery, will feature **Constance Favell Pratt's** trial sketches in a show titled **Courtroom Drawings.** The show runs from Feb. 28 through March 30 with an opening reception on Sunday, March 2, from 1 to 5 p.m. 781-545-6150 www.scituateart.com

South Shore Art Center Gallery, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. **Fascinating Rhythms**, an exhibition featuring more than 75 juried gallery artists takes place in the Art Center's Bancroft Gallery. The exhibition is sponsored by Motoko and Gordon Deane and continues through March 30. **All Aboard: The Train Show** features the work of Art Center Gallery artists: **Kimberlee Alemian** and **Judy St. Peter**, of Cohasset; **Sue Charles**, Marshfield; **Nancy Colella**; **Jane Flavell Collins** and **Wendy Hale**, Duxbury; **Brooks Kelly**, Pembroke; **Peggy Roth Major** and **Valerie Forte Vitali,** Scituate; and **Michael Weymouth**, Hingham. Gallery hours are open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For information visit www.ssac.org. 781-383-2787.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

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Dickinson Gallery , 1132 Main St., Weymouth ***The Luminous Landscape*** **Encaustic** will end Friday, Feb. 29 It features the work of six Massachusetts artists who work in the encaustic medium, in which melted wax is fused with pigment: Lindsay Bentis, Janet Bartlett Goodman, Dorothy Krause, Julie Shaw-Lutts, Tracy Spadafora, and Cheryl Weissbach. Free admission, off-street parking. Gallery hours Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 781-331-3384, www.dickinsonartgallery.com

Friday, Feb. 29

Nationally acclaimed and hilarious Loretta LaRoche shares her spirited and optimistic perspective on life at 8 p.m., Feb. 29, at the Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St., Duxbury. Tickets for Kick Up Your Heels with Loretta LaRoche are available at Westwinds Bookshop, 45 Depot St., Duxbury, and Foodies Market, 46 Depot St., Duxbury, or at the box office by calling 508-747-1340. Gold tickets are available for $35 each and include the meet and greet reception at 7 p.m. Balcony seat tickets are available for $25 each and are first come, first served. For information, send email to mail@theparentconnection.org.

The South Shore Natural Science Center will host **Hoot and Howl**, a trivia tournament, live auction and raffle drawing, from 6:30 to 11 p.m., Friday, Feb. 29, at the Cushing Center, 673 Main St., Route 123, Norwell. The cost is $30 per person or $200 for a team of eight. The tournament will feature general trivia. Desserts and coffee will be provided and there will be a cash bar. Participants are welcome to bring their own appetizers. Form your own team of eight or register individually. The tournament begins at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Live auction. For reservations or information, call 781-659-2559 or email Tricia DeGiulio, at haikufancy@comcast.net.

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, will feature the works of **H. L. DeWaltoff** of Cataumet. The opening event will take place at the gallery on Friday, Feb. 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and visitors will have a chance to meet the artist at that time. The exhibit will be on display until Thursday, March 20. www.southstreetgallery.com 781-749-0430.

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Reunions

THE SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL - Class of 1978 has scheduled their 30th Class Reunion for Saturday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m. at the River Club, 78 Border St, Scituate. Share classmate's email addresses with us. Contact information: Kim Horton: seaforthkim@yahoo.com and Joanne Evans: evansjoann@earthlink.net

ST. MARGARERT'S HOSPITAL 15-year reunion takes place Sunday, March 30, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Florian Hall, Dorchester. $35 per person includes buffet dinner and DJ. Respond by March 10. Enjoy dinner, dancing and old Friends. Check made payable to: Terry O'Connor, 87 Knollwood Circle, Weymouth, MA 02188. 781-335-0113

Mark your calendar

THE 27TH ANNUAL DUXBURY ANTIQUE SHOW March 8 and 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Duxbury High School. Fifty quality antique dealers from all over New England will be featuring a selection of fine and affordable American and European antiques, painted country furniture, painting and prints, folk art, textiles, ceramics, glassware, architectural and garden items, and much more. Duxbury's own version of "The Antiques Roadshow" to appraise your family heirlooms and art work. Appraisal Day will be held Sunday Admission $7. Information, or to volunteer, call Debbie Bowen at 781-934-9489.

THE SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY, Ellison Center for the Arts, Duxbury. Eugene Kaminsky, Artistic Director and the Conservatory's Maestro Chamber Players will bring chamber music selections from Handel's "Neun Deutche Arien" among others will be performed March 9 at 4 p.m. Maestro Chamber Players performing include Lorna Jane Norris, soprano, Patrick Owen, cello, Eden Macadam Somer, violin and Eugene Kaminsky, piano. A wine and cheese reception follows the concert. Tickets: $20 adults; $12 children – free SSC students. Tickets may be purchased online at www.southshoreconservatory.org Information and tickets contact Amy Schomp 781-749-7565x 19 or amyschomp@southshoreconservatory.org

THE SOUTH SHORE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB OPEN HOUSE & TRAIN SHOW - March 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and March 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 51 Bare Cove Park, 19 Fort Hill St., Hingham. An expanded Model Railroad Show, Food Service and additional Operating Layouts will take place at the South Shore Country Club only on Sunday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $5 for Adults, $2 Seniors (65+) and Children 6-12, under 6 are free with an adult. Tickets are good for both days of the Open House and at the Show. Free parking at both locations. For information call the club 781-740-2000 or visit www.ssmrc.org

THE NORWELL WOMEN'S CLUB will be sponsoring its yearly Fashion Show, "Hats off to Charity" Thursday, April 3, at Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston. The event will feature clothing and accessories from many local businesses, and will also feature elegant recovery clothing from Healing Threads by Spirited Sisters. contact Pat Bigger at *tpbigger@aol.com* or Chris Gillis at *seagirley.com* for more information about this year's Fashion Show.

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David Newsam

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The Barn at the Red Lion Inn will be transformed into a **Venetian Carnivale** setting for the **South Shore Art Center's** annual winter fundraising gala on Friday, Feb. 29, at 6:30 p.m. and will feature a seated dinner, live music and entertainment, and live and silent auctions. Boston's Billy Costa will be the master of ceremonies. Auction items include sports memorabilia, luxury travel packages, event tickets, and many works of art by highly-regarded regional artists such as **Sergio Roffo, Richard Loud, Anne Heywood, Irma Cerese, JoAnne Chittick, Cindy Vallino, Jane Flavell Collins, Frank Strazzulla, and Nancy Colella**. For reservations call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org. Tickets are $125 for Art Center members, $145 for non-members. All proceeds support the exhibitions and education programs of the South Shore Art Center.

"Single Executives Club" Singles Dance Feb. 29, 8:30 p.m. to midnight. The Lafayette House Ballroom, 109 Washington St., Rte, 1 south, Foxboro. Next to the America's Best Value Inn www.se-4u.com. Dance music by award-winning DJ. Complimentary buffet all night. Numerous free door prizes, raffles, and MATCH Game prizes. For all single professionals and couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper business dress required; sports jackets for men. Admission is $10 before 9. Call 781-446-0234 for info. Co-sponsored by Rhode Island's Most Eligible Singles.

The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents A lecture, **A Lyceum on the History of the American Lyceum Movement**, by **Stuart Twite** of Marshfield on Friday, Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Information: www.jameslibrary.org 781-659-7100

Mount Blue, Main St,. Norwell. Feb. 29, South Shore classic rock band **Union Jack** will make a special appearance on Leap Night at Mount Blue. Union Jack plays classic hits from the 60s through the 90s, with music by The Allman Brothers, Tom Petty, Bruce Springsteen, Van Morrisson, Bob Seger, The Red Hot Chili Peppers, and many others. Music starts at 9 p.m. Make reservations early. Visit www.unionjackband.org or mountblue.com for more info. For reservations, call 781-659-0050.

New England Singles Dance, Feb. 29, 8p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Light buffet. $10.

The Vine European Style Wine Bar, 18 Main St., extension lower level, Plymouth Feb. 29, **Dan Bell** (Beatles, Lennon, Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, etc.) 508-830-1942.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Feb. 29, **The Mudskippers R & R Band** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, March 1

Bumpus Gallery, located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., presents hand-crafted furniture by **Naushon Hale during March and April.** Hale utilizes wood, metal, and paper in his diverse body of work. An **opening reception** will be held at the Gallery on Saturday, **March 1, from 2 to 4 p.m**. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend and meet the artist and discuss his work. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. 781-934-2721.

First Time Home Buyer Seminar sponsored by Eastern Bank, March, 1, from 10 a.m. to noon at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Learn about a variety of options for homebuyers programs such as My Community as well as Mass Advantage products through Mass Housing Finance Agency. Free and open to the public. Contact Pat Talbot to register at 781-348-4963 or p.talbot@easternbk.com

Hull Lifesaving Museum presents its **29th Annual Snow Row** at 1 p.m. March 1, at Windmill Point Boathouse, 185 Main St., (Hull Gut), Hull, Fee: $20 racers; Spectators free. Information: Ed McCabe, Maritime Program Director, 781-925-5433 or lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net

South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, invites children ages four and up to discover the creative person within themselves at a **Drama Open House** on March 1, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Children will participate in creative, dramatic games that are fun for all ages, and encourage them to use their imagination and speaking voice. www.southshoreconservatory.org or 781-749-7565, ext. 34.

The 2008 Mad Hatter's Ball from 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, March 1, at the Barker Tavern, 21 Barker Road in Scituate. Tickets: $40 can be purchased at The Front Street book Store in Scituate Harbor and includes dinner, dancing and an Irish Step Dance exhibition. A silent auction to raise money for the Scituate St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held during the Ball. Anyone wishing to donate items to be auctioned or for information about the Mad Hatter's Ball, call Liz Charlton at 781-545-8199.

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South Shore Folk Music Club, March 1, at 8 p.m. **Debra Cowan** Doors open at 7:30 p.m. at The Beal House of the Kingston, Unitarian Church Tickets: Members- $10 Non-Members-$12. Information **www.ssfmc.org** or 781-871-1052

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. March 1, **Three and Out.** 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 1 **Sweet Melissa with Chris Stovall Brown** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Sunday, March 2

Cornerstone Lodge, 585 Washington St., Duxbury. **All you can eat breakfast buffet**, from 8 to 11:30 a.m., March 2. Menu: scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, toast, English muffins, baked beans, juice and coffee. Pancakes and French toast cooked to order. Adults $7, seniors $6, children age 12 and under $5. **Open to the public.**

Foodies Market, 46 Depot St., Duxbury Shootflying Hill home made dessert sauces tasting March 2 noon to 3 p.m. 781-934-5544 ext. 21.

Woodwinds Dynamic Duo - Does your child want to play an instrument? How do you choose? On Sunday, March 2, at 12:30p.m. Scituate Town Library welcomes the second of four Dynamic Duos from **Atlantic Symphony Orchestra**, featuring the woodwinds "family" of instruments. In a fun, interactive music demonstration the Woodwinds Duo musicians, **Juliet Lai** on clarinet and **Elah Grandel** on bassoon, zero in on what makes their instruments special. Tickets are $3 for children and adults. Space is limited so advance purchase is recommended. Tickets are available for purchase at Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St. Information, contact the library at 781-545-8727 or consult the web site, www.scituatetownlibrary.org

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Wings International Network's 2008 Women's Expo and Inspirational Entrepreneur Speaker Series – Celebrating the Whole Woman takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 2, *at* Marriott Hotel, 1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy. Admission: $35 per person. The event will include inspirational speakers and performers, great shopping, informative exhibits, health screenings, seminars, and amazing giveaways. For information or to register visit www.celebratingthewholewomanexpo.com

The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra presents a **Family Concert!** Sunday, March 2, Instrument Demonstrations at 2 p.m./ Concert at 3 p.m. featuring **Plymouth Children's Chorus** and **Corbin Foucart,** the South Shore Conservatory's 2008 Concerto Competition overall winner, at Memorial Hall in Plymouth. To order tickets, call 508.746.8008 or visit www.plymouthphil.org

Monday, March 3

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Marilyn Reisberg** will exhibit her paintings for the month of March at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St, Weymouth. 781-337-8134.

American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay Open House 6 to 8 p.m., on Monday, March 3, at the American Red Cross Southeast office at 281 Pleasant St., Brockton. Those attending can learn the history of the American Red Cross; meet volunteers and area council members; and enjoy light refreshments. There also will be surprises for children. 508-586-4790 or visit bostonredcross.org.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,400 South Shore residents over the past 22 years start a new life. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main Street, Norwell, MA. from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday. All are welcome. Information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com The March 3 program is **Tom Claffey and the Freelancers.**

Tuesday, March 4

The North River Arts Society presents the artwork of **Tatiana Yanovskaya** at the Ventress Library Gallery, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield, through March 7.

Congregation Shirat Hayam located at the Marshfield Methodist Church, 185 Plain St,. Marshfield will host an open discussion at about being an interfaith family on the South Shore 7 p.m. on March 4. Participants of all faiths are invited to come and share their experiences as interfaith families. Discussions will conclude with suggestions and ideas on what religious communities can do to support today's interfaith families, and how interfaith families can support religious communities. For information or to RSVP e-mail rabbi@shirathayam.net

Wednesday, March 5

StoryTime March 5 at 10 a.m., **Front Street Book Shop**, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Mary reads age appropriate stories from 10 to 10:30. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age along with an adult, are invited to attend. Free. Information: 781-545-5011 or www.frontstreetbookshop.com

Big Sister Association is looking for women to mentor girls between the ages of 7 to 15. A few hours a week is all it takes. Information: 617-236-8060, email bigsister@bigsister.org or visit www.bigsister.org

Braintree Art Association Artist of the month, **Virginia Dolan** will exhibit her work for the month of March at the Thayer Public Library, main floor, 798 Washington St. Braintree. 781-335-4675.



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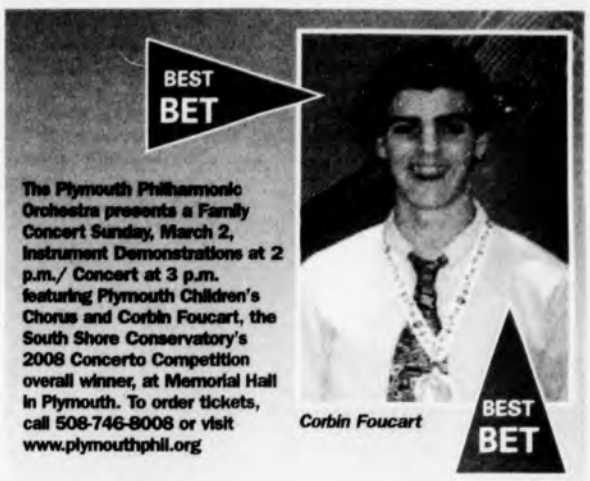
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Auditions

SOUTH SHORE STARS DINNER THEATER is casting for Mystical Mediation Murders, a new mystery dinner show. Auditions will be held at Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, at 7 p.m. March 5 and 6. Three men and three women, ages 30 to 50 are needed. Ability to speak an Indian accent a plus for men. Information: 781-843-5862.

THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS CHEERLEADERS will hold an open audition for the squad on Saturday, March 8 at Gillette Stadium. Women who are at least 18-years-old are invited to attend. Registration begins at 11a.m. The cost to register is $20. Participants should wear an aerobics outfit and sneakers or dance shoes, and should bring water, a bag lunch, a resume and photograph. A detailed description of the audition process can be found at www.patriots.com/cheerleaders. For information, contact Tracy Sormanti, Cheerleader Director, at 508-384-9101, or visit www.patriots.com/cheerleaders.

BOSTON POPS HIGH SCHOOL SING-OFF: A BEST OF BROADWAY CHALLENGE The first Boston Pops musical theater competition for Massachusetts high school students. Students are to pick songs from such Broadway greats as "Sweeney Todd," "Chicago," "West Side Story" and "My Fair Lady." Entries are being accepted now. The winner will be featured in the Boston Pops' Fourth of July concert at the Charles River Esplanade. For complete details on how to enter, go to www.BostonPops.org. The entry fee is $10.



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The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, **The South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Regional** headquarters present another **winter lecture series** every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the science center located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Open to the public free of charge. March 5, **Fatal Forecast with author Michael Tougias**. Information visit nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168; Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400; or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

Rockland Garden Club Meeting, March 5, 6:30 p.m. Rockland Memorial Library, Belmont St., Rockland. Program: **Propagation and Growing Plants for Plant Sales** with Plantsman **Les Wyman**. Guests are welcome.

Thursday, March 6

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local businesses in the South Shore area. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at a new meeting location in historic downtown Plymouth at Med Spa New England from 5 to 6 p.m., and on the third Thursday of each month at Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m., lunch is extra. For information, email info@network4success.org or visit network4success.org for meeting information, news on our membership, and upcoming events.

Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree presents its 2008 Author Series co-sponsored by the Italian American Cultural Organization – **South Shore Author Stephen Puleo** discusses his latest work, "The Boston Italians: a Story of Pride, Perseverance, and Paesani." March 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Following a one-hour presentation, there will be a reception with light refreshments at which Mr. Puleo will be present to sign your book. Bring your own copy, or purchase a copy at the event. All proceeds benefit The Friends of Thayer Public Library. Free and open to the public. You do not have to be a Braintree resident to attend. Information: 781-848-0405 x4420.

Abington High School Drama Club presents **Bye Bye Birdie** on March 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m., and March 8 at 2 p.m. at the Frolio Middle School Auditorium Tickets: $7 students/senior citizens, $9 adults.

Coyle and Cassidy High School, 2 Hamilton St., Taunton, presents **An Evening of Irish Music, Laughter, and Dance** featuring **Alfie O'Shea's Irish Show Band** with special guest **Aoife Clancy** and **The Harney Academy Irish Step Dancers** March 6, at 7 p.m. in the McCarty Theater. Tickets: $15 for adults, $10 for senior citizens and children under 12 and may be purchased in the main office or be reserved by contacting Mrs. Chaves in the president's pffice at 508-823-6164 Ext. 614.

Foodies Market, 46 Depot St., Duxbury **Cheese Tasting Class** March 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with **Robert Aguillera of Bueno Queso Social Club.** Sample and learn about cheeses from around the world from an expert cheese monger. $10 per person, advance registration required. 781-934-5544 ext. 21

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Friday, March 7

AAA Travel Marketplace, AAA-sponsored consumer travel show, open to all southern New Englanders, members and non-members takes place at Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, (indoors at Fidelity Investments Clubhouse) Friday, March 7 (2 to 9 p.m.), Saturday, March 8 (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.), Sunday, March 9 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) This show is a simple, one-stop shopping event for every travel need. Explore hundreds of exhibits from all of the major travel providers and take advantage of exclusive AAA benefits. Cost: $5 for AAA members, $10 for nonmembers. Parking is free. Tickets may also be purchased in advance at branch offices or online www.aaa.com

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Singles Executives Club Singles Dance, March 7, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 7, **Ryan Fardy & Shades of Blue** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

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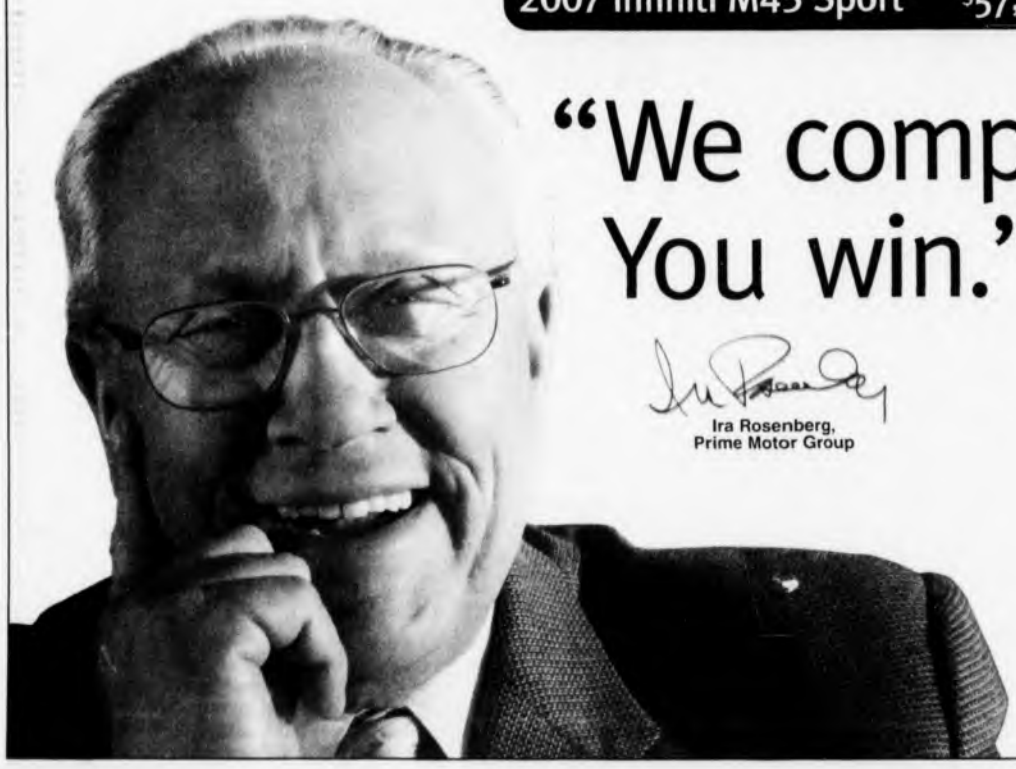
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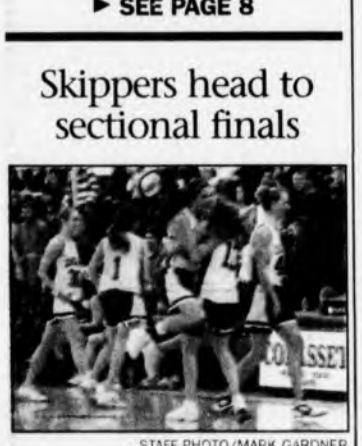
Local mom in international arena



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Open house goes high tech



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AYE! AYE! MR. SKIPPER



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The sixth annual all-male "beauty" and talent Mr. Skipper contest will be Friday March 14 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. This year's contestants ham it up for the Mariner. From left are: senior Matt Blaze, senior Conor Michaud, senior Eric MacCarthy, senior Mike Kusek, senior Jake Cuneo (back kneeling), senior Cliff Musto, senior Kyle Pinkus (middle of three), senior Pat Doonan (bottom of pile), senior Tyler Kelly, sophomore Ian Porter, and freshman Matt Brooks. Proceeds from the Mr. Skipper pageant help pay for senior class activities. For more about Mr. Skipper, call the high school at 781-383-6100.

Pond issue is draining

Controversy headed for Town Meeting

By Nancy White
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Most residents probably don't know where Treat's Pond is on a map, but an article concerning its restoration is shaping up to be one of the most controversial articles on the Town Meeting warrant.

The Monday night Board of Selectmen's meeting had nearly two hours of discussion from a vocal audience that brought many questions, concerns, as well as support, to the topic of Treat's Pond and its possible restoration to a saltwater marsh. Treat's Pond is located on the ocean side of Atlantic Avenue near Whitehead Road.

At the close of the discussion with no deliberation among them, the Selectmen voted 3-0 to add specifics to the Treat's Pond article (article 22). Selectman Ralph Dormitzer recused himself from voting as he resides near Treat's Pond, but spoke at the meeting as a private citizen. Selectman Fred Koed was absent.

Town Meeting will be asked to allocate or borrow funds of up to $300,000 to partially match a $728,000 congressional appropriation. If the article passes at Town Meeting, it authorizes the Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift

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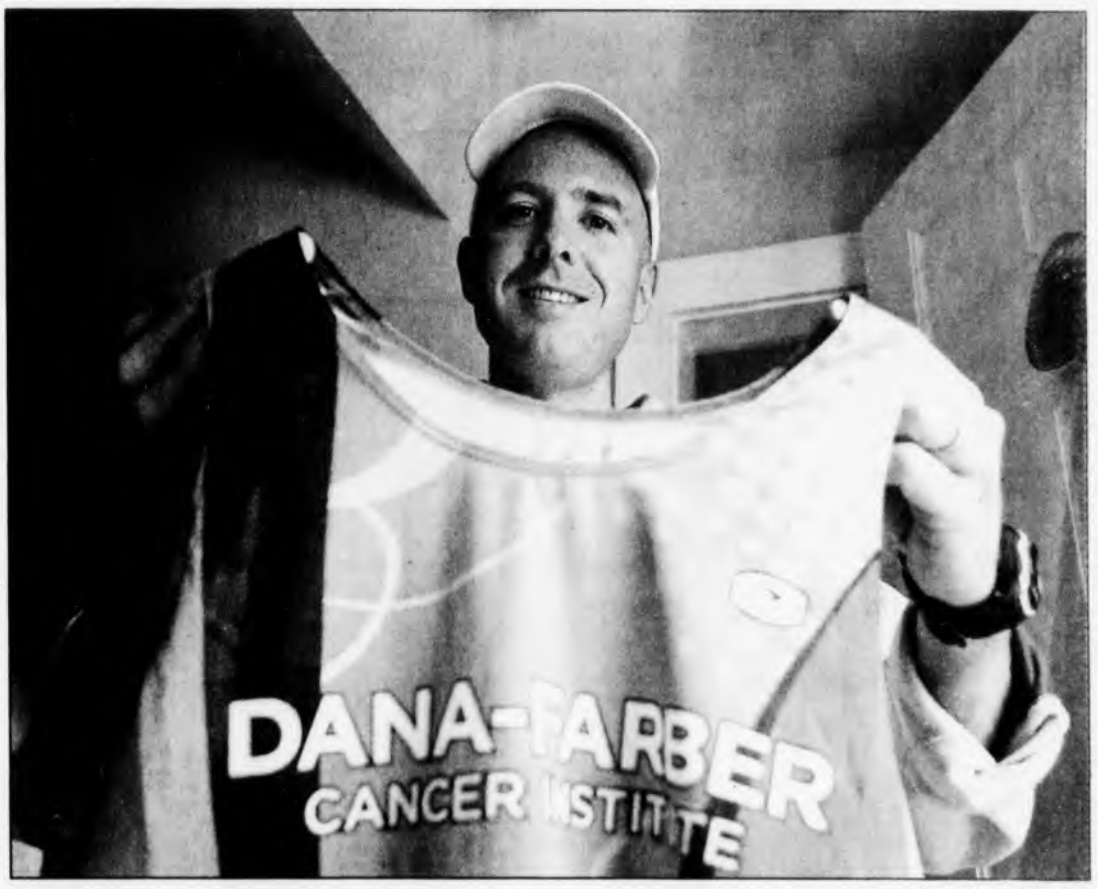
Cohasset resident running for a cure

Cancer survivor takes on Boston Marathon

By Nancy White
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At the beginning of a marathon a runner knows he has a long way ahead of him — 26.2 miles to be exact. When Kevin McKeon takes to the starting line of the Boston Marathon he just might be thinking he has more than a long run ahead of him.

"With all I've been through I want to do whatever I can to help fight cancer."
— Kevin McKeon,
two-time cancer survivor



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Kevin McKeon, a two-time cancer survivor, is running the Boston Marathon as part of the Dana-Farber Cancer Team to raise money for cancer research.

At age 36, the Cohasset resident has battled and survived cancer twice. He's running the Boston Marathon as part of the Dana-Farber Cancer Team to raise money for cancer research.

"With all I've been through I want to do whatever I can to help fight cancer," said McKeon.

In August 2005, McKeon was diagnosed with thyroid cancer, "it was a difficult time for me and my family." But, he says the experience only prepared him for the worst news that came next just five months later. Shortly after completing treatment for the thyroid cancer, he was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor.

McKeon underwent six and half weeks of radiation and 14 months of chemotherapy, which he completed in May 2007. During his treatment, he began to look for ways to prevent the brain tumor from returning and also wanted to find ways to help others who were fighting cancer.

"I told myself it I can get through this I'd do something," says McKeon. He's making good on his promise by embarking on the marathon fundraising venture and on a more personal level, overhauling his diet and lifestyle.

He and his wife Diane combed through nutrition books and medical studies and found the survival rates for some forms of cancer have shown to be higher in people with healthy diets and active lifestyles.

One book in particular has helped in the transition, McKeon says he lives by the principles described in Monica Reinagel's "The Inflammation-Free Diet Plan".

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Name: David Young.

Occupation: Teacher.

Best day of your life: Getting married.

Worst vacation: Nova Scotia in the rain.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving/Christmas.

Favorite meal: Italian or Chinese food.

Best book: "Sailing Around the World Alone," by Joshua Slocum.

Best movie: Comedy/40's Film Noir.

Best TV show: History Channel.

Most embarrassing moment: First time on wooden skis with telemark bindings-on a rope tow.

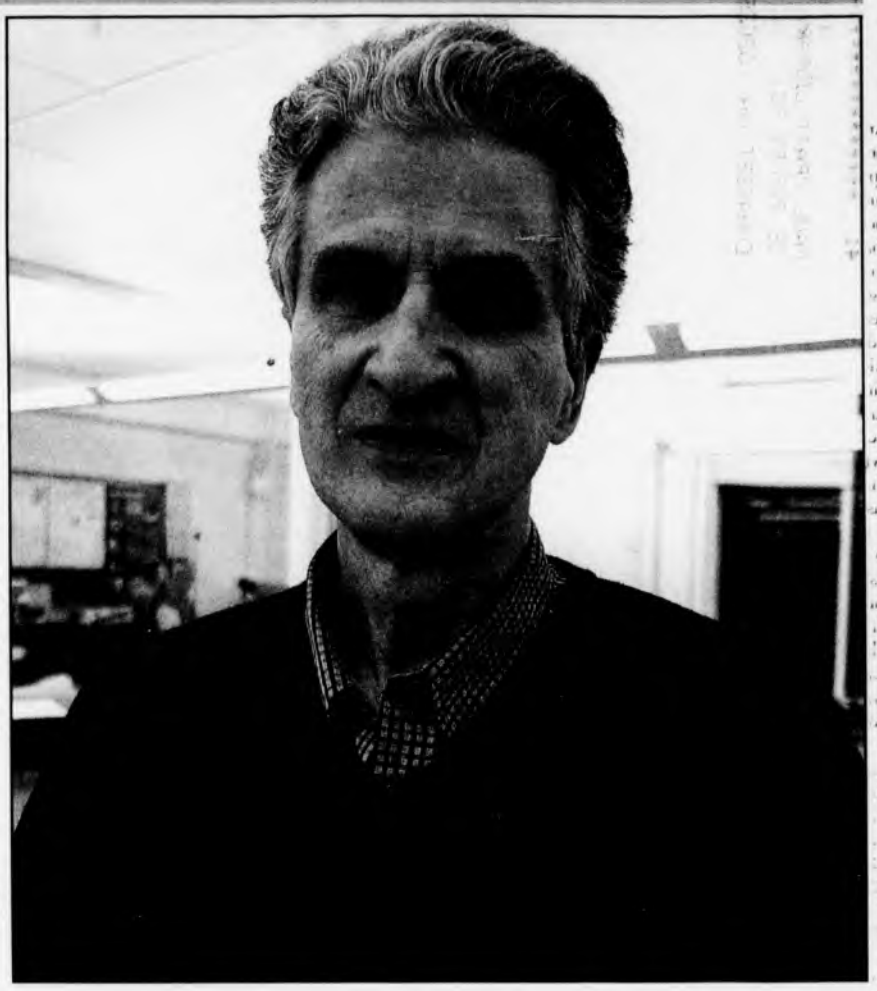
Pet peeve: Bad attitude.

Goal: Get a PhD.

Person you'd most like to meet: Barrack Obama/Hillary Clinton.

Biggest worry: Our dependence on coal and foreign oil for our electricity and transportation.

Best part of Cohasset: Friendly people.



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

The Mariner caught up with teacher David Young at the technology and engineering lab open house at the middle school Wednesday night.

For photos of the event see page 21.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Mar.	AM	HIGH Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	LOW Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 13	4:04	10.0	4:45	8.5	10:26	-0.4	10:41	0.6
Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:48 p.m.*			
Fri. 14	5:03	9.7	5:50	8.1	11:28	0.0	11:43	1.0
Sunrise: 6:56 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:49 p.m.*			
Sat. 15	6:08	9.3	6:59	7.9	—	—	12:34	0.3
Sunrise: 6:54 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:50 p.m.*			
Sun. 16	7:18	9.1	8:09	7.9	12:50	1.2	1:43	0.4
Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:51 p.m.*			
Mon. 17	8:27	9.1	9:14	8.2	1:58	1.1	2:48	0.3
Sunrise: 6:51 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:52 p.m.*			
Tues. 18	9:32	9.3	10:11	8.6	3:03	0.9	3:46	0.2
Sunrise: 6:49 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:54 p.m.*			
Wed. 19	10:28	9.4	10:59	9.0	4:01	0.5	4:37	0.0
Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:55 p.m.*			
Thurs. 20	11:17	9.5	11:42	9.2	4:53	0.2	5:21	-0.1
Sunrise: 6:46 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:56 p.m.*			

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BRIEFLY

Monday's agenda Selectmen meeting

The Board of Selectmen will devote its Monday, March 10 meeting to finalizing the Town Warrant and reviewing articles they have yet to make a recommendation on. The warrant is scheduled to go to the printer by the end of next week. The Town Meeting warrant must be mailed to all homes at least two weeks before Town Meeting.

Annual Town Meeting is scheduled to begin at 9a.m. on Saturday, March 29.

Capital Stabilization supported fund

The Board of Selectmen supported a Town Meeting article to create and fund a Capital Stabilization Fund. The fund will be created for the purpose of funding various capital improvements, capital projects and/or capital equipment for the town departments.

Town Manager Bill Griffin recommended the stabilization fund be initially funded by two $125,000 allocations for a total of $250,000. Griffin recommended the roll-off amount coming from the town's non-excluded debt service schedule for fiscal 2009 be transferred to the account at the start of the fiscal year, July (a total of $125,000), as well as a $125,000 allocation from free cash.

Transfer of funds into the stabilization fund and transfers out of the stabilization fund will require a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting.

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POLICE BEAT

Two arrested in shoplifting scheme

By Mary Ford
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An alert employee from a local pharmacy reported two males acting suspiciously on March 1 in and around Tedeschi Plaza on Route 3A, police said. As a result of this call, Cohasset Police officers stopped two men and discovered that they were allegedly involved in a shoplifting scheme, where they would enter a store, make a small purchase and proceed to steal other items from the business.

Arrested was Raymond C. Fuschetti III, 40, 45 Winter St., Weymouth. Fuschetti was charged with larceny over $250; shoplifting by asportation over $100; and receiving stolen property. Fuschetti was also found to have an outstanding arrest warrant from Attleboro District Court for operating a motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license.

Also arrested was Kenneth J. Peters, 44, 50 Federal St., Weymouth. Peters was charged with unlawful possession of Class B, C and E narcotics; receiving stolen property.

Police said both men were in possession of more than $2,000 worth of merchandise from different stores located through the South Shore and Metro Boston areas. Officers from Cohasset Police Department are working with detectives from local area police departments and loss prevention representatives from local retail stores to return some of the suspected stolen goods to owners.

Chief James Hussey said police appreciated the help provided by an alert citizen in this case.

"An alert citizen contacted the police," he said. "After an investigation, we were able to identify and arrest a couple of suspects.

"We are now in the process of potentially solving some similar situations in surrounding towns," Hussey said.

Forgery

A Cohasset man is facing charges of forgery of a check, uttering a false check and larceny of property over $250 following an investigation by police in conjunction with Bank of America.

After an earlier FBI and IRS investigation, Joseph A. Yerardi, 46, of 91 Nichols Road, formerly of Newton, was placed in federal custody for engaging in a scheme with John. J. Toyias, 42, of Waltham, to divert income from their businesses to their personal benefit without reporting that income to the Internal Revenue Service, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Yerardi, who was also accused of tax evasion, was sentenced to 30 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release and was ordered to pay restitution and a fine.

Chief James Hussey said Bank of America corporate security asked Cohasset police for assistance after determining the bank had a forged check that was deposited in a business account.

Cohasset police will seek the complaints as a result of their investigation.

Disorderly conduct

A 43-year-old Cohasset man is facing charges of disorderly conduct, assault, resisting arrest and failure to stop for police officers after he allegedly sent his dogs after the officers, police said.

The incident took root at about 9:10 a.m. on Tuesday (Feb. 26), when a caller reported a man was yelling profanities at him in the village. Officers searched for the small white vehicle the man was driving. Later, at 11:47 a.m., the subject returned and continued to yell racial slurs, according to the caller. This time police had a plate number and determined the subject lived on South Main Street. The officers found the car and followed it. Police said the car sped up when the cruiser lights were activated. The man pulled into his driveway, quickly ran into the house and yelled to his dogs to attack. Several small-sized dogs came at the officers and started biting at their legs.

About 10 minutes later, the man opened the door. He was yelling and behaving in an unruly fashion, police said. Police took him into custody. He was released from court later that day and police told him to stay away from the village area.

Police said the caller, who was the subject of the suspect's ranting, did not even know the man.

Stolen tires, rims

A set of tires and rims, valued at $2500 were stolen off a 2008 Nissan at a local car dealership sometime overnight Wednesday into Thursday morning (Feb. 27-28), police said. The theft was reported by an employee when he arrived at work. Detectives were called to the scene and the incident remains under investigation.

Marijuana arrest

At 10:30 a.m. last Friday (Feb. 29) an officer observed a gray Mercedes pass multiple cars in a no-passing zone on Route 3A. The officer got behind the car at 3A and Red Fox Lane and followed it, pulling it over at the Mobil Mart. The officer saw the passenger moving around inside the car. When the woman driver opened the window, the officer could smell alcohol. The officer told the passenger to stop moving around when he put his hand between the seat and the console. As it turned out, he had a small plastic bag of marijuana in his hand.

Based on the officer's investigation and observations at the scene, both the driver and passenger were taken into custody. The 24-year-old Scituate woman, who was driving, was charged with possession of Class D (marijuana), marked lanes violation and passing violation. The 26-year-old passenger, also from Scituate, was charged with possession of Class D.

The passenger had been drinking, but there were no criminal offenses for alcohol, police said.

Uninsured car

Police are summonsing a 23-year-old Weymouth man to court for driving an uninsured car and for not having a front license plate following a traffic stop at 1:10 a.m., Saturday (March 1).

The officer who was on patrol saw a 1996 Chevy Lumina parked on South Main near Beach Street in a manner that it was slightly blocking the travel lane. The officer pulled behind the vehicle to see if the occupants needed assistance and saw a man and woman in the back seat. The man said he was lost and pulled over because he was tired. The officer asked for his license and ran the plate that showed the car was uninsured.

Both people were brought to the station and the car was towed.

Deer carcasses

Anyone who would like to pick up a deer after it has been killed by a car should contact Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy at 781-383-1055 (extension 1014) to be put on a list. Some people would like the venison, Murphy said.

BOLO issued

Police issued a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) to area towns after a Jerusalem Road woman reported that 10 minutes earlier she had arrived home from the grocery store to find a silver/gold car in her driveway with two suspicious men inside. She provided a description of the two men and reported that when they saw her approach, they backed out and one of the men (the passenger) covered his face as they drove away. Chief Hussey said police did not have a plate number or direction of travel and could not find anyone in the area fitting the description. The incident remains under investigation.

The incident occurred about 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday (Feb. 26).

Suspicious activity

Police followed up on a complaint last week about two suspicious youths wandering around the MBTA parking lot, "looking like they were up to something." When officers arrived the youths had left the area. Police checked the cars and did not find anything unusual. The call came in at 3:10 p.m. on Monday (Feb. 25).

Medical issue

Police conducted a welfare check on a Hull woman who was slumped over, inside her car that was parked on South Main Street in the village last Thursday (Feb. 28). The woman, who had just had surgery and was on medication, appeared to be passed out. She had pulled over in a legal parking spot. Police took her to the station and helped her make contact with family or a friend who could help her get home.

Former Pacini's locale looking for new tenant

By Nancy White
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It's been Chinese, Mexican and Italian, but what next for the Route 3A restaurant?

After Pacini's Italian Eatery closed about two months ago, the owners of the property have been actively looking for a new restaurant to fill the space next to the Dunkin' Donuts.

Michael Tack, a representative for the Nauset Group, which owns the site, is hoping to find the right restaurant operator for the site.

"We're committed to the location," said Tack in a phone interview. "We love the town, it's a great location. We're hoping to find the right combination and the right formula to capitalize on the location."

He has teamed up with the Atlantic Restaurant Group to find the right restaurant concept.

"We're not rushing, we want to find the right match" and a restaurant that will stick around more than a year or two, said Tack. "I know when the right restaurant is there, it will thrive."

The Nauset Group purchased the former KoKo Island site as well as an adjacent building, which once housed a hair salon. The hair salon space was transformed into a Dunkin' Donuts with a drive-thru while the KoKo Island site underwent significant renovations. Since the Nauset Group purchased the property, the restaurant space has been two restaurants: first, Aculpulcos Mexican restaurant and most recently, Pacini's Italian Eatery. Tack said both restaurant owners were really great people but for whatever reason were unable to find the right niche in Cohasset.

"We're hoping to find the right combination and the right formula to capitalize on the location."
— Michael Tack, Nauset Group

The right restaurant for Tack is an eatery with broad appeal among all ages, "a restaurant with a pub atmosphere that is appropriate for kids, teens, families and adults. Everybody wants a good restaurant with reasonable prices," said Tack.

A more relaxed, family-oriented restaurant is what is needed in town and on the property, said Tack. He is hoping to get a restaurant operator who will take full advantage of the "summer vibe" Cohasset offers as well as the influx of people to Cohasset for every South Shore Music Circus concert.

"It would be great to have a place people could go to eat after a concert" or watch a game, or meet up with friends, said Tack. He is currently talking to some restaurant operators who are interested in the site and hopes to get a restaurant in there soon.

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Saltmarsh restoration of Treat's Pond on table for Town Meeting

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or eminent domain easements to carry out the project. Four lots near Whitehead Road would be affected. The article will need a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting.

Before the discussion was opened up to the crowded room of neighbors, abutters and interested citizens, a motion was put on the table by the Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil and seconded by Selectman Paul Carlson to add to the article's wording the amount of funding and affected parcels. The Board had previously voted to recommend the article to Town Meeting.

The complicated project has many layers, including the taking of land to construct a new outfall pipe to the outer harbor for the pond and whether the project will solve the flooding problems plaguing the homes around Treat's Pond. Other issues were more straightforward with residents asking the Selectmen if a large sum of money should be spent in this area before other severe flooding is addressed.

The Treat's Pond issue initially came before the Selectmen during two meetings over the summer. David Larsen, Army Corps of Engineers project manager, presented their preliminary study and possible methods of restoring Treat's Pond to its "historic state" as a saltwater marsh. During the course of the meeting several residents called in to question whether Treat's was ever a salt marsh, arguing it has historically been a fresh water habitat.

Even before the summer meetings, the Treat's Pond restoration project had been in the works for a couple of years. Federal funding of $270,000 allowed the Army Corps of Engineers to begin studying the area and engineering a solution for the troubled wetland.

Larsen said the town is not obligated to match any portion of the initial $270,000 appropriation as the town has yet to sign a project cooperation agreement.

Ultimately 35 percent of funding has to the come from non-federal sources, primarily municipal and state funds. The Town has requested state Rep. Garrett Bradley to seek up to $500,000 from state sources. A current estimate for the construction of the project is $1.7 million.

Although the primary goal of the Army Corps is saltwater marsh restoration, the pond is located in an area prone to flooding and stormwater problems. Proponents of the project as well as the Board of Selectmen are looking for the project to deliver some alleviation to flooding problems.

Amo Houghton, an abutter to Treat's Pond and proponent of the article, pointed out the financial benefit to using the federal money to address the flooding issue on Atlantic Avenue.

"It will be as good a return on investment as I've ever seen," said Houghton. He added if the opportunity is not seized "the whole responsibility and cost is going to be on the shoulders of the town to solve the flooding problems."

Although most agreed there needed to be some resolution for the flooding issues plaguing Atlantic Avenue, there were some who questioned whether this project would resolve the flooding problems.

"We know there isn't a lot of money to go around in town, we really need to set priorities," said Karen Quigley of 27 Clay Spring Road, "we need to take a deep breath and determine what we could do in the short term to help alleviate the flooding problems for the least amount of money."

She said she spoke with a contact at the Army Corps who told her the federal funds do not have a time limit in which they must be spent; Larsen could not confirm whether that was true.

Quigley asked if Larsen could provide significant assurances the marsh restoration project would fix the flooding problems.

"The most frequent rain events will be non-issues, but there will always be some threshold events," Larsen said.

Ralph Dormitzer speaking from the audience as a private citizen described how the water ended up in Treat's Pond and surrounding property during rain events. The water comes down from the high ground starting at Mohawk Way and Beach Street to the west side of Atlantic Avenue. The water then enters catch basins that go under the street and empty into people's yards.

"The flooding problem is in fact exacerbated by how these drains have been created, the development of the land and the fact there is ledge," said Dormitzer.

Others were concerned whether the town was appropriately prioritizing flooding issue, which are widespread throughout town.

Joe Coggins of 57 Elm St., an abutter to Jacob's Meadow, weighed in on behalf on the stormwater issues affecting his neighborhood. He felt the Jacob's Meadow flooding issues coupled with the Wastewater Treatment Plant overflows were a bigger issue.

"In a perfect world we'd have all the money for solving flooding and stormwater problems, but we don't live in a perfect world," said Coggins. "Money is very tight...the flooding situation surrounding a wastewater treatment plant that has a history of overflows should take priority over any flooding problems."

Vanderweil said steps are being taken to address the Jacob's Meadow flooding. Funds were allocated at the fall Town Meeting for a town-wide flood control master plan and engineering for the outlet connecting the meadow to the harbor. However, Coggins said those items don't solve the problems upstream from the meadow that contribute to the flooding issues and more money will be needed down the line.

"It's a serious problem, a problem that's not going to go away. No matter what happens that water is flooding down from that high ground. It's got to be addresses some way or another," said Ralph Dormitzer,. "You may agree with this project or you may not but that doesn't say this group of people does not have a right to do something associated with a drainage system that simply pushes all the water into private yard."

Pipe to outer harbor

In its initial studies the Army Corps of Engineers found several options to restore the pond, some they said worked better than others, but ultimately it was up to the town to determine the best method. At a recent meeting, there was consensus among the Selectmen to advocate for the outer harbor outfall pipe. Preliminary plans take the pipe through Whale Meadow and other private property near Whitehead Road.

A 42-inch inside diameter pipe will be installed from Treat's Pond to the outer harbor to connect the pond to the ocean and create tidal exchange, said David Larsen, Army Corps project manager. Larsen said with adequate tidal exchange eight times per month a visible transformation would take place at Treat's Pond. The end of the outfall pipe will be close to the low water mark emptying almost into the channel, said Larsen.

"We feel a transformation from a low value freshwater phragmite-ridden ecosystem to a high value saltwater ecosystem is a benefit both regionally and nationally," said Larsen.

At this point in the project Larsen said the plan is only conceptual, but to install the pipe easements will need to be given, purchased or taken by eminent domain on four different parcels listed on Assessor's Map 31 (parcels 10, 11, 12, 22). An environmental assessment study has yet to be done on the impacts of installing the pipe in the area. The price estimate of $1.7 million is based on the Army Corps experience and the conceptual plan, Larsen said.

Right now, there is a pipe that runs from Treat's Pond to Sandy Cove to allow for one-way exchange from pond to ocean. With constantly shifting sand, the pipe routinely gets covered and Treat's is unable to drain, exacerbating the flooding around the pond. After major storm events the DPW uncovers the pipe to allow Treat's Pond to drain.

Some opponents to the project expressed concerns with the Army Corps plan in that it creates an exchange that did not exist before.

"What's proposed could cause irreparable damage to the environment," said Peter Whittemore of 47 Elm Court and a property owner near Sandy Cove. He feared by creating a tidal exchange salt water would be able to flood Treat's Pond and the surrounding area with saltwater, "we're creating an exchange that's never been there."

Whittemore urged the Selectmen to consider other alternatives, explaining he knew the current pipe worked when it was kept clear.

"These aren't easy problems to solve with a pipe to somewhere else," said Whittemore.

Eminent domain issues

To complete the project, the town and Army Corps will need the cooperation of several property owners. Attorneys representing those property owners said at the meeting and through correspondence with the town easements will be difficult to obtain.

On behalf of her clients, property owners Helen Chapell and Millicent Thayer, attorney Teresa Belmonte of Hemenway and Barnes relayed their opposition to the restoration project.

"Our clients feel that there are less intrusive and more cost effective alternatives to having a new culvert originating at Treat's Pond, or a connected pond, pass through their land," she stated. "Accordingly, Mrs. Chapell and Ms. Thayer are not willing to grant an easement on any portion of their property."

Attorney Rich Henderson representing another Whitehead Road property owner, the Ralstons, said his clients had similar feelings.

"There is no legal justification for taking land," Henderson said, adding if the town goes through with this they will face opposition "so vigorous, so repellant, we won't see the end of it in our lifetimes."

When discussion had nearly reached a two-hour mark, Vanderweil brought the public comment to a close. Between the three voting Selectmen (Ted Carr, Paul Carlson and Vanderweil) there was no discussion or debate on the issues raised during the course of the night.

"There are only three of us but we might as well get a vote out so we have a direction," Vanderweil said. On other occasions, the Selectmen have waited for Selectman Fred Koed (who was absent from the meeting) to weigh in and vote but the motion proceeded to a unanimous 3-0 vote.

When reached by phone Vanderweil said Treat's Pond was not a new issue to come before the board and not much new came out of the discussion.

"Both sides, the proponents and opponents had been (before the Selectmen) two other times over the summer," said Vanderweil about the lack of debate among the board. "The main driving force for me and I believe the Board of Selectmen is the flood control issue."

Vanderweil said time constraints as Town Meeting looms closer propelled him to call the issue to a vote, "we wanted to get it done in time for the warrant."

The Town Meeting warrant goes to press next week.

AdCom has questions

The Advisory Committee heard a presentation on the Treat's Pond restoration project article Tuesday night, but has not taken a position on it. Advisory Committee Chairman Sam Wakeman said the committee has some questions regarding the article including where is Town's $300,000 coming from, the eminent domain taking issues and a deed restriction limiting what can be done to Treat's Pond under review by Town Counsel.

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Abutter pushes for staging area move

Town's compliance with procurement laws questioned

By Nancy White
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The Little Harbor water and sewer project staging area on Jerusalem Road is back in the spotlight. Just a few weeks after the Zoning Board of Appeals made its decision to deny an appeal of the staging area's residential location, a neighbor is looking for a solution from the Board of Selectmen.

Paula Becker of 185 Jerusalem Road spoke as an unofficial representative of the objecting abutters to the staging area. Becker requested the town move the site out of the residentially zoned district into a commercially zoned, town owned or other location for the remainder of the project.

"I am here to express my utter frustration, anger and disappointment regarding the placement of the commercial entity, the staging area for the Little Harbor Sewer Project, in a residential neighborhood at 198 Jerusalem Road," said Becker.

Becker said the town never offered the residential neighborhood the opportunity to be heard before locating the "commercial entity" on Jerusalem Road. Further, she indicated she has experienced a lack of adequate response and accountability on behalf of the town when she was looking for information about the staging area. While the ZBA's recent decision affirmed the town has control over the staging area, and therefore is allowed under the zoning bylaws, Becker said her experience has shown her the town does not have control.

Becker pointed to the fact she has been unable to be provided with an executed, unredacted copy of the contract between the property owners (the Jenkins family) and LM Holdings, the town's contractor for the Little Harbor sewer and water project. Becker argued if the town had operational and legal control of the staging area they should be able to produce an executed copy of the contract.

"I am here to tell you that this issue is about due process rights, landowner rights, and taxpayer's rights," said Becker. "As residents, we should not have to be paying attorneys to enforce laws that already exist to protect us. As landowners, we have been blindsides by the naïf belief that he Town of Cohasset, its officials and Commissions would act, on their own, to abide by and enforce existing laws and protect residents property and due process rights.

Becker said the town might have saved money by locating the staging area on Jerusalem Road, but "(the) cost savings can never justify the infringement of our property and due process rights.

"The bottom line is the Beckers just want the site gone," said Sewer Commission Chairman Sean Cunning, but affirmed the town has the right to pull the plug at a moment's notice. He offered several ideas to minimize the visual impacts of the site including moving the construction trailer to the rear of the property, reducing the amount of inventory on the site and installing green mesh on the chain link fence.

The Selectmen voted 3-1 to have the Sewer and Water Commissions develop a list (in writing) of other possible locations and analyze the consequences of each. Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil was the dissenting vote. The Selectmen requested the commissions come back before them with their report at a meeting immediately following Town Meeting (March 29).

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— Paula Becker, 198 Jerusalem Road

Procurement issues

Becker requested the town address concerns relayed by the state Office of the Inspector General relating to possible violations in procurement laws by the town over the staging area.

"By definition and according to the opinion of the Inspector General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Town of Cohasset violated the state procurement statute (Chapter 30-B) which required public contracts over $25,000 to be put to open bid," said Becker.

Under Chapter 30-B, or the Uniform Procurement Act, procedures for local governments to use in contracting for supplies, services, and real property.

"Obviously we want to comply with all laws and we will make all efforts to be in compliance," said Chairman Gary Vanderweil, but added he was not a lawyer and didn't understand the ins and outs of the law.

Town Manager Bill Griffin explained the original agreement between the contractor and the Jenkinses was a license agreement, a less formal than either an acquisition of a property or the lease of a property. Under Chapter 30B, a town needs to undertake a public procurement process for an acquisition or lease of property but does not need to a license.

"The Inspector General agrees with (the town) that the original license between the contractor and the Jenkinses does not require compliance with Chapter 30B," said Griffin. However, when the Town and other parties executed a "Memorandum of Agreement" clarifying both the license agreement for the land and the contractor's general contract to state the town maintains legal and operational control of the property, there is a gray area.

"It may have turned the license agreement into the equivalent of a lease," said Griffin. Town Counsel consulted with the Inspector General, who Griffin said emphasized that the views of the Inspector General were advisory in nature only.

"The Town wants there to be no question that it is in compliance with the law," said Griffin and Town Counsel is currently reviewing what options exist to address the concerns of the Inspector General.

Zoning hearing tackles four articles

A public hearing on the four zoning bylaw amendments coming forward at Town Meeting; the Planning Board made recommendations on three of the four bylaws put forth on the Town Meeting warrant.

• Article 14 creates a bylaw for a wind energy conversion facility, or a wind turbine. The bylaw sets regulations for large, commercial grade wind turbines. In addition to minor grammatical changes, an amendment was made to relax the setback requirements in commercial districts. With the change, in residential districts the amount of setback from other neighboring properties must be greater than or equal to the height of the wind turbine structure. In commercial districts, the setback will not be a requirement of the bylaw but will be taken into consideration by a Planning Board review.

The Alternative Energy Committee has been working to bring this bylaw forth for over a year. The Planning Board recommended the bylaw in a 3-0 vote (Planning Board Chairman Al Moore and member Bob Sturdy were not present at the meeting).

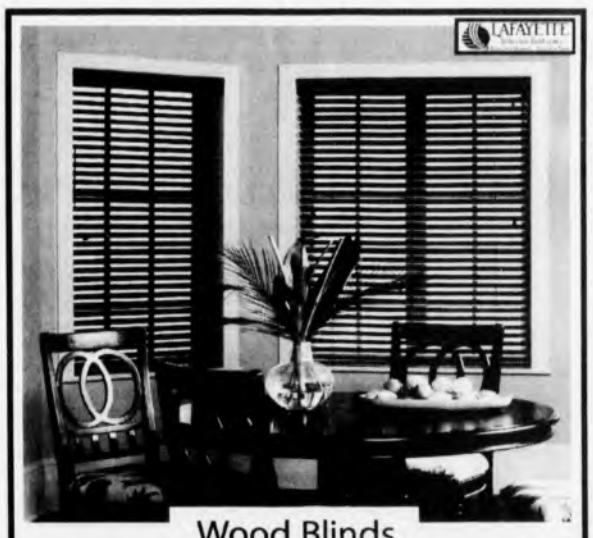
• Article 15 seeks to amend the zoning bylaw table of use regulation to make wind turbines in an allowable use by special permit to be issued by the Planning Board. With little discussion, the Planning Board voted 3-0 to recommend the article.

• Article 16 would make the Planning Board the special permit granting authority for all applications in the village business district. Under the current zoning bylaw, the Zoning Board of Appeals has the authority to grant special permits for proposed changes on non-conforming parcels in the village business district. For all other lots, the Planning Board is the special permit granting authority. This change to the bylaws would bring all applications for changes within the village business district before the Planning Board for approval. The Planning Board voted 3-0 to recommend the article.

• Article 20 amends the town's inclusionary zoning bylaw, a regulation that mandates affordable housing is a part of larger projects with multiple units. An inclusionary bylaw currently exists, but this proposed bylaw expands on what is in the books now. The Planning Board did not vote on a recommendation for the inclusionary bylaw, but did continue the public hearing until Monday, March 10.

Following the public hearing, the Housing Partnership Committee determined at its meeting Wednesday night the bylaw was not ready for the primetime at Town Meeting. Chairman Tom Callahan said issues raised at various board and committee meetings needed to be addressed and another version of the bylaw would come forward in the fall.

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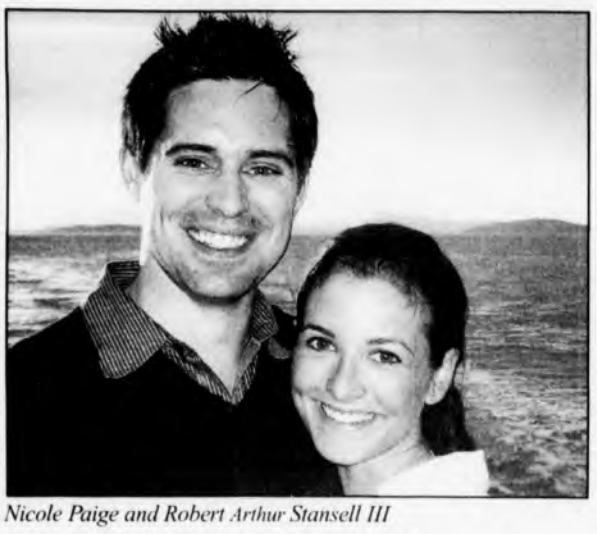

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A July wedding is planned in Greenwich, Conn.

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SPRING FORWARD

Hello Cohasset. What a great week of beautiful weather we have had. I hope that everyone has been able to take advantage of it as it looks like it is going to be a little bit cold again next week. Make sure to set ALL CLOCKS AHEAD when you go to bed on Saturday night, it seems a bit early to be doing this but it is all for the right reasons I am sure. A little darker in the morning but an extra hour of daylight at the end of the day will be so nice.

This is a bit awkward but I want to thank all who sent me get well soon messages and words of encouragement over the last week or so. I am home from the hospital and on the mend. I also want to send a HUGE thank you to the Cohasset Fire and Police on the help they gave tome and my family on Monday night of last week. I don't remember it myself but know from my family how much it meant to them to have such a caring and reliable group of people to get me to the hospital. We are so lucky to have such a great group of professionals within our town. THANK YOU!!!

COLLEGE HONORS

Carling Sturino received academic honors at Boston College by making the College's 1st Honors Dean's List for the Fall 2007 semester. A junior at Boston College, Carling is majoring in English. Carling has also accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was honored during a recent induction ceremony at Boston College. Golden Key International Honour Society is the premier college/university honor society in the world, with more than 1.7 million members and over 350 chapters in the United States, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates. Carling, you are doing so well, Cohasset is proud of you as your family and friends are as well. Keep up the nice work.

'JOSEPH'

Don't miss the chance to see the colorful and musical story of Joseph and his coat of many colors as told through the musical score and lyrics of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber presented by the Cohasset Dramatic Club. Remaining dates for this show are March 7,8,14 and 15at 7:30 pm and March 9 and 16 at 2 pm at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. Tickets are$14, $12 groups of 8 or more and may be purchased ina dvance at Buttonwood Books, Front Street Books in Scituate, Paperscapes in Cohasset or by calling 617-697-2115. Tickets are also available at the door. This is such a great way to enjoy an evening with friends and/or family members with music, color and fun. See you there!

ON THE FARM

Warm weather is coming! Now is the time Cohasset's Holly Hill Farm prepares its spring educational programs. If you are interested in helping lead groups of elementary age schoolchildren through the various learning stations at the farm, please contact Friends Education Director **Jon Belber** at (781) 393-1455. Training will consist of learning the various components in the Friend's programs which aim at teaching students where our food comes from and many of the basic science principles that spring from an exposure to an active farm. Training will also emphasize some of the tricks of the trade involved in managing groups of 10 -12 youngsters in the outdoors and begins with an important introductory session at the farm at 236 Jerusalem Road. Volunteers may choose either a morning session on March 18 from 10-12 noon or and afternoon session on March 20 from 1-3 p.m. The next three, one-hour sessions are optional and are for those who want greater exposure to the Friends' curriculum. These will take place on March 25, March 27 and April1 with all sessions running from 10 – 11 or 11-noon.

Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc, now in its 6th year, is the non-profit educational component of Holly Hill Farm that sponsors collaborative programs with local schools and other youth organizations and also programs for children and their families after-school and during vacations.

FONTBONNE

Congratulations to Cohasset resident **Emily St. John**, grade 10, who earned Second Honors on Fontbonne Academy's Second Quarter Honor Roll. Fontbonne Academy is a Catholic, college-preparatory high school for young women in Milton.

FRENCH EXCHANGE

The French Department at Cohasset High School is now accepting applications for next year's exchange with the Lycee Christophe Colombe in Sucy-en-Brie, just outside of Paris. CHS students plan to host their French correspondents for two weeks in October 2008 and to be hosted by them in France for two weeks in February 2009. (Students who will be enrolled in French 4 or higher by Spring 2009 are eligible to apply. The projected cost is around $1500 per student and includes airfare, lodging, meals, transportation, and excursions.) If you are interested, please contact **Mrs. Marat** at the High School right away or e-mail bmarat@cohassetk12.org.

BENTLEY

Bentley College has recently named the following local students to the dean's list. They achieved outstanding academic achievement in the fall 2007 semester: **Colby Durant**, a junior majoring in management; **Courtney Hurley**, a junior majoring in business; **Robert Meikleham**, a freshmen majoring in finance; and **Christina St. Pierre**, a junior majoring in marketing. Congratulations.

CONN. COLLEGE

The following local students have been named to the dean's list for the 2007 fall semester for Connecticut College. Dean's High Honors was achieved by **Sarah F. Noble**, class of 2008. Sarah earned a grade point average of 3.7-4.0. Dean's Honors, a grade point average of at least 3.3 was achieved by **Owen M Stevenson**, class of 2011; **Ashley M Faber**, class of 2008; and **Francis W Murray**, class of 2011. Super work to you all.

APPRECIATION

An anonymous Cohasset resident had some much-needed work to their home in Cohasset in the Fall of 2006 and would like to thank the following people. **Bob Gledhill** for donating his crew to roof; **Lynne & Robert Schwandt**, owners of Graham Waste Services, for donating a dumpster; **Bill Ketchum** from Lowe's who got a great price for the roofing materials and also, all the organizations and individuals who contributed to this financially. It takes a village.

That is it for now. Send in all of your news and photos no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm. EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com MAIL: P.O. Box 33, Cohasset, MA 02025

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Committees meet at budget summit

By Nancy White
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The fiscal 2009 budget is in its final stages. Less than a month before Town Meeting (March 29) the budget numbers are becoming clearer and all indications point to another year without an override vote.

On Thursday, Feb. 28, the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee and the Advisory Committee came together for a meeting of the minds to discuss the town-wide budget for the upcoming fiscal year — and begin to look even farther beyond that.

Both Town Manager Bill Griffin and Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh presented their portion of the budget to the committees. The school budget was presented with a 4.9 percent increase over this year's budget coming in at 14.358,893. The School Committee approved the final budget number of $14,316,397, or an increase of 4.6 percent at a public hearing Wednesday night (see related story).

Griffin updated his budget message of early January as numbers from the state and other previous unknowns have become firmer. The news was positive: the total increase in available funds over original projection is approximately $88,000.

The school budget overview touched on the major efforts the administration has made to streamline its operations in order to achieve a greater degree of efficiency as well as the indicators of progress over the last year.

Strong MCAS scores in grade 3 reading and math and grade 6 and 8 math, significant jumps in SAT mean scores, increased participation in AP testing and progress toward proficient/advanced MCAS scores district-wide were offered as examples of progress.

To begin to address areas not as strong, the proposed budget includes a math specialist shared between the two elementary schools, two new AP electives, foreign language classes for grade 6, reorganization of middle school staff to increase instructional time, and development of an in-house elementary level program for children with severe special needs.

Walsh said although strides were being made to run efficient schools, 75 percent of the budget is devoted to staff salaries locked in by the teacher's union contract.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer suggested the School Committee address the mounting salaries in the next contract negations beginning in the upcoming fiscal year. The teachers' union is under contract until June 2009.

"Attracting and retaining quality staff is my biggest problem," said Walsh and fears losing teachers if better salaries and benefits could be found in other towns.

Because cuts could come from few other line items in the budget, there was a huge benefit in addressing the issue, said Dormitzer

School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy said both school budgets and town budgets are affected by collective bargaining that is above the Proposition 2-1/2 restrictions, "systematically we have a problem and as a town we have a problem."

Under a 26-year-old state law, dubbed Proposition 2-1/2, the annual increase in the local tax levy is limited to 2-1/2 percent with an allowance for new construction. All town union contracts, except the teachers' union, are due to expire on June 30, 2008.

Walsh also pointed out the schools' increasing reliance on fees, gifts, boosters, grants and tuitions which has jumped from 8.5 percent of the budget in fiscal 2006 to 11.1 percent, nearly $1.8 million, in the proposed budget.

On the town side, Griffin said many of the variables he outlined in his initial budget message had become solid numbers over the past few weeks. In the Governor's budget lottery aid was decreased, but replaced with the town's share of casino fees. However, along with town managers across the state, did not count on the town receiving the casino monies. The latest reports from the State House, said Griffin, were lottery aid was to be restored by the legislature, giving Cohasset approximately $63,000 in state aid previously not factored in. A projected increase in the South Shore Vocational assessment was too conservative and the town was assessed even less than last year, bringing a swing to the good of $20,409. In addition, there was an increase in state assessments of approximately $5,000 less than projected.

In total, there was an increase of $88,000 in available funds over original projections.

As a result, Griffin recommended returning $50,000 of the $92,496 reduction he originally recommended for the School Department budget and restoring $38,000 to the Department of Public Works budget to address identified needs such as vehicle fuels and street line painting.

"I personally feel we have made progress. If our good luck doesn't continue, you have to make your own luck to a certain extent," said School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn, "from an accountability and transparency standpoint we are in a much better state now than we were three or four years ago."

Override likely next year

All parties seemed to agree it is unlikely Cohasset would be able to put forth another level services budget for fiscal 2010.

Advisory Committee member Tucker Glavin called for the elected boards to really start looking beyond 12 months to the next three or four years and start preparing for the inevitable.

"The town is really waiting for the town to come together to look forward beyond 12 months," said Glavin. Instead of trying to keep going forward without an override, "we need to come together — these two boards — to be fiscally responsible."

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said the override needed to be framed in terms of identified and concrete town needs and priorities.

Advisory Committee Chairman Sam Wakeman agreed with Dormitzer, "we need to start educating the town about the town needs we are not able to afford right now. Voters need to be prepared rather than go into Town Meeting on an emotional yes or no."

Overrides allow voters to increase taxes above the limit of 2-1/2 percent set by the state to increase revenue to the town. No override was proposed last year, but the two years prior to that brought the override question to the ballot box. Both times the override failed.

"We're can't go another three or four years — unless we're cutting and not moving the town forward — without an override," said Flynn, "We have to figure out what we think and what we want to do the next few years. It shouldn't be any surprise where our numbers are."

School Committee member Steve Fusco suggested the boards come together again mid-year to begin strategic planning on the fiscal outlook for the next few years.

"We're all in this together," said Flynn, "thank you everyone for coming out."

School budget gets stamp of approval

$14.3 million budget recommended to Town Meeting

By Nancy White
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The school department budget is ready for the primetime. Following a public hearing on the budget Wednesday night, the School Committee voted unanimously to approve a budget of $14,316,397 for fiscal 2009. The certified budget proposal will now go before Town Meeting and face voters' scrutiny on March 29th.

The budget is an increase of 4.6 percent, or $629,997 over the current fiscal year. Since school administrators unveiled their budget numbers in December discussions and changes have taken place to get to the final certified budget.

In December, the school department presented a working budget that included a 4.9 percent increase over last year's budget, or $14,358,893. Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh said then that the budget would be constantly evolving over the next two and a half months.

Town Manager Bill Griffin recommended a 4.24 percent increase in the schools budget at his budget presentation of early January. With some unknowns still in the budget from the state and other line items, he said the schools would be among the priorities for funding if money opened up in the budget.

"The difference between our budget and the town manager's budget was $91,000," said School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn.

Last week at a joint meeting of the School Committee, Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen, Griffin reported an additional $88,000 came into the budget *(see related story)*.

There were two big changes over original projections. First, in the Governor's budget lottery aid was decreased, but replaced with casino fees. Griffin said reports from the State House were lottery aid would be restored, adding an additional $63,000 to the budget. Second, a projected increase in the South Shore Vocational assessment was too conservative and the town was assessed even less than last year, bringing a swing to the good of $20,409. In total, $88,000 more was available in the budget than previously thought.

Griffin recommended adding $50,000 more to the school budget and $38,000 to a strapped DPW budget.

With the additional $50,000 the school department was able to remove a few items in order to level the budget. The schools had planned to share the cost of a school resource office with police department, but Griffin was unable to fund the police's share. With that $25,000 item removed the remaining $15,000 was made up from various places in the budget.

Flynn said even with the decrease from the initially proposed budget, he was satisfied with the final numbers.

"It definitely moved us forward," said Flynn. The new Virtual High School program (initially funded by the Cohasset Education Foundation) would be able to continue this year. An additional math teacher would be added to the high school, the foreign language program would be extended to grade six and a shared Osgood/Deer Hill math specialist is incorporated to the budget. Efficiencies were created at the Middle School by changing the class format and maximizing teacher's time.

"It's a well thought out budget, especially in what could have been considered a lean year," said Flynn.

The committee members praised the administration for the budget, "this budget without an override supports the classroom and incorporates multiple efficiencies," said School Committee member Alfred Slanetz.

Walsh said while the school department was able to reorganize some structures and find efficiency this year, "we have to be honest, we can't keep doing that."

School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy said the committee needed to keep looking at school's increasing reliance on outside revenue, especially fees charged to the families in the district.

"We still have a great portion of the budget being funded on the back of families in the school district," said MacCarthy. More than $1.7 million, or 11.1 percent, of the budget is supported by outside funding — fees, gifts, boosters, grants and tuitions.

The complete School Committee budget with line items is available online at the Cohasset Public Schools website www.cohassetk12.org.

Teen center dance

There will be a Midnight Blue dance for Cohasset children in grades 6 to 8 tonight (Friday) March 7, from 7 to 10 p.m. Dances are $5 per person and you will be required to show your student ID when you sign in for the dance.

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Global relations

Cohasset resident named to international business committee

By Nancy White
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Geographical boundaries no longer limit business transactions as nearly all major companies participate in a worldwide market place that seems to grow bigger — yet smaller — with each passing day. Even in Cohasset, there are ties to a larger world.

Recently, Cohasset resident Tanya Bodell was appointed to the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Standing Committee of the International Centre for Expertise. In simplest terms, that means Bodell and nine other members from across the world help find experts to aid global companies in a variety of business matters.

"It is without a question an honor," said Bodell, who is serving as one of two vice chairs on the committee. "It's very exciting for me to be put back into the international arena."

Founded more than 30 years ago to facilitate international commercial relations, the ICC International Centre for Expertise provides access to experts who can assist with a range of business matters.

Expertise may be used in a variety of contexts including: removing uncertainty in business operations; mediating the amicable settlement of disputes; and assisting in connection with litigation or arbitration. The Centre relies on ten appointed members of its Standing Committee as well as more than 90 ICC national committees to assist with referring experts from around the world.

"...it's very exciting for me to be put back into the international arena."

— Tanya Bodell, Cohasset resident

With a busy life involving a full-time job, studying to receive her masters in business administration from MIT, and a husband and three kids under the age of five, Bodell has made room for this new responsibility in her calendar because "it's a perfect fit for me" in that it combines her talents and interests.

Her specialty is in the energy industry, including identifying the effects of government regulation on profit opportunities, particularly in the areas of competitive markets and environmental policy. She has provided expert support to companies involved in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and litigation for more than 14 years.

"It's great being able to package my experiences up and use them all at once," said Bodell of her role with the ICC committee. While she never imagined being a part of the ICC (she only found out about it last year when a colleague mentioned it to her and she researched it), she immediately was drawn to the opportunity.

She envisions the responsibilities will add up to one or two days per month and the duration of the appointment is three years. The ICC International Centre for Expertise meets twice a year in person and performs much of its function by e-mail communication. It fields roughly five requests for expertise in a month. After only being a committee for about a month, Bodell says the group is still trying to find their way as a committee.

"There's a lot of e-mail correspondence going back and forth," says Bodell, who also is vice president of CRA International, a worldwide company specializing in providing consulting services and economic and financial expertise.

Bodell brings a unique perspective to the committee, "I'm the only American, I believe I'm the youngest, and I'm the only woman."

The members of the committee come from various different business backgrounds and from different countries. The committee has a sitting member from every continent except Asia, but is considering finding an 11th member to fill that void.



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Tanya Bodell was recently appointed to the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Standing Committee of the International Centre for Expertise.

The other members come from Chile, France, the UK, Lebanon, Egypt, Belgium and Poland. Each one has a different business background to bring to the table — an international lawyer, a metallurgy engineer, a finance expert, two geotechnical and civil engineers, a mechanical engineer, an economist, a civil engineer and an architect.

The committee brings its collective expertise and business contacts to act as a resource for global business. Often they are called on to assist when companies enter international arbitration or in a breach of contract situation, or in dispute resolution. The committee then finds an appropriate expert to provide expert testimony or opine on the situation.

"As globalization continues, I anticipate that there will be even greater demand for a neutral international forum where parties from different countries can resolve their disagreements in an efficient way," says Bodell.

A topic of early discussion within the committee, says Bodell, is how to build an electronic list of experts from all different fields and industries so participants can search and look for a fit for their specific case. Right now, a company contacts the standing committee to find an expert. Although the Centre for Expertise is the go-to place if international businesses need an expert to aid them in a dispute, currently there is no database to help the committee find an appropriate expert.

"The standing committee is looking at a way to make the centre more effective at fielding requests for expertise and to work with the ICC to provide these services," says Bodell.

"The Centre has an excellent reputation for providing qualified experts," says Bodell. Typically, the committee is able to refer an expert with whom they have one degree of separation and therefore personal knowledge of their abilities.

Despite her involvement on the global business scene, Bodell loves coming home to Cohasset. She and husband, Ted Carr, who is vice chair of the Board of Selectmen, have three children: Clayton, 4; Carrington "CeeCee," 3; and Clarissa "Chloe" 8 months.

They live on South Main Street, just outside the village.

"It's the perfect house for city people," she jokes. Her love for Cohasset was instant, even though they first visited on a "rainy, spitty day." They ate clam chowder at the Olde Salt House and "we fell in love with Cohasset."

When they came back to Cohasset on a beautiful sunny day, Bodell saw a boy about eight years old riding his bike down the street. Bodell looked around for a sign of the boy's parents — trained by her city lifestyle — when she realized in Cohasset, an eight-year-old boy would be perfectly safe riding his bike on his own.

"I said this is where I want to raise my children," says Bodell, "Ted and I plan on retiring here."



Tanya Bodell a working mother of three, holds onto her daughter Clarissa "Chloe" Carr, 8-1/2 months, before going on a business trip to Philadelphia.

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Two-time cancer survivor takes on Boston Marathon

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He's become really into the biology of how food and beverages interact within the body. He eats a mostly vegetarian diet, drinks a glass of red wine every day, a spinach salad with other vegetables for lunch and fish two times a week. He doesn't indulge in any refined carbohydrates or sugars, opting instead for whole grain bread and pasta.

While his co-workers make jokes about his eating habits, which varies only slightly from day to day, McKeon knows everything he is putting into his body is warding off another bout with cancer.

Coinciding with his diet changes, McKeon began to run regularly. McKeon says he hadn't been a serious runner in a number of years when he began building up his training last spring. He started by running three miles a day five days a week then over the course of the summer he added a few miles each week to his running regimen.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Kevin McKeon is framed by his mailbox while stretching out his Achilles tendon following a jog last Saturday. Kevin, together with the 550 runners on the Dana-Farber Challenge Team, hopes to raise $4.5 million for cancer research before marathon day April 21.

In the fall, the official Dana Farber Marathon Challenge Team program began which builds in mileage every week as the Boston Marathon gets closer and closer.

When committing to the Dana Farber Challenge Team, each runner must personally guarantee raising $3,000. McKeon set his fundraising goal at double that amount and has already surpassed his goal with $6500 in pledges.

"I've received donations from $20 to $1000, there's been a lot of generosity," said McKeon. Now, he hopes to raise just as much money as he possibly can.

"I've grown addicted to the fundraising," said McKeon, "cancer affects every family."

Every penny of the money raised goes to funding vital and cutting edge cancer research at the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research. According to its web site, the Barr program helps fund some of the most talented scientists with unique and promising ideas.

Together with the 550 runners on the Dana-Farber Challenge Team they hope to raise $4.5 million for cancer research before marathon day April 21.

He trains with other area members of the Dana-Farber team at local gyms. A two-time breast cancer survivor is on the team, "it's good to know there are others out there who have survived and are running."

McKeon has taken on Heartbreak Hill once before as an unofficial runner. At 24, he ran the 26.2-mile course from Hopkinton to Boylston Street in 4 hours and 12 minutes.

This time around, 12 years older and much wiser and as an official runner, he hopes to prove to himself he can do it faster — his goal time is four hours.

His family, including wife Diane and 4-year-old daughter, Ava, parents and aunts and uncles will cheer him on from the sidelines of the Boston Marathon. They plan on moving around the course strategically placing themselves to offer vocal support throughout the course.

McKeon still goes in for a brain MRI every four months to make sure the cancer has not returned, "I'm going to keep up the healthy lifestyle and hope it stays that way."

Search for new rec director underway

The search for a new recreation director is under way. The application deadline has passed and the town received about 30 resumes for the position. Town Manager Bill Griffin and Recreation Commission chairman Jim Richardson narrowed the field and invited six candidates in for an interview. Griffin said he plans to form an interview team and have the first round of interviews next week. The first round of interviews will not be open to the public. Griffin intends to have a final selection in place by the end of the month.

Cohasset's first and only Recreation Director Jack Worley announced his plans to retire in October after serving the town for 31 years. Worley's retirement will become effective on April 30, 2008.

West Corner culvert engineering

The Board of Selectmen endorsed the recommendation of the Capital Budget Committee to allocate $50,000 from free cash for engineering services relating to the replacement of the West Corner culvert and related work in the area. The West Corner culvert project is a joint effort between the towns of Hull, Hingham and Cohasset. A prior agreement stipulates Hull will pay for 50 percent of the engineering services while Hingham and Cohasset are responsible for 25 percent each.

Town Manager Bill Griffin stated in a memo to the Selectmen, the new engineering became necessary when the Massachusetts Highway Department, which is overseeing the construction portion of the project, needed to change several design elements. Furthermore, a decision was made to incorporate improvements to the intersection of Hull Street (Route 228), Jerusalem Road, and Rockland Street as well as address drainage problems on Hull Street (Route 228) at the intersection of Grace Drive.

The cost of $2.4 million project is coming from the 2008 Transportation Improvement Plan with the assistance of state Rep. Garrett Bradley.

"The design will result in the receipt of $2,400,000 in construction funds to improve the structural integrity of the West Corner Bridger (built in 1908), and significantly improve water quality in Straits Pond, reduce nuisance vegetation and midges through tidal exchange," stated Griffin in the memo.

So far, this allocation is the only one recommended by the Capital Budget Committee for capital improvement for this Town Meeting cycle.

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OPINION

GUEST EDITORIAL

Message from the Advisory Committee

Members accept the responsibility to be a liaison to all the elected and appointed boards and committees, as well as Town departments.

As we approach the time for the Annual Town Meeting for Cohasset, to be held this year on Saturday, March 29, the Advisory Committee would like to introduce itself to the citizens of Cohasset and to explain our purposes and procedures. We are appointed by the Troika, a three-person committee that consists of the Moderator, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee. The nine members of the Cohasset Advisory Committee serve for staggered three-year terms.

The charge to the Advisory Committee is to review all articles in the Warrant for any Town Meeting and to report in writing to the Town Meeting our opinions and recommendations. We meet with the various committees and boards and citizens who have proposed articles for the Warrant. We meet with the Town Manager to hear his Fiscal Budget message for the upcoming year. Members accept the responsibility to be a liaison to all the elected and appointed boards and committees, as well as Town departments. Our intent is to have at least two members who develop a thorough understanding of the operations of the various boards, committees, and departments.

We meet at least weekly in the months leading up to Town Meetings. We attempt to develop a comprehensive and balanced opinion about each Warrant article. Our recommendations usually appear in the Warrant that is mailed to every household with at least one voter. Occasionally the committee isn't able to make a recommendation in time to meet the printer's deadline for the Warrant.

At Town Meeting, a member of the Advisory Committee, speaking for the entire committee, will make a statement to the meeting, which not only gives our recommendation for action on the article, but also includes our various points of view, concerns and opinions.

We encourage the voters to keep us informed with substantive information about the Warrant articles. Our meetings are posted and open to the public.

Sam Wakeman, Chairman
Pat Waters, Vice-Chairman
Chartis Tebbetts, Secretary
Members: Vivien Bobo, Merle Brown, Jamie Gilman, Tucker Glavin, Roger Hill, and Ed Lappen

WEEKLY MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, March 11, 7 p.m.
Board of Health, March 19, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commssion, March 20, and April 3, 7 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, March 12, 19 & 26 at 7:15 p.m.
Historical Commission, March 12, 7:30 p.m.
Planning Board, March 10, 6:45 p.m.
Recreation Commission, March 12, 6:30 p.m.
Selectmen, March 10, 17 & 24 at 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, March 24, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, March 18, 6 p.m. at the King Street plant.
Zoning Board of Appeals, April 1, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Remarks reportedly picked up on TV

Some viewers of the televised Board of Selectmen meeting told the Mariner that Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil conferred with fellow Selectmen toward the close of the meeting Monday night. Vanderweil's remarks were not heard in the meeting room. But reportedly, the television microphones picked up Vanderweil telling Selectmen Paul Carlson and Ted Carr he was going to stop discussion and they would proceed to a vote. The Mariner was in attendance at the meeting and unable to watch the televised meeting.

When reached by phone this week, Vanderweil said he did talk to the other Selectmen about "logistics" of when to close discussion on Treat's Pond at the meeting.

"I don't want to unilaterally control the meetings," said Vanderweil and wanted to make sure the other Selectmen were in agreement the discussion was ready to come to a close

The Mariner believes for committee members to move away from the microphone to discuss an issue or logistics about the conduct of the meeting among themselves so that those in attendance are not privy to the discussion is a violation of the Open Meeting Law.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Diversity Committee seeks more community involvement

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Diversity Committee would like to thank the many residents of Cohasset and nearby towns that attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 21. We would also like to thank the Cohasset Clergy Association for their sponsorship of this annual event, and especially St. Anthony's Church for their hospitality this year. The Cohasset Mariner did a fine job of covering the event and describing the morning.

The Diversity Committee needs to increase involvement in the planning of this and other activities for our community. Our mission is to:

- encourage an ENVIRONMENT OF RESPECT for all people.
- APPRECIATE THE DIFFERENCES among us.
- provide adults and children in Cohasset with opportunities to enrich their lives and their UNDERSTANDING OF DIVERSITY
- collaborate with schools, clergy, police, and citizens to PROMOTE THESE IDEALS.

Some of the programs we have introduced include:

- peer leader training and teacher training through the World of Difference Program of the Anti-Defamation League.
- the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Breakfast.
- community social events highlighting various cultures.

Some of the programs we have sponsored include:

- A presentation by Hawk Henries, a native American musician and storyteller.
- Personal Holocaust story presentations.
- A weeklong intensive study of Japanese culture and dance with Nikki Hu.
- Boston Marathon Wheelchair Division winner, Jean Driscoll, speaking about her disability and athletic training.
- Diverse entertainment at the South Shore Arts Festival.
- Presentations by and about the Tuskegee Airmen.

Introducing new ideas, helping maintain current programs, becoming a leader in promoting inter-cultural understanding — these are all greatly needed for Cohasset right now. Most of the currently active members no longer have children in the schools; new energy and creativity from the entire community is needed. Let us know that you want to be involved. Please contact Susan Etkind at 781-383-6602 or shetkind@comcast.net; or Eva Haber at 781-383-2840 or habereva@aol.com.

Susan Etkind and Chartis Tebbetts,
co-chairs
Cohasset Diversity Committee
Cohasset No Place for Hate Committee

Cell phone restrictions while driving

TO THE EDITOR:

While the Mass Legislature continues to debate the implementation of House Bill 4477, several other states have taken action. California, often in the forefront of legislation that leads the nation, has recently enacted very restrictive usage on cell phone use while driving.

Under the California legislation, there is a total ban on the usage by minors between the age of 16 and 18 except for emergency, and for persons 18 years and older the ban on the use of held cell phones is restrictive to emergency use only. However, unlike minors, adults are permitted the use of non hand held cell phones, Such devices include personal blue tooth adaptors, cell phone ear pieces and in the newer vehicles, the use of installed car phones and/or its blue tooth counterpart. Commercial usage is permitted for such devices as two-way radios provided the device does not require it being held to the ear to listen.

Upon learning of the new law effective July 1, 2008, Sandra Hamilton of Woodland Hills said "whee, I am free". Her new Prius hybrid among other things is equipped with the blue tooth device so her telephone calls can be answered and terminated by simply pushing a button and the steering wheel. It also is voice activated so that outgoing calls can be made hands free. Sandra is the CEO of Ednet Career Institute (http://www.**ednet4u**.com) and like most business execs, her car is her office away from the office.

Federal legislation was introduced some time ago but has lingered allowing the states to act on their own. As a result, many states have taken no action giving rise to the difficulty of knowing when the use the hand held cell phones is permitted during interstate travel. Your first knowledge of the state law may include a fine.

Donald Enos
Ft. Lauderdale (formerly of Cohasset)

'Unfair use of our tax dollars'

COMMENTARY

CHRIS EVANS

Editor's note: Mr. Evans provided a copy of the following letter for publication.

RE: Treat's Pond Warrant Article, March 29 Town Meeting

Dear Selectmen:

I am away and unable to attend the March 3 Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss the above warrant article. Because I feel very strongly on this issue, I am sending you this letter so that my comments are known to you *in absentia*, and can form part of the public record. Much could be said, but I keep my comments quite brief and bulleted.

This is an unfair and inappropriate use of our tax dollars — Treat's Pond is a private body of water on private property. It drains to the ocean via Sandy Cove, also privately owned. The owners and surrounding residents are not noted for their poverty. To expect the Federal and State Governments and, in particular, the other residents of Cohasset to cover the costs of

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Turnaround too tight at Spring Street

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush Happenings — A couple of weeks ago, we talked about the dead end at the leg of Spring Street that is accessible form South Main Street, across from the Historical Society's Pratt Building. We talked about that since this is a dead-end street with several homes and getting fire engines into and especially out of the dead-end street becomes important. Recently, the CBB workers came to the site where a fire truck turn around is to be constructed and marked out the edges of the turnaround according to their design. We took a look at the configuration and thought that it looked very tight to turn our large ladder truck around. The Fire Chief concurred with our thoughts.

As a result, we and the chief decided that a full-scale test was warranted. With the permission of St. Anthony's, we set up a trial in its parking lot last Friday, (Feb. 29). We actually marked out the turnaround with chalk and traffic cones and tried to maneuver our ladder truck to turn it around. The test confirmed our suspicions. The space allotted was a bit too tight. None of the several drivers, who tried, were successful at turning the ladder truck around. In subsequent communication with the MBTA, they told us that their engineers had designed this turn around specifically for our largest truck. At this point, we don't know where the process went awry. So, we'll keep you posted as we find out more.



Kevin McRae is an engineer working on the Little Harbor project.



Ladder Truck #1 trying to make the turn during a trial in the St. Anthony's parking lot.

None of the several drivers, who tried, were successful at turning the ladder truck around.

Faces of the Little Harbor Project – We thought that it might be interesting to you to learn a bit about the various faces that you may come in contact as the Little Harbor Project continues on its way. From time to time we will feature one of the people who are making this project work to a successful conclusion. If you are a resident in the area of project construction you have either met Kevin McRae, or soon will. We have had the pleasure of working with Kevin while he was employed by Cashman on the Greenbush project. We found him to be very interesting person and interested in helping us whenever he could. Kevin, as you can see from his formal portrait, is a bear of a guy. But looks are deceiving. We have found him to be quite jovial and to have a great sense of humor.

Currently Kevin, who has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Northeastern, is employed by Coughlin Environmental Services, LLC, the supervising engineers for the project. Most of Kevin's professional engineering work experience has been with projects in the New England area, particularly around Boston. When you call the project hot line at 781-383-2900, more than likely Kevin will pick up the call. When it comes time for you to work with the project to select how you would like to have the new sewer line routed to your home, Kevin will probably be the person who will bring the necessary paperwork to your home. As a Project Manager, Kevin is one of the engineers responsible for keeping tabs on the contractor to make sure that they are following the job specifications on a day-to-day basis.

When we spoke to Kevin recently, he shared with us that the most difficult part of his job is working with the contractor to keep the streets open and passable as best as possible. His outlook regarding the project is that he works for the residents and will work to protect your interests. If you have any questions or problems concerning the project, please call Kevin on the Little Harbor Project hotline.

Tom Gruber, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Affairs, Email: cgbaffairs@townofcohasset.org

Mark Brennan, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Engineering, Email: cgbengineering@townofcohasset.org

Phone: 781-383-3094

Flooding and pollution at Treats Pond

COMMENTARY

MARTIN NEE

If approved by voters at Town Meeting, a side benefit of the program is that it will resolve the flooding problem along Atlantic Avenue.

Over the years a catastrophic breakdown of the drainage system (or lack thereof) in the vicinity of Treats Pond has taken place. The result is evident in the severe flooding of homes and property along Atlantic Avenue when it rains. Long ago, Treats Pond drained into the ocean via a channel to Sandy Cove, but the channel has been filled in over many years due to vast quantities of sand, which have been deposited by the ocean.

The continuous piling of sand on beaches, referred to as "accretion", has been at work on Sandy Cove for more than150 years. During this time the beach has risen more than five to seven feet vertically and it has expanded several hundred feet horizontally. According to maps, records, drawings, written accounts and aerial photographs, a large area of dry land now sits where seawater used to run in and out of the pond.

About 47 years ago, a drain pipe was installed along the alignment of the former channel from Treats Pond to the sea, but ocean currents and wave action deposit about 3 linear feet sand each year in the vicinity of the pipe. The mouth of the pipe, which used to sit on the surface of the beach, is now buried beneath 5 to 7 feet of sand.

In order to drain the pond so it doesn't flood the residents along Atlantic Avenue, the Cohasset DPW sends a backhoe onto the beach when it rains to dig out the end of the pipe. Despite this, Treats Pond overflows frequently and it continuously floods the neighborhood. After one tide cycle or so (about 12 hours), there is virtually no sign that the seven foot deep hole on the beach dug out by the backhoe ever existed. It gets filled in very quickly by the tide and shifting sands and the pipe of course is then clogged and buried again. This goes on for days in a row sometimes — depending on the weather. Draining the pond in this manner is a slow and inefficient process. It often takes several days to get the water level of the pond to an acceptable height; yet before long the DPW crew is back at it again. It's the only way to reduce the flooding at the moment.

In addition to the blocked drainpipe, the capacity of the pond to act as a holding tank has been substantially reduced due to the growth of an invasive plant species called phragmites [frag-my-tees]. Phragmites are a widespread environmental hazard that wreak havoc on retention ponds like Treats Pond and related ecosystems. Each year, the reed like stalks die out, adding a new layer on the bottom of the pond — eventually filling up the pond with muck and displacing more water. From an environmental standpoint the reeds kill off bird populations and other creatures by destroying nesting areas.

Further complicating the situation, there is considerably more volume emptying into the pond than in years past. Hindsight being 20/20, decisions made by the town over many decades have produced roads, driveways and rooftops without any run-off controls. Similar problems plague many areas of town and the nation. In the meantime, the stormwater collected on Atlantic Avenue is simply piped by the town into people's front yards. The flooding is predictable and more water runs into Treats Pond at a much faster rate with each rainfall.

Making matters worse, Treats Pond is heavily polluted due in large part to faulty septic systems in the area. A new sewer system now under construction will dramatically improve the water quality in the pond. But it will do nothing to solve the flooding problems. And the ecosystem of Treats Pond, choked by phragmites, is slowly dying and filling in.

As mentioned in a previous commentary, The Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) has identified Treats Pond for its Saltwater Ecosystem Restoration Program. Similar ACE projects in Massachusetts have shown immense environmental benefits to their surrounding areas. If approved by voters at Town Meeting, a side benefit of the program is that it will resolve the flooding problem along Atlantic Avenue. The Federal Government has allocated $1.1 million toward an estimated $1.7 million project cost. The state is being asked to contribute approximately $500,000 and the Town of Cohasset is being asked to fund about $300,000 (perhaps less if the state funding is successful).

Some in the community would reject the Army Corps of Engineers proposal and give up the federal and state funding that goes along with the project. One argument is that by extending the buried drainpipe further out to sea, the Town could save money and still drain the pond.

ACE engineers have studied the existing pipe and determined that extending it beyond the high tide mark is not a viable solution. Given the pitch of the pipe and its location 5 to 7 feet under the sand, it would have to be extended to around the low tide mark in order to drain at the surface. Some 50 years of experience dictates that storms would batter the pipe and likely dislodge it very quickly. Moreover, the pipe would fill with sand and debris, as it does today, and it would become buried yet again by accreting sand. This time, however, DPW work crews would be in the tidal zone, working against rushing tides and breaking waves.

As mentioned earlier, the diameter of the existing pipe is still too small to drain the pond rapidly enough to prevent flooding.

Consequently, the Army Corps of Engineers WILL NOT fund the replacement or any improvements to the pipe at Sandy Cove. A new pipe to Sandy Cove would come at 100 percent cost to the town. Permitting costs alone for the ACE project are in excess of $200,000 and the Town could expect the same to be true for its own project. In fact, a town funded drainage system for Treats Pond would likely cost about the same as the ACE proposal now estimated to be around $1.7 million.

The ACE plan has a number of difficult challenges that need to be addressed before it can or should be allowed to move forward. But if the town doesn't act quickly to endorse the plan it will lose all federal funding and anticipated state funding for the project — for good. The responsibility to fix the flooding and environmental problems at Treats Pond and along Atlantic Avenue will of course remain with the town.

Why not work together to address community concerns with the ACE's project at pennies on the dollar while we still can?

Martin A. Nee lives at 109 Atlantic Avenue. Mr. Nee is the Chairman of the Cohasset Stormwater Management Committee, but his views stated above are his expressions as a private citizen.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Dow announces run for Sewer Commission

My name is Jim Dow and I am running for a seat on the Cohasset Sewer Commission.

I have lived in Cohasset for almost 13 years. My wife Dama is a school bus driver in Cohasset and we have an 11-year old daughter Christina who is currently in the fifth grade at the Deer Hill School.

I have worked for the Town of Hingham Sewer Department for almost 21 years, the past 17 years as the Supervisor. In this role, I have run the daily operations of the department, overseeing the field crew, establishing routines, procedures, policies and programs. I help to set up the Capital Budget for projects based on a 5-year plan and am responsible for the hiring of contractors and the purchasing of needed supplies while adhering to state procurement rules. I have worked directly with countless contractors performing projects as well as conducting inspectional services to insure compliance with state and local regulations. I have had the benefit of taking part, directly and indirectly with several sewer extension and development projects in my 21 years with the Hingham Sewer Department.

I focus on trying to maintain a safe and efficient workplace while putting the needs of the employees and customers at the forefront. For my efforts helping the citizens, I was presented the Employee Recognition Award in 2005 given out annually to one town employee for outstanding customer service.

With the ongoing projects in Cohasset and future expansion and development on the horizon, we will be going through several changes as residents and I would like to do my part to help minimize any distractions and problems that sometimes accompany change. I feel that with my background and experience, I would be an asset to the community of Cohasset as a Sewer Commissioner and would appreciate your support.



Jim Dow

Let's have another study

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The boys and girls who have much too much time on their hands and feel the need to spend it on items of lasting insignificance are at it again.

Susan Hughes, a psychologist at Albright University, wondered why people kiss when the mouth is a well-known carrier of germs. So she asked 1,000 willing – make that very willing – Albright students to do the heavy lifting in the study.

She found that the men preferred sloppy, open-mouthed kisses that led directly to bed without passing go while women, bless their calculating little hearts, used them to assess the long-term possibilities of the human male.

"No wonder we're nervous about our first kiss," Hughes said.

In a similar vein, a study published in The British Journal of Plastic Surgery discovered that men have such a poor grasp of women's lingerie that many risk serious injury to themselves while removing a bra.

The Journal cited a 27-year-old man who suffered a broken finger and ligament damage in a skirmish with a recalcitrant bra strap.

"This is the type of thing that is more commonly associated with sport, particularly rock climbing," plastic surgeon Andrew Fleming said.

How long will it be before Lingerie Removal 101 appears in the BU catalogue?

We all know that artificial sweeteners like Sweet 'n' Low and Equal can cut our sugar intake when we're on diets, but researchers at Purdue University have found that they may have a direct opposite effect.

They fed sugared and sugar-free yogurt to rats and found that those who used the artificial sweeteners associated sweetness with calories and went back for seconds and thirds, thus defeating the purpose of the diet in the first place.

The Netherlands National Institute for Public Health and the Environment discovered that, contrary to conventional wisdom, the health-care costs of healthy people outstrip those of smokers and fat folk – the healthy $417,000, smokers $326,000, and fatsos $371,000.

The reason? Smokers die seven years earlier and fatties four years earlier than the health nuts.

If an apple a day can keep the doctor away then maybe the caffeine in three cups of coffee can keep Alzheimer's away.

The Faculty of Medicine in Lisbon, Portugal, studied 54 Alzheimer's patients and 54 normal elderly and found the latter drank three to four cups of coffee a day from the age of 25 while the former limited their consumption to one.

At the same time, researchers at Rutgers University were touting caffeine as a cure for cancer, one kind of cancer, anyway.

They discovered that covering mice with a lotion of caffeine kept them from developing skin tumors by making the cancer cells commit suicide without affecting the normal cells.

Researchers at the Cancer Centre Hospital in Aichi, Japan, report that eating sushi could protect smokers from cancer of the lungs.

They studied 4,000 people with healthy lungs and 1,000 with lung cancer and discovered that those who ate raw fresh fish regularly were much less likely to develop cancer.

But that doesn't hold for dried fish or canned tuna.

Selectmen candidates

Cohasset's TV talk show, Our Town, is featuring candidates for the Board of Selectmen. Co-host Mark DeGiacomo interviews incumbent Fred Koed, who is seeking reelection. Co-host Pat Martin talks with candidate Karen Quigley.

Tune in Mondays at 9p.m. on channel 10 or catch up on Tuesdays or Thursday at 9p.m.

Tune in Cohasset and stay informed.

Mark your calendar

- March 7: Last day to register to vote in the Annual Town Meeting.
- March 29: Annual Town Meeting begins at 9a.m.
- April 5: Annual Town Election



The maps show a creek connecting Treat's Pond to the ocean at Sandy Cove in 1852 and in 1876 at right. There has never been a block to cut Treat's Pond off from the ocean in the 1800's or anytime else. Treat's has always had an overflow creek running to Sandy Cove and the ocean, Peter Whittemore said, but has always been a fresh watershed pond.

Honoring the past, honoring the deeds, honoring Treat's Pond

COMMENTARY

PETER WHITTEMORE

There is no historical record of Treat's Pond ever being salt water.

I write to simply set the record straight on several matters regarding the threat to Treat's Pond posed by the so-called Treat's Pond restoration project. Firstly, as the maps here reproduced show, there has never been a block to cut Treat's Pond off from the ocean in the 1800's or anytime else. Treats has always had a overflow creek running to Sandy Cove and the ocean. Treat's has always been a fresh watershed pond, fed by what was called Sandy Cove Brook as it ran southward along Atlantic Avenue from Lothrop Lane and the swamp south of Mohawk Way, to Treat's Pond and then out to the ocean at Sandy Cove. There is no historical record of Treat's Pond ever being salt water. The Blizzard of 1978 and the Gale of 1851 may have flooded Atlantic Avenue, but they also flooded Elm, Margin, and Border streets, and the low end of Ripley Road. Those extreme events happen, but do not determine the overall historical reality.

The Pond has never been "disconnected" from the ocean. There has been a stream and then a pipeway since maps and records have been kept; allowing the overflow from Treat's to be released to the ocean. Harold Litchfield last replaced that overflow in the 60s under contract from the town with a pipe that, as he says, runs out to the cove at a downhill angle for one reason and one reason only: it was meant to keep saltwater from getting up into and fouling the fresh water Pond. Taking together the Little Harbor marshland and the combined Gulf River and Bailey's Creek marshland along with both sides of the Channel, we do not need to be worried about ten more acres of salt marshland. What we really need to preserve is coastal freshwater marshland, a unique habitat that serves diversity.

Secondly, the Army Corps of Engineers do not have control over Treat's Pond under any waterway act. The Town of Cohasset has control of Treat's Pond under the Bigelow conservation restriction and easement of 1964. The new homeowners have bought into that easement and restriction, as Jim Drydale noted last week, by their deeds of 1978. Any attempt to wrest control of that and dismiss its covenants is a slap in the face of every conscientious land preservationist's sentiments and is a deterrent to any future such conservation grants to the town by such civic-minded people as Mrs. Bigelow. Is Wheelwright Park next? Or Whitney-Thayer Woods?

By eminent domain, these so-called friends of Treat's seek to wrest land from their own neighbors and salt tens of acres of woodland marshes, in complete disregard for the natural habitat as it exists and in complete disregard for the very people, the Whitehead Road homeowners, who by their deliberate preservationist ethics have kept Cohasset Harbor's entrance, one of the most pristine eelgrass and marsh grass meadows from Cape Elizabeth to Cape Cod, free of "macmansion" blight. Is an eminent domain land-taking for a four-foot diameter pipeway into the channel the thanks they get from this town? I submit not, and trust my town's members to vote NO on the "Treat's Pond Restoration" article, should these self-appointed so-called friends of Treats not see the light of day and withdraw it from consideration. If their driveways flood they should make the existing drains work. The town already owns the easement and doesn't need to take anyone's land under the thin but transparent guise of false environmental largess.

Peter Whittemore lives at 47 Elm Court.

Q&A about the Treat's Pond project

COMMENTARY

JAQUELINE & RALPH DORMITZER

The Project— The Army Corps is recommending the construction of a pipe and control structure to connect Treat's Pond to the ocean at Cohasset Outer Harbor. The purpose is to restore Treat's Pond to a healthy saltwater ecosystem, alleviate flooding, and reestablish natural flushing of the pond – fresh water out and saltwater in.

The project comes under Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 – Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration. The Act specifies that the project improve the quality of the environment, be in the public interest, and be cost-effective.

The Problem —Treat's Pond is the low point of an approximately 60-acre watershed. The pond abuts Atlantic Ave immediately north of Whitehead Road. It is now landlocked, having no natural outlet to the sea. In a rainstorm, water from this large watershed flows into the pond, fills it up, and backfloods Atlantic Ave. Even in minor rain events, rivers of water from the upland side of Atlantic Ave flow into the pond and invade a dozen or more neighboring properties. The pond has extraordinarily high bacterial counts, is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, is choked with Phragmites, and is dying.

The Benefits of the Project — The Army Corps project will restore saltwater flushing, reduce the Phragmite invasion, alleviate flooding, clean the water, kill mosquitoes, and create a healthy pond and salt marsh.

The Cost — The estimate is $1.7 million. Of this total the Federal Government has already appropriated $1.1 million. The non-federal share is 35%, or $595 thousand, to be raised through town, state, and other grant sources. The warrant article for the March 29, 2008, Town Meeting is for $300,000 contingent on receipt of matching funds.

Frequently Asked Questions

• ***Why restore Treat's Pond to a saltwater pond if it has never been one?***

It was a saltwater pond. The Coast and Geodetic Survey map of 1853 (drawn from a survey in 1847) shows the "guzzle" or connection between the pond and the ocean as well as the contour of the cove from that time. Lucy Treat mentions rowing in a small boat on the "guzzle" between the pond and the cove. Until 1960, the original pipe had two-way flow. In fact, Treat's Pond and Little Harbor are quite similar in how they were and are connected to the sea and in the regular tidal flows which once refreshed both bodies of water.

Why not route the pipe to Sandy Cove?

• The Army Corps has ruled out its participation in and funding of a route to Sandy Cove based on cost and efficiency. The location was also deemed unsuitable because of sand accretion, storm effects, and long-term maintenance issues. Moreover, because of the elevation of the pipe, the storage capacity of the pond would have compromised the flood benefits from the project. It is the longest route, the most invasive, and significantly longer than the recommended route to Cohasset Outer Harbor. The Sandy Cove route also required a surface easement on private property for the installation of a 2-foot x 10-foot culvert and outfall, twice as large as that required for the outer harbor route.

• ***Why not just extend the current pipe?***

Extending the current pipe will not work because the beach is a constantly shifting medium, accreting sand at three feet/year. The sand would bury a new pipe as it has all previous pipes. Since the pipe would need to be extended to low water, access for cleanouts by the DPW would require working either in the surf or in a narrow window of time at mean low water. Draining but not flushing the pond would not solve the long-term degradation of the pond. The Army Corps, which has jurisdiction over the pond under the Clean Water Act, has determined that saltwater exchange is necessary to meet its environmental responsibility. Simply dumping pond and storm water onto the beach would be environmentally irresponsible. The current $1.1 million of Federal funding would also be lost if the town fails to support the Army Corps plan.

Moreover, the current pipe is prohibited by deed from being "relocated, enlarged, or expanded from [its] present use or [its] present location". Extending the pipe would require a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and the Cohasset Conservation Commission; an Environmental Assessment; and compliance with MEPA, Chapter 91, and Coastal Zone Management. Quotes on design and permitting costs are in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Moreover, at 24 inches in diameter, the pipe is undersized. The pond fills up and overflows faster than the pipe can empty it. As the tide rises, it also blocks flow

• ***Why aren't BMPs (e.g., rain gardens) a solution?***

Although it is desirable to add rain gardens to the project, the majority of the watershed is impermeable granite ledge where no installation of rain gardens is possible. In addition the Army Corps estimates that at a moderate rainfall of 2.8 inches the flow rate will be 24 cubic feet/second, a rate that no conceivable combination of rain gardens could affect.

• ***Is Treat's Pond on private property?***

Treat's Pond is under the grant of a Deed of Easement and a conservation restriction by Elizabeth Bigelow dated Dec. 7, 1964.

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'Unfair use of our tax dollars'

COMMENTARY

CHRIS EVANS

FROM UNFAIR, PAGE 10

fixing up their pond is an outrage, especially as the payees have no legal access to the property for which they would be billed.

Although this is portrayed as a "restoration" project, much of the debate surrounding Treat's Pond concerns flood control. Flooding is a major problem in Cohasset and it affects many citizens, not just the few who live by Treat's Pond. In particular, residents who live by Jacob's Meadow suffer periodic flooding of their houses with sewage. I submit that these people should be ahead of the Treat's Ponders in the queue for public assistance.

The town is trying to develop a comprehensive storm water policy for all of its citizens. It would be prudent to allow this to take effect before singling out the Treat's Pond project for preferential, advance attention. According to a recent telephone conversation, money allocated to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) for this project does not have to be spent within a particular time frame, so it will not disappear if we do not act quickly.

The "Salt Water Restoration" claim is specious — Under the present circumstances, it is beyond the remit of ACE to modify Treat's Pond for reasons of flood control. However, it can do so as part of its Salt Water Restoration mandate. We are thus witnessing the strange, Procrustean exercise of re-writing the history of Treat's Pond to give it a robust saline pedigree that it probably never had. The saline history of Treat's Pond is a diversionary myth that really needs to be dismissed once and for all.

Eminent domain is an invidious way to enforce this project — In its draft form, article 24 authorizes "... the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain such easements or other property interests as may be advisable to carry out this project." If this wording remains in the final article, it will enable the town to victimize citizens whose only crime is to own property that stands in the way of the Treat's Pond juggernaut. This is not only shameful, but, if enacted, will considerably increase the cost of the project. One family of potential victims has had its threatened piece of land independently valued at $800,000.

The total cost to Cohasset taxpayers could be far higher than advertised —As things stand, the entire project is estimated to cost $1.7 million, of which the town of Cohasset will be liable for about $600,000. I believe that the town is attempting to secure money from the State of Massachusetts to defray part of its costs. But, as noted above, acquiring the necessary land for the project, whether by negotiation or eminent domain, will add enormously to the final bill. The $800,000 price tag noted above only covers one parcel of land. Additional property will also be needed if the Whale Meadow route is selected. Collectively, there could be additional costs of well over $1 million merely to acquire land.

There is a simpler and far less expensive solution — There is already a pipe that drains Treat's Pond to the ocean. Flooding happens after heavy rain when the pipe becomes clogged. These obstructions occur, in part, because property owners have prevented DPW workers from gaining regular access to the pipe for maintenance purposes. This occurs despite the town owning the 1964 Bigelow easement to maintain Treat's Pond in its natural state as a marsh pond.

At the other end of Sandy Cove a similar pipe successfully prevents flooding from the northern sector of the Treat's Pond catchment area. The major difference between this pipe and the troublesome one is its length. The contractor who installed the pipe that works estimates a $4,000 cost to remedy the Treat's Pond pipe.

A suggested compromise — Rather than the town immediately signing onto an unfair and environmentally questionable project with a high and presently unknown final cost, it may be better to take a rational, incremental approach to the problem:

Spend $4,000 on an improved drainage pipe — Allow next year's sewering of houses in the Treat's Pond area to take effect. The absence of leaking septic systems will lower water levels and reduce the nitrogenous waste that so strongly promotes the growth of *Phragmites*.

While this is happening the town will have developed a comprehensive storm water management policy for all of Cohasset. Its implementation should further reduce, and possibly eliminate, flooding around Treat's Pond.

If serious problems persist, then consider additional measures, including the present ones from ACE. According to my information from ACE, the federal funds for this project are not subject to a sunset clause.

If, finally, it is necessary to spend public money on this private property, Cohasset taxpayers should have reasonable access to Treat's Pond and Sandy Cove.

Chris Evans lives at 36 Sohier St.

Pragmites Australis is the real culprit

COMMENTARY

RICHARD BROOKS

I was pleased to see, apparently for the first time, an article in last Friday's Mariner on the problems, indeed current loss of, Treats Pond on Atlantic Avenue involving the relatively new, virulent species of the destructive reed known as Phragmites Australis.

This species, introduced to the USA by accident from Europe about 15+ or so years ago, has already become a national problem of horrific magnitude, having spread across the entire country in just a few years. The seeds are airborne and in huge quantity. Once established in any type of fresh or brackish water wetland area, it spreads like wildfire, relatively speaking. These are monstrous plants, growing up to 16 feet tall, spread via deep underground root mat systems, grow so dense that they choke out all other plant species (one can not even walk through them!), render the wetland unsuitable as a wildlife habitat and are immune to all but one expensive brand of herbicide! Even then, it takes several years of treatment to get rid of them and involves many man hours and expenses to succeed.

If you search your PC for "phragmites" or "phragmites control," you will be amazed at the hundreds of sites now available, from all over the country and hundreds of State and government agencies on this huge, as yet unchecked and rapidly spreading national problem. Coastal areas are especially vulnerable and this problem is well advanced all along the Eastern Seaboard. Cape May in New Jersy has lost thousands of acres of it famous wetland Park/Habitat.

Hundreds of thousands of acres of wetlands, including salt meadows, salt marshes, river estuaries, harbors, etc. have already been lost and the list is growing at an amazing pace-nationally. Once you can recognize these plants, you will see them everywhere — and I mean everywhere! Along the coast and inland as well. They are already an "unpublicized" major problem for Cohasset and neighboring Towns. I'd encourage the Mariner to do a significant article on the subject — perhaps helping people to recognize an early infestation and seeking professional remedial action at an early stage before they get entrenched and rapidly spread. They grow to amazing heights — standing next to a stand of them is actually intimidating, even to me with my 5'18" height!

Here in Cohasset, you can see them everywhere! As you drive north on 3A, look at the wetlands to your right behind JJ's and up towards the train station! The valuable and large Jacobs Meadow, which runs from behind the old library all the way to the Harbor, is now lost. Treats Pond, mentioned above, is heavily infested and no longer recognizable. Straights Pond infested. Peck's Meadow off Jerusalem Road is heavily infested and faces extinction. There are several infestations in the main Little Harbor in the shore and marsh areas. A huge and spreading infestation exists along the Bow Street end of the Harbor. Salt marshes and meadows are easily infested because the salt water can readily become brackish due to storms and fresh water inflows.

The best defense? — in coastal areas, the phragmite seeds do not germinate in good salinity seawater, the presence of which also can slow the spreading of existing infestations substantially. All wetlands experts advise keeping wetlands flushed with seawater, especially the muddy shorelines where, at low tides, the infestations first take root. Where necessary, the universal, professional advice is to install self-regulating tide gates to keep the meadows, marshes, harbors, etc flooded with seawater at low tide periods to prevent seed germination and infestations in the mud and shores. Cohasset should evaluate this option where applicable.

Jacobs Meadow was lost when, due to the flooding from increased fresh water inflow, apparently the inflow of seawater was decreased intentionally? At Inner Little Harbor, we are blessed because Cat Dam, a self-regulating tide gate, keeps the Harbor covered with a low level of seawater during the unusually long low tide periods where the Harbor is totally empty of seawater and the entire mud bottoms and shore marshes are exposed and highly vulnerable. Cat Dam was not built in 1957 for the current phragmites onslaught — but those few who perpetually advocate having it removed are unfamiliar with or insensitive to the phragmites invasion. Essentially all other salt meadows, marshes, harbors, wetlands in Cohasset are already infested, some to extremis! The worst is yet to come.

Some Town officials are aware of and starting to cope with the phragmites — hence the welcome Mariner article on Treats Pond. More information for the public is needed. I know the Conservation Commission is up to speed. I thank Selectman Dormitzer for first bringing the phragmites topic to our attention well over a year ago. A lot of infestations all along Atlantic Avenue.

Cohasset has its challenges — and the Phragmites Australis major problem has to be elevated to a higher priority. We are losing our natural assets and habitats, especially along our beautiful coastline and many other water and wetland habitats, and public information/education is needed. Check it out on your PC— you'll be amazed!

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HEALTH NOTES

Best solution could be an interim one

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Relieving the flooding hazard of those houses to the northwest of Atlantic Avenue would be temporarily accomplished by lowering Treats Pond water level using the existing regular cleanout by the DPW.

The Board of Health has been nothing if not outspoken in taking a position on storm water. Therefore it feels strange to find one's self in a position opposing what is billed as an environmental solution for Treat's pond. But the idea of spending millions from Washington's pork barrel for a fix which sends ever more water into Cohasset's already beleaguered harbor makes no sense before we are given the results of a study to create a town-wide storm water and drainage master plan, especially since the Army Corps funds are safe from reallocation until 2009. Hopefully new planning addresses the numerous factors making up the storm water problem.

The Drainage Master Plan the Town has paid for and now nearing completion depends on a great number of variables including the elevation of Treats Pond, which may be changed by any of the long-term solutions now being considered. Relieving the flooding hazard of those houses to the northwest of Atlantic Avenue would be temporarily accomplished by lowering Treats Pond water level using the existing regular cleanout by the DPW.

The drainage, water/sewer construction now ongoing on Atlantic Avenue requires drainage on both sides of the road and those exposed to the hazards of excessive storm water entering their homes should be afforded early relief until a complete solution is implemented.

Any plan should immediately attack the major flooding to the northeast side of Atlantic Avenue by re-mediating its primary source: — the accumulation of water along the Southwest side of Atlantic Avenue. Solution to such flooding should be carried into the uplands where it originated. Parcels away from Atlantic Avenue near Great Brewster Woods should be meticulously examined to determining their recharge capacity and built into the plan. This situation should have been addressed when the building started along Atlantic and Beach Street.

Even elevating Atlantic Avenue by a few inches of asphalt and stopping drainage from the Town side of Atlantic Avenue might have the combined virtues of creating a roadside recharge area reducing flooding near Treats Pond and adjoining homes while exposing the magnitude of the problem of disposal of water now draining from the uplands.

Any effort to solve drainage must include an effort to stop storm water near its source, using the most modern proved and validated storm-water recharge techniques available. Many are not cheap, but should normally have been called for when landowners on the North side of Atlantic Avenue built the large dwellings on that side of the road. When the effects of an early bout of remediation to Atlantic Avenue north side are evaluated; and while the construction associated with water, sewer, and drainage improvements are going on, more comprehensive remediation can be considered, planned and added. We would then at least have the horse before the cart and the Army engineers would have the vision, better data — and the time- to get it right.

The Board of Health has been monitoring water in Treats Pond for years and we have not found it to contain the presence of human bacteria such as fecal coli form whereas Whale Meadow has had moderate levels of fecal coli form, the source of which we have been unsuccessful in locating.

Never before in the Town's history have we been exposed to such disruption of our roadways and systems of communication and commerce. It is incumbent on all of us to be indulgent and forgiving of others during all the dislocation. Also, there is every reason to believe that water level rise will continue as global warming progresses; a condition, which must also be considered

Finally, during these troubled times, all of us, all over Town, including those near Treats Pond, should act like neighbors and think about their abutters. Is it only in Cohasset that the DPW is prevented from using rights of way to get rid of flooding in a neighbor's home?

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Q&A about the Treat's Pond project

COMMENTARY

JAQUELINE & RALPH DORMITZER

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It places responsibility for the pond with the Town of Cohasset. There are five property owners who have technical ownership of the pond but no control over its use. There is no legal connection between the pond and Sandy Cove except an easement for the current drainage pipe. The easement does not provide for right of access to the pipe. The current pipe also has a deed restriction dated Jan. 12, 1979 that states: "Said drainage pipes and conduits shall not be relocated, enlarged, or expanded from [its] present use or [its] present location".

• *Why should town money (and Federal and State funds) be used to alleviate flooding on Atlantic Ave?*

Atlantic Avenue is either the first or second most affected area by storm water flooding in Cohasset. Nearly every rainstorm floods some portion of the property of two dozen homes. The town has accepted public responsibility for flood relief and ecological restoration at James Brook, Jacob's Meadow, Little Harbor, Strait's Pond and the Parker Ave channel. It also has a public responsibility for flood relief and ecological restoration on Atlantic Ave. The project is highly leveraged with funding from Federal, State and other sources. It is anticipated that the town's share will ultimately be only 15% of the project cost.

• *Can we depend on the Army Corps plan to restore Treat's Pond and alleviate the flooding on Atlantic Ave?*

The Army Corps has done detailed studies of the water quality effects, hydrological performance of the pipe, tide elevations and flow, and water elevations under worst-case conditions in the pond and in neighboring yards. These studies demonstrate that their solution will work. There are multiple examples of similar successful projects throughout Massachusetts and the U.S., including World's End in Hingham. They have also granted the town control over the tide gate for the purpose of managing pond elevations in extreme storm events.

• *Has the town incurred any financial obligation with regard to the Army Corps project?*

The town has incurred no financial obligation with regard to the project but must, when construction begins in early 2009, commit to its share.

• *What permits/approvals will be required?*

The project will require an Army Corps permit, an Environmental Assessment, and a Cohasset Conservation Commission permit. The project also must comply with MEPA, meet Chapter 91 requirements, and satisfy Coastal Zone Management requirements. These same requirements apply to the building or extension of any pipe into an intertidal area.

• *What easements are being requested for the Army Corps plan?*

The Army Corps project requires that there be easements for a subsurface pipe under two properties (one under an existing driveway and the other under a marsh) and for the installation of an inlet, discharge outlet, and tide gate. Easements would be required irrespective of the location of the pipe. Underground easements for utilities and drainage are common in most deeds. The town will reimburse the owners of the properties for the value of the easements. The funding for the easements is included in the project cost.

• *What about potential pollution from the pond under the Army Corps plan?*

Camp Dresser and McKee calculated bacteria counts using worst-case analysis. Under dry conditions bacteria counts at the outlet of the pipe are well under state standards for recreational use including swimming. Under wet conditions (i.e., storm events) bacteria loads will slightly exceed state standards for swimming at 50 feet from the end of the pipe. This count will improve when the sewer system along Atlantic Ave. is finished and BMPs (rain gardens) are implemented to clean runoff into the pond.

•*Will the proposed route of the pipe harm Whale Meadow?*

The proposed pipe will not harm Whale Meadow. There is already an existing drainage pipe under Whale Meadow. It drains properties on the north side of Whitehead Road. Its outfall is approximately 600 feet from the Cohasset outer harbor channel. The proposed pipe would parallel the existing one and cross under the meadow with an outfall adjacent to the existing one. Its outfall will not be visible except at low tide. Flow from the new pipe will enter the existing channel through the eelgrass. Also, this will not affect the clam-flats, which have already been closed.

• *What if Town Meeting fails to approve the project?*

The town will still be obligated to resolve flooding problems along Atlantic Ave. Current storm water drains simply move water from one side of the street to the other and into people's yards, with no outlet. The town will also have to address the restoration of the pond, as it is the custodian of the pond under the deed of Elizabeth Bigelow, who granted the town a conservation easement and restriction over the pond for the purpose of promoting and developing natural resources. The pond has been filling with Phragmite and dying for some time, and this process will continue unless remedial action is taken. If town meeting fails to approve the project, all of these obligations would have to be fulfilled through local taxation without the Federal grant of $1.1million. Congressman Delahunt will redirect the grant to a similar project within his district.

Ralph and Jacqueline Dormitzer for The Friends of Treat's Pond.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For Selectman candidates: *Is affordable housing a critical issue for Cohasset?*

SELECTMAN/Fred Koed

Affordable housing is a critical issue for Cohasset, as it is an important way to maintain economic diversity. Economic diversity has given Cohasset much of its character. The Town of Cohasset has many newer employees for instance, that due to the cost of real estate in town are forced to live far from their jobs. Teachers, firemen, police, highway, water department and town hall employees are examples of employees that may find Cohasset real estate prices beyond their reach.

Years ago our firemen lived much closer to Cohasset. Proximity is important in case of an emergency such as a call back or a second alarm fire. Many times the Police Department will request the Highway Department to get a road sander out right away to take care of patches of black ice or slippery roads. Those are just two examples of how maintaining public safety may be even more of a challenge in the future, as local firemen and highway staff retire in the future.

Many of our Cohasset school children have traversed our system, completed college and hope someday to return to Cohasset to live near the coast. Smaller units of affordable rental housing could be a path for them to save money for a down payment. Smaller affordable condo units could be a path for them to build equity.

Then there are those seniors that may not qualify for senior affordable housing at 60 Elm Street, but would still like to downsize and stay in Cohasset. Because of the gap in the marketplace, in order to downsize they would have few options but to move outside of Cohasset. So, yes I believe affordable housing in Cohasset will benefit the entire town.

SELECTMAN/ Karen Quigley

Yes, in so far as Cohasset in a crisis of non-compliance with the legislated requirements for 'affordable' housing and is, therefore, vulnerable to 40B mega-development that will overtax our town services, infrastructure and schools.

It's a complicated, emotional issue. Conceptually, everyone is in favor of affordable housing. However, almost no one wants to live in it – which is a good thing because very few, if any, Cohasset residents qualify under state standards. (An expensive lesson learned from the town's last foray into affordable housing.) And then there's the fact that no one wants it in their neighborhood.

So, all in all, the Affordable Housing Committee has the unenviable job of identifying a solution to a frustrating and vexing compliance, not housing, problem. Even if they succeed in unraveling the Gordian Knot, the direct housing benefit to Cohasset residents is minimal while the costs to the town are great.

That having been said, I believe that when most Cohasset residents say affordable they mean moderately-priced. And herein lies the real critical housing issue: as the price of land and homes rises and demographics trend toward the more affluent, there is a widening gap between reality and the possibility of affordability.

The question then becomes . . . how can we make sure economic diversity will survive in Cohasset. As Selectman, I will do my best to find the answers to this question.

For Sewer Commission candidates:

In light of the plant overflow events, some residents have no confidence in the Sewer Commission. What can you do to turn that around?

SEWER COMMISSION/ Wayne Sawchuk

The residents along Elm Street and Summer Street bordering Jacob's Meadow have real concerns when the sewer plant overflows and untreated sewage spews down the sewer plant's driveway and flows into the marsh.

Everyone in Cohasset should be concerned about the health effects of this situation.

The overflow event has occurred on four occasions in the past two years, with the most recent incident just a couple of weeks ago. According to the sewer plant manager last Monday night Feb. 25th the plant was inundated with 1.7 million gallons of flow, exceeding the normal 300,000 gallons daily flow during this time of year.

The Sewer Commissioners are working on solutions to the plant overflows and infiltration into the sewer collection system. Their consulting engineers are completing a draft report of their findings for presentation to the Board at the end of March.

The Commissioners have also been told by their engineer that the emergency overflow pipe in the treatment plant will be installed within 6 weeks, which will allow for treatment and emergency bypass to prevent future plant overflows.

Finally, the Commissioners have said at the most recent meeting that they will notify residents in a timelier manner, should any event occur at the plant, which could constitute a threat to the health or safety of the residents.

If elected to the Sewer Commission, I would follow through on these initiatives and see that the residents are kept informed of the progress of the plant upgrades.

By being both more responsive to the residents and keeping better tabs on the progress of the sewer expansion work, the confidence level will certainly improve.

SEWER COMMISSION/ Jim Dow

Having area residents of any Town-owned facility confident in the people responsible for those facilities is very important. We, as a community need to work together to make sure than all emergency conditions, whether man-made or nature-related are handled in a timely fashion.

I agree with the Sewer Commission that tending to the emergency at hand is the first priority but feel that notifying the area abutters is very important. This notification will allow neighbors to plan accordingly, whether it is going for a walk, letting their pets outside or just minimizing the amount of water being used in their homes.

Formulating, establishing and carrying out a plan of action when a sewer overflow event happens is one of the most important things. The plan should be one that the residents, field crews and Commission can agree upon that will keep everyone on the same page for the duration of any event. It should allow the monitoring, repairing and subsequent clean-up possible in the least amount of time while keeping the environmental and neighborhood impact to a minimum.

I don't feel that there is any reason that the Town should lose faith or confidence in the Sewer Commission. Like all Town Boards and Committees, it is made up of a diverse group of individuals who bring their own experience and knowledge to the table to make Cohasset a better place to live. It's been my experience that if there are ways to improve, input from residents that have first-hand knowledge are always welcome. Part of the responsibility of being an elected official would seem to be to answer to the people who put you in office.

Planning Board candidates: *Has the Large House Site Plan Review done its job in controlling "mansionization?"*

PLANNING BOARD/ Clark Brewer

In the Feb. 29th Mariner, editor Mary Ford asks for a response to the question: "Has the Large House Site Plan Review done its job in controlling mansionization?"

Since voted in at the 2004 Spring Town Meeting, the Planning Board has reviewed over 20 proposals. These include expansion of existing homes totaling over 3,500 gross square feet. The area calculation does not include unheated/unfinished spaces or garages. Proposals are reviewed in relation to their context, property lines, lot coverage, address stormwater and other issues. Neighbors and abutters have a chance to see what is planned prior to construction and contribute their thoughts or concerns. This process has the potential to create thoughtful and detailed proposals. Applicants and their consultants consider relevant issues and impact mitigation in order to get approved quickly.

Houses and buildings are a public expression of their owners and exist largely as part of a public landscape. As a collective, they can form the character of a neighborhood. Cohasset's unique natural terrain can create limitations that generate organic form to residential development. Solutions to limitation can produce unfortunate or creative and attractive results. Poorly conceived houses are ugly, awkward, poorly detailed, ungainly and can negatively impact their neighbors property. We all wonder at one time or another "how did **that** happen?"

I doubt this bylaw has controlled mansionization significantly. An uncertain process, additional expense or neighbor objections will deter some. Builders and developers with fixed land costs maximize profit by building and selling large houses. I think the bylaw was a response to this conspicuous consumption.

There will always be those with the means and patience to build what they want, what suits their needs and concept of home. There will be others with a moderate approach to meeting their housing needs.

PLANNING BOARD/ Charles Samuelson

The Zoning Bylaws require proposed residential construction greater than 6,000 square feet be presented to the Planning Board. The Bylaws instruct the Planning Board to "review and discuss" and "recommend", not "approve". Thus I would interpret the purpose of this regulation to communicate the proposed plan to interested parties including abutters and other town boards and departments, to help identify concerns and to recommend appropriate action. I would take the position that nothing in this regulation interferes with the right of a property owner to use the property as he/she desires, as long as all other regulations are adhered with.

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTIONS

For School Committee candidate: It is rumored that more Cohasset students are going to private high schools than ever before. Is this the case? And does it have more to do with parents' ability to pay for a private education or the quality of a Cohasset High School education?

For Selectman candidates: As "generalists" representing the entire town, when should the Board of Selectmen get involved in the business of other elected and appointed boards or commissions?

For Sewer Commission candidates: Growth in the village largely impossible due to sewer capacity. Yet, the economic health of the village is fragile. What steps could the Sewer Commission be taking to address this issue?

For Planning Board candidates: We're not sure the public understands the different roles of the planning and zoning boards. Does the Planning Board have a role when it comes to zoning issues and could there be better communication between the planning board and ZBA?

Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers, short position statements and the like.

All candidates, opposed or unopposed, may submit a photograph and formal announcement.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

For School Committee candidate :

Have the schools lost ground since the failure of the override two years ago?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Alfred Slanetz

No. The schools have gained ground by multiple measures over the past two years. This is independent of the override.

The school mission is to develop each child as the best version of them-self: achieving at their aptitude in reading, writing and arithmetic; developing a character of self-discipline, organization and service; and gaining a foundation in the global, cultural and scientific basis of our world. Our district goal is to be amongst the top 10 schools statewide.

The school has generated more non-property tax revenues than any other Town department: 11% annual growth in revenue including

- Transportation fees,
- Kindergarten tuition,
- Athletic fees,
- CEF/Booster donations,
- Grants
- Chapter 70 State Support.

With the dismal economic outlook and burden focused on a segment of the community, this revenue growth rate is likely to flatten.

The school implemented accurate accounting, line item transfer and fiscal management policies and instituted cost savings in

- Transportation
- Energy
- Purchasing
- Custodial services.

We restructured teaching for improved education quality and efficiency:

- Teachers move with larger classes
- Teachers work in integrated teams at each grade
- Early intervention implemented to decrease long-term special education students
- In-house special education minimized costly out of district tuitions and kept students with their friends.

These efforts reallocated financial resources to the classroom enabling:

- Additional teachers with expertise in reading and math,
- Maintained class size
- New textbooks/curriculum
- Professional development
- Full-day kindergarten, engineering, electives.

To assure that these improvements are sustainable, as policy we budgeted conservatively and relied solely on operating budget for recurring costs.

School budgeting is based upon operational requirements to achieve strategic goals. An override is a tool in municipal finance; Achieving goals is the end game. We've achieved many but have more to go.




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Good contributes to Library Endowment

Genevieve Good has lived in and loved the Town of Cohasset for more than 75 years. During that time she has seen a lot of change. "Sometimes I think I've landed in a totally different place." One constant during all that time, however, has been her love for the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The Cohasset Library Trust recently announced her gift of $5,000 to add to the Frederick L. Good, Jr. Fund in the Library Endowment, established in 1992 in memory of her husband. Her gift is the first to be added to the Endowment Wall since the Library Trust was established in late 2006.

Genevieve O'Malley started spending her summers here as a young girl, when her family's home sat alone along the Jerusalem Road coastline. In 1936 her brother sent the family a telegram asking them to go outside and watch him fly by in the Hindenburg (the world's largest dirigible), on its way back from Europe. During World War II her family's house was commandeered by the Coast Guard to watch for enemy ships. She remembers attending horse shows where the South Shore Music Circus now stands.

For more than 15 years Genevieve has volunteered at the library, putting protective covers on new acquisitions. She loves getting a first look at what comes in.



Genevieve Good

In 1943 Genevieve married Fred Good, who also grew up spending summers in Cohasset. They soon decided to live in town year-round and raised four children here. In those days Boston was a quick 30-minute commute. Genevieve reports that Fred used to go to the library every week, where the librarian would choose just the perfect book for him. Their youngest daughter, Galen, remembers that in the previous Paul Pratt building, she would find her way into the stacks where she could sit and look through the glass ceiling to the shadows of the people walking above. It was a 'fairyland' to her.

Despite her fond memories, Genevieve is thrilled with the new Paul Pratt library. "The new building is cheerful, expansive and still has a wonderful staff." A staff member recently found a book to help Genevieve identify some unsigned paintings in her home.

For more than 15 years Genevieve has volunteered at the library, putting protective covers on new acquisitions. She loves getting a first look at what comes in.

When the donor wall goes up in the foyer of the library, the Goods will join the names of those who, throughout the library's history, have made gifts to ensure the future of this town treasure.

Library Corner

Meet author Jeffrey Cramer on Sunday

Great Decisions Discussion Group is back! — Signup now to participate in the foreign policy discussion group Great Decisions with Reference Librarian Gayle Walsh at 383-1348 or by visiting the library. You may also signup online through our website www.cohassetlibrary.org. Participants are asked to commit to 8 weekly discussion meetings starting April 29th. Free. Click on April 29th on the Calendar of Events tab.

Movie Matinee at the Library — Can't get out at night to a movie theater? Join us for a free movie at the library on Friday, March 7th at 11 am. We will show the classic *Moby Dick* starring Gregory Peck in the Meeting Room. Free admission and free light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Meet Author Jeffrey Cramer — As part of our *Cohasset Reads Together* reading initiative, author Jeffrey Cramer, Curator of Collections at the Thoreau Institute at Walden Woods and Thoreau scholar will give a talk entitled *Thoreau's Life and Writings* on Sunday, March 9th at 3pm. Mr. Cramer has appeared on public radio's "On Point with Tom Ashbrook" and on C-span's Book-Tv. Free.

Independent Film Night — The library will show the independent film *Her Name is Sabine* on Thursday, March 20th at 6 pm. Free admission and free refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

FOR CHILDREN

Family Music Concert — Saturday, March 8 at 3 p.m. in the Meeting Room, David Polansky will present an interactive family concert. Space is limited. Free tickets are available at the Circulation desk. All children must be accompanied by a caregiver. This is a Cohasset Reads Together event federally funded by an LSTA grant through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Storyteller — Big Ryan Saturday, March 15 at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room HELPING CHILDREN HAVE SUCCESS NOW - A Community Partnership for Children will be sponsoring their 5th annual literacy event. Big Ryan will perform and a craft time has been scheduled for the Story Room. This event is for children ages 3-6 and their parents.

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Kayla Farren celebrates with Meredith Kelly at the end of Cohasset's commanding win over West Bridgewater.

Deep impact

Girls making history one game at a time, sectional finals set for Friday

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High girls basketball team shouldn't have a problem getting fans anymore.

After winning 18 regular season games and the South Shore League title, the Skippers, a little surprised by their own success, hadn't really hit the mainstream yet.

After three tournament wins and a berth in tonight's Div. 4 South Sectional final against Millis, Cohasset is the talk of the town.

"It feels really good, all season we have been trying to get fans," said Skippers tri-captain Carly Salerno. "Finally we are getting people to come watch girls basketball, we are all really excited."

The Skippers will play tonight, Friday, March 7 at Braintree High School. Tip-off is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. The winner advances to the TD Banknorth Garden to play the winner of Manchester versus Mount Alvernia.

"I never expected to make it this far," said tri-captain Kayla Farren. "It's really exciting, I thought we would be better than

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Roller coaster ride for boys

Three seniors graduate, strong core to return for hoops team

By Joel Racicot
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Winning is contagious, as is losing. It's cyclical in sports and that is something the Cohasset High boys basketball learned this season.

The Skippers finished with a 7-13 overall mark, falling short of a berth in the Div. 4 South Sectionals. A mid-season losing streak cost the Skippers any hope of making the tourney. The roller coaster ride, if nothing else, is a solid learning tool going forward.

"We had a very up and down year," said Cohasset coach Dorian Bryant. "We got in a slump and we really couldn't get out of it."

Learning how to breakout of a rut will be important heading into next year.

"It all comes with experience, I hope next year we stay away from the injuries and losing three or four games in a row. The only way out of it is to be determined, come in next season and work hard."

Cohasset will graduate three seniors off this year's team, Kyle Pinkus, David Snowdale and Pat McCarthy. All three played important roles for the Skippers throughout their basketball careers.

Pinkus, a defensive stopper, is a strong all-around athlete that brings toughness to whatever sport he is playing.

"He was our defensive stopper and a good leader when he was with us," Bryant said.

Snowdale continued to play hard and lead for the Skippers through thick and thin.

"In practice and games he showed a lot of effort, passion and energy," Bryant said. "He always came to play and from that standpoint he did a nice job."

McCarthy provided offensive boost and showed a nice shooting touch all year. He averaged 11.5 points per game this season.

"He was probably our best scorer over the last three years," Bryant said. "He is a leader on the floor and played hard every game."

Cohasset should return a nice core of players next year led by South Shore League all star Dan Martin. The junior forward averaged 11 points, 12 rebounds and 3.4 blocks a game this season. His growth in the off-season will go a long way for how Cohasset does next year.

"Working in the off-season is the most important thing for him," Bryant said. "He really grew up towards the end of the season, he had a good season and could go farther than just high school (basketball), but that all depends on how hard he works at it."

Marcus Charles showed flashes of excellence and will be a much needed offensive threat next year. He must stay consistent.

"He played good defense and scored a little but he is streaky, he needs to be more consistent," Bryant said. "Overall his game helped us a lot this year."

Robert Jones and K.J. Pontes, both freshmen, will have to continue to grow up in a hurry next season. Both played big minutes as underclassmen, and the same should go for next year.

"Those are two guys that are going to be very nice players for us," Bryant said.

Jones played point guard against some of the best in the SSL. Next year he will look to take his place next to the top tier.

"Skill wise he is just as good as all the other guys in the league, he is just smaller right now," Bryant said.

Pontes will have to continue to utilize his athleticism and work on his game."He competes, works hard, loves the game and loves to play," Bryant said.



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Cohasset's Danny Martin (33) challenges the shot of a Carver shooter earlier in the season. Teammate Patrick McCarthy looks on.

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Senior Mike Wheeler has had a tremendous season for Hanover's first-ever indoor track team this winter. The talented sprinter started February off by winning the Division 4 State title in the 55 meters, running a personal best time of 6.56, which was just two one-hundredths of a second off the meet records. From there, Wheeler took third in the dash at the All-State Championships (6.57), qualifying for last Friday's New England Championships.

Coastal Nissan has donated $500 to the Hanover High School Athletic Fund in Mike Wheeler's name.

Way to Go Mike!



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Hanover High School

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LOCAL ROAD RACE CALENDAR

The Cohasset Rotary Club Announces 32nd Annual Cohasset Road Race by the sea and Fun walk

The Cohasset Rotary Club announces that the 32nd Annual 10K Road Race by-the-Sea and Fun Walk will be held Sunday April 6, 2008. The proceeds go to the many local, regional, and International projects the Rotary supports.

Over 800 runners are expected from all over New England. The start for the Road race will be at 1:00 p.m. from the Cohasset Common. The race is sanctioned by USATF-NE. There will be free refreshments for all registered runners. The Fran Coffey Memorial Walk starts at 10:00 a.m. from Sandy Beach.

Online registration is available at www.roadracebythe-sea.com.

On-site registration will be held at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main Street, Cohasset, MA, Saturday, April 5th, 9 a.m. till noon and Sunday, April 6th, 9 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 9

The 18th Annual Raynham Knights of Columbus Charity 5 Miler will take place Sunday, March 9, at 11 a.m. in Raynham. The residential course is flat and fast. There will be prize money. For information, contact John Donahue at 508-822-6015 or johnmdonahue@comcast.net.

Sunday, March 30

The James H. Lamb Memorial Scholarship Road Race will take place Sunday, March 30, at 11 a.m. in Taunton. The race is five miles. The top overall male and female will receive cash prizes. For information, contact Peter Lamb at 508-984-4800 or Pclamb@burkelambcpa.com.

Saturday, April 5

The 6th Annual East Bridgewater Viking Sports Parents 5K Road Race will take place Saturday, April 5, at 9 a.m. in East Bridgewater. The day also includes a 5K walk. For information, contact John Donovan at 508-378-4781 or jd_955@msn.com.

Sunday, April 6

The 32nd Cohasset Rotary Road Race by the Sea will take place Sunday, April 6, at 1 p.m. in Cohasset. The 10K course follows the coastline and through the rolling roads of Cohasset. For information, contact Brad Goodwin at 781-223-2513 or goodwinbc@aol.com.

Sunday, April 13

The Hanover Anchor Race will take place Sunday, April 13, at 10 a.m. in Hanover. This is a four-mile road race/walk. A free kids fun run will take place at 9 a.m. For information, contact Anne McNamara at 781-878-4219 or mcnamaraanne@comcast.net.

Sunday, April 20

The 7th Annual Shawn D. Patterson Memorial & Scholarship 5 & 10K Road Race will take place Sunday, April 20, at 11:30 a.m. in Scituate. There is a 5K and 10K race. There will be awards, refreshments and a raffle. For information, contact Pat Patterson at 508-790-5834 or patpattersn@netscape.net.

Sunday, May 4

The 7th Annual Dean S. Luce 5K Run/Walk and Children's Fun Run will take place Sunday, May 4, at 11 a.m. in Canton. For information, contact Kaitlyn Wroblewski at 781-821-5075, ext. 135, or wroblewskik@cantonma.org.

Sunday, May 11

The Tiara Classic 5K Mothers Day Road Race will take place Sunday, May 11, at 9 a.m. in Mattapoisett. The charity run includes kids fun run and prizes. For information, contact Lara Stone at 508-612-8775 or lhstone@comcast.net.

Saturday, May 17

The 6th Annual Wareham YMCA 5K Road Race will take place Saturday, May 17, at 10 a.m. in Wareham. The 5K race/walk goes through the village of Onset. Prize money will be given out to the top three men and women. For information, contact JoAnn Watson at 508-295-9622, ext. 15, or jwatson@ymcasouthcoast.org.

Sunday, May 18

The 20th Annual Striar JCC 5K Road Race will take place Sunday, May 18, at 9 a.m. in Stoughton. The day also includes a one-mile children's fun run. For information, contact Becky Braidman at 781-341-2016, ext. 128, or bbraidman@jccgb.com.

Sunday, May 18

The 8th Annual Evans Run 5K/10K Race & 5K Walk will take place Sunday, May 18, at 10:30 a.m. in Norwell. Prize money will be awarded. For information, contact Carol Henry at 617-347-2068 or chenry0813@hotmail.com.

Sunday, May 18

The Mansfield High School All Sports Boosters Club 5K will take place Sunday, May 18, at 10:30 a.m. in Mansfield. This is a run and walk. Ice cream will be available. For information, contact Jim Miller at 508-339-5309 or jimedmil@comcast.net.

Monday, May 26

The 6th Annual Christopher's 5K Run and Walk for Diabetes will take place Monday, May 26, at 11 a.m. in West Bridgewater. For information, contact Frank Nelson at 508-208-5377 or log onto christophersrun@colonialrunners.org.

Sunday, June 1

The 3rd Annual Marshfield High School Track 5K Road Race will take place Sunday, June 1, at 10:15 a.m. in Marshfield. The course is flat. For information, contact Andrew McGillowey at 781-837-2476 or mcgillowey@aol.com.

Saturday, June 14

The Clarks Fund 3.5-Mile Run will take place Saturday, June 14, at 10 a.m. in Cohasset. For information, contact Debbie Beal at 781-383-6103 or dbeal@cohassetk12.org.

Sunday, June 15

The 14th Annual Fathers Day Road Race and Walk will take place Sunday, June 15, at 9 a.m. in North Easton. Runners will travel throughout historic Easton. There will be prizes, raffles, free food and music. For information, contact Steve Keohane at 508-230-3789 or cme417@yahoo.com.

Saturday, June 28

The Hanover 5K Road Race will take place Saturday, June 28, at 9 a.m. in Hanover. The course is flat and fast, and it's ideal for runners and walkers. For information, contact Brian Cassidy at 781-826-1300 or bcassidy@healthtrax.net.

Saturday, June 28

The Marshfield High gohills08 5 Mile Race/1 Mile Fun Run will take place Saturday, June 28, at 10 a.m. in Marshfield. This race is a fundraiser to raise money for the football team to go to California. The course is flat and fast. For information, contact Michael Ryan at 781-837-7136 or mike.ryan@awin.com.

Friday, July 4

The Duxbury 4th of July Road Race will take place Friday, July 4, at 9 a.m. in Duxbury. Runners will travel near the ocean and over wooden bridges through historic Duxbury over this 4.25-mile course. For information, contact Beth Kenney at 781-934-9252 or bak5557@aol.com.

Sunday, Oct. 19

The 5th Annual Readers Become Leaders 5K Run/Walk will take place Sunday, Oct. 19, at noon in Wareham. The top male and female will receive a cash prize. The first 100 entrants will receive a T-shirt. For information, contact Kathy Moore Minkle at 508-291-3550, extension 1102, or kamoore@wareham.k12.ma.us

SPORTS BRIEFS

First and second grade Cohasset Youth Lacrosse Clinic

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is sponsoring a clinic for boys and girls in the first and second grades to take place during the months of April and May of this year. There will be a total of six sessions of approximately one hour each to be held late Saturday afternoons at approximately 4 p.m. with three sessions each in April and May.

The goal of the sessions is to provide a skill focus atmosphere enhanced by fun activities so that all of the kids have a very positive experience and learn basic stick handling. There will be several coaches and small groups of kids for individual attention.

The sessions will be non-contact, although the boys will be required to wear regulation helmets and gloves and the girls regulation eye protection. There will be non-contact scrimmaging for both as the sessions progress. Cost of participation will be $125. That will include USLL membership for all players.

Registration and USLL forms will be available in the town hall outside the Recreation Department office starting Saturday, March 7th. Registrations are to be finalized by March 29th. All required forms must be submitted per the indicated address on the registration form in order to complete a registration. Additional information will be available in the town hall.

Cohasset recreation department South Shore Baseball Club

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with South Shore Baseball Camp will be providing and April Vacation Baseball Clinic, beginning Tuesday, April 22 through Friday April 25 at Barnes Field Complex.

The clinic runs from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. and this week long program will cost $125 per participant.

For more information call the recreation office at (781) 383-4109. Registration forms can be found at the Recreation Office first floor, Town Hall.

You may register with a credit card by calling South Shore Baseball Club at 781-740-4382 or forms are available at the Cohasset Recreation Dept. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Coastal Athletic Club Girls Basketball AAU Tryouts

Coastal Athletic Club will be hosting tryouts for girls Saturday, March 15 and Sunday March 16 at Cole School in Norwell.

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There is $25 tryout fee.

For registration or general information please go to www.coastalathletics.org or email coach Matt Marani at mmarani@coastalathletics.org.

Duxbury Bay Maritime School ergometers

The Duxbury Bay Maritime School offers seasonal use of its 12 ergometers, which are indoor rowing machines, for adults and juniors of all experience levels. Indoor rowing provides one of the best total body, low impact, aerobic workouts possible. For a fee of $100 per season, through April 30, adults have access to the DBMS ergometers every day between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. The ergometers are also available to high school students during weekday office hours for $50 per season. Classes are available on weekday mornings for an additional fee payable to the coaches. For a class schedule and information, call the office at 781-934-7555.

Bernal Gators swim club

The Gators swim club is coached by Joe Bernal, an Olympic coach who holds the highest certification set by the American Swimming Coaches Association. He is a recognized leader in developing the swimming skills of young children. The Gators have more than 35 years of experience. The program, which focuses on skills and techniques in all four Olympic strokes, is held at the Percy Walker Pool, 178 St. George St., Duxbury. For information, call Janice Gately at 978-443-4584, Paula Kokins at 781-934-9225 or 781-254-2799, or go to www.bernalgators.com.

Aqua-Dux swimming

The Aqua-Dux Swim Club, a member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Swim League, Swimmers, for youths 6 to 18, who are able to swim full lengths of the pool on their stomachs and backs. Practices are held Tuesdays and Thursdays. Older swimmers meet from 4 to 5 p.m. and younger swimmers meet from 5 to 6 p.m., unless there are home high school swim meets. Forms are available in the lobby of the Percy Walker Pool, 178 St. George St., Duxbury. For information, call Susan Littlefield at 781-934-7353.



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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

MIKE WHEELER
Hanover



Name: Mike Wheeler
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Hobbies: Working out
Favorite athlete: Brian Leonard
Favorite subject: Psychology
Favorite TV Show: SportsCenter
Favorite food: Teriyaki steak tips
Favorite movie: Superbad

Nominees for the South Shore Athlete of the Month are chosen by sports editors from the following towns: Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth. One student-athlete is chosen from the list of nominees as the South Shore Athlete of the Month. Coastal Nissan, sponsor of the South Shore Athlete of the Month, will present a check in the amount of $500 each month to the athletic department from the winning school.
Nominees for the month of February are: Abington: Brian Kurowski; Braintree: Blake Ellis; Cohasset: Jack Murphy; Hanover: Mike Wheeler; Hingham: Shauna McNiff; Marshfield: Joe Pronk; Norwell: Kristen Yen; Rockland: Courtney Burns; Scituate: Ethan Flood; Weymouth: Jake Harrison.
The Athlete of the Month for February is Mike Wheeler of Hanover.
Senior Mike Wheeler has had a tremendous season for Hanover's first-ever indoor track team this winter. The talented sprinter started February off by winning the Division 4 State title in the 55 meters, running a personal best time of 6.56, which was just two one-hundredths of a second off the meet record. From there, Wheeler took third in the dash at the All-State Championships (6.57), qualifying for last Friday's New England Championships. There, Wheeler ran a personal best 6.46 seconds to take second place.

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The Coastal Stars nail playoff win

Set to play Norwood in next round

The Coastal Stars Squirt C1 started its playoff run with a decisive win over Hanover. The team started off very strong with a great first shift from Jack Kaetzer, Shane Rose and Joseph Cavanoro. This line had constant pressure on Hanover all game long.

The defense was similar to a brick wall with Jacob Latta and Andrew Julian both having outstanding games. Gus Conway and Derek McDermott also both played tough and provided some great protection for their goalie Tyler McKinnon.

The combo of great defense and brilliant goaltending held this offensive Hanover team to only one goal.

Olivia Leong scored first to put the Stars on the board with assists going to Colin McDonald and Jacob Latta. Olivia's line of Colin McDonald and Jessica Caldarola played with a lot of intensity and had some great passing.

The Stars second goal came from Jacob Latta rushing the puck up the ice around Hanover's Big D and scoring unassisted. Jack Kaetzer got a well deserved goal with assists going to Joseph Cavanaro and Shane Rose.

Joseph Cavanaro put in the Stars fourth goal with a great effort in front of the net unassisted. Jacob Latta added one more goal with the assist going to Jack Kaetzer. This was a very well placed shot to the far corner of the Hanover net.

Olivia Leong and Colin McDonald, along with Jessica Caldarola, scrambled in front of the net to put in the final goal. Olivia put this one upstairs in the net. It was a great looking goal with assists going to her linemates Colin and Jessica.

Matt Gorman along with Daniel Tobin and Connor Sheehy played hard all game both offensively and getting back to help out in the defensive zone.

Missing from the team against Hanover were Henry Decoste (out sick) and Alexandra Leahy (away for the weekend). Both players are tremendous assets to our team and will be back for next playoff game.

Playoff game number two is Sunday, March 9 versus Norwood. It will be played at the Hingham rink at 1:50 p.m.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Coastal Stars Squirt A team after their championship win at the Quincy Kiwanis tournament. Front row, Liam McHugh, goalie, second row, Adam Benson, Jo Jo Carbone, Kyle Bowman, Michael Reidy, Kai Maier, Matt Boudreau, third row, Kyle O'Brien, Michael Cohen, JD Dietrich, Gunnar McKenzie, James Hussey, Jimmy Farren, Nevin Connors, Declan Leahy, Stevie O'Connor, back row, Coach Mike O'Brien, Head Coach Paul McHugh and Coach Rob Reidy

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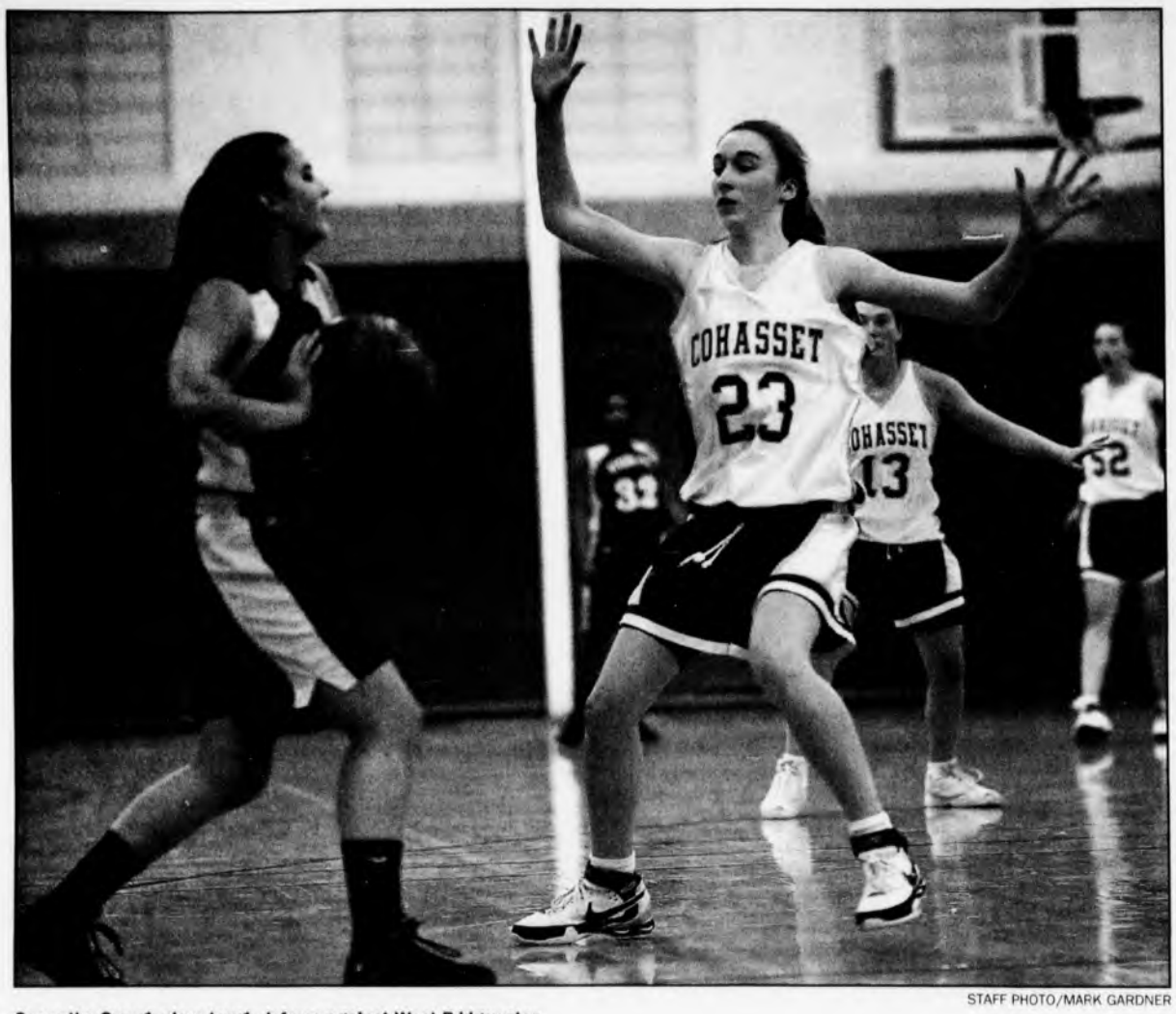
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Samantha Crough plays tough defense against West Bridgewater.

Deep impact

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last year but not make it to this game."

Understandably, Cohasset is a bit surprised by the amount of success to date. A 21-2 record and a No. 2 seed in the tournament are gaudy numbers. The team doesn't have a single senior, yet leadership has never been an issue. Maybe it's the never look beyond the next opponent mentality that has the Skippers humbled and honored to be in the south finals.

"We are taking it one game at a time," added Salerno. "We just have to play Cohasset ball."

Since John LeVangie came to coach five seasons ago the girls have qualified for the south sectionals every year.

"Coach LeVangie said that two years ago nobody knew about Cohasset girls hoops," Farren said. "It's nice to prove a point that we are someone, although we are a small school. We're the underdogs."

Two seasons ago the Skippers made the south sectional semifinals, but this is the farthest any girls team has gone since a state title run in the late 1980's.

"This is completely unexpected based on our season last year, but not on the work ethic of these girls," LeVangie said. "It's been a pleasant surprise, but to be with them for two hours a day six days a week is the real pleasure. They're good ball players but more important they're quality people."

Youth may be the most underrated asset for the Skippers. Salerno, Farren and Sammi Lehr may be the captains, but the every starter philosophy instills a team attitude. That hasn't been compromised, and judging by recent success, it won't be anytime soon.

"We've had the best team chemistry since I've been on the team," Salerno said. "Everyone is a leader on this team, we work so well on and off the court."

Millis, the not so surprising No. 16 seed, hails from the ultra competitive Tri-Valley Conference. The Mohawks qualified with a 9-11 record, and since have beaten No. 1 Sacred Heart, No. 8 South Shore Christian and No. 5 Chatham.

LeVangie noted earlier that seeding doesn't matter in the tournament. Millis has proved that theory. For one, overall records don't matter when you play in a weaker conference. That's why Cohasset is a solid No. 2 out of the Div. 3 top heavy, South Shore League.

"Coach LeVangie said that two years ago nobody knew about Cohasset girls hoops. It's nice to prove a point that we are someone, although we are a small school. We're the underdogs."
Kayla Farren

The key Friday will be to shut down the Mohawks Laura Ingraham. The junior has already scored 1,000-career points. She dropped 31 points on Chatham in the semifinals.

"They are a very scrappy team," added LeVangie.

Cohasset 52, Nantucket 32

It was Meredith Kelly's night to shine against the Whalers. The sophomore forward played shut down defense on Nantucket star Angela Patterson and added 16 points in the win.

"Patterson usually scores over 20 points a game and Meredith held her to under five," Farren said. "She played great defense and really helped us."

Salerno agreed.

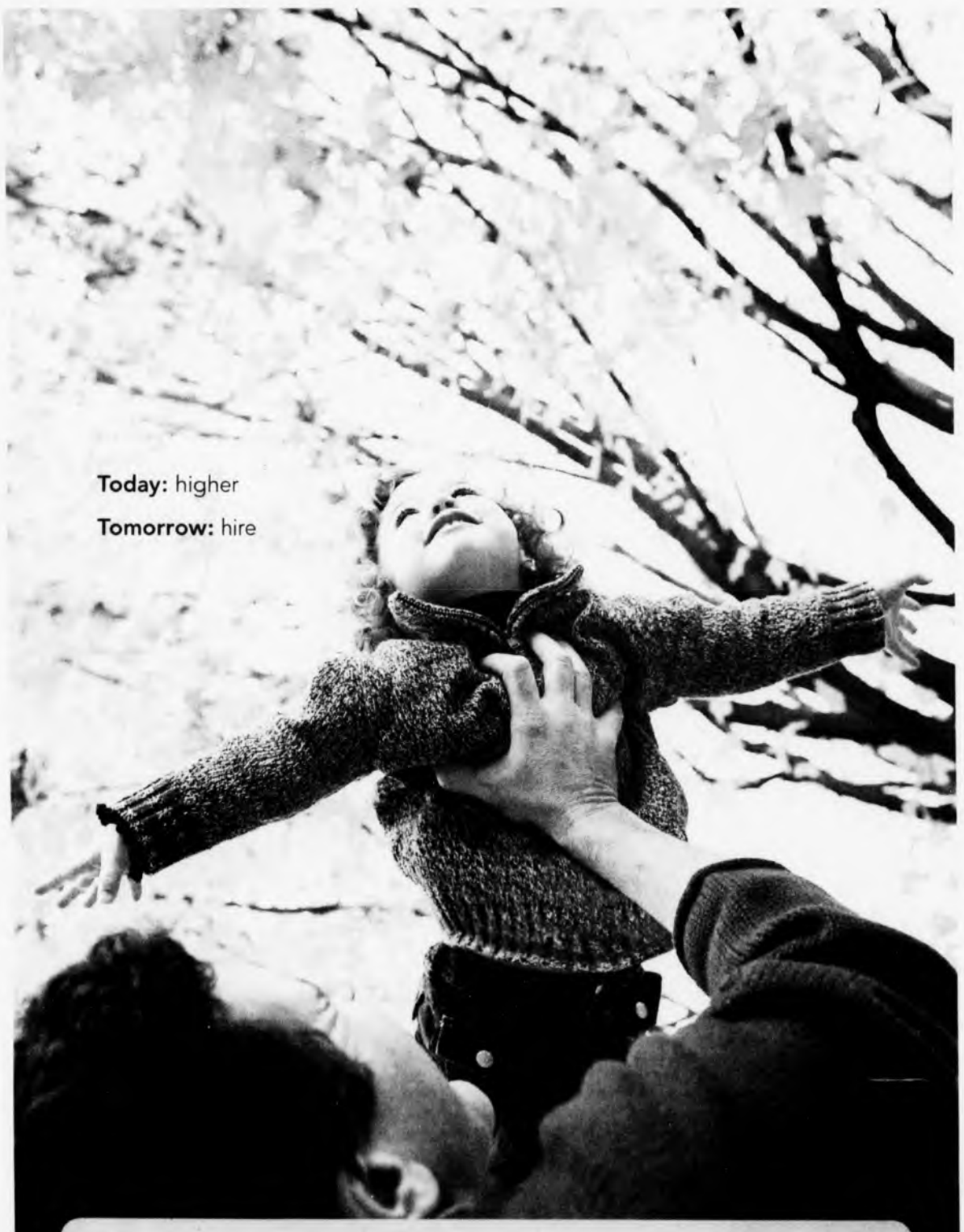
"She had an amazing game, she really played great defense," Salerno said.

Sammi Lehr played tough inside scoring 16 points. Cohasset led 24-12 at halftime and controlled play for most of the game.

Cohasset 55, West Bridgewater 31

Cohasset knocked off West Bridgewater in the quarterfinals with relative ease. It was the second time the Skippers had their way with the Wildcats, a tourney tested group on their own.

Both Sammi and Tori Lehr led, combining for 31 points. They continue to set the tone in the paint.



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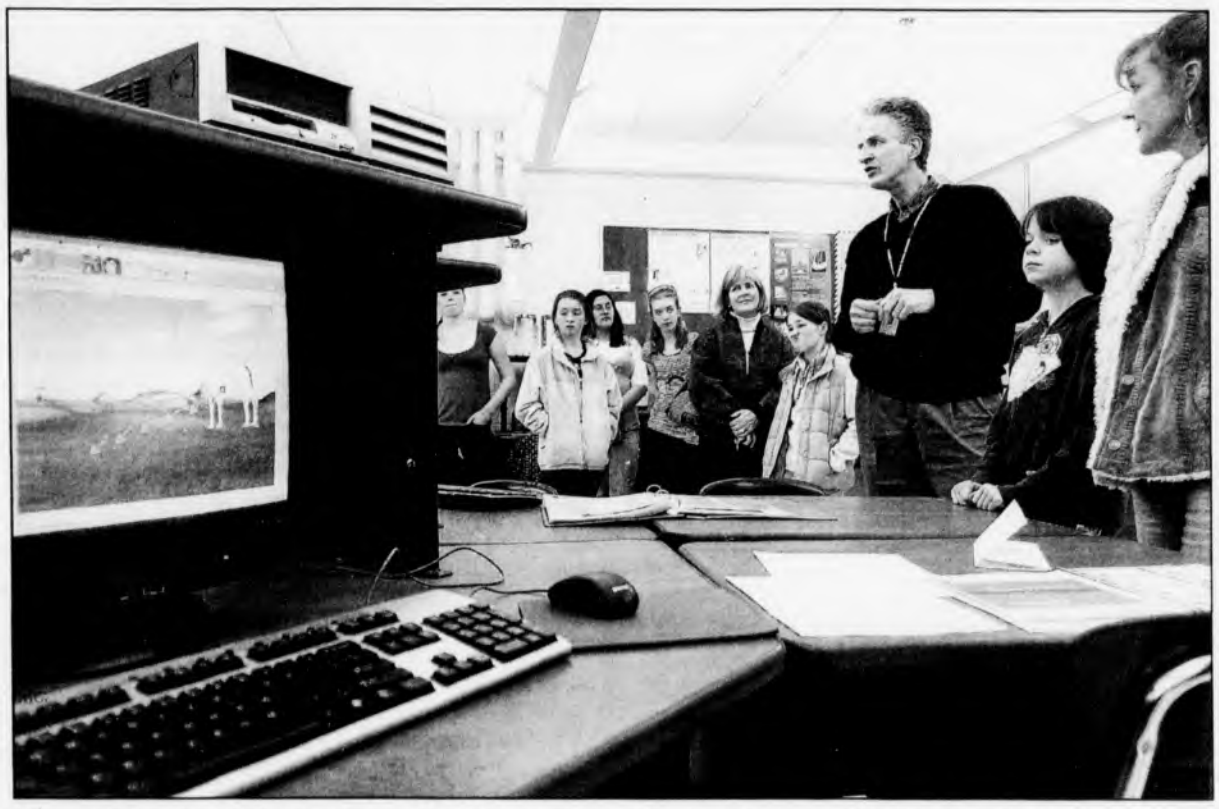
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Middle-schoolers show off technology skills



Cohasset Middle School's Tech Lab Teacher David Young talks about the class to visitors and students during Wednesday evening's Open House. At left is a computer-animated program students use in the classroom.



Colin Bell, 12, feeds fishing line through one of the two wooden model cars along with Tech Lab Teacher David Young during Wednesday evening's Tech Lab Open House. The model cars are powered by compressed air and can travel 60 feet in seconds.



Zoe Whilton,13, a student of David Young's Technical Lab at Cohasset Middle School demonstrates the workings of a band saw that is used for technical projects inside the school's Lab during its Open House held Wednesday evening.



Chris Oddliefson, President of the Cohasset Education Foundation, speaks to faculty and guests during Wednesday evening's Cohasset Middle School's Tech Lab Open House. A joint collaboration project put $75,000 into the Lab for materials and computers.



Elizabeth Hagearty, 13, demonstrates the method of materials processing, plastic mold injections. Here she makes Golf T's. This is one of the many stations that are found in the Cohasset Middle School's Tech Lab that is under the direction of David Young.

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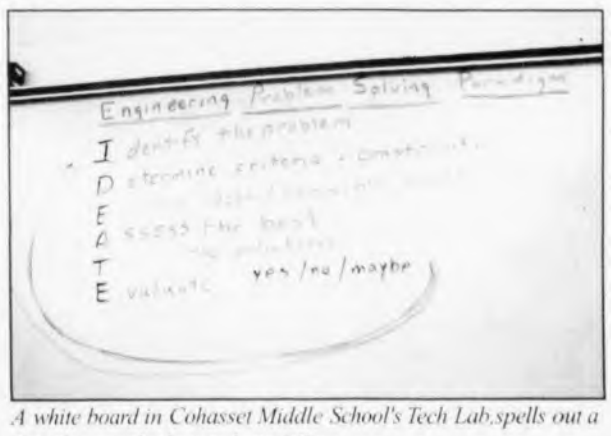
Thirteen-year-old Elizabeth Hagearty shows the Golf T's she created in the Lab during its Open House Wednesday evening.



Fourteen-year-old Tucker Oddleifson student works on his Virtual Architecture Module during the Lab's Open House Wednesday evening. The Lab is a joint project of Cohasset's Education Foundation and the PSO.



Cohasset Middle School student Colin Bell, 12 shows Principal Joel Antolini the structural engineering part of the Tech Lab's balsam wood bridge, scaled down version, and puts it to the test of how much force the bridge can take. This was all part of the Open House held Wednesday evening in the School's Tech Laboraatory. The class is under the direction of Tech Lab Teacher David Young.



A white board in Cohasset Middle School's Tech Lab,spells out a list of protocols that students follow.

Some tips for 'know-it-alls'

AAUW CORNER

GWEN SAYIAN

The most recent AAUW meeting featured a presentation on the importance of humor in everyday life by Barbara Tortarella, an area social worker. As I listened to her, it struck me that a humorous outlook is the ticket to getting through a day in the office, especially when you have to deal with know-it-alls and busybodies. We all know a few. Maybe you have earned the title yourself. In my years, I've crossed over a few times, to excel in both categories.

The first house my husband and I bought didn't have a dishwasher. So my husband and father-in-law decided to install one themselves. Both of these men were quite competent with cranky washing machines and dispirited dryers, so the installation of a dishwasher was a reasonable goal. Several hours into the job, my dear father-in-law left abruptly. "He was "tired," my husband told me. After a respectable amount of time had passed, I learned that I had been very concerned with water in the pipes, and for some reason fancied myself a dishwasher wizard, driving him to distraction. A smart man, he knew when it was time to leave. That's when I realized that we are all capable of know-it-allness. It reminds me of the age old question: can a good human being be driven to kill?

A social worker by profession, I recently decided to take a break from people problems by diving headfirst into the world of paper problems; bookkeeping to be precise. I've never done office work before. At first, I was completely befuddled by my adding machine. But we're on much better terms now.

It's the office know-it-all that really makes my day. Whatever my current dilemma is she is right there to do everything for me, adding a lengthy tutorial on her vast years of experience. It takes my breath away sometimes. When I told her I didn't know how to work the automatic coffee maker, she moved in quickly, bumping me out of the way, and took over. That was great because I really don't want to make the coffee. I only want to drink it. When I have a problem with my computer, she hustles right over, almost sits on my lap, and clicks wildly around the screen. She opens and closes things so quickly, it looks like a laser light show right there on my desk.

Ultimately, she'll announce my system is "configured differently than hers and it can't be done," whatever it was that I was trying to do. I'm going to use that next time I have to fill out a new form for the IRS. I'll simply explain, "The configuration is different than my system, and it can't be done." When I worked for the state government, we didn't make "mistakes." "Oversights occurred" instead. Next time I forget to buy snacks before a big game, I'll announce it as an "oversight." Wish me luck.

In defense of know-it-alls, they often do know a lot. My office mate has been very helpful with some things. It's the manner in which the expertise is delivered that is defining. It's the quick, overly decisive reaction to the issue at hand, and a take-over style that sets the true animal apart. Don't confuse the know-it-all with the busybody, though. They appear the same initially; however the busybody has little or no expertise in the area of question, only great energy and astounding stamina in finding a resolution. The key difference between them is that a know-it-all may be helpful, while a busybody is rarely helpful, as illustrated in the previously mentioned dishwasher episode.

So how do you handle these highly energized people? If you have just identified yourself as a know-it-all, I urge you to learn even more, because sometimes you are helpful, and you could even be more helpful. Just slow down a bit, and try adding a "What do you think?" occasionally.

If you're more of a busybody, exploring an engaging hobby might be a good outlet for your enthusiasm. Try to pick something with a national convention since these are usually held in large hotels where you'll have plenty of space in which to dash around and expound whatever knowledge you think you have. As for the rest of us, Barbara Tortarella, our recent presenter, might recommend a deep breath and a sense of humor. Remember, you only want to get a cup of coffee, not to learn how to make it.

Our next AAUW presentation, which is free and open to the public, will be March 11, at 7 p.m., at Thayer Public Library, Braintree. The 19th century saw many changes in the way woman experienced and understood their place in everyday life. Dr. Margaret Lamberts Bendroth, historian, author and executive director of the Congregational Library in Boston, will speak on how these women's aspirations shaped feminism and social change in America.

Holders of associate's or bachelor's degrees who live in the South Shore towns from Plymouth to Quincy are welcome to join the Hingham Area Branch. To learn more about AAUW, call Patricia McKay at 781-337-3375 or email: hollie@gallivan.org. Visit the branch Web site at aauw-ma.org and follow the links to the Hingham Branch.

Gwen Sayian is a Hingham resident and member of AAUW.

AAUW to present program on '19th Century Woman'

Hingham Area Branch of the American Association of University Women will present a program titled "The 19th Century Woman: a Historian's View From the 21st Century" at 7 p.m., on March 11. This is free and open to the public. The program will be at Thayer Public Library, Logan Auditorium, second floor, 798 Washington St., Braintree.

Margaret Lamberts Bendroth – historian, author and executive director of the Congregational Library, Boston, will be the featured speaker. The 19th century saw many changes in the way women experienced and understood their place in everyday life. Hear Bendroth speak on how these women's aspirations shaped the forces of feminism and social change in America.

Bendroth is the author of several books including: "Fundamentalism & Gender, 1875 to the Present," "Growing up Protestant: Parents, Children, and Mainline Churches" and "Fundamentalists in the City: Conflict and Division in Boston's Churches, 1885-1950." She has written numerous articles on women and, religion. Before coming to the Congregational Library, Bendroth served as professor of history at Calvin College in Michigan specializing in 20th century history, women's history and the history of American religion. She has taught courses in the Beacon Hill Seminars program, Boston Center for Adult Education, Northeastern, and Andover-Newton Theological School.

Bendroth received her bachelor of art's degree in history from Cornell, her master of arts degree in church history from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and her doctorate degree in American history from Johns Hopkins.

Hingham Area Branch of the American Association of University Women seeks and welcomes new members from the South Shore area who hold an associate or equivalent, or baccalaureate or higher degree from a qualified educational institution. Undergraduates may join the branch as AAUW student affiliates. AAUW members believe in the power of education to change women's lives.

'Slam Dunk Skippers'

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



Yes, the Cohasset Girls Varsity Basketball team has jump shot its way to an outstanding season.

Forget the NBA; this year CHS is possibly home to some future female Michael Jordans. Yes, the Cohasset Girls Varsity Basketball team has jump shot its way to an outstanding season. Monday established the near pinnacle of their athletic triumph as they squashed Nantucket 52-32 in the Division 4 South Shore Semi Finals. Consequently, the girls will play Millis on Friday for a chance to dominate and thus continue their road to a championship title by playing next Tuesday at TD Banknorth Garden…. What an exciting prospect! Good Luck ladies.

On Thursday, kids from all grades showed their hunger for art by competing in the annual "Eat Your Art" competition. With the guidance and creativity of high school art teacher, Ms. Berkowitz, students were given the chance to create masterpieces out of ALL edible foods. If your child suffered from never ending stickiness and sugar rushes, then rest assured it was all in the name of art! Also, the National Honor Society has setup a food fund and a drop off box for all donated goods in the High School office. The person who brings in the most donations (of food) will be awarded a prize! The contributions will help out the Cohasset Food Pantry.

In other "news," this week was shortened thanks to those oh-so-convenient Professional Days. With only a three and a half day school week, kids tried their best to hold back their anticipation. What is proving to be more thrilling is the prospect of summer vacation a mere three months away…. let's try and keep it together until then! All we need now is a little bit of sunshine to incubate an outbreak of Spring fever!

Now, for the week's top stories:

- Monday: As mentioned above, the girl's basketball team played and won against Nantucket.
- Tuesday: Excitement grew as both "Eat Your Art" and a the promise of a long weekend grew closer!
- Wednesday: New NHS inductees met after school to host their elections for next year's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer positions.
- Thursday: A much needed half-day!
- Friday: No School!

That's it for me this week! Have a great weekend.

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

Cohasset High advances to semifinals in State Drama Festival

Last Saturday in Attleboro, nine students from Cohasset High School took the stage to present their one-act play, "A Whole New You" in the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival. Seven other schools were assigned to that site to present their works, including Acton-Boxborough RHS, Attleboro HS, Catholic Memorial, Marian HS, Montrose School, Newton Country Day School and Wilbraham & Monson Academy. At the end of a very long but exciting day, the Cohasset cast was rewarded by being selected as one of three plays to move on to the semifinal round on March 15.

According to director Stephanie Noble, the cast was nervous as they gathered their props and prepared the stage but once dialogue began and got their first laugh they knew they had something special. "Every thought, every movement and gesture was spot on. The cast took what they rehearsed and delivered it like pros. It's not easy to get to this point but cast members worked together and listened to each others ideas and suggestions and brought this work to life."

This year, 118 high schools from around the state competed in the prestigious festival that is celebrating its 77th year. From last week's preliminary round, 42 schools have been selected to advance to the semifinals.

"Our cast lit up that stage and had the audience in the palm of their hand," said co-director Barbara Baumgarten. "Each one brought great energy and something new to their performance that day. It was a thrilling moment when they announced our name as a semifinalist, I think we all exploded. I am so proud of them and I can't wait for them to move on."

The cast of "A Whole New You" by Alan Haehnel includes in order of appearance: Tara Goodwin as Ms. Fowler, Sally Meehan as Sandy, Andrew Bell as Dad, Logan Pratt as Option One and Mom, Natalie Dignam as Ms. Chichester, Greta Shwachman as Option Two and Option Four, Mark Seraikas as Roger, Lauren Mack as Option Three, and Ellie Baumgarten as Miss Florem.



The cast of the Cohasset HS production of "A Whole New You" is all smiles after their winning performance at the Massachusetts Drama Festival.

"We are honored, yet humbled to be in the next round with some large schools with distinguished and legendary drama programs."

— Stephanie Noble, director

"This is a big deal and very important to us," adds Noble. "We are honored, yet humbled to be in the next round with some large schools with distinguished and legendary drama programs. We will take a close look at what we presented last week and try to incorporate the judges' comments to improve. We may be little but we've got heart and talent to boot."

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $5,000 scholarships are available at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive, Hingham.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application *in person* at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Tuesday (April 15).

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

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Decals honor Tim Mahoney

The Cohasset Fire Department is selling blue and white decals featuring Tim Mahoney's initials and the No. 9, which was Tim's jersey number for both the hockey and lacrosse teams at Scituate High where he was a sophomore.

Tim's father, Frank Mahoney, is a Cohasset Fire Captain.

The decals, which sell for $5 each, are available at the Cohasset Fire Headquarters on Elm Street or by calling 781-383-0616. (*Please note, an incorrect phone number was provided last week*).

Every dollar we take in will go to the Timothy J. Mahoney Mem-orial Fund, which has been set up at Scituate Federal Savings Bank, 72 Front St., Scituate, MA 02066.

Tim, 16, was killed in a single-car accident Feb. 2 on Route 3A between Mendel Road and Pond Street. The driver, Chris Barrow, 18, and a senior at Scituate High, remains hospitalized.



The decals are available for $5 each at the fire department on Elm Street.

Rev. Liz Walker to speak at New North

The Rev. Liz Walker, the former WBZ-TV news anchor, is coming to Hingham's New North Church on Palm Sunday, March 16, to speak about her humanitarian work in Darfur.

Rev. Walker will preach the sermon at New North's 10:30 a.m. service. The entire community is welcome to come h ar her at the Palm Sunday service, which wil' feature the music of South Shore trumpet soloist Ted Haines.

Following the service, at noon, Rev. Walker will speak and show some of her video work on Darfur at a special luncheon in the second floor ballroom of New North's parish house wing. People who cannot attend the service but would like to come to the luncheon talk are welcome to do so, but to help with planning it is requested a reservation be made by calling the church at 781-749-2341 or by registering online at newnorthchurch-hingham.org. There is no charge for the luncheon, though attendees will be requested to make voluntary donations to My Sister's Keeper, a relief organization co-founded by Rev. Walker.

Rev. Walker is an ordained elder at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal church in Jamaica Plain, where she leads the youth worship ministry. Prior to taking up her ministry, she worked at WBZ News for 21 years and was recognized as one of Boston's most popular television journalists.

In the summer of 2001, Rev. Walker traveled with Bethel pastors Ray and Gloria Hammond on a fact-finding mission on the controversial slave trade in Sudan in East Africa. Moved by the human rights atrocities she witnessed there, Rev. Walker co-founded the humanitarian organization "My Sister's Keeper," which focuses on providing advocacy and support for economic and educational initiatives in Sudan.

Rev. Walker shot her own video footage during that first journey and produced a number of television specials including one that earned the Edward R. Murrow Award from the New England Radio Television News Director's Association in 2002. She has since returned to Sudan a number of times and has completed a new documentary titled "A Glory from the God," which profiles Reverend Gloria's leadership in the movement to end genocide in Darfur.



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Everyone is welcome to come hear the Rev. Liz Walker at the Palm Sunday service, which will feature the music of South Shore trumpet soloist Ted Haines.

For more information about Rev. Walker and her work in Africa, visit mskeeper.org or lizwalkerjourneyproductions.org.

A 2005 graduate of Harvard Divinity School, Rev. Walker has received numerous honors for her community service work. She currently is a member of the Kitchen Cabinet of One Family Organization to end homelessness in Massachusetts. She also serves on the Board of Trustees for Andover Newton Theological Seminary and the Advisory Board for the New England Chapter of the United Nations International Children's Educational Fund.

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Bernstein Tribute May 9 (8pm), May 10 (2pm & 8pm) & June 3 (8pm) — Keith Lockhart, conductor

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JazzFest June 10-11 (8pm) & June 21 (8pm) & June 22 (7:30pm) — Jeff Tyzik, conductor (Jun 10-11); Keith Lockhart, conductor(Jun 21-22)

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A Little Night Music June 12-14 — Keith Lockhart, conductor

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Broadway's Leading Man June 17-18 — Keith Lockhart, conductor

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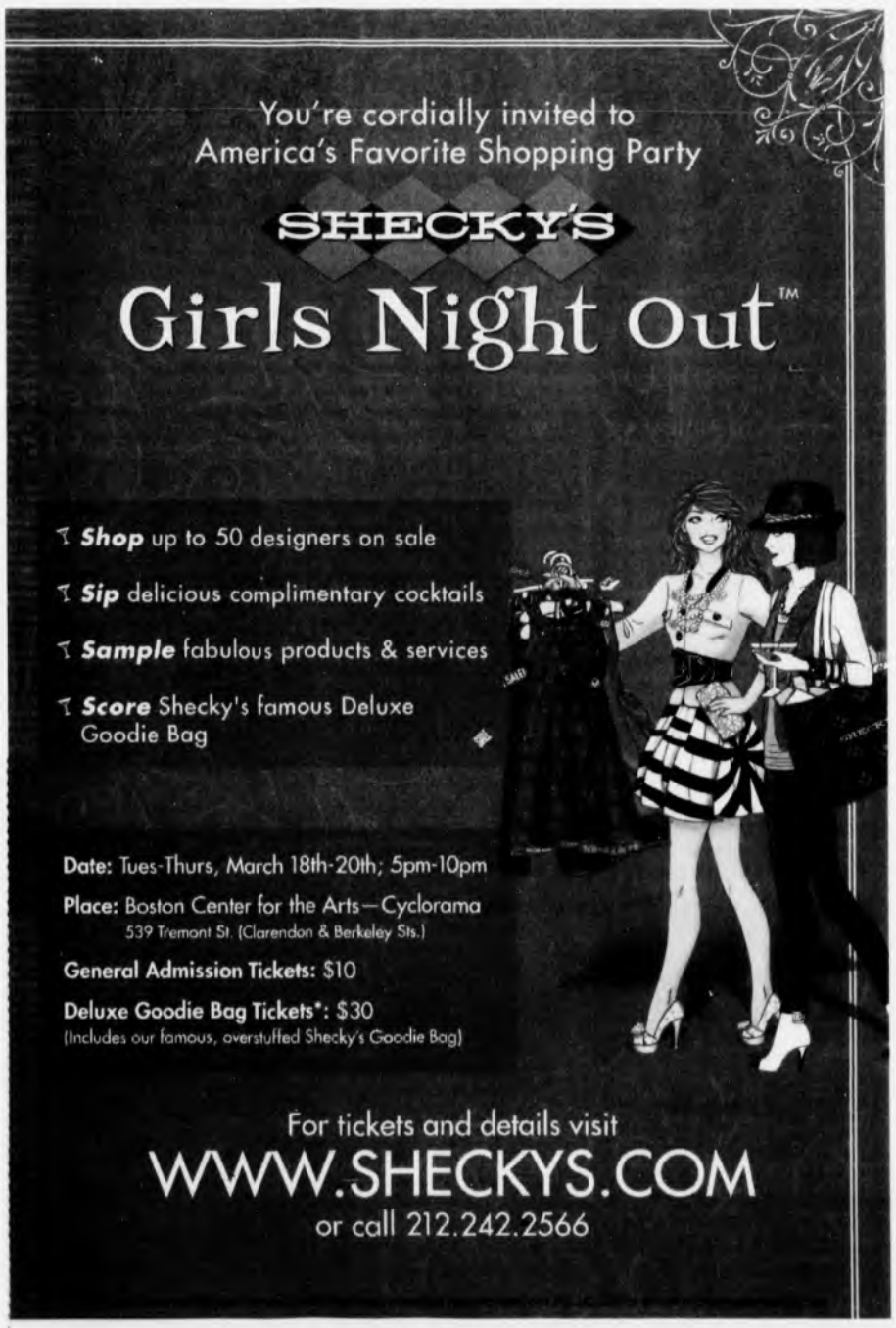
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Mountain magic at Sugarloaf in Maine

Nancy Olesin
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

CARRABASSETT VALLEY, Maine -

Sugarloaf is far into Maine, about 260 miles from the Boston area, but come here and you'll be skiing without all those beautiful people (i.e., New Yorkers) who infest tonier big mountain resorts like Killington and Stowe. That in itself is worth the trip.

So is the fact Sugarloaf is the state's highest skiable peak and has choice snow conditions well into the month of April.

What you get here is a friendly, family destination with great skiing.

Rising from the Carrabassett Valley, the central Maine resort has trails and glades challenging enough for the best hotshots. Sugarloaf has the only lift-serviced, above-treeline skiing in the East. Ride the Timberline Quad lift for a 360-degree view from the top where you can see as far as Mount Washington in New Hampshire or across to Mount Katahdin, Maine's highest peak. Experts will cherish skiing the ungroomed Snowfields, although they're sometimes closed because of high winds.

Make no mistake, Sugarloaf is a big mountain. There's also plenty of beginner and intermediate terrain to please those just getting started skiing or looking to improve. Easier trails like Timberline give even beginners a chance to ski from the summit. And, unlike mega-resorts where the trails are spread out over several mountains, all 134 trails here lead to the lodge. It's perfect for families trying to reconnect while not necessarily skiing together.



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A snowboarder carves the freshly groomed corduroy.

To ski in New England is to be prepared for icy terrain, but the area's snow making (95 percent) and grooming is impressive. The payoff is that lift lines are short or non-existent. And the friendly atmosphere extends to the lifties" who all seemed to have a friendly word when my family of six (four skiers and two snowboarders) visited for a long weekend.

A bit rusty? Take a 90-minute "Learn to Turn" clinic lesson, included with many ski-and-stay packages. Veteran instructors like Kevin Casey can teach you how to use your skis' edges to your best advantage. Casey's advice helped build my confidence about skiing on steeper and icier terrain. One exercise, which involved holding your poles in front of you and handing them from left to right and back during a turn, really helped me improve my turns.

Expert snowboarders play and ride in The Yard, opened just last year. At more than 400 feet wide and a half-mile long, it also has a SuperPipe with 21-foot-high walls for Olympic-style contests. Meanwhile, the Stomping Grounds has a MiniPipe and a series of smaller features, rails and jumps that are best for working on the fundamentals of freestyle park riding.

While the resort has traditional hotel rooms, you can also opt for a condo. We stayed in a three-bedroom condo out of the hubbub of the main lodge area. Just yards from the base of the Snubber lift, it was private and had easy trail access. And the condo came with a fireplace in a cozy living area and a well-equipped kitchen where we made some of our own easy meals, like spaghetti and chili.

But don't miss eating at one of the resort's restaurants. The Shipyard Brew Haus (207-237-6837; main courses from $9.95 to $20) has seating with comfy upholstered armchairs in the "Living Room" or at picnic tables near the bar. When we dined, folk musicians Uncle Al and Kenny were performing songs by Dylan and Simon and Garfunkel. Try the Sesame Seared Beef with Spicy Thai Orange Ginger or a burger sprinkled with Montreal seasoning, and accompany it with a beer brewed in Portland. Desserts, like Peanut Butter and Chocolate Ooey Goooey Cake, were as good as they sound and large enough to share.

In the main lodge in the Village Center, have lunch in the Narrow Gauge Cafe, which has hearty choices like pulled pork and chicken sandwiches and broccoli cheddar cheese soup.

The dress code at Sugarloaf is casual, but at The Rack, flannel shirts might be required. Located on the access road just as you enter the resort, it's a fun spot with some of the best pork ribs (207-237-2211; a half-rack is $14.95) I've tasted. If ribs aren't your thing, try one of several Angus beef burgers, chicken dishes or the standout nachos piled high with chili, cheese and veggies. After the lifts close late Sunday afternoon, the entertainment starts with The Steves, made up of a bunch of guys named Steve, who play until about 7:30. When was the last time you heard the '70s country anthem Up Against the Wall Redneck Mother"? Yep, it's that kind of rockin' place.

You can also get into the center of the action by taking the free shuttle to the Village Center where there's food and nightly music in the Widowmaker Lounge.

Find time during your stay to take a swim and a soak in the condo's neighborhood recreational center (for condo residents only). With a warm indoor pool, three hot tubs and a Swedish sauna, it was a relaxing retreat for the adults in our group after the drive from Boston and a great way for the kids to blow off steam.

As another water option open to everyone, the Sugarloaf Fitness Center in the Village Center has a large pool and indoor hot tubs (as well as up-to-date weight training equipment, saunas and, on the lower level, racquetball or wallyball for $15 an hour). But the real treat is to soak in one of the outdoor hot tubs at night and see the stars sparkling like diamonds in the black sky.

Slidin', glidin' and jumpin'

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Oversized martinis are among the attractions at Mystic's Bravo Bravo. The restaurant also gets raves for its Italian bistro fare.

Head to Mystic for Italian fare and seafaring tradition

Julie Hatfield
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Mystic, Conn. -

You would expect, arriving hungry in Mystic, Conn., the historic seafaring place, to order a big bowl of clam chowder and a hunk of broiled cod.

That's available, of course, in a town that is home to the world's largest maritime museum and a wonderful collection of preserved sailing ships and memorabilia. But you shouldn't bother with seafood, because the best restaurant in town is an Italian bistro.

Bravo Bravo on Main Street in the center of town, is a small, cozy, upscale restaurant that Zagat says is ``better than most New York restaurants." And they are right.

Located in front of the hodgepodge Whalers Inn - a good place to overnight - Bravo Bravo's bar serves oversized martinis, and its dining room of about a dozen tables fills up instantly every night it's open because the food is that wonderful.

Appetizers - most of which are built into pretty, gravity-defying architectural structures - include polenta torte with sun-dried tomato pesto, goat cheese and roast vegetables ($8.95) and baked mozzarella layered between croutons topped with a savory garlic sauce for the same price.

Entrees can be anything from champagne risotto with lobster and asparagus ($19.95) to stuffed veal medallion with a garlic spinach cheese in a shiitake mushroom sauce ($21.95).

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It is absolutely essential to make reservations for this popular place, which sits alongside big picture windows where diners can see and be seen.

While in Mystic, don't miss the chance to sample the pizzas at Mystic Pizza, the pizzeria made famous by the 1988 Julia Roberts movie of the same name, where crowds still line up outside every lunchtime for their little slice of heaven.

Spend time inside Mystic Seaport and you'll feel you have moved back to a 19th century seafaring village, or drive a half hour or so and do some 21st century gaming at Foxwoods or Mohegan Sun casinos.

Mystic is about 99 miles from Boston, on I-95 South to Exit 90 in Connecticut. For more information on Bravo Bravo in the Whalers Inn, call 860-536-3228. Rooms at the Whalers Inn are $105-$259 per night (www.whalersinnmystic.com; or 800-243-2588).

Mountain magic at Sugarloaf in Maine

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Tubing: Not a skier or rider? For $15, try slidin' downhill on a cushioned doughnut. With its own handle-tow lift, the Turbo Tubing Park has four 1,000-foot shoots off the lower mountain. It's open 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturdays.

Cross-Country: Trek through the woods on the cross-country trails at the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center. Trade in your same-day downhill lift ticket for a free Nordic trail pass and equipment any time before 3:30 p.m. Otherwise, Nordic passes cost $17 for adults, $10 for kids 6-12 and free if you're 5 or younger.

About a mile from the main resort area, the center has both classic Nordic and the newer skiskating style equipment that takes a bit more skill. For novices, there's plenty of easy beginner trails that offer a great aerobic workout. With 105 km (about 63 miles) of groomed trail loops, the area also attracts advanced Nordic skiers. A hawk may fly across the trail as you ski through quiet woods.

Snowshoes and skates: Snap on snowshoes ($20 rental) and take one of the Nordic trail loops at a slower pace. If it's cold enough for hard ice, take a spin afterward on the new outdoor rink. Skate rentals are $7.

Antigravity: The Carrabassett Valley Antigravity Complex (207-237-5566) has nothing to do with NASA's space program but everything to do with family fun. The facility, near the access road to Sugarloaf, was developed by the town of Carrabassett Valley and Carrabassett Valley Academy, whose alumni includes Olympic skier Bode Miller (Class of 1996). Challenge yourself on the rock-climbing wall, jump on the two Olympic-size trampolines or run on the indoor track. There's a weight room, fitness classes and a skate park with a 10-foot-deep bowl as well. Although the hours are limited (be sure to call ahead to make reservations), most activities cost $5 for kids and $8 for adults.

IF YOU go...

Getting there: Sugarloaf is near Kingfield, Maine, about 4-1/2-hours from the Boston area.

Staying there: Ski & Stay packages, which include lodging and lifts but not downhill rentals, start at $99 a night per person.

Skiing there: If you're staying elsewhere, a full-day alpine lift ticket at Sugarloaf (Feb. 16-March 30) is $72 for adults 19+; $61 for ages 13-18; $49 for ages 6-12; and free for children 5 and younger. After March 30, lift ticket prices are reduced.

Summer Fun: Sugarloaf is a four-season resort. The resort's golf course has been ranked No. 1 for the past five years by Golf Digest magazine. In warmer weather, try fly-fishing, take a moose tour, hike or go mountain biking. The resort is just off the Appalachian Trail.

For more information, go to www.sugarloaf.com or call 800-THE-LOAF.

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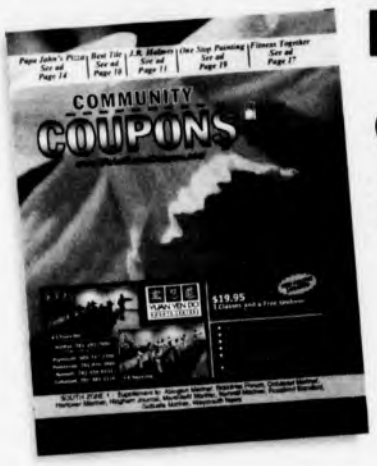
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SPORTS FANS



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New England Revolution soccer star, Taylor Twellman, is surrounded by Cohasset athletes, Megan Richardson, Dominque Rioux, and Charlotte Malone during the grand opening of the CATZ Sports Performance Center, 35 Pond Park Dr., in Hingham last week. Originally launched in California to train high-profile athletes, CATZ has adapted its sports-training philosophy for aspiring young athletes.

Abbey to exhibit at New England Flower Show

For the first time in its history, Glastonbury Abbey, a community of Benedictine monks, in Hingham, has entered an exhibit in the New England Flower Show March 8 through 16 at Bay State Exposition Center, Boston.

The Abbey exhibit, titled "An Invitation to the Bell," will feature its historic bell tower, an actual herb garden and a variety of plants and trees, all symbolic of its site on 60 acres on a Hingham hillside, just off the intersection of Routes 3A South and 228.

The exhibit has been designed and constructed by volunteer members of the Abbey worshipping community which includes Frances O'Toole, a flower show past award winner, Tess Simkus, a potter and Montessori school teacher, co-chairwomen; Nancy Cusack, a professor at Massachusetts College of Art and Design, John Doolan, a Scituate/Norwell contractor, and Jan Doucette, an industrial designer. Many other Abbey people have helped with their time and expertise.

The Abbey tower was constructed in 1920 by an Irish mason, Moriarty, for William Skilton, a wool merchant from Boston, who used it to look out over the nearby Atlantic Ocean and also for summer entertaining. In the Abbey's early years, the space was used by the monks for daily prayer but has since remained as a symbol of the Abbey's roots in Glastonbury Abbey, Somerset, England, where the monastery was a haven for visitors seeking serenity, healing and solace in a chaotic world.

The Abbey also offers a complete bookstore, the only one of its kind in the area, which offers a full range of titles across faiths and practices including spiritual, philosophical and inspirational, children's books, stationery, CDs, and a variety of religious gift jewelry and other items.

Founded in 1954, the Abbey conducts religious and other retreats at its two retreat houses, Stonecrest and the Whiting House, and also offers its accommodations to individuals and groups as a place for short, quiet respites. Its Abbey Center is a separate conference center available to large and small groups, business, educational and private, for meetings, luncheons and other gatherings.

New member gathering

Join the Scituate Cohasset Newcomers Club from 10 a.m. to noon, on Thursday, March 13, for a new member gathering. Sign up with Kelly at k-dlee@hotmail.com or by calling 545-0866. Kids are welcome; juice boxes and snacks will be provided.

Those unable to attend the gathering can visit the Web site at scnewcomers.com for more information. The club has many activities planned for the rest of the year.

Election supper is April 3

The Annual Election Supper, a springtime tradition, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street. Candidates and voters are invited to get together for dinner on Thursday evening, April 3, at 6:30. Dinner will include roast pork, roast potatoes, carrots, Harvard beets, dessert as well as beverages. Before dinner, all candidates will be introduced. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Bible Study series continues on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Practical Christianity. Some Christians commonly view the Old Testament as a storybook-full of fascinating tales, yet ancient and irrelevant to modern reality. This exceptional 10-week study from *Insight For Living* with *Chuck Swindoll* will help you blow the dust off these timeworn chronicles and discover enduring truths that relate directly to you, while translating into reliable patterns for godly living. Experience familiar passages as never before, and find fresh inspiration in the memorable scenes revisited. Follow the examples of faithful Old Testament heroes such as Abraham, Joseph, David, and many others as you learn to apply timeless biblical principles to your everyday life. Please join us.

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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, March 9

8 a.m. - Circle Ministry in the Parish House/Atkinson Room - Group led by Bill Baird & Kirk Jackisch and meeting 2nd & 4th Sundays)

10 a.m.– Come join us at Second Parish Unitarian Universalist in Hingham (685 Main Street) for our Annual Union Service of five UU congregations on the South Shore (First Parish UU in Cohasset, First Parish UU in Scituate, First Parish UU in Norwell, First Parish (Old Ship) UU in Hingham, and Second Parish UU in Hingham - Theme: "Taking the Fifth: Our Religious Practice of Democracy"

Choirs of all five congregations will join voices as the Union Choir! Our offering goes to the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry.

Religious Education for Children at the Union Service features a World Unity Song Circle, with Dawna Hammers.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday morning. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately follow the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

Lent began Feb. 6th with a 7:30pm Ash Wednesday service in the chapel. Our Lenten Study Group, Positive Thinking… Priceless, began at 6:30 on Wednesday Feb. 13th. Bring you own brown bag supper and we will provide beverages/desserts as we view the DVD "The Secret" by Rhonda Byrne.

A Seder Meal in a Christian context will be offered on Sunday March 16th at 5pm (call for reservations). Holy Week and Easter services will begin with a Maundy Thursday traditional Tenebrae service (with Communion) at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Easter Sunday March 23rd will offer a choice of three services: 7:30 am Sunrise at Sandy Beach (dress causally and warmly), 9:15am in the sanctuary (intergenerational with children's musical performances), 11 am in the sanctuary (traditional service with adult choir).

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites you to join us this Lent.

This week, St. Stephen's welcomes our new rector, the Reverend Margot Critchfield!

Services on Sunday are at 8 am and 10 am.

We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. For information on us go to www.ststephenscohasset.org or to learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

Coming up this week:

Saturday, March 8 – 7 am Bible Fellowship

Sunday, March 9 – Services at 8 am and 10 am

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 16th at 11 a.m. - Palm Sunday Service. Thursday, March 20th at 7 p.m. - Holy Thursday Service. Friday, March 21st at 3 p.m. - Good Friday Service. Silence will be observed on the grounds from 12 noon to 3 p.m.. Sunday, March 23rd at 11 a.m. - Easter Sunday service.

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Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

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The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

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"The earth is but one country and mankind it's citizens" 1(800)22-UNITE www.bahai.us

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Obituaries

Diane E. Seppala

Gallery artists, landscape designer and expert gardener

Diane E. (Waid) Seppala, 65, of Duxbury, died at the Kidndred Hospital Northeast in Braintree on Sunday Dec. 30, 2007 from complication of Eastern Equine Encephalitis infection.

She was born in Hackensack, N.J. and was raised in Braintree and graduated from Braintree High School. She attended the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston for several years. She was an artist who painted in oil and also mixed media. She prepared collages among other works.

Mrs. Seppala was a gallery artist who had won many prizes and awards. She was associated with the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. She was a landscape designer and an expert gardener.

She leaves her husband James W. Seppala; two sons: James P. Seppala married to Liane Seppala of Cohasset and Paul David Seppala married to Holly Seppala of Effingham, N.H. She also leaves two grandchildren Axel Seppala and Dagmar Seppala of Cohasset.

A memorial service is being planned for the spring.

Arrangements are by the Mortimer N. Peck-Russell Peck Funeral Chapels Inc. of Braintree and Weymouth.

Memorial Donations may be sent to the charity of the donor's choice.

Dorothy DiTullio

Grandmother

Dorothy "Dottie" DiTullio, 77, of Cohasset, died March 5, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. DiTullio will be remembered by many good friends on the South Shore and in Naples, Fla., for her caring nature. Throughout her year-long struggle with lung cancer, she remained bright, hopeful and affirmed the gift of life.

She leaves her children, Lisa DiTullio and her husband, George Martinez, of Cohasset, Bobby Lewis DiTullio of New Orleans, La., and Janine DiTullio of New York, N.Y.; her grandchildren, Kaleigh and Geoffrey; and her nieces Mimi, Tishy and Kathy.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 8, at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset, at a time to be announced. Visiting hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m., on Friday, March 7, at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the LUNGevity Foundation, 2421 North Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60614.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

Worship Notes

Pianist Elaine Kwon to play concert at St. Stephen's

St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset will be presenting New York pianist Elaine Kwon in recital on the Palm Sunday, March 16, at 3 p.m.. Prize-winning Kwon, DMA, has performed solo and chamber concerts throughout the US, Canada, and Asia. Most recent performances in New York include artist composed and choreographed productions and venues at the Angel Orensanz Theater and Lincoln Center, and a program at Carnegie Hall is in preparation. Dr. Kwon is an Affiliated Artist at MIT in Cambridge, and Ambassador of the Women's World Conference to be held in Bulgaria. Her website is www.elainekwon.com. Elaine has won many prizes in the area of Tai Kwon Do, and had appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show, as well as hosting her New York television series. Dr. Kwon is known for her clarity in performance and her great technical skill – this is a program not to miss!

The recital will be held in the Music Room at St. Stephen's and will be introduced by music director of the parish, David Baker. A reception will follow the program.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave., is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call 781.383.1083.

St. Joseph Retreat Center schedule of events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, is hosting the following upcoming programs:

- March 7 through 9, "Behold Your Life." Lenten retreat weekend to rest, reflect and journal with memories.
- Wednesday, March 12, Morning of Prayer, "Do Not Be Afraid."
- March 20 through 23, Triduum Retreat from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday.

For more information and to register, visit csjretreatcenter.org or call or call 781-383-6024.

St. Anthony's to host 'Beef & Blarney' Night

St. Anthony Parish, 129 South Main St., Cohasset, will host the 11th annual "Beef & Blarney" Irish Social Night on Saturday, March 15. Featured entertainment will be Irish band The O'Reillys and the Nevin School of Irish Step Dancing. Cooking will be chef Paul Guinee and crew. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a sit-down dinner of corned beef and cabbage and all the fixings at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Price is $25 per person and $15 for seniors 65 years and older. A limited number of tickets are still available. To purchase tickets, call the parish office at 781-383-0219.

Legal Notices

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No.06P0964EP
Notice of Fiduciary's Account

To the persons interested in the estate of Ethel S. Gormley a/k/a Ethel J. Gormley late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk .

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 1st and final account (s) of Sarah L Schumaker and Sean P. Higgins as co-executrix (the fiduciary) of said estate has been presented to this Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account (s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before the **25th day of March,2008** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney of the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

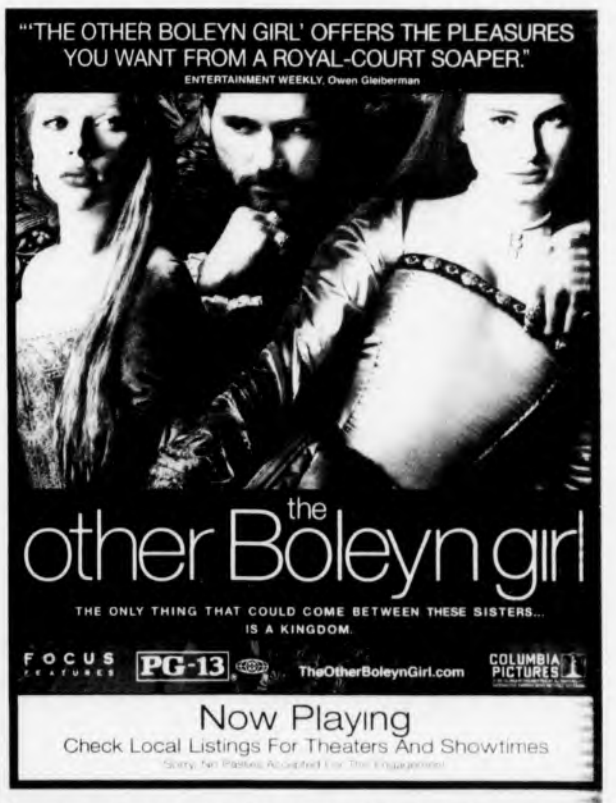
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

10 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, walk in medical, eye flush.

11:27 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party reports she was driving across the Border Street Bridge and she isn't sure if a rock has fallen from the cliff or if kids were throwing them, but something hit her windshield and smashed it. Officer reports large amounts of heavy snow are falling from the trees into the road.

11:45 a.m. **Border St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports there are about five kids near the Border Street Bridge "whipping" snow down at passing cars.

4:23 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:47 p.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window, caller stated that her neighbors' side door has been open all day and she doest believe they are home. Officer reports area search negative, door secured.

7:36 p.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

12:28 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window. Building checks secure. Door secured.

12:57 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:58 a.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, motor vehicles appear to belong to a cleaning crew. Unable to contact parties inside the building. Left message for both contact parties.

3:53 a.m. **HQ.**, bolo announcement, domestic.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, calm, 26.

9:27 a.m. Medical aid.

9:56 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:02 a.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller reports a woman they have a no trespass order on was trying to shop.

7:59 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

8:15 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire, (misc.), caller is having electrical problems. Everything is ok, all units clear.

MONDAY, FEB. 25

7:19 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard (traffic), caller reports on north bound side there is a case of water in the middle of the road causing a traffic hazard. Officer unable to locate.

9:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:42 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, public service, officer to assist walk in party to pick up belongings.

10:14 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:42 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Osgood/Deerhill School check.

11:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, investigation. Cohasset man summoned on charges: Larceny over $250, forgery of check, uttering false check.

1:22 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:55 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, officer wanted, caller reports two women who look to be in their 70's going from door to door about religion. Officer spoke with these parties, no problems.

3:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports two suspicious male youths wandering the parking lot like they may be up to something. Officers report no one in the area at this time, also they have checked the cars in the lot and there doesn't appear to be any damage to them.

4:58 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:59 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance, caller reports a group of kids throwing ice and snow at cars. Officer reports he spoke with the caller and searched the area, nothing found.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

12:51 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer reports building appears secured.

12:52 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building appears secured.

2:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, caller (store clerk) reports unknown type medical – subject inside vehicle at above location.

7:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:05 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, hazard (traffic), the lights are stuck flashing and the bells ringing. MBTA notified and sending someone out.

8:51 a.m. **Country Way, Scituate**, fire, structure, mutual aid for a kitchen fire.

9:11 a.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, multiple callers report a fight at this location. Officers searching the area for a small white vehicle. Partial plate, white Accord or Honda Civic, officer reports someone yelling on a phone, a clerk asked him to quiet down and he began to yell profanities at him and took off.

9:29 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:40 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Osgood/Deerhill School check.

10:07 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:38 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, approximately 10 minutes ago, caller reports she arrived home from grocery shopping and there was a silver/gold car in her driveway, two males inside the vehicle, driver was heavyset, passenger had dark hair, when they saw her approach they backed out of her driveway, the passenger was covering his face as they drove away. Bolo given out to surrounding towns. Vehicle, a 4 door Sedan, possibly a Dodge. Unknown direction of travel.

11:47 a.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, caller reports the party in the white car from a previous call has come back and is yelling racial slurs. One male in custody. Arrest: Peter Maverick, 93 South Main St., Cohasset. Charges: Disorderly conduct, assault, resisting arrest, failure to stop for police.

12:33 p.m. **Summer St.**, property (lost), walk in party reports he has lost his cell phone somewhere at home. Black Motorola flip phone.

1:55 p.m. **Quincy Court**, prisoner transport.

4:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:50 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, 911 caller reports male party from earlier incident has returned to the area. Advised party not to return to the area.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

12:52 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:52 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5:44 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:20 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, thick, black smoke coming from the chimney.

6:38 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:46 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy, calm, 38.

8:34 a.m. **Elm St.**, fingerprinting/photos.

9:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, detail officer requests an officer regarding a party trying to off load some wood.

11:17 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:24 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Bound Brook Lane**, traffic enforcement.

4:37 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, bolo for a red 92 Buick Sedan – driven by a 35-year-old male working as a carpenter.

7:33 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, property (recovered).

8:01 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:18 p.m. **Town of Cohasset**, icy road conditions.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

1:15 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny (report), investigated, caller states "some wheels and tires were stolen sometime during the night."

8 a.m. Weather: Snow, calm, 23.

8:02 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:45 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, traffic enforcement.

12:31 p.m. **South Main St.**, follow-up.

12:58 p.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

2:47 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire alarm activation, call directly into Fire HQ for a smoke detector sounding and a smell of smoke. E3 reports smoke from a toaster oven.

3:48 p.m. **South Main St.**, public service, caller reports he is out of town and his neighbor called him to tell him his garage door is open, he would like an officer to check this out. Officer on scene reports there is an open door. Officer reports residence appears secured.

4:16 p.m. **South Main St.**, protective custody, caller reports subject slumped over – inside the vehicle, across from above location – dark green Camry, officer requesting ice pack for PC. 53-year-old Hull woman in protective custody.

FRIDAY, FEB. 29

2:31 a.m. **South Main St.**, assist citizen, female party states there are noises coming from the backyard. Caller was a bit incohert, may have medical issues.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, calm, 16.

9:08 a.m. **Summer St.**, fire, (misc.).

9:43 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports smoke coming form her chimney, she states she hasn't had a fire and there is no smell of smoke in the house. E3 reports this was an oil burner concern, no problems, companies are clear.

9:51 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:36 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:49 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury. Caller reports someone hit his car while he was parked and inside the bank. Hull PD checked out the suspected vehicle, no matching damage, calling party was notified of this.

2:13 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

2:42 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:05 p.m. **Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:39 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Lezette F. Gomes, 24, 12 Dayton Rd., Scituate. Charges: Possession of Class D drug, marked lanes violation, passing violation. Arrest: Sean Adam Brindley, 26, 30 Wompatuck Ave., Scituate. Charges: Possession of Class D drug.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

1:10 a.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop. 23-year-old Weymouth man summoned on charges: Uninsured motor vehicle, number plate violation.

1:43 a.m. **All Over Town**, icy road conditions. Cohasset DPW notified.

5:30 a.m. **South Main St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Scituate Police report erratic operation, call came from another motor vehicle that is following the 1st motor vehicle. Direction of travel was Country Way in Scituate headed towards Cohasset.

8 a.m. Weather: Snow, 22.

11:01 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:10 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:11 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:22 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Forest Circle**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:26 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

12:58 a.m. **Joy Pl.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle all over the road. Silver BMW.

1:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:13 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:30 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

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10:31 a.m. **Summer St., and South Main St.**, officer wanted, caller reports she drives a bus for senior citizens and there is a woman on the bus who is not on her list and refuses to get off the bus. Officer reports the woman is not on the bus at this time. She was not on the list and there was no room for her.

4:36 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Bound Brook Lane**, officer wanted, caller reports two boys, one in a white sweatshirt and the other in a blue sweatshirt throwing ice at cars.

5:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Hingham reports a caller notified them that the operator of this motor vehicle may be drunk. Officer checked with operator in Curtis Liquor parking lot.

6:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

6:31 p.m. **Sohier St.**, animal complaint, caller reports she hit a deer near this location and it's still alive.

9:53 p.m. **Elm St.**, assault and battery (in progress). 911 caller reports that a drunk male with a red shirt and hat, about 5'10" has come into his home and started hitting the involved party. Officer reports parties do not want to press charges.

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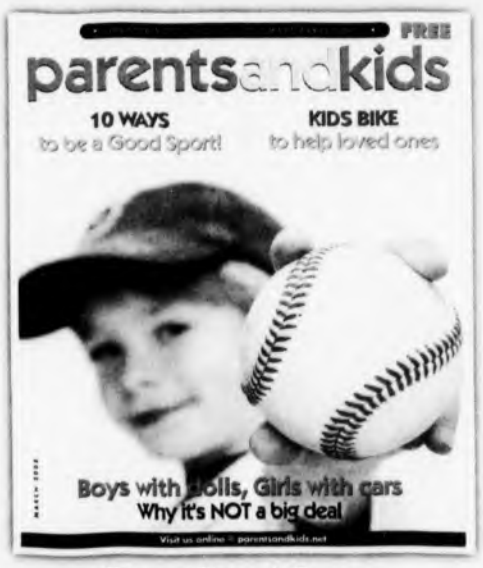
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The Best & The Brightest

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We know there are many bright, talented and caring young adults in our communities, and this year, a special section entitled "The Best & The Brightest" will appear in the COHASSET MARINER to celebrate their accomplishments.

Please help us find these remarkable teens and young adults by filling out the nomination form on this page. You can nominate an individual between the ages of 16 and 21 who, you believe, deserves to be honored, whether it be for academic achievement, volunteerism, athletics, artistic acumen or the pursuit of excellence in another field. Here's your opportunity to get involved.

You can bring the form to the Community Newspaper Company office at 182 Standish Ave., Plymouth, MA 02360 or mail the form to Beth Doyle, or fax the form to 508-591-6601.

All entries will be considered by a selection panel, and successful nominees will be interviewed and photographed. During the week of May 26th, Community Newspaper Company will include "The Best & The Brightest," a special section devoted to sharing as many of the stories and photographs of those nominated as possible.











The Best & The Brightest

Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

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'Tomorrows' history

Foxboro girl is the youngest member of 'Annie' 30th anniversary tour

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Abby Spare says history is her favorite subject at the Charles Taylor Elementary School in Foxboro. These days, however, the fourth grader isn't just studying history, she's also making a little of her own as the youngest performer in the 30th anniversary national tour of "Annie," which comes to Boston's Wang Theatre March 25-30.

"I'm having a lot of fun with my character, Tessie, who is a cry-baby who whines about everything. It is really fun to play someone else," explained Spare last week by telephone from Washington, D.C. "It was a dream of mine to do something like this, but I never thought it would actually happen."



Abby Spare of Foxboro, plays Tessie in "Annie" coming to the Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre in Boston March 25-30.



PHOTO BY PHIL MARTIN

Abby Spare (Tessie), of Foxboro, located in the center, performs in the national tour of "Annie."

Prior to being cast in the national tour of the musical that won seven 1977 Tony Awards including Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book, Spare's acting credits were mostly local and included two prior productions of "Annie," at Riverside Theatre Works in Hyde Park and at the Orpheum Theatre in Foxboro.

"I love 'Annie.' Even if I wasn't doing the show, I would still love it," says the nine-year-old who is being home-schooled while she travels the country.

Spare isn't the only fan of the show based on the classic Harold Gray comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," which first appeared in newspapers nationwide in 1924. The original Broadway production — with music by Charles Strouse and book by Thomas Meehan, and directed by its lyricist Martin Charnin — ran for 2,377 performances and has since been produced all over the world and turned into a 1982 feature film starring Albert Finney, Carol Burnett, and Bernadette Peters, with Aileen Quinn in the title role. The current touring production, again being directed by Charnin, features a fresh new look by Tony Award-winning set designer Ming Cho Lee.

It was the Tony Award-winning director for whom Spare auditioned last summer on a memorable trip to New York with her mother.

"A friend and fellow performer who regularly goes to New York for auditions invited us to join her last June," explained Maureen Spare by telephone from her daughter's tour stop last week in the nation's capital. "Martin Charnin is terrific. He treats all the young performers like they're his little girls. After the first full day, Abby made the cut and was invited back for day two with just 40 other girls. At the end of that day, when we were told that they weren't going to cut anybody else, we got on the train to come home to Massachusetts. We were about 20 minutes outside New York when my cell phone rang. They were calling to offer Abby the role of Tessie. She was in rehearsals for three weeks in August and she's been on the road since then. By the time we arrive in Boston, Abby will have done some 200 shows." And made almost as many new friends.

"Abby is the youngest person in the company and she is treated very well by the entire cast. There are about 25 adult cast members. And the girls who are 12 and 13 watch out for her and always make sure to include her in activities."

While her mother has joined the nine-year-old for the entire tour, Abby's father, Alex Spare, also makes frequent road trips to visit his wife and daughter.

"He usually comes out about every three weeks or so. It gives us a chance to be together as a family, which is great," says Maureen Spare.

The youngest Spare likes it when both her parents are with her on the road, but she does miss the family's two dogs that stay behind with friends in Foxboro. The four-legged cast member who plays Annie's faithful companion, Sandy, provides some welcome canine company.

"Sandy is great. He's good in the show and he's nice to play with. He also has an understudy who is a lot of fun, too."

"Annie" will be at the Citi Performing Arts Center's Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., Boston, March 25-30. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 1-800-447-7400 or go online at citicenter.org



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Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, March 6

Walter "Bear" Zaremba and the **BearBones Band** will host a night of 'live music and pizza' at the Mill Wharf Restaurant, Scituate Harbor March 6. $10 at door includes pizza and a donation to the St Patrick's Day Parade. Cash bar. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Performers include: Bear, Jesse Allen, Gary Paraboschi & Shane Merrit of the BearBones Band, Donna Harrington, Dave Smith, Gregg & Nancy Zappolo, Bob Garvin, Wayne Frieden, Chris Botelho, Scott Strazzullo, Stolen Moments jazz band, and more. Information: Bearbonesband @gmail.com or 544-3122.

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local businesses in the South Shore area. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at a new meeting location in historic downtown Plymouth at Med Spa New England from 5 to 6 p.m., and on the third Thursday of each month at Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m., lunch is extra. For information, email info@network4success.org or visit network4success.org for meeting information, news on our membership, and upcoming events.

Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree presents its 2008 Author Series co-sponsored by the Italian American Cultural Organization – South Shore Author **Stephen Puleo** discusses his latest work, **The Boston Italians: a Story of Pride, Perseverance, and Paesani** March 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. You do not have to be a Braintree resident to attend. Information: 781-848-0405 x4420.

Abington High School Drama Club presents **Bye Bye Birdie** on March 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m., and March 8 at 2 p.m. at the Frolio Middle School Auditorium Tickets: $7 students/senior citizens, $9 adults.

Coyle and Cassidy High School, 2 Hamilton St., Taunton, presents **An Evening of Irish Music, Laughter, and Dance** featuring **Alfie O'Shea's Irish Show Band** with special guest **Aoife Clancy** and **The Harney Academy Irish Step Dancers** March 6, at 7 p.m. in the McCarty Theater. Tickets: $15 for adults, $10 for senior citizens and children under 12 and may be purchased in the main office or be reserved by contacting Mrs. Chaves in the president's pffice at 508-823-6164 Ext. 614.

Foodies Market, 46 Depot St., Duxbury **Cheese Tasting Class** March 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with **Robert Aguillera of Bueno Queso Social Club.** Sample and learn about cheeses from around the world from an expert cheese monger. $10 per person, advance registration required. 781-934-5544 ext. 21

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 6, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

The British Beer Company, 6 Middle St, Plymouth, March 6, **Dave Foley.** 508-747-1776.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell March 6, **Matt Chase**.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 6, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Cindy Daley & Satch Romano Blues Jam** open mic 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, March 7

Fontbonne Academy's spring musical, **Annie,** will be performed by The Good Fountain Players in the Fontbonne auditorium on its Milton campus Friday March 7 at 7 p.m., Saturday March 8 at 4 p.m., Sunday March 9 at 2 p.m., Friday March 14 at 7 p.m., and Saturday March 15 at 4 p.m. Tickets are $10 each and are available in advance through the Fontbonne Academy Main Office at 617-696-3241, and also at the door. Shows do sell out and buying tickets in advance is recommended.

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Curtain Call Theatre, 182 Commercial St., Braintree presents **If the Shorts Fit - 11 comedies:** An Evening of Short-Attention-Span Theatre March 6, 7, 8 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets: $15. Reservations: 781-356-5113. Information: www.curtaincallbraintree.org.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** The colorful story of Joseph and his coat of many colors as told through the musical score and lyrics of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber presented by: Dates: Feb. 29, March 1, 7, 8, 14, 15 at 7:30 p.m. March 2, 9, 16 at 2 p.m. Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, Cohasset. Tickets $14, $12 groups of 8 or more. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Ticket also available at the door.

New England Singles Dances March 7, 8 p.m. to midnight. Halifax Country Club, 100 Country Club Dr., Route 106, Halifax. Casual dress, adults of all ages. Dance music and requests DJ. Light buffet. Admission $10. 617-325-0591 singlesdances-newengland.com

Single Executives Club Singles Dance. March 7, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. Dancing with music by Award-winning DJ from 8:30 p.m. to midnight Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $10 before 9. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended. Information: 781-446-0234, www.se-4u.com.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 7, **3rd Left** 781-829-6999.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell March 7 **Elbow Room**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 7, **Ryan Fardy & Shades of Blue** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, March 8

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Dickinson Art Gallery presents their first annual **Spring Flower Show**, "Art in Bloom," from March 8 to March 28. A multi media exhibit of floral, botanical, landscape and still life art, bursting with the promise of Spring. The exhibit features the work of eight Massachusetts artists: **Anet Paglierani** of Quincy; **George Hartley** of Pownal, Vt., formerly of Middleboro; **Kathy Ferrara** of Hanson; **Roger Gill** of Rockland; **Marilyn Reisberg** of Quincy; **Stephen Holland** of Pembroke;, and introducing two new artists to the gallery, **Janet DeLonga** of Holbrook, and **Frank Carrol** of Hanover. Artists' reception Sunday, March 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. The gallery is at 1132 Main St.,, Weymouth. Gallery hours Wednesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Free parking and free admission.

South Shore Dancers is presenting a **Pirates of the Carribean themed dance** on March 8, at the Cushing Center on Route 123 in Norwell. A tango lesson will be given at 7:30 p.m. with dancing to follow from 8 to 11 p.m. Dress is casual or "In Theme". Tickets are $9 for members and $10 for non-members and may be reserved by calling Tom Osterland at 781 659-4703 or email through our website SouthShoreDancers.org.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

AOIFE CLANCY will perform at The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square on March 15, at 8 p.m. just in time for St. Patrick's Day. She goes from a traditional ballad to a classic cabaret song to a beautiful lament in Irish. Aoife's voice, guitar, and bodhran fill a room The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., in Hingham Square Admission is $10 at the door (sorry, no reservations). The concert begins with an open mike at 8 p.m. For information or to volunteer (free admission!) call 781-749-1767.

THE SOUTH SHORE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB OPEN HOUSE & TRAIN SHOW - March 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and March 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 51 Bare Cove Park, 19 Fort Hill St., Hingham. An expanded Model Railroad Show, Food Service and additional Operating Layouts will take place at the South Shore Country Club only on Sunday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $5 for Adults, $2 Seniors (65+) and Children 6-12, under 6 are free with an adult. Tickets are good for both days of the Open House and at the Show. Free parking at both locations. For information call the club 781-740-2000 or visit www.ssmrc.org

THE NORWELL WOMEN'S CLUB will be sponsoring its yearly Fashion Show, "Hats off to Charity" Thursday, April 3, at Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston. The event will feature clothing and accessories from many local businesses, and will also feature elegant recovery clothing from Healing Threads by Spirited Sisters. contact Pat Bigger at *tpbigger@aol.com* or Chris Gillis at *seagirley.com* for more information about this year's Fashion Show.



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Children try tapping the trees at a previous Maple Day at South Shore Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell

Maple Day March, 8, learn how trees are tapped and try doing it too. Activities include woodland walks for tapping, arts and crafts and taste tastings- can you identify real maple syrup? Also try working a two-person saw. Fee includes admission to the EcoZone. Cost: $5 members per person/maximum of $20 per family. Non-members cost is $10 per person with a maximum of $40 per family. (781) 659-2559.

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Most of the 25-member cast take a break rehearsing "If the Shorts Fit: An Evening of Short Attention Span Theater," to be presented March 6, 7, and 8, at 8 p.m. at Curtain Call Theatre, 182 Commercial St., Braintree. Cast members are from Braintree, Weymouth, Quincy, Kingston, West Roxbury, Dorchester, Scituate, Canton, Pembroke and Randolph. For tickets call 781-356-5113. Visit www.curtaincallbraintree.org

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The Neil Simon comedy Last of the Red Hot Lovers featuring Jamie Connor of Plymouth and three women are portrayed by Corinne Manning and Alice Tilles of Norwell, and Emily Genovese of Hingham will perform with the Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center at special dress rehearsal at 4 p.m., on Thursday, March 13, to which senior citizens and teachers are invited free of charge. Other performances will be Friday, March 14, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $8 for senior citizens and students, and $5 for Dreamchasers students. Tickets go on sale at the theater 30 minutes prior to each performance. Performances take place at the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. For information visit dreamchaserstheatre.org. For reservations call Dreamchasers at 508-224-4548.

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Tap Trees at Maple Day, March 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the **South Shore Natural Science Center**, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Learn how trees are tapped and try doing it too. Activities include woodland walks for tapping, arts and crafts and taste tastings- can you identify real maple syrup? Also try working a 2 person saw! Fee includes admission to the EcoZone. Cost: $5 Members per person/ Maximum of $20 per family. Non-members cost is $10 per person with a maximum of $40 per family.For information and schedule of events, call 781-658-2559 or website www.ssnsc.org.

The 27th Annual Duxbury Antique Show March 8 and 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Duxbury High School. Fifty quality antique dealers from all over New England will be featuring a selection of fine and affordable American and European antiques, painted country furniture, painting and prints, folk art, textiles, ceramics, glassware, architectural and garden items, and much more. To highlight this event, will be holding Duxbury's own version of "The Antiques Roadshow" to appraise your family heirlooms and art work. Appraisal Day will be held Sunday Only. Admission to the show is $7. For information, or to volunteer, call Debbie Bowen at 781-934-9489.

The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour returns this year to satisfy New England's collective sweet tooth every Saturday through April 26. The fully-narrated, three-hour journey of decadent desserts and fun facts features tasty visits to **Top of the Hub Restaurant**, the historic **Omni Parker House Hotel** and **The Langham Hotel Boston**. The One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour departs from the **Trolley Stop Store** at the corner of Boylston and South Charles Streets every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 617-269-7010.

Country Line and Couples Dance at Taunton Elks, 119 High St., Taunton, March. 8. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. with DJ and instructor, Dave Pytka. Dance 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Refreshments, cash bar. $6. 508-653-7937; 508-695-4548. downeast-dancers.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 8, **John Frattasio & Friends** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. March 8 **Deepwater Blues.** 781-849-7007.

New England Spring and Flower Show, Bayside Expo Center, 200 Mount Vernon St. Dorchester, March 8-16. Information: 617-474-6000 www.baysideexpo.com

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 8, **"Undaunted" Professor Harp** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe .com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Mount Blue, Main St.,Norwell March 8, **Basic Black.**

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, March 8, **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hompipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No Cover. Come sing, come play, come listen! Call 508-830-1262.

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Atlantic Symphony sponsors **Concerto Competition and Awards Party** Sunday, March 9. Atlantic Symphony brings the next classical music stars to a stage in Hingham. The third annual Bay State Concerto Competition invites musicians age 18 to 30 to compete for cash prizes and the opportunity to perform as a soloist with the full orchestra. After holding a blind audition (musicians behind a screen), the jury will narrow the field to a maximum of eight finalists. These finalists will move on to play in front of a live audience and three judges in the dramatic final round of competition at House of Prayer, 916 Main St., Hingham on March 9 at 4 p.m.. Tickets at $20 adults, $15 seniors, $10 youth through age 18 include the m3 Awards party (cash wine & beer). Available in advance at La Petite Maison and Nobles, Hingham Square, and Buttonwood Books, Cohasset, call 781-740-5694, or order online at www.atlanticsymphony.org.

Happy Dog House, 398 Ashland St., Abington, will be hosting **Pet Photo Day with the Easter Bunny** from 3:30 to 5 p.m. March 9. The cost is $10 per visit. All proceeds will go to Senior homeless and abused animals at MSPCA. Visit included one Polaroid photo, holiday goodie bag and unlimited photos with your own camera. All are welcome. 781-857-1990 happydoghouse.com

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Boating Skills and Seamanship Course A Boating Skills and Seamanship Course will be offered by Flotilla 12-4 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Classes will be held on Sundays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.. Classes begin on Sunday, March 9, at Metropolitan Yacht Club, 39 Vinedale Road, Braintree. The course is an eight-lesson course with an optional additional two weeks for piloting. The fee for the course including materials is $50. There is an early registration discount. Contact Bill Fuller: Telephone: 781-848-2906 E-mail: lwfj@verizon.net

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset will host an afternoon tea for author **Anne Easter Smith** on Mach. 9, at 2 p.m. Smith will be discussing, **A Daughter of York**, her book of historical fiction about Princess Margaret, a 15th century noble and sister to two kings, King Edward IV and Richard the III. Free event. Reservations are requested, and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Monday, March 10

South Shore Mothers of Multiples is a non-profit support group for mothers and expectant mothers of twins and higher order multiples. will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. March 10, at the All Souls Church, 196 Elm St., Braintree. Information, email Wendy Bauer at gwbauer@comcast.net.

Monice Morenz's monotypes Prints are featured in the Clemens Gallery through April 3. The public is invited to view the gallery showing during library hours. Hours and travel directions are available on the Hingham library's web site hinghamlibrary.org or by calling 781-741-1405.

The Weymouth Elks will be holding an **Irish dinner/dance** on Sunday, March 16 at the Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. The dinner will be a traditional corned beef dinner. Music provided by Noel Henry Irish Show Band, and there will also be Irish Step Dancers. Cocktails are 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., dinner and entertainment are at 6 p.m. First prize raffle is a weekend at the Cape Cod Irish Village. Tickets are $30 per person (**no tickets sold at the door**) - **Deadline is March 10.** Contact Audrey Parker at 781-337-8878, Ext. 7 or 781-335-0229.

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Marilyn Reisberg** will exhibit her paintings for the month of March at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St, Weymouth. 781-337-8134.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,400 South Shore residents over the past 22 years start a new life. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main Street, Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday. All are welcome. Information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwell-MA@aol.com The program for **March 10 is a FREE ice-cream social.** Enjoy meeting other new members as you share an ice cream sundae

DivorceCare for Kids support group meetings on Mondays. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vineyard Community Church, 8 Hilltop Ave., Kingston. A 13-week self-contained revolving sessions for kids ages 5 to 12. Information, contact Rosalie 781-585-4776 or rosalie@thevineyard-kingston.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 10, **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, March 11

The South Street Gallery 149 South St., in Hingham, will feature the works of **H. L. DeWaltoff** of Cataumet. The exhibit will be on display until Thursday, March 20. 781-749-0430.

The Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield hosts an ongoing book discussion group. The next session will meet on March 11, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the library's Historical Room. This month's choice is **A Farewell to Arms** by Ernest Hemingway, a semi-autobiographical love story set in World War I. Free and open to the public. New members are always welcome. Light refreshments will be served. For information call at 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org

Three Columns Gallery, Mather House, Harvard University, 10 Cowperthwaite St. Cambridge, **Panoramic Landscape Photographs**: an exhibit of color photographs by **Mike Sleeper.** Feb. 16 to March 17. 781 424 7018.

The Painted Ladies- artists **Susan Benoit** and **Maria Hopkins** of Duxbury, **Gayle Loik** of Hanover, and **Heidi Mayo** of Plymouth come together to bring you a feast of fine art at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane (just off Rte 123), Norwell, Feb. 29 through April 5. Free admission. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. For information call Susan Benoit at 339-832-0046.

La Leche League provides information, encouragement and support. Mothers and mothers-to-be who would like to learn more about the normal course of breastfeeding are invited to attend this month's meeting on March 11 at 7 p.m. at Mamas Move Wellness and Fitness Center, Norwell, right off the Route 3/228 exit at Route 228/45 Pond Street (in the same building as New England Spas). Babies are welcome. Information: call Christie 781-740-7808, Kathleen 781-749-2404, Heather 781-544-9230, or Patti 781-986-6980.

Wednesday, March 12

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower St., Duxbury, (Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont St., (RT 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, at 7 p.m. No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630 for information.

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StoryTime March 12 at 10 a.m., **Front Street Book Shop**, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Mary reads age appropriate stories from 10 to 10:30. Good listeners of pre-school and kindergarten age along with an adult, are invited to attend. Free. Information: 781-545-5011 or www.frontstreetbookshop.com

Big Sister Association is looking for women to mentor girls between the ages of 7 to 15. A few hours a week is all it takes. Information: 617-236-8060, email bigsister@bigsister.org or visit www.bigsister.org

Braintree Art Association Artist of the month, **Virginia Dolan** will exhibit her work for the month of March at the Thayer Public Library, main floor, 798 Washington St. Braintree. 781-335-4675.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, **The South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Regional** headquarters present another **winter lecture series** every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the science center located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Open to the public free of charge. **March 12 Is Your Water Drugged? Personal Care Products and Pharmaceuticals in Our Water with Marc Zimmerman, U.S. Geological Service (USGS) Scientist**. Information visit nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168; Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400; or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 12, **Flydown Unplugged** 781-829-6999.

Abington High School classes of 1963 and 1964 reunion meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 12, at the Abington Depot. If interested, come to the meeting or email SAP2184@verizon.net for information.

Thursday, March 13

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center will present the comedy **Last of the Red Hot Lovers** by Neil Simon. at special dress rehearsal at 4 p.m., on Thursday, March 13, to which senior citizens and teachers are invited free of charge. For information visit dreamchaserstheatre.org. For reservations to "Last of the Red Hot Lovers," call Dreamchasers at 508-224-4548.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 13, **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

The British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth, March 6, **Dave Foley.** 508-747-1776.

Mount Blue, Main St.,Norwell March 13 Brendan Feldstein .

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 13, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Groove Authority Blues Jam** open mic 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, March 14

The Chautauqua Art Desk, by Sue Robinson of Hanson will be held at The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell on March 14 at 7:30 p.m. Learn about the origins of this 19th century mass produced entertainment center for children. The program is free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 or visit jameslibrary.org for information.

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove Street (Rt. 28) Middleboro Comedy/Dinner Show, March 14 at 7 p.m. featuring **Michael Petit**, the master of impersonations and voices, other comics include **Annette Pollack, Steve Hold and Christine Hurley**. Hosed by **Roman Pierce**. Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099. myspace.com annettepollack or tuscanhouserestaurant.com

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Natasha Bedingfield will perform March 14, immediately after the Boston Celtics vs. Utah Jazz Game. One ticket grants admission to both Celtics NBA Action and the concert. A limited number of tickets are available and start at just $10 in the Rite Aid Pharmacy Family Section. To purchase tickets, log on to celtics.com, call 1-800-4NBA-TIX or visit the Garden Box Office.

The Company Theatre, Norwell, presents **Bat Boy: the Musical** March 14 to April 6. Tickets priced at $28-$30 are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at .companytheatre.com

New England Singles Dances March 14, 8 p.m. to midnight. Sheraton Braintree Grand Ballroom, Route 1-93 at exist 6. Casual dress, adults of all ages. Dance music and requests DJ. Light buffet. Admission $12. 617-325-0591 singlesdances-newengland.com

South Shore Singles will sponsor its bi-monthly dance March 14, featuring **DJ: Dave Becker** from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St. Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Fine dancing, music, refreshments, door prize, cash bar. 781-331-0021. southshoresingles.org

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 14, **Six Foot Sunday** 781-829-6999.

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Auditions

CURTAIN CALL THEATRE, 182 Commercial St., Braintree, *GODSPELL*, A Musical. Auditions March 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. Show dates May 9-17. Parts for five women; five men; age 17 and up. Each auditioner should be prepared to sing 32 bars each of two contrasting songs NOT from the show; do cold readings from the script. do dance/movement. Information: 781-356-5113 auditions@curtaincallbraintree.org; www.curtaincallbraintree.org

THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS CHEERLEADERS will hold an open audition for the squad on Saturday, March 8 at Gillette Stadium. Women who are at least 18-years-old are invited to attend. Registration begins at 11a.m. The cost to register is $20. Participants should wear an aerobics outfit and sneakers or dance shoes, and should bring water, a bag lunch, a resume and photograph. A detailed description of the audition process can be found at www.patriots.com/cheerleaders. For information, contactTracy Sormanti, Cheerleader Director, at 508-384-9101, or visit www.patriots.com/cheerleaders.

BOSTON POPS HIGH SCHOOL SING-OFF: A BEST OF BROADWAY CHALLENGE The first Boston Pops musical theater competition for Massachusetts high school students. Students are to pick songs from such Broadway greats as "Sweeney Todd," "Chicago," "West Side Story" and "My Fair Lady." Entries are being accepted now.The winner will be featured in the Boston Pops' Fourth of July concert at the Charles River Esplanade. For complete details on how to enter, go to www.BostonPops.org. The entry fee is $10.

Call for entries

THE SCITUATE ARTS ASSOCIATION invites all artists to submit their works to Scituate Arts Association's *Arts Alive!* Juried Show to be held at the SAA's Front Street Gallery from April 4 –13. The Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday, April 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate. Works will remain on display for normal gallery hours through Sunday, April 13. Entrees must be delivered to the Ellis House, 709 Country Way, Scituate on either Thursday, March 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. or Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A complete prospectus on this event may be downloaded from the Association website at www.scituateart.com For further details, questions or to have a prospectus mailed to you contact Janet Cornacchio, SAA President at jcornacch@aol.com.(preferred) or call 781-545-7613.

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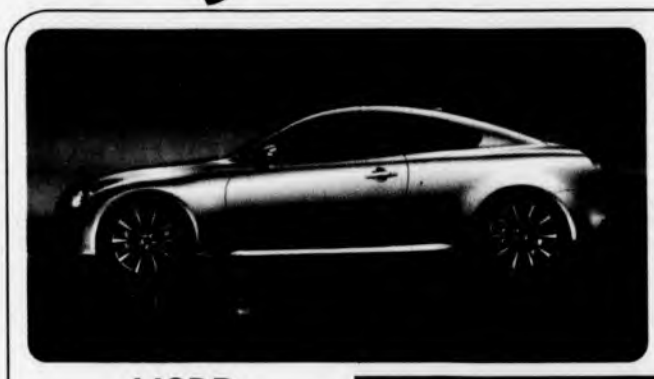
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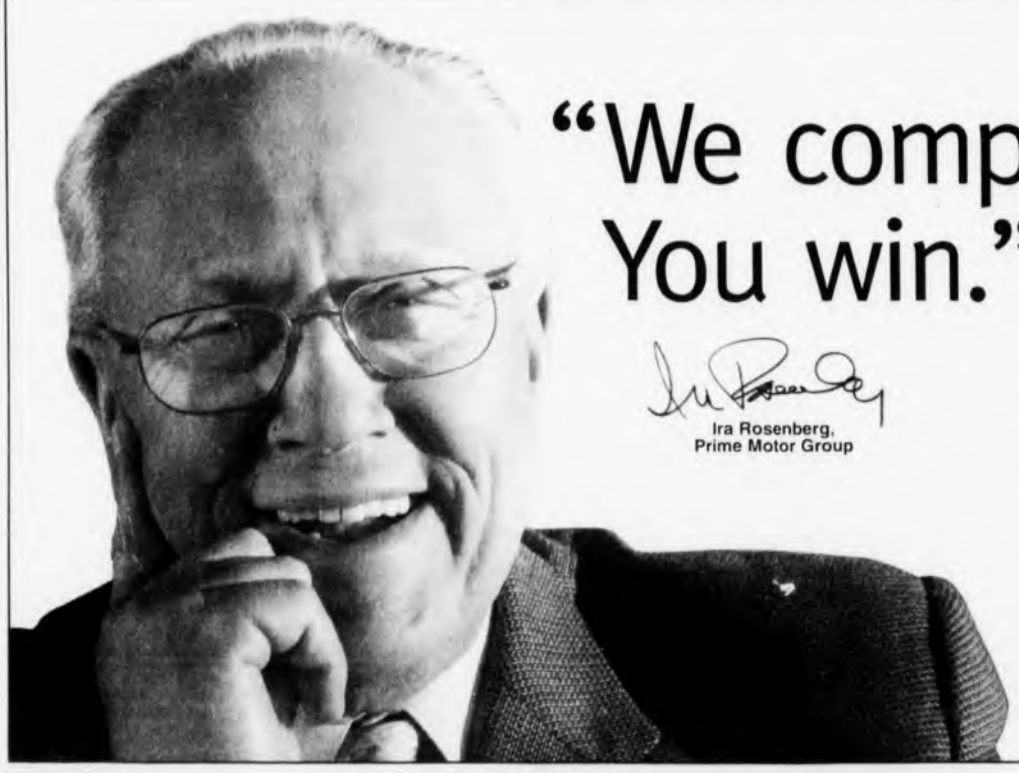


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Sammi Lehr celebrates with Coach John LeVangie as he hoists the Division 4 state trophy above his head, while Kayla Farren (34, right) embraces Carly Salerno (30). The Skippers defeated Manchester Essex 44-36 in an overtime thriller at the TD Banknorth Garden on Tuesday afternoon, capturing the first girls' basketball state title in two decades. For more see sports, starting on page 17.

Treat's homework could be assigned

Potential study to go before Town Meeting

By Nancy White
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Does the Treat's Pond salt marsh restoration project need more study?

The Board of Selectmen has opted to have Town Meeting consider this question on the warrant. A last minute change before the warrant headed to the printer this week added language to allocate a portion of funds for an engineering and environmental study on the Army Corps of Engineers' current project plans.

While last week and in previous meetings, the Selectmen have expressed support for creating a tidal exchange between the ocean and Treat's Pond by installing a pipe through Whale Meadow and into the outer harbor, the Selectmen said Monday it might not be the most prudent option.

Selectmen chairman Gary Vanderweil said during last week's meeting they were informed of the "immediate vigorous objections from many of the abutters of the Whale Meadow route" whose land would need to be purchased, donated or taken by eminent domain to complete the project.

"It appears there is large scale resistance by the abutters. We could avoid beating ourselves against a wall and maybe spending hundreds of thousand of dollars by opening up other routes, like Atlantic Avenue," said Vanderweil.

Town Meeting will be asked to allocate or borrow funds of up to $300,000 to partially match a $728,000 congressional appropriation. The article will need a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting.

Over the summer, the Army Corps engineers presented four possible solutions to restore Treat's Pond. The Army Corps recommended two of the proposed solutions. The two recommended options would install a large pipe from Treat's Pond to discharge at either the inner harbor (via Atlantic Avenue) or the outer harbor (via Whitehead Road and Whale Meadow). The other options were to take no action to restore the pond or install a box culvert at Sandy Cove.

Vanderweil proposed the study look at which of the Army Corps proposed routes would be optimal.

"My thought is to have the engineer validate what the preferred route is," he said, adding it is likely an equivalent amount of money would likely need to be done to solve the flooding issues plaguing the Atlantic Avenue area surrounding Treat's Pond.

Although the focus of the Army Corps of Engineers plans is to enable

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Is Town Hall really haunted?

Mass Paranormal Society to investigate this spring

By Nancy White
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"We'll only say something is haunted if we have proof."
—Tom Ventosi, Massachusetts Paranormal Society

Sometimes what's needed is a second opinion.

In January, the Town Hall was declared haunted by the Enfield Paranormal Society after a weekend long investigation into whether there was an otherworldly presence within the historic building. But some in and outside of town remained skeptical of the group's claims.

In the coming months another paranormal group will be spending time in the basement jail cells, the auditorium where Humphery Bogart once acted and the narrow staircases of the 1857 building. The Massachusetts Paranormal Society contacted town officials after seeing a television news story on the Enfield group's ghost hunt.

"Usually the investigations come to us, not the other way around," said Tom Ventosi, vice president of the Massachusetts Paranormal Society based in Quincy. But, when he saw the news clip with the group claiming the Town Hall was haunted based primarily on a door closing, Ventosi's first question was whether or not the evidence was thoroughly examined to ensure it was truly paranormal activity.

"Did they put a level on the floor? Where was the debunk?" said Ventosi, adding it's not unusual for doors in old building to close by themselves. With the evidence gathered by the Enfield Paranormal Society, Ventosi said he would never have declared the Town Hall haunted.

But that doesn't mean it's not, Ventosi said. Town Manager administrative assistant Jennifer Oram, who is coordinating with the group, met with the group to hear their methods and plans on Wednesday morning. Town Hall employees, including Health Inspector Tara Tradd, whose desk is feet away from the mysterious closing door, as well as the Mariner joined the meeting.

"I think it's important to bring in a skeptical view," Oram said and the group agreed.

The Massachusetts Paranormal Society has received permission to spend a few nights over the next couple of months to do a "paranormal investigation" at the Town Hall. The Massachusetts Paranormal Society formerly started in 2006, but some of it

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The Mariner caught up with "A Whole New Day" directors Barbara Baumgarten, left, and Stephanie Noble during a rehearsal Saturday. The Cohasset High drama production is advancing to the semifinal round of the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival on Saturday (March 15) For more photos see page 23.

Names: Barbara Baumgarten and Stephanie Noble.

Occupation: Mom, Soloist and jack-of-all-trades (Barbara). Teacher (Stephanie).

Best day of your life: The day(s) my three daughters were born (Barbara). Every day with my family (Stephanie).

Best vacation: April in Paris with my family (Barbara). Mali, Africa (Stephanie).

Favorite season: Summer (Barbara). Fall (Stephanie).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Barbara). Thanksgiving (Stephanie).

Favorite junk food or meal: Any pasta dish from Maggiano's (Barbara). Milk Duds (Stephanie).

Best book: "The Glass Castle" (Barbara). "Poisonwood Bible" (Stephanie).

Best movie or actor: "Shakespeare In Love" (Barbara). Daniel Day Lewis (Stephanie).

Best TV show: "West Wing" or "ER" (Barbara). "Lost" (Stephanie).

Most embarrassing moment: Explaining in great detail how much and why I disliked a trip to Milwaukee then *immediately* turning to the woman next to me and asking where she was from – "Milwaukee" she replied. (Barbara). When my skirt fell off in the check out line at the Fruit Center (Stephanie).

Pet peeve: Large egos (Barbara). People with a sense of entitlement (Stephanie).

Goal: To keep singing to my last breath (Barbara). To travel to Bhutan (Stephanie).

Person you'd most like to meet: Hillary Rodham Clinton (Barbara). Nelson Mandela (Stephanie).

Biggest worry: Keeping my family safe and happy (Barbara). I try not to (Stephanie).

Best part of Cohasset: Seeing the forest and shoreline when the snow sticks (Barbara). The current sixth grade class. They are intelligent, curious and delightful! (Stephanie).

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POLICE BEAT

Following up on accidental 9-1-1 calls

By Mary Ford
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It happens. Residents dial 9-1-1 when they mean to dial 4-1-1; some office workers have to dial the number 9 and then 1 for an outside line and hit 1 again by mistake; and some kids accidentally dial 9-1-1 when they are playing with the phone.

It does not matter how a 9-1-1 call is dialed – whether a real emergency or simply an accident – Cohasset police follow up on them all, Chief James Hussey said.

"We make sure we check on the caller's well being," Hussey said. "We always send a car just in case someone who tried to call for help was denied that opportunity."

Hussey said residents who mistakenly dial 9-1-1 should not be surprised or upset when an officer arrives and asks questions. The officer is just doing his or her job.

He said following up on all 9-1-1 calls, even when the individual is called back and explains the call was accidental, is police protocol. There is always the chance that someone who needed help hung up the phone.

Calling 9-1-1 as a prank when there is no emergency can be a criminal offense, Hussey said. "That person could be charged with interfering with emergency lines," he said.

Landscaping items

A local landscaper, who stores equipment in a garage off North Main Street, discovered some items were taken and believes the theft occurred sometime from March 4-6, police said.

When the landscaper, who lives in Hull, returned to the garage he found that assorted tools, landscape grade shovels and rakes, and extension cords with a total value of $800-$900 were missing.

The incident is under investigation.

OUI arrest

A 43-year-old Scituate woman is facing drunk driving charges after a traffic stop Thursday (March 6) on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Police said the officer was traveling north on Route 3A in the area of Crocker Lane when the officer saw a car heading south at a high rate of speed. The officer also saw the car cross the solid yellow line and had to swerve the cruiser out of the way to avoid a collision.

The officer turned around and followed the car, observing it cross over the centerline. The 2005 gray Chrysler Sebring was pulled over and the officer called for backup. Observations at the scene and of the woman's driving resulted in her arrest on the charge of OUI (alcohol).

Ran out

Police have a partial plate on a dark-colored Jeep Cherokee with six teens, both boys and girls, who allegedly ran out of Feng Shui in Cohasset Plaza last Friday (March 7) at 10:55 p.m. without paying their $72 check. The incident is under investigation.

Marijuana arrest

A 24-year-old Marshfield man was arrested for possession of Class D (marijuana) and for being an unlicensed driver following a traffic stop last Saturday (March 8) at about 10 p.m. near Jerusalem Road and Forest Avenue. An officer saw the black 2003 Kia make an improper left turn and pulled it over. A computer check revealed the operator had a suspended license and an outstanding warrant. He was taken into custody and during the inventory check, police discovered marijuana in the vehicle.

Purse stolen

Another woman has lost her pocketbook after leaving it in her unlocked car. The woman parked at Shaw's last Thursday (March 6) and believed the theft occurred at 11 a.m. Gone are $40 in cash, some personal papers and the black leather handbag, police said. Police are reviewing the surveillance tapes from the Shaw's parking lot and have checked the woman's car for fingerprints. Again, police urge women to take their pocketbooks into the store with them no matter how quick their errand is. They should also lock their car.

Speeding

Police talked to a group of teens in a blue Mustang who were observed speeding at around 3-3:15 p.m. on Atlantic Avenue last Thursday. There were four 18-year-olds in the car and all were wearing seatbelts. The driver admitted to speeding and was given a verbal warning. A caller alerted police about the speeding.

MV accident

A 2005 Buick operated by a Hingham resident "rear-ended" a 2002 Mini Cooper operated by a Cohasset resident when the Cooper was trying to make a left into a driveway off Chief Justice Cushing Highway near lower King Street last Friday (March 7). Both cars were headed north (toward Hingham). Medics evaluated the motorists and no one was transported. The driver of the Buick was cited for failure to use care when stopping.

Unsafe activity

A caller reported seeing a group of youths in a dark-colored Volvo wagon driving up and down Sohier Street with the occupants riding on the roof and hood. Witnesses reported the driver was female and one of the passengers on the roof was a male with red hair. Police were not able to locate the car but are concerned when young people "horse around" in a car.

"Obviously, this could result in serious injury," Chief Hussey said. " It goes well beyond driving without a seatbelt."

Cook inquiry

Weymouth police sought Cohasset's help last week after a cook at a local restaurant was wanted for an alleged assault and battery in Weymouth. Cohasset police went to the restaurant and the individual was not working that night. Police passed the information on to Weymouth PD.

Stormwater bylaw heads for primetime

Selectmen unanimously support proposal

By Nancy White
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"Going forward this bylaw ensures future development doesn't make the same mistakes."
— Marty Nee, Stormwater Committee

It's been two years in the making, but the stormwater management bylaw will finally get its day at Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen recommended the approval of the article unanimously, but the five-page general bylaw still has to pass muster with Town Meeting voters.

The Stormwater Management Committee, a Selectmen appointed committee, has gone through dozens of drafts to get to this point. They have sought the input of town boards and individuals during the vetting process. The end result is a stormwater management bylaw proposal that establishes regulation and organization to the town-wide issue of flooding and stormwater runoff.

The stormwater bylaw is significant because it could implement controls on stormwater runoff so increased development will not exacerbate the flooding issues throughout town, much of which has been caused by years of development. The bylaw ensures post-development runoff (including peak flow, total volume of runoff and water quality of runoff) for development and re-development projects are equal or less than what exists now.

"Going forward this bylaw ensures future development doesn't make the same mistakes," said Stormwater Committee Chairman Marty Nee in a phone interview. At the same time, Nee said the bylaw doesn't limit development it simply ensures runoff is taken into consideration before a building is constructed.

At Monday night's meeting, Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer suggested minor changes to the bylaw as members of the Stormwater Management Committee made their final presentation to the Selectmen.

Crafting the bylaw with just enough regulation to protect property owners without making the process onerous was Dormitzer's major concern.

"I don't want to make it burdensome for people," to ensure it is palatable both to Town Meeting voters and to future applicants under the bylaw, said Dormitzer. "I really want people to submit the application."

There was a discussion about the fee structure for applications, although exact fees are not a part of the bylaw. A separate document of stormwater regulations will define the application procedure and fee structure. The Selectmen requested the Stormwater Management Committee to bring the regulations before them for review if the bylaw ultimately passes.

"I want to make sure the fees are not a tax by another name. In no way we should be charging more than the cost of the service," said Dormitzer.

Stormwater Committee member Sarah Charron said there would likely be an application fee as well as a review fee, based on the size and amount of professional review a given project needed. Charron said the fees would be structured so the town could cover the cost incurred, but nothing more.

The bylaw creates two levels of regulation. An administrative review will be required for any construction that will result in an increase of impervious surface area between 500 and 5,000 square feet of land. The lower end (500 square feet) would be about the size of a two-car garage.

In both cases a town-hired engineer, or "stormwater agent," the fee to be paid by the applicant, will review the plan.

This is the Stormwater Management Committee's second try at Town Meeting. Last year, a version of the Stormwater bylaw appeared in the Annual Town Meeting warrant but was indefinitely postponed to undergo more vetting. While that version of the bylaw established a full-blown Stormwater Commission, the current draft places the authority for stormwater permits in the hands of the Conservation Commission.

In the bylaw, the Conservation Commission is given the authority to contract the services of an engineer to assist them in the review of both levels of regulation - administrative review and stormwater permit applications.

The Planning Board voted to not recommend the Stormwater Management bylaw in a split 3-2 vote. Members Stuart Ivimey and Mike Westcott were the dissenting votes. The Stormwater bylaw was presented to the Advisory Committee on Tuesday, but have yet to take a position on it.

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More homework needed on Treat's Pond

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a saltmarsh restoration of Treat's Pond, the Board of Selectmen are also looking at the project as a way to mitigate the flooding issues along Atlantic Avenue.

Vice Chairman Ted Carr said there are time constraints on the congressional appropriation of $728,000; the funds must to be used in the 2009 calendar year. If the money is not used, Carr said Cohasset's Treat's Pond project would be taken off the list and the money transferred to a similar project in Quincy.

Several questions cropped up from the audience. Tom Callahan of 35 Hillside Dr. asked if there was a real need to validate the Army Corps plans. Vanderweil said it was necessary, "if we're going to discharge a 42-inch pipe through the inner harbor, we need a study."

"My thought is to have the engineer validate what the preferred route is."
— Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil

Karen Quigley of 27 Clay Spring Road asked if the proposed study would be over and above the ongoing Flood Control Master Plan. Vanderweil said this would be a separate study to independently determine the best solution from an engineering and environmental standpoint.

The cost for the independent study will come out of the $300,000 town contribution to match the federal funds. Vanderweil said the independent study could cost up to a third of that amount, roughly $100,000.

The town has also requested its legislative representatives to seek up to $500,000 from state sources. As a requirement of the federal funding, 35 percent of the cost must come from non-federal funding sources. The current estimate to complete the project is $1.7 million. The project is estimated state Rep. Garrett Bradley said it is too early in the process to say whether state funding will be available or in what amount for the project.

When the motion to amend the article came to a vote, Selectman Fred Koed hesitated to give his support.

"Ideally I'd like to see the timing of this roll into the master plan," said Koed. "I have serious reservations about putting anything else in the harbor."

Koed ultimately voted with the other Selectmen because he felt the issue should go before Town Meeting to ensure the town has the opportunity to take advantage of the federal appropriation.

With the Selectmen's 4-0 vote (Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer recused himself from the discussion and vote), the Town Meeting article (article 22) expands the scope of the project to include an independent engineering and environmental impact assessment. The article still requests a $300,000 town contribution to devote to this project. All references to lot and parcel numbers of affected properties were removed from the article's wording.

Harnessing wind: a new frontier

Bylaw set for town meeting

By Nancy White
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Wind turbines would be an entirely new frontier for the town of Cohasset. On the table at upcoming Town Meeting is a set of regulations to govern large commercial-size wind turbines.

The Board of Selectman unanimously supported the wind bylaw article (article 14) on Monday night. Town Meeting voters will have the final say on March 29.

The article is a town-wide zoning bylaw establishing regulations for commercial size wind turbines. The projects would have to go through a special permit process, overseen by the Planning Board. The proposed wind turbine would have to conform to the setback, noise and siting requirements outlined in the bylaw.

The Alternative Energy Committee, a Selectmen appointed committee, has been working on the bylaw for over a year.

The bylaw limits the height of a wind turbine to 350 feet, measured from the pre-construction grade to the highest point of the blades. In order for the proposed zoning bylaw to kick in, the size of the turbine must be greater than 500 kilowatts.

As a point of reference, Alternative Energy Committee Chairman Andrew Willard said Hull Wind I located next to Hull High is 242 feet high and a 660-kilowatt size.

Smaller residential size wind turbines are not regulated through this bylaw, but in order to erect one a property owner would have to get approval from the zoning board of appeals.

A separate zoning amendment (article 15) makes wind energy conversion facilities, or wind turbines, an allowed use in all districts subject to a special permit.

In addition to the bylaw, the Alternative Energy Committee is also actively investigating the feasibility of a wind turbine in Cohasset. A meteorological experimental test, or MET tower, is collecting wind data on Turkey Hill for a year.

In the AEC's research, only four parcels in town will have land suitable for a turbine about the size of Hull's Wind I under the proposed bylaw: behind the Middle-High School, at the transfer station, behind Hingham Lumber (Graham Waste) and Turkey Hill.

If the town were to pursue a wind turbine under current state law, the only viable location for a town-owned wind turbine would be behind the high school. Under current state law, Cohasset is at a disadvantage because it does not have a municipal light company. Towns with municipal light companies are able to sell excess energy generated back to National Grid for a profit. For towns without municipal light companies, like Cohasset, electricity generated but not used on site is bought by the National Grid for one rate then sold back to the Town for a higher rate.

There is a bill proposed at the State House to make the meter read both ways, so when more energy is put into the grid than taken out; a credit is given to the Town. Conversely, if more energy is taken out than is put into the grid, the Town is billed.

Because the Middle-High School is the town's largest energy consumer, all the energy generated by the wind turbine would be able to go directly into the school.

If and when the town was ready to pursue the installation of it own wind turbine, there would be an extensive vetting process, Willard said. The town would likely need to borrow the funds for the wind turbine bringing the proposal back before the Board of Selectmen, the Capital Budget Committee, the Planning Board and ultimately Town Meeting.

Mass Paranormal Society to investigate this spring

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members were doing investigations before that.

They approach each investigation with set procedures and an open mind. Through the collection of video, photos, audio, interviews and temperature changes they will attempt to prove or disprove the suspected haunting.

"We don't fabricate and we don't lie. We'll only say something is haunted if we have proof," said Ventosi.

According to their printed investigation procedures, a log will be kept by each investigator of nearly everything — emotions, strange noises, observations, temperatures — with times during the course of the investigation. Notes are compared after the investigation.

"We believe everyone deserves a thorough investigation," said Ventosi.

The Massachusetts Paranormal Society will come with a handful of investigators, including Ventosi, his wife Julie and his son. Co-founder John Gaudette and the founder of another paranormal group, Massachusetts Paranormal Team, Gary Manley will also join the investigation. Before setting up their equipment, they plan on doing research on the history of the Town Hall to get a feel of the many purposes it has served over the years. While in Cohasset they stopped in to the Historical Society building to gather information.

The paranormal investigations are being done at no cost to the taxpayers, neither paranormal group charges for its services. Although groups are out there that do charge a significant amount of money for investigations or consulting.

"I don't understand how people are charging for a science that's not proven," said Ventosi.

The meeting was followed by a top-to-bottom tour of the Town Hall. After seeing the size of the place, Ventosi has already spotted out 15 locations to place cameras.

"I think we might have to borrow from another group," said Ventosi.

The Massachusetts Paranormal Society will schedule their investigations with Oram during the spring.

To find out more about the Massachusetts Paranormal Society, visit www.massparanormal.net

Cohasset Housing Trust gets Selectmen support

The Housing Partnership Committee has been before the Board of Selectmen on several occasions to discuss their proposal to establish a "housing trust."

An Affordable Housing Trust has been created in towns across the state, including Hingham and Duxbury. A state statute sets out the general terms of a Housing Trust. At its simplest terms, the Housing Trust is the functional equivalent of a separate enterprise fund, like the water and sewer departments, set up for the purposed of developing affordable housing, said Housing Partnership co-chairman Tom Callahan.

A nine-member committee separate from the Housing Partnership would oversee the funds in the Housing Trust account.

The funds in the trust, generated from developers, possible Community Preservation funds and gifts, would be used to enable affordable housing projects either by the town or by providing subsidies to developers.

In the past and again at their meeting Monday night, some of the Selectmen expressed concern there would not be enough checks and balances for the Housing Trust.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer expressed concern the Housing Trust could go ahead and financially support a project in which the Board of Selectmen objected to. However, Callahan said the projects the Housing Trust would be some form of friendly 40-B projects, which must have the support of the municipality.

After discussion, the Board of Selectmen recommended 5-0 the approval of the Housing Trust (article 19). The Advisory Committee supported the article as well in a 6-2 vote.

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Study for harbor needed

CPC recommends $20,000 match to private gift

By Nancy White
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At Special Town Meeting in November, the Village zoning bylaws got a complete overhaul. With that momentum, the Planning Board is looking to turn its attention to the harbor and the waterfront business district.

Planning Board member Mike Westcott came before the Community Preservation Committee to seek matching funds for a private gift from waterfront property owner Peter Roy of 49 Margin St. After much discussion, the CPC agreed to fund the harbor study through a 50/50 match of $20,000 each.

"We had hoped to fund the study through the town, but that's proving very difficult," said Westcott. An article is on the warrant requests an allocation to fund the harbor study project, which is estimated to cost $40,000, but it is likely the Planning Board will suggest the article be indefinitely postponed.

The harbor study will take a similar approach to what was done last year in the village. The village consulting firm, Concord Square Development of Boston, led by principal Angus Jennings was hired under an expandable contract and is interested in working with Cohasset again, Westcott said.

"The harbor is a different district with a whole different set of needs," said Westcott, and what zoning bylaws worked in the village may not work in the harbor. But, Planning Board chairman and CPC member Al Moore said, "we have a technique in place that worked pretty well."

The professional town planning consultant would look at what's currently there in the harbor district, which includes the businesses on the harbor side of Border Street — Cohasset Harbor Inn, Atlantica, Olde Salt House and the Mill River Marine — ending at the Border Street bridge, and determine what, if any, changes to the zoning bylaws are needed to optimize the space. The small storefronts near the intersection of Elm Street and Border Street are considered to be a part of a downtown zoning district, not the waterfront, but would be considered in the scope of the potential study. Roy is the primary landowner in the waterfront business district.

Like the village study, the process would include a thorough public vetting process where all sectors of the community could participate, said Westcott.

Much of the discussion centered on whether it was appropriate for the town to join financial forces with a private landowner.

"I have a hard time with the person funding the study being by far the biggest stakeholder," said CPC member Debbie Cook. She, along with several of the other committee members, was concerned with the perceptions community members may have with this type of funding cooperation and if the study could stay objective.

Planning Board members said the entire harbor study process would be public and would be under the sole direction of the Planning Board.

For Special Town Meeting, Roy's attorney Charles Humphreys proposed several zoning bylaw changes in the form of a citizen's petition. The changes were very similar to the ones proposed for the village business district. In short, the citizen's petition would allow mixed-use in the waterfront district and enable apartment/condominium development.

At a meeting with the Board of Selectmen in November, Humphreys said his client would like to convert the second and third floors of the Cohasset Harbor Inn to 16-18 condominium units. Right now, the bylaw prohibits residential use. But, Moore said Roy's plans would be inconsequential in the study.

"It might come out of the study that the best use is to take the (Cohasset Harbor Inn) down and make it open space…the options are that open. The study is not to figure out how to make the Inn viable, that's not what we're doing," said Moore, adding the Planning Board made it clear to Humphreys the gift was to come with no strings attached.

The harbor study would give the town the knowledge and data it needed to make, or not make, zoning bylaw changes that could affect the town for years to come, "we don't know what we don't know right now," said CPC chairman and Planning Board member Stuart Ivimey.

Although it seemed all CPC members agreed the harbor study was a worthwhile project, the issue became how much the CPC should contribute to the project. A member floated paying for the entire cost of the harbor study, others suggested a two to one match with the private gift, while others felt comfortable with a 50/50 match.

After reviewing the finances left in the CPC accounts, the committee recommended $20,000 be put toward the harbor study to evenly match Roy's gift to the town.

The CPC only makes recommendations to Town Meeting and voters will have the final say over how community preservation funds are spent on the Town Meeting floor.

The CPA at a glance

- Funds from the CPA can be spent in three specific areas: open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation.
- Aside from minor administrative costs, the CPC does not spend money. The CPC only makes recommendations to the legislative authority in a town or municipality (in Cohasset's case, Town Meeting).
- Each year, the CPC must spend or bank 10 percent of its annual revenue on each of the three specific areas.
- CPA funds are generated from two sources, a town real estate tax surcharge (in Cohasset 1.5 percent) and some level of state match, determined from year-to-year. So far Cohasset and other participating towns have received a 100 percent state match each year. The state funds are derived from a $20 surcharge on all documents filed in the Recorder of Deeds Office statewide (e.g. mortgages, deeds, homesteads, etc.).
- The average single family home valued at $848,000 will pay $118.93 in CPA tax this year.

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— Debbie Cook, CPC member

Recommended CPC Projects

Organization	Project	Amount
Planning Board	Harbor study	$20,000
American Legion	Sprinkler system	$20,000
Town Hall	Exterior renovation	$300,000
Conservation Comm./ Harbor Health Comm.	Border St. culvert replacement	$35,000
Town Clerk	Restore town archives	$50,000
Stormwater Comm./ Conservation Comm.	Raingardens	$88,500
Housing Partnership	Perc tests	$20,000
Historical Society	Restoration and preservation of buildings and archives	$51,700
Water Commission	Land purchase-Brass Kettle Watershed	$175,000
Debt service	Watershed Land purchase	$38,479
Total amount recommended		$798,679

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Hello Cohasset! How is everyone doing as we start to get closer to Spring? It will be so nice to have it warmer to match the later daylight at the end of the day that is for sure.

Three cheers and so many more to our Cohasset girls basketball team as they rose to victory in a nail biter on Tuesday afternoon. What a wonderful game and it was so great for the students and fans to be able to attend this game if they chose from school. Hats off to all who planned and organized this and again, to the girls who played so well, GREAT JOB! Cohasset is so proud of you all.

To all of those who enjoy "being green", Happy St. Patrick's Day to you on Monday.

A ton of get-well-soon wishes have been pouring in for Mrs. Judy Ritts from children and adults alike. Everyone loves to see you out and about getting better and keeping up that great spirit of yours. Keep it up Judy and get well soon.

We have two new babies to welcome in our world and a number of interesting events and students to talk about so here we go.

OH BOY!

Congratulations are in order for **Scott and Mary Henry** of Cohasset and big brothers **Nicholas,** who is 4, and **Ben,** who is 2. Their happy family welcomed a bouncing new baby boy, **Oliver Clark Henry** on Feb. 27, 2008. Oliver is a big boy and weighed in at 9 pounds, 11ounces and is loving life at home. He is the grandson of **Kate and Roger Clark** of New Canaan, Conn. and **May and Bob Henry** of Sunapee, N.H.

BIGLEY BEAUTY

We also have a sweet baby girl to welcome to our world. **Adele Charlotte Bigley** was born to **Morgan and Claire Bigley** at 3:23 a.m., Saturday March 8, 2008. She weighs 8 pounds, 5 ounces and is 21 inches long. Adele is the first grandchild of the Bigleys (**David and Alix**) and David has extended an invitation to anyone who would like to see some photos to stop by his Natural Foods Store, "All The Best" at One Pleasant St. in downtown Cohasset.

Morgan, Adele's dad grew up here in town and they are now all settled in at home in Somerville. Congratulations to you all

40TH REUNION

Cohasset High School Class of 1968 is organizing its 40th class reunion. The festivities will take place on Saturday, Aug. 16 from 6 -10 p.m. at the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island. The cost is $40 per person for a fabulous night of food, beer and wine and dancing and all of us together again. The class has had some really great reunions in the past and would like "to celebrate the rest of our lives with what's left of us". They are also looking for the following people from the class of 1968: **Anne Bessac, Patty Dowding, Bob Flanagan, Mary Hall, Alison Hatheway, Jim Hurley, Richard James, Sue McIntyre, John McNeil, Jeanne Polito, Ellen Souther, Kathy Hobbs,** and **Karen Walsh.** If you have any information about these people or others from the class of 1968, we ask you to call or email, **Catherine (Cathy) Davis** at 781-383-2570 or catherineedavis@gmail.com. If you want to be part of the organizational meeting or want to purchase a ticket, please contact Cathy as indicated above. Look forward to hearing from everyone.

20TH REUNION

Another year is calling all Cohasset High School alumni from the class of 1988. It is time to start thinking about your 20-year high school reunion which is in the works for sometime this summer. If you are interested in helping organize or just want to update your contact information please email **Heather St. Onge Nicholls** at hmnicholls@comast.net.

COLLEGE TENNIS

The Middlebury College women's tennis team started the season off with four wins as they hosted matches last weekend indoors on campus. The Panthers lost just one game on the weekend as they earned four convincing victories. Middlebury defeated Babson, Bates and Skidmore 9-0, while defeating Brandeis 8-1.

Junior **Elizabeth Stone** of Cohasset earned perfect 4-0 marks for Middlebury over the two-day event. In doubles play, Elizabeth and her partner Jamie Haar, a sophomore, went 2-0.

ROAD RACE

Celebrate the coming of spring by running in the 32nd annual Cohasset Road Race by the Sea. Enjoy one of the most beautiful 10K routes in New England as it winds along the Atlantic Ocean and through this quintessential New England seaside town. Race begins at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 6th. For those who prefer to take their time, there's also the 4th Annual Fran Coffey Memorial Walk on the same day. Walk begins at 10 a.m. Awards for winners of the road race, plus other prizes and refreshments. E-mail questions to 2008@roadracebythesea.com or visit www.roadracebythesea.com for information on the run or the walk. All are welcome!



COURTESY PHOTO

Cohasset's Elizabeth Stone, a junior at Middlebury, continues to be a key tennis player.

DEAN'S LIST

Molly Kate Gallagher has been named to second honors on the Clark University dean's list. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2007 semester. Molly Kate is a member of Clark University's Class of 2011.

The following Cohasset students were named to the University of Massachusetts Amherst dean's list: **Mary C. Fegreus, Sera A. Genovese, Stephen P. Murray, Julia G. Scribner, Brian J Straughn.**

Congratulations, all!

PSO TELETHON

Relax in the comfort of your own home or join us at the High School auditorium where we will be broadcasting live for the fifth annual Cohasset PSO Telethon & On-line Auction on Thursday, April 10 from 7-9 pm on Comcast Channel 22. Support your public schools by phoning in your tax-deductible pledges to 1-800-719-3199. Remember, the more you pledge, the more chances you have to win our exciting raffle items. For a $100 pledge, you will be entered into the raffle for the Grand Prize: Boston Harbor Hotel Romance Pkg. (retail value over $800), 1st Prize: Kayaks, and lots more prizes available for $100, $75, $50 or $25. The talent show has always been a lot of fun to watch. Who knows— maybe you will spot the next "American Idol!"

'JOSEPH'

The last weekend to come and enjoy a colorful and musical story of Joseph and his coat of many colors as told through the musical score and lyrics of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber presented by the Cohasset Dramatic Club is here. The show is tonight and Saturday night, March 15th at 7:30 and Sunday, March 16th at 2:00 pm. and is held at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. Tickets are $14, $12 groups of 8 or more and may be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Paperscapes, 1 Highland Ave. or by calling 617-697-2115. Ticket also available at the door. This is such a great way to enjoy an evening with friends and/or family members with music, color and fun. See you there!



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Welcome to the world to Adele Charlotte Bigley, who arrived Saturday March 8.

That is all for this week. Send in all of your news no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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Giving a world away: Fourth graders help in El Salvador

By Nancy White
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A pencil case filled with pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener, colored pencils and stickers don't seem like a lot to most kids in Cohasset. But, a fourth grade class at Deer Hill School recently learned just how much those little items could mean to someone very far away.

In November, Jane Thomas's class embarked on a project to help an extremely poor neighborhood in El Salvador — and maybe learn a great deal about helping other in the process. Diane Fischer of Weymouth made contact with Mrs. Thomas's class as she prepared to make her second trip to the Central American country in January.

Simple items, often taken for granted in Cohasset, were the focus of the El Salvador project. She asked for the student's assistance in her effort to bring small, inexpensive school supplies to donate to kids halfway around the world. The class also collected money so Fischer and her travel mates could purchase mattresses.

Fischer's interest in El Salvador began over two decades ago when she adopted her daughter, Jenny from an orphanage outside of San Salvador. In January, Fischer, her daughter Jenny and two others headed to El Salvador with money, 200 pounds of clothes, shoes, pencils and mirrors to give away.

Fischer returned to Mrs. Thomas's class to show the students how much good their donations did for a group of people they likely will never meet. Jenny accompanied Fischer to the classroom last week, armed with photos and stories from their weeklong trip to El Salvador.

"I wanted the kids to know that their donations and effort made a difference in the lives of people they will never meet," said Fischer. A slideshow presentation gave the students a glimpse into life in an extremely poor section of El Salvador.

"Things in El Salvador are colorful, that's the way they like it to be," Fischer explained, but often the children don't have the markers, crayons and colored pencils to put colors on paper.

She showed pictures of stark classrooms with nothing posted on the walls and 40 desks squeezed into room about half the size of the fourth grade classroom. Double sessions allow the school to teach twice the amount of children in half the space of Deer Hill.

Although the school was high-tech in some ways by having a small computer lab, they were lacking significantly in others — there are no bathrooms in the entire building. She told the class how part of the school didn't have a roof; Fischer gave the school's principal money to pay for a new roof.

But, their focus was to bring needed supplies to a small barrio, or neighborhood, outside of the El Salvador capital San Salvador. Barrio Hortensia is a grouping on tiny one and two bedroom huts.

Fischer said it was difficult to hand stuff out because everyone wanted something, anything.

"They just really wanted stuff badly, they didn't care what it was. Women wanted stuff for the men, kids wanted stuff for the women, men wanted stuff for the kids, it didn't matter," said Fischer. Their gifts were warmly received, she said.

Eighteen mattresses were purchased to replace the bedding families currently slept on — springs with a sheet over them.

Salvadorian children need very little to be able to attend school — shoes, pencils and paper. With the help of the Mrs. Thomas's fourth grade class, Fischer was able to bring supplies of each to the barrio.

"The mothers wanted the pencil cases and the kids wanted the pencil cases," said Fischer. "They loved them."

As an extra bit of fun, they brought along with them Polaroid camera to give the kids and adults their very first picture of themselves.

Fischer and her group did not forget the necessities and left the barrio families enough money to purchase three months worth of groceries. Fischer said she left knowing how much their work meant to the neighborhood and for at least a little while wouldn't have to worry how they would pay for their next meal.

Although Fischer stressed the importance of "paying it forward" and for the students not to expect anything in return for helping another in need, she gave each of the students a small Salvadorian handmade clay animal.

"This is to remind you of the work you did for people in El Salvador and to inspire you to continue helping others without asking for anything in return," said Fischer.

Fischer and her daughter Jenny are committed to returning to El Salvador each year to do what they can to help the people there.



COURTESY PHOTO

Two little boys of Barrio Hortensia in El Salvador happily sit on a mattress donated by a local group dedicated to helping the impoverished in El Salvador. Diane Fischer of Weymouth enlisted the help of a Deer Hill class to donate pencil cases and money to the El Salvador project.



STAFF PHOTO/DAVE NEAGLE

A slideshow presentation gives fourth-graders a glimpse into life in an extremely poor section of El Salvador.

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St. Pat's dinner for veterans

The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion is hosting a St. Patrick's Day dinner for veterans and their families at 6 p.m. on Saturday (March 15) at the Legion Hall on Summer Street.

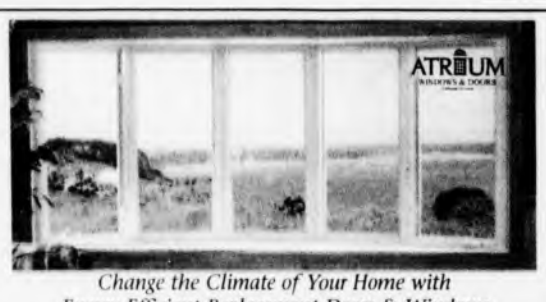
Tickets are $10 per person and will be available at the door.

The event includes a corn beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings and dessert. There will also be a raffle and karaoke.

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'Healing Field' is planned for Memorial Day

The flags sell for $25 and can be dedicated to anyone.

The Sons of the American Legion is planning to install a Healing Field as part of the town's Memorial Day 2008 observances.

The effort should result in hundreds of American flags on eight-foot-tall poles temporarily installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets. The island faces Veterans Memorial Park where the annual Memorial Day observances are held.

The flags sell for $25 and can be dedicated to anyone. In other words, the purchase of a flag is not limited to those honoring someone who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces. (Those who purchase flags will be able to pick them up after 10 days).

Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with a note on the memo line indicating "Healing Field" and sent to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, please visit www.healingfield.org/cohasset or contact the Legion post at 781-383-9657 or stop by the post at 98 Summer St. any weekday after 3 p.m., Saturdays after 10 a.m. or Sundays after 12 noon. Applications for Healing Field flags are available at the Post and at both branches of Pilgrim Cooperative Bank. All proceeds will go to veterans' projects of the Sons of the American Legion.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Open forum

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We like to think in large part our readers' involvement in their hometown paper is a reflection of our comprehensive coverage of the town. We also realize that it is due to the particular character of Cohasset. We know that some of our readers have been lucky enough to have grown up in town and have chosen to stay. Others have "picked" Cohasset as their adopted hometown and almost immediately fell in love with the seaside community.

"Natives" and "newcomers" alike agree that Cohasset is special. Not only does it have spectacular ocean vistas coupled with true, quintessential New England charm – but it is the kind of community that outsiders can only fantasize about. It is still relatively small and is a place where it is still possible to know your neighbors and recognize friends and fellow residents whether strolling through the village or on a walk along Sandy Beach.

It is the love of the town and a deep, undying desire among so many to protect its unique and special qualities that propels so many residents to put their opinions in writing and share them with others through their Cohasset Mariner.

We carefully read all the letters and opinion pieces before publication — however, we have no way of knowing whether a particular writer has an agenda. (Most people do!) We do not accept anonymous submissions and require that all include a name and address.

We think that over the years, allowing the space and a free-wheeling discussion has not only been "self-policing" but enlightening and has helped move the community forward.

We know that for many of our readers, the editorial pages are the first ones they open to every Friday.

As journalists we love covering government and the issues – but that does not make us "experts." Sometimes we get requests to do an investigative, research piece on a particular environmental issue, for example. While we would love to do that – in most cases, we just do not have the staff, the time or are able to devote the resources to tackle it.

However, we welcome submissions from local experts that help shed light and educate us. We only ask that in the interests of space, such submissions are as concise as possible.

As always, we welcome feedback from our readers. We hope and believe the editorial pages of your Mariner will continue to be a true "community forum."



If there were more candidates for trustee positions, at least we might enjoy a whisper campaign

HAMILTON

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, March 18, 7p.m.
Alternative Energy Committee, May 13, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, March 19, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, March 20, and April 3, 7 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, March 19 & 26 at 7:15 p.m.
Osgood School Council, March 13 and April 3, 3:30 p.m. at Osgood School.
Planning Board, March 26, 7p.m.
School Committee, March 19, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, March 24, 6 p.m.
Town Hall Restoration Committee, March 17 & March 24, 7 p.m.
Water Commission, March 18, 6 p.m. at the King Street plant.
Zoning Board of Appeals, April 1, 7:30 p.m.
Annual Town Meeting begins at 9a.m., March 29
Annual Town Election, April 5

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Register now for spelling bee

The Cohasset Education Foundation will be offering its first Annual Children's Spelling Bee fundraiser on Sunday, April 13. All children in grades two to five are welcome to participate in this fun, community event. Each team is made up of three children in the same grade. Team members could be from class, a sports team, or a Cohasset resident in another school.

Registration, including a tee shirt, is $25 per speller. Forms can be downloaded at www.cohasseteducation.org

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What's the hurry on the fix for Treats Pond?

I see the sewer work has begun — at least the trench has been dug.

Can't we wait (and perhaps save thousands of dollars) to see if local sewerage will work? A cheaper temporary solution may be available (see Cohasset Mariner commentary of Feb. 28).

This ACE solution may become redundant by the time it's done. Plus we may have spent thousands of dollars in legal fees attempting to take the necessary eminent domain, etc.

As to turning down Federal money, Cohasset has a history of that — remember $1 million for a new sewer plant.

The town has no money to waste — let's be careful and DO IT RIGHT.

Katherine F. Stanton
30 Clay Spring Road

'Edible Art' support appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Arts Boosters and the CMHS Arts Department would like to thank the following merchants and families for donating so generously to "Eat Your Art."

Bia's, Darilynn's, ShoeMarket Kids, J.J.'s, Buttonwood Books and Toys, The Good Sport, Twist, Sagestone Beads, Café Zuppa, Nails Essential, Good Fella's Pizza, the Meyers and the Breslows.

The extremely well attended and hugely successful evening would not have been the same without your contributions.

Once again, thanks for giving the Arts a Boost!

Barbara Baumgarten
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Janet Robinson

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Greater flooding needs to be addressed

COMMENTARY

COGGINS AND OTHERS

We recognize the flooding issues on Atlantic Avenue at Treats Pond; however we do not believe that problem should have priority and accompanying funding over the greater stormwater flooding problem the town is facing in Jacob's Meadow, at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and in Cohasset Harbor.

The recent return of the MBTA, the Village infrastructure upgrades that alleviated flooding at the Post office, and the disregard of engineering studies that emphatically stated what steps had to be taken to prevent the ever present flooding in the meadow, have all contributed to a flooding situation that repeats each tide cycle. Add to this disaster, a continuing overflow problem at the WWTP and you have, at the very least, a strong candidate for top flooding problem on the priority list.

Jacob's Meadow receives all the stormwater runoff from the 830-acre James Brook watershed. In a recent Stormwater Committee presentation to the Conservation Commission, Dan Coughlin, the engineer working on the town-wide stormwater management plan, stated that the James Brook and Jacob's Meadow experience the most severe flooding problem in town and should receive priority status.

The issue that concerns us the most is the price tag the proposed Treat's Pond project carries. We have repeatedly been told that the Town recognizes the dire situation in Jacob's Meadow; however, the money is not available to fix the many problems that cause the flooding in the Meadow. We have been asked to wait for the Stormwater Master Plan that will address the *entire* town flooding problem.

Why is there such a push by town officials to single out Treats Pond for special treatment? Why is this project of such importance that it is exempted from the overall "flooding" plan that has yet to be delivered? If this project receives town funding, what delaying effect will it have on town-wide stormwater remediation? How then can the Board of Selectmen, in good conscience, sponsor, promote and recommend a warrant that provides $300,000 of town money to alleviate flooding problems that have much less dire consequences than the problem that is sending partially-treated effluent into Cohasset Harbor?

If these funds were applied to stormwater mitigation as defined in previous engineering studies, they would go a long way to solving the flooding in the James Brook corridor and Jacob's Meadow, the overflows at the WWTP, the threat posed to the health of Cohasset Harbor once the extreme overflow pipe goes online, and would eliminate the negative impact on the homes that surround the Meadow.

Make no mistake about it; this is entirely about where the town should spend the limited capital it possesses. To commit funds to any project that does not solve the problem that hits Jacobs Meadow and Cohasset Harbor is an injustice to the town. Once that overflow pipe goes online, the effluent that filled our backyards at least five times in the last two years will flow unfettered into Cohasset Harbor. There it will affect the businesses, the fishing fleet, the Yacht Club and the Sailing Club. This is not a neighborhood problem, nor is it one that would be nice to do if we had the money. This is the single most important stormwater issue the town is facing today. $300,000 would go along way towards a cleaner harbor.

Joe and Maryellen Coggins; Cathy and Matt Witkos; ***David and Lynne Lahive;*** *Susi and Ralph Coley; Brian and Jean O'Halloran; Dan and Stacy Steele; Kathy Crosby; Bill Bell; Kathy and Ed O'Neill; and Wilson and Susan Pile.*

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Explaining aeration of Lily Pond

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Cohasset Water Department developments – What - no skating on Lily Pond? We've done it for years! Why can't we skate there? Well, as you might suspect there is quite a story behind the "no skating" sign. Let's start at the beginning.

In the "good old days" drinking water was commonly treated with chlorine to disinfect it and make it safe for drinking. The natural consequence, since the introduction of municipal water treatment facilities, has been a dramatic reduction in water borne disease, much to society's benefit. But, as we get more sophisticated in our understanding of the chemistry of water purification, we found that chlorinating water also has some possible side effects. Like most water sources in the world, Cohasset's water supply has a small amount of organic matter that is leached from the surrounding earth. When this organic matter, even though the quantity is itty bitty, meets chlorine it combines to form traces of a family of chemicals called "trihalomethanes." These are also referred to by the initials "THM." "TTHM" refers to "Total Trihalomethanes," which represents the sum of all the trihalomethanes family of compounds measured in the water. The effects of trihalomethanes have been closely studied recently. Based on these data, the EPA has now set safe standards for maximum levels of TTHMs. So, for our water department to meet these standards the chlorination process needed to be rearranged.

To reduce TTHMs we have made changes to the chlorination process. But, rearranging the chlorination process, it turns out, increases some of the effects of a trace element called manganese in our drinking water. The manganese has been there all along and is common in water supplies. When water leaves the plant, manganese can be totally dissolved in the water and the water will be very clear. After the water has been pumped through the system, stored in one of our two storage tanks and its temperature changed multiple times, the manganese tends to drop out of solution and can appear as discolored water. This has been exacerbated by the revision of our chlorination processes to reduce TTHMs. Obviously having discolored water is not something we like. But, keep in mind manganese is essential for essential functioning of the human body. In fact, the manganese coloration that we dislike in our drinking water is the same source of color that was used by cave men to make their markings on cave walls.

Now, where does the manganese come from? It is a naturally occurring element and comes from the ground under Lily Pond and Aaron River Reservoir. Interestingly, we also found that the migration of manganese into the pond water from to soil tends to increase a bit in the warmer months. Our engineers and consultants have put their heads together to find an economical way to reduce the absorption of manganese into the water. Interestingly enough, industry research has shown that if the pond has a high amount of dissolved oxygen, this will retard the absorption of manganese into the water. Thus, less manganese in the water will reduce the downstream effects and resulting discoloration.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Workers installing diffuser ring.



Lily Pond Aeration System location.

This winter, the Cohasset Water Department installed an aeration system in Lily Pond to minimize the manganese absorption. Its goal is to add an appreciable amount of oxygen to the water in Lily Pond. This system consists of several components. First, there is an air compressor and an air storage tank used to balance the air pressure that will be fed to Lily Pond. Next, there is a distribution system that feeds the air from the pressure tank to five separate places throughout Lily Pond. The distribution system also contains valves to allow the Water Department to individually adjust the amount of air to each of the five pond aeration locations. Lastly, at each of the Lily Pond aeration points there is a large submerged donut about six feet in diameter. The air is pumped into the donut and escapes into the pond through a large number of holes drilled in the donut's perimeter.

Although manganese is a contributor to discolored water, keep in mind there are other sources of discoloration. For example, any time a valve in the supply system is turned on or off it's possible that some of the naturally occurring micro particles on the inside of water lines can be knocked loose and find their way into your home. Water line construction also can cause a temporary similar discoloration effect. But, addressing the manganese level at the source should pay dividends to all water users.



Photo showing air pattern from diffuser ring.

The photos show workers on a raft with one of the donut shaped air diffuser rings that will aerate Lily Pond. Another photo shows a close up of the air bubbles coming from the donut in a test pond. Lastly, there is an overhead view of Lilly Pond which shows the donut and compressor locations. To help orient you, King Street is in the upper right hand corner of the photo.

So, we've come full circle. The reason that large amount of air is being pumped into Lilly Pond is to reduce the manganese absorption into the water. This should result in clearer water for all of us. Because the air is pumped into the pond, the ice that develops on the surface is not as solid as it otherwise would be without aeration. The net result, no ice sports on Lily Pond.

Greenbush Update – There is not much to report this week. Continued surveys confirm that Cohasset ridership seems to have plateaued. Spot checks show between 160 and 165 cars in the Cohasset Station parking lot on a daily basis.

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The ubiquitous Chinese take-out

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



More years ago than I care to count, I had occasion to visit the Northwest Territories of Canada to watch Her Majesty's government pack up a town called Aklavik, which was sinking into the mud, move it to higher ground and rename it Inuvik.

I was never able to reach Aklavik, or Inuvik, for that matter, but that's another story.

In my search for something to write about to justify my expense account, I connected with a bush pilot named Pat Carey and followed him for a couple of days as he flew in and out of the small towns in the muskeg around Great Slave Lake.

I noticed a strange thing. All the towns, great and small, had a Chinese restaurant.

As it was explained to me, the towns all started out as mining or logging camps and each of them imported a Chinese cook because they came cheap in those days. When the mines and the logs petered out, the campers left, leaving the cooks behind with empty woks.

All that was left to them was to learn to make chop suey and open a restaurant.

I was reminded of my days with Chinese take-out in the bush the other day when I learned that there are no less than 43,000 Chinese restaurants in the United States.

That's more than all the MacDonalds, Burger Kings and KFCs combined. But not Dunkin' Donuts franchises, judging by the number that I've counted in Weymouth alone.

Those figures come from a new book, "The Fortune Cookie Chronicles: Adventures in the World of Chinese Food," by Jennifer 8. Lee, who, incidentally, discovered in her researches that fortune cookies actually are a Japanese, not a Chinese, invention.

That middle initial, "8." in her name is correct. I don't know why but it must have some mystic Chinese significance because real Chinese cookbooks carry recipes for an entrée known as "8 jewel duck" and a dessert called "8 precious pudding."

I say "real Chinese cookbooks" because the best known Chinese food, chop suey, actually was invented in America, reputedly by a Chinese cook who threw together the leftover bean sprouts, bamboo shoots, water chestnuts, et al, doused them with soy sauce to kill the taste and served it as a delicacy.

There are five different types of Chinese cuisine — Cantonese, which is favored in most U. S. restaurants; Szechuan, highly spiced; Beijing-Shantung, sometimes called mandarin, the cuisine of the aristocracy; Honan and Fukien.

Lee's book also uncovers sort of an underground railroad for illegal immigrants from China.

If you've managed to sneak into the country without checking in and you can't speak English, go to New York's Chinatown, where listings are posted for job opportunities in restaurants across the country.

And the opportunities must be good because there are 43,000 of them — and that's not counting those in the Northwest Territories.

The Office – Home Edition

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



Ah... The joys of working from home. No commute, no dress code, and no dealing with colleagues worthy of a role on *The Office*. To those who venture into a "real" office on a regular basis, it does sound ideal. Yet, over the years, I've waivered in my devotion to my home office.

If you also work from home or are contemplating doing so, you'll probably find that while there are a lot of advantages, at times it can be quite lonely. It goes in stages. However, just in case the isolation really starts to get to you, here are the top 10 signs that it might be time to turn your home office back into a guest room and lease yourself some office space.

10. You take personal offence when the local Starbucks rearranges their interior layout without consulting you. How dare they? Shouldn't you have a say in what they do with your favorite conference room?

9. The only "water cooler conversation" in your life involves doing Tim Gunn imitations ("*Designers ... I'm worried.*") while discussing the *Project Runway* results on the phone with your mother.

8. You look wistfully at your closet full of unworn designer suits and high heels and think about how much fun it would be to play "dress up."

7. On a recent foray out to the Financial District for a meeting (wearing a suit that's older than your children and tripping on heels that your Croc-spoiled feet can no longer handle), you're astounded by the number of single men who exist in the world and are actually old enough to tie their own shoes.

6. You've given up rationalizing how you can possibly be home all day long and still not have a clean house.

5. In a lame attempt to actually clean, you challenge your other "work at home colleagues" to bring over their robotic vacuum cleaners so you all can have "Roomba races."

4. You realize that Sven in Iceland and other Facebook friends know more details about the monotony of your daily life than your actual friends.

3. You've once again eaten your kids' entire stash of blueberry pop-tarts, Scooby Doo fruit snacks, Spiderman cheese sticks and bubblegum flavored yogurt cups.

2. You are inexplicably drawn to Perez Hilton's blog throughout the day just so you don't miss the latest scoop on Britney, Amy Winehouse and those bobble-headed dolls otherwise known as the Olsen Twins.

...the top 10 signs that it might be time to turn your home office back into a guest room and lease yourself some office space.

However, in my experience, the number one sign that it might be time for you to get out of the house and go back to an office is:

1. You find yourself asking your children at dinner if they remember whether or not Mommy showered today.

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident who is actually in a good phase of working from home. Although she did recently catch herself giving her Roomba a tuneup. Anyone up for a race?

Cohasset DTC presents Casino Gambling Forum

A public forum on the question of casino gambling in Massachusetts presented by the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee's "Cohasset Political Forum" from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset.

Three brief presentations by public figures and or authors on the subject of casino gambling will be presented followed by dialogue, questions and answers and invited public discussion on the subject of casino gambling in Massachusetts. The three formal participants are:

- Ted Carr - Cohasset Selectman and Executive with the Patrick Administration – with oversight authority over casino gambling.
- Professor Robert Goodman - author of the book "The Luck Business."
- Louise Haldeman - Casino gambling issue specialist from the Massachusetts League Of Woman Voters

The overriding purpose of the forum is to educate the public regarding casino gambling and to invite public discussion on this important public issue.

Overview and participant introductions by Kevin McCarthy, chair of the Cohasset Democratic Committee. The forum will be moderated by Tom Callahan, vice-chair of the Cohasset Democratic Committee and former Cohasset Town Selectman. The overriding purpose of the forum is to educate the public regarding casino gambling and to invite public discussion on this important public issue.

Free and open to the public.

NEW OFFICERS — The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee met last week following the Democratic primary to reorganize and elect new officers. Officers for the next term are: Kevin McCarthy, Chairman; Tom Callahan, Vice Chairman; Pat Laugelle, Treasurer; Ned Tebbetts, Affirmative Action officer; and Susan Kent, Secretary.

Special musical program offered

On Sunday, April 1, from 2 to 4 p.m., the Cohasset Historical Society will offer a special program titled "Popular Music of the Gaslight Era" by musician and educator, John Root.

Root both a vocalist and instrumentalist, presents programs on popular music from the first half of the 20th century for audiences of all ages. He brings a diverse repertoire of instrumental and vocal musical styles to his performances and demonstrates how song lyrics offer insights into the customs and values of a bygone period in our history. Through the music, we learn how the country's multicultural diversity at the turn of the previous century created unique musical styles that continue to delight and inspire audiences around the world.

The cost of this program is $10 per person and includes light refreshment. All are invited to the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St., in Cohasset for an afternoon of most enjoyable entertainment.

Selectmen candidates

Cohasset's TV talk show, Our Town, is featuring candidates for the Board of Selectmen. Co-host Mark DeGiacomo interviews incumbent Fred Koed, who is seeking reelection. Co-host Pat Martin talks with candidate Karen Quigley.

Tune in Mondays at 9p.m. on channel 10 or catch up on Tuesdays or Thursday at 9p.m.

Tune in Cohasset and stay informed.

'Support a Runner'

In last week's feature article "Running for a cure" a Mariner oversight left out information for readers who would like to contribute to Kevin McKeon's cause: the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research. To contribute, or to find out more information about the Dana-Farber Challenge Team, visit www.rundfmr.org and click on "Support a Runner."

Other examples of salt-marsh restoration

COMMENTARY

JANE AND MICHAEL RUSSELL

As the March 29th Town Meeting draws near, a lot of people in town naturally want to know more about the plan to restore Treats Pond as a salt marsh. Last week, the Friends of Treats Pond answered a list of frequently asked questions. Here are some additional thoughts you may want to consider as you weigh your vote.

The federal program to restore habitats like Treats Pond has been around for quite a while. Communities up and down the eastern seaboard of the U.S. have welcomed the funding as a way to preserve the environment, protect wildlife, and in some cases to control flooding. Today in Massachusetts, a number of federally subsidized Salt Marsh restorations are underway in cities and towns along the coast.

The list of Massachusetts cities and towns with salt marsh restorations in various stages of approval is extensive. On Cape Ann there is a great deal of support for restorations in the Towns of Ipswich, Essex, Gloucester and Rockport. The Association to Preserve Cape Cod is actively involved in salt marsh restorations in Bourne, Barnstable, Brewster, Wellfleet and Dennis. If Cohasset rejects the Treats Pond proposal, we already know our $1.1 million in federal funding will go to Quincy which has embarked on a major salt marsh restoration at Broad Meadows.

Worth mentioning is a $2 million salt marsh restoration that took place in 2000 in Sagamore, Mass. using the same federal program now being proposed for Treats Pond.

The Sagamore Marsh project was designed to restore an inlet cut off from the ocean in the 1930's by the widening of the Cape Cod Canal. Similar to the Treats Pond proposal, the Sagamore restoration project also involved an element of flood control.

Closer to home, the World's End salt marsh restoration at Damde Meadows in Hingham recently took advantage of federal, state and corporate grants to reconnect a freshwater habitat with the ocean. The 20-acre swamp had a lot in common with Treats Pond. It was cut off from the ocean tides way back in the 1630's by a road built by early settlers. Like Treats Pond, World's End became a stagnant, fresh water pool, choked by phragmites, offering no environmental value except perhaps for mosquitoes.

The World's End restoration project re-joined a marsh with the flushing action of Boston Harbor tides and the results have been highly successful. Today, it is once again a thriving salt water habitat, teeming with wildlife and adding important elements to the food chain in Boston Harbor that are vital to the waters of Massachusetts Bay and beyond.

Another great example of a federally subsidized salt marsh restoration is underway right now in Cohasset at Straits Pond. According to Weirriver.org, in the 1800's, Straits Pond was a tidal marsh connected to the ocean at Black Rock Beach. The marsh was dammed at the Black Rock end, however, and used as a reservoir for the operation of a gristmill at West Corner. This created a litany of environmental problems at Straits Pond that until recent years were left unchecked. Pollution, invasive plant species and midges were taking over the Straits Pond habitat.

Thanks to the diligence of our local Congressman, our state legislators, and community organizations, however, a total of $2.4 million in federal and state funding is now slated to address serious environmental issues at the pond while simultaneously regulating acceptable water levels. According to Weirriver.org, greater salt water flushing at Straits Pond will "have a positive effect on all of the sources of the pond's problems."

The positive environmental benefits of salt marsh restorations throughout Massachusetts have been quite clear. But the argument for the Treats Pond proposal, now up for consideration at Town Meeting, goes well beyond the environmental benefits it would produce. It will save the Town of Cohasset from having to fund and build a drainage system along Atlantic Avenue at an estimated cost of more than $1 million dollars. Please consider this factor when you vote on March 29th — and thanks for listening!

Jane and Michael Russell on behalf of the Friends of Treats Pond.

HEALTH NOTES

Water, water everywhere

By Steve Bobo and Jim Kinch
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Stormwater is now front and center — for Mariner subscribers it was on the front page and in half the articles of last week's paper. Flooding and proposed solutions occupied most of the newsprint and all of the emotion. Opposing solutions to the Treat's pond situation — flooding problems at the wastewater plant and the continuing saga of springtime woes for the residents along James Brook, are the litany of environmental issues that Cohasset faces as we focus on our annual town meeting.

Well everyone is talking and some even claim to have (or at least think they have) obvious solutions to the problem(s). How did we get here? And where are we going?

Maybe a moment to gather our thoughts and consider the options is in order. Have we suddenly arrived at some new place of crisis or has there been a steady transition from one point to a new equilibrium? As in complex issues the answer to both questions is yes.

Cohasset is changing, we are now building extravagant residences on lots once considered unbuildable and small cottages are giving way to 5000-6000 sq. ft. dwellings changing historic drainage patterns and redirecting runoff. Runoff and storm-water alterations are incremental and cumulative — it's a function of permeability and consideration. Development on impermeable ledge without consideration of storm-water runoff has combined to create a crisis. Add to this, wetter springs (and the potential for sea-level rise) and lowland flooding becomes chronic.

The real solution is appropriate regulation requiring each new development to consider its contribution to the volume of runoff. Each project must assess and describe how it will minimize any increase in total volume and rate of storm water leaving its site. Up until a few years ago runoff was a minor problem, an annoyance, but altered drainage pushed more surface water into streets and waterways forcing flooding upon those downstream. The MBTA construction has reduced the area of surface water recharge by almost one square mile. The current situation will require potentially complex and expensive efforts to mitigate. But unless the townspeople take positive action in the form of a new bylaw, forcing new construction and lot modifications to consider storm water runoff and design their projects in a way to minimize increased storm-water runoff and pollution the problem can only get worse.

On Monday night, the selectmen approved a final version of the Stormwater Bylaw. Moreover, they wisely provided for both the Treats Pond controversy and Jacob's Meadow to be covered in the townwide Flood Master Plan now going on to attack the stormwater issue in a holistic fashion. Some claim that projects affecting their homes are being left out of the Government's largesse in providing funding for their neighborhoods —not so! For example, remediation has already begun in the matter of Jacobs Meadow. Grants requested and approved subject to available funds. A bypass system has been designed for conveying treatment plant overflow out of Jacobs meadow during storm events. Plans have been reviewed for increasing flow through the tide gates, and upland remediation projects in Jacobs Meadow have been planned and funding identified.

The proposed Storm Water Bylaw in this year's warrant has been in development for over two years and has been reviewed by all major town boards. It needs the approval of the Townspeople to put into action a plan to stop this continuing slide into crisis. We urge all voters to read the bylaw, to listen to the debate at Town Meeting and to vote to support the bylaw — this is a crisis that demands action now.

Jim Kinch is a member of the Water Resource Protection Committee and Steve Bobo is a member of the Board of Health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Questions raised on Treat's Pond

TO THE EDITOR:

It is heartening to see that the community is getting involved in the discussion about the complex issue that is being presented with the Treat's Pond Article, which raises more questions than the problem it is seeking to answer — the flooding surrounding the pond. In fact, the whole area between Lothrop Lane and Whitehead gets hit hard when the rain comes barreling down from the highlands all around. It seems particularly important for the sake of the houses on the lower plain to make sure that the established pond drainage, an easement defined by Article 4.2b of the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants filed with the Norfolk County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 388218 with attached sketch, be kept clear.

With regard to the pond itself, is the town of Cohasset legally obligated to uphold the Conservation Easement deeded to the town (by Deed of Easement filed with the Norfolk County Registry District as Document No. 259864) when Elizabeth Bigelow granted Treat's Pond to the town's care in 1964? It clearly states that Treat's Pond is not to be "altered from its natural state as a marsh pond." If the Town of Cohasset is allowing onto the town meeting warrant the Army Corps's (not a conservation organization) proposal to completely change the ecosystem to that of a salt pond, are they not ceding their obligation? Ought the town at least try to work within the parameters of the Conservation Commission Act, whose purposes are also cited in Mrs. Bigelow's easement deed, before even considering A.C.E.'s high-impact plan? How expensive could it possibly be to maintain or even improve upon an established drainage compared with blasting a 42-in. pipe 10 feet under a 250-yard course, including ledge, to get to Whale Meadow?

If phragmites is the problem, is it necessary to introduce salt water to the pond to get rid of it? Again, Mrs. Bigelow provided that "nor shall said pond be excavated or cleared except as may be necessary to remove debris, blow down and over growth…and I grant to the Town to enter upon the premises from time to time as may be necessary for said purposes…" Further, is the pond really dirtier than an increasing amount of flooded and rotting vegetation and a few wild birds can provide?

Let's get the jurisdiction of this pond back to the town or even state and allow the full gamut of conservation and engineering experts at hand, especially our own Storm Water Committee, to give another estimate than what A.C.E. has ruled out as impossible, the established drainage to Sandy Cove's southern end.

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Treat's Pond 'realities'

TO THE EDITOR:

The cheapest (for Cohasset taxpayers) solution to the Treat's Pond mess is the expensive Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) plan, because two-thirds of its cost would be federally funded and some of the remainder state funded. The really cheap suggestion by several writers is not feasible; the only feasible alternative is a modified version of the ACE plan described below, which would not be federally funded. The ACE plan, by back flushing with ocean water, would restore Treat's Pond to its original state, thus being eligible for the federal funding. The modified version would eliminate back flushing (and federal assistance).

The existing drain is too small, and a deed restriction prevents it from being replaced, so a new drain in another location is required and the proposed new location avoids the frequent sand blockage at the exit of the existing drain. Extending the old drain does not solve the sand accretion problem, and of course it still would be too small.

Completing the Storm Water Plan is not likely to reveal sufficient rain garden or other ameliorating factors to significantly alter the floods of rainwater that the drain must deal with.

Clearly, the Town (not individual property owners) has the responsibility for diverting water from properties and providing drainage away from them. It is quite impractical for each property owner to lay drains from his or her property to some point of disposal.

The project cost of a modified ACE plan is not much reduced by providing only the needed (increased) drainage, and foregoing back-flushing of sea water to kill the phragmites, restore the original salt water marsh, reduce mosquitoes, reduce the build up of decaying phragmites, and improve water absorption of the marsh floor. An adequate drain cannot be installed at the current location, so the new drain would be installed through Whale Meadow same as with the ACE plan, with the same permitting and easement cost, almost the same cost for trenching, pipe laying and land restoration. The cost of a tide gate would be eliminated, and perhaps the trench less deep.

So, is this minor saving worth foregoing the Federal grant, which would pay two-thirds of the estimated cost, and perhaps also foregoing or reducing state grants? Even with the Federal grant and the anticipated state grant, Cohasset's share is painful. But not nearly as painful as going it alone with some partial solution that is not eligible for grants.

Of course, we probably will not bite the bullet at Town Meeting. While diddling with some supposedly less costly scheme the Federal grant we might have had may be re-allotted to some other Town, with the help of its Congressman; some Town that has had the wit and appropriate greed to embrace a plan that fits grant requirements. Unfortunately, passionate and eloquent rhetoric at Town Meeting will obscure and dilute the presentation and consideration of the realities. Admittedly, what is reality to one may seem fantasy to another (hence the quotation marks in the title).

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217 Jerusalem Road

Design a logo for Cohasset contest

In order to create a stronger identity/image for the Town of Cohasset, the EDC needs your good ideas and artistic talents to fulfill its objective of better marketing the town we are all so proud of.

All are invited to participate in a friendly and fun competition: professionals or amateurs, grownups or kids. The winner will receive his/her logo on tee shirts, the public recognition of the community, not to mention "the artist's immortality."

The mission — if you should accept it — is to design a graphic identity for Cohasset that encapsulates and expresses best the beauty or the unique character of the town. You are free to use scenes, monuments, symbols, letters, or whatever, so long as it evokes Cohasset and no other town. Keep in mind that, to be effective, a logo should be small, clear and simple. The dominant color that needs to be used is the blue/green shade of PMS 3275*.

The deadline to submit your designed logo to the EDC, care of Alain Pinel, EDC, c/o Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall is April 11. In early April, a special Logo Selection Panel will be created (composed of one member of the South Shore Art Center, one graphic specialist and one member of the EDC), to choose the best design.

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Q&A on affordable housing

The following Q&As were prepared by the Housing Partnership. Its charge is to encourage the creation and preservation of affordable housing by serving as an information resource to town officials, developers and the general public, and as a facilitator in the process of creating affordable housing. The Partnership membership is comprised of townspeople with legal, architectural, banking, real estate, conservation, communication and community housing backgrounds.

• Why does Cohasset need affordable housing?

The state's Chapter 40B law mandates that in all cities and towns, 10 percent of the total housing stock be affordable to those whose household incomes are 80 percent or less of area median incomes. A) we must comply and B) whether we agree with the mandate or not, we believe there is both a value and need to create diversified housing, for the town's municipal workers, for young starter families who grew up in Cohasset and for downsizing seniors with limited assets. We should remember that Cohasset historically has always been a town of economic diversity, notwithstanding a stereotype of catering only to upper level incomes. Legally, historically, sociologically and morally, we believe it makes sense to meet the needs of all income levels.

• How far away are we from meeting the 10 percent affordable housing?

We are currently under 3 percent. All of our current affordable units are provided by the Housing Authority, which serves another segment of the affordable market. The Town has developed **zero** units of non-CHA affordable housing since the law's passage in 1969. See chart.

• What about the large developments like Avalon Bay, the Cook Estate, Cedermere and the Transit Oriented District (TOD) to be built next to the T parking lot on Route 3A?

If all projects come on line as permitted, they greatly increase our denominator of total housing units, to over 3,000 dwellings, thus raising our 10 percent target. Because the state allows all rental units within a 40B project to be added to the inventory, even the market units, all of Avalon's 200 units would be added to the affordable inventory, a significant leap forward to 10 percent. Accounting for known development, and assuming Avalon gets built, at the recalculation of our percentage with the 2010 census, we believe we will be closer to, but still a little bit short of, the 10 percent mandate. We hope, however, to bring enough units on line in the short term to qualify for a 40B moratorium. Our goal is to avoid another large 40B that would stress the Town's resources, and close the small gap with small, well-scaled development.

• What's the difference between 40B law and what the Housing Partnership does?

We have no control over large 40B law projects that come uninvited to our town because they can take advantage of bypassing our zoning bylaws. However, using the Local Initiative Program, where 40B-type development is achieved with the assistance and cooperation of the town, there is the welcome element of local control, with the developer working with the town rather than in conflict with it. By being proactive with this process, we can develop projects more in character with the town and more responsive to its needs, and show the state enough progress to hopefully keep the large, unwelcome project at bay.

• What about some of the smaller projects that have been presented?

There are two small projects in the works that will add 6 countable rental units. The TOD project on 3A adds 2 more. We welcome similar small scale projects.

• What else has the Partnership done to determine the town's desire for affordability?

We sent out an anonymous questionnaire to all town employees, which asked for information about income levels, among other questions, to help determine local need for affordable housing. Unfortunately, the number of responses was too low to effectively measure the data. However, what data was received indicates that many of our town employees could qualify for affordable housing (depending on their total household income). Presently, it is difficult for employees to live in the town in which they work. An interesting statistic is that of our 29 firefighters, only five live in the town. Of the 20 police and dispatchers, only five live here. It is important not to stereotype and to realize that those who would live in such housing are not some far off strangers who will be encouraged to come to Cohasset, but people we know and work with and depend on each day. In the projects we work on, we hope to take advantage of the state-permitted local preference, where up to 70% of affordable units can be set aside for workers, children and seniors with a Cohasset connection.

• What are the Partnership's plans?

The Partnership will continue to identify potential sites where affordability can be achieved. We will seek a role as partner and facilitator, but leave the main job of developing to the private development community. We will always approach projects with neighborhood and environmental sensibilities in mind. We are investigating the development potential of a town-owned tract of land bounded by the Music Circus, Osgood School, Pleasant Street and Smith Place. If conditions allow, it might support a small cluster-type of affordable development that could fill our anticipated 40B gap, while still retaining the vast majority of the site as green space and wildlife habitat. Hingham is pursuing a similar project on town land off Beal St. It would be attractive because of the subsidy provided by making the land available, given today's land costs. Also, identifying any opportunities similar to the 821 Jerusalem Road project, where we convert existing housing stock and thus add affordable units without necessarily adding to the denominator of total housing units, is a desirable end.

• What bylaws can enable the town to create more affordable stock?

We are coming forward at this Town Meeting with the creation of a housing trust, a tool to allow us to more readily engage in the marketplace. It will also provide a funding vehicle. Funding is anticipated to come from existing CPC housing funds and developer contributions, not general tax revenue. More detailed Q&As about the trust will be published next week. We have also worked on an amendment to our existing inclusionary zoning bylaw. This bylaw would mandate creation of some affordable units in any project of 5 units or greater, or the alternative of paying a buy-out fee into the housing trust. This bylaw will both help us achieve the 10 percent threshold, and then maintain us at 10 percent as new development adds to our total housing stock. That bylaw will be brought forward in the fall.

COHASSET'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVENTORY

THE LEGAL OBLIGATION: 10 percent of total housing stock deemed affordable to persons whose total household income is 80% or < of Area Median Income (AMI)

	TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	AFFORDABLE REQUIRED (10%)	AFFORDABLE ACTUAL	
2000 Census Numbers				
DHCD's calculation	2,752	275	76	
Master Plan & Housing Part.'s Calculations	2,805	281	76	
	Shortfall = 199-205 units			
Anticipated 2010 Census Recalculation				
Assessors' Records as of 3/08	2,913	291	76	(2.61%)
If Sunrise Assisted Living counted	2,975	298	76	(2.55%)
	Shortfall = 215-222 units			
Known development in pipeline	+279	+28	+208	
If Cedarmere built as permitted	+105	+11	+27	
	Shortfall (depending on Cedarmere) = 19-41 units			

CONCLUSIONS: Need to fill state-mandated affordable gap of 19-41 units to achieve 10 percent
Until gap filled, and assuming no moratorium available, we are at risk for unfriendly project
Moratorium available if 13-14 units built in next year (up to 8 in pipeline now)
End of Avalon appeals & its bldg. permits would also achieve moratorium
Need to maintain 10 percent threshold going forward as new development is permitted

NOTES: Existing 76 units are all Housing Authority units
Non-CHA units qualifying for inventory developed since 1969 = 0

Selectmen finalize budget numbers

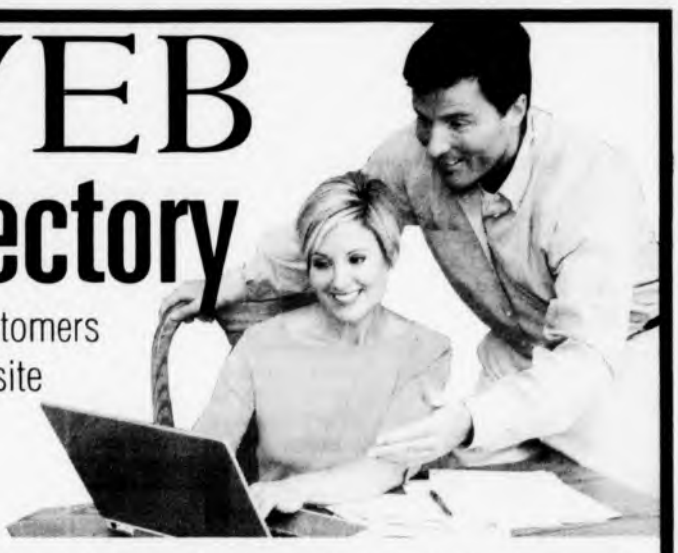
A fiscal 2009 town operating budget of $36,374,463 will be presented to Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen unanimously supported the budget as presented by Town Manager Bill Griffin. The budget (article 3) will need to get final approval from Town Meeting on March 29.

The final budget includes some changes from the original budget message presented in January. Notably, in his final budget Griffin increased the schools budget $50,000 over his original recommended budget and allocated an additional $38,000 to the DPW. Griffin was able to make these adjustments due to the restoration of lottery aid and a decrease in the South Shore Vocational School Assessment.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For Sewer Commission candidates: *Growth in the village is largely impossible due to sewer capacity. Yet, the economic health of the village is fragile. What steps could the Sewer Commission be taking to address this issue?*

SEWER COMMISSION/ Jim Dow

The growth and economic health in the village is of vital importance to the Town. This will ultimately be dependent upon the ability of the area to discharge wastewater flows and provide uninterrupted sewer service.

Capacity at the wastewater treatment plant remains the key focus on most every issue that the Sewer Commission will be facing in the near future. We need to insure that all of the flow going through the plant is indeed wastewater. Extraneous flows from outside sources place an undue burden on the system and create a situation of wasted capacity.

A significant amount of money has been allotted to remediate I&I from the system. There are many ways to utilize these funds to detect the sources of the problem, formulate a repair plan and remove the excess flow. Run-off from roof leaders, flows from sewer connected sump pumps, broken and damaged pipes underground and loose or unsealed manhole covers are major sources of I&I. Sewer pipe integrity inspections can be completed using specially designed cameras and smoke testing of the sewer lines can be done to determine improprieties in the system. Once the source of the non-wastewater flows are identified and removed, the system will work as it was designed to. This will eliminate the overflow concerns and open the possibility of further connections to the system.

The Little Harbor project will add a significant amount of flow to the system but the village area would most likely benefit from the gained capacity as well. Access to a public sanitary sewer system that will handle the flows is the primary concern and is a very important key for expansion and economic growth.

SEWER COMMISSION/ Wayne Sawchuk

The Cohasset Sewer Commissioners have put a moratorium on new sewer connections in the Village Business District to ensure that adequate capacity will be available for the existing 810 sewer customers and allow time to make improvements to the existing plant. The improvements will boost the plant capacity to 450,000 gallons per day, which will serve the existing and 450 new customers located in the Little Harbor area.

While the plant expansion proceeds, the Commissioners are also undertaking a study of the inflow and infiltration problem which exists in the current collection system, a draft of which is expected to be released before the March Town Meeting.

I believe the Sewer Commissioners have the ability to lift the moratorium on the Village Business Area, if they choose, based on individual applications that the Board determines would not impact negatively on the operation of the plant or increase the flows significantly.

I have three ideas that could be pursued to allow additional renovations and improvements in the Village Business Area, if necessary, in order to keep the character and economic vitality of the Village intact.

• First, allow businesses to expand if they can reduce flows in the immediate area by contributing to the cost of fixing Inflow and Infiltration problems identified by Town engineers, if money is not available to perform this work.

• Provide water saving devices such as low flush toilets and water saving shower heads and allow savings to be used elsewhere.

• Consider alternative sewage treatment methods for the Village Business District which do not involve sending additional flows to the plant.

The ideas I have presented are intended to improve our public sewer infrastructure and operation by fixing leaks and reducing overall flows in the Village Business Area, which will have a positive impact for the entire Town.

For Selectman candidates: *As "generalists" representing the entire town, when should the Board of Selectmen get involved in the business of other elected and appointed boards or commissions?*

SELECTMAN/ Karen Quigley

Cohasset's elected and appointed boards, commissions and committees are separate and operate autonomously from the Board of Selectmen.

However, independent and cooperative are not mutually exclusive. It is my belief that respect and communication among all town entities is in Cohasset's best interests.

The Board of Selectmen sets the overall tone, policy and direction of town government and should be interested in, and apprised of all facets of town government. In my view, this can be best accomplished not by working monolithically but cooperatively.

Selectmen must recognize the independence of boards, commissions and committees while maintaining oversight of the town's overall well being. Understanding how authority and responsibility flows through town government is a critical skill for a selectman.

As Selectman I would not seek to meddle nor to micromanage, but to open channels of communication and to foster cooperation.

SELECTMAN/Fred Koed

That depends.

When Selectmen assist others navigate the complexities of local government and mediate disputes, the public good is best served.

While it is true the Selectmen comprise the chief "executive branch", there are other realms and various checks and balances. By law the selectmen must respect the "fiscal autonomy" of the school committee, meaning selectmen can recommend a total dollar amount for the schools, but have no legal say in how the money is divided and spent.

Other elected and appointed boards and committees have statutory powers vested in them by the Great and General Court of Massachusetts. For instance, the water commissioners are responsible for running the water department, etc. In our local government, one must always remember that the "ultimate authority" is town meeting and town election (an extension of town meeting). Town meeting is the main arena where the selectmen (along with advisory) have a voice on the floor in making "recommendations" to the voters.

I have serious concerns and notice the frustrations when hard working boards and commissions are repeatedly sent back to the drawing board in search of "the perfect article" that will solve every imaginable contingency. To paraphrase Voltaire – "The perfect then becomes the enemy of the good." Are our challenges really better off remaining unresolved by postponing an article that is 99 percent good? Yes, the public good is a balance, but the price for perfection and subsequent inaction, may be perverse consequences.

I see my role as being respectful, considerate and as supportive as possible of various town boards and committees, *especially* when before the selectmen. I recognize that wisdom exists across town government, not just with the selectmen. Over time, Cohasset has become more complex. Local government depends on a good number of concerned, interested and active citizens participating fully.

For Planning Board candidates: *We're not sure the public understands the different roles of the planning and zoning boards. Does the Planning Board have a role when it comes to zoning issues and could there be better communication between the planning board and ZBA?*

PLANNING BOARD/ Charles Samuelson

The Zoning Bylaws along with Mass General Laws Section 40a define the "rules" under which the town administers its use of land and provisioning of other resources such as water, sewer, schools, etc. The Planning Board is chartered to interpret and enforce these rules – a more or less "judiciary" role. The Planning Board is also chartered to manage the process for amending the Zoning Bylaws (hold hearings, etc.).

All building construction projects require a permit form the Building Inspector. The Building Inspector may only issue a permit if the anticipated work conforms to the Zoning Bylaws. When the project does not conform to the Zoning Bylaws a Special Permit or Variance is required. The Building Inspector must obtain a decision from the Zoning Board of Appeals or a Site Plan (in the case of non-conforming use) approved by the Planning Board before issuing a permit. The Special Permit and Variance process is administered by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Any interested party (for example, an abutter) can also initiate an appeal. As part of the appeals process the Zoning Board of Appeals is required to obtain written recommendations from the Planning Board.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is not required to accept the recommendations of the Planning Board. This is where there is the possibility of ambiguity and or disagreement in interpretation.

The primary idea is to facilitate use where there are reasonable exceptions to the strict interpretation of the Zoning Bylaws. No set of rules can be expected to cover every possible future condition or contingency. That is the purpose of the appeals process. This is the case where the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Building Inspector and the other town Boards should work together to come to consensus. Although a potentially time consuming and difficult process where the conclusion may remain open for a particular stakeholder, the result is some degree of "status quo". The resolution may finally require litigation in superior court or land court, or an amendment to the Zoning Bylaws.

PLANNING BOARD/ Clark Brewer

The March 7, Mariner, Mary Ford asked about the communication between the planning and zoning boards. I reviewed and simplified the following based on the Town website.

The zoning board , appointed by the Selectmen , is responsible to hear and decide on Building Inspector permit appeals based on the zoning bylaw. They review and render decisions on special permits and variances.

The planning board is elected with a strong role in zoning issues. This is both proactive and reactive in nature holding public hearings. Their responsibility includes the study of Town needs or potential and preparing related plans. They write, review, update, modify and publish the Master Plan and official map. They draft, submit zoning amendments and make recommendations for Town Meeting. They review and render decisions for all subdivision filings and Form A (conforms to zoning) applications, site Plan Review and Special Permits. They review and make recommendations for Large Home Review filings.

The boards are similar and both grant different permits. Opportunities for collaboration to improve permitting include the bylaw committee and the design review board. The public process of permitting and complex legal language can be hard for people who just want to add a porch or chimney to their house. I recently attended a regional planning meeting on zoning reform. Both Charles Higginson of the ZBA and Fred Koed of the Board of Selectmen participated making a good representation for Cohasset. It would be great for all boards and committees to have an annual forum, in order to review plans for the year ahead, discuss ideas, identify problems and finding common ground for shared goals in the future.

For School Committee candidate: *It is rumored that more Cohasset students are going to private high schools than ever before. Is this the case? And does it have more to do with parents' ability to pay for a private education or the quality of a Cohasset High School education?*

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Alfred Slanetz

A parent only gets one chance to educate and develop the character of their child. Each child is unique and one must choose the right school to develop and motivate that child to their fullest potential and give them a well-rounded global perspective. We are fortunate to have many excellent public and private schools in Massachusetts. As a School Committee Member, one goal is to make Cohasset Schools a competitive choice.

Last year, 64 of our 1473 students left Cohasset for private schools. While most grades saw 0 to 5 students leaving, attrition was prevalent following 6th grade (15/123) and 8th grade (25/114). In our survey, 1/3rd of parents checked the primary reason was their student not being challenged to reach his/her full potential. To quote parents:

"While we had 2 or 3 excellent teachers during our time in Cohasset, the large classes and emphasis on students who are failing/misbehaving meant our child didn't receive much attention/personalized experience. In years with bad teachers our child learned how to get by doing very little. In addition, the curriculum is broad with facts (because of MCAS) but doesn't provide in depth knowledge/writing & debating/discussion skills. The curriculum is too focused on the US & not enough on the World. Also, too focused on boys sports, not enough on the arts".

Improvement suggestions: "Smaller classes/personalized learning. Less reliance on discipline and more reliance on learning by example/respect differences. Improve Math teaching. Teach kids how to think rather than what to think. More drama/music"

"Stronger teams at Deer Hill, staff consistency at the Middle School and more academic courses/ offerings at the High School."

By establishing goals and implementing improvements, we are addressing many of these issues. Attrition should moderate as Cohasset becomes a more competitive choice relative to Massachusetts' private schools.

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTIONS

For School Committee candidate: Are the schools the right place to tackle substance abuse among teens and how bad is the alcohol-drug problem at the middle-high school?

For Selectman candidates: What "grade" would you give Selectmen on their handling of the Treat's Pond issue so far, and where do you stand on the Treat's Pond issue?

For Sewer Commission candidates: Those with septic systems often learn to be careful about what they put down the drain. Would it be beneficial to educate and or encourage sewer users not to give up their old septic system habits? And is there a future for "gray-water" gardens and other initiatives?

For Planning Board candidates: The Planning Board has to balance the rights of an individual property owner to build what he/she wants and the presumed rights of the community at large. Drainage and stormwater runoff are examples. As a Planning Board member, how do you plan to balance those rights?

Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers, short position statements and the like.

All candidates, opposed or unopposed, may submit a photograph and formal announcement.

The Mariner will not accept letters to the editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking particular candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues from citizens not seeking election.

If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

Election supper is April 3

The Annual Election Supper, a springtime tradition, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street. Candidates and voters are invited to get together for dinner on Thursday evening, April 3, at 6:30. Dinner will include roast pork, roast potatoes, carrots, Harvard beets, dessert as well as beverages. Before dinner, all candidates will be introduced. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

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Happy ending for 'train-blocked' homeowners

Legal access to property granted

By Brian P. Nanos and Nancy White
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Thanks to Scituate's Zoning Board of Appeals, some residents finally have a legal way to come and go from their home near the Cohasset-Scituate line.

The board voted Thursday to allow the owners of a Cohasset home legal access to a shared driveway in Scituate.

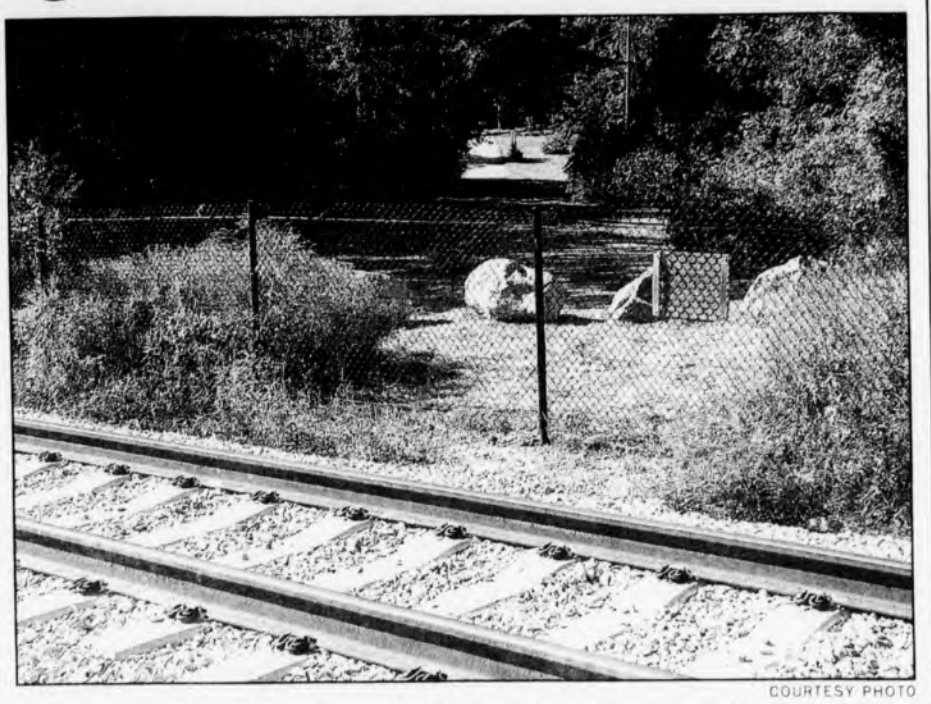
That Cohasset home, owned by Rosalie Lucki and Peter Collins, was cut off from its original driveway by the restoration of the Greenbush line. Though the homeowners didn't know it, that driveway, Lincoln Lane, was legally designated as a farm road, which should only be accessed by people who are farming. So, when the Greenbush line bisected the road, the MBTA planned no grade crossing for that road, therefore cutting off access to the home.

Instead, the MBTA contractors connected the home at 425 South Main St. to Gannett Pasture Way, a private driveway in Scituate. That driveway, however, was also illegal. It was already shared by three Scituate homes, the maximum allowed by Scituate zoning laws. And, the driveway extension built by the MBTA contractors crossed land owned by developer Ledgewood Estates Inc., though that company has since agreed to allow the homeowners access to that drive.

"So, essentially the MBTA land-locked these people in their house," Scituate zoning board member Brian Sullivan said at Thursday's hearing.

In the more than two years since the original driveway was bisected, the homeowners have been illegally using the shared driveway while pleading with local and state officials, as well as the driveway's landowners, to obtain legal access to their homes.

In order to gain legal access, the homeowner's needed to purchase an easement from the driveway's landowners as well as seek relief from the zoning bylaws to be the fourth house on a private driveway.



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Looking toward the house from what used to be Lincoln Lane, a small private lane. There are several other houses on the lane but the Collins house was the only one cut off.

"It's been a very long process and I was happy to help negotiate the issue to a successful resolution."
State Rep. Garrett Bradley

When its contractors first bisected the original driveway, the MBTA hired a local attorney to draft an agreement between the homeowners and their neighbors on Gannett Pasture Lane to bring before the Scituate zoning board for a variance.

Signatures from the neighbors on Gannett Pasture Lane and the Collinses were obtained this past summer. However, the proposal never made it as far as the board, and the MBTA informed its attorney it would no longer be assisting the homeowners with their access issues.

With Greenbush construction winding down in the early fall of last year, with a letter Lucki appealed to the Cohasset Board of Selectmen who in turn asked state Rep. Garrett Bradley for help.

In the late fall, Bradley began a series of meetings to bring all the involved parties back to the table, including the MBTA. The MBTA, lawyers for the driveway property owners and lawyers for the homeowners met to work toward a resolution.

Bradley said he used his law background to help mediate the situation, explaining he found that each party had weaknesses in their case. Rather than each party spending significant legal fees by taking the issue to court, Bradley said he tried to show a resolution now was a better solution for all involved parties.

Through negotiation the easement purchase price was dropped significantly, Bradley said. In the end, Bradley said the homeowners agreed to pay 80 percent of the easement purchase price and, after the MBTA saw the homeowners' significant personal investment, the MBTA agreed to pay the remaining 20 percent for the easement rights.

"It's been a very long process and I was happy to help negotiate the issue to a successful resolution," Bradley said in a phone interview.

The last step in the process came last Thursday when Scituate's Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance to allow the fourth home legal access to the driveway.

"All good things must come to an end," Sullivan joked. He told the homeowners' lawyer, "Tonight the zoning board is going to put your clients out of their misery."

Antique Appraisal Day returning to Cohasset

Skinner Inc. Appraisers are coming to Cohasset again for the second Antique Appraisal Day. Mark calendars for Saturday, March 29, to bring antiques to be appraised. For large pieces, several good photographs can be used by the appraiser. Be sure to include photos of any special markings, numbers or other details that may assist in the appraisal process.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs and will take place at St. Anthony's Parish Center, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appraisals are $10 per item, or $25 for three items. Excluded items include coins, stamps, jewelry and musical instruments. As people had to be turned away from the last appraisal day, a maximum of three items per individual will be allowed.

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Snacks and refreshments will be available to enjoy while waiting to meet with the appraiser.

For more information, call Cohasset Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112 or John Campbell, president of the Friends at 617-909-5687.

Decals honor Tim Mahoney

The Cohasset Fire Department is selling blue and white decals featuring Tim Mahoney's initials and the No. 9, which was Tim's jersey number for both the hockey and lacrosse teams at Scituate High where he was a sophomore.

Tim's father, Frank Mahoney, is a Cohasset Fire Captain.

The decals, which sell for $5 each, are available at the Cohasset Fire Headquarters on Elm Street or by calling 781-383-0616. Every dollar we take in will go to the Timothy J. Mahoney Memorial Fund, which has been set up at Scituate Federal Savings Bank, 72 Front St., Scituate, MA 02066.

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Tim, 16, was killed in a single-car accident Feb. 2 on Route 3A between Mendel Road and Pond Street. The driver, Chris Barrow, 18, and a senior at Scituate High, remains hospitalized.

Free cash expenditures noted

Town Meeting will be asked to vote on supplemental appropriation to fund four different areas currently falling short in the fiscal 2008 budget. The four items total $175,000 and the money would come out of free cash. Due to a large amount on-going litigation, primarily relating to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board, $75,000 is requested to transfer to the legal services budget.

The Planning Board has requested $10,000 to fund an update of the zoning bylaws into a clean, up-to-date document. The current copy of the bylaw does not include significant changes passed at Town Meeting over the past few years, including the TOD bylaw, inclusionary zoning bylaw and the village business district.

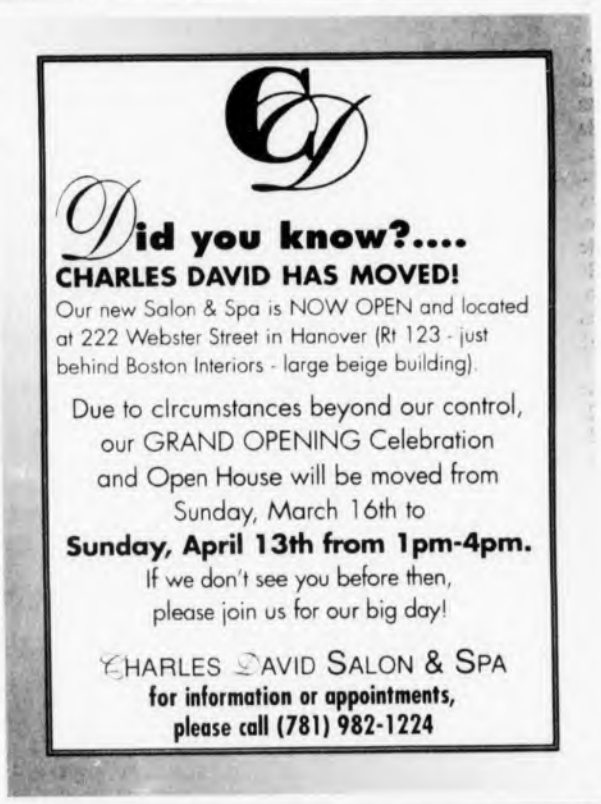
Due to overtime expenses primarily due to long-term paid absences of employees, vacant positions and mandatory manning requirement, the Police Department needs an additional $80,000.

Lastly, the facilities maintenance budget is requesting a $10,000 supplemental appropriation due to overtime expenses and snow removal requirements.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said there are other budgets that will require additional funding (primarily utilities, fuel expenses and unemployment), but those shortfalls could be addressed later in the fiscal year through budget-to-budget transfers or the reserve fund.

The Selectmen recommended the article to Town Meeting unanimously.











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Cohasset's Carly Salerno (30) jumps into the arms of Kayla Farren (34) while assistant coach Matt Lewis celebrates in the background following the 44-36 win over Manchester for the Division 4 State title.

Skippers win overtime thriller in final

Cohasset sent into frenzy at Garden

By Joel Racicot
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BOSTON—Cohasset Middle High School and Manchester-Essex Regional Middle High School have a number of similarities. Both schools are nearly identical in population size. The Hornets are nestled between Beverly and Gloucester on Boston's North Shore. The Skippers are on the water between Scituate and Hingham, due south of the big city.

The parallels continued on the basketball court Tuesday afternoon during Cohasset's thrilling, 44-36, overtime win in the Division 4 State championship at the TD Banknorth Garden.

"I was telling their point guard (Lizzy Ball) what to run for offense, the two teams looked exactly alike," Cohasset head coach John LeVangie joked after the game. "We both try and go low to the big kids and that part of it was important. (Manchester-Essex) has the same style. The difference in the game was one or two turnovers but other than that, it was really pretty even."

LeVangie waited 25 years to get back to a state title game after leading Boston College High School in 1981 and 1983. The Eagles lost both times. Tuesday's win had special meaning for the long time high school basketball coach and guidance councilor.

"This means more to me than anything else in the world," LeVangie said. "It's incredible."

The South Shore League Champion Skippers finished the season with a 23-2 record. Their last loss came against Sacred Heart in late December. Cohasset won 21 straight games since the loss to the Saints, including five straight in the South Sectional and State tournament.

Tuesday's win capped off the astonishing run.

"It's unbelievable, I can't even put it in words," junior point guard Kayla Farren said after the game. "We are State Champions."

Fellow captain Carly Salerno was equally excited after the win.

"I never thought I would be holding that trophy we got," she said. "I never thought I'd be able to hold that, but now it's ours."

The Skippers outscored the

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Cohasset's Kayla Farren (34) blocks a shot of Manchester's Lizzy Ball (1) during a breakaway.



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Sammi Lehr (52), Carly Salerno (30, left) and Meredith Kelly (13, right) embrace at center court following their overtime win over Manchester.

Future stars in alignment

Youth is served in Cohasset's state title run

By Joel Racicot
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It's well documented that the Cohasset High girls basketball team doesn't have a single senior on its roster. That singular fact may be the most glaringly amazing aspect of the 2007-2008 Skippers.

They are mature beyond their years.

The small school, small town, small everything mantra couldn't be played up in the South sectionals and State tournament because it was a field of Cohasset's peers.

The Skippers dismissed them all accordingly: Bishop Connolly, West Bridgewater, Nantucket, Millis and finally Manchester Essex.

Small school yes, small heart no. Facing long odds back in early December, the then 2-2 Skippers embraced the one day at a time philosophy and started winning ball games.

They haven't lost since. At this rate they might not lose again for a very long time.

When asked what he thought was so special about this team after Tuesday's win, head coach John LeVangie almost jumped in excitement.

"The chemistry," he said. "They are a very close group. They are very compassionate. They have a work ethic. If they have a bad game they know how to react to setbacks."

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Cohasset's road to the Div. 4 state title

The Cohasset girls basketball team earned the No. 2 seed in the Div. 4 South Sectional bracket with an 18-2 regular season record.

From there, the Skippers won five straight games to capture the program's first state title in two decades. Here is a look back at their journey through the South Sectional and State tournament.

Preliminary round: Bye

First round: *Cohasset 50, Bishop Connolly 41*

Second round: *Cohasset 55, West Bridgewater 31*

Semi-final round: *Cohasset 52, Nantucket 32*

Sectional final: *Cohasset 42, Millis 30*

State final: *Cohasset 44, Manchester-Essex 36*

Cohasset finished the 2007-08 regular season with a 23-2 record.

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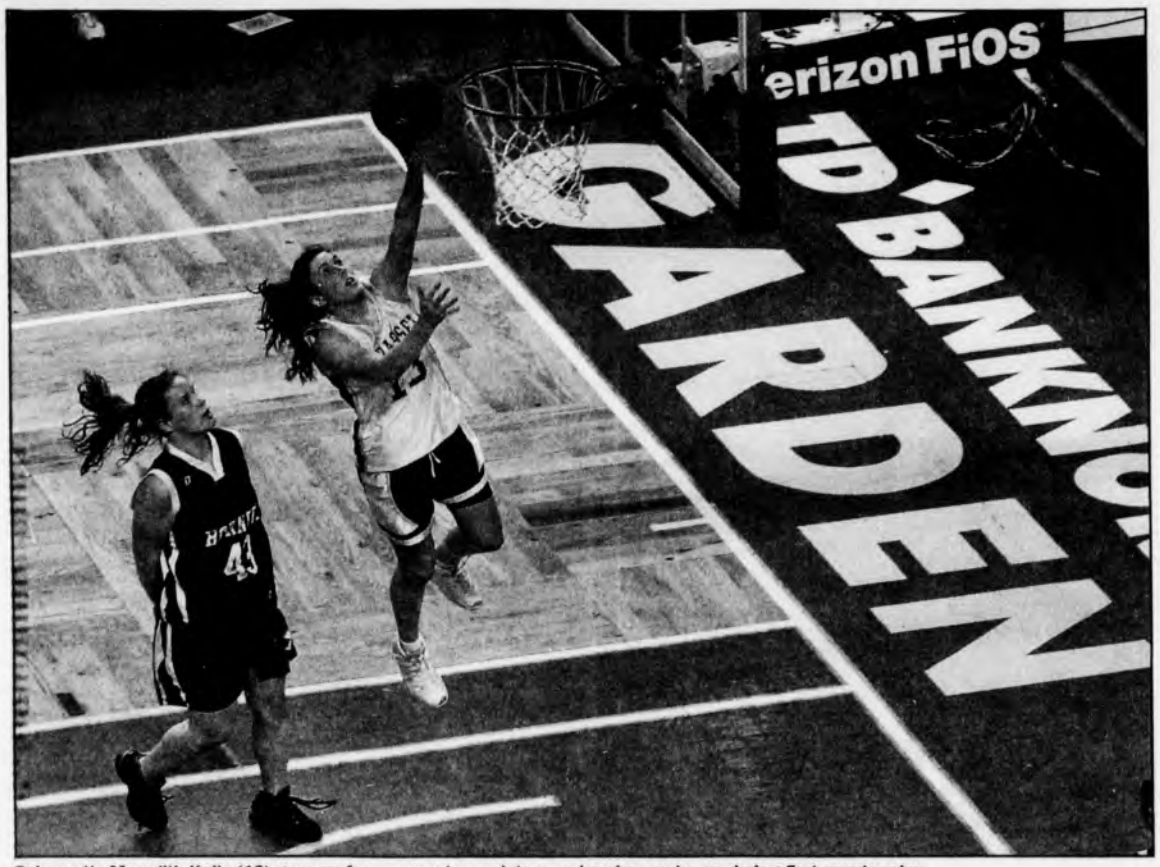
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Cohasset's Meredith Kelly (13) goes up for an easy two points on a breakaway lay up during first quarter play.



Cohasset's Sammi Lehr (52) reacts after Kayla Farren (34) hits one of two free throws to push the lead to 42-36 with 6.5 seconds left in overtime.

Cohasset 44, Manchester-Essex 36

Div4. State Championship

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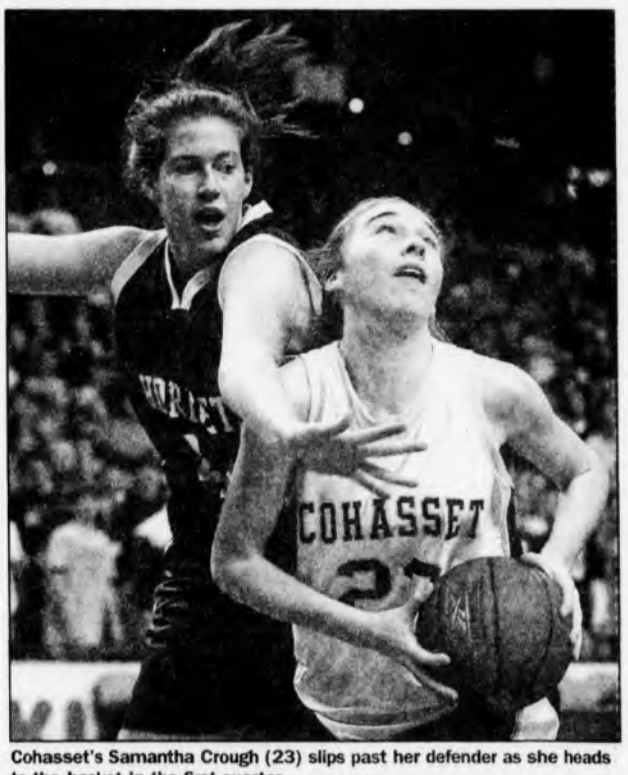
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Cohasset's Kayla Farren (34) pumps her fist with the rest of the Cohasset fans after Sammi Lehr (52) hit a free throw to push their lead to 33-31 with 22.6 seconds in regulation. Manchester would come back, but Cohasset would ultimately win 44-36 in OT.



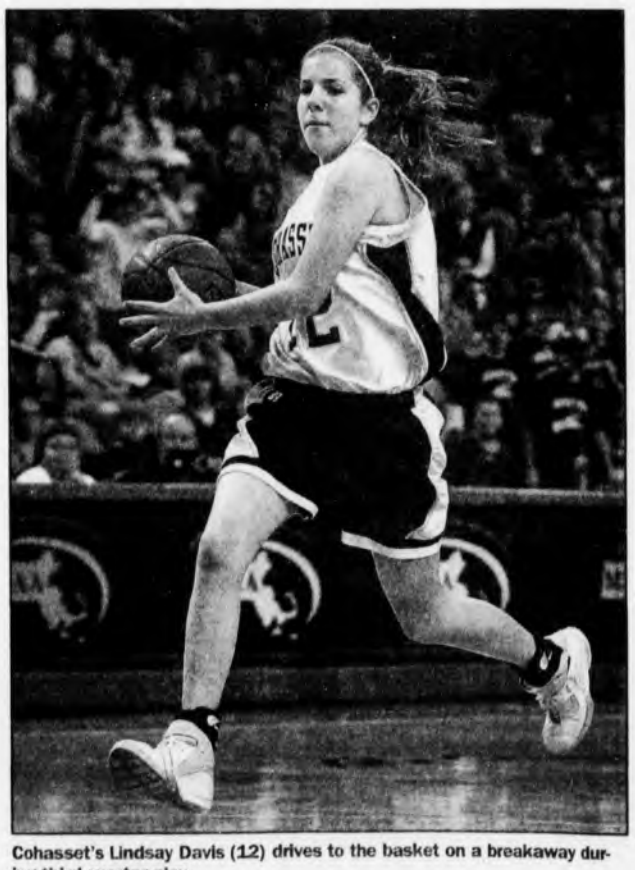
Cohasset's Sammi Lehr is overcome with emotion while hugging sophomore Charlotte Malone, 16, following their 44-36 overtime win over Manchester-Essex for the Division 4 State title.



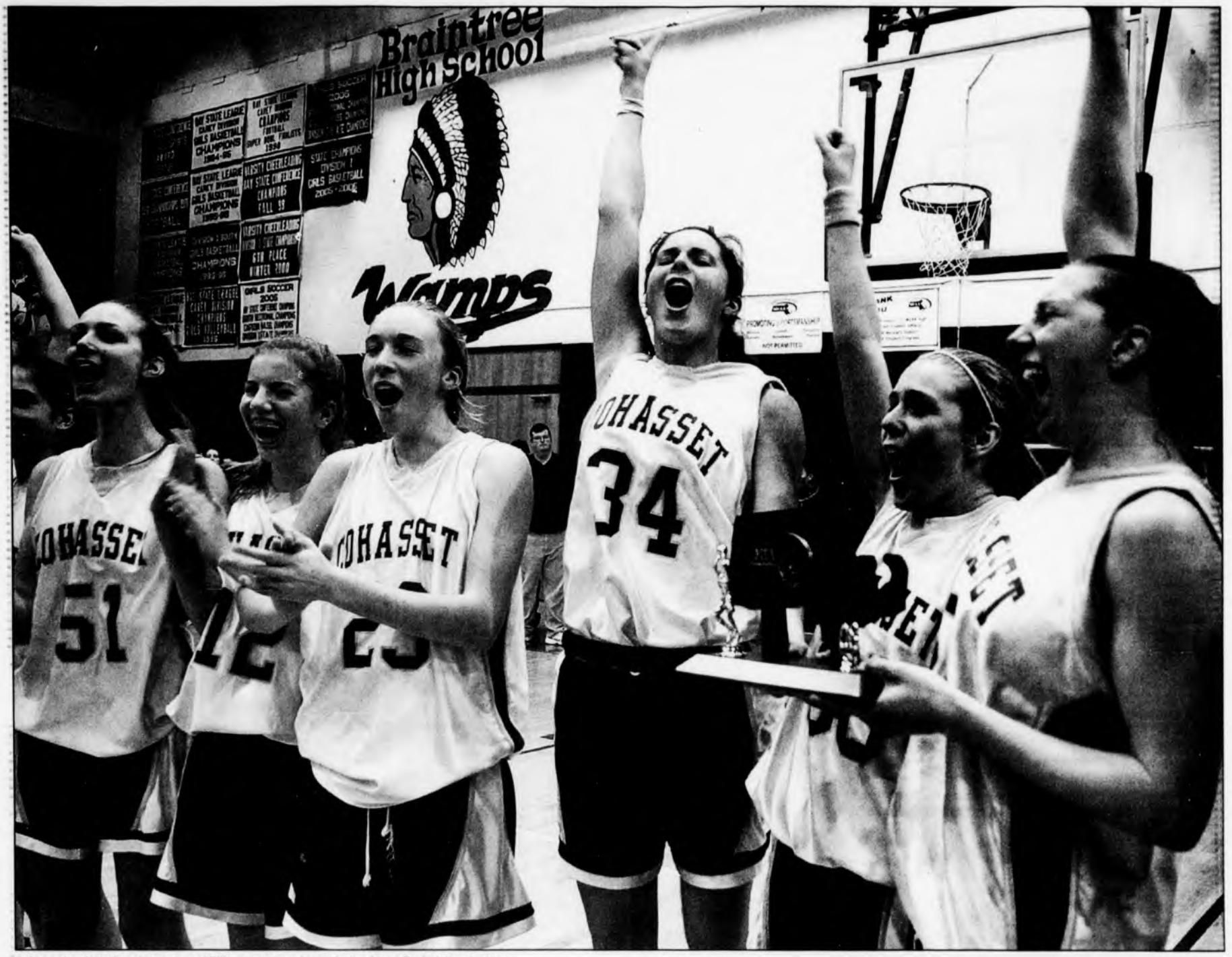
Cohasset's Samantha Crough (23) slips past her defender as she heads to the basket in the first quarter.



Cohasset's Sammi Lehr (52) gives a high five to her sister Tori (40) as the starting lineups are introduced.



Cohasset's Lindsay Davis (12) drives to the basket on a breakaway during third quarter play.



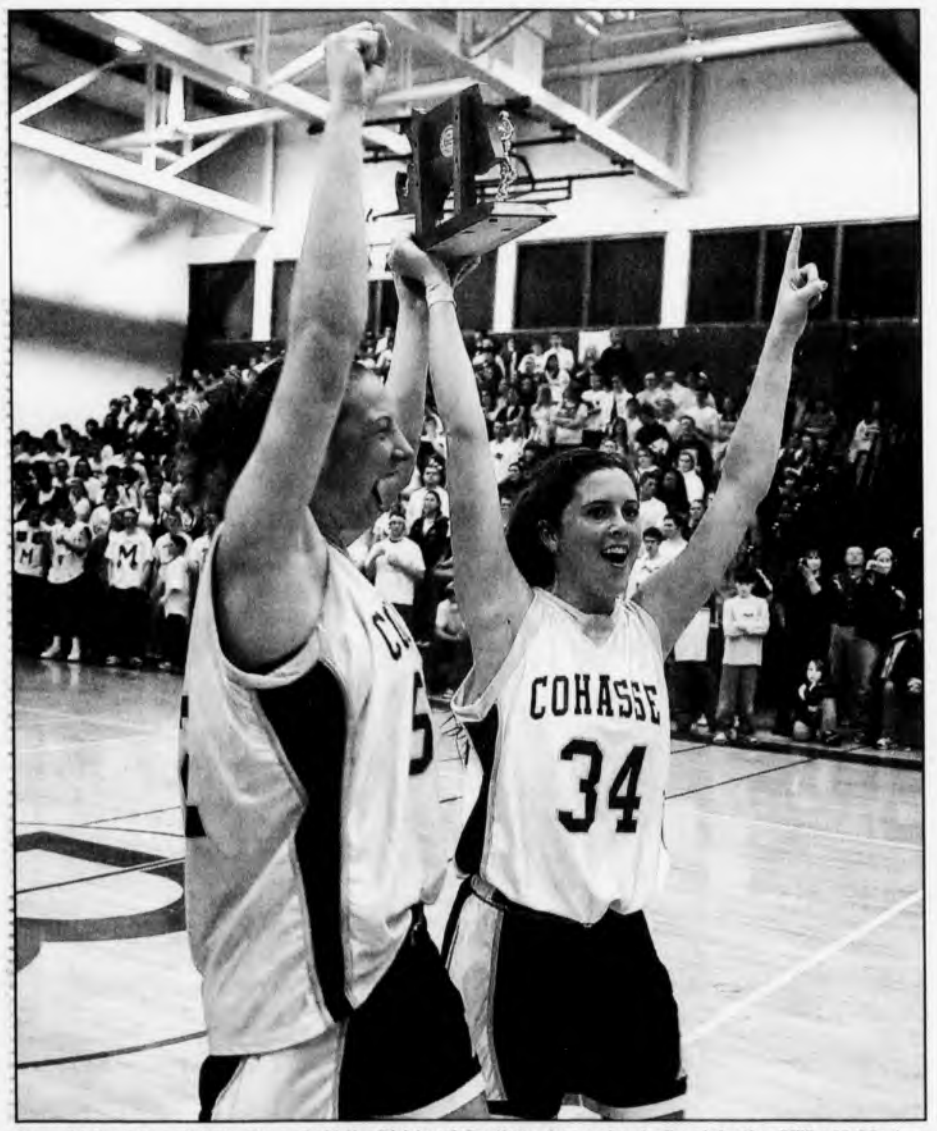
Cohasset celebrates victory over Millis, securing a berth in the State final at the Garden.

Cohasset 42, Millis 30

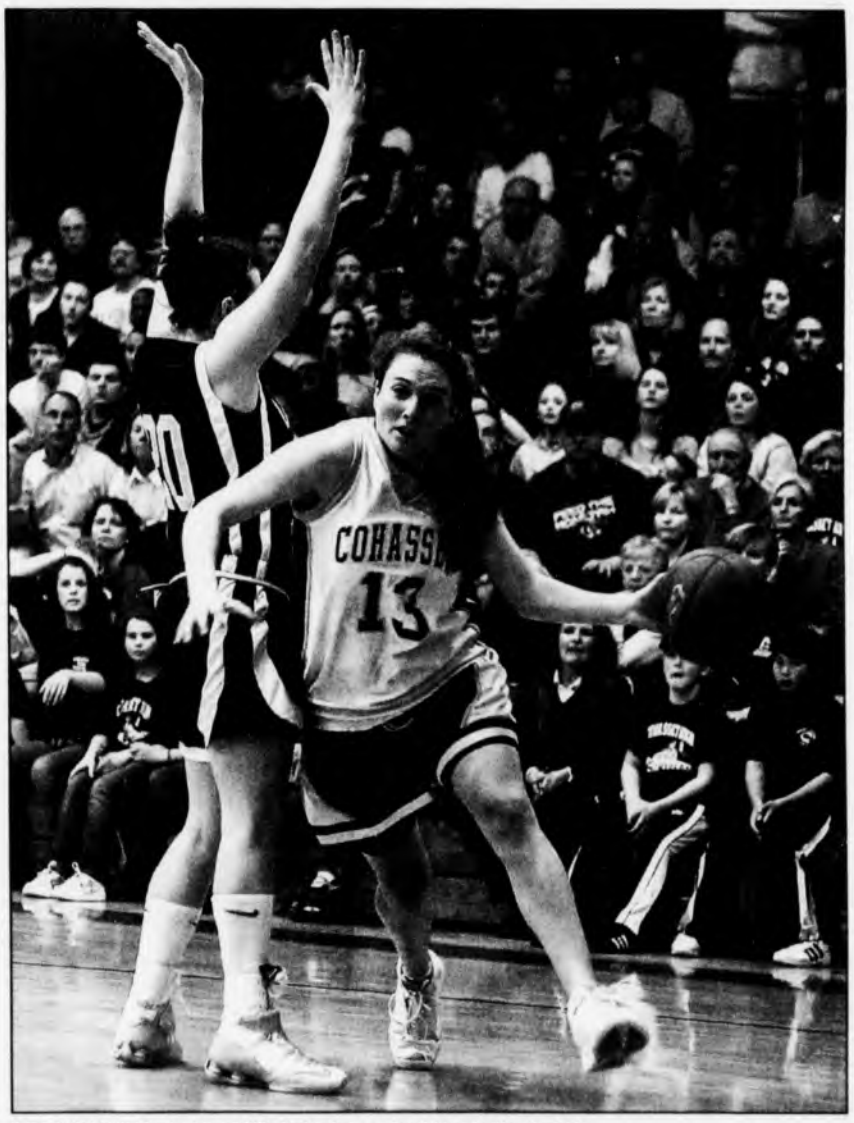
Div4. South Sectional Final

Friday, March 7, 2008

Photos by Mark Gardner



Sammi Lehr, left, and Kayla Farren hold the Division 4 South trophy overhead after defeating Millis 42-30 at Braintree High School.



Meredith Kelly blasts by a Millis defender as she drives to the basket.



The Cohasset girls celebrate their win over Millis.

Skippers win overtime thriller in final

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Hornets 11-3 in overtime, led by a pair of baskets by Sammi Lehr in the paint. Lehr finished the game with a team high 13 points after battling the Hornets Dani Ciccone (five points) all game.

"She was tough," Lehr said. "She was definitely as strong and as tall as I am so it was one of the hardest matches of the year, but I had to keep my cool."

The biggest play of the game came from the Skippers Meredith Kelly late in regulation. The Hornets had the ball leading 31-30 with 37 seconds left in the fourth quarter, when Kelly reached in the passing lane and stole the ball. She raced down court and was fouled.

Kelly had ice in her veins as she nailed both free throws.

"I looked up at the scoreboard and I was like, 'we're down, I need to step up' and I just jumped in the passing lane," Kelley said. "I thought, 'I'm either going to make it or I'm going to get fouled,' and when I got fouled, I knew I was going to have to make those two shots."

"I looked up at the scoreboard and I was like, 'we're down, I need to step up' and I just jumped in the passing lane."'
Meredith Kelly

On the Hornets ensuing possession, Ciccone missed a shot from the paint and Sammi Lehr grabbed the rebound and was fouled. She hit one-of-two from the line giving Cohasset a 33-31 lead with 22.6 seconds to play in the fourth quarter.

After a timeout, Ball brought the ball up court for Manchester-Essex and found Ciccone for a game-tying basket with six seconds to play. Kelly had a shot for the game winner in overtime, but good defense by the Hornets forced overtime.

"Both teams played hard nosed defense," LeVangie said. "There wasn't an easy basket to get."

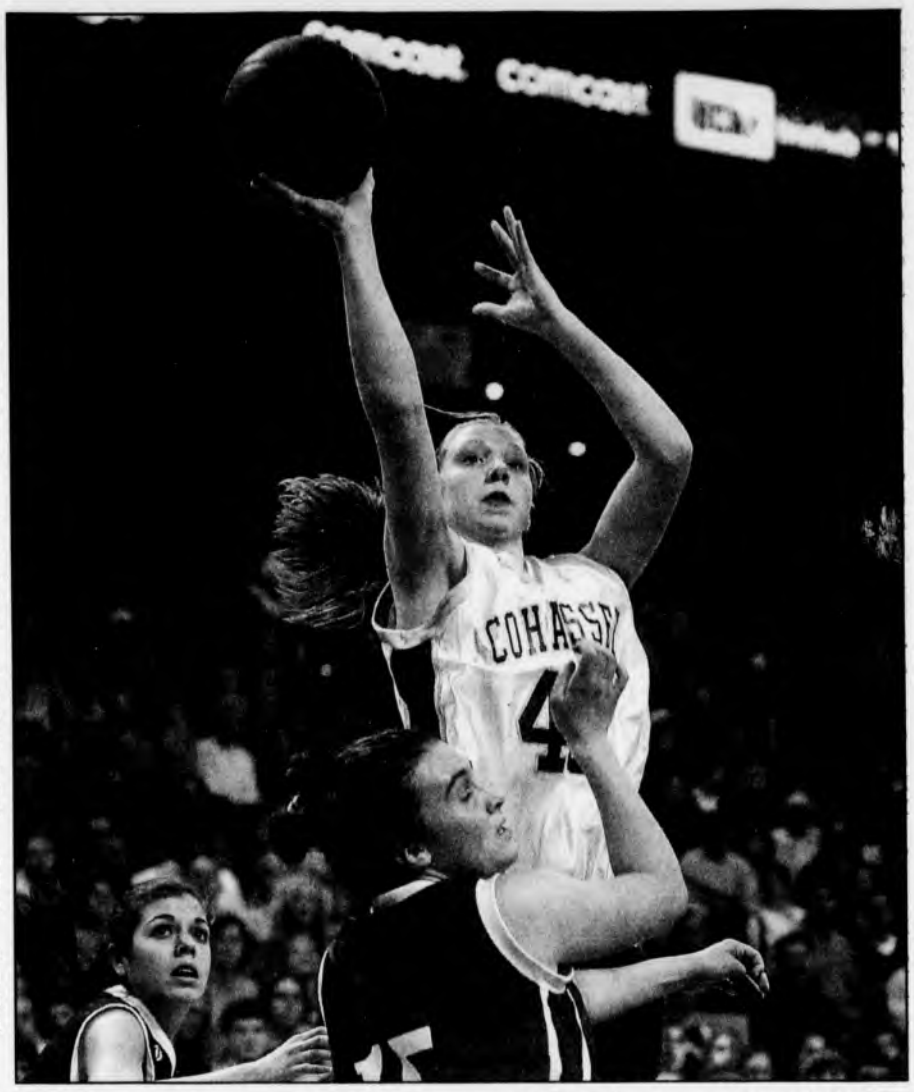
The Hornets took the first lead in the 4:00 overtime on an Elsa Keefe free throw. On Cohasset's next possession, Farren hit a lay-up that gave the Skippers a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

The Hornets missed a pair of free throws, and Sammi Lehr scored inside off an inbounds pass with four seconds on the shot clock to give the Skippers a 37-34 lead.

Manchester-Essex would get the score within one on a Jen Bishop jump shot with 1:20 to play, but the Cohasset defense clamped down. A Kelly lay-in, followed by a Hornets turnover that led to a Tori Lehr basket all but sealed the deal.

A pair of Salerno free throws gave Cohasset a 42-36 lead with 8.2 seconds left and the lid blew off the Garden.

"Surreal," Salerno said about the win. "It's the only thing I can think of because we did it at the Garden. Now it's just live the life."



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Cohasset's Tori Lehr (40) rises above her defender to take a shot during second quarter action on Tuesday.

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The 32nd Cohasset Rotary Road Race by the Sea will take place Sunday, April 6, at 1 p.m. in Cohasset. The 10K course follows the coastline and through the rolling roads of Cohasset. For information, contact Brad Goodwin at 781-223-2513 or goodwinbc@aol.com.

Sunday, March 9
The 18th Annual Raynham Knights of Columbus Charity 5 Miler will take place Sunday, March 9, at 11 a.m. in Raynham. The residential course is flat and fast. There will be prize money. For information, contact John Donahue at 508-822-6015 or johnmdonahue@comcast.net.

Sunday, March 30
The James H. Lamb Memorial Scholarship Road Race will take place Sunday, March 30, at 11 a.m. in Taunton. The race is five miles. The top overall male and female will receive cash prizes. For information, contact Peter Lamb at 508-984-4800 or Pclamb@burkelambcpa.com.

Saturday, April 5
The 6th Annual East Bridgewater Viking Sports Parents 5K Road Race will take place Saturday, April 5, at 9 a.m. in East Bridgewater. The day also includes a 5K walk. For information, contact John Donovan at 508-378-4781 or jd_955@msn.com.

Sunday, April 13
The Hanover Anchor Race will take place Sunday, April 13, at 10 a.m. in Hanover. This is a four-mile road race/walk. A free kids fun run will take place at 9 a.m. For information, contact Anne McNamara at 781-878-4219 or mcnamaraanne@comcast.net.

Sunday, April 20
The 7th Annual Shawn D. Patterson Memorial & Scholarship 5 & 10K Road Race will take place Sunday, April 20, at 11:30 a.m. in Scituate. There is a 5K and 10K race. There will be awards, refreshments and a raffle. For information, contact Pat Patterson at 508-790-5834 or patpattersn@netscape.net.

Sunday, May 4
The 7th Annual Dean S. Luce 5K Run/Walk and Children's Fun Run will take place Sunday, May 4, at 11 a.m. in Canton. For information, contact Kaitlyn Wroblewski at 781-821-5075, ext. 135, or wroblewskik@cantonma.org.

Sunday, May 11
The Tiara Classic 5K Mothers Day Road Race will take place Sunday, May 11, at 9 a.m. in Mattapoisett. The charity run includes kids fun run and prizes. For information, contact Lara Stone at 508-612-8775 or lhstone@comcast.net.

Saturday, May 17
The 6th Annual Wareham YMCA 5K Road Race will take place Saturday, May 17, at 10 a.m. in Wareham. The 5K race/walk goes through the village of Onset. Prize money will be given out to the top three men and women. For information, contact JoAnn Watson at 508-295-9622, ext. 15, or jwatson@ymcasouthcoast.org.

Sunday, May 18
The 20th Annual Striar JCC 5K Road Race will take place Sunday, May 18, at 9 a.m. in Stoughton. The day also includes a one-mile children's fun run. For information, contact Becky Braidman at 781-341-2016, ext. 128, or bbraidman@jccgb.com.

Sunday, May 18
The 8th Annual Evans Run 5K/10K Race & 5K Walk will take place Sunday, May 18, at 10:30 a.m. in Norwell. Prize money will be awarded. For information, contact Carol Henry at 617-347-2068 or chenry0813@hotmail.com.

Sunday, May 18
The Mansfield High School All Sports Boosters Club 5K will take place Sunday, May 18, at 10:30 a.m. in Mansfield. This is a run and walk. Ice cream will be available. For information, contact Jim Miller at 508-339-5309 or jimedmil@comcast.net.

Monday, May 26
The 6th Annual Christopher's 5K Run and Walk for Diabetes will take place Monday, May 26, at 11 a.m. in West Bridgewater. For information, contact Frank Nelson at 508-208-5377 or log onto christophersrun@colonial-runners.org.

Sunday, June 1
The 3rd Annual Marshfield High School Track 5K Road Race will take place Sunday, June 1, at 10:15 a.m. in Marshfield. The course is flat. For information, contact Andrew McGillowey at 781-837-2476 or mcgillowey@aol.com.

Saturday, June 14
The Clarks Fund 3.5-Mile Run will take place Saturday, June 14, at 10 a.m. in Cohasset. For information, contact Debbie Beal at 781-383-6103 or dbeal@cohassetk12.org.

Sunday, June 15
The 14th Annual Fathers Day Road Race and Walk will take place Sunday, June 15, at 9 a.m. in North Easton. Runners will travel throughout historic Easton. There will be prizes, raffles, free food and music. For information, contact Steve Keohane at 508-230-3789 or cme417@yahoo.com.

Saturday, June 28
The Hanover 5K Road Race will take place Saturday, June 28, at 9 a.m. in Hanover. The course is flat and fast, and it's ideal for runners and walkers. For information, contact Brian Cassidy at 781-826-1300 or bcassidy@healthtrax.net.

Saturday, June 28
The Marshfield High gohills08 5 Mile Race/1 Mile Fun Run will take place Saturday, June 28, at 10 a.m. in Marshfield. This race is a fundraiser to raise money for the football team to go to California. The course is flat and fast. For information, contact Michael Ryan at 781-837-7136 or mike.ryan@awin.com.

Friday, July 4
The Duxbury 4th of July Road Race will take place Friday, July 4, at 9 a.m. in Duxbury. Runners will travel near the ocean and over wooden bridges through historic Duxbury over this 4.25-mile course. For information, contact Beth Kenney at 781-934-9252 or bak5557@aol.com.

Future stars in alignment

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The joy in his eyes could have lit up Las Vegas. Carly Salerno and Kayla Farren said they had never seen coach LeVangie so happy. He was in agreement. But all he would really talk about was the team that finally helped him win his first state title.

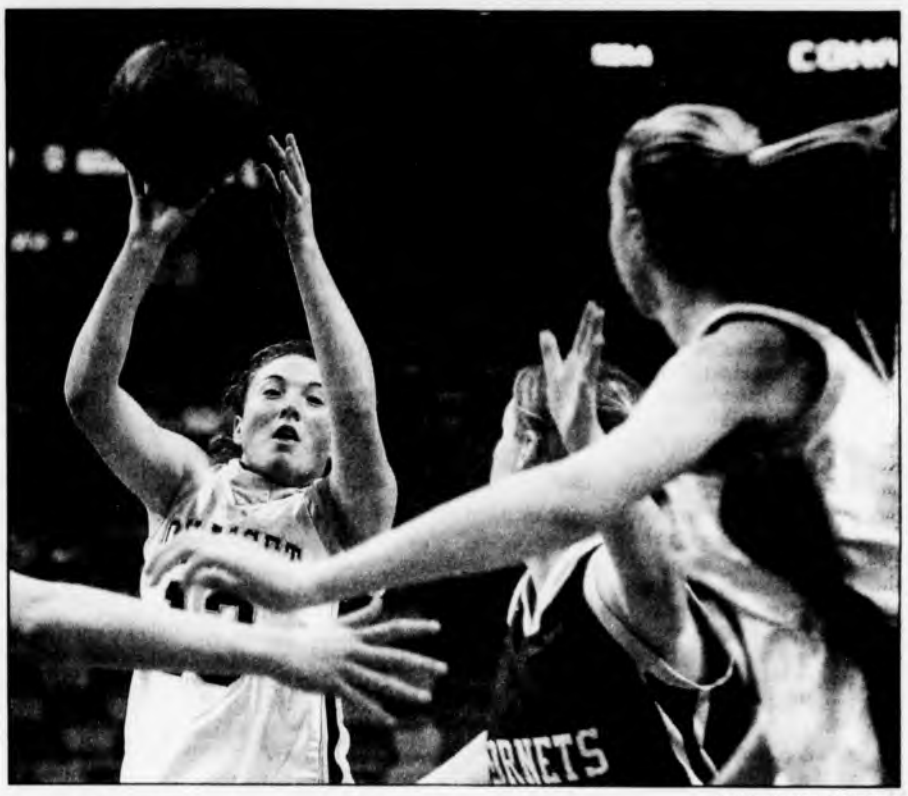
"They have learned a lot of life skills," LeVangie said about the young group. "Get their names because they are going to be the head of big companies down the road, 15-20 years from now. I really mean that, I have been a guidance councilor for 42 years and these are people you are going to here from. They are special."

It takes a special bunch to win a state title. A lot of fortitude (holding off the Millis press at the end of the South sectional final). A bad win here (Bishop Connolly). A good win there (the follow-up against West Bridgewater). Good timing (Meredith Kelly's steal against Manchester-Essex). And a little luck (sprinkled in everywhere).

But for all 10 girls, Rachel Fredey, Carli Haggerty, Lindsay Davis, Meredith Kelly, Samantha Crough, Carly Salerno, Kayla Farren, Tori Lehr, Isabelle Franklin and Sammi Lehr, the last few weeks are much bigger than basketball.

When LeVangie said he was "more excited for them than anything else," after winning the South sectional final, he was referring to the people that won the game, not the players.

And this group of people has a very bright future ahead of them in basketball and in life.



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Cohasset's Meredith Kelly looks to make a pass down low.

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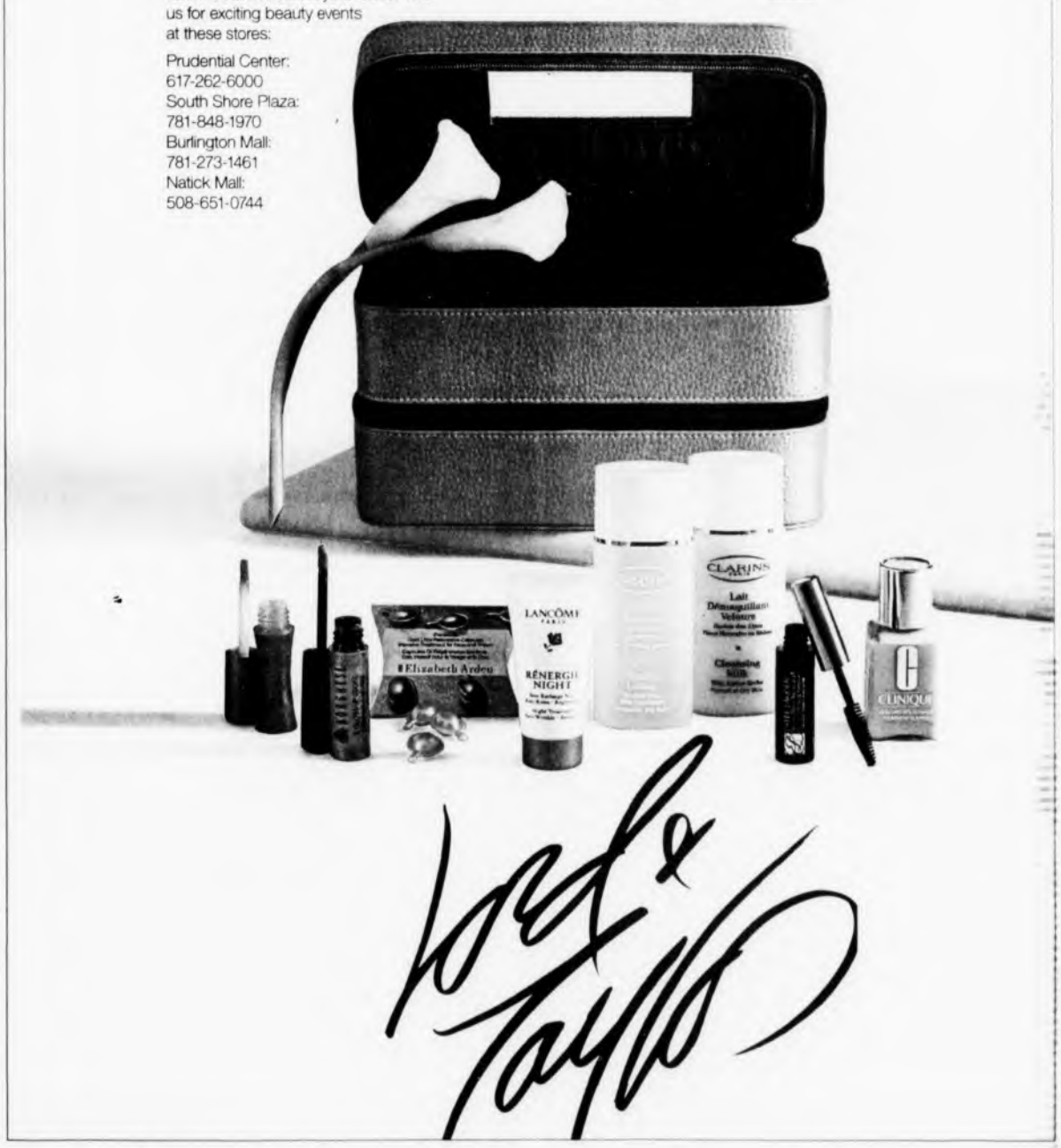
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Puerto Vallarta, Mexico -

A-yeee. That's me whipping across a 1,000-foot zip line, high above a subtropical rainforest in Mexico's Sierra Madre mountains.

I feel like Tarzan, even if the harness attached to the line belies the fact I don't have the strength of the ape-man. A slight decline and pulleys are propelling me down the line.

This thrilling experience may not be what you expect when you sign on for a relaxing one-week Mexican Riviera cruise on a Princess Cruises ship - in this case the 2,000-passenger Dawn Princess. But who says cruises can't come with adrenaline rushes.

The Outdoor Experience shore excursion ($149 per person) starts in Puerto Vallarta, and also includes a ride in a speedboat across 25-mile-long Banderas Bay to a secluded beach, more bumpedy-bump in a 4x4 open-air truck as you head to the base camp in the Sierra Madres, a ride straight uphill on mules (with a little galloping involved) and, to break up the series of zip lines, walking across wobbly bridges and rappelling 100 feet into an ice-cold waterfall.

It's a thrill, a challenge, a group bonding experience (for the dozen or so participants) and a chance to see gorgeous mountain and seaside scenery all rolled into one six-hour trip. Probably the best shore excursion you'll ever find. Think "Survivor" meets cruising.

Dramatic scenery (and experiences), Mexican culture, history and sunshine are all part of a Mexican Riviera itinerary. These cruises are the perfect alternative to the tried-and-true Caribbean fun-in-the-sun routes.

One-week cruises visit Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan and Cabo San Lucas, with three days spent at sea.

For those who don't seek thrills in Puerto Vallarta, the one-time fishing village and now popular resort also serves up plenty of beach and shopping options. The place was first put on the map when John Huston filmed "Night of the Iguana" in nearby Mismaloya in the early 1960s. Star Richard Burton brought along married girlfriend Elizabeth Taylor and created a scandal. And then everyone wanted to go there.



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Aboard the Dawn Princess.

In Mazatlan, you can also choose the beach, but then you'd be missing a chance to explore the city and get a peak at Mexican culture.

With a population of nearly 325,000, Mazatlan feels like a city more than a tourist Mecca. People really do their shopping at the large indoor market - it is not just a hangout for the tourist crowd - and in the main square near the city's gold-colored cathedral, locals take a break from the hustle and bustle to sit on benches for a chat or have their shoes shined at stands.

Head into the historic district and you'll find colorful buildings dating to the 1800s, including an opera house built for a diva, Angela Peralta. Several galleries offer crafts and artwork at reasonable prices including Gandarva and the Nidart Gallery.

Reserve beach time for Cabo San Lucas, but be aware the beaches there are better for sunning than swimming (due to frequent rough tides).

My companions (my two adult kids) and I headed to "The Office," a beachfront bar on the long strip of Playa El Medano, and a perfect spot for sunning and people-watching. Two-for-one beers and toes in the sand reminded me this was no ordinary workday.

The beach scene is active with vendors selling, well, whatever they could think of to sell - colorful Mexican blankets and rugs, silver jewelry, rental WaveRunners and kayaks, your name created in sand, baskets, cowboy hats with Corona logos. For a quieter beach experience, head to Lover's Beach (accessible by boat).

When you are perfectly pink, head into town for lunch at Mi Casa, where you can enjoy such treats as tacos with shredded pork.

Back at the ship, catch the wonderful views of Los Arcos, the rocks at Land's End that look like they landed here from another planet. You won't find much more dramatic scenery than that.

Cruising on Princess

Princess Cruises offers a cruising experience that is a tad fancier than mainstream lines like Carnival, Royal Caribbean and Norwegian Cruise Line, and also a tad more sedate.

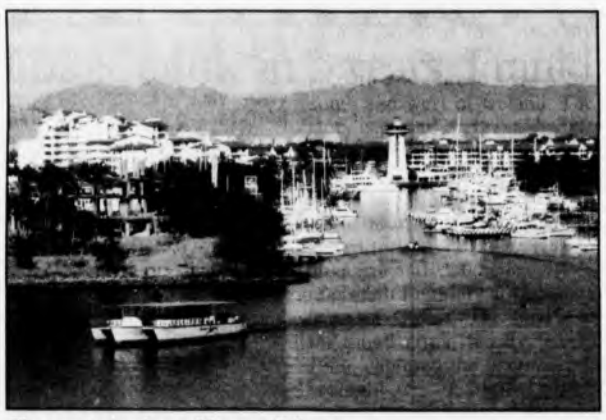
There are daytime activities like making ceramic pottery, vegetable carving demonstrations, Pilates classes, cyber golf (for a fee), shuffleboard tournaments, temporary tattoos, line dance classes and the like (some for an extra fee). But not the plethora of choices on other lines; the overall atmosphere is generally more relaxed.

On the Dawn Princess, people came out for art auctions, first-run movie showings in the theater and trivia contests, but otherwise many seemed content to spend time reading and relaxing in the sun.

At night, there are show productions, comedians, a casino and a piano player who always seemed to draw a crowd.

Guests can choose traditional dining at a set time at an assigned table or Personal Choice Dining, which lets you eat in your assigned dining room whenever you want, and with whomever you want. The only problem is that everyone choosing this option seemed to want to eat at the same time and there were often lines to get into the dining room at dinner. One night my companions and I went to the ship's pizzeria rather than wait - albeit it is a really good pizzeria and we also had several lunches there. An alternative we really enjoyed was the Sterling Steakhouse ($15 per person), the reservations-only nighttime venue serving decent steaks with steakhouse trimmings including creamed spinach.

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The scenic harbor of Puerto Vallarta.

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Miss Florem (Ellie Baumgarten) CEO of New You Enterprises makes her presentation to Sandy (Sally Meehan) to become an option girl. CHS has advanced to the semifinals of the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival this weekend.

Next stage

CHS drama in state semi-finals



Miss Fowler (Tara Goodwin) interviews Sandy (Sally Meehan) for entry into the New Day Academy during the rehearsal for "A Whole New Day." This year, 118 high schools from around the state competed in the prestigious festival that is celebrating its 77th year.



Dad (Andrew Bell) speaks with Option One Girl (Logan Pratt) while his daughter (Sally Meehan) looks forlorn in the background. Nine students from Cohasset High School will present their one-act play, "A Whole New You" in the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival semi-final round Saturday.

She shoots, she scores!

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



Tuesday, the Cohasset Girls scored 44-36 against Manchester in the State Division 4 Title girls' basketball game. This nail-biting event (a gross understatement) teased the audience's nerves as each victorious basket was followed with an equally outstanding throw from the opposing ladies. Winning in overtime, the Cohasset female skippers proved to a crowd of ravenous fans that they are number one!

Not only were Cohasset's basketball talents shown to dominate the court, but their fans also dominated from the bleachers. Overpowering the Manchester green team fans were all the Cohasset supporters with their powerful cheers, chants, and enthusiasm for their players!

In other news, last Thursday the halls of CHS became a Mecca for the delightfully creative and sometimes absurd works of the future and favorite student artists at the "Eat Your Art" show. For anyone who ever wondered if it was possible to make a dress out of fruit rollups or a hat of Peeps, then you shouldn't.... anything is possible! Special congrats to all the winners and artists including seniors, Sam Williams, Abby Foley, Jenna VanEtten, and Amanda Hurd, who snagged an honourable mention for their miniature garden!

Continuing with the topic of food, don't forget to donate non-perishable foods to the Easter Food Drive. Just a reminder, the drop-off box is located in the Main Office. Help bring food to those in need!

Now, for the week's top stories:

• Monday, March 10: Spring sports coaches donned their whistles and carried their clipboards for the spring athletics meeting.

• Tuesday, March 11: A plethora of students where dismissed early to attend the Girls Basketball Eastern Mass Finals at the TD Banknorth Garden.

• Wednesday, March 12: The inductees to the National Honor Society attended the NHS reception and ceremony.

• March 13: The esteemed Drama Club opened their curtains to audiences for the production of the play; "A Whole New You."

• Friday, March 14: The few brave men of CHS strutted their stuff in the always-exciting Mr. Skipper Pageant!

That's it for me this week! Have a great weekend.

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $5,000 scholarships are available at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive, Hingham.

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Business Notes

Cohasset business owner takes to national stage

Lisa DiTullio, principal of Lisa DiTullio & Associates, was a key speaker at the Fifth Annual NASA Project Management Challenge on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at the Hilton Oceanfront Hotel, Daytona Beach, Fla.

DiTullio was invited by NASA to be part of this dynamic two-day event which drew more than 1,250 attendees, including many members of the NASA community. Her presentation, "Expected Behaviors: Road Rules for Project Team Members-Not Road Rage" was part of the "Dream Teams" track, dedicated to project team dynamics.

The Daytona Beach event is the fifth time that NASA stakeholders have gathered at the PM Challenge to connect, and explore trends in program and project management. The conference theme, "Reach Higher," was designed to challenge the NASA program and project management community by leveraging the knowledge, ideas and experience of a diverse network of speakers, panelists and participants through the power of knowledge sharing.

DiTullio was one of 65 speakers invited to participate in the two-day event, and her topic was selected from several hundred presentation proposals reviewed by NASA, which came from NASA, private industry, academic and numerous international organizations. Nearly 500 students from Daytona Beach area schools and from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Bethune-Cookman University also attended the event.



Lisa DiTullio, principal of Lisa DiTullio & Associates

"Organizations are more likely to realize results if they establish straightforward behaviors directly related to improving team dynamics."
— Lisa DiTullio

"It was an excellent opportunity to be in front of NASA officials and members of the NASA community to talk about the importance of project management and how it can be of direct and immediate benefit to their organization, as well as others," said DiTullio.

She added, "Organizations are more likely to realize results if they establish straightforward behaviors directly related to improving team dynamics." Her talk suggested that organizations create measurable behaviors so that staff can easily be held accountable. The presentation informed audience members how to create awareness and instill accountability for team behaviors, which result in improved decisions, efficiency, and business results. DiTullio shared practices identified in her book Simple Solutions: How "Enterprise Project Management" Supported Harvard Pilgrim Health Care from Near Collapse to #1.

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Mandarin Chinese classes come to Cohasset

Mandarin for Kids is now in its fourth week of after school classes held on Mondays at the South Shore Community Center. Cohasset students range in age from 6 to 10 years old and are learning basic communication in Mandarin Chinese as well as Chinese culture, history and geography.

The class was started by Cohasset residents Kate and Chuck Gilliatt, parents of twin 7-year-old girls and a 12-year old boy. The family had become increasingly aware of the dramatic rise of China in the global economy and its relevance to foreign language choices today. Their pursuit started with attempts to find Chinese classes for their children. Frustrated with the lack of options on the South Shore, they happened upon a lucky opportunity. When Kate was on a business trip to Asia last year, she met with long time associate and friend, Carol Lewis in Hong Kong. Carol was soon to be returning to the United States and Kate asked her if she was willing to tutor her children. The Gilliatts, sensing a local demand for Chinese language education, developed the idea into two after school classes and the Mandarin for Kids program was born. The program has been so successful that four classes will be offered in a Spring session starting April 14.

Carol Lewis was uniquely qualified to teach the program, bringing not only her language skills but also her first-hand experiences fresh from China. The kids are treated to anecdotes from her travels around the country meeting Chinese people of all socio-economic backgrounds. She lived and worked in China for four years as an English Teacher at a Chinese university in Zhuhai, Guangdong Province. In advance of her trip she studied Mandarin at Harvard University and continued studying in China. Mandarin is the country's official language spoken by the vast majority of the Chinese people. Carol's method for teaching Mandarin is to concentrate on phrases and words that are most useful. The class focuses on building language skills through role playing and practicing dialogue on which to build conversation skills.

Another unique aspect of the course is the Mandarin for Kids Pen Pal Project. Each student in the class has a Chinese pen pal his or her own age in China. The American and Chinese students share pictures and interesting details about their lives. This has grown into a fascinating cultural exchange that has greatly enriched the classroom experience. One of Carol's friends, Apple, an elementary teacher in Beijing, is coordinating the Chinese side of the project. Several of the Chinese participants have expressed a desire to come to America. In fact, the current students here are so excited about their new international relationships that they have all asked Carol if she will take them to China one day to meet their new friends!

Anyone interested in the program can contact Chuck Gilliatt at 781-383-2901 or email him at cgilliatt@comcast.net.



COURTESY PHOTO

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South Shore Community Center Spring Programs

Babysitting for boys and girls — 3 week course, Thursday, March 27, April 3, April 10, 4 – 6 p.m.

April vacation camps — Tuesday, April 22: One Day Gymnastics, Sports & More Camp for boys & girls ages 4 –10; 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; $50M/$55NM

Ready, set, go — Wednesday, April 23, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., for boys & girls ages 4 – 10. Come enjoy a fun-filled day of activities, Bowling, Cooking, Crafts, Relay Races, Face Painting. The Children will also see an animal presentation presented by Animal Experiences. $50M/$55NM

Gymnastics & Sports Classes — There are still openings in the Gymnastics/Sports programs for boys & girls in the following classes:

Mondays:

Sports for Kids, boys and girls, age 4-6; 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 1 – 2 p.m. Learn the fundamentals of general sports. Basketball, soccer, hockey, bowling, gymnastics, relays, obstacle course, balloon tennis and much, much more.

Gym Explorers, boys and girls, age 4-6; 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Enjoy rotations on vault, bars, beam, floor. Musical games with lummi sticks, bean bags, scarves and more.

Wednesdays:

Beginner/Intermediate Girls Gymnastics, age 5 – 7; 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Thursdays:

Sports for Kids (boys & girls), age 4-6, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Beginner/intermediate girls, age 5-7, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Beginner/intermediate girls, age 7-11, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Fridays:

Gym Explorers (boys & girls), age 4-6, 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Children's Programs

Bridge Building and More w/Science Sizzlers — Wednesday, March 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m, K-grade 5, $15.00

Kitchen Kids — ages 3-6, Monday, April 7, 9 – 10 a.m., 6 weeks. Join us as we travel the globe and taste the many delicious foods. A fun book will be read relating to our menu. $120M/125NM

Mad Science of Boston/Current Events — Wed. April 9, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., K-grade 5, $15.00

Adult Programs

Digital Photography— Tues, April 8 & 9, 7 – 8:30 p.m., $49.00. This class is for the beginner. Discover the marvelous capabilities of digital photography.

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A little Easter history . . . and some fun facts

The Christian celebration of Easter dates as far back as the second century.

Throughout history, this holiday has been associated with many traditions and symbols.

For example, decorated Easter eggs were first observed and recorded in the 13thcentury. Rabbits were first associated with Easter in 17th-century Europe, and by the 19th century it was a common tradition to "believe" that rabbits produced and decorated the Easter eggs. Depending on the country, however, the Easter Bunny wasn't always the one who delivered the eggs. For instance, in Switzerland the cuckoo was believed to do so.

According to **the National Confectioners Association**:

- The first chocolate eggs were made in Europe in the early 19th century and remain among the most popular treats associated with Easter.
- 90 million chocolate Easter bunnies and 16 billion jelly beans are produced for Easter each year.
- During peak production days leading up to the holiday, as many as five million marshmallow chicks and bunnies are produced daily.
- Easter is the second top-selling confectionery holiday behind. Halloween is the first.
- 88 percent of adults carry on the Easter tradition of creating Easter baskets for their children.
- 76 percent of chocolate bunny lovers eat the ears first.
- Red jelly beans are kids' favorite.

Faberge Eggs — Some of the most famous decorated Easter eggs were made by the jewelry and decorative object designer and manufacturer **Peter Carl Fabergé**. After inheriting the family jewelry business in St. Petersburg in 1870, his uniquely beautiful designs became popular among Russian and European royalty. In 1884, Emperor Alexander III commissioned the first eggs for his wife.

World's largest Easter Egg — According to the Guinness World Records, the world's largest Easter egg was created by Belgian chocolate maker Guylian. The edible 4,299-pound chocolate egg sculpture, made in celebration of the renovation of Belgium's largest market square in Sint-Niklaas, the company's home town, was produced in 2005.



STAFF PHOTO/DAVE NEAULT

Emily Mondon of the Hingham Gift Company, 61 Water St., in Hingham shows off an Easter basket that is sure to surprise and delight a child.

According to Guylian, the 27-foot, 3-inch tall, 21-foot wide egg, took 26 master chocolate makers eight days and 50,000 chocolate bars to construct. Metal scaffolding was used to support the shell during construction. All the chocolate used to create the egg was produced at Guylian's factory and headquarters in Sint-Niklaas.

Largest Easter Egg Hunt — The largest Easter egg hunt, according to Guinness, featured 510,000 brightly colored, candy-filled Easter eggs hidden among the landscaping of the Cypress Gardens theme park near Winter Haven, Fla. More than 9,700 people, including many children, participated in this historic event. All the eggs were gathered in less than an hour.

About 1,000 of the eggs held special prizes donated by local businesses, including the grand prize egg containing a two-year scholarship to Polk Community College. The egg was discovered by a six-year old, who attended a special ceremony with his family at the park's Magnolia Mansion where he was presented with the official scholarship certificate.

White House event — The White House Easter Egg Roll has long been a Washington tradition. Historians differ as to its origin. Some think that Dolly Madison came up with the idea, while others believe that the tradition dates back to President Lincoln.

Eggs reportedly rolled on the White House lawn as early as 1872, but it hasn't always been a smooth affair. Apparently, in 1876, the children were so boisterous that Congress tried to block such events in the future. There are at least two versions of what happened next, but the White House Egg Roll resumed in 1878.

Over the years, the Egg Roll has changed with the times. In the late 19th century, children played games called "Egg Picking," "Egg Ball," "Toss and Catch," and "Egg Croquet." Eventually, the Easter Egg Roll became more structured and elaborate. In 1889, John Philip Sousa and "The President's Own" Marine Band performed. Folk and maypole dancing were introduced during President Herbert Hoover's term.

In 1933, Eleanor Roosevelt took the Easter Egg Roll nationwide via radio, greeting visitors and listeners on air. She also introduced more games, but it was not until 1974 that the famous egg-rolling race using White House kitchen spoons became part of the festivities.

Since that time, the hunt has featured a circus, petting zoo, antique cars, Broadway shows, giant balloons, egg hunt pits (for autographed wooden eggs), and other grand festivities.

Presidents and their families enjoy attending, and the Easter Bunny, introduced by Patricia Nixon (wife of President Richard Nixon) in 1969 — usually a White House staffer dressed in a bunny suit — always makes an appearance.

Occasionally, the White House Easter Egg Roll is canceled or relocated due to inclement weather or during war times. This year's annual White House Easter Egg Roll is scheduled for March 24 on the South Lawn of the White House. (Source: www.whitehouse.gov)

Compiled by Hingham Gift Company owner Emily Mondon.

'Build your own' Easter baskets

By Carol Britton Meyer
CMEYER@CNC.COM

The Easter Bunny has already paid a visit to the Hingham Gift Company, leaving behind an eye-catching and sumptuous "Easter Basket Buffet" for kids of all ages.

Upon entering, customers' eyes are immediately drawn to the center of the shop, where a splendid array of premium Easter candy — large and small chocolate and marshmallow-filled bunnies, cream- and marshmallow-filled eggs, jelly beans, giant rocky road eggs, all-natural bunny cookies and lollipops, and more — is laid out.

There are also delightful plush bunnies dressed in knitted sweaters and cute mini plush chicks, monkeys, frogs, and puppies, along with specialty kids' gifts ranging from spring bath gifts to toys and sports items. Small fun basket stuffers — inexpensive gadgets such as cute pencils, pens, coloring books, and bubbles — make nice Easter basket additions.

The shop is located at 61 Water St. beside Bare Cove Gourmet Caterer on the harbor end in Hingham not far from the Fruit Center. The Hingham Gift Company offers a flexible mix of regular retail gift store concepts and 'build your own gift baskets" for any occasion year-round – all with a personal touch.

The shop features more than 300 "unique, luxurious, and practical" items, which when combined with some of the Easter offerings, make nice Easter baskets for fun-loving adults.

This sumptuous display was inspired by one of shop owner Emily Mondon's fondest childhood memories of an Easter morning at her grandparents' house in Greensboro, N.C.

"I awoke to find a really unique basket that had been created just for me," she said.

Nestled inside was a beautiful plush rabbit surrounded by old-fashioned candy-filled papier-mache eggs and other items her family thought she would enjoy.

They were right, and now Mondon is providing customers with flexible options to create their own unique, customized Easter baskets – and memories.

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Mondon decided to open the shop in Hingham last summer because living just over the Hingham/Hull town line, she does much of her personal shopping in downtown Hingham and is therefore familiar with the area.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Docket No. O6P2338EP

In the Estate of FRANK S. WHEELWRIGHT
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death April 23, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MURIEL S. WHEELWRIGHT of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **APRIL 9, 2008.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, MARCH 3

12:58 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:59 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:16 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, animal complaint, contacted DPW about deer. DPW stated ACO will pick up deer.

9:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, power outage, caller reports there is no electricity and they are running off generators. They have already notified the electric company.

9:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, power outage, caller reports no power to this location.

9:52 a.m. **King St., and Rose Hill Lane**, notification, detail officer reports the tree company working there dropped some branches on the wires. The branches have been removed at this time and National Grid has been notified.

10:19 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:59 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer wanted, the Fire Chief is requesting to meet with a police officer.

4:58 p.m. **Sohier St.**, accidental 911 call, caller reports accidental 911 call, spoke to homeowner. Officer enroute to confirm accident.

6:43 p.m. **Smith Pl.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:38 p.m. **Hanover PD**, bolo announcement. Bolo for 3 white males stole Nautica merchandise located near the exit at the Hanover Mall Macy's. Several items were taken $4,000.00 worth. 12 T-shirts, 26 pairs of sweatpants, jackets, subject seen leaving in a silver Maxima or Nissan, given to Cohasset units at 7:37 p.m.

7:44 p.m. **Grace Drive, and Hull St.**, officer wanted, walk in party would like to speak to officer, occurred Saturday night involving her 17-year-old son.

8:22 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

1:10 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:11 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:12 a.m. **Cedar St.**, public service, DPW reports a banged-up motor vehicle in the lot. Motor vehicle may have been used for fire training. Fire Capt. confirms motor vehicle was used for training.

6:34 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:51 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

6:55 a.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, DPW reports dead deer on the side of the road. DPW does not pick up dead deer. ACO notified. ACO will remove later in the a.m. ACO will need assistance from the DPW.

8 a.m. Weather: Sunny, windy.

9:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, officer reports cell tower is wide open, nobody around. Tower Company notified. Tower Company has provided the pass code to the tower and the officer will be checking it.

10:47 a.m. **South Main St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports a large truck blocking the street, appears it was backing into a driveway and broke down. Sgt. reports the truck is stuck on a ledge and needs to be pulled off.

3:07 p.m. **Linden Drive**, suspicious vehicle, caller stated that a suspicious male has been driving up and down Linden Drive for over an hour. Description of vehicle is a red Suzuki truck. Officer reports the truck is the Patriot Ledger deliveryman.

5:13 p.m. **King St.**, parking complaint, there is a white PT Cruiser parked at above location, he is an employee of the Water Dept.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

12:40 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window. Door secured.

1:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:12 a.m. **Cedar St.**, public service, DPW reports a banged-up motor vehicle in the lot. Motor vehicle may have been used for fire training. Fire Capt. confirms motor vehicle was used for training.

6:57 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:08 a.m. **Pond St., and King St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:07 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:51 a.m. **King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:15 p.m. **Church St.**, well being check, 911 caller reports she hears a buzzing in the house and needs help. No issues at this location, female checks out ok.

12:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

12:41 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:31 p.m. **Elm St.**, disturbance, walk in wants to talk to an officer about their neighbor and their dog. Advised all parties of their options.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

12:39 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:48 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Laurie Ann Newman, 44, 165A Front St., Scituate. Charges: OUI of liquor, marked lanes violation, speeding.

3:16 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window, secured building.

4:19 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, missing property is allegedly $500.

7:06 a.m. **Cushing Rd., and Pleasant St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:09 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, assist citizen.

8:30 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, abandoned motor vehicle, caller reports a jeep has been parked since last night in a weird position in between his business and the restaurant next door and would just like it checked out. Vehicle will be moved today.

11:07 a.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, Hingham PD reports they just had 3 vehicles broken into at their train station on Summer Street. Suspects are 3 white males in a dark colored SUV.

11:11 a.m. **Doane St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:46 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, brush, detail officer reports a pile of brush has smoke coming out of it.

1:58 p.m. **North Main St.**, B&E, walk in party reports several pieces of his landscaping equipment have been stolen. This was a break into the garage where all the equipment is kept. The lock was cut and entry was gained and several items taken.

3:03 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a blue Mustang traveling at a high rate of speed towards town full of youths. Vehicle stopped, youth driving talked to, should be no further problems.

3:16 p.m. **North Main St., and Highland Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, walk in party reports her purse was taken from her unlocked vehicle at 11 a.m. this morning.

7:12 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid, caller reports a 13-year-old female with a severe hand laceration. Command requesting medflight.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

12:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:44 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:37 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

10:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, motor vehicle crash, 911 caller reports motor vehicle crash at this location. Officers requesting tow truck for at least one vehicle.

10:54 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

12:11 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:23 p.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:47 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

2:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:37 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Osgood/Deerhill School checks.

3:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller reports there has been a dog tied to a vehicle in the parking lot for about an hour now. She did make an announcement, but no one has come forward. Officer reports the dog is in the car on a leash and the door is open, there is food and water. Officer reports the registered owner is back on scene. The owner states he always does this when he goes to the store.

4:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

4:28 p.m. **Sohier St.**, officer wanted, caller reports a dark Volvo Wagon driving up and down the street with youths riding on the roof and hood of the car. Officers report witnesses state the driver is a female and one of the youths on the roof is a male with red hair. The vehicle is a black Volvo.

5:11 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist other Police Department.

6:36 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, medical aid.

7:44 p.m. **Buttonwood Lane, Scituate**, medical aid, transported QMC/BLS.

8:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports a male staggering around in front of the bank. He is either intoxicated or having a medical problem. Units have made contact with the male. Male is disabled. Everything is in order.

8:35 p.m. **Beach St.**, animal complaint, 911 caller reports a barking dog. Officer reports that he has sat in the area for 10 minutes and cannot hear a dog barking.

9:49 p.m. **Border St.**, assist other Police Department, Weymouth PD is requesting information of a cook at this location. He is wanted for A&B with a dangerous weapon about an hour ago.

10:45 p.m. **Pond St.**, fire – public assist.

10:55 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop.

10:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller reports six kids, both boys and girls ran out on the check. They are operating a dark colored Jeep Grand Cherokee.

11:36 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, harassment report, caller reports that there is a rape being committed at the above location. This was a false call. Resident is being harassed by a mental patient that he does not know. Officer spoke with resident. Police will be writing a report on this. Attention all shifts – read at roll call.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

1:06 a.m. **Brook St.**, building checks.

9:28 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:47 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:30 a.m. **Spring St., and Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:27 p.m. **Border St.**, notification, the blinking light at this location needs to be changed.

2:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:57 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:07 p.m. **Todd Lane**, fire – public assist, caller reports her basement is flooded and she is worried about anything electrical.

6:04 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports an erratic driver in this area. Nothing found.

7:23 p.m. **Howes Lane**, fire, investigation, walk in reports a tree down in front of his home that took wires down. Fire responding. National Grid notified.

7:40 p.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, downed tree, caller reports a downed tree. DPW has removed that tree.

10:03 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Matthew John Salmon, 20, 132 Arnold Rd., Marshfield. Charges: Operating motor vehicle with license suspended, improper turn, possession of Class D drug, WMS warrant.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

12:55 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

POLICE/FIRE TERMS

ACO -Animal Control Officer

ALS - Transport, Ambulance Transporting - Advanced Life Support (High level of care with paramedics administering drugs)

BLS Transport - Ambulance Transporting, Basic Life Support (Usually not life threatening)

BOLO - Be On the Look Out

BT - Breath Test (having to do with liquor offenses)

CID - Criminal Investigation Division (Cohasset Detectives)

D/K - Drunk

E1 - E4 - Cohasset Fire Engines

GOA- Gone on Arrival

HQ - Headquarters

Juvenile -Person under the age of 17

L1 - Cohasset Fire Ladder Truck

LEAPS/NCIC - Police Computer System (National)

ME - Medical Examiner

M/V - Motor Vehicle

OIC - Officer in Charge

OUI - Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)

PC - Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody - not a criminal charge)

PI - Personal Injury

PT - Patient

QMC - Quincy Medical Center

R3 - Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)

RMV -Registry of Motor Vehicles

RO - Restraining Order

S/P - Suspicious Person

SSH - South Shore Hospital

WMS - Warrant Management System (Name for Massachusetts computer system that holds arrest warrants)

OBITUARY

Peter W. Kjer

Retired regional sales manager for Sentry Insurance Company

Peter W. Kjer, 83, died March 5, 2008 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

He was born in Amherst, Wis., and had been a resident of Cohasset for 39 years. Mr. Kjer was a decorated U.S. Army Veteran who served in Europe during World War II. He was a regional sales manager for Sentry Insurance Company, retiring in 1990.

Mr. Kjer leaves his wife, Mary Lu (Piatt) Kjer; three daughters Laurie Zastrow of Hull, Michelle Sullivan and her husband Kevin of Norwood and Lisa Parsons of West Medford; three grandchildren Amy Johnson, Katie and Jessie Parsons; and two great-granddaughters, Megan and Kelly Johnson. He also leaves a brother Leonard Kjer and a sister Donna Trzebiatowski both of Stevens Point, Wis.

A funeral service was conducted on March 10, at the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, in Hingham.

The interment will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472 or The Home for Little Wanderers, 271 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02115, Attention: Marcia Allen.



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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, March 16

8 a.m. - Circle Ministry in the Parish House/Atkinson Room - Group led by Joan Kovach & Susan Meikleham and meeting 1st & 3rd Sundays)

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – "Forgiveness and What Comes First"

Religious education classes for toddlers, children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Welcoming Congregation Workshop: Introductions and Expectations – Lunch provided – Atkinson Room

What is the Welcoming Congregation process all about? What are our expectations—hopes, joys, and concerns? Come let your voice be heard as we learn from one another about this process that helps us honor our religious principles and our mission.

Maundy Thursday Service - March 20 - 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting House

Easter Sunday, March 23

6:30 a.m.– Easter Sunrise Service – Sandy Beach, Cohasset

10 a.m. – An Integernational Service of Easter – The Meeting House

Come join us as we wonder at the many miracles of Easter through music and story.

12 Noon – Easter Egg Hunt – at The Cushings, 271 Beechwood St.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday morning. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately follow the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

Lent began Feb. 6th with a 7:30pm Ash Wednesday service in the chapel. Our Lenten Study Group, Positive Thinking… Priceless, began at 6:30 on Wednesday Feb. 13th. Bring you own brown bag supper and we will provide beverages/desserts as we view the DVD "The Secret" by Rhonda Byrne.

A Seder Meal in a Christian context will be offered on Sunday March 16th at 5pm (call for reservations). Holy Week and Easter services will begin with a Maundy Thursday traditional Tenebrae service (with Communion) at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Easter Sunday March 23rd will offer a choice of three services: 7:30 am Sunrise at Sandy Beach (dress causally and warmly), 9:15am in the sanctuary (intergenerational with children's musical performances), 11 am in the sanctuary (traditional service with adult choir).

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites you to join us this Lent.

This week, St. Stephen's welcomes our new rector, the Reverend Margot Critchfield!

Services on Sunday are at 8 am and 10 am.

We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. For information on us go to www.ststephenscohasset.org or to learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

• Palm Sunday, March 16, 8 and 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist with Blessing of Palms

Monday in Holy Week, Morning Prayer at 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday in Holy Week, Morning Prayer at 6:30 a.m.

Wednesday in Holy Week, Morning Prayer at 6:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist and Healing at 9:30 a.m.

• Maundy Thursday, March 21, Morning Prayer at 6:30 a.m.

24 hour Prayer Watch begins at 3 p.m. in the church

7 p.m.: Holy Eucharist, Washing of the Feet,

Reservation of the Sacrament, Stripping of the Altar

followed by the Agape Meal

• Good Friday, March 22, Morning Prayer at 6:30 a.m.

The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday (The Book of Common Prayer) at noon

Children's "A Way of the Cross" at 4 p.m. followed by a story and crafts for kids.

The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday (The Book of Common Prayer) at 7 p.m.

• Holy Saturday, March 23, Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 2 p.m.

• The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The Singing of the Exulted

The Liturgy of the Word

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The First Eucharist of Easter

• Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day, March 24

Festival Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. with trumpet, organ, vocal quartet

Festival Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. with full choir and brass

Fellowship time follows in Walton Rodgers Hall

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 16th at 11 a.m. - Palm Sunday Service. Thursday, March 20th at 7 p.m. - Holy Thursday Service. Friday, March 21st at 3 p.m. - Good Friday Service. Silence will be observed on the grounds from 12 noon to 3 p.m.. Sunday, March 23rd at 11 a.m. - Easter Sunday service.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mfond@cnc.com.

Worship News

St. Joseph Retreat Center schedule of events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset is hosting the following upcoming programs:

• April 3, *Testifying to What We Have Seen and Heard*, a Morning of Prayer for the Easter season.

• April 13, *Come, Rest Awhile*, a Day of Prayer for those who care for others at home or in professional settings.

Praying Moment By Moment with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, a series of programs integrating sections of the book *Moment By Moment*, co-authored by program presenter Gene Merz, SJ: April 16, Day of Prayer; April 17, Evening of Prayer; April 18-20, Weekend of Prayer.

• April 20-27, Directed/Private Retreat Week.

• April 26, *Images of God*, a Morning of Prayer.

• April 30, Day Workshop: *Perceptions and Emotions in Prayer & Spiritual Direction: Joy and Anger.*

For more information and to register, please visit www.csjretreatcenter.org or call (781) 383-6024.

Sister Helen Prejean speaks at Abbey

Glastonbury Abbey's Inter-religious lecture series Listening To Other Voices: Prophets of Compassion: Who Cares continues. The March 27 lecture "Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues" features Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ

Could you walk someone to their death? Sister Helen Prejean has done it a number of times. You saw the walk if you saw the movie "Dead Man Walking," based on her first book. Her second book, "The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Accounts of Wrongful Executions." speaks of her witness of the executions of two men whom she believes were innocent and the broken justice system in this country.

In her talk, she will walk you with her and the "dead man" down the Last Mile and challenge you with the question: "If life is God's greatest gift to us, are we free to take it away?" She also will talk about the death and devastation Hurricane Katrina wrought in her native Louisiana.

All lectures are free and begin at 7:15 p.m. in the Glastonbury Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham. Donations gratefully accepted. Reservations recommended by calling 781-749-2155.

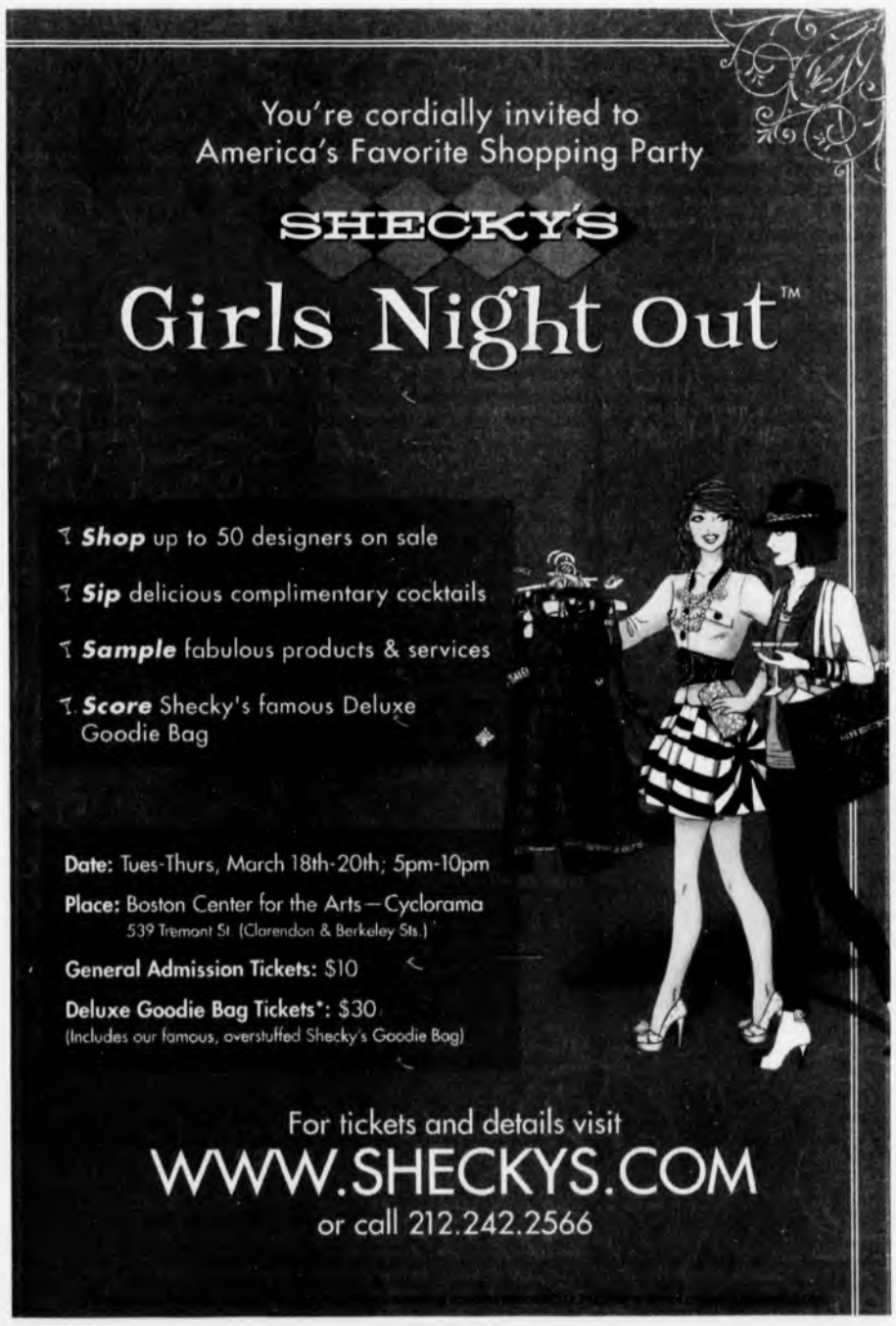
Annual Good Friday Walk is March 21

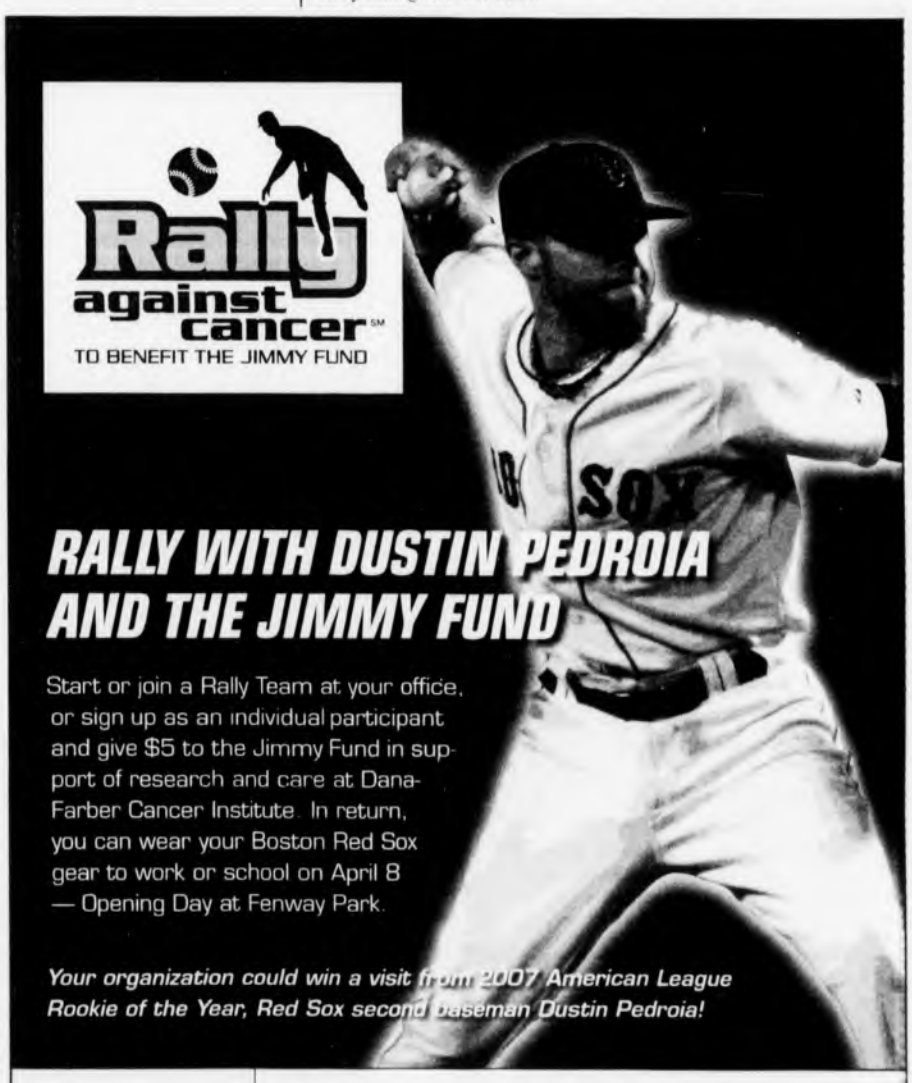
For those wishing to make Easter and the arrival of spring really special this year, Kay Doherty of Sharing Inc., invites people of all ages and all faiths to join her in the Good Friday Walk on March 21, this year. Although there are a now a number of other Good Friday Walks throughout New England, hundreds of people return to join Doherty on the walk in Hingham. The Hingham walk alone has raised more than $2,800,000. The miles walkers have completed range from 100 to 600. Many others have returned year after year to participate on Good Friday by administering refreshments or first aid to the walkers along the route. For them, helping in some way has become a Good Friday tradition.

It was in 1972, while living in Abington, that Doherty began to exercise her faith by walking on Good Friday. Little did she know that this walk would blossom into Sharing Inc., a nonprofit organization that administers the Walk, and that thousands of people over time would join this unusual kind of "exercise club." These spirit-filled people continue to demonstrate their faith, earning funds by working or walking on Good Friday and making a difference in the lives of the underprivileged, especially in the lives of the children in the rural areas of Mississippi and West Alabama. As of December 2007, the combined total of the money given away by all the Good Friday Walks has exceeded $7,500,000.

Walkers may begin anytime from 7 to 9 a.m. from Plymouth River School, 200 High St. The route winds for 20 miles from the school, through parts of Hingham and for several miles in Wompatuck State Park. Most walkers complete the 20-mile hike, but walkers are not required to walk all 20 miles.

Anyone wishing to participate in this year's walk may obtain sponsor sheets by contacting Doherty at Sharing Inc., P.O. Box 850153, Braintree, MA 02185-0153 or call 781-843-1676. Local residents may contact Donna Austin for walk sponsor sheets by calling her at 781-749-8778. All walkers are requested to obtain a minimum of $20 in pledges on their sponsor sheets.





TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

MARCH 13-21, 2008

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Community Garden Cub member Natalie Goodrich arranges her very colorful bouquet for a recent Blooms at the Complex.

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Plimoth Cinema expands

Announcing coming attractions shown daily

Want to see great films all week long? Plimoth Cinema is proud to become the South Shore's first, daily venue for the latest foreign and independent films, including some 2008 Oscar nominees and winners! Beginning, March 21, Plimoth Cinema will be expanding its program schedule by offering daily showings, in addition to the cinema's popular, regular weekend schedule.

"When Plimoth Cinema began last fall, we knew there was a demand for a venue showing independent and foreign films on the South Shore," said Kathleen Curtin, Plimoth Cinema Committee Member. "But we soon found our movie-goers wanted more opportunities to catch the great films we bring to the area, and we listened. In addition to providing more screenings, this new daily expansion will allow Plimoth Cinema to work with a broad range of distributors to provide a wider variety of alternative films to the theatergoers. We continue to be thrilled by the local enthusiasm."

Currently, Plimoth Cinema operates weekends with two Saturday screenings at 4:30 and 7 p.m., and a matinee screening, Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. Now, moviegoers can catch our weekly film Monday through Friday at 4 p.m. The new expansion begins showing on March 21. Every Friday a new film will come to Plimoth Cinema and play throughout the week.

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The Plimoth Cinema Club Card is just the thing for frequent filmgoers. For just $10, frequent moviegoers can purchase a Plimoth Cinema Club Card, which entitles them to a $1.50 discount off the purchase of Plimoth Cinema movie tickets each week. In addition, the Cinema has introduced the $20 Cinema Gift Certificate, which is good for two movies and all the popcorn you can eat. It's a great gift and a good bargain too! Interested parties should call 508-746-1622, ext. 8222.

Plimoth Cinema's big screen is located in the Linn Theater, located inside Plimoth Plantation's Harry Hornblower Visitor Center. The theater comfortably seats 225 guests and features 7.1 full-surround-sound, making it perfect for viewing such specialty films.

Plimoth Cinema has already scheduled some great films for the month ahead. Of course, they are some of the best, current independent and foreign films available. They include:

Starting Out In The Evening: March15 and 16

Diving Bell & The Butterfly: March 21-27

4 Months, 3 Weeks, 2 Days: March 28-April 3

Caramel: April 4 -April 10

Persepolis: April 11 - April 17

Tickets are $6.50 for Seniors and Plimoth Plantation members and $8.50 for adults. Those interested in receiving updates and schedules should register for the Plimoth Cinema Newsletter at www.plimoth.org.

Note: All Plimoth Cinema schedules are tentative, so film titles, and/ or corresponding dates are subject to change. For the most up to date schedule, consult www.plimoth.org.

Plimoth Cinema is a public program offered by Plimoth Plantation, a 17th century living history museum located an hour south of Boston in Plymouth, (Exit 4, Route 3 South) and 20 minutes north of Cape Cod. The museum is a private, non-profit educational institution supported by admission fees, contributions, memberships, function sales and revenue from our varied dining programs/services and museum shops. Plimoth Plantation is a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate and receives support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, The Federal Institute of Museums and Library Services, The National Endowment for the Humanities, private foundations, corporations, and local businesses. For information, visit: www.plimoth.org.

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. ***Deadline is Friday at noon****. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com - click on your town - then click the fun tab.*

Thursday, March 13

Join La Leche League of Silver Lake for information, encouragement, mother-to-mother support and education. Free meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Duxbury Free Library on Alden Street, in the Merry Room. Meetings are at 7:15 p.m. and all children are welcome. For information visit www.llleus.org/web/SilverLakeMa.html or call Heidi 781-582-1187, Lisa 781-829-9075, Joanne 781-924-1919 or Krishyon 781-294-7477.

The Scituate Arts Association invites all artists to submit their works to **Scituate Arts Associations *Arts Alive!* Juried Show** to be held at the SAA's **Front Street Gallery** from April 4 through April 13. Entrees must be delivered to the Ellis House, 709 Country Way, Scituate on either March 13, 6 to 8 p.m. or March 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Take advantage of the unique opportunity to show your work in our commercial gallery space on Scituate Harbor. Your work will be available for public viewing and sale (if you chose) for 10 days for full business hours. For information or directions contact Janet at jcornacch@aol.com or 781-545-7613.

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center will present the comedy **Last of the Red Hot Lovers** by Neil Simon, at special dress rehearsal at 4 p.m., on Thursday, March 13, to which senior citizens and teachers are invited free of charge. For information visit dreamchaserstheatre.org. For reservations call Dream chasers at 508-224-4548.

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor **March Book Club meeting** March 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. This month's fiction selection is: **After This by Alice McDermott.** Front Street Book Shop book group meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone welcome to attend. Each book is chosen by majority vote at the close of each meeting. Choices are in-print, paperback, and alternate between fiction and non-fiction. Free. Information: 781-545-5011.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 13, **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

The British Beer Company, 6 Middle St,. Plymouth, March 6, **Dave Foley.** 508-747-1776.

Mount Blue, Main St.,Norwell March 13 Brendan Feldstein .

The Hat Trick Theatre of Plymouth presents the comedy/mystery "Rumors" by Neil Simon Thursday March 13 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, and 22nd of March. All shows at 8 p.m. at Kendall Hall, First Parish Church of Plymouth, Town Square, Plymouth. Tickets $15. For reservations call Hat Trick Theatre at 508-747-6856.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 13, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Groove Authority Blues Jam** open mic 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, March 14

The Plymouth Guild for the Arts will introduce its first art show in the new Russell Gallery with an **opening reception** on Friday, March 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public. The first Russell Gallery show will continue through April 25. Also on exhibition at the Center for the Arts is the latest in a series of Members' Shows which is mounted in the Members' Gallery.

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove Street (Rt. 28) Middleboro Comedy/Dinner Show, March 14 at 7 p.m. featuring **Michael Petit**, the master of impersonations and voices, other comics include **Annette Pollack, Steve Hold and Christine Hurley**. Hosed by **Roman Pierce**. Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099. myspace.comannettepollack or tuscanhouserestaurant.com

A lecture, The Chautauqua Art Desk, by Sue Robinson of Hanson will be held at The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell on Friday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. Learn about the origins of this 19th century mass produced entertainment center for children. The program is free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org for information.

Natasha Bedingfield will perform March 14, immediately after the Boston Celtics vs. Utah Jazz Game. One ticket grants admission to both Celtics NBA Action and the concert. A limited number of tickets are available and start at just $10 in the Rite Aid Pharmacy Family Section. To purchase tickets, log on to www.celtics.com, call 1-800-4NBA-TIX or visit the Garden Box Office.

The Wellesley Players presents **The Sound of Music** by Rodgers and Hammerstein at 7:30 p.m. March 14, 15 and 20 and 2 p.m. March 15, 16 and 22 at Sorenson Center for the Arts, Babson College, Forest St., Wellesley. Tickets are $19 students and seniors and $22 adults. For tickets, call 781-237-8114 or go to www.wellesleyplayers.org.

New England Singles Dances March 14, 8 p.m. to midnight. Sheraton Braintree Grand Ballroom, Route I-93 at exist 6. Casual dress, adults of all ages. Dance music and requests DJ. Light buffet. Admission $12. 617-325-0591 singlesdancesnewengland.com

South Shore Singles will sponsor its bi-monthly dance March 14, featuring **DJ: Dave Becker** from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St. Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Fine dancing, music, refreshments, door prize, cash bar. 781-331-0021. southshoresingles.org

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 14, **Six Foot Sunday** 781-829-6999.

Mount Blue, Main St.,Norwell March 14 Groove Authority

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 14 **Cheryl Aruda and Dirty Blonde**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The Company Theatre, Accord Park Dr., Norwell, **BAT BOY: THE MUSICAL** is the outrageously fun tale of a half boy/ half bat discovered in a cave by the wacky townsfolk of Hope Falls, W.Va. This outstanding Broadway hit show will take place at The Company Theatre in Norwell, **from March 14-April 6.** Tickets priced at $28-$30 are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

Saturday, March 15

Plimoth Plantation's Annual Community Spring Clean Day March 15 (Raindate: March 16) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Spring Clean Day is a community tradition. Invite a friend or enlist your family and join Plimoth Plantation for a fun-filled day of planting, raking, dusting, cleaning and the overall setup of the exhibits and sites in preparation for another season of hands-on history. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with coffee and donuts at the Visitor Center. A hearty lunch will be served at noon. Everyone will receive a complimentary pass for a return trip to the museum in 2008. Contacting Peggy Page at 508.746.1622, x8203, or by emailing ppage@plimoth.org.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull will offer a **Book and Print Making Workshop** with instructor **Susan Denniston** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 15. Registration: $40 members/ $45 nonmembers. Materials fee: $10. Lunch (optional): $10. Call 781-925-5433 or email lifesavingmuseum@comcast.net to preregister. Please call for registration and suggested materials to bring.

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The South Shore Model Railway Club Open House & Train Show - March 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and March 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 51 Bare Cove Park, 19 Fort Hill St., Hingham. An expanded Model Railroad Show, Food Service and additional Operating Layouts will take place at the South Shore Country Club only on Sunday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $5 for Adults, $2 Seniors (65+) and Children 6-12, under 6 are free with an adult. Tickets are good for both days of the open house and at the Show. Free parking at both locations. For information call the club 781-740-2000 or visit www.ssmrc.org

21st Annual Hingham Antique Show and Sale Saturday March 15, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday March 16 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hingham Middle School, Route 228, Main St., Hingham. Sponsored by Hingham SPED Parent Advisory Council. Adult admission $6. Goosefare Antiques and Promotions, Saco, Maine 800-641-6908

Weymouth Art Association will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. March 15, at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St, Weymouth. **Kim Gorrasi** will demonstrate portrait painting.781-337-1402.

CALENDAR, see next page



Lorna Jane Norris



Beth Canterbury

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South Shore Conservatory presents vocalists Beth Canterbury and Lorna Jane Norris in concert on Sunday, March 16, 3:30 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Their Songs and Duets concert includes works by Purcell, Brahms, Rodrigo, Poulenc, Larsen and Harbison. Pianist Dr. Matthew Larson accompanies. Admission is free. For directions, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.



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Mark your calendar

THE NORTH & SOUTH RIVERS WATERSHED ASSOCIATION'S 6TH ANNUAL KAYAK EXPO takes place March 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Norwell Middle School, (Route 123) 328 Main St., Norwell. Admission is $5 for Adults/$3 age 12 and under. Information: visit the North & South Rivers Watershed Association's web site www.nsrwa.orgor email paula@nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168.

THE NORWELL WOMEN'S CLUB will be sponsoring its yearly Fashion Show, "Hats off to Charity" Thursday, April 3, at Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston. The event will feature clothing and accessories from many local businesses, and will also feature elegant recovery clothing from Healing Threads by Spirited Sisters. contact Pat Bigger at *tpbigger@aol.com* or Chris Gillis at *seagirley.com* for more information about this year's Fashion Show.

ELISABETH VONTRAPP SINGS IN SCITUATE The granddaughter ofThe Baron and Maria vonTrapp will return to Scituate on Sunday afternoon, April 6 for a 3 p.m. spring concert. The event will again be presented at St. Mary of the Nativity Roman Catholic Church on Scituate's historic Front Street, by the Scituate Rotary Club.

Tickets are $20 for Adults and $10 for children under 12. Tickets are available at St. Mary Parish Life Center, The Village Market, Front Street Books and Scituate Library or at the door. For information call 781-545-5271.

Auditions

SOUTH SHORE STARS DINNER THEATER is casting for Mystical Mediation Murders, a new mystery dinner show. Auditions will be held at Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, at 7 p.m. March 18 and 19. Three men and three women, ages 30 to 50 are needed. Ability to speak with an accent is a plus for men. Information: 781-843-5862.

BOSTON POPS HIGH SCHOOL SING-OFF: A BEST OF BROADWAY CHALLENGE The first Boston Pops musical theater competition for Massachusetts high school students. Students are to pick songs from such Broadway greats as "Sweeney Todd," "Chicago," "West Side Story" and "My Fair Lady." Entries are being accepted now. The winner will be featured in the Boston Pops' Fourth of July concert at the Charles River Esplanade. For complete details on how to enter, go to www.BostonPops.org. The entry fee is $10.

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The 36th Annual Spring Antiques Show and Sale is coming to West Bridgewater High School on Route 106 on March 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and March 16 from 11a.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Admission is $5 per person. Information: 508-697-5869.

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham will once again offer its **Art Appraisal Day** March 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hingham resident **Arthur Garrity,** a professional fine art appraiser, will offer verbal appraisals at the Gallery. Etchings, prints or original oil or watercolor paintings may be submitted for review. There is a fee of $10 per appraisal, or $25 for three appraisals, with all of the proceeds being donated to the Hingham Public Library.

New England Spring and Flower Show, Bayside Expo Center, 200 Mount Vernon St., Dorchester, March 8-16. Inform-ation: 617-474-6000 www.baysideexpo.com

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center will present four performances of the comedy **Last of the Red Hot Lovers** by Neil Simon. All performances will take place at Dreamchasers home, the Norwell Grange Hall, 142 Main St., Norwell. Performances will be Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $8 for senior citizens and students, and $5 for Dreamchasers students. Tickets go on sale at the theater 30 minutes prior to each performance. For information visit dreamchaserstheatre .org. For reservations to "Last of the Red Hot Lovers," call Dreamchasers at 508-224-4548.

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The Hull Knights of Columbus is having a **St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance** Saturday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at the K of C hall 440 Nantasket Ave. A boiled dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Music for dancing by DJ Bob Caldera. Tickets are $15 per person. Everyone welcome. For reservations call 781-925-1712.

The Fifth Annual St Patrick's Day Party, Saturday, March 15 at the Marshfield Lodge of Elks from 2 to 6 p.m. The event will include a corned beef and cabbage dinner, live music and **Irish Step Dancers**. Tickets are $12.50 for adults and $5 for children under 12. Money raised will used for dinner for Veteran's Programs at Marshfield Amvets. For information, call 781-837-8668.

The Ladies Group of South Shore Viking Club, 410 Quincy Ave., Route 53, Braintree, presents its annual **Antiques and Collectibles** March 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables $30. 781-337-0736 or 781-843-4410.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett St., (Route 58), Halifax March 15, **Dinner Show** featuring impersonator **Russ Peterson**, (Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, Neil Diamond and his famous Engelbert act) Doors open at 7 p.m. and features a four course dinner- advance tickets are $40. 781- 293-2116

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 15, **British Invasion Night** featuring **Who's 1st** (The Who tribute band) 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 15, **Jim Pircio and Track 44**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, March 15, 2008. **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No Cover. Come sing, come play, come listen! 508-830-1262.

Sunday, March 16

St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Avenue, Cohasset will be presenting **New York pianist Elaine Kwon** in recital on the Palm Sunday, March 16, at 3 p.m. in the music room A reception will follow the program. Handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave, Hull, **Indoor Carnival** 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. March 16. Free Admission. Free Popcorn. Free Lemonade. Games! Prizes. Moonwalk Information: call Cheryl Ruscansky 781-925-0091 or 781-925-3617.

The North River Arts Society presents **New Work by Sandra Donnellan** at the Ventress Library Gallery. The exhibit will run through May 2. The Ventress Library is located at 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield.



BEST BET

Classical guitarist Steve Marchena will perform at the Hingham Public Library on March 16 at 3:30 p.m. The free concert is part of the Sunday Sounds Special series sponsored by the Boston Classical Guitar Society and the Hingham Public Library. More information about Marchena's background may be found at www.stevemarchena.com

Call for entries

THE SCITUATE ARTS ASSOCIATION invites all artists to submit their works to Scituate Arts Association's *Arts Alive!* Juried Show to be held at the SAA's Front Street Gallery from April 4 –13. The Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday, April 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate. Works will remain on display for normal gallery hours through Sunday, April 13. Entrees must be delivered to the Ellis House, 709 Country Way, Scituate on either Thursday, March 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. or Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A complete prospectus on this event may be downloaded from the Association website at www.scituateart.com For further details, questions or to have a prospectus mailed to you contact Janet Cornacchio, SAA President at jcornacch@aol.com.(preferred) or call 781-545-7613.

The Li sisters Edwina and Margaret will perform a concert of piano music for four hands at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, on Sunday March 16, at 3 p.m. The piano duo will play works of Brahms, Fanny Mendels sohn/Hensel and Peter Warlock. Edwina and Margaret Li are on the faculty of the South Shore Conservatory, and teach at both the Hingham and Duxbury campuses. Free and open to the public. Information: 781-413-1327.

Author **Stephanie Schorow** will discuss and sign her newest book, **The Crime of the Century: How the Brink's Robbers Stole Millions and the Hearts of Boston,** at a special appearance at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., on Sunday, March 16, beginning at 2 p.m. Admission is free, due to limited seating, attendees are asked to obtain tickets at the library and event co-sponsor Westwinds Bookshop, 45 Depot St., Duxbury. For information (or to order a signed copy), call Westwinds at 781-934-2128.

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Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth will host an artists reception this coming Sunday, March 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. as the highlight of their first annual **Spring Flower Show, "Art in Bloom**. The show will continue through March 28. A multi media exhibit of floral, botanical, landscape and still life art, bursting with the promise of Spring, the exhibit features the work of 10 Massachusetts artists: **Anet Paglierani** of Quincy; **George Hartley** of Pownal Vt., formerly of Middleboro; **Kathy Ferrara** of Hanson; **Roger Gill** of Rockland; **Marilyn Reisberg** of Quincy; **Stephen Holland** of Pembroke, **Maggie Lee Gosselin** of Weymouth,, and **J. Marshall Dyke** of Hull; and two new artists to the gallery, **Janet DeLonga** of Holbrook, and **Frank Carrol** of Hanover. Gallery hours Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m. www.dickinsonartgallery.com. Free parking and free admission.

Smith & Hawken, 94 Derby St, Hingham, **Free Seminar on Easter and Spring Decorating** 2 to 3 p.m. March 16. Learn ideas on how to make your home a showplace. Call 781-740-0890 for reservations. Seating is limited.

Classical guitarist Steve Marchena will perform at the Hingham Public Library on March 16 at 3:30 p.m. The free concert is part of the Sunday Sounds Special series sponsored by the Boston Classical Guitar Society and the Hingham Public Library. More information about Marchena's background may be found at www.stevemarchena.com.

Ventress Memorial Library, Library Plaza, Marshfiield presents its **Sunday Concert Series**, March 16, at 2 p.m. **Native Irish Music** with **Eamonn Sheehan**, vocals/guitar and **Steve Mahler,** fiddle. All ages are invited to attend this free concert. The program includes American/Irish favorites as well as authentic Irish folk tunes. Audience participation is encouraged. Refresh-ments will be provided. Free and open to the public. No tickets are required. Light refreshments are served after the show. The library and concert space are handicapped accessible. or further information call librarian Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 and visit www.ventresslibrary.org.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** The colorful story of Joseph and his coat of many colors as told through the musical score and lyrics of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber presented by March 7, 8, 14, 15 at 7:30 p.m. March 2, 9, 16 at 2 p.m. Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, Cohasset. Tickets $14, $12 groups of 8 or more. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Front Street Books in Scituate or by calling 617-697-2115. Ticket also available at the door.

South Shore Conservatory presents vocalists **Beth Canterbury** and **Lorna Jane Norris** in concert on Sunday, March 16, 3:30 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury. Their ***Songs and Duets*** concert includes works by Purcell, Brahms, Rodrigo, Poulenc, Larsen and Harbison. Pianist Dr. Matthew Larson accompanies. Admission is free. For directions, please visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

Monday, March 17

The Painted Ladies- artists **Susan Benoit** and **Maria Hopkins** of Duxbury, **Gayle Loik** of Hanover, and **Heidi Mayo** of Plymouth come together to bring you a feast of fine art at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane (just off Rte 123), Norwell, Feb. 29 through April 5. Free admission. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. For information call Susan Benoit at 339-832-0046.

DivorceCare for Kids support group meetings on Mondays. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vineyard Community Church, 8 Hilltop Ave., Kingston. A 13-week self-contained revolving sessions for kids ages 5 to 12. Information, contact Rosalie 781-585-4776 or rosalie@thevineyardkingston.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 17, **BBC celebrates St. Patrick's Day!** 781-829-6999.

Run O' the Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, **The Roddy's** ballads, jigs, reels, and sing-a-longs from March 17, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9400 south shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, MA. from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. No appointment is necessary. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol .com The program for Monday, March 17 is **"Get to Know the Committees."** It's an opportunity for members and newcomers to ask questions about how each committee functions and to learn if joining that committee is the right thing for you. All are welcome.

Tuesday, March 18

Daffodil Days, the fundraiser held each year by the **American Cancer Society** is taking place at King Jewelers Inc. 812 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset. The public is invited to place orders for the spring flowers. Daffodils bouquets are $10 each and consist of 10 stems. One hundred percent of the proceeds generated is donated to the American Cancer Society. Flowers may be pre-ordered at anytime. Bouquets will be available to be claimed at the store on March 18 to 22. A springtime party will be held in the store March 18 as visitors claim their flowers. King's will host Maryann Englander of Dragonfly Studios in Cohasset and her jewelry designs. For information call Valerie King at 781-383-1755, visit www.KingJewelersInc.com



Lily by Kathy Ferrara

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Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth will host an artists reception Sunday, March 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. as the highlight of their first annual Spring Flower Show, Art in Bloom. The show will continue through March 28. A multi media exhibit of floral, botanical, landscape and still life art. The exhibit features the work of 10 Massachusetts artists: Anet Paglierani of Quincy; George Hartley of Pownal Vt., formerly of Middleboro; Kathy Ferrara of Hanson; Roger Gill of Rockland; Marilyn Reisberg of Quincy; Stephen Holland of Pembroke, Maggie Lee Gosselin of Weymouth, and J. Marshall Dyke of Hull; and two new artists to the gallery, Janet DeLonga of Holbrook, and Frank Carrol of Hanover. Gallery hours Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m. www.dickinsonartgallery .com. Free parking and free admission.

Watercolors by Jane Strone of Norwell will be on view at the **James Library and Center for the Arts,** Norwell Center, through March 26. The exhibit may be view Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon. www.jameslibrary.org

Braintree Art Association Artist of the month, **Virginia Dolan** will exhibit her work for the month of March at the Thayer Public Library, main floor, 798 Washington St. Braintree. 781-335-4675.

Wednesday, March 19

StoryTime March 19 at 10 a.m., **Front Street Book Shop**, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Mary reads age appropriate stories from 10 to 10:30. Good listeners of pre-school and kindergarten age along with an adult, are invited to attend. Free. 781-545-5011 or frontstreetbookshop.com

Monice Morenz's monotypes Prints are featured in the Clemens Gallery through April 3. The public is invited to view the gallery showing during library hours. Hours and travel directions are available on the Hingham library's web site hinghamlibrary.org or by calling 781-741-1405.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association, **The South Shore Natural Science Center** and the **Mass Audubon South Regional** headquarters present another **winter lecture series** every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the science center located at 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Open to the public free of charge. **March 19 Finding the First Minot's Ledge Lighthouse with Victor Mastone, Underwater Archaeologist**. Information visit nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168; Mass Audubon at 781-659-9400; or SSNSC at 781-659-2559.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 19, **Flydown Unplugged** 781-829-6999.

Thursday, March 20

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local businesses in the South Shore area. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at our new meeting location at Advanced Mortgage in 335 Washington St. (Rte. 53) in Norwell from 5 to 6 p.m., and on the third Thursday of each month at Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m., lunch is extra. For information, email info@network4success.org or visit http://www.network4success.org for meeting information, news on our membership, and our upcoming events

Braintree Art Association will meet on March 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Thayer Public Library (second floor), 798 Washington St., Braintree. **Tom Gill** will demonstrate oils. Open to the public. 781-335-4675.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 20, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

The British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth, March 20, **Dave Foley.** 508-747-1776.

The Snug, 114 North St., Hingham, March 20, 9:30 p.m. ***DRIFT AWAY*** with **J Place, Joe Micarelli**, and **John Litwin** 781 749 9774 , www.thesnugpub.com

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 20, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **The Swamptones Blue Jam** open mic 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, March 21

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 21 **Young Neal & The Vipers** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Single Executives Club Singles Dance. March 21, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. Dancing with music by Award-winning DJ from 8:30 p.m. to midnight Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $10 before 9. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended. Information: 781-446-0234, www.se-4u.com.

New England Singles Dances March 21, 8 p.m. to midnight. Halifax Country Club, 100 Country Club Dr., Route 106, Halifax. Casual dress, adults of all ages. Dance music and requests DJ. Light buffet. Admission $10. 617-325-0591 singlesdances-newengland.com

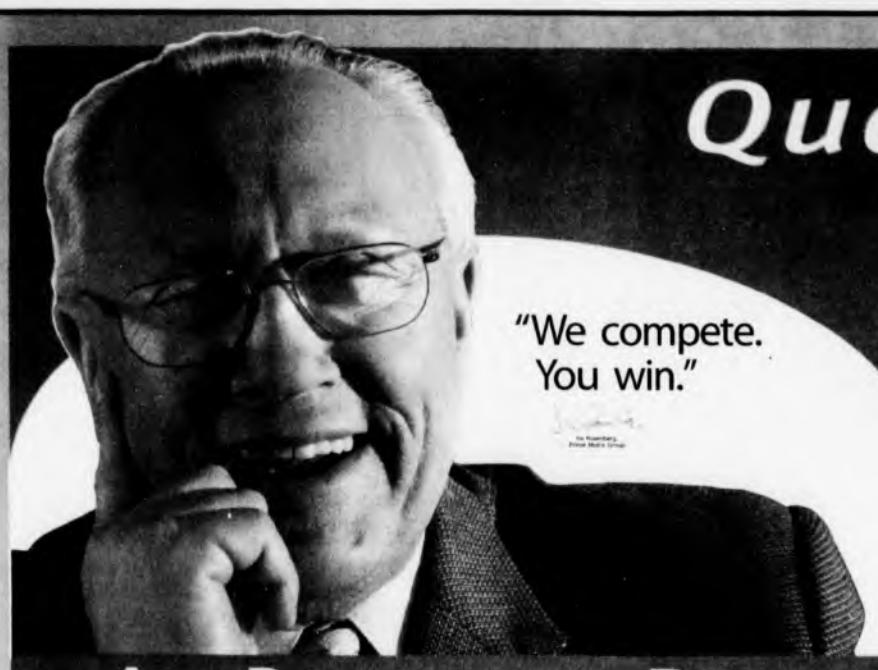


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The Company Theatre, Accord Park Dr., Norwell, BAT BOY: THE MUSICAL is the outrageously fun tale of a half boy/half bat discovered in a cave by the wacky townsfolk of Hope Falls, W.Va. This Broadway hit show will take place at The Company Theatre in Norwell, from March 14-April 6. Tickets priced at $28-$30 are now on sale at The Company Theatre box-office by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com







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Mr. Skipper crowned at CHS



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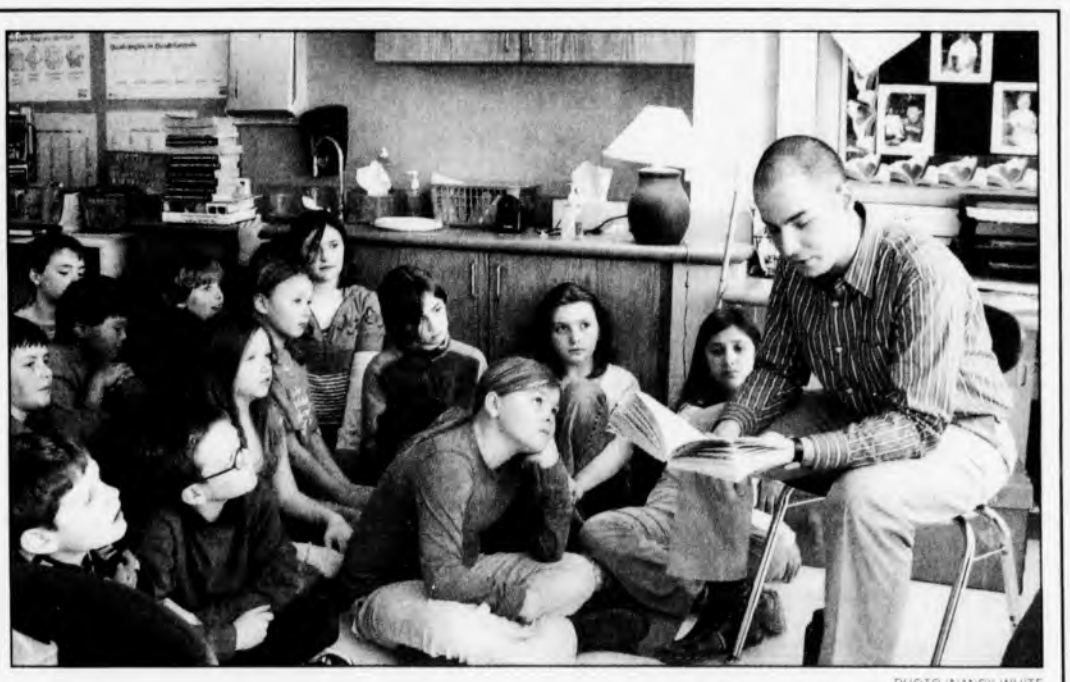


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PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Deer Hill fourth-grade teacher Mike Lewis, who is sporting his new haircut, reads, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" to his class. He told his students that he would shave his head if they read more than any other class.

Read all about it!

Promise of shaved head motivates students

By Nancy White
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"The amount and rigor in which they read is just amazing, it is definitely a suggestion I don't regret."
— Mike Lewis, teacher

Cohasset teachers go to great lengths to get their kids to read. Case in point, fourth grade teacher Mike Lewis told his class at the start of this year's PSO Readathon fundraiser if his class read more than any other class, he would shave his head.

More than 30,000 minutes of reading later, Mr. Lewis has very little hair.

"This is a very special class. The amount and rigor in which they read is just amazing, it is definitely a suggestion I don't regret," says Lewis.

Lewis said his students from the very start of the school year have been great readers. During the day they would recommend books to each other or animatedly discuss a chapter in a particular book. He saw his students already were reading primarily for enjoyment, why not challenge them a little bit? That was when he made the passing suggestion of shaving his head.

"I didn't necessarily expect them to run away with it," says Lewis. The kids surprised him and, as promised, he shaved off his locks at the end of the three-week readathon.

To achieve their goal the fourth graders were inventive in their ways to squeeze in as much reading time as possible. Some spent their February vacation lost in a world come alive with words. Many gave up television time in order to read, although one girl admitted she still made time to watch "American Idol." Others would stay

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Smoking bylaw opposed

By Nancy White
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As far as the Selectmen are concerned a proposed bylaw can go up in smoke. A Board of Health-sponsored smoking bylaw amendment to mandate smoke-free environments in private clubs was not backed by any of the Selectmen Monday night.

The proposed bylaw would formally regulate private clubs and membership associations essentially making them smoke-free. The George H. Mealy American Legion Post is the only one in town that has not voluntarily banned smoking on its premises. Other private clubs and facilities include the Cohasset yacht and sailing clubs, Bancroft Hall, and all church organizations.

The Board of Health presented the bylaw to the Board of Selectmen in early February, but the Selectmen requested to hear from members of the American Legion, both for and against the bylaw, to fully understand the issue.

Several Legion members were present who opposed the bylaw. Larry Sousa, second vice commander of the Legion post, reported Legion members recently voted in a ratio of two to one in opposition of the smoking bylaw amendment.

"Many of them thought they have given enough to government to be allowed to have a cigarette," said Sousa. He explained the Legion is equipped with a filter system and two smoke eaters.

The Legion Post is located at 98 Summer St. across from the Veterans Memorial Park at the harbor. While operated by the American Legion, the town owns the building itself. The town leases the building to the Legion for $1 per year and has done so since just after

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Teaming up for a cause

T-shirts provide 'Emotional Armor'

By Nancy White
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It was purely by chance — or perhaps destiny — that Jenifer Hoffman and Bill Burnett crossed paths. Hoffman was just a name on the Cohasset Triathlon waiting list and Burnett, the founder and race director. But, when Burnett called Hoffman to tell her she made it off the waiting list, there was an immediate connection between them and a collaboration was born.

Hoffman and Burnett both share in a common mission: to do things they are passionate about and, in the process, raise money for causes they feel similarly passionate about.

Hoffman founded and owns Emotional Armor, a company that creates products meant to inspire and motivate. The Cohasset Triathlon, Burnett says, does the same thing with an event. Once common ground was established, it didn't take long for the two energetic people to decide to work together.

The two melded their ideas into concrete action — a collection of limited edition t-shirts emblazoned with triathlon specific and inspirational messages (*see sidebar*). All the proceeds from the sale of the t-shirts will be donated to charity.

The t-shirts are an extension of what each does as an individual. Emotional Armor donates all its profits to two causes Hoffman believes in. Burnett donates its net proceeds to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The funds raised from the triathlon t-shirts will be donated to charities both Hoffman and Burnett feel affirm what they do.

"I love that there is no agenda for either of us. We're just trying to do something good and to be a part of something bigger than ourselves," says Hoffman.

When Burnett called Hoffman to tell her she was off the waiting list for the triathlon, they talked about their separate fundraising efforts.

"I was blown away by Jen's energy and positive outlook in life. We have very similar interests in giving back to our community and specific

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Springing into shape

Road race is right around the corner

By Nancy White
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Spring is nearly here.

As a true harbinger of spring, things are gearing up for the 32nd running of the Cohasset Road Race by the Sea set for Sunday, April 6.

Put on annually by the Cohasset Rotary Club, the Road Race is a venerable part of the town's calendar of events. The 10-kilometer race brings runners and their families from all over Massachusetts, New England and the country.

More than a road race, Race Director Brad Goodwin considers the Road Race By the Sea a community event, one that brings Cohasset out of winter hibernation to enjoy the outdoors and warmer weather.

"The Road Race is an opportunity to bring a lot of people to town for a fun event and for the Rotary Club to advance our projects," says Goodwin, who is in the process of organizing his fifth road race by the sea.

"The last few years I've heard from so many runners who appreciate how everyone in town seems to be out cheering on the course," says Goodwin. Families create water stops along the route; in addition to official race water stop each mile. Others set up lawn chairs to watch and cheer as the runners pass by. Groups like the Appalachia Service Project and Boy Scouts pitch in to help with road crossings and water stops.

"It just brings everyone together," says Goodwin. They could always use more volunteers from the community to help get the race off without a hitch. "Ninety-nine percent of the volunteers have so much fun, they can't wait to come again," he says.

The race is both certified and sanctioned as a 10K road race by the USA Track and Field, the national governing body of road races and other track

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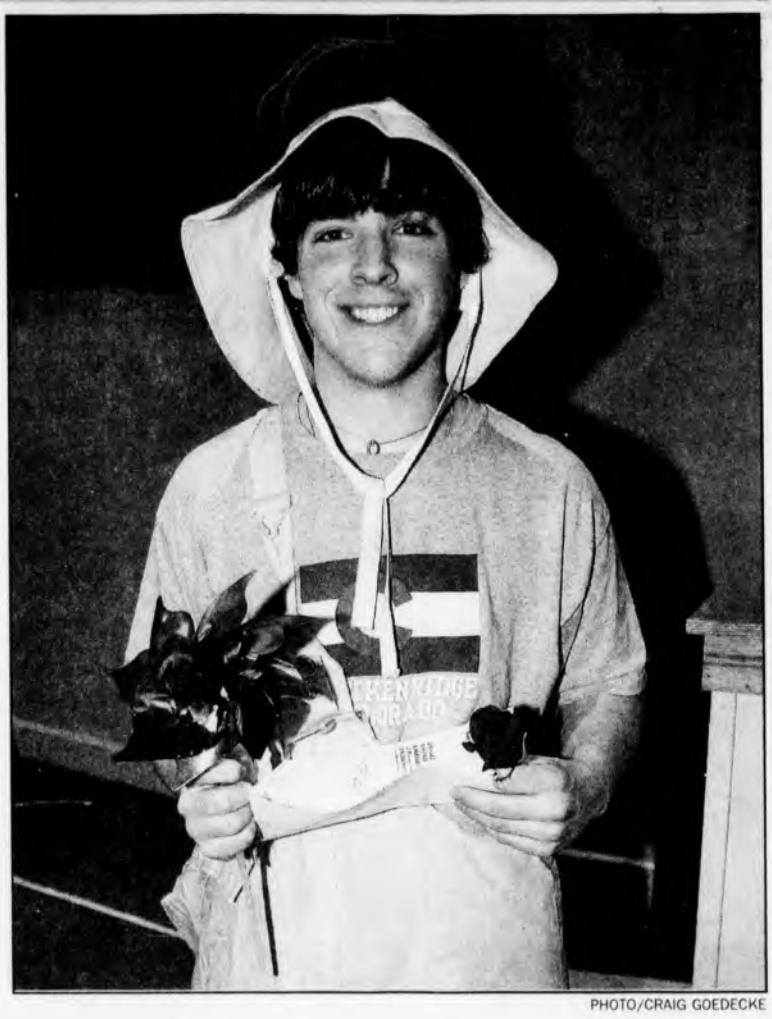
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Name: Conor Michaud.

Occupation: Mr. Skipper.

Best day of my life: Winning Mr. Skipper.

Best vacation: Hiking in Montana.

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite meal: Lasagna.

Favorite snack food: Reese's cups.

Best book: "Harry Potter."

Favorite movie: Any Muppet movie.

Best TV show: "Family Guy."

Most embarrassing moment: It's too embarrassing to say.

Pet peeve: Slow drivers.

Goal: To be a Rock star.

Person you'd most like to meet: Trey Anastasio (lead guitarist of Phish).

Biggest worry: Nuclear warfare.

Best part of Cohasset: My band and friends.

The Mariner caught up with the 2008 "Mr. Skipper," Conor Michaud, at the annual Mr. Skipper all-male "beauty" and talent competition at Cohasset High School last Friday. For more photos, see page 23.

BRIEFLY

Projects get thumbs up

After a brief explanation and a short question-and-answer session, the Board of Selectmen unanimously supported the 11 Community Preservation projects going before Town Meeting. Community Preservation Committee Chairman Stuart Ivimey gave the run down on the myriad projects coming from a cross section of town organizations. The CPC is recommending spending nearly $800,000.

The proposed projects include: Town Hall restoration project (exterior work, $300,000); the installation of six raingardens in the James Brook watershed ($88,500); the Housing Partnership's request for perc tests on town-owned property off Smith Place and Pleasant Lane ($20,000); restoration and preservation work at the Historical Society ($51,700); purchase of land in the Brass Kettle watershed ($175,000); restoration of town archives ($50,000); construction of the culvert under Border St., between the Gulf River and harbor ($35,000); installation of a fire sprinkler system at the American Legion George H. Mealy Post 118 ($20,000); a Cohasset harbor zoning study ($20,000); and debt service for a open space acquisition ($38,479).

The Board of Selectmen unanimously supported all the CPC sub-articles. Town Meeting voters will have the final say on how CPC money is spent.

Transfer Station closed Easter Sunday

The Recycling Transfer Center will be closed on Easter Sunday, March 23, and will re-open on Wednesday, March 26.

Selectmen sign bonds

The Board of Selectmen voted Monday night to approve $2,515,000 in bond anticipation notes for water system improvements authorized under a 2004 Annual Town Meeting article. Commerce Capital Markets, Inc. submitted the low bid at a net interest cost of 2.011 percent.

For this issuance, Town Manager Bill Griffin reported Standard & Poor's affirmed the town's AA+ credit rating. Of note, he said, was Standard & Poor's revision of the town's long-term general obligation debt from "negative" to "stable." The report indicated the revision was due to the town's rebuilding of its reserves to a sound level in fiscal 2006 and 2007.

Casino Gambling Forum

A public forum on the question of casino gambling in Massachusetts presented by the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee's "Cohasset Political Forum" from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road.

Three brief presentations by public figures and or authors on the subject will be presented followed by dialogue, questions and answers and invited public discussion. The three formal participants are:

• Ted Carr - Cohasset Selectman and Executive with the Patrick Administration – with oversight authority over casino gambling.

• Professor Robert Goodman - author of the book "The Luck Business."

• Louise Haldeman - Casino gambling issue specialist from the Massachusetts League Of Woman Voters

Overview and participant introductions by Kevin McCarthy, chair of the Cohasset Democratic Committee. The forum will be moderated by Tom Callahan, vice-chair of the Cohasset Democratic Committee and former Cohasset Town Selectman. The overriding purpose of the forum is to educate the public regarding casino gambling and to invite public discussion on this important public issue.

Free and open to the public.

South Shore Tide Chart
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POLICE BEAT

Spate of car crashes along Route 3A in Cohasset

By Mary Ford
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• At about 5:50 a.m. Monday (March 10) a Ryder rental truck being operated by a resident of New York was exiting a driveway on the west side of Route 3A near the Scituate line when it was hit by a Jeep, driven by a Scituate woman, that was headed north. The officer was unable to determine who was at fault – whether the Jeep was traveling too fast or the rental truck pulled out without yielding to the Jeep. Neither driver was cited. There were no apparent injuries and the Jeep was towed.

• At just past 9:30 a.m. on Monday (March 10) a 1990 Mack Truck was coming out of Crocker Lane to turn left (north) onto 3A when a 2007 Toyota, driven by a Scituate resident, failed to allow enough time for the truck to complete the turn. Police said the Toyota was making a left into Crocker lane when the collision occurred. The truck hit the rear driver's side door of the Toyota and also damaged the bumper. The driver of the Toyota, which had to be towed, was cited for failure to use care when turning. There were no apparent injuries.

• A 2006 Nissan operated by a Pembroke resident tried to turn left out of Sohier Street onto 3A and pulled into the path of a 2000 Buick driven by a Cohasset resident last Thursday (March 13) at about 9:10 a.m. Based on witness testimony, the Pembroke resident was cited for failure to use care when turning. Paramedics treated no one. The Nissan had to be towed, police said.

• A 2007 Chevrolet, operated by a Cohasset resident, pulled out of Shaw's Plaza and cut into the lane of travel of a 2004 Saturn that was headed south toward Scituate at 5p.m. on Saturday (March 15). The front end of the Saturn that was being driven by a Hull resident, struck the driver's front side of the Chevy. The Cohasset resident was cited for failure to yield the right of way while making a turn. Both cars were towed and there were no apparent injuries, police said.

• A 2005 Toyota, operated by a Cohasset resident, had stopped at the light on 3A at Pond Street in order to take a left onto Pond when it was "rear-ended" by a 2003 Jeep driven by a Scituate resident at about 4:30 p.m. on Sunday (March 16). The Scituate resident was cited for following too closely. There were no apparent injuries and only minor damage to both vehicles, police said.

Headstone

A headstone that was found in the woods last week was not there due to vandalism. Apparently the family of the deceased had replaced the headstone and the DPW was waiting to see what the family wanted done with the old one, police said.

Neighborhood dispute

A dispute over a town easement and whose property belongs to whom ended up in the police log last week.

An Atlantic Avenue resident called and claimed that two people were trespassing. The caller knew the individuals who also lived in the area. Police talked with all parties, listened to all versions, and explained that while it was a civil matter, everyone should be careful to honor boundaries and stay within the town easement and off the caller's property.

Car in woods

In a bizarre series of calls, it was reported that a Toyota 4Runner, leaning against a couple of saplings and with two wheels off the ground was perched vicariously on a cliff and was about to tip over.

Based on witness testimony, the Pembroke resident was cited for failure to use care when turning.

Police said a hiker/runner saw the car that was in the woods off Bow Street on private property. Police contacted the registered owner who explained the last person to use the motor vehicle was one of his children. The owner made assurances that he would make arrangements to move the vehicle as soon as possible.

Police are unclear about how long the Toyota was at that location – a few hours or overnight.

The incident was reported last Wednesday (March 12).

Yellow Pages

Two calls reported a suspicious a maroon van, first on Beechwood Street and then on N. Main Street, last week. As it turned out, the van was a subcontractor for the telephone company that distributes the Yellow Pages and was making deliveries to homes in Cohasset.

Lost wallet

A local man reported he lost his wallet, which had more than $100 in cash, personal papers and credit cards last week. Police appreciate hearing when someone has lost a purse or wallet. If a purse, wallet or pocketbook is found and turned in, police will "hunt down" the owner and return it, Chief Hussey said.

Generator

A gas-powered generator was stolen from a shed at the kennels off Cedar Street last week. Detectives went to the scene to collect evidence. The owner believes the generator was taken sometime from March 10-12.

If anyone saw anything suspicious, they should contact the police detectives at 781-383-1055.

Arrest

A 41-year-old W. Bridgewater man was charged with operating on a suspended license last Friday (March 14) after a cell phone caller reported to the dispatcher the dump truck the man was driving forced him off the road and then tailgated him.

An officer conducting traffic enforcement on Route 3A near Beechwood Street saw the truck that the dispatcher described and stopped it the southbound lane near the Scituate line.

The caller, who was driving a white car, also pulled over and talked to the officer. The caller said the truck forced him off the road on Route 228 in Hull and then followed him onto Route 3A into Cohasset.

A computer check revealed the operator of the truck had a suspended license and he was placed under arrest.

Police notified Hull about the incident to see if Hull police want to take further action, police said.

Beer cans

A Summer Street resident has let police know about an ongoing problem of beer cans being left all over the resident's lawn. It appears that there is a site is close-by where teens are drinking alcohol and police will be checking the area, Chief Hussey said.

Car break-in

A car that the owner believes was left unlocked while he was out of town was broken into last week. Taken were some CDs and a bunch of quarters. There was also damage to the front passenger side door although police believe that damage was not related to the actual entering of the car. The damage may have been caused by another car door, police said. The incident, which occurred near the 150 block of N. Main Street was reported Sunday morning (March 16).

Bikes found

Police picked up two abandoned bikes last week and have them at the station. One of the bikes is a child's red, 2Badd model valued at about $50. It was found near the Cohasset Golf Club. The other is a blue Trek that was somewhat in the bushes on Ripley Road near the post office.

Deer carcasses

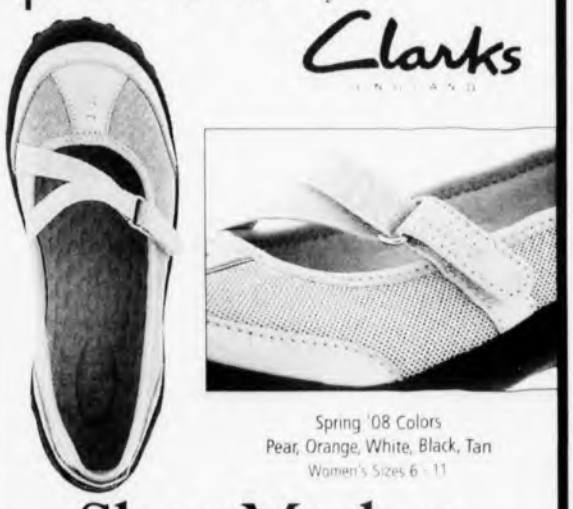
Anyone who would like to pick up a deer after it has been killed by a car should contact Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy at 781-383-1055 (extension 1014) to be put on a list. Some people are would like the venison, Murphy said.

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Bylaw could go up in smoke

FROM SMOKING, PAGE 1

World War I, said Town Manager Bill Griffin.

Board of Health Chairman Peggy Chapman said the bylaw is intended to finish up the smoke-free bylaws of the town and ensure compliance with the state's smoke-free workplace law.

The Massachusetts Smoke-Free Workplace Law is primarily intended to protect workers from health hazards resulting from exposure to secondhand smoke. Under the state's smoke-free workplace law, memberships/private clubs are exempt when the building is not open to the public or when non-members are not invited guests. This bylaw would not allow smoking under any circumstances.

"I find it hard to deny a veteran the right to smoke."
— Selectman Ralph Dormitzer

Cohasset established a smoking bylaw banning all smoking in restaurants and bars in 1998. The bylaw was then amended in 2003 to include all workplaces.

Legion member Rocky Laugelle said smoking was allowed downstairs, but upstairs, where functions are typically held, remains smoke-free.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said he had a difficult time coming to a determination on the issue.

"I find it hard to deny a veteran the right to smoke," said Dormitzer, although he knew all were aware of the health hazards associated with smoking. He couldn't come up with a solution to satisfy both the Board of Health and the Legion.

To get a feel for the Legion's operation Dormitzer paid a visit last Saturday to see for himself the operation and to talk with Legion members. "The Legion members I talked to wanted to have the right to smoke."

But, he did find the ventilation downstairs was not adequate and suggested the Legion address that issue.

Selectman Fred Koed echoed Dormitzer's sentiments of the difficult nature of the issue and said he struggled with his opinion. He said he quit smoking 25 years ago, but knew of the camaraderie associated with smoking, particularly with servicemen.

"This is the one place in town where these guys who made sacrifices and put their life on the line to sit down, smoke and socialize," said Koed.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to recommend disapproval of the bylaw. The Advisory Committee has recommended disapproval of the bylaw in a 5-3 vote.

Haircut motivates fourth graders

FROM READ, PAGE 1

up late, pushing their bedtime to 10:30p.m. to get in extra reading minutes. One student found waking up a little early (say, around 4:30a.m.) enabled her to get in at least a couple hours of reading time before getting ready for school.

Each day, Lewis says, the student collected and compiled the classes reading minutes. As a group, they tallied the total minutes, sometimes putting forth their own goals and reading quotas.

"They were excited about it. They pushed each other," says Lewis. His class competed with all the other classes at Deer Hill. "The competition was always friendly, but my students took it seriously."

In the end, the class raised more than $900 for the PSO. The PSO, or Parent Schools Organization, is a parent volunteer driven group devoted to providing support to Cohasset schools through fundraising, organizing and donating time. The money raised goes back into the classroom, funding special events, innovative teaching tools and learning programs.

Many of the students in the class are big fans of the Harry Potter series. The interest in the books started with just a few students, but spread like wildfire throughout the class.

When his students began getting interested in the Harry Potter series, he had only read the first couple of books. But, after noticing his students increasing interest in JK Rowling's magical world, he picked up the books again.

"The kids inspired me to read," says Lewis with a smile. Now, he's reading out loud to the class from the first Harry Potter book, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

The PSO offered the class who had read the most a pizza party as a reward for their efforts. But, Mr. Lewis's class proposed to do something very different with the money.

"The class recognized that everybody in the school participated in the Readathon, not just them. Instead of a pizza party, they asked for the money be donated to purchase books for the school library," says Lewis. "Their reward was the enjoyment of reading."

'Healing Field' is planned for Memorial Day

The Sons of the American Legion is planning to install a Healing Field as part of the town's Memorial Day 2008 observances.

The effort should result in hundreds of American flags on eight-foot-tall poles temporarily installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets. The island faces Veterans Memorial Park where the annual Memorial Day observances are held.

The flags sell for $25 and can be dedicated to anyone. In other words, the purchase of a flag is not limited to those honoring someone who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces. (Those who purchase flags will be able to pick them up after 10 days).

Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with a note on the memo line indicating "Healing Field" and sent to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, please visit www.healingfield.org/cohasset or contact the Legion post at 781-383-9657 or stop by the post at 98 Summer St. any weekday after 3 p.m., Saturdays after 10 a.m. or Sundays after 12 noon. Applications for Healing Field flags are available at the Post and at both branches of Pilgrim Cooperative Bank. All proceeds will go to veterans' projects of the Sons of the American Legion.



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Caring for the caregiver

Social Service League and Elder Affairs join forces

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"...it's important for people to know you're not the first person to go through it — and you're not the only one."
— Jane Reardon, Social Service League

It could happen at any time. An elder in your life — your mother, father, aunt, uncle — could be in need of significant care. Where to start? Where to find the best resources for them? How to handle medical expenses?

Overnight things could change and the care for an elder could become your responsibility. It's a difficult time for all involved, but there are resources out there and ways to prepare.

To highlight many common issues and concerns in the caring of an elder, the Social Service League of Cohasset and the Cohasset Elder Affairs have teamed up to put on a series of seminars at the Cohasset Paul Pratt Memorial Library, "Guiding the caregiver of an elder."

Targeting people ages 40 to 60 from across the South Shore that may be taking on — or are already — the responsibilities of a caregiver for a elder.

"This program will help them with many of the questions we hear from people in the community," says Director of Elder Affairs Linda Ellworthy. There will be three seminars, each with a different focus, presented at no cost to participants. Local experts will give talks about specific issues that frequently face caregivers.

"You don't know you need to know something until you need it and then it's too late to plan," says Jane Reardon, Social Service League president. She has struggled with caring for elders in both her family and her husband's family, "it's important for people to know you're not the first person to go through it — and you're not the only one."

The first seminar will be held on Tuesday, April 29 to discuss how to protect estates from health care costs. If long-term care is needed for an elder, caregivers need to know how to protect their elder's and their own assets from being zapped.

Ellworthy's first advice to nearly everyone facing a legal issue involving elders is to go to an attorney who specializes in elder law, "the laws changes as fast as I can change my socks," says Ellworthy.

Local elder law attorney Paul Tierney and financial planner Robert Deutsch will be on hand to speak and to answer questions. They will talk about the advantages of a trust, liens and estate recovery.

The second seminar will cover ways to discuss driving with an elder. Reardon says this topic brings up a lot of issues, because essentially it is a role reversal, "as a child you expect your parents to make good decisions and when you see them making decisions that are not sound, it's difficult...it's a hard lesson to learn."

Kathleen Capuzzo from South Shore Elder Services as well as Lisa Matos of the Cohasset Police Department will speak on the warning signs of a person's ability to drive and how to start the a discussion on giving up the car keys.

The last night will cover the differences between senior housing communities. Representatives from Linden Ponds and Harbor House, both in Hingham, and Sunrise Assisted Living in Cohasset will bring information about their communities. The differences between independent living, assisted living and long-term care will be covered.

"At the point in time you are making the decision, what's the best option? Making the right decision at the beginning is important," says Reardon. Often if an elder is hospitalized, when they are released the family isn't given much time to decide where to move them to, if they can no longer live independently.

"Looking at housing options is overwhelming," says Sandra Halverson, vice president of the Social Service League. Knowing what options are out there ahead of time can alleviate some of the stress in the situation, she says.

The program fits well with the missions of both groups and it's not the first time first time the Social Service League and Elder Affairs have joined forces. The League runs the Meals on Wheels program in Cohasset, a Christmas Angel program where baskets are made for seniors who might not otherwise get a gift and brings homemade meals to seniors on Christmas and Thanksgiving.

Although the seminars take place in Cohasset, interested residents from across the South Shore are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Social Service League serves all the surrounding communities on the South Shore.

Part of Social Service League's mission is to educate and to fill needs that are not being met within the community. Through a needs assessment survey and discussions with the Cohasset Elder Affairs, they determined caregivers' needs were not being met — and the seminars were born.

"The more community agencies working together to put on a program the better. That way we're not duplicating work and it strengthens the program," says Ellworthy. "Later, if someone runs into a problem, they know where to start."

The "Guiding the Caregiver of an Elder" is a free event, but pre-registration is required. All seminars will begin with a light supper between 5:30 and 6p.m. followed by the presentation and discussion between 6 and 7p.m. Call Cohasset Elder Affairs to sign up, 781-383-9112.

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Skinner Inc. Appraisers are coming to Cohasset again for the second Antique Appraisal Day. Mark calendars for Saturday, March 29, to bring antiques to be appraised. For large pieces, several good photographs can be used by the appraiser. Be sure to include photos of any special markings, numbers or other details that may assist in the appraisal process.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs and will take place at St. Anthony's Parish Center, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appraisals are $10 per item, or $25 for three items. Excluded items include coins, stamps, jewelry and musical instruments. As people had to be turned away from the last appraisal day, a maximum of three items per individual will be allowed.

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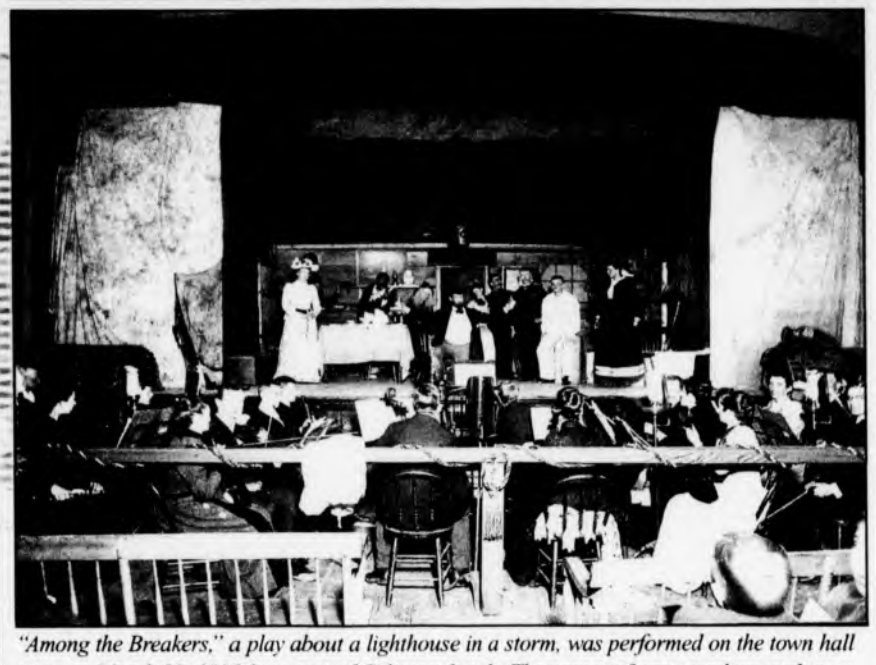
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"Among the Breakers," a play about a lighthouse in a storm, was performed on the town hall stage on March 25, 1892 by a cast of Cohasset locals. The names of cast members such as Tower, Nichols, Collier, Gammons and Souther are still familiar today. The play thrilled audiences with an orchestra and special effects of thunder and lightning.

The Cohasset Historical Society is grateful to those who remember us with donations of Cohasset photographs, textiles and memorabilia. We would like to take this occasion to thank you for your continued generous support.

If you have enjoyed reading our columns and discovering some of what we hold in our archives, please consider supporting the Historical Society. Your tax-deductible donation can be sent to: Cohasset Historical Society, PO Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025. All donations are gratefully appreciated.

If you have something that you would consider donating to our archives please give us a call at 781-383-1434.

From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

Eileen Ridge running for melanoma research

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK



HAPPY EASTER

Hi Cohasset. I want to send out a few messages to all to enjoy the beginning of Spring and for all those who celebrate and enjoy, a very Happy Easter this weekend. There are many events and notes to share this week so get ready to read and start scheduling some dates for the spring and summer.

ACCEPTANCE

Amanda Simpson of Cohasset has been accepted to Thomas College starting in September of 2008. Amanda is the daughter of **Paul Simpson and Lynda Cody**. She plans to major in Human Resource Management. Congratulations to you Amanda.

BIRD-WATCHER

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 25, in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church. Refreshments will be served at 9 a.m. and the business meeting will begin at 9:30. The program titled "Beyond Silent Spring", will be presented by Past President and avid bird watcher **Sally Avery**. She will discuss the variety of natural communities in Massachusetts today, their resident birds, and the conservation status of these habitats.

MARATHON EFFORT

Here is a piece from a former Cohasset resident about something that she is doing in honor of her mom. "My name is **Eileen Ridge** and grew up in Cohasset and was a CHS alum, Class of 2000. This April, I am running the Boston Marathon, in honor of my mom, **Kate Ridge**, who passed away in May of 06 of melanoma cancer. My mom was a long time resident of Cohasset, as well as the CHS JV Field Hockey Coach for years. While a coach, she was able to inspire my sisters, as well as other women to be amazing athletes, as well individuals.

"I will be joining the Run for Cover Team to help combat the rising rate of melanoma and melanoma deaths, by running the 112th Boston Marathon. By making a pledge on my behalf, you are supporting the Melanoma Foundation of New England, which provides a variety of educational programs targeting the prevention and early detection of skin cancer and melanoma for both children and adults. After losing my mom to this disease I feel personally invested in raising the awareness of the dangers of the sun. Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer and is rising faster than any other cancer. By 2010, one in every 50 Americans will be diagnosed with this disease. With that said, melanoma is curable if detected in an early stage! My goal is to raise at least $3,500 by April 21 for the Melanoma Foundation of New England. Please help me reach this goal with your pledge. Your donation is tax deductible. The easiest way to make a donation is to visit my fundraising website at:www.firstgiving.com/eileenridge If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 781-738-0049 or Eileen.ridge@yahoo.com." This is a cause that definitely needs more research, money and a cure!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

In the spirit of good food and fellowship, don't miss the pancake breakfast on Easter Sunday from 8-9 am at Second Congregational Church (located right next to Cohasset Town Hall). Friends, neighbors, and visiting relatives are all welcome at this community event. Cost is $5/person or $15/family. The timing of the pancake breakfast is perfect for those either attending the 7:30am Sonrise Service at Sandy Beach or the 9:15am family service at Second Congregational. If you have questions, contact the church office at scc@2ndcc.org or (781) 383-0345. Come one, come all.

CMI FUN RUN

Please "save the date" for CMI's Jack Hubbard Memorial Fun Run planned for Saturday morning July 19th. The race will be a 5K and is a fundraiser for CMI. The entry fee will be $25 and includes a tee shirt! More information will come so mark your calendars and look forward to hearing and reading more about this event.

POST-PROM

Calling all parents of CHS Seniors. The next Post-Prom planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. in the Deer Hill Library. Please enter through the front door. All senior parents encouraged to come.

THOREAU EVENING

Having lived: Henry David Thoreau and How He Did It. On Thursday, March 27th at 7 pm, come to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library for an evening of story, history, and conversation with **Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull**. Jan is Minister of First Parish in Cohasset Unitarian Universalist. In Thoreau, she sees a person who unwrapped the distinctive gift that he was while living that gift in community, a person who played as readily as he pondered, a person whose penchant for seeing the world freshly and recording it remarkably continues to open eyes, ears, hearts, and minds. This is a free program. This is a Cohasset Reads Together program. Federally funded with LSTA funds through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

GUEST HARPIST

Beechwood Congregational Church is having a guest harpist, Genevieve Poole, who will be playing at our service on Resurrection Sunday. The service begins at 10 a.m.. What beautiful sounds to hear and listen too.

ELECTION SUPPER

Calling all candidates and voters! The Annual Election Supper, a springtime tradition, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street. Candidates and voters are invited to get together for dinner on Thursday evening, April 3rd at 6:30. Dinner will include roast pork, roast potatoes, carrots, Harvard Beets, dessert as well as beverages. Before dinner, all candidates will be introduced. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

That is all for this week. Please send in all of your news no later than 5 pm on Tuesdays.

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Please send all photos to mford@cnc.com in jpeg. format with a mention of the names etc. in the header.

Legion seeking donations for those deployed

Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. The following items are being collected at the American Legion for deployed servicemen and women:

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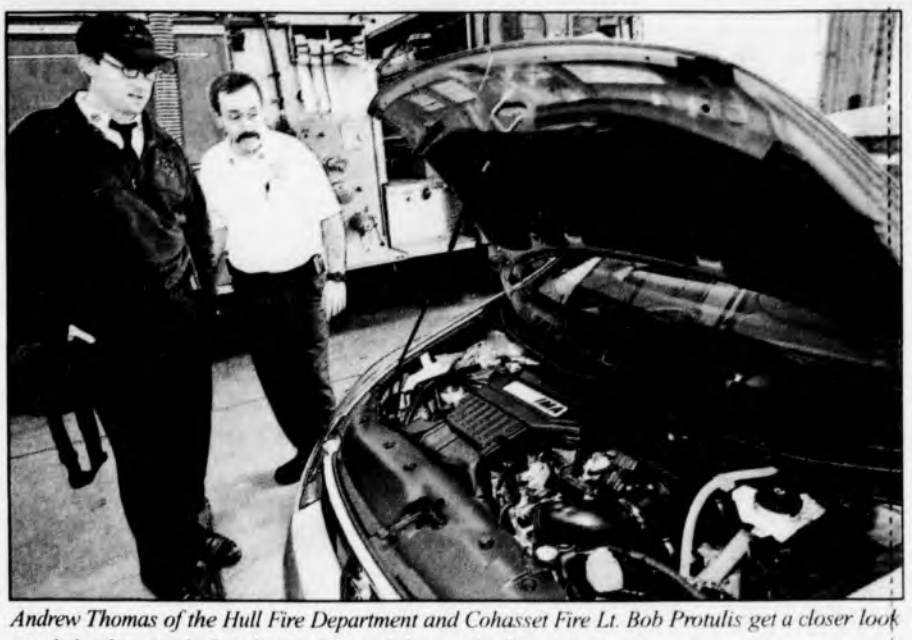
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Ed Lyons of Lyons Fire Equipment goes through the unique features of a hybrid car that firefighters have to think about if faced with a car accident involving a hybrid vehicle.



Andrew Thomas of the Hull Fire Department and Cohasset Fire Lt. Bob Protulis get a closer look at a hybrid engine before their safety workshop at the fire station.

Hybrid vehicle fires

Herb Chambers conducts training

With the continuing rise in fuel prices and environment concerns, hybrid vehicles are more and more popular with the buying public. Their increased popularity has also created concerns by emergency response personnel who face additional dangers in the event of vehicle fires. A hybrid vehicle has a gasoline motor and an electric motor powered by a battery. As the vehicle travels it operates off the battery powered motor at speeds less than 30 mph. At speeds over 30 mph the gasoline engine operates the vehicle and charges the battery system.

The hybrid vehicle's battery motor system is a high voltage device that, if improperly handled in emergency situations, could result in sever electric shock or even electrocution. Additionally, the chemicals in the battery system are toxic and in the event of fire, which fully engages the battery, can produce toxic gases. None of these hazards need be a risk to fire fighters and other emergency response personnel who are properly trained in hybrid technology and emergency procedures.

A hybrid vehicle has a gasoline motor and an electric motor powered by a battery.

The Herb Chambers Companies which has 44 automobile dealerships in New England and sells numerous hybrid vehicles offered this training at the Cohasset Fire Department on Tuesday, March 4th. The Cohasset Fire Department invited other firefighters from neighboring towns including Hull, Scituate, Hingham and Norwell.



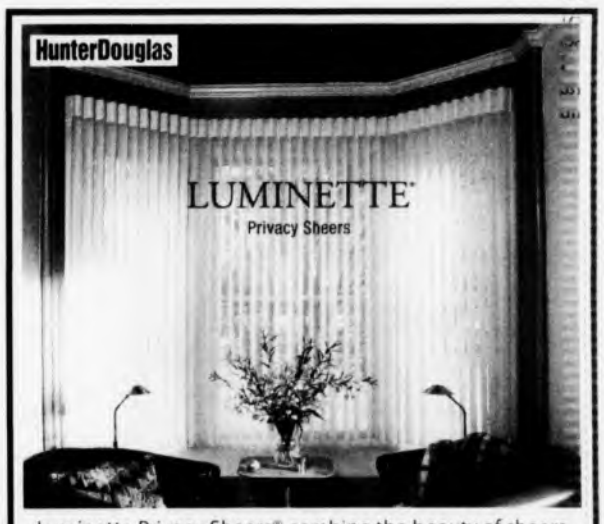
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Ron Corey of Herb Chambers Honda points to the specialized battery that hybrids have which has different safety considerations for firefighters to think about. At the training session are, from left, Kevin Donovan of Cohasset fire, Ed Lyons who was leading the workshop, Lt. Bob Protulis of Cohasset, Sean Cannon of Scituate fire, Ed Hohmann of Herb Chambers, Laura Morrison of Cohasset, John Dolan of Scituate fire, and Andrew Thomas of Hull fire.



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Triathlon, Emotional Armor team up with new T-shirts

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charities," says Burnett.

Hoffman's positive outlook on life didn't come without significant personal struggle — struggle that ultimately led to the creation of Emotional Armor.

Hoffman moved to Cohasset last summer from Newburyport. Although t-shirts are currently the primary canvas for her inspirational messages, Hoffman says her company is more than a t-shirt company. Calling it a "lifestyle messaging company" Hoffman says her goal and vision is bigger than a t-shirt — it's about promoting a state of mind through positive thought. She's in the process of expanding her messages to other wearable mediums — sneakers, belt buckles, jewelry.

To show her commitment to doing good, she donates her business's net profits — yes, all of it — to two charities close to her heart. The funds go toward a cultural enrichment program for children to help develop self-esteem and self-confidence as well as the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center for its work in family violence prevention.

"I love that there is no agenda for either of us. We're just trying to do something good and to be a part of something bigger than ourselves."

— Jenifer Hoffman, Emotional Armor

"My dream is to have every child, in addition to science, math, English, social studies, be taught to be self-confident and that every person can make a huge difference in the world," says Hoffman. "I tend to dream big, that's just how I am."

Her messages are simple, yet empowering. She has 38 different designs on colorful and comfortable t-shirts, each with tailored messages for gender and age. For women, there's "princess. not in need of rescue" and "never underestimate me;" for men, "good will always prevail," and "when life knocks you down...get up."

The shirts are also available for kids. Phrases like "natural born hero" and "life is an experiment...wear goggles" appear on boys' shirts, while girls' shirt have "let the world hear your voice" and "small body big dreams."

Even babies can be inspired with messages like "destined for greatness" and "worthy of wings."

For Hoffman, Emotional Armor was born after a series of life-changing events that occurred in a short three-month period. She was involved in a serious bicycling accident during a triathlon. Then, during her recovery, she was assaulted by an inebriated 25-year-old man who lived in her small neighborhood in Newburyport while taking a walk. Instead of dwelling on the negativity of these events, she drew strength from them.

The District Attorney pressed for two-year jail sentence for her assaulter, but Hoffman stood up at court to petition her attacker be given a chance to change.

"Going to jail for two years was not the answer. He wouldn't be getting what he needed. He needed a job, he needed to be in treatment and have parameters," says Hoffman. The court listened and the man began treatment, worked a part-time job and wore a GPS-monitoring device.

"I really believe that was the right thing," says Hoffman — and it changed her life for the better. Shortly after she started her company on the "unshakeable belief in the goodness of people."

Both Burnett and Hoffman are enthusiastic about the collaboration — a project that complements what each does individually. The Cohasset Triathlon will be a personal milestone for Hoffman, it will be her first since her bike wreck in 2006. But, she says her story is only one of many triathlon participants.

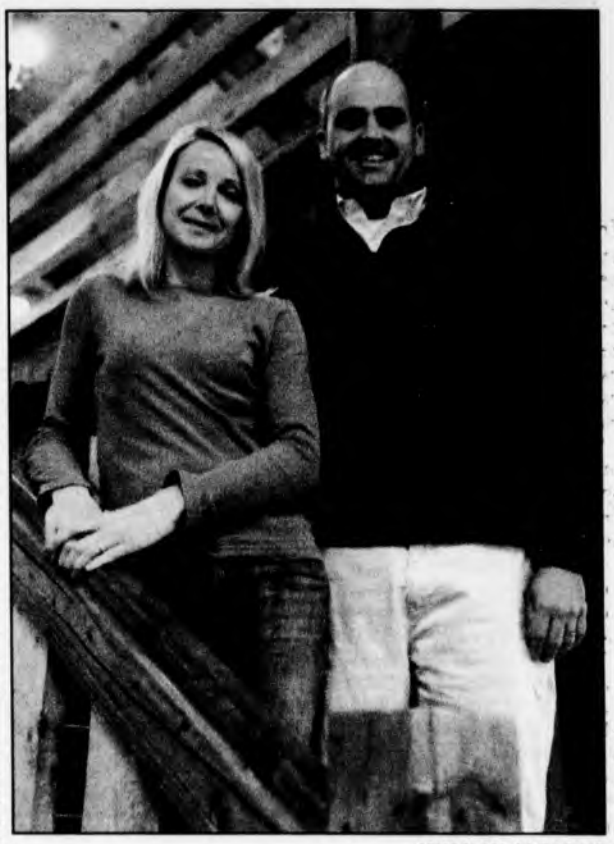
"Everybody has a story and each one is more inspiring than the next," Hoffman says. She's inspired by the mother of three who gets up at 5a.m. to train for the triathlon so she doesn't disrupt her kids' schedules and the guy who's out there competing with a mountain bike.

"It's the only sport where everybody — elite triathletes to first-time competitors — can compete on the same course doing something they love," says Hoffman.

The limited edition t-shirts will be on sale on the Cohasset Triathlon website (www.cohassettri.com). In addition to the inspirational messages on the front of the shirt, the back will have "Cohasset Triathlon" on it, with the first 'o' being replaced with a peace sign and the second 'o' with a heart, just like the Emotional Armor logo.

Emotional Armor product is available in Cohasset Village. The adult line can be found at Ports & Company and the kids line is at Twist.

More information on both efforts can be found on the web, visit www.emotionalarmor.com and www.cohassettri.com



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Jen Hoffman and Bill Burnett have teamed up to provide special T-shirts for this year's Cohasset Triathlon. Race day is Sunday June 29.

Limited edition Cohasset Triathlon/Emotional Armor messages

"born to tri"
"just breathe"
"fueled by determination"
"clip in and hold on"
"it's all about the transition"
"one stroke one pedal one step at a time"

Triathlon pros come to Cohasset

Every race starts with one foot in front of the other and Cohasset Triathlon Race Director Bill Burnett wants to make every effort to get the race off on the right foot. To that end, the Cohasset Triathlon Association is bringing two renowned triathletes to the Red Lion Inn this Saturday, March 22 to talk to 200 athletes swimming, running, and cycling at the 2008 triathlon.

Karen Smyers and Dede Griesbauer will share advice and tips on the art of competing in a triathlon. Smyers is a six-time U.S. Pro National champion and 1995 Ironman World Champion. She is still devoted to the sport and is currently coaching several elite racers. Greisbauer was a top finisher in the Ironman World Championships in Hawaii last year and continues to race on the pro circuit today. Both will compete alongside the 700-plus athletes signed up for the sold out race.

Smyers and Griesbauer will offer specific triathlon training tips, advise on proper triathlon equipment, give pointers on fast transitions and speak on general race safety.

"I think I have to be an advocate for safety and do the best I can to make sure people are prepared for the race," said Burnett. People from all over Massachusetts are signed up to attend the event. Doors will open at 2p.m. and the speakers will begin at 3p.m. Cohasset Triathlon sponsor Nike will be on hand and the special edition Cohasset Triathlon Emotional Armor t-shirts will be for sale.

Volunteers, interested athletes wanting to know more about the sport are welcome to attend the meeting free of charge. Burnett encourages racers to come early to socialize with other race participants and race coordinators.

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Rotary's Road Race by the Sea is right around the corner

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events. With that distinction, nearly 1000 runners come from all over the US to compete. Pre-registrants already include representatives from 18 states and two countries. Many runners use the race as part of their Boston Marathon training.

"We think it's one of the premiere 10K road races in the spring for New England," says Goodwin, bringing a mix of elite and casual runners.

The race proceeds benefit the many causes, both locally and internationally, the Cohasset Rotary Club is involved with.

"We don't keep any of the money for ourselves, it all goes right back out," says Goodwin. The Rotary Club is made up of about 25 business and professional people from Cohasset or with ties to Cohasset. Their major fundraisers are the telephone book and the road race. International efforts like funding the digging of wells for public schools in the Philippines and contributing to the fight to eradicate polio worldwide. Locally, the Rotary Club supports Wellspring, Appalachia Service Project and CHS scholarships.

"The Road Race is an opportunity to bring a lot of people to town for a fun event and for the Rotary Club to advance our projects."

— Brad Goodwin, race director

While the race is a large part of the day, the Fran Coffey Memorial Fun Walk is also a big draw. Coffey was instrumental in organizing the Road Race as well as the fun walk year after year, and a few years ago, the walk was renamed to serve as a memorial in his honor. The fun walk begins at 10a.m. at Sandy Beach. The proceeds from the walk will be donated to "People In Need" at St. Patrick's in Roxbury and Bishop Ruocco House for Girls in Lakeville.

Bill Taylor of Scituate will run his 19th consecutive Road Race by the Sea on April 6.

"I think at this point I do it to keep the streak going," says Taylor, who is a Cohasset native and CHS Class of 1980. He's saved all his shirts and bib numbers from all his races, noting his times each year. Each year, his goal is to finish in less than 50 minutes — and he's succeeded four times.

Although he was never a runner in high school and college, Taylor now runs 12 months a year to stay in shape. Road races, like the road race by the sea, give him the incentive to get out there and pound the pavement.

"I love the course. The best part is as soon as you hit Sandy Beach and you're looking out at the ocean," says Taylor, especially, he adds, if there is a tail wind. Then, things get a little tougher on Forest Avenue (a.k.a. roller coaster road).

"As you run that first hill from Rocky Beach, that's just a killer. But, after finishing Forest Ave. the rest is a piece of cake," Taylor says.

Linda Fechter, a Cohasset resident, agrees Forest Avenue is Cohasset's version of the Boston Marathon's Heartbreak Hill. For her, at least, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

"When I'm running up those hills, I'm thinking about whether I want to have one hot dog or two," she says. A post-race celebration, bigger and better this year, is held at the South Shore Community Center on the Cohasset Common. The community is invited to partake in hot dogs and music by the Armstrong Brothers Band.

"This race is a small town road race. People call your name as you run along the course. It just has that apple pie feel. The Rotary does a great job of keeping it simple," says Fechter.

While New England weather is always unpredictable, Goodwin is looking forward to the perfect day on April 6, "this year is going to be another beautiful day, 50 to 52 degrees, sunny and the wind at your back."



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The town's spectacular ocean vista provides a backdrop as runners in last year's Cohasset Road Race by the Sea tackle "heart-break" hill on Forest Avenue. The 32nd running of the race is set for Sunday, April 6.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for a variety of positions before, during, and after the race. If interested in volunteering, e-mail 2008@roadracebythesea.com or call 781-223-2513.

How to register

Register to run or walk at www.roadracebythesea.com or check for more information at www.coolrunning.com. Applications will also be available in Cohasset at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shop, and the South Shore Community Center. Online registration is $17, mail-in registration is $20. On site registration is $25 and will be held at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., on Saturday, April 5, and Sunday April 6 from 9 a.m. until noon. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. For race questions please send an e-mail to 2008@roadracebythesea.com.

Cohasset Road Race at a glance

Date: Sunday, April 6, 2008
Time: 1 p.m.
Where: Begins at Cohasset Common
Distance: 10K (6.2 miles)
Route: From William B. Long Road on Cohasset Common down South Main Street, to Elm Street, to Margin Street, down Atlantic Avenue past Sandy Beach, to Jerusalem Road, to Forest Avenue, to North Main Street, back to Highland Avenue and the race will end outside of Town Hall.

Fran Coffey Memorial Walk at a glance

Date: Sunday, April 6, 2008
Time: 10 a.m.
Where: Begins at Sandy Beach
Distance: Either 10K (6.2 miles) or 4.5 mile
Route: Either same route as Road Race beginning at the beach, or from Sandy Beach down Atlantic Avenue to Jerusalem Road, to North Main Street, to Ripley Road, to Depot Court, to South Main Street, to Elm Street, onto Margin Street, back onto Atlantic Avenue, and the walk will end at Sandy Beach.

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'Outdoor humor' subject of slide presentation

A new slide presentation from Michael Tougias — Michael Tougias, author of 14 books, presents a narrated "outdoor humor" slide presentation Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road,

The presentation is based on his book "There's A Porcupine In My Outhouse" which won "Best Nature Book of 2003" as awarded by the Independent Publishers Association of America. The book and slide show are based on misadventures on Tougias' early years of exploring New England's backcountry and at his remote cabin in Northern Vermont. Topics covered in the slide presentation include: Tougias' first disastrous trip to his newly bought cabin, the history of Outhouses, encounters with Bear, moose, fishing spiders and porcupine, and the history of Mountain Men. The slide presentation also take the audience to special places in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, Northern NH, and Northern Maine. Besides the adventure and exploration theme, Tougias mixes in conservation and the therapeutic powers of the woods.

The prologue of "There's A Porcupine In My Outhouse!" further explains the evolution of this new slide presentation: "In 1978, when I was twenty-two, I spent $8,500 on a tiny A-frame cabin and six acres of land overlooking a pond in Northern Vermont. I thought I would live out my mountain-man fantasy that had been planted from reading adventure books as a kid. I would be Jim Bridger, Daniel Boone, and Lewis and Clark all rolled into one, knowing exactly what to do in every outdoor situation. I fancied myself as lord and master of my six acres. What actually happened was quite different."

Michael Tougias is the author of River Days: Exploring the Connecticut River, King Philip's War, The Blizzard of '78, Quabbin: A History and Explorers Guide, Nature Walks in Eastern Massachusetts, and several other books. He can be visitied on the web at michaeltougias.com.

This event is free. Seating is limited. This event is a Cohasset Reads Together event.

For further information contact the library at 781-383-1348.

Great Decisions Discussion Group is back! — Signup now to participate in the foreign policy discussion group Great Decisions with Reference Librarian Gayle Walsh at 383-1348 or by visiting the library. You may also signup online through our website www.cohassetlibrary.org. Participants are asked to commit to 8 weekly discussion meetings starting April 29. Free. Click on April 29 on the Calendar of Events tab.

Library Book Group — Join us for coffee and discussion of Henry David Thoreau's "Walden" on Wednesday, March 26 at 10:00am. All are welcome. This title is a Cohasset Reads Together selection.

Having Lived: Henry David Thoreau and How He Did It —



Michael Tougias

On Thursday, March 27th at 7 pm, join us for an evening of story, history, and conversation with Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Jan is Minister of First Parish in Cohasset Unitarian Universalist. In Thoreau, she sees a person who unwrapped the distinctive gift that he was while living that gift in community, a person who played as readily as he pondered, a person whose penchant for seeing the world freshly and recording it remarkably continues to open eyes, ears, hearts, and minds. Free. This is a Cohasset Reads Together program. Federally funded with LSTA funds through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Holiday Closing — The library will be closed Sunday, March 23 for Easter Sunday.

Good Books — Looking for suggestions for your next read? Try the NoveList database found at our website www.cohassetlibrary.org. Accessible from home, office or in the library, NoveList lists award winners, author read-a-likes, and reviews of 150,000 fiction titles. Perfect for deciding your next reading discussion group title.

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FOR CHILDREN

"Scaly, Cold, and Slimy" — Free tickets are now available for the live reptile show, "Scaly, Cold, and Slimy" presented by the South Shore Natural Science Center on Saturday, March 29, at 3:00 in the Meeting Room. Space is limited. This is a Cohasset Reads Together event federally funded by an LSTA grant through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Music and Stories — MamaSteph will be performing in the Meeting Room on Monday mornings from 10:30-11:00 through the end of April. Drop In Story Time will take place in the Children's Story Room on Tuesdays at 10:30 through the end of April.

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Stormwater Management Bylaw Q&A:

The following was provided by the Stormwater Management Committee.

At the upcoming Town Meeting on March 29th voters will be asked to support a Stormwater Management Bylaw to address the causes of serious flooding and pollution problems in the Town of Cohasset due to unregulated stormwater runoff.

"By establishing a stormwater permitting process, this article is designed to ensure that effective management controls are incorporated into the design and construction of future developments in Town. If passed, the article will also enable the Town to meet the federally imposed deadline of June 2008 to comply with the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act.

The Stormwater Management Committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to make recommendations on the drafting and the adoption of bylaws or other regulatory controls to prevent additional stormwater issues.

During a two-year process the Committee solicited comments, input and ideas from a vast group of parties including various town boards and committees, impacted groups and abutters, state and federal agencies, other towns, stormwater management engineers and experts as well as the general public. The following is a list of frequently asked questions and answers on the proposed bylaw:

• **The Federal Clean Water Act requires regulation for developments of 1 acre or more. Why did the Stormwater Committee feel the need to regulate beyond that threshold here in Cohasset?**

ANSWER: In addition to setting a limit of 1 acre nationally the Clean Water Act also strongly encourages cities and towns to adopt local control measures that recharge the soil and reduce the amount of stormwater going to drainage systems, which ultimately causes the pollution of local water bodies.

A Cohasset Town bylaw would not have much effect on anything if it simply adopted the 1-acre threshold. Few projects, if any, in Cohasset ever reach the 1-acre threshold, yet we have serious pollution and flooding problems all over town. The Committee took into consideration the causes of the flooding and pollution problems and determined that many of the problems we face result from decades of development that didn't require proper runoff controls.

When you combine this with rocky soil conditions in Town you have a situation that has taken its toll on Cohasset. Therefore the Committee opted for regulating projects which add a net impervious area of 500 square feet through and administrative approval process. A more stringent regulation involving a permit and public hearing would be triggered for projects more than 5,000 square feet.

The permits and regulations required by the proposed bylaw do not limit projects to 500 and 5,000 square feet, but they do require an engineer's design, review and stamp of approval.

Most stormwater flooding and pollution control techniques are simple measures that can be taken by homeowners and developers when they design their projects. Elements like dry wells and swales and landscaping treatments are very effective at controlling runoff. Most folks want to do the right thing. Do we really need regulation?

ANSWER: The Committee feels very strongly that public education and outreach is vital to the process of controlling stormwater. This is evidenced by the number of meetings it has held with so many public entities.

Our vision as a Stormwater Committee is to continue the public awareness process and to act as a host for bringing together people in the town to identify problems and recommend solutions. The Town is presently responding to a number flooding and pollution concerns with proposed publicly funded capital improvements to address and correct problems caused by decades of unregulated development.

At the same time, the Stormwater Committee and many residents feel it would be a shame to spend so much public money on fixing the flooding and pollution problems that exist today without making sure that future developments aren't adding to the problem by making the same mistakes of the past.

From a fiscal standpoint, it is felt that if the town holds off regulation longer, it will have more expensive problems to correct later.

Remember, stormwater permitting does not limit development in any way. It simply requires developments to address potential run-off as they should.

The by-law places an emphasis on recharging stormwater back into the soil. What if I live on ledge?

ANSWER: Again, the bylaw does not restrict impervious material from being placed on a lot, nor does require recharging run off that is already leaving the site. It does require that developments adding a net increase of 500 square feet or more demonstrate that post-construction run-off does not exceed pre-construction run-off.

There are many time proven effective ways to reduce surface run-off, (e.g. dry-wells, embankments, swales, etc.). It is worth noting that if a permit requirement is triggered on a parcel with good natural drainage characteristics (like a building on a grassy field, or a sandy subsurface) runoff controls may not even be necessary — because any run off would naturally recharge right back into the soil.

On the other hand, the placement of a roof or asphalt over solid granite would not be considered a "net increase of impervious material" in most cases because the water is already running off the lot. The bylaw states that one may not "increase" the amount of surface run-off. It does not require the collection water that is already running off the lot.

Can we have an effective storm water management program that incorporates Best Management Practices (BMP's) for surface runoff? This is a big point of emphasis in the Environmental Protection Agency's resource information.

ANSWER: The Stormwater Management Committee is already actively supporting the installation of BMP structures in various parts of town. BMP's are a way of collecting existing runoff and recharging it back into the ground to naturally filter the pollution it picks up along the way. The Committee's Annual Report outlines these activities that are now taking place around Little Harbor and James Brook due to the committees focus and resolve. The committee has successfully acquired a substantial amount of grant money from the state and Cohasset Community Preservation Committee to install BMP's and a major function of the Committee going forward will be to build on this success.

Installing BMP's without regulating future development, however, will threaten the effectiveness of the BMP's now being installed thereby posing a serious potential for wasting money.

The Stormwater Management Committee hopes this information is useful as you consider your vote on the Stormwater Management Bylaw at the March 29th Town Meeting. Please stay tuned for more information on this issue forthcoming in the Cohasset Mariner.

Design a logo for Cohasset contest

The mission is to design a graphic identity for Cohasset that encapsulates and expresses best the beauty or the unique character of the town.

In order to create a stronger identity/image for the Town of Cohasset, the EDC needs your good ideas and artistic talents to fulfill its objective of better marketing the town we are all so proud of.

All are invited to participate in a friendly and fun competition: professionals or amateurs, grownups or kids. The winner will receive his/her logo on tee shirts, the public recognition of the community, not to mention "the artist's immortality."

The mission — if you should accept it — is to design a graphic identity for Cohasset that encapsulates and expresses best the beauty or the unique character of the town. You are free to use scenes, monuments, symbols, letters, or whatever, so long as it evokes Cohasset and no other town. Keep in mind that, to be effective, a logo should be small, clear and simple. The dominant color that needs to be used is the blue/green shade of PMS 3275*.

The deadline to submit your designed logo to the EDC, care of Alain Pinel, EDC, c/o Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall is April 11. In early April, a special Logo Selection Panel will be created (composed of one member of the South Shore Art Center, one graphic specialist and one member of the EDC), to choose the best design.

The winning logo will be trademarked and featured on Cohasset approved marketing and clothing items to be sold through local vendors. It will be on display this summer at the South Shore Art Center's Art Festival.

For the EDC: Alain Pinel

** Note: How did we arrive at this choice of color?. First, we thought that blue would best reflect the vision of our town "by-the-sea". Then, to create the "Cohasset Blue", we worked in the primary light color spectrum of red-green-blue. After playing a while with various shades of blue-green, we came across a magic number that will look very familiar to the residents: 143... (Remember Minot?). That was it. All what we had to do was translate this color to the PMS code 3275.*

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EDITORIAL

Special days

We know that most municipalities have special events at some point during the year that help define their sense of community.

However, considering Cohasset's size – we think we have an abundance of good fortune when it comes to our "special days" that we look forward to and then enjoy once they have arrived.

The really nice thing is that more events have been or are being added to the calendar.

The Village Stroll in December is a case in point. It started just a few years back and has become a regular feature of the holiday season. Getting some hot soup outside Bia, lining up for a sausage from "the Sausage Guy," and sampling some of the fare from the newly opened Carmela Drew – were some of this year's delicious highlights!

The stroll is in addition to the ever popular and traditional Village Fair, which no true Cohasseter ever misses.

One of the first harbingers of spring is the Cohasset Road Race by the Sea, a premier event that showcases both athletic talent and our incredible ocean vistas and colonial charm.

The Cohasset Triathlon, which started last year, is another special event that turns into a total day.

The nice thing about the both the road race and the tri is that the events provide a memorable day for the athletes, their friends and families and regular spectators.

What would Cohasset be without the American Cancer Society Relay For Life? The Cohasset Relay has become a regular part of the late-spring/early summer landscape.

We look forward to the Festival on the Common every year. It is both a feast for the eyes and for the palate, whether you hanker for a lobster roll at First Parish or some strawberry shortcake in the cozy courtyard at Second Congregational. There is something wonderfully relaxing about the Festival. No carnival rides or pressure experienced at typical town fairs. Everything from the trolley trip, if one parks at Deer Hill, to the children's tent featuring young artists is fun and memorable.

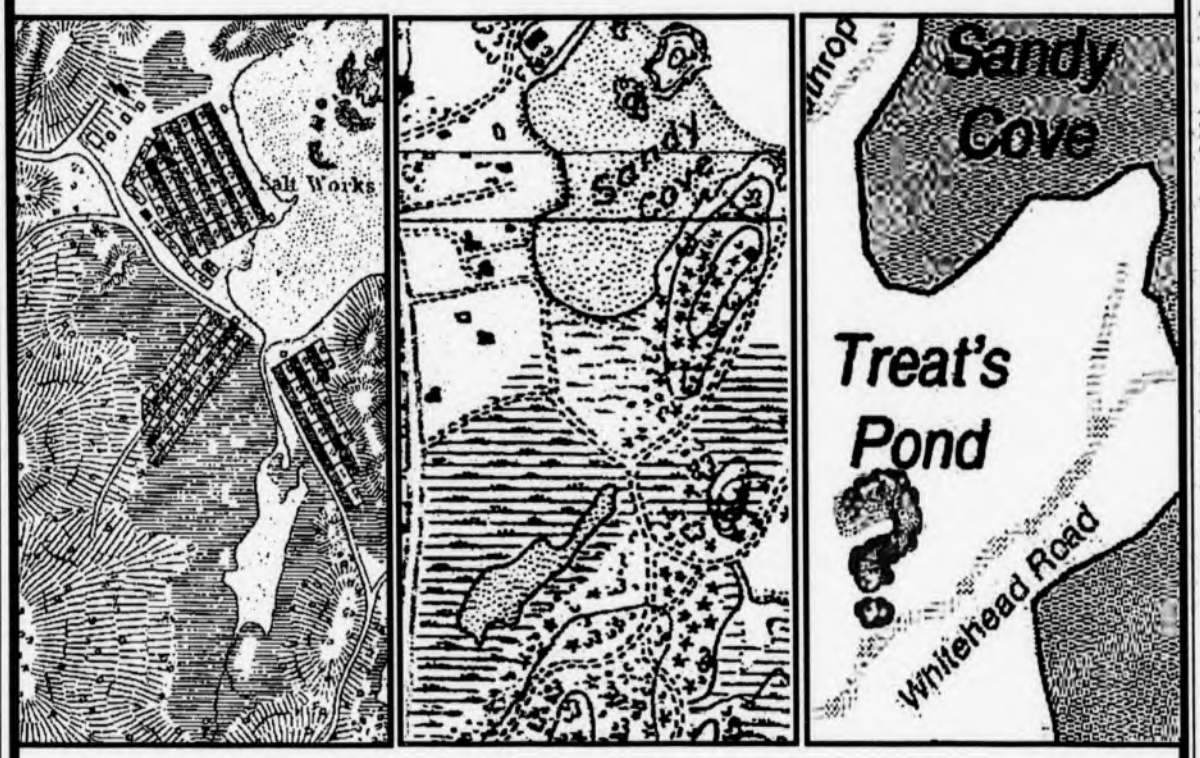
Now plans are afoot to add a "Cohasset Day" in September. The Economic Development Committee is hard at work brainstorming and coming up with ideas to provide a late summer/early fall special day downtown that could include myriad of activities. We think the timing would be perfect and look forward to hearing updates as plans progress.

In the meantime the EDC is looking for your ideas in designing a "graphic identity" for Cohasset.

EDC member Alain Pinel explains that interested people are free to use scenes, monuments, symbols, letters, or whatever, so long as it evokes Cohasset and no other town. He says, "keep in mind that, to be effective, a logo should be small, clear and simple". The dominant color that needs to be used is the blue/green shade of PMS 3275*. [Note: How did the EDC arrive at this choice of color? First, the EDC thought that blue would best reflect the vision of our town "by-the-sea". Then, to create the "Cohasset Blue", they worked in the primary light color spectrum of red-green-blue. After playing a while with various shades of blue-green, they came across a magic number that will look very familiar to the residents: 143…(Remember Minot?). That was it. All what they had to do was translate this color to the PMS code 3275.]

The deadline to submit your designed logo to the EDC, care of Alain Pinel, EDC, c/o Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall is April 11. In early April, a special Logo Selection Panel will be created (composed of one member of the South Shore Art Center, one graphic specialist and one member of the EDC), to choose the best design.

Historic Maps of Treat's Pond



1852 used by proponents for restoration

1898 used by those against restoration

Adapted from 2000 for everybody else trying to understand

HAMILTON

Weekly Meetings

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, April 8 & May 13, 7:30 p.m.

Cohasset Housing Authority, March 26, 6 p.m., 60 Elm St.

Conservation Commission, April 3, 7 p.m.

Economic Development Committee, March 26 at 7:15 p.m.

Library Trustees, April 9, 7 p.m. at the library.

Osgood School Council, April 3, 3:30 p.m. at Osgood School.

Planning Board, March 26, 7p.m.

Sewer Commission, March 24, 6 p.m.

Town Hall Restoration Committee, March 24, 7 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting begins at 9a.m., March 29

Annual Town Election, April 5

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Send your news tip to mford@cnc.com
News hotline - 781-741-2933
Fax news of your event to 781-741-2931

Letters to the Editor

Math and Science Night sponsors, volunteers appreciated

To the Editor,

As co-coordinators of the annual Science and Math Night at the Osgood School, we would like to thank the many sponsors and volunteers who helped make this event one to remember.

Local sponsors were invaluable to the event, helping to offset the costs of special presentations, donating a wide range of materials needed, and providing food and drinks for the student exhibitors. Thanks go to EMD Serono, OfficeMax, Cohasset Dental, Shoe Market Kids, the South Shore Music Circus, JJ's Dairy Hut, Strecker Eye Center, Paperscapes, Cohasset Pizza House, Papa Ginos, Shaw's, Stop & Shop and Atlantic Bagel for their generous contributions.

Thirty-one families created interactive science and math exhibits to share with more than 600 visitors over the course of the evening. Volunteers worked tirelessly to help the event unfold without incident. We'd like to thank the following families who expended great effort to make the event successful: Bradley Albanese's family, Jake Allen's family, Emily Appleton's family, Alexander and Natasha Arnold's family, Justin Bierman's family, Chase Bomeisler's family, Will Bowen's family, Matthew Dickey's family, Ian Dunkelberger's family, Alec Durkin's family, Gabriella Finocchio's family, Tucker Fulton's family, Henry Greentree's family, Will and Molly Greer's family, Olivia Hansen's family, Andrew Harzich's family, Emilee Lyons' family, Mia MacGregor's family, Jack Macmillan's family, Emma Matthews' family, Olivia McAlarney's family, Martha Miskanic's family, Samantha Naples' family, Lilly and Caroline Patterson's family, Kevin Perrone's family, Charlie, Katie and Annie Pyne's family, Jackson Roberts' family, Bella Sestito's family, Minnie Stavis' family, Annie Toomey's family, Abby, Anna and Regan Thomas' family, Bryan Thomas' family, Will and Gray Thomas' family, and Jerome and Grace Vainisi's family.

In addition, we'd like to thank David Magnussen and his CHS Marine Science students for their fantastic saltwater aquarium exhibit, David Young and his CHS Engineering students for their exciting CO2 dragster exhibit and Carole Bierman and her CHS math students for their fun exhibit. The elementary students could clearly see that science is important in all Cohasset schools. Additional thanks go to Osgood faculty members Betsy Ogden and Leslie Diminnie for their participation in the event, going above and beyond the normal school day to continue to educate the students.

We are grateful to Dr. Fawn Stevenson and Dr. Gregory Conard of Crazy Paws for their live animal science exhibit and patience throughout the evening. The students really enjoyed visiting with them. We also sincerely appreciate the South Shore Astronomical Society's volunteers who arrived with high-powered telescopes so that the students could explore the night sky.

Special thanks go to Karyn Nee who designed the limited edition tee shirts, the flyers, the tickets and fabulous posters for the event. Thanks to Ron Goodwin of Goodwin Graphics for bringing the tee shirt design to life.

We'd also like to thank Janet Sheehan, the principal of the Osgood School and her administrative staff including Anita Ross and Judy Figueiredo for their unfailing support. And last, but certainly not least, we'd like to thank Ted Holland, Asa Gallagher, and Joe Davis, the amazing custodial staff, for their hard work before, during, and especially after, the event. We simply could not have done it without you.

We've really enjoyed organizing this event for the past four years and are pleased to see how it has grown from nine family exhibits to more than 30 in that amount of time. We have all of you to thank for that.

Laura Humphrey and Tracy Longo
Osgood School PSO

'Say it ain't so'

To the Editor:

Dear Making Tracks:

Great pictures (Mariner, March 14) of workers installing diffuser rings. Next time I'd suggest leaving the pictures of workers, on the water, without lifejackets out of the newspaper. OSHA frowns on such activity. Also please tell me that isn't an old Johnson outboard motor on the back of the raft! Cohasset wants to ban canoes from Lily Pond and they hire workers with a very polluting motor to spend time in our water supply. Say it ain't so.

Thank you for clearing up a few details about manganese. That is great news that "migration of manganese into pond water ...tends to increase a bit in the warmer months." So now Cohasset Water can shut down those diffuser rings from December to February and we all can enjoy winter activities on Lily Pond.

In another update, sometime can you explain why when the conditions were right the pond was completely frozen? So, if we've really come full circle we don't need to add air to the water in winter for a problem that occurs in the summer. Net result, it is unnecessary to stop winter activities on Lily Pond.

Bill Ketchum
255 Beechwood St.

Fun Walk volunteers needed

To the Editor:

On April 6th the **Fran Coffey Memorial Fun Walk** will begin at 10 a.m. at Sandy Beach. The Fun walk in conjunction with the Cohasset Road Race by the Sea, is a fun way to enjoy a beautiful walk and help the Cohassset Rotary Club do good for two very worthwhile causes, the Bishop Roucco House for Girls in Lakeville, and St Patrick's of Roxbury's "People in Need" program.

Volunteers are urgently needed to help direct and cheer on the walkers around the 10k (6.2 mile) racecourse (or the shorter version). More information is available at www.roadracebythesea.com

Please email to:

2008@roadracebythesea.com or call 781-223-2513 for more information on how you can help.

Brad Goodwin
Race Director
Cohasset Rotary Road Race by the Sea

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Gates malfunction phone call protocol

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

More on Greenbush safety – We've spoken about railroad safety many times in these columns. But that is because it is so very important. Trains are very unforgiving as they go through our town. We would like to focus once more on crossing safety. Like all sophisticated systems, once in a while the train crossing systems malfunction. This is especially true during the initial operating months.

What should you do if you see a malfunction at a crossing? You may, in fact be the first person seeing the malfunction and as a good citizen you should report it to the authorities. So to whom do you report it? As you may have noticed, every crossing has a small green building called a signal bungalow near the crossing. The signal bungalow houses all of the electronic communications and controls to operate that crossing and communicate back to the MBTA's central communication center. For your reference we have included a photo of the signal bungalow at Pleasant Street, as a typical bungalow.

Each signal bungalow has a sign with white letters on a red background *(see close up photo)*. Each signal bungalow has a DOT identification number, a milepost number (the number of miles to Boston) and an 800 number to call to report problems. The MBTA would like citizens to use this information to report malfunctions. However, we suggest that even if you call this number that you should also call 911 to report the malfunction to the local safety authorities. As a matter of policy they will notify the MBTA central dispatch. But, they will also be able to dispatch an available safety officer to the site for the protection of other citizens. The Town will also have a record of the incident.

Greenbush update – You may have been following some of the stories in the various newspapers about scheduling problems with the commuter rail system. From what we are hearing the addition of the Greenbush to the mix of commuter trains that serve the South Shore area may have caused some hiccups on the entire system. As we have mentioned before, all of the trains share common tracks between Braintree and Boston. Thus, the schedules will need to be adhered to rather stringently to get all of trains to and from Boston on a single set of tracks. Adding Greenbush to the mix of the other commuter rail lines only makes the scheduling more difficult.

We have it on reasonably good authority that the MBTA may begin to shuffle the commuter rail schedules around a bit to improve the on-time performance in all of the commuter lines. We understand they plan to announce scheduling changes on the commuter rail web site: www.mbta.com/schedules_and_maps/rail/

As soon as we are aware of the changes we will let you know.

A last Greenbush item relates to the proposed widening of Route 3A at King Street. You may have noticed that silt fence has been newly erected on the Route 3A side of this intersection. The new construction will add a left turn lane for the southbound Route 3A traffic at King Street and an acceleration lane for the vehicles merging onto Route 3A Northbound from King Street. The space for widening of Route 3A will be taken from the South side of Route 3A (the side of the medical building).



COURTESY PHOTOS

Pleasant Street bungalow ID information.



Pleasant Street signal bungalow.

Location	Work to be Done	Week Starting 3/24/08	Week Starting 3/31/08	Week Starting 4/7/08	Week Starting 4/14/08	Week Starting 4/21/08
Jerusalem Rd Dr. & Haystack	Sewer Mainline					
Jerusalem Rd. N. Main to Atlantic	Sewer Mainline					
Atlantic Ave. Jerusalem Rd to Nichols	Sewer Mainline					
Beach St. & Atlantic to Highland	Sewer Mainline					
Whitehead Rd #30 to Atlantic Ave.	Sewer and Water Mainline					
Sandy Cove "Loop"	Water Mainline					
Nichols Rd.	Water Bypass					
Nichols Rd. with side roads	Water Mainline					
Little Harbor Road	Water Bypass					
Project-Wide	Sewer Services					
Trench Paving	Jerusalem Rd. & Atlantic Ave.					

Sewer or Water Mainline: Installation of the main sewer or water line in the roadway.
Sewer or Water Services: Installation of the stub pipe that will connect the main line to the edge of private property.
Water Bypass: Reinstating existing temporary water lines or adding new temporary water lines (includes, pressure testing and chlorinating).
Trench Paving: Adding a temporary asphalt patch to trenches that will serve until final paving.

The project office has informed us that this work will commence in late March or early April. We will keep you posted on the progress of this work.

Little Harbor Project– This week we received a new short-term look-ahead schedule, so we thought we'd pass it along. Note that, since the spring construction season is just around the corner, they can safely resume the water portion of the project without fear of freezing pipes.

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Words of supporters

HENSHAW



TOM HENSHAW

I wouldn't call it a very good week for Barak Obama, the Democratic candidate for president, what with his preacher running off at the mouth and Goddamning the country Barak wants to lead for its sins, both real and imaginary.

True, the candidate has rejected outright the ill-chosen comments of the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, his "spiritual adviser" for some 20 years, and certainly you can't pin the words of a supporter, even a close one, on the candidate himself.

If you believe that, then you'll have no trouble believing in President Blaine.

James G. Blaine, a former congressman, senator and secretary of state from Maine, was the Republican nominee for president in 1884, after General Sherman declined the nomination, saying "If nominated I shall not run; if elected I shall not serve."

They called him "the Plumed Knight," for his courage and integrity, although some of the bloom was beginning to wear off in the face of his apparent complicity in some shady business dealings with railroads.

The Democratic nominee was Grover Cleveland, the former mayor of Buffalo and governor of New York, who faced an almost insurmountable task as his party had not won a presidential election in 28 years since before the Civil War.

To make matters worse, scarcely two weeks after the nominating convention, the candidate's hometown newspaper, the Buffalo Evening Telegraph, came out with the news that he had fathered an illegitimate child and contributed to his support.

Republican tricksters dogged Cleveland throughout the campaign, pushing baby carriages and chanting "Ma! Ma! Where's my pa?"

That's where it stood on Wednesday, Oct. 29, the week before the election when a group of Protestant clergymen gathered in the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York City for a breakfast meeting and a pep talk by the Republican candidate.

Blaine was introduced by the Rev. Samuel D. Burchard, pastor of the Murray Hill Presbyterian Church, who couldn't resist the temptation to refer to the Democrats as "the party of Rum, Romanism and Rebellion."

The reference was to the Democrats relaxed attitude toward the Demon Rum, the lack of enthusiasm on the part of some Democratic Copperheads to join in the Civil War and the attraction of the Democratic party to largely Irish Catholic immigrants.

Blaine ignored the pastor's alliterative description of his rivals but Arthur Pue Gorman, Cleveland's campaign manager, didn't. He made sure the phrase appeared prominently in newspapers all over the country in the six days before election.

Many people who had never voted before turned out on Election Day; those who liked a beer now and then; those who were tired of what was called "waving the bloody shirt;" and, most of all, Catholic immigrants clustered in New York.

Six days after the Rev. Burchard's unfortunate remark, Grove Cleveland was elected president of the United States by 25,000 votes out of more then 9.7 million cast. Blaine lost New York State by a mere 1,149 votes.

And Democrats were singing: "Ma! Ma! Where's my pa? Gone to the White House. Ha! Ha! Ha!"

Upgrades and other setbacks

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Like many closet anthropologists I've always wanted to try the hunter-gatherer lifestyle, so I am loving the changes they're making over at the Cohasset Stop & Shop. The seemingly random rearrangement of everything has made finding my favorite foods nearly impossible — an involuntary crash diet of sorts that frankly couldn't have come at a better time for me. Today I burned 1500 calories just locating a bag of basmati rice — more energy than the rice itself contains. Grocery shopping has become a net negative metabolic activity. It's like a fat camp, but with Easter candy, half of which is on aisle 9-3/4, with the rest under a tarp in the employee men's room

My favorite part is the sign pointing out that this is all for our shopping convenience, as if the thought of flipping the entire store upside down and backwards would never have occurred to them had we not specifically requested it on one of those Customer Feedback forms. Don't they know Middle School tomfoolery when they read it? We don't need a fancy new organic cheese kiosk; just keep the ground sirloin relatively horse-free and we'll keep stopping and shopping. Where else are we going to go, Shaws? Please. We're not masochists

When you receive a letter from a bank, utility, or airline that begins, "In order to serve you better...", you know you're about to get reamed. If there's a phrase dripping with more unabashed Orwellian gall than that one I've yet to hear it. "In order to serve you better we have cut off your telephone service and left a dead skunk on your porch. Your phone service is now free, however the skunk is $18.95 a month. You may discontinue the skunk after 60 days, at which time we will replace it with a pile of rotting clams, which is $26.50. Opt out of the clams and we play hardball. We recommend that you subscribe to the skunk.

I can almost see now why the elderly reject newfangled ideas out of hand, barricade themselves in their homes and stubbornly continue to vote for Strom Thurmond.

Once you've lived through hundreds of these dubious upgrades you begin to question the merits of progress. I can almost see now why the elderly reject newfangled ideas out of hand, barricade themselves in their homes and stubbornly continue to vote for Strom Thurmond. Even when a genuine improvement happens and we cure the awful disease or invent the labor saving device, the main beneficiaries are usually our kids anyway — a bunch of ungrateful slobs — so what's the point? We've given them Coffee Heath Bar Cookie Dough ice cream and six generations of iPods. I for one would like to relax now.

Of all the painful upgrades you're likely to experience, your first kitchen renovation is the one you'll never forget. As with every major home improvement project the best way to approach an outdated kitchen is to ditch your home immediately and never look back. However, even the only intelligent choice may be impractical in a housing market that doesn't involve the actual buying or selling of houses. In that case I've developed a handy questionnaire to help you determine whether a kitchen update is right for you.

1) When you turn on the kitchen faucet, does a potable liquid of any kind, including seawater, come out?

2) Do your cabinets open and close most of the way, and are they any color aside from '72 guacamole'?

3) Over the next 18 months do you anticipate any event for which you might need, oh I don't know, a kitchen?

4) Do you have decent taste, standards of quality, and a respect for local building codes, but a surname that does not happen to be "Al-Waleed bin Talal bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud"?

If you answered "yes" to any of questions 1 through 4, I regret that your kitchen is not an upgrade candidate at this time. Its condition may deteriorate to the point where even the idea of spending barrowfuls of money while torturing your family seems like a reasonable plan, so there is always hope. In the meantime perhaps a new window treatment would add a splash of color to that corner with the exposed insulation and the d-CON bait blocks.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. In order to serve you better he will write his next article while clothed in crinoline of smokey burgundy.

Sewer candidates

Cohasset's TV talk show, Our Town with co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo is featuring candidates for the Sewer Commission, Wayne Sawchuk and Jim Dow. The candidates discuss the current issues before the Sewer Commission and offer their thoughts on how they would serve on the board.

Tune in Mondays at 9p.m. on channel 10 or catch up on Tuesdays or Thursday at 9p.m.

Tune in Cohasset and stay informed.

Watch for Our Town coverage at the upcoming town meeting on Saturday, March 29 and Election Results when the polls close on Saturday, April 4.

Spelling bee

The Cohasset Education Foundation is offering its first annual Children's Spelling Bee fundraiser on Sunday, April 13. All children in grades two to five are welcome to participate in this fun, community event. Each team is made up of three children in the same grade. Team members could be from class, a sports team, or a Cohasset resident in another school.

Registration, including a tee shirt, is $25 per speller. Forms can be downloaded at www.cohasseteducation.org.

SENIOR SCENE

'Adolescent grandchild' subject of 'Connecting the Generations'

Cohasset Elder Affairs is hosting the following upcoming special events. Call 781-383-9112 to register.

Wednesday, March 26, at 11 a.m. - Kim Noble will present "Connecting The Generations Part II." The Adolescent Grandchild. A gourmet lunch prepared by the Angel Food will be served. Cost $2:50

Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Antique Appraisal Day at St. Anthony's Parish Center

Volunteer Appreciation week is for two weeks this year from April 27 to May 3.

Tuesday, April 22, noon - Volunteer Appreciation Lunch at the Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage catered by Arthur Roebuck.

Wednesday, April 30, 11 a.m. to noon Hingham Physical Therapy will present "Fall Prevention" and will provide a delicious luncheon.

Tuesday, April 2, 11 a.m. to noon "Poetry Fest" with Cohasset students and seniors sharing verse and lunch

Monday, April 14, 9 a.m. Cohasset Golden Care Pancake Breakfasts return and will be offered the second Monday of every Month.

Wednesday, April 16, 11 a.m. to noon Connie Curran, Social Worker from South Shore VNA will present: "Caring for Someone with Memory Impairment." Gourmet lunch following the presentation. Cost$2.50.

Monday, April 21, Patriot's Day - Center will be closed.

Tuesday, April 22, Volunteer Appreciation Lunch. No lunch at the center.

Tuesday, May 6, Visit the New England Quilt Museum.

Wednesday, May 7 - Annual Mother's Day Luncheon.

Not ready for prime time

COMMENTARY

JIM DRYSDALE



Satellite view of Sandy Cove area with contours enclosing homes expected to flood at normal high tides (inner) and at full moon tides (outer) with free tidal flow into Treat's Pond.

The rationale for converting Treat's Pond to a tidal pond has taken several twists and turns. The latest reason adopted by the selectmen is that it will reduce flooding in the Sandy Cove area. This seems unlikely. An examination of the consequences of creating free tidal flow indicates that this will create new and more damaging flooding, this time from the sea. I think it would be unwise to pursue this plan even if it cost us nothing at all.

The initial $275,000 study by the ACE had nothing to do with flooding but dealt largely with perceived bacterial pollution of Sandy Cove by Treat's Pond. This was an unnecessary project. The state has monitored bacterial levels at this beach http://mass.digitalhealthdepartment.com/public_21/beaches.cfm) for many years. This public data shows that Sandy Cove was polluted only once in the last six years. This isolated instance was not due to pollution from Treat's Pond but to a wave of pollution emanating from sewage plant failures on the Merrimac. The truth is that Sandy Cove is very well flushed and is not significantly affected by Treat's Pond. Sandy Cove waters are safe for humans and, despite the misguided concerns of ACE, also for shellfish, which don't live there for their own private reasons.

When the pollution argument didn't hold up, the focus turned to the ecological value of converting the pond into a salt marsh. It is clear from old maps that the pond was at one time connected to the sea by a stream at Sandy Cove. Whether by storm or by man this outlet was blocked and the pond became landlocked. As noted by Peter Whittemore and Chris Evans, this event occurred before living memory and it has remained a freshwater pond, except perhaps after major sea storms. Sand has now filled in the old stream bed and the beach in this area has increased considerably. Homes formerly on stilts have now been replaced by homes on the beach, though some built in the 1970s on the flood plain were built on fill. These homes could not have been built if the pond were tidal. The question now is whether restoring tidal flow is desirable from an ecological point of view (and if so at what cost?) or prudent considering the development that has since taken place. Flushing the pond would help to clean it up, but the ACE plan would convert it into a piped aquarium of limited ecological value. Cohasset is blessed with hundreds of acres of real saltwater marshes in Little Harbor and the Gulf which fish can freely access without need of a 250yd pipe. Is it worth spending so much money to add a small pond that as discussed below might do more harm than good?

Lately, the focus has changed to storm-water remediation. This is an important concern that needs swift action but one which has still not been directly addressed. ACE stress that their project is for pond restoration and describe several important effects in Section 5 of the last information sheet of Jan. 4, 2008. All deal with perceived ecological and aesthetic benefits of creating a new salt marsh. Notably, not one word is mentioned of flood control — and for good reason. Nevertheless, some residents and the selectmen are now citing flood control as the main reason for "restoring" the pond. The argument here is that making Treats pond tidal will decrease flooding by increasing its capacity to store floodwaters. This would certainly be true at low tide. However, it's a very different story at high tide. Treat pond lies 3 feet above mean sea level, which is about 4.8 ft at Whitehead near Whale Meadow. With typical high tides of about 10 feet (see - http://tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide), ACE projects that water levels in the pond and its waterways will increase by about 2 ft and will flood areas around the pond that have not seen much, if any, sea water for many years.

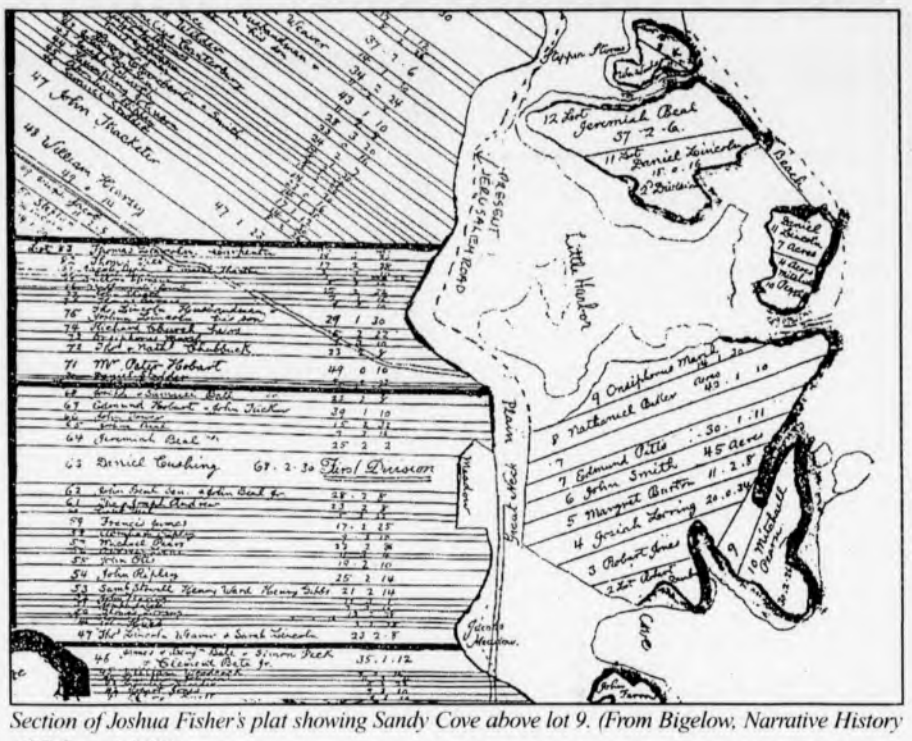
More importantly for some homeowners in Sandy Cove, the increased water levels will create new and different flooding problems. At normal high tides the sea will overflow the access road that crosses the stream feeding Treat's Pond close to Atlantic Avenue. This point, marked with a star on the map, has a low point of less than 4 feet. From there, the sea will spill onto the grounds of several homes, including, ironically, Mr. Houghton's, which also lie only 4 feet above sea level. The areas likely to be affected by normal tides are enclosed by the inner contour. This map was derived with software from Google Earth (Google Earth, 42°14' N, 70°47'W). Considerably more flooding is to be expected at full moons when tides can be up to 2 ft higher for several days. This small increase in sea level will have profound effects on this flat low lying area. As indicated by the outer contour, several other homes that previously were not much affected by stormwater will now be inundated by corrosive sea water for several hours a day.

No doubt property owners will want to be compensated for any damage. Who should pay? Access will then be easier by canoe than by car. At this point, seas flowing from Treat Pond will come within 1 ft of overtopping the sand on Sandy Beach. When pushed by a storm or an on-shore wind the sea might easily cut a channel through the sand. In another irony, this might restore the original outlet to Sandy Cove. Free tidal flow into Treats from any route would therefore adversely affect many properties. Tide gates might help, but would add further artificiality to the "restoration" and would need to be manned day or night, fair weather or foul, for several days a month.

In conclusion, this project is still a work in progress and not ready for prime time. The selectmen have still to determine which properties will be taken by eminent domain and at what costs to the town. Rather than spending $1.7million to turn the clock back 100 years for an increasingly ill-defined project that seems likely to do more harm than good, the town would be better to work with the flood control system already in place at Sandy Cove, imperfect as it is. Access to this drain has recently been blocked by a locked gate. The town should do what's right for those that get flooded and legally enforce this deeded easement- with a Sherman tank if necessary. If residents continue to object to DPW trundling across the sand to keep this drain clear, they can easily clear the drain themselves in 2 minutes with a shovel. Alternatively, they might consider the previously discussed $4000 fix to extend the pipe. If this is unacceptable to them, they should be left to face the consequences of their actions. A staff member of Woods Hole Oceanic Institute who has read this article agrees with the above analysis and thinks "that transforming the fresh water pond to a salt water tidal pond is a very bad idea, especially when you also consider mean sea level rise." The selectmen's article to fund this pig in a poke should be soundly rejected at Town Meeting.

Jim Drysdale represents Cohasset in the South Shore Coastal Watershed Alliance and is a member of the Cohasset stormwater committee. His views may not represent those of other members.

Saltwater History of Treat's Pond



Section of Joshua Fisher's plat showing Sandy Cove above lot 9. (From Bigelow, Narrative History of Cohasset, 1898).

COMMENTARY

JACQUELINE DORMITZER

No longer regularly freshened by saltwater tidal flow, Treat's Pond has become a largely stagnant fresh water pond dominated by Phragmites.

In the March 7 Mariner, both Peter Whittemore and Chris Evans asserted that Treat's Pond was never a saltwater pond. According to Whittemore, "There is no historical record of Treat's Pond ever being salt water." And Evans stated, "The saline history of Treat's Pond is a diversionary myth that needs to be dismissed once and for all." Maybe they should actually read some Cohasset history.

In his Narrative History of Cohasset, E. Victor Bigelow discusses the 1647-48 division of Cohasset's salt meadows among Hingham property owners. Six of the salt meadow lots, totaling 11-1/2 acres, surrounded Sandy Cove (p. 137). At that time, Treat's Pond was not a separate body of water but formed the innermost portion of an inlet from the ocean and was, of course, saline. About 20 years later (1670) the surveyor Joshua Fisher remeasured all shares in the previous land division and divided the entire area of Cohasset, including the uplands (except for the Common), into lots for distribution. The Fisher plat of 1670 shows the inlet at Sandy Cove, above lot 9 at the lower right of the accompanying map.

The configuration of Sandy Cove gradually changed. Sand began to fill the inlet in the mid-1800s, leaving only a channel between what came to be called Treat's Pond and the ocean. But at high tide saltwater still flowed down through the channel, or "guzzle," into the pond, and at low tide pond water flowed back to the ocean. An article by Lucy Treat, included in my anthology of Cohasset history Savor of Salt, makes clear the connection between the pond and the cove: "A real voyage of childish adventure is to start from Sandy Cove in a small boat and row through a guzzle that leads from Sandy Cove into Treat's Pond. After cruising about the pond, one can row through a small canal that leads from Treat's Pond into Little Pond and is a survival of Mr. Doane's salt-making business" (p. 176).

By 1894, however, the separation of Treat's Pond from the ocean was complete, as you can see from the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey map found in Bigelow's Narrative History. Around 1882 a wooden channel had been installed to serve as a manmade "guzzle" from the pond. Fifty years later, the 1933 Town Report noted that the town replaced the "antiquated wooden system that has served for many years and which has been the cause of much trouble and complaint" with an "up-to-date drainage system consisting of iron and cement pipes, catch basin, and tide gate" at Treat's Pond. The purpose of the tide gate, of course, was to regulate the flow of ocean water into the pond. The system was again updated around 1960, this time with a pipe and a flapper valve that only allowed the pond to drain, as sand and seaweed from in-coming tides had clogged the previous pipe. The outfall of the current pipe is now buried under more than 5 feet of sand and must be dug out by backhoe to drain the pond.

No longer regularly freshened by saltwater tidal flow, Treat's Pond has become a largely stagnant fresh water pond dominated by Phragmites. Accreting sand has separated the pond from the ocean at Sandy Cove by about 1,000 feet. Nevertheless, according to a recent e-mail communication from a long-time neighbor of the pond, it can still be considered an "occasional salt marsh":

"Since I have lived here in the mid-1960s, there have been periods of very high salinity at Treat's and periods (such as now) of no or very low salinity. The 'occasional salt marsh' feature was caused by ocean flooding, which seemed to occur at fairly regular intervals. Storm water from the ocean would wash into Treat's Pond and turn it into a temporary saltwater body. Over time, the salinity would decrease until the next occasion of coastal flooding. These flooding dynamics have changed over time due to the following factors:

When the Bigelow [no relation to the historian] property was developed (around 1979/80), the driveway was raised, substantially blocking direct ocean water surge from entering Treat's across the historical flood plain. That development fundamentally changed the water dynamics in the neighborhood.

The beach front has changed, and that buildup seems to limit the frequency of ocean water storm surge over the top of the beach and into the field."

The historical record is clear: Treat's Pond was once saline. To assert the contrary is to ignore the evidence and mislead the public.

Jacqueline Dormitzer, for Friends of Treat's Pond

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Fresh water pond'

TO THE EDITOR:

As far as I can ascertain, Treats Pond is a fresh water pond. In fact, some of my children skated there in their youth with friends.

Referring to Bigelow's book of Cohasset page 13 – In the 19th century "the mud of an ancient bog on Sandy Cove is now exposed, showing that the sea has risen several feet since the bog was formed" the sea is still rising throwing the sand back on the land. A nor'easter further causes the flooding of homes and Atlantic Avenue.

I've read in the Mariner articles of a proposed Treat Pond "solution." I support the "box" at the southern end of Sandy Cove to help the drainage. When I was selectman chair several years ago, I went with the highway department to reset the area mentioned. The pipe was eventually cleared and though a larger pipe was suggested at the time nothing was done.

For these reasons and others it seems foolhardy to create a salt pond by an excessive piping plan which may or not be the solution or create more flooding in the process.

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Q&A – Proposal for Housing Trust

Information session on affordable housing *— The Cohasset Housing Partnership will conduct a public information session and discussion on affordable housing in Cohasset on Tuesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. at the Library.*

Please join us to discuss the need for affordable housing, the approaches to developing affordable housing, our state-mandated compliance status, the articles proposed for this and next fall's Town Meetings, the myths and realities of affordable housing and any other questions or concerns you may have.

• **What is the housing trust?** The housing trust would be a new town agency, a vehicle and tool in executing both the Partnership's approved charge and a pro-active policy of developing new and maintain existing affordable housing in Cohasset.

• **What is its functional advantage?** The housing trust would be the functional equivalent of an enterprise fund dedicated solely to the development and maintenance of affordable housing. Like other such funds we have in Town, it would have a greater degree of flexibility to act when necessary (its true advantage when operating in the private sector real estate marketplace), but unlike these others it has a system of controls and checks & balances on major activities.

• **From where did the idea come?** Other communities are using housing trusts as an integral part of a pro-active affordable housing/40B strategy. The state has greatly assisted this effort by creating a trust mechanism by statute, which this article would adopt. Specifically, we are copying what Hingham *passed* last spring, including the added local control measures that Hingham put into its trust.

• **What are the powers of the trust?** The enumerated powers listed in the warrant article you will see are self-explanatory and come from the statute, and include all the tools necessary for the trust to perform its tasks. It is *not* however the goal of the trust to make the town a developer (see next question). Added is the ability to make grants and loans to preserve existing housing. Hingham is embarking on such a program. We think this is a very important tool for preservation of existing units. The Community Preservation Act has a similar capability, so this power is not unprecedented.

• **What are the anticipated functions of the trust?** The Partnership's operational plan is designed to assist the Town in meeting both its compliance with 40B and non-40B housing needs. We seek to develop enough units to close our anticipated 40B gap, by developing small scale, unobtrusive projects, both new and thru conversion of existing units. An example of the latter is the 2 units at 821 Jerusalem Road recently taken by tax title. While the focus of the trust is on 40B, our wider goal is to address not only that statute with which we *must* comply, but also to develop units at price points just above 40B limits. Our modus operandi is to look for the private development community to take the lead on ownership and development of projects, with the Partnership and trust simply acting as a facilitator, rather than putting the Town in the role as lead developer.

By being pro-active, we hope to best be able to be in a position to take advantage of available 40B moratoriums and/or control our destiny against unwanted or oversized 40B proposals.

We envision the trust to be primarily a funding and subsidy source for projects originating from the Partnership or private sector. The trust would also have the capability to secure available properties with short-term deposits or even short-term purchase. The trust could also engage in a loan or grant program. Eventually, it could also replace the Partnership, taking on not only a funding role, but a role as originator and facilitator of projects, and as implementer of the housing plan.

• **What local controls are added to the trust?** The Board of Selectmen (BOS) presently guides Partnership policies. It will have control over the trust by power of appointment of the seven trustees, at least one of whom must be a BOS member. The major financial powers of the trust, purchasing or disposing of real estate and borrowing, will require BOS approval. Finally, the trust will have to present to Town Meeting, for approval annually, an allocation plan, a general plan of how it intends to expend its funds, much as the CPC now does with its funds. The trust will also only be able to assist so-called "friendly 40B" projects — those that come via cooperation with the Town. Provisions are also added 1) to limit the trust's liability to trust assets, and so not make the Town liable for its debts, and 2) like the CPC, to have the trust be revisited, and either sunsetted or renewed, in five years.

• **Why now?** The Town is not at 40B compliance and will be slightly under compliance even with all known projects now in the pipeline, including Avalon. We thus remain at risk for a large, community-altering, undesired project and land is available for such a project. *We need to be pro-active*, by devising a proper Planned Production Plan and by having the tools necessary, like the trust and inclusionary zoning, with which to execute a pro-active policy.

What will be the sources of funds for the trust? The trust is empowered to receive funding from general appropriation of the town, gifts, loans and developers. We expect the primary sources of funding to be 1) transfer of the Community Preservation housing-dedicated funds and 2) developer buy-outs from the new inclusionary zoning bylaw (coming fall '08).

• **What will be the interaction with CPC and its "affordable housing" obligation and are the boards duplicative?** Given that the CPC has other functions and does not now affirmatively seek out affordable housing projects, we would hope it would simply transfer most if not all of its funds allocated for affordable housing to the trust, and defer project origination and management to agencies more singularly focused on housing, i.e. the trust and Partnership. Synergy rather than duplication of effort should be the result.

Treat's Pond article deserves support

COMMENTARY

ROBERT AND JENNIFER WILLMS

These were widely supported without regard to what group or neighborhood benefited.

In 2004 the townspeople of Cohasset participated in a comprehensive planning and goal setting process known as the Cohasset Master Plan. The plan sought to articulate and review the town's values and goals with the objective of conserving the character of the town, its open spaces, its environment, its heritage and its beauty. The character of the town is also revealed in the values expressed by the numerous and frequently unrecognized acts of generosity of individuals and organizations who have contributed their time, effort and resources unselfishly for the good of all. Cohasset's civic generosity as well as its natural assets are what make this town a most desirable place in which to live.

The townspeople have also, through their participation in town government and with their pocketbooks, sought to improve the lives of their fellow citizens irrespective of their address or presumed financial resources whenever and wherever possible. The projects undertaken by the town in the last few years have involved the schools, water resources, flood relief, environmental restoration, recreational facilities and open space preservation. These were widely supported without regard to what group or neighborhood benefitted.

Among the most significant have been Cohasset's environmental and flood control projects. For James Brook/Jacob's Meadow, the town has already spent $1.8 million for three culverts and a tide gate. It is also spending another $2 million to upgrade the sewer plant and another $1 million to reduce the infiltration and inflow to the plant during storm events. Simultaneously, an emergency bypass pipe is being completed this month that will, in addition to the above, completely eliminate the unacceptable failures of the plant that have plagued some residences on Elm St. The town has also applied for a $300,000 FEMA grant to improve flow through the tide gate and create an upstream detention basin. The Community Preservation Committee has recommended a grant of $89,000, matched by a CZM grant of $46,000, for rain gardens to clean and reduce flow into Ellms and Jacob's Meadows. As a community we support these and other ongoing efforts to eliminate flooding and pollution in James Brook and Jacob's Meadow.

The town, together with Hingham and Hull, is supporting a $2.4 million reconstruction of the tide gates at Strait's Pond, and a $65,000-plus matching grant for the replacement of the culvert at Border St. and Parker Ave. At last year's Town Meeting, the town also appropriated $1 million for flood control and drainage in the Little Harbor area and received in addition a $150,000 grant from the Mass DEP for storm water remediation there.

The town has been generous. It has supported these and many other projects without regard to address, location or apparent local resident financial resources.

There have been a lot of discussions, passion, and many interpretations (and misinterpretations) of the situation and the facts. The simple truth is that we have a rainwater flooding problem that the Town has an obligation to mitigate. We ask that you take this into consideration and support the restoration and flood control project for Treat's Pond at Town Meeting on March 29. The town has consistently supported environmental remediation and flood control projects, particularly those matched by grants from the state and federal governments. We are asking that you vote to approve Article 22 and to approve the investment by the town of $300,000 in order to obtain a $1.7 million solution and its significant benefits. We will continue to pursue a town solution to these significant flooding problems and the environmental issues associated with Treats Pond. If we do not proceed with this project now, we will lose significant outside funding. We feel the time is now and we hope you will agree with us. The Treat's Pond restoration and flood control project deserves your support.

Robert and Jennifer Willms for the Friends of Treat's Pond.

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Question Of The Week

For Sewer Commission candidates: Those with septic systems often learn to be careful about what they put down the drain. Would it be beneficial to educate and or encourage sewer users not to give up their old septic system habits? And is there a future for "gray-water" gardens and other initiatives?

SEWER COMMISSION/ Wayne Sawchuk

When the expansion of the Little Harbor Sewer District is completed in about two years, about half of the town's dwellings will be served by public sewage disposal and the remaining half will continue to be served by individual septic systems.

Whether on septic systems or sewer systems there is a long list of items that should not be washed down the sink or flushed down the toilet:

- Diapers, whether cloth or disposable
- Chemicals, like paints, thinners, varnish, unwanted cooking oil, grease
- Cigarette butts, they are not biodegradable
- Coffee grounds
- Dirt, from washing out your flowerpots for example
- Drugs and medicines
- Kitty litter
- Paper towels
- Latex condoms and gloves
- Plastic gloves
- Sanitary napkins
- Dental floss
- Toys

These items should be disposed of properly and not washed down the drain. They can clog piping inside a house or cause problems with the grinder pumps being installed for individual homes in the new Little Harbor Sewer District.

Although the grinder pumps are designed to macerate most normal sewage flows, invariably, the heavy load put on the pumps can burn them out prematurely or cause them to siege and clog up during their frequent on and off cycles.

With the introduction of newer filters being installed in the outlets of septic and grey-water systems, the longevity of the absorption fields will be expanded when combined with annual pumping of septic tanks.

In terms of a future for "grey-water" gardens and other initiatives, I think that would require much more space than allotted here.

I have encountered many different causes of septic system and pump failures during the 20-year period I built and repaired septic and drainage systems in Cohasset and will apply some of the common sense solutions to solve Cohasset's wastewater issues.

SEWER COMMISSION/ Jim Dow

Residents that have had septic systems in the past have already been somewhat conditioned as to what they can and cannot dispose of through the drains. Educated sewer users are always better off than those that dispose of whatever they choose without thinking of the consequences. With the addition of the low-pressure grinder pumps to the sewer system, it will be particularly important to educate all residents to help them to understand what materials can be deposited into the system. The use of garbage disposals adds a significant risk to the grinder pump systems. The materials that are sent through them, even though they are ground up, still pose the threat of impairing the pumps ability to run by clogging the impeller.

The use of "gray-water" for gardening is not only a realistic idea, it is a very smart and conversation minded option. Recycling water to use in your garden would ultimately save money with minimal negative impact or effort. It would save money because you would be re-using the water you are already paying for. Secondly and just as important, the water used outside would not be going to the treatment plant, you would actually be minimizing the impact on the plant by not sending the water to be treated. If you have the ability to choose where the gray water comes from, use shower and bathtub water first because it will not contain the same types of grease and fats that the kitchen sink or dishwasher water may have. You have to be careful about using the gray water because it will often contain hair, soaps and detergents although it can be used with minimal treatment. This water can be extracted by using a siphon and draining it into a bucket or removing the trap under the drain.

For Selectman candidates: What "grade" would you give Selectmen on their handling of the Treat's Pond issue so far, and where do you stand on the Treat's Pond issue?

SELECTMAN/ Fred Koed

Incomplete. Storm water management remains a serious town-wide problem that needs town-wide prioritization. Selectmen get a continual flow of hot button issues. We're like a reluctant traffic cop trying to move projects through the congested intersection of competing and conflicting public interests.

We win some and we lose some. The new sewer project around Little Harbor and sections of Atlantic Avenue should help the water quality along our coast. The Town owes a debt of gratitude to Sewer, Conservation, Water, town engineering & highway for working together to solve many drainage issues in conjunction with that new project.

Now we need to solve the issues of James Brook flooding, especially around the sewer treatment plant. I expect engineering will confirm the wisdom of a retention pond somewhere upstream between Sohier Street and the Bird Sanctuary Pond. Releasing water gradually through downtown, under the Greenbush ROW, through James Meadow, and out the Self-Regulating Tide gate into the harbor will help minimize flooding.

The Treat's Pond article started as a citizen's petition and was converted to a selectmen's article. Because of the possibility of federal & state grants and what I feel is an obligation to hear out any neighborhood on their local problems, I did support placing the article on the warrant. As the owner of a conservation restriction on the pond, Cohasset does have a responsibility to find the most cost effective way to improve flow.

I am opposed to any new outfall into Cohasset Harbor. Along with the lobstermen and others, I'm seriously concerned about any outfall in proximity to the lobster in the lobster carts. Other reasons are too numerous to mention, except I'll just say Cohasset Harbor is in serious jeopardy, as evidenced by the strange corrosion and very limited life of boat mooring block chains underwater.

SELECTMAN/ Karen Quigley

My most valued friends are those who tell me the truth especially when I don't want to hear it. In this spirit, I suggest if the Selectmen do extra credit work between now and Town Meeting they can bump up their grade.

Since the merits of the project have been debated publicly, there is no need to reiterate them here. In my estimation, the project will neither meet the environmental goal of "restoration" nor successfully address stormwater flooding and is a financial boondoggle.

We are now actively engaged in preparing a Stormwater Flooding Master Plan for which the town appropriated $80,000. The purpose of this strategic town-wide study is to understand the extent of stormwater flooding, to set priorities and to make recommendations.

Thus, the issue is not if the Atlantic Avenue neighborhood should be included, but why they should receive priority when their flooding is neither greater nor more urgent than that in other neighborhoods.

Proponents argue they have secured the golden carrot: $1.1-million in federal funding. This funding is for "restoration" not flooding, and comes with a 35 percent non-federal match ($600,000). Taxpayers are being asked to commit to this as yet unengineered project in the hope the state provides some of the match and to trust the cost has not been underestimated.

The last time Town Meeting was told "act now or lose out" was the ill-fated town-sponsored development of the Cook Estate. Haste made waste then — $600,000 worth.

I've done my homework; the Treat's Pond article is a blank check, environmental and financial, that should not be signed.

For Planning Board candidates: The Planning Board has to balance the rights of an individual property owner to build what he/she wants and the presumed rights of the community at large. Drainage and stormwater runoff are examples. As a Planning Board member, how do you plan to balance those rights?

PLANNING BOARD/Clark Brewer

This is a great question. The planning board needs to find the balance between individual and community rights. An example of this balance is the Cohasset common. Many agree that the common is a charming and useful space created by both public and private interests. However, you cannot paint your house blue. Most agree though, this is fair and the historic district is worthy of protection and preservation.

Individuals and businesses need both basic and creative solutions to the problems they have of space requirements, visibility and creating value, both for themselves and the community. Individual property owners that are responsible, knowledgeable and conservative should be able to do what they want, as long as they don't negatively impact others. Before zoning, people built smaller houses and buildings that minimized the impact on others. For Cohasset, this practical approach, meant businesses were clustered in areas of the most activity, large houses were built on solid ground, ship captains homes were built close to the ocean but at a safe distance and fisherman cottages at the waters edge were small to minimize their owners loss from storms damage.

There is a responsibility to balance what members think individually, what may seem best for the community and what is reasonable to ask of individuals. In order to have a sense for this, it is important to find out what people think, have open discussions, participate in public meetings, research, understand successes or failures of similar communities and be able to think clearly about both short and long term goals.

My plan is to treat applicants with respect, understand the facts of each application, consider the perspective of neighbors, the neighborhood or the Town and make recommendations or decisions that are carefully considered.

PLANNING BOARD/ Charles Samuelson

A property owner who desires to undertake a building project must apply for a permit with the Building Inspector. The Building Inspector evaluates the proposed project for compliance with the Zoning Bylaws. If a permit is denied, the property owner may appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals. As part of the appeals process the Planning Board is required to submit a written recommendation based on their interpretation of the Zoning Bylaws. The Zoning Board of Appeals is not required to accept or agree with this recommendation. If the Zoning Board of Appeals declines to issue a Special Permit or Variance, the property owner can take the case to either Land Court or Superior Court or to propose a change to the Zoning Bylaws. In any case, the proposed project is evaluated against the Zoning Bylaws. It is intended that there be no subjectivity in the Planning Board's evaluation and recommendation. The Planning Board must follow the Zoning Bylaws. Thus, in a way, the question is moot.

The process for changes to the Zoning Bylaws is managed by the Planning Board. The Planning Board conducts hearings and submits amendments along with its recommendation at Town Meetings. The Town votes to accept or reject each amendment. Thus the ultimate standard for evaluating a land owner's rights and restrictions (the Zoning Bylaws) are created by the Town, not the Planning Board.

To address the specific issue of storm water drainage, the current proposal is not before the Town Meeting as an amendment to the Zoning Bylaws. The proposal is for the Conservation Commission to manage storm water drainage permit process, not the Planning Board.

For School Committee candidate: Are the schools the right place to tackle substance abuse among teens and how bad is the alcohol-drug problem at the middle-high school?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Alfred Slanetz

Alcohol and substance abuse destroys lives. Developing a healthy lifestyle starts at home. While parents have the principle responsibility for instilling character and helping their children develop a healthy lifestyle, the school can serve an important role through health education and teacher-led group discussion. Particularly as students go through those difficult teenage years when they feel invincible and everything mom or dad says is wrong, peer group discussion at school can be invaluable to internalize healthy life skills in each of our children.

The school has a zero tolerance policy to alcohol/drugs on school property/events. The school enforces this policy through its faculty and chaperones. Off campus, police provide enforcement.

The alcohol/drug problem at the Middle-High School is comparable to other suburban schools. There is more alcohol than drug use. The heavy drinking that does occur is primarily at parties in a limited number of homes in town. All it takes are one or two parents in a grade to facilitate teenage drinking at their house and more damage is done to that peer group than anything the school can control. It is the parents who condone these parties who bear the primary responsibility for any drinking or drug problem in town. The police have and will continue to deal with them. Parents should also do what they can to ostracize such parents from our community.

Alcohol and drugs are, unfortunately, a part of the world. While it may be appropriate for parents to introduce their own children to alcohol in moderation (e.g.- a glass of wine with dinner), facilitating heavy drinking for their own and other peoples' children certainly is not appropriate and is illegal. The parents and community have the principle role in tackling substance abuse. Teaching our children healthy life skills is part of a parent-school partnership.

Next Week's Question

For School Committee candidate: How important is the METCO program to Cohasset and is it time to revisit Cohasset's participation in light of budget restraints?

For Selectman candidates: "See you in court!" could be the mantra for Cohasset. Can the selectmen do more to control the town's legal costs?

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Responses should be brief — no more than 300 words — and must be received by 5 p.m., Tuesday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word-count feature on the computer to determine the number of words.)

Candidates may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their answers, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

We will also publish a weekly Candidates' Corner, which will be limited to a few paragraphs (about 150 words), from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers, short position statements and the like.

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If you have questions, or would like to suggest a Question of the Week, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

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HEALTH NOTES

Treat's Pond choice is up to you

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

This week I had a casual conversation with a civilian who works for the Army Corps of Engineers. He is a geologist who, among other things, is studying cleanup of trace contaminants in Wompatuck Park. Our discussion touched on budgets and he said that his part of the Corps has had a larger budget this year to cover congressional earmarks authorized by the present administration. He jokingly talked about "dredging harbors to accommodate congressmen's yachts" and such. Obviously, if a listener puts such remarks in the context of Cohasset's experience with the Corps, it suggests a deeper look at the funds which Cohasset is considering in relation to the restoration of Treats Pond to a saltmarsh which some claim it to have been until the late 1850's.

My understanding of the Treat's Pond controversy is as follows:

No one now possesses sufficient real engineering data to determine the best and cheapest means for solving the flooding from stormwater of the Northeast side of Atlantic Avenue of which Treats Pond is a part.

After heavy rain events, both sides of Atlantic Avenue are flooded with stormwater which present drainage is inadequate to relieve before unhealthy flooding occurs in several occupied dwellings along Atlantic Avenue.

...Allocate the money to much needed restoration of saltmarshes in Quincy near ongoing developments, or to restore Treats Pond.

Having read the Mariner, my understanding of the Army Corps involvement in Treats Pond is that they have proposed three solutions to the use of Treats Pond to alleviate flooding.

1. Rebuild the existing drain from Treats to Sandy Cove by increasing its diameter to accept the added stormwater entering Treats during a heavy rain event. And, since the invert (output pipe) into the present catchbasin is buried between 6 and 10 feet below the surface of the beach at its location in Sandy Cove, extend the outfall into Sandy Cove by some distance estimated to be in the hundreds of feet. This solution, the Corps is unwilling to consider because the bottom at the outfall location is unstable and subject to filling and erosion of unknown amount and rate, since no good technical data exists.

2. and 3. are to: construct a pipe to an existing outfall at the intersection of Atlantic and Margin Street; or: Lay a pipe overland to an existing drain in Whale Meadow.

Now to the Army Corps funding. It is my understanding that Congressman Delahunt has considerable control over the million or so dollars earmarked for Massachusetts, and that he is under pressure both to either: Allocate the money to much needed restoration of saltmarshes in Quincy near ongoing developments, or to restore Treats Pond.

Of course, the sensible solution would be to include in the Stormwater/Drainage master plan provisions to determine the best, most cost effective Treats Pond solution using a part, maybe $50,000 of the earmark benevolence to obtain sufficient data to make an optimum decision and give Quincy their share of the balance.

But, it's really up to you. Time is getting late and soon you'll vote on the Treats Pond issue. If enough people believe that we should try to get the Army Engineers to help with the solution to our stormwater problem by trying to obtain earmark funding from the government then Warrant Article No 22 will pass. If they don't we will have to find other ways to fund the Stormwater Remediation plan already paid for.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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Close group built success this season

Hockey team wins 13 games during 2007-08 season

By Joel Racicot
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Tight knit.

That's probably the easiest way to describe how close the Cohasset High hockey team was during the 2007-08 season.

It also describes how this group remains.

Skippers coach Bob Walsh grew particularly fond to this senior class, his second to graduate under his tenure. The team expanded his systems and coaching philosophies in year two and won 13 games.

The Skippers earned a No. 8 seed in the Div. 3 South sectional, losing to Westwood, 2-0. That game, a very even match, could have gone either way, give or take a few bounces.

The win propelled Westwood into the sectional final where it was finally dispatched by Scituate, 5-3.

"It's nice in one respect to lose to a team that kept winning," Walsh said. "We played them tight. It shows a lot about the character of this team."

Had the Skippers skated by Westwood they had the potential to make a serious run in the bracket.

"Our feeling was if we got by Westwood we could have a pretty good tourney," Walsh said. "They were a very similar type of team. We both had the first game jitters. After shaking hands with Mike (Welby) I said, "go all the way to the top.'"

Losing left a bad taste in the Skippers mouths.

"There was a lot of disappointment," Walsh said. "The consensus from the guys I talked to was it was a great season, they had a good time and enjoyed the workouts. It was emotional, that last game, because I have such a good relationship with these seniors."

Walsh admitted that he was closer with this senior class than last because they spent two full seasons together. "Watching them graduate," he said, "is like seeing my own sons going off to college."

The seniors, Frank Wheelwright, R.K. Quebec, Chaz Czerkawski, Alex Goetz and Pat Doonan, along with coach Walsh, grabbed breakfast during the season at Morrell's in Abington or Butterfields in Rockland.

Talking penalty kills over Eggs Benedict created a special bond with this group.

"We try and go twice a month just as a bunch of guys," Walsh said.

Walsh wants to continue to build a pro-

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Pat Doonan (24) sends Westwood's Stephen Wright (13) into the boards during first period play.

Skippers lacrosse program springs into action

Varsity outlook boys

The Skippers, under head coach Stew Curran, are the defending two-time Division III state champions. It will be hard to match the drama of last year's State championship game against Scituate, but the 2008 squad will be looking to improve on last year's 16-3 record and threepeat as State champions.

Anthony Roman, formerly a goalie at Guilford College and currently a graduate student at B.U, will coach the JV. Gene Binda (former standout at Salve Regina College) will return as an additional assistant coach.

Although the boys lost some key players to graduation, including All-American attackman and playmaker Mike Bunstein and standout defenseman Jeff Brown (Denver University), the team should be very strong again. Cohasset will be dynamic in the offensive zone and should put the ball in the back of the cage often.

The 2008 squad will be led by its attack which returns two starters from an attack line which most observers believed was the best in the state last year. The "Summer Street" connection of senior co-captains Mark Flibotte and Mike Grimm, should once again lead the scoring parade for the Skippers.

Flibotte (bound for Bowdoin College next Fall) earned All American, All Scholastic and South Shore all-star honors in 2007, leading the Skippers in scoring with over 100 points. He should put up big numbers again and challenge Cohasset's all-time scoring record.

Grimm (headed to the University of Pennsylvania) contributed over 90 points in 2007 while earning All Scholastic and South Shore all-star honors. Grimm will again break down opposing defenses with his explosive dodging, quickness and rocket release and should be a legitimate All American candidate this year.

There will be significant competition for the remaining attack slots, particularly since both Grimm and Flibotte will likely see some time in the midfield. Senior attackers Chris Mills and Matt Burgess, juniors, Gordon Smith, Matt Wassell and Johnny Wade, and sophomores, Will Wise and Dean Driscoll, should be in the mix and provide still more scoring punch to a very potent offense.

Cohasset's offensive focus will continue at the midfield where senior co-captain Chuck Czerkawski (South Shore all-star), and seniors PJ McCaw and Peter Ernst, will lead. Czerkawski (headed to Connecticut College) and McCaw should dominate the face-off circle and give the Skippers the all important possessions throughout the year. Ball control will be critical to Cohasset's ultimate success. Both Czerkawski and McCaw have strong shots and will put very tough, physical defensive pressure on the opponent's top offensive midfielders.

Ernst should provide quickness in the transition game as well as help win the ground ball

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Skippers lacrosse program springs into action

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battles in the middle of the field. Senior Greg Gallagher and juniors Andrew DiPaulo, Andrew Smith, Owen Landon, Alex Livingstone and Charlie Mushin will also carry a substantial load at midfield. From the indoor season, it looks like a number of other sophomores and freshman may also be ready to make a contribution.

The Cohasset defense was hard hit by graduation returning only the "big man," senior Jake Cuneo from the top six long poles of 2007. However, Cuneo will be a formidable object in the middle of the Skipper defense. Due to relative inexperience in the defensive end, Cohasset may employ varied defenses more often this year. Juniors Vin Curran and Anderson Lynner, along with two stout footballers, senior Cliff Musto and sophomore Nick Lieberman, will be counted on to step up.

If they come together as a group, opposing offenses will find it very difficult to get good shooting opportunities. Given Cohasset's size and aggressive defensive style, staying out of the penalty box will be key. Senior co-captain Nate Porter will again man the goal in 2008 and look to continue his outstanding play from last year. Porter is a seasoned net minder and positions himself well in the goal and is very smart with his passing in the clearing game. He worked hard in the off-season and will need to coordinate the young and inexperienced defense in front of him for Cohasset to repeat as State champions.

The boys open the regular season at home on Wednesday, April 1 against Catholic Memorial. The schedule is a tough one with games against several very strong programs including Duxbury, Hingham, Marshfield, Tabor Academy and archrival Scituate. The boys will also play in the first ever Seacoast Cup at Scituate High on April 17 and 19.

Varsity outlook girls

While the boys were winning their second-straight state title in 2007, the girls finished a season that started with title hopes of their own, but ended with them out of the playoffs.

That disappointment will serve as a huge motivating factor for this year's squad. Returning to the playoffs and building for the future will be key goals for coach Chuck Jaffe. Two-thirds of the starting line-up will be new this season, which promises tremendous competition for playing time among a group of aggressive underclassmen.

Midfield should be a strength in 2008, where junior Caitlin Mahoney and sophomore Amy Meikleham both earned all-league honors a year ago. Isabelle Franklin – who started a handful of games as a freshman – will fill one of the vacant slots, with the final two jobs up for grabs. Expect senior Jen Silvia, juniors Madeline Leahy, Katelyn Ryan and Grace Clougherty, and freshman Kaci Kucinski to be in the mix.

Kucinski is the second-leading girls scorer in the history of the Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program. Ryan, Silvia or junior Amanda Masotta are all in line to be the potential defensive stopper at the midfield. Jaffe and returning JV coach Jennifer Palmer are excited about the team's depth at midfield because several young players – sophomores Samantha Crough, Lucy Noble, Chelsea Silvia and freshmen Caroline Fein and Olivia Murphy – all have the potential to work their way into a varsity job.

The team graduated all of its starters at attack, so there will be a new look up front in 2008. Expect Lindsay Hill, a fast, left-handed player who has started on defense for every game of her high school career, to compete up front this year, along with classmates Kayla Farren and Katie Gaumer.

Gaumer potted over 40 goals for the JV team during the last two years which should translate into production at the varsity level this year. Sophomore Kaleigh Teague earned a varsity letter as a freshman and classmate Hannah Burgess has high-grade skills as well. Freshman Kelsey Erler is an exciting, high-motor player with the ability to be a factor right away.

On defense, expect Senior Captain Sarah Brown to lead the way, along with sophomore Mimi Mahoney who earned a starting role halfway through her freshman campaign. Senior Amanda Hurd, sophomore Megan Richardson and freshman Eliza Kinnealey most likely will battle it out for playing time in the defensive zone. Goaltending will be the biggest concern. The squad enters the season without a seasoned keeper on the roster. The development of a goaltender – or the lack of one – is likely to be the biggest factor in the team's ability to succeed this season.

Carolyn Crimmins will join Jaffe and Palmer as a part-time coach this season. She's an 8th-grade English teacher in the Cohasset school system, whose presence will allow the team to work in smaller groups, focusing on skill development, so that the team will be able to build on whatever it can accomplish this year and compete for a title when it returns an experienced squad in 2009.

The girls are scheduled to open their regular season on the road at Bishop Feehan High School, and will start their home season Saturday, April 5 against Nantucket.

The youth program

Under the able leadership of Kirk Bukowski (Boys) and Joe Fitzgerald (Girls), Cohasset Youth Lacrosse celebrates its thirteenth season in 2008. The program continues to grow and lacrosse sticks in the hands of grade school boys and girls have become a sure sign of spring in Cohasset. Cohasset will have approximately 13 teams supported by the efforts of many committed parents/coaches. We will also run a 1st and 2nd grade clinic to introduce the game in a fun way at an early age.

Cohasset boys participate in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League and the girls play in the South Shore Lacrosse League. Cohasset has one of the most active youth programs in New England. The program has been successful on the field, consistently compiling impressive records while remaining true to its guiding philosophy of developing good sportsmanship, discipline, and fundamental lacrosse skills while at the same time providing equal playing time and fun for all participants.

Alumni

Another sure sign of the Cohasset Lacrosse Program's success is the number of our recent high school players who now play at the college level – Crandon Leahy (Quinnipiac), Jake Previte and Lauren Rizzotti (St. Michael's); Haley Haracz (Purdue club); Ashley Faber (Connecticut College); Jeff Brown (Denver); Jon Grimm and Sam Steele (Northeastern club); Tessa Leahy (Fitchburg State); Peter Kovach (U Mass-Boston); Bobby Meikleham (Bentley); Ryan Kucinski (Babson); Nick Murphy (Wentworth), Lisa Spirito (UConn club); Jessica Wheelwright (Gordon College); Leo Clougherty (St. Leo's) and Nick Spirito (Western Connecticut) – to name a few. Ronan Buick is coaching and playing down under for Melbourne, Australia's oldest lacrosse club. Garrett Curran (a Cohasset youth alumni) earned Preseason All-American honors and is in his fourth year as a starting goalie for fourth ranked Lynchburg College.

Help Cohasset Boosters keep the spirit growing

The Boosters' mission is to promote and grow the sport of lacrosse in Cohasset. We'll be active all spring with events, supporting our coaches, purchasing new equipment, providing support for off-season competition and publicizing our players/teams. You can stay informed about our activities, game schedules and our teams' successes at our web site – www.cohassetlacrosse.com.

The Boosters will host the lacrosse kickoff dinners at the Cohasset Lightkeepers on March 25 (boys) and March 26 (girls). We're planning a start of season Lacrosse Spirit Day on April 5. We will also host a youth jamboree for both girls and boys on June 14 and 15. Our alumni will return for our Eighth Annual Alumni Game. There's a lot happening, and we need your involvement. Whether you can contribute financially or as a volunteer, your support means a lot. Don't hesitate to contact us if you'd like to be involved. Thanks for your help.

Bill Grimm, Hank Kucinski, Bill Bell, Joe Fitzgerald, Kirk Bukowski, Melissa Grasz, John Brown, Maria Mills, Joyce Driscoll, Stu Sanderson and Corey Axelson.

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Flibotte has all-star season

Groton School junior captain, Gabby Flibotte, had an all-star season for the Lady Zebras. Flibotte, a native of Cohasset, led the Groton school in points, averaging 13 points per game.

In addition, Gabby led the team in steals, averaging 3.5 steals per game. She collected five rebounds per game. Flibotte was selected to play in the Class A/Class B New England Prep School Athletic Conference all-star game.

She was also a unanimous selection to the first team All-Independent School League.

"Gabby is a tremendous competitor," said Groton coach Susan Wynn. "We play a very tough schedule and Gabby's leadership and desire to win carried us to the semifinals of the Class B tournament."

Groton finished the season 15-7 and advanced to the semifinal round of the New England Prep School tournament before falling to eventual champions Suffield Academy.

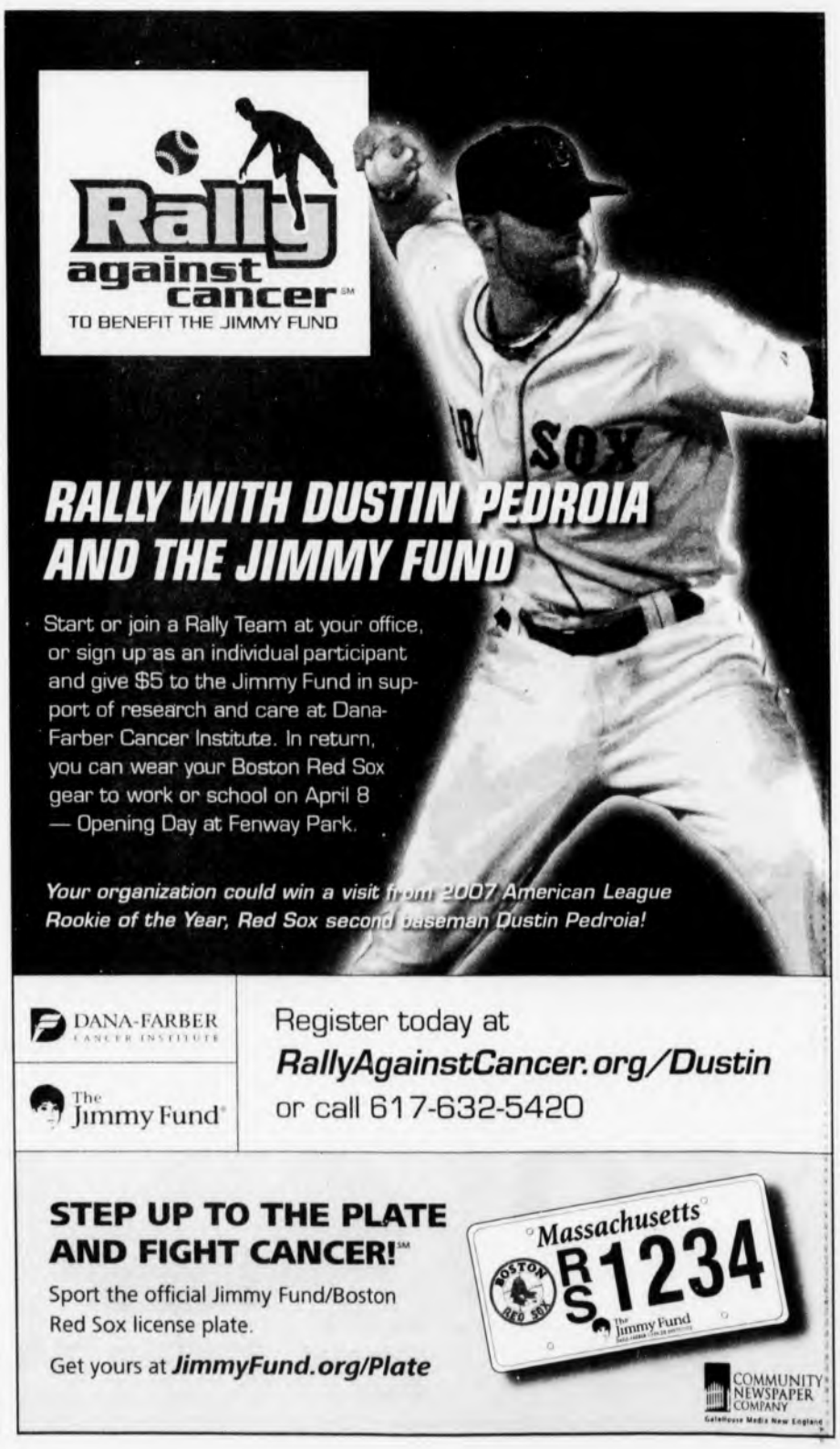


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Cohasset's Gabby Flibotte for the Groton School.

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Close group built success this season

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gram. His ongoing relationship with last year's seniors has set the precedent for staying in touch with this group.

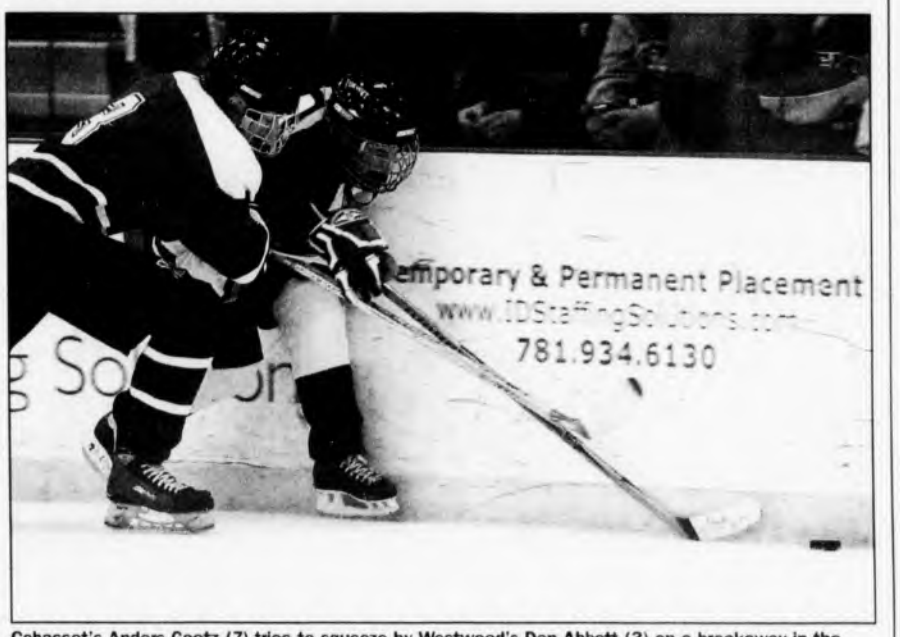
"As a program we want to do better and better each year," Walsh said. "Last year we were the 17th seed and this year we were top 10."

Wheelwright, Doonan, Czerkawski and Jonny Wade were all named to the South Shore League all-star team. Although a strong core will graduate, Walsh and Co. is hard at work getting ready for next season.



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Cohasset's Chaz Czerkawski (18, C) looks for an opening while going on the attack in the first period of their game against Westwood.



Cohasset's Anders Goetz (7) tries to squeeze by Westwood's Dan Abbott (3) on a breakaway in the second period of their playoff game.

Wheelwright, Doonan, Czerkawski and Jonny Wade were all named to the South Shore League all-star team. Although a strong core will graduate, Walsh and Co. is hard at work getting ready for next season.

"It's going to be difficult to lose guys," Walsh said. "Czerkawski, he is one of the best centers around. Doonan can put the puck in the net. Wheelwright was the leader on defense, Goetz had serious peed. There are a lot of components to replace it will be difficult."

Although it won't be easy to get back to the tournament, Walsh has plenty of time to get his charges ready for next year.

"We are already talking about next season and working on player evaluations," he said. "What people did and what they need to do for next year—we will have a lot more speed but not as physical a presence."

Register to Ride in the 29th Annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge

Online registration for the 29th Annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge opened Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 9 a.m. Riders can register by logging on to www.pmc.org. Open to 5,500 cyclists, the **Pan-Massachusetts Challenge** will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2 and 3. This year's goal is to raise $34 million for the Jimmy Fund, which supports cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. To date, the *Pan-Massachusetts Challenge* has raised more than $204 million for the world-renowned cancer center.

Minimum fundraising requirements range from $1,300 to $4,000, depending upon the route chosen. There is a $170 registration fee. Support services, meals, and overnight accommodations will be provided. For information, or to register, visit www.pmc.org, or call (800) WE-CYCLE.

A worthy challenge for the fleet of foot

Qualified runners are invited to join a winning Boston Marathon team

BOSTON - Training for the Boston Marathon certainly provides runners with health benefits. Some even run fast enough to help improve the health of others.

The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC) team is looking for qualified runners who want to add a new dimension to their training by running for others as well as themselves. Runners who have run a qualifying time at a certified marathon after Sept. 23, 2006, can join the DFMC team and run to raise money that supports researchers at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. These researchers have taken on another type of challenge: curing cancer.

Each challenge runner agrees to raise at least $3,000 by May 21, a sum that is easier to raise than most think. The average amount raised per runner in 2007 was more than $7,000 and 100 percent of the money goes to the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Research done by Barr Investigators addresses many types of cancer affecting people of all ages and translates to increased cure rates, improved quality of life and hopefully, one day, a world without cancer.

The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge provides participants with unparalleled support services. The training program is led by 1976 Boston Marathon winner Jack Fultz. There is an extensive calendar of group training runs and social gatherings as well as special access to leading health and fitness facilities throughout the Boston area. Race day, DFMC runners enjoy exclusive use of an indoor facility in Hopkinton on marathon morning, and a post-marathon recovery zone. Runners on the DFMC team roster also enjoy a unique camaraderie that results from working toward a common cause.

Dana-Farber runners receive commemorative DFMC apparel and race singlets. The distinctive singlets let the huge crowds lining the course know of the runners' extra dedication, ensuring that DFMC teammates receive heartfelt cheers as they run by. Nowhere is the cheering louder than in Kenmore Square where Dana-Farber patients, families and friends gather to give the DFMC runners a boost for the final mile. Most DFMC participants dedicate their run to someone in their life who has battled cancer.

Qualified runners have helped the DFMC enjoy tremendous growth and success since the program began in 1990. The DFMC has raised more than $34 million in the 18 years of the program. The goal of the 2008 Marathon Challenge is to raise $4.5 million for the Barr Program.

Interested qualified runners are encouraged to apply at www.RunDFMC.org as soon as possible in order to take advantage of the program's benefits. Contact the DFMC office at 617-632-1970 (toll-free 800-551-7036) or e-mail dfmc@dfci.harvard.edu for assistance.

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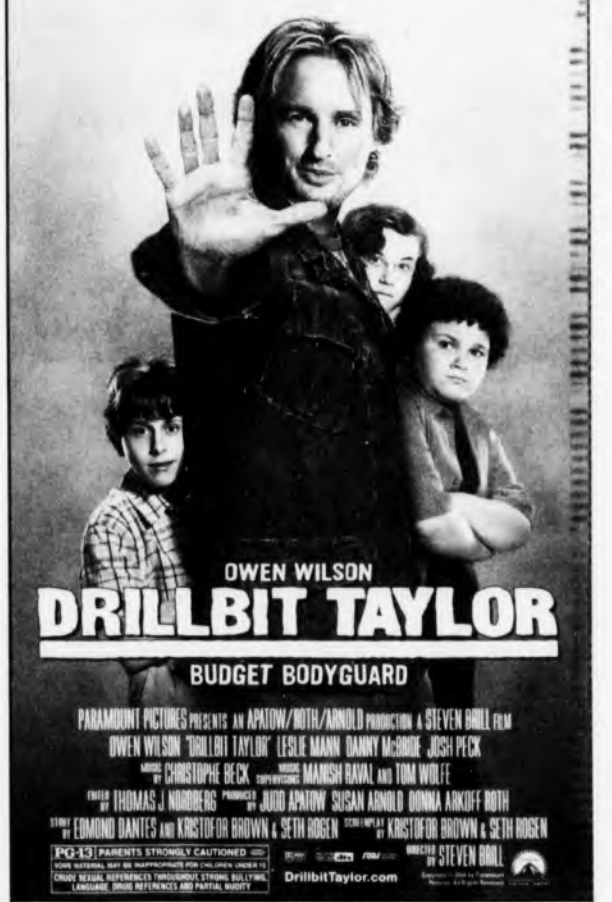
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Four skiers from Cohasset made the New Hampshire State Championships recently. The racers were selected after six qualifying races. The best racers from each of the four regions were selected to participate in the championships. (Left to right) Catherine Gilman, Micaela Braun, McKenzie Axelson and Daniel Axelson.

CYBSA draft

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association (CYBSA) will hold its roster selection draft Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cohasset Middle-High School Library. The purpose of the draft is to allocate players to teams in all Baseball and Softball divisions with the exception of the Major League Baseball Division. Teams in the Major League Baseball division have already been selected.

Leagues included in the draft are: Farm League baseball, Instructional softball, National League baseball & softball, American League baseball & softball, Major League softball and Junior League baseball & softball.

The CYBSA is always looking for coaches. If you are interested in coaching in any of these divisions, please plan on attending the draft.

Little League requires background checks (CORI) on all league volunteers to ensure the safety of the children entrusted to our care. Please bring a photocopy of your license to the draft where you will be asked to fill out the necessary forms. Individuals, however well intentioned, not complying will not be allowed to coach.

If you have any questions about the draft or CORI requirements please contact Erik Golz at (617) 230-2559.

2008 SSBC Summer Baseball Camps schedule announced

The South Shore Baseball Club has announced its 2008 summer camps schedule for one week in Braintree and Cohasset, as well as four weeks in Hingham.

"Braintree, Cohasset and Hingham are all great baseball towns and we really enjoy having our camps there each summer," SSBC president/director Frank Niles Jr. said. "All of our campers will enjoy a valuable and rewarding experience at any of these SSBC summer camps. Our professional staff of qualified instructors will help kids improve their skills and enjoy the great game of baseball at the same time."

All campers are grouped according to age, ability, physical maturity and previous experience. Instructions will range from basic fundamentals to advanced skills. Each will play a minimum of one game per day.

Individual attention will be emphasized in all aspects of baseball. Pitching, catching, defense, base running and hitting will be featured in special sessions and lectures. Any camper needing specific areas of improvement will receive special attention from SSBC's expert staff of qualified professional coaches.

The Cohasset camp for youngsters 5-12 will be held Monday, June 23, through Friday, June 27, at Milliken Field.

The Braintree camp returns Monday, July 7, through Friday, July 11, at Watson Park for campers 5 through 15.

The annual Hingham Summer Baseball Camp, offering four one-week sessions for players 5 to 15, is scheduled Monday, July 14, through Friday, Aug. 8, at Hingham High School.

Sessions at all three camps will be held Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. Half-day sessions also will be available for 5 through 7 year olds from 8:30 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. None of the camps are restricted to the host towns and SSBC members and non-members alike are welcomed.

Other upcoming SSBC activities:

Mar. 16-Apr. 20
Barry Needham Softball Pitching Clinic #3
Ages 10-18

Mar. 29-Apr. 19
Little League Battery Club #5
Ages 8-12

Mar. 29-Apr. 19
Indoor Spring Training Camp #3
Ages 8-16

Mar. 29-Apr. 6
Girls Softball Spring Training #2
Ages 8-12

Apr. 22-25
Hitters Workshop #4
Ages 8-18

Apr. 22-25
Cohasset April Vacation Camp
Ages 8-12

Apr. 28-May 24
Spring Indoor Rookie League
Ages 5-8

SSBC is a year-round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players, boys and girls (5 and older), in Hingham. For information about SSBC or any of its programs call 800-749-6466/781-749-6466, or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

Local Road Race Calendar

Sunday, April 6
The 32nd Cohasset Rotary Road Race by the Sea will take place Sunday, April 6, at 1 p.m. in Cohasset. The 10K course follows the coastline and through the rolling roads of Cohasset. For information, contact Brad Goodwin at 781-223-2513 or goodwinbc@aol.com.

Sunday, March 9
The 18th Annual Raynham Knights of Columbus Charity 5 Miler will take place Sunday, March 9, at 11 a.m. in Raynham. The residential course is flat and fast. There will be prize money. For information, contact John Donahue at 508-822-6015 or johnmdonahue@comcast.net.

Sunday, March 30
The James H. Lamb Memorial Scholarship Road Race will take place Sunday, March 30, at 11 a.m. in Taunton. The race is five miles. The top overall male and female will receive cash prizes. For information, contact Peter Lamb at 508-984-4800 or Pclamb@burkelambcpa.com.

Saturday, April 5
The 6th Annual East Bridgewater Viking Sports Parents 5K Road Race will take place Saturday, April 5, at 9 a.m. in East Bridgewater. The day also includes a 5K walk. For information, contact John Donovan at 508-378-4781 or jd_955@msn.com.

Sunday, April 13
The Hanover Anchor Race will take place Sunday, April 13, at 10 a.m. in Hanover. This is a four-mile road race/walk. A free kids fun run will take place at 9 a.m. For information, contact Anne McNamara at 781-878-4219 or mcnamaraanne@comcast.net.

Sunday, April 20
The 7th Annual Shawn D. Patterson Memorial & Scholarship 5 & 10K Road Race will take place Sunday, April 20, at 11:30 a.m. in Scituate. There is a 5K and 10K race. There will be awards, refreshments and a raffle. For information, contact Pat Patterson at 508-790-5834 or pat-pattersn@netscape.net.

Sunday, May 4
The 7th Annual Dean S. Luce 5K Run/Walk and Children's Fun Run will take place Sunday, May 4, at 11 a.m. in Canton. For information, contact Kaitlyn Wroblewski at 781-821-5075, ext. 135, or wroblewskik@cantonma.org.

Sunday, May 11
The Tiara Classic 5K Mothers Day Road Race will take place Sunday, May 11, at 9 a.m. in Mattapoisett. The charity run includes kids fun run and prizes. For information, contact Lara Stone at 508-612-8775 or lhstone@comcast.net.

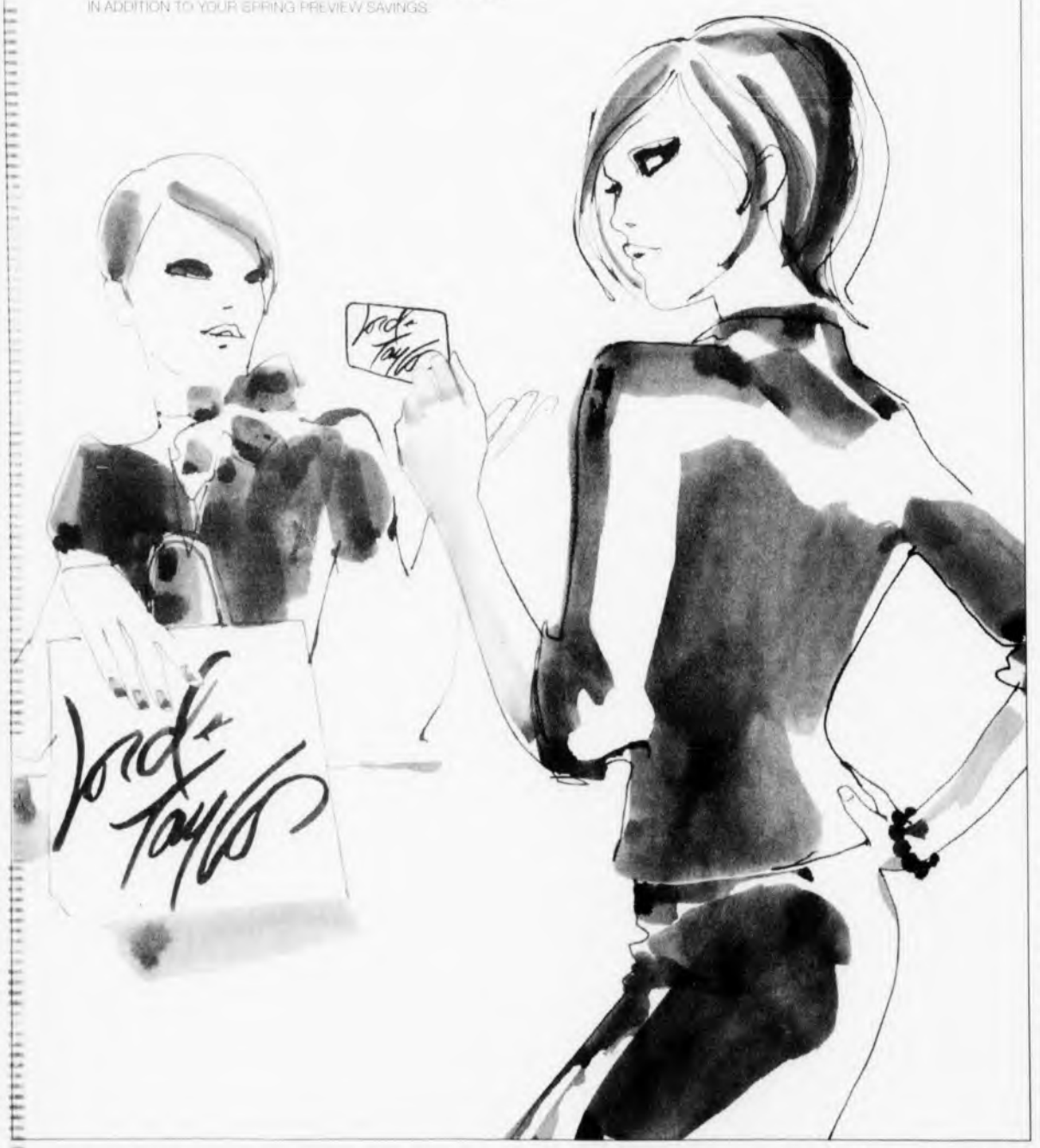
Saturday, May 17
The 6th Annual Wareham YMCA 5K Road Race will take place Saturday, May 17, at 10 a.m. in Wareham. The 5K race/walk goes through the village of Onset. Prize money will be given out to the top three men and women. For information, contact JoAnn Watson at 508-295-9622, ext. 15, or jwatson@ymcasouthcoast.org.

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Spotlight shines on Mr. Skipper

Crown passed to Conor Michaud



Conor Michaud looks out to the School's auditorium to tee off during the annual Mr. Skipper Contest. Here Michaud shows off his "Signature Wear;" he later went on to win the title of the 2008 Mr. Skipper.



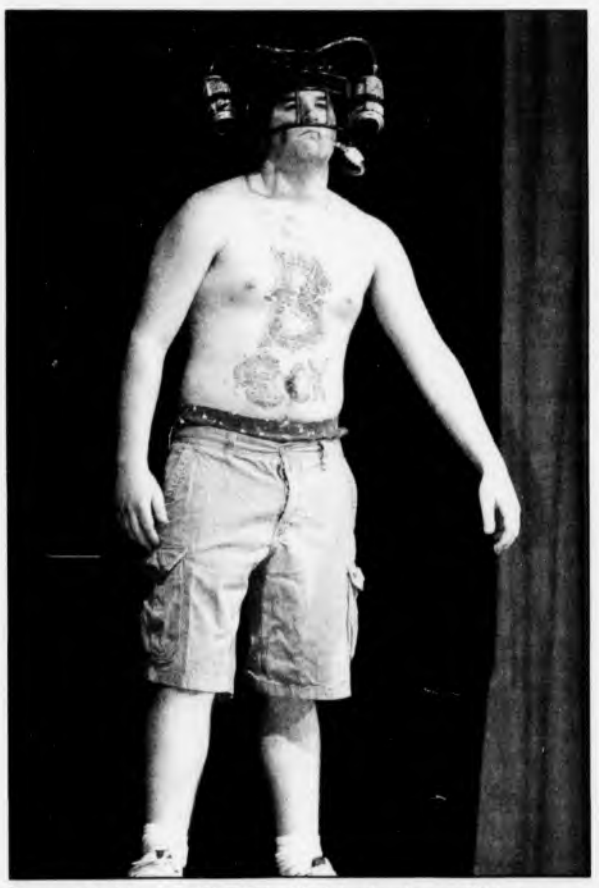
Cohasset High School's newest Mr. Skipper, Conor Michaud, poses with all of this year's contestants, escorts and those who helped with the event which helps to pay for senior class activities.



Mr. Skipper judges have a great time at the Mr. Skipper pageant. Pictured from left are: Nina Berkowitz, Stephanie Hoskin, Christine Berman and Jackie Cahill.



Ian Porter, left, and Eric MacCarthy give their rendition of the Blues Brothers during Cohasset High School's Annual Mr. Skipper Contest .



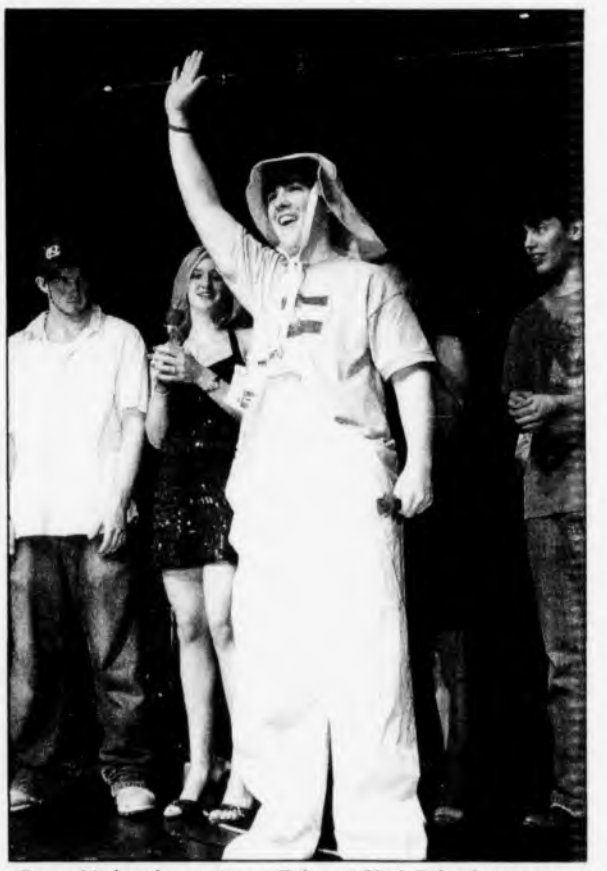
Boston Red Sox avid fan Eric MacCarthy shows off his true sports spirit during the Mr. Skipper Signature Wear segment.



Mr. Skipper emcee Mr. Tony Rolfe announces the talent part of the contest last Friday at Cohasset High School.



Is American Idol next? Mike Kusek sings and plays the guitar during the talent segment.



Conor Michaud, a senior at Cohasset High School, waves to the audience after being named at Mr. Skipper at the annual contest last Friday evening at Cohasset High School. Proceeds from the all-male pageant help pay for senior class activities.



Cohasset High School's Tyler Kelly sports his Superhero outfit in front of the judges during the annual Mr. Skipper Contest "Signature Wear" segment last Friday.



Senior Jake Cuneo gives a big smile at the end of his dance routine with Kyle Pinkus during the contest's talent segment.



Cohasset High School's Conor Michaud and his escort Olivia Kimla walk by the Mr. Skipper judges during last week's annual Mr. Skipper Contest. Michaud later was crowned Mr. Skipper of 2008.

Photos by Craig Goedecke

School Notes

DEER HILL, OSGOOD MENUS

MONDAY, MARCH 24

Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, or ham and cheese sub, baked oven fries, corn, applesauce.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Bagel with chicken vegetable noodle soup, or bologna sandwich, garden salad, mixed fruit.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Meatball sub, or ham and cheese sub, mashed potato, green beans, raisins.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, tomato and cheese, or tuna sandwich, vegetable and rice, pears.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

French bread pizza or turkey and cheese sub, garden salad, Jell-O.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

Cheeseburger on a roll, or roast beef sandwich, baked oven fries, sweet peas, apple slices.

Tai Chi open house at Jade Forest

On Sunday, March 30, from 1 to 2 p.m., Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi of Cohasset will host a Tai Chi Open House. Long time Tai Chi teacher and author John Loupos will introduce attendees to the intricacies of Tai Chi theory, stretching, Qigong, and rooting practices, as well as it myriad health benefits. Guests should wear loose comfortable clothing as this event is participatory. Jade Forest is located at on Route 3A in Cohasset in the Jonathan Livingston Plaza, rear. Call 781-383-6822 for information or visit www.jfkungfu.com. Participation is free; call ahead to pre-register.

Mr. Skipper hopefuls strutted their stuff

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CHRISTINE KENT



Great job to all the contestants...clearly "fear is not a factor" for you guys!

Last Friday, the coveted Mr. Skipper pageant took place in front of jam pack auditorium. Backstage, the 11 contestants waited anxiously for their time to strut their stuff and charm the crowd, while wearing oh-so spiffy tuxes. The stunning array of Skipper hopefuls included seniors Matt Blaze, Jake Cuneo, Pat Doonan, Tyler Kelly, Mike Kusek, Eric MacCarthy, Conor Michaud, Cliff Musto, and Kyle Pinkus. Not to be outdone by the upperclassmen, sophomore Ian Porter and bold freshman Matt Brooks partook in the entertaining festivity. With the comedic assistance of announcer Mr. Rolfe, the talented men of CHS sang, danced, strummed and drummed their way into their audience's hearts (but most importantly, the judges')! However, there could only be one victor. Maybe it was the early luck of the Irish (possibly) or his OUTSTANDING drumming skills that helped crown Mr. Skipper winner, Conor Michaud! Great job to all the contestants...clearly "fear is not a factor" for you guys!

While others basked in the spotlight (literally) on stage, the following students can enjoy recognition for their literary excellence after being published in the esteemed Teen Ink Magazine and Teen Ink Poetry Journal. Published in the latest issues were seniors, Oliver Brennan, Sam Burgoon, Evan Deutsch, Abby Foley, Sondra Hart, Mike Kusek, Sally Meehan, Grace Steel and Jenna Van Etten. Congratulations!

The past weeks were not all about competition and gaining recognition amongst parents and peers but did include the odd scholastic endeavor! For instance, the French department indulged in a fun field trip or "Fête de la Francophone" at Milton High School on Tuesday. Headed by French teachers, Ms. Marat and Mr. Kotter, 11 French students participated in this French Consulate sponsored event.... that's how you know it meant business!

Enough discussion of the entertaining and academic ongoings of CHS! It's time now for the rundown of the week!

- Monday, March 17th: The flood of green apparel for Saint Patrick's Day did not stop spring sports from starting!

Tuesday, March 18th: Papa Gino's Night! Hungry attendees stopped by the pizzeria to purchase a dinner in support of the Cohasset Music Department.

Wednesday, March 19th: The basketball players traded in their high tops for dress shoes before attending the Basketball Banquet at the Atlantica Restaurant.

Thursday, March 20th: The Yearbook met for a crucial meeting before their incoming deadline.

Friday: NO SCHOOL! Good Friday!

Well, that's it for me this week! Have a fun and safe weekend.

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner..

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $5,000 scholarships are available at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive, Hingham.

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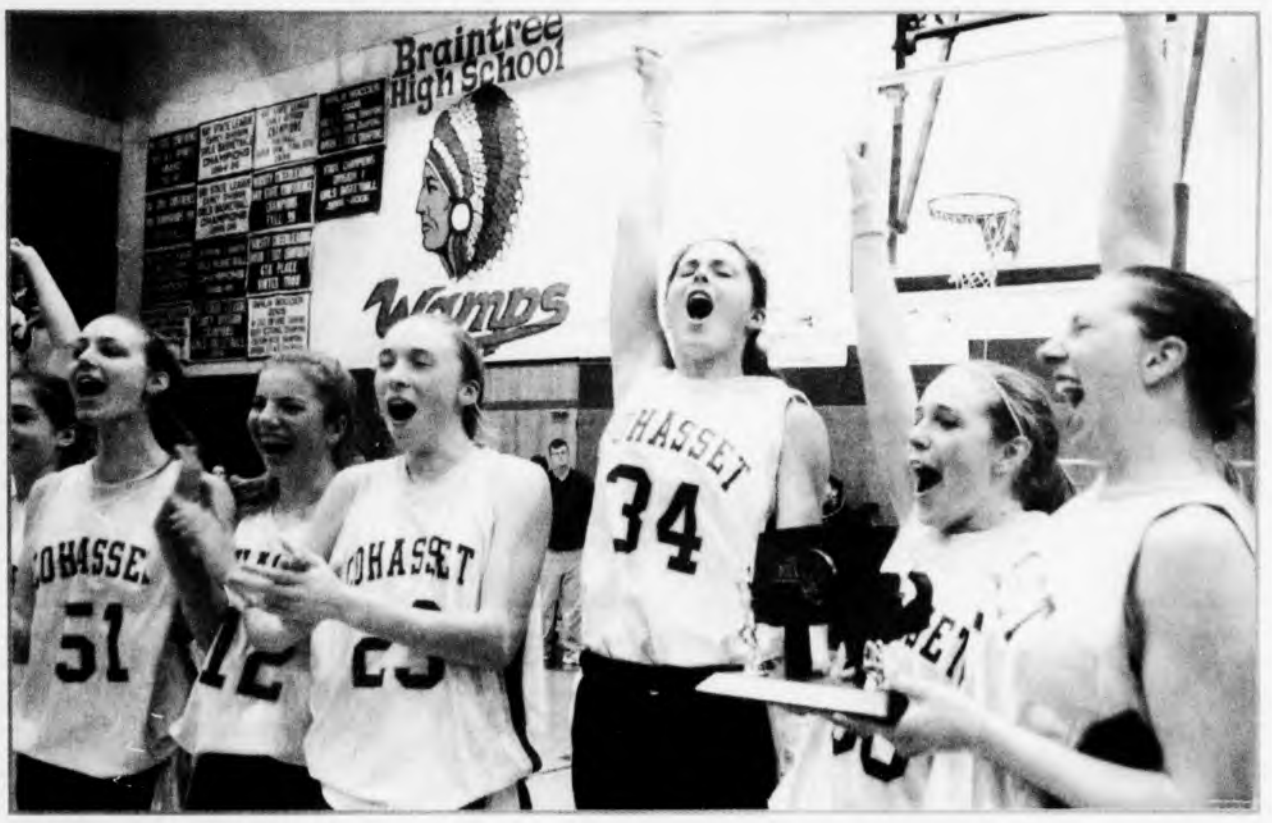
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Philly's got 'Frida' fever

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Philadelphia -

You know you're in an art-appreciating place when both a bellhop and a store clerk ask if you've been to see "Frida."

Yes, there are art lovers in the City of Brotherly Love, and the buzz right now is "Frida Kahlo,"an exhibition of the Mexican artist's work, having its only East Coast showing at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, through May 18.

"Throw a stone here and you'll hit an artist,"joked photographer Genevieve Coutroubis, director of the Regional Community Arts Program for The Center for Emerging Visual Artists, who said many artists have come here to live, attracted by community support.

The Philadelphia art-scape includes nearly 3,000 colorful murals painted on buildings around the city - part of a public/private effort that started as an anti-graffiti program - as well as numerous other examples of public art, galleries, art schools, museums and exhibition spaces.

Into this scene comes "Frida"with shops, hotels and restaurants getting into the act - "Frida Kahlo"banners even line Broad Street, the city's Avenue of the Arts.

Kahlo (1907-1954) is best known for painting iconic self-portraits, complete with unibrow and mustache, and several are on display in the exhibition (some never before seen in public). But there are also jolting allegorical works and still lifes, 42 paintings in all - a small show but one of big impact.



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The self-portrait "Me and My Parrots" (1941) is on display in public for the first time at the "Frida Kahlo" show at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Kahlo - also the subject of the 2002 movie starring Salma Hayek - was a sad soul, tormented by her own health and back problems resulting from a near-fatal bus accident; by her unfaithful husband, the great muralist Diego Rivera (whose lovers included Kahlo's younger sister); and by her inability to have children. And all this is depicted in her art - including a particularly gruesome depiction of miscarriage, "Henry Ford Hospital."

Accompanying the paintings are more than 100 photos from Kahlo's private collection - including photos of Kahlo's own lovers, sculptor Isamu Noguchi and Bolshevik revolutionary Leon Trotsky. Many have personal notations.

Take the free audio tour to learn more details about the artist's life and fascinating interpretations of her work.

The show debuted at the Walker Center in Minneapolis, and when it leaves Philadelphia, it heads to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

My personal favorite Kahlo work on display is called "My Dress Hangs There,"which depicts all the artist found wrong with American values when she and Rivera lived in New York in 1933, while he was painting murals at Rockefeller Center.

Given her pro-communism stance, it is ironic that the exhibit shop is packed with Frida souvenirs, including paper dolls complete with clothes, Frida and Diego candle sets and handbags decorated with Frida's iconic mug.

And the marketing of Frida goes even beyond that. Stores in Philadelphia are getting into the act, too.

On funky South Street, Eyes Gallery has an entire Frida window display and inside you can buy a number of Frida items including shrines, earrings and reproduced paintings - the shop specializes in Latin American knicknacks.

Dine with a Frida theme at the modern Mexican cuisine hotspot Xochitl (pronounced so-cheet), where Mexico-native chef Dionicio Jimenez has created a four-course menu (a steal at $35 per person) inspired by some of Kahlo's favorite foods. Start with red hominy and pork stew from Jalisco, similar to what Kahlo and Rivera served at their August 1929 wedding - where it was used to mellow the effects of much tequila and beer. Another featured dish is the Mexican flag-colored Chiles en Nogada, stuffed Poblano peppers with ground beef, creamed walnut sauce and pomegranate seeds - rich and delicious.

Located in the Society Hill neighborhood, Xochitl also specializes in tequila - the place gets its name from the Aztec queen credited with inventing tequila. So naturally, a special drink has been created for Frida fans, Corazon de Frida, made with muddled pineapple, cilantro, lime and blanco tequila - careful, a couple of these will knock your socks off.

Hotels in Philadelphia are offering Frida-themed packages, too, including VIP tickets to the show. Find more at www.philamuseum.org or www.gophila.com.

Other art spots to explore in Philadelphia

Philadelphia's got art. Check out some of these art-related attractions:

It's not unusual to look up at a brick wall in Philadelphia and see art. Nearly 3,000 murals throughout the city are the work of the Mural Arts Program, begun in 1984 to redirect the energies of young graffiti writers toward creating art. Today the public/private venture serves thousands of at-risk youth with free art education programs. Two-hour trolley tours show off the works, Saturdays only in April, and Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday from May to November, departing from the Independence Visitor Center at Sixth and Market streets. Adult tickets are $25. For more information, visit www.muralarts.org/tours (reservations strongly recommended).

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, 118 N. Broad St. (215-972-7600, www.pafa.org), founded in 1805, is the country's oldest art museum and school. The museum's landmark Gothic Victorian building opened in 1876 and houses one of the foremost collections of American art. Adult admission is $7.

Moore College of Art & Design, 20th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway (215-965-4000, www.mo-ore.edu), is a women's art college, with free galleries hosting student, alumnae and visiting artist shows.

The Crane Arts Building, 1400 N. American St., was once home to a plumbing company but has been transformed into artist studios and is home to the large show space known as The Ice Box, displaying visual and multi-media contemporary art. During the Philadelphia Open Studio Tours, Oct. 4-12, many of the artist studios will also be open to the public. Find more at www.cranearts.com and www.philaopenstudios.com.

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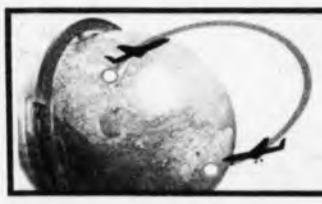
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Joan and Phil Shockman, Dick Karoff, and Judy and Frank Neer, all of Cohasset, enjoy the eveing.



Kiss 108's Billy Costa and South Shore Art Center President Frank Neer pose with Living Statues at Venetian Carnivale.

South Shore Art Center friends gathered at the Red Lion Inn on Friday, Feb. 29th for Venetian Carnivale — the Art Center's winter fundraiser to support its exhibitions and education programs. The Barn at the Red Lion Inn was transformed into a festive celebration of art and culture, featuring Living Statues dressed in traditional Venetian costumes, dance vignettes from Studio 665, and Italian opera selections performed by Beth MacLeod and Kevin Hayden of the South Shore Conservatory. Tony Ambrose's delicious cuisine was artistically presented and enjoyed by all. Rounding out the evening was artist Vcevy Strekalovsky, dressed as a Renaissance painter, who perfectly rendered the evening on canvas!

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Tim's father, Frank Mahoney, is a Cohasset Fire Captain.

The decals, which sell for $5 each, are available at the Cohasset Fire Headquarters on Elm Street or by calling 781-383-0616. Every dollar taken in will go to the Timothy J. Mahoney Memorial Fund, which has been set up at Scituate Federal Savings Bank, 72 Front St., Scituate, MA 02066.

Tim, 16, was killed in a single-car accident Feb. 2 on Route 3A between Mendel Road and Pond Street. The driver, Chris Barrow, 18, and a senior at Scituate High, remains hospitalized.



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Emmee Giarrusso sings the National Anthem to open the 2007 PMC for Kids in Hingham. This year's event will be Sunday, June 22.

PMC KIDS Bike Ride registration open

Kids from the ages of 3 to 15 can register now for the second annual PanMass Challenge Kids Hingham Bike Ride, which is open to all South Shore kids. The event will take place the morning of Sunday, June 22 at the Hingham High School with three routes including a Tykes ride for tricycles and training wheels, a 2-1/2 mile ride and a 7 mile ride into Wompatuck State Park. Kids will be raising funds to go to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund to contribute to finding a cure for cancer.

The website at kids.pmc.org/hingham already has 21 riders registered which is a start to the more than 500 riders that signed up in 2007. They raised more than $62,000 by collecting change, selling refreshments at sports events, writing letters and doing chores. The organizing committee for this year aims to raise even more in 2008 to donate to the fight against cancer. The riders and volunteers alike had a great time last year with a beautiful day, safe ride and a family friendly after-ride celebration.

The event this year will be just as fun featuring music from Mix 98.5, Kelley Tuthill as emcee and other entertainment as well as a raffle and silent auction. Hingham Police and Fire Departments, adult PanMass Challenge Riders and others will provide guidance and ensure the ride is safe. A "Heavy Hitters" category is part of this year's event giving special recognition to the young bikers who raise more than $250 as their contribution to this meaningful cause.

"...kids feel they want to help. As parents, we want to shield them from cancer, but they see it in grandparents or friends at school and want to do something."

— Matt Dillis, an eight-year PMC rider and one of this year's co-chairs

Curran Dillis, 8, rode last year and is already signed up for this year's event. His father, Matt Dillis, an eight-year PMC rider and one of this year's co-chairs, comments that "kids feel they want to help. As parents, we want to shield them from cancer, but they see it in grandparents or friends at school and want to do something."

The PMC Kids rides are an outgrowth of the PanMass Challenge, a two-day bike ride which has raised more than $200 million since 1980 to benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and are the largest contributor to The Jimmy Fund. The PMC is also the biggest athletic fundraiser in the country with bikers from all over the nation and the world participating. The Kid's rides raised more than $450,000 in 2007 and the 2008 goal is $700,000. The PMC Kids-Hingham Ride is the most successful kids' event to date drawing riders from all over the South Shore.

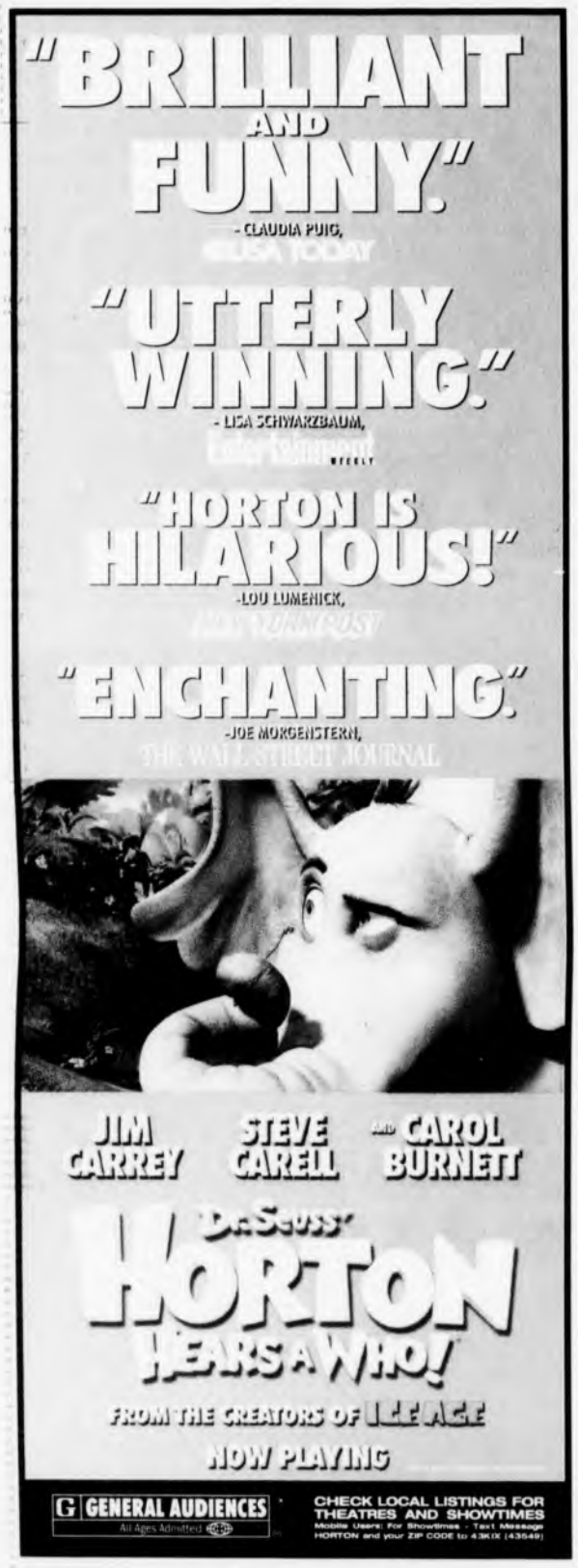
The goal of the ride is not only to raise funds for the Dana Farber, but to get children involved in volunteer activities at an early age. The committee believes that this is a great opportunity for them to learn about philanthropy, sharing and working for others while enjoying a beneficial physical activity.

To get more information on the PMC Kids-Hingham Ride and register your rider, go to: kids.pmc.org/hingham.

Fundraising tips, pictures of last year's ride and volunteer information are also at this website. This year the PMC Kids Rides are presented by Stop & Shop and New Balance and many other companies and organizations are participating by donating funds and services.

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Bible Study series continues on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Practical Christianity. Some Christians commonly view the Old Testament as a storybook-full of fascinating tales, yet ancient and irrelevant to modern reality. This exceptional 10-week study from *Insight For Living* with *Chuck Swindoll* will help you blow the dust off these time-worn chronicles and discover enduring truths that relate directly to you, while translating into reliable patterns for godly living. Experience familiar passages as never before, and find fresh inspiration in the memorable scenes revisited. Follow the examples of faithful Old Testament heroes such as Abraham, Joseph, David, and many others as you learn to apply timeless biblical principles to your everyday life. Please join us.

Guest harpist, Genevieve Poole, will play Sunday. Service begins at 10 a.m.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Easter Sunday, March 23

6:30 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Service – Sandy Beach, Cohasset

10 a.m. – An Intergenerational Service of Easter – The Meeting House

Come join us as we wonder at the many miracles of Easter. Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull will preach on "Forgiveness and What Comes of It." Jim FitzGerald will lead a dramatic story for us all.

Please bring your infants and children to the Meeting House. The "crying room" on the second floor will be specially equipped for our little ones, where adults can hear the service, and infants and toddlers can make their joyful noise without being heard. This is a fully intergenerational service!

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service.

12:00 Noon – Easter Egg Hunt at The Cushings, 271 Beechwood St.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday morning. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately follow the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

Lent began Feb. 6th with a 7:30pm Ash Wednesday service in the chapel. Our Lenten Study Group, Positive Thinking... Priceless, began at 6:30 on Wednesday Feb. 13th. Bring you own brown bag supper and we will provide beverages/desserts as we view the DVD "The Secret" by Rhonda Byrne.

Easter Sunday March 23rd will offer a choice of three services: 7:30 am Sunrise at Sandy Beach (dress causally and warmly), 9:15am in the sanctuary (intergenerational with children's musical performances), 11 am in the sanctuary (traditional service with adult choir).

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites you to join us this Lent.

This week, St. Stephen's welcomes our new rector, the Reverend Margot Critchfield!

Services on Sunday are at 8 am and 10 am.

We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. For information on us go to www.ststephenscohasset.org or to learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

• Holy Saturday, March 23, Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 2 p.m.

• The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The Singing of the Exulted

The Liturgy of the Word

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The First Eucharist of Easter

• Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day, March 24

Festival Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. with trumpet, organ, vocal quartet

Festival Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. with full choir and brass

Fellowship time follows in Walton Rodgers Hall

Highlights of our parish life include:

• "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.

• Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group

• Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison

• Monthly luncheon for seniors

• Fellowship and fun; music

• Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 16th at 11 a.m. - Palm Sunday Service. Thursday, March 20th at 7 p.m. - Holy Thursday Service. Friday, March 21st at 3 p.m. - Good Friday Service. Silence will be observed on the grounds from 12 noon to 3 p.m.. Sunday, March 23rd at 11 a.m. - Easter Sunday service.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

"The earth is but one country and mankind it's citizens" 1(800)22-UNITE www.bahai.us

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Obituary

Janet L. (Racette) Figueiredo

Long-time school bus driver

Janet L. (Racette) Figueiredo, 70, of Cohasset, died March 16, 2008 after a long battle with several illnesses.

She was the daughter of the late Philip and Viola Racette.

Mrs. Figueiredo worked for many years as a bus driver for the Cohasset School System before her retirement.

Wife of the late Louis E "Mickey" Figueiredo, she leaves her longtime partner of Jim Richardson of Cohasset; her children Therese Figueiredo of Hingham, Kathy Tangherlini and Michael Figueiredo, both of Cohasset; grandchildren Justin Green, Matthew Hunnefeld, Alida, Marissa, Nickolas, and Daniel Tangherlini; a brother Robert Racette of Scituate and many nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the Phyllis Goff, Beth Goff, and Richard Racette.

A graveside service was held Thursday, March 20, in Woodside Cemetery.

Visiting hours were held Wednesday, March 19 at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 330 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016.

For an online guestbook, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com

'Dead Man Walking' author part of Abbey series

Glastonbury Abbey's Inter-religious lecture series Listening To Other Voices: Prophets of Compassion: Who Cares continues. The March 27 lecture "Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues" features Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ.

Could you walk someone to their death? Sister Helen Prejean has done it a number of times. You saw the walk if you saw the movie "Dead Man Walking," based on her first book. Her second book, "The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Accounts of Wrongful Executions." speaks of her witness of the executions of two men whom she believes were innocent and the broken justice system in this country.

In her talk, she will walk you with her and the "dead man" down the Last Mile and challenge you with the question: "If life is God's greatest gift to us, are we free to take it away?" She also will talk about the death and devastation Hurricane Katrina wrought in her native Louisiana.

All lectures are free and begin at 7:15 p.m. in the Glastonbury Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham. Donations gratefully accepted. Reservations recommended by calling 781-749-2155.

St. Joseph Retreat Center schedule of events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset is hosting the following upcoming programs:

• April 3, *Testifying to What We Have Seen and Heard*, a Morning of Prayer for the Easter season.

• April 13, *Come, Rest Awhile*, a Day of Prayer for those who care for others at home or in professional settings.

Praying Moment By Moment with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, a series of programs integrating sections of the book *Moment By Moment*, co-authored by program presenter Gene Merz, SJ: April 16, Day of Prayer; April 17, Evening of Prayer; April 18-20, Weekend of Prayer.

• April 20-27, Directed/Private Retreat Week.

• April 26, *Images of God*, a Morning of Prayer.

• April 30, Day Workshop: *Perceptions and Emotions in Prayer & Spiritual Direction: Joy and Anger.*

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We know there are many bright, talented and caring young adults in our communities, and this year, a special section entitled "The Best & The Brightest" will appear in the COHASSET MARINER to celebrate their accomplishments.

Please help us find these remarkable teens and young adults by filling out the nomination form on this page. You can nominate an individual between the ages of 16 and 21 who, you believe, deserves to be honored, whether it be for academic achievement, volunteerism, athletics, artistic acumen or the pursuit of excellence in another field. Here's your opportunity to get involved.

You can bring the form to the Community Newspaper Company office at 182 Standish Ave., Plymouth, MA 02360 or mail the form to Beth Doyle, or fax the form to 508-591-6601.

All entries will be considered by a selection panel, and successful nominees will be interviewed and photographed. During the week of May 26th, Community Newspaper Company will include "The Best & The Brightest," a special section devoted to sharing as many of the stories and photographs of those nominated as possible.











The Best & The Brightest

Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Birthdate / Age (16-21): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Names of Parents: _____

Nominee's School: _____

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College or Career / Occupation Plans: _____

Athletic Activities (Optional): _____

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Organization (if applicable): _____

Telephone: _____

Please fill out form & return to Community Newspaper Company

Please direct questions to Beth Doyle at 508-591-6620

Don't put it off... Send us your nomination today.
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

12:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:45 a.m. **Summer St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she can hear a noise in the garage. Officer reports the wind made the noise and blew door open.

6:18 a.m. **Border St., and Parker Ave.**, littering, officer reports there was trash in the road. He removed it to the side of the road.

11:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks. Deer Hill/Osgood School check.

11:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:15 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, vandalism report, caller would like to see an officer regarding some vandalism. Officer reports this is a sewer main with a hole in the middle No problems at this time.

1:31 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:03 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire – public assist, Fire Dept. reports the homeowner from above location has dark brown water. Contacted Water Dept – they will call homeowner.

10:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, dead animal, officer reports there is a large dead animal on the southbound side of above location. Notified State DPW.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

12:38 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

5:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, large icy spot in the roadway. State DPW notified.

5:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, 911 cell caller reports "a large truck just hit her."

6:54 a.m. **Pond St., and Woodland Drive**, traffic enforcement.

7 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, icy road conditions. DPW notified.

7:12 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:37 a.m. **Pond St.**, icy road. DPW notified.

9:37 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports motor vehicle crash at this location. Officer requests tow truck for one vehicle.

3:58 p.m. **N. Main St.**, disturbance, caller reports there is a disturbance, caller heard the argument in the background. Officer spoke to both parties, no assistance is needed.

5:30 p.m. **North Main St.**, officer reports he located a headstone in the woods at above location. Notified DPW of this.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

1:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary school check secure.

1:06 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

7:09 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

8:21 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:59 a.m. **First Parish Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, check of both Sohier Street School locations.

11:40 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, escort, officer to this location to escort the charter bus with the girl's championship basketball team out of town.

12:17 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:28 p.m. **North Main St.**, escort, escort around town for girl's high school basketball team.

6:48 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance, caller stated that she would like an officer to ask two males to leave her property.

7:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

12:36 a.m. **North Main St.**, building checks, light left on in the shed. Building checks secure.

12:39 a.m. **Cedar St.**, suspicious person.

1:13 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, outside odor of gas at the sign post.

1:24 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:31 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:07 a.m. **Bow St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a white Jeep parked in the woods with damage to the vehicle and it's right on the pond. Officer reports vehicle is very far in the woods, units are investigating. Officer reports the vehicle is hanging halfway off a cliff and nobody around it at this time.

10:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Osgood/Deerhill School check.

11:09 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a maroon Van seems to be casing out homes in the area. Going up and down driveways and leaving. Officer reports he was notified by a resident in the area that the males have been dropping off phone books in the area. Units still searching to speak to the vehicle occupants. NOTE: Extensive criminal history on vehicle owners.

11:40 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious vehicle, 911 cell caller reports vehicle is parked in this area at this time. Officer out with vehicle at this time speaking to the operator. Officer clearing at this time, parties will be leaving the area.

3:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, lost property, walk in party reports he lost his wallet.

5:38 p.m. **Hull PD**, bolo announcement. Hull PD reports a possible drunk male operating a 96 Chevy Blazer, color black. Last seen near Parker Ave in Hull, o direction of travel.

9:47 p.m. **Hingham PD**, bolo announcement. Hingham PD reports a possible drunk driver in a red pick up truck. Hingham PD reports area search negative from the rotary to the Cohasset line.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

12:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:30 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:15 a.m. **North Main St., and Long Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:10 a.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle crash, 911 caller reports motor vehicle crash at this location. Callers are reporting possible injuries.

9:34 a.m. **Williamsburg Lane, Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

12:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

1:35 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, abandoned motor vehicle, callers reporting vehicle is still hanging off the cliff and are concerned for safety reasons. NOTE: Vehicle was supposed to be removed yesterday by owner of vehicle. 3A Towing is going to ride out and see if they can assist, but there is no way a truck can get through to where the vehicle is. All services are going to cease at this time. Owner of the vehicle was contacted, stated he would respond and has yet to show up. 3A Towing is going to stop all attempts to move the vehicle at this time due to the hazard. Property owner of where the vehicle is has been made aware that the vehicle is a hazard and was advised vehicle should be removed ASAP.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

12:54 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:55 a.m. **Norfolk Lane**, traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. Weather: Cloudy and cold, 35 degrees.

10:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid, transported other/BLS.

10:24 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, detail officer reports an excavator has hit a telephone pole and knocked a wire from a house. The wire is low hanging and there is no power to the house. National Grid has been notified.

10:26 a.m. **Rustic Drive**, officer wanted, caller requests an officer regarding a dispute with a neighbor over property lines. Building inspector responding.

10:41 a.m. **Cedar St.**, larceny (report), caller reports a large generator missing from the shed. Last time it was seen was sometime last week.

10:43 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, outside odor of gas. Keyspan notified and responding.

10:54 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking complaint, caller reports the home is being worked on and everyday there is a gray vehicle parked on the street in front of this home making it hard to pass. Officer reports the vehicle has been moved.

11:38 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports the gates came down suddenly and went back up, came back down and nothing came through. MBTA notified.

11:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, E3 following up from an earlier incident at this location. Keyspan responding.

1:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:19 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:42 p.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

1:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

2:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a dump truck almost ran him off the road and is tailgating. Arrest: Alan D. Hoffman, 41, 129 Turnpike St., W. Bridgewater. Charges: Operating motor vehicle with license suspended.

3:36 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, downed power lines, walk in party reports his trailer may have taken down a wire.

3:46 p.m. **Summer St.**, littering, caller reports there are beer cans all over his lawn, he states he has had this happen in the past and would like to make a report of it.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

12:54 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:55 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:09 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, Fire Dept. reports odor of smoke inside residence. Command reports plastic bowl on stove – under control.

8 a.m. Weather: Rain, wind gusty, temp: 37.

10 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:49 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

12:10 p.m. **Front St., Scituate**, medical aid.

3:43 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered).

5 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports motor vehicle accident, they are located at the above location parking lot.

9:12 p.m. **Summer St.**, fight, caller reports 2 male subjects fighting out front. The fight has stopped, caller reports the males are now talking things out. Officer reports no fight.

9:48 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports outside odor of gas. Keyspan on scene.

10:54 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller is neighbor – they report the lights are on, no one is home, the lights were off last night. They wanted officer to check area. Office reports there was an open door in the back – officers did a walk through, nothing appears to be out of order, officer turned lights off and locked back door.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

12:40 a.m. **Summer St.**, public service, area checks secure.

12:44 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

3:26 a.m. **HQ.**, assist other Police Dept., Hull Police are looking for a small silver motor vehicle with front end damage. Motor vehicle was involved in a hit and run. Unknown direction of travel.

9:26 a.m. **North Main St.**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports his car was broken into.

10:50 a.m. **Cedar St.**, property (recovered), walk in reports a child's bike up against the fence at this location. Officer bringing bike back to station.

11:02 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, property (recovered), officer reports finding a small blue Trek bike in the bushes at this location.

11:21 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

11:46 a.m. **North Main St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports lights and gates are malfunctioning. MBTA contacted. Callers report a line of traffic. Reports the gates did not go all the way up and lock.

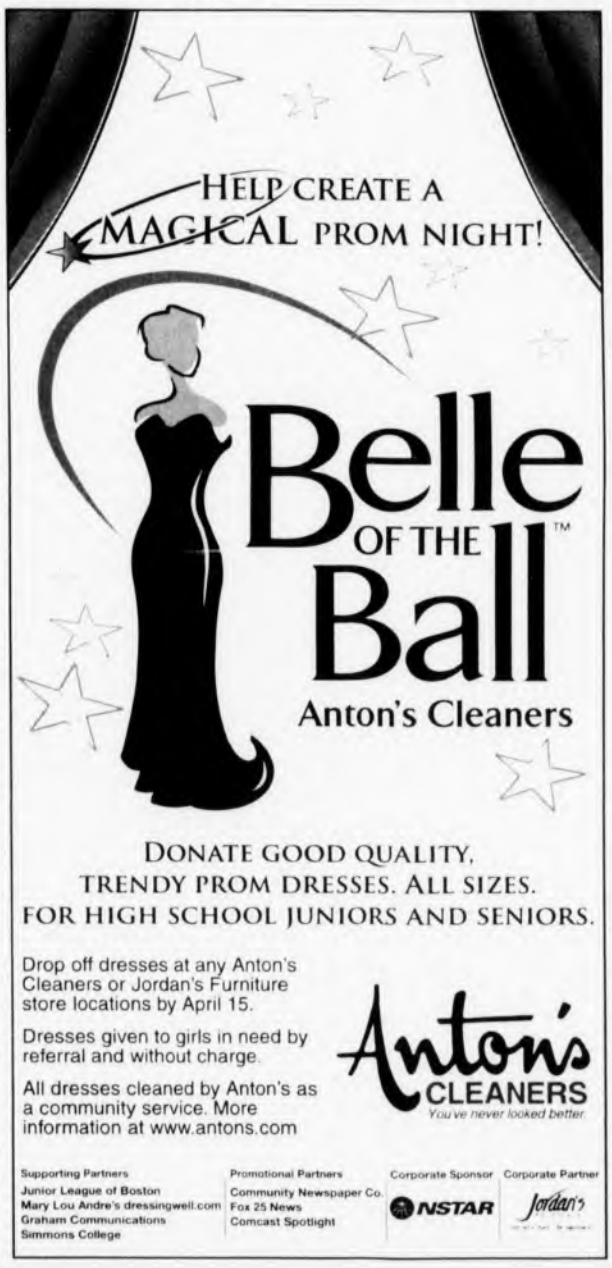
11:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports a minor motor vehicle accident that he passed. He stated that the cars may have left.

11:52 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:31 p.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:33 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

4:29 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash.





Legal Notices

O'TOOLE ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08PO572AA

In the Estate of AUSTIN F. O'TOOLE
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death November 22, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE WILL ANNEXED

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that AUSTIN S. O'TOOLE of BOSTON in the County of SUFFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed as administrator with the will annexed of said estate, to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **APRIL 23, 2008.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, March 10, 2008.

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Register of Probate

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WHEELWRIGHT ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08PO481EP

In the Estate of MADELAINE E. WHEELWRIGHT A/K/A MADELINE E. WHEELWRIGHT
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 18, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that DUSTIN E. WHEELWRIGHT of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, February 27, 2008.

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TAYIAN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08PO628EP

In the Estate of FLORENCE TAYIAN
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death February 9, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that RICHARD E. LEACH of SCITUATE in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **APRIL 23, 2008.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, March 12, 2008.

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'Bat Boy' among us

Musical flies into Norwell's Company Theatre

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Norwell's Company Theatre has earned a large and loyal local following with first-rate productions of popular Broadway musicals like "Evita," "Grease," "La Cage Aux Folles," and last season's white-hot summer run of "Miss Saigon." Not content to simply rest on a pile of rave reviews of past productions, the creative team of the Norwell theater has decided to go in some new and different directions this season. This fall, they will stage "Doubt," John Patrick Shanley's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about child sex abuse in the Catholic Church. Before tackling that Tony Award-winning drama, however, the theater is mounting another show based on a story ripped from the headlines – in this case headlines from a supermarket tabloid. And no, they're not doing "The Britney Spears Musical" – not yet anyway. Instead, they're presenting "Bat Boy: The Musical," an off-Broadway hit inspired by "The Weekly World News" coverage of a half-bat, half-boy found living in a cave.

"We sold every ticket to every event we presented last season, including the extended runs. We had a record-shattering year which allowed us to consider doing something less well-known, less traditional, like 'Bat Boy' this year," explained co-artistic director and musical director Michael Joseph, now celebrating his 25th anniversary with the Company Theatre, by telephone last week. "Boston's Speakeasy Stage did a phenomenal production of the show about five years ago. When I saw it I loved it, but I thought then that we would probably never get to do it. It seemed too far off radar for our patrons. When I saw it a second time, I realized just how interested I was to have us do it."

On Friday, March 21, any high school student with a valid I.D., can receive one free ticket at the box-office the night of the show.

Joseph's co-artistic directors, Zoe Bradford and Jordie Saucerman, shared his enthusiasm for the off-beat show from British writers Keythe Farley and Brian Flemming and American composer and lyricist Laurence O'Keefe, which premiered off-Broadway in 1997 and in London's West End four years ago. The trio decided to wait for interest in the show to build through other productions. It was while planning for this season that the longtime friends and business partners decided the time was finally right for "Bat Boy" to land on the Company stage.



Co-artistic director and musical director Michael Joseph, celebrates his 25th anniversary with the Company Theatre.

"We knew it was pretty quirky and slightly risky, but we believed our audiences would take the risk with us. This show is not only very, very funny, but it is also very moving. The score is a spoof of great Broadway music that I think our audiences will really identify with. For us, it is very exciting to be bringing something fresh, new and hip to our stage."

Helping to do that, according to Joseph, is a cast headed by 17-year-old high school senior Michael Iemma in the title role.

"We had a lot of interest from actors who are new to the Company Theatre, but just wanted to do this show so they sought us out," says the Stoughton-born Joseph who now makes his home in Weymouth. "Our 'Bat Boy' is schlepping up from Johnston, R.I., every day. He is one of 14 people in the cast, which is smaller than usual for us. Every person has to be right on the money with his or her performance, because there are fewer people on stage to cover whatever may happen. The level of perfection required with this production is higher than usual."

One cast member has been ready to go since nearly joining the Boston production five years ago.

"I was almost in 'Bat Boy' in its second SpeakEasy run when a cast member had a death in his family and had to take time off," explained A. John Porcaro from his day job at State Street in Boston last week. "I have seen the show a few times and I was very familiar with the music from the CD. The other actor returned earlier than expected, however, and I didn't go on. I'm delighted to finally be doing 'Bat Boy' now."



A. John Porcaro of Weymouth plays the sheriff and Michael Iemma of Johnston, R.I., is Bat Boy in "*Bat Boy: The Musical*" at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, through April 6.

A Quincy native who now lives in East Bridgewater, Porcaro has appeared in 10 Company Theatre productions including "Smokey Joe's Cafe," and at SpeakEasy in "Parade" and "Kiss of the Spiderwoman." In his current role, Porcaro plays the Sheriff of Hope Falls, West Virginia, who is among the first people to meet the cave-dwelling Bat Boy after he is discovered by some spelunking teens.

"The kids capture Bat Boy and they bring him to the sheriff who then takes him to the local veterinarian. Before long, the whole town is arguing about what to do with their newest resident – especially when the unusual boy falls for the veterinarian's daughter," according to Porcaro, who says the badge alone isn't enough to give authority in the confused community. "The sheriff is a bit cocky, because he is the law enforcer in town, but he's also a bit of a Barney Fife, too. He's really not all that brave when it comes right down to it."

The actor admits to perusing a tabloid or two in his time.

"I think a lot of tabloid stories are hysterically funny and also very entertaining. And right from the get go, our show lets people know they're in for a tabloid musical," Porcaro points out. "The story is handled in such a way, however, that it also stands for a lot of other things and not just humor. The real point of the show is whether the Bat Boy is different from or perhaps just like the rest of us."

"Bat Boy: The Musical" will be at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, through April 6. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-871-2787 or go online at companytheatre.com.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. ***Deadline is Friday at noon****. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com - click on your town - then click the fun tab.*

Thursday, March 20

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local businesses in the South Shore area. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at our new meeting location at Advanced Mortgage in 335 Washington St. (Rte. 53) in Norwell from 5 to 6 p.m., and on the third Thursday of each month at Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m., lunch is extra. For information, email info@network4success.org or visit http://www.network4success.org for meeting information, news on our membership, and our upcoming events

Braintree Art Association will meet on March 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Thayer Public Library (second floor), 798 Washington St., Braintree. **Tom Gill** will demonstrate oils. Open to the public. 781-335-4675.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 20, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

The British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth, March 20, **Dave Foley.** 508-747-1776.

The Snug, 114 North St., Hingham, March 20, 9:30 p.m. ***DRIFT AWAY*** with **J Place, Joe Micarelli**, and **John Litwin** 781 749 9774 . www.thesnugpub.com

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 20, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **The Swamptones Blue Jam** open mic 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue



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South Shore Folk Music Club coffeehouse and open mic. March 21, Doors open 7:30 p.m., show starts 8 p.m. at Beal House of the Kingston Unitarian Church. Featuring Larry Zarella, Iain Geddes and Tom Goux. Tickets are $5 for South Shore Folk Music Club members and $6 for non-members. For more information visit www.ssfmc.org or call 781-871-1052.

New England Singles Dances March 21, 8 p.m. to midnight. Halifax Country Club, 100 Country Club Dr., Route 106, Halifax. Casual dress, adults of all ages. Dance music and requests DJ. Light buffet. Admission $10. 617-325-0591 singlesdances-newengland.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 21, **Too Fast** (formerly Clubba Land) 781-829-6999.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance. March 21, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. Dancing with music by Award-winning DJ from 8:30 p.m. to midnight Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $10 before 9. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended. Information: 781-446-0234, www.se-4u.com.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 21 **Young Neal & The Vipers** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, March 22

Kite Day takes place at the **South Shore Country Club**, The event, promising to be a day of fun for the whole family, will be held (rain or shine) on March 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open to the public, Kite Day activities include kite flying demonstrations and a bubble machine offered by Sea Side Kites of Nantasket Beach. As sponsors of the event, the Country Club Management Committee and the Town of Hingham will provide entertainment, including clowns, balloons and face painting along with complimentary hot dogs, soft drinks and chips. For information about Kite Day, call 781-749-1747 or visit www.southshorecc.com.

The First Spiritualist Church of Quincy will be holding a day with **Spirit Communication** on March 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 40 West St., Quincy. Some of the best mediums will be available for private sittings to communicate with your loved ones on the Higher Side of life, as well as card readers, palm readers, Reiki healing, astrology, etc. This event will be held at the First Spiritualist Church of Quincy, located at 40 West St. in Quincy, near Furnace Brook Parkway and Centre St. To set up your appointment with the medium of your choice, contact Deb Wallace at mysummerland@aol.com or call her at 781-837-8807. Although walk-ins are welcome, it is recommended to set up an appointment to be read by your favorite Medium. Directions at www.quincyspiritiualists.org

Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth — Opening Day **Meet and Greet Breakfast** March 22, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Plimoth Plantation opens its doors for the 61st, year of operation with a "Meet and Greet Breakfast" with the interpreters. Kick off the season with a hearty breakfast surrounded by unique company. Members: $16.95; Non-members: $21.95; Children: $9.95. Make reservations by Monday, March 24 by contacting Kim Corben at 508-746-1622, x8213 or kcorben@plimoth.org

A Rare Breeds Animal Parade free with admission. From 10 to 11 a.m. join museum staff and some very important four-legged and feathered friends on opening day for a celebratory walk from the Nye Barn to the 1627 English Village. Meet our rare breed cows, chickens, goats and sheep, along with their young. Fur real–It's a great time. Included in the regular price of museum admission.

Easter Egg Hunt—Free with Admission, 2 to 4 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to decorate eggs and then join in for an Easter Egg Hunt, complete with a basket, brimming with goodies, for the winner.

Comedian Tony V, "The Funniest Person in Massachusetts", will be appearing at **Temple Beth Emunah,** 479 Torrey St., Brockton on March 22. The doors open at 8 p.m. with the show beginning at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for the evening are $20 per person. For information or to make your reservations call 508-583-5810. Beer and wine will be available.

Easter Egg Hunt Aboard USS Salem takes place March 22 from noon to 3 p.m. The USS Salem is a 716 foot U.S. Navy ship moored at the former Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. Admission $5. 617-479-7900 or www.uss-salem.org

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 22, **Luau Party with the mother focus party band** 781-829-6999.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

THE NORTH & SOUTH RIVERS WATERSHED ASSOCIATION'S 6TH ANNUAL KAYAK EXPO takes place March 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Norwell Middle School, (Route 123) 328 Main St., Norwell. Admission is $5 for Adults/$3 age 12 and under. Information: visit the North & South Rivers Watershed Association's web site www.nsrwa.orgor email paula@nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168.

SHORESIDE ASTHMA & ALLERGY EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP meets April 2, at the North Pembroke Elementary School, 72 Pilgrim Road, Pembroke. For the "Food Allergy Parent Roundtable" Share experiences and hear ideas from others about travel and vacation tips, summer programs, birthday parties, school lunches, visiting relatives, and more. Meet others who share your concerns and challenges; learn about resources and strategies. You are not alone. Free and open to the public. Visit www.asthmaandallergies.org or call 781-444-7778 or by e-mail: sharons@aafane.org for information.

THE UNICORN SINGERS will perform April 4 and 6 at House of Prayer, 918 Main St., Hingham The program, '3 Beats/4 Hands' offers delightful part songs and waltzes written over several centuries, featuring some of the Liebeslieder Waltzes of Brahms, as well as a brand-new medley of Richard Rodgers classics from Broadway shows, by arranger/singer Rich Jensen (center front). Concerts are Friday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 4 p.m. Tickets $15 at the door or call 781-749-6561.

Fundraising events

DAFFODIL DAYS, the fundraiser held each year by the American Cancer Society is taking place at King Jewelers Inc. 812 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset. The public is invited to place orders for the spring flowers. Daffodils bouquets are $10 each and consist of 10 stems. One hundred percent of the proceeds generated is donated to the American Cancer Society. Flowers may be pre-ordered at anytime. Bouquets will be available to be claimed at the store on March 18 to 22. A springtime party will be held in the store March 18 as visitors claim their flowers. King's will host Maryann Englander of Dragonfly Studios in Cohasset and her jewelry designs. For information call Valerie King at 781-383-1755, visit www.KingJewelersInc.com

THE BLUE HILLS TRAILSIDE MUSEUM will hold its 11th annual auction on Saturday, March 29, from 6:30 to 10:30 pm at The Lantana, 43 Scanlon Drive, Randolph. The evening's events will include a silent auction followed by dinner and a live auction. A cash bar will be available. Items offered for auction consist of many one of a kind items, including a baseball autographed by Jonathan Papelbon, other sports memorabilia along with tickets to major sporting and theater events, original artwork, wine, and many other interesting items and activities. Tickets are $75 per person. Auction donations are welcome. To donate an item, or to volunteer contact the museum at 617-333-0690 or send e-mail to bluehills@masaudubon.org. If you cannot attend the event but would like to support this fundraising effort, mail your donation to Mass Audubon's Blue Hills Trailside Museum, 1904 Canton Ave, Milton, MA 02186.

THE NORWELL WOMEN'S CLUB will be sponsoring its yearly Fashion Show, "Hats off to Charity", April 3, at Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston. The event will feature clothing and accessories from many local businesses, and will also feature elegant recovery clothing from Healing Threads by Spirited Sisters. contact Pat Bigger at *tpbigger@aol.com* or Chris Gillis at *seagirley.com* for more information about this year's Fashion Show.

ELISABETH VON TRAPP will perform in her family's tradition April 6 at St. Mary's Church in Scituate Harbor. Von Trapp is a member of the famous Von Trapp family of Vermont. Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children with proceeds benefiting a number of the Scituate Rotary Club projects.

SCITUATE APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT GROUP On June 21-29, fifty high school students and 20 adults from four churches in Scituate will travel to West Virginia with the Appalachian Service Project to repair and rebuild homes for families in need. This is the fourth annual trip for the group, which includes members from four Scituate churches: First Trinitarian Congregational, St, Mary's, St. Luke's and the First Parish Unitarian Church. To help defray expenses for the trip, the Scituate ASP group is hosting a unique fundraiser: The Grand Ole Opry Dinner and Auction, to be held Saturday, March 29, from 6:30 to 11 p.m., at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. The evening includes a down home Barbeque by The Borrowed Butler, music by The Gr8fuls, dancing, and silent and live auctions. This year, each teen has built a wooden box as a project, to learn how to measure and use power tools, for the trip. The boxes have been decorated and signed by artists and celebrities from all over the South Shore, and will be auctioned off at the event. Tickets to the event are $35; there is a cash bar. Tickets are available through any of the participating churches, by calling Maureen Keys at 781-545-1348 or Alice Gillan at 781-545-4979.

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Theater review

Can you tell me how to get to 'Avenue Q?'

Sesame Street inspired play hits Boston's Colonial Theatre

By R. Scott Reedy
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PHOTO BY CAROL ROSEGG

The cast of "Avenue Q" plays at the Colonial Theatre, in Boston through March 23.

The press materials for "Avenue Q" can say what they want, but to suggest that there should never be a comparison between "Sesame Street" and the delightfully racy musical now at Boston's Colonial Theatre is just downright silly. But then, like their more innocent counterparts on "Sesame Street," so are many of the puppet characters found in and on "Avenue Q." Both "Avenue Q" and the landmark PBS series that so obviously inspired it use humor and abundant warmth to impart their respective life lessons.

Can anything else explain a Trekkie Monster whose Internet porn fixation is oddly reminiscent of a certain Cookie Monster's endless appetite for food? Or a closeted gay investment banker, Rod, who probably has a bachelor uncle, Bert, with a longtime companion named Ernie? Clearly, the sprightly national tour of "Avenue Q," the 2004 Tony Award winner for Best Musical, Best Book, and Best Score, is not meant for young children. But if you're a grownup who spent your childhood glued to the television following the exploits of Oscar the Grouch and company – and you can handle full puppet nudity that goes further than Kathleen Turner ever did in "The Graduate" – then this may be just the show for you.

A slice-of-life look at a group of 20-something people and puppets, "Avenue Q" tells the story of Princeton, an aptly named recent college grad who moves to New York City with big hopes and dreams and one very small bank account. He finds the only apartment he can afford on Avenue Q, where his neighbors are also in search of good jobs, stable relationships, and a purpose in life. Princeton's newfound friends include Brian, an out-of-work stand-up comic, and his Japanese-American fiancée, Christmas Eve, a short-on-clients therapist; a pair of unmarried men, Nicky and Rod, who share an apartment; a kindergarten teacher, Kate Monster, willing to put down the Play-Doh for romance with Princeton; and Gary Coleman, the now grown-up child star of "Diff'rent Strokes" fame. (Just an aside, but wouldn't it be nice to see the real Gary Coleman playing himself? Many a has-been has breathed new life into an old career with Broadway replacement work in long-running shows like "Chicago" and "Hairspray." Why should Gary Coleman be any different? Carla Renata does good work here, but one has to wonder what Mr. Coleman himself would do with this role. His presence would certainly seem to fit well within this show's silliness quota.)

Renata's Coleman is one of three non-puppet characters here, the others being Cole Porter as the comedian and Sala Imawatsu as his fiancée, a young woman whose accent has out-lived her acculturation. If you find yourself shaking your head at what seems to be a very dated, stereotypical depiction of a Japanese-American, just look around and you'll see that you're not alone. But even with a hairdo that looks like it was copied from a 1960s troll doll, Imawatsu manages to be quite appealing – especially as she leads the cast in the wickedly funny "Everyone's a Little Bit Racist."

The others in this very fine company lend wonderful voices and great charm, too, as they act alongside their felt-faced puppets and bring them so vividly to life. Robert McClure employs great aplomb to play not one, but two of the show's very different male leads – Princeton and Rod. McClure is hysterically funny on Princeton's lyrical lament "B.A. in English." And, when Rod defends his heterosexuality with "My Girlfriend Who Lives in Canada," McClure makes the skittish character not just laughable, but very lovable. Kelli Sawyer is terrific, too, as both the unsure Kate and the bejeweled temptress, Lucy the Slut, who is what you'd get if you crossed Mae West with Paris Hilton and turned the resultant blonde bombshell into a hand puppet.

Co-creators and composers Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx may have been inspired by something very familiar, but what they have created – with help from Jeff Whitty's book for the show and Jason Moore's direction – is fresh in every meaning of the word, and why not? Who better than the next generation, even if they're puppets, to poke pointed fun at their own insecurities as they make their way in the uncertain world they've inherited?

Incidentally, the puppets may be expressionless, but with considerable help from designer Rick Lyon they still command the stage. Thankfully, the "we have nothing to do with 'Sesame Street'" message seems not to have reached Lyon, who gratefully acknowledges "the inspiration and encouragement of the late Jim Henson" in his "Playbill" bio.

"Avenue Q" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston, through March 23. For tickets and information visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at broadwayacrossamerica.com.



The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 22, celebrate Satch's Annual 39th Birthday Blues Bash, with The Mighty HouseRockers & Friends. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

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Sunday, March 23

The Art inBloom spring flower exhibit at the Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth ends Saturday, March 29. A multi media exhibit of floral, botanical, landscape andstill life art, bursting with the promise of Spring, the exhibit features the work of 10 Massachusetts artists: **Anet Paglierani and Marilyn Reisberg** of Quincy; **Kathy Ferrara** of Hanson; **Roger Gill** of Rockland; **Stephen Holland** of Pembroke, **Maggie Lee Gosselin** of Weymouth, **J. Marshall Dyke** of Hull; and **George Hartley** of Pownal, Vt. VT, formerly of Middleboro. Two artists who are new to the gallery are included: **Janet DeLonga** of Holbrook, and **Frank Carrol** of Hanover. Gallery hours Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday noon to 5 p.m. www.dickinsonartgallery.com.Free parking and free admission.

Monday, March 24

Foodie's Market, 46 Depot St., Duxbury March 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. **Tasting**, Willow Tree Premium Chicken Pot Pies. 781-934-5544, ext. 21

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com The Monday, March 24 program is hobby night. Members bring their talents and hobbies in to share with othersAll are welcome.

DivorceCare for Kids support group meetings on Mondays. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vineyard Community Church, 8 Hilltop Ave., Kingston. A 13-week self-contained revolving sessions for kids ages 5 to 12. Information, contact Rosalie 781-585-4776 or rosalie@thevineyardkingston.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 24, **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker Leauge** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, March 25

Monthly Chamber Networking Luncheon, Tuesday, March 25 from noon to 1 p.m. at Sweet Fordy's, 290 Center St., Pembroke. $10 for a delicious signature sandwich, drink and dessert. Have a bite to eat and talk about your favorite subject - YOUR business. If possible, register on-line at the Pembroke Chamber Calendar section at www.PembrokeChamber.org. Any questions, call Janet LeBerge with Dirty Deeds at 781.308.4447.

Grub Street South at Buttonwood welcomes columnist **Beverly Beckham** on March 25, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset. Beckham's topic is "How and why I went from writing "Shimmering in the radiance of all the dawning splendor of the earth, the trees rocked to and fro" to " A breeze blew." The goal of the workshop is to teach writers the art of the personal essay and how to self-edit with the intent of getting published. Grub Street South at Buttonwood is a collaboration between Grub Street, Boston's only independent writing center, and Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. The goal of the program is to get writers writing. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Wednesday, March 26

StoryTime March 26 at 10 a.m., **Front Street Book Shop**, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Mary reads age appropriate stories from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Good listeners of pre-school and kindergarten age along with an adult, are invited to attend. Free. 781-545-5011 or frontstreetbookshop.com

Casino Gambling Forum, 7 to 9:30 p.m. March 26, at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Public forum on the question of casino gambling in Massachusetts presented by the Cohasset Democratic town committee's "Cohasset Political Forum."

Scituate Town Library hosts Scituate commercial fisherman and boat captain **Frank Mirarchi** at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, as he presents a program on fisheries management, **Ground Fishing, the Fisheries You Thought You Knew**. The program explores the complex politics of fishery management as New Englanders struggle to balance the recovery of over-fished stocks with the economic needs of the fishing industry by restoring sustainable and economically productive fisheries. For information, or directions to the library, call 781-545-8727 or consult the library website at www.scituatetownlibrary.org.

Land Trust Annual Meeting at Wilder Hall This year's Annual Meeting of the Hingham Land Conservation Trust will be held on March 26 at Wilder Memorial Hall, 666 Main Street at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Guest speakers this year are **Frank and Jean White**, owners of Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset, along with farmers **Ben Wolbach** and **Hannah Hobbs,** and the Director of Education, **Jon Belber**. They will share the history and workings of their farm, and will also give information about the conservation restriction placed on a portion of the farm. For information visit www.hinghamlandtrust.org or call 781-749-0162.

French film festival, 7 p.m. in room 105 of Martin Institute for Law and Society at Stonehill College March 26 to April 9. The movie to be featured March 26 is "Indigenes". Open to the public. Admission is free, and each film will have English subtitles.

The Painted Ladies- artists **Susan Benoit** and **Maria Hopkins** of Duxbury, **Gayle Loik** of Hanover, and **Heidi Mayo** of Plymouth come together to bring you a feast of fine art at the South Shore Natural Science Center. 48 Jacobs Lane (just off Rte 123), Norwell, Feb. 29 through April 5. Free admission. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. For information call Susan Benoit at 339-832-0046.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 26 **Flydown Unplugged** 781-829-6999.

Thursday, March 27

Kathleen Kelly, vice president & business development officer for Century Bank in Braintree, will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), on March 27 at 7 a.m. Kelly will discuss the advantages of remote banking, including the ability to make deposits from your desk." Remote banking is ideal for customers with lots of checks to deposit and a great cost savings for those who use lock boxes," says Kelly. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Larry Czech at 781-356-1440 or by email at lczech@czechpa.com.

Starcreations Theater presents **Jungle Book** on Thursday and Friday, March 27 and 28 at 5 p.m. at the Reed Community House, 33A Summer St. Kingston. General Admission tickets: $3. For information and reservations, call 508-747-1234 or email info@starcreations.org

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St. Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia** every **Thursday**. 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007

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South Shore Singles will sponsor its bi-monthly dance March 28, featuring DJ: Rick Walsh and his keyboard from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St. Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Fine dancing, music, refreshments, door prize, cash bar. 781-331-0021 southshoresingles.org

New England Singles Dances March 28, 8 p.m. to midnight. Halifax Country Club, 100 Country Club Dr., Route 106, Halifax. Casual dress, adults of all ages. Dance music and requests DJ. Light buffet. Admission $10. 617-325-0591 singlesdances-newengland.com

Auditions

SOUTH SHORE FOLK MUSIC CLUB, in order to promote interest in the singing of traditional ballads from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, will hold a ballad singing contest for students in grades 6 through 12 from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 18 at the Beal House, Route 106, Kingston. Participants will be chosen based on the date of receipt of the contest form and how much space there is in each category. The contest is being held on a night when the club would be having one of its regular coffeehouses, so expect the regular audience to attend and enjoy the contest performance. The contest form must be received by 8 p.m. Friday, March 21. Contest organizer Karen Haffner will call or e-mail you Sunday, March 22, to let you know whether you will be one of the performers. To be eligible, your song must be a ballad (a song that tells a story) and must be listed in either or both of the listings: 1. Cantaria listing of Traditional Songs, www.cantaria.com and click on traditional, or 2. The Child Ballads – www.contemplator.com/child/index.html. Contest organizer Lynn Feingold will discuss songs and answer questions at 781-961-6649. There will be no charge for contest participants. All other attendees will be charged the regular South Shore Folk Music Club Coffeehouse price of $5 for members, $6 for nonmembers.

GRANT WILFLEY CASTING will be holding an open call from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 30 at the Maria Weston Chapman Middle School, 1051 Commercial St., East Weymouth, to cast extras for the upcoming feature film "Bride Wars." The film is set in current-day New York City, but is filming in Boston. Grant Wilfley Casting is seeking locals who are 18 or older and who fit the following types to fill various non-speaking roles: upscale men and women, specifically those with high-end, formal wedding and rehearsal dinner attire, female customers and male exotic dancers for a male strip club scene, adult ballroom dance students, 20s-30s attractive yuppies, lawyer/business types, school teacher types, New York socialite types, ladies who lunch, etc. If you cannot attend the open call, email a recent picture and contact information to bridewars@gwcnyc.com.

BOSTON POPS HIGH SCHOOL SING-OFF: A BEST OF BROADWAY CHALLENGE The first Boston Pops musical theater competition for Massachusetts high school students. Students are to pick songs from such Broadway greats as "Sweeney Todd," "Chicago," "West Side Story" and "My Fair Lady." Entries are being accepted now. The winner will be featured in the Boston Pops' Fourth of July concert at the Charles River Esplanade. For complete details on how to enter, go to www.BostonPops.org. The entry fee is $10.

Reunions

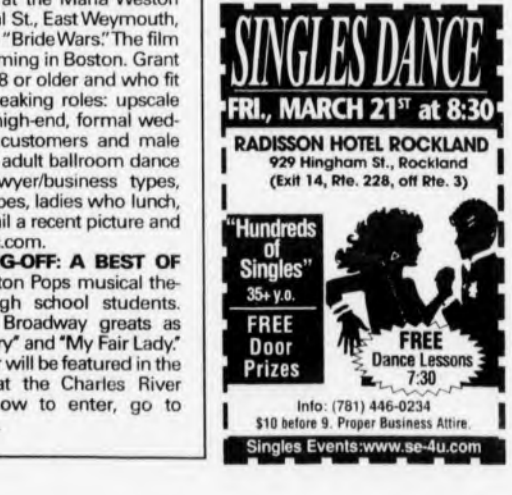
ST. MARGARERT'S HOSPITAL 15-year reunion takes place Sunday, March 30, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Florian Hall, Dorchester. $35 per person includes buffet dinner and DJ. Respond by March 10. Enjoy dinner, dancing and old Friends. Check made payable to: Terry O'Connor, 87 Knollwood Circle, Weymouth, MA 02188. 781-335-0113

NEW BEGINNINGS OF NORWELL is holding its annual celebration at Pembroke Country Club on Saturday, May 3, from 7 p.m. to midnight. All members, past and present, as well as friends, family and colleagues are invited. For information, call Michael Bennett at 617 462 5453 or email ambennett@adelphia.net. To receive tickets, send check for $29 per person, which includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, dancing and a cash bar, along with names of attendees and SASE to: Mimi Wigman, 43 Lowell Rd., Pembroke, MA 02359.

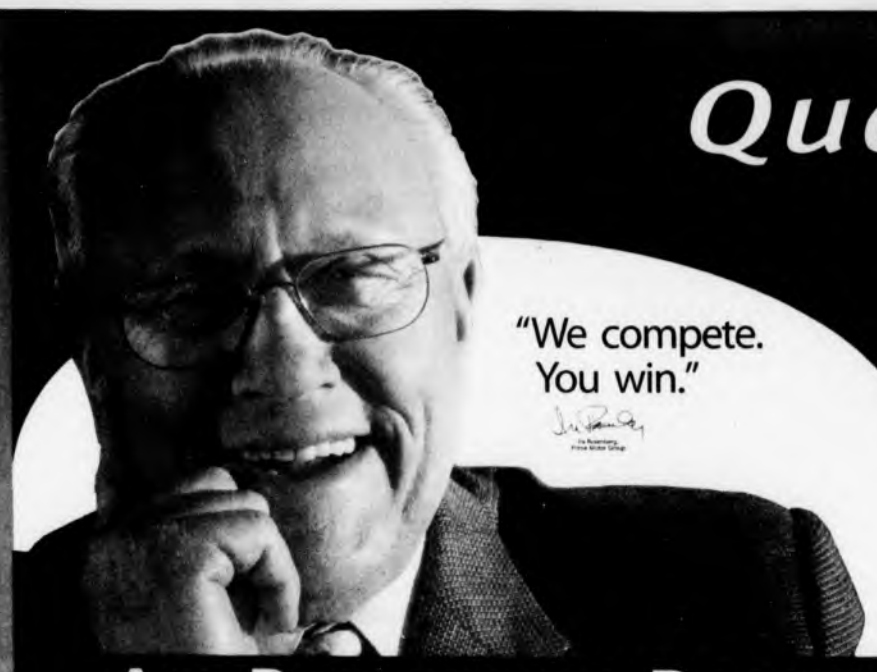
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Ted Carroll will take over the reins at the Recreation Department about May 1. The former Recreation Commissioner is a lifelong resident and started working with retiring Recreation Director Jack Worley when he was still in high school.

Under his wing

Worley to pass the baton to Carroll

By Mary Ford
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The search was far and wide but the results were close to home.

Town Manager Bill Griffin has appointed Ted Carroll of Bancroft Road, a lifelong resident, as Recreation Director.

Carroll will replace Jack Worley, who is retiring at the end of next month after 32 years in the post.

However, "replace" could be a misnomer.

As the Board of Selectmen noted Monday that Worley – who is always the first one at Town Hall in the morning and the last to leave at night – is not "replaceable."

But Carroll, 41, could be as close as one gets.

In an interview this week, Worley warmly described Carroll as "a micro-manager just like me – we leave nothing to chance."

"Recreation has been my calling since I attended recreation programs in town."
— Ted Carroll

Worley should know. He said Carroll came to Cohasset Recreation when he was still in high school and has been involved one way or another practically ever since.

Carroll spent many years as a playground counselor and then as playground director. He has also served as a Recreation Commissioner, resigning recently when he decided to apply for Worley's post.

"He has always wanted to be here," Worley said of Carroll. "I took him under my wing and taught him everything I know."

It has almost been like a parent-child relationship. "It has been a good relationship and this has been Ted's dream job," he said. "I am glad that it worked out for him."

Griffin said the town received 30 resumes for the job. Six candidates were chosen for a personal interview; one dropped out, so five were interviewed.

The interview team included Griffin, Jim Richardson and Lisa Offerman of the Recreation Commission; Finance Director Michael Buckley; and Jennifer Vitelli, recreation director in Scituate.

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Big issues on table

Town Meeting starts at 9 a.m. at CHS

By Nancy White
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Should the town devote $300,000 to the restoration of Treat's Pond? How about establishing an affordable housing trust? Is Cohasset ready to implement regulations for wind turbines?

These issues — and more — will each get their chance to take center stage at tomorrow's Annual Town Meeting. Starting promptly at 9a.m. at the Cohasset High School gymnasium, Town Meeting has plenty of hefty issues for voters to weigh in on. Important (and some controversial) issues are spread throughout the 25 article Town Meeting warrant from the fiscal 2009 operating budget (article 3) to the stormwater management bylaw (article 24).

Given the issues on the agenda, town officials are not really worried about achieving a quorum, which in Cohasset is 100 registered voters.

"There are a lot of important issues and first time changes," said Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil. "It will be an interesting Town Meeting. I'm looking forward to it."

As Vanderweil ran down the list of articles, he listed off many he considered important — and potentially debatable among Town Meeting attendees. The operating budget, although presented with no override, is always an important issue, he said. The proposal of the capital stabilization fund (article 9), wind energy zoning bylaw (article 14) and affordable housing trust (article 19) are all brand new proposals and could provoke questions or concerns from the audience, said Vanderweil.

The Treat's Pond restoration project (article 22) is sure to cause a few waves on the floor of Town Meeting following significant debate both at recent Selectmen's meetings and in the Mariner editorial pages.

With significant issues on the table, Vanderweil said he hopes citizens will come out to participate in the Town Meeting forum.

"If people don't go to Town Meeting, there's no town government. The power

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Ripley Road condo plans

Project being filed as a '40B'

By Mary Ford
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The large, white house, built in 1889 at the corner of Ripley Road and Sohier Street, is about to start a new chapter.

It had come full circle from a single-family home to a hospital, then nursing home, and then back to a single family home again.

Cohasset resident, Will Charles, is now proposing a seven-unit condominium development, under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law.

The plans are similar to those proposed by Cohasset Housing Partnership offered in early 2007 but, due to neighborhood opposition, the partnership moved on to other opportunities.

Charles and his Norwell-based attorney, Robert Devin, introduced themselves to Selectmen on Monday night.

Under Chapter 40B, the zoning board can approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Towns that are under the 10 percent threshold of their housing stock deemed as affordable by state standards, like Cohasset, are vulnerable to 40-B projects.

Although a 40B project does not have to "make the rounds" with other boards besides zoning, Devin said he and Charles would be meeting with the Cohasset Housing Partnership in April to go over the plans.

"We don't want to be a hostile developer, we want to be friendly," Devin said. "We don't claim to have all the answers and are open to suggestions."

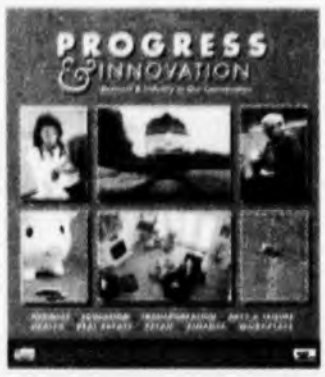
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Progress 2008

Don't miss the 2008 issue of Progress & Innovation, a special section in this week's newspaper. Progress annually explores the evolution of our regional marketplace.

In this year's issue, we look at how a tax credit has encouraged Hollywood to come to Massachusetts, how the addition of clinics in CVS stores will affect our health-care options, and how local businesses and homeowners are embracing "green" technology to preserve our environment.

From home-based businesses providing their owners with flexibility to international companies innovating in biotechnology to financial planners helping us make the most from what we have, we take a long look at what's happening in our business community.



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- Mark Olivieri, publisher

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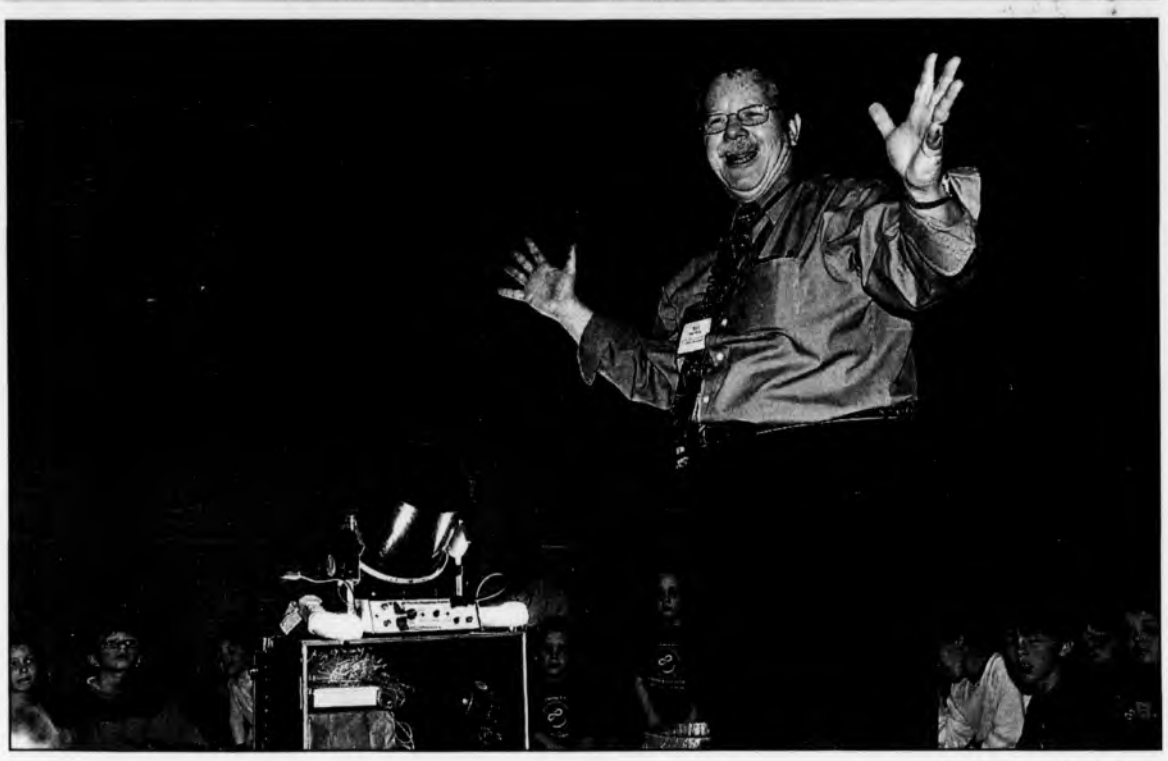
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Mike Marks of the Sky Connection was a guest at Osgood's Math and Science Night. For more photos, see page 21. The Sky Connection provides on-site, EduTarium programs for schools, private events, camps and nature centers throughout New England and beyond.

Name: Mike Marks.

Occupation: Chief Astro-guide.

Best day of your life: Every day I can enjoy the cosmos!

Best vacation: The one I take with my wife each year!

Favorite season: Autumn — oh, that refreshing air, those glorious colors, crumply leaves, pumpkin-caroling hayrides, and hot mulled apple cider.

Favorite holiday: Christmas, especially when it is a white one.

Favorite junk food: Dark, rich, melt-in-your-mouth chocolate — hmmm yum.

Favorite song: "Thank You for the Music," by Abba.

Best movie or actor: First "Star Wars 2", but I always enjoy Jack Nicholson

Best TV show: "Mr. Wizard."

Most memorable moment: Personal tour of Parliament in London, an incredible six-hour experience. It's a wonder how they get any work done with 26 bars and restaurants on the premises.

Pet peeve: Why do I always pick the wrong checkout line?

Goal: Have fun, get paid.

Person you'd most like to meet: Michael Faraday.

Biggest worry: Will my wrinkle-free shirts really last?

Best part of Cohasset: Opportunity to participate in the Osgood School Math and Science Night event. Clear dark skies and thank you everyone!

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Mar.-Apr.	AM	HIGH Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	LOW Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 27	3:29	8.8	4:05	7.7	9:46	0.9	9:57	1.7
Sunrise: 6:34 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:04 p.m.*			
Fri. 28	4:14	8.5	4:55	7.4	10:34	1.2	10:46	2.0
Sunrise: 6:32 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:05 p.m.*			
Sat. 29	5:05	8.2	5:49	7.2	11:27	1.4	11:39	2.1
Sunrise: 6:30 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:06 p.m.*			
Sun. 30	6:01	8.1	6:47	7.2	—	—	12:24	1.5
Sunrise: 6:28 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:07 p.m.*			
Mon. 31	6:59	8.2	7:44	7.4	12:37	2.1	1:21	1.4
Sunrise: 6:27 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:08 p.m.*			
Tues. 1	7:57	8.4	8:38	7.8	1:36	1.9	2:16	1.1
Sunrise: 6:25 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:09 p.m.*			
Wed. 2	8:52	8.7	9:27	8.4	2:32	1.4	3:07	0.7
Sunrise: 6:23 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:11 p.m.*			
Thurs. 3	9:44	9.1	10:13	9.0	3:25	0.8	3:54	0.3
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Refunding plan for bonds

Town Finance Director Michael Buckley has played a role in saving the town about $245,000 over 10 years.

Town Manager Bill Griffin told selectmen Monday that Buckley worked with the town's financial advisor to determine if a plan for bonds issued in 1998 was to the town's advantage.

Griffin said he was pleased to report that Bank of America is willing to purchase the bonds at an interest rate of 3.02 percent. The old rates vary from 4 percent to 4.7 percent. He explained that most of the debt is associated with debt exclusion projects such as the new Osgood School and DPW garage. The savings will reduce the town's annual exempt debt by about $20,000 a year.

Vanderweil's last meeting

Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil figuratively retired the gavel on Monday as it was his last regular selectmen's meeting. The board has posted a meeting for 8 a.m. Saturday before the annual Town Meeting to go over any last-minute items.

Vanderweil is stepping down from town elected office after 20 years on the Sewer Commission, followed by a three-year term on the Board of Selectmen.

While Selectmen Chairman, Vanderweil ran efficient meetings, sticking to agenda times in most cases.

However, his fellow board members teased him on Monday when the agenda ran an hour late due to a discussion about Treat's Pond.

"It has been a pleasure," Vanderweil said about his service as a selectman. "But now I can watch Monday night meetings from the comfort of my living room."

Rabies clinic offered May 17

The Town of Hull will be hosting its Second Annual Multi-town Rabies Clinic offering reduced cost rabies vaccines for dogs and cats in Hull, Cohasset, Hingham and Norwell, on Saturday, May 17, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Dr. Grace Strake, DVM, South Coastal Animal Health, Weymouth, will be assisting the Town of Hull, administering these vaccinations. The clinic will be held behind Hull Police Headquarters, 1 School St., Vaccinations will be $10.

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Police cruisers getting up there

Union concerned about safety

By Mary Ford
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The Cohasset Police Association, which is the police officers' union, is concerned about the safety of the police department's fleet.

To that end, CPA president Officer James P. McLean, wrote to selectmen to express concern on behalf of the union with the intent of supporting Chief James Hussey's efforts through the capital budget process to upgrade the cruisers.

"The mileage on the department's front line cruisers ranges from 100,000 to 140,000 miles," McLean stated in his March 1 letter. "Due to the nature of the use of these cars, equipment malfunctions and failure have a higher probability of occurring with this amount of mileage.

"Although vigilant maintenance being performed on the cruisers may extend the life of them, they are at the point of being unsafe to drive."

In the letter, McLean said the union is concerned that an equipment failure could occur during an emergency response endangering the lives of officers and the public.

When the issue was raised during the selectmen's comment period Monday, Town Manager Bill Griffin said he asked Chief James Hussey to conduct an analysis of the fleet for selectmen and the Capital Budget Committee.

In a March 19 letter to Town Manager Bill Griffin, Chief James Hussey projected an up-to-date list of the police motor vehicles with mileage.

- 881 (unmarked Chief of Police car), 2000 Ford Crown Victoria with 113,624 miles;
- 882 (marked cruiser/used 24/7), 2003 Ford Crown Victoria with 139,299 miles;
- 883 (marked cruiser/used 24/7), 2005 Ford Crown Victoria with 127,746 miles;
- 884 (marked cruiser/used 24/7), 2005 Ford Crown Victoria with 125,427 miles;
- 885 (unmarked prosecutor car), 1995 Ford Crown Victoria with 100,011 miles;
- 886 (marked Sgt./Lt. car), 2005 Ford Crown Victoria with 99,181 miles;
- 888 (marked patrol), 2004 Ford Expedition, with 58,738 miles;
- Delta One (unmarked detective), 2000 Ford Taurus with 185,978 miles;
- Delta Two (unmarked detective) 2002 Mercury Sable with 72,250 miles.

Hussey stated cars 882, 883 and 884 are marked cruisers, one of which is usually a spare and used when another is out of service. He said police generally have two officers working on patrol.

Also, at times, 886 is used as a third patrol car when there is not a sergeant/lieutenant on shift.)

The Ford Expedition (888) is four-wheel drive vehicle used during the winter or for special events, whose use the department tries to limit to increase its life expectancy.

The prosecutor car (885) is used for the officer to travel back and forth to Quincy District Court and to her duties with the schools and the elderly.

In a telephone interview, Chief Hussey said one new cruiser is on order. Money was approved for its purchase at the fall Special Town Meeting. He explained a cruiser costs about $30,000 depending on whether light bars and that type of equipment can be used from the retiring cruiser. The new car should arrive sometime in April or May, he said.

Griffin said Tuesday that he met with McLean who explained the union hoped the letter would help support the Chief's efforts with the Capital Budget Committee, Selectmen and Advisory Committee.

Griffin said McLean knows the town will not be looking at further capital projects until it moves toward the fall Town Meeting, so he does not feel it necessary to meet with the Selectmen at this time.

Town study of Treat's Pond proposed

Selectman Paul Carlson's efforts to win support to have the town do its own engineering study on Treat's Pond failed with a tie vote of the Board of Selectmen on Monday.

Carlson and chairman Gary Vanderweil supported the motion but Fred Koed and Ted Carr were opposed. Ralph Dormitzer, a neighbor of Treat's Pond, recused himself from the discussion.

Carlson's effort, however, did result in another lengthy discussion on the Treat's Pond issue and served as another indicator that Saturday's Town Meeting discussion could be heated and passionate about its future.

The proposal would have asked the town to appropriate no more than $100,000 to look at flooding of residential properties in the neighborhood and what environmental impacts any potential solutions would have.

The study would still leave the door open to the potential of the town receiving a federal grant to restore the saltmarsh.

Carlson said he had received assurances from US Rep. Bill Delahunt's office that federal money would still be available for the Treat's Pond restoration project after the fall Special Town Meeting, should the town study determine that was the best solution.

Selectmen appeared to be divided on the Treat's Pond article, itself, although they have recommended it by a vote of 4-0 to Town Meeting.

Selectman Fred Koed said flooding is a town-wide issue and townspeople need to be comfortable that flooding issues are prioritized. He said it was important to make people feel comfortable that "no one is being left out."

While Atlantic Avenue can flood during heavy storms – Jacob's Meadow where the sewer plant is located and has overflowed, appears to pose a more serious health issue.

Selectman Ted Carr said it was time to let the voters decide the issue. He said the town had sent a clear signal to Delahunt in support of the plan and the funding, which would include a federal grant.

"I am in favor of moving with the current article and letting the people decide," he said.

POLICE BEAT

Dog bite, accidents and bathroom intruder

Myriad incidents reported last week

By Mary Ford
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A man, who was bitten by a dog in Wheelwright Park, at first said he would seek his own treatment but later came to police headquarters after he discovered the dog had broken the skin on his calf.

The incident occurred about 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday (March 18), police said.

The owner of the dog was identified and the animal was properly licensed and had had all its shots.

The dog had apparently broken away when the man was bitten.

Chief Hussey said paramedics checked the wound.

The victim has the name of the dog owner should he seek any further medical attention or a formal complaint.

MV crashes

- At about 12:30 p.m., on Tuesday (March 18), an accident was reported in the parking lot at Cohasset Family Practice off Route 3A. Police heard different versions from both drivers and were unable to determine who was at fault. A 2000 Honda, owned and operated by a Weymouth resident, was backing out of a space when the collision occurred with a 2005 Toyota, owned and operated by a Brockton resident. The Toyota was traveling through the aisle. There was minor damage to the Toyota. Police assisted the motorists with exchanging papers.
- A hit and run in the Shaw's parking lot was reported at 1:25 p.m. on Tuesday (March 18). The walk-in told police she had been shopping for about 20 minutes and when she came out there was damage near the left rear door of her 2008 Saab station wagon. Police have examined the damage to see if there is any paint or evidence from the other car and they are reviewing the surveillance tapes. The victim reported the incident about an hour after discovering the damage. Chief Hussey said it is better if the motorist calls from the scene so police can get there right away and may have a better chance to find witnesses and other evidence.
- At 11:57 a.m. on Wednesday (March 19), a 2003 Chrysler, owned and operated by a Scituate resident, that was heading west on Sohier Street by Deer Hill School stopped to let a school bus out when it was "rear-ended" by a 1999 Toyota, owned and operated by a Cohasset resident. There were no injuries but there was minor damage to both cars.

The operator of the Toyota was cited for traveling too close.

- At 5:13 p.m. on Saturday (March 22), there was a very minor accident at Summer and South Main streets. A Cohasset man driving a 2003 Saab backed into a 2001 Ford Explorer operated by a Plymouth woman. The woman said the Saab did not stop after contact so she followed him. She said he refused to exchange papers when confronted. He was cited for failing to make himself known after an accident.

Injured deer

The Environmental Police were contacted and responded to a report of an injured deer off Holly Lane with what appeared to be a bone sticking out of its leg.

The animal, which had apparently had been hit by a car, had to be destroyed. The caller reported seeing the deer lying on its back at about 9:18 a.m. Wednesday (March 19).

Loose ledge

Police notified the DPW about some loose ledge that appeared to be ready to roll down the hill and into traffic on Sohier Street last Saturday (March 22). The DPW took care of the problem, police said. The caller reported the potential hazard at 11:30 a.m.

Bathroom intruder

A bizarre situation has been reported by a Short Street resident who went to headquarters to report the entering of the home and unauthorized use of the bathroom on several occasions over the past couple of weeks. Police saw some plaster dust in the bathroom but do not have any other clues. The homeowner is going to replace the locks, Chief Hussey said. Police are doing some checks in the area but have not been able to figure out who would do such a thing. Nothing appears to have been taken.

Vandalism

An Elm Court resident found that someone had thrown a cobblestone through the car window of his 1991 VW Jetta on Saturday (March 22). The incident was reported at 11:56 a.m. Apparently the resident came out that morning to discover the back window had been smashed with the stone. The incident is under investigation.

Assault

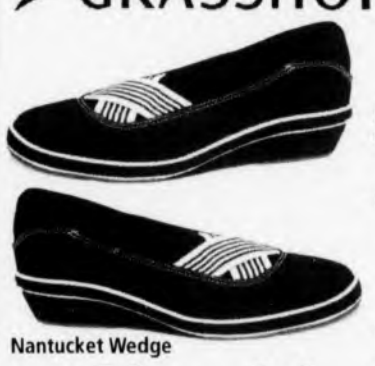
Police responded to a call from a witness to an alleged assault and battery on Border Street at just before 2 p.m. on Sunday (March 23). However, when police arrived the witness and alleged suspect were there but the alleged victim had left the scene. Police need to talk to the victim in order to complete the report.

Bounced checks

On Friday (March 21) a walk-in at the police station reported that two checks written to her by a business in town were returned for non-sufficient funds. She said the owner of the business would not make good on the checks. Police said at this stage the checks are considered "bounced." In time, police will determine if this develops into a crime, Chief Hussey said.

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Spring Cleaning Starts with Books!

By Michelle Bushee

Ahh, springtime. The sun is shining, birds are chirping, and flowers are blooming, but your house still has the winter blues. As the season approaches, many people feel the need for a major cleaning overhaul after a long winter slumber. Floors are scrubbed, walls are washed, and woodwork is polished, but there is more that can be done clearing out your used books.

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Ripley Road condo plans

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Charles assured that the building would be appealing and an asset to the neighborhood. He noted other condo conversions involving larges homes in town that have been successful.

Devin said they would deal with the neighbors in "good faith."

"We will address some concerns but there will be people who don't want it period. We want to hear ideas …the reason we are here tonight is to tell you we want to work with the town."

The house at 25 Ripley Road is on 6/10th of an acre. The current 2-1/2-story, 2,200-square-foot building has 13 bedrooms and seven bathrooms. It is on town sewer.

Charles, who is president of Cohasset Mortgage Co., Inc., purchased the property for $638,100 in June 2007 and has made improvements and repairs in excess of $200,000, according to paperwork submitted to the selectmen.

Two of the seven units would be sold as affordable at $180,000 each and five would be market-rate, at $415,000.

After purchasing cost, site preparation, landscaping, and construction, Charles expects to make a profit of 16.2 percent or about $329,000.

Mindy Evans, 26 Sohier St., who was in the audience, said the neighbors were brought in "at the very tail" of the housing partnership proposal, hence the opposition.

"Our biggest concern was it was a fait à compli — then we were asked for our input," she said. "Secondly, density. People would like to see less density."

Martha Gjesteby, 81 Old Pasture Road, said also alluded to density concerns when she said the seven units would have to be small.

Two of the seven units would be sold as affordable at $180,000 each and five would be market-rate, at $415,000.

But Devin said reducing density is always a function of economic feasibility. "Mass Housing won't issue a site approval unless it is determined the project is economically feasible."

State approval is required for comprehensive permit (40-B) developments.

Charles, under the auspices of Ripley Associates LLP, plans to file a comprehensive permit application with the Zoning Board of Appeals once the site approval from the state is obtained.

Clark Brewer of the housing partnership said the partnership was surprised it was not contacted before the project applied for site approval from the state. He expressed some concerns over the parking plans for the site.

Parking and other issues will be on the agenda when the project is discussed with the partnership on April 9, Devin said.

Charles has extended the proverbial "olive branch" to the community. In October, he hosted a "Vampires Ball" at the house to raise money for the basketball boosters and to let people know his plans for the building.

He said he planned to keep the basic architecture of the historic building intact.

Lottery sales up despite economy

By Kyle Cheney
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Despite a floundering economy, instant ticket sales are soaring, state lottery officials said this week.

Ticket sales are up 10 percent this calendar year over the previous year, reaping $222 million. Since Sept. 25, sales for the $20 Blockbuster game have crossed $520 million, causing even some members of the Lottery Commission, which met today, to do a double-take.

"It's off the charts. It's really off the charts," said state Treasurer Timothy Cahill, who chairs the Lottery Commission.

The spike in ticket sales, coupled with a decline in Keno sales, balanced out to a $194 million, or 6 percent greater windfall this fiscal year than last year. Fiscal 2008 sales are projected to surpass fiscal 2006 sales by $117 million, or 3.5 percent. Fiscal 2006 was the lottery's best-performing year on record, executive director Mark Cavanagh said.

Cavanagh said the only noticeable effect of a worsening economy on the lottery was the loss of Keno revenue. Keno is suffering, he said, because it requires players to be on site at participating restaurants or bars, which have all seen slower business as the economy has slid toward recession.

"People are going out on the weekends, but they're going out less," he said. "They may be doing their Friday or Saturday or Sunday out but not going out earlier in the week. Earlier in the week, places are not doing well."

Lottery officials are rolling out Keno-to-Go, which enables players to check Keno results on the lottery's web site. They estimate the rollout will generate an additional $100 million in sales and $20 million in added revenue for local aid. According to lottery estimates, players bought more than $775 million in Keno tickets in fiscal 2007 and won more than $538 million in prizes. The lottery has 1,776 Keno agents, and about 7,500 licensed agents overall.

Cahill, who announced the state would be borrowing an additional $400 million to pay its bills, said he had conveyed the optimistic lottery figures to the Patrick administration and Senate President Therese Murray, and that he would be meeting with House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi soon to go over the details.

Lottery officials frequently dispute characterizations by the administration and lawmakers that the lottery is in shortfall, pointing to record-breaking sales and measures such as the 10 percent boost in instant ticket revenue. Rather, lottery officials contend, the lottery has fallen short of unrealistic benchmarks set by budget writers.

State leaders continue to portray the lottery as having a revenue "shortfall" or being in "deficit," as House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi contended in a statement announcing a local aid resolution two weeks ago.

Absent from the lottery commission discussion this week was the defeat of Gov. Deval Patrick's resort casino proposal. Most analysts had predicted that introducing casinos to Massachusetts would take a bite out of state lottery proceeds, which are in turn doled out to cities and towns in the form of local aid.

The commission on Wednesday approved a $119,000 increase to a contract to repair instant ticket vending machines, which Cahill called "the backbone of our system." The treasurer said the machines were "ancient," some at least 15 years old.

In the long run, Cahill said, the commission may have to appeal to the Legislature to help fund a $50 million replacement for about 7,500 terminals.

Kyle Cheney writes for the Statehouse News Service.

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Keno-to-Go coming to a store near you

By Mary Ford
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Casinos may not be in the state's immediate future — but gambling is still a big part of the state budget and ultimately those of cities and towns.

Lottery agents across the Commonwealth, including eight in Cohasset, are eligible for a new type of Keno license, "Keno-to-Go."

According to a letter to Town Manager Bill Griffin from Mark J. Cavanagh, executive director of the lottery commission, the state lottery is in the midst of its best year ever with projected sales increases of more than 6 percent, along with profits of more than $900 million.

Cohasset received $474,221 in lottery aid in fiscal 2008 and is projected to receive the same amount in fiscal 2009, which begins July 1.

Cavanagh said the state lottery is always looking for new initiatives to maintain and increase aid to communities and expects Keno-to-Go to raise millions more with no added expenditure.

"This policy provides all lottery customers with the opportunity to play Keno."
— Mark J. Cavanagh, Massachusetts State Lottery Commission

What is proposed is selling Keno tickets at all existing agents other than the limited number that offer the game. *Keno-to-Go* locations would not have a *Keno* monitor. Current Lottery agents who sell other products will be allowed to apply to become *Keno-to-Go* agents. The sale of *Keno-to-Go* tickets would be nearly identical to sales of Mass Cash, Megabucks, Mega Millions or other on-line games.

"This policy provides all lottery customers with the opportunity to play Keno," Cavanagh stated.

Lottery agents in Cohasset include: A Taste of Wine and Spirits, 380 CJC Highway; Cohasset Mobil, 190 King St.; Cohasset News, 3 Brook St.; Curtis Liquors, 780 CJC Hwy.; Fiori's Exxon, 740 CJC Hwy.; Shaw's, 739 CJC Hwy.; Stop & Shop 400 CJC Hwy.; and Tedeschi's 52 S. Main St.

According to published reports, letters introducing the new game and listing eligible vendors were sent to 331 cities and towns on March 14.

Town officials can approve the program, opt out or ask for more time to consider the matter.

The lottery web site says players bought more than $775 million in *Keno* tickets last fiscal year and won more than $538 million in prizes. Currently, the Massachusetts State Lottery has approximately 1,776 *Keno* agents among its total of 7,500 licensed agents.

Lottery officials estimate the *Keno-to-Go* program will result in increased annual sales of about $100 million when fully implemented. The program will likely generate about $20 million more in aid for Massachusetts communities, the lottery says.

Cohasset Selectmen decided not to object to the Keno-to-Go program.

Griffin explained, "To do so, it is my understanding, the board would have had to hold a public hearing with the eight establishments currently licensed to sell lottery tickets, take their input, then decide if they wanted to request a hearing with the Lottery Commission to object to the program here in town.

"And, they would have had to do all that within 21 days of notice from the state," he said.

Griffin said as it stands, all eight establishments that sell lottery tickets would be allowed to see Keno-to-Go tickets. Only Cohasset Food Mart has an actual Keno screen on site. The lottery commission has not made it clear if establishments with Keno screens can also offer Keno-to-Go.

"Keno-to-Go will not involve Keno screens," Griffin said. "People will play their Keno numbers, get a ticket, and then check their numbers on the computer at home as described in the letter from the Lottery Commission."

Endowment Wall honors library donors

The Cohasset Library Trust has recently installed an Endowment Donor Wall at the entry to the library. It honors the more than 20 people who have, over more than 100 years, made significant gifts to the library. These gifts have created the library's endowment. Some gifts have been as bequests in a donor's will. Others have been gifts from friends or family to memorialize or honor individuals.

From time to time, the Library Trust plans to offer short sketches of the people whose names are on the Donor Wall.

One of the earliest gifts to the Cohasset Library's endowment was a 1901 bequest of $500 from the will of Alexander Williams to the Cohasset Free Library. Mr. Williams summered in Cohasset for more than 25 years and, in Bigelow's "History of Cohasset," is referred to as a resident of Beach Street.

The New York Times in his obituary referred to him as "Boston's famous pioneer bookseller and publisher." Williams was born in Boston in 1818 and by 1841 was the head of the firm Redding & Co., a store that Williams made "the centre of attraction for all who sought the latest English newspapers and the newest American periodicals, books and newspapers. On the arrival of a steamer from England, the British flag was displayed at the doorway to indicate that the foreign newspapers were on the counter, and the signal was invariably followed by a rush. In 1869, he became the proprietor of the 'Old Corner Bookstore' at the corner of School and Washington streets in Boston. The place soon became "a resort (sic) of leading authors and distinguished persons."

When not in Cohasset, Williams lived on Newbury Street in Boston with his wife and four children. His sons, Alexander and Robert, also became Cohasset summer residents.

He died in 1900 at the age of 81 years and his bequest to the Cohasset Free Library was made before the Paul Pratt Memorial Library was completed. The Town of Cohasset established the Cohasset Free Public Library in the early 1880s and had a modest collection of books located in Town Hall.

Williams gift of $500 was the equivalent of a gift of more than $12,000 today. A small percent of its value has been used annually to support the library's book budget, and its principal has maintained its purchasing power over the years.

The Cohasset Library Trust was established to increase and prudently manage the Library's Endowment. Tax support of the Library has been declining as a percentage of Cohasset's budget for at least a decade. New gifts to the Cohasset Library Trust will join old gifts to assure the continued quality of this town treasure. A gift of $5,000 to the Library Trust earns listing on the new Endowment Wall in the Library Entry.

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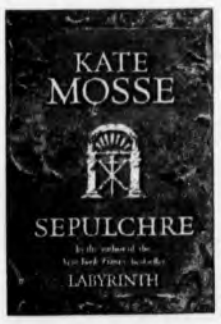
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Jessie MacDonald, a Special Olympics Massachusetts athlete and resident of Cohasset.

Jessie MacDonald, a Special Olympics Massachusetts athlete and resident of Cohasset, will be inducted into the 2008 Special Olympics Massachusetts Hall of Fame on April 5th at a Black tie event celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Special Olympics movement.

MacDonald has trained and competed in alpine skiing, aquatics, athletics, basketball, candlepin bowling, fishing, golf, power lifting, sailing, soccer, and softball. She's also recently taken up snowboarding as well. She is extremely competitive and takes her sport very seriously. She trains hard and sets high standards for herself.

MacDonald's passion and commitment knows no bounds. She can dead lift 300 pounds, squat 285 pounds, and bench press 150 pounds. Of that, she says, "It makes me kind of proud." A recent headline about MacDonald, "Powered By Passion" personifies her commitment and it is with this passion that MacDonald won four gold medals at the 2006 National Games in Iowa.

An active athlete and fundraiser for Special Olympics, MacDonald has jumped into the frigid February waters for the last five years at the annual Passion Plunge, Special Olympics largest annual fundraiser. She also represents Special Olympics South Section as a Global Messenger, a Special Olympics athlete trained in public speaking. MacDonald also assists coaches with younger athletes, organizing of competitions, purchasing of equipment and uniforms. To top it all off, MacDonald holds a full time job at the YMCA in Hanover.

MacDonald has taken advantage of the many innovative opportunities that Special Olympics offers. In addition, MacDonald contributes immensely to Special Olympics experience in both sports and heart. She moves from sport to sport within Special Olympics without much fanfare and even with her glowing success and great athletic talents, she is humble and soft spoken.

MacDonald is one of 11 people who will be formally inducted at the 2008 Let Me Be Brave 40th Anniversary Gala to benefit Special Olympics Massachusetts, being held at the Gordon Indoor Track and Tennis Center at Harvard University. The event is a *black tie and sneakers* dinner and program highlighting the 2008 Hall of Fame.

The evening will also include a tribute to our founder, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, and we will honor Jim Brett, President of the New England Council and Margaret McKenna, President Emeritus of Lesley University and now President of the Wal-Mart Foundation. The event is being co-chaired by Joannie Jaxtimer, SVP Community Relations, The Bank of New York Mellon and Peter Meade of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

More information at www.SpecialOlympicsMA.org /HallofFame.

Register now for annual road race!

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

ASP LUNCH!

Hello Cohasset. How is everyone doing this week? For all of you are planning to attend, don't forget Town Meeting tomorrow (Saturday, March 29). The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project Group will be serving breakfast and lunch items there. Please stop by and help support our fundraising efforts for this year's trip to Kentucky.

I don't know about all of you reading this but I know that I for one am so ready for Springtime weather! The purple flowers of some kind have poked through in many yards and places around town, which is so refreshing to see, I just wish that the daytime weather would catch up. One thing that I do know and see as I am walking around town is that the kiddos are outside enjoying the weather warm or cold. With that being said, we all as adults need to remember to watch and slow down a bit as it does get more and more into spring as sometimes these little kids that we all know and love so much, forget the rules of the road. It also is a great time for us to have a springtime talk with them at family time in our homes and remind them of all the rules, especially those of the trains, tracks etc. Bikes, skateboards, roller blades and more are all ready to be used and we want everyone to be safe. Have a great week Cohasset.

COLLEGE ADVICE

A presentation is being held on April 1st, from 9 -10:30am in the High School auditorium. Everyone is invited! This is a great panel of speakers including people from Harvard, Wheaton, Northeastern and B.C. and is a discussion all parents facing the college process will find invaluable. You will learn how to find a college that is right for your teen, how to make the most of your campus visit or interview and how to make your application standout. You will hear from students and parents (who have already been through the process) what they learned and wished they had known beforehand. If you have questions or need more information, please contact: sfilbey@comcast.netor call 781-383-3525. This is a great opportunity for those who are at this time in their teen's lives.



COURTESY PHOTO

Cohasset's Anthony Everett (also co-anchor of WCVB-TV Channel 5's nightly newsmagazine, "Chronicle") races across the finish line last year.

ROAD RACE

Register Now for the 32nd annual Cohasset Road Race By the Sea! More than 700 people combined are already signed up for the 10K and the Walk. Celebrate the coming of spring and enjoy one of the most beautiful race routes in New England . Race begins at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 6th. For those who prefer to take their time, there's also the 4th Annual Fran Coffey Memorial Fun Walk on the same day. Walk begins at 10 a.m. The first 800 registered runners to check in are guaranteed a beautiful high quality T-shirt. E-mail questions to 2008@roadracebythesea.com or visitwww.roadracebythesea.com for information on the run or the walk. All are welcome!

HONORS

Congratulations go out to **Isabelle P. Bertolami** who has earned dean's list honors at Saint Joseph's University for the Fall 2007 semester. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above, a B or greater in all their classes, and complete at least 15 credits for this honor. Great job Isabelle.

Also receiving accolades from her school is **Caitlin T. Sanchez** from here in town. Caitlin attends University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and was named to the dean's list with a grade point average of 3.2 or higher out of a possible 4 for the Fall 2007 semester.

Nice work Caitlin.

I have one more student to let you all know about and he is doing so well. Great work to **Sam Game** for achieving honors at Philips Exeter Academy. This is great to hear about Sam.

MS SOCIETY

Enjoy local art and support the MS Society! Stop by the new Home Center Sotheby's real estate office in the Village to view an exhibition of paintings by four local artists: **JoAnne Chittick, Lisa Marder, Ann Musto**, and **Diana Rousseau**. There will be an opening reception on Friday, April 4, from 6 to 8 p.m.; the show will hang through May, and everyone is encouraged to go into the gallery during daily office hours to see — and purchase — these beautiful paintings. On April 4 and April 12 — the day of the Cohasset MS Walk – 30 percent of proceeds of sales will be donated by the artists to the MS Society.

OUR WORLD

The Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is getting ready to release some great new programs for children in Drama , Art and Music, Movement, Nite Time Happenings and so much more. To check out the programs and museum information, please go to www.ourworldcdgm.org or call 781-383-3198.

ART CLASSES

South Shore Art Center is accepting registrations for its Spring adult and children's art classes, including classes in photography (both 35mm and digital), ceramics, printmaking, drawing, watercolor, oils, furniture painting and sculpture. Classes are available for absolute beginners to accomplished artists looking to hone a skill or try something different. Workshops include Academic Portrait Workshop, in the all-prima (all-in-one sitting) approach, on Saturday April 12th and 13th and Mosaic Workshop with artist Lisa Houck, on Sunday, May 11th.

Children's classes include an April vacation week class for grades 1-4, a class in marionette making, and studio classes for middle and high school students. Registrations are also being taken for the Art Center's popular summer Art Afternoons; six week-long classes for students in grades 1-4. Each week focuses on a different theme such as Native America, Wild About Animals, Art of Ancient Civilizations and Oceans. For more information or to register for classes, contact the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

SPELLING BEE

The Cohasset Education Foundation is very excited to be offering its 1st Annual Children's Spelling Bee fundraiser on Sunday, April 13, 2008. All children in Grades 2 to 5 are welcome to participate in this fun, community event. Each team is made up of 3 children in the same grade. Team members could be from class, a sports team, or a Cohasset resident in another school. Registration, including a tee shirt, is $25 per speller. Forms can be downloaded at www.cohasseteducation.org. Remember to register by March 28th.

OUTDOOR HUMOR

Michael Tougias, author of 14 books, presents a narrated "outdoor humor" slide presentation at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Thursday, April 3 at 7 pm. The presentation is based on his book "There's A Porcupine In My Outhouse" which won "Best Nature Book of 2003" as awarded by the Independent Publishers Association of America. The book and slide show are based on misadventures on Tougias' early years of exploring New England's backcountry and at his remote cabin in Northern Vermont.

This is a Cohasset Reads Together event. Federally funded with LSTA funds through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

That is all for this week. Please send in all of your news to me no later than TUESDAYS by 5 pm.

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Hedlund's radio talk show is a hit

By Liz Fuller
CORRESPONDENT

State Sen. Robert Hedlund is basking in the afterglow after wrapping up his first year as a radio talk-show host. Hedlund has been broadcasting "Monday Night Talk" live Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. on Marshfield-based 95.9 WATD. "We recently had an anniversary party," Hedlund says. "It's been fun."

The Weymouth Republican says he has always been interested in radio in varying degrees, especially the music side. During a campaign several years back, he met a man who had worked at WATD in the past and Hedlund talked about his interest in radio and about an idea he had for a music radio show. He met with Ed Perry, owner of WATD, to pitch his idea and after 45 minutes of discussion, Perry was not interested. No sooner had Perry dismissed the show idea, he decided to give Hedlund a chance anyway. Hedlund hosted a show called "The Rock Vault," but under the pseudo name of Cliff Stone. "I didn't want to make a fool of myself," Hedlund explains. He hosted the show for about eight months, one night a week.

He has also done some fill-in work at WRKO for Howie Carr, Todd Feinberg, and Tom Finneran. "It's been good practice," Hedlund says, of filling-in at WRKO. "I learned a lot." Hedlund says it's a different situation at WRKO than WATD. "WRKO is 100 percent talk," Hedlund says, while WATD is a full-service station. But, he says, he has learned so much by hosting his own show as well. "I learn from my listeners and constituents," he says. "I get their input, which helps me to do a better job."

Hedlund states that sometimes callers can get fiery with him because he openly says that, as a Republican, he doesn't support the war. "I'm not big on banging the drum for the war," he says.

While Hedlund's Monday night show is primarily a political show, not every discussion is serious. "You know," he says. "I'm obviously doing my job all week. Sometimes I want to depart from politics."

"They usually let me make my points, though, before they start yelling."
— State Sen. Robert Hedlund of Monday Night Talk

Hedlund describes a visit he took last year to Washington, D.C. for a transportation seminar at the White House. As he and a colleague were doing some sightseeing prior to the seminar, they came across a homeless man outside the White House who was holding a sign that said he was running for president. Intrigued, Hedlund found himself speaking to the man, discussing his background and his political beliefs. "I found him to be extremely intelligent," Hedlund recalls. "I told him about my radio show, which, ironically, the first show was to be on Presidents Day. I figured that since he was running for president, I should have him on the air."

Hedlund had the man, Rick Hohensse, call in to his show and he's been calling in to his WATD show every week since. "He's only missed one week," Hedlund says. He says that Hohensse goes to the Zoo Bar in D.C. where the bartender lets him use his cell phone to make his weekly call. Hedlund wants to be clear, however, that he does not exploit Hohensse in any way. "Like I said, he is an intelligent guy. And he is hilarious. Sometimes I send him on a mission," Hedlund says, chuckling. "One time I sent him to Delahunt's office [Congressman William Delahunt] and he barged in there telling them that Hedlund was on the phone!"



STAFF PHOTO/DAVE NEAULT

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, D-Weymouth, recently completed his first year as host of WATD's "Monday Night Talk" airing live Mondays from 6-8 p.m.

Hedlund has had his share of "passionate" callers who like to challenge him, but claims that he likes it when people start yelling. "It's good that way," he says. "They usually let me make my points, though, before they start yelling." He also has some eccentric callers, such as one man outside of Hedlund's district who calls in to the show, often drunk. "He's not adversarial," Hedlund says. He has another regular caller who sounds like Wolfman Jack. Another interesting character is "the guy from Boston." "He's a 360 pound guy who works as a Massport parking attendant," Hedlund says. "He has this web site where he does these video rants. He's had over a million hits. He's been on Jay Leno, Neil Cavuto [Fox Business News] had him on twice, Chronicle has interviewed him, and Fox25 has hired him to do interviews. But we discovered him. We had him first."

Hedlund's all-time favorite show was when he had sports writer, Bob Ryan, from the Boston Globe in studio. Hedlund fondly recalls Ryan speaking to his English class his junior year at Hingham High School. Since then, Hedlund has been a fan. "We just went back and forth talking about sports. It was baseball season and I love baseball. I could talk about baseball all day. We had no set format and we just played off each other. We had trivia questions and prizes. It was great!" Hedlund then asked Ryan if he'd like to get a bite to eat after the show and their talking "tennis match" continued for two more hours.

Perry of WATD describes the success of "Monday Night Talk" as a "pleasant surprise." He said WATD tried a political talk show about a decade ago but it did not catch on. Perry points out that Hedlund pays for his talk-show time. "He is a sitting politician and if we did not do that we would be inundated."

Perry says Hedlund's personality and his knowledge of the South Shore and Beacon Hill and his ability to attract knowledgeable guests contribute to the show's success. "With Bob, what you see is what you get," Perry says. "The show has really taken off. It's been a fun thing for Bob because he likes doing it."

Perry says other politicians have approached him about hosting programs. Scheduling can be an issue. He says each request is carefully evaluated.

Reflecting on the past year, Hedlund says that doing the radio show has been a real learning experience. "I'll continue to do the radio show for as long as Ed [Perry] allows me to. "I really enjoy it," he says.

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Worley to pass the baton to Carroll

FROM CARROLL, PAGE 1

"Following the interviews, it was the unanimous opinion of the interview team that Ted Carroll was the best candidate for the position," Griffin said.

On Griffin's recommendation, selectmen waived their 15-day veto period allowed under the Town Manager Act, and approved the appointment.

Carroll, who is currently Recreation Administrator for Hanover, also served as program manager for Hingham Recreation and director of operations at the South Shore Sports Center in Hingham.

In his application, Carroll said his enthusiasm, organizational skills, and profound interest in the field made him an excellent candidate.

"I was mentored by outgoing Cohasset Recreation Director Jack Worley, and would be honored to fill his position," he wrote.

Carroll said while it is a dream come true, coming home to direct the department where he started 26 years ago is not something he is taking lightly.

Griffin said during his interview, Carroll offered ideas on how to increase the number of recreation programs for all ages, how to modernize the department through specialized software, and how to work with local leagues and other organizations in the use of fields and other facilities. He also wants to improve the relationship between the schools and recreation department including initiatives to increase the use of school facilities for local recreation programs.

"I received numerous letters of support for Ted's appointment as Recreation Director, including letters from school and police officials, area recreation directors and others," Griffin stated in a memo to selectmen. "I also had several residents stop by the office to express their support for Ted's appointment."

Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil gave Carroll high marks. "I have known Ted for years and he is a great candidate," Vanderweil said.

Carroll is also respected by his peers. Barry DeBlasio, Recreation Director for the Town of Plymouth, describes Carroll as bright and motivated.

"I have known Ted for more than four years, mainly through his involvement with the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association," DeBlasio said. "He is a bright and motivated individual that truly loves the field of recreation. Ted had always told me that his dream job would to someday take over for his mentor and become the Recreation Director for the Town of Cohasset.

"I guess dreams really do come true. I think the town made a great choice by a hiring a true Recreation professional," he said.

Carroll said while it is a dream come true, coming home to direct the department where he started 26 years ago is not something he is taking lightly.

"Recreation has been my calling since I attended recreation programs in town," he said. However, he said it is bittersweet to replace Worley who has been his mentor and friend. "The dedication and commitment I have, contributed to everything I have done in life and was learned by watching Jack," Carroll said.

Griffin said the field of applicants was excellent.

"It was a tough choice," Griffin said. "But based on his experience and excitement about future programs (he was our choice)."

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer made the motion to waive the veto period, which received unanimous support from the board.

Carroll is going to start about May 1. He will be paid $64,000, which is what the town budgeted for the position next fiscal year.

RELAY CORNER

Relay For Life team captains needed

Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser of the American Cancer Society. Participants raise money by personally collecting donations and organizing group fundraisers prior to or at the event. The money goes towards cancer research, patient services, advocacy and education. It also provides hope to those how have cancer and their family and friends that a cure is available, it provides hope that cancer can be detected in its early stages and it provides hope tha tcancer is eradicated in our life time.

The Hingham/Hull/Cohasset and Scituate Relay will be held on June 13th and 14th organizations clubs, family, friends and coworkers form teams of at least 8-15 people and gather at Cohasset High School on the 13th.

Members of the team take turns walking around the track for the duration of the event. An important part of Relay is honoring and remembering those people in our lives who have faced cancer. Each Relay invites cancer survivors in the community to walk a special Survivors Lap.

Another focal point of each Relay is the Luminaria Ceremony, held after dark, where candles are sponsored and lit in honor and memory of our loved ones who have battled this disease.

Part of what makes Relay for Life special is its atmosphere — the sense of community, camaraderie and hope that permeates the event from start to finish. Hope has become the catchword of Relay, because hope is what it's all about; the hope that one day we will be free from the fear of this terrible disease, that our children will grow up in a world where cancer is no longer fatal. Relay is a time to do something about a danger that seems so much bigger than us, and to know that we are actually making a difference. It is a time to reflect, to remember those who have been lost and those who can still be saved. And it is also a lot of fun to be there with friends and take part in the activities.

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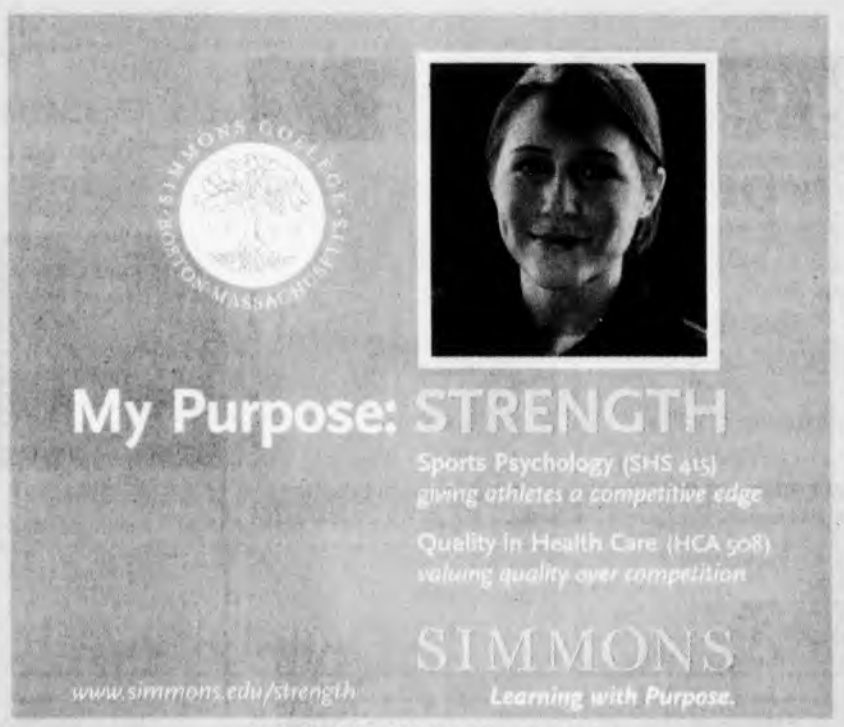
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This event is sponsored by the Friends of Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs and will take place at St. Anthony's Parish Center, 10 Summer St., , from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appraisals are $10 per item, or $25 for three items. Excluded items include coins, stamps, jewelry and musical instruments. As people had to be turned away from the last appraisal day, a maximum of three items per individual will be allowed.

Snacks and refreshments will be available to enjoy while waiting to meet with the appraiser.

For more information, call Cohasset Elder Affairs at 781-383-9112 or John Campbell, president of the Friends at 617-909-5687.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Good citizens

The Town of Cohasset has been lucky over the years to have citizens willing to serve.

In the town's case, some of those have stayed "on board" for a very long time.

Two, long-time elected officials Robert "Bob" Sturdy of the Planning Board and Gary Vanderweil of the Board of Selectmen, and formerly of the Sewer Commission, are calling it a day. Neither man is seeking reelection.

Both have served for more years than they like to count.

However, in doing so – they have provided a consistency and institutional memory that are second to none.

While having "new blood" can be a good thing – the value of having that balance with experience and a thorough knowledge of the town and how we got from there to here cannot be understated.

We know that Bob does not want any accolades or recognition at Saturday's Town Meeting when traditionally proclamations honoring officials who are stepping down or retiring, are read.

Gary could not stop smiling on Monday – which was his last "regular" selectmen's meeting. As chairman, he ran a tight ship. Meetings started and ended on time, for the most part. That all went out the window on Monday with a beefy agenda and the controversial Treat's Pond discussion still at the forefront. Gary noted that going forward, he was going to have the luxury of watching the board's meetings on cable from his own living room.

We know there are many others to thank that we have probably inadvertently left out over the years.

So we would like to take the opportunity now to thank all who serve.

This week we take our hats off to Bob and Gary, who have gone that extra mile over the years to do what they thought was best for their hometown. We hope that they will continue to share their expertise whether from the floor of Town Meeting, in the audience of a public hearing or governmental meeting, or as a valued advisor should an official or citizen seek their counsel.

Town Meeting

Saturday's Town Meeting is not going to be dominated by budget issues, as is often the case.

However, that does not mean it will not be full of interesting debate on the range of articles – or items of business – before the assembly.

Apart from articles that extended sewer service in town, we cannot recall an environmental issue like Treat's Pond so likely to dominate a Town Meeting.

The nice thing about Town Meeting is that both sides are presented and there will be lots of debate and explanation. Therefore, anyone who may still be confused about the complex issue should find the discussion enlightening.

There are also other articles that are not routine. A proposed stormwater bylaw, wind turbines, and establishing a Housing Trust – come to mind.

We know that most of you will sit Town Meeting out and leave the governing of the town and setting the course for its future to the few hundred that will attend Saturday and make the decisions.

We sincerely hope that some "new" Town Meeting attendees will be interested enough to attend and will then be transformed into Town Meeting "regulars."

As Journalists we are government "groupies" and have always found Town Meetings interesting and even fun.

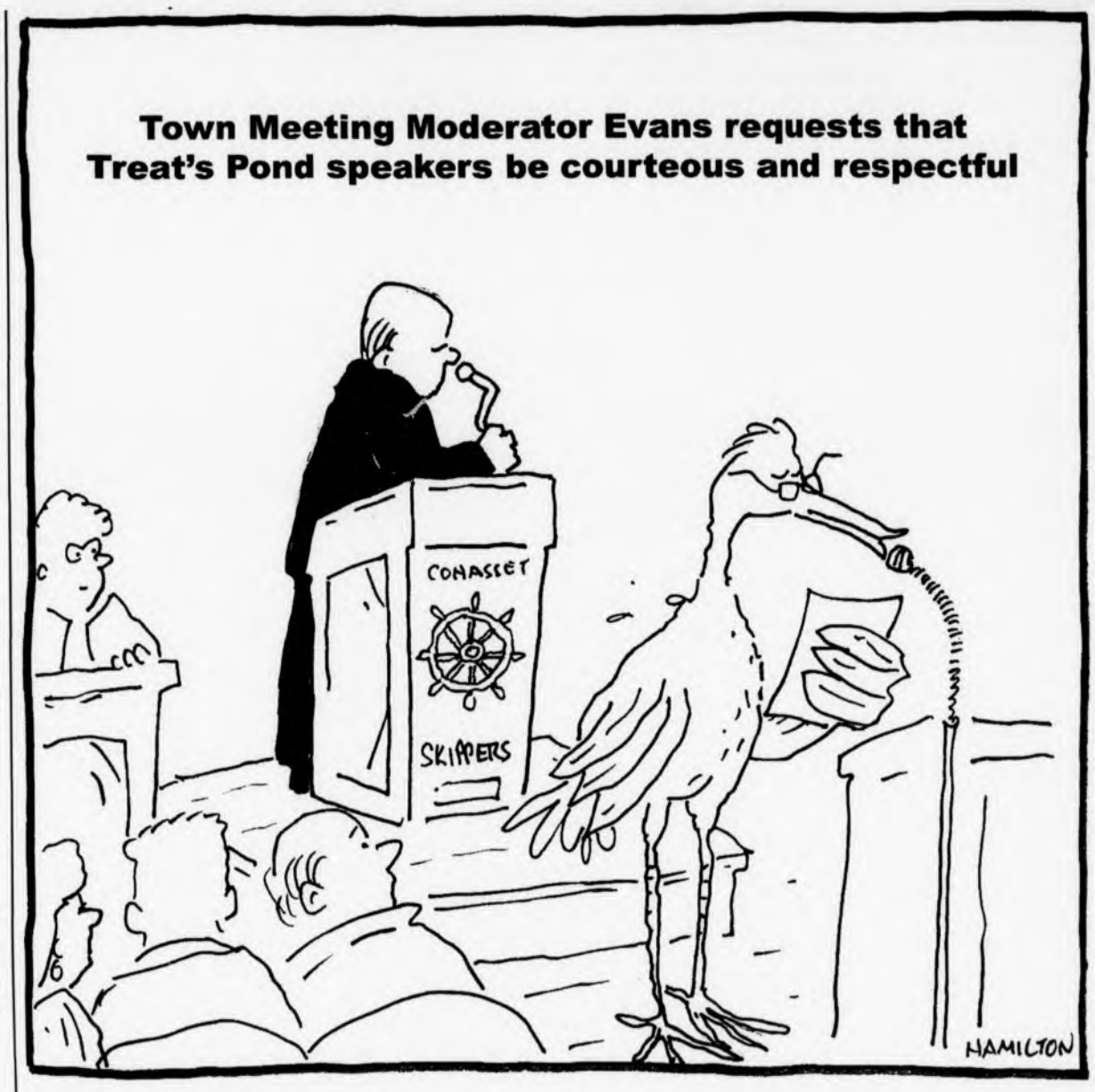
If you have not given them a try – then attend Saturday. We hope to see you there.

HEALTH NOTES

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, April 8 & May 13, 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, April 3, 7 p.m.
Historical Commission, April 9, 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees, April 9, 7 p.m. at the library.
Osgood School Council, April 3, 3:30 p.m. at Osgood School.
School Committee, April 2 & April 16, 7 p.m. at the high school
Selectmen, 8 a.m. March 29 at Town Meeting, April 7, 7 p.m.
Water Commission, April 3, 6 p.m. and April 10, 1 p.m. at the King St. plant.
ZBA, May 6, 7:30 p.m.
Annual Town Meeting begins at 9a.m., March 29
Annual Town Election, April 5

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Little pond causes big splash!

TO THE EDITOR

Who would have thought such a little pond could cause such a big splash? The tempest that is Treat's has dominated the news more than any other story has in the last few years, it seems to me.

A few random thoughts:

Why would we consider putting yet more storm water into the main harbor? As it is Bassing's is unsafe for swimming on a depressingly regular basis. What about the silting effects on the channel that a 42-inch inside diameter (which would be a 48 inch outside diameter) pipe would have? Lobster cars currently have a high loss of catch because of the fresh water levels in the harbor, adding more isn't going to help.

The importance of eelgrass in a healthy marine environment is unquestioned. Putting a pipe through one of the largest beds of eelgrass in the harbor is absurd to say the least, particularly when one of the goals of this project is to create a salt marsh. If clams are almost non-existent in the harbor, how are they going to thrive in Treat's? I'm not sure about you, but to risk damage to Whale's Meadow on the off chance that Treat's will turn into a salt marsh seems a bit dicey. And, if Treat's is turned into a salt marsh, what happens to the freshwater plants and animals? Trick or Treat!

The cost of this project is estimated to be in the area of $1,700,000. The Town is being asked for $300,000, and the theory is that the state will come up with the rest. Treat's pond is private property. The public gets to foot the bill, what a deal! Trick or Treat! The cost estimates by the way come from the good folks at the Army Corps of Engineers. When you sell something it's always good to have a flashy slogan. I think the ACE should consider "If you like the levee system in New Orleans, you'll love Treat's Pond!" or something catchy like that.

This is basically a drainage issue dressed up as a salt marsh restoration or creation depending on whom you talk to. You don't have to take a very long walk to see what a real flooding problem is all about. Just go to Jacob's Meadow when the treatment plant is over capacity. I think that raw sewerage would trump pretty much any other liquid you could hope to get flooded with. Trick or Treat, wipe your feet!

Let's take a town wide approach to the issue of flooding. Let's see what the result of the upcoming study tells us. Extend the existing pipe on Sandy Cove by 20 to 40 feet, and keep the pipe cleared. Enforce the easement the Town has to maintain the pipe. Let's see what the effect of the sewer project on Atlantic Avenue has on the ability for the ground to absorb storm water. Let's not spend $1,700,000 and destroy Treat's Pond in the process.

Let's vote no on Article 22 at Town Meeting.

Russell Bonetti
20 Parker Ave.

Support Treat's Pond project

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"Drainage vote opens floodgate of protest," trumpeted the Boston Globe on March 13. "Questions raised on Treat's Pond," wrote a local citizen in the Cohasset Mariner letters to the editor on March 14. In another Mariner issue appeared the headline "Pond issue is draining – Controversy headed for Town Meeting."

One might think that the Treat's Pond issue is ripping apart the community. I want to believe that this is not the case. I am not Cohasset born. I am a resident because of my wife. My home for most of my life, with the exception of a few years during WWII, has been Corning, New York, a town of 11,000 people.

A few years ago, we were hit by Hurricane Agnes. It was pretty bleak in this part of upstate, but the flooding somehow seemed to bring us together. With so many needs, one nearby city literally split apart and developed a "combat mindset." We didn't.

A small town is special. You know almost everyone. You care what happens to your neighbor. You care about town values, the way things are progressing, the opportunities for kids as you look over the next hill at their future.

Cohasset has a special life-giving feature. It stays positive; it stays ahead – the school system – the new Paul Pratt library – the reinstalled train system to Boston – the Historical Society – the Art Center – the Jacobs Meadow and Straits Pond projects to abate flooding and protect the environment – so many things that make Cohasset the star of the South Shore.

And here comes still another project – Treat's Pond – sponsored by Congressman Bill Delahunt and backed by our State Sen. Bob Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley.

I know that politics is a strange business, having been in it for a few years. You find yourself pulled every which way. For example, the project might be questionable; it's too much money; wrong priority; poor timing; can't we wait – the list goes on. But these men have gone out of their way with all the budget pressures in Washington and Boston in hopes of helping Cohasset by providing Federal and State funds with almost 90 percent of the cost to do two things – first, to resurrect a dying, polluted pond and second, to help solve the ruinous flooding on Atlantic Avenue.

That's the good news. The bad news is that the federally appropriated money is time sensitive. If not used this year, it will be transferred, according to Congressman Delahunt, to another area. That could be a costly move since the problems would still exist; the solutions in the future then would fall 100 percent on the town.

The clouds of sub prime-initiated national recession hover over everyone's head these days, yet Cohasset appears to stand against the weather, signaling its traditional optimism that history tells us describes all other successful communities.

I am grateful to be a small part of this community and hope that you will support this project.

Amo Houghton
91 Atlantic Ave.Debbie

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Numerous items on Greenbush to-do list

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

We hear an occasional comment regarding why we are still at Town Hall. After all, the train is up and running. So we'd like to shed some light on this weighty question. Yes, the train is running, but there are numerous things that still need to be completed by the MBTA. Our job, as always, is to represent the Town and act as an interface with the Greenbush project. As of today, we have an "official" open item list with the Greenbush project. We'd like to give you sampling overview of the items that make up this 30-some item list.

- The Town Parking Lot has never been completed. This is an MBTA commitment and it needs to be finished, especially a sidewalk at Depot Court, parking next to the Teen Center, an electrical wiring issue, final striping, and other issues.
- A turnaround needs to be constructed on Spring St. at the railroad so that fire trucks can turn around easily. Interestingly, we have mocked up the plans that the MBTA created in a local parking lot and found that our ladder truck cannot turn around in the space designed. This needs to be resolved.
- On Rocky Lane there is an issue with storm drainage in the street and the guardrail is in the wrong position that precludes our ability to construct a sidewalk.
- The MBTA has removed signs on North Main Street for Cohasset Rotary Club and St. Stephen's Church. They both need to be replaced.
- The mounting for the wrought iron fence in the central village alongside the tracks is cracking and will not last through several more winters. This needs to be addressed.
- A good deal of the grass, trees and bushes planted alongside of the tracks last summer have died. They all need to be replaced.
- Part of the sidewalk on Pleasant Street has cracked. It needs to be replaced.
- The MBTA had committed to fence all "inhabited areas." Some residential areas that are inhabited are not fenced. This needs to be completed.

This is only a partial list, but you get the idea. Wednesday of this week we had a chance to sit down and have an excellent discussion with the project on the "open items list." We'll fill you in more later. The Town needs to make sure that it gets the things it was promised and that the workmanship of the construction left in our Town will stand the test of time.

We've also mentioned that from time to time the Town Manager has asked us to get involved in other engineering projects and to provide technical advice. Among some of the more recent tasks are:

- The addition of a small amount of sidewalk to connect the Border Street Bridge to the newly constructed Border Street sidewalk.
- Completion of the sidewalk from Lower King Street and North Main Street to the train station.
- Working with the Town DPW to lend engineering expertise to their maintenance projects.
- Work with the Little Harbor Project to provide support for the storm drainage portion and other aspects as requested. Also, to provide some Project communication via the Cohasset Mariner.

Location	Activity	Mar 08	Apr 08	May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sept 08
Jerusalem Rd., Rust Way to Deep Run	Sewer							
Jerusalem Rd. Dr. / Haystack Ln.	Sewer							
Jerusalem Rd. N. Main to Atlantic	Sewer							
Joy Place & Gammons Rd.	Sewer							
Atlantic Ave. Jerusalem Rd. to causeway	Sewer							
Atlantic Ave. causeway to Nichols Rd.	Sewer							
Beach St.	Sewer							
N. Main Green St. To Depot Ct.	Water							
N. Main Green St. To Depot Ct.	Sewer							
Highland Ave. N. Main to Highland Ct.	Water							
Highland Ave. Wm. Long Rd. to Beach St.	Sewer							
N. Main Green St. to Red Gate Ln.	Sewer							
Whitehead Rd & Sandy Cove Rd.	Sewer & Water							
Hobart Lane	Sewer							
Lothrop Lane	Sewer							
Nichols Rd. Cat Dam to Atlantic	Water							
Nichols-side roads	Sewer & Water							
Little Harbor Rd.	Sewer & Water							
Jerusalem Lane	Sewer & Water							
Keene Lane	Sewer & Water							
Bridle Path	Sewer & Water							

Long-term, look-ahead schedule for the Little Harbor Sewer Project

Little Harbor Project – The contractor for the Little Harbor Sewer, Water and drainage project, L&M Holdings, has developed a long-term look-ahead schedule. We thought that you might be interested in seeing it. However, we must present it with some MAJOR caveats. Like all construction schedules it is subject to change. We already know that the Town has requested that the work in the area of North Main St. and the Common be postponed until fall so that it doesn't conflict with events such as the Art Festival, the Triathlon and Music Circus. So, please take this schedule with "a grain of salt." But it will give you an idea of the work yet to be done in the next seven months and the approximate time for the amount of work to be done at each location.

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The notorious Fung Wah bus

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



A friend of mine went to New York the other day, a trip which is not really newsy enough to write about except that she didn't fly; she didn't take the train; she went by bus – the notorious Fung Wah bus.

If you haven't been reading the Herald lately, those are the buses that are continually bursting into flames on hot days on the Mass Turnpike or breaking down in the passing lane on the Merritt Parkway in Connecticut.

Those are the ones where you ask the driver, "What time do we get to New York?" and he tells you, "I don't know. We've never made it before."

What attracted my friend to the Fung Wah bus was the cost of a ticket, $15 one way, for a no-frill ride to the Big Apple, a frill being defined as engine maintenance and a license for the driver. If the bus breaks down, you get out and push.

But none of that is true, my friend reported, as she returned home (for $15 via the same Fung Wah bus) from the big adventure that had me nervously watching the news on television for a full weekend waiting for word of the big crash on the Pike.

The only difference from Greyhound ($60 round trip) and Amtrak ($118 round trip) was the 15-minute rest stop at a McDonalds for food and other services and finally being dumped with luggage curbside on a Manhattan street.

And then there was that office door marked "Fung Wah" through which none of the passengers were permitted to pass as they waited on a street in New York's Chinatown to board the bus for home. No waiting room for Fung Wah riders.

Fung Wah Bus Transportation, Inc., was founded 10 years ago by a Chinese immigrant and, in spite of its well-publicized mishaps, it must be doing something right because even the biggies like Greyhound are getting into the act.

Greyhound is backing something called BoltBus, which plans to offer at least one seat on each bus for $1 (plus a 50-cent booking fee) and the rest of the vehicle scaled by how far in advance the seats are booked.

And Coach USA, Inc., is promising MegaBus, again with one seat per bus for $1 and no seats costing more than $14 with free WiFi and eight video screens to show movies on each bus. MegaBus plans to begin service May 30.

Think of it, a dollar for a ticket to New York. Just getting into a taxicab in Quincy will cost you 75 cents and you haven't even left the curb. And a dollar's worth of gas in your SUV will get you from Braintree to Weymouth – on a good traffic day.

Maybe some Chinese immigrant will come along to open the Fung Wah taxi company or the Fung Wah filling station and we won't have to take out a second mortgage to grab a cab or pump enough gas to get all the way to Hingham.

Sewer candidates

Cohasset's TV talk show, Our Town with co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo is featuring candidates for the Sewer Commission, Wayne Sawchuk and Jim Dow. The candidates discuss the current issues before the Sewer Commission and offer their thoughts on how they would serve on the board.

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Tune in Mondays at 9p.m. on channel 10 or catch up on Tuesdays or Thursday at 9p.m.

Tune in Cohasset and stay informed.

Watch for Our Town coverage at the upcoming town meeting on Saturday, March 29 and Election Results when the polls close on Saturday, April 4.

Spelling bee

The Cohasset Education Foundation is offering its first annual Children's Spelling Bee fundraiser on Sunday, April 13. All children in grades two to five are welcome to participate in this fun, community event. Each team is made up of three children in the same grade. Team members could be from class, a sports team, or a Cohasset resident in another school.

Registration, including a tee shirt, is $25 per speller. Forms can be downloaded at www.cohasseteducation.org.

HEALTH NOTES

Solving water problems is costly

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The report analyzed the effects of the three alternatives for restoring Treats Pond to the status of a salt marsh.

On Monday, I received a call from one of the Selectmen. He said he had seen a report of the Army Engineers related to Treats Pond and he sent me a file of material. Among other things, the file contained a memorandum prepared by Camp Dresser McKee, a respected local engineering firm for the Unites States Army Corps of Engineers, New England District for their project called "Treat's Pond Coastal Wetland Ecosystem Restoration, Cohasset, Massachusetts." June 2006.

To my mind, it was a good document, containing the only technical data taken on Treats Pond. The report analyzed the effects of the three alternatives for restoring Treats Pond to the status of a salt marsh.

The one thing that the memorandum/report did conclusively was to demonstrate fairly clearly that draining Treats pond twice a day as would happen by opening it to the coastal waters as an estuary, would have little effect on the Mass Bay estuarine environment. Treats Pond is the veritable drop in the bucket. Whatever the plan for Treats Pond turns out to be, storm water drainage aside, environmentally, Treats Pond isn't a culprit.

The report cites 2005 Board of Health data about Treats pond as having high fecal coliform and cites figures like 8800 colonies per hundred milliliters. We know there's raw sewage about when the values become 30,000 or higher. It's a sign that septic systems are leaking into the Pond — justification for the sewer now under construction that will provide service to the entire area. It should be noted that sometimes such high counts may be found in catch basins during and after rain events. Depending on when the last rain event was, catch basins can have values of 15,000 or more. And 40 minutes after the beginning of a heavy rain, one can find puddles of stormwater with 10,000 colonies per hundred milliliters. Bacteria colonies grow and multiply when water temperature is over 43°f. So, like it or not, nature is full of growing bacteria and many other critters.

So, all the rhetoric about storm water and pollution aside, what we *do* know is that storm water and flooding in increasing amounts is frequently making homes in some areas in Town uninhabitable. Accordingly, the Town is obligated to do something about managing storm water. The Town is also obligated to manage another pollution threat: sewer system infiltration and inflow (I&I) In Cohasset, where sewer pipes are frequently inundated by groundwater, a condition caused by diurnal tide cycles, we often can find high bacteria readings near cracked and broken sewer pipes. Towns, which have aggressive programs in which sewer systems are modernized, have considerably fewer problems with illness coming from bacterial contamination. For almost all of its history, Cohasset has done little about the twin ogres of Storm water and I&I.

It's been estimated that the cost of managing storm water and I&I would be eight to $13 million over 10 years. So, we have a problem, which is somehow going to cost us more than $1 million a year for the foreseeable future. A rich suburban Texas town I once visited had a coastline littered with large upscale homes that were sitting out in the water completely uninhabitable because of a phenomenon called subsidence. These homes represented a loss of real estate value of millions of dollars. We are now on the threshold of much the same problem, from a different source, in Cohasset.

There's little question that the plans cited in the Army Corps of Engineers memorandum/report could be used to solve some of the storm water problems on Atlantic Avenue, but it will take a coordinated plan and a good deal more additional money to relieve the flooding that now exists there. People ask if we should take the Army's help. That's like getting a ride from a stranger when one doesn't have the bus fare.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

SENIOR SCENE

The following special events are planning by the Council on Elder Affairs, 3 N. Main St. Call 781-383-9112 for more information.

Saturday, March 29 is Antique Appraisal Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Center.

Tuesday, April 2, 11 a.m. to noon, Poetry Fest with Cohasset students and seniors sharing verse and lunch.

Monday, April 14 at 9 a.m., Cohasset Golden Care Pancake breakfasts return and will be offered the second Monday of every month.

Wednesday, April 16 from 11 a.m. to noon. Connie Curran, social worker from South Shore VNA will present "Caring for Someone with Memory Impairment." Lunch will follow the presentation. Cost is $2.50.

Monday, April 21, Patriots Day – Center will be closed.

Tuesday, April 22, Volunteer Appreciation Lunch at the Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage at noon catered by Arthur Roebuck. No lunch at center. Volunteer Appreciation week is April 27—May 3, but our volunteers are so great we are celebrating for two weeks.

Wednesday, April 30 from 11 a.m. to noon, Hingham Physical Therapy will present "Fall Prevention" and will provide a delicious lunch.

Tuesday, May 6, Visit to the New England Quilt Museum

Wednesday, May 7, Annual Mother's Day luncheon

Big issues on table for annual Town Meeting Saturday

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flows from the people. It's everyone pitching in to make the town work," said Vanderweil.

Like most Town Meeting regulars, Vanderweil is hoping to finish the town's business in one fell swoop. Continuing into a Monday night session is never desirable, said Vanderweil. Getting a quorum early will be key to finishing in one day, said Town Manager Bill Griffin.

"We'll be hard pressed to finish in one day," said Vanderweil. But, efforts are being implemented to ensure Town Meeting is as efficient as possible.

"A critical component in making Town Meeting work is to show respect for others," said Town Moderator Dan Evans in a phone interview. An efficient meeting is one of the ways voters can show courtesy to each other, "it is a burden and a responsibility to come to Town Meeting," and voters should be aware of everyone's sacrifice of a spring Saturday to be at Town Meeting, he said. Without sacrificing the people's voice, Evans hopes to facilitate an efficient one-day meeting.

A lunch break, which in the past has consumed about an hour of the day, is being replaced with shorter breaks. The Appalachia Service Project will be offering food for lunch and snacks right outside the gymnasium so voters can briefly leave the meeting to stay nourished while doing the town's business. Proceeds from the sales will benefit the upcoming ASP trip.

In addition, if Town Meeting allows, Evans hopes the Community Preservation Committee article (article 6), which contains 11 sub-articles, be taken up as one rather than as separate items up for debate.

Evans said he would allow discussion to go as late at 5 or 6p.m. if it seemed possible the meeting could wrap up in one day. If all business cannot be completed in one day, Town Meeting will be continued until Monday, March 31 at 7p.m.

The 25 articles presented in the Warrant, or Town Meeting agenda, will be tackled in the order they appear, unless otherwise directed by the Town Moderator or Town Meeting. Warrants were mailed out to households last week and extras will be available on Saturday.

Each article will be taken up one at a time, a motion will be made, and votes will typically be taken on a voice basis.

Article 1 requests Town Meeting to accept the reports of the Town Officers that are printed in the Annual Town Report for calendar year 2007. Copies are available in the Town Clerk's office and the Office of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 2 is an opportunity for town boards and committees to present a report directly to the voters at Town Meeting. As of the printing of the Town Warrant, the Board of Selectmen did not request any specific reports. Any recommended reports will take place at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Town Budget will be reviewed in **Article 3**. A tax levy of $26,502,911 is projected for fiscal 2009, an increase of 4.02 percent over the current year. Of special note is that this budget is the second consecutive year with a "no override" budget. The percent increase for an average tax bill (based on a property value of $825,000) will be 2.26 percent, or a $198 increase. Griffin will propose an operating budget of $36,374,463, a 2.79 percent increase over fiscal 2008. The school department budget is recommended at $14,316,397, an increase of 4.6 percent, or $629,997 over the current year.

Article 4 requests the town to fund the fiscal 2009 cost items of a collective bargaining agreement. However, no agreement has been made between the town and any of the town's five unions. Since no agreement has been reached, both the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee advise indefinite postponement.

Capital improvement budget typically stirs up debate on the floor of Town Meeting. This time around, only one capital expenditure is proposed. **Article 5** asks the town to allocate $50,000 to fund additional design engineering for the West Corner culvert project. The project is a collaborative effort between the towns of Hull, Hingham and Cohasset.

Next up is a meaty article with over $700,000 in recommended expenditures from the Community Preservation Committee (**Article 6**). A total of 10 projects, each with its own sub-article, can be taken up individually or as a group, depending on the will of Town Meeting.

The proposed projects include: Town Hall restoration project (exterior work, $300,000); the installation of six raingardens in the James Brook watershed ($88,500); the Housing Partnership's request for perc tests on town-owned property off Smith Place and Pleasant Lane ($20,000); restoration and preservation work at the Historical Society ($51,700); purchase of land in the Brass Kettle watershed ($175,000); restoration of town archives ($50,000); construction of the culvert under Border St., between the Gulf River and harbor ($35,000); installation of a fire sprinkler system at the American Legion George H. Mealy Post 118 ($20,000); a Cohasset harbor zoning study ($20,000); and debt service for a open space acquisition ($38,479).

Article 7 is a required article in case funding is needed to pay for bills incurred by the town from previous fiscal years. As of the printing of the warrant, there are no outstanding bills. The article will likely be indefinitely postponed.

Article 8 requests $175,000 supplemental appropriations for fiscal 2008. Four different areas of the budget are currently falling short: the legal services line item ($75,000); Planning Board expenses ($10,000); Police Department personal services ($80,000); and the Facilities Maintenance personal services ($10,000).

The Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Capital Budget Committee, is putting forth **Article 9**, which would create a capital stabilization fund. The fund will create a dedicated funding source for future capital improvements, capital projects and/or capital equipment for the town departments. Included in the article is a request for $250,000 to be placed into the fund.

Griffin recommended the amount come from two sources: $125,000 from the roll-off amount coming from the town's non-excluded debt service schedule for fiscal 2009 (to be transferred to the account at the start of the fiscal year, July) and a $125,000 allocation from free cash. The transfer of funds into the stabilization fund requires a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting.

Article 10 seeks to establish another stabilization fund — one for post-retirement health insurance liability. The stabilization fund will allow the town to build up a reserve of funds devoted to funding health insurance for future retired town employees. Town Meeting will also be asked to transfer $100,000 into the new funds.

Put forth by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town Manager, **Article 11** proposes changes to the personnel classification and compensation plan bylaw. Griffin noticed a slight discrepancy between the fringe benefits of union employees and non-union employees within the town. The changes proposed would bring the non-union employees more in line with those granted to union employees.

Article 12 — an amendment to the town's smoking bylaws — is not recommended for approval by either the Board of Selectmen or the Advisory Committee. The bylaw is, however, supported by the Board of Health. The bylaw would close the remaining gap in the town's adherence to state smoke-free workplace law. The bylaw seeks to eliminate smoking from private membership associations. Most of the private clubs in town (the yacht and sailing clubs, the Golf Club and churches) have voluntarily prohibited smoking on their property; the George H. Mealy American Legion Post has not and will be directly affected by the bylaw.

Passing the halfway mark (at least in numbered articles), **Article 13** requests Town Meeting to allow the Board of Selectmen the authority to enter into a five-year extension of the inter-municipal agreement with the South Shore Recycling Cooperative. The town's participation in the cooperative enhances the town's recycling effort and related revenues.

Wind turbines are an entirely new frontier for the town of Cohasset, **Article 14** proposes a set of regulations to govern large commercial-size wind turbines. Developed by the Alternative Energy Committee and supported by the Board of Selectmen, the "wind bylaw" establishes setback, noise and siting regulations for the development of large wind turbines (greater than 500 kilowatt in size, about the size of Hull Wind I). The projects would have to go through a special permit process, overseen by the Planning Board.

Hand in hand with the wind bylaw is an amendment to the town's table of permitted use regulations in the zoning bylaws (**Article 15**). Wind energy conversion facilities, or wind turbines, would be allowed in all zoning districts, but only be special permits. All zoning bylaw amendments need a two-thirds majority vote to pass.

Article 16, another zoning bylaw change, has been called a housekeeping item leftover from November's Special Town Meeting village business district zoning changes. The amendment transfers all special permit granting authority in the village business district to the Planning Board. Currently, non-conforming lots and buildings in the village must go before the Zoning Board of Appeals for a special permit.

Article 17 requests Town Meeting to appropriate funds to build a photovoltaic (solar) array system at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. However, matching grants are currently not available and on the advice of the Alternative Energy Committee, the article is recommended for indefinite postponement.

The next article (**Article 18**) seeks a Town Meeting appropriation to allow the Sewer Commission to purchase an authorized, yet unused, sewer connection. The capacity will be able to go back into the system and allow the Sewer Commission sell the connection to another lot.

The Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Housing Partnership Committee will request Town Meeting support for the creation of an Affordable Housing Trust (**Article 19**). An Affordable Housing Trust has been implemented in towns across the state, including nearby Hingham and Duxbury. A state statute sets out the general terms of a Housing Trust, but the one proposed for Cohasset is closely aligned with Hingham's bylaw. At its simplest terms, the Housing Trust is the functional equivalent of a separate enterprise fund, like the water and sewer departments, set up for the purposed of developing affordable housing, Housing Partnership co-chairman Tom Callahan has said. The Housing Trust, if established, would allow the committee to react quickly to affordable housing opportunities.

A nine-member committee separate from the Housing Partnership would oversee the funds in the Housing Trust account. The funds in the trust, generated from developers, possibly Community Preservation funds down the line and gifts, would be used to enable affordable housing projects either by the town or by providing subsidies to private developers.

Article 20 concerns affordable housing as well, proposing amendments to the inclusionary zoning bylaw. However, the Housing Partnership Committee has opted to tweak the bylaw a bit more and return with another draft for fall's Special Town Meeting. The article will likely be indefinitely postponed.

Article 21 will also likely be indefinitely postponed. The article seeks funding for a study of the waterfront business district, similar to what was done in the village business district last year. However, after the warrant went to print, the Planning Board sought funding from the Community Preservation Committee (see article 6) to match a private gift from Peter Roy of Border Street.

Be prepared for plenty of discussion on **Article 22**—Treat's Pond Restoration Project funding. The controversial article requests $300,000 in town funds to contribute to a federally supported saltmarsh restoration of Treat's Pond. The pond in question is located in the high-rent district of Atlantic Avenue, near Whitehead Road. The article, put forth by the Board of Selectmen, has sparked controversy throughout the town. Although the area suffers from severe flooding during significant rain events, the Army Corps of Engineers focus is restoring the Treat's Pond to its historical state of a saltmarsh — but, even the fact it is historically a saltmarsh has been called into question.

The town has received a $728,000 congressional appropriation to carry out the Army Corps restoration plans, on top of an initial federal funding of $270,000 for the Army Corps to study and propose construction alternatives to the town.

The $300,000 appropriation requested in the article will include an independent engineering and environmental assessment, which is estimated to cost $100,000. The remaining funds will go toward the construction of an outfall pipe that will enable tidal flow to Treat's Pond and, the Army Corps says, create a healthy saltwater ecosystem. The article will also give the Board of Selectmen the authority to acquire or take by eminent domain easements or property needed to carry out the project.

Debate has raged over the project, but much is still up in the air. The Board of Selectmen is supporting the article, but has yet to choose a route for the outfall pipe. Options include installing an outfall to the inner harbor, an outfall fall to the outer harbor via Whitehead Road/Whale Meadow or an extension of a current outfall pipe on Sandy Cove (not recommended by the Army Corps of Engineers). The Army Corps of Engineers plans are only conceptual and environmental effects have not been determined for any of the options. A look at the different options as well as the environmental effects will be within the scope of the independent engineering study.

The Selectmen have requested state Sen. Robert Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley to seek state funding of about $500,000 but, as of now, no money has been earmarked at the state level. Non-federal sources must pay for 35 percent of the total project cost. The estimated cost of the project hovers at $1.7 million.

Article 23 requests $11,000 be appropriated for the re-purchase of cemetery lots. Several former residents have expressed interest in selling back to the town graves they had previously purchased as their plans for a final resting place have changed.

At long last, the Stormwater Management bylaw (**Article 24**) is ready for the primetime. After being brought forth at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting and ultimately indefinitely postponed, the Stormwater Management Committee went back to the drawing board to streamline the bylaw. The five-page Stormwater Management bylaw establishes regulations and organization to the town-wide issue of flooding and stormwater runoff. The bylaw implement controls on stormwater runoff so increased development will not exacerbate the flooding issues throughout town. The regulations ensure post-development runoff (including peak flow, total volume of runoff and water quality of runoff) for development and re-development project are equal or less than what exists now. If approved, the Conservation Commission would be the stormwater permit granting authority. The article will also bring Cohasset into compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act effective June 2008.

Lastly, Town Meeting will take up the **Article 25**, a Citizen's Petition proposing regulations for the operation of leaf blowers. The article would limit the use of leaf blowers to Tuesday through Saturday between 9a.m. and 5p.m. Both the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee recommended disapproval of the bylaw.

Cat Dam operating schedule proposed

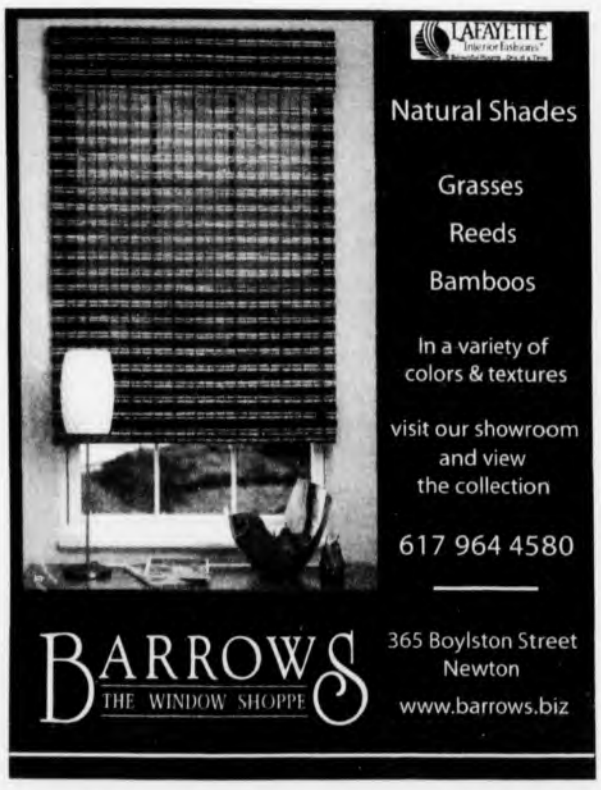
Selectmen will accept the schedule for operation of Cat Dam on Nichols Road pursuant to Town Manager Bill Griffin checking with the original proponents.

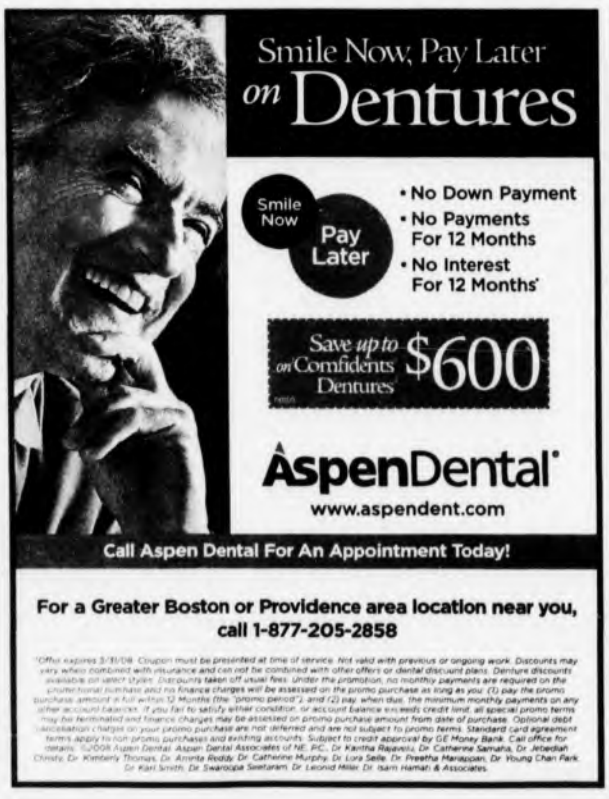
Cat Dam is a 50-year-old, town-owned mechanism to slow the flow of water out of inner Little Harbor. Last December, Selectmen determined the operation of Cat Dam would remain under the direction of nearby neighbors. They requested a committee of five, representative of all neighbors, be established to oversee the operation of Cat Dam going forward.

That conversation on Cat Dam was a follow-up to an initial meeting with the Selectmen in mid-October. At that meeting, the Selectmen's office was jam packed with interested neighbors, many of whom stood to hear the hour-long discussion. At the close of the meeting, the Selectmen requested the neighbors, of whom there are two distinct sides, work together to set a new schedule for opening Cat Dam. Some neighbors wanted to see increased flushing of the harbor, while others wanted to leave the current flushing schedule the same.

The neighbors advocating for increased flushing cite environmental concerns — increased algae blooms during the early summer, increased phragmite growth and the deterioration of Peck's Meadow. The other side was concerned with leaving a water cover in Little Harbor for aesthetic and property value reasons.

This week selectmen wanted to be sure that the original proponents were OK with the proposed schedule. Selectman Ted Carr raised the issue after he noticed there were some names on the list that he did not recognize.







Treat's Pond: Setting the record straight

COMMENTARY

JACQUELINE DORMITZER

Several articles, commentaries and letters to the editor on the Treat's Pond Restoration Project have appeared in recent weeks. Some of them have been factual, others almost fanciful. The debate has become clouded with contradictions, false claims and innuendo. Our purpose here is to set the record straight on the most salient issues.

What the project is about

The Treat's Pond Ecological Restoration Project is designed to restore a degraded fresh-water pond to a healthy salt pond and salt marsh. Salt water will be reintroduced into Treat's Pond through a pipe to the ocean, and a tide gate will regulate tidal flow into and out of the pond. The proposed restoration will also control flooding on Atlantic Avenue. Detailed engineering studies by the Army Corps of Engineers have demonstrated that the reintroduction of salt water into Treat's Pond will reduce phragmite (invasive plants that thrive in polluted fresh water) and eliminate bacterial pollution and mosquito infestation. Simultaneously, it will also solve one of the town's worst flooding problems.

Why extending the current pipe won't work

Some have suggested that the flooding problem can be solved cheaply by simply extending the current pipe that drains Treat's Pond into Sandy Cove. This Band-Aid solution won't work for several reasons. First, the current, undersized pipe has insufficient capacity to drain the pond effectively. Making it longer will not increase the capacity. Moreover, the current pipe would have to be extended more than 200 feet, beyond mean low tide, to surface above the sand. Storm effects, seaweed, and sand accretion would plug this extended pipe, which would be inaccessible without a marine dredge. What problem does that solve?

Any pipe on Sandy Cove is doomed to fail because of accreting sand. The mouth of the current pipe, originally above ground, is buried under 5 feet of sand. This pipe has to be opened to drain Treat's Pond and alleviate flooding after a heavy rainstorm. It can take as much as 20 minutes to a half-hour for the DPW backhoe to dig it out. Just one tide cycle will bury it again. Suggesting that anyone with a shovel could clear the pipe in two minutes is ludicrous. But if the proponent would like to give it a try, we would be glad to supply the shovel.

An essential feature of the Army Corps project is salt-water flushing of Treat's Pond to eliminate pollution. An analysis by the engineering firm Camp Dresser McKee found that bacterial levels in the pond were almost 100 times EPA standards. Any proposal to simply extend the pipe without salt-water flushing is environmentally irresponsible. The level of pollution would be unacceptably high and would constitute a reportable health hazard.

How the project will alleviate flooding

The project's tide-gate system is designed to control water levels in the pond. When a storm is predicted, the tide gate can be operated manually to empty the pond so that storm water runoff can be accommodated. The Army Corps has calculated that under high spring tide conditions the maximum elevation of the pond will reach 5.4 feet. The driveway of the nearest property is at elevation 7.7 feet, well above the level of the pond.

The route of the pipe

The Army Corps has recommended an outfall either at Whale Meadow or at Margin Street at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Margin Street. It would parallel the pipe that already exists there. The Atlantic Avenue route would require running a pipe from Treat's Pond to Margin Street under Atlantic Avenue.

The question of eminent domain easements

There will be no taking of easements by eminent domain. The Selectmen will seek voluntary easements only.

Cost and funding of the project

The Army Corps has estimated the project's cost at $1.7 million total. Of that amount, $1.1 million will be funded by a federal grant and $300,000 or more by a state grant. The remaining $300,000 must be raised locally, probably through a long-term bond. In other words, a $300,000 investment by the town will yield $1.7 million of value. So we can pay now at 18 cents on the dollar, or pay later at 100 cents on the dollar.

How this project fits in with other town needs

Some people are concerned that by funding this project, the town will neglect other areas of town that have similar needs. In particular, concern has been raised about flood control for the properties on Elm Street that border Jacob's Meadow and are in close proximity to the sewage treatment plant. This is not an either/or proposition. The town has already spent $1.8 million for three culverts and a tide gate in that area. Another $2 million is being spent to upgrade the sewer plant and $1 million to reduce infiltration and inflow during storms. These and other measures are being taken to eliminate the flooding and pollution problems in the Jacob's Meadow neighborhood. The Treat's Pond project will not interfere with these efforts. It will address a major flooding problem that the town will be obliged to solve at some point. If we support the project now, the town can take advantage of federal funding. If we do it later, the town will forfeit the funding.

The town's decision

Article 22 in the Town Meeting Warrant asks you to approve the Army Corps Restoration Project at Treat's Pond. The decision on whether this project should go forward is rightfully yours to make at Town Meeting. Yet a very small group of opponents have taken it upon themselves to interfere with your right to consider this project. These opponents sent several letters to federal and state officials in an attempt to block funding and to deny you your right to consider the project at Town Meeting. Their attempt to undermine the democratic process is outrageous. It is your decision, not theirs. If you decide not to support Article 22, that is your right. The consequence would be the loss of federal and state aid. The flooding problem would remain. The solution to this problem will require engineering, permitting and significant construction expense and will certainly exceed the $300,000 requested in this article. It would not be supported by the federal grant.

Preconditions for the project

If Article 22 passes at Town Meeting, the project will go forward only after an independent engineering and environmental assessment is completed, and only after a state grant of at least $300,000 is assured. Funding for the engineering and environmental assessment will be included in the $1.7 million federal grant. There is virtually no risk to the town. Please support Article 22.

Jacqueline Dormitzer for Friends of Treat's Pond. Mrs. Dormitzer lives at 111 Atlantic Ave.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Keep Treat's Pond Water out of Cohasset Harbor

TO THE EDITOR:

As former members of the Cohasset Harbor Health Committee who voted unanimously last year against connecting Treat's Pond to the harbor, we are dismayed to learn that this option is back in play, thanks to a recent change of heart by the Board of Selectmen. Treat's Pond would contribute three bad things to the harbor: fecal bacteria, fresh water and nitrate.

Fecal bacteria (enterococci) are a health hazard. When their concentration in the harbor exceeds 104 counts/ml of water, the authorities shut down Bassings Beach. This typically happens several times a year. According to an Army Corps of Engineers presentation in November 2006, Treat's Pond has 10-170 counts/ml during dry weather, but 8,800 counts/ml (i.e. more than 80 times the legal limit) during wet weather. Thus, entry of Treat's Pond water into the harbor after rainfall will not only elevate the risk of infection and disease, but, by increasing the number of beach closings, also reduce recreational opportunities for townspeople. Moreover, ACE plans to introduce Treat's Pond water at the end of Atlantic Avenue near the Yacht Club, already a "hot spot" for high bacterial counts. This entry point is also in the vicinity of the lobster cars, where the lobstermen store their catch. Contaminated lobsters cannot be sold, so livelihoods are put at risk. Sewering of the Treat's Pond area next year should reduce the bacterial load, but until this is done and the bacteriologic studies performed, we cannot know to what degree this will occur.

Desalination of the harbor is already a major concern, both for its ecological effects and because it kills lobsters stored in cars, as well as other shellfish, such as clams. The sewage plant releases 300,000 gallons per day of freshwater into the harbor, leading to desalination of the inner cove. For this reason, the lobster cars have been repositioned to their present location near the Yacht Club. This improves matters, but lobsters still die after heavy rain. Piping Treat's Pond water to this area of the harbor can only add to this problem.

Nitrate is a major environmental pollutant, leading to algal blooms and consequent putrification. At present, the major source of nitrate into our harbor comes from the sewage treatment plant. Nitrate levels in Treat's Pond have not been measured, but given the high enterococcal counts, they are likely to be correspondingly high, a conclusion consistent with the rapid growth of *Phragmites* in the pond.

Using our own tax dollars to pipe in this second stream of pollutants will further stress, in an expensive and detrimental manner, the fragile ecosystem within Cohasset Harbor. All agree that Cohasset Harbor is among our town's greatest assets. Let's treat it with the respect and care it deserves.

Vote no on article 22 "Treat's Pond restoration Project Funding" at Town Meeting on March 29.

Chris Evans
Paul Figueiredo
Frank Moody
Paul Pattison
Karen Quigley
Peter Workman

'Thank you' from the State Champs

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the girls' basketball team, coaches, and school administration, I would like to thank everyone who supported the team this season. The 44-36 overtime victory over Manchester in the Garden to capture the first Girls Basketball State Championship in twenty years for the Lady Skippers will be a memory that everyone who was in attendance will not soon forget. As the team continues to receive numerous honors, (which are much appreciated) the girls, coaches, and the school administration would like to thank all who supported the team on its' unforgettable ride.

The entire Cohasset Community stepped up as we filled 11 fan busses, pre-sold over 800 tickets, and created a sea of blue and white our side of the TD Banknorth Garden with well over 1000 fans (for a town of 7000 on a Tuesday afternoon that's pretty impressive).

An event of that magnitude cannot be pulled off without the support of an entire community. To the staff and volunteers who helped sell the 817 tickets in two days, to the teachers, event staff, custodians, bus drivers and administrators who chaperoned and drove busses, helped with game management and helped organize a pep rally after the game. Thank you.

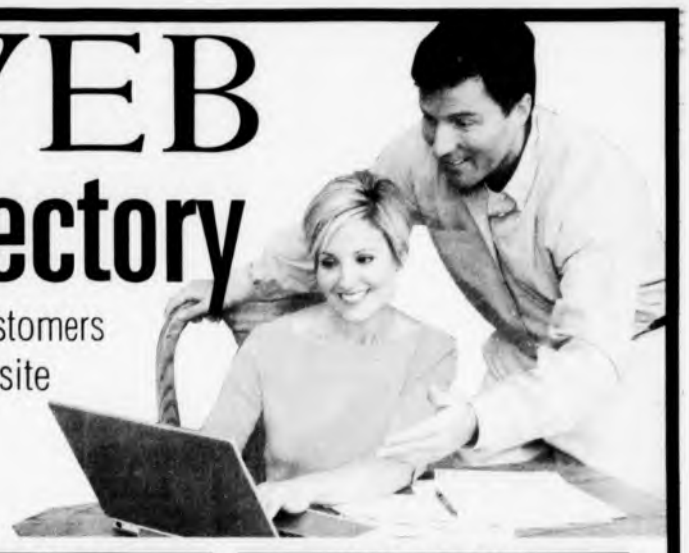
To the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club and parents who wallpapered the town with signs, recorded the moments on video and cameras, and supported the program all year long thank you. To the police and fire departments that escorted our victorious team through town and helped keep our game site safe this season thank you. And most importantly to our student body and community fans who created a true SUPER FAN environment throughout this season and especially in the Garden the Girls Basketball team, the coaches and I thank you.

GO BLUE!!!!

Ron Ford
Athletic Director
Cohasset Middle - High School
143 Pond St.

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Question of the Week

For Sewer Commission candidates: *How viable is the option of sending more Cohasset sewerage to Hull and could that be a cost-effective alternative for some Cohasset homes with failing septic systems?*

SEWER COMMISSION/ Jim Dow

On the surface, sending additional flow from Cohasset homes with failing septic systems appears to be a viable option but only if it is given the approval of the Cohasset Sewer Commission. That approval can only be given if the town stays within the parameters set forth in the inter-municipal agreement between Cohasset and Hull for allowable flow.

A certain amount of gallons per day, based on an average daily flow and a peak daily flow were negotiated on at the beginning of the project based on the number of properties that the new sewer system passed. Capacity is a major issue when it comes to increasing the number of homes that send their sewerage to Hull even though it is not the only consideration, there are many factors involved. If the additional flow pushes the total volume over the agreed upon amount, renegotiations with both Hull and Hingham would be required. The average daily flow rate and the peak flow rate vary with weather conditions and the addition of more homes may push the overall flow close to our total allotment.

There is additional capacity available to us at the Hull treatment plant but in order to purchase it, there would be a significant expense involved. Depending on the number of homes that have failing septic systems in the area, perhaps the addition of a smaller satellite treatment facility could be built. These units could service a number of homes throughout certain neighborhoods that are in environmentally sensitive areas. Neighborhoods that would be benefit from this type of system would include those with properties near the public water supply and any of the harbor inlet areas. Unfortunately, there is no cheap or easy way to discharge or treat sewerage.

SEWER COMMISSION/ Wayne Sawchuk

The question of expanding the North Cohasset sewer district will present a number of challenges to the Sewer Commissioners and the Town.

The district utilizes low-pressure sewage grinder pumps and small diameter forced sewer mains. The individual pumps discharge into slightly larger sewer mains running through the streets ultimately ending up at the Hull Sewer Treatment Plant.

Cohasset has purchased a limited flow capacity to the Hull plant and to increase the quantity of the permitted flow will require new negotiations with the Town of Hull. Costs have risen for chemicals and electricity and any increases in permitted flows would likely be accompanied by significantly increased costs.

In addition, Cohasset needs to reserve a portion of the current capacity for the normal increase in the flow rate growth in existing North Cohasset Sewer District.

Over the past couple of years, the Sewer Commissioners have been making slight modifications and changes to the district on a case by case basis. This was attempting to solve individual existing house septic system failures without opening up any large areas to new development.

I would expect that the Sewer Commissioners would continue to monitor the current sewage flows to Hull with an eye towards continuing the policy of solving individual or small groups of problem septic areas, but not significantly extending the North Cohasset Sewer District into undeveloped areas.

Before the question could be answered as to "if the sewer district could be expanded" to serve areas such as portions of Forest Avenue, The Town and its engineers would need to determine if the forced sewer mains that were installed already would have sufficient additional capacity to carry the added flows. Also, if the Town of Hull would have to allow additional flows to the proposed areas, and at what cost.

For Planning Board candidates: *Cedarmere could best be described as a "sleeping giant." Where does that project stand and what control could the Planning Board exercise over its future development?*

PLANNING BOARD/ Charles Samuelson

The Cedarmere project is currently approved by the town. Being an approved project it is up to the developer to commence work. If the developer desires to modify or change the existing plan, then the normal permitting/approval process for the town would be required.

I don't believe it would be proper for me to express an opinion or comment on a specific project that may come before the Planning Board in the future. This is more to the point since there is no information even regarding intent on behalf of the developer to modify the existing plan or what those modifications would entail.

PLANNING BOARD/ Clark Brewer

The goals for this parcel under the (smfrd) senior multi family residential district was to create affordable senior housing and give downsizing seniors reasonable housing options to stay in Cohasset, creating housing diversity that seemed missing. The permit plans was for senior housing 55+ with 105 residential units on 41 acres. The design included attractive carriage style, cottage style and a large manor house. Site work commenced in 2005 with road layout, large earth movement and a sales model was built. The marketing team had an open house in October 2005, with a 2400sf cottage style house and an asking price of just under $1million. Many agreed that this was not the alternative for downsizing seniors expected. Assessed property values at 100 Pond Street and Wheelwright Farms are $400K to $500K.

I know of no recent activity or redevelopment plans in the works. There are serious obstacles to development for this parcel, including the large land acquisition cost and available sewer and septic options.

The project can be built as presently permitted with 105 units, an as of right single-family subdivision or residential cluster development district is 50 units or under chapter 40B with either rental or for sale units. By comparison, a density similar to the Avalon project is 150 units a density allowed under the original overlay district is over 300 units. A larger number of units distributes the land cost better but any substantial change to the project would need to go through permitting process.

The planning board may recommend changes to zoning including an overlay district, it could discourage future 40B projects by recommending a housing plan be created to meet the 10 percent affordable requirement. The planning board could imagine a future use for the parcel and encourage a project with different goals.

For Selectman candidates: *"See you in court!" could be the mantra for Cohasset. Can the selectmen do more to control the town's legal costs?*

SELECTMAN/ Karen Quigley

Since we live in a litigious society and the more affluent the community the more litigious, the question is: is this the norm or does it reflect a lack of confidence in the fair application of our bylaws and regulations?

If the former, perhaps there is nothing anyone can do. If the latter, the public should take confidence in the fact that, as a rule, the Town prevails. The bad news is we still incur significant legal fees.

What can the Selectmen do?

Oversight is being exercised. The Town Manager monitors and analyzes the town's legal costs by board, by category, in dollars and percentages. FYTD of roughly $107,000, 70 percent is ZBA and Planning Board related and 17 percent is Board of Health related. In these cases a permit is denied, or a permit is granted and is appealed by an abutter. 9 percent is labor related, i.e. negotiation, grievance, and 4 percent is miscellaneous. Note: Cohasset's legal costs are fairly consistent and comparable but we do pay more per capita.

Choice is limited as few firms practice municipal law.

If lack of confidence is the issue, the Selectmen, as the board that sets the overall tone of town government, can encourage transparency, public information, and respect by town boards. It may result in fewer appeals.

The cost of litigation should not weaken the will to defend the decisions of our town boards and commissions, but it is only fiscally prudent to keep an eye on why the town is in litigation.

SELECTMAN/ Fred Koed

We live in a complex and litigious society. This issue has come to the forefront at various times over the years. As a town we have "controls" in the form of by-laws, rules, regulations and codes that need to be enforced to protect the common good. Cohasset would not be our beautiful town if anyone was allowed to run amok with our controls.

I have looked at legal budgets and expenses from at least four perspectives over my last 21 years of public service, having served on the advisory committee, the housing authority, the water commission and the board of selectmen. On the advisory committee and the board of selectmen in particular we studied the legal representation issue.

We've looked at a flat fee structure. We've looked at cost plus structure. We've looked at adding comprehensive cost accounting. When certain boards had larger legal bills, we've worked with those boards and town counsel on strategies to reduce costs. Periodically town counsel will hold a seminar to discuss cost-effective strategies.

There has always been a certain amount of routine annual legal work that needs to be performed no matter what. The ideal way to handle that portion is a flat fee per year for that work, eliminating the cost accounting overhead of too many billing details on reams of paper. The remaining specialized matters are then handled with by more comprehensive itemized billing system and reviewed by the town manager and the selectmen, keeping an eye on expenses.

The last strategy is expenditure oversight. This involves periodic expense reports on how much other departments are spending compared to the budget and historical spending. All town boards and the selectmen's have a responsibility and duty to protect the town's interests and to make sure legal expenses are cost effect and wisely spent.

For School Committee candidate: *How important is the METCO program to Cohasset and is it time to revisit Cohasset's participation in light of budget restraints?*

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Alfred Slanetz

Today's world is highly diverse. Objectively, Cohasset is not. METCO is one way which our school exposes our children to diversity and gives participating children access to a better education than may be available in their own neighborhood. Establishing mutual respect and friendships with people with different backgrounds and experiences is enriching and part of a quality educational experience. As a METCO host family, I can attest that my children have developed empathy, respect for differences and friendship due in part to the friendship with our METCO student and her family over the years.

For the most part, our METCO students appreciate the opportunity that has been given to them. They have parents who care about education. They are traveling a long way to Cohasset every day. They don't want to waste their time. Cohasset's METCO director is a testament to the program's long term success: she was a METCO student in Scituate.

Cohasset currently receives $288,000 annually from the METCO grant. Of this, $100,000 covers transportation and $188,000 covers instructional support. The instructional support pays the METCO Director, Aid/ Bus Monitor and $87,000 in teacher salaries. Cohasset has 47 METCO students; hence the instructional support represents $4,000 per student. However, Cohasset's cost per pupil is $10,702 fully loaded ($8000 if offsets are taken for fees, grants, donations and employee benefits). Thus, through non-METCO revenue (property taxes, fees, donations, grants) Cohasset is funding a METCO shortfall of at least $188,000 per year. An appropriate level of State funding for METCO would be funding of the school at the school's fully loaded per pupil cost. The State needs to become more responsible. In the meantime, the educational value of METCO to our students and the differences we are making in the METCO student's lives are worth the cost.

Candidate Profiles Next Week

The Cohasset Mariner thanks the candidates for participating in the Question of the Week. Candidates will be profiled in next week's Mariner that will be published Friday, April 4.

Candidates will receive their profile questionnaires by email. They may reply by e-mail at mford@cnc.com; by fax at 781-741-2931, or by dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building, 73 South St., Hingham Square. However they choose to deliver their profile, candidates should adhere to the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

If you have questions, call Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or contact her by e-mail at mford@cnc.com.

Absentee ballots

Absentee ballots for the annual Town Election on April 5, are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noon on Friday, April 4, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. Those who will be in town on Election Day and are able to come to the polls should vote in person. Residents may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by April 5 to be counted.

Election supper is April 3

The Annual Election Supper, a springtime tradition, will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street. Candidates and voters are invited to get together for dinner on Thursday evening, April 3, at 6:30. Dinner will include roast pork, roast potatoes, carrots, Harvard beets, dessert as well as beverages. Before dinner, all candidates will be introduced. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-383-1298.

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On the South Shore

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Skippers make believers by winning

State title run caps off magical season

By Joel Racicot
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State Champion. State Champion. State Champion.

Maybe if Cohasset High head coach John LeVangie repeats those words over and over again he will start to believe what transpired this season.

"Everything has happened so fast and it's been so hectic," LeVangie said Tuesday afternoon. "This was a good team no question.

"They came from the back of the pack at 2-2 and played all good teams, especially in the sectionals. I'm starting to believe this now but it's taking a long time to sink in."

The Skippers wrapped up the Div. 4 State title with a 44-36 win over Manchester-Essex. They finished the season with a 23-2 overall record, giving them the best record in Eastern Mass.

Meredith Kelly (So.), Sammi Lehr (Jr.) and Tori Lehr (So.) were all named to the South Shore League all-star team for the SSL champs.

Kelly was named to the All-Garden first team. Her 15 points and game-changing defense in the final earned her the spot.

"That's out of Division 1, 2, 3 and 4 teams so that's pretty impressive," LeVangie said. "She was underrated all year on offense but was an all-star because of her defense."

Kelly also played a big hand in what LeVangie considers a possible turning point in the season.

"At Hull she hit free throws to win the game with less than one second to play," he said. "The kids started to believe they could win after that. And then they started beating teams that they squeaked by the first time by 13 or 14 points."

"In the tourney they just kept going. Their chemistry is excellent."

LeVangie waited a long time to get a ring after making the final in 1981 and1983 as the boys coach at Boston College High School.

The 42-year veteran coached Carly Salerno's father Matt and Kayla Farren's father Paul during the 1977-78 and 1978-79 seasons.

"They were incredibly happy, like they won it themselves," LeVangie said about the proud dads. "It meant an awful lot to them and to me."

The Skippers will carry their 21-game win streak into next season. As an added plus, no players will have to come home

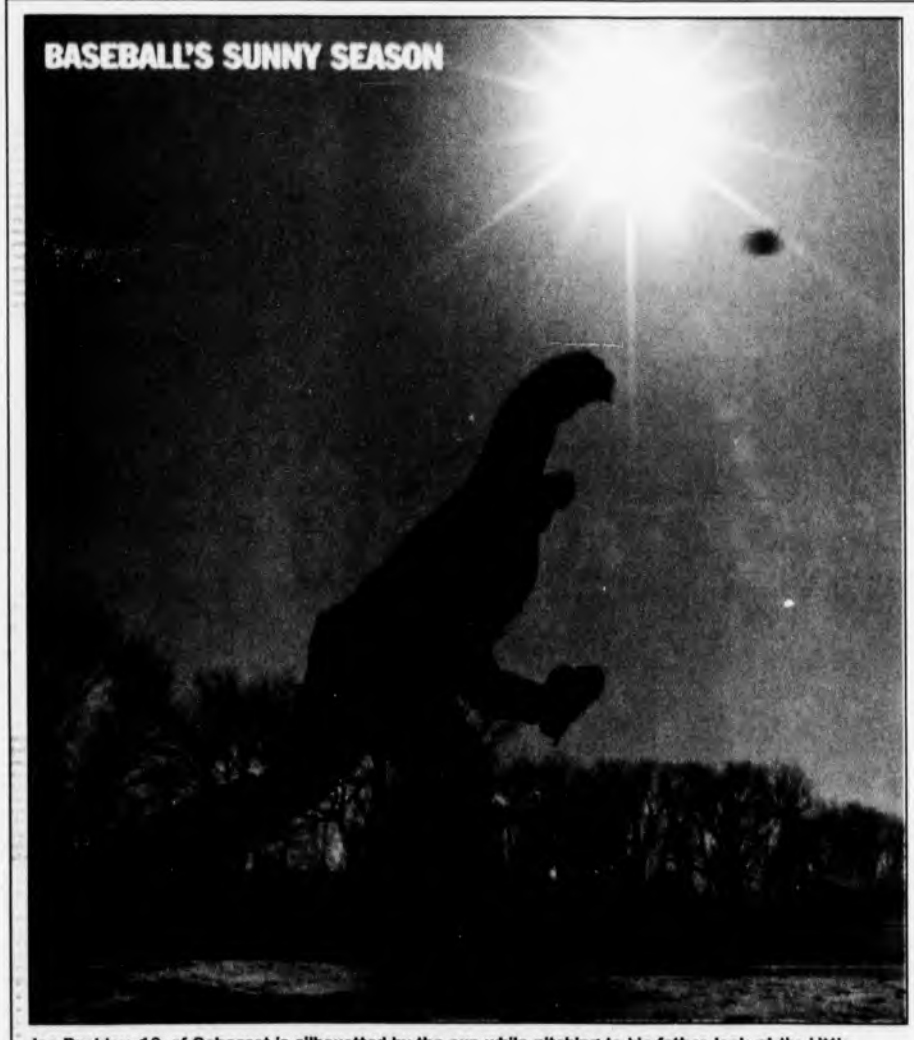
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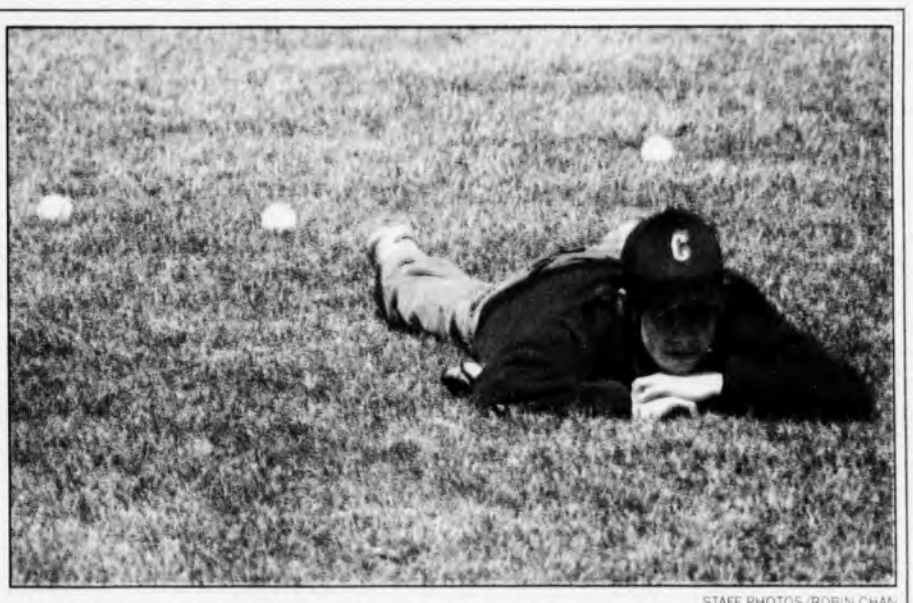
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The State champion Cohasset High School Lady Skippers rally at the TD Banknorth Garden.

BASEBALL'S SUNNY SEASON



Joe Buckley, 12, of Cohasset is silhouetted by the sun while pitching to his father Jack at the Little League field on Saturday. It will be Joe's last season in the majors and he was practicing pitching with his father and coach.



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Joe Buckley, 12, takes a break from batting practice while his father picks up the balls he hit in the outfield on Saturday.

CYBSA draft

The Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association (CYBSA) will hold its roster selection draft Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cohasset Middle-High School Library. The purpose of the draft is to allocate players to teams in all Baseball and Softball divisions with the exception of the Major League Baseball Division. Teams in the Major League Baseball division have already been selected.

Leagues included in the draft are: Farm League baseball, Instructional softball, National League baseball & softball, American League baseball & softball, Major League softball and Junior League baseball & softball.

The CYBSA is always looking for coaches. If you are interested in coaching in any of these divisions, please plan on attending the draft.

Little League requires background checks (CORI) on all league volunteers to ensure the safety of the children entrusted to our care. Please bring a photocopy of your license to the draft where you will be asked to fill out the necessary forms. Individuals, however well intentioned, not complying will not be allowed to coach.

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Skippers make believers by winning

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from college for the banner ceremony. The Skippers didn't graduate any seniors.

LeVangie agreed that youthful exuberance proved to be a bonus and not a bane.

"They are young and I do think it helped them at times," he said. "I'm not sure they realized what they were accomplishing. But the juniors were real leaders and that was big."

The State champs will appear in the Little League parade and will also make a trip to the State House to rub shoulders with some of the Beacon Hill bigwigs.

All in a days work for the newest big-wigs in Cohasset.

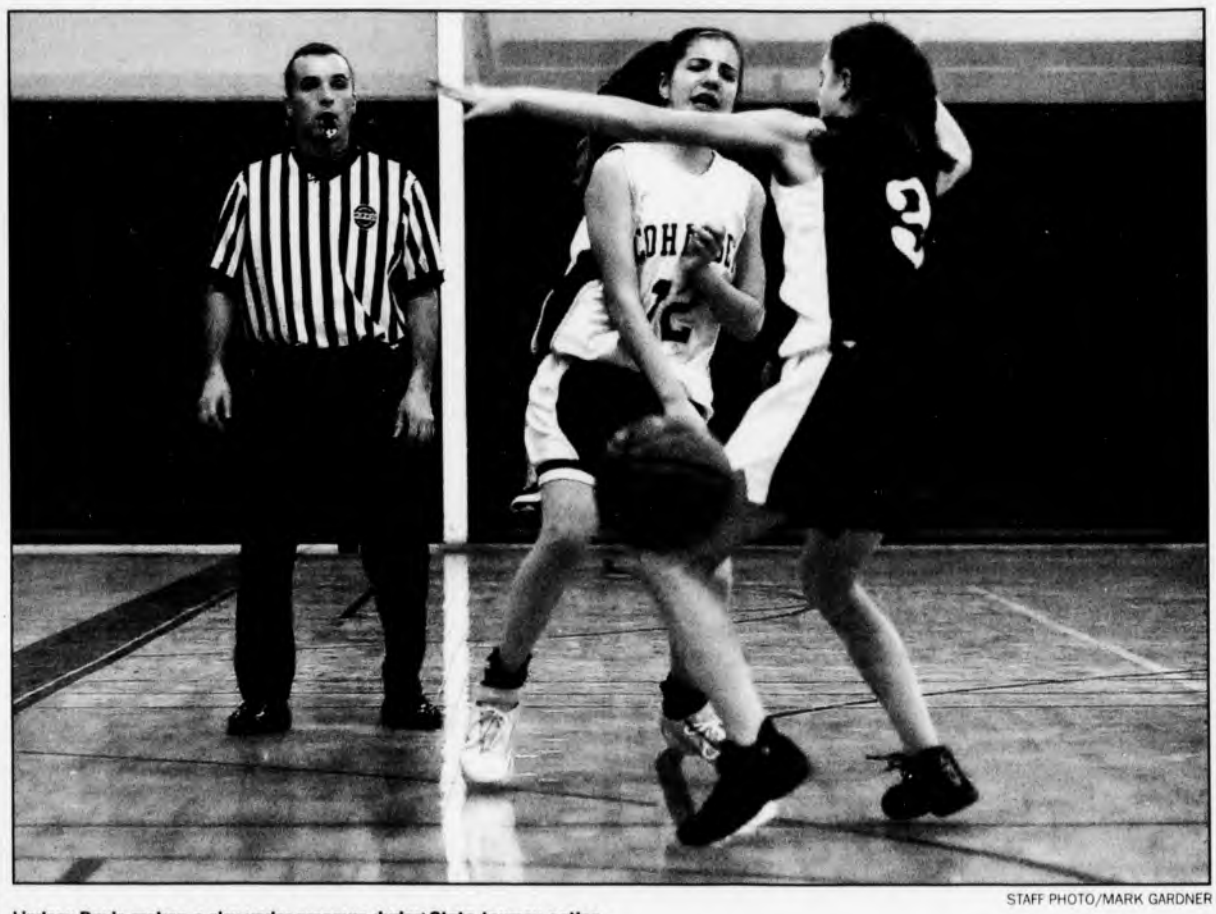
"You go back ten years ago and there is no girls varsity basketball in Cohasset," LeVangie said. "You go back four years ago and we have ten girls on the varsity and junior varsity combined. Now we have 23 girls in the program and the numbers in the younger programs are fantastic.

"(Popularity) has been growing. There has never really been a solid girls basketball program in school history, but now you have the younger kids looking up to these girls. I walk around town and I see kids playing basketball everywhere now."



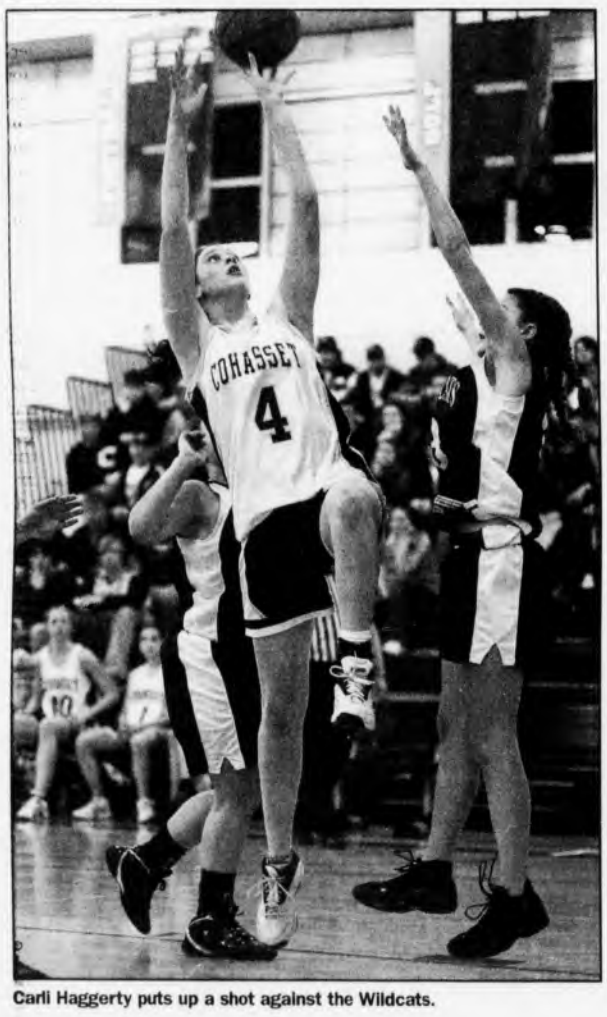
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Cohasset co-captain Carly Salerno puts up a shot against West Bridgewater.



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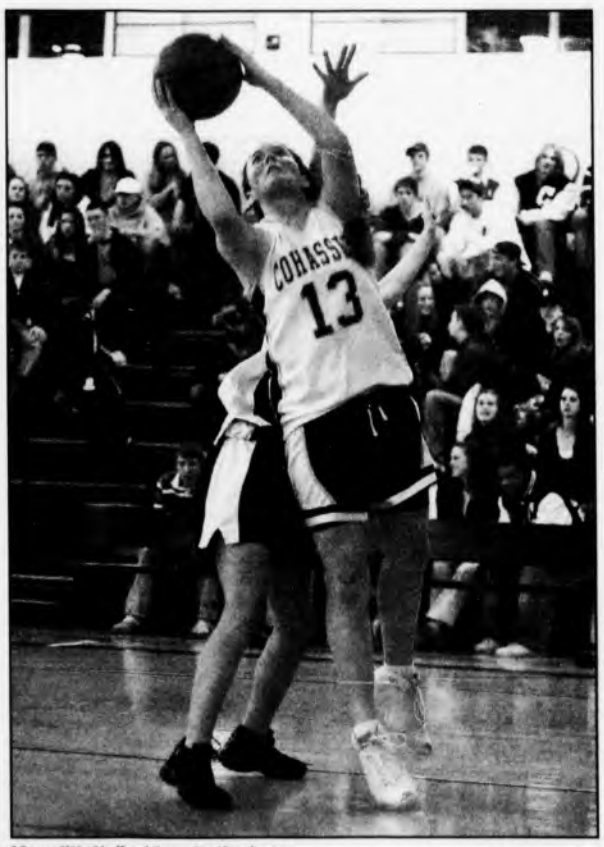
Lindsay Davis makes a play under pressure during State tourney action.



Carli Haggerty puts up a shot against the Wildcats.



Sammi Lehr clamps down on defense.



Meredith Kelly drives to the hoop.

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Local Road Race Calendar

Sunday, April 6
The 32nd Cohasset Rotary Road Race by the Sea will take place Sunday, April 6, at 1 p.m. in Cohasset. The 10K course follows the coastline and through the rolling roads of Cohasset. For information, contact Brad Goodwin at 781-223-2513 or goodwinbc@aol.com.

Sunday, April 13
The Hanover Anchor Race will take place Sunday, April 13, at 10 a.m. in Hanover. This is a four-mile road race/walk. A free kids fun run will take place at 9 a.m. For information, contact Anne McNamara at 781-878-4219 or mcnamaraanne@comcast.net.

Sunday, April 20
The 7th Annual Shawn D. Patterson Memorial & Scholarship 5 & 10K Road Race will take place Sunday, April 20, at 11:30 a.m. in Scituate. There is a 5K and 10K race. There will be awards, refreshments and a raffle. For information, contact Pat Patterson at 508-790-5834 or patpattersn@netscape.net.

Sunday, May 4
The 7th Annual Dean S. Luce 5K Run/Walk and Children's Fun Run will take place Sunday, May 4, at 11 a.m. in Canton. For information, contact Kaitlyn Wroblewski at 781-821-5075, ext. 135, or wroblewskik@cantonma.org.

Sunday, May 11
The Tiara Classic 5K Mothers Day Road Race will take place Sunday, May 11, at 9 a.m. in Mattapoisett. The charity run includes kids fun run and prizes. For information, contact Lara Stone at 508-612-8775 or lhstone@comcast.net.

Saturday, May 17
The 6th Annual Wareham YMCA 5K Road Race will take place Saturday, May 17, at 10 a.m. in Wareham. The 5K race/walk goes through the village of Onset. Prize money will be given out to the top three men and women. For information, contact JoAnn Watson at 508-295-9622, ext. 15, or jwatson@ymcasouthcoast.org.

Sunday, May 18
The 20th Annual Striar JCC 5K Road Race will take place Sunday, May 18, at 9 a.m. in Stoughton. The day also includes a one-mile children's fun run. For information, contact Becky Braidman at 781-341-2016, ext. 128, or bbraidman@jccgb.com.

Sunday, May 18
The 8th Annual Evans Run 5K/10K Race & 5K Walk will take place Sunday, May 18, at 10:30 a.m. in Norwell. Prize money will be awarded. For information, contact Carol Henry at 617-347-2068 or chenry0813@hotmail.com.

Sunday, May 18
The Mansfield High School All Sports Boosters Club 5K will take place Sunday, May 18, at 10:30 a.m. in Mansfield. This is a run and walk. Ice cream will be available. For information, contact Jim Miller at 508-339-5309 or jimedmil@comcast.net.

Monday, May 26
The 6th Annual Christopher's 5K Run and Walk for Diabetes will take place Monday, May 26, at 11 a.m. in West Bridgewater. For information, contact Frank Nelson at 508-208-5377 or log onto christophersrun@colonial-runners.org.

Sunday, June 1
The 3rd Annual Marshfield High School Track 5K Road Race will take place Sunday, June 1, at 10:15 a.m. in Marshfield. The course is flat. For information, contact Andrew McGillowey at 781-837-2476 or mcgillowey@aol.com.

Saturday, June 14
The Clarks Fund 3.5-Mile Run will take place Saturday, June 14, at 10 a.m. in Cohasset. For information, contact Debbie Beal at 781-383-6103 or dbeal@cohassetk12.org.

Sunday, June 15
The 14th Annual Fathers Day Road Race and Walk will take place Sunday, June 15, at 9 a.m. in North Easton. Runners will travel throughout historic Easton. There will be prizes, raffles, free food and music. For information, contact Steve Keohane at 508-230-3789 or cme417@yahoo.com.

Saturday, June 28
The Hanover 5K Road Race will take place Saturday, June 28, at 9 a.m. in Hanover. The course is flat and fast, and it's ideal for runners and walkers. For information, contact Brian Cassidy at 781-826-1300 or bcassidy@healthtrax.net.

Saturday, June 28
The Marshfield High gohills08 5 Mile Race/1 Mile Fun Run will take place Saturday, June 28, at 10 a.m. in Marshfield. This race is a fundraiser to raise money for the football team to go to California. The course is flat and fast. For information, contact Michael Ryan at 781-837-7136 or mike.ryan@awin.com.

Friday, July 4
The Duxbury 4th of July Road Race will take place Friday, July 4, at 9 a.m. in Duxbury. Runners will travel near the ocean and over wooden bridges through historic Duxbury over this 4.25-mile course. For information, contact Beth Kenney at 781-934-9252 or bak5557@aol.com.

Sunday, Oct. 19
The 5th Annual Readers Become Leaders 5K Run/Walk will take place Sunday, Oct. 19, at noon in Wareham. The top male and female will receive a cash prize. The first 100 entrants will receive a T-shirt. For information, contact Kathy Moore Minkle at 508-291-3550, extension 1102, or kamoore@wareham.k12.ma.us.38"

Cohasset High School sports schedule

Baseball
Monday, March 31, against Scituate High School, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 2, at Scituate High School
Friday, April 4, Sacred Heart (Kingston)

Boys lacrosse
Tuesday, April 1, against Catholic Memorial, 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 5, against Scituate High School, 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 8, at Abington High School

Girls lacrosse
Thursday, April 3, at Bishop Feehan High School, 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 4, against Nantucket High School, 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8, against Abington High School

Softball
Tuesday, April 1, at Rockland High School
Saturday, April 5, at Hingham High School
Monday, April 7, against Abington High School

Boys and Girls Track and Field
Thursday, May 1, against East Bridgewater High School
Monday, May 5, at Harwich High School
Wednesday, May 7, against Abington High School
Monday, May 12, against Mashpee High School
Wednesday, May 14, against Norwell High School
Monday, May 19, at Carver High School

SSBC Summer Baseball Camps schedule announced

The South Shore Baseball Club has announced its 2008 summer camps schedule for one week in Braintree and Cohasset, as well as four weeks in Hingham.

"Braintree, Cohasset and Hingham are all great baseball towns and we really enjoy having our camps there each summer," SSBC president/director Frank Niles Jr. said. "All of our campers will enjoy a valuable and rewarding experience at any of these SSBC summer camps. Our professional staff of qualified instructors will help kids improve their skills and enjoy the great game of baseball at the same time."

All campers are grouped according to age, ability, physical maturity and previous experience. Instructions will range from basic fundamentals to advanced skills. Each will play a minimum of one game per day.

Individual attention will be emphasized in all aspects of baseball. Pitching, catching, defense, base running and hitting will be featured in special sessions and lectures. Any camper needing specific areas of improvement will receive special attention from SSBC's expert staff of qualified professional coaches.

The Cohasset camp for youngsters 5-12 will be held Monday, June 23, through Friday, June 27, at Milliken Field.

The Braintree camp returns Monday, July 7, through Friday, July 11, at Watson Park for campers 5 through 15.

The annual Hingham Summer Baseball Camp, offering four one-week sessions for players 5 to 15, is scheduled Monday, July 14, through Friday, Aug. 8, at Hingham High School.

Sessions at all three camps will be held Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. Half-day sessions also will be available for 5 through 7 year olds from 8:30 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. None of the camps are restricted to the host towns and SSBC members and non-members alike are welcomed.

Other upcoming SSBC activities:

Mar. 16-Apr. 20
Barry Needham Softball Pitching Clinic #3
Ages 10-18

Mar. 29-Apr. 19
Little League Battery Club #5
Ages 8-12

Mar. 29-Apr. 19
Indoor Spring Training Camp #3
Ages 8-16

Mar. 29-Apr. 6
Girls Softball Spring Training #2
Ages 8-12

Apr. 22-25
Hitters Workshop #4
Ages 8-18

Apr. 22-25
Cohasset April Vacation Camp
Ages 8-12

Apr. 28-May 24
Spring Indoor Rookie League
Ages 5-8

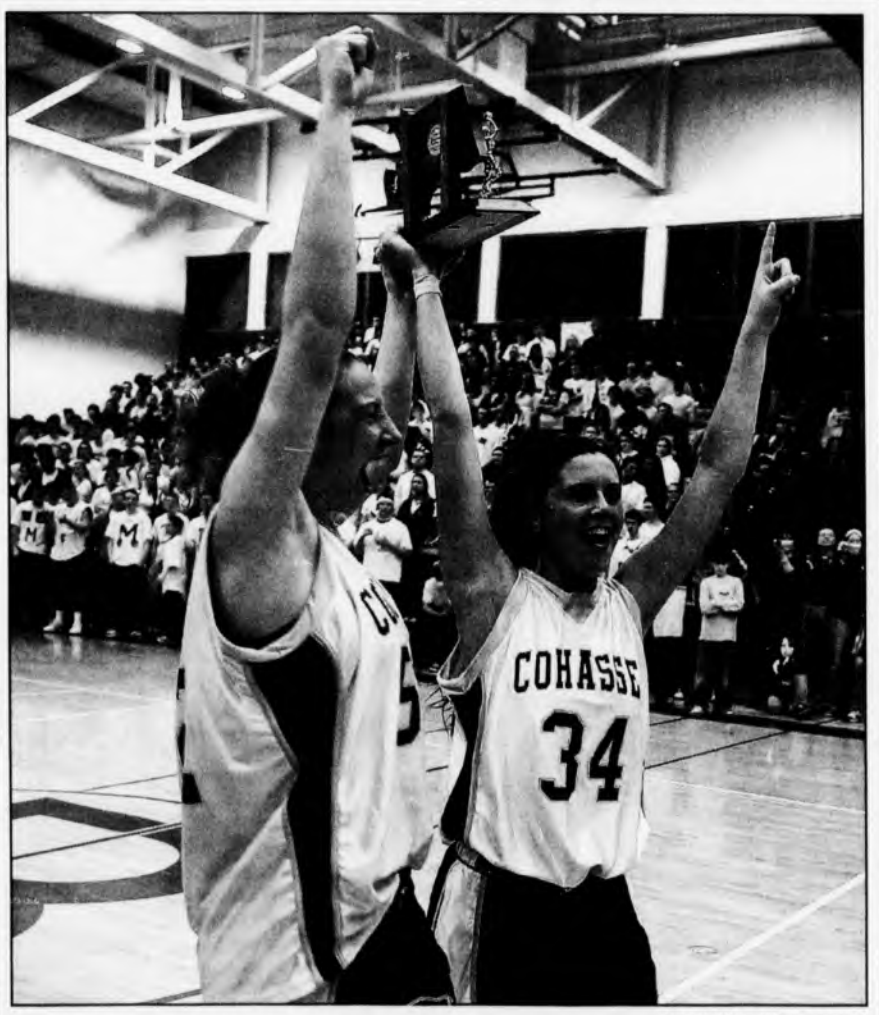
SSBC is a year-round, full service club and training facility for baseball and softball players, boys and girls (5 and older), in Hingham. For information about SSBC or any of its programs call 800-749-6466/781-749-6466, or visit its Web site at www.ssbc.com.

Kingfish swimming announces tryouts

Tryouts for the Kingfish Swim Team are going to be Tuesday, April 15, and Thursday, April 17, at 4 p.m. at the Kingsbury Club in Kingston. The tryout is for children ages 7-18 for the Long Course Season, which is tentatively scheduled to begin Monday, June 23. Children need to know all four basic strokes (freestyle, backstroke, sidestroke and breaststroke) and be able to swim a lap of the pool (25 yards). Swimmers do not need to be a member of the Kingsbury Club to try out for or participate on this team.

For information, go to www.kingfishswimming.com or call coach Jay Craft at 781-871-7287.

Kingfish Swimming offers swimmers an opportunity to compete on a United States Swim team and be challenged to a new level. Headed by Jay Craft, former Olympic Trials swimmer and NCAA Division I All American, the USS team provides all levels of swimming, from dual meets and state competitions to the United States Olympic Trials. Craft and his expert staff provide opportunities for swimmers at all levels to train and compete year round. Participants travel to large meets and compete all throughout New England.



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Sammi Lehr, left, and Kayla Farren hold the Division 4 South trophy overhead after defeating Millis 42-30 at Braintree.

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This workshop will provide an overview of laws and keeping records, walk you through the stages of working with the schools, how to monitor your child's IEP and 504, and what to consider before you call an attorney.

The presentation will starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. and held at the The Osgood School (located behind Deer Hill School), 210 Solier St.

All workshops/presentations are free and sponsored by the Cohasset PSO/Parent Advisory Council.

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Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $5,000 scholarships are available at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive, Hingham.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application *in person* at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Tuesday (April 15).

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

Tai Chi open house at Jade Forest

On Sunday, March 30, from 1 to 2 p.m., Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi of Cohasset will host a Tai Chi Open House. Long time Tai Chi teacher and author John Loupos will introduce attendees to the intricacies of Tai Chi theory, stretching, Qigong, and rooting practices, as well as it myriad health benefits. Guests should wear loose comfortable clothing as this event is participatory. Jade Forest is located at on Route 3A in Cohasset in the Jonathan Livingston Plaza, rear. Call 781-383-6822 for information or visit www.jfkungfu.com. Participation is free; call ahead to pre-register.

Sports Partnership to hold kickoff event

Would you like to know how you can help Cohasset get a turf field and also improve and maintain its current sports facilities? Join the newly formed Cohasset Sports Partnership with an evening of informative dialogue, music, food and fun. On Saturday, April 5 at 8 p.m. the Partnership will be hosting an evening at Atlantica with cocktails, desserts and dancing. The CSP is dedicated to enhancing Cohasset's athletic programs and facilities and is a partner with the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.

Please RSVP at 781-383-9513 or to ellenmaher@comcast.net.

For more information please visit our website at www.CohassetSportsPartnership.org

Teen dance set for April 11

Cohasset Youth Resources Midnight Blue Teen Center Dance will take place from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, April 11. Cohasset youngsters in grades six through eight are invited to attend. Cost is $5 per person, and attendees will be required to show a student ID when signing in for the dance.

Those attending should be sure they are able to gain admittance to the dance before their ride leaves as once capacity is reach no further admittance will be allowed. There will be no admittance after 8:30 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

This is not a school function.

Sally Meehan wins writing contest

LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



This talented gal will receive a $100 savings bond, tickets to a Celtics game, and attend the awards ceremony on April 13th at TD Banknorth Garden's Sports Museum. Talk about exciting!

Hopefully everyone had a good Easter weekend last week! No school and no work was a fabulous way to begin a well-deserved weekend filled with rest and relaxation. With just over two months left of test taking and waking up before 6:30 a.m., the school days are increasingly hard to endure. Luckily, the cold weather and "gale force" winds offer little reason to want to be outside. These days, even the slightest glimpse of Mr. Sunshine can send students' endorphins into overdrive!

This week, upper classmen and freshmen relished the sounds of silence, at least during first and second periods when the 10th graders established their place in high school by taking the unavoidable MCAS. But don't worry 9th graders, your turn is coming.... and on the bright side, no homework for a week? Middle school kids also participated in practice MCAS making for very calm mornings for all of CHS. Clearly they were saving their suppressed energy for home and lunchtime.

The Jazz Band concert on Thursday was true music to the audience's ears. Always on point, this gifted group proves that Cohasset can breed exceptional talent. Speaking of which, a special congratulations to senior Sally Meehan, who won first place in the Will McDonough Writing Contest for her sports essay. This talented gal will receive a $100 savings bond, tickets to a Celtics game, and attend the awards ceremony on April 13th at TD Banknorth Garden's Sports Museum. Talk about exciting!

Now here is a rundown of the week!

• Monday, March 24: A relatively uneventful return to the classrooms.

• Tuesday, March 25: The 2HB pencils were in full motion as 10th-grade testers tackled the English Composition MCAS. Also, the varsity girls lacrosse team put up their sticks as they scrimmaged against Hingham.

• Wednesday, March 26: The boy's baseball and JV lacrosse stepped on the fields to scrimmage.

• Thursday, March 27: The final day of brain overloading for grades 6,7,8, and 10!

• Friday, March 28: Donning their dancing shoes and snappiest outfits, the future high schoolers stepped out to enjoy a middle school dance.

Well, that's it for me this week. Have a great weekend!

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

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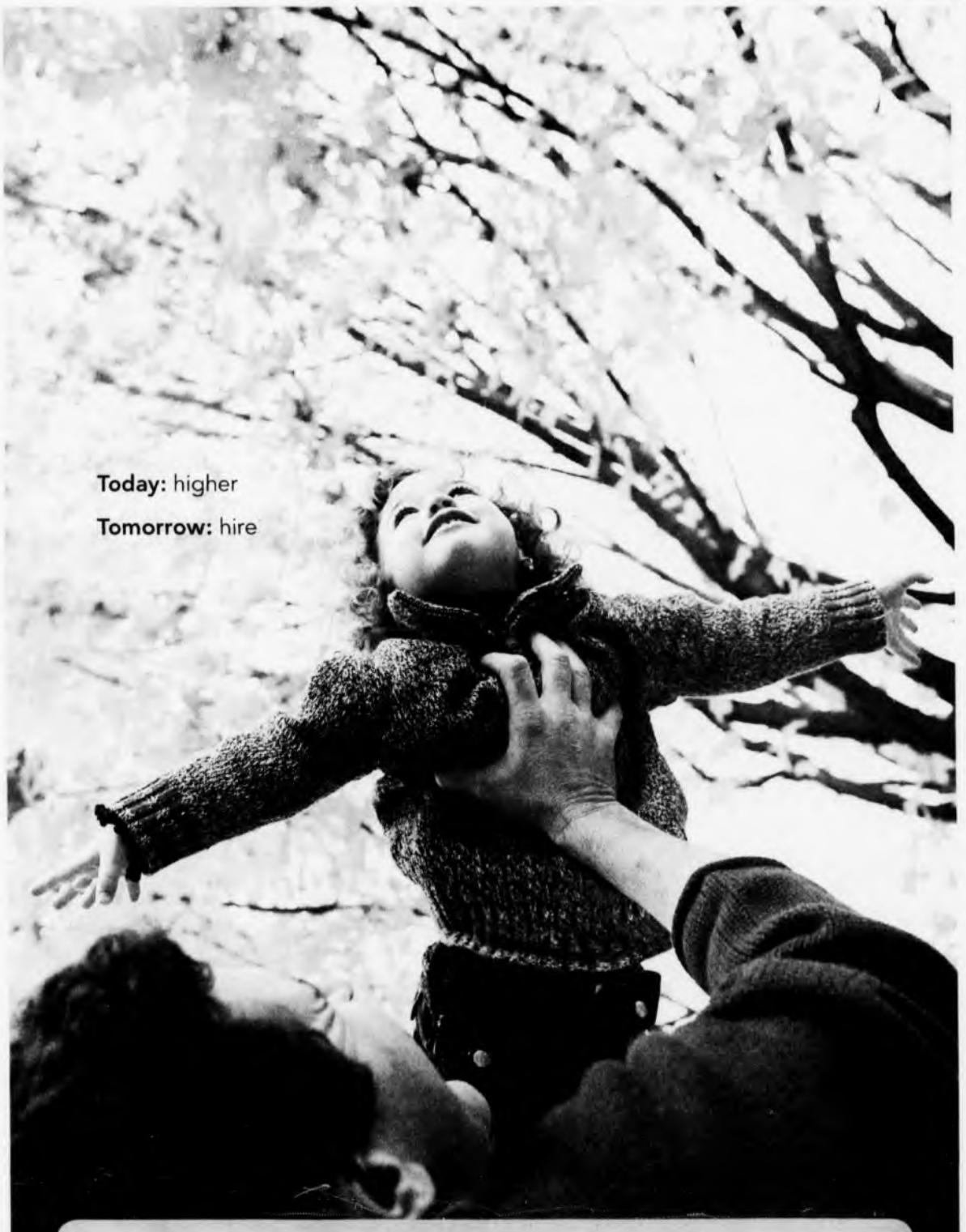
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Mecca Hall of Mecca Reptiles shows children and parents her two box turtles and snake during the Osgood School's Science and Math Night.



Six-year-old Kevin Perone and his dad, Marc, demonstrate the Block and Tackle design displayed at the Osgood School's Science and Math Night on March 19.

Wonders of Math and Science

Families, students take part in Osgood evening



South Shore's Astronomical Society member, Mel Macdonald, makes a few adjustments on his Orion Sky Telescope during the Osgood Science and Math Night at the Osgood School last week. Both MacDonald and Michael Marks of The Sky Connection brought the stars and moon a bit closer for the students and families who attended the event.



First-graders, Christopher Longo, left and Justin Berman, both age 6, blow through a straw into a cup of milk for the milk bubbles experiment.

Photos by Craig Goedecke



Three-year-old Jack Hagerty, an Osgood preschool student, holds one of the large 21 card game cards during the Osgood Science and Math Night on March 19.



Eight-year-old Sophie Stone, Third-grade student at Osgood, holds one of the two snakes from Reptile Mecca during the Osgood Science and Math Night.



Seven-year-old Gabriella Finocchio and her mom, Mary, demonstrate what happens during a lunar eclipse.



First-grader Bryan Thomas, 7, shows his Zoob DNA Model that he and his family created for the Osgood School Science and Math Night. Behind him are other children assembling mock DNA models.



Eight-year-old Marina Longo looks through the viewfinder of a Questar Telescope for a better look at the planets during the Osgood School's Science and Math Night. The Sky Connection of Dedham provided the instruments for the event, with technical assistance by chief astro-guide Michael Marks, also a South Shore Astronomical Society member.



Eight-year-olds, Zoe Doherty, left and Emma Earl-Loft, both Osgood School second graders, view the Saltwater Aquarium created by Cohasset High School Marine Science students. The tank is a combination of three tanks filled with plants and fish, as well as a small lobster found in the waters under the Cunningham Bridge.

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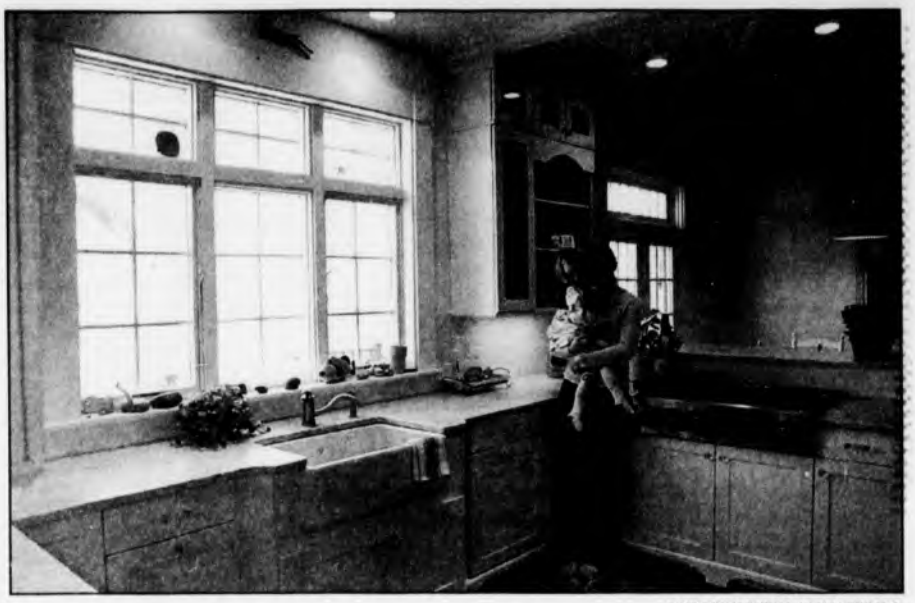
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Mel Barrett and daughter Georgia in their kitchen, which is one that will be open for the South Shore Community Center Kitchen Tour.

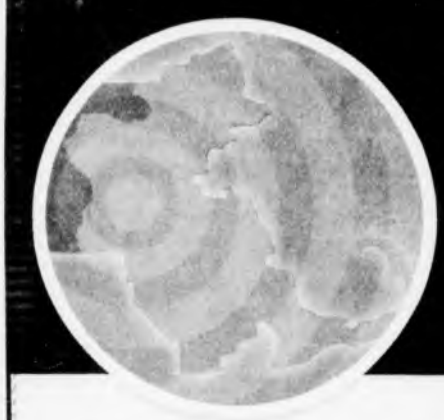
'Dream' Kitchen Tour is April 11

South Shore Community Center Kitchen Tour will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Friday, April 11. Cost is $25, $30 after March 31. Tickets can be purchased at South Shore Community Center or by calling 781-383-0088. Payment can be made by cash, check or charge.

The history and beauty of the homes participating in the 2008 South Shore Community Center Kitchen tour celebrate both the old and the new and capture the essence of the seaside community of Cohasset. This year, the South Shore Community Center is proud to have the opportunity to showcase five homes. Four of the homes are scattered along the coastline off of Jerusalem Road and one home is directly on Cohasset's historic town common.

One of the homes participating in the tour is the Barrett home. Originally built in 1885, this home sits on a hill overlooking Straight's Pond. The renovation of this home took place in 2003, with the goal of maintaining the architectural integrity of the home while providing the homeowners with modern day amenities. The kitchen, in particular, demonstrates this delicate balance. Designed by Kitchen Concepts of Norwell, this modern-day version of a classic Victorian kitchen combines period details from glass cabinet knobs and white farmer's sink with white Carerra marble countertops, sub-zero refrigerator and Viking stove. The homeowner is working with Kate Dickerson Designs of Hingham and florist Sue Chessia, both of whom volunteered their time to wow visitors with beautiful table settings, arrangements and accents. Also, the Borrowed Butler and Hola will provide light fare.

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Meet Author Michael Tougias – Michael Tougias, author of 14 books, will present a narrated outdoor humor slide presentation at 7 p.m., on Thursday, April 3. Free. This is a Cohasset Reads Together event.

Movie Matinee at the Library – Relax and enjoy a free screening of the classic film "Citizen Kane" starring Orson Welles, Joseph Cotton and Agnes Moorhead, at 11 a.m., on Friday, April 4. Remarkable, influential, and unforgettable drama tracing the rise of publishing mogul, Charles Foster Kane (Orson Welles) from humble beginnings to riches and accolades beyond belief. Based on the life of publishing tycoon William Randolph Hearst, "Citizen Kane" is considered one of the greatest movies of all time. Black and white; not rated; 120 minutes; 1941. Winner of the Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay, 1942. Free admission and free refreshments courtesy of Friends of the Library. Movie site license sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

Cohasset Reads Together Finale – It's hard to believe the town-wide reading initiative is coming to a close. The books "Walden" by Henry David Thoreau and "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson inspired readers to think about the American wilderness and environment. There have been eight weeks of programs and events. The library will have flyers and information available on area walking trails, local environmental groups and reading discussion guides for the books. Enjoy a free granola bar while reminiscing about a favorite Cohasset Reads Together event at 2 p.m., on Sunday, April 6.

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Children's Author – Children's author Barbara Joosse will present her new picture book titled, "Grandma Calls Me Beautiful from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 1. Joosse's other books include, "Papa, Do You Love, Me?" and "Mama, Do you Love Me?" Joosse is known for her multicultural picture books. Pre-order a signed copy with a personal message to a child by filling out an order form at Buttonwood Books or pick up a form from Mrs. Moody's desk. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. This event is brought to the library courtesy of Buttonwood Books.

Music and Stories – MamaSteph will perform in the Meeting Room on Mondays from 10:30 to 11 a.m., through the end of April.

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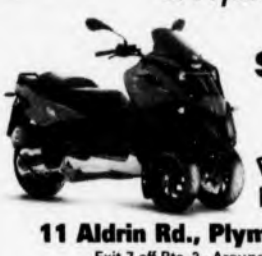
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Food is an essential part of my school-age daughter's day. When Melanie blurts, "I'm hungry" on vacation, that's my cue to find sustenance immediately or face her wrath, replete with tears and a tantrum.

Yielding to her hunger pangs at SeaWorld San Diego, I had a plate of chicken fingers in front of her in almost record time.

But then, as San Diego's famous son, Dr. Seuss, might say, something strange and truly amazing happened. Melanie was not stuffing her face. In fact, her eyes were the size of doughnuts as she stared in awe at an orca whale doing a back flip, not more than 10 feet from where we were sitting.

The "Dine with Shamu" experience at SeaWorld was just one of the many adventures that mesmerized our family of four on a road trip along the California coast.

We started in San Diego and ended a week later in San Francisco, stopping at some of America's best-known theme parks, world-class zoos and aquariums, and, of course, spectacular beaches. The bulk of our traveling time was spent on Highway 1, the sort of road you see in car ads, where the convertible hugs the wide turns as cliffs plunge to the Pacific below, especially on the S-curves of Big Sur.

While in San Diego, we checked out more animals at the San Diego Zoo. The latest member of the panda family, Zhen Zhen ("Precious"), was born here this past August. While she is too young for prime time, her brother, Su Lin, was wowing the crowds high atop the bamboo tree. The next day we headed 30 miles north of the city to Wild Animal Park. On a hot air balloon ride, we had an exciting bird's eye view of the lions, giraffes, elephants, rhinos and other animals, safari style.

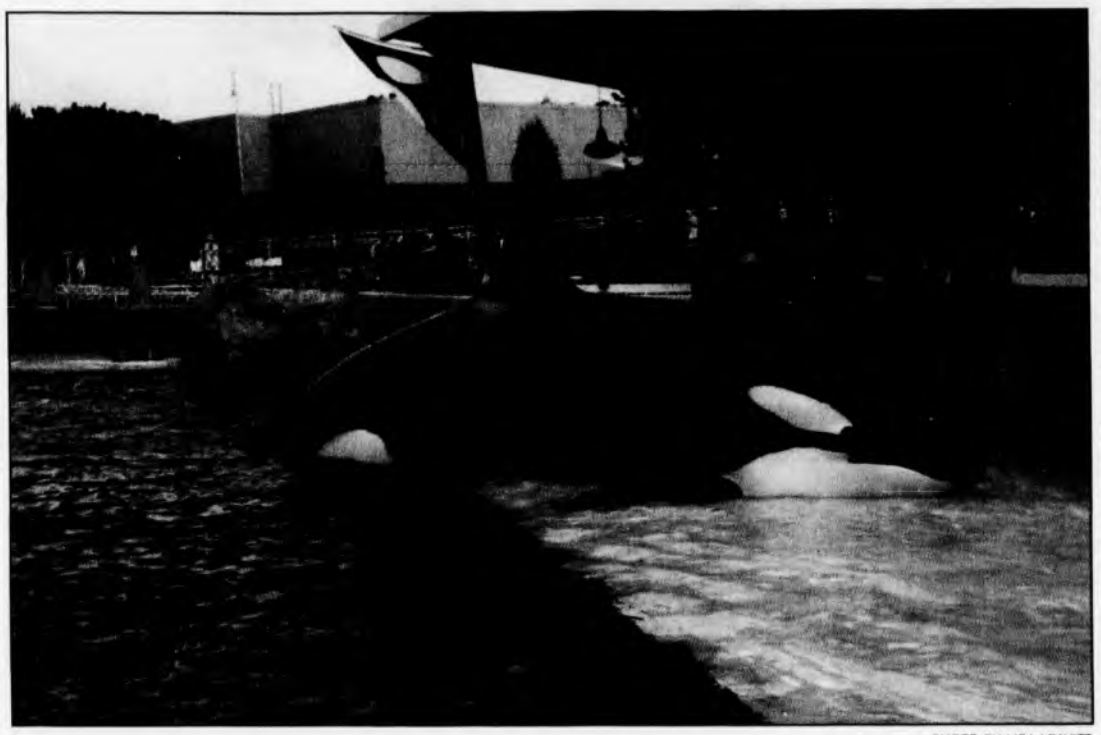


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"Dine with Shamu" at SeaWorld San Diego, one of many experiences for families on a California coastal road trip.

Disneyland, Legoland, Knott's Berry Farm and Universal Studios Hollywood are four of the theme parks located in Southern California. With limited time, we decided to stop only at Legoland. Many of the rides are mellow, even for a preschooler. Still we enjoyed Miniland, a detailed reproduction of American landmarks and cities made out of, you guessed it, millions of Legos.

If you do Disneyland in Anaheim, the latest, greatest attractions are the underwater excursion, Finding Nemo Submarine Voyage, and rocking to the revamped roller coaster, Space Mountain.

California's golden stretch of shoreline seduced us as we headed north on Highway 1 outside of Los Angeles. We stopped at the Santa Barbara pier to watch artists use the sun to draw on driftwood by means of a magnifying glass. We also met Brother Feather, a hippie whose 1976 Dodge van was filled with the detritus of his life.

"For a buck, you can go on in and check it out," said Brother Feather, and my kids didn't hesitate to experience this time travel machine. Inside were smurfs, trolls, the Pink Panther and images of peacemakers like John Lennon and Bob Marley.

For a quick snack, we turned off at the "Copenhagen of the California coast," Solvang. The downtown area is reminiscent of an Old Danish village with small bakeries and gift shops dotted with windmills and thatched roofs. We parked outside the Danish Village Bakery (1529 Mission Drive), owned by the same family for four generations, and tried Aebleskiver, a pancake-like ball, and other treats.

Next stop was Hearst Castle and the dreamy blue-tiled indoor pool, inlaid with 22-karat gold; a real "wow." More natural wows can be found four miles north on the beach at Piedres Blancas, where we watched hundreds of large elephant seals lounging, grunting, wrestling and diving into the Pacific.

Continuing north, the mountains of Los Padres National Forest rise above the Pacific and the road becomes a mix of ups, downs and hairpin turns as you enter Big Sur. A quarter-mile walk at Pfeiffer Burns State Park leads you to the precipitous rock, waterfalls and wildflowers of this paradise.

We spent two nights in Monterey, so we had time to visit one of the nation's most innovative aquariums - the Monterey Bay Aquarium - bike along the waterfront past seals and dine at seafood restaurants on the street known as Cannery Row.

Last stop was San Fran, two hours away. Here we rode the cable cars up and down the hilly city, took a cruise under the Golden Gate Bridge, and had dim sum in Chinatown, trying to convince son Jake to try jellyfish, saying it was just noodles. The highlight, however, was the Exploratorium. Housed within the walls of San Francisco's Palace of Fine Arts, the museum contains countless hands-on activities that investigate the realms of science and art. I was having so much fun that the kids had to tell me when it was time to leave.

Other suggested drive itineraries in California include a five- to six-day trip that continues on Highway 1, north of San Francisco, through some of the world's most magnificent Redwood forest (Avenue of the Giants), stopping at small artsy communities and wineries. This part of the state is still very wild and undiscovered.

Another option is a three- to four-day jaunt into the Gold Country, starting in Sonora, and stopping in the towns of Columbia, Angels Camp and Murphys to tour old gold mines and drink in saloons. Head through the Sierra foothills to Placerville, which used to be named "Hangtown" because of the number of people hung there during the Gold Rush. There are a lot of off-the-beaten-track wineries along the way, and during springtime, the fields are filled with colorful wildflowers.

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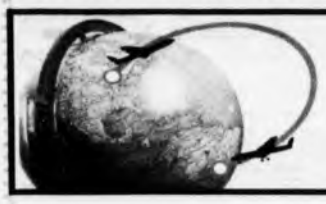
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Scouts excel during Klondike Derby

On Saturday, Feb. 9, Boy Scout Troop 28 from Cohasset participated in the Klondike Derby held at Camp Squanto in Plymouth, along with dozens of teams from across the South Shore.

The Klondike Derby is an annual competition that tests scout's outdoor camping and winter survival skills. Each patrol of five to seven scouts has to transport a sled filled with gear to 10 stations set up around the 650- acre camp. At each station, the patrol has to demonstrate a particular skill. At each station, the patrol is judged on a 50-point scale based on their ability to complete the task correctly and safely, to demonstrate knowledge in the area being tested, and on leadership and teamwork. The participants arrived at the camp at 7 a.m. and had to be at the last station by 3:30 p.m.

Cohasset's Troop 28 entered three patrols with a total of 16 scouts. Each patrol competed separately and all three patrols finished the entire course.

The stations include tests of ability to start fires without the aid of matches, to demonstrate competence with a map and compass, plant and animal track identification, camping and cooking skills, show 15 different knots and lashings, estimating the height of trees and the width of a river

The most dramatic station requires teams to safely get the patrol, and its sled, across a river (using a dry gully as the river). Each patrol lashed logs together to form a bridge, which was pushed, across the river. One scout, secured to safety lines, crossed the bridge carrying ropes. The ropes were secured around a tree on either side of the river and tightened. The scouts then hoisted the sled onto the main rope by hooks on the sleds, and guided it across the river. The remaining members of the patrol then crossed the log bridge with the gear taken from the sled to lighten it. Finally, the ropes were all taken down. All of this had to be done in less than 25 minutes.



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Cohasset's White Owl patrol completed this task with a perfect score of 50. That patrol, lead by Life Scout Tucker Oddliefson, included Derek Benson, Brodie Jackish, Max Reel, Clark Index and Jack Thomae.

Another difficult station required the patrol to construct an emergency shelter. The shelter is required to be large enough for the entire patrol and secure enough to withstand wind, rain and snow. The Delta Patrol achieved Troop 28's high score on this station with a 46. That patrol, lead by Life Scout Christian Quebec, included Thomas Fogarty, Andrew Leighton, Cody Piepenbrink, Jack O'Brien and Julien Geyer.

Cohasset's weak spot in recent years had been the First Aid station, in which the patrol is given an injury victim and is required to demonstrate first aid skills including proper notification of emergency backup, care of lacerations, splinting, poisons and constructing and using an emergency stretcher. All three patrols turned in high scores at this station, lead by the Snake Patrol, which scored a 44. That patrol, lead by Star Scout Robbie Hillman, included Blake Erler, Hugh Gideon-Murphy, Alex Kent and Sasha Nakashima.

All three Cohasset patrols turned in respectable overall scores. The White Owl edged the Delta Patrol by two points, 419 to 417, with the strong-finishing Snake Patrol close behind with 394 points. The troop will continue to work on these skills on its frequent camping and hiking trips, and looks forward to competing again next year.

Troop 28 welcomes boys 11 through 17 who are interested in outdoor adventure, service opportunities and fun. Anyone who is interested should inquire at troop28scoutmaster@comcast.net, or check out the troop's website at www.troop28cohasset.org.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, MARCH 17

12:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle. Motor vehicle parked in the lot, damage to passenger side window, appears to be a party sleeping in the motor vehicle.

12:42 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks, both schools check secure.

12:50 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

7:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:42 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** larceny, caller would like to see an officer regarding an issue she has been having with her daughter-in-law who she now lives with.

11:54 a.m. **James Lane**, well-being check, neighbor has been located at St. Stephens Church.

12:49 p.m. **North Main St.,** suspicious activity. Officer reports suspicious vehicle parked on the side of the road, officer has checked on both males in the vehicle they check out at this time.

1:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement assignment, verbal warning.

2:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:33 p.m. **Deep Run**, downed power lines, caller reports a wire has been taken down by a truck. Units report this is a cable wire no hazard Comcast notified.

4:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** medical aid, transported to South Shore Hospital/ALS, atrial fib. And shortness of breath.

4:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS, cardiac issues.

7:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS, possible pulmonary embolism.

8:31 p.m. **Kendall Village**, disturbance, caller stated that she heard a loud band and believes that her neighbor has thrown something against her house. This is an ongoing dispute between neighbors.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

1:06 a.m. **South Main St.,** open door/window, secured building.

1:16 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

1:18 a.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

1:34 a.m. **Pond St,** building checks.

6:13 a.m. **Brewster Road** and **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** traffic enforcement.

6:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation/warning.

6:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued

6:44 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** traffic enforcement.

7:13 a.m. **North Main St.,** public service other.

9:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.,** motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation/warning.

9:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service. Caller requests if an officer could take a ride through the parking lot and see if they can locate a set of keys. He believes he dropped in the lot. Keys not located male party notified and thanks us for checking.

11:30 a.m. **Elm St.,** child safety seat install.

12:04 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

12:10 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** animal bite – dog with injury. Detail officer was waved down by a male party that was just bitten by a dog at this location. Officer reports no need for the fire department, victim will seek own treatment. Dog out of Hull. Dog belongs to owner of vehicle entered into this call.

12:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash. Caller requests an officer because her vehicle was just rear-ended by another vehicle and there is an argument about who is at fault.

1:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, hit and run. Walk-in party would like to file a report for a hit and run accident that occurred a short time ago.

1:43 p.m. **Elm St.,** officer wanted. Walk-in party is the victim of earlier call. Request to see an officer regarding an earlier incident. The dog did break the skin on the victim.

4:43 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid. Transported SSH/BLS.

7:21 p.m. **Hull Police Department**, bolo announcement. Missing juvenile. Female is approximately seven to eight weeks pregnant. Individual left home around 11 a.m. March 15 and has not returned or contacted her parents since.

7:45 p.m. **Mill Lane,** medical aid. Transported to SSH/ALS.

7:47 p.m. **Sohier St,** medical aid. Transported other/ALS.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

12:56 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:02 a.m. **Pond St.** High School, building check.

2:42 a.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid, 911 caller states she is having difficulty breathing.

7:15 a.m. **King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** traffic enforcement.

8:03 a.m. **Forest Ave. and North Main St.,** motor vehicle crash, walk-in parties report they just had a motor vehicle accident at this location, no reports needed very minor damage.

9:18 a.m. **Holly Lane,** animal complaint. Caller reports a deer laying in her back yard with a bone sticking out of its leg. Environmental police en route.

12:42 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both schools secure.

2:24 p.m. **Ripley Road**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:34 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** disturbance, caller stated that bus was hit with paintballs on the driver's side door, report area search negative.

2:36 p.m. **Beach St.,** animal complaint, caller reports that a possibly rabid raccoon in the area, contacted ACO officer he will respond.

3:08 p.m. **Pond St.,** parking complaint, caller reports vehicles blocking the garage where the generator is and would like the vehicles moved.

5:23 p.m. **Norfolk Conveyer**, open door/window. The door has damage but appears old. The company was notified.

5:40 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard. Officer reports a motorist stopped him and told him the gates at this location aren't working property.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

12:58 a.m. **Pond St.,** building checks. Buildings secure.

12:59 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks. Buildings secure.

7:03 a.m. **King St.,** officer wanted. Caller reports damage done to back door.

7:06 a.m. **Locust Road**, assist citizen, elderly female reports someone keeps calling her.

10:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St.,** traffic enforcement.

10:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop, Traffic citation issued.

11:11 a.m. **Jerusalem Road Dr.,** public service.

11:57 a.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle crash. Caller reports a motor vehicle crash at this location. Officer on scene reports fire can cancel no injuries.

1:14 p.m. **Elm St.,** well being check. Female checks ok after speaking with the mother.

3:18 p.m. **Sohier St. and Ripley Road**, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation warning.

5:09 p.m. **Schofield Road**, disturbance.

5:51 p.m. **Highland Ave.,** fire. Caller stated that there are wires hanging low in front of his house.

6:48 p.m. **Diab Lane,** well being check. Custody matter.

7 p.m. **Doane St.,** medical aid, transported to SSH/BLS.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

12:35 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, well being check.

12:50 a.m. **Pond St.,** high school, building checks, secured building.

12:50 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks, secured building.

9:09 a.m. **White Head Road**, fire. Squad 1 reports the construction company has broken through a gas line at this location. KeySpan notified responding, an excavator has struck the gas main at this location and there is an active leak.

10:20 a.m. **Cedar St.,** medical aid.

10:29 a.m. **Cushing Road**, property recovered. Walk-in party turned in a wallet that he ahs found. Property turned over to CID. Property has been returned to the owner.

12:05 p.m. **King St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. Traffic citation issued.

12:42 p.m. **Red Gate Lane,** disturbance, caller reports she needs an officer regarding a problem she is having with her neighbor.

1:15 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, officer wanted.

3:01 p.m. **Elm St.,** suspicious activity. Walk-in party would like to see an officer regarding two checks that were written to her by a business in town and were returned for non-sufficient funds and the owner of the business will not make good with victim.

3:05 p.m. **Ripley Road and North Main St.,** downed power lines, caller reports a wire down across the road in this area. Fire Capt. Reports this is a telephone wire and is not a hazard telephone company to be notified.

4:33 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

6:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation motor vehicle. Caller reports motor vehicle all over the road, headed towards Scituate, given to Scituate police department.

8:26 p.m. **Pond St.,** building checks.

8:31 p.m. **James Way,**

8:33 p.m. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

8:46 p.m. **N. Main St.,** officer wanted. Arrest: Stephen D. Lydon, 23, 3 North Main St, #6, Cohasset. Charges: assault and battery, wms warrant (two counts).

9:12 p.m. **Elm St.,** fire, public assist, assisting female lock out of residence.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

12:15 a.m. **School St.,** medical aid. Mutual aid to Hull. Transported SSH/ALS.

12:38 a.m. **Pond St.** High School, building checks.

12:39 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

8:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** well being check. Caller reports a male party slumped over sitting in his vehicle. Officer reports vehicle is disable no problems with the male party in the vehicle.

11:30 a.m. **Sohier St.,** hazard. Caller reports a large piece of ledge has come loose at this location and appears that I may roll down the hill and into traffic.

11:54 a.m. **Short St.,** suspicious activity. Walk-in party reports on several occasions when they are not home they come back home to find that entry has been gained to their house and someone has been using their bathroom.

11:56 a.m. **Elm Court,** vandalism report, caller reports someone has thrown a cobblestone through his car window.

1:13 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid.

1:29 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, suspicious vehicle.

2:30 p.m. **Elm St.,** child safety seat install.

3 p.m. **Elm St.,** child safety seat install.

4:33 p.m. **Lothrop Lane**, animal complaint. Caller reports there is a bird that is injured (broken wing). Officer reports bird is moving it cannot fly.

5:13 p.m. **Elm St.,** motor vehicle crash, no injury.

5:47 p.m. **Pleasant St.,** animal complaint. Found lost dog, large mixed breed.

6:18 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid. Transported SSH/ALS.

7:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** assist other police department. Received call from Weymouth dispatch, they received abandoned 911 call from South Shore Orthopedic in their town. They contacted their South Shore Orthopedic. They did not call. Weymouth wanted Cohasset to check their location. Officer checked business no lights are on and no vehicle parked. Doors are locked.

9:26 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire investigation. Caller reports outside odor of gas at above location. Keyspan on scene.

9:52 p.m. **Church St.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports vehicles in the back parking lot of above address. Officer reports there are four vehicles parked no one around them.

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Staff Writer

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WORSHIP GUIDE

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Bible Study series continues on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Practical Christianity. Some Christians commonly view the Old Testament as a storybook-full of fascinating tales, yet ancient and irrelevant to modern reality. This exceptional 10-week study from *Insight For Living* with *Chuck Swindoll* will help you blow the dust off these timeworn chronicles and discover enduring truths that relate directly to you, while translating into reliable patterns for godly living. Experience familiar passages as never before, and find fresh inspiration in the memorable scenes revisited. Follow the examples of faithful Old Testament heroes such as Abraham, Joseph, David, and many others as you learn to apply timeless biblical principles to your everyday life. Please join us.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, March 30

8 a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Bill Baird & Kirk Jackisch and meeting usually on the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House - Sermon: "Henry, Who Was Different"

Religious education classes for toddlers, children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Welcome to You and Unitarian Universalism & to First Parish UU

An Overview, Discussion & Brunch for New & Prospective Members – Childcare provided upon request

Come join us if you're new to First Parish and considering membership. Discover who we are and what we're about—as Unitarian Universalists and as First Parish in and beyond Cohasset. These gatherings are the first step in the membership process. While they don't obligate you, they do prepare you to receive the "right hand of fellowship" during New Member Sunday on April 13th. Led by our minister and representatives of our Membership Committee.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparish-cohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthony-cohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday morning. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately follow the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

Lent began Feb. 6th with a 7:30pm Ash Wednesday service in the chapel. Our Lenten Study Group, Positive Thinking… Priceless, began at 6:30 on Wednesday Feb. 13th. Bring you own brown bag supper and we will provide beverages/desserts as we view the DVD "The Secret" by Rhonda Byrne.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites you to join us this Lent.

This week, St. Stephen's welcomes our new rector, the Reverend Margot Critchfield,

Services on Sunday are at 8 am and 10 am.

We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. For information on us go to www.ststephenscohasset.org or to learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

• "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.

• Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group

• Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison

• Monthly luncheon for seniors

• Fellowship and fun; music

• Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephensco-hasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore: Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

"The earth is but one country and mankind it's citizens" 1(800)22-UNITE www.bahai.us

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OBITUARIES

Helen W. King

Former volunteer at Sea Chest Consignment Shop

Helen W. (Wadleigh) King, 87, of Cohasset, formerly of Medway, died March 21, 2008.

Born in Medway, she was the daughter of the late Norman and Florence (Johnson) Wadleigh. Mrs. King, a graduate of Katherine Gibbs School, volunteered for many years at Milford Hospital, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and the Sea Chest Consignment Shop in Cohasset.

She had a love of the arts, theater, classical music, cooking and entertaining. Flowers were a joy for her, as could be demonstrated by bouquets in the house year round.

Wife of the late Calvin A. King, she leaves two children, James D. King of Wellesley Hills and Nancy K. Goedken and her husband, Jerome, of Clinton, Iowa; three granddaughters, Elizabeth Allspach, Amy Silva and her husband, Shawn, and Kate O'Brien and her husband, Keith; and two great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Lauren Silva.

A memorial service was held at Second Congregational Church, Cohasset Commons. Visiting hours were omitted. Interment private. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to Cohasset Food Pantry.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.



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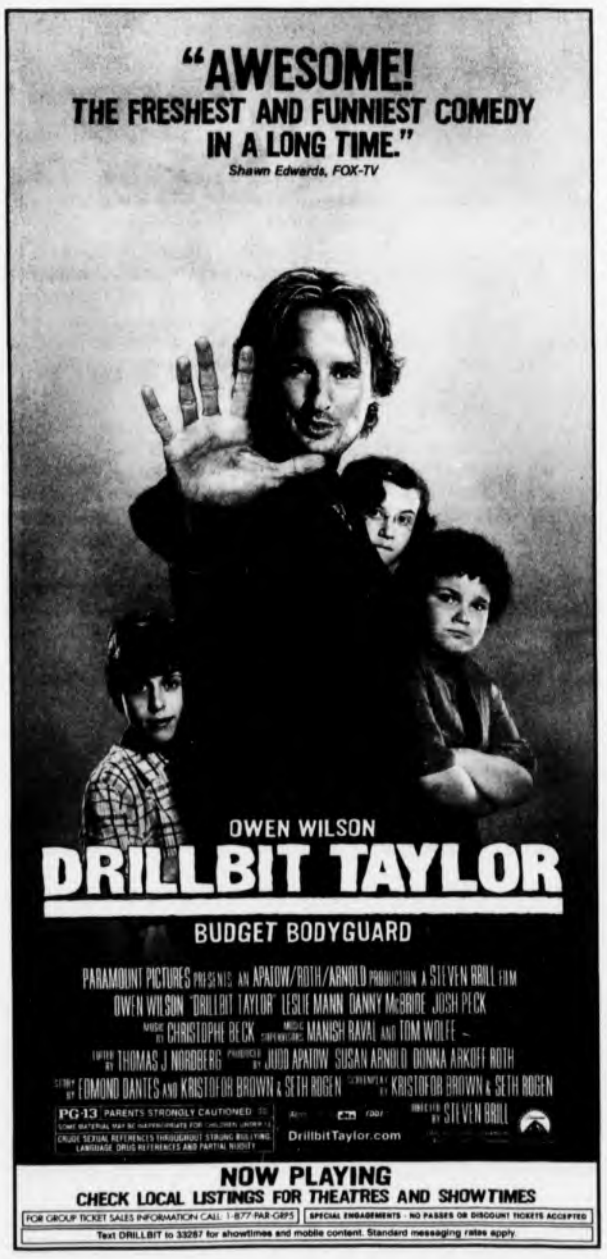
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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

MARCH 27-APRIL 4, 2008

BIG APPLE CIRCUS HITS BOSTON

30th anniversary tour combines new and old acts

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Paul Binder first learned to appreciate artistic intimacy in the circus experience while earning his living as a juggler on the streets of Paris. It was an earlier, very different job at WGBH-TV, however, that taught the Brooklyn-born Binder – co-founder and artistic director of the Big Apple Circus, which brings its 30th anniversary tour, "Celebrate!," to Boston's City Hall Plaza beginning Saturday – a lesson that has sustained him over the past three decades.

"I was the floor manager for Julia Child on 'The French Chef' when the kitchen set was actually in the old Cambridge Power & Light building and most of 'GBH was in the basement of the Museum of Science," recalled Binder, 65, by telephone from New Jersey last week. "Julia Child was fantastic. I learned as much from her as any other mentor I've ever had about having a passion for your work."



PHOTO BY BERTRAND GUAY

Big Apple Circus founder, artistic director and producer Paul Binder.

It was his own passion for the intimate European circus experience that led the Dartmouth College graduate, along with partner Michael Christensen, to form the not-for-profit Big Apple Circus and outreach institution in 1977. Since then, the Big Apple Circus has produced annual touring shows combining classic circus elements like clowning, juggling and acrobatics with the theatricality of original music and choreography, lighting, sets and costumes. That tradition continues this year with "Celebrate!," a brand new show that will introduce new acts from all over the world and welcome back some legendary performers who first made their names in the single ring of the Big Apple.

"We looked for great, beloved acts from the past and invited them," explained Binder, who often serves as ringmaster. "Kris Kremo left us 12 years ago, but we're delighted to have him back for this year. He's from Switzerland and he is one of the best solo jugglers alive today. He is a true legend in the world of jugglers. We have Cong Tian back with us from China after a five-year absence. He does some amazing balancing feats on a slim black-wire. The Kovgar Troupe also returns from Russia with their incredible teeterboard act. They fly up to the very top of the tent."



PHOTO BY MAIKE SCHULZ

From the Department of Laughter, Grandma (Barry Lubin) clowns around with Rob Slowik, musical director of the Big Apple Circus Band, in "Celebrate!" the all-new 30th Anniversary show of the Big Apple Circus.

The Kovgar Troupe won't be the only Russians getting in on the act this year, according to Binder. Irina Markova returns with her daredevil dogs and hard-to-catch cast. Another returning regular is Barry Lubin as "Grandma the Clown," who is often at the center of Big Apple hijinks.

"I remember seeing some very good circuses when I was a child. And after I completed my training in circus skills, I was recruited to join Noveau Cirque de Paris where I saw how immediately people connected to the acts. When Michael and I came together to start Big Apple, I just knew I had this tremendous urge to create a circus in the intimate form. We always look for virtuoso performers who can make intimate contact with the audience. Then and now, it works beautifully as a type of community gathering around the joy and wonder that only a circus can provide."

Performances of "Celebrate!" begin Saturday, March 29 and run through May 4 under the Big Top on City Hall Plaza in Boston's Government Center. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at bigapplecircus.org.



PHOTO BY BERTRAND GUAY

From Russia, the exotic Bollywood beauty Yelena Larkina brings her swirling, twirling, whirling hula-hoop artistry to the Big Top in "Celebrate!" the all-new 30th Anniversary show of the Big Apple Circus!

CIRCUS OF THE SENSES®

On Thursday, April 3 at 11 a.m., hundreds of children with sensory impairments - including students from Norwell's Grace F. Cole Elementary School; Pembroke's New England Village in Pembroke; Hanson's North River Collaborative; Randolph High School; Abington's South Middle School, and the Learning Center for Deaf Children also in Randolph -will gather beneath the Big Apple Circus's Big Top tent at City Hall Plaza to experience the magic and joy of the circus at *Circus of the Senses®*. This free performance is accomplished by providing headsets to children with vision impairments to hear a lively, running description of the action in the ring narrated by Paul Binder and Michael Christensen. Spotlighted American Sign Language interpreters narrate the show to the hearing–impaired. Following the performance, a group of sight–impaired children will be invited into the Circus ring for a "touch session." They will be able to feel the sawdust, touch the fabric of the elegant costumes and meet some of the performers — both the two–legged and the four–legged ones.

Thursday, March 27

Kathleen Kelly, vice president & business development officer for Century Bank in Braintree, will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), on March 27 at 7 a.m. Kelly will discuss the advantages of remote banking, including the ability to make deposits from your desk." Remote banking is ideal for customers with lots of checks to deposit and a great cost savings for those who use lock boxes," says Kelly. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Larry Czech at 781-356-1440 or by email at lczech@czechcpa.com.

Starcreations Theater presents **Jungle Book** on Thursday and Friday, March 27 and 28 at 5 p.m. at the Reed Community House, 33A Summer St. Kingston. General Admission tickets: $3. For information and reservations, call 508-747-1234 or email info@starcreations.org

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday,** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 27, **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

The British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth, March 6, **Dave Foley.** 508-747-1776.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 27, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Scratch MY Back Blues Jam** open mic 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, March 28

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree. **Comedy Night** featuring **Frank Santorelli** along with **Annette Pollack, Steve Hughes, Tim Grassey, Carol Leffkov, Frank Prall, Leigh Mcconnell, Corey Rodrigues,** hosted **Jeff Clough.** Tickets $20. Advance reservations required by calling 781-848-0300.

My Gym Children's Fitness Center, 400 Washington St., Route 53 Norwell. During the grand opening all parents with children ages 6 weeks to 6 years are welcome to come play in the gym, meet the staff, and learn about the fitness classes and birthday parties. **Grand opening** March 28-April 5. Call 781-659-2611 for information.

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, featuring local, regional and national artists, will feature the works of **Maureen K. Brookfield** of Marshfield. The show will run from Friday, March 21 through Thursday, April 10. The artist reception will take place at the South Street Gallery, 149 South St., on Friday, March 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and visitors will have a chance to meet the artist at that time.

Walter 'Bear' Zaremba, singer from the **BearBones Band** will be performing acoustic blues at Chester, upstairs in the Mill Wharf March 28 9 p.m. to midnite.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its bi-monthly dance March 28, featuring DJ: Rick Walsh and his keyboard from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St. Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Fine dancing, music, refreshments, door prize, cash bar. 781-331-0021. southshoresingles.org

New England Singles Dances March 28, 8 p.m. to midnight. Halifax Country Club, 100 Country Club Dr., Route 106, Halifax. Casual dress, adults of all ages. Dance music and requests DJ. Light buffet. Admission $10. 617-325-0591 singlesdances-newengland.com

Plimoth Cinema, located at Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth March 28-April 3:"4 Months 3 Weeks and 2 Days" Movie times are: Sunday through Friday 4 p.m. Saturday 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. 113 minutes, unrated Ticket prices are $8.50 for adults and $6.50 for seniors, Plimoth Plantation members and visitors (with valid museum receipt/ticket). For additional movie listings and information visit Plimoth Cinema

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 28, **Chain Drive** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 28, **Monster Mike Welch** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, March 29

The Seaside Mothers of Multiples Group is holding its annual **Spring and Summer tag sale** March 29, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Christine's Church, 1295 Main Street (Route 3A) Marshfield. Nearly new and gently used children's items, spring and summer apparel, shoes, baby equipment, toys, books and videos and much more will be available. There will also be a bake sale. Cash only. No early admittance.

The Seaside Mothers of Multiples Group meets the second Wednesday evening of each month at St. Luke's Church in Scituate to provide support for parents of twins, triplets and more. The club is affiliated with the National Mothers of Twins Club. Charlotte Sturdy at 781-545-8055.



Bonnie Bewick, Boston Symphony Orchestra violinist turns her violin into a fiddle at Jazz and More at 3 p.m. March 30 at The James Library & Center for the Arts., Norwell. (781)659-7100.

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Exodus, oil on canvas by Ezra Wube.

South Shore Arts Center, 119 Ripley Way, Cohasset An exhibition of the work of five contemporary African artists goes on view in the Bancroft Gallery at the South Shore Art Center from April 4 through May 11, titled "Reflections in Exile: Five Contemporary African Artists Respond to Social Injustice." The exhibition includes work by Ilona Anderson (South Africa), Khalid Kodi (Sudan), Chaz Maviyane-Davies (Zimbabwe), Salem Mekuria and Ezra Wube (Ethiopia). Included in the exhibition are paintings, graphic design, installation art, and film. There will be a panel discussion on Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m.

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The Dillon Gallery will showcase the work of Gallery Artists Beverly Carreiro, Irma Cerese, Susan Charles, Eleanor LeBlanc, and Michele Meister. Faculty Feature is Abby Zonies. Opening Reception for all exhibitions Friday, April 4 from 6 to 8 pm. Visit www.ssac.org, shannan@ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

Antique Appraisal Day sponsored by The Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs Featuring Skinner, Inc., Appraisers. including Stewart Whitehurst, Appraiser March 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. Anthony's Parish Center, 10 Summer St. Cohasset, Appraisals $10 per item, $25 three items (three items maximum). Omit coins, stamps, jewelry and musical instruments. Contact Cohasset Elder Affairs, 781-383-9112 or John Campbell, 617-909-5687.

Meet New England authors Jeanette E. Alsheimer and **Patricia J. Friedle** who will be signing their two historical fiction novels that interweave historical facts of the 1770s with a coming of age story, ***The Trouble with Tea*** and ***Path to Punishment*** on Saturday, March 29, at 3 p.m. at Storybook Cove, Merchants Row, 2053 Washington Street, Routes 53 and 123, Hanover. For information call 781-871-7801 or see www.storybookcove.com.

Auditions

GRANT WILFLEY CASTING will be holding an open call from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 30 at the Maria Weston Chapman Middle School, 1051 Commercial St., East Weymouth, to cast extras for the upcoming feature film "Bride Wars." starring Kate Hudson and Anne Hathaway. The film is set in current-day New York City, but is filming in Boston. Grant Wilfley Casting agent, Jodi Purdy-Quinlan, is seeking **NON ACTORS AND ACTORS** who are **middle school age** along with **people age 18 or older** and who fit the following types to fill various non-speaking roles: upscale men and women, specifically those with high-end, formal wedding and rehearsal dinner attire, female customers and male exotic dancers for a male strip club scene, adult ballroom dance students, 20s-30s attractive yuppies, lawyer/business types, school teacher types, New York socialite types, ladies who lunch, etc. If you cannot attend the open call, email a recent picture and contact information to bridewars@gwcnyc.com.

BOSTON POPS HIGH SCHOOL SING-OFF: A BEST OF BROADWAY CHALLENGE The first Boston Pops musical theater competition for Massachusetts high school students. Students are to pick songs from such Broadway greats as "Sweeney Todd," "Chicago," "West Side Story" and "My Fair Lady." Entries are being accepted now. The winner will be featured in the Boston Pops' Fourth of July concert at the Charles River Esplanade. For complete details on how to enter, go to www.BostonPops.org. The entry fee is $10.

The Third annual Independence Mall Peoples Choice Chili Cook-off. The event will be held on Saturday March 29, from noon to 3 p.m. in Center Court. Restaurants, non-profit organizations and municipal groups are welcome to participate for a $25 entry fee. People who wish to sample and vote on their favorite chili will pay a $5 fee for admission. Proceeds from admission and entry fees will go directly to the Rachel Souza Memorial Scholarship Fund. For information and registration forms on the event contact David DesRochers, at 781-585-8900.

Spring Craft Show- to benefit Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Braintree Elk's Hall, 205 Elm St. March 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To benefit the Avon Breast Cancer Walk.

The North & South Rivers Watershed Association's 6th Annual Kayak Expo takes place March 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Norwell Middle School, (Route 123) 328 Main St., Norwell. Admission is $5 for Adults/$3 age 12 and under. Information: visit the North & South Rivers Watershed Association's web site www.nsrwa.orgor email paula@nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, March 29 **Walk that Walk**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

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Weymouth casting agent seeks hundreds of extras

By: By A.J. Bauer
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

WEYMOUTH — Casting call: Local agent looking for a few good extras

Are you an attractive yuppie? Do you own fine formal attire? Could you pass for a male exotic dancer? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then Jodi Purdy-Quinlan wants to hear from you.

The Weymouth-based casting agent is seeking extras for a romantic comedy called "Bride Wars." But her open casting call – which will be held this coming Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Maria Weston Chapman Middle School in Weymouth – is about more than finding locals to share the screen with Kate Hudson and Anne Hathaway.

Purdy-Quinlan has been casting extras in the Boston area on a freelance basis for years. Now, due in large part to film-friendly tax incentives that first took effect in 2006, she is a casting associate (and essentially the entire Boston office) for New York-based agency Grant Wilfley Casting Inc.

Purdy-Quinlan's new position reflects the movie industry's increased interest in the Massachusetts scene, she said. That increased interest calls for a deeper talent pool.

Right now, Purdy-Quinlan said she has a database of about 10,000 extras in the Boston area, but that's not enough.

"We're really looking for new talent, people who've never done extra work before," she said. "We want them to be introduced to the industry and become part of the talent pool that will be tapped for future films."

More immediately, Purdy-Quinlan said she is looking to fill 300 non-union roles and 500 union roles for "Bride Wars," for which she said she needs "the beautiful people" to try out.

"This is not a blue-collar, working class movie," she said. "This is a movie about high society men and women with a business professional look."

That doesn't mean only rich people should apply, Purdy-Quinlan said. It does mean you should wear your finest formalwear or at least bring pictures of you in it to the casting call.

A.J. Bauer may be reached at ajbauer@ledger.com.

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Music and the Sea – concert with **Ray Hornblower,** tenor and **Beth MacLeod**, mezzo-soprano with **Hui-Min Wang**, pianist. Saturday, March 29, at the Ellison Center for the Arts in Duxbury. 6:30 p.m. reception and concert. Tickets are $75. All proceeds benefit South Shore Conservatory and Duxbury Bay Maritime School.

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Spaghetti Supper hosted by the youth group at the Church of the Holy Nativity, Episcopal, 8 Nevin Road in Weymouth at 6 p.m. March 29, promises to be. Salads, spaghetti and meatballs, deserts, and other treats will be available for $6 for adults and $3 for children. 781-335-2030. www.holynativityweymouth.org.

Fontbonne Academy is hosting its annual spring fundraiser, **Evening of Stars**, on Saturday, March 29, at Lombardo's at 6 p.m. Cocktails, hors d'ouevres, dinner, silent auction tables, live auction and more. Maria Perry, winner of 2007 Boston Pops PopSearch and Fontbonne alumna, will be performing her cabaret show of jazz standards and contemporary classics. Tickets are $100 per person and can be purchased through Fontbonne by calling 617-615-3003 or through www.eveningofstars.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 29, **Brendan O'Keefe's Alruda** 781-829-6999.

Sunday, March 30

Scituate Town Library welcomes the third of four **Dynamic Duos from Atlantic Symphony Orchestra,** featuring the brass "family" of instruments On Sunday, March 30, at 12:30 p.m. A fun, interactive music demonstration the Brass Duo musicians, **Tobey Wilson** on tuba and **Misha Grandel** on trumpet, zero in on what makes their instruments special. Tickets are $3 for children and adults. Space is limited so advance purchase is recommended. Tickets are available for purchase at Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St., For additional information, contact the library at 781-545-8727 or consult the website, www.scituatetownlibrary.org.

Temple Beth Emunah's Book Fair is Sunday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to noon Books supplied by Scholastic, books from birth to grade 8 . Used books at bargain basement prices. Unsold used books donated to local charities. Donate new and gently used children's and adult books for our Literacy Book Sale. 508-583-5810 or www.templebethemunah.org.

James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell Center. **Jazz and More!** a concert featuring BSO players and friends playing Latin swing, Ragtime, Irish jigs and more will be held on March 30 at 3 p.m. Tickets $20/$18 senior/$10 student available in advance and at the door. Call 781-659-7100 or www.jameslibrary.org for information.

Monday, March 31

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main Street, Norwell, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.No appointment is necessary. April 7 starts and eight-week "Growing Through It" program. The program is designed to help those who have recently suffered a loss of a significant partner due to death, separation or divorce. All are welcome. Information: call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. March 31, **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, April 1

Abigail Adams Historical Society (AAHS) Annual Meeting and Dinner AAHS Annual Meeting and dinner where AAHS will recognize Weymouth's "First Ladies" - Mayor Susan Kay and Superintendent of Schools Mary Jo Livingstone Tuesday, April 1, 6:15 p.m. Annual Meeting 6:45 p.m. Dinner followed by dessert and program Weymouth High School Gold Cafeteria 1 Wildcat Way (Pleasant Street) South Weymouth $20 for members; $25 for nonmembers For information see www.abigailadamsbirthplace.org or call 781-335-4205

The Buttonwood Book Group for Adults will meet on April 1, 7p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "Five Quarters of the Orange" by Joanne Harris. The facilitator is Ms.Sarah Duffield. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665

Buttonwood Book & Toys welcomes Wisconsin author, **Barbara Joosse** on April 1, at 3 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. Joosse will be signing, "Grandma Calls Me Beautiful," a companion to the best-selling "Mama, Do You Love Me?" and "Papa, Do You Love Me?" Free event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Learn how you can change the life of a child in need by becoming a foster parent for the Department of Social Services. Informational meeting will be held Tuesday, April 1 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Department of Social Services (541 Main St. South Weymouth, MA 02190). If there are any further questions contact Kara Hemingway at 781-682-0866.

The Braintree Art Association Annual Member Exhibit will take place April 1 through April 29 at the Thayer Academy Gallery, 745 Washington St., Braintree. Gallery hours at 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. when school is in session.

Wednesday, April 2

Rockland Garden Club meeting April 2, at 6:30 p.m. at Rockland Memorial Library, Belmont Street, Rockland. Program: "Greenscapes" with Sara Grady of The North & South Rivers Watershed Association. Guests welcome.

StoryTime April 2 at 10 a.m.: Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St.,Scituate Harbor. Mary reads age appropriate stories Wednesday mornings 10 a.m. to 10:30. Good listeners of pre-school and kindergarten age along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys welcome English author, Kate Mosse on April 2, at 7 p.m. at the Hingham Library. Kate is the New York Times bestselling author of "Labyrinth." Admission is free. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized orsigned copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Shoreside Asthma & Allergy Educational Support Group meets April 2, at the North Pembroke Elementary School, 72 Pilgrim Road, Pembroke. For the "Food Allergy Parent Roundtable" Share experiences and hear ideas from others about travel and vacation tips, summer programs, birthday parties, school lunches, visiting relatives, and more. Meet others who share your concerns and challenges; learn about resources and strategies. You are not alone. Free and open to the public. Visit www.asthmaandallergies.org or call 781-444-7778 or by e-mail: sharons@aafane.org for information.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Dennis M. Doyle** will exhibit his oil paintings for the month of April at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-8134.

The Painted Ladies- artists **Susan Benoit** and **Maria Hopkins** of Duxbury, **Gayle Loik** of Hanover, and **Heidi Mayo** of Plymouth come together to bring you a feast of fine art at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane (just off Rte 123), Norwell, through April 5. Free admission. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. For information call Susan Benoit at 339-832-0046.

Thursday, April 3

Ellen Litt of Mortgage Financial Inc. of Hingham, will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), on Wednesday, April 3, at 7 a.m. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Club President Larry Czech at 781-356-1440 or by email at lczech@czechcpa.com.

Fontbonne Academy's Environmental Club is hosting the film, "King Corn," on Thursday April 3 at 7 p.m. in the Fontbonne auditorium at 930 Brook Road in Milton. "Admission is free.

The Common Market Restaurants, Quincy, announce their first annual **Café Idol** Thursday nights April 3, 10, 17 and 24. May 1 from 9 to 11 p.m.

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Pianists Sarah Tocco (L) and Dawn MacGarvey accompany the Unicorn Singers will perform April 4 and 6 at House of Prayer, 918 Main St., Hingham The program, '3 Beats/4 Hands' offers delightful part songs and waltzes written over several centuries, featuring some of the Liebeslieder Waltzes of Brahms, as well as a brand-new medley of Richard Rodgers classics from Broadway shows, by arranger/singer Rich Jensen (center front). Concerts are Friday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 4 p.m. Tickets $15 at the door or call 781-749-6561.

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The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, April 3 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **The Mighty HouseRockers Blues Jam** open mic 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage-cafe.com myspace.com/satchsnew-bluesrevue

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset announces that tickets for all announced shows for the 2008 Eastern Bank Summer Concert Series are on sale through Ticketmaster as follows: Children's Shows - Thursday, April 3; June/July Shows - Friday, April 4, August/Sept. Shows Saturday, April 5. To purchase tickets, visit **www.themusiccircus.org** visit **www.ticketmaster.com**; or call Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787.

Friday, April 4

The Scituate Arts Association the public to the **opening reception of its premier *Arts Alive!* Juried Show** on April 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. The show and reception will take place at the SAA's Front Street Art Gallery. The works of 56 South Shore artists will be on display from Thursday, April 3 through Sunday, April 13 at the Scituate Arts Association's Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate The SAA's Front Street Art Gallery is open beginning April 1 from Tuesday to Saturday from 10 to 5 and on Sundays from 1:30 to 5.

Stoughton Stars, presents Live on Stage **Disney's High School Musical** April 4 and 5 at: 7:30 p.m. April 5 and 6 at 1:30 p.m. Directed By Audrey Mutascio At Walpole High School 275 Common St. Walpole,For tickets go to our website at ***www.stoughtonstars.com*** or for information please contact Kristine at 781-975-6783

International Grandmother Drum Peace Prayerformance April 4, 7 to 10 p.m. Chapman Middle School, Weymouth. $35 adults, children under 16 by donation. Advance tickets recommended. www.drummingforpeace.org or 617-750-0906.

Brattle Theater, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge, Friday, April 4, 6 p.m. Booksigning event "Armageddon in Retrospect" by Kurt Vonnegut, Introduction by Mark Vonnegut.

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South Shore Arts Center, 119 Ripley Way, Cohasset An exhibit goes on view in the Bancroft Gallery from April 4 through May 11, titled "Reflections in Exile: Five Contemporary African Artists Respond to Social Injustice." There will be a panel discussion on **Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m**. **The Dillon Gallery** will showcase the work of Gallery Artists **Beverly Carreiro, Irma Cerese, Susan Charles, Eleanor LeBlanc, and Michele Meister**. Faculty Feature is **Abby Zonies**. **Opening Reception** for all exhibitions Friday, April 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. Visit www.ssac.org ; shannan@ssac.org or call 781-383-2787 Visit www.ssac.org , shannan@ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

Plimoth Cinema, Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth April 4-10: "Caramel" Movie times are: Friday 4 p.m. Saturday 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday through Thursday 4 p.m. 96 minutes, Rated: PG, English Subtitles. Ticket prices are $8.50 for adults and $6.50 for seniors, Plimoth Plantation members and visitors (with valid museum receipt/ticket).

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, April 4, **Groove Authority** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

New England Singles Dance, April 4, 8 p.m. to midnight at Sheraton Braintree Grand Ballroom, Route I-93 at Exit 6, Braintree, DJ. Cost $12.

Single Executive Club Singles Dance, April 4, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Route 3. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com. Cost $12



The North & South Rivers Watershed Association's sixth Annual Kayak Expo takes place March 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Norwell Middle School, (Route 123) 328 Main St., Norwell. New to the expo this year will be a kid's corner with Dr. Sara, featuring "Stormy" the 15 foot. duck. Children will have to the opportunity to participate in interactive educational games and have their picture taken with the giant duck. Admission is $5 for Adults/$3 age 12 and under. Information: visit the North & South Rivers Watershed Association's web site www.nsrwa.orgor email paula@nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168.

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Fundraising

THE BLUE HILLS TRAILSIDE MUSEUM will hold its 11th annual auction on March 29, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at The Lantana, 43 Scanlon Drive, Randolph. The evening's events will include a silent auction followed by dinner and a live auction. A cash bar will be available. Items offered for auction consist of many one of a kind items, including a baseball autographed by Jonathan Papelbon, other sports memorabilia along with tickets to major sporting and theater events, original artwork, wine, and many other interesting items and activities. Tickets are $75 per person. Auction donations are welcome.To donate an item, or to volunteer contact the museum at 617-333-0690 or send e-mail to bluehills@masaudubon.org.

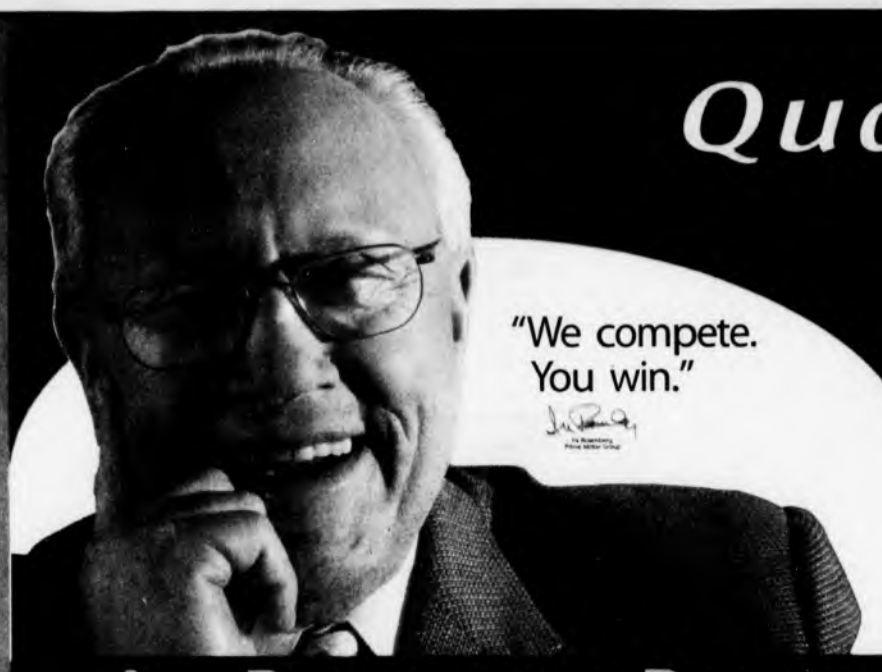
THE NORWELL WOMEN'S CLUB will be sponsoring its yearly Fashion Show, "Hats off to Charity", April 3, at Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston. The event will feature clothing and accessories from many local businesses, and will also feature elegant recovery clothing from HealingThreads by Spirited Sisters. contact Pat Bigger at *tpbigger@aol.com* or Chris Gillis at *seagirley.com* for more information about this year's Fashion Show.

ELISABETH VONTRAPP will perform in her family's tradition April 6 at St. Mary's Church in Scituate Harbor. Von Trapp is a member of the famous Von Trapp family of Vermont. Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children with proceeds benefiting a number of the Scituate Rotary Club projects.



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Town Meeting

Treat's gets an extension

No funds allocated for the project

By Nancy White
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For an issue bogged down in complexity and fervent viewpoints, the Treat's Pond discussion on the floor of Town Meeting was similarly hard to follow.

In the end, after several amendments, no sum of money was allocated to the federally supported Army Corps of Engineers Treat's Pond saltmarsh restoration project. Instead, a resolution was made to send to Congressman William Delahunt's office. The resolution, proposed by Selectman Fred Koed, expresses the town's interest in the project and the federal funding support along with it, but with a caveat. The town requests additional time (until fall's Special Town Meeting) to review the project proposal more thoroughly.

The resolution was approved after Town Meeting voters spent two hours discussing the article and taking a total of four votes on proposed amendments. Despite the controversial nature of the issue, Treat's Pond failed to draw large numbers to Town Meeting with 292 voi-

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Town Manager Bill Griffin, left, and Town Counsel Paul DeRensis confer over the wording of one of the articles during Saturday's Annual Town Meeting.



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Fourth-graders Sean Kearns, left, and Gregory Geddes, both 10, read "The Children's Hour" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow during the poetry slam with the seniors at Our World on Wednesday.

Poetry Slam gets applause

Transcendental verse brings seniors, students together

By Nancy White
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Despite the years between them, two distinctly different groups came together this week to share their interests and talents with each other.

As a part of the library's Cohasset Reads Together program, Cohasset seniors, from both the Sunrise Assisted Living Center and the Senior Center, and Deer Hill fourth graders were given common ground in transcendental poetry.

Marjorie "Marjie" Murphy, the library's outreach coordinator, has been working with both age groups leading up to Wednesday's Poetry Slam. She was surprised and delighted at the response to transcendental poetry by both groups.

"I can't get over the eagerness of them learning poetry. They ate it right up," says Murphy, who has been visit-

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Election Saturday

Sewer Commission race tops the ballot

By Nancy White
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The polls will open promptly at 8a.m. tomorrow, Saturday (April 5), and voters will choose a new crop of representatives to Cohasset town government. Although the majority of candidates are running unopposed, there is one race for a seat on Sewer Commission.

Given there is only one contest, voter turnout could be low. Town Clerk Marion Douglas is hoping to get 20 percent of voters to the polls. "But, it would be nice to get more," said Douglas.

As was learned last year with a last-minute write-in campaign for a School Committee seat, anything could happen on Election Day.

"After last year (a write-in campaign) is on my mind, but I have a broad base of supporters that I hope will not take my election for granted and will get out and vote," said Selectman candidate Karen Quigley.

Incumbent Selectman candidate Fred Koed is making no predictions on the existence or not of a write-in campaign. He did say all unopposed candidates do have an opponent known as "blank votes."

"I urge all citizens to come out and show your support to those that volunteer for town government," Koed stated in an e-mail. "Since there is just one contest, turnout is expected to be low, so every vote counts even more than normal."

The sole race on the ballot is for a three-year seat on the Sewer Commission between Wayne Sawchuk and Jim Dow.

For Sawchuk, the campaign was much

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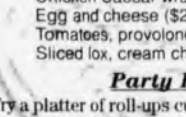
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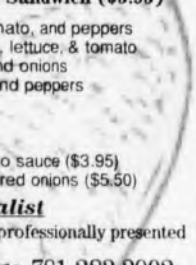
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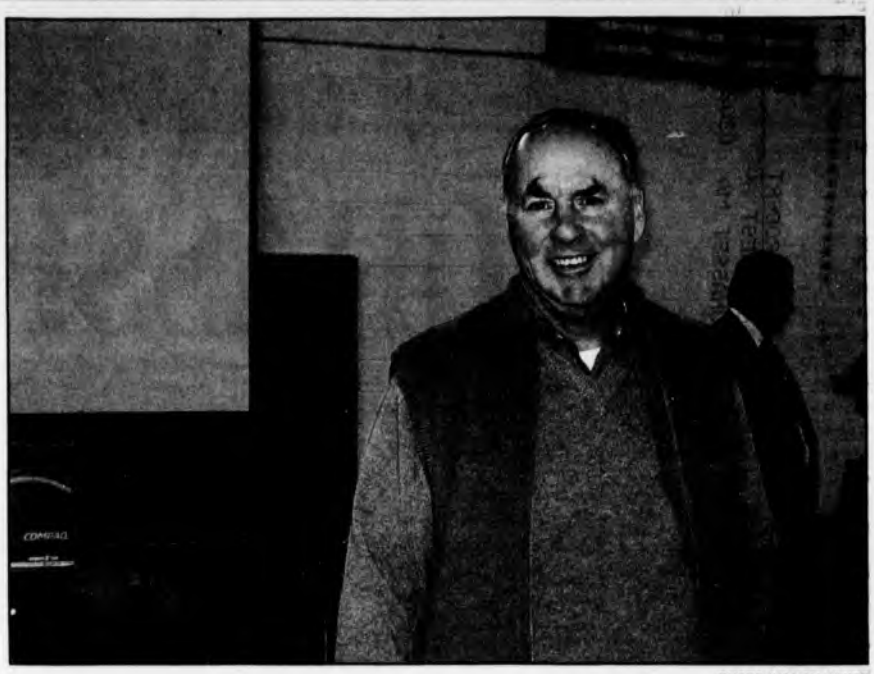
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The Mariner caught up with Advisory Committee Chairman Sam Wakeman during the annual Town Meeting on Saturday

Name: Sam Wakeman.

Occupation: Owner of a lumberyard / Chairman of the Advisory Board.

Best day of your life: The day I was born.

Best vacation: America's Cup Jubilee, Cowes, England 2002.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Memorial Day.

Favorite junk food: Sweet goop.

Best book: "Band of Brothers" by Stephen Ambrose.

Best movie: "The Longest Day."

Best TV show: Documentaries.

Most embarrassing moment: You really do not want to know nor could you publish.

Most memorable moments: America's Cup defense 1967 and 1974.

Pet peeve: Those who do not take responsibility and expect someone else to provide for them.

Goal: Have a healthy life contributing to those around us.

Person you'd most like to meet: Abraham Lincoln.

Biggest worry: This country has gone all special interest and continually overspends with abandon. We need to stop doing everything for everyone.

Best part of Cohasset: Ledges at low tide.



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Apr.	HIGH				LOW			
	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 3	9:44	9.1	10:13	9.0	3:25	0.8	3:54	0.3
	Sunrise: 6:22 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:12 p.m.*			
Fri. 4	10:34	9.5	10:57	9.7	4:15	0.1	4:40	-0.2
	Sunrise: 6:20 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:13 p.m.*			
Sat. 5	11:22	9.8	11:41	10.3	5:04	-0.5	5:25	-0.5
	Sunrise: 6:18a.m.				*Sunset: 7:14 p.m.*			
Sun. 6	—	—	12:09	10.0	5:51	-1.1	6:10	-0.6
	Sunrise: 6:17 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:15 p.m.*			
Mon. 7	12:25	10.7	12:58	6:40	-1.4	-1.4	6:56	-0.6
	Sunrise: 6:15 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:16 p.m.*			
Tues. 8	1:11	10.9	1:47	9.8	7:29	-1.5	7:44	-0.5
	Sunrise: 6:13 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:17 p.m.*			
Wed. 9	2:00	10.9	2:39	9.5	8:20	-1.4	8:34	-0.1
	Sunrise: 6:12 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:18 p.m.*			
Thurs. 10	2:52	10.6	3:35	9.1	9:14	-1.0	9:28	0.3
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Herzog, 37 Church St., $9,000, replace three windows, no structural changes; Marshall, 2 Fair Oakes, $10,000, finish basement for 14-foot by 28-foot play area; Ronzoni, 50 Reservoir Road, $7,000, 12-foot by 14-foot finished basement playroom; Whitley, 120 Jerusalem Road, $16,000, living room remodel, new ceilings, floors, fireplace mantel; Delaney, 7 Spring St., $8,500, 30 squares asphalt roofing; Whitehead Road LTD, 90 Whitehead Road, $800,000, renovate existing structure plus 10-foot by 30-foot front addition; Callahan, 11 Bayberry Lane, $1,000, install used wood stove; French, 10 Jerusalem Road, $20,000, 20 squares vinyl side-walling, insulation, gutters; Charles, 25 Ripley Road, $2,500, repair loose chimney bricks; Chittick, 98 So. Main St., $2,800, 46-foot by 80-foot and 20-foot by 20-foot tents, Aug. 29 through Sept. 9; Greentree, 22 Atlantic Ave., $11,000, remove existing porch, build new 17-foot by 13-foot deck; Geddes, 183 Sohier St., $110,000, new detached 24-foot by 32-foot two-car garage with half bath at rear and second level game room.

Garcia, 740 CJC Highway, $25,000, remodel existing Dunkin' Donuts; Loughlin, 502 Beechwood St., $3,000, 3 squares rubber, 7 squares asphalt; Rattenbury, 36 Stockbridge, $30,000, Enlarge bedroom, remove exterior bathroom, remodel interior, new roof; Nicynski, 34 Riverview Dr., $39,000, remodel kitchen, new cabinets, tile, replace interior doors, replace front and rear exterior doors; Buffum, 43 Surry Dr., $15,000, kitchen and half-bath remodel; Carrier, 31 Fair Oakes, $25,000, remodel pool house, add windows, doors, pergola; McFetridge, 33 Cedar St., $35,000, finish basement; Hassan, 65A Wheelwright Farm, $48,000, interior repair/rebuild to restore to pre-water damage condition; Fegreus, 25 North Main St., $600, install two vinyl clad replacement windows; Spear, 15 Wood Way, $3,160, remove 15-foot 2-inch first floor wall, install LVL beam; Astley, 266 South Main St., $15,000, 18 squares wood roofing shingles, insulate, storm windows, paint; Jamieson, 153 Sohier St., $5,000, 10 foot by 30 foot shed (horse barn) no excavation; Murphy, 38 Cedar Acres Lane, $22,620, kitchen remodel, close one window, one French door; Sullivan, 6 Stockbridge St., $6,200, 30 squares asphalt roofing.

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No tolerance for trespassing on tracks

By Mary Ford
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Police Chief James Hussey said even before the Greenbush train came on line police warned there would be a "no tolerance" policy for anyone found walking by the tracks.

"It is critical that people understand the seriousness of this issue – it could result in critical injury or death," Hussey said.

Last Thursday (March 27) police put the policy into action. At 6 p.m., the dispatch center received reports of a man walking on the train tracks in the area of the Sohier Street crossing.

Within minutes, a Cohasset officer saw the man walking inbound on the right-of-way toward the Cohasset Station. Police notified the commuter rail dispatcher to hold the train at the station while the man, later identified as Branden Galpin, 22, of 104 Green St., Rockland, was taken off the tracks and away from danger.

Galpin was arrested and charged with trespassing on the railway, a violation of state law. During inventory at booking, police also found Galpin had marijuana in his possession. He was also charged with possession of a Class D substance.

He was arraigned on the charges Friday (March 28) at Hingham District Court.

Cable repairman

A concerned citizen contacted police last week after a man came to his house claiming to work for the local cable provider. Although he presented an ID, the car he was driving was unmarked.

The caller notified police several hours later and police could not find the man or the car. Chief Hussey said he encourages citizens to contact police with concerns about suspicious activity but to do so as soon after the incident as possible. "That way we can get right down there and check the area," he said.

MV accidents

• A 2008 Chevrolet driven by a Hingham resident was heading south on King Street (Route 3A) near Sandcastles when it stopped to turn left into a curb cut and a 2000 Jeep struck it in the rear. The driver of the Jeep was a Cohasset resident whom police cited for following too closely and failure to use care when stopping. The accident occurred at 4:46 p.m. on Tuesday (March 25).

• A about 11 a.m. on Wednesday (March 26) a Scituate resident, driving a 2005 Toyota, was backing out of a driveway on Beach Street and hit a stonewall. Police said the driver complained about another car passing through on Beach Street that caused the accident. Although initially reported as a hit and run, the cars did not make contact, police said.

• A witness provided police with the license plate number of a 1998 Mercury that was traveling south on S. Main Street when it sideswiped a 2001 Acura that was parked on the south side of the road. The Mercury continued on and the witness told police that the operator may not have realized the cars made contact. The driver of the Mercury was contacted and returned to exchange papers.

• Both cars involved in an accident on North Main Street by the community center were towed, police said. Last Friday (March 28) at just past 8 a.m., a 2006 Toyota was pulling out of Robert E. Jason Road (in the common) and tried to make a left to head south onto South Main Street when it hit a 2000 Dodge headed north on N. Main.

The Toyota hit the front passenger side of the Dodge by the wheel. There were three occupants in the Toyota and one in the Dodge. All were checked out at the scene and no one was transported to the hospital. The operator of the Toyota was cited for failure to yield to oncoming traffic, police said.

• A 1999 Ford operated by a Cohasset resident was backing up from a driveway on Pond Street and backed into a 2003 Toyota that was on Pond headed toward Route 3A. The driver of the Ford was cited for failure to use care when backing up. The mishap occurred at about 1:15 p.m. on Saturday (March 29).

Vandalism

A Sprint employee doing routine maintenance on the cell tower near the train station last Friday (March 28) reported cables were damaged and a copper grounding plate was apparently stolen. Police are investigating.

Graffiti

Police are investigating fresh graffiti on the wall by the tennis courts off Bancroft Road by Milliken Field. The vandal used white spray paint to leave his or her mark, police said. A caller reported the graffiti last Friday morning and followed up with police the next day.

Varnish

A woman called the emergency dispatch center after her landlord apparently used varnish on a downstairs apartment and the fumes forced her to have to move out for the night. Chief Hussey said she was able to spend the night with a friend. He said the landlord was notified.

Larceny

A truck rim, scrap aluminum and scrap metal, and a brake drum are among the items believed stolen from a car repair business near the Scituate line. The theft was reported on Saturday. The business has turned over some evidence and police are reviewing surveillance tapes, Chief Hussey said.

Dog bites dog

Police responded to a 9-1-1 call on Sunday after a dog apparently bit a neighbor's dog on Beechwood Street. In this case "everyone knows everyone else," Chief Hussey said. The dog that was bitten was on a leash when the other dog bit it. The owner of the offending dog agreed to cover any veterinary costs, Hussey said.

Razor blade

Police think a razor blade found by a concerned resident while playing with her kids at the Beechwood Ball Park last week was litter. There was no evidence that there was an attempt to cut down the basketball nets, police said.

School board violates Open Meeting Law

By Nancy White
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The Norfolk County District Attorney's Office has determined the Cohasset School Committee violated the Open Meeting Law by improperly citing the reason for an executive session held on Jan. 10.

On Wednesday night, School Committee chairman Rick Flynn publicly acknowledged the violation.

Howie Altholtz of 4 Cedarledge Lane filed the Open Meeting Law complaint on March 3. He alleged the committee violated the Open Meeting Law by going into an executive session to discuss two topics, the second of which he did not think was valid.

Under the Open Meeting Law, all meetings of governmental bodies are open to the public and anyone is allowed to attend, with the exception of executive sessions. Executive sessions may be held in private for a limited number of reasons, including matters pertaining to personnel, litigation, and contract negotiations. The purpose for the executive session must be stated and every board member must vote individually in order to enter into executive session. The board must state whether it will reconvene the open session at the end of the executive session.

According to the Jan. 10 executive session minutes, the School Committee stated as its purpose for going into executive session "to discuss strategy with respect to litigation."

During the executive session, two topics were discussed. The first was in regard to the Superior Court judgment on the Lewis family's special education case and what, if any, steps should be taken by the committee.

The second discussion was in regard to pending litigation against the Town of Middleboro, Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh's former employer. A former Middleboro student and his parents name Walsh, along with other school officials and the town of Middleboro, as defendants in a suit. The suit alleges the town and its officials failed to warn parents and students about a former teacher's alleged inappropriate conduct and contact with students in Middleboro and at a prior position at a parochial school. The failure, the suit claims, caused serious physical and emotional injury to their family and increased the likelihood of danger to the student. The student was sexually assaulted shortly after the teacher was fired from the Middleboro school system.

The executive session took place two days after the Patriot Ledger ran a front-page story detailing Walsh's involvement in the lawsuit.

In her ruling, Assistant District Attorney Trisha Lee found the stated purpose of the executive session for the first part was valid because it discussed ongoing litigation involving the School Committee.

"The second part of the January 10th executive session did not involve ongoing litigation or anticipated litigation in response to a proposed action *by the Committee*. Thus, the Committee's stated reasons for the second part of the executive session, litigation, was not the actual reason for the discussion."

Although the district attorney's ruling indicates the discussion about Dr. Walsh "might have been a proper topic for an executive session, the Committee's stated purpose failed to properly clarify this purpose."

One of the provisions of executive session is to discuss the reputation and character of an employee, but whether that would have been appropriate was not determined in the district attorney's ruling.

School Committee chairman Flynn acknowledged during the Wednesday night meeting the committee had violated the Open Meeting Law.

"We try very wholeheartedly to stick to the provisions of the Open Meeting Law," said Flynn. A letter from the school's counsel to the district attorney acknowledges that the committee violated the law and states the committee agrees that "in the future it will fully and strictly comply with all provisions of the Open Meeting Law."

"Since there is a whole office devoted to Open Meeting Law violations, this isn't the first time it's happened and probably won't be the last," said Flynn.

School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy said the violation serves a "good reminder" to the committee of Open Meeting Law.

When reached for comment, Altholtz said he filed the complaint after receiving a copy of the Jan. 10 executive session minutes. He received those specific minutes after requesting from Flynn a copy of the first meeting where the Middleboro lawsuit involving Walsh was disclosed or discussed.

"This all began when parents simply wanted information about the rash of sudden, mysterious and secret teacher terminations (in Cohasset). That relates directly to children's safety in the schools," said Altholtz. He believed Walsh's case should have been discussed in public session, given Walsh's involvement in the Middleboro case was already public knowledge.

"(The School Committee) responds to widespread community concerns about secret teacher terminations and undisclosed negligence lawsuits by holding a secret meeting that was declared illegal by the District Attorney's office. I think actions speak for themselves," said Altholtz in a phone interview.

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25,000 Books Being Sent Overseas to Local Troops

By Bob Ticehurst

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Cohasset girls' basketball coach John LeVangie introduces his state-championship team during Cohasset's Town Meeting held Saturday morning at the High School's gymnasium.

Girls basketball state champs recognized

Town Meeting welcomed and honored the State Champion Cohasset High School girls' basketball team for its exciting and successful season. Cohasset High Athletic Director Ron Ford called the season "an incredible run."

Cohasset coach John LeVangie said he was honored to have coached such a great basketball team and to have been a part of the great community spirit surrounding the team.

"I'd also like to thank the town for providing such a beautiful school and gym to play in."

— Kayla Farren

"No town or city has the support we had," said LeVangie, who introduced each member of the team to Town Meeting. Kayla Farren thanked the school administration for providing 11 buses to transport fans to the TD Banknorth Garden for the state championship game.

"I'd also like to thank the town for providing such a beautiful school and gym to play in," said Kayla. "This has been an amazing experience I'll never forget."

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Sewer Commission race tops the ballot

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about education. The fact there was a race for the Sewer Commission seat offered the opportunity for discussion on many of the issues facing the commission, he said.

"Prior to the race I think very few people knew what the Sewer Department and the Sewer Commission did," said Sawchuk. "We're getting out information about the issues involving sewer and the possible solutions."

Although this is Dow's first try for public office, he said his experience as a supervisor for the Hingham Sewer Department made him familiar with most of the topics, issues and concerns that have been asked of him during the campaign.

"Running for office has certainly shed some light on people's ideas, wishes and expectations. As a customer oriented person, I enjoyed the (campaign) trail and learning from area residents," said Dow in an e-mail.

Both Sewer Commission candidates hope their race will bring citizens to the polls.

"There seems to be enough sewer use customers that are knowledgeable about the system and its operation...to make it a respectable turnout," said Dow.

"Since there is just one contest, turnout is expected to be low, so every vote counts even more than normal."

— Selectman Fred Koed, candidate for reelection

"I hope with just this one race people will come out to vote, it only takes a minute to vote, and it shows support for the unopposed candidates as well," said Sawchuk.

At the deadline for candidate nomination papers, an open two-year seat on the Recreation Commission was left without a balloted candidate. However, Abigail Alves of 52 Stockbridge St. has announced she plans to run for the seat as a write-in candidate.

Alves, 45, was involved in the recreation department many years ago serving as both a summer program counselor in high school and the playground director during her college years. With two grade school age daughters, Alves said she'd like to become involved again.

"I'd like to bring more opportunity for programs for older kids — middle school age especially," said Alves. She will be at the polls Saturday to answer any questions voters may have.

The other unopposed candidates who were not mentioned above: Daniel Evans (Town Moderator); Marion Douglas (Town Clerk); Alfred Slanetz (School Committee); Sheila Evans, Rodney Hobson, Mary Lou Lawrence (Board of Library Trustees, 3 seats); Mary Granville (Board of Assessors); Robin Lawrence (Board of Health); Charles Samuelson (Planning Board, 5-year seat); Clark Brewer (Planning Board, 3-year seat); Roseanne McMorris (Recreation Commission, 5-year seat); and Glenn Pratt (Water Commission).

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Calling all Democrats

Duxbury resident looking to be one of three Obama delegates in the 10th district

By Andria Farrell
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Duxbury resident, and Class of 2000 Duxbury High School graduate Marissa Doran is hoping to be one of three delegates from the Massachusetts 10th Congressional District to head to Denver Colorado to cast ballots for Barack Obama.

Doran needs to bring at least 250 people from Plymouth County, Quincy, Weymouth, Cohasset, Cape Cod and the Islands to the caucus being held this Saturday, April 5, at 1 p.m. at Plymouth South High School.

Doran said the delegate section is particularly important this year because of the contested primary, and it is important the Obama campaign send people to Denver who won't be swayed to change their vote.

"This is a great opportunity," she said. "We want to make sure committed Obama people get a chance to go to the convention. It has been a ceremonial honor prior, but this year the primary is contested, so it takes on a very different meaning."

"History is a useful way to look at the world. History asks you to look at the information and figure it out for yourself."
—Marissa Doran

Eight months ago Doran returned from a two year study in England, where she was a Rhodes Scholar reading for graduate degrees in History and African Studies at Oxford. Since returning from England she has been serving on the Steering Committee for Obama for America and as director of strategy for ActBlue, the nation's largest source of funds for Democrats. ActBlue produces a set of online tools that allow Democrats to raise money for the candidates of their choice, and it's revolutionized the world of grassroots politics. Because of that work, the campaign encouraged her to run for one of the seats from the Massachusetts 10th she said.

"I think he (Obama) is the right candidate for right now," Doran said. "He is conscious of being a better citizen and global issues; that is the chief reason I am behind him."

Doran is a graduate of Williams College where her work on green buildings and children's theatre led her to be named a Truman scholar. She grew up on a small farm in Duxbury, and was deeply involved in music and AFS, the international exchange program. Bitten by the history bug while studying history at Duxbury High School, Doran continued to be passionate about the subject through her college studies.

"History is a useful way to look at the world," she said. "History asks you to look at the information and figure it out for yourself."

The 10th Congressional District DNC Delegate Caucus for Senator Barack Obama is being held this Saturday, April 5, at Plymouth South High School, 490 Long Pond Road, Plymouth, at 1 p.m. sharp. Plan to arrive at 12:45, as caucuses start on time.

For information or to register online visit http://obamacaucus.eventbrite.com.

Lecture by Peter Alden

"Invasive Aliens in Your Backyard," a talk by Peter Alden, author and naturalist, will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m., on April 17, at the Lightkeepers' Residence, Cohasset Harbor.

The Gulf Association and Cohasset Garden Club will co-sponsor this lecture by Alden, a naturalist, lecturer, ecotourism guide and author of 15 books on North American and African wildlife, including the "National Audubon Society's Regional Field Guide Series." He is considered to be an authority on birds and larger mammals of the world and is often consulted by the media and ecotourism industry for his expertise. He is also an entertaining and sought-after lecturer on topics that include world wildlife, the Polar regions, invasive plants and biodiversity of the northeast. He originated Massachusetts Biodiversity Days with Dr. Edward O. Wilson and managed this event statewide for four years in the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

Alden will lead a walk to observe local birds and botanicals, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., on April 17, beginning at Hunter's Pond.

To register for the evening lecture or the nature walk, send an email to acgranville@mobilearn.net.

New date for Republican Spring Dinner

Cohasset Republican members and friends are invited to the annual Spring Dinner, which will take place at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 7, at Second Congregational Church, next to Town Hall. Earlier, there was a different date that caused many conflicts.

Elected officials will be invited to give their perspective on experiences in office and the status of the town.

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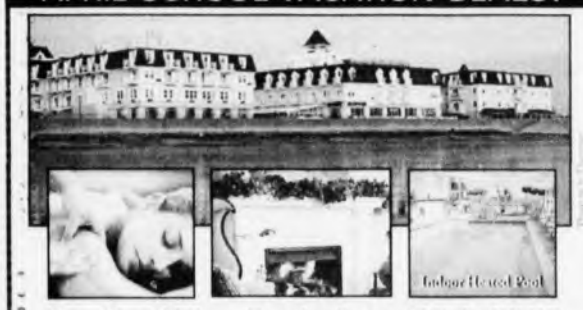
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Summer's coming! Swim, dive team tryouts slated

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

RUN, VOTE!

Hello Cohasset. How is everyone doing? We are getting warmer around here finally although today is a bit messy. Oh well, we will take what we get and keep on hoping for warmer weather each day. I want to wish everyone who is taking part in Sunday's Road Race whether walking or running to have a great time, enjoy the views while hopefully not breathing too hard and most of all, have fun. How did everyone make out on April Fools' Day? It was a fun one around town I am sure.

Don't forget to vote tomorrow Cohasset at the Town Hall. Your vote is just as important as your neighbors'!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

A very special Happy Birthday wish is going out this week to **Pam Robbins** from her family and friends. Of course we all know she is turning 39 (again, hee hee) and many wanted to send her wishes on this wonderful birthday weekend. Enjoy it Pam!

POST PROM

All parents of a Senior at Cohasset High School are encouraged to attend the next Post-Prom Planning Meeting being held on Tuesday, April 8 at 7 pm in the Deer Hill School Library. The time is getting closer and many hands make light work and your help/ideas would be so welcomed. Everyone who is already involved would love to see some new faces along with the smiling faces of those already taking part.

SWIM, DIVE

Here is a super piece to add this week and remind us all that summer is right around the corner. Attention returning swimmers and divers: the Cohasset Swim and Dive Team 2008 season sign-up for returning swimmers and divers will be held on Saturday May 3 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Town Hall. Swim & dive team tryouts: Cohasset Swim Team tryouts will be held on Wednesday, June 18 from 3-5 p.m. at the swim center pool. Swimmers must be 6 years of age by July 1,2008 and no older than 17 yrs of age. Cohasset Dive Team tryouts will be held on Wednesday, June 18 from 5-6 p.m. at the swim center pool. The rain date for tryouts is Thursday, June 19 at the same times. In addition, the Cohasset Swim Team is also seeking a highly motivated Junior Swim Coach to assist the coaching staff in swim practices, swim meets, and general organization of the swim team. Applicant must be at least 16 and be able to participate on the Cohasset Swim Team. The Cohasset Dive Team is seeking qualified candidate for an Assistant Dive Coach position. Interested individuals should send qualifications to PO Box 651, Cohasset,MA 02025.

TRI STUFF

Cohasset Tri Tees, Hats, & Jewelry will be on sale on Friday April 11 from 9am-1pm at Scituate Racquet & Fitness. If you missed out on the opportunity to purchase Cohasset Tri merchandise at the Tri meeting over Easter weekend, you have not missed out! Swing by Scituate Racquet and fitness and check out the fantastic apparel and accessories. There will be selling the limited edition Emotional Armor tees for men, women, and children, dri-weave tees for men and women with the Cohasset Tri logo, the exclusive navy blue Cohasset Tri race cap, and triathlon jewelry designed by Baroni Designs. Products range in price from $20-$35 and all proceeds from merchandise sales go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). If you are unable to make it to Scituate Racquet on Friday April 11 or want to preview the merchandise online, it can be found at www.cohasset-tri.com by clicking on the logo in the top right corner. Racers: race day is 12 weeks away! Get your tri gear to inspire you through your training! And for those of you who are participating in this great event as spectators or volunteers, wearing a Tri hat or tee is a GREAT way to show your support for the athletes, the race and the town!

DEAN'S LIST

Congratulations to **Isabelle P. Bertolami,** who has earned dean's list honors at Saint Joseph's University for the Fall 2007 semester. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above, a B or greater in all their classes, and complete at least 15 credits to earn dean's list status for a semester. Nice work Isabelle.

COLLEGE SCHOLAR

Carling Sturino received this wonderful letter from Boston College and her very proud family wanted to share it with us all and congratulate Carling. "Congratulations on your selection as a 2008 Dean's Scholar! Dean's Scholars must excel in their chosen areas of study, but must also have demonstrated the kind of scholarly initiative and intellectual leadership that turns that potential into accomplishment. The faculty in your department and the committee clearly feel that your achievements place you in this very elite group. I congratulate you on being among the very best of our brightest. The faculty and deans of the College of Arts and Sciences hope to extend their personal congratulations with a dinner in your honor on Tuesday, April 1, at 6 p.m. Once again, congratulations on your extraordinary achievements. You and your fellow scholars represent the most select and distinguished group of students at Boston College, I look forward to meeting you on April 1st. Patrick J. Maney, Dean." This is an amazing request Carling, and I hope that you enjoyed this evening of recognition. You certainly deserved it.

Send me all of you news no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm. All photos that you would like to have in the column that is associated with what you have sent in writing should be dropped off at Cohasset News by Mondays at 5 pm in an envelope marked, "Around Town Cohasset/Mary Ford" with the name of the person or persons etc. in the envelope along with the photo. When you send the information to me, please let me know that a photo was dropped off at Cohasset News or, you may send it to me in jpeg format making sure to include the information of who the people are in the photo. Also, please remember that I write this column and no others in the paper. Please don't send or drop off information that is for another town or other section of the paper unless it is something that can be used in the Cohasset Around Town column as well. Thank you!

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Sally Meehan with two of Will McDonough's children, Cara McDonough and Sean McDonough, at the Sports Museum.

Meehan wins writing contest!

Sally Meehan, a 12th-grader at Cohasset High School, was chosen as a winner of the 2008 Will McDonough Writing Contest presented by The Sports Museum. The contest, which was sponsored by the Boston Globe and Bank of America, was open to students in grades four through 12, and received more than 1,800 entries. A winner was selected from each grade.

Meehan's essay, "Victory Through Determination," will be displayed in The Sports Museum's Will McDonough exhibit. Meehan and other contest winners will also attended an award ceremony and Celtics game at the TD Banknorth Garden April 2.

"We're thrilled about the widespread participation in the contest," said Michelle Gormley, education director of The Sports Museum. "Everyone did such a great job, it was really difficult for the judges to choose."

The contest was designed to encourage the development of language and writing skills while incorporating the topic of sports and such concepts as leadership, teamwork, respect and perseverance. The winning essays were chosen by editors and writers from the Boston Globe. Suggested essay ideas included "good sports/bad sports,", "what makes a team great" and "character counts." The students were judged on how well they organized and expressed their ideas and how they addressed the topic.

Will McDonough, a Boston Globe columnist of 44 years, was the Globe's only sports writer to be nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. He passed away in January 2003. McDonough was a mentor to young writers and for this reason, The Sports Museum and his colleagues from the Globe dedicated this contest in his memory.

Located at the TD Banknorth Garden, the Sports Museum preserves and showcases the rich sports heritage of New England through a collection of artifacts, multimedia, works of art and interactive exhibits. The Sports Museum is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit educational organization dedicated to using sports to teach the values of leadership, respect and cooperation to youth while honoring citizens and athletes of New England.

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(Above) Emcee Rich Ofsthun and School Committee member Lucia Flibotte host last year's PSO Telethon. The event has raised more than $20,000 for the schools over the past three years. (Left) Emcee Rich Ofsthun, whose sense of humor is legendary, shows off his leg after being challenged to do so by a caller in last year's PSO Telethon.

Live from Cohasset! PSO Telethon in fifth year

By Nancy White
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Lights, camera, action!

The cameras will start rolling promptly at 7p.m. next Thursday (April 10) to begin the fifth annual PSO Telethon. A fundraiser that has grown both in popularity and size, the PSO Telethon has raised over $20,000 for the schools in each of the last three years.

Residents can tune in on Comcast channel 22 to see the talented kids (and some adults) that live among them. Students spanning nearly all grade levels will showcase individual and group talents for the viewing audience —dance, song and comedy will all be a part of the live telecast.

As far as fundraisers go, the PSO telethon committee says their event is unusual, "I don't know of any other schools that televise a fundraising event," says Claudia McKeon, chair of the PSO Telethon Committee. "It's pretty unique that residents can tune in to see their friend, neighbor, sister or grandchild on TV."

To bring the PSO Telethon to fruition is a team effort by a group of PSO parents, but has been made successful through support from the community, says McKeon. For example, local businesses donate raffle prizes, parents offer up items for the online auctions, local companies sponsor the event, residents call in donations and the talented kids get up on stage to perform.

"The whole event has a nice community feel to it," says McKeon.

Over the past five years, the PSO Telethon has had some growing pains. The first year they went on air without sound or television feed and the whole operations had to be moved from the high school auditorium to the library.

"Over the past five years there have been a lot of glitches, some were funny, some were stressful. But, we did overcome," said McKeon. The PSO Telethon committee is hoping the fifth year will yield a seamless production.

"People in Cohasset have been very patient and very generous," says Nancy Froio, who oversees the talent portion of the telethon.

"It's always a challenge to make it fun," says Rich Oftshun, co-emcee of the PSO telethon. But, other PSO telethon committee members say Ofsthun's quick (and quirky) sense of humor works perfectly for the nearly three-hour live show.

Ofsthun credits co-emcee and current School Committee member, Lucia Flibotte, with keeping the telethon focused on its purpose — raising money for PSO and the Cohasset schools

The idea for a PSO Telethon was born out of a past fundraising effort by the PSO where parents would call other parents and ask them to contribute to the PSO. Five years ago, the PSO decided to turn the idea on its head. Instead of cold calling, the telethon makes contributions voluntary and involved the kids.

"In the first year, we surpassed the phone drive," says McKeon.

The PSO, or Parent Schools Organization, is a parent volunteer driven group devoted to providing support to Cohasset schools through fundraising, organizing and donating time

The money raised by the telethon goes directly back into classrooms at all three school buildings. Teachers can apply for grants to enhance the classroom experience through innovative programs or supplies. Last year, the PSO funded the middle-high school adoption of the Anti-Defamation League's peer leadership program and along with the Cohasset Education Foundation the technology lab at the middle-high school. Throughout the school year, the PSO sponsors curriculum enrichment programs in the Deer Hill and Osgood schools.

Knowing the donations are going to a worthy cause isn't the only reward one could get by donating — a raffle is held when the phone lines close shortly after 9p.m. Raffle prizes are awarded in different categories, for donations of $25, $50 and $100. A $100 donation will enter your name to win a romantic getaway to the Boston Harbor Hotel or a double kayak and other prizes.

In conjunction with the live telethon and raffle, there is an online auction with over 30 items to bid on. A vacation to a Costa Rican villa, an autographed Tim Wakefield baseball, Deer Hill Principal for a Day, and an iPod Touch are just a few of the items. Bidding opened this morning (Friday) at 9a.m. and will conclude next Friday, April 11 at 9p.m.

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Poetry Slam gets applause

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ing with the seniors and the kids over the last month.

"It's interesting to see what comes out an individual and see what people are thinking about during different stages of life," says Murphy. "It's nice to be able to spark their interest and let them know they can be creative in words as well as other things. They have the ability to be an artist with words."

While the Cohasset Reads Together program has centered on two books — "Walden" by Henry David Thoreau and "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson, the library put together a separate program for the seniors and students to make the themes and ideas presented in the books more accessible.

The goals of the community reading program were to foster a love of reading and a sense of community for all ages, to provide a forum for public discourse about environmental issues, and to strengthen the library's role as the cultural, educational and social center of the Cohasset community.

"Although our targeted audience was all-inclusive, collaborating with the Cohasset Schools and with the elderly clients of our outreach program for the homebound were special priorities," says Library Director Jackie Rafferty.

The decision to use transcendental poetry to reach both segments of the population was multifaceted, says Rafferty.

"Recognizing that value of poetry as a powerful tool of human expression and communication, our objective was to foster an appreciation and understanding of poetry, and to introduce the concept of transcendentalism through the verse of such noted transcendentalists as Henry David Thoreau, William Ellery Channing and Ralph Waldo Emerson," says Rafferty.

Murphy, with the help of reference librarian Gayle Walsh, put together a program on transcendental poetry. After soaking up the information, the participants were invited to write their own poems using their knowledge of transcendental poetry.

"The Poetry Slam is the logical culmination for this exciting program, offering the children and seniors the opportunity to come together and share and celebrate their original poetry," says Rafferty.

On Wednesday, 40 seniors and about 20 fourth graders attended the event held at the Our World Discovery Center. Individuals were invited to step up to the microphone and share their creative works with the group.

In addition to sharing poetry, the seniors and children shared pizza provided by Cohasset House of Pizza.

As a culminating activity, Murphy couldn't be more satisfied with the results of the Poetry Slam.

"It's something the senior and the kids enjoyed doing together," says Murphy. "The whole experience has been really rewarding."



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(Above) Fourth -grader Grace Gaumer reads her poem, "Waterfalls", during the poetry slam on Wednesday.



(Right) Fourth grade teacher Suzi Corkhum smiles while the seniors applaud a poem at the poetry slam at Our World that brought together Corkhum's fourth-grade class and seniors from the Council of Elder Affairs and Sunrise Assisted Living.



Louise Smullen, right, reads her poem, "Passing of Time" during the poetry slam at Our World on Wednesday with fourth graders from Deer Hill.

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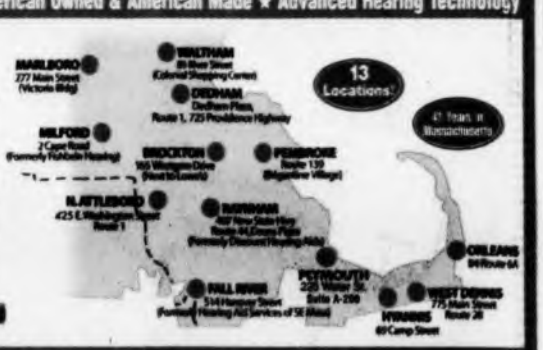
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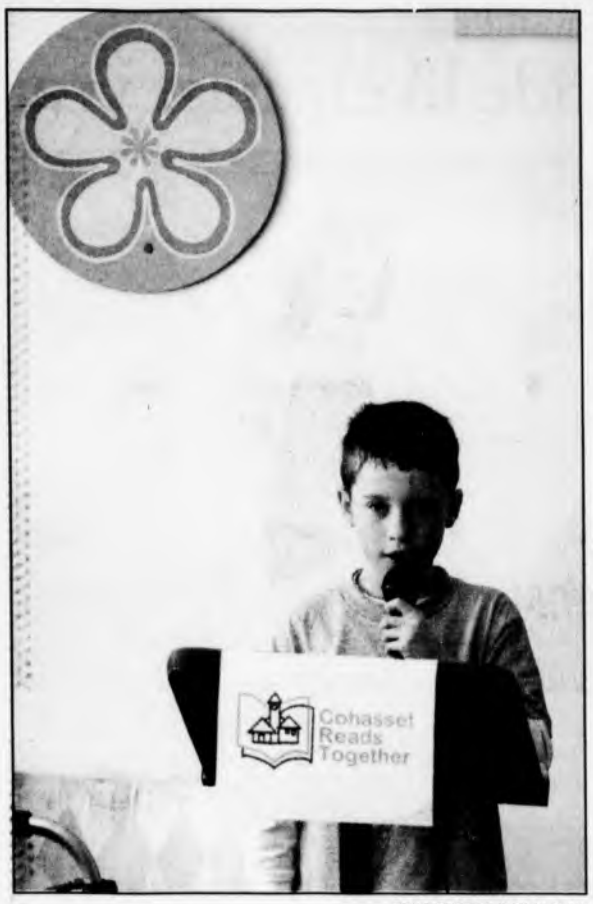
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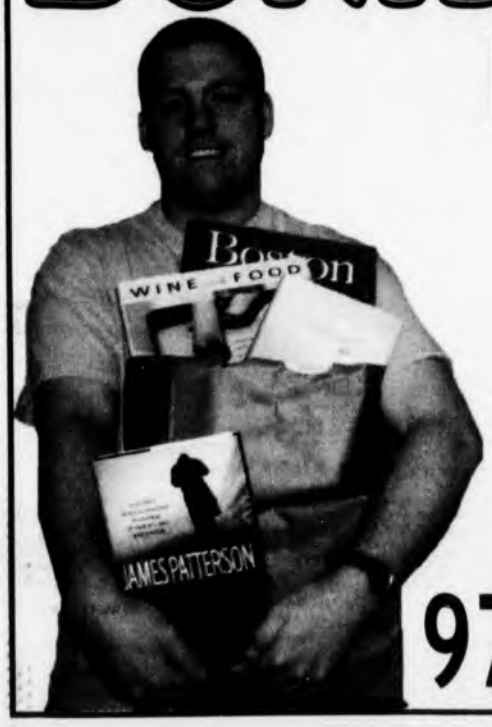
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Town Meeting

Budget breeze; override likely next year

By Nancy White
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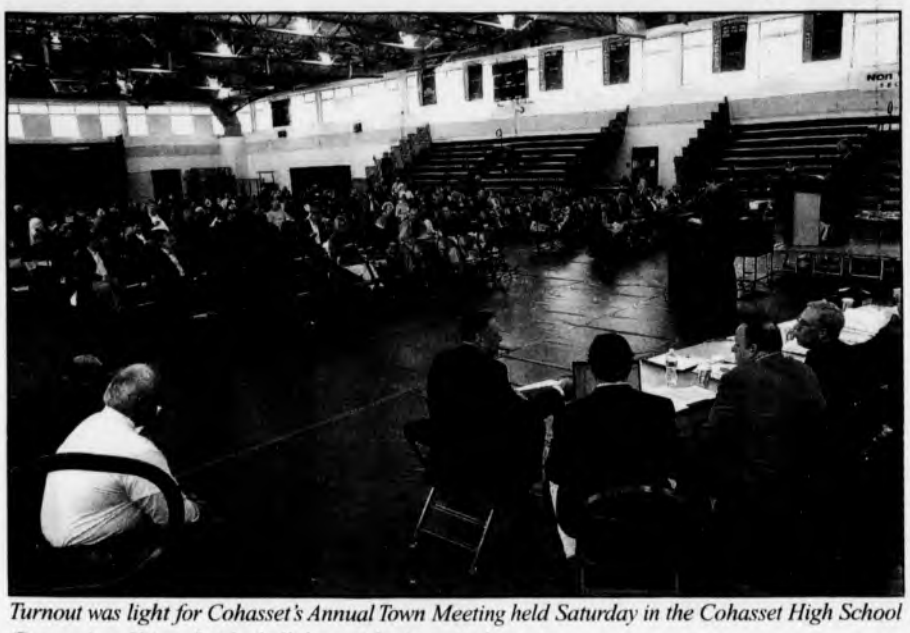
The fiscal 2009 budget was presented as a balanced budget without an override and the voters had no problems with it. Following Town Manager Bill Griffin's presentation of the budget, there were no questions or comments from the floor of Town Meeting. Then, the operating budget passed with a unanimous vote.

Although it was a balanced budget for the second year in a row, Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil cautioned it would be difficult to do it again next year, "although it is still early, we should be mentally preparing ourselves for an override next year."

Advisory Committee chairman Sam Wakeman echoed Vanderweil's sentiments.

"For the last two years we have had no override requests. This may sound good but it is definitely negatively impacting our core operating budgets," said Wakeman. "We are slowly moving forward to our goals. This is being achieved through the hard work and belt tightening of all town departments."

A tax levy of $26,502,911 is projected for fiscal 2009, an increase of just over four percent above the current year. Of special note is that this budget is the second consecutive year with a no override budget. The percent increase for an average tax bill (based on a property value of $825,000) will be 2.26 percent, or a $198 increase. The operating budget will be $36,374,463, a 2.79 percent increase over fiscal 2008. The school department budget is recommended at $14,316,397, an increase of 4.6 percent, or $629,997 over the current year.



Turnout was light for Cohasset's Annual Town Meeting held Saturday in the Cohasset High School Gymnasium. Voters finished all the articles in a single session.



PHOTOS/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Cohasset's Capital Budget Committee chairman Steve Gaumer addresses Saturday's Annual Town Meeting at the high school.

Clean sweep for Community Preservation projects

In a break from past Town Meeting, the Community Preservation article was done in one fell swoop — 10 sub-articles were approved in one motion on Saturday. In past years, each project was taken up one by one, each with a separate discussion and vote.

After a short explanation of each proposed project from Community Preservation Committee chairman Stuart Ivimey, there was only one question from the floor.

A total of $778,679 spread over eight projects and two housekeeping items was approved unanimously. The approved projects include: Town Hall restoration project (exterior work, $300,000); the installation of six raingardens in the James Brook watershed ($88,500); the Housing Partnership's request for perc tests on town-owned property off Smith Place and Pleasant Lane ($20,000); restoration and preservation work at the Historical Society ($51,700); purchase of land in the Brass Kettle watershed ($175,000); restoration of town archives ($50,000); construction of the culvert under Border Street, between the Gulf River and harbor ($35,000); installation of a fire sprinkler system at the American Legion George H. Mealy Post 118 ($20,000); and debt service for a open space acquisition ($38,479).

Assuming a 50 percent match from the state, the town will have just over $200,000 in their accounts (approximately $176,000 in the community housing sub-account) going into the next fiscal year.

The Planning Board withdrew its application for what could have been a controversial CPC project involving a private gift from Margin Street resident, Peter Roy, to study the waterfront business district.

Stabilization funds approved

Town Meeting supported the creation of two new stabilization funds on Saturday. Under recent state legislation, municipalities may now create special purpose stabilization funds. The establishment of a capital stabilization fund and a post-retirement health insurance liability stabilization fund will now give both issues a dedicated funding source.

The capital stabilization fund was supported by the Board of Selectmen, the Advisory Committee and the Capital Budget Committee. Selectman Paul Carlson described it as a fund to enable a stable level of funding over time to capital purchase and maintenance. The stabilization fund will decrease the town's reliance on free cash to make capital investments. With the affirmative Town Meeting vote, a total of $250,000 will be transferred to the new fund by the close of fiscal 2008.

The post-retirement stabilization fund creates a funding mechanism for health insurance expenses for future retired town employees. A total of $100,000 will be transferred to the fund following the Town Meeting vote.

A vote of Town Meeting is needed to transfer funds in or out of the stabilization fund and can only be used for another purpose if Town Meeting approves.

Both votes to create the stabilization funds were unanimous.

Town officials honored

Town Meeting voted to honor town officials with proclamations for their dedication and service to the Town and its citizens. All commendations were adopted unanimously by Town Meeting.

Retiring Recreation Director Jack Worley was honored with a commendation for his over 30 years of dedicated service to the town.

"He has always served with a smile on his face and a good word for everyone," said Selectman Fred Koed. Worley said a few words following the reading of the commendation, lamenting how time has passed so quickly and thanking the town, "it's been a pleasure."

Current Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil will complete his three-year term this week was given a proclamation for both his work as Selectman and his 18-year stint on the Sewer Commission.

Retiring Public Health Nurse Judy Fitzsimmons was recognized for service in that role for over 20 years. She served 15 years under the auspices of the Social Service League of Cohasset and seven as a town employee.

Ray Kasperowicz, who is leaving the Sewer Commission after nine years of service, was honored for his service. Kasperowicz also served a three-year stint on the Advisory Committee and another three-year stint on the Personnel Committee.

Lastly, James Gilman was commended for his six years of service on the Advisory Committee, the maximum allowed.

The crowd at Town Meeting met all proclamations with a standing ovation.

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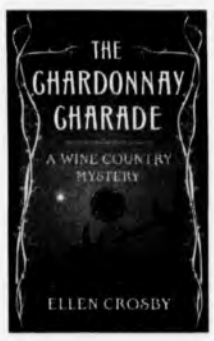
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IN THE GAME

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ON THE CAPE

MEET LORA BRODY
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Voting Saturday

Your vote counts on Saturday.

Just ask candidates for the Sewer Commission, Wayne Sawchuk and Jim Dow.

We can assure you they would appreciate your vote.

Although the Sewer Commission is the only race in this year's Town Election – your vote is still important.

At the very least, Saturday provides an opportunity to exercise your right to vote in our democracy. It is a right that too many of us take for granted.

Saturday, Mr. Dow and Mr. Sawchuk could win or lose by a single vote.

So if you are wondering if your vote really makes a difference, take a look at these local true stories about what happened when that one person stayed home on Election Day.

• In the late 1980s, Steve Ivas was elected to the water board in Norwell by a margin of a single vote over Al Gunderway.

• In 1990, John Culhane defeated John Burt by exactly one vote in a race for the Holbrook planning board.

• In June, 1997, Sandwich defeated a $1.7 million Proposition 2 1/2 override by one vote. There was a recount, and the override passed by a single vote.

• In Braintree in 1991 there was a tie for tax collector between Vincent Joyce and James Sullivan. A recount gave Mr. Joyce the job by three votes.

Here's what happened in times and places far away.

• In 1839, Marcus Morton was elected governor of Massachusetts by one vote out of 102,966 cast.

• In 1910, Charles Bennett Smith defeated de Alva Stanwood Alexander by a single vote in a race for Congress in New York.

• The Afro-Shirazi Party won a majority in the Zanzibar legislature by a single vote in 1961. That one-vote margin was supplied by the delegate from the Chake-Chake District, who won his seat by a single vote.

The following is our personal favorite,

Once upon a time, a man named Randy Luthi and another fellow named Larry Call ran for the Wyoming Legislature from Jackson Hole.

They each got 1,941 votes.

There was a recount.

Again, they each got 1,941 votes.

The tie was finally resolved when a ping-pong ball bearing the name Luthi was drawn from a 10-gallon hat belonging to Gov. Mike Sullivan!

If you are among Cohasset's 5,103 registered voters – we hope you will exercise your right to vote on Saturday.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, April 8 & May 13, 7:30 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, April 9, 23, & 30, 7:15 p.m.
Harbor Committee, April 8, 7 p.m.
Historical Commission, April 9, 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees, April 9, 7 p.m. at the library.
Planning Board, April 14, 7 p.m.
School Committee, April 16, 7 p.m. at the high school
Selectmen, April 14, 7 p.m.
Water Commission, April 10, 1 p.m. at the King St. plant.
ZBA, May 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

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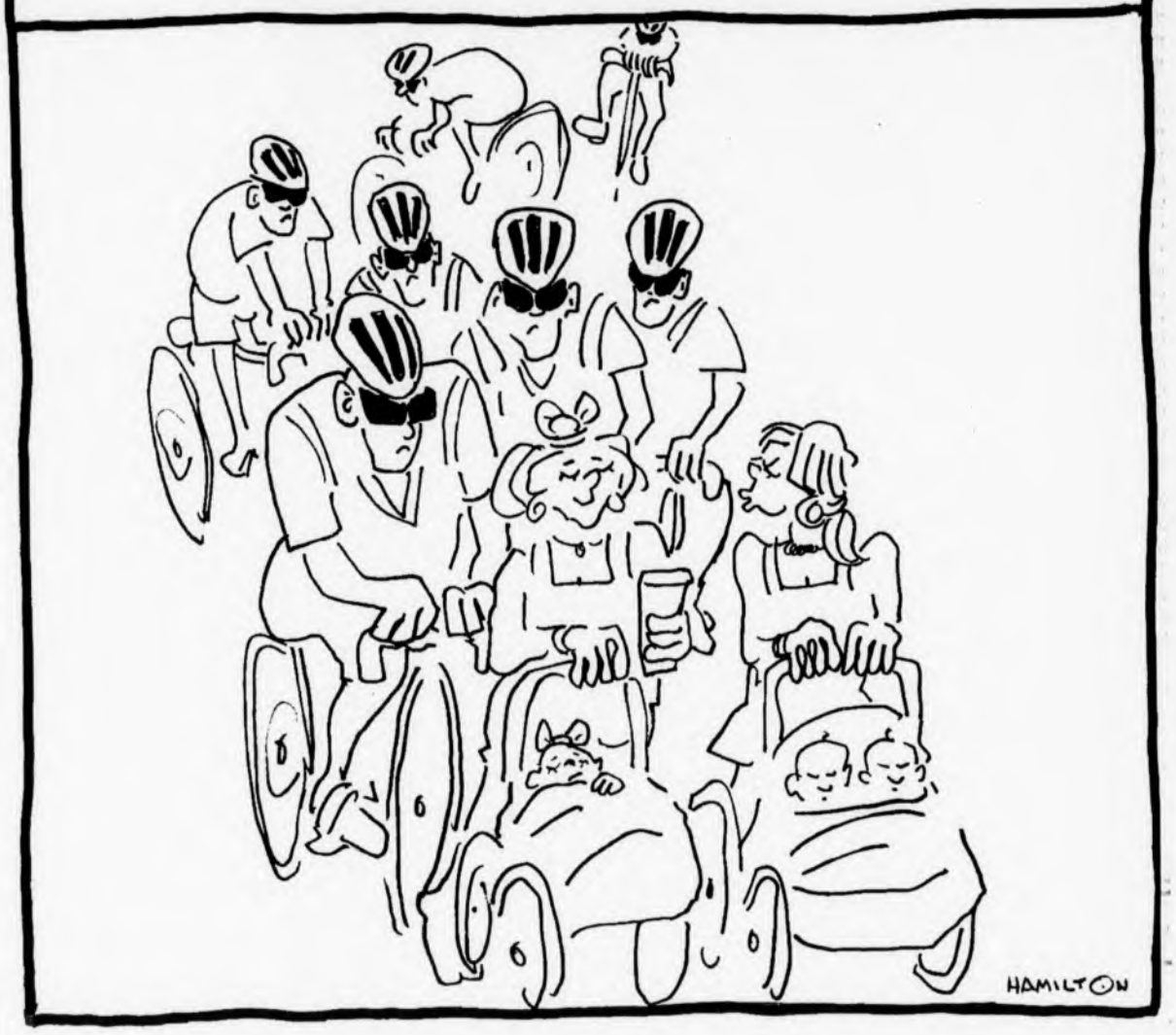
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Obama should reconsider run

TO THE EDITOR:

I think that Barack Obama should reconsider his decision to run for president.

Obama is 47 years old with two daughters – Malia, 9, and Natasha, 7, who live in Chicago (a much nicer city to grow up in than DC) with their mom, Michelle, a Princeton/Harvard-trained lawyer who is handsomely employed there. The kids enjoy a normal home life because Obama can easily get home on weekends and be there full-time when Congress is not in session.

Obama became a U.S. Senator in January 2005 and would only be 59 at the end of his second term; it would be great experience and he could really use it.

Besides, this should be Hillary's shot; she has worked hard for decades and deserves to get the nod.

By the end of his second term the kids would be in college and Michelle would be ready for Washington – which she isn't now; then Obama would be a shoo-in candidate for president; so what's the rush?

On the other hand, if he persists, I don't think I would vote for him because, among other things, it would be an indication of poor judgment and that's not the kind of person we want as a president.

Robert C. Ernst Sr.
60 Elm St.

Non-binding resolution

TO THE EDITOR:

Town Meeting was finished with dispatch.

Kudos to the moderator!

On the issue of Treats Pond, Article 22, several amendments were voted down by the assembly. Selectman Koed proposed a non-binding resolution to have a study of drainage and flooding problems in the town. It will be reported by Town Meeting in the fall. Cong. Delahunt purportedly will hold the money for Treats Pond till then.

It should be noted that the main Article 22 was not properly disposed of by a vote up or down at Town Meeting.

Martha Gjesteby
81 Old Pasture Road

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Noise pollution and leaf blowers

COMMENTARY

MARYLOU LAWRENCE

Why rake when we can blow?

Though disappointed in the Advisory Committee's vote on the citizens' petition regarding leaf blowers, I was heartened by Mrs. Tebbetts' explanation of that vote, in particular her encouragement to Cohasset's citizens to continue the discourse among each other and, most importantly, with our landscapers and lawn services. Perhaps then, with a more informed citizenry, we can revisit the topic next year.

Scientific studies on noise reveal high levels (over 55 decibels) aggravate both physiological and psychological problems — unwanted sound interferes with children's learning, increases stress and anxiety, and in cities, high noise levels correlate with high crime rates (US Center for Disease Control and others). While I don't think I'm at risk for rabid rage because a leaf blower is blasting nearby, I do know its sound makes it impossible for me to think or entertain kind thoughts, so don't ask me to make a decision when the landscapers are active in my neighborhood.

Most of us would agree we abhor the light pollution that hides the stars, but the global community's dependence on manufactured light prevails over our misgivings — in other words, it's too late for us to undo progress. However, as I listened to a number of individuals speak to the leaf blower issue at town meeting, I thought, to pollute our air with noxious fumes from cars is unacceptable; to pollute our oceans with toxic waste is unacceptable; to pollute our landscape with trash is unacceptable; then why do we acquiesce to the pollution of our soundscape? If we all lived on 10,000-acre farmland, it wouldn't matter, but most of us in Cohasset can hear children's laughter in our neighbor's yard. As one scientist stated in a study linking noise exposure to health problems, "We don't say to people, 'You have to learn to live with sewerage in your water.' So why should we tolerate sewerage coming into our ears?" (*Washington Post*, June 5, 2007).

I guess the question comes down to why rake when we can blow? Why use physical energy when we can manufacture it? Imagine the toll noise levels take on the young men and women who operate the equipment, many of whom do not wear protective ear gear. And that's all they do, sometimes for ten, twelve hours a day — walk around and blow leaves. Why not simply tell our landscapers that we don't want equipment used on our property that exceeds a reasonable decibel level (whatever level that might be)? Yes, it will cost us a few dollars more, at least in the beginning. But in the long run it will be healthier for our landscapers and for us — it's really a win-win arrangement.

Imagine the toll noise levels take on the young men and women who operate the equipment...

Incidentally, my husband owns a leaf blower. We continually discuss its usage.

Marylou Lawrence lives at 15 Beach St.

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N. Main Street crossing looked at

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush – Last week we mentioned briefly that we had had a meeting on March 26th with the MBTA regarding open items on the Town's punch list. Since this had occurred just before our press deadline last week we didn't have the time to go into any detail about what transpired at that meeting.

The lead topic for the meeting was the operation of the North Main Street railroad crossing and its impact on the response of our emergency response vehicles. Fire Chief Robert Silvia explained in detail what his department's issues are with the crossing and its impact on response times, particularly to West Corner, which is the vicinity of Jerusalem Road and Hull Street (Route 228). The MBTA engineers responsible for the design of the grade crossing control system agreed that they would evaluate the operational performance data from the crossings. Based on this data, they will review their control designs to see what tweaking can be done to further minimize the gate-down time. We are hopeful, that the emergency response times to the West Corner area can be improved somewhat.

We have mentioned that the MBTA will be readjusting their schedules shortly. We learned a bit more about what they will be doing. They will not be adding or deleting any trains from the schedule. They will be making minor alterations to the schedule to allow for smoother transit of all of the commuter lines that share the single common trackage between Braintree and Boston. So look for small schedule adjustments in the neighborhood of a few minutes.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Resident Engineer, Bill Needle. keeping track.



Awaiting the Sewer Project, an interesting juxtaposition.

The MBTA has also mentioned that their contractor CBB is in the process of bringing back their construction force to gear up to handle our punch list items and the work to be completed in other towns. Expect to see workers around town in mid-April. The MBTA expects to have most of the remaining work completed by the end of August, this year.

Little Harbor Project – This week we watched the construction as it progressed on Jerusalem Road Drive from Jerusalem Road. The photo shows Bill Needle a Cohasset resident and a Resident Engineer employed by Coughlin Environmental Services, LLC, the engineering organization for the Town. The Resident Engineer is the person who oversees the construction work as it progresses to make sure that the construction meets the plans and specifications and that the work that is billed for by the contractor has actually been completed. In the photo you can see Bill jotting down progress notes in his field logbook. The site engineers also are the work site go-to person for day-to-day interface with the construction area residents. Recently, Bill has generally worked on the areas around Jerusalem Road, while his counterpart, Kevin McRae has recently worked in the areas around Atlantic Avenue.

We also, happened by the intersection of Jerusalem Road and Jerusalem Road Drive and captured the accompanying photo that we felt was an interesting juxtaposition.

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Way to go, Chelsea!

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The never-ending presidential campaign of 2008 took a turn for the best the other day, and it took a mere girl who is walking the campaign trail, as the pundits like to say, for the first time to do it.

Chelsea Clinton, who may become the first First Daughter of two presidents, was campaigning for mom at Butler University in Indianapolis when a student reporter for The Butler Collegian asked a question about her dad's frolic with Monica in the Oval Office.

"I do not think that is any of your business," the former and maybe future First Daughter said.

If we ran football games like we conduct election campaigns, the winners would be the teams with the fewest penalties.

Way to go, Chelsea!

I don't know about you, but to me it was the most refreshing answer to a political question since George McGovern told an inquisitor where he could go and the anatomically improbable act he could perform on himself when he got there.

Chelsea's forthright answer was such that the student reporter was invited to bask in the glow of his newfound notoriety on CBS's "Early Show." Can anyone doubt that the kid has a brilliant future as a political reporter in the 21st century?

That's the direction our news coverage of presidential campaigns appears to be going.

It's not so much the candidate's plans for the endless war in Iraq or the approaching recession or out of control health care costs or global warming as much as who he or she slept with in college or said what 20 years ago or shook hands with last week.

If we ran football games like we conduct election campaigns, the winners would be the teams with the fewest penalties.

A few weeks ago, or maybe it was years, the way this campaign is going, the issue du jour was Hillary's cleavage.

Before I retired from the playing field, I considered myself a pretty good authority on cleavage but never in my wildest dreams did I think of cleavage as a qualification for the presidency. If we did then Dolly Parton would be serving her fourth term right now.

A whole cottage industry in the blogosphere considers Barack Obama a Muslim because his middle name is the Arabic "Hussein" while, on the other hand, he is assailed for belonging to a Christian church whose pastor delivers less than patriotic and racially charged sermons.

I guess I missed the connection but it must be there because they're tricky people, these candidates, and you can't take them at face value.

And, after each attack of trivia, we have to poll the voters to see exactly how much damage we did, which has the effect of turning the whole campaign into a baseball game.

Hillary's cleavage came along about the third or fourth inning and gave Barack a lead but Barack's middle name was brought up in the sixth inning and put Hillary in front. We are now in the midst of the seventh inning stretch.

Maybe it's time for a pinch hitter named Chelsea.

Spring cleaning

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Last weekend my wife decided that the upstairs hallway needed repainting, which is funny, because I painted this very hallway two years ago.

I had an idyllic childhood that I remember fondly. I feel a little apologetic saying that, because many people weren't as fortunate. I know because I dated all of them. At one point I began to worry I might have a fetish for women with baggage. After all I did enjoy those old Samsonite commercials with the gorillas. Eventually I realized the problem wasn't me, but the extremely low odds of meeting someone uncomplicated and happy in modern society. That was a great relief, because it meant I could neck with my favorite Brenthaven duffel bag out in the open again. But it also taught me how lucky I was to be so incredibly well adjusted.

Of course there are downsides to growing up in a quiet suburb with tolerant, nurturing parents. One is that I entered adulthood with near-toxic levels of self esteem, and when you combine youthful overconfidence with all the street smarts of a kitten on the freeway, you've got a recipe for stupidity. Stupidity leads to pain. Pain leads to suffering. And suffering is supposed to lead to a successful writing career, but unfortunately in my case it just led to more stupidity.

Another problem is that because my childhood was such a nice experience I tend to be nostalgic and overly sentimental about both people and things. Combine sentimentality with incurable cheapness and you've got yourself a pack rat. I hang on to everything from 1987 Toyotas to 1982 Hanes undershirts with a vice-like grip.

My wife Athena (not her real name) is the natural predator of pack rats everywhere. She loves springtime because any season that gives her an excuse to throw stuff out is good with her. When she awoke last Friday to find a large dumpster in a neighbor's driveway she nearly swooned. Two days later I heard a cry of excitement downstairs—a second dumpster had been delivered to another neighbor. It's like Christmas in April over here, and I must admit her maniacal glee is rather infectious.

I decided to try my hand at spring cleaning. When I'm driving to BJ's to buy 150 D-size batteries and a 3 gallon bucket of shampoo, I often think of an amusing word, sentence, or sometimes even a whole paragraph that might be the germ of a column. I scribble the essence of the idea onto the nearest piece of paper as I run red lights and sideswipe pedestrians, hoping to flesh it out when I get home. Then I listen to Top 40 radio and forget all about it. My glove compartment is full of dog-eared grocery lists and junk mail, on the backs of which are incomprehensible phrases like, "Uncle Pete Moss," and "Bedtime story for a proctologist." Those I count as successes, because normally I can't even read my writing.

Anyway I need to pitch a few of these things or my wife Farrah (not her real name) is threatening to put me in a dumpster. I can't stand to see anything go to waste, though, so over the next three months whenever I get stuck trying to finish a column I'll simply stop typing, pull out the next grocery list and tack some random half-baked musings into

Last weekend my wife decided that the upstairs hallway needed repainting, which is funny, because I painted this very hallway two years ago. The paint isn't chipping or defective in any way, yet somehow new paint is required. And this time it has to be white.

Now, in simpler times when our grandparents wanted to paint a wall white, they went out and bought white paint. They were busy fighting world wars, raising six kids apiece and immigrating; they had no time to fool around. In contrast my wife and I had the following conversation:

"How about Atrium White?"

"That's got some yellow in it."

"Okay, Dove White?"

"We used that on the trim in the downstairs bathroom."

"Oh, right right. Have we ever done Decorator White?"

"No, but that's too white."

"You read my mind. The Marshalls did their kitchen in Navajo White. I thought that was pretty nice."

"The Marshalls are idiots. We don't want their colors."

"I've got it: Bone White."

"Let's go with Cloud White."

"Never heard of it. Is that like Winter White?"

And so on. This is how you measure a civilization's prosperity and recognize its tipping point. If there are over two hundred available shades of white paint, someone has too much time on his hands. We know from our history books that when the ability to distinguish Pale Straw from Lancaster Whitewash is revered in a society, natural forces push that bloated, complacent nation into some form of armed conflict. Try this test yourself at the next dinner party: if more than half the conversation involves redecorating, and everyone present—men, women and children—are all participating with equal expertise and enthusiasm, then consider yourself witness to the apogee of American economic power.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. Write an article mocking doulas.

LIBRARY CORNER

Sign up for Foreign Policy Discussion Group

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Foreign Policy Discussion Group – Sign up now to participate in the foreign policy discussion group Great Decisions with reference librarian Gayle Walsh by visiting the library, calling 383-1348, or online at the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org. Participants are asked to commit to eight weekly discussion meetings starting April 29. The group is free. For information, click on April 29 on the Calendar of Events.

Cohasset Reads Together Finale – It's hard to believe the town-wide reading initiative is coming to a close. The books "Walden" by Henry David Thoreau and "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson inspired readers to think about the American wilderness and environment. There have been eight weeks of programs and events. The library will have flyers and information available on area walking trails, local environmental groups and reading discussion guides for the books. Enjoy a free granola bar while reminiscing about a favorite Cohasset Reads Together event at 2 p.m., on Sunday, April 6.

Museum Passes Available – Looking for something to do this April school vacation? Visit a museum. The library has a variety of museum passes available to Cohasset residents. Plan a day in Boston with the kids: take the train in to town, visit a museum, eat lunch and enjoy a walk through the city's neighborhoods. For a complete list of museum passes call the library at 383-1348, or reserve a pass today through the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org.

FOR CHILDREN

The following programs for children will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset.

Movie Matinee – Get ready for the Cohasset Spelling Bee by joining others in the Meeting Room from 2 to 3:45 p.m., on Wednesday, April 9, to watch the PG-rated film "Akeelah and the Bee." Students and grade 2 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Free tickets are available at the Circulation Desk. Space is limited. The movie site license is sponsored by Friends of the Cohasset Library and Cohasset Town Democratic Committee.

School Vacation Activities – On Tuesday, April 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., drop in at the Story Room to participate in bird crafts. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Sign up is not necessary.

The PG-rated film, "Flipper," will be shown in the Meeting Room from 2 to 3:45 p.m., on Wednesday, April 23. Children in grade two and under must be accompanied by an adult. Free tickets are available at the Circulation Desk. The movie site license is sponsored by Friends of Cohasset Library and Cohasset Town Democratic Committee.

Thursday, April 24 between 10:30-1:30 an assortment of crafts will be offered in the Story Room. Children

must be accompanied by a caregiver. Just drop in. Sign up is not necessary.

Music and Stories – MamaSteph will perform in the Meeting Room on Mondays from 10:30 to 11 a.m., through the end of April.

Drop In Story Time – Tuesdays, at 10:30 a.m., through the end of April, in the Children's Room.

'Healing Field' is planned for Memorial Day

The Sons of the American Legion is planning to install a Healing Field as part of the town's Memorial Day 2008 observances.

The effort should result in hundreds of American flags on eight-foot-tall poles temporarily installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets. The island faces Veterans Memorial Park where the annual Memorial Day observances are held.

The flags sell for $25 and can be dedicated to anyone. In other words, the purchase of a flag is not limited to those honoring someone who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces. (Those who purchase flags will be able to pick them up after 10 days).

Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with a note on the memo line indicating "Healing Field" and sent to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, please visit www.healing-field.org/cohasset or contact the Legion post at 781-383-9657 or stop by the post at 98 Summer St. any weekday after 3 p.m., Saturdays after 10 a.m. or Sundays after 12 noon. Applications for Healing Field flags are available at the Post and at both branches of Pilgrim Cooperative Bank. All proceeds will go to veterans' projects of the Sons of the American Legion.

Town Meeting

No funds allocated for Treat's project

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ers checking in during the course of the day.

Essentially, the resolution will keep the project in play, with the federally earmarked funds totaling about $1.1 million, until the ongoing town-wide flood control master plan is complete. The Treat's Pond project will be reviewed again at the fall Special Town Meeting.

Selectmen, who unanimously supported the article in its original form, view the project as both a saltmarsh restoration and flood control mitigation. The waterfront section of Atlantic Avenue where Treat's Pond is located, near Whitehead Road, gets inundated with water during major rainstorms.

"We view it as an opportunity to solve one of the town's flooding problems by leveraging federal funds," said Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil. "The project has the potential for a net environmental gain for the town at a discounted price."

In his opening remarks, Vanderweil admitted the project wasn't perfect.

"None of the routes are good, but they are the only ones that exist," Vanderweil said frankly. Extending or enlarging a pipe on Sandy Cove would not restore the pond, according to the Army Corps. A pipe through Whale Meadow off Whitehead Road with an outfall to the outer harbor has land-taking issues. The inner harbor outlet could pollute the harbor further.

"There are negative environmental effects in all three options. Discharging stormwater and everything in it into an open body of water isn't desirable," said Vanderweil, adding that's the reason the Selectmen propose an independent engineering and environmental assessment as an appropriate starting point.

On the other hand, the Advisory Committee and the Capital Budget Committee came down hard against the article. Advisory Committee member Roger Hill said other flood prone areas, such as James Brook/Jacobs Meadow, need to be addressed first and the project would put a strain the town's financial resources or force it to take on more debt. The Capital Budget Committee called for more vetting and prioritization before money was spent.

Before any discussion on the main motion, which requested Town Meeting to appropriate $300,000 for the project, could take place an amendment to the motion was brought forth. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who has and continued to recuse himself as a selectman from the Treat's Pond issue, proposed an amendment as a private citizen. (Dormitzer lives on Atlantic Avenue).

The amended motion asked Town Meeting to appropriate a much smaller sum, $45,000, from free cash to fund an independent engineering and environmental review of the Army Corps restoration project.

"In an effort to make sure the town is informed and the project is fully vetted" Dormitzer gave as his reasoning for proposing the amendment. "We need to establish the project is worth doing at all."

When questioned by a citizen on what would happen if Town Meeting voted down the amendment or the original motion, Dormitzer said, "no question $1.1 million will be lost to this town."

Although initial response to Dormitzer's amendment was positive, Dormitzer seemed to lose support when he told Town Meeting the study would only look at the two Army Corps supported options — with either an outfall to the inner or outer harbor. An extension or enlargement of the current pipe located at Sandy Cove would not be reviewed.

"The Army Corps controls the use of the $1.1 million and will not allow the money to go toward a option they do not support," explained Dormitzer. The Army Corps found the Sandy Cove outlet would not bring about the saltmarsh restoration essential to the project, he said.

Russ Bonetti of Parker Avenue indicated without exploring any new information, devoting money to the study did not seem worth the money.



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Cohasset resident Jeff Pratt catches up on the news while attending Cohasset's Annual Town Meeting Saturday morning.

Central in many of the arguments brought forth was the balance between the saltmarsh restoration (the primary purpose of the project, according to Vanderweil) and alleviating the growing flooding problems in the area. Some citizens expressed a project that assured flood control mitigation would be a better option.

"The federal earmark requires 35 percent of project cost to come from the town. Right now, we really don't have an idea of the final cost of the project will be and it doesn't primarily address flooding," said Steve Gaumer, chairman of the Capital Budget Committee.

Karen Quigley of 27 Clayspring Road said in her dealings with the Army Corps in trying to find out information about the project, the engineers have been "fastidious" about saying the project is not a flood control mitigation project.

"The best David Larsen (project lead for Army Corps) can say is there may be an opportunity to address the flooding," said Quigley.

Some saw the $45,000 allocation for a study as an insurance policy on the project, while others questioned its redundancy.

As the conversation heated up, Peter Brown of 38 Atlantic Ave. (a residence near Treat's Pond) came to the microphone with another amendment to the article. Brown proposed a three-person Selectmen-appointed committee be assigned to create a scope for the $45,000 engineering and environmental study.

"It would allow people to have confidence the town isn't re-studying the issue," said Brown.

However, the amendment was not well received by the floor.

"We're looking for $45,000 to review what the Army Corps already told us, then we'll come back and agree or disagree (with the project). It seems like this isn't going to put us in a different spot six month from now. We either want to do this or we don't want to do it," said Rick Flynn of 30 Summer St.

Shortly after, Brown's amendment failed by majority vote and discussion reverted to Dormitzer's amendment.

Given the length of debate already spent on Dormitzer's amendment, Town Meeting seemed willing to proceed to a vote, but Jack Buckley of 272 South Main St. asked if the amendment would convey to Delahunt the town was interested in the project.

Dormitzer called on former New York Congressman Amo Houghton and one of the project's proponents to answer the question. Houghton is not a registered voter in the town and was given permission from the town moderator to speak.

Houghton has been involved in the Treat's Pond project from its inception, he and Delahunt worked together to get the original congressional appropriation for Treat's Pond before Houghton retired in 2005. His wife owns property near Treat's Pond and the property is routinely flooded.

Although published reports in the Boston Globe and Boston Herald indicate residents have questioned Houghton's role in the project suggesting a conflict of interest, no one spoke to that issue on the floor of Town Meeting.

Houghton said in order to ensure Cohasset the benefit of the $1.1 million congressional appropriation, a clear message of support had to be sent to Delahunt.

"Congressmen Delahunt has got to have a signal the town wants to move forward with the project. Approval of the amendment or original motion would do that. He just can't be wallowing, there are so many pressures and other deserving projects," said Houghton.

When the motion proceeded to a vote, the amendment failed to garner a two-thirds majority. Discussion opened up on the original article motion asking for a $300,000 allocation for the project.

At this point, Koed stood up to recommend a resolution be considered in lieu of funding.

Although some voters called for indefinite postponement of the article and others wanted to postpone a final decision on Treat's Pond to discuss what they saw as a related issue of the stormwater bylaw, Town Moderator Dan Evans said Koed's resolution was being drafted.

The resolution states the town recognizes both the serious nature of the environmental health of Treat's Pond and flooding issues in its surrounding area.

"The Town of Cohasset wishes to pursue solutions to these problems and does not wish to foreclose the possibility of federal funds to support possible solution," the resolution reads. "Cohasset, however, needs to further study the issues and proposals that have been made to solve them, owing to the relatively little time they have been public."

The resolution cites the town-wide flood control plan and requests additional time until fall Special Town Meeting to address the issue of Treat's Pond.

The resolution was adopted by Town Meeting.

Building a housing trust

Housing Partnership's proposal gets majority vote

By Nancy White
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Throughout the morning hours, Town Meeting moved swiftly and decisively on myriad issues, voting on 21 articles in just under two hours. The Housing Partnership Committee's article proposing the creation of an affordable housing trust generated questions and comments from the floor, but ultimately was passed by a majority vote.

Tom Callahan, co-chair of the Housing Partnership, gave a brief overview of the housing trust and what it will enable the town to do.

"The housing trust was developed in a response to 40-B to work and be proactive to prevent a large complex that could be a town and/or neighborhood altering project," said Callahan. "The trust is a tool for us to support (the town) in actively seeking projects and not be tied to the cycle of Town Meeting."

The Affordable Housing Trust is modeled after a similar one passed in Hingham last year. It creates a dedicated body that has the ability to respond more quickly to conditions in the housing market and take advantage of housing opportunities, said Callahan.

According to the bylaw, the funds in the trust will be derived from developers, gifts, grants, donations contributions or other cash payment to the trust for the purpose of providing low- to moderate-income housing. The town treasurer will be the custodian of the trust's funds.

Citizens had questions about the composition of the Housing Trust — seven members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen (one will be a selectman) that will have staggered two-year terms.

Sam Pease of 3 Sankey Road seemed concerned with the powers of the affordable housing trust, "will the trust have the ability to develop land without a (developer) partner?"

Callahan said while technically the bylaw allows the trust to pursue affordable housing development opportunities, the charge of both the Housing Partnership and the Housing Trust is not to put the town in the position of developer.

"We plan to partner with a private developer to do all the work, take on all the risk and get the property on the town tax rolls," said Callahan, offering the current partnership project at 821 Jerusalem Road.

Town Meeting Rundown

Article 1 – Annual Town Report: adopted unanimously.

Article 2 – Reports of Committees: adopted unanimously.

Article 3 – Fiscal 2009 Operating Budget: adopted unanimously.

Article 4 – Union Contracts: unanimously moved to indefinitely postpone.

Article 5 – Capital Improvements Budget: adopted unanimously.

Article 6 – Community Preservation Committee (with 10 sub-articles): adopted unanimously.

Article 7 – Unpaid Bills from previous years: unanimously moved to indefinitely postpone.

Article 8 – Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal 2008: adopted by majority vote.

Article 9 – Capital Stabilization Fund: adopted unanimously.

Article 10 – Post-Retirement Health Insurance Stabilization Fund: adopted unanimously.

Article 11 – Amendments to Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan: adopted unanimously.

Article 12 – Amendment to Smoking Bylaw: unanimously moved to indefinitely postpone.

Article 13 – South Shore Recycling Cooperative Memorandum of Agreement: adopted unanimously.

Article 14 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Wind Energy Conversion Facility Bylaw: adopted unanimously.

Article 15 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment, add wind turbines to Table of Use Regulations: adopted unanimously

Article 16 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Section 8: adopted unanimously.

Article 17 – Photovoltaic Array at Paul Pratt Memorial Library: unanimously moved to indefinitely postpone.

Article 18 – Sewer Betterment Abatement: adopted unanimously.

Article 19 – Affordable Housing Trust Bylaw: adopted by majority vote.

Article 20 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Inclusionary Zoning: unanimously moved to indefinitely postpone.

Article 21 – Harbor Study Funding: unanimously moved to indefinitely postpone.

Article 22 – Treat's Pond Restoration Project Funding, amended to a resolution to convey the town's interest in the project and request additional time to review: adopted by majority vote.

Article 23 – Repurchase of Cemetery Lots Funding: adopted unanimously.

Article 24 – Stormwater Management Bylaw: adopted by majority vote.

Article 25 – Citizen's Petition, Operation of Leaf Blower Bylaw: defeated by majority vote.





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Town Meeting

Fair winds for bylaw

Zoning guidelines set for commercial size wind turbines

By Nancy White
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It was fair winds and smooth sailing for the wind turbine bylaw, which passed with unanimous support of Town Meeting.

Several questions were raised about possible locations for the commercial-sized wind turbines, but overall the possibility of implementing wind as an alternative energy for the town was favorably met.

"The bylaw does not guarantee placement of wind turbine, but it does give it a framework," said Alternative Energy Committee chairman Andrew Willard. The Alternative Energy Committee, a Selectmen appointed board, has been working on the bylaw for a couple years.

The bylaw establishes town-wide zoning regulations for commercial size wind turbines — turbines greater than 500kilowatts, or about the size Hull Wind I located near Hull High School. The projects will be required to go through a special permit process overseen by the Planning Board. The bylaw creates uniform setback, noise and siting requirements.

"From a practical standpoint, wind turbines are only applicable to large parcels," said Selectmen Chairman Gary Vanderweil. Willard enumerated just four parcels large enough and open enough to accommodate a wind turbine under the setback requirements of the bylaw: behind the Middle-High School, at the transfer station, behind Hingham Lumber (Graham Waste) and the Avalon property off Route 3A.

"Wind turbine placement offers tremendous opportunity for the town to save energy costs," said Willard. Especially if erected near the Middle-High School all the energy generated would go directly into the school potentially saving the town thousands in energy costs each year.

"There are considerable financial benefits from wind turbine," said Advisory Committee member Chartis Tebbetts and although concerns had been raised over noise and visual effects, "the committee feels there will be adequately addresses in the (permitting) process."



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Alternative Energy Committee Chairman Andrew Willard speaks at the Annual Town Meeting Saturday morning. The new bylaw creates uniform setback, noise and siting requirements for wind turbines.

One resident asked if the bylaw took offshore wind turbines into consideration given Hull is actively pursuing the an offshore grouping of turbines. Willard said the bylaw only regulates land turbines.

Smaller residential size wind turbines are not regulated through this bylaw, but in order to erect one a property owner would have to get approval from the zoning board of appeals.

Willard said the earliest the town would bring forth a wind turbine project would be 2009, either on the high school or transfer station property. A meteorological experimental test, or MET tower, is collecting wind data on Turkey Hill through June. All the data points to Cohasset having "excellent wind" for a turbine, said Willard.

Bill Flynn of 41 Atlantic Ave. asked under the bylaw how many wind turbines were possible. Willard explained given the setback and large open area required under the bylaw, Cohasset could at most see two town-owned wind turbines and two to four commercially owned turbines on private property.

Mark Haas of 63 Bancroft Road asked if any consideration had been taken in determining the effect of wind turbines on property values. As a resident in close proximity to the possible high school turbine location, he was concerned his property value would be lowered as a result of a turbine.

"The bylaw makes no statement about property values," said Willard. "Studies out of Europe indicated no effects on property values from wind turbines."

A separate zoning amendment, also passed unanimously, created wind energy conversion facilities, or wind turbines, as an allowed use in all districts subject to a special permit.

Stormwater bylaw passes muster

By Nancy White
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"The bylaw is only concerned with adding to the runoff."
— Marty Nee, Stormwater Management Committee

Following close on the heels of the lengthy discussion on Treat's Pond, the stormwater management bylaw seemed a natural follower. Increased development uphill from Treat's Pond/Atlantic Avenue has contributed to the current flooding problems and according to citizens the Treat's Pond residences are not alone.

The stormwater management bylaw received a majority vote from the floor of Town Meeting, but not without an hour-long discussion mostly concerning the practical implications of the bylaw.

Along with a power point slideshow, Stormwater Management Committee chairman Marty Nee presented the bylaw to Town Meeting. The stormwater bylaw creates a permitting process for any increase in impervious surface greater than 500 square feet.

"The bylaw does not limit development, it only takes into consideration stormwater runoff," said Nee, adding the bylaw asks the property owner to ensure post-construction runoff be equal to or less than what exists pre-construction. "The bylaw is only concerned with adding to the runoff."

Nee described how the bylaw creates two levels of regulation. An administrative review will be required for any construction that will result in an increase of impervious surface area between 500 and 5,000 square feet of land. The lower end (500 square feet) would be about the size of a two-car garage. A more comprehensive permitting process would be required for development over 5,000 square feet

Some saw the bylaw as highly restrictive and possibly opening the town up to substantial litigation and appeal. Tucker Glavin of the Advisory Committee suggested the bylaw would open up the town to more litigation and subsequently more legal costs, especially with the low threshold that triggers the bylaw. Glavin asked Town Counsel Paul DeRensis his opinion on the possibility of increased legal costs.

Speaking in general terms, DeRensis said anytime there is a permitting system an applicant has the right to appeal. Any party denied a permit could appeal to Superior Court for a decision.

"I expect where substantial home or commercial value is at stake there would be ensuing appeals and litigation. How many, how often, it depends," said De Rensis.

Conservation Committee chairman David Farrag, whose board will be overseeing the stormwater permitting process, reported legal fees associated with the Conservation Commission were a very small percentage of the town's legal budget.

"We use Town Counsel expeditiously, only when we've needed to," said Farrag.

Roger Hill of the Advisory Committee questioned the low threshold in the bylaw, explaining changing a driveway from gravel to impervious asphalt would need an engineer's stamped approval.

However, the majority of the comments from the floor were in support of the bylaw. Many residents offered their personal experience with neighbor-to-neighbor flooding issues caused by new development.

"All it takes is a garage," said Cathy Witkos of 69 Elm Street and an abutter of the flood-prone Jacob's Meadow.

Selectman Paul Carlson, speaking as a private citizen, said on his street alone (Old Coach Road) there five to six houses that have undergone changes and increased water flow on other neighbors' property, "stormwater doesn't know the difference."

Stuart Ivimey of 7 Sankey Road and a member of the Planning Board said the stormwater bylaw wasn't perfect, in that it could not solve all the town's water problems, "but it is a start…Let's stop talking about it and do something."

Town Meeting agreed. The stormwater management bylaw passed with a majority vote.

Smoking prohibited at Legion Hall

Smoking will no longer be allowed at the American Legion Hall. Although a Town Meeting article proposing an amendment to the town's smoking was indefinitely postponed, Town Counsel found the Legion Hall already fell under the state's smoke-free workplace law.

Following the March 17 Board of Selectmen's meeting, the Board of Health requested Town Counsel to re-review the issue. Health Inspector Tara Tradd said the determination of Town Counsel was current state law prohibits smoking in a public building or in an enclosed indoor space of a membership association during the time the space is open to the public; occupied by a non-member who is not an invited guest of a member or an employee of the association; or rented from the association for a fee or other compensation agreement.

Following Town Counsel's review, the Board of Health recommended the article be indefinitely postponed because the amendment would be redundant.

"The state law's intent is to protect workers in enclosed workplaces from secondhand smoke exposure," wrote Tradd in a letter to the American Legion Post. The enforcing agency is the Department of Public Health and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission; however, the Board of Health can respond to complaints received and conduct periodic inspections.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

SEWER COMMISSION



Jim Dow

Jim Dow

- **NAME:** Jim Dow
- **AGE:** 41
- **ADDRESS**: 502 North Main St, Cohasset
- **FAMILY:** My wife Dama and I have been married for 12 years; we have an 11 year old daughter, Christina
- **EDUCATION:** Hull High School
- **OCCUPATION**: Supervisor, Hingham Sewer Department (since 1987)
- **CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE:** American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Team Captain; Massachusetts Striped Bass Association, Digital Media Coordinator; Massachusetts Beach Buggy Association; United Mobile Sportfishermen Inc.; Herring Run Clean Up volunteer
- **QUALITY YOU MOST ADMIRE IN OTHERS**: I admire focus and determination.
- **WHAT YOU CAN LAUGH AT MOST ABOUT YOURSELF**: In my line of work, I have been the "butt" of many potty jokes.
- **WHAT HAVE VOTERS TOLD YOU IS THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN?** The quality of the receiving waters, local brooks and the harbor due to sewer overflows. They worry about the risk to public health for residents, their pets, and the ecosystem caused by these events. Voters are also anxious about the Little Harbor sewer project coming in on time and budget.
- **BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACING OFFICE YOU SEEK:** I believe the biggest challenge is making the sewer treatment plant operate more efficiently and productively. Conducting an extensive investigation to determine the entry point of as many sources of inflow and infiltration (I&I) into the system will be a key component. Eliminating the excess non-wastewater flow to the treatment plant will not only enhance plant capacity, but it will also extend the life of the facility.

  Another challenge will be to ensure that the current sewer extensions are completed on-time and on-budget. They must also be completed so as to cause as little disruption to the residents.
- **HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** I have worked for the Hingham Sewer Department for 21-years, the past 17 years as the Supervisor. I manage the daily operations of the department and report to three elected officials. I design and implement programs to make the department function safely and productively while adhering to a budget which I help to draft annually. I have extensive "hands-on" knowledge of sewer systems including street lines, pump stations, and grinder pumps like the ones being installed throughout the Town now. I can bring creativity and an extensive operational knowledge to Cohasset to facilitate the current sewer expansion and plant capacity.



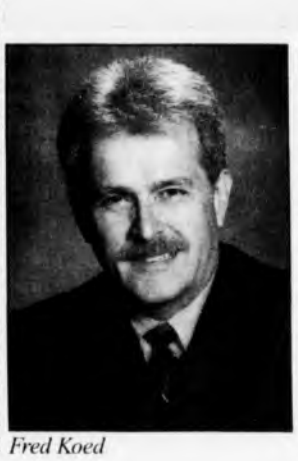
Wayne Sawchuk

Wayne Sawchuk

- **NAME:** Wayne Sawchuk
- **AGE:** 60
- **ADDRESS:** 432 Beechwood St.
- **FAMILY:** Wife – Annette, Sons - Ryan, 30 and Aaron, 28.
- **EDUCATION:** BA Management, UMass, Amherst 1970; Continuing Ed – Environmental Sciences, Tufts University 1988-1992.
- **OCCUPATION:** Currently: President/Co-founder (with son, Aaron) – ColoSpace, Inc. A managed hosting and server management company operating six data centers throughout New England. Previously: Owned two Construction and Environmental services companies.
- **CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE:** Civic – Past President/and current member Cohasset Rotary Club Active Church committee member, Cohasset Land Foundation founding member, Cohasset Lightkeepers founding member

  Town Boards and committees served - Cohasset Planning Board, Veterans' Memorial Committee, Cohasset Advisory Board, Capital Budget Committee, Milliken – Lillard Field Committee
- **QUALITY YOU MOST ADMIRE IN OTHERS:** Honesty, dependability, and fairness
- **WHAT YOU CAN LAUGH AT MOST ABOUT YOURSELF:** Taking on so many projects and doing so many different things, and wondering how and why I do it all, and laugh when it all works out OK.
- **WHAT HAVE VOTERS TOLD YOU IS THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN?** Drainage issues, plant capacity, rising costs, operational problems, construction issues, and taxes
- **BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACING OFFICE YOU SEEK:** Solving the voters biggest concerns listed previously, and many more that will come up over the next three years.
- **HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** By doing the same things I have done all my life – determining the problems, seeking professional assistance, doing my own research, and then meeting with those involved with both the problem and the solution. Fix the problem and try and prevent it from happening again.

SELECTMAN



Fred Koed

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- **NAME:** Frederick R. Koed
- **AGE:** 56
- **ADDRESS:** 10 Hill Street.
- **FAMILY:** Married to Lisa for 26 years, two daughters Ashley 25 and Mariel 21.
- **EDUCATION:** BA, UMass Boston, Masters of Science in Public Affairs, McCormack Institute, UMass-Boston.
- **OCCUPATION:** CIO (Chief Information Officer), Office for Refugees and Immigrants, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- **CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE**: Advisory Committee 4.5 years, 2 as chairman; Housing Authority 5 years, appointed by the governor; Water Commission, 3 years, 2.5 years as chairman; Selectman (current), 9 years, 2 years as chairman; Norfolk County Advisory Board, 4 years; Norfolk County Selectmen's Association, 9 years.
- **QUALITY YOU MOST ADMIRE IN OTHERS:** The ability to laugh at themselves and admit they are wrong.
- **WHAT YOU CAN LAUGH AT MOST ABOUT YOURSELF:** At how much my dog has influence over me when she wants me to do something for her.
- **WHAT HAVE VOTERS TOLD YOU IS THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN?** Voters are concerned with making sure their voices are heard by those entrusted with public office. They want to know that their money is being spent in an efficient manner. They expect integrity from their public officials in actions and words. They want to hear more discussions on the issues.
- **BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACING OFFICE YOU SEEK**: Currently the biggest challenge will be building a town wide consensus around the drainage and flooding issues that have come to the forefront. I suggest the selectmen have several pubic hearings focused on public input and an examination of the new town wide study due in the next four weeks. Once we have a general idea of the extent of the situation, we need to discuss criteria to prioritize the solutions. While all this is happening we need to make sure town government is participating and determine what if any structural governmental changes might help to address this issue.
- **HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** I believe my 20 plus years experience on numerous town boards has given me an understanding on how to move complicated issues and projects through the system. For instance when I was on the water commission, I worked hard to move the emergency $2.5 million water project blasting down Forest Ave., creating a new loop from the end of Jerusalem Rd at Black Rock to North Main Street at King Street. This gave Forest Ave. for the first time fire protection along its length. So I have experience and patience to work with controversial issues and complex public policy.



Karen Quigley

Karen Quigley

- **NAME:** Karen Quigley
- **AGE:** 59-3/4
- **ADDRESS:** 27 Clay Spring Road
- **FAMILY:** Tom Wolf (Rocky, Buddy and Samantha)
- **EDUCATION:** Northeastern University, English-Journalism major
- **OCCUPATION:** Entrepreneurial home-based advertising, graphic and website design shop, Advertising by design (22 years).
- **CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE:** Board member Cohasset Conservation Trust, Friends of the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary, charter member Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Open Space Committee, Water Resource Protection Committee, Stormwater Committee, chair Harbor Health Committee
- **QUALITY YOU MOST ADMIRE IN OTHERS:** Integrity.
- **WHAT YOU CAN LAUGH AT MOST ABOUT YOURSELF**: The opportunities are too many and often to list!
- **WHAT HAVE VOTERS TOLD YOU IS THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN?** Depending on their stage in life, financial security and level of involvement in town issues, the focus of individual concern varies. Whether it's rising taxes, affordability, quality education, stormwater flooding, infrastructure, development or the environment, everybody is concerned about something and is looking to the selectmen for leadership.
- **BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACING OFFICE YOU SEEK:** There is no lack of specific challenges facing the Selectmen. However, the community is looking to the selectmen for leadership and, in my estimation, the Board must become less reactive and refocus their efforts on setting the policy and direction of town government, and to opening channels of communication and fostering cooperation within town hall.
- **HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** What I bring to the table is common sense, a big-picture perspective, a proactive approach, and the willingness and fortitude to make the tough decisions. I do my homework, seek input, talk to people, listen to their concerns/issues, and build coalitions. I challenge the status quo. As a private citizen I spoke out and made a difference. As a committee member I've made a difference. As a selectmen I will continue to make a difference.

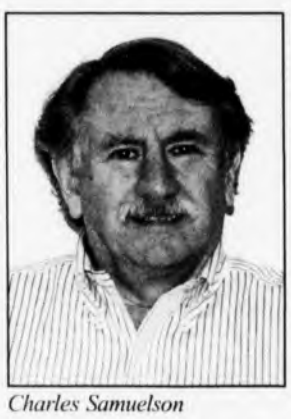
PLANNING BOARD



Clark Brewer

Clark Brewer

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- **FAMILY**: wife, Dana
- **EDUCATION:** Bachelor in Architecture, Carnegie Mellon University.
- **OCCUPATION:** Registered Architect
- **CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE**: Historic District Commission (central business district signage police) Vice Chairman, Quincy 1990-1996;Growth and Development Committee (master plan committee) Vice Chairman, Cohasset 2000-2004; Cohasset Housing Partnership (affordable housing committee), Co chairman, 2006-present.
- **QUALITY YOU MOST ADMIRE IN OTHERS**: Kindness.
- **WHAT YOU CAN LAUGH AT MOST ABOUT YOURSELF:** I am way too serious most of the time ... suddenly realizing I really am middle age and running for a public office.
- **WHAT HAVE VOTERS TOLD YOU IS THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN?** One sentiment was, "fix the Town." There is a lot that is great about Cohasset. For some it is expensive and difficult to live here. I think that we all lose when individuals who have contributed greatly to the fabric of the community, can't afford to stay here.
- **BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACING OFFICE YOU SEEK**: The planning board, zoning board of appeals and conservation commission are permitting bodies that can have competing agendas. I want to find ways to simplify the permitting process so that expectations are clear and better solutions to problems are found early and that individuals are treated fairly. I believe that individual effort and investment in Cohasset should be appreciated and encouraged in ways that are meaningful and useful for the long haul, strengthening the economic foundation of the Town. It is clear that at times, resistance to change, of any kind, is self-limiting.
- **HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** Serving on the planning board is an opportunity to work both proactively and reactively to preserve the great things about Cohasset and improve what doesn't work well. I will inform and educate from my core experience and training as an architect. I will encourage practical design solutions that work well, look great and fit well into a neighborhood. It is important to take a long-term perspective of 10 to 100 years, to temper what we are doing right now. I believe that a focus on sustainability, taking stock of our resources will strengthen our community.

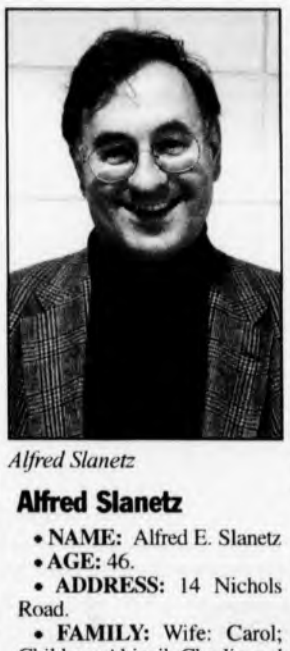


Charles Samuelson

Charles Samuelson

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- **ADDRESS:** 6 Westgate Lane.
- **FAMILY**: Married – wife, Linda; stepdaughters Jennifer and Megan.
- **EDUCATION:** BS Math/Physics, Oregon State University 1970.
- **OCCUPATION**: Engineering Manager, large multinational consumer electronics company.
- **CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE**: None.
- **QUALITY YOU MOST ADMIRE IN OTHERS:** Honesty, work ethic, attention to detail, sense of humor, disagreeing without being disagreeable.
- **WHAT YOU CAN LAUGH AT MOST ABOUT YOURSELF:** Failure to recognize the obvious, my sailing adventures and experiences.
- **WHAT HAVE VOTERS TOLD YOU IS THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN?** Affordable housing, storm water management and flooding, planning for harbor use, large developments (multi-family and/or condominium), and village development, vitality and prosperity.
- **BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACING OFFICE YOU SEEK**: If elected, I will be filling the position vacated by a 25-year member of the Planning Board. That represents a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience that will be difficult to replace. The town is facing challenges on multiple fronts including growth and development, financial stability, vitality of the business/village districts, affordable housing, and environmental stability/improvement. There are no easy or obviously correct answers to these issues. Each issue typically has several valid arguments on different sides. Carefully defining the issues and reaching a tenable, consensus opinion will certainly be challenging.
- **HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** I hope to draw on my background in engineering, the process of "managing" large projects with diverse goals and requirements, and dealing with a wide range of people. I believe in top-down planning with bottom-up implementation. Proposals are often put forth to resolve specific problems that, if taken by themselves, are very reasonable and desirable. Many times when an issue is viewed in its entire context a narrow regulation may not contribute positively in the long run. I hope to help concisely identify and define issues, stimulate debate, stimulated discussions regarding side-effects that my not be obvious or intended, identify new, creative and/or unique solutions, work with other town, state and federal agencies, listen to all points-of-view, reach conclusions expeditiously, and represent the all constituents of town fairly.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE



Alfred Slanetz

Alfred Slanetz

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- **AGE:** 46.
- **ADDRESS:** 14 Nichols Road.
- **FAMILY:** Wife: Carol; Children: Abigail, Charlie and Michael.
- **EDUCATION:** B.A. Hamilton College, M.S. Brown University, Ph.D. Yale University.
- **OCCUPATION**: Biotechnology.
- **CIVIC/MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE:** 3 Years on Cohasset School Committee.
- **QUALITY YOU MOST ADMIRE IN OTHERS:** Intelligence.
- **WHAT YOU CAN LAUGH AT MOST ABOUT YOURSELF**: Doing too many things at once.
- **WHAT HAVE VOTERS TOLD YOU IS THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN?** The quality of education in Cohasset.
- **BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACING OFFICE YOU SEEK:** How to improve the quality of education in Cohasset within a reasonable budget and in spite of the numerous unfunded state mandates and the Town's significant debt payments. Reminding the school that an excellent education goes far beyond MCAS and the state curriculum framework.
- **HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** In my first term, we instituted measurable strategic goals, which would place Cohasset Schools in the top 10 in the state within 5 years. Our goal is a school system where every child is learning to their aptitude in reading writing and math and is prepared to excel in the global and scientific world in which they will live. We moved forward on the plan making some of the goals but not others. We instituted an accounting system, which accurately reflects expenditures and established cost savings in support areas to increase expenditure in the classroom. Due to a number of factors, we were able to implement educational improvements in the absence of an override. However, in the developing fiscal climate an override is likely to be required to fully fund next year's operating budget. I fundamentally believe that investing in the schools to achieve top ten status is a prudent expenditure of taxpayer money benefiting our children, our real estate values and our tax rate. Quality schools are the foundation of a quality Town. I look forward to continuing to serve you and making Cohasset Schools the best they can be.

HEALTH NOTES

On to our ailing heath-care system

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Now that the Town Meeting is over, the Board of Health would like to thank the many citizens who wisely enacted the Stormwater Management plan the on which we have been working so hard for five years — demonstrating that most people in town are interested in the health of our citizens and have an attitude of caring for neighbors over their own private concerns. Would that such an attitude were in more general favor everywhere. Unfortunately the Meeting also revealed that there were those whose personal interests are paramount regardless of the consequences to neighbors and others in town, a reflection of a more general condition in our modern society.

In a recent article by Dr. Bernard Lown, renowned cardiologist who founded the Lown Clinic in Brookline, reports: "Health care in the United States is in profound disarray. Even with medical costs nearly twice that of any other industrialized nation, it ranks an embarrassing 37th in health outcomes among 191 countries. American life expectancy is that of impoverished Cuba, yet the United States spends more than $2 trillion annually for medical care. Primary care physicians, the so-called 'gatekeepers,' are an endangered species. Patients are compelled to visit emergency departments or self-selected specialists to sort out what ails them. Growing numbers of Americans search the Internet, or seek advice from alternative medical practitioners and neighbors to gain clarity about their health."

Dr. Lown continues: "The reasons for this transformation are not difficult to find. Medicine, which used to be a public service, has been transformed into a for-profit venture. Physicians are no longer healers, but 'health care providers,' the sick are no longer patients, but 'health consumers.' Health care is now a business. In fact, it is by far the largest business in our country. The commercialization of medicine is the major factor for distancing of doctors from patients. It accounts for the lack of preventive services and for the potential demise of primary care physicians. Many define the crisis in economic terms," but actually it is a degradation of the human values that bond a society based on ethical principles involving the rights of individuals. – as demonstrated in our own Town Meeting.

If we as a nation are to progress in the face of the challenges of a growing population, a shrinking and changing planet and the pressures of today's information explosion; if, indeed we are to retain our physical and emotional health, we must find a way to apply values like mutual concern, forbearance and calm consideration to neighbors and acquaintances as well as all of those we encounter.

But the Lown lament also speaks of a new insight into our patterns of behavior. They have found that "psychosocial problems which bedevil all human beings" when recognized and treated with the accepted physical remedies such as lowering blood cholesterol, sugar and body weight resulted in measurably better outcomes. Accordingly they intend to explore some newer concepts such as the use of computerized electroencephalograms for the assessment of mood.

Indeed, even with its drawbacks, medical science is on an exciting new threshold involving a developing understanding of how the brain operates and affects us as we mature and age. Health Notes is about to begin a series of reports related to ways it is possible to, through mental exercises, slow the effects of aging on the human brain. We are planning articles to explain the relationship between the brain and overall health. They will include how the brain is affected by experience and some new discoveries about how the brain reacts to a person's environment. Such topics are sometimes covered by a new term: brain plasticity.

One of the more egregious practices affecting individual health is that of advertising. The prevalence of erroneous and misleading food and medication ads are doubtless adding to our poor performance in health outcomes. It's a wise person who does not depend on advertisements for decisions about what to eat and what pills to take. Alas, the new developments in psychiatry, mentioned above are even now being exploited in advertisements.

And so, now that Town Meeting is over, we look forward to exploring what's new in health care management and how you can benefit.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LETTERS

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'The Ancient but Venerable Cookie-Jar Trap'

TO THE EDITOR:

The problematic device comes to the present from the Vedic culture of ancient India. They used to make a strong vase with a slender narrowed opening at the top. The opening was made by careful and clever design. They would bake a very sweet and very hard cookie just slim enough to fit into the mouth of the vase, and having slid one in, the vase was put out front of the house or temple. The problematic monkeys that loiter and harass devotees around the temples would smell the sweetness and reach in for the cookie. The catch is they couldn't get their hand out while they tried to retain a grip on the sweet but hard-cooked dough.

The real trouble and ingenuity of the device was that the monkeys, too narrow minded to figure it out, were still there in the morning, unable to let go of the cookie. There they sat, trapped with their hand in the cookie jar, and ready to be transported back to the jungle from whence they came. Ahh, the poor politicians, retired and sitting, who can't seem to get their hands free to look for the right next thing to do.

Peter Whittemore
47 Elm Court

Special evening appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

On Friday evening, March 28, the Recreation Commission held a retirement party for me at the Atlantica Restaurant. Having never been one to find difficulty expressing my gratitude, I am at this time, lacking the necessary words to adequately express my appreciation to the members of the Commission, and all those who attended and supported this very special evening.

I have always considered it an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Cohasset in their pursuit of leisure activities. Perhaps to a fault, I have kept the needs and best interests of this wonderful community as my top priority. This, of course, was only possible with the support of my family, past and present recreation commissioners and hundreds of colleagues who have assisted me along the way. It is difficult for one to imagine that 32 years have passed by since I assumed my duties, however as the saying goes; "Time flies when you're having fun."

It has always been my contention that Cohasset is the very fine and wonderful community it is, not because of our geographical location, but rather because of the individuals who reside here. It has become "home" to me, not because of the number of hours I spend here each week but because of each and every one of you that live here and have been instrumental in our function.

My future plans include Cohasset along with spending time with my wife and family. Cohasset will always be home to me and I want to thank each and every one of you for your support, interest and help over the years.

I remain your faithful servant and friend.

Jack Worley
Director

Cohasset Sports Partnership to hold kick-off event

The newly formed Cohasset Sports Partnership is holding a free informational gathering at Atlantica on April 5 at 8pm. CSP is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the athletic facilities and programs offered to students and residents of Cohasset. CSP is an affiliate of The Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund.

The focus of the CSP is to develop resources beyond those traditionally used to support local public athletic programs and apply those resources to projects that might not otherwise exist without outside funding.

The first project CSP is supporting is the renovation of the track and field at Alumni Field. This town wide resource is currently in need of reparation. Poor drainage and field conditions have resulted in postponing, canceling or moving numerous events. Typically only games are allowed to be played on the field so the teams are required to practice on smaller and inferior facilities, causing other programs to reduce or eliminate practice schedules due to the lack of field availability. The School Department has identified the need to install a turf field and new track at the Clark Chatterton Athletic Complex. The CSP is starting a capital campaign "**got turf?**" to support the town's effort to build the new track and field.



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Cohasset students show off the new "got turf" t-shirts celebrating the kick-off of the CSP capital campaign.

Everyone is invited to attend the free April 5 event to see your neighbors and friends after this long winter and find out more about this worthwhile project. The event starts at 8pm with cocktails and desserts followed by a 1/2-hour presentation at 9:30 and then dancing until midnight.

Additional information can be found on the CSP website www.cohassetsportspartnership.org.

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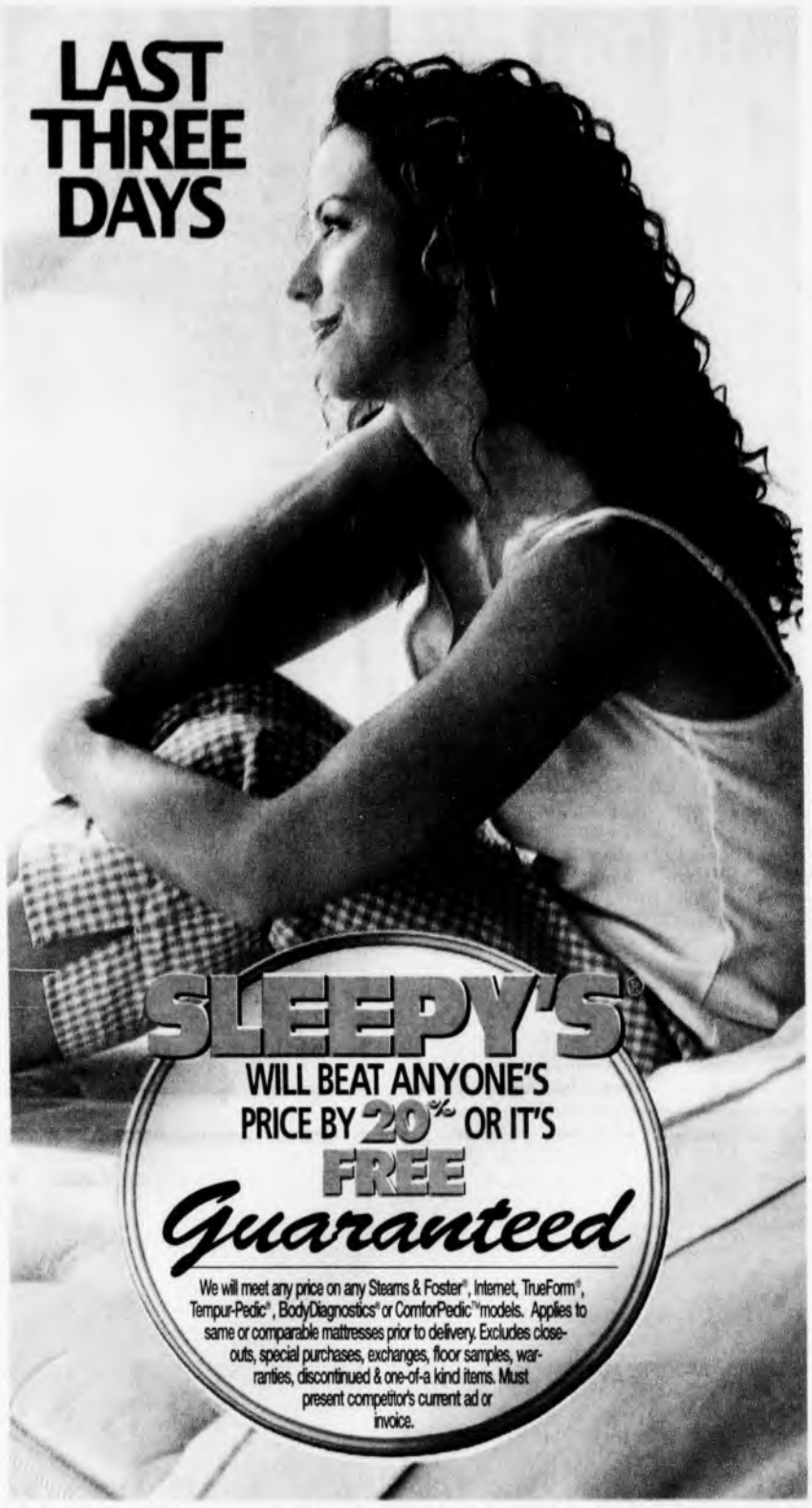
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Hill dominant in Opening Day loss

Skippers even score with 6-5 win Wednesday

By Joel Racicot
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If it's any consolation to Brian Hill, he won't be matched up with a pitcher of Blaine O'Brien's magnitude in the near future.

Hill, the Cohasset High senior hurler, pitched outstanding during Tuesday's 1-0, Opening Day loss to Scituate.

A wild pitch in the top of the fifth that scored Scituate's Marcus Joyce was the difference in the game.

"That's two great pitchers," said Cohasset head coach Al Gallotta. "Hill threw a great game, O'Brien threw a great game, that was a classic baseball game. I sort of knew it, and Kevin did too, that one run might win the game and it turned out to be the case."

O'Brien finished with 16 strikeouts and one walk. He allowed two hits in seven innings and struck out the first eight batters he faced. The six-foot, seven-inch, Georgia-bound hurler used an array of fastballs and sliders to keep the Skippers off-balance for much of the game.

"That's Blaine," said Scituate coach Kevin Greer. "I don't expect much more than that, that's what he does, he goes out and throws hard."

Despite poor weather conditions, including 40 mile per hour wind gusts and a muddy field, both teams played errorless baseball.

"That was one of the better baseball games I have coached in a long time," Greer said.

Gallotta was pleased with his team's crisp performance in the soggy opener.

"We will win a lot of games if we play sharp defense like that and get pitching like that from Hill," Gallotta said.

Hill struck out 10 batters and allowed four hits over seven innings. Two hits were by Nick Lombardo and two came off the bat of Rob Carlezon.

Cohasset will rely on a bevy of talented and determined seniors this season, all with a ton of experience.

Lombardo took charge of the Sailors offense from the leadoff spot hitting a single and stealing a base in the third inning and smacking a crucial double in the fifth.

After Hill got the first two outs in the fifth he walked Joyce. Lombardo followed up with a double, giving Scituate a pair of runners in scoring position with two outs.

Hill then threw a wild pitch that scored Joyce, before ending the inning with a strikeout.

"They never did (get to Hill) and the unfortunate thing is the wild pitch," Gallotta said. "It's a little muddy in the batters box and my catcher felt that maybe he would have been able to get it if it hadn't hit a bad spot there. The conditions were a little tough but the kids played well all in all."

Both teams were set to face off Wednesday in Scituate passed *Mariner* deadline.

Greer doesn't expect the Sailors to struggle at the plate this year. He chalked up Tuesday to good pitching.

"It's nice to see a guy like that early (in the season) that throws a cutter and a slider," Greer said. "We fell behind a little bit in counts so we have to start swinging the bats earlier."

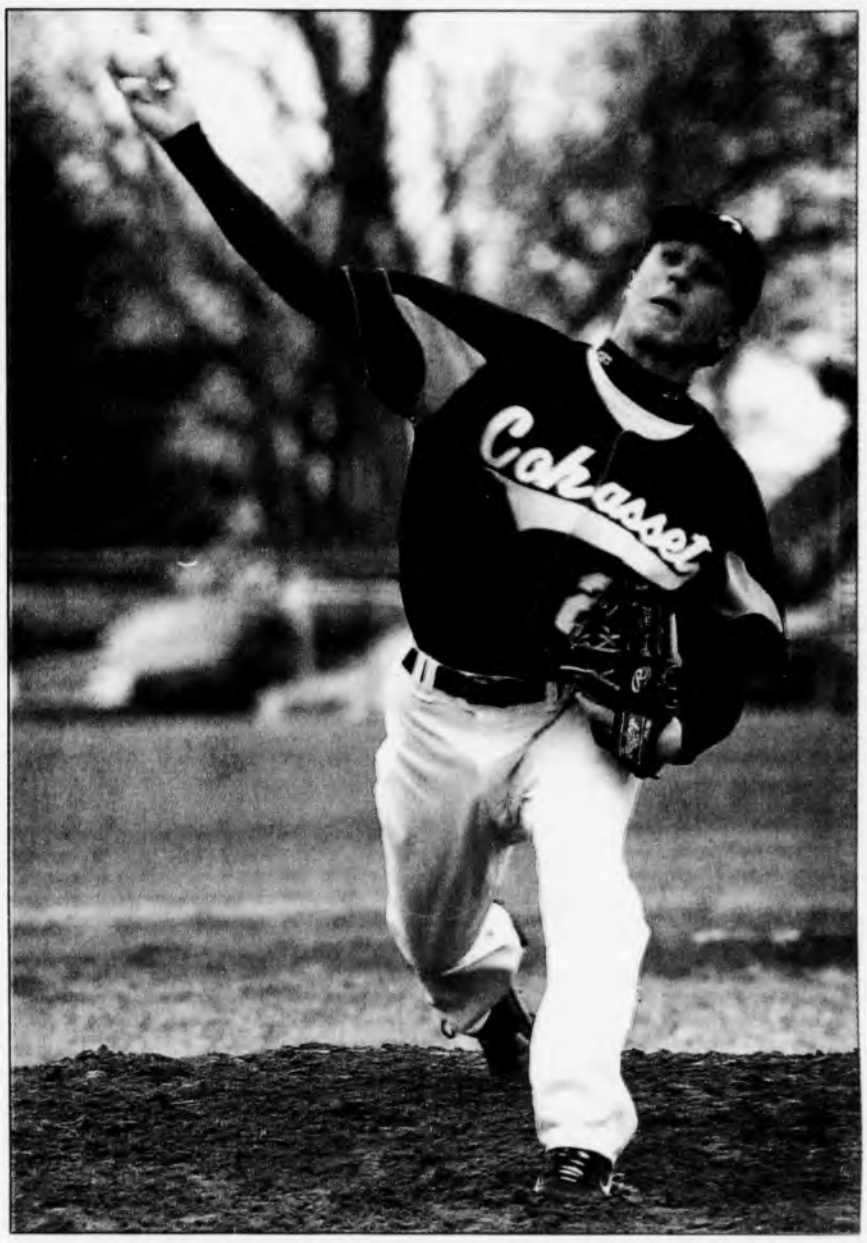
Cohasset 6, Scituate 5

Sam DeGiacomo went 6 and 2/3 innings and allowed only four hits, helping the Skippers (1-1) get their first win of the season.

Pat Doonan had a double and the winning RBI single, and Brendan Doonan had two hits. Dave Snowdale closed out the victory and had an RBI single in the third.

Cohasset will rely on a bevy of talented and determined seniors this season, all with a ton of experience.

"It's a senior laden team," Gallotta said. "Eight seniors started today (Tuesday). Six have been here for three years, Hill, Snowdale, Doonan, Goetz, DeGiacomo and Pinkus. Muir and Rose would have been with me for three years if it wasn't for the fact that guys at their position needed to play."



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN LYNN

King of the Hill. Cohasset starting pitcher Brian Hill throws a curve ball during his pitching duel with Scituate's Blaine O'Brien. Brian gave up one run which was all Scituate needed to net the win.

SKIPPERS, SAILORS READY FOR RE-UP



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

PJ McCaw climbs above the Scituate defense to get off a shot during last year's State final. Cohasset won its opener Tuesday with a 13-9 win over Catholic Memorial. Next up is a date with Scituate, Saturday, April 5 at Alumni Field. Things get started at 11 a.m.

Skippers slay Dragons in opener

Experienced and deep team set to make waves this spring

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High girls tennis team started off the season with a 4-1 win over Duxbury, Wednesday. The Skippers are one of the areas most powerful teams and proved that point in the opener.

Meg Anderson (Sr.) returned in the number one singles role and won 6-2, 6-0. The Bates bound star went 19-2 last year at number one and looks to have similar success this season.

"Meg has taken her game to another level," said Cohasset coach Gigi Meehan. "This is her best sport and she really worked hard over the winter."

Sally Meehan (Sr.) who normally plays second singles was out for an awards banquet in Boston (see page 20). Meehan will play field hockey and tennis next season at Colby College. She went 19-1 last season at second singles.

Maddy Altholtz (So.) stepped in and played second singles against Duxbury. Altholtz went 19-0 as a freshman at third singles and will be one of the better underclassmen in the area this season.

Duxbury's one and two singles players are very even according to Meehan, so Altholtz' 6-2, 6-4 win was all the more impressive.

"She is a little rock," Meehan said. "Over the winter she played a ton of tennis."

Jenny Magrudder (So.) filled in at third singles. The sophomore broke into the lineup around May of last year playing doubles.

She trailed 5-2 in the first set against Duxbury but came back and won in a tiebreaker. She lost the next two matches 6-4, 6-4, after the Skippers already

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Duke outfielder returns home to face Boston College

Hassan joins former local standouts including Cohasset's Straughn at Campanelli Stadium in ACC showdown

Former BC High letter winner turned ACC Player of the Week Alex Hassan will join a number of local college baseball players in a regionally televised ACC baseball game between Boston College and Duke at Campanelli Stadium, Saturday, April 5th.

A four-year letter winner at Boston College High School, the Boston-native Hassan is having a breakout season for the Blue Devils. The sophomore outfielder was recently the first Blue Devil since 2005 to be named ACC Player of the Week and is first on the team with a .400 batting average. Hassan, who can also pitch, has only allowed one earned run in 11 innings of relief with four saves.

Nate Freiman of Wellesley has also contributed to Duke's offense this season. The junior infielder is second on the team with a .571 slugging percentage in 14 games.

Raycom Sports will broadcast the game live beginning with the first pitch at 1pm.

Several Eagles also grew up locally, including two who hail from Milton. Sophomore outfielder John Spatola, a graduate of Roxbury Latin, is hitting .333 in 11 games this season. Meanwhile freshman outfielder Marc Perdios, a Catholic Memorial graduate, is third on the team with 17 runs scored. Sophomore outfielder Sam Shaughnessy of Newton and freshman infielder Mickey Wiswall of Stoneham will also represent the Eagles in Saturday's contest.

BC's starting rotation includes junior RHP James MacDonald of Danvers. Other local pitchers include junior RHP Teddie Straughn (**Cohasset**) and sophomore RHP Chris Kowalski (Boston). Rounding out the bullpen is a trio of local freshmen: LHP Nate Bayuk (Foxboro), RHP John Leonard (Hanover), and RHP Kyle Prohovich (Weston).

Tickets are $5 general admission. For tickets by phone, call the Brockton Rox at (508) 559-7000 or online at: www.brocktonrox.com. Raycom Sports will broadcast the game live beginning with the first pitch at 1pm.

The Brockton Rox host the Nashua Pride in its 2008 home opener on Saturday, May 24th. Season tickets, Mini-plans, and group outings are now on sale by calling the Rox front office at (508) 559-7000, or online at: www.brocktonrox.com.

Skippers slay Dragons in opener

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wrapped up the win.

"She can really compete," Meehan said. "When I knew Sally was going to be out she (Magrudder) stuck in my mind because she is such a good competitor."

Maggie McGoldrick (jr.) and Jean Thomae (Jr.) had a great match at first doubles. Last season the Dragons owned the Skippers in doubles play, but the girls made a statement Wednesday winning both points.

McGoldrick and Thomae trailed early in the first set but won 7-6. Duxbury turned it on in the second set and won 6-2.

"They flat out out-played us in the second set," Meehan said. "We met at the mound and re-adjusted. We weren't going to hit through them so we started lobbing and adjusting the pace."

Last season the Dragons owned the Skippers in doubles play, but the girls made a statement Wednesday winning both points.

It worked perfect, as the girls won 6-0 to grab a key match point.

"That showed me they could adjust," Meehan said. "It shows they can play more than one speed—I was psyched for them, it was a big point."

Laura Allen (Jr.) and Danielle Sookiasian (Fr.) won 6-4, 6-4 at second doubles. Cohasset is deep with 28 girls on junior varsity and varsity and Meehan wasn't sure what was going to happen at second doubles heading into the season. Early on at practice, she could see that the veteran Allen, and the speedster Sookiasian, had great chemistry—a key element in doubles tennis.

"They just really connected well," she said.

Cohasset's Sally Meehan wins writing contest

Boston, MA – Sally Meehan, a 12th grader at Cohasset High School was chosen as a winner of the 2008 Will McDonough Writing Contest presented by The Sports Museum. The contest, which was sponsored by the Boston Globe and Bank of America, was open to students in grades 4-12 and received over 1,800 entries. A winner was selected from each grade.

Meehan's essay, "Victory Through Determination" will be displayed in The Sports Museum's Will McDonough exhibit. Meehan and other contest winners will also be attending an award ceremony and Celtics game at the TD Banknorth Garden on April 2nd.

"We're thrilled about the widespread participation in the contest," said Michelle Gormley, Education Director of The Sports Museum. "Everyone did such a great job, it was really difficult for the judges to choose."

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Will McDonough, a Boston Globe columnist of 44 years, was the Globe's only sports-writer to be nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. He passed away in January 2003. McDonough was a mentor to young writers and for this reason, The Sports Museum and his colleagues from the Globe dedicated this contest in his memory.

Cohasset Sports Notes

Registration for Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold spring registration for the 2008 Fall Season on April 12, 2008 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Scituate High School Auditorium entrance. Rosters must be submitted to the league by May 1.

Minimum age: Must be 7 yrs old by 9/1/08

Maximum age: Can't turn 15 yrs old in 2008

Online registrations: Online registration can be accessed at the Scituate Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading website www.scicohfootball.com. We encourage all applicants to utilize this method of registration. If you are unable to make the registration or you cannot register online before April 12, 2008 please call:

For football call 781-556-0215 and Cheerleading call 781-556-0216.

Registration fees: football $200.00, cheerleading $125.00 a $25 late fee will apply for applications received after April 12, 2008.

Refund policy: if a player removes his/her application prior to June 15, 2008, all fees will be refunded less a $50 processing fee after June 15, 2008, there will be no fee refunds.

Birth certificate: first year players and players that did not play last year must bring a copy (originals will not be accepted) of their birth certificate that the league will keep on file.

Cohasset swim and dive

Attention returning swimmers and divers: the Cohasset Swim and Dive Team 2008 season sign-up for returning swimmers and divers will be held Saturday May 3 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Town Hall.

Swim and dive team tryouts: Cohasset Swim Team tryouts will be held Wednesday, June 18 from 3-5 p.m. at the swim center pool. Swimmers must be six years of age by July 1,2008 and no older than 17 yrs of age.

Cohasset Dive Team tryouts will be held Wednesday, June 18 from 5-6 p.m. at the swim center pool. The rain date for tryouts is Thursday, June 19 at the same times.

In addition, the Cohasset Swim Team is also seeking a highly motivated Junior Swim Coach to assist the coaching staff in swim practices, swim meets, and general organization of the swim team. Applicant must be at least 16 and be able to participate on the Cohasset Swim Team. The Cohasset Dive Team is seeking qualified candidate for an Assistant Dive Coach position.

Interested individuals should send qualifications to PO Box 651, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Send us your sports news

Sports teams and leagues are encouraged to send their results and news to the Mariner. Information can be faxed to 781-837-4543 or emailed to sports editor Joel Racicot at jracicot@cnc.com or mailed to Community Newspapers/South, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, 02050. Joel can be reached at 781-837-4577.



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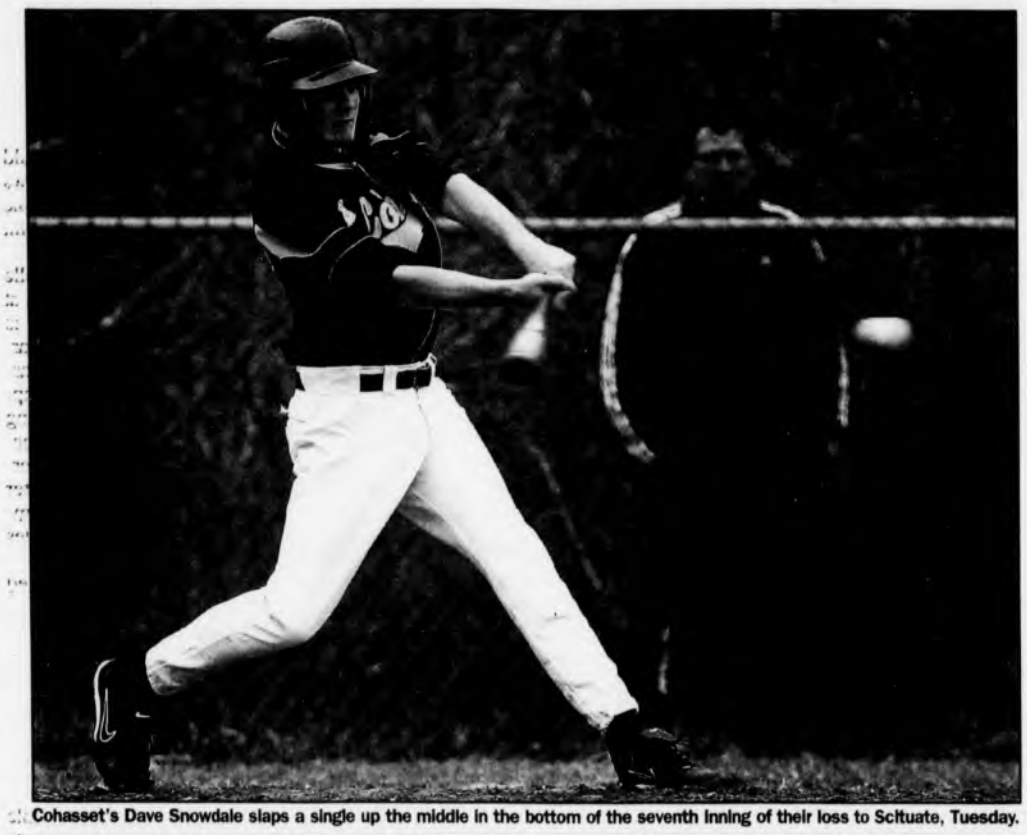


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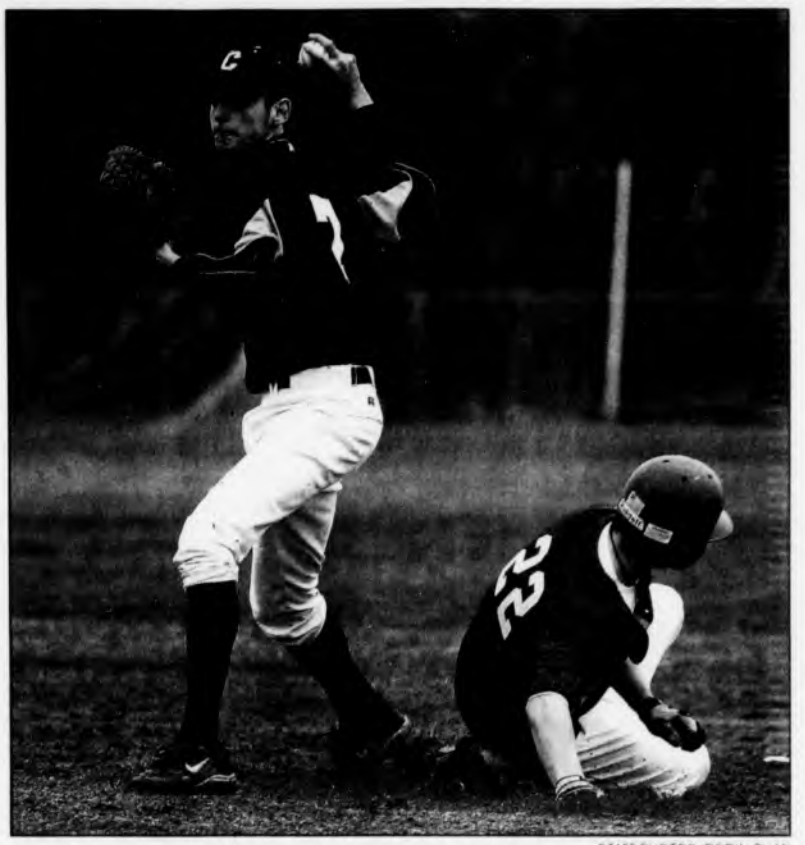
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Skippers Opening Day 2008



Cohasset's Dave Snowdale slaps a single up the middle in the bottom of the seventh inning of their loss to Scituate, Tuesday.

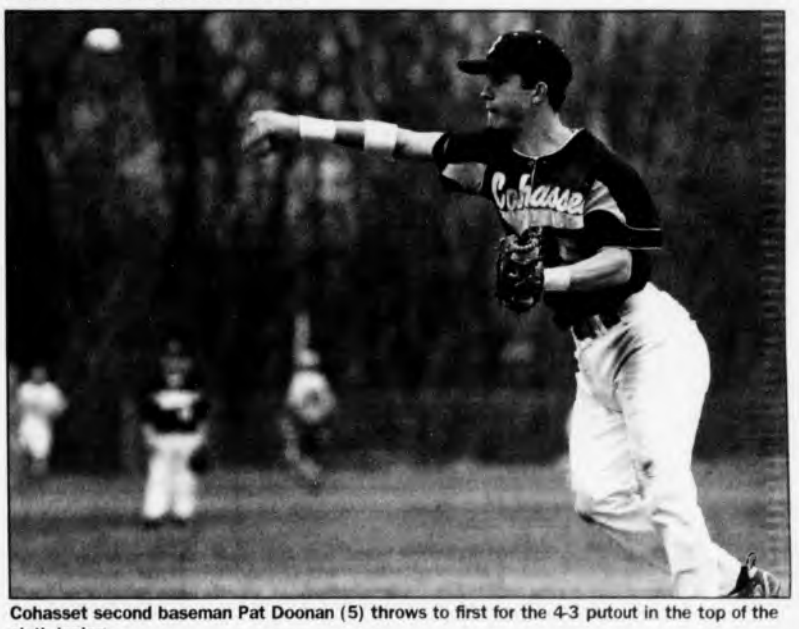


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Cohasset shortstop Chris Rose (7) throws to first to complete the 1-6-3 double play in the top of the second inning of their 1-0 loss.



Head coach Al Gallotta gives a hand to right fielder Sam DeGiacomo (2) after making a nice catch in the top of the fourth inning of their game with Scituate.



Cohasset second baseman Pat Doonan (5) throws to first for the 4-3 putout in the top of the sixth inning.



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CHRISTINE KENT



Hey everyone!

Yet another month has gone by, hopefully taking with it the snow, sleet, and rain. It is time to dust off the beach towels and floral prints because one can safely say, enough already! Yes, so far April has fooled everyone into believing that the sunshine has finally arrived.

With the new Spring sports season in full motion, CHS and the town of Cohasset may find some new stars on the fields and courts exhibited by the vast array of athletic talents. Tuesday marked the home opener for the varsity basketball team where CHS senior Brian Hill took the mound against Scituate's Blaine O'Brian. Each pitched the entire game as major league scouts from professional teams like the Mets, Angels, and Red Sox watched.

Unfortunately, the boys in blue were unable to hold up against Scituate, losing 1-0. Happily the boy's varsity lacrosse team faced off with Catholic Memorial in their debut game of the season, winning 13-9! Later in the week, the girls' varsity lacrosse and tennis teams also donned their game faces in their starting competitions. No doubt this final session of school-run athletics will provide multiple thrills and entertainment for any avid CHS fan!

In other news, another one the Skippers brightest stars was published in the thrice annual, Teen Ink Magazine. Senior Cliff Musto graced the pages of the mag after writing what was clearly an awesome essay. Congratulations Cliff!

Now, it is time for the week's main events:

- Monday, March 31st: The last day of the month but the first day of a new school week!
- Tuesday, April 1st: Hello April. Cohasset High hosted an array of sporting events including Lacrosse and Baseball.
- Wednesday, April 2nd: There was no love as the tennis team stepped onto the court to play their first game against Duxbury. Also, the female lax (lacrosse) team stepped onto the enemy field for their premiere match.
- Thursday, April 3rd: A day marked by further sporting events.
- Friday, April 4th: The Senior SEMSBA Music Festival!

Well, that's it for me this week. Have a safe and fun weekend!

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner..

Osgood, Deer Hill School menus

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Chicken teriyaki dippers with roll or bologna sandwich, rice, green beans, pears.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Bagel with chicken vegetable noodle soup or tuna sandwich, garden salad, peaches.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll or chicken salad sub, carrots, mixed fruit.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Taco meat served over chips with lettuce, tomato, cheese or ham sandwich, vegetable and rice, raisins.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

French bread pizza or turkey sub, veggie sticks, cookie.

Aquarion Earth Day Scholarship Contest

Aquarion Water Co. of Massachusetts, which supplies water to Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Oxford and Millbury, is holding its fifth annual Earth Day essay contest for high school seniors graduating in June of in these service towns. The theme is "Water is precious; how much do we need?" One essay from each town will be chosen to win a scholarship that will be paid directly to the college the student will attend. Contest deadline is April 30.

Essays should be no more than 500 words, typed and double-spaced. Entries will be judged on clarity, punctuation, accuracy, creativity and adherence to topic. At least two sources should be cited. All entries must have a cover page with the essay's title and the writer's name, telephone number, school and home addresses, teacher and grade level.

Essays should be submitted to: Aquarion Water Co., 900 Main St., Hingham, MA 02043, Attention: Martin Cohn.

For more information, call Martin Cohn at 617-962-3136.

SSL scholarship

The Social League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud R.N. Scholarship. Applicants must be seniors in high school or residents of the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell or Scituate who intend to begin or further studies in the fields of nursing, social work or allied health fields. One scholarship for $2,000 or two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each will be awarded for the 2008-2009 academic year. The scholarship is merit based.

Applications are available at the League office in Cohasset between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., or in each high school guidance office. All applications must be submitted by mail to the Social Service League of Cohasset, 790 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset, MA 02025 no later than April 30. For more information, call 781-383-0771.

Registration ongoing for Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration for the 2008-2009 school year has begun. Registration will be at Osgood School, daily, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents will be asked to indicate interest in full-day kindergarten or half-time kindergarten at the time or registration. Parents are also encouraged to register early to facilitate planning for programs.

Children who turn 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2008, are eligible to attend kindergarten. A birth certificate and proof of residency are required in order to register.

For more information, call Osgood School at 781-383-6117.

Register now for spelling bee

The Cohasset Education Foundation will be offering its first Annual Children's Spelling Bee fundraiser on Sunday, April 13. All children in grades two to five are welcome to participate in this fun, community event. Each team is made up of three children in the same grade. Team members could be from class, a sports team, or a Cohasset resident in another school.

Registration, including a tee shirt, is $25 per speller. Forms can be downloaded at www.cohasseteducation.org

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $5,000 scholarships are available at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive, Hingham.

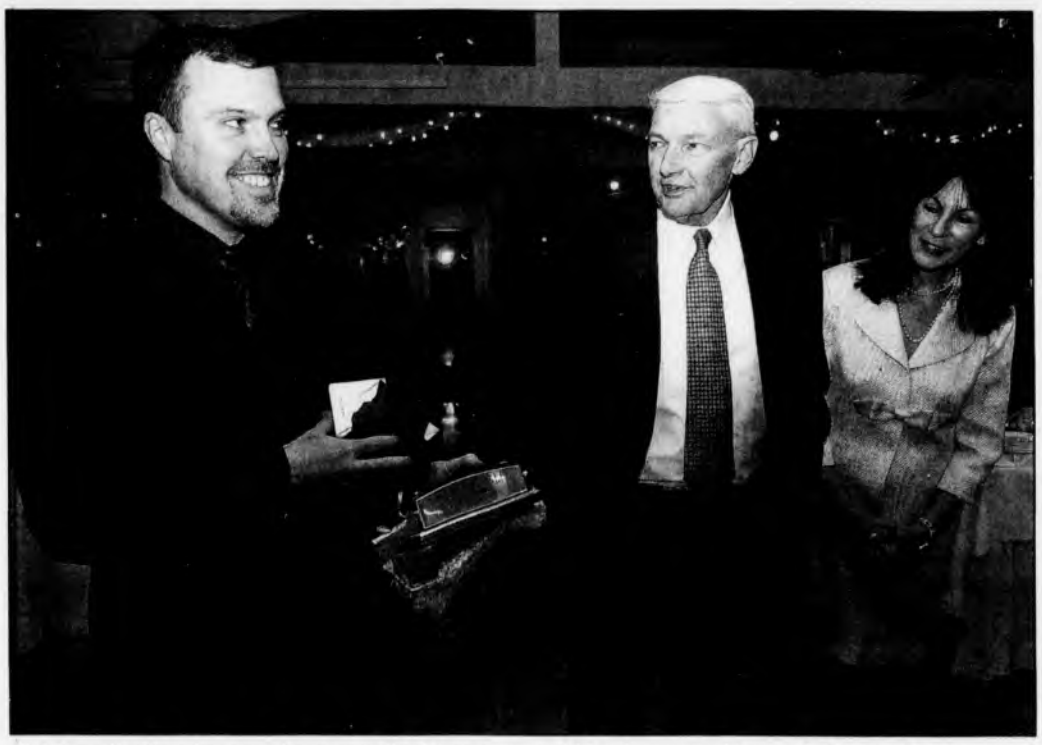
Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application *in person* at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Tuesday (April 15).

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

Retiring Rec Director honored

Jack Worley feted at reception



Ted Carroll, who takes over the reins as Rec Director around May 1, accepts his new desk nameplate presented to him by Jack Worley. Jack's wife, Mary is standing at right.



Incoming Cohasset Recreation Director Ted Carroll poses with retiring Jack Worley. Worley and Carroll have known each other since Ted was in high school.



Marshfield's Recreation Director Ned Bangs holds a scrapbook of Jack Worley's earlier accomplishments that was presented to Jack and his wife, Mary, at his retirement reception.

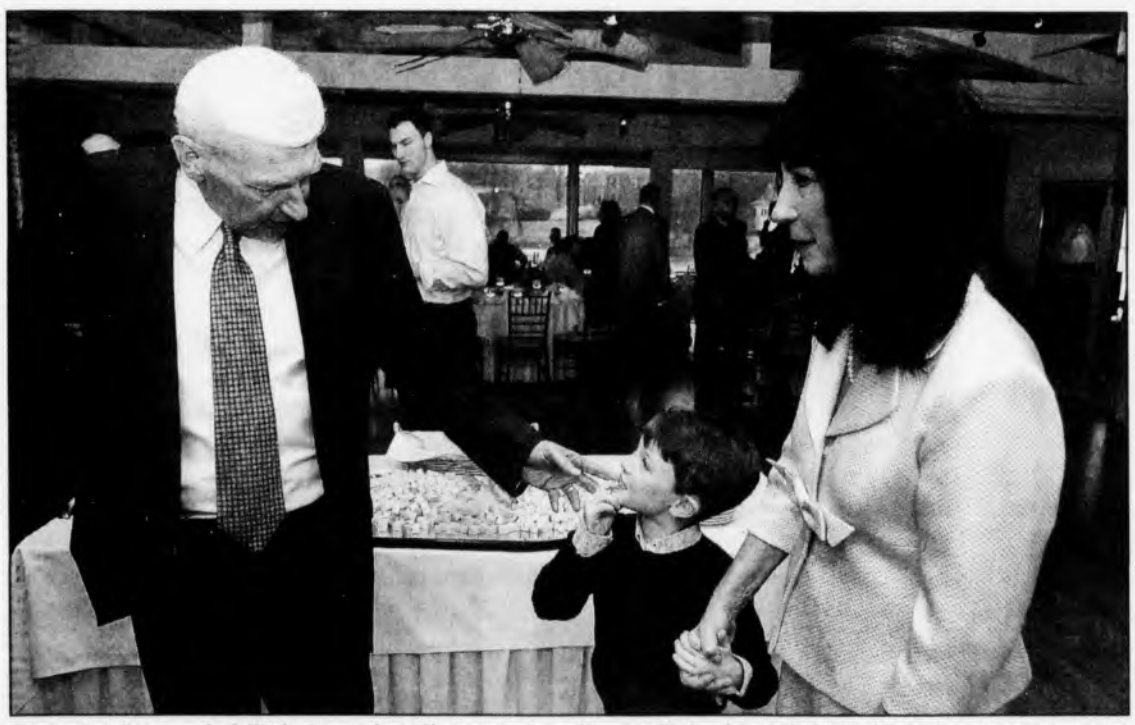


Abigail Worley, 3, of Falmouth, nibbles on a slice of orange during at her grandfather's retirement reception last Friday evening at Cohasset's Atlantica Restaurant.



Jack Worley reads a card that included a special check Friday evening at Atlantica. At far left is Mary Worley, Jack's wife, center is recreation commissioner Lisa Offerman, and far right is Jim Richardson, Recreation Commission Chairman.

Photos by Craig Goedecke



Recreation Director Jack Worley's grandson Clayton, 6, shows his grandfather his teeth during Worley's retirement reception last Friday at Cohasset's Atlantica Restaurant. At right is Jack's wife, Mary Worley.



Jack Worley gets a chuckle out of the gift he received from Cohasset's Swim Center's Sue Mavilla during his retirement reception at Atlantica. (The gift was a SpongeBob backpack and a Cohasset Swim Center towel.)



Marshfield's Recreation Director Ned Bangs chats with Retiring Jack Worley, right, during Worley's Retirement Reception held last Friday at Atlantica.



Retiring Recreation Director Jack Worley shares a laugh with Elizabeth Deveney during his Retirement Reception held Friday evening at the Atlantica Restaurant. Elizabeth and her sisters, Grace and Sarah, conducted the Children's Drama Workshop through the Rec for 15 years.



Recreation Director Jack Worley introduces his family to guests at his retirement reception held Friday evening at the Atlantica Restaurant.

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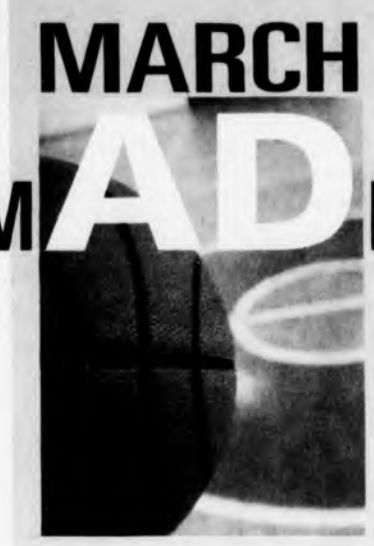
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Cruise lines, recognizing all this, have set out to become the perfect family-friendly vacation product.

Ships themselves are increasingly being designed as family playgrounds, with plenty of kid-appealing features.

All the major lines now have kids' programs during the day and into the evening with age-appropriate and fun activities catering to various ages from toddlers to teens.

Kids are no longer an afterthought - in fact the cruise lines realize it's important to make them happy today because they are the cruisers of tomorrow.

Here are my picks of the best cruises for families.

Freedom of the Seas and Liberty of the Seas

New, big and active, these 3,634-passenger Royal Caribbean ships are packed with fun stuff to do from onboard wave surfing to ice skating. Young mall rats will feel at home in the expansive indoor promenade with shops and a Ben & Jerry's. There's a shipboard Johnny Rockets too. The Adventure Ocean program for kids ages 3 to 17, offers a plethora of activities for five distinct age groupings including 'tweens and teens, with counselors leading the action from expansive facilities.

The ships cruise in the eastern and western Caribbean on one-week itineraries.

Carnival Liberty and Carnival Freedom

As the big Kahuna of the industry, the "Fun Ship" line is well established in catering to the younger set. On these new 2,974-passenger ships, kids' clubs are equipped with PlayStation 2 and Xbox consoles, computer games and candy-making machines for the bigger kids and a soft play area and outdoor wading pool for toddlers. Teens get a hip disco complete with DJ. Activities are offered for four age groups (2-5, 6-8, 9-11 and 12-17). Potty training is not required.



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Goofy entertains young guests on a Disney cruise ship.

Especially for families with older kids, try the 12-day Mediterranean on Carnival Freedom, an excellent opportunity to introduce the kids to Europe. Or do a week in the eastern or western Caribbean on Carnival Liberty.

Disney Magic and Disney Wonder

It's no surprise that these 1,760-passenger ships pull out all the stops for families, with nearly an entire deck dedicated to kids' programming. Activities are offered for ages 3-4, 5-7, 8-9, 10-12 and teens (who get a clubhouse on top of the ship). A nursery cares for babies from three months. More than any other line, nighttime shows on Disney are family-oriented. First-run Disney movies are shown, and contests and other participatory events encourage family togetherness. Costumed character spottings are frequent.

Spend a week in the Mexican Riviera on the Disney Magic, or do a four-night Bahamas cruise on the Disney Wonder (easily combined with a few nights at Disney World).

Caribbean Princess

At the Fun Zone on this pretty 3,100-passenger ship (and sister shops Emerald and Crown), Princess Pelicans (ages 3-7) do arts and crafts, games and scavenger hunts and splash in the kiddie pool. Shockwaves (for ages 8-12) includes PlayStation 2, movies and backstage tours as well as a science program in conjunction with the California Science Center. Teens get Remix, with their own teen center, sports competitions, late-night movies and hot tub parties. Choose Personal Choice Dining and take the kids to the dining room when they are hungry, rather than at a set time.

East Coasters can drive to the nine-night Caribbean cruises from New York.

Norwegian Pearl and Norwegian Gem

These ships have the cool feature of bowling alleys. The 2,400-passenger vessels, along with sister ship Jewel, are bright and hip and also boast Freestyle Dining which means you eat when you want at your choice of a dozen eateries (for $20 the Teppanyaki restaurant is worth the splurge). Kids' facilities include indoor and outdoor play areas and a video arcade. Youth counselors lead activities (for ages 2-5, 6-8, 9-12 and 13-17). The mod teens' club has its own juice bar.

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Education of the artist

Master's students work in all mediums at School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

By Kristine Diederich
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Traveling in Boston's Fenway district, you might not notice the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

Nestled between world-class museums and universities, and a world champion baseball team's home, it is not concerned with its outward appearance. But inside its doors, revolutionary things are happening.

This is the time of year when graduate students in the master's of fine arts program present their thesis exhibitions, the culmination of their studies. Seven students recently exhibited their work in a show titled "Somewhere Felt" at Space Other Gallery in Boston.

But what does it mean to a practicing artist to have a master's degree?

"It's a different level of commitment," said third-year graduate student Chuck Chaney. "We're all here by choice. It's listening to yourself and not necessarily doing what you 'should' do.

"For me, I came to art school to be an artist. This was a very deep personal (decision)," he said. "I want to drink it in; in a kind of Socrates sort of way, I want to learn. I'm getting educated to get educated. It feeds my soul."

Chaney earned a bachelor's degree in photography from Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, Calif.

For Faith Johnson, a performance artist, The Museum School offered several things she was looking for.

"I wanted a three-year program. I was interested in performative programs. I don't think there are a lot of programs that have a performance aspect. (The Museum School) has a really strong performance program," said the third-year graduate student. Johnson is a 2000 graduate of Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., where she was an art major in painting and mixed media.

"I have an interest in teaching. I wanted to go back to school and have time to focus on my art. I wanted to be in a creative community, with connection to people."

MFA students are enrolled both at The Museum School and Tufts University, and graduate in two or three years with their degrees from Tufts. Two years of the program comprise academic courses, studio art, and additional seminars and colloquia. Many of these students take advantage of an optional third year, when they are able to work more intensely on their thesis exhibitions without taking additional courses.

The program does not require students to declare a major, nor are students required to stay within one form of art or department during their degree work. The Museum School encourages cross-pollination, self-sufficiency and responsibility, according to both Johnson and Chaney.

"I think The Museum School is kind of unique that way from other programs I looked into," said Johnson.

The school encourages students to "think about your idea first, then find the medium most conducive to that," said Chaney. "It is a really unique program."

Other graduate programs, he said, sometimes compartmentalize students, so the painters hang out with the painters and the photographers mix only with the photographers. There is no such division at The Museum School.

Although The Museum School was established in 1876, it has only been since 1956 and 1960 that they have offered undergraduate and graduate degrees, respectively, through their partnership with Tufts. According to David Brown, associate dean of academic affairs/graduate programs, the school developed its interdisciplinary approach in the late '60s.

"There was a real openness, then, to moving between mediums," said Brown. "Because the studio curriculum is open to all students, there aren't any levels. It's open to grad and undergrad students. It's really where their studio practice is evolving that informs a student (what courses they should take). Their evolution as a grad student will lead them ... to be a little more well-rounded."

There are 15 program areas of study at The Museum School exploring almost every possible avenue of art, from drawing, film and animation, and photography, to performance, text and image arts, and sound.

"That was one of the key reasons I was attracted to the school, to be able to move in and out," said Johnson. "I'd been out of undergrad for a while and I didn't think I fit into one category."

Chaney was in the working world for 13 years while also practicing his art before beginning at The Museum School. His work now incorporates photography into performance and installation art.

He attributes his evolution as an artist to his experience at The Museum School.

"Working with the development of a body of work with a consistent, fully formed idea and developing that into a project, my work is stronger now. It's very different from my previous work," he said. "Coming out of the master's program, I have a lot of ideas. I came back to some ideas I'd had. It's nice to get back into the studio and work on material that I'd put on hold."

Vasia Markides, a filmmaker and third-year graduate student, also felt the MFA program helped her evolve as an artist.

"The best part of going to grad school for art is learning how to think differently, thinking between all the layers of an idea. You have to look ... at things in a multi-dimensional level," she said. Markides was a painter but found that medium insufficient to express all of her thoughts and ideas.

"This school was unique, so flexible in its approach to education," she said. "I don't consider myself just a filmmaker. The school really pushes you. It pushes you outside your comfort.

"I'm ready. I think they prepare you, expect you to be self-motivated, to be disciplined," said Markides.

But graduation is often mixed with bittersweet feelings about next steps.

"I'm really excited. I'm going back to work," said Chaney. "I'm also sort of realistic about it. Mostly, I have to keep all of these habits in practice, making sure I do a little bit of work every day, keep going with it, not just thinking about it."

Brown sees a world of growing opportunities for Museum School graduates, and often hears from alumni around the world.

"No longer would one define success as just going to a gallery system and showing at a gallery ... as a painter or whatever," said Brown. "Many, many, many go on to teach at the college level in one form or another. They (become) Fulbright scholars. People have launched really successful careers (as professional artists). There are all sorts of directions.

"That's the kind of thing I see; they're not going to follow a traditional track. They're going to be doing an awful lot more."

Tuition for 2007-2008 is $30,704 per year. In the third year, there is currently no tuition charged, however, a studio rental fee is $1,250 per semester. Visit www.smfa.edu for more information about The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.



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Chuck Chaney's work "Home at Last" is part of the recently shown exhibit "Somewhere Felt" at Space Other Gallery in Boston recently. "Somewhere Felt" is the thesis exhibition of seven master's of fine arts graduate students from the School of the Museum of Fine Art, Boston.

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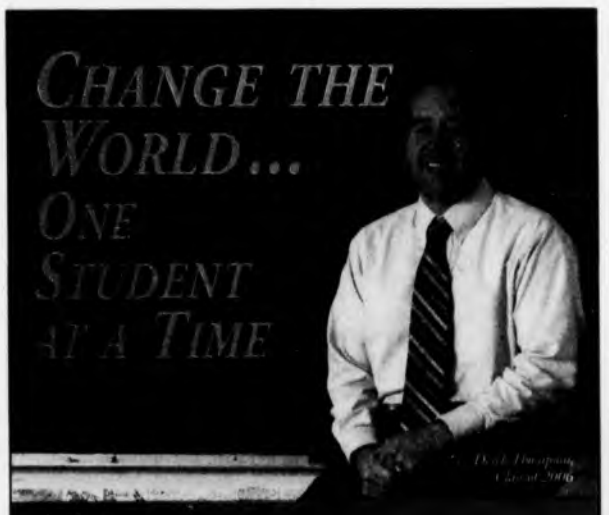
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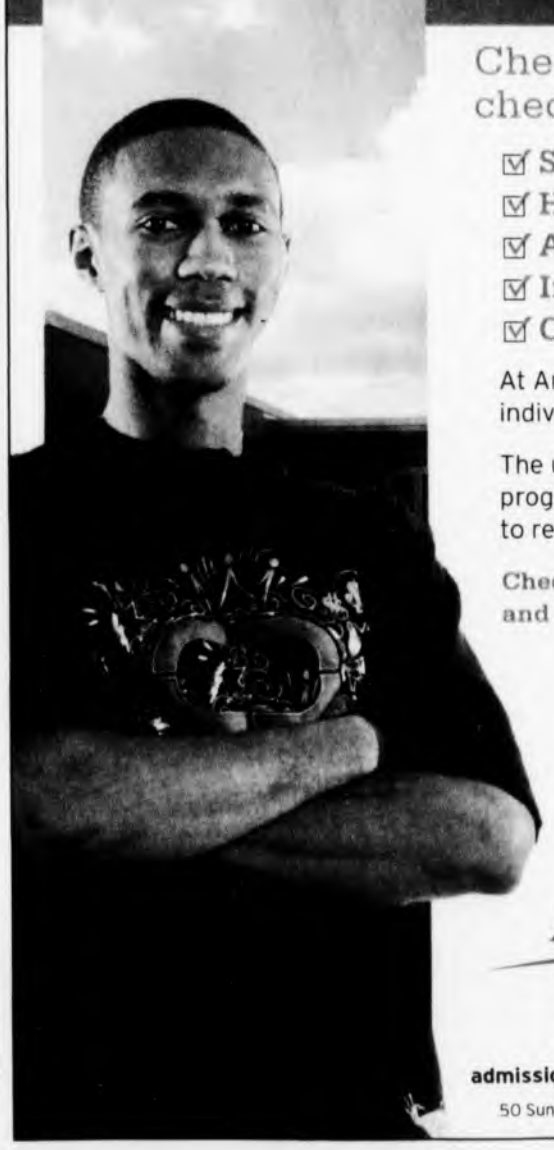
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'Dream' Kitchen Tour is April 11

South Shore Community Center Kitchen Tour will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Friday, April 11. Cost is $25, $30 after March 31. Tickets can be purchased at South Shore Community Center or by calling 781-383-0088. Payment can be made by cash, check or charge.

The history and beauty of the homes participating in the 2008 South Shore Community Center Kitchen tour celebrate both the old and the new and capture the essence of the seaside community of Cohasset. This year, the South Shore Community Center is proud to have the opportunity to showcase five homes. Four of the homes are scattered along the coastline off of Jerusalem Road and one home is directly on Cohasset's historic town common.

One of the homes participating in the tour is the Barrett home. Originally built in 1885, this home sits on a hill overlooking Straight's Pond. The renovation of this home took place in 2003, with the goal of maintaining the architectural integrity of the home while providing the homeowners with modern day amenities. The kitchen, in particular, demonstrates this delicate balance. Designed by Kitchen Concepts of Norwell, this modern-day version of a classic Victorian kitchen combines period details from glass cabinet knobs and white farmer's sink with white Carerra marble countertops, sub-zero refrigerator and Viking stove. The homeowner is working with Kate Dickerson Designs of Hingham and florist Sue Chessia, both of whom volunteered their time to wow visitors with beautiful table settings, arrangements and accents. Also, the Borrowed Butler and Hola will provide light fare.

Tickets for the tour may be purchased by visiting or calling South Shore Community Center at 781-383-0088.

Coffey Memorial Walk, part of history of race

Some run road races for the athleticism. Some run for the camaraderie. Inevitably, it all comes back to a common bond…the holy grail of events…the road race T-shirt. This one giveaway item was the seed, which grew into the Cohasset Road Race by the Sea Walk, now known as the Fran Coffey Memorial Fun Walk, which takes place this Sunday at 10 a.m. at Sandy Beach. (Visit: www.roadracebythesea.com)

To understand the Walk, one must look at the history of the road race itself. Sharpless Jones, Fran Coffey and Roy Fitzsimmons founded the race in the 1970s. Running was less about "weekend warriors" and more about competition.

A huge rivalry existed between two local Cohasset businesses, The Good Sport and Cohasset Liquors. Each worked hard to recruit big name marathoners like Bill Rodgers and other top performers of the Greater Boston Track Club. The race shirt, produced by Goodwin Graphics for all 32 years of the race, was serious business. It wasn't just an article of clothing…it was a sense of pride. Each business had their own version, each with their own logo. The walk was born when Andy Hailer, a race volunteer, requested one such shirt.

"I was not a member of either team that year. In fact, I was no longer a runner. Peter Logan, road race director, said if I wanted a shirt, I'd have to walk the route to get it," recalls Hailer.

The Hailer of today — now store manager at Curtis Liquors, a race sponsor — is a slender athlete who runs as much as he can and watches his diet. Back then things were markedly different. A walk of 6.2 was not a sure thing.

"I had an accident in which I fell three stories and landed on a picket fence. My running came to a halt. My recovery was slow going. Before I knew it I was about 300 pounds," says Hailer.

Hailer successfully walked the route and received the shirt from his friend Logan after crossing the finish line. The following year was no different: if he wanted a shirt he had to earn it. So Hailer walked again. This time, he was joined by five or six local residents who happened to be out for a Sunday stroll. By year three there were 100 people at the Walk's start line. Everyone who accompanied Andy that year received a hat and were dubbed "Andy's Angels."

As it evolved, the Walk was given an early start of 10 a.m. and moved to the beach. It's a win/win for the Rotary and participants. It's a beautiful route and as with the race itself, all proceeds go to help others.

Recently, the event was renamed in honor of the late Fran Coffey. His wife, Kit, was an original "Andy's Angel" and is still involved. Walk proceeds go to places close to heart of the Coffey family, including the Bishop Ruocco House in Lakeville, as well as "People in Need" at St. Patrick's church in Roxbury. Funds help those who face everyday challenges like paying the rent, registering a car or even funeral costs.

Logan and Hailer have both put years into the walk and run are now behind the scenes, chasing prizes on behalf of long-time race sponsor, Curtis Liquors.

"Life's exciting," says Hailer, "you've got to keep moving on."

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April vacation camps — Tuesday, April 22: One Day Gymnastics, Sports & More Camp for boys & girls ages 4 –10; 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; $50M/$55NM

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Gym Explorers, boys and girls, age 4-6; 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Enjoy rotations on vault, bars, beam, floor. Musical games with lummi sticks, bean bags, scarves and more.

Wednesdays:

Beginner/Intermediate Girls Gymnastics, age 5 – 7; 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Thursdays:

Sports for Kids (boys & girls), age 4-6, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Beginner/intermediate girls, age 5-7, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Beginner/intermediate girls, age 7-11, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Fridays:

Gym Explorers (boys & girls), age 4-6, 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

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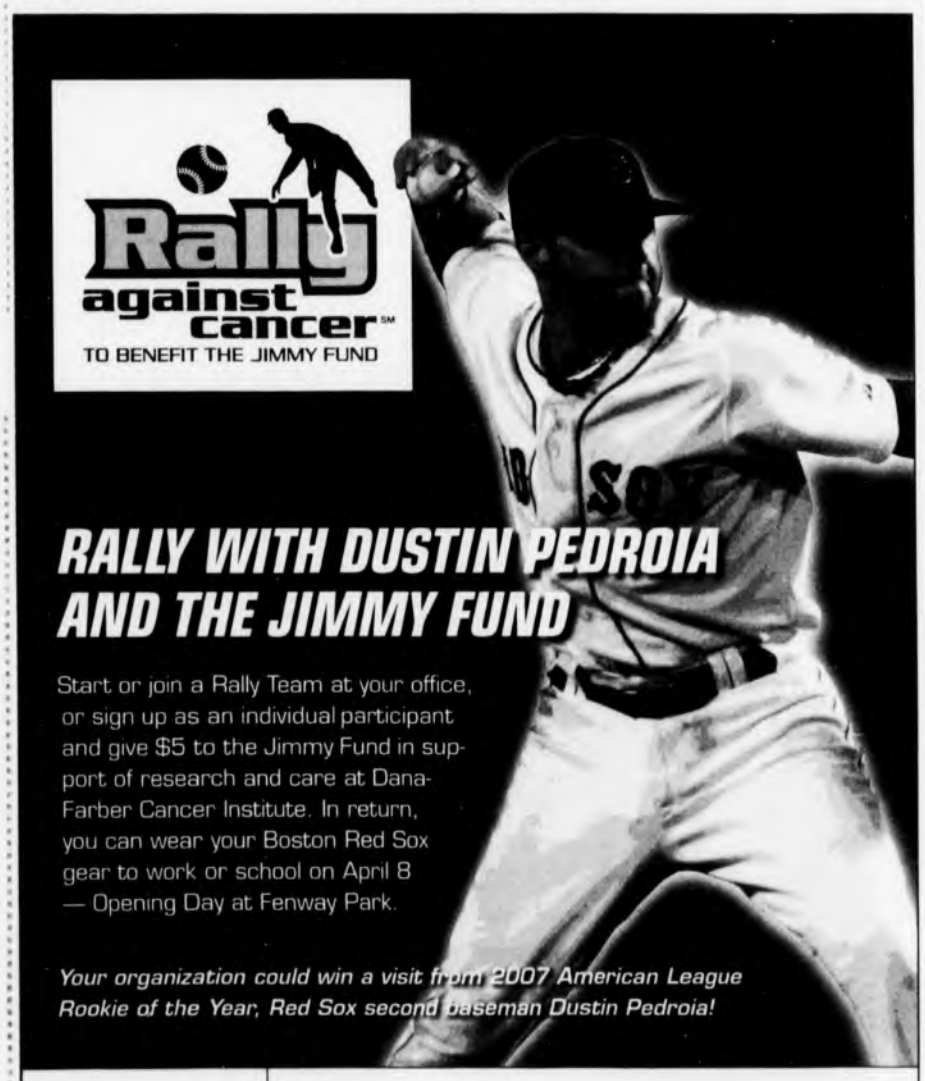
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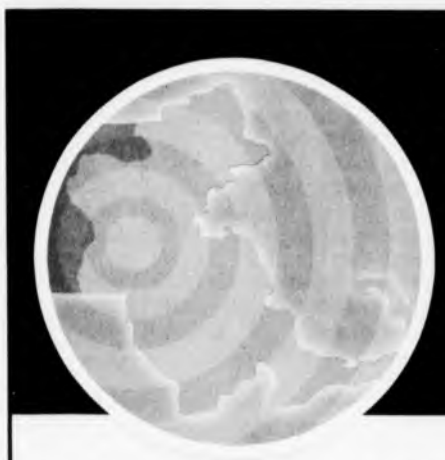
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'Dream' Kitchen Tour is April 11

South Shore Community Center Kitchen Tour will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Friday, April 11. Cost is $25, $30 after March 31. Tickets can be purchased at South Shore Community Center or by calling 781-383-0088. Payment can be made by cash, check or charge.

The history and beauty of the homes participating in the 2008 South Shore Community Center Kitchen tour celebrate both the old and the new and capture the essence of the seaside community of Cohasset. This year, the South Shore Community Center is proud to have the opportunity to showcase five homes. Four of the homes are scattered along the coastline off of Jerusalem Road and one home is directly on Cohasset's historic town common.

One of the homes participating in the tour is the Barrett home. Originally built in 1885, this home sits on a hill overlooking Straight's Pond. The renovation of this home took place in 2003, with the goal of maintaining the architectural integrity of the home while providing the homeowners with modern day amenities. The kitchen, in particular, demonstrates this delicate balance. Designed by Kitchen Concepts of Norwell, this modern-day version of a classic Victorian kitchen combines period details from glass cabinet knobs and white farmer's sink with white Carerra marble countertops, sub-zero refrigerator and Viking stove. The homeowner is working with Kate Dickerson Designs of Hingham and florist Sue Chessia, both of whom volunteered their time to wow visitors with beautiful table settings, arrangements and accents. Also, the Borrowed Butler and Hola will provide light fare.

Tickets for the tour may be purchased by visiting or calling South Shore Community Center at 781-383-0088.

Coffey Memorial Walk, part of history of race

Some run road races for the athleticism. Some run for the camaraderie. Inevitably, it all comes back to a common bond…the holy grail of events…the road race T-shirt. This one giveaway item was the seed, which grew into the Cohasset Road Race by the Sea Walk, now known as the Fran Coffey Memorial Fun Walk, which takes place this Sunday at 10 a.m. at Sandy Beach. (Visit: www.roadracebythesea.com)

To understand the Walk, one must look at the history of the road race itself. Sharpless Jones, Fran Coffey and Roy Fitzsimmons founded the race in the 1970s. Running was less about "weekend warriors" and more about competition.

A huge rivalry existed between two local Cohasset businesses, The Good Sport and Cohasset Liquors. Each worked hard to recruit big name marathoners like Bill Rodgers and other top performers of the Greater Boston Track Club. The race shirt, produced by Goodwin Graphics for all 32 years of the race, was serious business. It wasn't just an article of clothing…it was a sense of pride. Each business had their own version, each with their own logo. The walk was born when Andy Hailer, a race volunteer, requested one such shirt.

"I was not a member of either team that year. In fact, I was no longer a runner. Peter Logan, road race director, said if I wanted a shirt, I'd have to walk the route to get it," recalls Hailer.

The Hailer of today — now store manager at Curtis Liquors, a race sponsor — is a slender athlete who runs as much as he can and watches his diet. Back then things were markedly different. A walk of 6.2 was not a sure thing.

"I had an accident in which I fell three stories and landed on a picket fence. My running came to a halt. My recovery was slow going. Before I knew it I was about 300 pounds," says Hailer.

Hailer successfully walked the route and received the shirt from his friend Logan after crossing the finish line. The following year was no different: if he wanted a shirt he had to earn it. So Hailer walked again. This time, he was joined by five or six local residents who happened to be out for a Sunday stroll. By year three there were 100 people at the Walk's start line. Everyone who accompanied Andy that year received a hat and were dubbed "Andy's Angels."

As it evolved, the Walk was given an early start of 10 a.m. and moved to the beach. It's a win/win for the Rotary and participants. It's a beautiful route and as with the race itself, all proceeds go to help others.

Recently, the event was renamed in honor of the late Fran Coffey. His wife, Kit, was an original "Andy's Angel" and is still involved. Walk proceeds go to places close to heart of the Coffey family, including the Bishop Ruocco House in Lakeville, as well as "People in Need" at St. Patrick's church in Roxbury. Funds help those who face everyday challenges like paying the rent, registering a car or even funeral costs.

Logan and Hailer have both put years into the walk and run are now behind the scenes, chasing prizes on behalf of long-time race sponsor, Curtis Liquors.

"Life's exciting," says Hailer, "you've got to keep moving on."

Walk begins at Sandy Beach

Sunday, April 6th 10 a.m.

On-Site Registration Prices: 5K Walk: $15 UNDER 14 or OVER 65 years of age: $10

Family Walkers - up to 5 members: $50

On-site registration will be at the Community Center until 9:30 am & at Sandy Beach after 9:30 am

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COMMUNITY CENTER

Signup for April vacation camps

The following programs are offered by the South Shore Community Center. Call 781-383-0088.

April vacation camps — Tuesday, April 22: One Day Gymnastics, Sports & More Camp for boys & girls ages 4 –10; 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; $50M/$55NM

Ready, set, go — Wednesday, April 23, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., for boys & girls ages 4 – 10. Come enjoy a fun-filled day of activities, Bowling, Cooking, Crafts, Relay Races, Face Painting. The Children will also see an animal presentation presented by Animal Experiences. $50M/$55NM

Gymnastics & Sports Classes — There are still openings in the Gymnastics/Sports programs for boys & girls in the following classes:

Mondays:

Sports for Kids, boys and girls, age 4-6; 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 1 – 2 p.m. Learn the fundamentals of general sports. Basketball, soccer, hockey, bowling, gymnastics, relays, obstacle course, balloon tennis and much, much more.

Gym Explorers, boys and girls, age 4-6; 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Enjoy rotations on vault, bars, beam, floor. Musical games with lummi sticks, bean bags, scarves and more.

Wednesdays:

Beginner/Intermediate Girls Gymnastics, age 5 – 7; 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Thursdays:

Sports for Kids (boys & girls), age 4-6, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Beginner/intermediate girls, age 5-7, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Beginner/intermediate girls, age 7-11, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Fridays:

Gym Explorers (boys & girls), age 4-6, 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Children's Programs

Bridge Building and More w/Science Sizzlers — Wednesday, March 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m, K-grade 5, $15.00

Kitchen Kids — ages 3-6, Monday, April 7, 9 – 10 a.m., 6 weeks. Join us as we travel the globe and taste the many delicious foods. A fun book will be read relating to our menu. $120M/125NM

Mad Science of Boston/Current Events — Wed. April 9, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., K-grade 5, $15.00

Adult Programs

Digital Photography— Tues, April 8 & 9, 7 – 8:30 p.m., $49.00. This class is for the beginner. Discover the marvelous capabilities of digital photography.

Yoga — Drop In Welcome, $15 per class/6 week session $60M/65NM. March 17, April 7, 14, 28, May 5, 12 (no classes 3/24 & 3/31) **Hatha yoga** – great for strengthening, stretching, reducing stress.

Other Events

This news just in — Tickets for the South Shore Community Center Kitchen Tour 2008 are now on sale! $25.00 purchased in advance/$30.00 after April 1. A limit of 500 tickets will be sold! **DON'T MISS OUT!**

Send your news tip to mford@cnc.com

Legion seeking donations for those deployed

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. The following items are being collected at the American Legion for deployed servicemen and women:

Batteries - AA and AAA, razors, mouthwash, Chapstick, nuts, shaving cream Ziploc bags of all sizes, hand warmers, baby wipes, pens and notepaper, Pringles, toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss.

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Also, athlete's foot cream or spray, bandanas, socks, Bounce dryer sheets, chap sticks, ground coffee, CoffeeMate, antibiotic cream, duct tape, used CD or DVD's, paperbacks, knee-hi hose, cologne, Band-Aids, a variety of shoe inserts, playing cards, black pens, writing pads, envelopes, puzzle magazines, flea collars, lens cleaner for glasses, Ramen noodles in the cup, breakfast bars, gum, single-serve packets hot chocolate or soup, Pringles, hard candy, and microwave popcorn. Personal notes or cards are encouraged.

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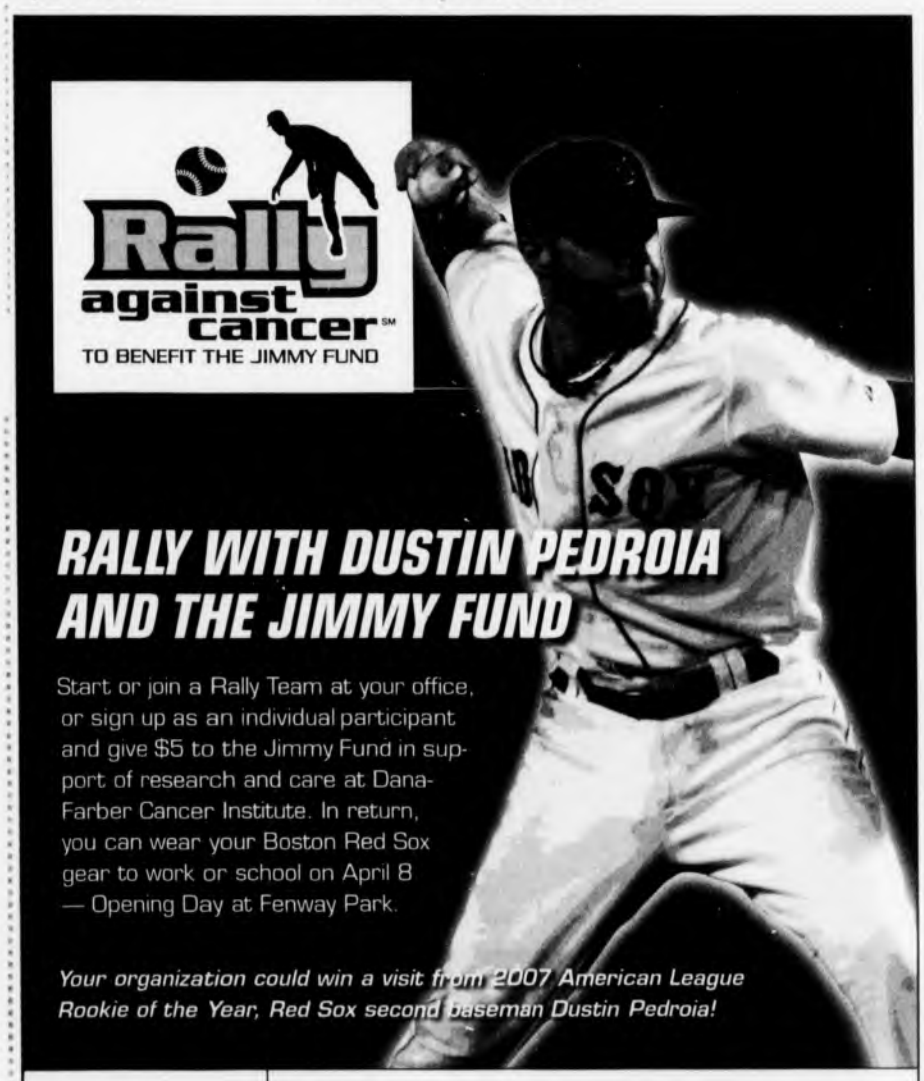
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Treat's Pond: where we go from here

COMMENTARY

TOM CALLAHAN

Expanding upon the thoughts I expressed at Town Meeting as to where we go from here:

Recognize that the Army Corps project is primarily a salt marsh restoration project. The salt marsh restoration, at $300K for our share, should be considered on its own merits this fall, understanding, as I am convinced, that Sandy Cove is not an option and that to do nothing condemns Treat's Pond to its ongoing slow death. That it also has a flood control benefit is a bonus, and the question then becomes how much of a bonus it is and should it tip the scale in favor of the restoration?

Although I now understand that the town wide flood and storm water study won't be finished until fall, an interim report regarding James Brook and James Meadow was available at Town Meeting, with obvious findings. To me, we know what the problem is there – it's now only a question of solutions and cost and prioritization (assuming we address the town-wide problems in stages). For now, I would re-task the contractor for interim answers to these questions necessary for fall Town Meeting:

Will the flood control aspects of the Army Corps project completely resolve the Atlantic Avenue flooding problem?

If not and we decide to go with that project anyway, what supplemental measures would the town need to take at what estimated cost?

If we decide not to pursue the Army Corps project, what solutions for Atlantic Avenue flooding would the town need to take and at what estimated cost?

Those to me are the only relevant questions at this point regarding Atlantic Avenue. Looking strictly at the flood control aspects of this, we should choose the cheaper course of action, because we eventually have to do something to address Atlantic Avenue's problem. If (C), i.e. doing our own flood control project is the cheapest option, then the Army Corps project is evaluated simply on the merits of $300K for salt marsh restoration, yea or nay. However, if (A) is answered "yes," I suspect the $300K will prove to be the cheapest option for flood control, and so we do it, gaining both benefits of flood control and saving Treat's Pond.

We do not need to spend money to second-guess the Army Corps' engineering or proposed solution for the isolated goal of salt marsh restoration. To continue to suggest Sandy Cove as an option defies science and only adds to the $300K cost. All we need to do with the Army Corps' data is double-check and quantify the bonus flood control benefit by answering question (A) above.

If the Army Corps project is pursued because of a dual benefit of salt marsh restoration and complete resolution of Atlantic Avenue flooding, one would then hope the opposing abutters would act for the greater good. But if necessary, we should be prepared to use eminent domain power, which allows the project to proceed with the only fight being about compensation. Yes, we have gone the eminent domain route before and have paid more than estimated (see Wolf Pit), but I would suggest there is a monumental difference between an unseen pipe under the ground and the loss of possibly developable lots. I would also suspect that in other areas of town, solving storm water problems will also involve pipes, necessary easements and the opposition of personal friends and neighbors. Deciding whether we pursue good for the few or the many, we will either get over that squeamishness or continue the status quo, with possible solutions coming ad hoc, to whichever neighborhood is loudest at the time, at probably more cost.

Tom Callahan lives at 35 Hillside Dr.

Cohasset included in no-discharge area

"It makes complete sense to ban discharge of effluent from the waters in which we swim, boat and fish."
— State Sen. Robert Hedlund

Ban on dumping boat sewage would also cover North and South rivers and adjacent waters.

Boats would be prohibited from discharging all sewage – including treated waste – off the coast of the upper South Shore under a proposal the Patrick Administration has submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Ian Bowles announced recently.

EEA, through its Office of Coastal Zone Management, recommended that the EPA approve designation of the coastal waters of Scituate, Marshfield and Cohasset as a vessel No Discharge Area. The proposed ban on discharge of all boat sewage would also apply in the North and South rivers and adjacent coastal waters.

If approved by the EPA, this would be the Commonwealth's ninth No Discharge Area. NDAs already protect the coastal waters of Plymouth, Kingston, Duxbury and Harwich; Buzzards Bay; Waquoit Bay in Falmouth; Three Bays/Centerville Harbor in Barnstable; Chatham's Stage Harbor; Wellfleet Harbor; and coastal waters of Nantucket from Muskeget Island to Great Point.

"Our nomination of the coastal waters of the upper South Shore as a No Discharge Area is another example of strong state, regional, and local commitments to improving water quality and protecting valuable coastal resources," Bowles said. "Gov. Patrick's goal is ultimately to make all of the Commonwealth's coastal waters No Discharge Areas, and this is a big step toward that goal."

At 54 square miles, the new NDA would be the third largest in the Commonwealth, encompassing two National Natural Landmarks – North and South Rivers – and covering an area that supports nearly 3,000 commercial and recreational boats. Scituate, Cohasset, Marshfield and towns along the North River – including Norwell, Hanover and Pembroke – sustain a variety of water-related activities including lobster harvesting, fishing and shell-fishing, tourism, boating, sailing and kayaking. The North River is one of only five state-designated Scenic and Recreational Rivers.

"The proposed NDA will provide additional protection to a region that prizes it coastal character and resources. These include significant shell-fishing areas, eelgrass beds, anadromous fish runs and over a dozen coastal recreational beaches," CZM director Leslie-Ann McGee said.

NDAs protect water quality and aquatic life from pathogens, nutrients and chemical products contained in discharged sewage, and also reduce the risk of human illness, making it safer to swim, boat, fish and eat shellfish from protected waters. NDAs can also impede the growth of harmful algae that occurs due to high nutrient levels in sewage discharge.

Under the Clean Water Act, a body of water can be designated an NDA if local, state and federal authorities determine that the area is ecologically and recreationally important enough to merit protection above and beyond that provided by existing state and federal laws. In Massachusetts, EEA's CZM office works closely with communities and the EPA to establish NDAs as part of a comprehensive regional pollution abatement approach that includes wastewater management through local sewering initiatives, storm water mitigation and low-impact development strategies.

Related efforts to authorize NDAs are currently under way for Salem Sound, Cape Cod Bay and Boston Harbor. EEA published a notice on the Salem Sound NDA in the March 26 Environmental Monitor, opening a 21-day public comment period on that proposal.

"This protection will improve Pembroke's water quality, which is not only essential to our health and well-being, but is also a critical piece of our local economy," said Senate President Therese Murray. "Both the residents and visitors to Pembroke will benefit from this designation by being able to utilize waterways that are free from discharge."

State Sen. Robert Creedon said, "We are pleased both state and federal governments are taking joint action to clean up the waterways of the Commonwealth."

"It makes complete sense to ban discharge of effluent from the waters in which we swim, boat and fish," State Sen. Robert Hedlund said.

"Thank you to Scituate and Marshfield town officials, in particular our harbormasters and Waterways Committee officials, for their strong advocacy in seeking to establish a No Discharge Area designation for six coastal communities," state Rep. Frank Hynes said. "As a result of officials' hard work, with technical assistance and coordination by Coastal Zone Management staff, two additional boat sewage pumping facilities will be available for boaters in Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Norwell, Hanover and Pembroke. This new NDA will assist in the protection and enhancement of our coastal waters and will further protect public health, water quality and the marine environment."

"It is of utmost importance that we make every effort to keep our oceans as clean as possible," said state Rep. Garrett J. Bradley. "Designating no discharge areas will help to ensure that the waters can be enjoyed by members of the community for many years to come. I appreciate all the efforts of the Office of Coastal Zone Management to protect our vital natural resources."

"Our Harbor is probably the most cherished vista in Cohasset and plays a vital role in the economic and recreational aspects of the community. In addition to supporting a working lobster fleet, its waters and surroundings are enjoyed by many in the community for swimming and boating." said Karen Quigley, chairwoman of the Cohasset Harbor Health Committee. "The NDA nomination enjoys wide support in the community and is an important part of a larger, overall plan the town is working on to preserve and improve the quality of the Harbor's waters."

Scituate Harbormaster Mark Patterson said, "The NDA designation is an opportunity to protect our waters and to raise awareness about the importance of stewardship. The fact that we are joined in the application by the towns of Marshfield and Cohasset is a testament to the importance of protecting our coastal waters on a regional level."

"The North and South Rivers Watershed Association has been advocating for an NDA for many years," said Samantha Woods, NSRWA executive director. "The water quality improvements that will result from the NDA could potentially help with opening shellfish beds in the South River, a goal of the NSRWA, as well as improve water quality in general."

For more information on No Discharge Areas in New England, visit mass.gov/czm/nda or epa.gov/region01/eco/nodis-crg.

Buttonwood Books to host author discussion

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Lucinda Franks, at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, April 16, at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. Franks will discuss her memoir "My Father's Secret War," a book that, according to Joyce Carol Oates, "moves with the dramatic and moral urgency of a Graham Greene novel." Employing all her journalistic expertise Franks delves into her father's past to learn why he changed from a loving family man to an abusive alcoholic. Her search uncovers her father's surprising history as a spy during World War II, and helps her discover the spirit of Tom Franks, the man he was, before his war experiences.

Lucinda Franks was the first woman to win a Pulitzer Prize for national reporting. She has been writing for the New York Times since the mid-1970s, and contributing to the "New Yorker," "New York Times Book Review" and "The Atlantic Monthly," among other publications. Franks is the author of "Waiting Out a War" and "Wild Apples." She lives in New York City.

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BRIEFLY

Green tennis anyone?

For the second year in a row, Cedar Street resident Howie Altholtz has purchased the cans and related material, and will take responsibility for collection and disposal of recycling at the town tennis courts. He encourages players to use the designated containers for plastic ball cans, water bottles, etc, and the DPW garbage container for non-recyclables.

"Last year was a tremendous success," said Altholtz, " with huge amounts of material saved from the trash bins, which is great for the environment and a cost savings for the town." Altholtz hopes that after the value of the program proves itself, the DPW will consider taking it over in future years.

Rabies clinic offered May 17

The Town of Hull will be hosting its Second Annual Multi-town Rabies Clinic offering reduced cost rabies vaccines for dogs and cats in Hull, Cohasset, Hingham and Norwell, on Saturday, May 17, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Dr. Grace Strake, DVM, South Coastal Animal Health, Weymouth, will be assisting the Town of Hull, administering these vaccinations. The clinic will be held behind Hull Police Headquarters, 1 School St., Vaccinations will be $10.

All dogs must be leashed. Aggressive dogs must be muzzled. All cats must be crated.

Spring dog training classes

Dog training classes **will be held at the** Cohasset Recreation Dept., Highland Ave., 781-383-4109 or

617-894-6797. Cost is $110 for five lessons.

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'Lost art' is alive and well

Leather business continues to thrive

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Whether repairing a belt loop or making custom luggage for a rock star, it's all in a day's work for Renaissance Leather owner Patrick O'Callaghan.

Although he and his wife, Barbara, go about their business quietly and without fanfare, their presence in downtown Hingham is deeply felt. Much to the relief of their loyal customers, the couple recently was able to relocate their shop to 105 North St. in Hingham Square when the 40 North St. building they had partially occupied since 1973 was sold.

"After we moved, we had old customers calling us up asking, 'Where are you?'" O'Callaghan said. "They were really freaked out when they thought we were gone."

Hingham resident Jane Hanron is "delighted" that Renaissance Leather will continue to operate downtown. "It would have been terrible to lose them. Their kind of talent isn't found much these days," she said. "The O'Callaghans were wonderful neighbors when the Unique Boutique, a thrift shop run by volunteers for the Hingham Visiting Nurse Association, was next door. They were friendly, pleasant, and very helpful."

When scheduled to work at the Unique Boutique, Hanron would greet Patrick in the morning and ask him what he was making that day. "He was always working on the most interesting projects," Hanron said.

The O'Callaghans work at what might be considered a fading art, and their business is thriving.

Once inside the shop, customers are amazed at the array of unique handcrafted wares, ranging from business card holders, briefcases, and knapsacks to coin purses, make up cases, vests, and sandals – many made to order – using top-grain cowhide. O'Callaghan even made a leather Jeep handle once to replace an inside metal one that had fallen off. The owner liked it better than the original one. O'Callaghan also repairs leather belts and jackets.

"There's nothing like the smell of real leather. Leather is very sensuous when you smell, feel, and look at it."
– Renaissance Leather owner Patrick O'Callaghan.

The latest offerings include handsome black and white tote bags and also what O'Callaghan jokingly calls the "Hershey's Kiss" bag – made of gold leather with black trim.

The new shop – which is set back from the street -- still has an appealing, laid-back 1970s aura combined with an Old World flavor. Strings of beads hang from the window, and antique suitcases covered with backstage passes to Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, Aerosmith, Billy Joel, and Grateful Dead concerts casually on display bring back memories.

A work in progress, the new shop has space-saving wooden storage lofts crafted by O'Callaghan. "These create an open feeling and allow customers to get a sense of the smell of the leather – what it feels and looks like," he said, whereas in the old shop the leather was stored in the back room.

Genuine leather

The O'Callaghans craft each item – one at a time – from genuine leather.

"There's nothing like the smell of real leather," O'Callaghan said. "Leather is very sensuous when you smell, feel, and look at it."

Where did the name "Renaissance Leather" come from?

"I think of that period as an age when art and science came together," O'Callaghan said.

O'Callaghan is a self-taught craftsman.

He notes that the long-lasting business grew out of the 1970s philosophy that anything is possible. More than 30 years ago, as he was admiring a friend's sheepskin coat, it occurred to him that he could make one for himself. He was right. "I just assume I can do everything," he said modestly.

From there, O'Callaghan tried his hand at belts. Then friends began asking him to make items for them, and he did.

Now, thousands and thousands of projects later, ask O'Callaghan to make almost anything and he can do it. He has several photo albums of photos of most of his work – everything from doctor's bags and re-covered leather couches and chairs to chaps inlaid with dragon and flower designs and a saddle bag decorated with some 1,000 rhinestones for a woman who owns a white motorcycle. A leather trash bucket crafted by O'Callaghan sits in one of the offices at the StateHouse. O'Callaghan also makes sandals and belts for the Glastonbury Monastery monks.

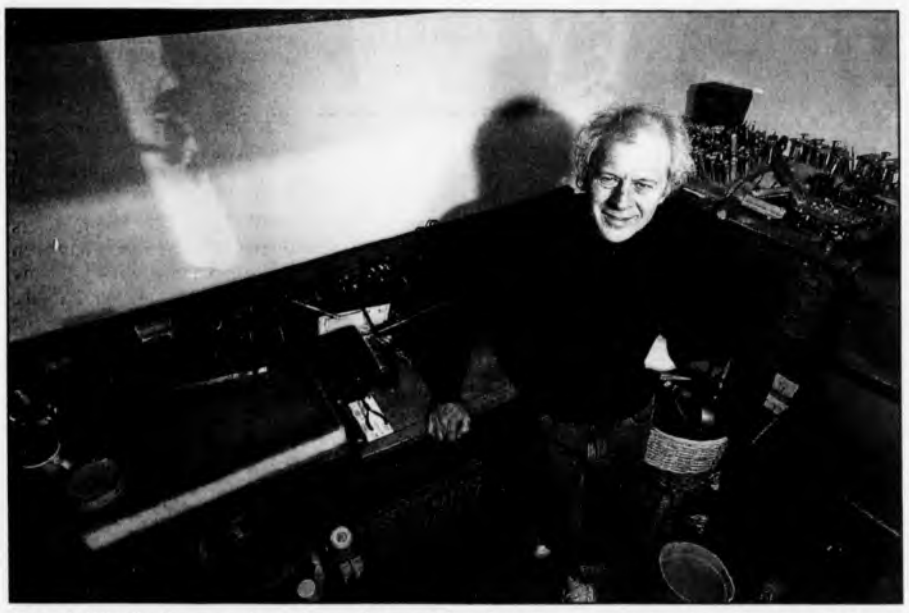
Other projects include a guitar strap and front for a German Hank Williams impersonator, a hat band and luggage for country-western singer Charlie Daniels, and a guitar strap for rock and roll star Bob Seeger.

O'Callaghan also made a reproduction Elvis Presley belt at a customer's request and a gun holster for a man planning a hike in Alaska who feared he might encounter grisly bears.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Patrick O'Callaghan has been working with leather in his store Renaissance Leather since 1973. The store recently relocated to 105 North St. that at the top of the driveway to the right of the Hingham Post Office.



Patrick O'Callaghan stands in front of his work bench at Renaissance Leather. His clientele has included Neil Young, U2, Steven Tyler, and REM.

Creative approach

O'Callaghan likes to "play around" in the shop. "That's where I get my ideas," he said. "I'm not driven by how much money I'll get but by what entertains me."

An example of this is the plastic container he covered with pink leather on a whim — "just for fun," he said with a smile.

One day several years ago he answered the phone and Neil Young was on the other end, asking O'Callaghan to work on his leather motorcycle bag and chaps. At first he thought it was a prank call, but when Young mentioned a leather bag O'Callaghan had made for a friend of Young's, he realized the call was for real.

The multi-talented O'Callaghan (he also fixes computers, builds websites, works on old BMWs, and does cabinetry work) still uses an 80-year-old foot-operated treadle Singer sewing machine. "It's not how fast it goes that counts but how slow it goes to get things right," he said, pointing to a place in the pouch he was sewing that needed a pucker.

As he shared his thoughts about this fast-dying art, O'Callaghan finished off a Civil War "Rebel" hat he was custom-making for a fellow "who just wanted one."

When asked what purpose it would serve, he responded with a slight grin, "No particular reason that I know of. We don't ask questions!"

Also in the works was an order of 300 drawstring pouches from a New Hampshire company that manufactures fishing reels. The pouches are used to ship and store the reels. He recently made four padded leather columns with brass nails for use between bookshelves in a local show home.

O'Callaghan's manner may be low-key, but he is amazingly productive.

"I'll show you something I made this morning," he said, holding out a black leather portfolio and checkbook cover.

O'Callaghan's philosophy is that "if you're talking about what you did yesterday, then you haven't done anything today!"

Unique items and services offered include maps of the world he carves and letters, a Celtic drum case, a rifle sheath, boards for monopoly and chess, and antiques restoration, including repairing a suit of armor that was held together with leather straps.

The leather comes from a number of sources, including Ipswich, Mass., New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, California, and even West Germany.

O'Callaghan has also restored a seat on a bicycle made in the 1800s and the red seats in a 1961 Jaguar. Among his most challenging projects was rebuilding the front and rear leather seats and door panels of a 1957 Mercedes.

Elf shoes

Among his most unusual work are the leather goggles he made for a terrier who liked to sit on the back of his owner's motorcycle and the elf shoes, red leather tunic, and green leather hat he crafted for the father of a Nantucket shop owner who plays that role every year at Christmastime.

His wife makes all the leather wallets, belts, roses, birds and desk boxes. "Barbara also does all the book work and organizing," O'Callaghan said. "She was responsible for our recent move. If it wasn't for my wife's organizational skills, this place would be total madness!"

Much of their business comes by word of mouth -- and in earlier years, from hanging around backstage at rock concerts -- because the O'Callaghans don't advertise. "All roads lead here," he said.

A Quincy woman recently sent him a photo of Jimi Hendrix at Woodstock wearing a fringed tan leather vest and asked him to make her a copy. "This will take days to make, and then I will show her how to do the bead work," O'Callaghan said. "That way it will be a little less expensive and she'll have a connection with it. I like to get people involved."

Many customers return year after year, while others who move away often come back years later when they're in the area. "This is unique stuff," O'Callaghan said without a trace of self-aggrandizement. "I like to help customers design the items that they order. Everyone's a designer. They just don't know it."

Customers feel free to browse or to just stop by and shoot the breeze. "This is definitely a place where you can take your tie off," O'Callaghan said. "You have the freedom here to just be yourself."

More information about the shop and the O'Callaghans' custom leather products, including photographs, is available by visiting Renaissance Leather in person or online at www.queenleather.com.

The website is so-named because Barbara's nickname is "Queenie." Another reason for the name is that following a fire in the old North Street shop during the 1980s, the O'Callaghans noticed an undated contract for some saddle work-- stuck in one of the walls -- from the Queen of England.

Besides, explained Callaghan, "A lot of people have trouble spelling 'Renaissance,' whereas 'queen' is easy to spell!"


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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Bible Study series continues on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Practical Christianity. Some Christians commonly view the Old Testament as a storybook-full of fascinating tales, yet ancient and irrelevant to modern reality. This exceptional 10-week study from *Insight For Living* with *Chuck Swindoll* will help you blow the dust off these timeworn chronicles and discover enduring truths that relate directly to you, while translating into reliable patterns for godly living. Experience familiar passages as never before, and find fresh inspiration in the memorable scenes revisited. Follow the examples of faithful Old Testament heroes such as Abraham, Joseph, David, and many others as you learn to apply timeless biblical principles to your everyday life. Please join us.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, April 6

8 a.m.– Circle Ministry (group led by Joan Kovach & Susan Meikleham and meeting on the 2nd & 4th Sundays)

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House - Sermon: "Communication" - A lay-led service with Amy Martin and Edwin Henneken, focusing on the importance of mindfulness in communication, mindfulness in speaking and listening.

Religious education classes for toddlers, children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

Wednesday, April 9 - 6:30 to 8 p.m. - A Chosen Faith Adult Ed Series

Come learn and discuss the sources of our Unitarian Universalist faith. A series led by our minister, beginning this spring and concluding this fall - Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8 PM, April 9 & 23 and May 7.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday morning. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately follow the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

Lent began Feb. 6th with a 7:30pm Ash Wednesday service in the chapel. Our Lenten Study Group, Positive Thinking... Priceless, began at 6:30 on Wednesday Feb. 13th. Bring you own brown bag supper and we will provide beverages/desserts as we view the DVD "The Secret" by Rhonda Byrne.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites you to join us this Lent.

This week, St. Stephen's welcomes our new rector, the **Reverend Margot Critchfield,**

Services on Sunday are at 8 am and 10 am.

We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. For information on us go to www.ststephenscohasset.org or to learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

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OBITUARIES

John R. Dwyer, Sr.

Retired foreman

John R. Dwyer, Sr., 92, of Cohasset, formerly of Hingham, died March 31, 2008.

Mr. Dwyer leaves his wife Kathleen V. (Peters) and a son John R. Dwyer, Jr. of Cohasset.

He was the retired foreman of the Highway and Recreation Departments in the Town of Hingham.

A funeral Mass was celebrated April 3, in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, handled the arrangements. Interment Milton Cemetery, Milton.

For an online guestbook, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com

Fillmore Cannon

Advertising art director in the Manhattan

Fillmore Cannon, 91, of Cohasset, died peacefully on March 30, 2008.

Born in Fayetteville, Tenn., he was the son of a country doctor. Mr. Cannon pursued his talent and interests in the arts and studied at Auburn University School of Architecture and the Harris School of Advertising. He lived in Chicago, New York City, Maine and Cohasset. He attended Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Ga., which served him well when he received a commission within less than a year, protecting the Panama Canal in the Anti-Artillery unit. After being transferred to the 275th Infantry, also known as the Trailblazers, of the 70th Division, he participated in the European theatre and was well remembered as the 1st Lieutenant who spared a company of men from complete doom during the critical Battle of the Bulge during the German encounter offense. His division was responsible for liberating the town of Lixing and his division was eventually made part of General George Patton's 3rd Army during the German conflict.

In his civilian career, Mr. Cannon being an excellent draftsman, excelled as an art director in the Manhattan advertising world. He was instrumental in organizing the Seagram's Design 375 and later handled freelance accounts for Revlon, Bic and other major brands of banks and phone companies. He specialized in the point of purchase display field where his "Marker Magic" rendered preliminary comps and his knowledge of lighting and motion displays were revered in the industry.

In his retirement, Mr. Cannon enjoyed portrait painting and had studied extensively at the Art's Student League with Robert Brackman and John Howard Sanden, winning the Leagues' Concourse Award. He continued his artwork after moving to Boston's South Shore and had been a member of the South Shore Art Center, The North River Art Society, and the Scituate Art Assoc. His talent provided him with great motivation and pride and his collection will remain as a beautiful memoir of his life.

Mr. Cannon leaves his former wife, Jean Cannon of Newport, R.I., his children, Tom Jay Cannon of Boulder, Colo., Carol Anne Cannon of Astoria, N.Y., Joanne Cannon Hill and her husband Roger Quentin Hill of Cohasset; his grandchildren Orion, Forest, and Anicha Cannon of Boulder, Colo., and Quentin Roger Hill of Cohasset; one great-grandchild, Rowyn O'Connor of Boulder, Colo. and his two nieces, Alice Thomas of Nashville, Tenn. and Van Calloway of Wayland, Tenn.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 5 at 10 a.m. in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset. Visiting hours Friday 5 to 8 p.m. at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St. (across from St. Anthony's Church), Cohasset. For an online guestbook, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com

An obligation to help others is subject of talk

Glastonbury Abbey's will present a program titled "Am I My Neighbor's Keeper – If My Neighbor Lives Half a World Away?" at 7:15 p.m., on Thursday, April 17. The lecture is part of the Inter-Religious Lecture Series, "Listening to Other Voices: Prophets of Compassion: Who Cares?"

Do individuals have an obligation to help others? Ruth Messinger thinks yes – even if they are half a world away. She has made it her life's work. After serving in public service in New York City for 20 years, now as president of the American Jewish World Service, she directs support to 300 grassroots social change projects throughout the world. She has worked tirelessly to end the genocide in Dafur, Sudan. She will tell people what is needed, where and how people can transform the lives of others and gain something for themselves in the process. Recipient of the Jewish Council of Public Affairs Award in 2006, Messinger also received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Hebrew Union College in tribute to her life's work.



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Ruth Messinger will speak as part of Glastonbury's lecture series.

Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 781-749-2155. The lecture is free, but donations will be accepted.

Interfaith Seder celebrates 'A Nation of Immigrants'

The Twelfth annual South Shore Interfaith Seder will be celebrated Sunday, April 13, at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham. This year it will focus on the theme that people are "A Nation of Immigrants." Children from the Children's Theatre Company in Boston will be singing at the service.

Through music, stories and rituals modeled on the traditional Passover Seder, children and adults from many diverse faiths and communities will join together to celebrate and honor the journeys that many citizens and their ancestors have made in becoming part of this nation. During the ceremony, the story of the Jewish Exodus from slavery in Egypt is retold, and its central message of freedom becomes relevant to all people and faith communities in today's world.

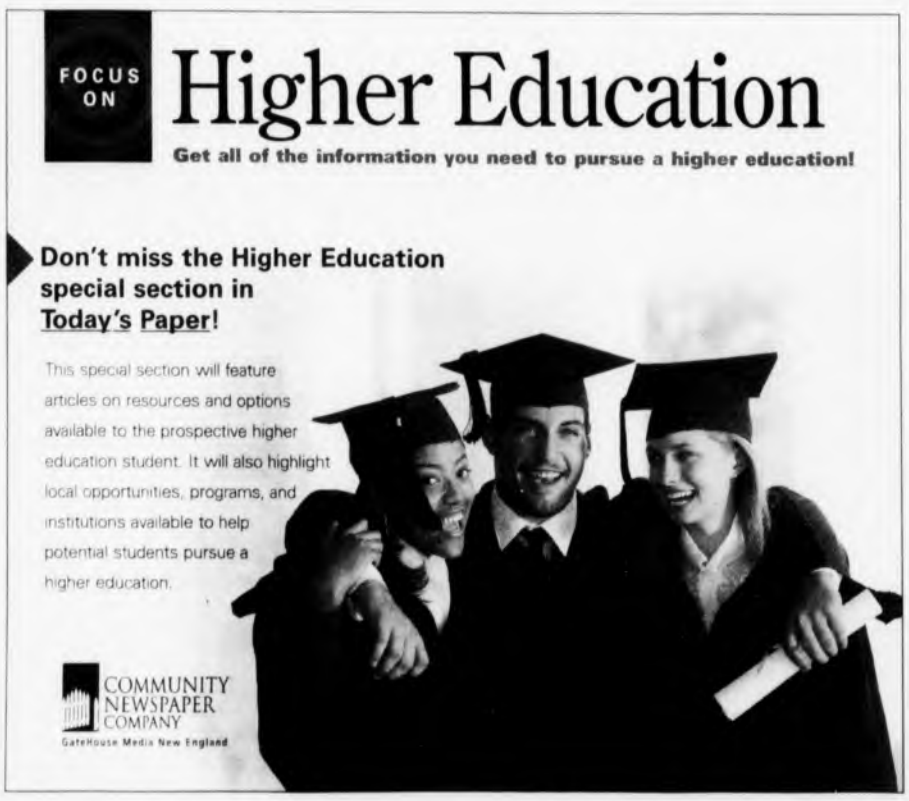
The ritual includes prayers of gratitude and appeals for compassion to care for all people, of all different faiths, races and backgrounds. In the Interfaith Seder's version of the Haggadah, or book that guides the Seder ritual, the Leader says, "We are all God's children, and if one of us suffers – even our enemy – we are all diminished." A bit later in the ceremony, the community says "that people will cast out the plagues that threaten everyone everywhere they are found, beginning in our own hearts." Thus the Seder calls on everyone to look within their own hearts, to take responsibility for personal thoughts, words and actions that might contribute to the suffering and oppression of others.

Traditionally, Passover, or Pesach, is a week-long celebration of the ancient story of Exodus, the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt. It begins with the annual celebration of the Passover Seder. In the Exodus story, God sent 10 plagues down upon the Egyptians: blood, frogs, vermin, flies, cattle disease, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and finally, the slaying of the first born. Passover refers to the 10th and final plague, when the Angel of Death spared the lives of the first born among the Israelites, "passing over" their houses and afflicting only the Egyptians. After the 10th plague, Pharaoh decided to free the slaves.

The traditional Seder is essentially a meal with 15 sections or blessings. Each food blessed and eaten during the ceremony is a symbol that helps to involve the participants more fully in remembering the Jews' passage into freedom. For example, Matzah, or a flat, unleavened bread is eaten. It recalls the haste with which the Israelites left Egypt. They had no time to prepare food, or to bring yeast. Maror, or bitter vegetable, is dipped in salt water and eaten to remember the bitterness of the experience of slavery. Salt water represents the tears of suffering the people shed during their ordeal as slaves.

The 12th annual South Shore Interfaith Seder is hosted by hosted by Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in partnership with the Hingham No Place For Hate Committee and the Hingham Hull Religious Leaders Association. It is coordinated by the Hingham No Place Committee in conjunction with the Anti-Defamation League.

For reservations and information about the 12th annual South Shore Interfaith Seder from 3 to 5 p.m., on April 16, at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St., Hingham, contact HinghamNoPlaceForHate@gmaicom or call the Anti-Defamation League at 617-406-6300.





POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

12:53 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks. Both elementary schools secure.

12:53 a.m. **Pond St, high school,** building checks secure.

10:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Scituate police department reports an erratic driver. Officer spoke with party. She is elderly, not under the influence. Her niece is coming and may drive her home.

10:45 a.m. **Nichols Road,** well being check. Citizen approached about well being of this party.

12:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, rodent traps behind this building. Requests board of health be notified on Monday.

1:09 p.m. **FairOaks Lane,** fire investigation. Chimney fire. Command reports active chimney fire. All companies working. Command reports the fire has been knocked down. Hull ladder setting up the chains. All companies still working. All companies picking up Hull ladder being released.

1:54 p.m. **Border St.,** assault and battery. Caller reports witnessing an assault and battery.

8:59 p.m. **Highland Court**, animal complaint. Caller reports lost puppy, brown with pearl blue collar.

9:23 a.m. **South Main St.,** fire investigation. Owner of establishment reports a water pipe broke in the basement.

6:54 p.m. **White Head Road**, fire investigation. Caller reports strong smell of gas, Keyspan notified. Keyspan checked surrounding houses E3 clear.

6:57 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., Hull** fire requesting for second victim of motor vehicle/pedestrian accident. First victim was medflighted.

7:35 p.m. **Park Ave.,** Hull, medical aid. Transported SSH/ALS. Male having seizure.

9:24 p.m. **S. Main St.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports suspicious man running through back yards and across street.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

12:31 a.m. **High School, Pond St.,** building checks.

12:37 a.m. **Deer Hill, Sohier St.,** building checks.

12:38 a.m. **Crocker Lane,** building checks.

1:44 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** medical aid, transported to SSH/ALS.

6:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic enforcement.

7:10 a.m. **N. Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

7:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** abandoned motor vehicle. Caller reports there is a vehicle parked at above location. It has been there for about a week. Contacted owner of vehicle and left message. Officer reports the vehicle is on private property and he will attempt to make contact with owner to have the vehicle removed.

7:36 a.m. **Gammons Road,** hazard. Caller reports there is large equipment going down the road and may be causing a traffic hazard. Officer spoke to caller and equipment operator. It was the company that is going to repave the road.

8:02 a.m. medical aid; transported to SSH/BLS.

10:38 a.m. **Pond St.,** fire, investigation. Caller stated that her carbon monoxide detector is going off. Rescue 3 clear engine still investigating. All companies clear.

11:03 a.m. **Sohier St.,** traffic enforcement.

11:42 a.m. medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

12:29 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** suspicious activity. Caller reports a youth came into her yard on a scooter and left the area.

2:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** suspicious person. Caller stated that he witnessed a guy who looked suspicious with his hand inside a paper bag. It looked as if he was hiding something. Area search negative.

6:10 p.m. **White Head Road,** fire, investigation. Walk-in party reports a strong outside odor of gas at this location. Resident has been advised of the situation. E3 reports the Gas Co. will be out in the morning to fix the problem.

7 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** notification. Caller reports while playing at the ball field with her kids, she found a razor blade in the grass. Caller also states she thinks kids may be trying to cut down the nets. OIC notified of this.

8:52 p.m. **Linden Dr.,** officer wanted. Caller reports a suspicious male came to his house around 2 p.m. today and said he worked for Comcast, but was driving an unmarked red Honda Accord. Caller describes male as 5 foot 8, 190 pounds, with brown hair. Officer reports no problems. Caller thinks it may have been a Comcast worker and will call Comcast in the morning. He states the male did have a Comcast ID.

10:48 p.m. **Highland Ct.,** officer wanted.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

12:20 a.m. **High School, Pond St.,** building checks.

12:26 a.m. **Deer Hill, Sohier St.,** building checks.

12:27 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

12:33 a.m. **Sohier St. and Ripley Road,** fire, auto. Officer reports his cruiser is possibly on fire. Fire captain reports this is a problem with the cooling system. Everything under control at this time.

2:32 a.m. **Sohier St.,** suspicious activity. Caller reports she would like an officer to walk around her property; someone has been ringing her doorbell. Officers checked the area around the house; nothing found, they will patrol the area.

2:44 a.m. **Sohier St.,** officer reports school buildings check OK, all secure.

5:07 a.m., **Jerusalem Road,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

6:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** traffic enforcement.

6:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

6:52 a.m. **N. Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

4:01 p.m. **Stoneleigh Lane,** officer wanted. Officer to this location to advise party that he needs to discuss this matter with town manager.

4:46 p.m. **King St.,** motor vehicle crash. Caller stated that she was just in an accident and needs to file an accident report with the police. Officer reports he assisted in paper exchange.

7:30 p.m. **S. Main St.,** assist other department. Caller, a worker from the Board of Health, requests assistance. She reports the manager at this location is giving her a hard time about an inspection. Officer reports the restaurant at this location has been shut down by the Board of Health.

9:24 p.m. **Wheeler Park,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS. Scituate Fire requests R3 for a 98-year-old female not feeling well.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

1 a.m. **High School, Pond St.,** building checks.

1 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

6:30 a.m. **Beechwood St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** traffic enforcement.

8:42 a.m. **King St.,** disabled motor vehicle. Caller states that there is a disabled motor vehicle half in the street.

10:26 a.m. **N. Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

10:34 a.m. **N. Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

10:57 a.m. **White Head Road,** fire, miscellaneous. L.M. Holdings struck water main. Water has been turned off.

11:09 a.m. **Beach St.,** motor vehicle crash. Caller states that she was just in an accident and other car left the scene. Officer reports not a hit and run.

11:13 a.m. **Pond St.,** motor vehicle stop.

1:11 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** traffic enforcement.

1:16 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

1:37 p.m. medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

5:53 p.m. **Condito Road,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS. Hingham Fire requesting R3 for a person in a diabetic coma.

6:34 p.m. **Parker Ave.,** medical aid; transported other/ALS.

7:19 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.** Walk-in party reports she is locked out of her house. Officer has assisted the resident and access has been gained.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

12:28 a.m. **High School, Pond St.,** open door/window. Officer reports open garage door. Officer out investigating. Officer reports garage door with snow blower, golf cart inside. Key holder has arrived, officer out with him for walk through. Officer reports door has been secured.

7:15 a.m. **Norfolk and Bancroft roads,** traffic enforcement.

7:27 a.m. **Beach St.,** notification. Detail officer reports above location is closed to traffic except for local traffic and emergency vehicles from Highland to Atlantic Avenue.

9:15 a.m. **Sohier St.,** Deer Hill/Osgood school check.

9:30 a.m. **High School, Pond St,** building checks.

10:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** disturbance. Caller stated a truck lost its cargo and the man is running around trying to pick it up. Officer reports the cargo is off to the side of the road.

1:11 a.m. **S. Main St.,** motor vehicle crash. Caller reports that he just saw a car hit a parked car then leave the scene.

4:33 p.m. **Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** disabled motor vehicle. Caller reports motor vehicle is located in a bad spot. Officer reports vehicle is located on Pond Street – female has a ride and they are waiting for a tow truck; ETA 20 minutes.

4:58 p.m., **Linden Dr.,** animal complaint. Caller reports there is a dead raccoon in her backyard.

5:29 p.m., **Brockton Ave., Scituate,** medical aid; transported SSH/BLS.

5:54 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** medical aid; transported to SSH/ALS.

6 p.m. **Sohier St.,** suspicious person. Caller reports male walking on tracks. Male is off tracks. Officer has one in custody. Arrest: Branden Galpin, 22, 104 Green St., Rockland. Charges: Trespass; possession of Class D drug.

6:51 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** assist other police department. Milton State Police requested police department to attempt to local female that lives at above address. Officer responded and looked for vehicle in parking lot – unable to locate. Contacted Milton State Police and advised them unable to locate female.

10:25 p.m. **Hanover Police Department,** BOLO announcement. Occurred 10 minutes ago at 309 Columbia Road, North Giver Gas Station. No money taken. Subject hit several times in the head. Suspect fled on foot, unknown direction. Suspect 6-foot male wearing green hoodie, blue jeans or may be in a white pick up truck; unknown registration number. Given to Cohasset unit at 10:30 p.m.

11:19 p.m. **Black Horse Lane,** assist citizen. Caller reports two vehicles parked out front of her residence. They are going to be there all night.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

12:51 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

12:52 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

5:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** animal complaint, 911 cell caller states "she hit a deer." She had an appointment and could not wait at the scene. Area search negative.

7:02 a.m. **Beach St.,** public service. Beach Street will be closed, except to emergency vehicles.

8:09 a.m. **Highland Ave.,** motor vehicle crash, detail officer reports motor vehicle accident in front of the Town Hall.

10:41 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** vandalism report, Sprint employee called requesting an officer for a vandalism report.

2:45 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane,** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:26 p.m. **Doane St.,** suspicious activity.

4:56 p.m. **Arrow Wood, Scituate,** assist citizen, caller reports strong odor of gas between Arrow Wood and Highland Crossing. Given to Scituate PD and Fire.

6:33 p.m. **S. Main St.,** suspicious person, caller reports white male wearing green jacket, in 70's, hanging around ATM machine at above location. Officer checked area, unable to locate male.

6:36 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane,** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:35 p.m. **Howe Rd.,** suspicious activity, caller reports the residence is abandoned – a vehicle with kids pulled up, kids got out and are walking around residence with flashlights. Officer spoke to calling party – kids gone on arrival, officer reports wires are down – Fire is going to check the wires – wires located under a tree.

7:55 p.m. **Bancroft Road,** vandalism report, caller reported vandalism at the tennis courts – caller will be in the morning to make report and also has pictures of the vandalism.

9:53 p.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

10:17 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:18 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.,** building checks.

11:40 p.m. **N. Main St.,** assist citizen, caller reports her landlord varnished the apartment downstairs. She reports the odor is very strong. Caller also stated she was going to stay with a friend tonight and make a report in the morning after work. Caller stated to Fire Department she thought it was a health hazard. She will talk to landlord in the morning.

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What's happening on the South Shore

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Stars flock to South Shore Music Circus

2008 summer lineup announced

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

To celebrate opening day, radio station Country 102.5/ WKLB will be on hand for the special festivities.

Grammy Award-winning vocalist and punk style icon Debbie Harry – famed for her two-tone bottle blonde hair – will be front and center when the seminal 1970s American punk rock and new wave band Blondie plays their first ever South Shore Music Circus concert Saturday, June 21. There aren't many firsts left for 83-year-old music legend B.B. King, but he'll check one more off when he makes his debut appearance under the Music Circus tent Friday, Aug. 1. Blondie and King are just two of the acts scheduled for the summer 2008 season at the venerable venue which will also see the Cohasset bows of comedians Brad Garrett (Friday, July 11) and Frank Caliendo (Friday, July 18) and the country music duo "Sugarland," featuring Jennifer Nettles and Kristian Bush, Thursday, Aug. 21. As we go to press, "Sugarland" has just become the first sold-out show of the season.

The South Shore Music Circus box office, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, will open for in-person sales at noon Saturday, April 12. To celebrate opening day, radio station Country 102.5/WKLB will be on hand for the special festivities. Prizes will be given away through random drawings to customers buying tickets at the box office. Until then, tickets may be purchased by calling 617-931-2787 or going online at themusiccircus.org.



Debbie Harry


B.B. King


Brad Garrett

Performers	Performance date	Tickets
Boz Scaggs	Friday, June 13 at 8 p.m.	$57.25/$42.25
Blondie	Saturday, June 21 at 8 p.m.	$52.75/$37.75
An Evening With Lyle Lovett In Concert	Friday, June 27 at 8 p.m.	$60.25/$45.25
Kidz Bop Live	Saturday, June 28 at 5 p.m.	$25 all seats
An Evening With RAIN-The Beatles Experience	Wednesday, July 2 at 8 p.m.	$50.25/$35.25
An Evening With John McDermott	Saturday, July 5, at 8 p.m.	$31.75 all seats
Comedian Brad Garrett	Friday, July 11 at 8 p.m.	$54/$39
Comedian Frank Caliendo	Friday, July 18 at 8 p.m.	$65/$50
An Evening With Linda Eder & Steve Tyrell	Saturday, July 19, at 8 p.m.	$54.25/$39.25
An Evening With ABBA The Tour	Friday, July 25 at 8 p.m.	$48.75/$33.75
WWE World Wrestling Entertainment	Saturday, July 26 at 8 p.m.	$47.75/$32.75
B.B. King	Friday, Aug. 1 at 8 p.m.	$69.25/$54.25
Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra	Saturday, Aug. 2 at 8 p.m.	$90/$62.75
Kenny Rogers	Saturday, Aug. 9 at 8 p.m.	
Hootie & The Blowfish Homegrown	Sunday, Aug. 10 at 7:30 p.m.	$63.25/$48.25
An Evening With The Saw Doctors	Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 8 p.m.	$35.25 all seats
Comedian Jeff Dunham	Thursday, Aug.14 at 8 p.m.	$62/$47
Randy Owen of Alabama "All The Hits Tour"	Friday, Aug. 15 at 8 p.m.	$59/$44
An Evening With Tony Bennett	Saturday, Aug. 16 at 8 p.m.	$82.25/$67.25
Sugarland	Thursday, Aug. 21 at 8 p.m.	$70.75/$55.75
Gretchen Wilson	Friday, Aug. 22 at 8 p.m.	$72.75/$57.75
The Beach Boys	Saturday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m.	$59.25/$44.25
Comedian Artie Lange	Friday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m.	$74/$59
An Evening With Vince Gill	Saturday, Aug. 30 at 8 p.m.	$57.75/$42.75
An Evening With Garrison Keillor "A Prairie Home Companion" – The Rhubarb Tour	Monday, Sept. 1 at 8 p.m.	$66.25/$51.25

Children's programs

Russian American Kids Circus	Thursday, July 10, 10:30 a.m.	$14.50
Kaleidoscope Children's Theatre		
Snow White	Thursday, July 17, 10:30 a.m.	$8
Jack & The Beanstalk	Thursday, July 24, 10:30 a.m.	$8
Cinderella	Thursday, July 31, 10:30 a.m.	$8
Rapunzel	Thursday, Aug. 7, 10:30 a.m.	$8
Cinderella, Too!	Thursday, Aug. 14, 10:30 a.m.	$8
Rumpelstiltskin	Thursday, Aug. 21, 10:30 a.m.	$8
Hansel & Gretel	Thursday, Aug. 28, 10:30 a.m.	$8

Thursday, April 3

James Library & Center for the Arts, Norwell Center. Norwell and Scituate High School students will be on view from April 3, -April 30, 2008. An opening reception will be held April 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit may be viewed Tuesday - Friday 1-5 and Saturday 10-1 p.m. www.jameslibrary.org.

Ellen Litt of Mortgage Financial Inc. of Hingham, will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), on Wednesday, April 3, at 7 a.m. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive, Braintree. Visitors are welcome. Information: 781-356-1440 or by email at lczech@czechcpa.com.

Fontbonne Academy's Environmental Club is hosting the film, "King Corn," April 3 at 7 p.m. in the Fontbonne auditorium at 930 Brook Road in Milton. "Admission is free.

The Common Market Restaurants, Quincy, announce their first annual **Café Idol** Thursday nights April 3, 10, 17 and 24. May 1 from 9 to 11 p.m.

Plimoth Cinema, located at Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth March 28-April 3: "4 Months 3 Weeks and 2 Days" movie times are: Sunday through Friday 4 p.m. Saturday 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. 113 minutes, unrated. Ticket prices are $8.50 for adults and $6.50 for seniors, For additional movie listings and information visit Plimoth Cinema

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, April 3 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **The Mighty HouseRockers Blues Jam** open mic 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 3, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

Friday. April 4

The Scituate Arts Association invites the public to the opening reception of its premier ***Arts Alive!*** **Juried Show** on April 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. The show and reception will take place at the SAA's Front Street Art Gallery. The works of 56 South Shore artists will be on display from Thursday, April 3 through Sunday, April 13 at the Scituate Arts Association's Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate The SAA's Front Street Art Gallery is open beginning April 1 from Tuesday to Saturday from 10 to 5 and on Sundays from 1:30 to 5.

Stoughton Stars, presents Live on Stage **Disney's High School Musical** April 4 and 5 at: 7:30 p.m. April 5 and 6 at 1:30 p.m. Directed By Audrey Mutascio At Walpole High School 275 Common St. Walpole, For tickets go to ***www.stoughtonstars.com*** or for information contact Kristine at 781-975-6783

International Grandmother Drum Peace Prayerformance April 4, 7 to 10 p.m. Chapman Middle School, Weymouth. $35 adults, children under 16 by donation. Advance tickets recommended. www.drummingforpeace.org or 617-750-0906.

Brattle Theater, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge, Friday, April 4, 6 p.m. Booksigning event "Armageddon in Retrospect" by Kurt Vonnegut, Introduction by Mark Vonnegut.

The Unicorn Singers will perform April 4 and 6 at House of Prayer, 918 Main St., Hingham The program, '3 Beats/4 Hands' offers delightful part songs and waltzes written over several centuries, featuring some of the Liebeslieder Waltzes of Brahms, as well as a brand-new medley of Richard Rodgers classics from Broadway shows. Concerts are Friday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 4 p.m. Tickets $15 at the door or call 781-749-6561.

South Shore Arts Center, 119 Ripley Way, Cohasset An exhibition of the work of five contemporary African artists goes on view in the Bancroft Gallery at the South Shore Art Center from April 4 through May 11, titled "Reflections in Exile: Five Contemporary African Artists Respond to Social Injustice." The exhibition includes work by Ilona Anderson (South Africa), Khalid Kodi (Sudan), Chaz Maviyane-Davies (Zimbabwe), Salem Mekuria and Ezra Wube (Ethiopia). Included in the exhibition are paintings, graphic design, installation art, and film. There will be a panel discussion on **Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m**. **The Dillon Gallery** will showcase the work of Gallery Artists **Beverly Carreiro, Irma Cerese, Susan Charles, Eleanor LeBlanc, and Michele Meister**. Faculty Feature is **Abby Zonies**. **Opening Reception** for all exhibitions Friday, April 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. Visit www.ssac.org , shannan@ssac.org or call 781-383-2787 Visit www.ssac.org , shannan@ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

Plimoth Cinema, Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth April 4-10: "Caramel" Movie times are: Friday 4 p.m. Saturday 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday through Thursday 4 p.m. 96 minutes, Rated: PG, English Subtitles. Ticket prices are $8.50 for adults and $6.50 for seniors, For additional movie listings and information visit Plimoth Cinema

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 4, **Flydown "Cape Cod's Most Dangerous Band"** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, April 4, **Groove Authority** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

New England Singles Dance, April 4, 8 p.m. to midnight at Sheraton Braintree Grand Ballroom, Route I-93 at Exit 6, Braintree, DJ. Cost $12.



Yawkey Way by Salley McCarthy

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The "Back Bay Guitar Trio" will perform in concert at the Hingham Public Library on Sunday, April 13 at 3:30 p.m. The Back Bay Guitar Trio is a classical guitar ensemble comprised of Steve Marchena, John Mason and David Newsam. This free concert is sponsored by the Boston Classical Guitar Society and is presented as part of the Library's "Sunday Sounds Special" series.

Auditions

SWEENEY TODD-SCHOOL EDITION, (for high school students). Strong singers and actors needed. Auditions are May 5 and 12 6:30 to 9 p.m. at First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way in Scituate. Bring a prepared song. Show is July 25 and 26. Join the fourth season for 'LILY'S PURPLE PLASTIC PURSE", (for children 7-13). Auditions are May 19, 6:30-8pm at First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate. No need to prepare anything. Show is July 26 and 27. Information can be found on www.southshoresummer theater.com, or call 781-545-7042.

THE PILGRIM FESTIVAL CHORUS (PFC) announces open auditions for "Strictly Sondheim: A Musical Retrospective" April 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square in Plymouth. Auditions will cast the June 14 event, which will feature soloists, duets, quartets and ensembles, in an "all Stephen Sondheim music" cabaret-style evening of musical performances. Vocalists from teenagers to senior citizens will be performing. Singers should come prepared with a favorite audition song and the accompanying sheet music. Singers interested in a specific Sondheim tune for solo audition may come prepared with music to be considered for inclusion in the performance repertoire. Information: Susan Mullaney at 508-245-2876.

Saturday, April 5

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Single Executive Club Singles Dance, April 4, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Route 3. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com. Cost $12.

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Theater review

He's not alone in 'Shining City'

The compelling single-act drama by Conor McPherson is in Boston

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



PHOTO: PETER WYNN THOMPSON.

John (John Judd) is a man haunted by the ghost of his dead wife, in the Huntington Theatre Company's production of *Shining City*, written by Conor McPherson and directed by Robert Falls. The production runs until Sunday, April 6, at the Huntington's B.U. Theatre.

All the action in "Shining City" – the compelling single-act drama by Conor McPherson ("The Seafarer," "The Weir") now being staged in Boston by the Huntington Theatre – takes place in the home/office of a fledging psychotherapist who can't seem to get away from his own demons long enough even to exhale. A former Catholic priest, Ian (Jay Whittaker) now finds himself living and working in the same rented space. He may be free of the collar and the calling that once dominated his life, but a tenuous relationship with a woman who has just given birth to his child and an awkward dalliance with a male hustler make clear that his life's rocky sea changes aren't likely to smooth out any time soon.

He isn't the only one trying to deal with overwhelming life change. One of his clients, perhaps his only one, is a businessman, John (John Judd), who has come to Ian for grief counseling after losing his wife in a terrible automobile accident and being haunted by memories of her. John is not just grief-stricken; he is also guilt-ridden, because of another woman who entered his life shortly before his wife so abruptly left it. He has moved away from the house he shared with his late wife, but her ghost continues to follow him – still clad in the red coat he had given her to ease his conscience while contemplating the extramarital affair.

John believes that while his wife may have left this earth she is far from done with him. In a masterfully written monologue by McPherson that is powerfully acted at the Boston University Theatre by Judd, John lays it all out. He and his wife were childless and often felt left out in social situations where they were the only barren couple. Judd engenders sympathy, empathy and perhaps even some resentment with his tale of his text-message-fueled entanglement with the other woman that led him to distance himself even further from his wife. Planted in the middle of his therapist's leather-tufted couch – at the center of the lived-in wood-paneled set by Santo Loquasto that is bathed in Christopher Akerlind's perfect, mood-setting lighting – Judd's John is not just wallowing, but almost drowning in sadness and regret.

McPherson has written his male leads as men at distinct and distinctly different crossroads. Both are struggling to move forward amidst circumstances often outside their control and beyond their complete understanding. Professionally, Ian offers compassionate counsel to his client, but personally he takes a very different tack with the mother of his child when he decides he is done with her. His girlfriend, Neasa (Nicole Weisner), helped finance his psychotherapy studies and is eager to build a future with Ian, but he is just as determined to end the relationship and distance himself from her.

Goodman artistic director Robert Falls – who also helmed the play's 2006 Tony Award-nominated Broadway production, which starred Oliver Platt, Brian F. O'Byrne, and Martha Plimpton – directed this co-production of the Huntington and Chicago's Goodman. Theatre Falls is wonderfully adept at allowing gentle humor to leaven the deepest melancholy before it can become all-consuming. His affectingly nuanced work is complemented beautifully here by the fine acting of Judd, Whittaker, Wiesner, and also Keith Gallagher who makes Laurence, the brawling and bruised gay-for-pay street tough, surprisingly soulful.

The Huntington Theatre Company will present "Shining City" at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston, through April 6. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-266-0800 or go online at huntingtontheatre.org.





Kurt Browning *Stephen Carriere*

The Skating Club of Boston Presents the 96th Annual Ice Chips Show of Champions at Harvard University's Bright Arena. World Champion Kurt Browning Olympian Emily Hughes and International Medalist Stephen Carriere will headline a cast of regional, sectional, national and international medalists with over 200 performers including Club members, Ice Theatre and Synchronized Skating Teams along with students from The Skating Club of Boston's Basic Skills (Learn-to-Skate) Programs. Ice Chips 2008: Viva Las Vegas will celebrate the timeless glamour and iconic music inspired by the show stopping entertainment capital of the world. Ice Chips is a benefit for Children's Hospital Boston. Performance are Saturday, April 5, 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 6, 2 p.m. Tickets are $20 available at Harvard's Box Office and www.icechips.org

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Starcreations Theater presents the musical "The Tale of Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny" on Saturday, April 5 at 6 pm and Sunday, April 13 at 4 pm held at Kendall Hall, First Parish in Plymouth, 19 Town Square. Tickets: Adult $10, Child $5. Information: 508-747-1234 or email info@starcreations.org

South Shore Conservatory and **Barnes & Noble** located at the Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham at 96 Derby St., will host **Performathon,** the school's annual student fund raising event, on Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Performathon is a performance marathon that offers Conservatory students the opportunity to hone their performing skills as they help raise money for the Conservatory's Scholarship Fund by soliciting pledges from sponsors. Call 781-749-7565, ext.19 for information.

Saturday Evening Ballroom Dance at Trinity Episcopal Church Hall 241 Broad St., Weymouth. DJ Music by DanceSport of Boston. Refreshments, door prizes. April 5, 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tickets $12 advance/$15 door. 617-325-1562 www.dancesportboston.com

Deborah Tulsky Dumais "Digital Textures" photography show is on exhibit in the Clemens Gallery at the Hingham Public Library from April 5 through May 1. The public is invited to an opening reception April 5 from 2 to 5 p.m. Background jazz guitar by **Steve Young.**

BackRiver Spring Art Show, 41 Back River Road, Hingham, April 5 from 2 to 5 p.m. (model residence of new BackRiver Townhomes), Local galleries exhibit of works by local artists. Free admission; advance reservations are requested. 781-740-8700.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 5, **Six Foot Sunday** 781-829-6999.

Sunday, April 6

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, **The Sunday Afternoon Concert series begins** on April 6, at 4 p.m. with pianist, **Stephen Porter.** Free and open to the public. 781-934-6634 x 12 .

Elizabeth VonTrapp, the granddaughter of The Baron and Maria vonTrapp will return to Scituate on April 6 for a 3 p.m. Spring Concert. at St. Mary of the Nativity Roman Catholic Church Front Street, Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children under 12. Tickets are available at St. Mary Parish Life Center, The Village Market, Front Street Books and Scituate Library or at the door. Information: 781-545-5271.

South Shore Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell Reptile Rock Show on Sunday, April 6, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Herpetologist, **Michael K. Ralbovsky** of Rainforest Reptile Shows is back for a return visit with his menagerie of reptiles, including lizards, turtles, alligator and really BIG snakes. Fun for the whole family. This show is recommended for children ages 3 and up, accompanied by an adult. Sign-Up early as this is a ticketed event and space is limited. Cost: $8 members and $10 non-members which includes admission to the EcoZone before the show. may be purchased by phone at 781-659-2559.

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Cornerstone Lodge, 585 Washington St., Duxbury. **All you can eat breakfast buffet**, from 8 to 11:30 a.m., **April 6.** Menu: scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, toast, English muffins, baked beans, juice and coffee. Pancakes and French toast cooked to order. Adults $7, seniors $6, children age 12 and under $5. **Open to the public.**

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Treasures Appraised event, sponsored by the Abington Cultural Council and Friends of the Abington Public Library, will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on April 6, at the VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Have that piece of furniture, jewelry, family treasure, or yard sale find evaluated by professional appraisers from Broad Cove Auctions in Hingham and Anderson Jewelers in Wellesley. The Abington Art Association will display members' works, which be available for sale. Admission: $5 for one appraisal, $10 for three. Information: 781-871-0810 or 781-878-1189 for information

Monday, April 7

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The Scituate Animal Shelter will offer a new **Pet Loss Support Group** free to the public. It will take place from 7 to 8 p.m., the first Monday of the month, at Scituate Public Library, 85 Branch St. For information, call the shelter at 781-545-8703.

Hanover Toastmasters meets from 5:45 to 7 p.m. every first and third Monday, each month, at the Rockland Trust building, 2036 Washington Street, Hanover. Information contact Stacey Shipman at Stacey@letitflowfitness.com

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main Street, Norwell, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. April 7 starts an eight-week "Growing Through It" program. The program is designed to help those who have recently suffered a loss of a significant partner due to death, separation or divorce. All are welcome. Information: call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 7, **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, April 8

The Hingham Area Branch of the American Association of University Women, AAUW, will be sponsoring a program April 8 at 7 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy, 1073 Main St., Hingham. **Evelyn Murphy**, former Lt. Governor of Massachusetts will be speaking on the topic of "Getting Even: Why Women Don't Get Paid Like Men and What to do About It. Information: 781-749-3734.

Scituate Marine Technology Series, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Road, Scituate. April 8, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. **Maritime Archaeology Remote Sensing.** This session focus on remote sensing technologies such as a side sonar, multi-beam, sonar, magnetometers, remotely operated vehicles and autonomous underwater vehicles. Registration is free. Call 508-588-9100x1509. www.massaoit.mass.edu

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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 8, **Wicked Triva** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, April 9

Myhouse Lounge, 609 Washington St., Route 3A, **Jazz open Mike** every Wednesday 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. 617-201-2918. www.myspace.com/myhousequincy

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower Street, Duxbury, MA (Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont Street, (RT 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, at 7 p.m. No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Information: Barbara Lashley 508 830-1630.

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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 9, Fly down "unplugged" 781-829-6999.

Thursday, April 10

Photographer Jeanne McKenna of Norwell talks about Pompeii and the Amalfi Coast, Italy as part of "Travel Times Three" program, April 10 at the South Shore Natural Science Center Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Avid Photographer and Norwell resident, Jeanne McKenna will talk about a recent trip to Pompeii and the Amalfi Coast, Italy as part of a Thursday Tea program, "Travel Times Three" on Thursday, April 10, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Other presenters include **Judy Pollock** of Marshfield whose travels included Tuscany and Umbria. Rain Rodolph, also of Marshfield, will talk about her travels throughout Provence, France. Tea and desserts will follow the presentations. Pre-registration requested, Cost $8 members, $10 non members. Registration by phone 781-659-2559) with a credit card.

April Book Club Meeting at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate April 10, 6 to 8 p.m. This month's non-fiction title is: **My Father's Secret War by Lucinda Franks.** Everyone welcome to attend. Free. 781-545-5011.

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JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 10, **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, April 10 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **John the Conquerer-Blue Jams** open mic 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, April 11

South Shore Community Center 2008 Kitchen Tour, April 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Showcase of five beautiful homes. Four of the homes are scattered along the beautiful coastline off of Jerusalem Road and one home is located directly on Cohasset's historic town common. Cost: $25 before April 10, $35 day of event. Ticket Sales: Can be purchased at the SSCC or by calling 781-383-0088

South Shore Conservatory presents pianist Mark Goodman in concert on Friday, April 11, 7:30 pm, Cox Hall, One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. Goodman's program includes the Bach "English Suite No. 4 in F Major; Beethoven's Sonata in E-flat Major Op. 31, no. 3;" and "Miroirs" by Ravel. The concert is free and the public is welcome. For directions, please call 781-749-7565, ext. 34 or visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

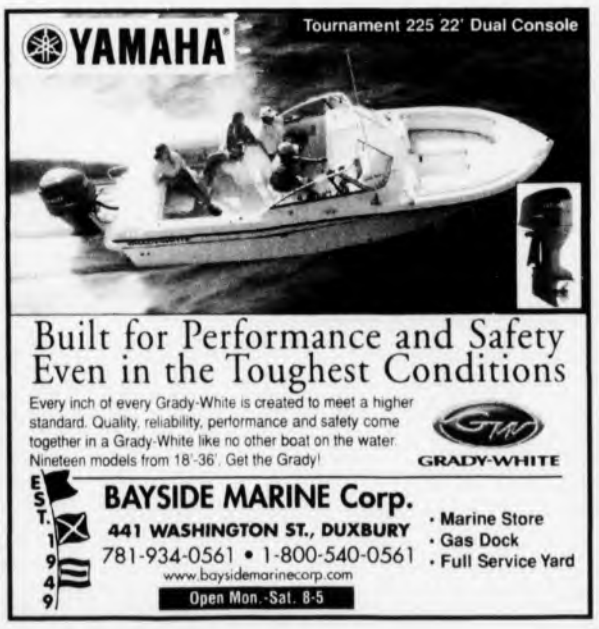


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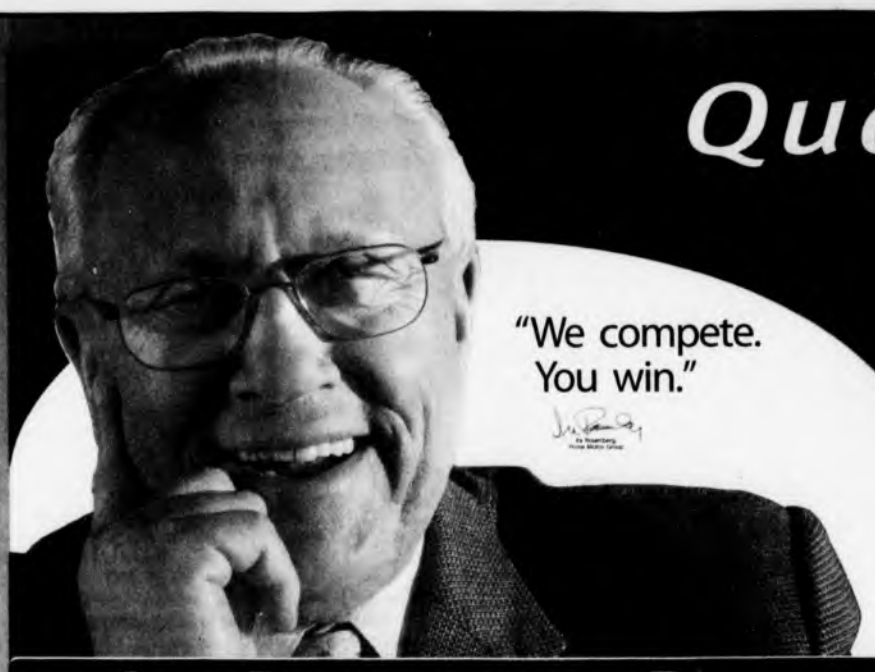


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COURTESY PHOTO/HELENE NORTON-RUSSELL

Karen Lyons, shown here at Sandy Beach, says her late husband Joe believed in the possibility of finding a cure for juvenile diabetes in their son's lifetime. In a tribute to Joe, she formed Team Lyons; she will compete in this year's Cohasset Triathlon and raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

'We will finish what you started'

Team Lyons forms in tribute to fallen triathlete

By Nancy White
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Strength. Courage. Love.

On the day of the Cohasset Triathlon, Karen Lyons will turn to those powers within herself to complete the race.

With her blond hair tucked under a swimming cap, she will wait on the sands of Sandy Beach for the starting signal to begin the race her husband, Joe Lyons, wasn't able to complete.

In last year's inaugural triathlon, Joe suffered a fatal heart attack during the swim portion of the race. He was 38.

A year later, Karen, has set herself on a path to do what no one — but herself — would have ever asked her to do: to finish what he started.

For Joe Lyons, the Cohasset Triathlon was more than just an athletic event; it was a way to raise money for a cause very important to him — the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). All the net proceeds from the Cohasset Triathlon are donated to the cause. Joe and Karen's son, Sam, has lived with Type 1 juvenile diabetes since he was two years old.

Karen, a Newton resident, says Joe was a champion for the cause and

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Sawchuk wins Sewer Commission race



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Wayne Sawchuk, candidate for Sewer Commission, stands by a wall of campaign signs along Highland Avenue during Saturday's annual Town Election.

Only 40 votes separated candidates

By Nancy White
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The 2008 Town Election isn't likely to go down in the history books for any particular reason. Unlike the heated and controversial elections of past years, the polls were slow, but steady, and just one contested race topped the ballot.

Nevertheless, a little more than 17 percent of registered voters (or 873) showed up to cast their vote on the Sewer Commission race and show support for the many unopposed candidates on the ballot. Town Clerk Marion Douglas said there were spurts during the day. Groups of parents with soccer uniformed kids in tow would come after a game and dinner time, shortly before the polls closed at 6p.m., there was a little more action for the poll workers.

"Most of the day it was pretty slow," says Douglas.

The sole balloted race in the election for a three-year Sewer Commission seat ended with a close count, but a familiar face in town politics Wayne Sawchuk edged out political newcomer Jim Dow by 40 votes (442-402).

"It just goes to show you that every vote counts," says Sawchuk of the close vote. "I thought we both ran terrific campaigns," adding he hopes Dow will consider running again for the position again.

Sawchuk said he was sworn in to his new role on Saturday night and by Monday morning his inbox was already full of e-mails from residents regarding sewer issues.

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Occupation: Fifth grade students at Deer Hill School.

Best day of your life: July 4, 2006, the day I got my dog, named Schultz (Hannah). The day I get my new puppy! (Carly).

Best vacation: Discovery Cove, Orlando (Hannah). Disney World and skiing at Sugarloaf (Carly).

Favorite season: Spring (Hannah). Summer (Carly).

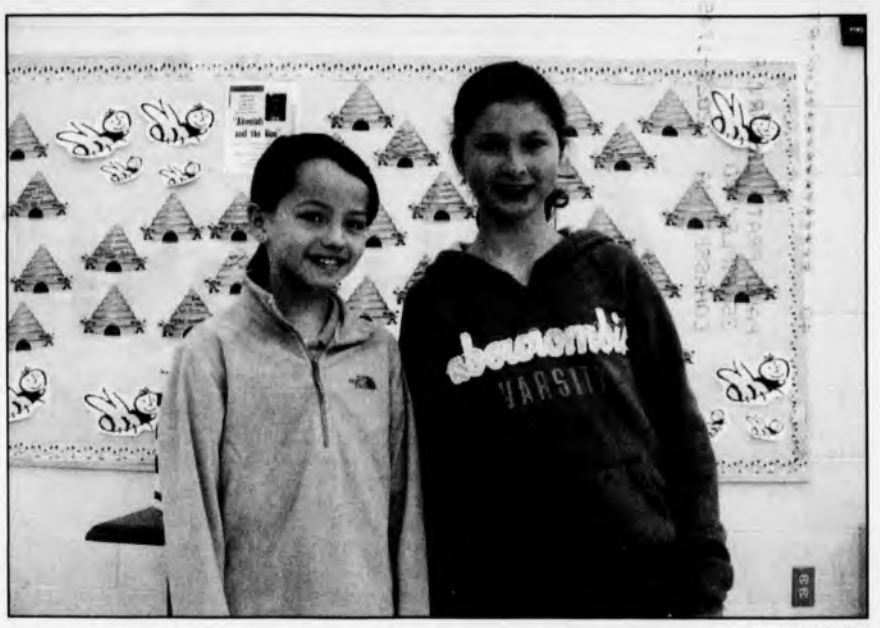
Favorite holiday: Christmas (Hannah and Carly).

Favorite junk food: Salsa and chips (Hannah). All kinds of candy! (Carly).

Best book: "Danny, the Champion of the World" by Roald Dahl (Hannah). From the Mixed- Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankwieler (Carly).

Best movie: The Ultimate Gift (Carly).

Best TV show: American Idol! (Carly).



COURTESY PHOTO

Fifth-graders Hannah Cooper and Carly Gundersen will be participating in the Cohasset Education Foundation Spelling Bee Sunday, April 13.

Most embarrassing moment: The first time I snowboarded and kept falling down! (Carly).

Pet peeve: Being late (Hannah). Nails on a chalkboard (Carly).

Goal: To learn how to be a better snowboarder (Carly).

Person you'd most like to meet: I'd like to meet Mia Hamm (Carly).

Biggest worry: Going to middle school next year! (Carly).

Best part of Cohasset: My friends! (Hannah). The beach! (Carly).

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Sunrise: 6:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:20 p.m.*			
Fri. 11	3:48	10.2	4:35	8.6	10:11	-0.5	10:27	0.7
Sunrise: 6:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:21 p.m.*			
Sat. 12	4:49	9.7	5:39	8.3	11:13	0.0	11:30	1.1
Sunrise: 6:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:22 p.m.*			
Sun. 13	5:56	9.3	6:47	8.2	—	—	12:18	0.4
Sunrise: 6:05 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:23 p.m.*			
Mon. 14	7:05	9.0	7:54	8.3	12:37	1.2	1:24	0.6
Sunrise: 6:03 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:24 p.m.*			
Tues. 15	8:13	8.9	8:54	8.6	1:45	1.2	2:27	0.6
Sunrise: 6:02 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:25 p.m.*			
Wed. 16	9:15	8.9	9:47	8.9	2:49	0.9	3:22	0.6
Sunrise: 6:00 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:26 p.m.*			
Thurs. 17	10:09	9.0	10:33	9.1	3:46	0.6	4:10	0.6
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POLICE BEAT

Car accidents lead the log this week

By Mary Ford
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A 59-year-old Cohasset man is facing drunk driving charges after he veered off North Main Street onto the tracks at about 9 p.m. Saturday (April 5).

A motorist called 9-1-1 after seeing the man who was driving a 2002 Toyota swerving along Route 228 and nearly hitting the caller's car head-on, Chief James Hussey said.

The witness called 9-1-1, reversed direction and followed the Toyota that took a right onto East Street and continued along to N. Main Street where it veered onto the tracks.

Officers at the scene could smell alcohol on the man's breath. Further investigation at the scene resulted in the man being charged with OUI (alcohol), negligent operation, and marked lanes violation. The MBTA was notified to stop any trains until the car was towed.

Chief Hussey said the accident, in his view, was not due to the fog lines at the crossing, which were redrawn following several mishaps on the tracks and are now working quite well. "The lines make the crossing very clear," he said.

Police are summonsing a 17-year-old Scituate teen to court on charges of driving on a suspended license. Police found out the girl did not have a valid license after reports that the truck she was driving was allegedly involved in a parking lot accident at Cohasset Plaza on Monday afternoon (March 31). The operator of a 2007 Chrysler called police after she found out that someone had apparently hit her car while she was in the bank and had driven away.

The alleged victim saw an older model truck drive away, followed it and spoke to the driver who provided her name but no other information. The woman provided police with the plate number. Police ran a computer check that revealed the teen's license was suspended for non-payment of a speeding ticket. Police are still determining whether the teen will be charged with leaving the scene after causing property damage.

On Tuesday (April 1) at about 1:20 p.m. a Melrose woman lost control of her Dodge Caravan after trying to avoid a squirrel on Border Street and hit a utility pole. The air bags deployed and the car had to be towed. The woman had been visiting someone in Scituate, police said.

Marijuana arrest

Police arrested at 24-year-old Ripley Road resident and charged him with possession of a Class D substance (marijuana) at about 3:40 a.m. on Sunday (April 6) on Ripley Road. Police had responded to a complaint about under-age drinking and searched the area, observing this particular individual, police said. Police spoke to him and could smell alcohol. He had a plastic container under his arm that contained marijuana, police said.

Jewelry theft

Police are investigating the theft of more than $3,000 in jewelry from a rented apartment on Grace Drive. The woman who lived in the apartment passed away recently and her daughter discovered that gold earrings, gold chains, and a pearl necklace, among other items, were missing. Police have some leads and the incident remains under investigation.

Pocketbook stolen

A woman called police after she discovered her pocketbook had been taken from her unlocked car at Shaw's Plaza on Monday (March 31). The call came in at 4:45 p.m.

"This is a familiar story," Chief Hussey said. The incident occurred about 3:40 p.m. The victim told police she took her wallet into a store and returned to her car 15 minutes later and discovered that her blue- and brown-colored pocketbook was gone. She went back into the store to see if she had left it there but could not find it. Her pocketbook contained keys, sunglasses and some cash. Officers searched the area to no avail. The next day some boys found the pocketbook near Jerusalem Road and Bow Street and turned it in, police said.

ATM card

The alleged victim of a theft of an ATM card told police last week that she was not going to press charges against a co-worker who took the card and withdrew about $260 from her account. The co-worker was confronted and has made restitution but destroyed the ATM card, police said. The victim has cancelled the card and has decided not to pursue the matter in court. Their employer has terminated the co-worker. Police said they would assist the victim with a court case if she so desired.

Telephone scam

An alert senior citizen told police about a scam in which the caller — a man with a foreign accent — told her he had all her information including social security number, and wanted her bank account information in order to send her a medical card in the mail. The caller, who lives on Bayberry Lane, wanted the incident logged.

Chief Hussey said no one should give out any personal information over the phone.

Barrels taken

The owner of a company that manufactures and leases orange traffic barrels informed police last week that several of his barrels were being used on S. Main Street without authority. He retrieved the barrels and did not want to pursue criminal action but wanted the incident logged.

Backpack

The larceny of a backpack at Cohasset Middle-High School last week has turned out to be a prank, police said. School administrators reviewed surveillance tapes and talked with the students involved and parents. "It was not a true larceny," Chief Hussey said. "Students had hidden the backpack and later

School board makes policy on naming rights

By Nancy White
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According to Flynn, the Cohasset Sports Partnership is beginning its private fundraising campaign to build a turf field for the Cohasset Middle-High School's Alumni Field and is exploring all avenues to get donations.

What's in a name?

Parents-to-be spend hours thinking of what to name their child. New businesses struggle to come up with a name that will sum up what they will do.

As stewards for the schools, the School Committee must similarly be cognizant of what a name means for the town and its history.

In that spirit, they have set forth a policy about the future naming (or re-naming) of school buildings and facilities to make sure a name is something that will be both lasting and meaningful.

The policy states the name should encourage unification of all the stakeholders of the community and have equal relevance to all. The name should come with educational significance or inspiration.

While the School Committee holds the sole responsibility for naming school buildings or facilities, the policy allows the Superintendent of Schools to establish an ad hoc committee to bring forth name recommendations for consideration by the committee. The ad hoc committee will be responsible for providing sufficient background information and rationale for the proposed name.

The policy sets out the naming or renaming of existing structures or physical spaces will occur infrequently.

"Historical preservation and respect for our traditions are a key component in honoring our past," the policy states.

The need for a policy was born out a recent discussion School Committee chairman Rick Flynn and Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh had with Cohasset Sports Partnership president George McGoldrick. According to Flynn, the Cohasset Sports Partnership is beginning its private fundraising campaign to build a turf field for the Cohasset Middle-High School's Alumni Field and is exploring all avenues to get donations. One of the possibilities was to offer big contributors some naming rights.

The discussion was the precipitance to form a School Committee policy on the naming of school buildings or facilities to prevent any problems down the line.

"We don't want to send (the Cohasset Sports Partnership) on a fool's errand," said Flynn.

The policy establishes clear guidelines for naming rights to prevent a "sticky situation" from developing down the line, Flynn said. He cited the controversy over the naming of the Little League fields on North Main St. in 2002.

In addition to this policy, a School Committee sub-committee is currently reviewing all the policy and standards of the schools with a policy consultant.

"What we're trying to do with all policy is to not review it for this year or next year, but to do the work that will help guide people for years to come," said School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy. It was with the help of the policy specialist that this naming of school buildings or facilities was drafted. The consultant provided the committee with several other town's naming policies to provide a starting point for the policy.

"This really takes the best of all the policies," said MacCarthy.

The School Committee opted not to have a second reading of the draft, because Flynn said the Sports Partnership was looking for an answer as soon as possible. The policy was approved with a unanimous vote.

Selectmen re-organize; Carr named chairman

The first order of business on the Board of Selectmen's agenda was to nominate and appoint a new chairman and vice chairman. The reorganization was formally opened for nominations under the instructions of Town Manager Bill Griffin.

Ralph Dormitzer nominated Ted Carr for Chairman, Paul Carlson seconded the motion and Carr was unanimously appointed Chairman. This is Carr's third year of his three-year term; he served as vice chairman previously.

Next, Dormitzer nominated Paul Carlson for Vice Chairman; the committee approved the motion 5-0.

Following in the footsteps of Gary Vanderweil, who served as chairman last year and who was noted for his efficient meetings, members of the board joked Carr would have to work hard to keep the meetings as streamlined in the year ahead.

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'Got Turf' signs go up around town

Not covered under town bylaws

By Mary Ford
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Even Building Inspector Bob Egan, who is the town's zoning enforcement officer, was confused about the signs.

Was there a new landscaping service in town? He wondered.

"This is a new wrinkle. I've never seen anything like this."

— Bob Egan, building inspector



PHOTO/MARY FORD

A "got turf" sign installed at the edge of the Town Common. The signs were put up in time for the road race to raise awareness about Cohasset Sports Partnership's efforts to raise money for a synthetic turf field at the high school.

Bright green, "Got Turf?," signs popped up all over Cohasset last week. They prompted at least one complaint to the police.

At 8:35 a.m. on Sunday (April 6) an anonymous caller stated: "There are 'Got Turf' signs all over town." The caller did not believe they should be posted in public places, the log stated.

There was a Got Turf sign at the corner of the town common, another under the sign at the Music Circus, another by JJ's and another on Route 3A by Cohasset Collision – just to name a few.

The signs are part of an awareness effort launched by Cohasset Sports Partnership, a private organization whose mission is to improve and maintain Cohasset's athletic facilities and programs and is affiliated with the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund. The CSP plans to help build a synthetic turf field at the high school.

While there are no provisions in the zoning bylaws for this type of sign, Egan explained that temporary signs for events – such as the South Shore Arts Festival or Cohasset Road Race by the Sea – are allowed to go up two weeks before the event.

"This is a new wrinkle," Egan said in a telephone interview. "I've never seen anything like this."

Egan explained that signs might have set a precedent – setting the stage for any group raising money for anything to dot the town with signs.

He planned to contact George McGoldrick, president of the sports partnership, about taking the signs down after two weeks "in the interest of fairness."

McGoldrick said in a phone interview the signs would be coming down next weekend.

"I talked to Bob and he explained there were no provisions for this," he said. McGoldrick explained CSP did nothing wrong by putting the signs up but would follow the two weeks suggested by Egan.

He said CSP put them up to coincide with the road race in hopes they would raise awareness. The group put up about 20 signs, he said. The Cohasset Road Race by the Sea draws hundreds of runners and thousands of spectators every year.

"We wanted to let people know we have started our campaign for the field," McGoldrick said.

McGoldrick said Scituate, Weymouth and Quincy have synthetic turf fields. A turf field can cost about $1 million. The CSP hopes to raise money privately to support the field project. He noted that the entire community uses the high school field.

Bond refinance translates to savings

By Nancy White
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Finance Director Mike Buckley reported Monday the town would be saving more that $200,000 by refinancing a town bond that dates back to 1998.

The 19-year bond issue primarily funded the construction of the Osgood School and a few smaller projects (harbor dredging, water system improvements and portions of the sewer expansion projects and a portion of the DPW garage).

Each year, Buckley consults with the town's financial consultant on whether or not to refinance. Right now, the town is roughly halfway into paying back the bond. This year, a much lower interest rate was available. While in the past the bond's interest rate fluctuated from four percent to 4.7 percent, an interest rate of 3.06 percent was available this year, said Buckley.

In total, the refinancing will save the town $240,000 and 91 percent of the savings ($218,702) will directly reduce the tax rate over the next 10 years. The remainder of the savings will be used to either reduce the general fund or water fund debt service appropriations, Buckley stated in a memo.

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Buckley had more good news: the state School Building Authority, which agreed to pay 60 percent of the Osgood School cost, will pay the remainder of money owed in one lump sum of nearly $4 million. While the town will still continue to pay their portion of the bond over the next 10 years, the outstanding debt on the bond will be reduced from $7.3 million to a little over $3 million.

The reduction in long term debt will improve the town's financial rating and help the next time the town needs to borrow, said Buckley.

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Neighbors still at odds over Cat Dam

Schedule issue will go before ConComm

By Nancy White
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The Commission will review the schedule, possibly adjust it, and issue a permit with an order of conditions.

The neighborhood issue of "Cat Dam"— a 50-year-old mechanism that limits the tidal flow of water in inner Little Harbor — was again in hot debate on Monday night. Like previous meetings on the matter, which has two vocal neighborhood factions, the room was packed with a standing room only crowd.

Before the Board of Selectmen was a new flushing schedule for the tide gate, a schedule that proposed increased flushing particularly during the spring months when some residents say algae blooms have been prevalent.

Cat Dam is owned by the town but historically has been maintained and operated by the abutters. For that reason, the Board of Selectmen seem to have been willing to work with the neighbors instead of assuming operational control of the structure. The issue is unique in town in that no other tide gate in town still resides in neighborhood control.

The neighbors come at the Cat Dam issue from two distinct sides; accordingly, the Selectmen requested a four-person committee be formed with two representatives from each side to develop an appropriate operational schedule for Cat Dam then report back to the Selectmen.

However, at Monday's meeting a group of residents petitioned for a new committee, more representative of the abutters, to be formed. They felt the committee was not democratically established.

In the meantime, unknown to the Selectmen, the new proposed schedule began to be implemented in the beginning of April, altering it from its previous form.

While the neighbors are the ones primarily concerned with the dam (if attendance at meetings is any indication), inner Little Harbor is a town resource that belongs to all residents.

In that spirit, it was Conservation Commission member Sarah Charron who spoke first at the meeting. Charron acknowledged the area residents for their interest in a natural resource, but she said "at the end of the day we (the Conservation Commission) have jurisdiction over inner Little Harbor."

Any water body or wetland resource — and its 100-foot buffer zone — falls under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission and is protected under state and town wetland protection laws. Any change that alters the water resource in any form — water depth, salinity, flow patterns — has to come before the Conservation Commission for approval.

"If there are changes to a wetland, we definitely want to review it," said Charron, adding the process allows for transparency, abutter notification and expertise.

The changing of the Cat Dam opening and closing schedule obligated the Conservation Commission to get involved, said Charron. The town will need to file an after the fact notice of intent with the Conservation Commission, she said. The Commission will then review the schedule, possibly adjust it, and issue a permit with an order of conditions.

The previous schedule, which reportedly has been in operation for 30 years, was grandfathered under the wetlands protection law.

Selectman Karen Quigley agreed with Charron, "I have trouble with a group of citizens making decisions on any town resource…Foremost, I think this is an environmental issue and I think we need to find a resolution to the satisfaction of the abutters, but also the best environmental solution."

The issue of a petition for a more representative neighborhood committee to keep tabs on Cat Dam constituted the majority of discussion for the remainder of the meeting.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said the original motion requesting the establishment of the committee should have included that the findings of the committee be subject to agreement by the majority of abutters.

"A large number of people did not feel represented and a larger group does not agree with the original (committee)," said Dormitzer. "I want to see a majority come to agreement."

The neighborhood sides, simply stated, have some residents wanting increased flushing in the harbor, while others wanted to leave the current flushing schedule more or less the same.

"People felt their voices were muted and not given appropriate representation," said Richard Cate of 40B Nichols Road and a member of the Cat Dam committee.

Yet, Richard O'Connell of 249 Jerusalem Road, another member of Cat Dam committee, spoke of the mutual education and compromising nature of the committee.

A proposal was made to form a new representative committee, with one representative from each of the three main geographical areas — Nichols Road, Jerusalem Road and Little Harbor Road), but others wanted the issue placed in an appropriate town body.

"We need to take it out of neighborhood control and look at it as a town issue," said Margie Brown of 275 Jerusalem Road.

In a majority vote, the Selectmen approved the schedule and requested Town Manager Bill Griffin to give a notice of intent to the Conservation Commission. Dormitzer was the only dissenting vote.

On Wednesday, Griffin said he was meeting with Conservation Commission agent Paul Shea this week to better understand the process. The issue will be before Conservation Commission at their meeting next Thursday (April 17) to discuss how to move forward with any changes in the Cat Dam gate operation plan.

No determination the representational issue was made. Selectman Fred Koed encouraged all residents to submit their own proposal for appropriate neighborhood representation going forward.

"The Board wants to consider all new ideas," said Koed. Cat Dam will be discussed again at their April 28 meeting.

BRIEFLY

Energy efficiency

Public works trucks will be more fuel efficient and some town-owned buildings will be harnessing the daylight thanks to a recently awarded $17,050 state grant.

Through the efforts of the Alternative Energy Committee and its consultants, the town has been awarded a state department of environmental affairs to do two projects, Town Manager Bill Griffin reported at the Monday Selectmen's meeting.

First, 14 public works vehicles will be installed with "tornado fuel savers" to increase fuel efficiency.

Second, 15 "daylight pipes" will be installed at the DPW garage and one will be installed at the Harbormaster's building. The installation of these daylight pipes will increase the use of natural sunlight and decrease dependence on electric lighting during daylight hours. Light sensors will also be installed to regulate the use of electrical light.

Griffin said a key element of the grant award is monitoring fuel and electric use both before and after the installation of the devices to determine to what degree the technology is effective.

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G. Fredrick Guzasky will be in recital at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 11 at St. Stephen's.

Organist Guzasky in concert at St. Stephen's

St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset will be presenting organist G. Fredrick Guzasky in a recital at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 11.

Dr. Guzasky is an Affiliated Artist at MIT in Cambridge, a professor at Bridgewater State College, and maintains a large studio of organ and piano students. The performance will feature music of Bach, Langlais, Brahms, and Rheinberger, as well as some of Guzasky's own improvisations – all played on the church's Aeolian-Skinner organ.

As a recitalist, he has performed in New England and the Midwest, as well as Russia, Latvia, and England, receiving the Boston University Outstanding Performance Award and the EMACT Award in conducting. Highlights of more recent seasons include tours of Russia and Latvia, with engagements at the Cathedral of Riga, the Kapella Concert Hall in St. Petersburg, Russia, as well as teaching master classes at the St. Petersburg Conservatory. Other venues have included performances at St. Paul's Cathedral, Holy Trinity Church in New York, and the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio.

As a composer, he has to his credit several Masses, numerous choral anthems, including a series based on Russian Orthodox texts, and a number of instrumental works. Dr. Guzasky is also author of the "Gregorian Chant Handbook," and is known as a chant clinician in the Boston area. He is also director of the Slava Chorale, a Boston based group of professional singers that perform Russian and Greek music.

Dr. Guzasky's recordings include "Comes Autumn Time," a CD of organ favorites, and "g. fredrick guzasky – LIVE," and this spring will usher in the publication of his performing guide, "Gradus Ad Parnassum for the Organist."

The church is located at 16 Highland Avenue in Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

Gardeners in 'Art in Bloom'

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APRIL SHOWERS

Hello Cohasset. How is everyone this week? We had a few nice days but now are dealing with some more gross wet stuff. I guess the saying of "April Showers Bring May Flowers" holds true or, at least I hope it does. Congratulations to all the runners and walkers in Sunday's road race. It was a great day for a race and everyone should be very proud of their accomplishments of the day.

'ART IN BLOOM'

Art In Bloom will feature the Community Garden Club of Cohasset! Art in Bloom 2008 begins with Family Day on Saturday (April 26) with special activities for children, followed by a gala Opening Celebration in the evening. Sunday through Tuesday speakers from Norway, Japan, and New York City will present lectures, demonstrations and master classes. Free-guided tours take place continuously from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. throughout the Museum. On Monday evening, there will be a free open house for the public. Throughout the festival, perennial favorites will pop up, including elegant afternoon tea, The Garden Gallery, The Flower Cart, Art In Bloom at Home and the "Give the Arts a Chance" drawing, with prizes ranging from jewelry to Box seats for the Red Sox.

Art In Bloom is free with Museum admission. Reservations are required for the Opening Celebration and the floral demonstrations and master classes. Tickets may be obtained on the MFA web site at www.mfa.org or by calling 617-369-3306.

BIG 4-0

Happy Birthday wishes go out to **Marc Perrone** as he gets ready to welcome in a new decade. The big 40 is a wonderful thing to hit and your family and friends all send you special wishes as you enjoy the weekend. Happy, Happy Birthday!

CHOICES

Parents of high school seniors — please join the senior class Thursday, April 17th at 12:30 pm in the auditorium to view "Choices," a video presentation by the Steverman Family of Scituate to educate students about the lessons learned from the loss of their son, **P.J. Steverman**, 12 years ago in an alcohol-related tragedy. Since its first screening in 2006, nearly1,700 students on the South Shore have seen "Choices" reminding them to make sound decisions for themselves and their families as they transition from high school to college. This free program is sponsored by the Social Service League of Cohasset.

COLBY COLLEGE

Jessie W. Guild, a senior at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, was named to the dean's list for academic achievement during fall semester of the 2007-2008 year. Jessie, the daughter of **Peter Guild** of Hingham and **Lindsay Cooney** of Cohasset, is a psychology and Spanish major. She attended Cohasset Junior-Senior High School.

Students whose grade point averages are in the top 30 percent are named to the dean's list.

TABOR ACADEMY

Headmaster Jay Stroud has named the following Cohasset students to the Honors List at Tabor Academy for Semester 1 of the 2007-2008 academic year. Honors List is earned by compiling an overall average of 85 or above.

Gina Giuggio, Class of 2008, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Giuggio**; and **Samantha Bobo**, Class of 2011, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bobo**.

ST. LAWRENCE

Suzanne M. Lewis, Class of 2009, of Cohasset, participated in St. Lawrence University's International Study Program for the 2007 fall semester.

St. Lawrence operates programs of study in Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, England, France, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Spain and Trinidad/Tobago.

Suzanne graduated from Thayer Academy in Braintree. She is studying in Spain the entire academic year.

SWIM, DIVE

Attention returning swimmers and divers: the Cohasset Swim and Dive Team 2008 season sign-up for returning swimmers and divers will be held on Saturday May 3 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Town Hall. Swim & dive team tryouts: Cohasset Swim Team tryouts will be held on Wednesday, June 18 from 3-5 p.m. at the swim center pool. Swimmers must be 6 years of age by July 1,2008 and no older than 17 yrs of age. Cohasset Dive Team tryouts will be held on Wednesday, June 18 from 5-6 p.m. at the swim center pool. The rain date for tryouts is Thursday, June 19 at the same times. In addition, the Cohasset Swim Team is also seeking a highly motivated Junior Swim Coach to assist the coaching staff in swim practices, swim meets, and general organization of the swim team. Applicant must be at least 16 and be able to participate on the Cohasset Swim Team. The Cohasset Dive Team is seeking qualified candidate for an Assistant Dive Coach position. Interested individuals should send qualifications to PO Box 651, Cohasset,MA 02025.



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Floral Arranger Patricia Cammett (left) and assistant arranger Joanne Boutross will represent The Community Garden Club of Cohasset in Art in Bloom 2008 at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) Boston. They will create a flower design that interprets a work of art, one of 63 designs to be done by New England Garden Clubs in this spectacular springtime tradition. This four-day festival showcasing flower arranging as an art form takes place from Saturday, April 26, through Tuesday, April 29.



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Suzanne M. Lewis participated in St. Lawrence University's International Study Program.

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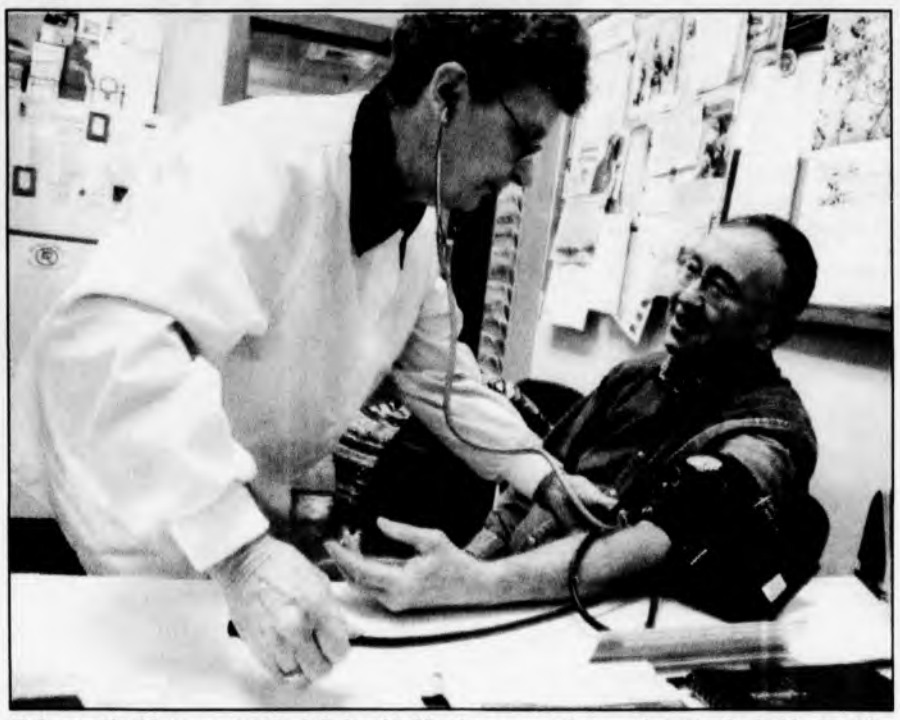


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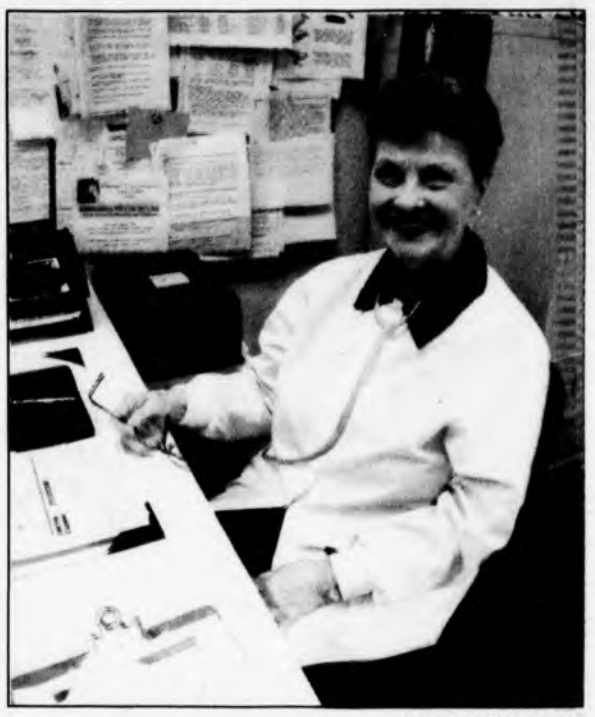
Keeping a pulse on Cohasset's health

Fitzsimmons bids adieu after 22 years

By Nancy White
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Cohasset Health Agent, Joe Godzik, has his blood pressure taken one last time by Public Health Nurse Judy Fitzsimmons.



PHOTOS/LAURA SINCLAIR

Cohasset's Public Health Nurse, Judy Fitzsimmons, is retiring after 22 years. She says developing relationships with so many residents has been the most rewarding part of her job.

Cohasset may just be a healthier place – thanks to the dedication, compassion and knowledge of retiring public health nurse Judy Fitzsimmons.

From checking in on elderly residents to performing regular blood pressure checks to distributing immunizations to local doctors to keeping track of communicable diseases, With a warm, friendly smile, Fitzsimmons has kept her pulse on the health of Cohasset for 22 years.

"A public health nurse watches out for the general health of the townspeople of all ages," says Fitzsimmons of her position and that's exactly what she has done over the last two decades.

Hired in 1986 as a contract employee with the Social Service League of Cohasset, Fitzsimmons worked out of an office in St. Stephen's Church for 15 years. In 2001, the town took over the position of public health nurse and Fitzsimmons moved to Town Hall.

Over the years, her position has grown both in visibility and responsibility.

"When I moved to Town Hall, I began to see a lot more people. I think I'm a lot more accessible here," says Fitzsimmons. The public heath nurse's office is located in the line of sight of every person entering the front door of the new part of Town Hall.

She's become a regular part of some residents' lives, many who come in once a week to get their blood pressure checked. At times, she has sent several straight from her office to the emergency room due to high blood pressure. Fitzsimmons can change dressings for residents if they have recently undergone surgery. She has saved many trips to the doctor for these routine items, provided at no charge to residents.

But, for others, she has pushed them to go see a doctor. Many times residents will come to her looking for a diagnosis or a remedy, always ending with the question, "do you think I should go to the doctor?" Fitzsimmons says she almost always says "yes."

"Usually people know they should go, but just need that little nudge and I'm happy to give it," says Fitzsimmons.

Developing relationships with residents has been the most rewarding part of her job. Fitzsimmons says she has seen some people on a regular basis for over twenty years.

"In this job, you feel like you've really helped people and made a difference in their life," says Fitzsimmons. "I've loved being able to help and serve people."

The regular office hours that have been invaluable for many residents will continue on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30a.m.

The public health nurse is responsible for receiving and distributing vaccines to Cohasset doctors, both pediatricians and general practice. She follows up on all reports from doctors and hospitals about communicable diseases found in Cohasset (gastrointestinal, strep, pneumonia, lyme disease, hepatitis etc.), while maintaining the confidentiality of the patient. During her tenure, she initiated Medicare reimbursement for influenza and other vaccine administration making Cohasset one of the first towns in the Commonwealth to receive such reimbursement.

In addition to those duties, Fitzsimmons has been involved in many town-wide projects. Following Sept. 11, Fitzsimmons became heavily involved in creating an extensive emergency plan for the town. There is a plan in the event of a pandemic flu.

"Whatever emergency comes up, there's a plan for it now," says Fitzsimmons. Establishing these extensive response and action plans has been one of the challenges of her job, she says, because of their complexity and need for thoroughness.

One issue she found did not get easier no matter what experience she gathered throughout the years was convincing elderly people it was time for them to be somewhere else.

"Many times people will stay in a place long after it is safe for them," says Fitzsimmons. In some cases, it has taken her months to convince a person to leave their home and independent living.

Caring for elders is a demographic she has paid special attention to over the years. For some elderly residents, she makes monthly home visits, or is called when a neighbor is concerned about a senior's health. She hosts monthly "keep well" clinics at the Harborview apartments at 60 Elm Street and the Senior Center, a program that will continue on.

Being in a people-oriented business, it comes as no surprise she names her clients and co-workers as what she will miss most about her job.

"Working at Town Hall has been a delight," says Fitzsimmons. "It's been enjoyable the whole 22 years, I can't even call it to a job."

Similarly, Fitzsimmons will be missed at Town Hall. Tara Tradd, health inspector, says she has always looked up to Fitzsimmons.

"She is just the sweetest, most caring, kind individual," says Tradd. "I have enjoyed working with Judy on the many different projects like Emergency Preparedness and helping with the Annual Health Fairs."

The Board of Health, who Fitzsimmons has worked hand in hand with over the years, will feel the loss of Fitzsimmons.

"She is at once a spirited and caring leader with an ability to organize and follow through on her plans," says longtime Board of Health member Steve Bobo. Her leadership in the developing of the emergency preparedness activities stands out in his mind.

"In this job, you feel like you've really helped people and made a difference in their life. I've loved being able to help and serve people."

— Judy Fitzsimmons, retiring public health nurse

"She's unique in that her management skills fit in so well with her ability to care for and sympathize with visitors and patients in a truly gentle and caring way. We'll all miss her kindness, competence, her leadership and ability to organize," Bobo says.

Although her last official day was Wed., April 2, residents may still see Fitzsimmons' familiar face as they enter Town Hall. She will be the new public health nurse's back up in the case of vacations or sick days. Mary Goodwin, who has served as assistant public health nurse and often filled in for Fitzsimmons, started as the public health nurse this week.

With her newfound leisure time she is looking forward to spending more time with her family, gardening and traveling. She will be making a long-awaited trip to Brazil in the fall; to the town she spent three years in while serving in the Peace Corps from 1964 to 1967.

"I've always wanted to go back, but I've never had the chance until now," says Fitzsimmons with a smile.

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By Michelle Bushee

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From left, Lisa Marder, Gail Bell, DeeDee Rousseau, Joanne Chittick, Millie Mitman, Dan Rattner, Arlyn White, and Ann Musto at the Home Center Sotheby's Realty office at North Main Street and Depot Court.

Local artists and Sotheby's team up for MS

By Nancy White
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All money raised as part of the MS Walk benefits ongoing research into the disease and local people who suffer from it.

This Saturday, hundreds will take to the sidewalks of Cohasset to raise money and awareness for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in the annual MS Lifelines Walk.

As a complement to the walk, Home Center Sotheby International Realty and four local artists have collaborated on an art show to benefit the MS Walk.

The artists will be donating 30 percent of their proceeds to the MS Walk for all work sold between last week's opening and Saturday, the day of the Cohasset MS Walk.

"As artists, this is an opportunity to use our work as more than something aesthetic and make it more community minded," says artist JoAnne Chittick. All money raised as part of the MS Walk benefits ongoing research into the disease and local people who suffer from it.

The Home Center Sotheby's Realty office recently moved in to a new space at the corner of Depot Court and South Main Street. Once the office was settled, Millie Mitman, manager of the Cohasset office, thought the crisp, freshly painted walls would make for an ideal opportunity to support local art.

"It's a great location with great visibility," says Mitman. "I thought art would make it a little more lively."

Hanging local art seemed fitting to Mitman, considering Sotheby's long history as an art auction house. "There's a natural connection between Sotheby's and art," says Mitman.

In addition, Mitman, who was familiar with a few local artists, knew of the difficulty artists have in finding a place to hang and show their art.

Mitman recruited four Cohasset artists to get the Sotheby's art gallery off the ground: Chittick, Ann Musto, Lisa Marder and Diana Rousseau.

The artists say the Sotheby's opportunity is a unique one. "(Local artists) don't have many beautiful spaces where they allow for the display of artwork," says Musto. In addition, Sotheby's is not charging a commission if one of the pieces sells.

An opening for the gallery was held last Friday night with scores of people attending during the course of the night.

Many of the paintings have bold colors and peaceful New England scenes. MS Walk participants may recognize some of the scenes in the paintings from their walk. The walk takes participants along Cohasset's most scenic roads, offering views of Cohasset Harbor, Sandy Beach and Jerusalem Road.

The artists will be at the Sotheby's art gallery on Saturday to answer questions and to talk about their work; purchased artwork can be taken right off the wall and taken home as a souvenir of the day.

"When a purchase is made, it will benefit the MS Walk, the artist and the buyer who will have a beautiful piece of art for their home. It's really a win-win-win," says artist Lisa Marder.

If Marder had to choose her favorite piece in the gallery, she couldn't. "Each one represents a place that I have a particular attachment to, it's hard to pick a favorite," she says.

Chittick's bright and sunny "Sun Worshippers" painting is a highlight of the gallery. Painted in a Humarock garden full of blooming sunflowers, Chittick says the painting reminds her of summer.

Ann Musto's "Sails off Damon's Point" is a rectangular shape, ideal for a mantle display.

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MS LifeLines Walk starts, finishes at Community Center

Hundreds of Cohasset and South Shore residents are rallying at the South Shore Community Center, Saturday, April 12, for the MS LifeLines Walk to create a world free of multiple sclerosis. A spring tradition for nearly 20 years, walkers follow a 5-mile accessible path starting at 10 a.m. from the center. Check in is 8:30 a.m. Each walker is encouraged to raise a minimum of $100, but most collect more than $200. Organized by National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Central New England Chapter, more than 200,000 walkers participate nationwide in the MS Walk each year at more than 600 sites, and raise more than $30 million. Family and corporate walk teams and volunteers can register online at MSnewengland.org, call 800-493-9255 or in person the day of the event.

"Without Walk MS, we wouldn't have the funds for newly diagnosed education and support," said Linda Guiod, executive vice president for Chapter Programs & Services. "Without Walk, we'd be set back 50 years when there were no approved treatments for MS, and there was very little understanding about how MS works."

In 2007, nearly 9,000 walkers registered for the walk, and raised more than $2 million. Eighty-five percent of money raised by the chapter provides help for today, and hope for tomorrow to 14,000 individuals and families affected by MS in Massachusetts and New Hampshire through MS education, support, advocacy and research. Of the many corporate sponsors that make the MS Walk possible each year, the most loyal and generous are MS LifeLines, Pro Con Inc., Whole Foods Market, Hanover Insurance Group, WCVB-TV5 and Community Newspaper Company.

Overall, 17 walks will take place this spring in Massachusetts and New Hampshire during April and May, including: Saturday, April 5, the MS Journey of Hope, an 8-mile walk that starts and finishes at Newton South High School in Newton, and supports patient programs at local affiliated, participating MS clinical care centers. April 12: Cohasset, Dartmouth, Easton, Marblehead, Nashua, N.H., Newburyport, Northampton, Portsmouth, N.H., and Worcester. Sunday, April 13: Boston, Concord and Plymouth. Sunday, April 20: Manchester, N.H. Saturday, May 3: the Berkshires, Tanglewood in Lenox, and Gorham, N.H. Sunday, May 4: Springfield.

Multiple sclerosis interrupts the flow of information from the brain to the body and can stop people from moving forward in their lives. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving closer to a world free of MS. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, and more than twice as many women as men have the disease. MS affects more than 400,000 people in the United States, and 2.5 million worldwide. Studies show that early and ongoing treatment with an FDA-approved therapy can reduce future disease activity and improve quality of life for many people with multiple sclerosis.

Talk to a health care professional and contact the National MS Society at MSnewengland.org or call 800-493-9255 to learn about ways to help manage multiple sclerosis and about current research.

Local artists and Sotheby's team up for MS

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Musto says she painted it just as the spring colors were beginning to show themselves.

The blues and golds in Diana Rousseau's "Autumn Marsh" bring a lot of vitality to the piece, the other artists say.

If unable to stop in during the MS Walk, the art gallery will be on display for about two months and Home Center Sotheby's welcomes people to come in and see the artist's work during office hours. The office is open seven days a week from 10a.m. to 5p.m.

Mitman hopes to continue the collaboration between local artists and the Sotheby's office as a way to highlight the local art community.

For more information about the MS Walk visit www.msnewengland.org.

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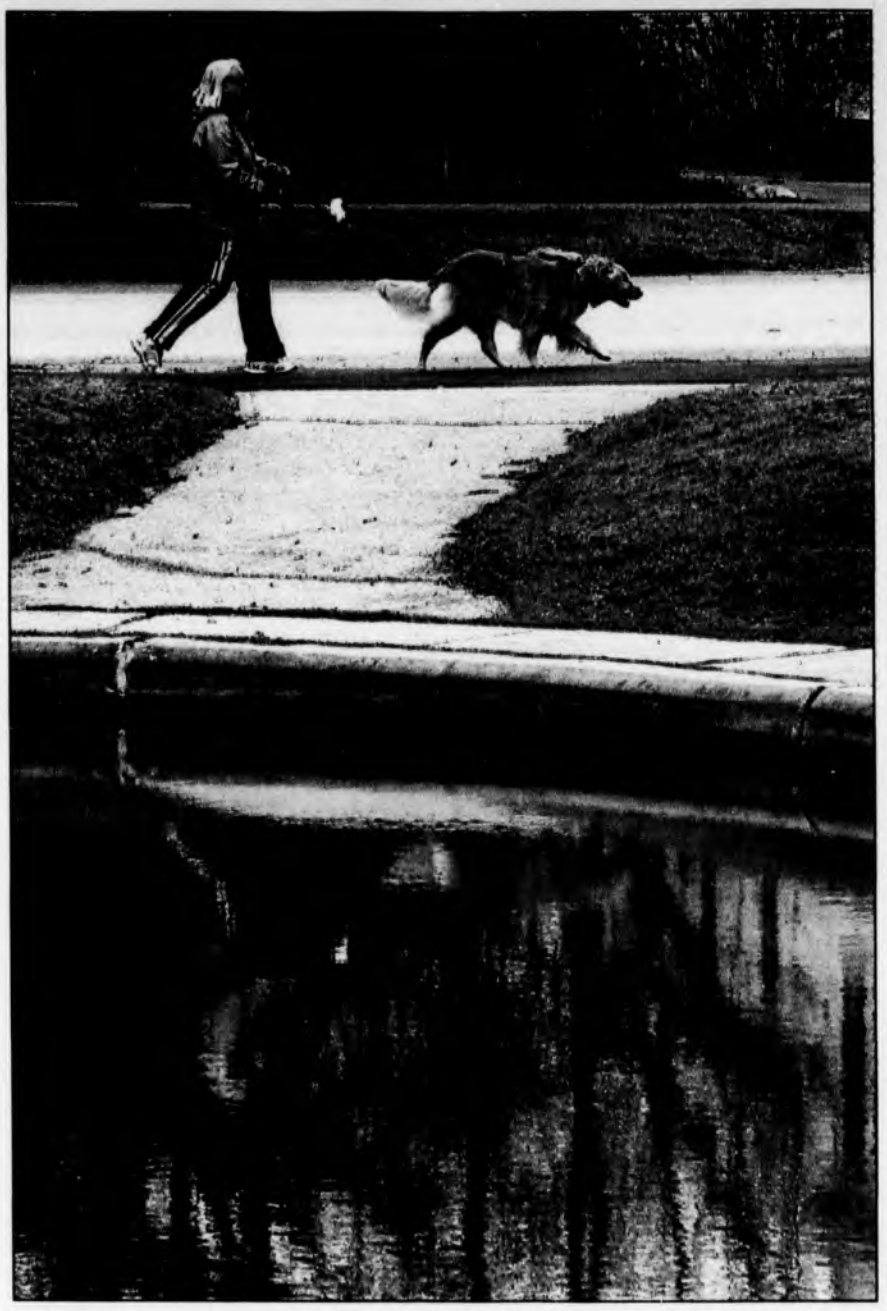


Photo above, a mallard rests on a rock in the duck pond while a tree is reflected in its waters on Saturday during the annual Town Election. At right, Laura McAuliffe of Cohasset and her dog, Ginger, are reflected in the duck pond while walking by it on Saturday.

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Cohasset Sports Partnership launches its got turf? Campaign



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'got turf?' signs and T-shirts are all over town as the Cohasset Sports Partnership launches its campaign to raise money for a synthetic turf field at the high school.

Along with election signs and Cohasset Road Race signs, Cohasset residents may have noticed green "got turf?" signs popping up all over town last weekend. This marked the kick-off of the newly formed Cohasset Sports Partnership's got turf? campaign, a fundraising effort to bring a turf field to Cohasset Middle High School. The Cohasset Sports Parntership's mission is to improve and maintain Cohasset's athletic facilities and programs and is affiliated with the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund.

The Cohasset Sports Partnership (CSP) held a kick-off event at Atlantica on Saturday night where 150 interested people gathered to hear CSP President, George McGoldrick, along with CSP Vice President, Bill Cavanaro, unveil the first major project of building a turf field in Cohasset. A new synthetic turf field has been proposed by the School Committee and the CSP is seeking to supplement the funding of the field.

Coaches from most high school varsity teams that play field sports also spoke about the many benefits of turf fields ranging from injury prevention, not having to reschedule games due to rain outs, field longevity, and lower maintenance costs. Also featured as a speaker was Weymouth's long time Athletic Director, Bob Donovan, who oversaw a turf field installation at Weymouth High. He talked about the many benefits it has yielded the town.

Cohasset High Varsity and JV boys and girls lacrosse teams were to hold their annual Spirit Day on Saturday hosting four games. They were all cancelled due to poor field conditions from the previous day's rain. Spirit Day would not have been cancelled with a turf field!

The CSP hopes to raise a portion of the funds for the field through private donations, grants and sponsorships.

To find out more about the Got turf? campaign go to www.CohassetSportsPartnership.org

Free guided walk in Cohasset on April 12

A free guided walk of the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary and the adjacent Wheelwright Park in Cohasset will take place at 10 a.m., on Saturday April 12. The walk is sponsored by Hingham Land Conservation Trust in association with Cohasset Conservation Trust.

Dick Avery of the Cohasset Conservation Trust will lead the walk through the deep forest habitat of the 32-acre sanctuary and the town-owned Wheelwright Park, which features walking trails built by the WPA during the 1930s.

Participants are asked to meet at the entrance to Wheelwright Park on North Main Street in Cohasset with good walking shoes. Parking is available in the park on the gravel drive. No pets, please. Hingham Land Trust offers guided walks of South Shore conservation areas as part of its mission to conserve open space within Hingham.

For more information about the walk, call 781-740-0529 or visit hinghamlandtrust.org. To view a map of the property visit cohassetconservationtrust.org.

Hingham Land Conservation Trust is a nonprofit organization dedicated to acquiring, preserving and maintaining exceptional landscapes and natural areas in Hingham. The Trust seeks opportunities to acquire and protect open space in perpetuity for the benefit of the public. The Trust also seeks to educate the public about the value of Hingham's conservation land; advocate for local land preservation efforts; facilitate cooperation with those who share the Trust's goals; and encourage prudent public policy toward land use. The Trust currently owns three major properties, all of which have trails and are open for public use. Current officers of the Trust are Katharine Reardon, president, Carolyn Nielson, treasurer, and Caroline Chapin, secretary. For more information about Hingham Land Trust activities visit the Web site at hinghamlandrust.org or call 781-749-0162.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

What's in a name?

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose
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William Shakespeare (Romeo and Juliet)

What's in a name? A lot.

We think the School Committee is wise to come up with a "naming policy" for school-owned facilities, whether those are school buildings, gymnasiums or playing fields. The policy should go a long way toward preventing potential controversy.

The policy states the name should encourage unification of all the stakeholders of the community and have equal relevance to all. The name should come with educational significance or inspiration.

The new policy has come to the forefront as efforts move ahead to raise money for a synthetic turf for Alumni Field.

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn explained last week that the Cohasset Sports Partnership is beginning its private fundraising campaign to build a turf field for the Cohasset Middle-High School's Alumni Field and is exploring all avenues to get donations. One of the possibilities was to offer big contributors some naming rights.

While we applaud the CSP's efforts and agree that the time has come for a turf surface at Alumni Field – recent history in Cohasset has proven that naming or renaming facilities in Cohasset can be a controversial endeavor.

Back in 2003, Cohasset resident Ed Goff asked the School Committee to consider renaming the Deer Hill School to the William Ripley School after the long-time superintendent, teacher and coach.

Goff pointed out renaming a school is not unprecedented in town. He noted the former Ripley Road School at the corner of Sohier Street and Ripley Road was renamed the Joseph Osgood School after Joseph Osgood, a superintendent in the late 1800s. That name was carried over to the new Osgood School that opened in September 1998.

The School Committee initially took the matter under advisement but two months later, after soliciting community feedback, the School Committee reached the consensus to leave it alone. The School Committee found that the name Deer Hill had a lot of nostalgia associated with it.

At the time, Flynn described the entire naming matter as "a good exercise." "We learned a lot in the process," he said.

While the proposal to rename Deer Hill stirred little controversy – plans the year before in 2002 to sell naming rights for the new Little League fields off North Main Street created a storm. At the time, some individuals and private businesses had stepped forward offering substantial contributions.

A Cohasset resident donated $25,000 and asked the baseball field be named in honor of his father; a couple contributed $25,000 and asked the softball field be named "Freedom Field" in honor of a friend killed in the World Trade Center on 9/11.

A local business offered $50,000 and asked for the rights to name the three-field complex through community input and possibly a contest.

The controversy spilled over to Selectmen's meetings where a compromise was reached after much debate resulting in allowing the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association to sell naming rights to the diamonds, not the fields.

The new fields were paid for with a combination of money from the town, Community Preservation Fund, and private fundraising.

We raise the issue now and provide this short walk down memory lane only as a cautionary reminder about naming and renaming facilities.

While intentions are good – opinions are likely to differ. Let's hope the school "naming" policy helps smooth things over.



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MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, May 13 & June 10, 7:30 p.m.
CHS School Council, May 7, 2:30 p.m. in Room 116 at the high school.
Conservation Commission, April 17, 7 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, April 23, & 30, 7:15 p.m.
Planning Board, April 14, 7 p.m.
Selectmen, April 14 & 28, 7 p.m.
Stormwater Committee, April 14, 7 p.m.
Town Hall Restoration Committee, April 14, 7 p.m.
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All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open meeting up to public

TO THE EDITOR:

The following letter was sent to the Board of Selectmen with a copy provided to the Mariner for publication.

Board of Selectmen: Ted Carr, Chairman

Dear Ted,

It has come to my attention that a meeting comprised of the Army Corps of Engineers, two members of the Board of Selectmen, and former US Congressman Houghton, was to be held at Town Hall. It is also my understanding that the meeting was not going to be posted, or advertised, and that most disturbingly, the public was *not* going to be allowed to attend the meeting at all.

It is also my understanding that this meeting is now "under review". How comforting.

The secretive, indeed selective, series of meetings between the Treat's Pond proponents and the ACE is *the* main reason that this issue became so controversial. Indeed the wording of the amendment to Article 22 addressed the lack of public vetting this project has had to date. To turn around two weeks later and repeat this type of behavior is bizarre at best, but certainly reflects either a lack of awareness, or a abject lack of concern for public comment. Either is unacceptable, particularly when one of the invitees is not even a registered voter in Cohasset.

I would like to suggest that any meeting regarding Treat's Pond be fully posted, and the public be able to attend. The only time the public input into this mess is when the public is asked to pay with their tax dollars.

Let's have open meetings when Treat's Pond is being discussed. Anything less would show great disrespect for the public at large, and only further the controversy surrounding this project.

Russell Bonetti
20 Parker Ave.

New respect for process

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to thank all the voters that made the effort to come out and vote in the Cohasset election. There was a lot of talk about a lack of interest because of the number of uncontested races but the turnout ended up being a respectable one.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of the people that supported me and my campaign, especially those that came out and held signs for me. The campaign trail was a great experience: I learned a lot, met a lot of great people and have a whole new respect for the entire process.

I also want to congratulate Mr. Sawchuk, he has a lot to offer the town and am sure he will serve the position well.

Jim Dow
502 N. Main St.

A thank you from the Board of CEA

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Board of Cohasset Elder Affairs I would like to thank the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs and the many volunteers who worked so diligently to make the second annual Antique Appraisal Day such a successful event. Our thanks also to the 150 who brought articles to be appraised. The chowder, chili and sandwiches were delicious and many folks bought a quart to bring home for supper. Thanks to John Campbell, Catie Campbell, Ken Maitland, Margo Doherty, Dan and Judy Volungis, Mary Kay and Jim Richardson, Karen and Steve Oronte, Jim Kearney, Marjie Murphy, Nancy Anderson, Jeanne Carroll, Carol Barrett, Anna Abbruzzee, Estelle Weedon, Ham Tewskbury, Martha Horsefield and Trudy Salerno, for all of your hard work.

On Wednesday, April 2, a wonderful event took place at the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum as we celebrated the first ever Intergenerational Poetry Slam. This event evolved from the "Cohasset Reads One Book Program" and was a way for the fourth grade class of Mrs. Corkhum, residents of Sunrise Assisted Living and seniors from Cohasset Elder Affairs to get together to share poetry Our deepest thanks to Library Director, Jackie Rafferty, Reference Librarian, Gayle Walsh, and Library Outreach Coordinator, Marjie Murphy for putting the Generations together with a common goal. Thanks also to Julie Lavgelle from the Museum for making this wonderful space available for the event and making sure it was spotless when we arrived. Thanks also to Debbie Ryan of Cohasset Pizza House and the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library for providing all with an abundance of delicious pizza, and lastly to Nancy White and Robin Chan for the wonderful article and pictures in the Friday, April 4, 2008, issue of the Cohasset Mariner.

Wednesday April 2 was a banner day in Cohasset.

Linda Elworthy
Director of Cohasset Elder Affairs

Design Review Board needs members

The Design Review Board is looking for a few good men and women to fill out its ranks. Saved by a vote at Town Meeting, the Design Review Board is an advisory group that has been active in the past in assisting and advising the Planning Board in a variety of ways.

To date, only two residents have come forward to lend their expertise to the town committee, Town Manager Bill Griffin said. Although ideally the members of Design Review Board would have some sort of background in design, from architects to real estate agents, all applicants will be considered. The Design Review Board is a Selectmen-appointed committee.

Interested citizens should send a letter of interest to the Town Manager's office at Town Hall.

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Heroic work preparing for road race

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Thanks — Kudos to L M Holdings, LLC along with the Cohasset DPW for the extra heroic work they did to prepare the center of Town and the Jerusalem Road/ Atlantic Avenue construction areas for the Cohasset Rotary's annual 10K run. In spite of very poor weather at the tail end of last week they both are to be commended for their superb preparation and clean-up work. Thanks, guys!

Little Harbor Project — This past week we were on Beach Street and saw first-hand some of Cohasset's finest ledge being chipped away so that the sewer pipe could be laid. For those of you that live near our numerous pockets of ledge, you know the effort and constant pounding it takes to fracture the ledge for removal.

There were two machines and a large truck working at the site shown in the photo. The machine in the background behind the truck is a smaller excavator used to remove the easy, softer materials. The machine in the foreground is a large excavator with a hydraulic hoe-ram attachment that is used to pound the ledge into submission.

The next photo shows a close-up of the business end of the hoe-ram. In front of the hoe-ram you can see the ledge rubble waiting to be removed from the newly formed ditch. Watching the details of the hoe-ram is quite interesting. The operator actually positions the tip of the ram on solid ledge and pushes down so hard that the front end of the tracks raise about six inches off of the ground. Then when the operator starts the pounding the weight of the vehicle then helps force the ram into the ledge fracturing it to bits. Keep in mind that this excavating machine weighs a svelte 80,000 pounds. The excavator settles back down as the ledge fractures. This cycle is repeated over and over until the trench has reached its desired depth.

Beach Street Culvert — There will be an interesting challenge when the new sewer line is constructed over the small tidal culvert on Beach Street. The walls of the Beach Street causeway over the tidal salt marsh, between 130 and 140 Beach Street appear to be quite old and is constructed of granite blocks. The culvert that carries the tidal flow under the road way is also constructed of granite blocks, with a capstone supported by the walls (see photo).



COURTESY PHOTOS

The crew on Beach Street.

The posts that are visible in the photo are the galvanized steel supports for the guardrail along the causeway. One of the challenges at this location is that the sewer line should be buried at least four feet. Although the scale of the culvert is hard to see in the photo, there is not four feet between the top of the road surface and the top of the culvert. So what to do? It doesn't make any sense to run the sewer pipe through the culvert. So, if it can't go above the culvert and it can't go through the culvert, there is only one option left open for the engineers to pursue. The new sewer pipe must go below the culvert. To do this, the culvert needs to be removed and replaced after the pipes are laid. But, that's not all folks. The water line on Beach Street will also need to be relocated below the culvert. This now turns what appears to be a rather simple area of construction into a big deal.

As we write this article, the contractor is working to decide how to approach this construction area. It is pretty certain that when this section of Beach Street is under construction that Beach Street will be closed to through traffic. In addition, the contractor will need to find a way to keep this area dry while it is under construction. This means that the tidal flow will need to be contained so that it does not flow into the construction area. At the same time, any rainfall



Present Beach Street granite culvert.



Newly fractured ledge.

on the inland side of the culvert that could send storm water toward the construction will need to be pumped around the construction to the harbor. As you can see, there is a lot for the contractor to think about in this small section of Beach Street.

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The stars of old TV

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



It's hard to realize, but I was able to buy a cold one at Joe Bardetti's bar on Pearl Street, legally this time, before I saw my first television program.

And it's equally hard to realize that the golden age of local TV news is over and I'm still standing. Well, some of the time, anyway.

I can say that with confidence, what with Channel 4's buyout of sportscaster Bob Lobel, entertainment reporter Joyce Kulhawik and newsman Scott Wahle.

Add to that the coming retirement (July 18) of Channel 5 anchor Natalie Jacobson and the rustication to Sunday of Channel 4's Liz Walker and you've witnessed the destruction of the Boston TV news star system.

With all due respect to Jack, Mike and Dick, most of today's anchors, sportscasters and weathermen rarely stick around long enough to win the coveted gold watch.

How many of you remember the original television newsman — Cornelius "Neil" Scanlan, "the Nightly News Teller?" I can't recall the station but it was probably Channel 4.

Or Arch McDonald, Channel 4's first anchorman who went on the job in 1948 and lasted 31 years.

The earliest weatherman that I can recall was Tex Antoine, who delivered the night's forecast wearing an artist's smock and beret. I don't know if he could be called a meteorologist. All he did was predict the weather without Mish Michaels' gadgets.

There was Terry Carter, the first black news anchor on a Boston station in 1965 on Channel 4, who aspired to a higher calling.

He was next heard of in the role of Sergeant Joe Broadhurst on the crime drama "McCloud," and as Colonel Tigh fighting the Cylons on the sci-fi thriller "Battlestar Galactica."

The late Jack Chase was anchoring the news at Channel 4 as early as 1953, joined by Jack Hynes, the former mayor's son, in 1955, Jack Borden in 1959 and Tony Pepper in 1974.

Janet Langhart was co-host of a morning show on Channel 5 and a special features reporter for Channel 7 in 1982-83, until she met and married Bill Cohen, the senator from Maine, later Bill Clinton's secretary of defense.

Bill O'Reilly, who spins the day's news for the Fox Channel now, was a weekend anchor for Channel 7 in 1982-83 and a commentator on Channel 5 in 1986.

Channel 7 scored a first in 1975 when they brought in Barbara Borin, a female sportscaster to shake up locker rooms from Fenway to the Garden. Now everybody has one.

Channel 7 can also lay claim to the quirkiest sportscaster in Zip Rzeppa (I think that's the spelling, anyway), who once made a mistake and smashed an egg on his nose on camera to show that he had egg on his face.

And then there was handsome Jay Scott, whose Boston career was ruined when his boss casually remarked that he discovered him in a Denver, Colorado motel.

The boss meant that he had watched him deliver the news on a television monitor in the motel but, once again, speak never really caught up with misspeak and Jay barely lasted a year on Boston TV.

HEALTH NOTES

Giving your brain a workout

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Ever feel like events are outpacing our ability to cope with them? It's been observed that the most active you'll ever be is when you're a child. As we get older, our facilities start to wear out. Athletes peak out in their thirties and the process of "getting on" occupies us until we leave the rat race. Hopefully, experience allows us to think smarter, but getting older invariably means slowing down. It turns out that the process begins early, at about 20, and cognitive ability, thinking, remembering, reasoning and even listening, seeing and recognizing all begin to slow down; some of us more gracefully than others, until at age 50 to 60 most begin to notice it's not all there any more.

Recently, medical science has been studying how the brain handles the aging process and indeed how the brain reacts to the events, which make up one's experience. Over the last 10 years, neuroscience, the study of the nervous system, has been enormously expanded, from the dynamics of individual nerve cells and their molecular constituents to imaging representations of perceptual and motor tasks in the brain. The result has been a recognition that the brain, the center of guidance for the activity of all sentient life forms, is more complex and adaptable than ever before realized. Neuroscience is at the frontier of investigation of the brain and mind. The study of the brain is becoming the cornerstone in understanding how we perceive and interact with the external world and, in particular, how human experience and human biology influence each other.

And, of course, neuroscientists studying the

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ability of different elements of the brain to adapt to a person's unique experience, a process called brain plasticity, have applied their knowledge to develop some rather remarkable improvements in brain function for people of every age, even those whose mental ability has degraded as a result of old age, a condition called senile dementia.

Now, several organizations have developed procedures and exercises, which have led to remarkable improvements in brain function for people of any age. These companies have made commercial use of recent discoveries in brain plasticity to develop brain exercises that improve memory, speech recognition and concentration. The two organizations which seem to have the best credentials and most advanced tools for consumers are Posit Science, which promotes a program called the Brain Fitness Program as seen recently on public broadcasting stations, and Lumos Labs, producers of brain exercise games called luminosity.

For the most part, these programs are designed to be easy-to-use and to fit into one's lifestyle. Regular use can range from a few minutes a day to as much time as a user prefers. Over a period of about a month, having completed about half of the Posit Science program of 40 sessions, each taking about an hour and a half, I find that one session averages one to one and a half hours. The program, although not difficult, is not done without a decision to make a healthy commitment of time and effort. I found that many of the exercises are fun and interesting, but some are boring and sometimes frustrating. They are, however, easy to interrupt and rejoin; so taking a break is often a help. It turns out that a part of stimulating the brain involves providing it with rewards, which the exercises provide in the form of animations, sound and visual "candy" for good performance and other abstract inducements. The entire exercise is done before a computer and requires little typing but instead, the use of a mouse for giving responses.

For me, the results were breathtaking. Not only has my memory improved, but my ability to organize and understand things like speech in crowded rooms has gotten better. The brain plasticity concept covers a person's adjustment of how to recognize other people's speech patterns and our ability to understand what they are saying. But again, it's not accomplished without considerable commitment and effort; just like a physical workout.

I'm so convinced that the program will do many of us some good that arrangements are being made to provide copies of the program to the Community Center and Elder Affairs as well as the Library.

Stay tuned: more later.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

African art on display through May 11

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

African Art Display at Library – A local resident has created a display of Kenyan arts and crafts in the library display case. The theme compliments the African art exhibit, "Reflections in Exile," now showing at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset until May 11. To learn more about African art, consult the book display table near the circulation desk at the library.

Program Rescheduled – The Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull has rescheduled her lecture "Having Lived: Thoreau and How He Did It" for 7 p.m., on Thursday, May 1, in the library's Meeting Room. All are welcome. This is a Cohasset Reads Together event. Free.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Arranged" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, April 17. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of Friends of the Library. For more information, call the library.

Great Decisions Discussion Program – Want to learn more about United States foreign policy? Join the Great Decisions Discussion group at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 29. This group meets for eight consecutive weeks. Members will learn about foreign policy topics such as Iraq, Russia, Latin American and China. One doesn't need to be an expert to participate. The meeting is casual and friendly. Register by calling the Reference Librarian at 383-1348.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of Greg Mortenson's book "Three Cups of Tea" at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 30. Open to all.

FOR CHILDREN

Spanish Story Time – On Fridays, May 2, 9, 16 and 23, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., in the Story Room a Spanish Story Time for children ages 3 through 6 and their caregivers will be offered. This dual language program will be facilitated by Senora Buckley, Senora Hoehn and Mrs. Moody. To register online go to cohassetlibrary.org. Click on Calendar, click on May 2, and then click on Register. Complete the form using child's name and age. This is a four-week commitment. Funded by The Friends of the Cohasset Library.

School Vacation Activities – On Tuesday, April 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., drop in at the Story Room to participate in bird crafts. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Sign up is not necessary.

The PG-rated film, "Flipper," will be shown in the Meeting Room from 2 to 3:45 p.m., on Wednesday, April 23. Children in grade two and under must be accompanied by an adult. Free tickets are available at the Circulation Desk. The movie site license is sponsored by Friends of Cohasset Library and Cohasset Town Democratic Committee.

Thursday, April 24 between 10:30-1:30 an assortment of crafts will be offered in the Story Room. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Just drop in. Sign up is not necessary.

Music and Stories – MamaSteph will perform in the Meeting Room on Mondays from 10:30 to 11 a.m., through the end of April.

Drop In Story Time – Tuesdays, at 10:30 a.m., through the end of April, in the Children's Room.

Students take over show

our town

This week on Our Town, members of Mrs. Parrell's fifth-grade class from Deer Hill take over for Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin to present their "Survival Stories Talk Shows". Tune in to see Cohasset students take on the roles of talk show hosts to entertainingly detail stories of survival as told in some of the fifth-grade curriculum's most loved adventure books. Catch these very talented students and future TV stars starting Monday at 9pm on Comcast channel 10 or again on Tuesday or Thursdays at the same time.

Bradley office hours

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D-Hingham, will host district office hours from 6 to 7 p.m., on Monday, April 14, at the Sons of Italy Hall in Hingham. Enter through the Route 3A side entrance of the building into his district office.

Anyone who is unable to attend scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, can call 617-722-2460 to schedule an appointment.

Bradley represents the 3rd Plymouth District that includes Cohasset.

Sawchuk edges Dow in close race for Sewer Commission

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"I've already learned it will not be a three hour a month position and fortunately, I didn't think it would be," says Sawchuk.

It's safe to say people who headed to the polls knew who was getting their vote for Sewer Commission. While all the uncontested races each had well over 100 blank votes, the blank vote tally on Sewer Commission was only 28 and only one voter wrote in a name.

Although the uncontested candidates skated to the finish line, a write-in race did emerge between Abigail Alves of 52 Stockbridge Street and Susan Kent of 3 Mendel Road for a two-year seat on the Recreation Commission. The seat was an open one; no citizen returned nomination papers in time to be placed on the ballot.

Alves, who once served as the playground director at the Cohasset Rec summer program, topped Kent with 161 votes to Kent's 63 votes.

""I'm very excited to get started, sad I won't overlap with (retiring Recreation Director Jack Worley), but I'm looking forward to working with (recently hired Recreation Director Ted Carroll) and the rest of the commission," said Alves in a phone interview.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas, currently in her 16th year of service, earned the most votes of the day with 726 votes. She was the only candidate to garner over 700 votes.

Incumbent School Committee candidate Alfred Slanetz retained his seat for a second term receiving 590 votes.

Because all ballots with write-in votes must be counted separately, by hand, it took nearly an hour to tally the votes for all the contests. A handful of officials were sworn into office that night including Karen Quigley (Selectman), Sawchuk, Charles Samuelson (Planning Board), Clark Brewer (Planning Board), Abigail Alves (Recreation Commission), (Sewer Commission) and Glenn Pratt (Water Commission).

The recently elected Selectmen, fourth-term Selectman Fred Koed and first-term Selectman Quigley took their seats at Monday night's meeting. Koed received 648 votes, with Quigley earning 637.

"It's a little strange to be sitting on this side of the table," mused Quigley, thanking the voters and supporters. "I'm going to work very hard not to forget what it is like to sit on that side of the table," she said motioning to the audience.

Koed covered all his bases by thanking those who voted for him, those who didn't vote for him, and everyone who participated in the election. He quickly moved on to Selectmen business, asking if the Town Meeting resolution on Treat's Pond had been sent to Congressman William Delahunt (it had).

The other officials elected Saturday not mentioned above include the following: Daniel Evans (Town Moderator); Sheila Evans, Rodney Hobson, Mary Lou Lawrence (Board of Library Trustees, 3); Mary Granville (Board of Assessors); Robin Lawrence (Board of Health); and Roseanne McMorris (Recreation Commission).



Jim Dow kisses his daughter Christina, 11, on the top of her head while campaigning outside the town hall on Saturday.



Staff photos by Robin Chan

Karen Quigley, uncontested candidate for selectman, waves to voters as they turn towards Town Hall on Saturday.



Chris Evans, right, chats with Russ Bonetti, left, (behind the sign) while campaigning with Karen Quigley on Highland Avenue Saturday.

Cohasset annual town election results

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Total
Selectmen (2)			
Frederick R. Koed	330	318	648
Karen M. Quigley	333	304	637
Write-ins/Scattering	10	12	22
Blanks	217	222	439
Total	890	856	1746
Moderator (1)			
Daniel S. Evans	375	315	690
Write-ins/Scattering	1	1	2
Blanks	69	112	181
Total	445	428	873
Town Clerk			
Marion L. Douglas	371	355	726
Write-ins/Scattering	0	1	1
Blanks	74	72	146
Total	445	428	873
School Committee			
Alfred Slanetz	329	261	590
Write-ins/Scattering	5	10	15
Blanks	111	157	268
Total	445	428	873
Trustees PPM Library			
Sheila S. Evans	344	297	641
Rodney M. Hobson	343	308	651
MaryLou Lawrence	328	289	617
Write-ins/Scattering	1	1	2
Blanks	319	389	708
Total	1335	1284	2619
Assessor (1)			
Mary E. Granville	325	292	617
Write-ins/Scattering	0	1	1
Blanks	120	135	255
Total	445	428	873
Board of Health (1)			
Robin M. Lawrence	341	308	649
Write-ins/Scattering	2	0	2
Blanks	102	120	222
Total	445	428	873
Planning Board 5 yrs.(1)			
Charles A. Samuelson	315	275	590
Write-ins/Scattering	0	1	1
Blanks	130	152	282
Total	445	428	873
Planning Board(1-3 yrs)			
Clark H. Brewer	317	277	594
Write-ins/Scattering	0	0	0
Blanks	128	151	279
Total	445	428	873
Recreation Commission (1-5)			
Roseanne M. McMorris	278	270	548
Write-ins/Scattering	31	24	55
Blanks	136	134	270
Total	445	428	873
Recreation Commission			
Fill 2 yrs. Unexp. Term			
Write-ins/Scattering	160	136	296
Abigail Alves	89	72	161
Susan Kent	37	26	63
Blanks	285	292	577
Total	445	428	873
Sewer Commission(1)			
James A. Dow	202	200	402
Wayne Sawchuk	223	219	442
Write-ins/Scattering	0	1	1
Blanks	20	8	28
Total	445	428	873
Water Commission(1)			
Glenn A. Pratt	346	333	679
Write-ins/Scattering	6	1	7
Blanks	93	94	187
Total	445	428	873

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Town Meeting



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Fire Chief Robert Silvia and Police Chief James Hussey, seated left, and Town Manager Bill Griffin (center), Finance Director Mike Buckley, Selectman Ted Carr and Selectman Ralph Dormitzer listen to CPC Chairman Stuart Ivimey at the annual Town Meeting on March 29.

Leaf bylaw gets blown away

By Nancy White
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Editor's note: due to space limitations, the Mariner did not run this story last week.

Voters were definitely in a "yes" mood Saturday (March 29), adopting or indefinitely postponing 24 out of 25 articles, but that 25th article just couldn't pass muster with voters.

The final article — a citizen's petition — proposed a limitation on the hours and days leaf blowers could be used in town. It was the only article of the day that did not garner approval from the voters.

The use of leaf blowers can be dealt with outside of establishing a town bylaw, or so it seems from the vote of Town Meeting. Going into Town Meeting, the citizen's petition did not have backing from the Board of Selectmen or Advisory Committee.

Selectman Paul Carlson said the board found the bylaw to be burdensome on homeowners and lawn service companies. The bylaw would have limited the use of leaf blowers to Tuesday through Saturday, 9a.m. to 5p.m.

Despite the lack of support, Carlson urged citizens to be aware of the disturbance leaf blowers cause, "I do hope neighbors will be considerate of others when using these machines."

Advisory Committee member Chartis Tebbetts commended the main proponent, Marcus Ramsden of 262 Jerusalem Road, and the petitioners for wanting to preserve the sound-scape of Cohasset. However, she and the committee felt there were enforcement problems and a strong education program would be a more appropriate first step.

Ramsden, as the primary proponent, explained the leaf blower bylaw was a way to limit encroachments on the sounds of the outdoors.

"Our community sound-scape should be something we cherish and protect," said Ramsden, similar to protecting the town's landscape.

Jack Butler of 66 Margin St. spoke in favor of the article, reporting on a recent afternoon he recorded sound readings in his neighborhood as high at 90 decibels while several lawn blowers were nearby. However, Butler was the only citizen to speak in favor of the bylaw.

Paul Barry of 20 Hobart Lane said the bylaw would take away from hardworking landscapers, "this bylaw is unnecessary."

The petition was defeated by majority vote.



State Rep. Garrett Bradley, who represents Cohasset at the Statehouse along with state Sen. Robert Hedlund, gets a hug from his son, Will, during Cohasset's annual Town Meeting last week.

"Our community sound-scape should be something we cherish and protect."
— Marcus Ramsden, proponent



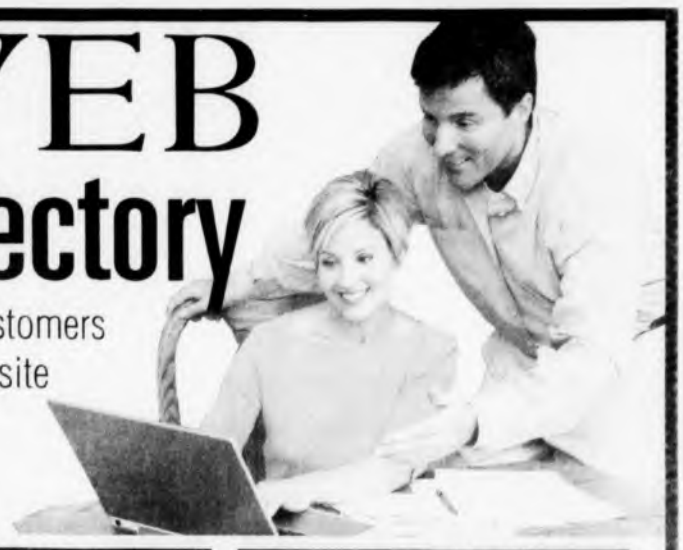
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Team Lyons forms in tribute to fallen triathlete

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believed in the possibility of finding a cure for juvenile diabetes. Although it didn't happen in his lifetime, Joe firmly believed a cure was achievable in his son's lifetime.

More than just finishing the triathlon, Karen wants to continue what Joe started in a much broader view. She wants to raise money and awareness for JDRF, the cause her husband was so passionate about.

The decision to do the triathlon wasn't one that came easy, but once decided it felt right to her.

"Even on the first day I heard the news about Joe, it struck me he didn't finish the race," says Karen, and the thought stayed with her during the next few months.

Part of the reason was the kind of guy Joe was, Karen says. She called Joe an "end to end" guy: once he set out to do something, he finished it. When Joe wasn't able to complete the race he had trained so hard for and prepared for so thoroughly, it bothered her.

"Everyone who knew him was fired up about him doing the triathlon," says Karen. "We were convinced he was not only going to finish the race, but he was going to do well."

As time went on, she began to have more thoughts that maybe she could do the race. An avid runner and occasional cyclist, she knew her body could endure the physical challenges of the race.

During a spinning class, she began to envision herself riding her bike through the winding, picturesque roads of Cohasset even though she had never seen them.

"It was an overwhelming feeling. But, it felt good, it felt right," says Karen. "It hit me, I need to finish the race for him. It just had to be done."

"Team Lyons pulls Joe's life together. The team is an opportunity to touch all the aspects of his life."

— Karen Lyons

Team Lyons

Late last year, she confesses she began secretly looking at the Cohasset Triathlon website, still hesitant to tell anyone of her plan.

But, she set up a meeting with Race Director Bill Burnett who embraced her idea of running the race and forming a team in tribute to Joe.

From there, she asked family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to ask for their support in her endeavor and to see if they would be willing to compete with her.

The response she got was overwhelming — over 50 people responded that they were ready to join her team and the triathlon. It's a response that speaks to the kind of man her husband was and the many lives he touched.

It was then "Team Lyons" was formed. Joe's brother and sister, close friends from around the country and neighbors from Newton are all members of the team.

"Team Lyons pulls Joe's life together," says Karen. Many of the members' only connection to each other is Joe. "The team is an opportunity to touch all the aspects of his life."

Together, Team Lyons is hoping to raise as much money as possible for JDRF and its efforts to find a cure for the disease.

"Joe was a giver in everything he did. He was looking to have an impact on the world," says Karen, from fundraising to being involved in Newton schools, to foremost being a loving father, husband and friend. She says he always thought big and went head first into everything he did.

"I know Joe would be very proud of me. This will be the greatest tribute to him," says Karen.

Karen's son, Sam, will be an integral part of the Cohasset Triathlon; in fact, the race won't be able to start without him. On race day, he'll be the official race starter for the first wave of competitors, which includes Olympic triathlete Jarrod Shoemaker and 30 other elite racers.

"Sam is incredibly excited he gets to be the official race starter," says Karen, with pride in her voice. After giving the "on your mark, get set, go," he'll join the spectators to cheer on his mom (who a friend says he is very proud of) and the rest of Team Lyons to the finish line.

The actions of the members of Team Lyons say more about the man Joe was than words ever could. Karen says she was thinking 10 or 15 would join her on the starting line at Cohasset's Sandy Beach, but embraced the support she received. Some team members will compete in all three legs of the competition, while others have joined together to compete as relay teams.

A website (www.teamlyons.org) will highlight the dozens of members of the team and their mission in doing the triathlon. A donation page, linked off the Cohasset Triathlon homepage (www.cohassettri.com), allows supporters to contribute directly to their team.

The team motto, "we will finish what you started," in one sentence encompasses what they are striving to achieve and has meaning well beyond a race.

Being a part of the race and ultimately crossing the finish line will be a victory for Karen, for Sam, for JDRF, for the triathlon and an inspiration to all who witness it.

"It's going to be an amazing feeling," Karen says.

Commitment to JDRF

With strength and courage, Karen and her son, Sam, are writing the next chapters of their lives — chapters they never thought they would have to write — all while dealing with the daily challenges of living with juvenile diabetes.

"(Juvenile diabetes) is a tough thing to deal with day-to-day," says Karen. While she says many think the management of the disease involves simply checking insulin and getting a shot every day, it's much more than that. Sam and Karen must be constantly vigilant about everything that goes into his body.

"In our house, before he can eat anything he has to check his blood sugar," says Karen, sometimes pricking his finger multiple times a day. "It's doable, but it's hard."

For Karen — and parents like her — dealing with juvenile diabetes is a balancing act. Having a child with Type 1 diabetes means constant monitoring and a constant struggle to balance food and insulin, a hormone that the body uses to change glucose in the blood into energy.

A person with Type 1 doesn't produce any insulin and without it, glucose builds up in the blood, causing high blood sugar. If left untreated, there can be serious complications.

Other factors like exercise, stress, and illness can affect blood sugar as well, making it very difficult to control, according to the JDRF website.

"Everything is individualized," says Karen — what may work for another child, might not work for Sam and what works one day might not work the next.

Type 1 diabetes affects millions of kids and adults in the United States. The condition is diagnosed most often in childhood or adolescence, but it can strike adults as well.

Research and the funds to support it are the only ways science can better understand the disease and develop a cure. According to their website, JDRF is the leading charitable funder and advocate of Type 1 (juvenile) diabetes research worldwide.

With Joe as their guide and inspiration, Karen, Sam and Team Lyons hope to achieve something big for themselves and for JDRF. Karen says Joe always wanted to do something big, change the world, and leave it a better place. If the 55 people on Team Lyons are any indication, he will have succeeded.

Cohasset Triathlon Fact Sheet

What: 2nd Annual Cohasset Triathlon
When: Sunday, June 29, start at 8 a.m.
Where: Start and transition area will be at Sandy Beach
Course: The course is a USA Triathlon sanctioned event.

The Swim: The race begins with a 1/4-mile ocean swim off Sandy Beach.

The Bike: A 12-1/2-mile bike will follow the swim. The course will begin at the beach and will head down Atlantic Avenue to Border Street. Riders will continue down Border to Gannett Road. In North Scituate, the course makes a right on Main Street towards the Cohasset Town Common, turns on Cedar St. and continues to Route 228/Hull Street. Turn right on Route 228 to Jerusalem Road. The final stretch will take riders onto Jerusalem Road and finally back to the transition area at Sandy Beach.

The Run: A 3.2-mile run that will loop around Little Harbor. Runners will follow Nichols Road to Jerusalem Road and turn left. The course will take the runners around the Common to Beach Street. Runners will follow Beach Street to Atlantic Avenue with the finish just a short distance from the transition area.

How to register: The Triathlon has reached capacity at 825 individuals and 35 relay teams. Participants are coming from 16 different states and 3 different countries. Sign up early next year!

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Strong showing out of gate

Lady Skippers take first two; set to play Duxbury Thursday

By Joel Racicot
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Last season was a disappointment for the Cohasset High girls lacrosse team and head coach Chuck Jaffe admitted as much. The Lady Skippers finished 7-9 overall after qualifying as the top seed in Div. 2 south the year before. They had talent (see 2007 graduate Lindsay Durkin) and veteran leadership but still fell just short of making the south sectionals.

"Some of it was coaching," the third-year coach said Monday afternoon. "People were stunned we didn't make the tournament."

Expectations didn't reach reality in 2007, but Jaffe and the 2008 Lady Skippers hope to dispel any bad taste left from last season.

"We are young, but we want to win now," Jaffe said.

Cohasset is young with only three seniors; Sarah Brown, Jen Silvia and Amanda Hurd. All three are captains and only Brown has ever been a full-time starter.

As a program, adolescence is turning to young adult.

"When the boys got good it was in the fifth or sixth season of the youth program," Jaffe said. "When those first kids that went through the youth program got to junior and senior year they [saw success].

"We are just reaching that stage now."

Although Jaffe is quick to point out he isn't forecasting the type of success the boys have had, he does hope his young squad can surprise some people this year.

Two South Shore League all-star midfielders will return to the lineup, Caitlin Mahoney (Jr.) and Amy Meikleham (So.)

"My first two years we relied heavily on the attack, this year we will rely on the midfield," Jaffe said.

Cohasset girls lacrosse notebook

Cohasset 14, Bishop Feehan 5

The Skippers opened up a 5-0 lead in the game's first few minutes, Monday, and spent the rest of the day working on movement and motion and adjusting to game situations. The team expanded its lead to 9-2 at the half and assistant coach Jennifer Palmer — running the sidelines for Chuck Jaffe (who was out on a one game suspension from last season) — played mostly reserves in the second half.

Freshman Kaci Kucinski paced the team with three goals, while juniors Caitlin Mahoney and Kayla Farren scored twice each. Sophomore Kaleigh Teague picked up a goal and two assists and freshman attacker Kelsey Erler scored her first high school goal and added a helper. Amy Meikleham, Grace Clougherty, Katie Gaumer, Lindsay Hill and Isabelle Franklin all had solo goals as part of a balanced Skipper scoring attack, and sophomore Hannah Burgess notched her first varsity point with an assist.

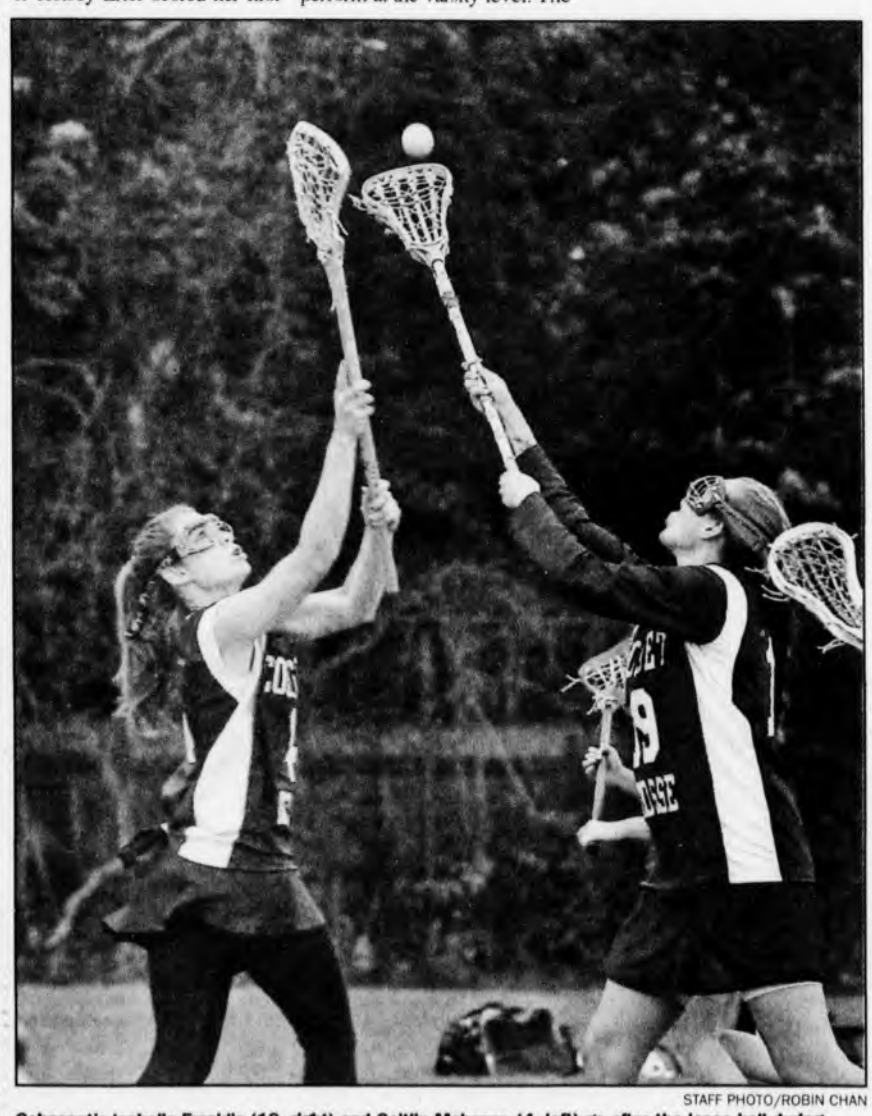
Junior Amanda Masotta, stepping into the goaltending position vacated by South Shore League all-star Aisling Guinee, made five saves to win her debut effort.

Cohasset 17, Abington 1

Cohasset jumped out to a 6-0 lead just 3:33 into the game, and then spent the remainder of the early-season game looking at a lot of players and getting an inkling of how those girls can perform at the varsity level. The Lady Skippers cruised to a 10-0 halftime lead and dominated the game even while playing its reserves en route to a 17-1 win.

Lindsay Hill, Amy Meikleham, Kaleigh Teague and Katie Gaumer scored two goals each. Kelsey Erler, Hannah Burgess and Eliza Kinnealey each picked up a goal and an assist, and Caitlin Mahoney, Isabelle Franklin, Kaci Kucinski, Kenzie Hart, Olivia Murphy, and Amanda Masotta had solo markers. For Kinnealey, Hart, Murphy and Masotta — the latter having started the game as the team's goaltender — the goals represented their first varsity points.

(Submitted by head coach Chuck Jaffe)



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Cohasset's Isabelle Franklin (19, right) and Caitlin Mahoney (4, left) go after the loose ball during action last season. Both are back for the Lady Skippers this season.

Bats come alive

Big hitting keys win over Green Wave

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

After starting the season by splitting a two game series versus Scituate, the Cohasset High baseball team showed its full potential this week against South Shore League opponent Abington. The Skippers won 10-6 giving them an early lead in the South Shore League at 1-0.

Dave Snowdale (Sr.) steered the ship pitching for the Skippers and recorded all but one out.

"He pitched really well," said Cohasset coach Al Galotta.

Snowdale did allow nine hits, but the hits were scattered throughout the game. He also recorded six strikeouts for the Skippers.

A victory was in clear sight heading into the final inning as Cohasset led the Green Wave, 10-2. Unfortunately a two-out error kept Abington in the game for a bit longer and fogged up the Skipper's sight of a win.

The Green Wave rallied for four runs and got the bases loaded and the tying run to the plate. At this point, Sam DeGiacomo (Sr.) came into the game to try and get the last out of the game—and that's exactly what he did.

DeGiacomo got the leading hitter on Abington pop out to end the game and give Cohasset a 2-1 overall record on the young season.

This game was not about Cohasset's pitching, but rather the bats of the Skippers.

"We just had a huge day at the plate" said Galotta.

Of the twelve hits Cohasset knocked around, half of them were for extra bases. Senior Kenny Muir had the biggest day of all the Skipper hitters recording three hits, including two doubles, and knocking in three runs. Sophomore Brendan Doonan also had an outstanding day at the plate for Cohasset with three hits, one double and two runs batted in. Seniors Alex Goetz and Kyle Pinkus each had a double of their own, knocking in a run. Two other offensive contributors were DeGiacomo, who had an RBI single, and Pat Doonan (Sr.), who had two singles, one driving in a run.

"We did everything well," Galotta said following the game. "Dave pitched well, we hit well, and our defense was solid with only that one error."

That one error was the Skippers only infield error of the season thus far, a tribute to the team's work ethic on defense.

"(Our defense) has been key to our success," said Galotta.

Galotta is pleased with the Skippers early season success.

"We're really clicking on all cylinders, it's going really well," he said.

Cohasset looked to continue its strong play against Harwich, Thursday, passed the Mariner deadline.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Kyle Pinkus charges up the line on a passed ball. That allowed him to reach on base after a strikeout in the bottom of the second inning against Scituate on Opening Day.

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Cohasset Lacrosse Notebook

In a rematch of last year's State championship game, the Cohasset boys lacrosse team beat Scituate 12-10 Sunday night at a sloppy Alumni Field in a cold, wind-driven mist. Over one hundred fans and students braved the elements and were treated to another classic in this great rivalry.

Cohasset grabbed the early lead on a textbook fastbreak that ended on a quick stick goal from senior middie Pete Ernst on a beautiful feed from All-American, senior co-captain, Mark Flibotte.

After Scituate scored three unanswered goals, senior co-captain Mike Grimm brought the Skippers to within one with a roll dodge through two defenders and a quick release to the upper corner. A Cohasset penalty gave Scituate the man advantage and the Sailors scored again. Dodging from behind, Grimm then found fellow captain Chuck Czerkawski alone inside the restraining line and Czerkawski let go a rocket to the lower corner. Grimm followed with a whirling dodge from the side — shooting and scoring as he fell on the slippery turf. After another Scituate goal on the man-up, Grimm scored again unassisted. Scituate found the cage before the half-time whistle to take a 6-5 lead at intermission.

The key to this victory was Cohasset's penalty killing. At the start of the second half, the Skippers found themselves two men down as a result of some late hits in the last seconds of the first half. Fortunately, the man-down defense of juniors Vin Curran and Andrew Smith, freshman Jake Kissick, sophomore Dana Valentine and goalie, senior co-captain, Nate Porter, were up to the task and prevented the Sailors from taking advantage.

Cohasset coach Stew Curran lauded his defenders.

"We had way too many penalties today, but our man-down defense was outstanding," he said. "Stopping Scituate at the start of the second half was critical and gave my team a lot of momentum."

Cohasset followed the big stop with three unanswered goals to take the lead and never looked back.

Czerkawski found Flibotte in the middle of the Scituate defense and Flibotte buried an incredible shot from his knees after getting knocked down. Flibotte scored again after picking up a loose ball on a scramble in front of the cage.

Czerkawski followed with another quick strike assisted by Grimm. After a Scituate goal, Grimm scored again on a shot from the wing after driving hard to his right. Grimm opened the fourth quarter scoring on a face dodge after a beautiful give-and-go from Czerkawski.

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Junior attackman Johnny Wade then grabbed his own rebound off the Scituate goalie's stick and put it in the back of the net. Flibotte then found Grimm alone again on the wing and Grimm buried his sixth goal of the game to give Cohasset a comfortable 12–7 lead. However, no lead is ever comfortable when these two teams meet. Scituate fought back hard scoring the last three goals of the game to make the final score close.

Grimm led all scorers with six goals and three assists. Flibotte and Czerkowski each added 2 goals and 2 assists. Porter was again outstanding in goal with 20 saves and a very intelligent clearing game.

Cohasset 8 – Abington 0

The Cohasset boys lacrosse team improved its record to 3-0 with a rare shutout victory over Abington on the road, Monday. Once again, the Skippers played on a wet and muddy field on a raw afternoon. The field conditions slowed Cohasset's vaunted offense as players had trouble keeping their feet in the slippery conditions. Abington's sophomore goaltender, South Shore League all-star Ryan Walsh, also played a great game, stifling the Cohasset offense with over twenty saves.

Coach Stew Curran thought his team came out a little tired and unfocused.

"Our tight battle with Scituate on Sunday night still was fresh in our minds and we never got untracked and running like we can. The field was in tough shape for both teams and our team likes to push the ball on offense whenever possible. The slop in front of both goals did slow our cuts and scoring opportunities. The penalties also slowed our offense down since we were a man down for most of the first half and did not have the ball."

With the man advantage, Mark Flibotte started the scoring on a quick stick goal after a feed down low from Mike Grimm. Nate Porter in goal kept the score tied with a circus stop of an Abington shot at point blank range less than a minute later.

Flibotte then found Johnny Wade alone on the crease for Wade's first goal of the game. Cohasset once again suffered from the penalty bug as at least ten yellow flags came out against the Skippers in the first half alone.

The man down defense was spectacular time and time again turning away the Green Wave without good shots on goal. The man-down defense combinations of seniors Jake Cuneo and Cliff Musto, juniors Anderson Lynner and Vin Curran, sophomore Dana Valentine and freshman standouts, Jake Kissick and Tom Flibotte had many chances to work their magic.

Cohasset's offense got its act into a little better gear in the second half again keyed by the defense.

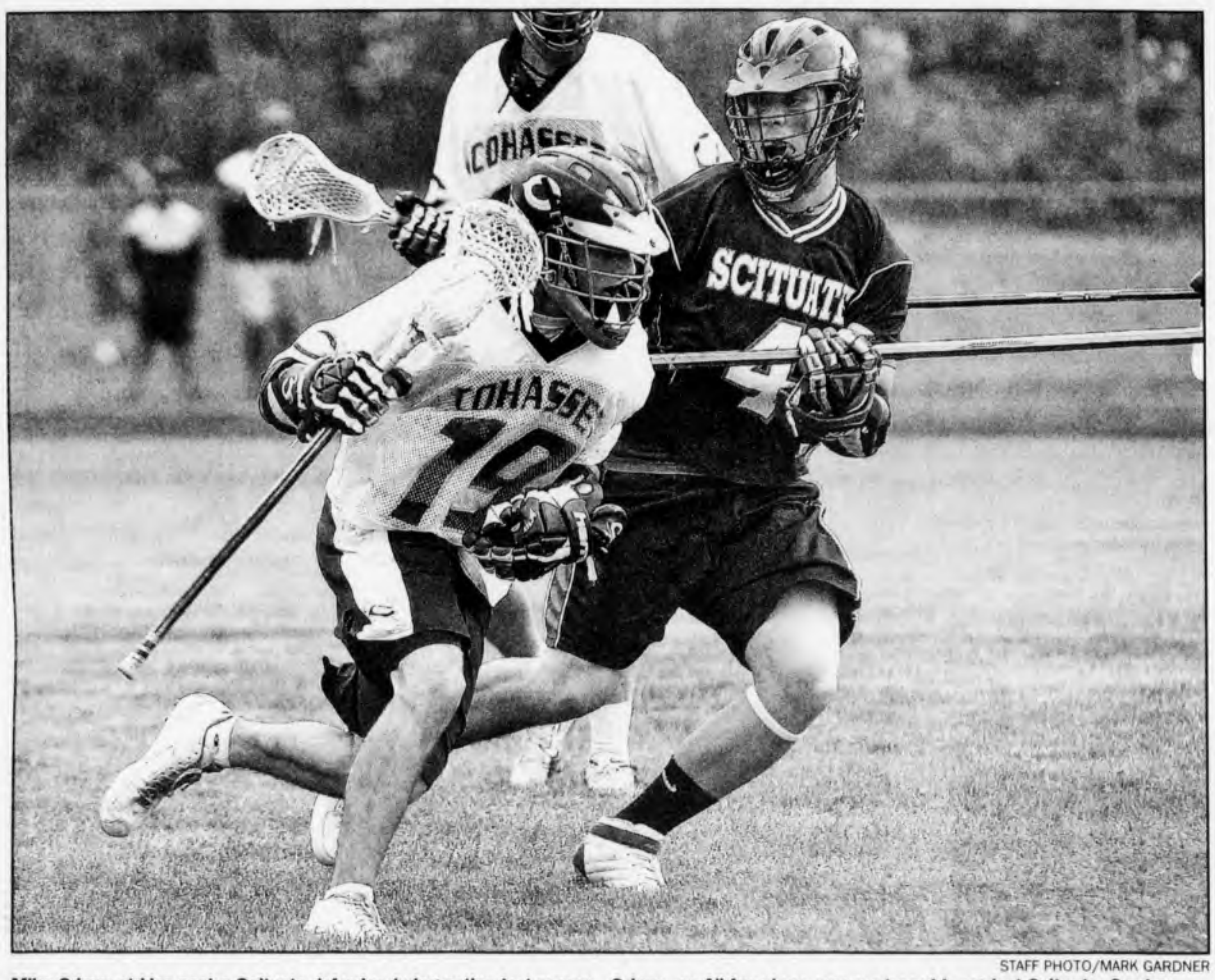
Valentine stripped the ball from his attacker, picked up the ground ball with his long stick, raced the length of the field and passed to a wide-open Flibotte on the crease for Cohasset's third goal.

After another solid save, Porter found Chuck Czerkawski with a beautiful outlet pass. He quickly delivered the ball to Flibotte who just as quickly found a streaking Grimm for the goal.

Flibotte, dodging from behind, assisted again on Wade's second goal, a great catch and shot in traffic. Grimm then followed with a cannon to the top shelf after a hard bull dodge to the right side. Wade completed his hat trick thirty seconds later on still another assist from Flibotte. Junior middie Alec Livingstone scored Cohasset's final goal (his first varsity goal) on a bullet to the far right bottom corner that beat the goalie on the stick side.

Mark Flibotte led the Cohasset scoring with two goals and three assists. Johnny Wade added three goals and Mike Grimm had two goals and one assist.

Nate Porter and sophomore goalie Jack Murphy combined for twelve saves and preserved the big shutout win. Cohasset plays Division 1 State champion Duxbury at Alumni Field, Thursday afternoon after the Mariner went to press.



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Mike Grimm strides past a Scituate defender during action last season. Grimm, an All-American, was unstoppable against Scituate, Sunday, scoring six goals in a 12-10 win.

SPORTS NOTES

Registration for Scituate/ Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading

Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading will hold spring registration for the 2008 Fall Season on April 12, 2008 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Scituate High School Auditorium entrance. Rosters must be submitted to the league by May 1.

Minimum age: Must be 7 yrs old by 9/1/08

Maximum age: Can't turn 15 yrs old in 2008

Online registrations: Online registration can be accessed at the Scituate Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading website www.scicohfootball.com. We encourage all applicants to utilize this method of registration. If you are unable to make the registration or you cannot register online before April 12, 2008 please call:

For football call 781-556-0215 and Cheerleading call 781-556-0216.

Registration fees: football $200.00, cheerleading $125.00 a $25 late fee will apply for applications received after April 12, 2008.

Refund policy: if a player removes his/her application prior to June 15, 2008, all fees will be refunded less a $50 processing fee after June 15, 2008, there will be no fee refunds.

Birth certificate: first year players and players that did not play last year must bring a copy (originals will not be accepted) of their birth certificate that the league will keep on file.

Cohasset swim and dive

Attention returning swimmers and divers: the Cohasset Swim and Dive Team 2008 season sign-up for returning swimmers and divers will be held Saturday May 3 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Town Hall.

Swim and dive team tryouts: Cohasset Swim Team tryouts will be held Wednesday, June 18 from 3-5 p.m. at the swim center pool. Swimmers must be six years of age by July 1,2008 and no older than 17 yrs of age.

Cohasset Dive Team tryouts will be held Wednesday, June 18 from 5-6 p.m. at the swim center pool. The rain date for tryouts is Thursday, June 19 at the same times.

In addition, the Cohasset Swim Team is also seeking a highly motivated Junior Swim Coach to assist the coaching staff in swim practices, swim meets, and general organization of the swim team. Applicant must be at least 16 and be able to participate on the Cohasset Swim Team. The Cohasset Dive Team is seeking qualified candidate for an Assistant Dive Coach position.

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Sunday, May 4th, 12 pm to 2 pm

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Questions? Sandy Crough, CSC Secretary 383-1117 or 4sands@comcast.net

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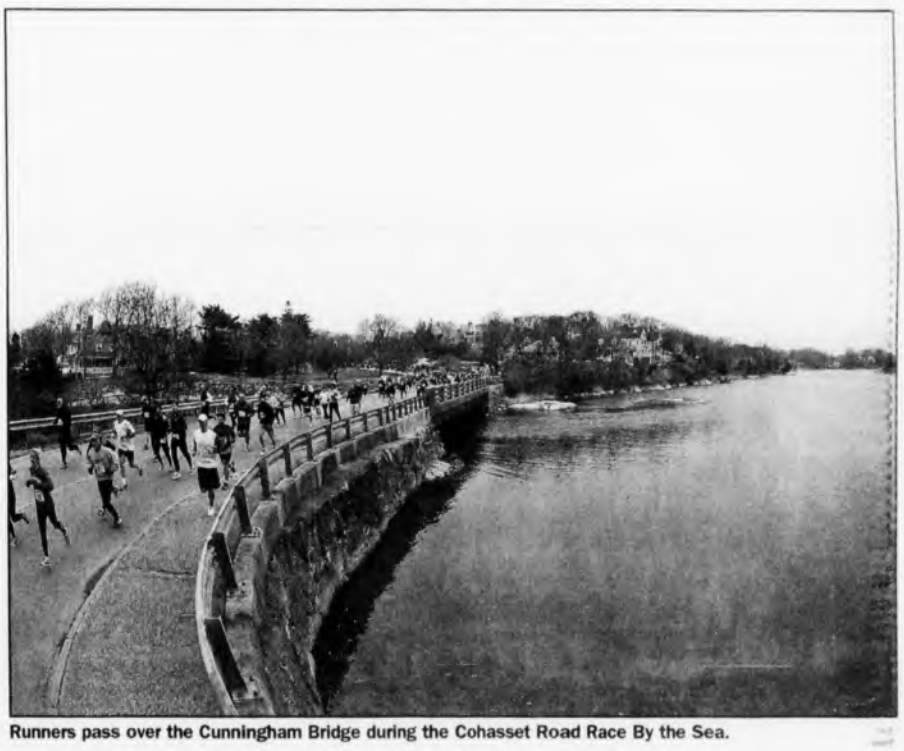
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62—42:25, Ted Webster, Cohasset
70—43:03, Al Stefan, Cohasset
74—43:12, Matt Smith, Cohasset
79—43:28, Jennifer Lankow, Cohasset
87—43:51, John Montgomery, Cohasset
112—45:28, Kevin Lynch, Cohasset
121—45:42, Judith Stavis, Cohasset
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141—46:31, Kelly Grech, Cohasset
144—46:34, Brett MacQuarrie, Cohasset
154—46:52, William Grimes, Cohasset
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160—47:03, Aaron Albright, Cohasset
168—47:25, Barbara Buckley, Cohasset
177—47:38, Kirk Jackisch, Cohasset
178—47:39, Edward Hamilton, Cohasset
182—47:43, Kelly Joslin, Cohasset
184—47:45, Michael Krumsiek, Cohasset
186—47:46, Rick Flynn, Cohasset
201—48:10, Richard Martone, Cohasset
203—48:15, Paul Oleary, Cohasset
215—48:31, Casey Gildea, Cohasset
234—48:56, David Frederick, Cohasset
236—48:59, Dana Norton, Cohasset
242—49:09, Katherine Simmons, Cohasset
244—49:10, Michael Noron, Cohasset
247—49:12, Susan Giglio, Cohasset
254—49:22, Linda Simms, Cohasset
256—49:23, Paul Sullivan, Cohasset
258—49:23, Rich Chute, Cohasset
267—49:35, Roger Wade, Cohasset
272—49:40, Matt Gregory, Cohasset
279—49:47, Tom Spicer, Cohasset
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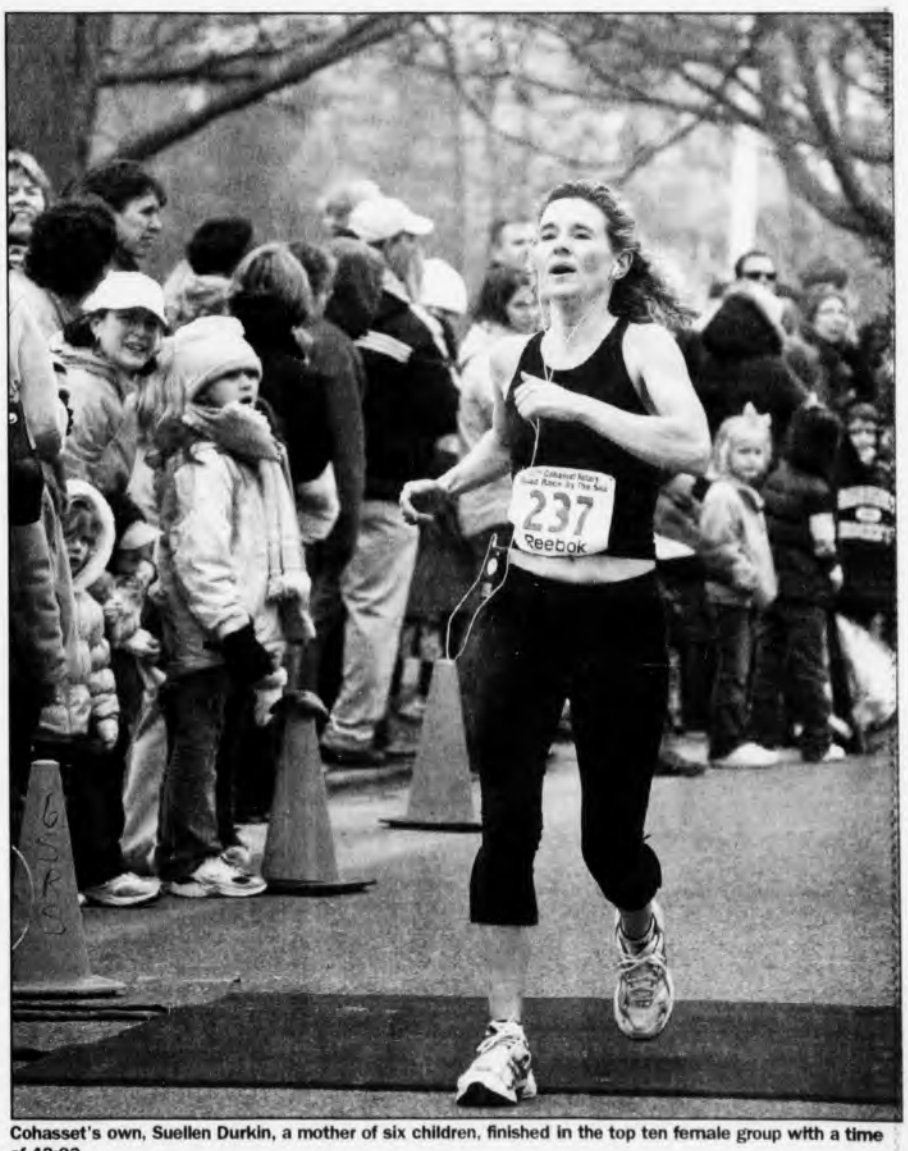
Runners pass over the Cunningham Bridge during the Cohasset Road Race By the Sea.



And they're off! Runners charge down Main Street at the start of the Cohasset By The Sea Road Race 2008.



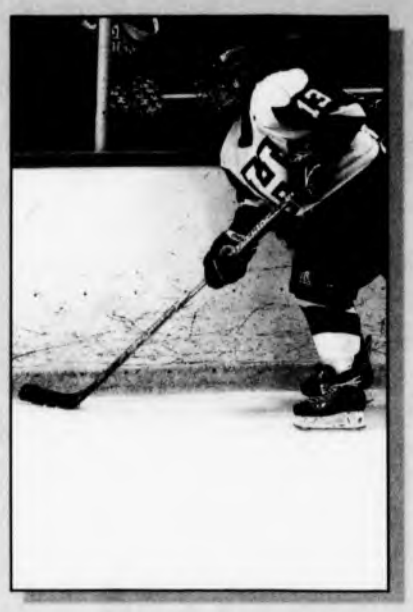
Cohasset High School Principal, Mr. Joel Antolini, finished the road race in an impressive time of 39:36 running a 6:23 per mile pace.



Cohasset's own, Suellen Durkin, a mother of six children, finished in the top ten female group with a time of 42:03.

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

CHRISSIE BOWLER
Hingham



Name: Chrissie Bowler
Family: mother, Dot; father, Ed; sisters, Stephanie and Julie; brother, Eddie
Hobbies: Skiing, swimming
Favorite Athlete: Brian Boyle
Favorite Athletic Accomplishment: Performance in the state title game
Favorite Subject: Biology
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Glaser
Favorite TV Show: The OC
Favorite Food: Chicken Parmesan
Favorite Movie: The Notebook
Most Underrated Teammate: Bailey Millerd

Nominees for the South Shore Athlete of the Month are chosen by sports editors from the following towns: Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth. One student-athlete is chosen from the list of nominees as the South Shore Athlete of the Month. Coastal Nissan, sponsor of the South Shore Athlete of the Month, will present a check in the amount of $500 each month to the athletic department from the winning school.
Nominees for the month of March are: Abington: Chris Tighe; Braintree: Amanda Abromson; Cohasset: Meredith Kelly; Hanover: Charlie McGinnis; Hingham: Chrissie Bowler; Marshfield: Eric Perry; Norwell: Eric Schlager; Rockland: Jackie Bohenek; Scituate: Mac Luciani; Weymouth: Rob Sinewick.
The Athlete of the Month for March is Chrissie Bowler of Hingham.
Hingham's Chrissie Bowler was a force for the girls hockey team all winter long, but perhaps shined brightest in the postseason. The sophomore racked up four goals and an assist in the Harborwomen's 6-1 Division 2 State title win March 11 over Milton, this despite playing with a sprained right ankle. She also netted the game-tying score late in the third period of the Harborwomen's 4-3 comeback win over Waltham in the semifinals. In four tourney games, she led Hingham with seven goals, six assists. Overall this winter, the forward led the Harborwomen (23-1-2) in scoring with 72 points on 32 goals, 40 assists. She already has 104 career points in only two seasons at Hingham High School.

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ABOVE THE RIM

JOEL RACICOT



What a mess the Summer Olympics are turning out to be, with protests worldwide calling for a boycott of the 2008 Games.

The Olympic torch went through the gauntlet in Europe. With its arrival on American soil this week, get ready for an influx of "Free Tibet" T-shirt-wearing, self-serving heroes to make their presence felt. A few of them already climbed the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco to air their dissatisfaction, leaving their unwashed Che Guevara T-shirts for another day.

Hillary Clinton has asked President George W. Bush to boycott the opening ceremonies. Grumblings out of France are for a complete boycott, athletes included.

The Olympics have always been, and will always be, political.

Fine.

Anything that gets the average person involved in politics and foreign affairs is a wonderful thing.

Ken Burns was asked what his motivation was for the PBS documentary "The War." One response was that when surveyed, half of graduating seniors in the United States think we fought with the Germans against the Soviet Union in World War II.

Nice. *I'm proud to be an American…*

I'm as much against Chinese domestic and foreign policies as the guy climbing the Golden Gate. Most rational people are, but just because the Olympics have always been political doesn't mean they need to be at the expense of the athletes. It doesn't mean the kid who has worked his tail off on the track or in the swimming pool should be denied the opportunity of a lifetime.

The world is a messed-up place. This is old news, as will be this entire hullabaloo about the Olympics once they come and go.

Last time I checked, no one really cares about the Olympics anymore, anyway. They are viewed as an archaic institution of games that are met with terrible television ratings and an apathetic attitude here in the United States.

Globalization and Bristol, Conn., are much to thank for that. The 24-hour news and sports cycle provided by ESPN and others give the average viewer a watered down feeling to the whole Olympic experience. Nonetheless, qualifying for the Olympics takes hard work and dedication. It's based on facts, numbers, wins and losses, times, math, things that can't be questioned.

That might be hard for people like Hillary Clinton to understand. Politics nowadays seem to be solely based on shady poll numbers, entitlement and appearances. Show up with a smile and say the right thing like "boycott," and it's gold medals all-around.

The same thing goes for the jerks that climbed the Golden Gate, putting hard-working city workers in danger. An "A" on a philosophy paper doesn't make you Socrates. Come up with something original.

U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps winning a record eight gold medals this summer? That would be original.

Cohasset High School sports schedules

Boys Varsity Baseball
All games at 3:30 p.m. unless stated

April		Time
15	@ Norwell	
17	E. Bridgewater	
25	Cardinal Spellman	10 a.m.
26	Arch. Williams	10 a.m.
29	Carver	
May		
1	@Hull	
5	Mashpee	
6	Abington	
8	@Harwich	4 p.m.
12	Norwell	
13	@E. Bridgewater	
15	@Carver	
19	Hull	
20	@Mashpee	4 p.m.
22	@Sacred Heart	

Girls Varsity Softball
All games at 3:30 p.m. unless stated

April		
15	Norwell	
17	@E. Bridgewater	
26	Rockland	12 p.m.
29	@Carver	
30	Scituate	4 p.m.
May		
1	Hull	
5	@Mashpee	
6	@Abington	
8	Harwich	
12	@Norwell	
13	E. Bridgewater	
15	Carver	
19	@Hull	
20	Mashpee	
22	@Scituate	4 p.m.

Boys Varsity Tennis
All games at 3:30 p.m. unless stated

April		
15	@Norwell	
28	@Sacred Heart	
29	Carver	
May		
1	@Scituate	
5	Mashpee	
6	Abington	
8	@Harwich	4 p.m.
12	Norwell	
14	Hingham	
15	@Carver	
19	Duxbury	
20	@Mashpee	4 p.m.
23	Sacred Heart	

Girls Varsity Tennis
All games at 3:30 p.m.

April		
14	Notre Dame	
15	Norwell	
17	@E. Bridgewater	
28	@Hingham	
29	@Carver	
May		
5	@Mashpee	
6	@Abington	
8	Harwich	
12	@Norwell	
13	E. Bridgewater	
15	Carver	
19	@Duxbury	
20	Mashpee	
21	Rockland	

Boys Varsity Lacrosse

April		
15	@Norwell	3:30 p.m.
17	@Seacoast Cup	5 p.m.
19	@Seacoast Cup	TBA
24	@Dover-Sherborn	11 a.m.
25	@Hull	11 a.m.
29	Mashpee	4 p.m.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 15
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
Pasta and marinara sauce, dinner roll or chicken salad sub, carrots, mixed fruit.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17
BBQ riblet on a roll or ham and cheese sandwich, baked oven fries, sweet peas, peaches.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18
Pizza: cheese or vegetarian or roast beef sandwich, garden salad, Jell-O.

MONDAY, APRIL 28
Chicken nuggets, dinner roll or bologna sub, baked oven fries, sweet peas, apple slices.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29
Bagel with chicken vegetable noodle soup or tuna sandwich, garden salad, mixed fruit.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30
Meatball sub or ham and cheese sandwich, brown rice, green beans, fresh fruit.

Social Service League of Cohasset offering scholarship

The Social League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud R.N. Scholarship. Applicants must be seniors in high school or residents of the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell or Scituate who intend to begin or further studies in the fields of nursing, social work or allied health fields. One scholarship for $2,000 or two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each will be awarded for the 2008-2009 academic year. The scholarship is merit based.

Applications are available at the League office in Cohasset between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., or in each high school guidance office. All applications must be submitted by mail to the Social Service League of Cohasset, 790 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset, MA 02025 no later than April 30. For more information, call 781-383-0771.

Teen dance set for April 11

Cohasset Youth Resources Midnight Blue Teen Center Dance will take place from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, April 11. Cohasset youngsters in grades six through eight are invited to attend. Cost is $5 per person, and attendees will be required to show a student ID when signing in for the dance.

Those attending should be sure they are able to gain admittance to the dance before their ride leaves as once capacity is reach no further admittance will be allowed. There will be no admittance after 8:30 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

This is not a school function.

Aquarion Earth Day Scholarship Contest

Aquarion Water Co. of Massachusetts, which supplies water to Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Oxford and Millbury, is holding its fifth annual Earth Day essay contest for high school seniors graduating in June of in these service towns. The theme is "Water is precious; how much do we need?" One essay from each town will be chosen to win a scholarship that will be paid directly to the college the student will attend. Contest deadline is April 30.

Essays should be no more than 500 words, typed and double-spaced. Entries will be judged on clarity, punctuation, accuracy, creativity and adherence to topic. At least two sources should be cited. All entries must have a cover page with the essay's title and the writer's name, telephone number, school and home addresses, teacher and grade level.

Essays should be submitted to: Aquarion Water Co., 900 Main St., Hingham, MA 02043, Attention: Martin Cohn.

For more information, call Martin Cohn at 617-962-3136.

Pilgrim Arena offers scholarships

Applications for ten $5,000 scholarships are available at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive, Hingham.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application *in person* at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Tuesday (April 15).

Applicants will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, call Hoby Taylor, 781-749-6660.

Sailing club signups are May 3 & 4

Cohasset Sailing Club registration is Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4!

You've felt the change in the air haven't you? Spring is here and summer will be quickly upon us. Soon the docks will be in, all the boat bottoms painted, the club house swept, the rocking chairs placed on the porch, and the kids with life preservers around their necks, faces filled with expectations, enthusiasm and glee ready to sail.

Registration Days at the Sailing Club on Government Island are earlier than usual this year.

Saturday, May 3, from 9 am to 2 pm

Sunday, May 4 from 12 to 2 pm

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Applications available at: www.cohassetsailingclub.com

Questions? Sandy Crough, CSC Secretary 383-1117 or 4sands@comcast.net

Panel discusses African art exhibit April 13

An exhibition of the work of five African artists is on view at the South Shore Art Center titled "Reflections in Exile: Five Contemporary African Artists Respond to Social Injustice." The exhibition includes the work of Ilona Anderson (South Africa), Khalid Kodi (Sudan), Chaz Maviyane-Davies (Zimbabwe), Salem Mekuria (Ethiopia), and Ezra Wube (Ethiopia).. The exhibition will continue through May 11 and then travel to the Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists in Roxbury where it will be on exhibition from June 1 through July 27.

Curator Barry Gaither of the National Center of Afro-American Artists has written an exhibition catalog and will lead a panel discussion with co-curator Candice Smith Corby and several of the exhibiting artists on Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. in the Art Center's Bancroft Gallery. Admission is free.

South Shore Art Center gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

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It's Happening

Music Circus box office opens April 12

The Music Circus box office will open for the season on April 12, at noon, for in-person sales. The box office is at 130 Sohier St., off Route 3A, in Cohasset, and beginning April 12, will be open from noon until 6 p.m., daily throughout the summer season.

To celebrate opening day, live entertainment will be provided by the Dave Foley Band, featuring lead singer Dave Foley of Hull. Radio station Country 102.5/WKLB also will be on hand for the special festivities. Prizes will be given away through random drawings to customers buying tickets at the box office.

For concert updates, visit the Music Circus Web site at themusiccircus.org. Every seat is within 50 feet of the stage.

Dog training

Cohasset Recreation will offer dog-training classes to be taught by Happy Dog Training school again for 2008.

The first session is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 12, on Cohasset Common, directly in front of Town Hall.

Sessions are five weeks in duration, meeting for one hour each week and cost $110 per dog, per session.

Registrations will be via telephone by calling the Cohasset Recreation Department at 781-383-4109. The first session on May 12, offers a 6 to 7 p.m. special topics in dog training class to dogs with some basic training, who are at least six months old. Each week will include a special training topic, such as agility, heel, come, rally and distraction

The 7 to 8 p.m. class is for beginner training for dogs with no prior formal training, who are at least eight weeks old.

Call 781-383-4109 to register or for more details visit www.happydogtraining.com. Classes are limited in size.

'Healing Field' planned for Memorial Day

The Sons of the American Legion is planning to install a Healing Field as part of the town's Memorial Day 2008 observances.

The effort should result in hundreds of American flags on eight-foot-tall poles temporarily installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets. The island faces Veterans Memorial Park where the annual Memorial Day observances are held.

The flags sell for $25 and can be dedicated to anyone. In other words, the purchase of a flag is not limited to those honoring someone who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces. (Those who purchase flags will be able to pick them up after 10 days).

Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with a note on the memo line indicating "Healing Field" and sent to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, please visit www.healingfield.org/cohasset or contact the Legion post at 781-383-9657 or stop by the post at 98 Summer St. any weekday after 3 p.m., Saturdays after 10 a.m. or Sundays after 12 noon. Applications for Healing Field flags are available at the Post and at both branches of Pilgrim Cooperative Bank. All proceeds will go to veterans' projects of the Sons of the American Legion.

Hull Garden Club plant sale set for May 17

Hull Garden Club's annual plant sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, May 17, at the Town of Hull sign on George Washington Boulevard. This is Hull Garden Club's largest annual fund-raising project, and it depends on public support. Ivy geraniums, hanging plants, annuals, herbs, vegetables, member perennials, composters, water marrels and more will be available.

To pre-order favorite varieties, order forms are available at Hull Library, Senior Center, main post office, or with a club member. Ordering and information are also available by calling Judy Dorner at 781-925-0626 or Candy Barone at 781-925-0013.

Rock 'n' roll fundraiser to benefit museum

Our World Children's Museum in Cohasset is holding a 50s rock 'n' roll fundraiser April 11, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the museum featuring a 50s style dinner including dogs, burgers, fries, and root beer floats. Activities include sock hop, face painting, sprits and more. The cost is $25 per family. RSVP by calling 781-383-3198.

New date for GOP Spring Dinner

Cohasset Republican members and friends are invited to the annual Spring Dinner, which will take place at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 7, at Second Congregational Church, next to Town Hall. Earlier, there was a different date that caused many conflicts.

Elected officials will be invited to give their perspective on experiences in office and the status of the town.

Community Center

Signup for April vacation camps

The following programs are offered by the South Shore Community Center. Call 781-383-0088.

April vacation camps — Tuesday, April 22: One Day Gymnastics, Sports & More Camp for boys & girls ages 4 –10; 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; $50M/$55NM

Ready, set, go — Wednesday, April 23, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., for boys & girls ages 4 – 10. Come enjoy a fun-filled day of activities, Bowling, Cooking, Crafts, Relay Races, Face Painting. The Children will also see an animal presentation presented by Animal Experiences. $50M/$55NM

Gymnastics & Sports Classes — There are still openings in the Gymnastics/Sports programs for boys & girls in the following classes:

Mondays:

Sports for Kids, boys and girls, age 4-6; 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 1 – 2 p.m. Learn the fundamentals of general sports. Basketball, soccer, hockey, bowling, gymnastics, relays, obstacle course, balloon tennis and much, much more.

Gym Explorers, boys and girls, age 4-6; 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Enjoy rotations on vault, bars, beam, floor. Musical games with lummi sticks, bean bags, scarves and more.

Wednesdays:

Beginner/Intermediate Girls Gymnastics, age 5 – 7; 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Thursdays:

Sports for Kids (boys & girls), age 4-6, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Beginner/intermediate girls, age 5-7, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Beginner/intermediate girls, age 7-11, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Fridays:

Gym Explorers (boys & girls), age 4-6, 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Children's Programs

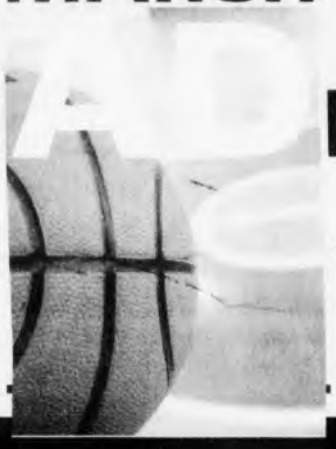
Bridge Building and More w/Science Sizzlers — Wednesday, March 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m, K-grade 5, $15.00

Mad Science of Boston/Current Events — Wed. April 9, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., K-grade 5, $15.00

Adult Programs

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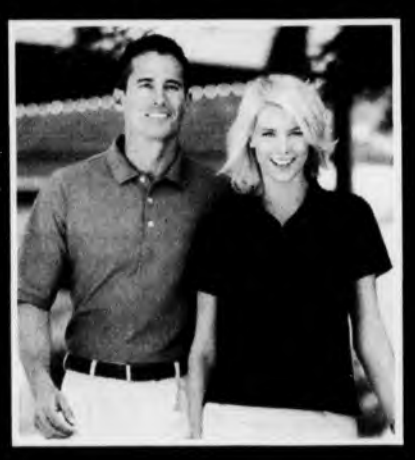
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Orlando - I had a little trepidation when the small airplane pulled us - my instructor and me - way above the ground. But then I found soaring like a bird was the greatest thrill and wondered why I had never tried hang gliding before.

The rides at Disney World and Universal Studios aren't the only places to feel a rush of adrenaline in Orlando. The city and its surrounds offer a wealth of experiences for those who like their adventures extreme, from flying in the air to swimming with sharks.

Flying and Falling

At Wallaby Ranch in Davenport, a short drive from Greater Orlando, try a first-class hang gliding experience in a secluded field surrounded by woodlands. A tandem flight with an instructor costs $120. After learning the basics, you are comfortably secured, lying face down in a harness like a sleeping bag, attached to a large kite-like tandem glider with your instructor next to you.

A small airplane tugs you up into the air, and releases you at 2,000 feet. Then you leisurely glide, maneuver and enjoy the scenery. For details call 800-WAL-LABY or visit www.wallaby.com.

For more adrenalin pumping, SkyVenture Orlando will give you all the excitement of skydiving without having to jump out of an airplane. It's fast, fun, indoors and $44 will buy you an hour's class, with two-minute flight rotations equal to two real skydives per person. It's so realistic that professional skydivers come to fine-tune their free-fall techniques.

Your instructor will first show you basic body movements. After you put on your one-piece flight suit, goggles and earplugs, you are taught to fall into a 125 mph wind tunnel where you are held up in midair and can manipulate your movements with a mere flick of your wrist. If you are not relaxed, you will tend to bounce about, but once you get the hang of it, your instructor might twirl you up and around the giant SkyVenture tower in a breathtaking leap and fall. Your two minutes here will certainly feel much longer and more intense. For details call 800-SKY-FUN-1 or check out www.skyventureorlando.com.



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Fly like a bird on a hang gliding ride at Wallaby Ranch.

Sharks ahoy!

Sharks are fascinating predators with intimidating weapons, namely, their teeth. You can see just how many up close if you decide to brave the Sharks Deep Dive. SeaWorld Orlando's most daring animal encounter program at $150 per person is certainly a lifetime experience for the thrill-seeker.

You get basic instruction, including common-sense suggestions like "Don't stick your hand out." The hardest part is getting into a tiny wet suit, putting on a heavy underwater helmet and stepping into the cold seawater. But once you are acclimated, the thrill begins with a giant step into a shark-proof cage that is plunged into a 125-foot-long underwater habitat – like a giant aquarium open on top - teeming with more than 50 sharks, including sand tigers, sand bars, black tips, sawfish and hundreds of tropical fish. If you are lucky, some of the more curious ones will swim by, inches away from your face.

While you ogle the sharks, diners in the adjacent Sharks Underwater Grill restaurant will be ogling you through the glass walls. For reservations, call 800-327-2424 or visit www.SeaWorldOrlando.com.

Wild Orlando

For a back-to-basics nature experience, the eco-tour at Grande Lakes Orlando resort offers a glimpse into the area's wildlife. The relaxing two-hour canoe or kayak trip takes you up Shingle Creek, which leads to the Everglades. You may be surprised to find such unspoiled wilderness so close to civilization. Your guide will narrate the creek's history and point out native birds, fish and wildlife

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Staying there: Grande Lakes is home to both a Ritz-Carlton and a JW Marriott hotel. Spread over 500 acres, the resort is unique to central Florida for both its natural setting and conservation efforts - it has even been recognized by the Audubon Society. Guests will find luxurious amenities from an 18-hole Greg Norman Signature golf course to a world-class Ritz-Carlton spa. Five swimming pools including a lazy, manmade river for tubing.

The majestic, 26-story JW Marriott is built Spanish-style with 1,000 rooms, while the 14-story Ritz-Carlton is an opulent oasis with 564 rooms.

The resort truly offers something for everyone. Nature lovers can partake in eco-tours (see above) and fish with the Orvis Fly Fishing School. Sports enthusiasts have access to the golf course, three lighted tennis courts, a bocce ball court, a fitness center and jogging trails.

Foodies can sample anything from sushi to steak at 11 dining venues, including renowned Chef Melissa Kelly's restaurant Primo, featuring Italian cuisine using the day's freshest herbs and vegetables from its own garden.

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Daffodil days is close to the heart

June King is a cancer survivor

By Mary Jane Hanron
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

When King was first diagnosed she said one of the first inquiries she made was to the American Cancer Society.

Many customers and members of the community are familiar with the Spring Event at King Jewelers Inc., which celebrates the season's arrival with its annual Daffodil Days festivities to benefit the American Cancer Society (ACS). Also showcased is a preview of new jewelry for the upcoming season. Not all who attend or partake in the festivities are aware of why the cause is so important to the King family, owners of the business. The annual event was held recently at the Kings' store at 812 3A in Cohasset.

This affair holds particular meaning to the family as June King is a cancer survivor and is currently celebrating 18 years of being cancer free.

2008 is the fifth year the store has celebrated Daffodil Days. According to those at the South Shore headquarters of the ACS, the event at Kings is the only one of its kind in the area. The general public is able to come in and purchase daffodil bouquets while enjoying light refreshments and viewing new jewelry designs for the upcoming season. Among the array of baubles on view this year was a collection of dazzling yellow diamonds as well as the intricate and spectacular designs of Maryann Englander of Dragonfly studios.

During the past five years of this festivity, with the support of clients and guests, King's has donated $4185 to the ACS simply from the sale of Daffodil bouquets.

June King, widow of Forrest King Jr. whose father founded the store in 1921, has been involved with the business in many capacities most of her professional life. She also is the mother of Valerie and Vicki King who today run a substantial part of the company. She speaks of her ordeal candidly and interspersed with anecdotes of her years with the business.

"I was absolutely surprised when I was told I had cancer," she said. "I tend to be a positive person and it never had occurred to me that I had a serious illness. Once I found out and knew I had to face it, I decided to do some research and learn what I could about my condition and the various options available to me. It was during this research that I learned of Dr. Susan Love, a leading authority in her field, straightforward, caring, and author of "The Susan Love Breast Book."

King asked for a second opinion and then consulted with Love who, at the time was practicing in the Boston area. She chose Love as her surgeon for several reasons, one of which was, "she offered more alternatives than a "complete mastectomy" and understood the devastation of this disease psychologically and emotionally to women.

Following King's surgery and during her treatment she was able to go to work at the store regularly. "The only days I couldn't work were the day I had my treatment and the day after. Otherwise, I was pretty much able to keep to my schedule," she said.

She recalled that at the time, the store was moving from what is now Shaw's Plaza to its former location in the Plaza opposite Stop and Shop on 3A. "I was there most of the time, washing the cases, organizing inventory and doing what I always did. I do think I was fortunate because I was otherwise healthy and tend to have a strong stamina.

"People would come in and talk to me about it, especially those facing similar situations in their own lives. Of course, it was a time that people didn't discuss it openly like they do today."

When King was first diagnosed she said one of the first inquiries she made was to the American Cancer Society. "They could not have been kinder, more informative or more supportive," she said. They sent me materials about my particular condition and resources that I might find helpful. It is a wonderful organization and can help anyone in any situation touched by cancer at any time."

Now eighteen years later, she serves as an inspiration to many who are newly diagnosed or have been survivors for a far shorter time. She gladly tells the story of how her role at the store has evolved throughout the years.

She worked there before she met her future husband, Forrest King. As a teenager, her evening job was at the Scituate playhouse operated by Bud King, Forrest's brother. Bud was working feverishly to keep the jewelry store functioning properly while running the playhouse at night. He hoped to keep King Jewelers in order until Forrest came back from serving in the military in Japan. June assisted at the store as well.

Upon Forrest's return, changes occurred. After marrying the owner in 1955, June played a vital role in the company's daily operation. "I helped customers, washed counters, dusted, did buying and acted as an inventory coordinator. There was a day that I knew the item-number and price of every piece in this store!"

Her daughters Val and Vicki soon grew to be more involved in the business and today they are the principle managers of the store. As the family members currently running the business are all women, they are great supporters of Women's Charities. Recently they participated in "Womenbuild," a project for Habitat for Humanity which was a house completed exclusively by women. They also present a unique perspective to customers looking for gifts that will appeal to women. The compassion and community spirit exhibited by their efforts, their extensive knowledge of gems and jewelry and an eye for the unique and sentimental gift indicates the staff at this store offers a distinct shopping experience.

June King continues to perform her duties at the store. When she is not working at the business, she is often occupied with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is well aware that one of them could represent a future generation of King Jewelers.



COURTESY PHOTO

June King of King Jewelers is a breast cancer survivor. King's raises money for the American Cancer Society every year by selling daffodil bouquets.

Relay planned for June 13-14

Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser of the American Cancer Society. Participants raise money by personally collecting donations and organizing group fundraisers prior to or at the event. The money goes towards cancer research, patient services, advocacy and education. It also provides hope to those how have cancer and their family and friends that a cure is available, it provides hope that cancer can be detected in its early stages and it provides hope that cancer is eradicated in our life time. The Hingham/Hull/Cohasset and Scituate Relay will be held on June 13th and 14th organizations clubs, family, friends and co-workers form teams of at least 8-15people and gather at Cohasset High School on the 13th.

Members of the team take turns walking around the track for the duration of the event. An important part of Relay is honoring and remembering those people in our lives who have faced cancer. Each Relay invites cancer survivors in the community to walk a special Survivors Lap. Another focal point of each Relay is the Luminaria Ceremony, held after dark, where candles are sponsored and lit in honor and memory of our loved ones who have battled this disease. Part of what makes Relay for Life special is its atmosphere — the sense of community, camaraderie and hope that permeates the event from start to finish. Hope has become the catchword of Relay, because hope is what it's all about; the hope that one day we will be free from the fear of this terrible disease, that our children will grow up in a world where cancer is no longer fatal. Relay is a time to do something about a danger that seems so much bigger than us, and to know that we are actually making a difference. It is a time to reflect, to remember those who have been lost and those who can still be saved. And it is also a lot of fun to be there with friends and take part in the activities.

For information on how you can start a team contact Harry St.Onge at 781-383-9465 orst.onge@comcast.net.

Walk for hunger on April 12

The sixth annual Feed the Need 5K Family Run/Walk will start at 9 a.m., on Saturday, April 12, at Wompatuck State Park, Hingham. The entry fee is 25 cans/boxes of non-perishable food items or $20. All contributions will be donated to Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull and to Germantown Food Pantry in Quincy. Long-sleeve T-shirts will be given to the first 100 people who sign in on Saturday morning - so come early, last year T-shirts ran out. Medals will be awarded to the top three in each age group for men and women. There will also be children's races, face painting, a bouncy house and other activities for kids. People are urged to come enjoy a fun family outing and help support local food pantries. This event will take place rain, snow or shine.

For more information or to pre-register, visit the Web site at feedtheneed.org.

Cowboy Music at Coffeehouse April 19

Skip Gorman plays the simple, yet beautifully poignant music that was performed around campfires by cowboys and westward settlers in the nineteenth century. Come hear him perform at the Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square on Saturday, April 19 at 8 p.m. The concert begins with an open mike at 8 p.m. Beverages and desserts are fifty cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee.

Gorman has performed on Garrison Keillor's 'A Prairie Home Companion' and at bluegrass festivals and cowboy gatherings. He frequently presents programs and concerts at schools and museums dressed in authentic cowboy garb while playing period instruments.

This is a chance to tap into one of the enduring traditions in American music - the cowboy song.

The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., in Hingham Square just up from the Loring Hall Theater. Admission is $10 at the door (sorry, no reservations.) For information or to volunteer (for free admission) call 781-749-1767 or visit www.skipgorman.com.

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PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Rumors of a change in the workplace could make you a mite uneasy about going ahead with implementing your ideas. Best advice: Ignore the talk and proceed as planned.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Everyone has an opinion on how to handle a recent business suggestion. Thank them for their advice. Then go ahead and follow your own fine instincts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While home is your main focus this week, new issues in the workplace need your attention as well. Take things step by step. Pressures ease in time for weekend fun.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be less rigid when handling a relationship problem. You might believe you're in the right, but try to open your mind to the possibilities of facts you're currently not aware of.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas run at a hectic pace throughout much of the week. But by the weekend, the Lions' Dens become a purrrfect place for you Fine Felines to relax in.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Change is favored early in the week. This should make it easier for you to reassess your plans for handling a troubling professional relationship. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A suggestion from a colleague could give your professional project that long-needed boost. Meanwhile, someone close to you still needs your emotional support.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before complying with a colleague's request, check to see that the action benefits all, not just one person's agenda. Continue firming up those travel plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your social life is on the upswing, and the only problem is deciding which invitations to accept. Enjoy yourself before settling down for some serious work next week.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your creative aspects on high, you might want to restart your work on that novel or painting you put aside. Your efforts will bring a surge in your self-esteem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While you're generous with others, be sure you're not overlooking your own needs. Take time to assess your situation and make adjustments where necessary.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Being applauded for your achievement is great. But watch out that you don't start acting like a star. It could lose your valuable support with your next project.

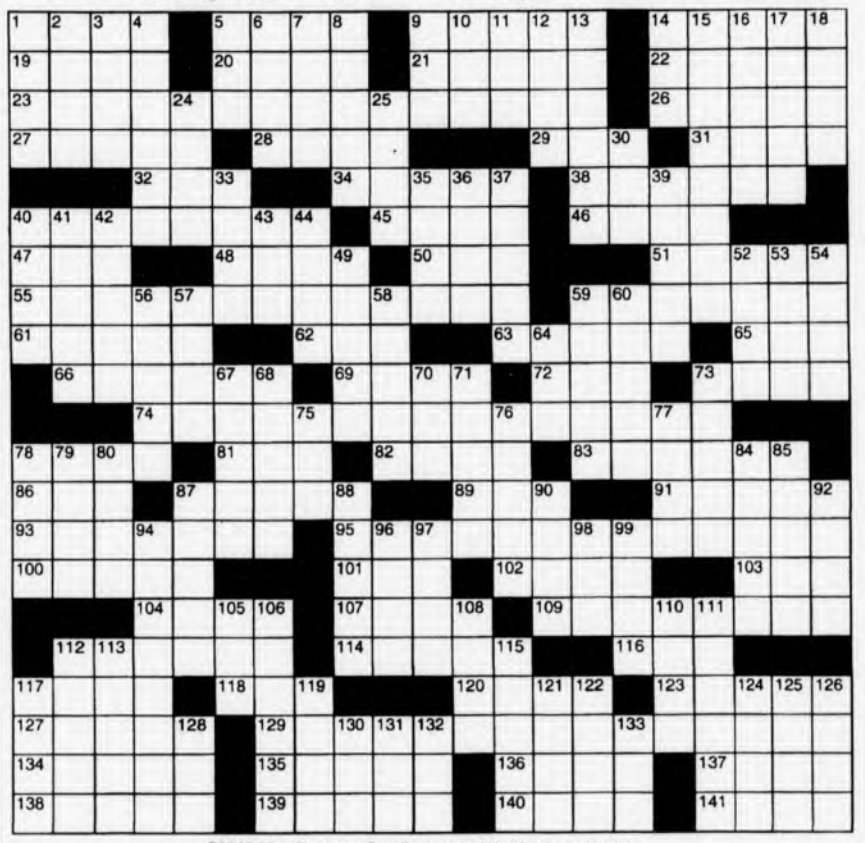
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BORN THIS WEEK: Your strong belief in justice, along with your leadership qualities, help you protect the rights of others.

Crossword - Titled Titles

ACROSS
1 Actor Postlethwaite
5 Amonasro's daughter
9 Tracking tool
14 Looked like Lothario?
19 Sore
20 Hose problem
21 Lissome
22 Uccello or Veronese
23 Eugene O'Neill drama
26 Hangs tinsel
27 British astronomer
28 Cipher
29 Baby shark
31 Manumit
32 Ike's domain
34 Nom de crime?
38 More delicate
40 "Rawhide" and "Gunsmoke"
45 — Flynn Boyle
46 Hoffmann creation
47 "Ab —" (from the start)
48 Sock spot
50 Bar supply
51 George Hamilton's ex
55 Roger Miller tune
59 Joseph Conrad novel
61 Steep slope
62 With 25 Down, successful
63 Steeple part
65 "Stroker —" ('83 film)
66 Musical chords
69 Skip
72 Rock's — Leppard
73 Spouses no more
74 C.S. Forester book
78 Certain orchestra
81 Baseball stat
82 Ward of "Sisters"
83 Rang
86 Castilian cry
87 Actress Burke
89 Item in a lock
91 Exodus figure
93 Stevie Wonder song
95 Hal Foster comic strip
100 Ponchielli's "Dance of the —"
101 Hightailed it
102 Belfry sound
103 Hog's honey
104 "How sweet —!"
107 React to an allergen
109 "Madame Bovary" author
112 Pepsin or lipase
114 Operetta composer
116 Vane dir.
117 Schwarzenegger's birthplace
118 Dino, to the Flintstones
120 Catherine — -Jones
123 Damocles' dangler
127 "— Gay"
129 Phoebe Cates film
134 Microwave feature
135 Chilling
136 Tombstone lawman
137 Harvest
138 Earthquake
139 Patriot Silas
140 Tare's relative
141 Rochester's missis

DOWN
1 Walkway
2 Resound
3 He and she
4 A hole near the sole
5 Bit part in "Cleopatra"?
6 Singer Foxx
7 Venture
8 Where Athenians assembled
9 Scott's "The — Quartet"
10 Past
11 Clamor
12 Evelyn's brother
13 Upshot
14 Select, with "for"
15 20th President
16 Chateau valley
17 Glue guy
18 Health measure?
24 Dole (out)
25 See 62 Across
30 Ram's remark
33 "Carmina Burana" composer
35 Shakespearean villain
36 Schipa solo
37 Tuneful Tommy
39 Irish county
40 Yan's pans
41 Dislodge
42 Submarine finder
43 "— again!"
44 Manhattan district
49 High-toned guy?
52 Sophoclean tragedy
53 Pleasant
54 Mingo's portrayer
56 Southern staple
57 Colorful fish
58 Harold of "Ghostbusters"
59 Capt.'s subordinate
60 Gluck's "— ed Euridice"
64 Bogus Bach
67 Jacobi of "I, Claudius"
68 Black
70 Cola cooler
71 Raptor feature
73 Chou —
75 In good shape
76 Civil Rights org.
77 Israeli airline
78 Ritzy
79 Hodgepodge
80 Lima's land
84 Work on a crossword?
85 Patron
87 Fresh from the trail
88 Taxing time?
90 Scuba site
92 Package abbr.
94 Pours gently
96 Figure of interest?
97 Move like molasses
98 Kilmer or Bisoglio
99 Word of woe
105 Mischief-maker
106 Trickled
108 Mist
110 "Back in the —" ('68 song)
111 "Watch out!"
112 Cartoonist Bushmiller
113 Campbell or Judd
115 Alarm button
117 Understands
119 "Lemon —" ('65 hit)
121 Obsolete title
122 Lot size
124 Carry out orders
125 Circus sound
126 Waterproofing material
128 Shrug part
130 Private pension
131 Palindromic diarist
132 Artichoke heart?
133 Intelligent



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Sudoku

6			3			1		
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		5	6			3		
	2			1			9	
4	1				8			2

Level: Hoo Boy

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Magic Maze - Subway Cities

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B O Z X K W A U A S W U K W Q
L O N L J C S G G E H F O D C
M A D R I D O A N Y W C T E V
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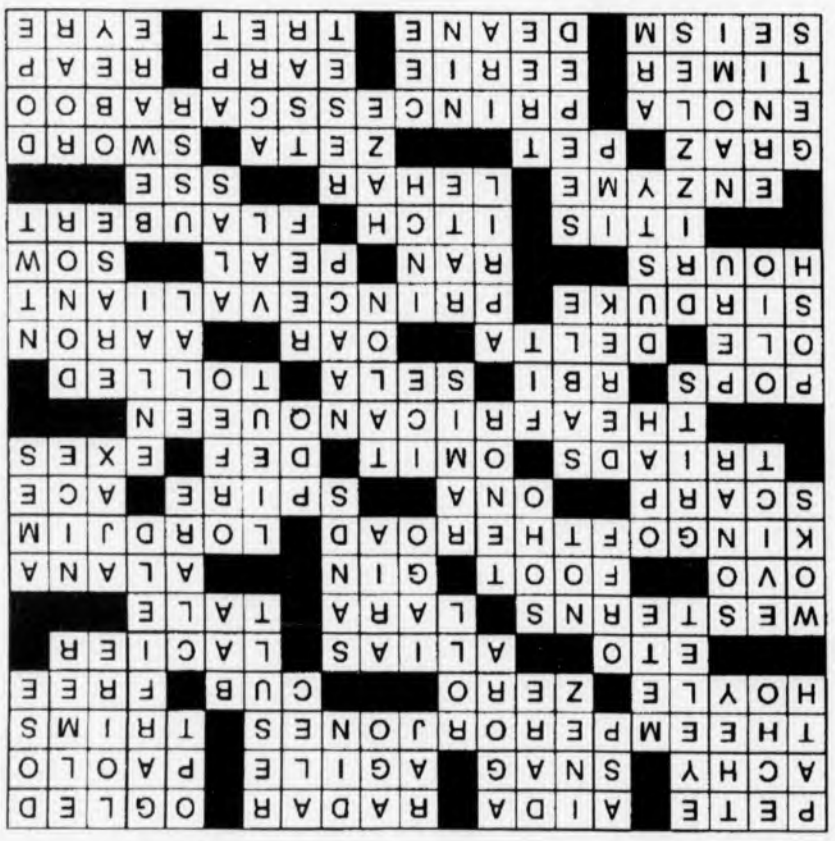
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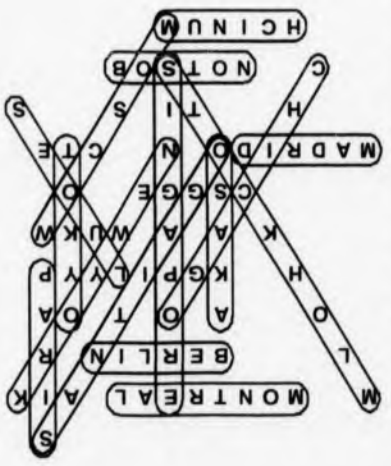
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Sudoku Solution

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8	6	4	7	3	5	1	9	2
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3	5	9	6	2	1	8	4	7
4	2	1	5	8	3	6	7	9

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

12:25 a.m. **South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning, speeding.

12:54 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:54 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

7:39 a.m. **Pond St.,** vandalism report, walk in party reports he would like to speak to an officer regarding graffiti on the high school.

9:10 a.m. **Pond St.,** parking complaint, caller reports he would like an officer to go out and check the parking. The caller reported there was a verbal argument between him and another male party, but everything was settled. He did not want to leave his information. Detail officer on location to take care of issue.

10:42 a.m. **S. Main St., and Summer St.,** traffic enforcement.

1:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.,** larceny (report), caller reports – last night items were taken from storage lot.

1:14 p.m. **Pond St.,** motor vehicle crash. Caller reports she backed into another vehicle.

3:13 p.m. **Kendall Village,** disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports ongoing problem with neighbor. Officer reports civil matter.

8:40 p.m. **S. Main St.,** parking complaint, clerk complained of people parking illegally. Officer tagged four motor vehicles.

9:55 p.m. **Elm St.,** fire, investigation, Fire Captain investigated a report of smoke from cooking. Reports no hazard.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

12:40 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

12:41 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

1:20 a.m. **King St.,** suspicious activity, 911 caller states "there are people running around in her yard."

1:30 a.m. **King St.,** suspicious activity.

1:39 a.m. **King St.,** domestic (in progress). Cohasset female arrest. Charges: A&B.

2:02 a.m. **King St.,** assist citizen, caller requests "the motor vehicle be moved." Motor vehicle will be moved by a family member.

2:57 a.m. **White Head Road,** domestic (in progress).

4:38 a.m. **Brewster Road,** annoying phone calls, caller states a male party is harassing her on her daughter's cell phone.

8:43 a.m. **Sohier St.,** Deer Hill/Osgood School check.

9:04 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

10:47 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** animal bite, 911 caller reports their dog bit neighbors dog, requesting officer. Officer reports dog vs. dog incident.

12:11 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:50 p.m. **King St.,** suspicious person, caller reports a male party seems out of place in the parking lot of this location.

5:23 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid.

8:09 p.m. **King St.,** medical aid, caller reports her husband was choking on coffee, he is breathing and talking at this time. Captain reports no services necessary, units clear and returning.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

1 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks secure.

1 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

10:36 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.,** accidental 911 call, 911 caller reports he hit the emergency button on his phone by accident, officer responding to confirm.

10:41 a.m. **James Lane,** fire, investigation, caller reports his carbon monoxide detectors are going off and he has a young infant in the home. Caller was advised to take the baby out of the house. Fire Lt. on scene requests Keyspan to the scene for a gas powered furnace and the readings are high. Keyspan on scene.

10:54 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

11:02 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks, Osgood/Deer Hill School check.

11:16 a.m. **King St., and Lily Pond Lane,** notification, officer reports the sign that warns for dangerous curve has been taken down. DPW notified and will check it out.

11:23 a.m. Medical aid, area search negative.

1:14 p.m. **Sohier St., and King St.,** fire, investigation, Fire Lt. reports they were waved down by a work crew for an outside gas leak. E3 reports Keyspan will handle.

1:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle crash/no injury. Caller reports she would like an officer to view damage done to her car in a parking lot on 3A. The caller stated she did not have her cell phone with her so she left the scene and went to her residence and called. Operator of suspect vehicle comes back with a suspended license. 17-year-old Scituate woman being summoned on charges: Operating motor vehicle with license suspended.

3 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** disturbance, caller reports they need the police to this location to remove a resident. The staff conducted a room search and located bottles of alcohol and drugs. Male party does have an active warrant and lengthy criminal history. Arrest: Alfred J. Gawlik, 1 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset. Charges: WMS warrant.

4:05 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane,** fire, investigation, caller reports her CO2 detector is going off.

4:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** larceny (report), caller reports her purse, keys and wallet were stolen out of her vehicle which she left unlocked.

5:39 p.m. **Hanover PD,** bolo announcement. Just occurred at the Hanover Mall. Grab and run of several polo shirts. Looking for a white Sedan possibly a Ford Taurus driven by a white female with another white female in the passenger seat. A white male sitting in the back seat wearing a red hooded sweatshirt with a black puffy vest on over that. License plate possibly a New England Patriots plate. Please stop and hold.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

12:48 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

12:49 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

6:38 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.,** traffic enforcement.

7:08 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd.,** traffic enforcement.

9:10 a.m. **Elm St.,** officer wanted, walk in party would like to speak with an officer. He states his car keys are missing. Walk in party appears to be out of breath, disoriented, R3, E3 on scene.

12:10 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

12:36 p.m. **Elm St.,** lost property, walk in party reports he dripped his IPhone getting into a truck at Josephs Hardware on Rt. 3. When he came back for it, it wasn't there.

1:23 p.m. **Border St., and Otis Ave.,** motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports she has crashed into a pole. National Grid on scene.

1:42 p.m. **Samoset Ave.,** Hull, fire, structure, Hull Fire reports a 2-1/2 story working fire at the above location.

2:05 p.m. **North Main St.,** disturbance, caller reports her boyfriend is at her apartment and is threatening to tear it up. Officer spoke with the calling party, the boyfriend will be leaving for the night.

2:31 p.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

2:38 p.m. **Sohier St.,** Deerhill/Osgood School check.

3:13 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.,** parking complaint, caller reports people parking under the "No Parking" sign.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

12:07 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane,** suspicious person, caller reports at above location there is a white female walking in the middle of the road. Officer out at above location – out with female, her vehicle ran out of gas in her driveway.

12:40 a.m. **Brook St.,** open door/window, officer reports at above location the door was open. Officer checked business – everything appears secured.

12:52 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

12:53 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.,** building checks.

9:07 a.m. **Sohier St.,** Deerhill/Osgood School check.

9:10 a.m. **Linden Drive,** suspicious activity, follow-up regarding an e-mail sent to the department.

10:03 a.m. **High School,** building checks.

11:15 a.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** larceny, employee reports another employee stole her ATM/debit card and withdrew $260.00 when confronted, the money was returned but not the card.

12:52 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:56 p.m. **Pond St., and Spring St.,** suspicious person, caller MBTA reports 2 subjects on the tracks at the above location. Officer reports checked above location, nothing found. Officer reports there is a crew setting up survey equipment near the tracks – the crew has been advised the proper way and location to set up equipment – officer reports the crew has proper paperwork.

5:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Route 228,** erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle all over the road – old red jeep headed towards Hull from above location. Given to Hingham PD.

7:29 p.m. **Kent St., Scituate,** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** disturbance, caller (clerk) reports male fighting with clerk inside store.

8:04 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** hazard (traffic), caller reports there are orange cones blocking street.

9:51 p.m. **Pond St.,** building checks.

9:58 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.,** building checks.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

1:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

1:12 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

10:24 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:24 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

10:32 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

11:56 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane,** suspicious vehicle, caller reports a vehicle acting suspicious in the area, driving around the neighborhood going in and out of peoples driveways, caller would like the male checked out.

1:37 p.m. **Elm St.,** bolo announcement.

1:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:33 p.m. **Bayberry Lane,** suspicious activity. Caller reports she just wants it logged, a suspicious phone call she received today. Caller reports a male party with a foreign accent called stating that he has all of her information including Social Security information and where she cashed her last check. The male then stated all she needs to do is give him her bank account numbers and she will receive a medical card in the mail. Female wants this logged to make other senior citizens aware.

6:02 p.m. **South Main St.,** larceny, walk in party would like to speak with an officer regarding a possible larceny.

7:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:10 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.,** well being check, caller would like someone to check above address, hasn't seen party in five days.

7:26 p.m. **Cedar St.,** suspicious vehicle, caller stated that there was a white box truck that was parked by the golf course, they have had some theft and would like to know what the truck is doing. Officer reports truck checks out.

11:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** officer wanted, walk in party requesting to speak with an officer regarding vandalism that happened in Quincy.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

12:59 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

1 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks secure.

10:23 a.m. **King St.,** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:25 a.m. **Elm St.,** well being check.

11:42 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building check both schools.

12:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** erratic operation of motor vehicle, verbal warning. Hingham PD reports vehicle all over the road coming into Cohasset. 911 cell caller reporting same officer has vehicle stopped on 3A. Operator checks out ok.

1:10 p.m. Medical aid, transported QMC/BLS.

1:24 p.m. **Margin St.,** hazard, caller reports a truck just dropped off a large dumpster in the roadway and it is already full. Officer reports he is aware of this and the company is moving the full one so they can drop off an empty one and then the dumpster will be moved.

2:52 p.m. **High School and Pond St.,** larceny, officer to this location for a larceny report.

5:03 p.m. **Lamberts Lane,** property damage, caller wants to have it logged that an oil truck while leaving his driveway hit his gate didn't want to speak with an officer.

5:59 p.m. **Cushing Rd.,** fire, chimney, house party reports no fire.

9:26 p.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

9:48 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

9:51 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.,** building checks.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

12:31 a.m. **South Main St.,** open door/window, door secured.

12:46 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

12:51 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.,** building checks.

6:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** traffic enforcement.

8 a.m. **Elm St.,** child safety seat install.

9:36 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** hazard (traffic), several callers lights out at intersection. Mass Highway notified. Additional callers reporting a large bang in the area. E3 responding to investigate. National Grid notified.

1:28 p.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.,** traffic enforcement.

1:38 p.m. **South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:48 p.m. **South Main St,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:51 p.m. **Elm St.,** medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:35 p.m. **Doane St.,** fire, investigation, caller direct into Fire HQ for a carbon monoxide detector sounding.

3:09 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** parking violation, officer issued parking ticket at this location.

4:21 p.m. **South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:36 p.m. **Elm St.,** property (lost), walk in party turned in a wallet that his daughter found at the Osgood Playground.

5:31 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:51 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Forest Notch,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:37 p.m. **South Main St.,** parking enforcement, parking tickets issued.

8:42 p.m. **Black Rock Rd.,** suspicious vehicle, caller reports a vehicle has been parked across his driveway for a few hours. Officer reports the vehicle belongs to someone babysitting in the neighborhood.

9:02 p.m. **North Main St.,** motor vehicle crash, Hingham PD reports a car was driving on the tracks and is now stuck on the tracks. MBTA was notified to stop the train, they are also responding. Per Fire Capt. Hingham Fire responding to this location. Hingham Quint and Medic 2 on scene, coming in with one in custody. MBTA notified the tracks are clear at this time, no damage to any MBTA equipment. Arrest: Daniel J. Belz, 59, 88 Forest Ave., Cohasset. Charges: OUI of liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation.

9:10 p.m. **Tower Lane,** fire, investigation, caller reports sparks coming from a light fixture in the ceiling.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

12:44 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

12:44 a.m. **Sohier St.,** both elementary schools check secure.

1:40 a.m. **North Main St.,** suspicious activity, area search negative.

1:46 a.m. **South Main St.,** assist citizen, caller is unable to operate the motor vehicle, will be back at 8 to retrieve it.

3:26 a.m. **North Main St.,** suspicious activity.

STATUS REPORT

Busy months for police

March was a fairly busy month for the Cohasset Police Department; there were nine arrests, two for Assault and Battery, two for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, one for larceny over $250, one for possession of a class B substance, one for operating under the influence of liquor, one for trespassing, and finally one for an outstanding warrant, Chief Hussey said.

During the month of March the police department investigated 13 motor vehicle accidents, none of which resulted in personal injury. There were 25 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $580 in fines. Additionally, there were 10 parking tickets issued totaling $250 in fines.

Also in the month of March the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 662 calls for police services of those 243 were Emergency 911 calls, he said.

In the month of March there were two reports of breaking and entering, one involving a residence, and one involving a Motor Vehicle. Also in March there were two Criminal Complaints issued for the month.

Hussey also said February was a busy month for the Cohasset Police Department; there were 11 arrests, three for breaking and entering, two for operating under the influence of liquor, two for possession of a class D substance, one for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, one for disorderly conduct, one for an outstanding warrant, and finally one for protective custody.

During the month of February the police department investigated 10 motor vehicle accidents, one of which resulted in personal injury. There were 40 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $525 in fines. Additionally, there were 26 parking tickets issued totaling $850 in fines.

In the month of February the emergency dispatch center received a total of 591 calls for police services of those 276 were Emergency 911 calls.

In the month of February there were four reports of breaking and entering, one involving a residences, one involving a vehicle, and two involving a business. Also in February there were six criminal complaints issued for the month, he said.

Sheriff Bellotti offers seniors tips on crime prevention

A section of the booklet also is devoted to protecting the elderly against con artists and their scams.

Keeping senior citizens safe is a priority for Norfolk County Sheriff Michael G. Bellotti. To help ensure their safety, he is distributing illustrated booklets with tips on preventing seniors from being victimized by criminals.

The easy-to-read booklets – addressing crimes ranging from house breaks to phone scams to identity theft – are available free-of-charge to individuals and groups. They can be obtained by calling Bellotti's Community Programs office at 781-751-3505.

"Crime directly touches a certain amount of our cherished senior citizen population, but the fear of crime affects a far greater segment of our elderly community, often preventing them going out and enjoying life in the way they deserve," Bellotti said.

"The information in this booklet can help keep them from becoming victims. And it can help alleviate any fears they may have by advising them on how to avoid situations where they may be at risk," he said.

The booklet offers advice on avoiding crime: at home, while out in the community, with specific tips for using public transportation or using a car and while on vacation.

A section of the booklet also is devoted to protecting the elderly against con artists and their scams.

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Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death January 20, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

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An obligation to help others is subject of talk

Glastonbury Abbey's will present a program titled "Am I My Neighbor's Keeper – If My Neighbor Lives Half a World Away?" at 7:15 p.m., on Thursday, April 17. The lecture is part of the Inter-Religious Lecture Series, "Listening to Other Voices: Prophets of Compassion: Who Cares?"

Do individuals have an obligation to help others? Ruth Messinger thinks yes – even if they are half a world away. She has made it her life's work. After serving in public service in New York City for 20 years, now as president of the American Jewish World Service, she directs support to 300 grassroots social change projects throughout the world. She has worked tirelessly to end the genocide in Dafur, Sudan. She will tell people what is needed, where and how people can transform the lives of others and gain something for themselves in the process.



COURTESY PHOTO

Ruth Messinger will speak as part of Glastonbury's lecture series.

Recipient of the Jewish Council of Public Affairs Award in 2006, Messinger also received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Hebrew Union College in tribute to her life's work.

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OBITUARIES

Francis L. Mello

Worked for South Shore Lobster

Francis L. "Ducky" Mello, 89, of Hingham, died April 2, 2008, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Mr. Mello was born in Cohasset and had been a Hingham resident for 62 years. He worked in the lobster industry for more than 60 years, including 30 years at South Shore Lobster in Hingham. He retired in 1999.

He was an avid bowler and sports fan. Mr. Mello devoted his life to his family and will be greatly missed.

Husband of the late Ellen T. (Murphy) Mello, he leaves his children, Diane (Mello) Huxley of Braintree and David Mello of Plymouth; his sisters, Mary Grassie of Cohasset, Elizabeth Longo of Cohasset and Eileen Tyeryar of Scituate; his brothers, Augustine Mello of Lake Village, Ark., and John Mello of Cohasset; and three grandchildren, Karen Huxley, Kristin Huxley and Matthew Mello.



Francis L.. Mello

He was the brother of the late Angelina Garrett and Ida Fortier.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Paul Church, Hingham. Arrangements were handled by Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, Hingham. Interment in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease, 7 Lincoln St., Wakefield, MA 01880 or Hydrocephalus Association, 870 Market St., #705, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Nancy Loring Stover

Raised four children in Cohasset

Nancy Loring Stover, 71, died Tuesday April 8, 2008 in Nags Head, N.C.

She was born April 30, 1936 in South Weymouth, Mass. Nancy was the daughter of the late Frederick W. and Florence Loring Decker and the devoted wife of the late William Elliot Stover, Jr.

For many years, Nancy enjoyed lobster fishing in the local waterways with her husband in Cohasset, where the couple raised their four children. Besides being a loving wife and mother, Nancy also worked in several retail stores in Cohasset and attended Beechwood Congregational Church. Recently, Nancy decided to live closer to family and relocated to her son's Nags Head residence.

Left to rejoice in the memories of Nancy Stover are her two sons, Douglas Stover, and daughter-in-law Joan of the Nags Head residence, William Stover of Bucksfield, Maine; two daughters, Cindy Snell and Carol Gargiulo both of Marshfield, Mass.; three granddaughters Jennifer Stover, April Stover, and Katie Gargiulo; three grandsons Andrew Stover, Jeremy Stover, and Damien Stover; and many extended family members and dear friends.

A family memorial service will take place in Cohasset in the near future. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes may be made to the American Liver Foundation at www.liverfoundation.org/donate.

Gallop Funeral Services, Inc. was entrusted with arrangements. Condolences to the family may be sent via the on-line register at www.gallopfuneralservices.com.

Emily F. Mitchell

Born in Scituate

Emily Frances (Feola) Mitchell, 80 of Underhill and Milton, Vt., died unexpectedly Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008 in Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, Vt. with her family by her side.

Mrs. Mitchell was born in Scituate, the daughter of Ferdinand and Ilda (Robinson) Feola. She was married to Kenneth C. Mitchell in Egypt, Mass. They were married for more than 60 years. Mr. Mitchell died May 10, 2006.

Mrs. Mitchell was a former member of the OES in Hinesburg, Vt. She was a very active grandmother and enjoyed crafts, making jewelry and Christmas ornaments. She was a painter and an excellent seamstress. She was always doing for others. Her greatest happiness was spent with her children and grandchildren, whom she adored.

She leaves her children and their spouses, Kenneth Mitchell Jr. of Florida, Grant Mitchell and Stefanie Otterson of New Mexico, Joyse Blaisdell and husband Brad of Cambridge, Vt., Deborah Mitchell and husband Larry McIntire of Washington and Linette Bushey and husband Leo of Milton, Vt.; her grandchildren Tina Barup, April Willbanks, Mike and Keith Tourville, Austin and Colton Mitchell, Lauren Bushey and T.J. Harris; and by many great-grandchildren. She also leaves a sister Antoinette McDonald and husband David of Kingston, Ontario; her step-brother Joseph Witham of Florida, her special cousin Muriel Manning of Hinesburg; and three special companions Bubbles, Cuddles and Capella. In addition to her husband, Kenneth Sr., she was predeceased by her brother, Ferdi Feola.

A memorial service was held Feb. 23 in the Minor Funeral Home in Milton, Vt.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VNA Home Care Program, 110 Prim Road, Colchester, Vt., 05446 or to the American Diabetes Association, 1 Kennedy Dr., Suite L8, So. Burlington, Vt., 05403

David E. Boyajian

Recording engineer and band manager

David E. Boyajian, 60, of Cohasset formerly of Scituate died on March 27, 2008 after battling pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Boyajian was born in New York City and raised in Scituate. He attended Scituate Public Schools and Brewster Academy in N.H.

He was a sergeant with the Army and served in Vietnam with the First Cavalry Division Air Assault specializing in the operation of the 105 mm Howitzer.

He was a recording engineer and band manager. He loved to collect all sorts of things to tinker with and fix.

Mr. Boyajian leaves his wife Virginia Jill Hunt; his children Donna DiNardo of Marshfield, Jacqueline and Nicholas DiNardo both of Cohasset, Deborah Tardie of Wareham, Mark DiNardo of Florida; his mother Grace Boyajian of Scituate; a brother of Fred and his wife, Bobbi of Atlantic, Ga. He also leaves an uncle and aunt Dick and Bunny Nakashian of Pocasset and an aunt, Alice Erikson, of Wellesley; six grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was the brother-in-law Gregory and Tim Hunt both of Norwell, M.E. Hunt and M.E. Pecci both of Bath, Maine.

The Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home in Scituate handled the arrangements.

A memorial service was held on April 1, at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church in Scituate.

Cornelia Weeks Jamerson

Lifelong interest in antiques

Cornelia Weeks Jamerson, 84, recently of Tampa, Fla., died of complications of a stroke on Dec. 6, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arnold Noble Weeks and Alice Phillips Weeks.

She was born in Jamaica Plain, and attended schools in Scituate and Boston before moving to Silver Spring, Md. in 1952. She had a lifelong interest in antique furniture and also raised show dogs and Shetland ponies. She enjoyed running a successful antique business for many years.

Mrs. Jamerson leaves four children, Susan Gerig of Tampa, Fla., Alexander Chadwick of Marina del Rey, Calif., John Chadwick of Bethesda, Md. and Jessica Lang of Jackson, Wyo.; her brothers Phillips Weeks of Scituate, and Christopher Weeks of Princeton, N.J. as well as four grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be lead by Reverend Jan Carlsson-Bull at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist 23 North Main St., Cohasset at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 12. Graveside rites will follow at the Cohasset Central Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to your local hospice group or to the National Stroke Association, 9707 East Easter Lane, Centennial, Colo. 80112-3747.

St. Joseph Retreat Center schedule of events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset is hosting the following upcoming programs:

April 13, *Come, Rest Awhile*, a Day of Prayer for those who care for others at home or in professional settings.

Praying Moment By Moment with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, a series of programs integrating sections of the book *Moment By Moment*, co-authored by program presenter Gene Merz, SJ: April 16, Day of Prayer; April 17, Evening of Prayer; April 18-20, Weekend of Prayer.

April 20-27, Directed/Private Retreat Week.

April 26, *Images of God*, a Morning of Prayer.

April 30, Day Workshop: *Perceptions and Emotions in Prayer & Spiritual Direction: Joy and Anger.*

For more information and to register, please visit www.csjretreatcenter.org or call 781-383-6024.

Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Bible Study series continues on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Practical Christianity. Some Christians commonly view the Old Testament as a storybook-full of fascinating tales, yet ancient and irrelevant to modern reality. This exceptional 10-week study from *Insight For Living* with *Chuck Swindoll* will help you blow the dust off these timeworn chronicles and discover enduring truths that relate directly to you, while translating into reliable patterns for godly living. Experience familiar passages as never before, and find fresh inspiration in the memorable scenes revisited. Follow the examples of faithful Old Testament heroes such as Abraham, Joseph, David, and many others as you learn to apply timeless biblical principles to your everyday life. Please join us.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. **Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague.** Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, April 13

8 a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Bill Baird & Kirk Jackisch and meeting on the 1st & 3rd Sundays)

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House - New Member Sunday - Sermon: "Where do we come from?"

Religious education classes for toddlers, children and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House. Pre-K through 6th graders will enjoy a One Room Schoolhouse with member/guest Randy Houk, who will read her new book In Wheelwright Park Don't Bite! Don't Bark! Conversation and art projects will follow.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

3 to 5 p.m. - 12th Annual South Shore Interfaith Seder—Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham. We are delighted to celebrate this annual interfaith seder co-sponsored by many South Shore congregations and No Place for Hate Committees. To learn more, ontact Barbara Marcus at Hinghamisnoplacefor hate@ gmail.com.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together. To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter. The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday morning. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately follow the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites you to join us this Lent.

This week, St. Stephen's welcomes our new rector, the **Reverend Margot Critchfield,**

Services on Sunday are at 8 am and 10 am.

We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. For information on us go to www.ststephenscohasset.org or to learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. -3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

"The earth is but one country and mankind it's citizens" 1(800)22-UNITE www.bahai.us

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mfond@cnc.com.

Worship Notes

Interfaith Seder celebrates 'A Nation of Immigrants'

The Twelfth annual South Shore Interfaith Seder will be celebrated Sunday, April 13, at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham. This year it will focus on the theme that people are "A Nation of Immigrants." Children from the Children's Theatre Company in Boston will be singing at the service.

Through music, stories and rituals modeled on the traditional Passover Seder, children and adults from many diverse faiths and communities will join together to celebrate and honor the journeys that many citizens and their ancestors have made in becoming part of this nation. During the ceremony, the story of the Jewish Exodus from slavery in Egypt is retold, and its central message of freedom becomes relevant to all people and faith communities in today's world.

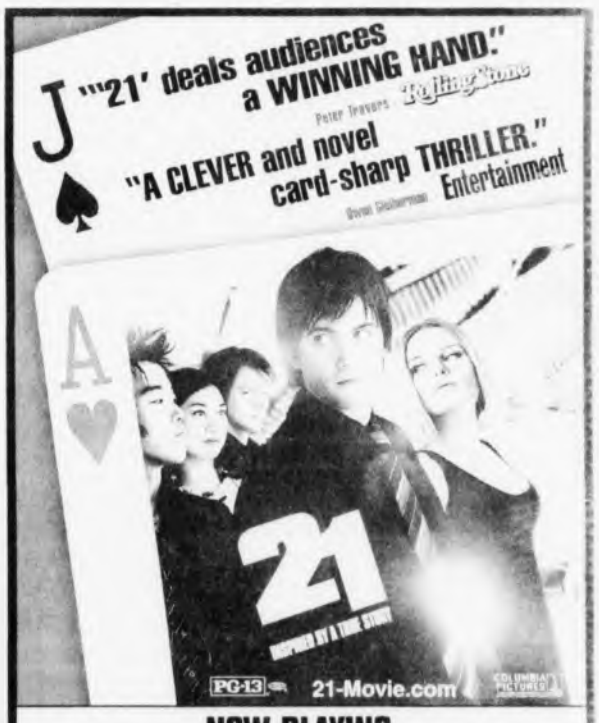
The ritual includes prayers of gratitude and appeals for compassion to care for all people, of all different faiths, races and backgrounds. In the Interfaith Seder's version of the Haggadah, or book that guides the Seder ritual, the Leader says, "We are all God's children, and if one of us suffers – even our enemy – we are all diminished." A bit later in the ceremony, the community says "that people will cast out the plagues that threaten everyone everywhere they are found, beginning in our own hearts." Thus the Seder calls on everyone to look within their own hearts, to take responsibility for personal thoughts, words and actions that might contribute to the suffering and oppression of others.

Traditionally, Passover, or Pesach, is a week-long celebration of the ancient story of Exodus, the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt. It begins with the annual celebration of the Passover Seder. In the Exodus story, God sent 10 plagues down upon the Egyptians: blood, frogs, vermin, flies, cattle disease, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and finally, the slaying of the first born. Passover refers to the 10th and final plague, when the Angel of Death spared the lives of the first born among the Israelites, "passing over" their houses and afflicting only the Egyptians. After the 10th plague, Pharaoh decided to free the slaves.

The traditional Seder is essentially a meal with 15 sections or blessings. Each food blessed and eaten during the ceremony is a symbol that helps to involve the participants more fully in remembering the Jews' passage into freedom. For example, Matzah, or a flat, unleavened bread is eaten. It recalls the haste with which the Israelites left Egypt. They had no time to prepare food, or to bring yeast. Maror, or bitter vegetable, is dipped in salt water and eaten to remember the bitterness of the experience of slavery. Salt water represents the tears of suffering the people shed during their ordeal as slaves.

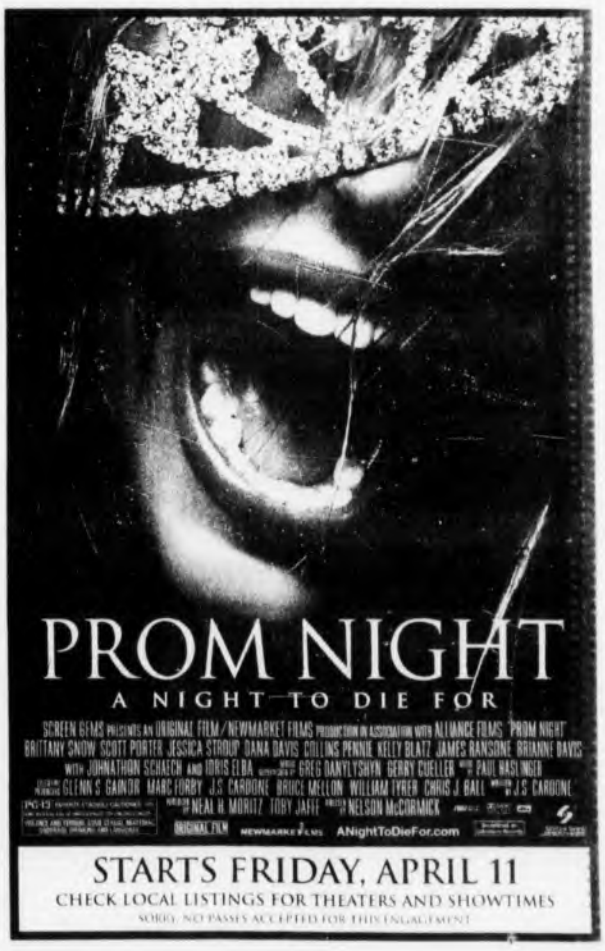
The 12th annual South Shore Interfaith Seder is hosted by hosted by Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in partnership with the Hingham No Place For Hate Committee and the Hingham Hull Religious Leaders Association. It is coordinated by the Hingham No Place Committee in conjunction with the Anti-Defamation League.

For reservations and information about the 12th annual South Shore Interfaith Seder from 3 to 5 p.m., on April 16, at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main St. Hingham, contact HinghamNoPlaceForHate@gmailcom or call the Anti-Defamation League at 617 406-6300.









TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

APRIL 10-18, 2008



BEST BET

The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Dr., Norwell presents the off-broadway hit The Water Cooler as they bring their hilarious musical satire about life in for four shows; April 10-13. Shows are: Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, April 11 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 12 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m. Tickets priced at $28 are available at the office or by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, April 10

The Taste of Norwell featuring 12 area restaurants, sponsored by the Norwell Chamber of Commerce will be held April 10 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Cushing Center, Main St. Norwell. Tickets $20 are available at the door. Proceeds benefit the High School Scholarship fund.

Chief Justice Cushing Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will have their next meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Scituate on April 10 at noon. Their will be a meeting and light lunch followed by a program on DVD. If you are interested call Joan Powers at 781-545-9650

The Norwell Garden Club will present **Garden Design Principles** with C.L. Fornari on April 10, at 7 p.m. in the James Library, 24 West St., Norwell. Refreshments will be served. If you are not a member of the Norwell Garden Club but are interested in attending call Lois Athanasiou at 781-659-7866. Open to non-residents. The fee is $5 for non-members.

Photographer Jeanne McKenna of Norwell talks about Pompeii and the Amalfi Coast, Italy as part of "Travel Times Three" program, April 10 at the South Shore Natural Science Center Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Avid Photographer and Norwell resident, Jeanne McKenna will talk about a recent trip to Pompeii and the Amalfi Coast, Italy as part of a Thursday Tea program, "Travel Times Three" on Thursday, April 10, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Other presenters include **Judy Pollock** of Marshfield whose travels included Tuscany and Umbria. Rain Rodolph, also of Marshfield, will talk about her travels throughout Provence, France. Tea and desserts will follow the presentations. Pre-registration requested, Cost $8 members, $10 non members. Registration by phone 781-659-2559) with a credit card.

April Book Club Meeting at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate April 10, 6 to 8 p.m. This month's non-fiction title is "**My Father's Secret War**"by **Lucinda Franks**. Everyone welcome to attend. Free. 781-545-5011.

Plimoth Cinema, Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth April 4-April 10: "Caramel" Movie times are: Friday 4 p.m. Saturday 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday through Thursday 4 p.m. 96 minutes, Rated: PG, English Subtitles. Ticket prices are $8.50 for adults and $6.50 for seniors, Plimoth Plantation members and visitors (with valid museum receipt/ticket). For additional movie listings and information visit Plimoth Cinema

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 10, **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, April 10 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **John the Conquerer-Blue Jams** open mic 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, April 11

South Shore Community Center 2008 Kitchen Tour, April 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Showcase of five beautiful homes. Four of the homes are scattered along the beautiful coastline off of Jerusalem Road and one home is located directly on Cohasset's historic town common. Cost: $25 before April 10, $35 day of event. Ticket Sales: Can be purchased at the SSCC or by calling 781-383-0088

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South Shore Conservatory present pianist **Mark Goodman** in concert on April 11, 7:30 pm, Cox Hall, One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. Free and the public is welcome. Information: 781-749-7565, ext. 34 or visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

Plymouth Community Theatre presents **Lonesome Jukebox**, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 11, in the Russell Gallery performance space at the Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North St., downtown Plymouth. Tickets can be purchased at the Center for $15 (508-746-7222) or may be purchased with a credit card by calling 866-811-4111 or online at theatermania.com for a small convenience fee. Seating is limited.

Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth is presenting **Opening Day**, a baseball art exhibit through April 30 featuring artists Information: 781-331-3384 or at www.dickinsonartgallery.com.

The Beachcomber, Quincy Shore Dr., Quincy April 11, **Diamond Dogs**, a tribute to the music of David Bowie. Tickets $7. www.myspace.com/diamonddogsusa

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 11, **Six Foot Sunday** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, April 11, **Hoodoo Revelator** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

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Joe's American Bar and Grill, 2087 Washington St., Hanover April 11, 9:30 p.m. **Bag Full of Blues** 781-878-1234

South Shore Singles will sponsor its bi-monthly dance April 11 featuring DJ: Rick Walsh and his keyboard from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St. Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Fine dancing, music, refreshments, door prize, cash bar. 781-331-0021. southshoresingles.org

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. April 11, **Music Machine DJ** 781-849-7007.

New England Singles Dance April 11, 8 p.m.-midnight. **Moseley's On The Charles**, 50 Bridge St., Route. 109, Dedham, DJ. Light buffet. $12

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It's a travesty

Weymouth's McKenzie-Nogueira plays a ghost in play

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



Weymouth resident Lorna McKenzie-Nogueira performs in The Publick Theatre production of Tom Stoppard's "Travesties" at the Plaza Theatre at the Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., Boston, through May 3.

Portraying the ghost of Nadia Lenin in Tom Stoppard's "Travesties" is a departure for Lorna McKenzie-Nogueira. The actress, who is making her Publick Theatre debut in the comedy now at the Boston Center for the Arts, is used to playing very different kinds of characters in locally produced, low-budget horror movies and on cable access television.

"This is my first Stoppard play," McKenzie-Nogueira explained last week from her Weymouth home. "It is also my first professional theater production and I have to admit I was quite nervous when I was first cast."

Having Public Theatre Artistic Director Diego Arciniegas at the helm of the production has helped put McKenzie-Nogueira at ease.

"Diego is so dynamic," said the 1981 graduate of North Quincy High who also has high praise for the playwright. "He is very smart and very encouraging. I'm always amazed by how much Stoppard puts into his plays and how he still manages to keep them funny. This one has so much great wordplay and great slapstick. My character, Nadia Lenin, is a ghost so I mainly interact with the audience and not the other actors. There is a lot of comedy going on around me on stage, but I can't laugh at any of it."

Set in 1917 Zurich, "Travesties" is Stoppard's spoof on the classic Oscar Wilde comedy "The Importance of Being Earnest" and a fiery debate between three revolutionary Modernist thinkers – Vladimir Lenin, Dadaist Tristan Tzara, and James Joyce – on the role of artists in shaping society. The trio expounds on everything from their beliefs on history, politics and war, to humanity.

McKenzie-Nogueira may play the role of observer in "Travesties," but as co-host of the cable access program "The Dungeon of Dr. Dreck," broadcast in Bellingham, Brookline, Mendon and Upton, she gets a chance to share her thoughts on a range of public domain horror movies.

"My character on the program is a zombie cheerleader named Moaner and my co-host is Dr. Dreck, a bumbling scientist played by Mike Legge," said McKenzie-Nogueira, who once played a bisexual mortuary director in a Whistler in the Dark Theatre Company production of "Vampire" in Watertown. "Mike is a terrific low-budget independent filmmaker and an expert on the horror genre. We do about four shows a month and we're often joined by a rubber rat named Stu and even some shrunken heads."

With roles in the feature film version of "The Dungeon of Dr. Dreck" as well as "Honey Glaze, "Democrazy" and "Chicken, Chicken" already on her resume, McKenzie-Nogueira says she plans to continue to pursue all kinds of acting opportunities in the future.

"I hope to be able to do both stage and independent films. I enjoy doing both very much," McKenzie-Nogueira said.

The Publick Theatre production of Tom Stoppard's "Travesties" will be at the Plaza Theatre at the Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont S., Boston, through Saturday, May 3. For tickets and information, call 617-933-8600 or go online at publicktheatre.com.

Movie review

Clooney fumbles

Leatherheads (C-)

Film Review
ED SYMKUS

I like George Clooney. The rugged good looks. The gravelly voice. And during interviews, he's open and honest and often amazingly self-deprecating. Just ask him about "Batman & Robin" some time; you'll get an earful about how he helped destroy the franchise.

It's that sense of humor and his comic acting ability that earns this guy a whole lot of extra credit. Check out his timing in the "Ocean" movies, his way with facial expressions in "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" or his physical presence in his "Welcome to Collinwood" cameos. Then remember, for heaven's sake, that he was the voice of Sparky the Dog in "South Park"!

Clooney has shown promise, if not panache, in his directing efforts: the muddled "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" and the too-earnest "Good Night, and Good Luck."

But still, the prospect of "Leatherheads" was enticing — a loony Clooney in front of the camera, and the same guy with a point to prove behind the camera in a screwball romantic comedy about the early days of pro football.

And the first 15 minutes of "Leatherheads," set in 1925, is a goofy delight, with Clooney, as Dodge Connolly, an aging player on a struggling team, frolicking amidst much slapstick, and getting multiple laughs just by moving his eyebrows. There's also the college football hero Carter Rutherford (John Krasinski), who became a legend in WWI after single-handedly defeating a squadron of Germans — and is now brought into the pro football ranks — and the hotshot newspaper writer Lexie Littleton (Renee Zellweger), who's been assigned to find out if Carter's story about his wartime exploits is a sham.



Dodge Connolly (George Clooney) and Carter Rutherford (John Krasinski) have no idea what their next play is going to be.

There's a lot going on here, and that's without bringing the shifty team owner (Jonathan Pryce), the drunk sports reporter (Stephen Root), or the teamful of misfits (too many to mention) into the equation. Unfortunately, there's just too much of it, and the free-flowing lunacy of the opening reel soon gets clogged up by all of the plotting. The film not only runs out of steam, but except for a few bursts of great sight gags and some well-delivered banter, it stops being funny.

Most of the blame goes to first time feature writers Duncan Brantley and Rick Reilly, who have tried to mix the serious (the war angle) with the amusing (the hapless footballers) and the romantic (both Dodge and Carter fall for Lexie). But it's obvious that the writers are in over their heads about a half hour in, and despite having a good ending, don't really know how to get to it.

Clooney is growing as a director, and he certainly has a way with comedy — single scenes are hilarious. But he hasn't yet figured out how to handle pacing, and screwball comedy pacing is the most demanding of all. Saddled with a weak script, Clooney has nowhere to go but down.

Clooney is quite good as the long-in-the-tooth, slightly desperate athlete, and Krasinski is great at using his rubbery face and awkward body to get a laugh. But the film hits a big pothole with Zellweger, who should have played the part either nastier or slyer. Instead she's flat.

In fact, "flat" is an apt description of the film.

Too bad, because "Leatherheads" got off to a good start. The audience that I saw it with roared with laughter at the start, but by the end, they had grown suspiciously quiet.

Rated PG-13. "Leatherheads" has brief strong language.



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"Hung Up" by Nancy Sargent Howell

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Saturday, April 12

Country Line and Couples Dance at Taunton Elks, 119 High St., Taunton, **Saturday, April 12.** Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. with Instructor, Arlene Verity. DJs Frankie & Marie will DJ the Dance from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Dancing includes Line dancing and Couples: Two step, Waltz, East Coast and West Coast Swing, Pattern/Flow dances, Cha Cha, Nightclub 2, dance mixers and more. Potluck Refreshments, cash bar. $7. Over 100 dancers expected. Sponsored by Down East Dancers, Inc. 508-653-7937; 508-695-4548. down eastdancers.com

South Shore Art Center will offer a **portrait master workshop with Dianne Panarelli Miller** on April 12 and 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students will paint a live model in a controlled setting using a limited color palette. Both beginners and advanced artists will benefit from this class. Class will be held at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Cost: $215 for Art Center Members. Call to register 781-383-2787. www.ssac.org

Sixth Annual Feed the Need 5k Family Run/Walk: Feed the Need is sponsoring its sixth annual road race in Wompatuck State Park on Saturday, April 12, at 9 a.m. The entry fee is 25 cans/boxes of non-perishable food items or $20. All contributions will be donated to the Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull and to the Germantown Food Pantry in Quincy. Long sleeve t-shirts will be given to the first 100 people who sign in on Saturday morning - so come early, last year we ran out! Medals will be awared to the top three in each age group for men and women. There will also be children's races, face painting, a bouncy house and other fun activities for the kids. Come enjoy a fun family outing and help support your local food pantries. This event will be held, rain, snow or shine! For information or to pre-register, go to www.feedtheneed.org

South Shore Dancers dress to impress at the Las Vegas theme dance on April 12 at the Cushing Center on Route 123 in Norwell. A foxtrot lesson will be given at 7:30 p.m. followed by dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is $9 for members and $10 for non-members. To reserve tickets call Tom Osterland at 781 659-4703 or email SouthShoreDancers.org.

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The Hingham Land Conservation Trust in association with the **Cohasset Conservation Trust present** A free-guided walk of the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary and of the adjacent Wheelwright Park in Cohasset will be held on Saturday April 12 at 10 a.m. Information about the walk call 781-740-0529 or visit www.hinghamlandtrust.org or visit www.cohassetconservationtrust.org.

MS LifeLines Walk Hundreds of Cohasset and South Shore residents are rallying at the South Shore Community Center, Saturday, April 12 for the *MS LifeLines Walk* to create a world free of multiple sclerosis. A spring tradition for nearly 20 years, walkers follow a five-mile accessible path starting at 10 a.m. from the Center. Check is 8:30 a.m. Family and corporate Walk teams and volunteers can register online, www.MSnewengland.org, or by calling 1-800-493-WALK [9255], and in-person the day of the event.

Foodie's Market, 46 Depot St., Duxbury, April 12, noon to 3 p.m. **Earth Day Celebration**. Samples of organic and all natural foods and cleaning products. Displays by local Eco-friendly organizations.

Smith & Hawken, 94 Derby St., Hingham Free Seminar Windowboxing April 12, from 11 a.m. to noon. *Call 781-740-0890 for reservations. Seating is limited.*

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are sponsoring a trip to **Lovells Island** on April 12. The boat will depart from the Rowes Wharf Water Transport at 11 a.m.; arriving back at 4 p.m. Rowes Wharf is at 60 Atlantic Avenue Boston by the Boston Harbor Hotel. The closest T stations are South Station (Red Line) or Courthouse (Silver Line). Bring a picnic lunch; there is no food sold on the boat or the island. Rain or shine. Tickets will be sold on the trip day, first come first serve, cash only please from 10 a.m. Ticket prices: adults $25; seniors and Friends members $22; children $17; Friends child member $15; children under three are free. For advance paid reservations and information call 781-740-4290 or visit www.fbhi.org.

South Shore Stars Dinner Theater, Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road Braintree presents **Las Vegas Superstar Legends show** featuring **Paul Grassia** as Neil Diamond, **Russ Peterson** as Englebert Humperdink and **Angela K** as Lady Motown sing live! Saturday dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday matinee dinner at 1:30 p.m. show at 3 p.m. Tickets for dinner and show $42.50, seniors $39.95. Tickets for show only $20. Free parking, Handicap accessible. 781-843-5862 to reserve.

Health & Wellness Fair for people with developmental disabilities, their family members and staff. Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., New England Village's Sollar Wellness Center, 664 School St., Pembroke. Cooking demos, health screenings, fitness demonstrations, chair massage, raffles & giveaways. Free to the public. www.newenglandvillage.org or 781-293-5461 x203 for more info.

Single Executive Club Singles Dance, April 12, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Pembroke Country Club, 94 W. Elm St., Pembroke. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com. Cost $10. Caribbean/Island attire welcome.

The Weymouth Art Association Members art exhibit takes place at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth through April 26. 781-337-1402.

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58E Gove St., Route 28) Middleboro April 12, 7 p.m. **Comedy Dinner Show** featuring South shore's own **Bob Niles, with Annette Pollack, Jon Pierce, Mike Hanley** and your host **Jerry Thornton.** Advance reservation required by calling 508-923-0099. www.myspace.com/annettepollack

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, April 12. **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No Cover. Come sing, come play, come listen! 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 12, **Chain Drive** 781-829-6999.

Joe's American Bar and Grill, 2087 Washington St., Hanover, April 11, 9:30 p.m. **Bag full of Blues** 781-878-1234

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Sunday, April 13

South Shore Art Center, April 13 at 2 p.m. **"Reflections in Exile Panel Discussion"** - Curator **Barry Gaither** of the National Center of Afro-American Artists has written an exhibition catalog and will lead a panel discussion with Co-Curator Candice Smith Corby and several of the exhibiting artists in the Art Center's Bancroft Gallery. Admission is free. Visit www.ssac.org , shannan@ssac.org or call 781-383-2787

The Marshfield Historical Society will host its Annual Meeting at the Marcia Thomas House, 65 Webster St., Marshfield on April 13 at 2 p.m. Admission by reservation only. Limited seating. Ticket price is $5 for members, $7 for non-members. Call Gloria O'Grady 781-837-0366 or Jane Davidson at 781-801-0392.

The Pilgrim Festival Chorus Spring Concert performance take place April 12, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m. at The Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square in Plymouth. The community chorus and string orchestra will be conducted by, William B. Richter. The performances will feature baritone soloist **Terry Runnels** of Pembroke and soprano soloist **Leslie Leedberg** of Milton. Tickets are $12 in advance and $15 at the door. Advance tickets are available at The Golden Gull Studios at 17 South Park Avenue in Plymouth, 508-746-8091; Frame It Studio and Gallery at The Pinehills, Meeting Way in Plymouth, 508-209-0550; The Plymouth Philharmonic office at 16 Court St., in Plymouth, 508-746-8008; and from PFC members.

The Scituate Town Library presents the final **Dynamic Duo** from **Atlantic Symphony Orchestra**, featuring the strings "family" of instruments. On April 13, at 12:30 p.m. in a fun, interactive music demonstration. The Strings Duo musicians, Kate Jensik on cello and Byron Hitchcock on violin, zero in on what makes their instruments special. Tickets are $3 for children and adults. Space is limited so advance purchase is recommended. Tickets are available for purchase at Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch Street. For additional information, contact the library at 781-545-8727 or consult the web site, www.scituatetownlibrary.org.

Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St,. Duxbury Author Talk & Signing: Authors **Steve Elman** and **Alan Tolz** will discuss and sign their new book, **Burning Up the Air: Jerry Williams, Talk Radio, and the Life in Between**, Sunday, April 13, beginning at 2 p.m. Admission is free, but because of limited seating, attendees are asked to register at the library or event co-sponsor Westwinds Bookshop, 45 Depot St., Duxbury. Information, call Westwinds at 781-934-2128

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New England Herpetological Society (NEHS)is the oldest reptile club in the U.S Our next meeting is from 1 to 4 p.m., April 13 and will feature a program beginning at 2 p.m., Anacondas at the New England Aquarium with Scott Dowd, senior aquarist at the New England Aquarium, will speak on the recent success of the Aquarium in breeding the green anaconda, Eunectes murinus.

The Back Bay Guitar Trio will perform in concert at the Hingham Public Library on Sunday, April 13 at 3:30 p.m. The Back Bay Guitar Trio is a classical guitar ensemble comprised of **Steve Marchena, John Mason** and **David Newsam.** This free concert is sponsored by the Boston Classical Guitar Society and is presented as part of the Library's "Sunday Sounds Special" series.

Ventress Memorial Library, Library Plaza, Marshfield presents its **Sunday Concert Series**, April 13, at 2 p.m. Classical Concert Preview with Choral Art Society **Danica A. Buckley**, music director and **Susan Gilleece-Reilley**, accompanist. 781-834-5535.

Monday, April 14

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,700 South Shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. **Growing Through It** is designed to help those who have recently suffered a loss of a significant partner due to death, separation or divorce. The April 14 program is **Easy Sew,** which is designed to help novices learn basic sewing tips. All are welcome. Information: call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com



South Shore Art Center will offer a portrait master workshop with Dianne Panarelli Miller on April 12 and 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students will paint a live model in a controlled setting using a limited color palette. Both beginners and advanced artists will benefit from this class. Class will be held at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Cost: $215 for Art Center Members. Call to register 781-383-2787. www.ssac.org

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Tuesday, April 15

The Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield hosts an ongoing book discussion group. The next session is April 15, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the library's Historical Room. The group seeks to delve into classic literature and find fresh insights while considering modern-day perspectives. This month's choice is **The Optimist's Daughter** by **Eudora Welty,** who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1972 for this short novel set in the American South. Contact reference librarian Chris Woods if you need a copy of the book. Sign up in advance to reserve a seat, or just come on the day to listen. Free and open to the public. New members are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Information: 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org

Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, Logan Auditorium **Annual Author Series** April 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. **In For A Pound** with author **Richard Marinik.** Bring your own copy or purchase one at event. Free and open to the public. Following one-hour presentation by the author, light refreshments will be served. www.thayerpubliclibrary.org 781-848-0405x4420.

Wednesday, April 16

StoryTime April 16 at 10 a.m., **Front Street Book Shop**, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Mary reads age appropriate stories from 10 to 10:30. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age along with an adult, are invited to attend. Free. 781-545-5011 or frontstreetbookshop.com

Scituate Art Association "Meet the Artist" series will feature watercolor artist and Marshfield resident **Mary Callahan** April 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Scituate Public Library. **For information email jcornacch@aol.com or call 781-545-7613.**

Myhouse Lounge, 609 Washington St., Route 3A, Quincy **Jazz open Mike** every Wednesday 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. 617-201-2918. www.myspace.com/myhousequincy

Thursday, April 17

Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree April 17 6 p.m. **Edible Insect Talk and Edible Insect Tasting with David Gracer.** Learn about edible insects and have the opportunity to try some for yourself All ages welcome. Free and open to the public. Non-residents welcome. 781-848-0405x4420. www.thayerpubliclibrary.org

The Braintree Art Association meeting will be on April 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Thayer Gallery. A demonstration of watercolor by **Becky Haletky** will be presented. The public is invited to attend. 781-335-4675.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Friday, April 18

The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell. A lecture by **Pattie Hainer** about Britton Hammon, an 18th century Marshfield slave, will be held at The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell on April 18 at 7:30 p.m. free and open to the public Call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org for information.

Sacred Heart School, 75 Commercial St, Weymouth is hosting **Spring Shopping Night** on April 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the lower church hall. Many businesses from the area will be making their products available. Admission is $5. at the door. All proceeds benefit the school.

New England Singles dance April 18, 8p.m.-midnight. Halifax Country Club, 100 Country Club Dr., Rte. 106, Halifax. Light buffet. $10.

Single Executive Club Singles Dance. April 18, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Route 3. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com. Cost $12.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Jason Smith Acoustics** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

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Making puppy mills history

Howard leads protection society

By Nancy White
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A tiny yellow lab in a pet shop window changed Deborah Howard's life. After seeing his open wound pressed up against a wire cage, she looked around the store. Cramped cages, unsanitary conditions and visibly sick animals were what she saw in the Docktor Pet Center pet shop in Atlanta in 1989.

When she held the yellow lab, she wondered about where he and the other puppies came from. When she found out they came from "puppy mills," commercial breeding facilities that mass produce dogs for resale, she knew she had to do something.

Twenty years later the Cohasset resident has had some successes, but is still battling the puppy mill and pet shops issue full force across the US on multiple fronts. As president and founder of the Companion Animal Protection Society (CAPS), her foremost concern is pet shops and puppy mills. CAPS is the only national non-profit dedicated Shortly after her experience in the Docktor Pet Center pet shop in 1989, she formed the non-profit exclusively to protecting companion animals — the

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STAFF PHOTO/DEBBIE CHAN

Deborah Howard gets some affection from two of the dogs she has rescued, Beatrice, left, and Spencer, right. Howard, who is president the Companion Animal Protection Society (CAPS), has adopted a total of six pets.

Biking across country

College student supports affordable housing

By Nancy White
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A cross-country trip post-college graduation is not out of the ordinary, but driving Route 66 is not the way Frannie Noble will be tackling the open road.

In June, following her graduation from Connecticut College, Noble will set off on a 3,743 mile bike ride as a part of Bike & Build, a non-profit organization helping to provide affordable housing. She'll bike between 40 and 80 miles each day for nine weeks as she makes her way across the country, from Providence to Seattle.

This summer, the Bike & Build program will have seven groups of about 30 riders set off from the east coast to raise awareness, funds and community spirit for affordable housing. Each group will make several stops along the way to help build homes and educate on the national issue of affordable housing.

Noble, a 2004 Cohasset High grad, was originally interested in a driving cross-country trip to see and get to know the country, but was immediately drawn to the Bike & Build opportunity because it combined two of her passions — travel and volunteering.

"I liked the idea of seeing the country at a slower pace and volunteering along the way," says Noble. She spent six months last year in West Africa and got to see first hand how another part

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Clear waters

Treat's process to be 'transparent'

By Nancy White
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Going forward, the town's involvement with the Treat's Pond saltmarsh restoration project will be open and transparent. Selectmen made it clear Monday night they want to involve all interested parties in the controversial Treat's Pond project as well as town-wide flooding issues.

"We want to have from this point forward an open and transparent process," said Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr.

The discussion on how to proceed with the Treat's Pond proposed restoration project follows on the heels of a Town Meeting resolution that conveyed the town's interest in the partially federally funded project, but did not allocate any money toward the project.

Last week, some residents became concerned when they heard a meeting about the Treat's Pond project was happening, but would not be open to the public. The meeting reportedly was going to involve an Army Corps representative, two Selectmen, Cohasset resident and former Congressman Amory Houghton, and Town Manager Bill Griffin.

Resident Peter Pratt heard about the meeting and subsequently filed an open meeting law complaint with the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office on April 9 (*see sidebar*).

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Names: Lauren Mack and Carly Salerno.

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Best vacation: France, 2007 (Lauren). Going to a dude ranch (Carly).

Favorite season: Summer (Lauren). Spring (Carly).

Favorite holiday: 3rd of July (Lauren). Christmas (Carly).

Favorite meal: Grilled Cheese (Lauren). Pasta (Carly).

Best book: "The Great Gatsby" (Lauren). "My Sister's Keeper" (Carly).

Best movie: "Almost Famous" (Lauren). "Honey" (Carly).

Best TV show: "Scrubs" (Lauren). "So You Think You Can Dance" (Carly).

Most embarrassing moment: I can't even tell you how many times I've forgotten lyrics on stage (Lauren).

Most memorable moment: Every performance is memorable in one way or another (Lauren). Performing my first dance solo (Carly).

Pet peeve: Manual labor, French homework (Lauren). Waking up in the morning before the alarm clock goes off (Carly).

Goal: At some point I'd like to maybe record all of my songs. And to pass AP French (Lauren). Repeat (state championship win) in '09 (Carly).

Person you'd most like to meet: Dave Matthews (Lauren). The Great Bambino (Carly).

Biggest worry: Why worry? (Lauren). Not enough hours in the day (to finish my AP Biology homework) (Carly).

Best part of Cohasset: The beach (Lauren). The ball fields (Carly).



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The Mariner caught up with Lauren Mack and Carly Salerno who performed at their fifth straight PSO Telethon last week. For more photos of the PSO Telethon, see page 23.

Turf field funding clarification

School Committee member Lucia Flibotte said there was some confusion about the board's involvement in the Cohasset Sports Partnership's effort to raise money for a turf field at the high school.

"We as a School Committee are supporting the efforts of the Cohasset Sports Partnership, but the funding for the turf field will not be coming out of the school budget," said Flibotte, who reported she received several calls last week from concerned parents.

The Cohasset Sports Partnership is embarking on a private fundraising endeavor in order to raise funds for the estimated $1 million project.

The school's operating budget will not be used to supplement the cost of the turf field, said Chairman Rick Flynn. As a capital purchase, some town money could possibly be used to supplement the Partnership's fundraising. Flynn said the School Committee would help coordinate with other town parties once the effort got further along.

South Shore Tide Chart

EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Apr.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	HIGH PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	LOW PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 17	10:09	9.0	10:33	9.1	3:46	0.6	4:10	0.6
	Sunrise: 5:59 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:27 p.m.*			
Fri. 18	10:57	9.0	11:13	9.3	4:35	0.3	4:52	0.6
	Sunrise: 5:57 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:29 p.m.*			
Sat. 19	11:40	8.9	11:50	9.4	5:18	0.1	5:31	0.7
	Sunrise: 5:55 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:30 p.m.*			
Sun. 20	—	—	12:19	8.8	5:59	0.0	6:08	0.8
	Sunrise: 5:54 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:31 p.m.*			
Mon. 21	12:26	9.5	12:57	8.7	6:37	0.0	6:46	0.9
	Sunrise: 5:52 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:32 p.m.*			
Tues. 22	1:01	9.4	1:35	8.5	7:16	0.1	7:23	1.1
	Sunrise: 5:51 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:33 p.m.*			
Wed. 23	1:38	9.3	2:14	8.3	7:55	0.3	8:02	1.3
	Sunrise: 5:49 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:34 p.m.*			
Thurs. 24	2:17	9.1	2:55	8.0	8:35	0.5	8:43	1.6
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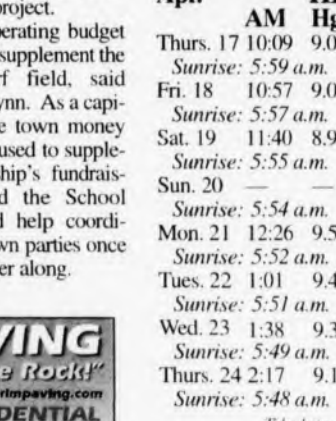
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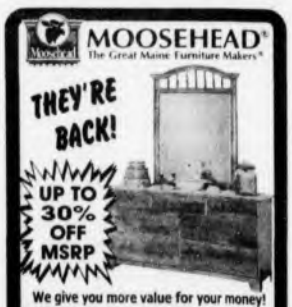
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POLICE BEAT

Route 3A traffic detoured after head-on crash

By Mary Ford
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Those heading home along Route 3A Monday evening (April 14) around 6 p.m. were detoured at Sohier Street following a "near" head-on crash just past the lights at Stop & Shop.

Chief James Hussey said police and fire responded to the scene at 6:06 p.m. where they found two cars with heavy front-end damage.

Hussey said numerous witnesses were able to provide police with information on the accident.

The 2008 Honda driven by a Randolph resident was headed south on Route 3A when it crossed over the centerlines and struck almost head-on a northbound 2007 Chevrolet that was a Hertz rental car being driven by a man from Ireland.

The Irish man and his passenger were treated at the scene. The Jaws of Life was used to remove the Randolph man from the Honda. He was alone in the car. He was transported to the hospital; his injuries did not appear to be life threatening, police said.

Hussey said the Randolph man will be cited for crossing the double centerlines.

Protective custody

A 34-year-old Scituate man was taken into protective custody last Tuesday (April 8) after getting off at the wrong train station and then asking a woman for a ride at about 10:53 p.m.

Chief Hussey said the man was coming back from a Red Sox game and got off at the wrong stop. Apparently, he intended to get off the train in Scituate but got off in Cohasset by mistake. He approached a woman in her car in the parking lot to ask for a ride and appeared intoxicated.

Police took him into protective custody and held him until he sobered up, Hussey said.

Headed to court

A 43-year-old Norwell man is being summonsed to court on charges of possession of Class D (marijuana) following a traffic stop last Wednesday (April 9) morning. The man was allegedly tailgating a police officer who was in an unmarked car on Route 3A. The officer pulled over, saw the plate, installed the blue lights, and pulled the driver over farther up the highway.

Further investigation revealed the man had marijuana in his possession. He was also cited for following too closely and marked lanes violation.

Woman arrested

A 22-year-old Cohasset woman was arrested following a complaint about a "loud party" last Friday (April 11) on North Main Street by Ripley Road. Police found a car with four people inside and with rum, Tequila and beer in plain view.

Based on police observations and investigation at the scene, they arrested the woman and charged her with possession of Class D (marijuana) and with supplying alcohol to someone under 21. The other occupants of the car were released to family members.

Looking in cars

Police responded to a call about what looked to be a 16-year-old looking in cars at the post office. Although police could not locate anyone fitting the description, they appreciated the call. "We do appreciate the call and try to flush out what the suspicious activity is," Chief Hussey said. There have been a rash of pocketbooks thefts from unlocked cars, some of the incidents took place in the parking lot at the post office.

"We are glad that people are paying attention," Hussey said.

The call came in at about 11:30 a.m. on Saturday (April 12).

Hingham accident

After receiving a 9-1-1 call via OnStar, Cohasset police assisted Hingham with an accident last Monday (April 7) at Hull Street and Lamberts Lane. The accident occurred on the Hingham side of Hull Street, so Hingham handled the report, Chief Hussey said. The chief explained that the towns have mutual aid agreements so if Cohasset comes upon a Hingham accident, Cohasset can provide assistance. OnStar is an in-vehicle safety and security system.

Smiley face

A new resident of Forest Avenue went to police last week to see about removing a spray-painted "Smiley Face" from the rock wall in front of the house. Chief Hussey said officers told him the smiley face has been there for years. There was some question of whether the rock wall is on town or private property. Once that is worked out, there are no problems having the smiley face removed.

Beating reported

A caller reported seeing the driver of a vehicle that was in the northbound lane on 3A just past the lights standing outside the vehicle and was beating someone up in the back seat.

The incident was reported last Tuesday (April 8) at 3:12 p.m.

Chief Hussey said two cruisers went to the area but could not find the vehicle. He said police did not have a good description of the car.

If possible, it is always a good idea to try and get a plate number.

"A plate number is always good," he said. "Then we can run the plate and follow-up."

Blowing leaves

A business in Tedeschi Plaza complained last week about a man blowing leaves in the parking lot at 5 a.m. near Starbucks.

The manager, who called, wanted it logged and would call back if the leaf blower returned.

Police explained the man was blowing leaves in the parking lot before the stores opened in preparation for a street sweeper to clean up the lot. The leaf blowing was purposely being conducted when the shops were not open, Chief Hussey said.

Playground

A man who was reported as being suspicious had pulled into the parking lot by the playground behind the library to make a cell phone call, police said. Police talked to the man and was sent on his way. The caller was concerned that the man was acting strangely and there were children around. The call came in at 1:08 p.m. last Wednesday (April 9).

Ball field

Police gave a man a ride who was asking people for a ride at the Beechwood Ballpark.

A caller provided police with a description of the man who was described as "unshaven" and the fact that he was asking people for a ride last Thursday (April 10) at just past 10 a.m.

As it turned out, the man had lost his license due to an unrelated incident.

Filed with DSS

Police filed a report dubbed a 51-A with the Department of Social Services (DSS) after finding an unsupervised preschooler.

A caller reported that a boy who appeared to be 3 or 4 "wandering the streets alone." The caller did not recognize the boy.

Police returned the youngster to his babysitter. They filed the 51-A and DSS will conduct a review, Chief Hussey said. He said the boy's parents were aware of the situation.

MVs tagged

Police ask that motorists respect the time limits on parking in the village. Last week several cars were tagged after parking outside Tedeschi's for longer than the 15 minutes allowed.

"Make sure to pay attention to the signs," Chief Hussey said. He added that spaces have to be available for the local businesses.

Outboard motor

Police are investigating the apparent theft of an outboard motor from a home on Lamberts Lane.

The victim believes the motor was stolen sometime over the weekend of April 5-6 and reported it when he discovered it was missing on the morning of April 7.

Air rifle

Police confiscated an air rifle from a group of youths last week after reports of a BB gun being fired in the Grace Drive area. Chief Hussey said police believe the it was an air rifle not a BB gun and the youths could have been firing it at objects and people. No crime was committed but police did take the air rifle, he said.

BRIEFLY

Flynn reelected school board chairman

For the fourth time in his tenure on the School Committee and second consecutive year, Rick Flynn was named to the position of chairman.

Reorganizing the School Committee was the first order of business at their Wednesday night meeting. In addition to the chairman, a vice chairman and secretary were named.

Alfred Slanetz nominated Rick Flynn for Chairman, Adrienne MacCarthy seconded the motion, no additional nominations came forward, and Flynn received a unanimous vote.

"I wasn't sure if I was ready to do this again, but it's great to have a group that's moving forward," said Flynn. "This past year has been a lot more enjoyable for me. It's been a collaborative process and hopefully we can keep that going. Hopefully, we're all in this together."

He cited the committee's collaboration with the Selectmen, Advisory Committee and other town boards with the budget.

For vice chair, two nominations came forward: Lucia Flibotte nominated Adrienne MacCarthy and Steve Fusco nominated re-elected member Alfred Slanetz. Flynn seconded both nominations. Alfred Slanetz was appointed to vice chair in a 3-2 vote, with Fusco, Flynn and Slanetz voting in favor.

Lastly, Fusco was nominated to the position of secretary in a unanimous vote.

Sub-committee appointments will be discussed at the next School Committee meeting.

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By Abby Adler

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- Maj. D. ROSS MacLeod, USAF;
- Lt. Col. Christopher Mahoney, USMC;
- CPL. Justin Maitland, US Army (in Iraq).
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No alternatives for staging area

Resident raises safety and procurement issues

By Nancy White
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With the weather getting warmer and construction work gearing up to its prime season, no other project in town is more prominent that the ongoing Little Harbor water and sewer project.

None of the issues surrounding the $15.2 million project has been more often discussed in Town Hall than the staging area located on Jerusalem Road. The issue was again re-visited at Monday night's Selectmen's meeting.

Water Commissioner Glenn Pratt and Sewer Commissioner John Beck reported that they have looked at other alternatives for the staging area, but have found none as appropriate or feasible as what is currently being used. However, residents and abutters to the staging area, Paula Becker and James Mahar of 185 Jerusalem Road, renewed their safety, due process and communication concerns about the staging area to the Selectmen.

Pratt went through a long list of sites looked at for the staging area — from the Avalon property on Route 3A to Wheelwright Park to land behind the library to conservation land throughout town. He explained nearly each one had its own set of obstacles and drawbacks.

"We are convinced the yard we have is the best one out there," said Pratt.

"The keys to this project is foremost to be done safely, on time to meet the state's second amended judgment and on budget," Beck said. "It's important to recognize the cost to move of the staging area would come out of the pocket of the homes benefiting from the project and the water users."

If the staging area were relocating Beck estimated an additional $150,000 to $200,000 would be added to the project cost and might delay the completion of the project up to six months. The current schedule has the project completing in August 2009.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said the site did need some cosmetic adjustments, such as a fence you can't see through and removal of unnecessary materials.

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— John Beck, Sewer Commission

"You can do an awful lot to make it a better site," said Dormitzer.

Beck said he was willing to work with residents to make appropriate visual improvements to the staging area.

Becker's issues with the staging area went beyond additional fencing or paint on the trailers, "there aren't enough trees to hide those trucks," she said.

She raised issues of safety, procurement laws, conflicts of interest and due process.

At a Selectmen's meeting in March, there were questions as to whether the town had violated the state procurement laws (Chapter 30B) in its use of the private property as the project's staging area. It was the opinion of the Inspector General the town had violated the law. Under Chapter 30B, or the Uniform Procurement Act, procedures for local governments to use in contracting for supplies, services, and real property are outlined.

Since then, Town Manager Bill Griffin said it was Town Counsel's opinion that they had taken appropriate steps since then to remedy the problem.

The creation of a "memorandum of agreement," a document signed by the town, the contractor and the property owners, Leonora and Leland Jenkins of 198 Jerusalem Road, to clearly establish and clarify the town's control over the site put the town out of compliance with the procurement because it changed a less formal "license agreement" into a lease agreement, which is subject to the procurement laws.

In order to comply with the state procurement laws (chapter 30B), Griffin said the Jenkinses have granted the town a temporary construction easement to operate and maintain the staging area. The contractor, LM Holdings, has a license agreement with the Jenkinses to use the property for their staging area. With the easement granted, the memorandum of agreement has been eliminated.

"By securing the temporary construction easement and eliminating the memorandum of agreement, it is Town Counsel's opinion that the procurement rules of Chapter 30B are not applicable," said Griffin in an e-mail. The temporary construction easement gives the town control over the site while it is being used a staging area, Griffin said.

Becker said she has been picking up litter along Nichols Road on the weekend and has found an increasing amount of alcohol nip bottles along the way. She believes the bottles belonged to construction workers working on the street. Becker brought in a package of trash she collected over the past weekend as an example.

Selectman Fred Koed requested Griffin to bring the issue and the trash to the attention of the police department to be investigated.

"If there is any proof any of the construction workers were drinking on the job, they will be fired immediately," said Beck.

After bringing forth her concerns with the staging area, the Selectmen had little solace to offer Becker.

"Nobody likes to do these projects, but it has to be done," said Koed.

"We will take all your comments under advisement," said Carr.

When reached by phone this week, Becker would not comment on if she plans to pursue the issue further. She has already appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals; her appeal was denied.

Sawchuk to recuse himself from staging area discussions

Resident and abutter to the staging area, Paula Becker of 185 Jerusalem Road raised an issue with what she believed is a conflict of interest with newly elected Sewer Commissioner Wayne Sawchuk.

Last year, Sawchuk served as the Jenkinses' agent and signed the license agreement between LM Holding and Jenkins. He aided LM Holdings in finding a site for the staging area, a requirement of contractor's contract with the town. Sawchuk said he looked at more than a dozen locations before the Jenkinses' property was chosen.

In addition, his name appears on the signature page of agreement, which allowed LM Holdings to use the property as a staging area for the Little Harbor water and sewer project. Sawchuk said he signed the contract because the Jenkinses were in California at the time.

"I had 100 percent of the town's interest at heart," when he aided LM Holdings in locating a suitable staging area said Sawchuk in a phone interview. "I felt like I did an absolutely terrific job in coming up with something that was good for everybody…It's nice not to have a yard anywhere but it has to be somewhere," Sawchuk said.

Becker was upset Sawchuk did not disclose that fact while he was running for election.

However, Sawchuk said he did disclose his involvement in locating the staging area in his appearance on "Our Town," at a Board of Selectmen meeting and a ZBA hearing on the staging area.

Sawchuk said he would recuse himself from all discussions regarding the Little Harbor project staging area going forward.

Events at Holly Hill Farm

Holly Hill Farm is at 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. For information or to register for a workshop, call 781-383-1455.

Plant Sale – May 17, 18, 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured will be a variety of organic, locally grown plants, including more than 20 varieties of tomatoes and many vegetables and herbs.

Garden Planning Workshop – April 26, 1 to 3 p.m. Managers at Holly Hill Farm will teach participants how they keep a supply of fresh veggies coming from the fields for more than eight months of the year. How to plan a garden for a long and bountiful harvest will be explained, and part of the class will be spent in the Education Garden if weather permits, learning about succession planting, direct seeding, transplanting and more. In case of rain the workshop will take place indoors. Instructors: Ben Wolbach and Hannah Hobbs. Cost: $15, $10 for members of Friends of Holly Hill Farm

Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardens Workshop – May 3, 2 to 4 p.m. Join landscape designer Cindy Prentice for proven strategies to attract butterflies and hummingbirds to a garden. Learn about nectar and host plants to feed caterpillars and butterflies. See examples of seeds and plants that will attract and feed butterflies and hummingbirds. Discover some butterfly and hummingbird facts. Create a butterfly or hummingbird garden, whether in a patio container or in a garden. Come and see how easy it is to get started and get results the first year. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend with adults. Price: $15, $10 for members of Holly Hill Farm.

$160K in chapter 90 funds

Town Manager Bill Griffin reported Cohasset has received $160,080 in Chapter 90 funding from the state for fiscal 2009. Chapter 90 is the state program for road and sidewalk maintenance improvements. Statewide the chapter 90 local transportation aid will be $150 million.

Griffin said the town's share was more than usual, but in the typical range of allocations. Cohasset routinely received between $140,000 and $160,000 in chapter 90 state aid.



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Library closed on Patriots Day

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Holiday Closing – The library will be closed for Patriots Day on Monday, April 21. The book drop may be used to return library materials.

Flower Show – The Amateur Garden Club of Cohasset will show off creative flower arrangements at the library April 24 through 26.

Great Decisions Discussion Program – Want to learn more about United States foreign policy? Join the Great Decisions Discussion group at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 29. This group meets for eight consecutive weeks. Members will learn about foreign policy topics such as Iraq, Russia, Latin American and China. One doesn't need to be an expert to participate. The meeting is casual and friendly. Register by calling the Reference Librarian at 383-1348.

Art Exhibit – See the works of Mike Sleeper at the library through April 30. His outdoor panoramic photos of local scenes have been praised. Coming May 1, will be artist Wendy Hale's "Two Solos" exhibit. An artist's reception will take place at the library at 6 p.m., on Friday, May 9. Exhibits are presented by South Shore Art Center of Cohasset.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of Greg Mortenson's book "Three Cups of Tea" at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 30. Open to all.

Program Rescheduled – The Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull has rescheduled her lecture "Having Lived: Thoreau and How He Did It" for 7 p.m., on Thursday, May 1, in the library's Meeting Room. All are welcome to this free event. This is a Cohasset Reads Together event.

Movie Matinee – A free screening of the classic movie "Little Miss Marker" starring Shirley Temple and Adolphe Menjou will take place at 11 a.m., on Friday, May 2. Based on the Damon Runyan tale, and featuring a large gallery of his colorful crooks and con-men, this sentimental tale tells of a little girl who reforms a bookie. Black and white, 1934, 80 minutes. Free admission. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Movie site license sponsored by Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Committee.

FOR CHILDREN

The following programs for children will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset.

Spanish Story Time – On Fridays, May 2, 9, 16 and 23, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., in the Story Room a Spanish Story Time for children ages 3 through 6 and their caregivers will be offered. This dual language program will be facilitated by Senora Buckley, Senora Hoehn and Mrs. Moody. To register online go to cohassetlibrary.org. Click on Calendar, click on May 2, and then click on Register. Complete the form using child's name and age. This is a four-week commitment. Funded by The Friends of the Cohasset Library.

School Vacation Activities – On Tuesday, April 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., drop in at the Story Room to participate in bird crafts. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Sign up is not necessary.

The PG-rated film, "Flipper," will be shown in the Meeting Room from 2 to 3:45 p.m., on Wednesday, April 23. Children in grade two and under must be accompanied by an adult. Free tickets are available at the Circulation Desk. The movie site license is sponsored by Friends of Cohasset Library and Cohasset Town Democratic Committee.

Thursday, April 24 between 10:30-1:30 an assortment of crafts will be offered in the Story Room. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Just drop in. Sign up is not necessary.

Music and Stories – MamaSteph will perform in the Meeting Room on Mondays from 10:30 to 11 a.m., through the end of April.

Drop In Story Time – Tuesdays, at 10:30 a.m., through the end of April, in the Children's Room.

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Residents to run marathon for NF research

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK



SPRING BREAK

Hello Cohasset. Vacation time has arrived for so many children and because of this, so many adults have vacation time as well. Whether you are hanging around and enjoying our town and day trips or, you are traveling afar, please have a wonderful, safe and happy week. Also, please send any pictures or stories of your vacation that would be fun to share in the column. Anyone who is running in the Marathon on Monday, we wish you great luck from all of us here in town.

RUN FOR RESEARCH

Muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis and cerebral palsy affect adults and children, sometimes with horrible results. Neurofibromatosis, a little-known genetic disorder that, surprisingly, is more common that muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis combined, can be equally devastating. **Melissa Curley Barrett** of Cohasset, formerly of Hanover, is all too familiar with NF, and that is why she is running this year's Boston Marathon on April 21. She's helping to raise funds for Neurofibromatosis Inc., Northeast, a charity that is in its 20th year on their mission to find the cure and treatment for this disorder.

Neurofibromatosis is a neurological genetic disorder that causes tumors to form on the nerves anywhere in or on the body at any time. NF affects more than 100,000 people in the United States, can be disfiguring and can result not only in deformity, but deafness, blindness, brain tumors, cancer and death. The mission of NF Inc. is to find a cure and treatment for neurofibromatosis by promoting scientific research, creating awareness and providing hope and support to those who are affected by NF.

Melissa's son, **Gaeb**, now age 5, was diagnosed with NF two years ago. "We've been fortunate so far," she said, "and Gaeb has only suffered some of the more minor complications. That's the hardest and scariest part of NF: never knowing when to worry, never knowing what is lurking inside his body." Melissa will join 12 others running for NF, including her friends, **Barbara Wipf** and **Marlo Hayes**, and cousin, **Kelli Pompeo**. "I'm just a mom who loves her little guy more than words can say," Melissa said, "and if our running is one small link in the chain that cures this thing, then we'll do it."

Proceeds from their Boston Marathon fundraising endeavors will benefit the Center for NF and Allied Disorders at Mass General Hospital as well as the NF clinics there and at Children's Hospital. In addition, funds will be used to support NF Inc. Northeast public awareness campaign and send children with NF to a special camp this summer.

To learn more about neurofibromatosis and the NF Boston Marathon team, visit the NF Inc. Northeast Web site at nfincne.org.

MAGICAL MOON

The Magical Moon Foundation (www.themagicalmoonfoundation.org) is having a huge yard sale and spring clean up party to benefit the Magical Moon Foundation of Marshfield. This wonderful organization supports local children who have cancer and will be held at the Magical Moon Farm, 575 Summer St. in Marshfield next to the Tipi on Saturday, April 26th and Sunday, April 27th from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on both days. If you would like to join in this event, you may rent a space for a $20 donation to the foundation. Anyone who would like to help in the spring cleaning around the gardens and orchard may also come making sure to bring some rakes and yard tools etc. Your children are more than welcome and food/drinks will be provided to all who volunteer to help. The Magical Moon Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. Please call 1-800-840-0205 for more information.



COURTESY PHOTO

Melissa Curley Barrett, left, and Barbara Wipf, right, both Cohasset residents, and both running on the NF Inc. Northeast Boston Marathon team.

UNSUNG HEROINE

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley is pleased to announce that **Roseanne "Ronnie" McMorris** has been selected by the MCSW (Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women) as one of their 2008 Unsung Heroines, representing the Town of Cohasset. Ronnie has been a selectman, serving Cohasset for many dedicated years. She is now a member of the Recreation Commission. Ronnie has consistently shown through the years a strong work ethic and dedication to Cohasset.

"I am thrilled that Ronnie has been selected to receive this award," said Garrett. Ronnie will be among the other honorees at a special ceremony at the State House on May 14th.

So many of your family and friends are proud of what you have accomplished, great news to write!

'QUILTS IN BLOOM'

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset has been busy planning and participating in several events this spring. On Tuesday, April 22, the annual President's Day meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish House at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church. This year's event which will feature a luncheon and the program, "Quilts In Bloom," presented by floral designer and gardening consultant, Robin Murphy. Robin will create beautiful floral interpretations of quilts and patchwork. The presidents of the South Shore District Garden Clubs will attend as special guests. All members are invited. Please note the time change.

On April 1st, a luncheon was hosted at the home of Community Garden Club President, **Mary Eisenhaure**, to welcome the following new members to the club: **Helen Arnold, Diane Benson, Joan Brown, Barbara Canney, Diane Dutton, Carol Graham, Jennifer Joyce, Elizabeth Morse, Anne Sexton**, and **Mary Ward**. The club looks forward to working with them.

The Community Garden Club will present "Books and Blooms" on Wednesday, May 7, from 10a.m. to 5p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Garden club members will interpret a book of their own selection through arrangements of flowers and fresh plant material. This is not a standard flower show as it will not be judged according to National and Federation rules. Instead, the public will have the opportunity to select the winners in different categories such as the most beautiful, the most creative, and the most whimsical. The show is a unique opportunity for all members to display their creative talents without being judged. This event will be free and open to the public. Please plan to come and enjoy!

The Junior Gardeners are also preparing for the upcoming Books in Bloom flower show. At their March meeting, Club member **Pat Cammett** led a stimulating program brainstorming for the show. Pat brought several children's books and explained ways to use plant materials to convey story lines and characters. The students then completed an innovative project on a styrofoam base using oasis, moss, flowers and props that were provided. At their April meeting, **Fran O'Toole** taught the children the basics of Ikebana.

Lastly, please save the date for the club's annual Plant Sale which will take place on Saturday, May 17, on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset is a member of The National Garden Clubs, Inc. and The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

BC HIGH

Here is a bit of news about a young man from Cohasset. Boston College High School is pleased to announce that Patrick Kearney of Cohasset, an eighth-grader at BC High School, Arrupe Division, has been named a recipient of a Boston College High School Ignatian Scholarship. Nice work Patrick.

RUNNING MONDAY

Caroline "Hendo" Henderson of Cohasset will be running the Boston Marathon this Monday with a group of students from St. Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. Caroline is a junior at St. Anselm where she is a Bachelor of Science candidate in nursing. Caroline has been a sailing instructor for many years at the Cohasset Sailing Club and she is the daughter of **Jane and Dave Henderson**. Good Luck Hendo (most friends and family call her this)!

Happy Vacation Week to all. Have fun, stay safe and enjoy. Send in your news, photos and event information no later than Tuesday by 5:00 pm.

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Julia Herzfelder plays selections from Beethoven and Kabalevsky.



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Bruce Herzfelder plays selections from Stephen Sondheim.



Desmond Herzfelder plays Faber's "The Elf's Silver Hammer."

Cohasset family shines at Conservatory's Performathon

Saturday, April 5th, was a festive day at the Barnes & Nobles located at Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham. Barnes & Nobles, in concert with the South Shore Conservatory, hosted the second annual "Performathon," which raises money for the Conservatory's Scholarship Fund. "Performathon" is a performance marathon that offers Conservatory students the opportunity to hone their performing skills in a public venue, while soliciting funds for musical education.

The Herzfelder family certainly did their part, with dad Bruce singing and playing the piano, and daughter Julia and son Desmond both performing piano pieces.

South Shore Conservatory President Kathy Czerny sees Barnes & Noble as an exciting venue for the Conservatory's students. "We are very grateful to Barnes & Noble for providing a wonderful public performance space. It is a fine opportunity for our hard-working students to have an occasion to showcase their talents in a public setting."

The event drew more than 200 performers from across the South Shore.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Cohasset residents Trish and John Fortin



Cohasset residents Joyce and Brian Driscoll (Joyce is a member of the Committee).

ACS Key Gala helps 'Open the Door to Hope'

The American Cancer Society hosted its 3rd annual Key Gala, "Open the Door to Hope" on April 12th in the Grand Ballroom of the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel. Special guests included emcee Gail Huff of WCVB-TV/DT Channel 5 and Chris Lemmon, actor and author of "A Twist of Lemmon", a tribute to his late father, Jack Lemmon. Chris lost both of his parents to cancer and he and his wife, Gina (who live in Glastonbury, Conn.) have become ardent supporters and ambassadors for the A.C.S. New England.

Presented by Cushman and Wakefield, the Key Gala raised nearly $500,000 with all proceeds to benefit construction costs and ongoing operational expenses of the AstraZeneca Hope Lodge Center in Boston, a program of the American Cancer Society. Located at 125 South Huntington Avenue, when the Lodge opens in the fall of 2008, it will annually provide free lodging and support services to more than 1,500 cancer outpatients and their caregivers who must travel far from home for treatment in Boston.

Swim center signups under way

Summer is almost here! Membership and swim lesson registration started April 15th. American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim Program is offered at the Cohasset Swim Center. The C.S.C is offering *early bird* membership rates for registrations postmarked by May 23rd. C.S.C. Members need to mail-in their membership *and* swim registration forms together — postmarked by May 23rd and *save*.

More detailed information and online registration forms can be found on the Cohasset Swim Center website **www.cohassetswimcenter.com**

The CSC will ***not be mailing*** out a brochure this year.

Swim Lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions: Session I: June 25 - July 6, Session II: July 9 - July 20, Session III: July 23 - August 3, Session IV: August 6 - August 17.

For non-members and members that missed the May 23rd deadline, walk-in registration for swim lessons will be held on June 14th at the C.S.C. from 9am-Noon. First come, First service.

If you have any questions, please send an email to cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net

Legion seeking donations for those deployed

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. The following items are being collected at the American Legion for deployed servicemen and women:

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Deborah Howard, president of the Companion Animal Protection Society, sits with three of her four dogs, Beatrice, Freddie, and Spencer.

Cohasset resident takes on puppy mills

FROM PUPPY MILLS, PAGE 1

politically correct way of saying pets, like dogs and cats.

After her experience at Docktor Pet Centers, Howard almost immediately began to take action. She brought the story to "20/20" and gathered video and document evidence to expose the horrific conditions. After the "20/20" special, numerous protests and feature articles in national magazines, Docktor Pet Centers declared bankruptcy in 1993.

But, Howard's work didn't stop there. Since becoming a non-profit in 1992, CAPS has investigated over 1000 pet shops and puppy mills. Investigators work undercover to gather evidence to bring forward to state and federal legislatures who are supposed to be overseeing the industry.

Puppy mills fall under the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and although Howard says regulation is in the books, the laws are not being enforced. Sometimes CAPS investigators collect evidence of numerous violations — days after a federal inspection issues a report listing no violations.

"There needs to be a lot more USDA oversight. If they were really doing their job, a lot of puppy mills would not exist," she says. Even when violations are found, Howard says there is very little follow up or consequence and the site can continue to operate as it is.

"Our specialty is investigation, we have outstanding undercover agents," says Howard. Bringing to light the existing situation and educating the public is one of the key components of CAPS efforts.

Howard says pet stores bank on the impulse buyers who are drawn in by the adorable puppies on display. Pet stores typically do not ask questions about the buyer's home environment to determine if the home is appropriate for raising a puppy. Educating the public to know about the background about pet shops before they go into a pet store is essential. Through their websites (www.caps-web.org, www.caps2point0.org), educational materials, media relations, legislative involvement, consumer assistance, CAPS is constantly battling the pet shop industry.

Howard says there is a growing number of young people, sometimes still in college, buying puppies from pet stores. Even more disturbing, she says is the birth of "designer dogs," basically what she describes as mixed-breed dogs.

"It breaks my heart to know dogs are being thought of as fashion items," says Howard. "Dogs should be a member of the family and be provided with a good life, it should not be there because the owner wants to make a fashion statement."

Every year more than a half-million purebred puppies, destined for pet shops across the United States and Canada are born in crowded and usually squalid conditions at Midwest, New York and Pennsylvania puppy mills, says Howard.

"A puppy mill could be a clean facility (most are not), but it is still a commercial livestock operation. they are not raising dogs in the warmth of a home," says Howard.

After years of fighting the puppy mill industry, Howard says a new facet to the same problem has cropped up — the internet breeder.

"Now, a lot of what we are seeing is internet sales," says Howard, buyers are purchasing puppies sight unseen from an internet website. Many internet breeders are the same puppy mills pet shops get their dogs from. Other internet breeders are completely unregulated and the buyer has very little recourse if the dog arrives sick or later develops health problems, says Howard.

Foremost, Howard says people need to stop buying dogs from pet stores or online and educate everyone they know about puppy mills and pet stores.

"Don't buy a pet store dog, go to a shelter. Go to www.petfinder.com. It's doesn't make a lot of sense to buy a dog when there are millions of unwanted dogs and cats in shelters," says Howard, who has four dogs and two cats, all rescue animals. "Rescue animals make wonderful pets."

In addition, as a non-profit CAPS constantly needs financial assistance. "It's not cheap doing investigations," says Howard, from equipment to travel expenses. Often, CAPS rescues puppy mill dogs as well and incurs veterinary expenses.

People can become a member of CAPS, currently there are 4100 CAPS members nationwide.

College student to bike across country

FROM BIKING, PAGE 1

of the world is living.

"When I came back I realized I didn't even know my own country," she says. "I'm excited to meet people along the way, cross states I've never been to and see how other people in the US live."

This summer, seven groups of about 30 riders will set off from the east coast to raise awareness, funds and community spirit for affordable housing.

Each member of the team is coming to the program from different directions: some are avid cyclists, some are passionate about affordable housing, and others were drawn to the idea of a cross-country trip by bike. All Bike & Build participants are between the ages of 18 and 25 and most are recent college grads or students.

With little cycling experience when she signed up for Bike and Build in the late fall, Noble has been building up her training in order to withstand the grueling physical aspects of the trip. During the week, she gets out for "shorter" 20 to 30 mile ride with longer rides on the weekend. She mixes up her training with running workouts.

"It's been a learning process, but I love it," says Noble. She's joined the cycling team and has been join Through her bike rides, she says she's gotten to see parts of Connecticut near campus she otherwise would have never explored — and that is only a taste of what she will see on the cross-country trek.

After a two-day orientation followed by a Build Day in Providence, the 30-person group will head west from the shores of the Atlantic, across Connecticut, and over the hills of New York and Pennsylvania. Then it's across the Midwest and the cornfields of Iowa and Nebraska to the old frontier towns of Wyoming. They'll spend two days in Jackson, Wyo. before riding north along the Rocky Range, and west across the North Cascades to Seattle.

There will be nine days of helping to build homes and the team will get just three days off during the nine week trip.

"The physical toll this will take on us will be trying. There are periods when there are six, seven days of cycling in a row. I'm not looking forward to the Rockies," she says. "I know (the trip) is not going to be simple."

The daily routine begins early in the morning. The group meets together to get directions for the day's trip. Each rider can go at his or her own speed, stopping at points of interest as long as they arrive at the designated destination by 4p.m.

The group will bunk up together at different places along the route typically taking advantage of the hospitality of a church or community center. Each night a member of the group will give a presentation on affordable housing to the community. Once a week they take a break from cycling to work on an affordable housing project.

"We work on physical homes and build awareness about affordable housing issues," says Noble. Her interest in service and travel was born out of her two trips with the Appalachia Service Project.

"I didn't have to leave the country, but it felt like I was in a while other world," says Noble of her ASP trips. She looks at Bike & Build as an extension on that idea — seeing how other people live and giving back along the way.

Noble is a government major who has focused on international studies, particularly international children's rights. She says her interest in being an international volunteer always goes back to her involvement with ASP. Noble is extremely interested in international community care systems, particularly in impoverished areas of the world. Dedicated to helping others, next March she will embark on an even bigger trip, this time around the world. She plans to travel and volunteer for several months on three different continents: South America, Southeast Asia and Africa.

Bike Across America fundraiser

As part of Bike & Build, each rider is required to raise at least $4000 to participate — a daunting number for any college student. The majority of the proceeds will fund a student-built Habitat for Humanity home in Providence. The remainder will be distributed through the grants program where riders will review grants submitted to Bike & Build and decide which ones are the most deserving.

To jump start Noble's fundraising, a spinning fundraiser will be held at USA Fitness on Route 3A on Saturday, May 10 from 9a.m. to 3p.m. With Noble at school, Cohasset resident and family friend Susan Franklin has been organizing the fundraiser details.

A relay event of sorts, 10 teams of six will be spin for six hours with a spinning instructor leading each hour. One member of the team is required to be on the bike at all times. Each team will be assigned a certain portion of Noble's cross-country trip and is encouraged to match each mile with a dollar donation.

Prizes will be given every hour and there will be plenty of motivation during the course of the day, Noble says.

"It's a fun way to help get her off the ground," says Franklin. "She a very focused young person who has dedicated a lot of time to service. This is just another thing she is trying to do to help the world around her…She's an impressive young lady."

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Shane and Chris Haggerty, Emmy McGoldrick, Paul Tedeschi, Bill and Jeff Cavanaro and Roger Wade spreading the word on the "got turf?" turf field fundraising campaign

Cohasset Sports Partnership launches its got turf? Campaign

Along with election signs and Cohasset Road Race signs, Cohasset residents may have noticed green "got turf?" signs popping up all over town two weeks ago. This marked the kick-off of the newly formed Cohasset Sports Partnership's got turf? campaign, a fundraising effort to bring a turf field to Cohasset Middle High School. The Cohasset Sports Parntership's mission is to improve and maintain Cohasset's athletic facilities and programs and is affiliated with the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund.

The Cohasset Sports Partnership (CSP) held a kick-off event at Atlantica on a recent Saturday night where 150 interested people gathered to hear CSP President, George McGoldrick, along with CSP Vice President, Bill Cavanaro, unveil the first major project of building a turf field in Cohasset. A new synthetic turf field has been proposed by the School Committee and the CSP is seeking to supplement the funding of the field. *(Money for the project would not come out of the school budget, see news brief on page 2).*

Coaches from most high school varsity teams that play field sports also spoke about the many benefits of turf fields ranging from injury prevention, not having to reschedule games due to rain outs, field longevity, and lower maintenance costs. Also featured as a speaker was Weymouth's long time Athletic Director, Bob Donovan, who oversaw a turf field installation at Weymouth High. He talked about the many benefits it has yielded the town.

Cohasset High Varsity and JV boys and girls lacrosse teams were to hold their annual Spirit Day on Saturday hosting four games. They were all cancelled due to poor field conditions from the previous day's rain. Spirit Day would not have been cancelled with a turf field!

The CSP hopes to raise a portion of the funds for the field through private donations, grants and sponsorships.

To find out more about the Got turf? campaign go to www.CohassetSportsPartnership.org



Emmy McGoldrick is all smiles thinking about the possibility of a new turf field at Cohasset Middle High School where she will be a student next year.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Jeff and Bill Cavanaro and Paul Tedeschi showing their support for the got turf? turf field campaign



Cohasset Stop & Shop Customer Service Manager Marty Sharpe and Wellspring Executive Director Vinny Harte.

Stop & Shop program supports Wellspring

Stop & Shop in Cohasset, through their "Feed the Need" program, donated $3,000.00 to Wellspring Multi-Service Center's Food Pantry. Wellspring's Food Pantry has increased its services and now provides food and basic supplies to over 250 people each month. Several years ago, the Food Pantry moved into dedicated space allowing for greater storage and the opportunity to provide evening hours for working clients. At the same time Wellspring created a transportation program that delivers clients to the pantry and returns them home with their groceries. Contributions from businesses such as the Stop & Shop in Cohasset have enabled Wellspring's Food Pantry to offer these additional services and feed the hungry in our community.

Executive Director Vinny Harte met with Marty Sharpe, and in thanking her said "Marty and Cohasset's Stop & Shop, represent the best of area businesses willing to take the time and make a vital commitment to certain members of our community. We remain grateful to Marty and to Stop & Shop for their generosity and for enabling us to extend a hand and provide food to families and individuals who need this help."

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Pratt files Open Meeting Law complaint

Although a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers that would have included two selectmen has been cancelled, Peter Pratt has not withdrawn the Open Meeting Law complaint he filed on April 9 with District Attorney William Keating's Office.

Pratt, who believes that two selectmen constitute a subcommittee and therefore a meeting must be held in public unless it falls under exceptions allowed for executive sessions, said he received a call from Assistant District Attorney Alexi Moscow last Friday saying the office would move ahead with the complaint.

In a telephone interview, Pratt said the DA's office accepted his argument that "irrespective of the cancellation of the meeting that selectmen and other governmental bodies in town had to finally be instructed what selectmen had proposed is fully illegal under the law.

"It is my personal opinion that the magnitude to which the Treat's Pond matter has routinely violated the Open Meeting Law and public ethics laws at the state and federal level – I applaud the fact the Bill Keating's Office is moving ahead with the Open Meeting Law complaint."

He explained that the DA's office asked if he wanted to withdraw the complaint and called back "a day and half later" to say they had looked at the matter and would proceed.

Pratt said the Treat's Pond issue has "suffered from lack of public oversight for the past four years."

Pratt, who is a former member of the Planning Board and former selectman, described himself as having a reputation in town both as an environmentalist and defender of Cohasset Harbor.

Bark-a-thon event at Wompatuck State Park

A walk in Wompatuck State Park to benefit the local animal shelter will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, on Sunday, May 18. The walk begins and ends in the parking lot outside the Visitors Center Common Room at the Wompatuck State Park entrance off Union Street in Hingham.

How can people help: Get one or more sponsors, collect a donation in any amount and bring one's dog – real or imagined – to Wompatuck State Park the morning of May 18 and take one of several trails through the park and meet back in the parking lot for prizes refreshments and fun.

How can companies help: Just make a donation in any amount or donate goods or services that can be given out as prizes or help in the care of the animals at the animal shelter. Company information will be posted during the event on the Wall of Fame.

The shelter serves the five towns of Scituate, Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Norwell on an as-needed basis. It is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the welfare of companion animals. The mission is to rescue abandoned, homeless animals and give them proper care, love and attention. The shelter is a no-kill facility.

The event organizer, William Hall, a junior at Hingham High School, is an avid animal lover. His dog, a 3-year-old terrier mix named Princes Leia, was adopted at the shelter, and he has a pet sitting business that he has operated for several years in his spare time. With the help of the local students his family and friends, he hopes to make "Bark a thon 2008" even more successful than the last two years.

For information, contact Hall by email at william@gailhall.com or call 781 749 4492. Donations can also be sent to Friends of Scituate Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 823, Scituate MA 02066. Note Bark-a-thon 2008 on checks.

Treat's Pond and flood control will be vetted publicly

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Griffin confirmed the meeting has since been cancelled andw on Monday night requested the Selectmen to provide guidance on how to proceed with the Treat's Pond project.

Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr said a private citizen had initiated the meeting while the Board of Selectmen was in transition between Town Meeting and town election.

Following the canceling of the proposed meeting, Griffin said he has told the Army Corps of Engineers' project lead David Larsen that when the town is ready to talk, he would call Larsen and set up a public meeting.

Selectman Karen Quigley said an issue had been raised with her on whether the Treat's Pond restoration project was under town or private control. With some discussion, the Board made clear the potential of the Treat's Pond project was under town control and would involve public meetings to thoroughly vet the town's involvement in the project before fall special Town Meeting.

Accordingly, Griffin said he would be the town contact for Army Corps going forward. But, he admitted the Army Corps could remain in contact with private citizens.

"People have been saying to me if the town is looking for public money, they need to bring the discussion into the public eye."
— Selectman Karen Quigley

"How (the Army Corps) interacts with private citizens is not my call," said Griffin.

How to move forward with addressing both the Treat's Pond project and the several flood issues plaguing neighborhoods was discussed.

Quigley suggested a future meeting on Treat's Pond include members from other town committees. She said the one of the main reason the Treat's Pond project failed at Town Meeting as residents were not well informed of the project.

"People have been saying to me if the town is looking for public money, they need to bring the discussion into the public eye," said Quigley in a phone interview, adding many have expressed to her they felt the project was done behind the scenes in private meetings. "No one really felt they knew what was going on."

Quigley said committees like the Advisory Committee and the Capital Budget Committee should be included in the discussion to ensure they can make sound recommendations come fall Town Meeting.

For Selectman Fred Koed, he suggested a general flood meeting would be beneficial.

"I think we need to create a dialogue with people and make sure we are addressing the issues comprehensively," said Koed. "I think we should carve out some time to devote to (the issue). I think there is a lot of interest…it's a hot button item."

The consensus of the Selectmen was to include all interested parties from residents affected by flooding to town committee members to interested citizens to a meeting where issues could be addressed comprehensively.

When reached by phone, Koed said he wanted to ensure the process to address flooding needed to be done in a comprehensive fashion to ensure a fix in one area does not negatively affect another.

No clear steps were outlined on how the town will proceed specifically with Treat's Pond saltmarsh restoration project, except whatever steps would be taken would be open and transparent.

Flood Control Master Plan update

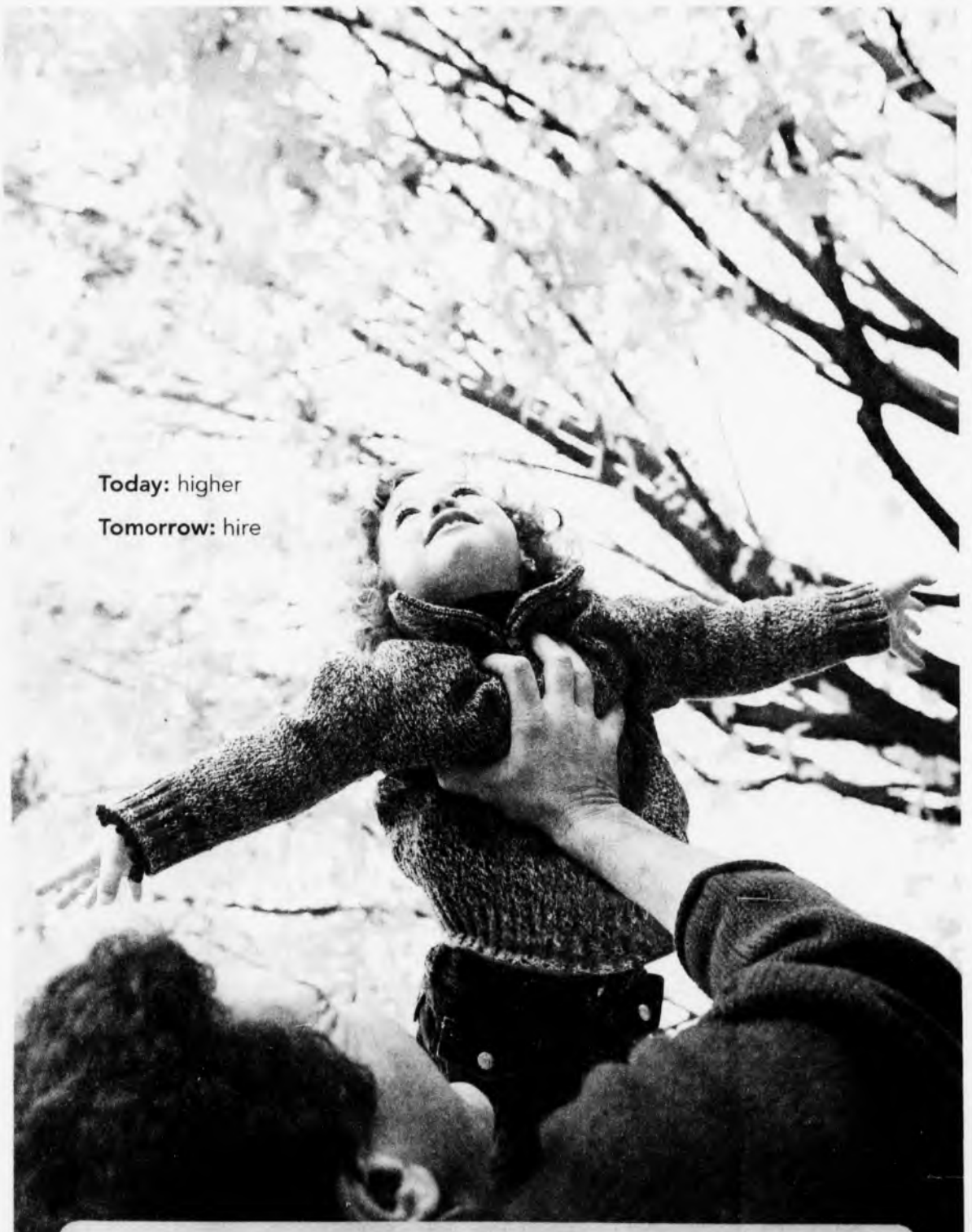
Dan Coughlin of Coughlin Environmental Services offered an update on the ongoing flood control master plan at Monday night's Board of Selectmen meeting. The engineering study is taking an in-depth look at the flood prone areas of town: Jacob's Meadow, Atlantic Avenue and other smaller areas, like Rattlesnake Run. The town-wide study, as described in the Request for Proposals for the project, would develop a conceptual, phased drainage master plan that the town can implement over the next few years, the exact schedule depending on the pace of funding. A detailed engineering design of each phase is not part of the present scope; instead, it will be done at a later time as the master plan is implemented.

Coughlin said he plans to have several public meetings leading up to the completion of flood control master plan. A preliminary interim reports are currently available on the town's website (www.townofcohasset.org).

The first meeting to be held in mid-May will focus solely on the Jacob's Meadow/James Brook watershed. In June, a session concerning the Treat's Pond/Atlantic Ave. area will be held. An analysis of the Army Corps' proposed project for Treat's Pond is not included in the purview of the flood control master plan, but separate flood control remediation is.

In July, Coughlin expects the draft flood control master plan will be available and a public meeting will be held for it. Finally, the final draft will be available in mid-August to allow for review before the fall's special Town Meeting.

Neighbors as well as interested citizens are encouraged to attend to provide input and relay information the engineers may not be available, said Coughlin.



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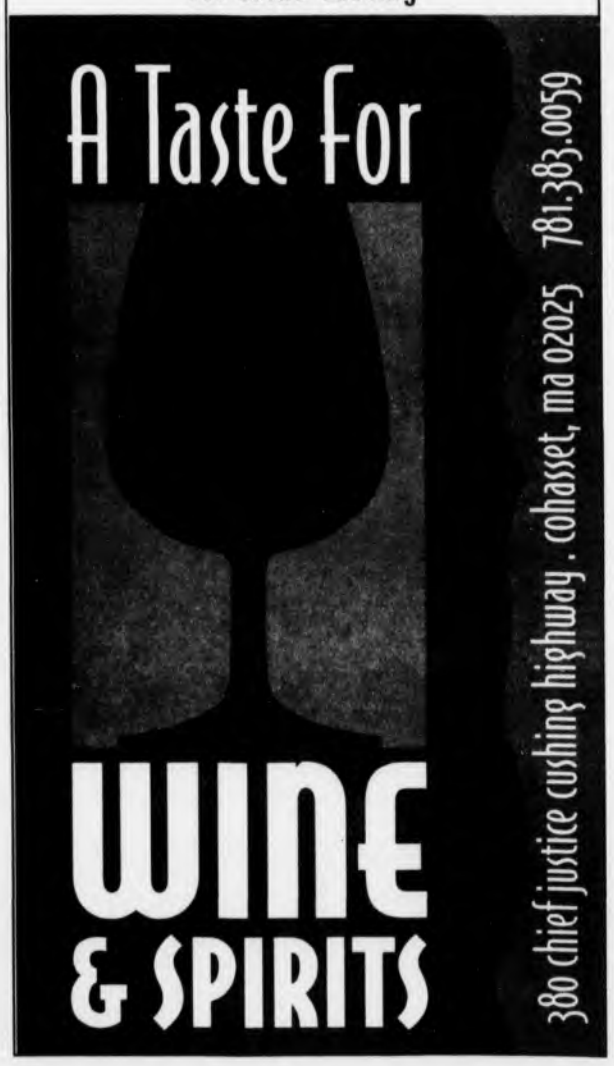
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HAPPENINGS

Middle school book group resumes

Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will resume meeting at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. There is a new facilitator and a new time of the month for meetings. The new facilitator is Shelley Sommer, teacher and librarian at Inly School in Scituate, and beginning at 7 p.m., on Thursday, May 1, the group will meet on the first Thursday of the month. Sommer invites middle school students to attend the organizational meeting on May 1 and voice their choices. Do students want to read graphic novels, popular novels, or true stories? Buttonwood book group members receive a 15 percent discount on book club selections.

Reservations are not necessary and all middle school students are welcome.

Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 for more information.

Sommer is a middle school literature teacher and librarian at Inly School in Scituate. Her first book for middle grade readers, "John F. Kennedy: His Life and Legacy," was published by HarperCollins in 2005. Her second book, a biography of baseball star Hank Greenberg, is scheduled to be published in early 2009. She received her graduate degree in children's literature from Simmons College in 2005.

GOP Spring Dinner

Cohasset Republican members and friends are invited to the annual Spring Dinner, which will take place at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 7, at Second Congregational Church, next to Town Hall. Earlier, there was a different date that caused many conflicts.

Elected officials will be invited to give their perspective on experiences in office and the status of the town.

Art and Flower Show

A Fine Art and Flower Show, sponsored by Hull Artists Studio Connection and Hull Garden Club, will take place from 10 a.m. to 4p.m., on Saturday, April 26, and Sunday, April 27, at the MJM Bathhouse, Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Admission and parking are free, and the site is handicapped accessible.

For more information, call 781-925-3637 or visit the Web site at HullArtists.com.

Plant sale set for May 17

Hull Garden Club's annual plant sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, May 17, at the Town of Hull sign on George Washington Boulevard. This is Hull Garden Club's largest annual fund-raising project, and it depends on public support. Ivy geraniums, hanging plants, annuals, herbs, vegetables, member perennials, composters, water marrels and more will be available.

To pre-order favorite varieties, order forms are available at Hull Library, Senior Center, main post office, or with a club member. Ordering and information are also available by calling Judy Dorner at 781-925-0626 or Candy Barone at 781-925-0013.

April vacation Kid's Day

Children can enjoy face painting, crafts, hot dogs and making their own ice cream sundaes at April vacation Kids' Day from 2 to 4 p.m., on Thursday, April 24, at Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call 781-383-6300.

'Books in bloom'

The Community Garden Club will present "Books and Blooms" on Wednesday, May 7, from 10a.m. to 5p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Garden club members will interpret a book of their own selection through arrangements of flowers and fresh plant material. This is not a standard flower show as it will not be judged according to National and Federation rules. Instead, the public will have the opportunity to select the winners in different categories such as the most beautiful, the most creative, and the most whimsical. The show is a unique opportunity for all members to display their creative talents without being judged. This event will be free and open to the public. Please plan to come and enjoy!

The Junior Gardeners are also preparing for the upcoming Books in Bloom flower show. At their March meeting, Club member Pat Cammett led a stimulating program brainstorming for the show. Pat brought several children's books and explained ways to use plant materials to convey story lines and characters. The students then completed an innovative project on a styrofoam base using oasis, moss, flowers and props that were provided. At their April meeting, Fran O'Toole taught the children the basics of Ikebana.

Please save the date for the club's annual Plant Sale that will take place on Saturday, May 17, on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset is a member of The National Garden Clubs, Inc. and The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

Cowboy Music

Skip Gorman plays the simple, yet beautifully poignant music that was performed around campfires by cowboys and westward settlers in the nineteenth century. Come hear him perform at the Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square on Saturday, April 19 at 8 p.m. The concert begins with an open mike at 8 p.m. Beverages and desserts are fifty cents. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee.

Gorman has performed on Garrison Keillor's 'A Prairie Home Companion' and at bluegrass festivals and cowboy gatherings. He frequently presents programs and concerts at schools and museums dressed in authentic cowboy garb while playing period instruments.

This is a chance to tap into one of the enduring traditions in American music - the cowboy song.

The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., in Hingham Square just up from the Loring Hall Theater. Admission is $10 at the door (sorry, no reservations.) For information or to volunteer (for free admission) call 781-749-1767 or visit www.skipgorman.com.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Three steps to a better world

Step one is awareness.

Earth Day, first celebrated in 1970, has certainly gone a long way in bringing environmental concerns to the mainstream. As we get ready to celebrate another Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22, people are certainly aware of some of the basic things that need to be done to protect the environment, such as cutting down on pollution, recycling and reducing trash, and conserving energy and water. In recent years, the "green" movement has focused more and more on the Earth's climate and the phenomenon known as Global Warming.

The second step is understanding. Knowing the issues is one thing. Understanding the cause and effect and the science behind it is becoming increasingly important as we try to wrap our arms around such a big issue.

In its simplest terms, we can look at what's happening around the world to see how the climate is changing dramatically before our very eyes. Glaciers are melting at an alarming rate, storms are becoming more ferocious and devastating, and the changes in the climate are driving plant and animal species to extinction. The scientific data is compelling to say the least, and if you believe what Al Gore is saying in his documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth," the science has been around for a long time and people are just beginning to take notice.

And that leads to the final step — action.

Around the globe, from coast to coast, and in your own backyard, action is on the rise. From the recycling efforts of elementary school children, to families who have taken the use of alternative energy sources to new heights by installing wind turbines in their yards or solar panels on their roofs, there are examples of green living all around us.

Conservation groups are teaming up to preserve and protect open space and waterways throughout Massachusetts and voters in cities and towns are showing support for environmental initiatives by adopting and supporting the Community Preservation Act.

Area businesses, universities and developers are thinking green when they build new offices, dormitories and housing subdivisions. Our supermarkets are devoting aisles and entire sections to organic products - everything from produce and frozen pizza to household cleaners.

We can all do our part to keep this green movement going forward — and small efforts count. Installing more energy efficient appliances and replacing burned out incandescent light bulbs with the new Energy Star CLFs (compact fluorescent light bulbs) is a great start, and the give back is savings on your utility bills. Throwing less in the trash and more in the recycling bin is another easy way to join the movement.

These issues and challenges are bigger than any of us individually. Collectively, though, we can make a difference. Earth Day is a good time to start if you haven't, but the effort needs to take place more than one day a year and involve more than picking up trash or recycling a water bottle. We need to take action each and every day. It has taken us a relatively long time to get to this point and we won't be able to fix things overnight. It will take time, but it's time for all of us to be part of the solution.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, May 13 & June 10, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, April 22, 7 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, April 23 & April 30, 7:15 p.m.
CHS School Council, May 7, 2:30 p.m. in Room 116 at the high school.
Economic Development Committee, April 23, & 30, 7:15 p.m.
Recreation Commission, April 30, 6:30 p.m.
Selectmen, April 28, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, April 30, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, April 23, 10 a.m., King Street Plant.
ZBA, May 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Town offices will be closed on Monday, April 21 in celebration of Patriot's Day.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you Cohasset

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Cohasset Rotary Club, I would like to thank all those who helped make the 32nd Cohasset Road Race by the Sea such a wonderful event. From the Rotary Club members who put in many hours of effort, to the volunteers who help in so many ways on race day, the various local businesses that helped sponsor the race T-shirts, the Armstrong Brothers Band and their accomplished guitar and vocal students Ana Buckley, Colby Smalzel and Thomas Buckley who wowed the runners and spectators with the after race entertainment, the Cohasset Public Works Department, the Water Department and the contractors working on Atlantic Avenue and Jerusalem Road for all their efforts to make the roads usable for a road race, the Police Department for their assistance in keeping the roads safe for the runners during the race, and most especially the many citizens of Cohasset who turned out to cheer on the runners and offer their encouragement and support.

We had a record 1,258 runners registered for this year's event and well over 250 walkers participating in the fourth Fran Coffey Memorial Fun Walk Sunday morning. And we heard over and over again how pleased the runners were to see the many residents who lined the course and finish area to cheer on the runners as they traveled the 6.2-mile course through our beautiful community.

The Cohasset Rotary Club is proud to put on this event to help continue our efforts of "service above self" in supporting both local efforts like the Rotary scholarships presented each year, to helping with the fight against Polio throughout the world, to support of local homeless shelters, clean water in the Philippines and on and on, and we could not do it with out the support of the Cohasset community.

Brad Goodwin
Race Director
Cohasset Road Race by the Sea

Re: Cat Dam discussion

To the Cohasset Board of Selectmen:

(Editor's note: Mr. Woods provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter for publication.)

It occurs to me that the Board of Selectmen could happily dismiss itself from the Cat Dam involvement in that the "Lagoon" or Inner Little Harbor is a portion of a tide water estuary under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission through the Wetlands Protection Act.

Also, one must realize that:

a. The lagoon, or so-called Inner Little Harbor, is not the property of any citizen;

b. The control/expense of handling this water should not be the responsibility of individual citizens – just as neither should The Gulf, Lily Pond, Cohasset Harbor, the lagoon at Bow Street or Strait's Pond. These waters, our inheritance, serve the usefulness and pleasure of all Cohasset citizenry.

Edward F. Woods
A former Secretary of Cohasset Conservation Commission
231 Jerusalem Road

Support 'Healing Field' on Memorial Day

The Sons of the American Legion is planning to install a Healing Field as part of the town's Memorial Day 2008 observances.

The effort should result in hundreds of American flags on eight-foot-tall poles temporarily installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets. The island faces Veterans Memorial Park where the annual Memorial Day observances are held.

The flags sell for $25 and can be dedicated to anyone. In other words, the purchase of a flag is not limited to those honoring someone who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces. (Those who purchase flags will be able to pick them up after 10 days).

Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with a note on the memo line indicating "Healing Field" and sent to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, please visit www.healingfield.org/cohasset or contact the Legion post at 781-383-9657 or stop by the post at 98 Summer St. any weekday after 3 p.m., Saturdays after 10 a.m. or Sundays after 12 noon. Applications for Healing Field flags are available at the Post and at both branches of Pilgrim Bank. All proceeds will go to veterans' projects of the Sons of the American Legion.

Tax day spaghetti supper

The Women's Auxiliary at the George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is hosting a "tax day spaghetti supper" at the Legion Hall on Summer Street at 7 p.m. on Friday April 18.

Tickets are $10 per person and are available at the Legion ahead of time or at the door.

Veterans, their families and the public are all invited.

Call the Legion at 781-383-9657 for more information.

Fax news of your event to 781-741-2931

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TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN



Soon to be parking spaces in the Town Parking Lot by the Teen Center.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Sewer main partially covered.

Flash Announcement – We mentioned several weeks ago that the MBTA was in the process of making minor adjustments to the Commuter Rail Schedules. Well, they posted a new schedule on their web site effective Monday, April 7. Those of you who are "regular" commuters have certainly figured this out buy this time. Their website for this information is: mbta.com/schedules_and_maps/rail/lines/?route=GREENBSH (Wow! How's that for a web address?) Or, just put "MBTA commuter rail" into your search engine of preference and that should lead you to the web site.

Greenbush ridership – We have suspected that the higher and higher cost of gasoline would have a positive effect on Greenbush ridership. This week on Tuesday, April 15th, we had a chance to take one of our periodic parking lot car counts at the Greenbush station. The results do show a little greater than an 11 percent increase from mid-February.

An interesting bit of history – For quite a few years we incorrectly thought that the roadway between the Town Parking Lot and the South Shore Art Center was properly called Pleasant Street. Well, much to our surprise, it's not. It is actually a part of Depot Court. Years ago, the Cohasset Train Station was where the Art Center is today. Depot Court ran from Main Street to the tracks at the station. Thus, Depot Court goes all the way to the railroad tracks and stops. Pleasant Street starts on the other side of the railroad tracks. After the train stopped running, the station was moved to its present location (where Bernard's Restaurant is located).

MBTA Greenbush Project – The MBTA has called us and told us that they will be completing the eight new parking spaces next to the Teen Center. There will also be a new sidewalk around those spaces.

Other tasks that are yet to be completed or scheduled in the Town Parking Lot are:

- Replacing asphalt behind the gas station that was removed to install curbing.
- Adjusting the curbing in front of the Fix-It Shop.
- Adding the new sidewalk along Depot Court across from the South Shore Art Center.
- Reconnect the walkway lights on the James Brook Walkway.
- Replace the dead plantings near the signal bungalow.
- Adding an historic signboard to commemorate the old roundhouse site.

They did ask us when would be a good time for them to add the new lines in the parking lot. We have sent an email to the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce to get the shopkeepers' recommendation regarding the time that will be least disruptive to their businesses. We await their answer before we get back to the MBTA.

Little Harbor Project – Every resident on our small side lanes wants to have the amount of disruption in their neighborhood minimized. Most of us really don't like the idea of a lengthy construction project in our neighborhood. This is particularly true on our small lanes. A week or so ago, we had a chance to visit one such lane, Jerusalem Road Drive. We observed several interesting things.

The contractor, LM Holdings, LLC (LMH), has worked very hard to minimize the amount of time that they have streets, such as Jerusalem Road Drive, tied up. With this in mind, LMH has had two separate crews working on Jerusalem Road Drive. One crew started at the Jerusalem Road end and worked toward the cul-de-sac end. The other crew started at the cul-de-sac and worked toward the first crew. With the use of two crews, the construction work is in the neighborhood only about half as long as it would be with one crew.

We snapped the accompanying photo of the trench and sewer pipe as the pipe was being buried. The small stub you can see extending to the right (see arrow) will be used to connect a home at a later date. The photo demonstrates several key design features of this project. First, if you can gauge the size of the sewer pipe from the leg of the worker in the upper portion of the photo, you can see that the pipe is not very large. In fact, this particular sewer main is only 3 inches in diameter. You might ask, "Why is the sewer pipe so small, even in my home it is larger?" The reason it can be small is due to the fact that this sewer line is a "force main" and not a "gravity main."

A "force main" is a pipe in which the sewage flow is pumped rather than having flow created by the forces of gravity. So, why pump the sewage here when some other parts of Town don't need pumps? The central portion of Town, where most of the gravity sewer exists, has the distinct advantage that it is relatively flat. And, these areas are fairly close to the plant. In this case, the main sewer lines can be constructed with the necessary slopes to let gravity do the work of moving the sewage to the plant. Where there are hills, for the most part, fortunately, it is downhill to the plant and gravity can once again do the work. Occasionally, in the central area the Town needed install a booster pump to move the sewage over a high spot.

Sample Date	# of Cars
Opening Day Oct. 31, 2007	75
Nov. 20, 2007	130
Dec. 4, 2007	152
Dec. 11, 2007	169
Jan 7, 2008	165
Feb 14, 2008	164
April 15, 2008	***183***

Parking numbers at the Cohasset Train Station

But, in the little Harbor area, just like the North Cohasset area, the terrain is not as favorable as the center of Town. Considerable amounts of ledge and many natural hills preclude the use of a gravity system. So, pumps are needed to move the sewage to the plant. If pumps were not used, the pipes would need to be larger and much deeper in the ground to maintain sewage flow. This would dramatically increase the project cost and the construction time in a very major way. In the Little Harbor area, the pumps that create the flow will be installed at each home. To be technically correct, this is actually a low-pressure system, since the pressure generated by the pumps is quite low when compared with other services like water. The pumps also play one other important function. They take the sewage from each home and grind up the waste to make it a slurry which flows easily through the pipes to the treatment plant. So, that's a very long explanation of why we are able to use smaller pipes in this system.

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Sullying the Olympics

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I was watching them sneak the Olympic torch down the streets of San Francisco on its way to Beijing with a SWAT team on one side and what looked like the 82nd Airborne on the other when a thought occurred to me.

This isn't exactly what Baron Pierre de Coubertin had in mind when he revived the ancient Greek games 112 years ago.

The Baron's thoughts were more like "to educate young people through sport in a spirit of better understanding, helping to build a better and more peaceful world (and) spread the Olympic ideal throughout the world, thereby creating international goodwill."

See, no mention of free Tibet or stop the genocide in Darfur – or find Natalee Holloway, for the matter.

The Olympic ideal was sullied on an international scale for the first time in 1936 when Nazi Germany was awarded the games and Chancellor Hitler sought to use them to showcase his theories of Aryan racial superiority.

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Unfortunately for the Fuhrer, it was the black American, Jesse Owens, winning the 100- and 200-meter dashes, the long jump and the final leg of the 400-meter relay who drove him from the stadium rather than shake hands. "America's black auxiliary," the Nazi press called him.

A couple of weeks after the Soviet invasion of rebellious Hungary in 1956, Hungarians met the Russians so enthusiastically at water polo in the Melbourne Olympics and police had to be called to halt the brawl.

Holland, Spain and Switzerland boycotted the Olympics that year to protest the Russian invasion. Not to be outdone, Egypt, Ira and Lebanon also boycotted to protest the Israeli invasion of the Suez Canal. And China boycotted when Taiwan showed up under the name China.

Black activists Tommie Smith and John Carlos used their victories in 1968 Mexico City to deliver a raised fist black power salute on the podium but the international tragedy was the 46 unarmed student protesters killed by government troops across the streets from the Olympic stadium.

Eight Palestinian terrorists broke into the Israeli village at the Munich Olympics in 1972 and when the smoke had cleared 11 members of the Israeli team, five terrorists and one German policeman had been killed.

Twenty-two African nations boycotted the 1976 Olympics in Montreal for a rather convoluted reason. They wanted the New Zealand team banned because a non-Olympic rugby team from New Zealand had toured South Africa while it was under apartheid.

China and Taiwan were at it again in 1976 and this time the lads from the mainland won. Canada had switched its recognition from Taiwan to Beijing so when the Taiwanese showed up as Chinese, the Canadians wouldn't let them in and they went home.

President Jimmy Carter ordered a boycott of the 1980 Olympics in Moscow to protest the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and 64 others joined in the boycott.

And the Soviets had to retaliate by boycotting the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles and taking 12 of their best friends with them.

All in the interest of "helping to build a better and more peaceful world," of course.

Customer is always right unless...

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



I first encountered Helga a half-dozen years ago while placing an order for a rather expensive custom-made bridesmaid dress.

I can always tell when it's spring no matter what the weather. First, it's taxes, then allergies, and finally, a mailbox full of wedding invites. Fortunately, unlike the "27 Dresses" star, Katherine Heigl, my bridesmaid days are far behind me. Nevertheless, I'm still the owner of a handful of overpriced, unflattering dresses that despite the well-intentioned brides' beliefs, I will never, ever wear again.

This is why when I see those vanilla envelopes spill out of the box I'm reminded of Helga, the owner of a bridal salon who taught me a business lesson that I'll never forget: The customer is always right – unless she has to wear taffeta.

I first encountered Helga a half-dozen years ago while placing an order for a rather expensive custom-made bridesmaid dress. The bride had selected an empire-waist style that would accommodate her pregnant, married sister; with the unfortunate result of sacrificing her three single bridesmaids. Chalking it up to my normally rational friend having been struck down with a bad case of "weddingitis," – a brain-impairment resulting from reading way too many bridal magazines – I reluctantly gave Helga my measurements (a humiliating experience under any circumstance). I was then a bit surprised to see her put me down for a dress order two sizes larger than anything I had ever purchased. When I mentioned this, she snapped back that she has to go by my worst measurement – my post-baby waistline. Ouch! Smarting from her frankness, I tried to explain that waist size was irrelevant in this case, as the dress style didn't have a waist.

"Are you telling me I don't know my business?" Helga barked at me in a voice loud enough to make the entire store jump to attention. Rattled and caught completely off-guard, I dropped it. But when she announced that due to my height, she had to special order my dress 6 inches longer (at an extra cost of $100), I began a feeble protest, annoyed at spending even more money on a dress that's only function would be to repel the few, if any, single men at the wedding.

"Can't we just hem the other dresses to match the length it falls on me?"

"The bride wants the dresses precisely 3 inches from the floor. What kind of friend are you, trying to spoil the bride's special day!" Helga shrilled as she hit me full on with the emotional blackmail. I wasn't exactly sure how a hem length could possibly ruin anyone's day, but not wanting to find out, or continue being yelled at by this pint-sized tyrant, I once again caved.

A month later, the dress arrived – clearly two sizes too big – and I looked like Olive Oyl wearing a circus tent. Not my best look. I tried to conceal my smirk as Helga marked off the necessary alterations including cutting off all 6 inches and $100 worth of extra fabric she ordered. But my smugness was short-lived, because she then handed me an alterations bill for $175, bringing my grand total to nearly $600 and that didn't even account for the dyed-to-match shoes!

When I balked, Helga simply shrugged it off and said, "It's not my fault that you're too flat-chested, too thick-waisted and too tall." Doh!

"They never say that at Armani," I hissed under my breath. (Not that I'd ever shopped there, but it sure sounded good at the time.) Unfortunately, Helga had already waltzed off to announce to another customer – an extremely stressed-out bride overwhelmed by much too much taffeta, tulle and crinoline – that her dress didn't fit because she was simply too fat. As the bride burst into tears, I seethed at having to give money to someone who earns a living making customers feel badly about themselves.

Yet, I had to hand it to Helga. As she ushered me out the door, she informed me with a wink and a smile that she wouldn't charge me any tax if I paid her in cash. She shoots – she scores. She had managed to violate every single maxim about customer service I had ever learned in business and even made an "off the books" profit to boot. Now, this is not a sales strategy I would recommend unless, like Helga, you have a customer base held captive by the emotional blackmail equivalent to a stressed-out bride and her mother, and are not banking on repeat customers.

Nevertheless, for any brides-to-be who may be reading this, please take pity on your friends because, it doesn't matter what you think, they will never, ever wear that dress again.

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident who promises not to torture any of her friends in her upcoming nuptials by skipping the whole bridesmaid bit altogether. Not only does she not want to fund Helga's retirement, she realizes that the only good use for an old bridesmaid dress is as a decorative pillow cover.

Design Review Board needs members

The Design Review Board is looking for a few good men and women to fill out its ranks. Saved by a vote at Town Meeting, the Design Review Board is an advisory group that has been active in the past in assisting and advising the Planning Board in a variety of ways.

To date, only two residents have come forward to lend their expertise to the town committee, Town Manager Bill Griffin said. Although ideally the members of Design Review Board would have some sort of background in design, from architects to real estate agents, all applicants will be considered. The Design Review Board is a Selectmen-appointed committee.

Interested citizens should send a letter of interest to the Town Manager's office at Town Hall.

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Students take over show

This week on Our Town, members of Mrs. Parrell's fifth-grade class from Deer Hill takes over for Mark DeGiacomo and Pat Martin to present their "Survival Stories Talk Shows". Tune in to see Cohasset students take on the roles of talk show hosts to entertainingly detail stories of survival as told in some of the fifth-grade curriculum's most loved adventure books. Catch these very talented students and future TV stars starting Monday at 9pm on Comcast channel 10 or again on Tuesday or Thursdays at the same time.

RTF news

Paint collection days: Residents can drop off paint at the Recycling Transfer Facility on the last Saturday of the month from April through October. Residents are encouraged to dry out any latex paint using cat litter, sand or paint hardener, which can then be disposed of with regular household trash. Empty cans can then be thrown in the tin can container.

Brush chipping: Residential brush may be dropped off in the Public Works parking area from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the following Saturdays: April 26, May 31, June 28, Sept. 27 and Oct. 25. No trees over five inches, no stumps, firewood, briars or weeds allowed.

Remembering when ammo trains rolled before Greenbush

By Jim Rose
SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

The Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot was the last operation to run trains on the Old Colony railroad before the Greenbush line opened last year. The Old Colony carried passengers on the line from 1845 until shutdown in 1959; the depot closed its doors in 1962. Having begun in 1904, the ammunition depot provided ordnance for the U.S. Navy fleet during World War I, World War II and the Korean conflict. A few of its employees remaining in the South Shore still have warm memories of their past jobs working with the Navy trains. Since they are getting on in years and they worked with my late parents there, I thought I would interview them.

When Hingham resident Sam Amonte hears the horn sound from the new Greenbush railroad, he nostalgically recalls his 1950s employment as a brakeman for the ammunition depot. "My job was to hook-up and brake-away ammunition boxcars, operate the rail switches and wave warning flags at street intersections," said Amonte. "I enjoyed my job. A lot of Hingham people worked there, including my two brothers, Rocco and Patsy, who were heavy equipment operators. Although the work had an element of danger, we had safety procedures. We all got along and had a few laughs at the same time." Well known to many Hingham residents, Amonte ended up working as a police officer for the Town of Hingham for 36 years.

Peter Stonis of Walpole spent his depot railroad days as a hoisting engineer. "At the Mainside (now called Bare Cove Park), we operated a 65-ton locomotive and an 80-ton locomotive," Stonis remembered as he studied photos of railroad cranes in the depot's "Shot and Shell" newspaper dated 1955. "Over at the Cohasset Annex (now Wompatuck State Park), we also had a 65 and an 80. My specialty was to load and off-load ammunition from the trains to trucks and warehouses. Whenever a Navy ship pulled into Boston Harbor, they would store the ammo at the depot."

When questioned if there were any accidents, "only when a train would jump the track now and then," he said. "We would send a crew down and fix it. No big deal. Oh, and also when I was given an 'all clear' to depart and someone left a heavy metal loading plank attached to the train. I ended up wiping out three pillars supporting the loading dock roof."

Former Leadingman of Transportation Donald Guilfoyle of Hanover was the supervisor in charge of the rail operation. "We all loved working at the depot," he beamed. "The job gave me a feeling of accomplishment. I scheduled the departures and pick-ups. We hauled everything from bullets, bombs, depth charges, torpedoes, 16-inch projectiles and rockets. Besides the locomotives, we operated boxcars, flatcars, section cars, railroad cranes and a small utility train called a hurdy-gurdy. The trains would travel back and forth from the Hingham Mainside to the Cohasset Annex and also out of state." U.S. Navy records from 1959 list: 70 boxcars, 22 flatcars, four section cars and two railroad cranes.

Bill Handrahan of Hull was an inspector then. Besides checking tolerances and safety procedures, he also made sure carpenters blocked and braced in the bombs, etc. so they wouldn't role. This operation was done at the Cohasset Annex classification yard. "Many of the boxcars would be stored overnight at the Annex in barricaded concrete sidings," Bill recollects. "That was in case of an explosion, the blast would be contained and sent straight up."

Former ordnance man Jim Larsh, who lives in Middleboro, remembers when blocking gave way inside a boxcar: "A 16-inch shell broke free from the cribbing," Larsh said in an ominous overtone. "The warhead rolled off its seat and the tip of the projectile penetrated the side of the freight car. That warhead weighed over a ton. If that thing ever blew, the whole of the South Shore would have heard it. Plus, no telling how many casualties it would cause. I also remember when kids broke into an ammo car, I believe in the Readville yard of Dedham. It was a shipment of mortar shell propellant increments that Seattle, Wash., was sending down to us. The boneheads threw them all around the area, not knowing what they were. Luckily, none exploded. The Navy had a big investigation after that. Also at the depot, if you came up with a good idea the Navy could use, you got a reward. It was called a 'benny-sug' for beneficial suggestion. I got 15 bucks for a truck scale idea. It now sounds like peanuts, but a loaf of bread was around a dime then."

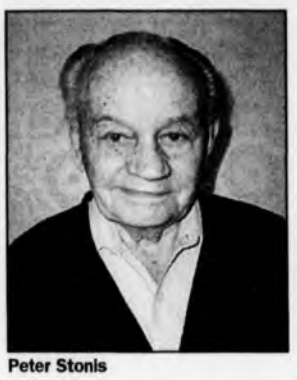
Hingham resident and former guard and ordnance man George Bartlett recounts the strict safety procedures. "We all had to wear safety shoes there," Bartlett said. "The shoes had a big steel toe to protect us in case a shell dropped on it. We also had to wear anti-spark grounding clamps on the shoe. And naturally, there was no smoking on the job. They had designated areas for that. The Navy periodically gave out a 'Commanding Officer's Good Housekeeping Plaque' award for safety. I loaded a lot of bombs to and from boxcars at the Annex Transfer Building. The state park still uses it for storage."

Tom Beary from Whitman helped close down the depot with my father. He was a brakeman and also head ordnance man. "When I think back to those depot trains, I think the funniest incident occurred at Hingham Mainside on the docks of the Back River," he said with a boyish smile on his face. "When we were loading one of the freight cars, the driver of the forklift wasn't watching where he was backing with his full load and drove himself off the dock into the drink. The few of us still around with our fading memories always seem to remember that hilarious accident. The driver didn't get hurt, and we eventually recovered the forklift. How can you forget a caper like that?" (Sadly, Tom died Feb. 21.)

All of the former depot workers interviewed approve of the new Greenbush line. Sam Amonte says, "Greenbush is great! I only pay $2.50 as a senior for a trip into Boston. By the way, did I ever tell you the time we used the train to steal a hot stove at the depot?" Thank God Sammy became a cop.

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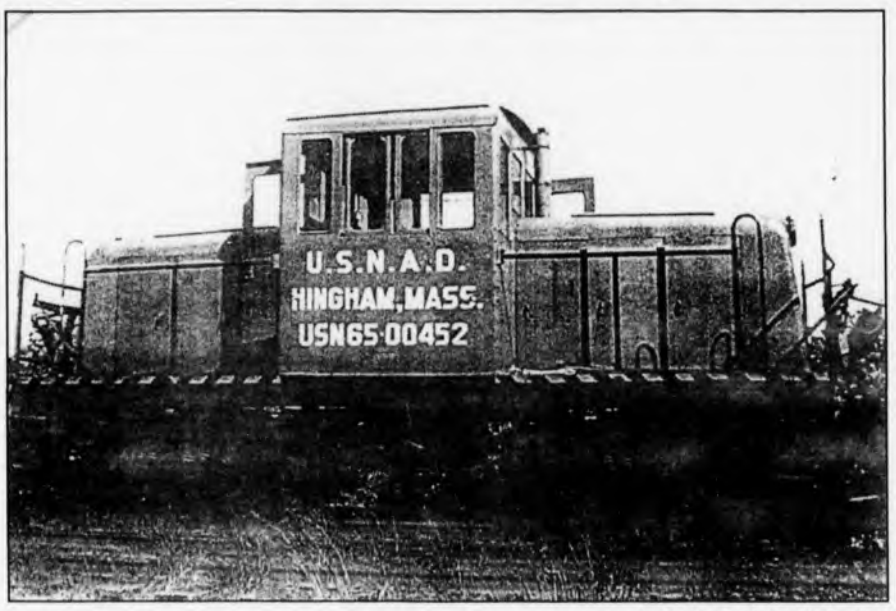


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This Hingham U.S. Navy 65-ton diesel locomotive was sent to Pennsylvania after the depot closed.


Jim Larsh


George Bartlett


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Hingham train engineer, Herk Henningson.


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Health Notes



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From left: Cathy Konary, Wayne Perry, and Mark Bartlett, all of Norfolk Environmental; Jason Baker and Jason Burtner of Coastal Zone Management; Steve Bobo of the Board of Health; DPW Supt. Carl Sestito; and Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan, town engineers.

Stormwater challenge must be met

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

We have one of the largest, and most expensive public works activities in our history going on.

Earth day is April 22 this year, and as for cleaning up the streets, sidewalks and open lots — forget it! We're in the middle of so much construction that any debris is under a pile of dirt or gravel. Hopefully the results will give us sewer, water and drainage with a strong effort at intelligent solutions to flooding using both the old, but still relevant techniques of municipal drainage with the equally effective stormwater management using smart growth principles embodied in the new Stormwater Bylaw. What strikes me in all this is that flooding of streets and cellars by stormwater are being treated as afterthoughts: not necessarily included in most of the planning.

On Tuesday, the Stormwater Committee, or those who could get away, met representatives of Norfolk Environmental, Coastal Zone Management, the Cohasset DPW and others interested in stormwater management to discuss the implementation of measures already paid for to reduce the rate and volume of Stormwater that now goes untreated into Cohasset Cove, flooding cellars and filling up back yards along the way. We initially met at the Police Station that has a flooded basement after every heavy rain, the front lawn of which will contain a rain garden. We then proceeded to several other sites all of which drain untreated stormwater water into James Brook. It turns out that drainage from "the hill" an area bordered by Bancroft Road, Pond Street, and Pleasant Street at the sides, and Cushing Road at the bottom comprise an area of about 12 acres, four acres of which are totally impervious depositing about 30,000 gallons of raw stormwater into James Brook.

The raingardens being considered will be placed at various spots on the northeast side of Cushing Road. Alix White and David Bigley confirm that the area is subject to considerable ponding, cellar flooding and general discomfort every time it rains, a condition considerably exacerbated by the MBTA which causes drainage of enormous amounts of water into our already taxed drainage system.

Drainage was to be addressed by the Drainage Master Plan, but the plans for drainage along Cushing Road, for example, call for so-called stormceptors, underground infiltration tanks designed to accept overflows and hold them releasing slowly as the flood subsides. Measurements of groundwater levels and other parameters indicate that stormceptors at best will be ineffective and at worst, remain full, thereby rendering them useless. This condition occurs over much of the Town where principles of intelligent modern stormwater management have been ignored.

As we go on with our most costly public undertaking, we *must* invoke the principles of Stormwater management for which we voted at our last Town Meeting. The next Selectmen's meeting is on Monday April 28, when the Stormwater Committee will be requesting that the Selectmen undertake several important actions. Among other items, we now have to appoint a new stormwater committee. The old committee burned out so many of its numerous previous members that it looks like a casualty list. Next, the Committee needs a new charge, since the selectmen chose to be responsible for its management. Finally responsibility for duties of the Committee must be assigned. The stormwater committee has six specific duties.

- Conduct public education and outreach
- Advise the Board of Selectman on stormwater projects to alleviate existing and future stormwater pollution and flooding in Cohasset.
- Provide for maintenance of stormwater works and structures
- Develop a program for illicit discharges into the drainage system
- Ensure compliance with federal requirements under Phase II of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.
- Seek funding, through the Town Manager, from grant programs, Town Meeting, and other sources for the study, design and construction of stormwater capital improvement projects.

The Bylaw passed at Town Meeting assigned some of these duties to the Board of Health; some to the Conservation Commission and administration by the Selectmen. Many of the Committee's duties have not been assigned. For example, who writes the required annual report that goes to the Town, State and the EPA?

The Stormwater Committee needs an agent versed in the latest stormwater technology to aid citizens who are having stormwater problems just as the Health Agent and Public Health Nurse aid those needing advice on health and septic system matters.

Lets look at what's been happening in Cohasset. We have one of the largest, and most expensive public works activities in our history going on. Virtually every area in Town is being affected, this after a massive restructuring of the downtown area. Stormwater won't go away and we have the shape of a system in place to help solve its problems. It's up to the Selectmen to integrate the system into the fabric of our existing Town Management.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Relay For Life planned for June 13-14

An important part of Relay is honoring and remembering those people in our lives who have faced cancer.

Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser of the American Cancer Society. Participants raise money by personally collecting donations and organizing group fundraisers prior to or at the event. The money goes towards cancer research, patient services, advocacy and education. It also provides hope to those how have cancer and their family and friends that a cure is available, it provides hope that cancer can be detected in its early stages and it provides hope that cancer is eradicated in our life time. The Hingham/Hull/Cohasset and Scituate Relay will be held on June 13th and 14th organizations clubs, family, friends and coworkers form teams of at least 8-15people and gather at Cohasset High School on the 13th.

Members of the team take turns walking around the track for the duration of the event. An important part of Relay is honoring and remembering those people in our lives who have faced cancer. Each Relay invites cancer survivors in the community to walk a special Survivors Lap. Another focal point of each Relay is the Luminaria Ceremony, held after dark, where candles are sponsored and lit in honor and memory of our loved ones who have battled this disease. Part of what makes Relay for Life special is its atmosphere — the sense of community, camaraderie and hope that permeates the event from start to finish. Hope has become the catchword of Relay, because hope is what it's all about; the hope that one day we will be free from the fear of this terrible disease, that our children will grow up in a world where cancer is no longer fatal. Relay is a time to do something about a danger that seems so much bigger than us, and to know that we are actually making a difference. It is a time to reflect, to remember those who have been lost and those who can still be saved. And it is also a lot of fun to be there with friends and take part in the activities.

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Small steps to greener Cohasset

AEC received grant for daylight pipes and fuel savers

"If the pilot program goes well we hope to evaluate the fuel savers for use on the school bus fleet."
— Andrew Willard, Alternative Energy Committee

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The Alternative Energy Committee is looking for ways big and small to make Cohasset a more energy efficient place. A recent victory in their cause came when they received a Department of Environmental Protection grant to do install two types of energy saving technology on town assets.

The $17,050 municipal sustainability grant will allow the town to save diesel fuel and electricity, primarily in the Department of Public Works. "Tornado fuel savers" will be placed in 16 DPW diesel trucks and "daylight pipes" will be installed in the DPW garage.

Both efforts will be pilot programs and, if successful, could be applied in other areas of town. The Alternative Energy Committee (AEC) is focused on investigating and implementing alternative energy sources that can be used by throughout the municipality.

"The committee feels these small steps are as important as the large ones," says AEC chairman Andrew Willard. The AEC was able to apply and receive the grant with the help of its consultants, Judeth Van Hamm and Joanne Sanders.

According to the manufacturer's website (www.tornadofuelsaver.com), precisely engineered slotted fins convert normal air intake flow into a powerful spinning vortex of air that mixes the air and fuel together, resulting in better fuel mileage and performance. The swirling effect helps to atomise the air/fuel mixture in the combustion chamber which, when exposed to the ignition, results in a more efficient burning of the fuel.

The tornado fuel savers can increase gas mileage anywhere from seven to 15 percent, depending on driving habits and use of the vehicle. Eighteen DPW vehicles will receive these tornado fuel savers.

"With the torpedo fuel savers we will be tracking actual diesel fuel use on DPW trucks versus last year's records. We are looking for a 3 percent decrease in fuel usage," says Willard. A 3 percent decrease in fuel usage saves over one dollar for every 10 gallons of fuel purchased, he said.

"If the pilot program goes well we hope to evaluate the fuel savers for use on the school bus fleet," says Willard.

The cost for all the fuel savers is approximately $900.

The bulk of the grant will be used to install 16 daylight pipes, 15 will be placed in the DPW garage and one will be installed in another municipal building. The second location for a daylight pipe Van Hamm said she would like to see installed a location frequented by residents to increase their visibility.

Daylight pipes are stainless steel tubes, with an acrylic dome cap placed in the roof to allow sunlight into the room below, much like a skylight but more energy efficient.

"This type of light has application in any room with a roof over it," says Van Hamm, including other municipal buildings and residential homes. If this initial group of daylight pipes prove to be a energy saver as is expected, school buildings, police and fire headquarters and the library could all be prime locations for daylight pipes, say Van Hamm.

"They are so simple and really a no brainer," says Van Hamm, who plans to install one in her own home in the near future. "There's use for the municipality and use for residential. It's how you can have a light without turning on a switch."

In addition to saving money and energy, AEC member Sally Ayers says the daylight pipes create a healthier work environment, "it's a nicer and healthier way to light a space than the fluorescent lights."

The daylight pipes at the DPW garage is expected to save the town about half of its electricity cost for that building. The electricity powered lights at the garage will have light sensors, in the event of a cloudy or rainy day.

"The daylight pipes are not replacing the fluorescents, just supplementing them," says Ayers. The grant covers the purchase and installation of the daylight pipes, "we'll be able to do the project without town (funding) assistance," says Ayers.

Both the project is on a very strict timeline; the grant funds must be used by June 30. Ayers says while much of the work the AEC does takes time and effort to show progress, this project will have immediate and visible results.

"There's progress being made, we're going to be saving fuel costs and we're being environmentally conscientious," says Ayers.

Re-vamping school lunch

Food service consultant advises menu changes

"To increase meal participation the menu has to be revamped and then marketed to students and parents."
— Mary Jo Cutler, registered dietician and nutritionist

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The days of mystery meat in school cafeterias are long gone, but still Cohasset schools have been struggling to get kids to buy lunch at school. Efforts are being made to get the students at all three school buildings off the brown bag and back into to the cafeteria line.

Mary Jo Cutler, founder of Cutler Associates and a registered dietician and nutritionist, was hired to do an extensive operational review to help the fledging school lunch program. In the last year, the food service budget which typically is a self-sufficient operation has barely been making back its cost. Cutler's primary goal was to suggest improvements to strengthen the fiscal integrity of the lunch program.

Cutler spent the last couple of months collecting data for her report. She met with parents, teachers, administrators, food service staff and students to get each group's take on school lunch. She visited each school's cafeteria to see it in operation. The result is a 47-page report in which she gives her findings and offers many suggestions to improve the cafeteria and encourage students to purchase lunch.

"It seemed to me the errors were pointing to the menu, which is something fixable," Cutler said.

A re-vamping of the school menu including an increase in fresh fruit and vegetables, more exciting descriptive language of the entrees, and the improvement of a salad bar at the high school were a few of the immediate changes the cafeteria could implement.

"To increase meal participation the menu has to be revamped and then marketed to students and parents," Cutler said. The changes should be monitored to keep track of the acceptance of the menu.

A shift in the menu would focus on fruits and vegetables, salads and healthy sandwiches, suggested Cutler. Each group she talked to expressed a desire for more fresh fruit and vegetables; parents even said they would be willing to pay more for fresh vegetables and fruits were offered.

A removal of convenience type foods, items containing trans fat, and striving to include more organic options were proposed. Bacon and bologna, because of their low nutritional value, are to be taken off the menu completely in May.

Spicing up the menu still has to be done in accordance with Department of Agriculture requirements for school lunches. In her report Cutler gave recipe ideas for new menu items that met the USDA requirement.

Director of Food Services Bob Levy has worked closely with Cutler during the process and is looking forward to making changes to the cafeteria.

"When we opened upstairs (at the middle-high school), it was so well received," said Levy, but in the passing years sales have slipped off.

"It's going to be a challenge, but a challenge we are willing to step up to," said Levy. He plans to continue to educate himself on what other successful school lunch programs are doing. He'll visit other schools in the coming months as well as attend a menu workshop at Framingham State College in May.

Striking a balance between the nutritional needs of the students with what interests their taste buds is a constant struggle, he said.

"The menu items the students buy tend to be not nutritious, there's a balance we need to find," said Levy. Cutler's research named are chicken stir-fry, chili, subs, bagels, buffalo chicken calzone, chicken Caesar wrap and custom sandwiches among the students' favorites.

In addition to menu changes, Levy will begin to implement flow changes at the middle-high school to decrease congestion. While the wait time in the lunch lines isn't particularly long, the set-up of the cafeteria makes the lines seem longer and could be discouraging participation. Simply moving the to-go items to a different part of the cafeteria could increase sales, Levy said.

Cutler suggested the cafeterias move toward automated purchasing and establish an online prepayment method for parents. Sixty-three percent of the survey responders said they would use an online payment system, if available.

The use of Styrofoam products was also discussed. Styrofoam is the cheapest available, but the trays are not recycled. Cutler noted at the elementary level, the trays were often too small to fit all the meal requirements and the students had trouble balancing them.

The School Committee was supportive of the changes suggested; some changes will be piloted before the close of the school year in the hope of ending the fiscal year in the black. Changes in participation will be closely monitored.

"Let's start small and see how it works," said chairman Rick Flynn. He asked Levy to report back near the close of the school year with an update.

Sustainable Cohasset celebrating Earth Day

Celebrate Earth Day with Sustainable Cohasset on this 38th iteration of Earth Day joining with the 1 billion people in 174 countries expected to participate in celebrations.

Sustainable Cohasset will meet at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 22, in the Bartow Room at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Tara Nieves, an environment al educator and healer, will give a celebratory address to be followed by discussion. Food and beverage will be served.

In conjunction with the Earth Day program, Sustainable Cohasset also will be hosting a Spring Environmental Film Series. The first film, "A Crude Awakening," will be shown at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, May 12. The second film will be "Kilowatt Ours," which will be shown at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, June 2, in the Paul Pratt Memorial Library Community Room.

Earth Day event in Hull

The annual Earth Day Sustainable Living Festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, April 19, at Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse, 204 Nantasket Ave., Hull

There will be 28 tables and spaces featuring green sustainable companies and environmental organizations wutg information to help make homes more energy efficient and assist people live a greener lifestyle.

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The lecture is sponsored by the Greenscapes program and the North and South Rivers Watershed Association. Please register by contacting Debbie at 781-659-8168 or e-mail debbie@nsrwa.org

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Cohasset High Boys Lacrosse Notebook

Skippers solid in offensive explosion against Clippers

Cohasset 17, Norwell 5

The Cohasset High boys lacrosse team finally got its formidable offense into high gear playing for the first time on a relatively dry field on a sunny Tuesday afternoon in Norwell.

After taking the lead on an early goal and playing Cohasset pretty even for the first eight minutes, Norwell took a bad penalty for an illegal stick. For the next three minutes, Cohasset had the man advantage with a Norwell player "locked in" to the penalty box. The Skippers took full advantage running off five straight goals with their man-up offense.

Sophomore Will Wise got Cohasset on the board with a beautiful left-handed shot dodging from behind. When Norwell was flagged again, Mark Flibotte scored on a nifty inside roll dodge after a feed from Chuck Czerkawski. Peter Ernst then stuck a shot into the far right corner assisted by Mike Grimm. After a clean face-off win by Czerkawski, Wise found Johnny Wade alone on the crease for a fast break goal. Wise quickly followed with another beautiful feed to Grimm who scored dodging from behind to make the score 5-1 at the end of the first period.

After still another Norwell penalty, Ernst found Grimm alone up top for a top shelf rocket. Grimm scored again less than a minute later with a floater that somehow eluded the Norwell net minder. Scooping a loose ground ball at the midfield line after a failed Norwell clear, Grimm streaked through the middle of the field and beat the goalie with a hard shot at the hip to the off-stick side.

Flibotte found Wade alone on the crease for a quick stick goal and then Flibotte scored twice himself – once on a roll dodge from the side and thirty seconds later on a bull dodge from up top shooting high to low. Nate Porter (with three point blank stops near the end of the half) and the defense led by Jake Cuneo, Cliff Musto, Anderson Lynner and Vince Curran kept Norwell off balance all afternoon.

The first half ended with a 11-2 Skipper lead.

The Cohasset offense kept up the pressure and the domination in the second half. Grimm scored twice unassisted beating his man cleanly dodging from behind.

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Cohasset Dad, John Montgomery, ran the Cohasset Road Race in 43:51.

Cohasset Road Race Flashback

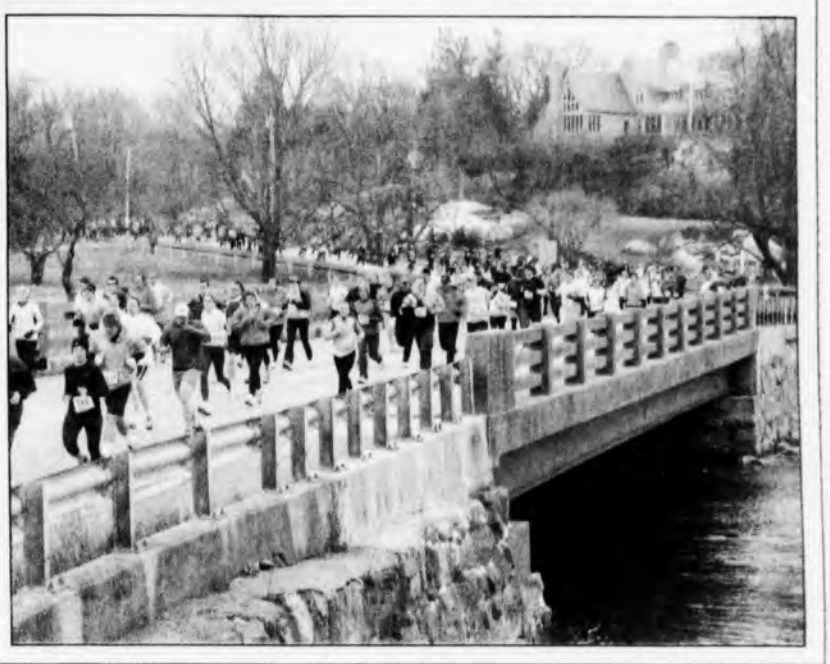
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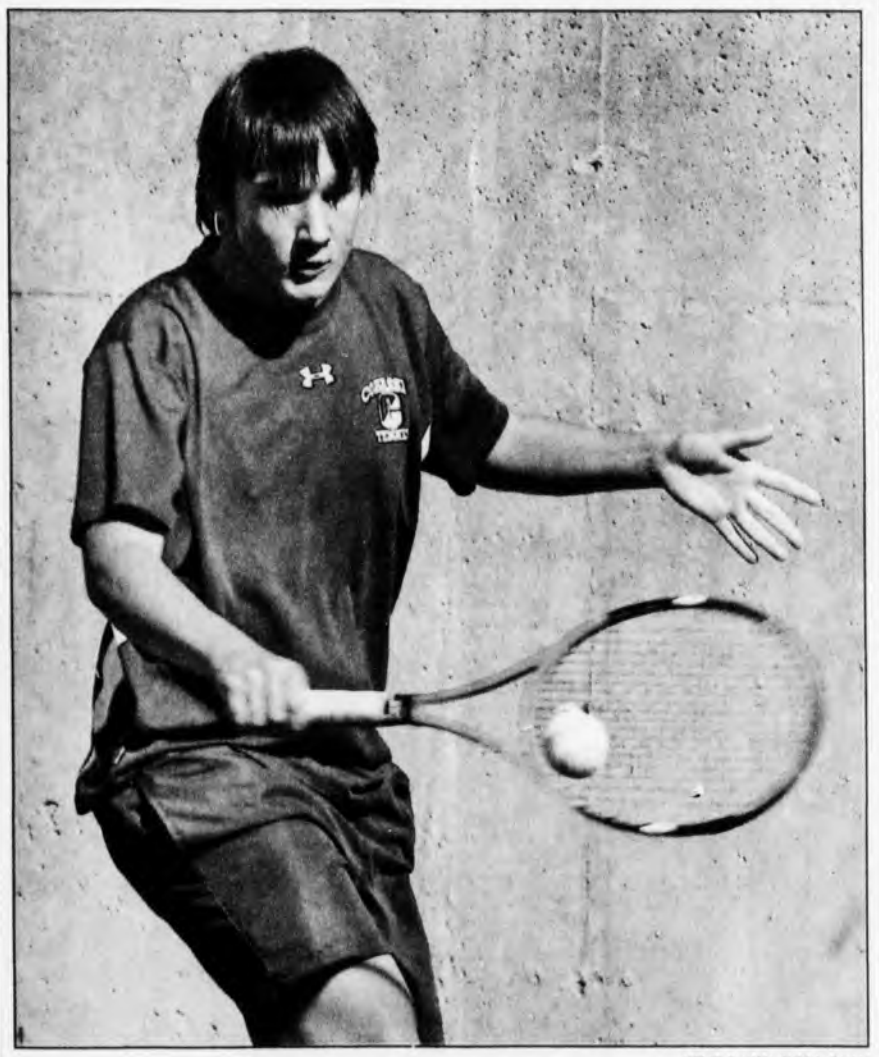
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(Top left) Notre Dame athletes, Alyssa Thompson of Weymouth and Courtney Carroll of Marshfield, were ready to go as they waited for the start of the Cohasset Road Race.

(Right) Runners pass over the Cunningham Bridge during the Cohasset By The Sea Road Race.

Photos by Laura Sinclair





STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset defeated Harwich 5-0 late last week. Victor Hartman (Pictured, last season) won 6-1, 6-1 at first singles. Ryan Crough (6-4, 6-4) and Dan Brady (6-1, 6-0) won at second and third singles. First doubles team of Mike Filby and Ivan Sceery won 6-1, 6-1. Second doubles team of Mark D'Antonio and Robbie Hill won 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Lady Skippers head into vacation week on bad note

Two big losses sandwich win over Fairhaven

The Cohasset High girls lacrosse team went 1-2 over the last week with a 19-10 win against Fairhaven, Friday, April11, and losses to Duxbury (22-3, Thursday, April 10) and Norwell (17-1, Wednesday, April 16).

The Skippers are now 3-2 overall, 1-1 in the South Shore Legaue.

"I have never felt so good about an ugly loss as I did in Duxbury, and I have never been so disappointed with a wide-margin win as with these two games," Cohasset head coach Chuck Jaffe said through e-mail Sunday afternoon. "This team needs to find its identity, which is hard when you are playing feast-or-famine games where the opponents are either very weak or very strong. Regardless of the opponent, we need to come out and play at our top level, and we certainly haven't done that yet."

Cohasset's struggles continued against Norwell.

"We basically played defense all night," Jaffe said "And while our effort was solid, you simply can't give a team like Norwell that many possessions and expect to compete with them. Our inability to control draws and to settle the ball on offense were real issues; but we also will be a different team by the time we see Norwell again at the end of the season. We have a lot of room for improvement."

Thursday, the Skippers traveled to Duxbury to play the defending Division 2 State champions. After tying the game 1-1 on a Kaci Kucinski free-position shot, Duxbury ran off the next 10 goals. Caitlin Mahoney scored two of the next three goals in the game, both on free-position shots, but 12-3 was as close as Cohasset ever got, as Duxbury ran off to a 22-3 win.

Amanda Masotta played a particularly strong game in the net. According to Jaffe "which might be a surprise given how many goals she surrendered, but she saw more rubber than a tourist in a tire factory and things would have been much worse had she not come up with several point-blank saves."

Despite losing by 19, the Skippers came through this game with their head up, having worked hard to see a lot of kids play at that level, trying a lot of new and different things and being willing to pay for mistakes in order to come away from the game smarter.

"The effort level was outstanding throughout, despite the score," Jaffe said.

Friday Cohasset played a brand new Fairhaven team. After rushing out to a three-goal lead, Cohasset gave up an end-to-end run that made the score 3-1. The same kind of defensive lapse happened again to make the score 5-2, and two more poor defensive plays made the score 6-4.

"That was particularly alarming because the same Fairhaven squad had been badly outmatched against Cohasset's junior varsity team in a scrimmage in late March," Jaffe said.

The host Skippers bounced back to make the score 11-5 at the half, and after trading goals in the first minute of the second stanza, broke free for four goals to salt the game away. From there, the two teams traded goals to a 19-10 final.

Kelsey Erler, Kayla Farren, Lindsay Hill and Amy Meikleham each scored three goals in the game, with Hill adding two assists and Erler one. Caitlin Mahoney scored two more goals, giving her the team lead with seven scores through four games.

Hannah Burgess added a goal and an assist. Isabelle Franklin, Kaci Kucinski, Chelsea Silvia and Olivia Murphy added solo markers; for Silvia, a sophomore, it was her first varsity goal, as she finished a feed from Kaleigh Teague.

Amanda Masotta made six saves on the day.



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Cohasset Sports Partnership launches its got turf? campaign

Along with election signs and Cohasset Road Race signs, Cohasset residents may have noticed green "got turf?" signs popping up all over town. This marked the kick-off of the newly-formed Cohasset Sports Partnership's got turf? campaign, a fundraising effort to bring a turf field to Cohasset Middle High School. The Cohasset Sports Partnership's mission is to improve and maintain Cohasset's athletic facilities and programs and is affiliated with the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund.

The Cohasset Sports Partnership (CSP) held a kick-off event at Atlantica on Saturday night where 150 interested people gathered to hear CSP President, George McGoldrick, along with CSP Vice President, Bill Cavanaro, unveil the first major project of building a turf field in Cohasset. The School Committee has proposed a new synthetic turf field and the CSP is seeking to supplement the funding of the field.

Coaches from most high school varsity teams that play field sports also spoke about the many benefits of turf fields ranging from injury prevention, not having to reschedule games due to rain outs, field longevity, and lower maintenance costs. Also featured as a speaker was Weymouth's long time Athletic Director, Bob Donovan, who oversaw a turf field installation at Weymouth High. He talked about the many benefits it has yielded the town.

Cohasset High Varsity and JV boys and girls lacrosse teams were to hold their annual Spirit Day hosting four games. They were all cancelled due to poor field conditions from the previous day's rain. Spirit Day would not have been cancelled with a turf field!

The CSP hopes to raise a portion of the funds for the field through private donations, grants and sponsorships.

To find out more about the Got turf? campaign go to www.CohassetSportsPartnership.org



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Emmy McGoldrick holds the "got turf" sign.

Early decision

Girls tennis team gets by league rival 4-1 Tuesday

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High girls tennis team is off to a 5-0 start after beating Norwell, 4-1 Tuesday afternoon. The match-up with the Clippers has historically been one of the better ones in South Shore League play and Tuesday was no different.

Cohasset coach Gigi Meehan was thrilled after things wrapped up.

"It was good tennis all-around," Meehan said. "Every time we play Norwell, it's a very comparable program, it's not going to be a blowout on either side. "We're ecstatic to come away with 4-1 win, it's usually 3-2 either way."

Meg Anderson dropped first singles to Susan Bitetti (one of the areas best players, along with Anderson).

"Meg played great," Meehan said, despite the tough loss.

Cohasset's Maddy Altholtz made quick work at third singles, 6-0, 6-2 to wrap up the first team point.

"She had a solid performance," Meehan said. "She just goes out there and plays her game."

First doubles, Maggie McGoldrick and Jean Thomae, won 6-1, 6-1, to put the Skippers up 2-1. That left two very tight battles still raging at second singles and second doubles.

The second doubles team won 6-3, 5-7, 6-0, to give Cohasset the win. That took some pressure off Sally Meehan at second singles. According to Coach Meehan, second singles usually decides matters when these two teams meet.

Meehan won 6-4, in the first set and then won all seven points in the tiebreaker to take her match.

The girls beat Notre dame Academy, 4-1 Monday.

Anderson and Altholtz won first and third singles and both doubles teams won as well.

"We knew going in it was going to be tough," Meehan said about the Notre Dame match. "It was a tight match everybody played well. It was one of those matches that is a nice non-league match and it was excellent competition."

Cohasset also beat Harwich last Thursday, 4-1, on the road.

Anderson, Meehan, Altholtz and Thomae and McGoldrick all won.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Cohasset's Meg Anderson makes a shot last season against Norwell. Anderson and the Lady Skippers pulled out a 4-1 win against Norwell, Tuesday afternoon.

Cohasset Swim Center offers swim lesson program

Summer is almost here! Membership and swim lesson registration is starting April 15. American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim Program is offered at the Cohasset Swim Center. The C.S.C is offering EARLY BIRD membership rates for registrations postmarked by May 23. C.S.C. Members need to mail-in their membership and swim registration forms together - postmarked by May 23 and SAVE.

More detailed information and online registration forms can be found on the Cohasset Swim Center website www.cohassetswimcenter.com .

We will not be mailing out a brochure this year.

Swim Lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions: Session I: June 25 - July 6, Session II: July 9 - July 20, Session III: July 23 - August 3, Session IV: August 6 - August 17.

For non-members and members that missed the May 23 deadline, walk-in registration for swim lessons will be held on June 14 at the C.S.C. from 9am-Noon. First come, First service.

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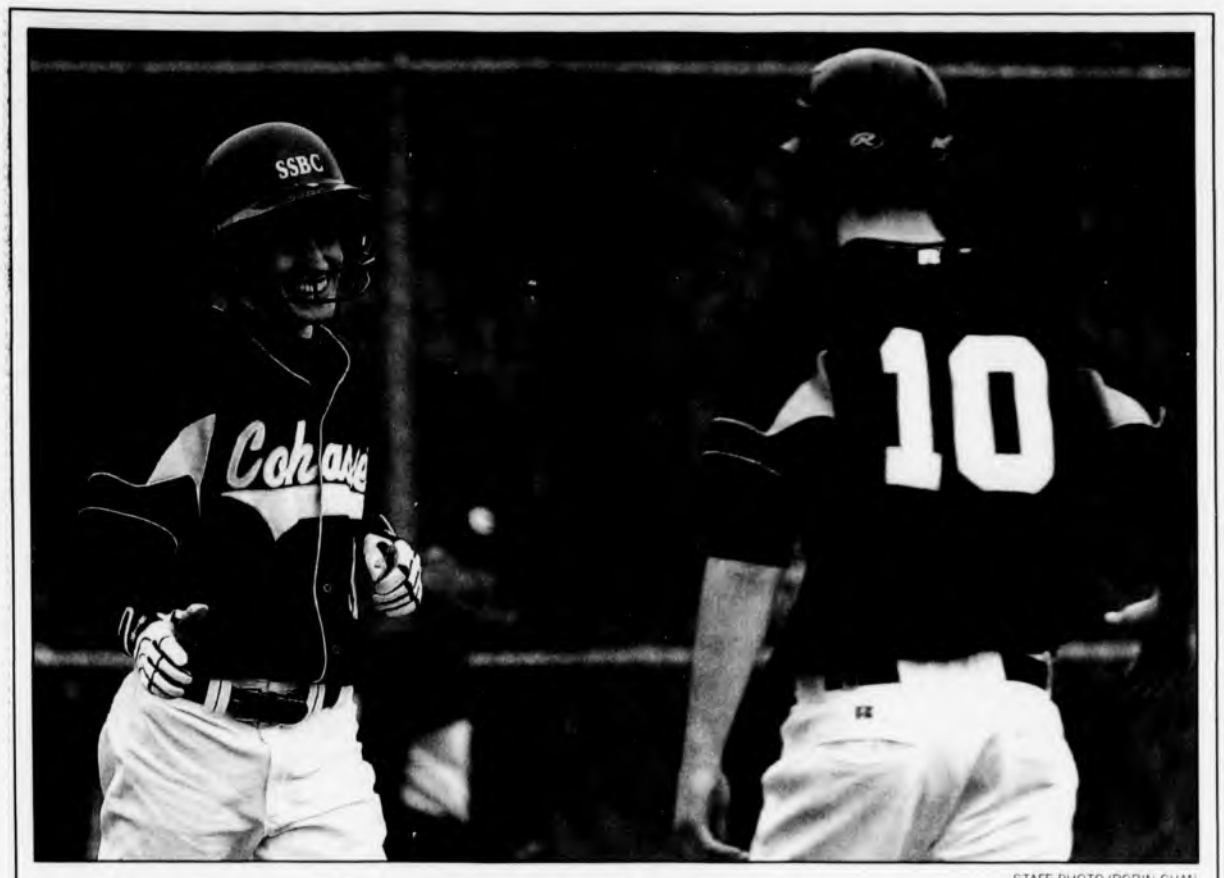
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Cohasset's John Sturino (14) smiles while replacing Dave Snowdale as a pinch runner.

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Boys Varsity Baseball
All games at 3:30 p.m. unless stated

April		Time
25	Cardinal Spellman	10 a.m.
26	Arch. Williams	10 a.m.
29	Carver	
May		
1	@Hull	
5	Mashpee	
6	Abington	
8	@Harwich	4 p.m.
12	Norwell	
13	@E. Bridgewater	
15	@Carver	
19	Hull	
20	@Mashpee	4 p.m.
22	@Sacred Heart	

Girls Varsity Softball
All games at 3:30 p.m. unless stated

April		
26	Rockland	12 p.m.
29	@Carver	
30	Scituate	4 p.m.
May		
1	Hull	
5	@Mashpee	
6	@Abington	
8	Harwich	
12	@Norwell	
13	E. Bridgewater	
15	Carver	
19	@Hull	
20	Mashpee	
22	@Scituate	4 p.m.

Boys Varsity Tennis
All games at 3:30 p.m. unless stated

April		
28	@Sacred Heart	
29	Carver	
May		
1	@Scituate	
5	Mashpee	
6	Abington	
8	@Harwich	4 p.m.
12	Norwell	
14	Hingham	
15	@Carver	
19	Duxbury	
20	@Mashpee	4 p.m.
23	Sacred Heart	

Girls Varsity Tennis
All games at 3:30 p.m.

April		
28	@Hingham	
29	@Carver	
May		
5	@Mashpee	
6	@Abington	
8	Harwich	
12	@Norwell	
13	E. Bridgewater	
15	Carver	
19	@Duxbury	
20	Mashpee	
21	Rockland	

Boys Varsity Lacrosse

April		
19	@Seacoast Cup	TBA
24	@Dover-Sherborn	11 a.m.
25	@Hull	11 a.m.
29	Mashpee	4 p.m.
May		
1	@Pembroke	4 p.m.
3	@Arlington	4 p.m.
6	@Hanover	4 p.m.
8	Weston	4 p.m.
12	Marshfield	7 p.m.
14	Barnstable	4 p.m.
15	@Hingham	4:30 p.m.
19	Nantucket	5 p.m.
22	Tabor	6 p.m.

Girls Varsity Lacrosse

April		
29	@Mashpee	4 p.m.
May		
1	Pembroke	3:30 p.m.
3	@Hopkinton	3:30 p.m.
6	Hanover	3:30 p.m.
8	@Hingham	4 p.m.
9	@Bishop Feehan	4 p.m.
13	@Hull	3:30 p.m.
15	Notre Dame	6:30 p.m.
19	@Fairhaven	4:30 p.m.
21	@Norwell	7 p.m.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse

The U15 Blue Team highlights

The Cohasset Lacrosse Boys U15 Blue team finished the day Sunday with their second win of the season. The game ended 11-4 against a tough but overmatched Abington squad.

Robby Mahoney started off the scoring with a nice individual effort. The Cohasset squad showed their tenacity as they out hustled the Abington team and consistently won the ground ball battle that led to numerous fast breaks. Charlie Neaves (one goal, two assists) playing midfield had several assists. One early in the contest where he picked up a ground ball in the defensive end sprinted out of the zone to lead a classic fast break, feeding Brennan Bukowski (two goals, one assists) for the finish.

Charlie also spent some time at close defense where he supplemented the defense led by Geoff "Goff" Swain, Teddy Pastos and Alec Hurd. The defense was outstanding as they kept the Abington players from getting many shots on goal. Danny "CZ" Czerkawski (one goal, one assist) played a stellar game on both sides of the field, leading several fast breaks where he assisted Bukowski on a score and on the other end of the tandem when he converted a nice give an go pass from Brennan.

In only the second game of his career, Peter Hinman (two goals, one assist) found the net twice while also gaining an assist on a nice pass to Alec Hurd (one goal) who finished impressively. Alec chipped in at both defense and attack.

Jimmy Lydon was tough in net all day, holding the Abington team scoreless through three quarters and surrendering only four goals on the day. Jimmy continues to shine between the pipes. Hunter Forrer (one assist) picked up an assist as he found Peter Hinman on the crease for a score after a nice hustling effort to get the ball into the attack.

Hunter played his usual unselfish game chipping in where needed. Also of note was the fine midfield play of Drew Nahill and John Collins with multiple ground balls. Collins as usual was on the winning end of most of the face-offs. The win was a total team effort with contributions from every player on the roster.

CYBSA field clean-up day

Opening Day is nearly here and it's time to get the diamonds in shape. The CYBSA will be holding it's annual field clean-up day on Saturday, April 19 at 7:00 a.m. at Barnes Field. We will have a good supply of the necessary rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows etc. on hand, however we ask that if you have a spare rake please bring it, along with work gloves, elbow grease and a great attitude. Even if you can only come for a short time, it will be helpful, so we ask that you please make the effort to help get the fields looking their best for the upcoming season. Thanks and we hope to see you on Saturday.

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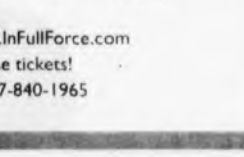
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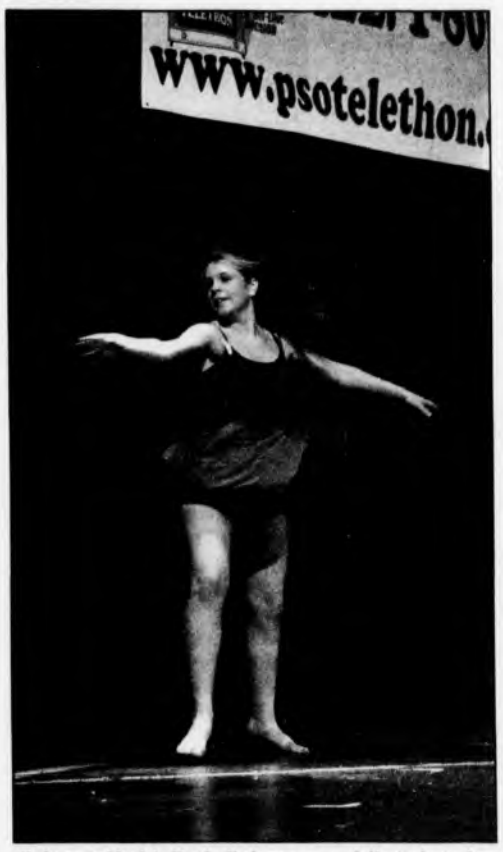
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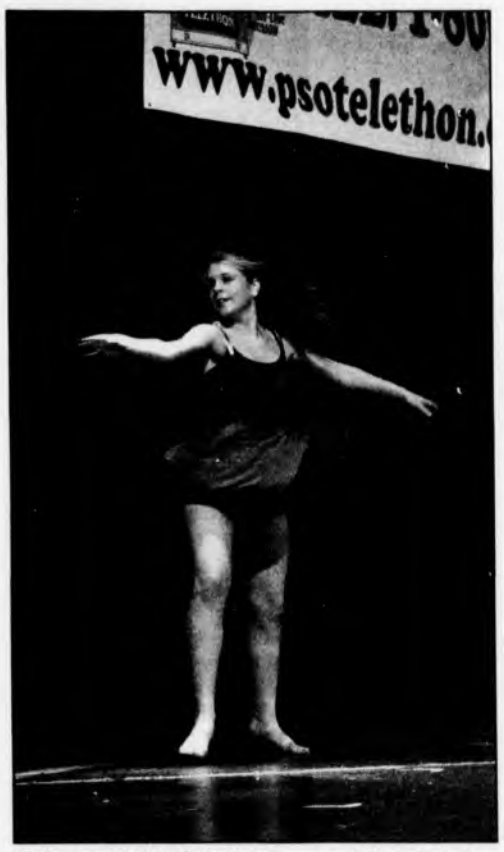
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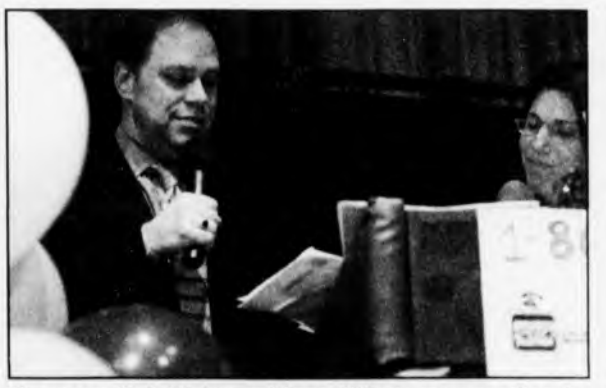
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Can you believe it; we are already beginning the final quarter of this year? And with the start of spring sports there is definitely a plethora of athletic events to attend. Who needs to concern themselves with the upcoming Olympic events when CHS is providing equally entertaining sports now! But who am I kidding (sorry CHS sports fans)? Nothing beats the sometimes melodramatic and overwhelmingly patriotic festivities that the summer Olympics boast every four years. Oh, the agonies and the ecstasies.

Drifting away from sports, here is a new idea, summertime! Only 26 days for seniors and slightly more for underclassmen. The excitement can barely be contained these days. It doesn't help that after this Friday it's Spring Break '08! That is all kids need now, more time to take their minds of academics and team practices. Suffice to say, all the bronzed faces and beach vacations can only result in heightened anticipation for summer! With many seniors already advertising their future schools via sweatshirts and other apparel, the reality of next year is starting to sink in.

Now, it's time for the run down of this week's main events:

• Monday: Production for the last installment of "The Spinnaker" is underway. This issue is bound to be the best one yet! Don't forget to pick one up when the time comes. Furthermore, The Girl's Tennis team served up a nice win over Notre Dame, winning 4-1!

• Tuesday: The Varsity Boys Lacrosse team defeated Norwell. The tennis team also played big rivals Norwell and won 4-1. These girls are on a roll!

• Wednesday: The Varsity Girls Lacrosse team suited it up as they faced off on home turf against Norwell. Additionally, it was the deadline for senior scholarship applications.

• Thursday: The Girl's Softball and Tennis teams traveled to East Bridgewater to compete on enemy grounds. Luckily for the boys, their baseball game versus EB was played on Cohasset's very own Beechwood field.

• Friday: The last day before Spring Break!!

Well, that's it for me this week. Have a fun and safe vacation everyone!

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Family, friends and teachers watch Sunday's Spelling Bee held at Cohasset High School Auditorium. The event was the Cohasset Education Foundation's 1st Annual Spelling Bee. A total of 160 area schoolchildren took part in the event. **SEE MORE PHOTOS PAGE 25**

CEF hosts first Spelling Bee

By Sarah Murphy
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

What is a competition without controversy? Several of the fourth grade teams were quickly eliminated by the word B-E-L-I-E-V-E, which will undoubtedly be moved to the Challenge Word List next year!

The Cohasset Education Foundation's Children's Spelling Bee was a huge success, raising more than $5,000 for the Cohasset Public Schools. Spellers in grades two through five participated in this first annual event at the Cohasset Middle High School. The auditorium was abuzz with great excitement as 160 spellers eagerly anticipated their chance to go on stage with their teammates and test their skills. Parents, community members and school faculty alike came out to support the Foundation's efforts.

Emcee Superintendent, Dr. Denise Walsh had her work cut out for her with the second grade teams. The PSO's Read-A-Thon had prepared them well as 17 teams competed for over an hour to get down to three teams. With only "The Queen Bees," "The Golden Hornets" and the "Bee Friends" left, Dr. Walsh had to come up with a difficult word. And, it was the word D-I-F-F-I-C-U-L-T that ended the Bee. Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan proudly presented the trophies to the second grade champions, Caitlin Conrad, Aidan Chamberlain and Emily Moy of "Bee Friends."

You could feel the excitement as Town Manager Bill Griffin announced the 51 third grade spellers. After three rounds of competition you could hear a pin drop as emcee Beth Marat, a foreign language teacher at the CMHS, pronounced – vegetable – a plant with edible parts – My favorite vegetable is broccoli – vegetable. "The Buzz Bombs," "The Der-Bees" and the "Spelltics" had a challenging championship round, until the Spelltics were the only team to correctly spell C-O-U-G-H. Congratulations Brigie Driscoll, Claire Glavin and Katie McKeon.

What is a competition without controversy? Several of the fourth grade teams were quickly eliminated by the word B-E-L-I-E-V-E, which will undoubtedly be moved to the Challenge Word List next year! I am certain that fourth grade teacher Mike Lewis, who also served as a judge, was impressed when the "Secret Weapon" word list had to be used to end a round of competition. Emcees and hosts of "Our Town," Pat Martin and Mark DiGiacomo, kept the competition lively and spirited as the "POLLENators," "J.A.M" and "Bee Happy" teams battled through words like announcer and dynamite, but it was P-E-R-S-I-S-T that had Principal Dr. Jennifer deChiara on stage handing out trophies to Morgan Fechter, Julia Stanganelli and Maria Waters of the "Bee Happy" team.

The "Busy Buzzers," "Joybuzzers," "Spelling Buzzers" and "Super Spellers" of grade five had only one round of competition. It was highly competitive with many challenging words. Luckily we had firefighter Ron Forde and police officer Lisa Matos on hand as judges to perform CPR if necessary. Emcee CMHS teacher Stephanie Noble, along with additional judges and volunteers, Ralph and Jackie Dormitzer, and Paul and Tanya Carlson, were impressed with all of the fifth-grade spellers on stage and grateful not to have to spell the winning word, E-N-V-I-R-O-N-M-E-N-T. Way to go, "Spelling Buzzers," Bridgette Berube, Sara Chojnacki and Christine Guinee.

Hats off to all of the spelling bee participants for their effort and for mastering the sport of spelling. They are all winners.

Deer Hill School to host 'Favorites 2008'

Deer Hill School will host a gala art opening at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, April 30. This art show, titled "Favorites 2008," represents the artwork of all Deer Hill students. Each student has chosen his/her favorite artwork of the year to be included in this exhibit. There will be refreshments and music. All are invited to attend, and admission is free.

In addition to this year's annual art show, Deer Hill will be celebrating the grand unveiling of a permanent clay installation created by Deer Hill fifth grade students. For more information on this event, call art teacher Ann Berman at 781-383-6115.

Social Service League offering scholarship

The Social League of Cohasset is accepting applications for the Margaret F. Loud R.N. Scholarship. Applicants must be seniors in high school or residents of the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell or Scituate who intend to begin or further studies in the fields of nursing, social work or allied health fields. One scholarship for $2,000 or two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each will be awarded for the 2008-2009 academic year. The scholarship is merit based.

Applications are available at the League office in Cohasset between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., or in each high school guidance office. All applications must be submitted by mail to the Social Service League of Cohasset, 790 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset, MA 02025 no later than April 30. For more information, call 781-383-0771.

Aquarion Earth Day Scholarship Contest

Aquarion Water Co. of Massachusetts, which supplies water to Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Oxford and Millbury, is holding its fifth annual Earth Day essay contest for high school seniors graduating in June of in these service towns. The theme is "Water is precious; how much do we need?" One essay from each town will be chosen to win a scholarship that will be paid directly to the college the student will attend. Contest deadline is April 30.

Essays should be no more than 500 words, typed and double-spaced. Entries will be judged on clarity, punctuation, accuracy, creativity and adherence to topic. At least two sources should be cited. All entries must have a cover page with the essay's title and the writer's name, telephone number, school and home addresses, teacher and grade level.

Essays should be submitted to: Aquarion Water Co., 900 Main St., Hingham, MA 02043, Attention: Martin Cohn.

For more information, call Martin Cohn at 617-962-3136.

Registration ongoing for Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration for the 2008-2009 school year has begun. Registration will be at Osgood School, daily, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents will be asked to indicate interest in full-day kindergarten or half-time kindergarten at the time or registration. Parents are also encouraged to register early to facilitate planning for programs.

Children who turn 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2008, are eligible to attend kindergarten. A birth certificate and proof of residency are required in order to register.

For more information, call Osgood School at 781-383-6117.

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Event raises money for Cohasset Education Foundation



Bumble Bee colored balloons greet the competing teams for Cohasset Education Foundation's 1st Annual Spelling Bee held Sunday at the Cohasset High School's auditorium.



Winning Grade 4 Team "Bee Happy," from left, Morgan Fechter,10, center, Maria Waters,10, and Julia Stanganelli,10, show off their winning trophies.



Nine-year-old Charlie Krumsiek from Team Spellbound attempts to blow a few bubbles while waiting to take part in Cohasset's Education Foundation 1st Annual Spelling Bee held Sunday afternoon at the Cohasset High School



Students from Deer Hill and Osgood compete in the Cohasset Education Foundation's First Annual Spelling Bee held Sunday afternoon at Cohasset High School.



Fourth graders file on stage for the Cohasset Education Foundation's 1st Annual Spelling Bee held Sunday afternoon. At right, Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacamo, co-hosts of Our Town, go over the specifics of the next round.



Cohasset Spelling Bee Champs Bridgie Driscoll, Clare Glavin and Katie McKeon, of Spellties, hold onto their trophies after winning the Grade 3 round during Cohasset's Education Foundation 1st Annual Spelling Bee



The Sporting Bees, from left , John Harzich, Mathias Loft, and Joe Campbell, work on the word given to them to spell during Cohasset's Education Foundation's Spelling Bee held Sunday afternoon.

PHOTOS BY CRAIG GOEDECKE



Olivia Wilson of the Three Bees in a Hive team holds her answer card for the Judges. Spellers in grades two through five participated in this first annual event at Cohasset Middle High School.



Will Gildea holds the team's answer to the spelling of "Poem" to the Judges, while Matt Monte Fusco, right, looks on. (John Paul Adams, seated at far left, is not pictured). The Team's name was The Big Three. The trio was part of the Grade 4 Teams.



Meghan Considine, Morgan Healey, and Michael Durkin nervously await the Judges results for the correct spelling of Octue, (Spanish word for October).



Cohasset Education Foundation's 1st Annual Spelling Bee Judges and time keepers from left to right Leslie Diminie, Osgood School Librarian; Roger Hill of Cohasset's Advisory Committee; Town Manager Bill Griffin; and Time Keeper Julia DeWaal, Osgood Kindergarten teacher, kept the Spelling Bee contestants in line with the correct or incorrect signs.

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Now's the time to head to the Caribbean

Stephen Jermanok
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

BOSTON - My coupon-carrying mom taught me to love a good bargain. And one of the best bargains in travel happens every April 15, when prices in the Caribbean drop dramatically until high season picks up again in mid-December.

Spring is a great time to visit the region. Unlike Central America, where the rainy season rears its ugly head in the spring, the Caribbean gets very little rain this time of year. Temperatures hover in the mid-80s. So the islands continue to tease us with their bright sunshine while many of us are still dealing with a cold and often damp April and May. And without the winter crowds you may have the beach practically to yourself.

But what about summer and those dreaded hurricanes, you ask? Summer happens to be a great time to visit too. Hurricane season starts in early June and runs through October, with August and September usually the height of the stormy season. The good news is, unlike tornadoes, hurricanes come with advance warning. Travelers who have the flexibility to wait until the last minute will know exactly where the hurricanes are headed if they are, indeed, in the region. The reward for your brave undertaking is a big discount at resorts off the exorbitant high-season rates - look for savings of up to 50 percent.

And not all the region is hurricane prone. If you are afraid of storms, head to the southern Caribbean, especially the "ABC" islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. The last major hurricane to slap those islands was way back in 1877. Visit the ABCs - as well as neighbors Trinidad, Tobago and Margarita Island, just off the Venezuelan coast - and you have less than a 2 percent chance of encountering a major storm, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Another southern island, Barbados, has no time to fret about bad weather: They celebrate their annual Crop Over, a five-week festival with live calypso music every night, parades and more, pegged to the sugar harvest in August.

Caribbean deals are sweet this year as hotels and airlines try to court travelers in a sluggish economy. Holiday Inn Sunspree Resorts in Jamaica and Aruba have launched a 50 percent off sale from April through the end of June. For $180 a night per room, a family of four can stay at an all-inclusive resort on the beach in Montego Bay. The Aruba property's rate is a bit more expensive, at $283 per room, but it's still a great deal when you consider all food and alcohol are included in the cost. Call 888-HOLIDAY or visit www.holidayinn.com, and mention promo code 150.

Lush St. Lucia has created its own Web site, www.stlucianow.com, to give travelers a slice of paradise on the cheap. Book through the end of April for travel through June 20 and you could be staying at the four-star boutique hotel Coco Kreole for a four-day, three-night getaway. Cost is $599 per person, round-trip, including flight from the East Coast.

Resorts on the U.S. Virgin Islands, St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John, have banded together for a Sizzling Summer Savings promotion that offers a free fifth night and various resort credits and gift cards at shops. Properties across the islands are participating including The Buccaneer on St. Croix, The Westin St. John and the Wyndham Sugar Bay Beach Resort & Spa on St. Thomas. The offer is valid for bookings made from May through October. Find more information at usvitourism.vi.

The Dominican Republic and Mexico are the best value travel destinations in the Caribbean year-round. On the newly discovered North Coast of the Dominican Republic, check out the Allegro Playa Dorada, an all-inclusive near Puerto Plata that's letting kids stay for free from May until the end of December. Save as much as $730 on a five-night getaway, with all-inclusive summer rates as low as $173 per night. All the Occidental-Allegro properties in Mexico (Allegro Cozumel, Allegro Nuevo Vallarta, Allegro Playacar) have similar deals this summer. Call 800-858-2258 or visit www.occidentalhotels.com.

There's a new reason to be joyous on the white sands of Antigua's Jolly Beach. From April through late December, the all-inclusive Jolly Beach Resort (866-905-6559, www.jollybeachresort.com) will take an additional 15 percent off for adults and let the first child stay free. Summer rates from $250 per night.

On Grand Bahama Island, stay in Freeport at the Sheraton Grand Bahama Island Our Lucaya (800-325-3535, www.starwoodhotels.com) and you'll no doubt be saying TGIF. Their "Free Fridays" program allows guests to book a three-night stay for only $178 per person, through Sept. 1. Add $5 per child, 11 and under. The promotion also includes a free breakfast, happy hour and unlimited golf on Fridays.

It's your choice this summer. Fight the crowds at your favorite U.S. beach spot or leave your footprint in the Caribbean sand.

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Enjoy views of the Pitons and Caribbean sea on St. Lucia.

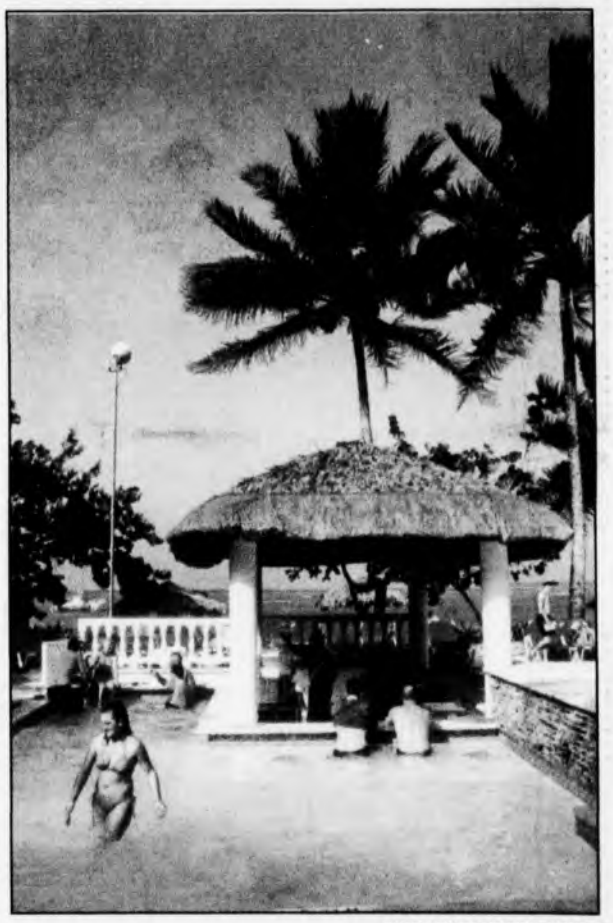


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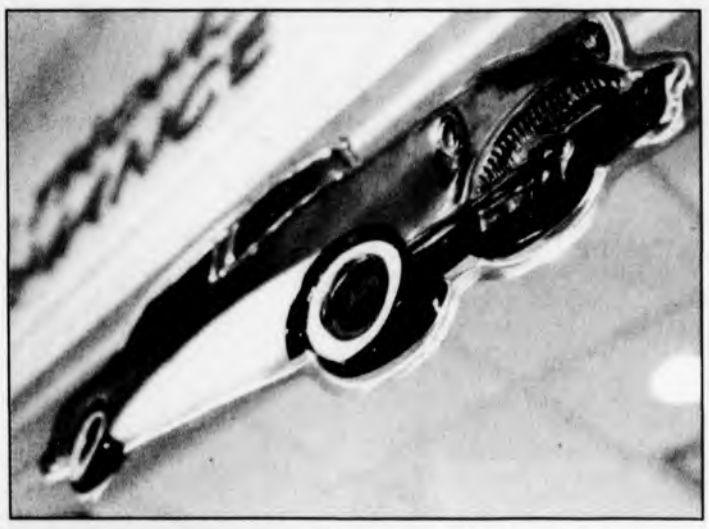
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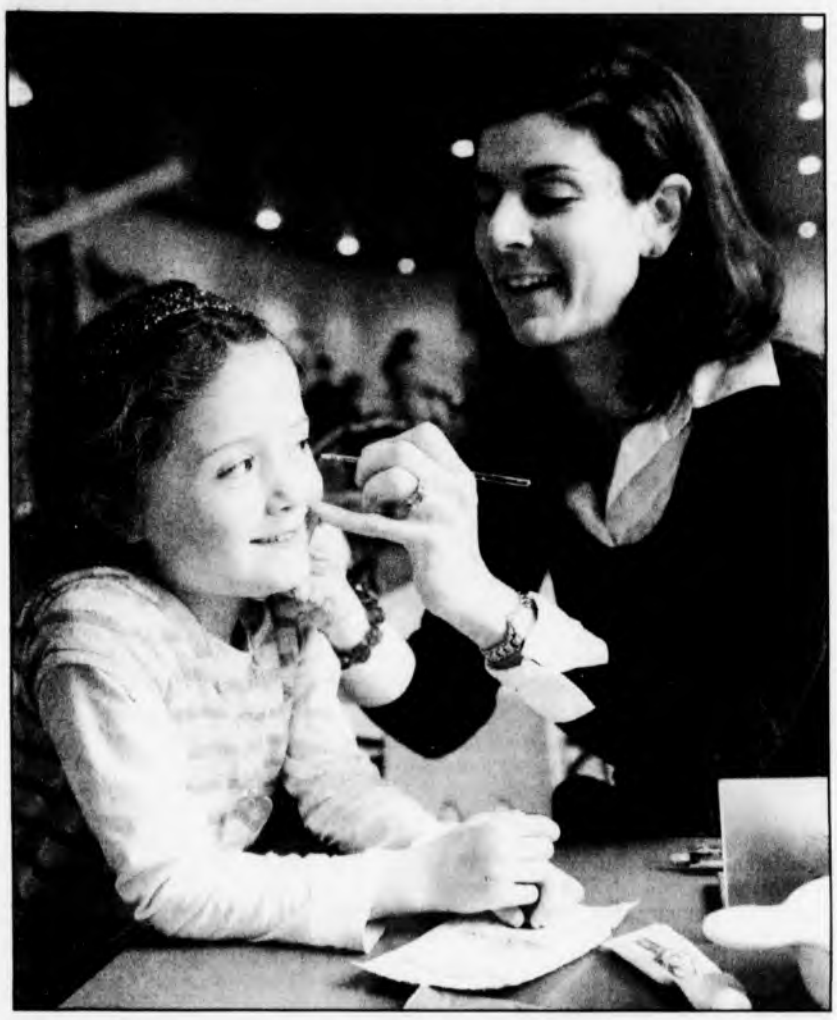
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(Right) Sam Keene plays with Hula Hoop. For more about Our World, call 781-383-3198.

(Left) Meghan Smith gets all dolled up by Sharon Chase at the Our World Museum's 50s-style family fundraiser last Friday.

(Top left) Kelly Preston shows she can master the Hula Hoop during 50s night at Our World last Friday.

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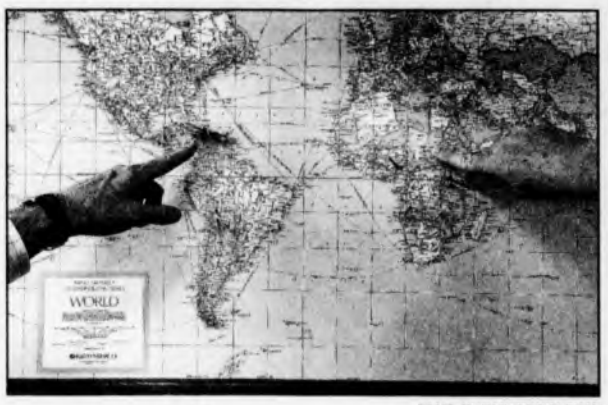
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Dick Weisberg points to the six projects they have in Haiti and the Dominican Republic while Tim Bilodeau points to their project in the Darfur province of Sudan on a world map in their office. They have 16 projects throughout the world.

Timothy Bilodeau, a resident of neighboring Hull, created Medicines for Humanity because he wanted to make a real difference in the world.

People often set that as their goal, but Bilodeau is actually doing it. MFH, with strong ties to Hingham and other South Shore communities, offers a lifeline to children in developing countries. (Residents of Hingham, Duxbury, Hanover, Hull, and Sharon serve on the board and as staff members, along with members from European cities such as Geneva, Switzerland, and Grenoble, France, and other regions of the United States.)

"There's no other problem that matches the injustice of innocent children dying from diseases that are simple to treat or prevent," said Bilodeau, who serves as executive director.

Bilodeau's wife, Cathy, teaches for the South Shore Collaborative, which has classrooms in several South Shore towns. She currently teaches a classroom of autistic children at their Norwell location.

This Rockland-based non-profit organization helps replace the cycle of death and despair with one of life and hope by providing reliable healthcare providers in impoverished communities in Africa, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Central and South America with critically needed basic medicines.

MFH is able to purchase medicines from European sources and suppliers at about five percent of wholesale prices. (*See related sidebar.*)

MFH also helps its partners to implement effective healthcare initiatives. More partnerships with developing countries are in the works. "It's one person, community, and site at a time," Bilodeau said.

"Twenty thousand children die each day because they lack basic healthcare and medicines," said Hingham resident Richard Weisberg, MFH's director of development. "As frustrating as it is that we can help only about 1 percent of those children, we do know the names of the people we're helping in these communities. Our partners are our heroes. Day after day they're in the trenches in unbelievable conditions making magic happen as they improve healthcare for women and children."

"Dr. Damian Javier (known as "Dr. Tony"), who serves 32 bateye communities (little villages set among the sugar cane fields) in the Dominican Republic, is one example of this dedication to helping children, even under difficult conditions.

"These people are the equivalent of modern-day slaves," Weisberg said. "They live in shacks made of crates and rusted metal, with no running water or electricity. But their children are beautiful. They are loving people, but they know no other existence. Yet share the same hopes for their families as we do — health, happiness, and peace of mind."

Javier was one of those children many years ago. Because he wanted a better life, he walked five miles over rutted roads and through sugar cane fields to attend high school in a neighboring town. He did so well that an individual he met took an interest in him and paid for him to go to college, where he earned a medical degree.

"Dr. Tony is still in the Dominican Republic today, because he promised himself if he ever became a doctor he wouldn't forget where he came from," Weisberg said. "Every day he puts on clean clothes and polished shoes and drives a mobile van into the bateyes to examine children and fill prescriptions. It's an amazing story."

What hits closest to home for Weisberg is that under different circumstances, "this could be me and my children. We all have the same innocent beginning in live, but these children are faced with this horrible existence because there's no infrastructure in their communities to support their lives," he said. "Our purpose is to protect these innocent children."

Bilodeau founded MFH in 1997 on the premise that no child should die from lack of these basics. Weisberg came onboard later after the two men met when their sons were on the same basketball team. They coached together effectively then, and that same team approach and spirit continue today in their MFH work.

"Dick and I are both passionate about what we're doing. We feel that lives are in jeopardy if we don't take action," Bilodeau said. "To the extent we're successful, lives will be saved. To the extent that we're not, lives will be lost. We share a sense of responsibility as well as fulfillment."

Bilodeau shared the events that led up to the creation of MFH.

"When I was 40 years old, I felt a desire, dating back to my 1960s youth, to get involved in something meaningful beyond the executive search work I was doing," Bilodeau said.

"After reading a story about the Por Cristo agency, which sends doctors to work with children in Ecuador, I decided I wanted to get involved with life and death issues and try to make a difference."

Because of his interest in saving lives, he was asked to join the Por Cristo board and travel to Ecuador. "Thus began my involvement with international health care," Bilodeau said.

He met a missionary priest, Father Frank, who was living in a shanty in a slum area of Ecuador overlooking a river basin, along with 300,000 other people. "There were a lot of health problems among the people living in huts," Bilodeau recalled.

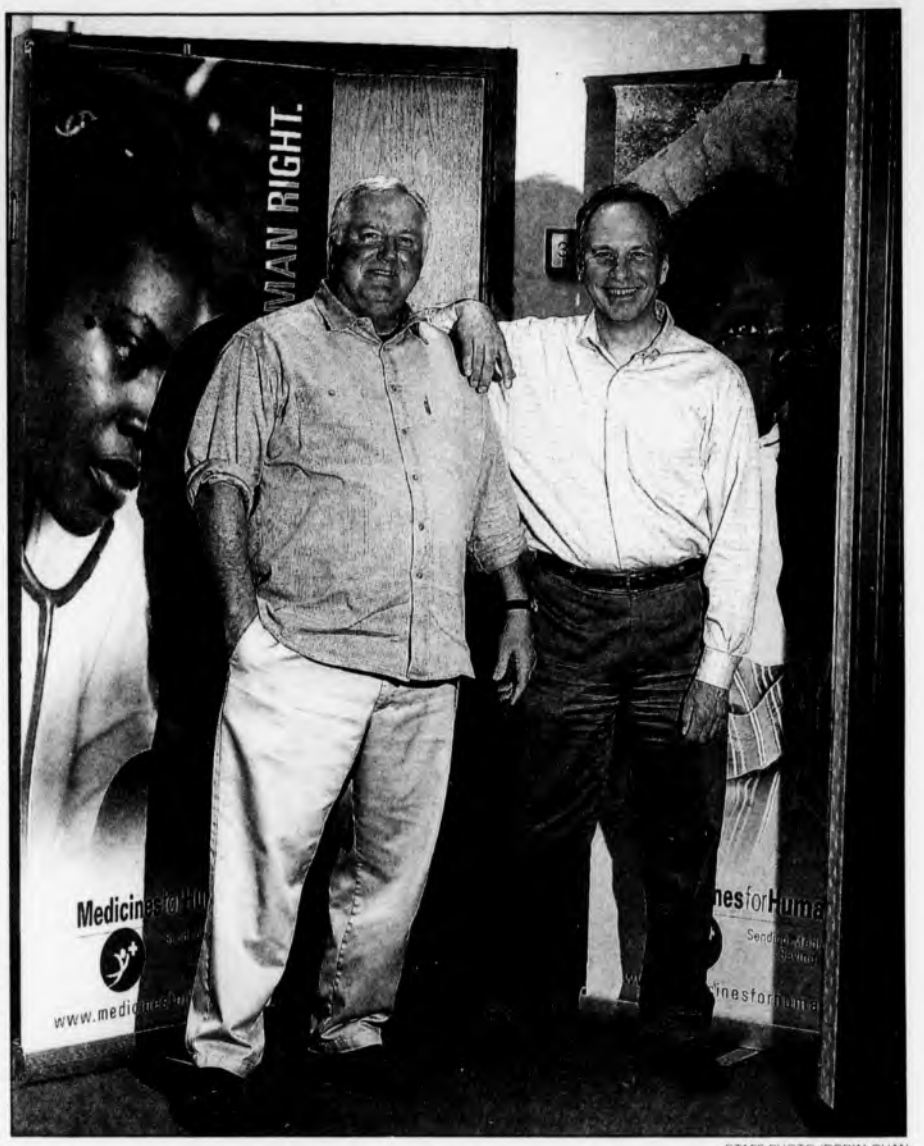
His most heart-wrenching experience there was seeing the priest embracing a crying woman whose three-year-old son had died that day.

"She was asking the priest for

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MFH facts:

- Every dollar contributed provides more than $10-worth of donated medicines;
- 10 cents a year keeps a child parasite-free;
- 75 cents buys three packets of oral rehydration salts for children who are dehydrated from lack of clean drinking water;
- $1 pays for 20 capsules of amoxicillin to ward off respiratory infections;
- $100 provides medicines to treat 80 "at risk" children;
- A $5,000 donation co-sponsors a Project Lifeline site.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Tim Bilodeau, executive director left, and Hingham's Dick Weisberg, development director, of Medicines for Humanity have been working together for the past 10 years to provide medicine to reliable healthcare providers in impoverished communities in Africa, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Central and South America.



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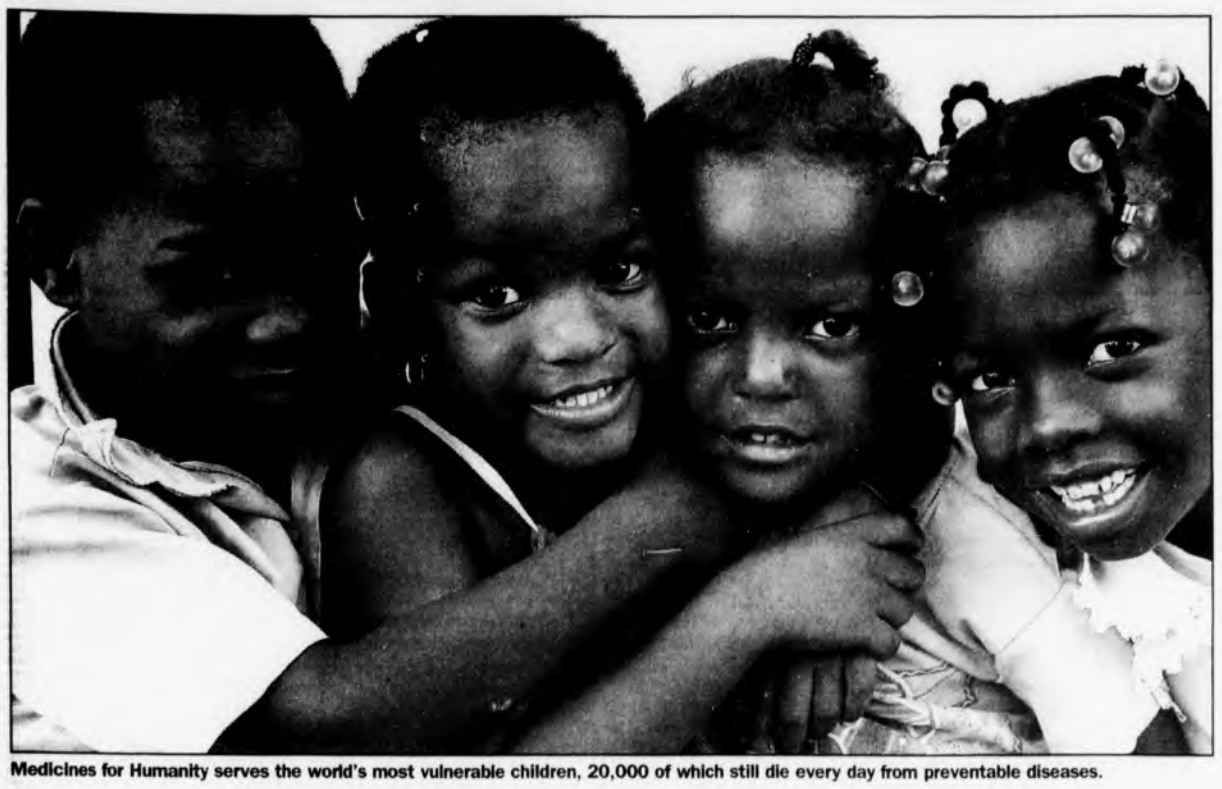
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Medicines for Humanity serves the world's most vulnerable children, 20,000 of which still die every day from preventable diseases.

Local organization is making a difference

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forgiveness because although her son had been sick, she had other children who were hungry and so decided to spend the money she had on food," said Bilodeau. "The woman said she thought her son would get better and so didn't buy any medicine and now was asking to be forgiven for making the wrong choice."

MFH was conceived on the spot following that experience. "No parent should have to make that choice," he said.

Child mortality

That firsthand approach continues today. "Tim's solution is to visit the country itself to meet with the people of the community in order to understand who they are and what they need. They work together to determine what the appropriate response might be and whether there is a credible resource in the community to partner with us," Weisberg said. "We're not just sending medicines to Third World countries not knowing whose hands they're getting into."

Medicines for Humanity has a very tight focus on child mortality in the developing world, "the things that cause it, and how to treat them," Bilodeau said. "A driving force is the strong sense of injustice that innocent children are dying unnecessarily. Because we're small and focused, our benefactors feel an intense personal connection to the work."

Bilodeau was particularly struck by the fact that almost three out of 10 Angolan children don't reach their fifth birthday.

Weisberg noted that while economists often describe poverty as "getting along on $2 a day or less, we work in places where families are surviving on less than $1 a day."

Those served by MFH's healthcare partners are asked to pay a 25-cent co-pay if they can afford it to help preserve their dignity. The money is used by healthcare workers to pay for gasoline to visit the site again the next day to offer services to even more children and families.

MFH's partners are typically service-minded religious groups dedicated to the impoverished people they serve. This collaboration builds upon the trust and bonds these groups have already established within their own communities.

While those with whom MFH partners have the necessary clinical knowledge to save the maximum number of lives, they often lack the medicines necessary to accomplish this goal and the financial resources to implement effective children's health initiatives.

In addition to donating and shipping medicines for children, MFH provides the means for pre-natal care for women.

" Twenty thousand children die each day because they lack basic healthcare and medicines," Bilodeau said." And they're dying from diseases that could be prevented or treated – diarrhea, acute respiratory infection, malaria, measles, and malnutrition — if these basics were available."

Health education

Health education is an important component – "simple nutritional education, teaching children to wash their hands, and helping parents learn what is good for their children," Weisberg said.

Maxime Salon on Derby Street recently began a charitable partnership with MFH and donates $1 from every client service provided.

"Even five dollars can make a difference in countries MFH serves," said owner Ronit Enos.

Maxime is the first local business to reach out to MFH. "It's part of the bigger vision of being citizens of the world," Weisberg said. "We're hoping others will also join the effort, get a firsthand sense of the working of a project [in a particular developing country], and then determine what the needs are and help us connect with resources once they come back."

Donations by check may be sent to: Medicines for Humanity, 800 Hingham St., Suite 1800, Rockland, MA 02370. Credit card donations may be made online at www.medicinesforhumanity.org. Click on "How You Can Help/Donate."

Ninety-five percent of every dollar contributed to MFH buys medicines or healthcare services.

To find out more about ways you can help, call Bilodeau or Weisberg at (781) 982-0274.

Accomplishments:

- MFH is currently helping healthcare partners in 17 impoverished communities in 12 countries to reduce child mortality.
- More than 125,000 of the world's most vulnerable children and women were treated at Project Lifeline sites last year.
- More than 500 women were trained to teach other women in their communities about health and nutrition in 2007.
- MFH expanded its Project Lifeline program to Darfur, Sudan.
- MFH presented its first annual Humanitarian of the Year award to Major League shortstop Julio Logo for his commitment to improving the lives of children in his hometown of Barahona in the Dominican Republic.



Medicines for Humanity founder and Executive Director Tim Bilodeau surrounded by batey children in the Dominican Republic.

Partnering with impoverished communities

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Medicines for Humanity, based in Rockland, is dedicated to saving the lives of children living in impoverished communities worldwide by providing basic medicines and healthcare support.

MFH's slogan "Sending Medicines/Saving Lives" is rooted in its partnership with 17 of the world's most impoverished communities. MFH helps local healthcare partners in the countries it serves implement effective health initiatives for children as they work toward becoming self-sustaining organizations on both the clinical and business sides.

"We supply our partners with funding, technical assistance, project planning, and trouble shooting to make a difference in those communities," said MFH Executive Director Timothy Bilodeau. "We help our partners find the resources they need. We're capacity builders."

The Project Lifeline program is at the heart of these efforts, identifying reliable local healthcare partners in areas of high child mortality and providing them with the necessary tools to carry out their work.

"This helps them build their capacity to save lives now as well as in years to come," Bilodeau said.

He founded MFH more than a decade ago in direct response to this dilemma, with a priority on getting essential medicines into the hands of people working in emergency and relief situations in developing countries.

Realizing that most nonprofit organizations relied on donations of short-dated medicines and were unable to respond with the specific medicines needed in a timely fashion, MFH researched reliable and low-cost manufacturers and suppliers of basic medicines in order to explore the possibility of purchasing them at an affordable price.

MFH went on to develop a network of pharmaceutical suppliers in the United States and Europe who were willing to provide necessary medicines at a fraction of U.S. wholesale prices.

Through its MedShare program, MFH provides essential medicines at the same low cost to other U.S.-based non-profits working in developing countries. The program is financially self-sustaining because an administrative fee is charged for each shipment sent to participating organizations.

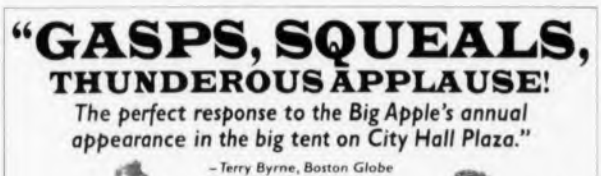
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

3:39 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, suspicious person, one in custody. Arrest: Peter Kovach, 24, 59 Ripley Rd., Cohasset. Charges: Possession of Class D drug.

8:35 a.m. **All Over Town**, assist citizen, anonymous caller states "there are "got turf" signs all over town." Caller does not believe signs should be posted in the public places.

10:05 a.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, parking violation, officer has spoken to a male party working the road race that has the roadway completely blocked with his personal vehicle.

10:41 a.m. **North Main St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, verbal warning, caller reports a truck "going at least 50 mph." Officer has vehicle stopped on Border Street. Verbal warning at this time, operator has been advised.

2:30 p.m. **Grace Drive**, B&E, caller reports house was broken into. Several items are missing.

3:05 p.m. Medical aid, transported QMC/ALS.

7:30 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, officer wanted, caller would like to speak with an officer regarding harassment.

8:58 p.m. **Kendall Village**, officer wanted, caller reports she would like to see an officer, she reports something was just thrown at her house.

9:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a vehicle traveling in the northbound lane with a headlight hanging off the vehicle, swerving in and out of the north and southbound lanes. Officer reports nothing from Stop & Shop to the Hingham line. Hingham PD was also notified.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

1:25 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

1:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:16 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

9:32 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, larceny (report), caller reports someone took the outboard motor off of his boat in his backyard. He last saw the motor on the boat on Friday and noticed last night it was missing.

9:51 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:39 p.m. **Cedar St.**, fire, outside.

8:58 p.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, 911 caller via OnStar activation reports motor vehicle crash at this location with injuries. Officer reports accident occurred in Hingham and the vehicle are now in Cohasset. The accident occurred on the Hingham side Cohasset units assisting.

11 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, suspicious activity, caller reports hearing female voices in the woods behind his house.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

1:36 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:25 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, fire, investigation, Fire Dept. reports CO2 activation. Fire Command requesting Keyspan to respond. Fire Command reports shut down furnace and taking readings. Fire command reports Keyspan at scene.

7:03 a.m. Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd., traffic enforcement.

8:44 a.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle crash.

9:04 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Deer Hill/Osgood School check.

11:44 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, vandalism report, walk in party reports someone spray painted a smiley face on the rock wall in front of his house.

12:38 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious vehicle.

3:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, disturbance. Just past the traffic lights at this location caller reports a vehicle pulled over in the northbound lane, the driver was outside of the vehicle beating someone in the back seat.

3:22 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:57 p.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, officer wanted, caller reports phone boxes have been cut – caller will explain more information when officer arrives. Officer reports homeowner reports cable company has cut cable wire by mistake – homeowner will take it up with cable company.

5:02 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:17 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

5:18 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:23 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:39 p.m. **S. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:57 p.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning, speeding.

7:52 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports she lost her dog – Terrier – Coco, it looks like a Jack Russell Terrier, she has a purple collar on. Caller reports the dog is back home – everything is fine.

8:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, noise complaint, caller reports a male was in front of store at 5 a.m. blowing leaves, caller is the manager of above location, she called at 8:11 to report this. She wanted this logged in. She will call back in the morning if this occurs again. Officer reports they are cleaning all parking lots for the street cleaner.

10:44 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports outside odor of gas from above location.

10:46 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

10:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports white male, 5'10" wearing white T-shirt, approached female in her vehicle – flashed a badge requesting a ride, possibly intoxicated. White male on foot, left vehicle. Scituate man taken into protective custody.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

12:42 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window, open back door, ongoing problem. Building checks secure, door secured.

1:09 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:13 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

1:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

3:20 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, 911 cell caller states there is a strong odor of gas outside the front of his house. Slight odor in front of the house. Residents evacuating until Keyspan arrives. Keyspan checked the residence, no problem. Odor appears to be coming from the leak at #72.

6:30 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement assignment.

7:11 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement assignment.

8:51 a.m. **North Main St.**, fire, brush, E1 to this location to investigate a campfire that may still be hot. As E1 was responding a 911-cell phone call came in for this brush fire.

11:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. Norwell man being summoned on charges: Possession of Class D drug, following too close State Highway, marked lanes violation.

12:11 p.m. **Summer St., and Black Horse Lane**, parking complaint, officer has issued parking ticket to vehicle.

12:25 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

12:51 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

1:04 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:08 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a red vehicle with a male party in the vehicle acting very strange at the playground with several young children around. Officers have spoken to the male party, he has been sent on his way. Officer has spoken to the youths involved and caller.

1:26 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:19 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

2:25 p.m. **Depot Ct., and North Main St.**, well being check, caller reports a young child walking a dog and is having trouble controlling the dog.

5 p.m. **Kendall Village**, assist citizen, caller reports her neighbor was harassing her kids while they were riding their bikes. This is an ongoing problem. Caller just wanted this logged, she didn't want an officer to respond.

5:51 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a large bird in her living room, caller thinks it might be a turkey. Officer reports the bird is outside – it was a Red Tail Hawk.

6:05 p.m. **Pond St.**, fire – public assist, caller reports her elderly mother is locked out of residence. Officer reports family is standing by while Fire attempts to get into residence.

6:28 p.m. **Tad Lane**, open door/window, caller reports 1st driveway on right – the door has been open all day and no one is at location. Officer reports all units clear – homeowner on location, everything is fine.

7:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire alarm activation, received a 911 call from Feng Shui – they used a hot plate in the dining room. E3 Fire Command report alarm set off by cooking.

9:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, well being check.

9:59 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, caller reports disturbance at above location. Officer reports yelling at above location – everything is fine.

11:36 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:37 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

12:23 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop.

12:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

12:36 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious activity, anonymous caller reports "a group of kids drinking." "There is a party at the house near the SSMC and the kids are outside." No one in the parking lots of SSMC. No one near the swim center. No one outside any of the houses in the area.

12:46 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service.

12:49 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, dead animal, there is a large expired raccoon on the double yellow lines. State DPW notified.

6:27 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement assignment.

7:02 a.m. **Bancroft Rd., and Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement assignment.

7:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

8:29 a.m. **Elm St., and Brook St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:06 a.m. **Doane St., and Church St.**, suspicious person, caller reports a male party trying to find someone to give him a ride. He is wearing dark sunglasses, long sleeve shirt and is unshaven. Sgt. will be transporting the male party.

10:41 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:05 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

11:09 a.m. **South Main St.**, officer wanted, advised legal help, walk in party would like to speak to an officer regarding an issue with a tenant not paying rent.

11:36 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard (traffic), callers reporting the lights are green in both directions. Officer reports lights appear to be working ok he will stand by.

12:56 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist other Police Dept., received State Police transfer call over 911 for a vehicle crash at 3A and 228 in Hingham. Hingham PD notified via radio by dispatch.

1:02 p.m. **King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, officer reports he is out with a male party at this location rollerblading in and out of traffic trying to hitch a ride.

1:05 p.m. **North Main St.**, public service, speed trailer has been placed at this location.

2:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, auto, several callers reporting a motor vehicle fully engulfed at this time. Sgt. on scene reports vehicle is fully engulfed inflames. All units working at this location.

3:05 p.m. **Stockbridge St.**, found child, caller reports they have found a young boy wandering the streets alone. They do not recognize him, caller states the child is about 3 or 4. Child has been returned back to his babysitter. Officer filing 51A.

4:37 p.m. **Bancroft Way**, parking complaint, caller reports cars illegally parked.

6:41 p.m. **Hill St.**, alarm – panic, 911 caller for a panic alarm. Verbal argument by male party. Male party left on foot. Cleared after speaking with officer.

7:53 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

12:26 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

1:09 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window, open back door. Ongoing problem. Area checks secure. Door secured.

6:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:11 a.m. **Cushing Rd., and Pleasant St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:28 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning, verbal – stop sign.

9:39 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic safety inspection.

1:09 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, check of both schools.

2:58 p.m. **Grace Drive**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller stated kids at above address are shooting BB guns at cars and at her. Officer reports situation under control at this time.

6:30 p.m. **Grace Drive**, domestic (in progress), arrest. Cohasset man arrested on charges of A&B (2 counts).

5:50 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:04 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, officer reports out on portable – he was flagged down by clerk at above location. Officer reports 4 vehicles tagged – one vehicle has moved.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

12:07 a.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint, caller states "there is a loud party or kids playing loud music in motor vehicles in the back lot." One female in custody. Arrest: Christine Pizzelli, 17, 150 North Main St., Cohasset. Charges: Possession of Class D drug, selling/delivering liquor to person under 21.

2:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

2:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

2:25 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:25 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:27 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:20 a.m. **Depot Ct.**, hazard (traffic), Fire Dept. reports there is an ambulance blocking the road at this location.

9:44 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:20 a.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, clerk stated that there was a car parked in a handicap spot without a placard. Checked area, no one parked in these spots.

11:14 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:15 a.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, a motor vehicle is blocking the entrance to a driveway in the town parking lot. Motor vehicle tagged and towed.

11:19 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:32 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, suspicious activity, walk in stated she thinks a 16-year-old was acting suspicious at this location. Possibly looking into cars. Checked area, no suspicious activity.

11:33 a.m. **Turkey Hill Lane**, building checks.

11:53 a.m. **Parking Way**, suspicious vehicle. This car has been parked here for a week.

5:06 p.m. **Linden Drive**, parking complaint, call directly into Fire HQ for cars parked on both sides of the street, making it hard for other cars to pass. Officer reports some of the vehicles have been moved and the road is now passable.

5:45 p.m. **Sohier St.**, Osgood/Deerhill school check.

5:54 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:30 p.m. **Ledgewood Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:18 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

11:35 p.m. **Mendel Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

1:30 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:30 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:30 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:30 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:27 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Osgood/Deer Hill School check.

2:32 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:01 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.



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Mock train disaster drill set for April 27

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Public safety officials hope there will never be a train crash in Hingham, but they want to be prepared, just in case.

Hingham Fire Chief Mark Duff was approached by the MBTA last year and asked to stage a mass casualty incident involving the train.

"I jumped at the chance," Duff said. "This is a wonderful training opportunity."

The mock crash will take place on Sun., April 27, from about 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Water Street grade crossing (near the Fruit Center) and will involve a car, a school bus, and a train. There will be a debriefing following the drill.

Public safety officials from Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Weymouth, and Braintree and representatives from the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Company will take part in the drill. Members of the Hingham Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and other volunteers will also participate.

"We will be living with the train for the rest of our lives and beyond, and we want to know where the bumps in the road are and what needs to be tweaked."
— Police Chief Taylor Mills

"Fifteen or 20 'patients' will be transported to local hospitals, and there will be some walking wounded," Duff said. "Between 12 and 14 ambulances will be on the scene."

A command post and staging area will also be set up.

"We believe this is the best place for the drill because we can use the parking lot there," Duff said. "There are few cars there on a Sunday morning."

Hingham Police Chief Taylor Mills emphasized the important of alerting the public in advance of the event to inform them that a drill and not an actual disaster is unfolding before their eyes.

"There will be a media blitz and signboards alerting people to avoid Water Street during the mock crash," Mills said. "This is an exciting, hands-on opportunity. We want to get as many of our officers involved and observing the event as possible."

Duff was quick to note that the drill can be stopped or altered if necessary and that sufficient public safety coverage will be in place in the event a real emergency should occur while the mock train crash is taking place. "We're fully prepared," he said.

A large gathering of spectators is expected. "We're working for the public so we will do everything we can to set up a safe viewing area to ensure spectators can watch the event comfortably without getting in the way," Mills said. Most of the activity will occur on the harbor side of the tracks. The train involved in the mock crash will be heading toward Scituate.

Greenbush rail service between the West Hingham Station and Nantasket Junction will be temporarily suspended that morning, but bus service will be available between the two stations to accommodate commuters.

The event will be videotaped for future viewing by fire and police department personnel, town officials, and others. "We'll learn a lot about our response to this type of situation from this drill," Mills said.

Once the mock crash and debriefing have been concluded, the Hingham police and fire departments will provide a tour of the tunnel from a safety perspective for public safety officials from other towns who were involved in the drill.

"The tunnel is more complex than you'd think," Duff said. "There's a curve that doesn't allow a straight view."

Spring at the Art Center!

Highlights of spring adult course offerings at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For information, call 781-383-2787

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Tuesdays or Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with Valerie Forte Vitali.
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Wednesdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., with Janice Bracken.

Sculpture
Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., with Susan Luery

Photography with Cindy Vallino
Digital Basics: Saturday, April 19, 2 to 5 p.m.
Intro to Digital SLR: Saturday, April 26, 2 to 5 p.m.; or Saturday, May 3, 2 to 5 p.m.
Photographic Portraits Workshop: Wednesdays, April 30, May 7 and May 14, 7 to 9 p.m.

Mixed Media
Fun Furniture Painting: Tuesdays, from 6 to 9 p.m., with Sharon Perlmutter.
Mosaic Workshop: Sunday, May 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with Lisa Houck.

BUSINESS NOTES

Cohasset native opens data center in Waltham

ColoSpace, Inc., New England's fastest growing Managed Hosting and Outsourced Data Center Services company has opened a new 16,000 SF Data Center and Network Operations Center (NOC) on Winter Street, in Waltham, in the center of the 128 Technology Belt.

Co-founder and COO Aaron Sawchuk, a Cohasset native, said this new facility will serve the immediate needs of local firms desiring high availability Internet access from more than six carriers currently serving their facility, and along with high density (200 watt per square foot) electrical capacity.

Sawchuk said, "Many firms in the area are faced with serious shortages of power to handle the new blade server environments, and as summer approaches they will feel the impact of their undersized cooling systems".

ColoSpace currently manages several thousand servers, as well as provides space and power for many more non-managed customer owned servers, located in private cabinets and cages within their six existing data centers.

The Waltham site was previously built out for a national network provider, Giant Loops in 2001, and after upgrading is now reopening under ColoSpace ownership.

"We have been experiencing tremendous growth over the past several years, and were thrilled to find this opportunity, to roll out a new data center location in a mere eight weeks, compared to the normal 12-18 months it would take us to fit out an entirely new facility," Sawchuk added.

ColoSpace was founded in 2001, and serves many Fortune 1,000 companies, and local firms in the healthcare, financial services, and high tech fields. All six ColoSpace facilities are currently undergoing their 2008 Type II SAS 70 audits, which will be complete this summer, making them part of the select group of data center facilities in the Northeast meeting the new stringent standards.



Aaron Sawchuk, ColoSpace's co-founder and COO.

New Beginnings seeks sponsors

New Beginnings, a nonprofit, non-sectarian organization in Norwell, supports widowed, divorced and separated men and women through their life-changing crises. Programs are open and take place at the UCC Church in Norwell each Monday at 6:30 p.m. The group has provided a safe place to recover from a loss due to death, divorce or separation for people from the area south of Boston for more than 20 years.

The organization is looking for companies and individuals that would like to support New Beginnings by becoming a sponsor. Donations will help outreach to those who need to find a place to recover and can be made in any amount. Or, sponsors can reach more than 300 active members with an ad in the monthly newsletter for a nominal charge.

For more information, call former president Manny Hammelburg at 617 875 2986 or email mhammelburg@comcast.net.



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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 7:30PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **John and Suzanne Montgomery,** seek to replace the existing garage at **33 Sohier Street**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08-04-10.

AD#11644247
Cohasset Mariner 4/18, 425/08

ZBA/355 ATLANTIC AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 8:00PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §9.6 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Heidi Condon, Architectural Designer (Land Owner is the James Jerome Coogan Trust), seeks to build an addition within the footprint of the existing home and razing a portion of the existing garage at **355 Atlantic Ave,** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08-04-10.

AD#11644261
Cohasset Mariner 4/18, 4/25/08

KING ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08PO853EP

In the Estate of HELEN W. KING
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death March 21, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that NANCY GOEDKEN of CLINTON in the State of IOWA or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MAY 14, 2008**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, April 4, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE WEEK OF
APRIL 14, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A little woolgathering is OK. But don't let that dreamy state linger beyond midweek, when you'll want to be ready to take on new workplace responsibilities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Love rules the week for single Bovines seeking romance. Attached pairs also find new joy in their relationships. Friday should bring news about a business opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home becomes the center of a new social whirl, as you show your talent for hosting great parties. You can expect to impress a lot of people who've never seen this side of you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child might have to raise those powers of persuasion a notch to get a still-wary colleague to agree to go along. Finding more facts to back up your position helps.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Hold off trying to fix the blame for an apparent mishandling of a work situation. A full investigation could reveal surprising facts on how and why it really happened.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your ability to find details others might overlook gives you an advantage in assessing a possibly too-good-to-be-true offer. A trusted colleague has advice.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to be called on once again to act as peacemaker in a long-simmering dispute that suddenly flares up. Offer advice, but be careful to stay out of the fray.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your organizational skills help you line up your priorities so that you get things done without added pressure. The weekend could hold a special surprise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) New ventures are favored. But don't launch yours before rechecking all facts and sources. Also, be sure you can rely on support from certain people.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't be pushed into renegotiating an agreement, even though it might help avoid a potential impasse. Get legal advice before you sign or agree to anything.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Helping others is what Aquarians do so well. But this time, someone wants to help you. Expect to hear some news that will both surprise and delight you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Things go so swimmingly that you're tempted to take on more tasks. Best advice: Finish what you have now, then enjoy a well-earned relaxing weekend.

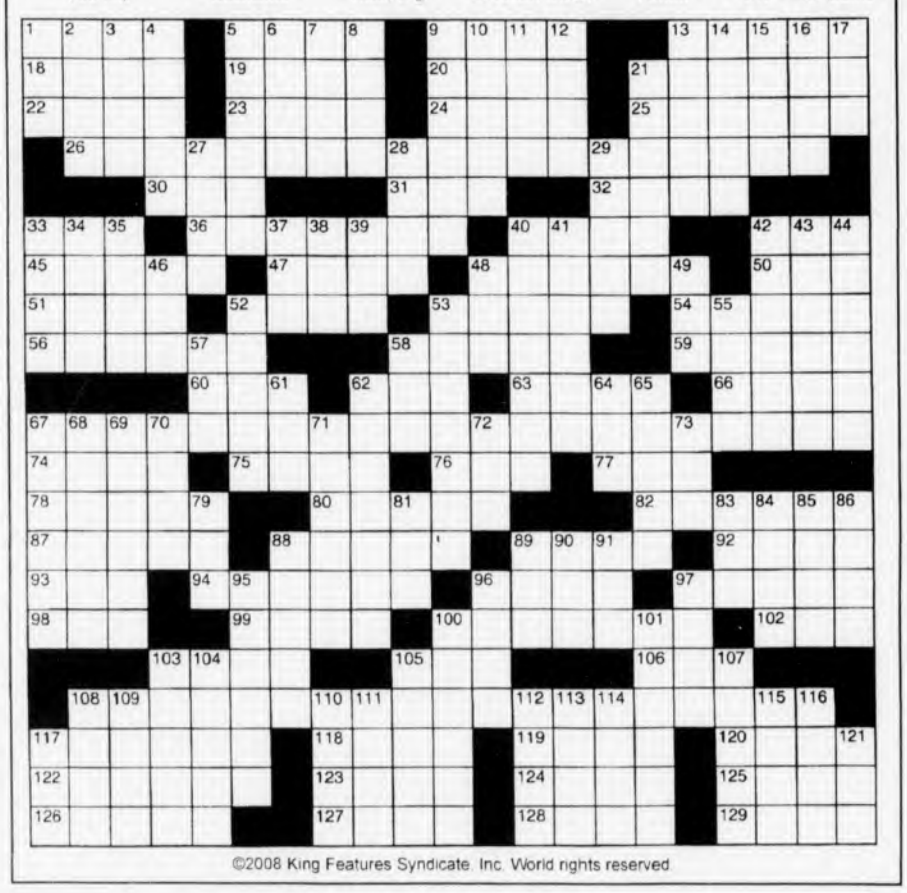
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BORN THIS WEEK: Your understanding of human nature helps you make wise decisions that are appreciated by all. You would make a fine judge.

Crossword - Sicky Problem

ACROSS
1 Caesar's suit?
5 Fiber source
9 "— Breaky Heart" ('92 hit)
13 Haberdashery items
18 Left open
19 Comfort
20 Hint
21 Southwestern native
22 Java joint
23 About
24 Deep unconsciousness
25 Set's sibling
26 Start of a question
30 Tucked into the tortellini
31 Gibbon or gorilla
32 Orient
33 Chew the fat
36 Occupy
40 "Git, Garfield!"
42 Commercials
45 Rap-sheet datum
47 Landed
48 Runnymede's river
50 See 56 Across
51 "Chain —" ('60 hit)
52 Tribe
53 On guard
54 Ignominy
56 With 50 Across, fluffy feline
58 Munch (on)
59 Summarize
60 Pound sound
62 Wine and dine
63 Saucy
66 Speech problem
67 Middle of question
74 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
75 Word with rug or code
76 Couple
77 Pindaric poem
78 Annoys
80 Norwegian composer
82 Distressed one?
87 Turn inside out
88 Ulan —
89 Torso
92 Nurse's helper
93 DC figure
94 Jonathan Winters' birthplace
96 Odense denizen
97 Ladd role
98 Humorist Buchwald
99 Submachine gun
100 Barber opera
102 Deface
103 Repeat
105 Fraternity sticker
106 Palm Sunday beast
108 End of question
117 King's thing
118 Add color
119 Circle dance
120 Orthodox image
122 Evaluate
123 Voice type
124 Fruit-tree spray
125 Metric measure
126 Subject
127 See 65 Down
128 Oenophile's mecca
129 Dutch export

DOWN
1 Tic- — -toe
2 Ventura County city
3 Fish hook
4 Amphitheater feature
5 Defeated
6 Prickly heat, e.g.
7 — Spumante
8 Light material
9 Take
10 Garlic segment
11 Actor Cronyn
12 "My Favorite —" ('82 film)
13 Foundation
14 Put on the street
15 Songbird
16 "So — is the thanks I get!"
17 Sea plea
21 Record music, in a way
27 Singer Redding
28 Trot or gallop
29 Sordid
33 Enthusiastic
34 Parsons or Paton
35 Impresario Rudolf
37 Producer Prince
38 Menu phrase
39 Coal container
40 Salon supply
41 It may be magic
42 Small shrub
43 Patterned fabric
44 Plain
46 Give it — (try)
48 Even if, informally
49 Ukr., formerly
52 Hills or Thomas
53 Shore soup
55 Hamilton detective
57 Hurricane fliers
58 Pigeon English?
61 In honor of
62 Pulitzer winner
64 Sweater letter
65 With 127 Across, toyshop buy
67 Brewer or Graves
68 "Jean" singer
69 Aptitude
70 Part of EMT
71 Void
72 Excavated
73 Archaic assent
79 Part of EST
81 Noun suffix
83 — -jongg
84 "The King and I" setting
85 Author Ferber
86 Wolfish expression
88 English Romantic
89 Outlaw
90 Quindlen's "— True Thing"
91 — Peres, MO
95 Definitely dislikes
96 Like some cellars
97 Manuscript enc.
100 Herbert or Hugo
101 North African feature
103 Violinist Zimbalist
104 Intimate
105 1492 vessel
107 Director Lee
108 Marley's colleague
109 Celtic
110 Pierce
111 Mosaic bit
112 Comparative word
113 Alley's angel
114 "The Parent —" ('61 film)
115 Biting
116 Vincent Lopez's theme song
117 Beaver, for one
121 — de plume



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Sudoku

	8		5			2		
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G D B I C I R Y E W T G R R P
M K L I T E F M R C D R B Y W
U C S P T Q L O E M A E K I F
E D U T B Z X L W T L N W U S
Q R A D I A T I O N S E R O N
E B A L J M N H P C F Y N U D
C A Y L W D E V T S Q P S A F
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Cell
Collector

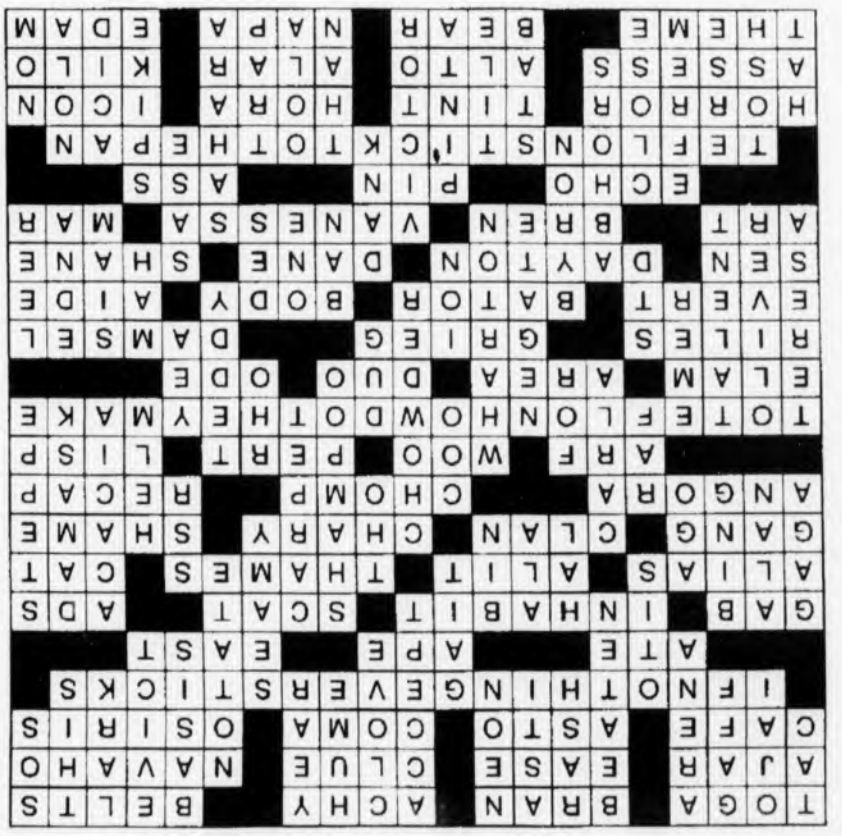
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Flare
Furnace

Panel
Power
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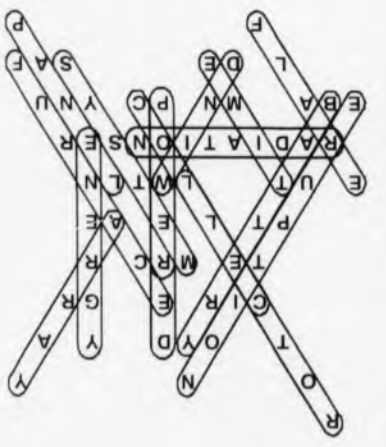
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Organist Guzasky in concert at St. Stephen's

St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset will be presenting organist G. Fredrick Guzasky in a recital at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 11.

Dr. Guzasky is an Affiliated Artist at MIT in Cambridge, a professor at Bridgewater State College, and maintains a large studio of organ and piano students. The performance will feature music of Bach, Langlais, Brahms, and Rheinberger, as well as some of Guzasky's own improvisations – all played on the church's Aeolian-Skinner organ.

As a recitalist, he has performed in New England and the Midwest, as well as Russia, Latvia, and England, receiving the Boston University Outstanding Performance Award and the EMACT Award in conducting. Highlights of more recent seasons include tours of Russia and Latvia, with engagements at the Cathedral of Riga, the Kapella Concert Hall in St. Petersburg, Russia, as well as teaching master classes at the St. Petersburg Conservatory. Other venues have included performances at St. Paul's Cathedral, Holy Trinity Church in New York, and the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio.

As a composer, he has to his credit several Masses, numerous choral anthems, including a series based on Russian Orthodox texts, and a number of instrumental works. Dr. Guzasky is also author of the "Gregorian Chant Handbook," and is known as a chant clinician in the Boston area. He is also director of the Slava Chorale, a Boston based group of professional singers that perform Russian and Greek music.



COURTESY PHOTO

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Dr. Guzasky's recordings include "Comes Autumn Time," a CD of organ favorites, and "g. fredrick guzasky – LIVE," and this spring will usher in the publication of his performing guide, "Gradus Ad Parnassum for the Organist."

The church is located at 16 Highland Avenue in Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

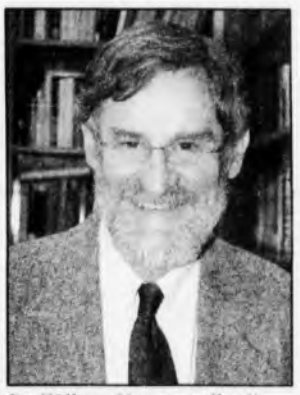
'Seventh Inning Stretch' at New North Church

New North Church, 1 Lincoln St., Hingham will welcome Dr. William Herzog, dean of faculty at Andover Newton Theological School and a devoted Red Sox fan, for a two-part examination of the connection between baseball and faith on Sunday, April 27.

Herzog will preach at the 10:30 a.m. service on "The Seventh Inning Stretch." Following the service, he will be joined by David Mehegan of the Boston Globe at an after-church luncheon for a discussion on baseball, faith and America's fascination with its national pastime.

The entire community is invited to this special event, which is the third in New North's Sunday Brunch Series. Previous speakers in the series were Melvin Miller, publisher of the Bay State Banner newspaper, and the Rev. Liz Walker, the former WBZ-TV broadcaster.

Herzog is respected for his Biblical scholarship, his teaching style and his commitment to justice. In addition to being a professor and administrator at Andover Newton, he is an author who has published three studies of the historical Jesus. He is fascinated by baseball and its place in the American psyche as an embodiment of the quest for faith. Herzog is co-author of "The Faith of Fifty Million: Essays on Baseball, Religion and American Culture."



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Mehegan is former book editor for the Boston Globe and currently serves as staff writer for the Living section. Among those he has interviewed and profiled recently are poets Billy Collins and Donald Hall and novelists Richard Ford, Nadine Gordimer and Richard Russo. In his role as Globe book editor for six years he was responsible for selecting nearly 700 books each year for review, as well as writing a number of reviews across a diverse landscape of subjects including those on the national pastime – the game that embodies summer for much of America.

He is a longtime resident of Hingham, a trustee of Hingham Public Library and serves on the Parish Council of St. Paul Church.

New North is an independent community church that welcomes people of all religious backgrounds to its services and special events. The church, which celebrated its 200th anniversary in June 2007, is led by its pastor, the Rev. Bill Turpie.

St. Joseph Retreat Center schedule of events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset is hosting the following upcoming programs:

- April 20-27, Directed/Private Retreat Week.
- April 26, *Images of God*, a Morning of Prayer.
- April 30, Day Workshop: *Perceptions and Emotions in Prayer & Spiritual Direction: Joy and Anger.*

For more information and to register, please visit www.csjretreatcenter.org or call (781) 383-6024.

News hotline - 781-741-2933

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Bible Study series continues on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Practical Christianity. Some Christians commonly view the Old Testament as a storybook-full of fascinating tales, yet ancient and irrelevant to modern reality. This exceptional 10-week study from *Insight For Living* with *Chuck Swindoll* will help you blow the dust off these timeworn chronicles and discover enduring truths that relate directly to you, while translating into reliable patterns for godly living. Experience familiar passages as never before, and find fresh inspiration in the memorable scenes revisited. Follow the examples of faithful Old Testament heroes such as Abraham, Joseph, David, and many others as you learn to apply timeless biblical principles to your everyday life. Please join us.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, April 20, - Earth Day Sunday

8 a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Joan Kovach & Susan Meikleham and meeting on the 1st & 3rd Sundays)

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House — Earth Day Sunday — An Intergenerational Service with a sermon on: "Precious Trash"

Religious education classes for toddlers and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish House. All other children and youth come join your parents in the Meeting House for our intergenerational Earth Day Sunday service.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays; Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study; Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays). Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday morning. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project. Our next book study will be held on Wed. May14th at 7pm in Bates Hall. We will be discussing "Left To Tell" by Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide. The biannual Time and Talent Auction will take place on Sat. May 31st in Bates Hall.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the **Reverend Margot Critchfield,**

Services on Sunday are at 8 am and 10 am.

We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. For information on us go to www.ststephenscohasset.org or to learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups , adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry, weekly yoga and meditation group

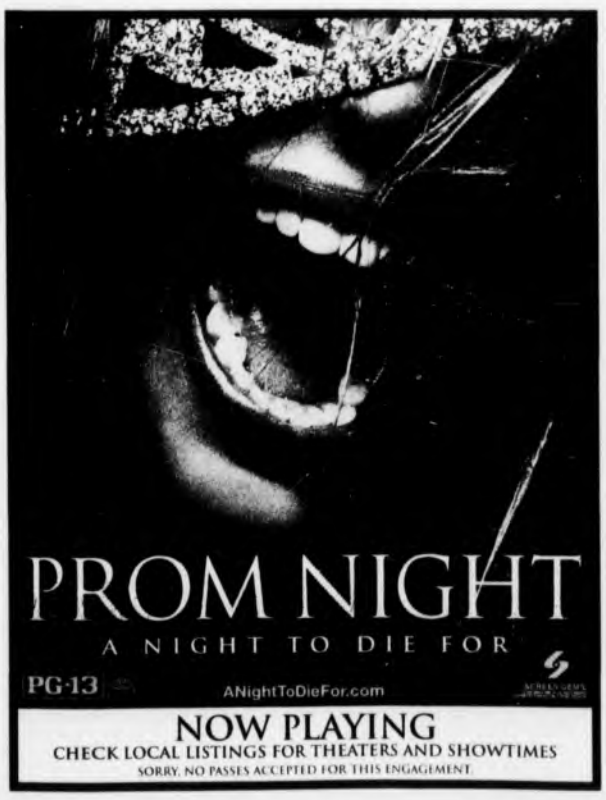
To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan. Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.







TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

APRIL 17-25, 2008

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, April 17

The Olde Colony Civil War Round Table - April meeting of will be held on April 17 at 7 p.m. at the Endicott Estate, 656 East St., Dedham, (Exit 14 off Route 128). The mini-bit speaker for the evening will be member Jack McDonough on "Charles Francis Adams." The main speaker will be Savannah, Ga. author and tour guide Jim Jordan on "Knocking on the Gates of Hell: The South Ponders Civil War." Visit savannahsojourns.com for more information on Mr. Jordan. A used book sale precedes the program. A raffle drawing and refreshments follow. Free and open to the public.

Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree April 17 6 p.m. **Edible Insect Talk and Edible Insect Tasting with David Gracer.** Learn about edible insects and have the opportunity to try some for yourself All ages welcome. Free and open to the public. Non-residents welcome. 781-848-0405x4420. www.thayerpubliclibrary.org

The Braintree Art Association meeting will be on April 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Thayer Gallery. A demonstration of watercolor by **Becky Haletky** will be presented. The public is invited to attend. 781-335-4675.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 17, **Flip TopHead** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, April 17 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Paul Speidel Blues Jam** open mic 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, April 18

Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth is presenting **Opening Day**, a baseball art exhibit through April 30. Information: 781-331-3384 or at www.dickinsonartgallery.com.

Drift Away with Joe, John, and J at **The North End Tavern**, 213 Standish Ave., Plymouth Friday, April 18 9 p.m. 508-746-4199

The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell. A lecture by Pattie Hainer about Britton Hammon, an 18th c .Marshfield slave, will be held at The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell on April 18 at 7:30 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org for information.

Sacred Heart School, 75 Commercial St, Weymouth is hosting **Spring Shopping Night** on April 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the lower church hall. Many businesses from the area will be making their products available. Admission is $5. at the door. All proceeds benefit the school.

New England Singles Dance Friday, April 18 at 8 p.m. to midnight. Halifax Country Club, 100 Country Club Dr., Rte. 106, Halifax, Light buffet. $10.

Single Executive Club Singles Dance, April 18, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Route 3. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com. Cost $12.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 18, **Spank** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Jason Smith Acoustics** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, April 18, **Racky Thomas Band** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, April 19

Time and Talent Auction Holy Nativity Church, 8 Nevin Road, at the corner of Columbian Street, behind the Nevin Building at 851 Main St.,Route 18, South Weymouth. Have you been searching for a portrait painter, a window washer, a power-of-attorney and will? Find all of this and more on the auction-block on Saturday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

The Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants invites the public to its April 19 meeting/luncheon at the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth Harbor. **Nathaniel Philbrick** will discuss his bestseller **Mayflower:A Story of Courage, Community and War** and autograph books after lunch. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m., April 19. Tickets are $35. For required reservations, call the Society's office at 781-535-6159. The deadline is 5 p.m. April 16. Visit the Society's website at www.massmayflower.org.

Skip Gorman plays the simple, yet beautifully poignant music that was performed around campfires by cowboys and westward settlers in the 19th century. hear him perform at the **Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square** on April 19, at 8 p.m. For information, visit www.skipgorman.com. The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., in Hingham Square just up from the Loring Hall Theater and on the MBTA's 220 bus from Quincy Center. Admission is $10 at the door (sorry, no reservations). Open mike at 8 p.m. Net proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. Information: or to volunteer (free admission) call 781-749-1767.

Fifth Annual Earth Day Sustainable Living Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 19, at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse, 204 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Twenty eight tables and spaces of green, sustainable companies and environmental organization information that will help make your homes more energy efficient and help you to live a greener lifestyle. FREE. Sponsored by Sustainable South Shore sustainablesouthshore.org plus business and individual sponsors. Info. 781-925-9066.

Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree April 19, 10:30 a.m. **Irish Catholic Genealogy with Michael Brophy.** Have you always wanted to learn more about your Irish Catholic roots? Michael Brophy, certified genealogist, returns to the library for an in-depth discussion of how to find information about your Irish Catholic ancestry. Lecture with PowerPoint presentation and time for questions and answers. Free and open to the public. Non-residents welcome. 781-848-0405x4420. www.thayerpubliclibrary.org

Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree April 19, 2 p.m. **The Magic of Exercise with Magician Debbie O'Carroll** Learn about fitness through the art of magic. The participatory magic show highlights the physical benefits of play and sports. Children will learn a magic trick that uses body movement to amaze and amuse. A fun program for ages 3-

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'The Drowsy Chaperone' is fresh and different

Engel happy to be on stage

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



PHOTO BY JOAN MARCUS

Robert Dorfman and Georgia Engel star in "The Drowsy Chaperone" playing at the Colonial Theater in Boston through May 4.

Georgia Engel has enjoyed her biggest success with roles on television, in "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "Everybody Loves Raymond," but as long as she's in good company, the actress says she's just as happy on stage.

"It brings my own work up to be surrounded by great performers," explained Engel last week from Chicago. "Two times in my television career, I've had the chance to work with the best comic actors in the business including Mary Tyler Moore, Ed Asner and Betty White, and also Ray Romano, Peter Boyle and Doris Roberts. And, more recently, it was my great good fortune to work on Broadway with master comic actor Bob Martin in "The Drowsy Chaperone," which he not only starred in, but also co-wrote."

Engel originated the role of the absent-minded dowager, Mrs. Tottendale, in the original Broadway company of the musical which won five 2006 Tony Awards, including Best Book for a Musical and Best Original Score, and is now playing the role on the show's national tour which comes to Boston's Opera House Tuesday, April 22, for a two-week run, before beginning a one-week run at the Providence Performing Arts Center Tuesday, May 6.

"I've been with the show since it came to the U.S. from Canada," says Engel, who recalls quietly thinking she might be in a hit show during an out-of-town Los Angeles run prior to Broadway. "Our director, Casey Nicholaw was very strict with us from the beginning. He told us not to assume anything. We got raves in L.A., but Casey made it clear that we should not assume success in New York. We sneaked in under the radar two years ago and opened against five other major shows, all of which closed pretty quickly while ours ran for 674 performances."

Engel believes at a time when many recent Broadway shows ("Legally Blonde," "The Wedding Singer," "Young Frankenstein," to name but a few) have been based on movies, "The Drowsy Chaperone" offers something fresh and different.

"This is a very cleverly written and smart comedy," Engel said. "It is different, too, because it is not based on something else. This makes it so much more fun for theatergoers who enjoy the unexpected and like to have a fast-paced good time."

The good time is one being shared with the main character, a musical theater devotee known only as "Man in Chair," who chases the blues away by listening to his favorite cast album – a 1928 musical comedy by the name of "The Drowsy Chaperone." Just as soon as the needle is dropped on the vinyl, the musical comes to life with its over-the-top tale of a pampered Broadway starlet who wants to trade show business for marriage, much to the chagrin of her producer who stops at nothing to keep his star from walking down the aisle. With a cast of characters that includes the bride-to-be, her debonair groom, a ditsy chorus girl, a suave Latin lothario, not to mention a pair of gun-wielding gangsters who double as pastry chefs, the single-act show lovingly spoofs old-style Broadway musicals, a genre with which Engel, 59, is very familiar.



Georgia Engel

"I was studying at the University of Hawaii when I was locally cast in 'Hello, Dolly!' when it came through Honolulu, with Barbara Cook, on its Australian tour. I got my Equity card with that production and when I graduated from college a year early, I headed straight to New York. By late 1969, I joined the Broadway company of 'Hello, Dolly!' with Phyllis Diller who was replaced a few months later by Ethel Merman."

Engel was just 21-years-old at the time, but already well aware that Merman was the very biggest of Broadway stars.

"The whole company was thrilled to be working with Ethel Merman," Engel said. "Her reputation was very formidable, of course, but she was tremendously professional. And, as a performer, she was absolutely magical. About 15 years ago, someone sent me a bootleg audiotape of a performance of Ethel in 'Hello, Dolly!' The sound quality wasn't very good. You couldn't understand any of us, but Miss Merman you could hear very clearly."

What started as a professional relationship soon became a friendship that Engel fondly recalls to this day.

"I loved Miss Merman very much," Engel said. "At my mother's insistence, she even joined my family for Christmas Eve in 1970. My father, Rear Admiral Benjamin Franklin Engel, was the second-highest ranking person in the Coast Guard so we were living in a beautiful house on Governor's Island off of New York. My grandmother was a lovely woman, but unsophisticated. After dinner she turned to Miss Merman and said 'Ethel, now how about a song?' Miss Merman took it all in stride and said, 'I only sing when I'm being paid.' She did join us, however, when we sang Christmas carols."

From Broadway, Engel headed to Hollywood where, in 1972, she joined "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" as the shy and sweet Georgette Franklin, girlfriend of unctuously idiotic anchorman Ted Baxter (Ted Knight). In the 30 years since Mary Richards famously turned off the lights for the last time in the WJM newsroom, Engel has found continued success with recurring roles on the sitcoms "Coach" and "Everybody Loves Raymond."

"On one of my favorite episodes of 'Raymond,' I had the thrill of working one-on-one with Ray Romano," Engel said. "I loved doing that scene. It was like a perfect game of badminton."

Her earlier experience with another long-running CBS-TV series also left Engel with some lasting memories.

"Mary Tyler Moore and I took ballet classes together every day on the set at lunchtime, so when the time came she really wanted me to dance on the show," Engel said. "It was in an episode called 'Murray Can't Lose,' set at an awards show. Georgette danced in a very funny number set to 'Steam Heat.' The episode ran long, however, and my dance number was almost cut. Ted Knight didn't want to lose any of his lines, but both Mary and Ed Asner agreed to have some of theirs cut so I could do my dance number. To this day, Mary and Ed's generosity is very special to my heart."

Later this month, Engel will join Moore, Asner, White, Gavin MacLeod and other surviving cast members (Knight died of cancer in 1986) of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" in Chicago to tape a special reunion for this season's final episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show." Engel is eager to be with her old friends.

"When we get together, we still finish each other's sentences," Engel said. "Betty White and I will fly back together from Chicago to Boston. I'll be in Boston with 'The Drowsy Chaperone' and Betty will be in town to film a movie. Betty is one of my closest friends as is Monica Horan who played my daughter, Amy, on 'Raymond.' Betty and Monica are both very, very special to me."

"The Drowsy Chaperone" will be at the Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston, April 22-May 4. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at broadwayacrossamerica.com. The musical will be at the Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosset St., Providence, R.I., May 6-11. Fort tickets and information, visit the box office, call 401-421-2787 or go online at ppacri.org.

Fundraising Event

NEW BEGINNINGS OF NORWELL is holding its annual celebration at Pembroke Country Club on Saturday, May 3, from 7 p.m. to midnight. All members, past and present, as well as friends, family and colleagues are invited. The price is $29 per person and includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and dancing to DJ, the one and only "Crazy Ed" Kelley and Jeff Spencer's famous Memphis Rockabilly Band featuring rhythm and blues and rock and roll and more. Deadline is approaching for tickets. For information, call Michael Bennett at 617 462 5453 or email ambennett@adelphia.net. To receive tickets, send check for $29 per person, along with names of attendees and SASE to: Mimi Wigman, 43 Lowell Rd., Pembroke, MA 02359.

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Drift Awaywith Joe and J at French Memories Bakery, 61 South Main St., Cohasset Saturdays, April 19, 25 3 p.m. 781-383-2216

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. April 19, **Jesse & The Rippers** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, April 19, Traditional Irish Seisiun every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No Cover. Come sing, come play, come listen. 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 19 **Mother Focus Band** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, April 19 **Ryan Fardy & Shade of Blue** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage-cafe.com myspace.com/satch-snewbluesrevue

Sunday, April 20

Earth Day Celebration - Sunday April 20, 9 a.m. to noon The First Church of Wicca, lead by Rev. Dr. Kendra Vaughan Hovey along with parishioners, will be honoring the earth by handing out seeds and tips on how to keep "green" at the Duxbury Transfer Station. The first 100 people to the transfer station will receive seedlings. Information: 781-585-6002 or visit the web site www.FirstChurchOfWicca.org.

Dedham Choral Society and Orchestra will perform at New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall in Boston April 20 at 3 p.m. Information: 617-585-1260 dedhamchoral.org

The Lettermen will take the stage at **The Company Theatre** in Norwell on Sunday, April 20 at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets are priced at $36. Tickets are on sale at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

Bobbi Carrey sings "Mostly Mercer" at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree on Sunday, April 20 at 3 p.m. Using voice and story, cabaret singer and song stylist Bobbi Carrey explores Johnny Mercer's extraordinary success as a singer, lyricist, and composer. Free and open to the public. Information call 781-413-1327.

Monday, April 21

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,700 South Shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. **Growing Through It Program,** in its third week, is designed to help those who have recently suffered a loss of a significant partner due to death, separation or divorce. All are welcome. Information: Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com

Hanover Toastmasters meets from 5:45 to 7 p.m. every first and third Monday, each month, at the Rockland Trust building, 2036 Washington Street, Hanover. Information contact Stacey Shipman-Stacey@letitflowfitness.com

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham will feature the works of **Nancy Sargent Howell** of Scituate through May 1. 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

DivorceCare for Kids support group meetings on Mondays. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vineyard Community Church, 8 Hilltop Ave., Kingston. A 13-week self-contained revolving sessions for kids ages 5 to 12. Information, contact Rosalie 781-585-4776 or rosalie@thevineyardkingston.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 21, **free Texas Hold Em night** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, April 22

Deborah Tulsky Dumais "Digital Textures" photography show is on exhibit in the Clemens Gallery at the Hingham Public Library through May 1.

Artist Chuck Lathrop, will feature his "Elegy for Heaven New Paintings" exhibit at the Pembroke Library located at 142 Center St., through April 29.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 22, **free wicked trivia 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, April 23

StoryTime Wednesday, April 23 at 10 to 10:30 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St. Scituate Harbor. Mary reads age appropriate stories Wed. mornings 10-10:30. Good listeners of pre-school and kindergarten age along with an adult, are invited to attend. Free and open to the public. Call 781-545-5011 or visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Drift Away with Joe, John, and J at The River Club 78 Border Street , Scituate Wednesdays, April 23 and 30 8 p.m./No Cover 781-545-1330.

Myhouse Lounge, 609 Washington St., Route 3A, Quincy **Jazz open Mike** every Wednesday 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. 617-201-2918. www.myspace.com/myhouse-quincy

Thursday, April 24

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 24, **Living Proof** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, April 24 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **The Soul Shakers feature Pete Henderson** open mic 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Friday, April 25

Nunsense, presented by Hingham Civic Music Theatre, Hingham South Elementary School, 831 Main St., Hingham, runs Friday and Saturday, April 26 at 8 p.m. It also runs Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, May 4, at a 2 p.m. matinee. General admission $16; senior/student $14, with tickets availablel at Buttonwood Books, Rte. 3A, Cohasset, and Nobles Hingham Square. For information, call 781-837-1499, or visit hcmtstagemomma@comcast.net.

Drift Away with Joe & J at French Memories Bakery, 61 South Main St., Cohasset. Saturdays, April 19, 25, 3 p.m. 781-383-2216.

Bridgewater State College Theatre Arts Dept. presents Paula Vogel's Pulitzer Prize-winning play How I Learned to Drive. It will be performed on April 25, 26 May 1, 2, 3 at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee performance on April 27, at the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium at Bridgewater State College on April 25, 26 May 1, 2, 3 at 8 p.m. and on April 27 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are $10 for the general public and $5 for BSC students. Information or reservations, call the Bridgewater State College Box Office at 508-531-1321.

Folk singer Jake Armerding will perform at The First Congregational Church of Randolph on Friday, April 25 at 8 p.m. For information, visit www.jakearmerding.com. The First Congregational Church of Randolph is located at 1 South Main Street, Randolph. Admission is $15 at the door. Net proceeds benefit the New Organ Fund. Information 781-963-6373.

School vacation activities

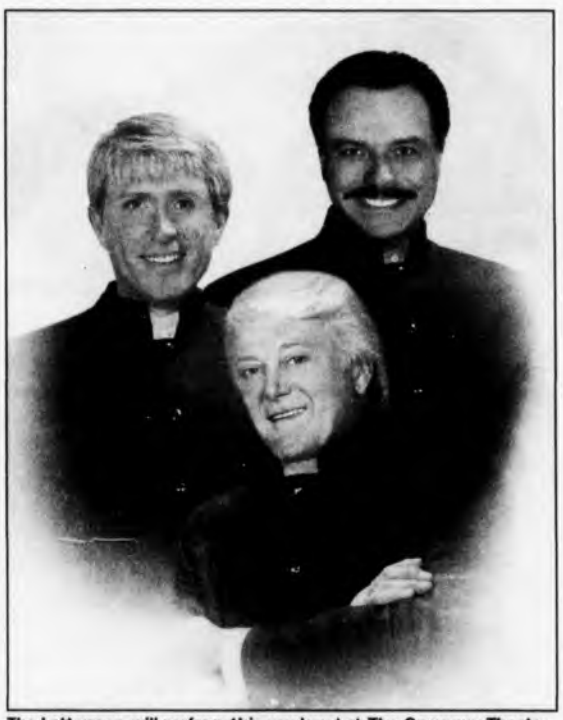
THE SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER Norwell offers April Vacation Week Programs on Tuesday, April 22 through Friday April 25 for grades K- 2. Choose one session or attend all four sessions; sessions are from 9:30 am to noon PM. Cost per day is $30 members, $35 non-members. Pre-registration and prepayment required for some programs by calling 781-659-2559, ext 214, South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, or view the website www.ssnsc.org. **Ecolympics** is the theme for the Grades K-2 programs. Each day will feature a different topic; Tuesday, April 22 is **Awesome Animal Athletes**, Wednesday, April 23 will feature **Water Wonders,** Thursday, April 24: **Plant Power,** and Friday, **Great Forces of Nature.** April 25: Dress for the weather. **Drop- In April vacation week programs** are available for children in grades 3-5 on Tuesday April 22 and Friday April 25 Sessions are 9:30 a.m. to noon with a cost per day: $30 M/ $35NM. These are drop-in programs, no registration or pre-payment required. Come to one or both sessions. Bring a peanut-free snack. **Trash Art and More** is the topic on Tuesday, April 22. Join us for a morning of recycling, reusing, and reducing in honor of Earth Day! **It's Arbor Day so Hug a Tree** on Friday, April 25. Learn the difference between a maple and an oak. Also learn about some of the most important trees in our area and how they are used for everything from animal homes to a tasty treat. **Meet An Animal Program at 2 pm,** The Science Center has over 25 species of animals and the naturalist introduces a different animal at each program. Learn about the animal's habitat and adaptations each day except Wednesday; it will be offered April 19, 21, 22, 24, 25 and 26. **Feed the Animals** program will be offered on Saturdays April 19, and 26 and Monday Patriots Day April 21st at 10 AM and Wednesday the 23 at 3 p.m. All programs are free with paid admission.

PLIMOTH PLANTATION, Plymouth **A Morning With Rare Breed Animals** Daily April 22-25, 8 to 9 a.m., in the 1627 English Village. Guests must arrive by 8 a.m. to participate in this program. FREE with museum admission, this program brings a behind-the-scenes look at the care and training of the exhibit animals and agriculture in the 1627 village. "**Building A Monarch Waystation**" April 22 and 23, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Nye Barn. Plimoth Plantation is participating with the efforts of www.MonarchWatch.org to create a national network of waystations to preserve endangered, native, monarch butterflies. "**Game On—Colonial Style**!" Daily April 22-25 at 1 p.m., at the Colonial Education Site. Join museum staff in a boisterous hour of colonial game playing. FREE with museum admission. **Working With Deerskin** Tuesday, April 22 Offered twice at 11 a.m., and 2 p.m. **Deerskin** is one of the most important materials in the Wampanoag culture. Learn the process of scraping the deer hide, for the preparation of clothing and other articles. This program is $10 per person designed for visitors aged 5 and up, and all children must be accompanied by an adult. **Fish and Fun** April 24 twice at 11 am, and 2 pm This session gives children of all ages the opportunity to experience traditional Native fun. Begin the day viewing a variety of Native maritime artifacts essential to 17th century **Wampanoag life.** Learn the proper technique behind making a fishing net. Each participant will create a small net using cordage similar to what Wampanoag people would have used in the 17th century. Participants will also have the opportunity to make cornhusk dolls or action figures, using the husks from corn just as Wampanoag children did. This program is $10 per person. The program was designed for visitors aged 5 and up, and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Children 5 and under are admitted to Plimoth Plantation for FREE everyday. Food service is available daily at Plimoth Plantation's Patuxet Café. Reservations are not required for April Vacation activities. Information: *www.plimoth.org*

'The Letterman' are still going strong

Pop group to perform at Norwell's Company Theatre

R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



The Lettermen will perform this weekend at The Company Theatre in Norwell.

Before there were New Kids on the Block, The Backstreet Boys or 'N Sync, there were The Lettermen, the very first of the boy bands according to Tony Butala who, as that latter group's once and still lead singer, was the Justin Timberlake of his generation.

"I put together the first boy band when I formed The Lettermen in the late 1950s," recalled Butala by telephone from his Napa Valley vineyard last week of the group that will be at Norwell's Company Theatre for two shows Sunday. "I looked for the best singers and dancers and also the best-looking young men I could find. Mike Barnett, Talmadge Russell and I made our debut as The Lettermen in a revue called 'Newcomers of 1928,' which starred singer Rudy Vallee, silent film legend Buster Keaton, and big band-leader Paul Whiteman, which broke records at the old Desert Inn in Las Vegas."

In that production, Butala played the role of Bing Crosby, who had toured in the 1920s with Whiteman's orchestra. It was an interesting twist of career fate for the Pennsylvania-born Butala, who as young teenager had appeared with Crosby in the 1954 feature film "White Christmas."

By 1960, The Lettermen – with lead vocalist Butala now joined by Jim Pike and Bob Engemann – were signed to Warner Brothers Records and released their first singles, "Their Hearts Were Full of Spring," "When," "The Magic Sound" and "Two Hearts." When these early recordings came to the attention of Nic Venet, a young Capitol Records executive, the trio was signed to what would become a 25-year contract with Capitol. Soon, the vocal trio began climbing the charts with hits like "The Way You Look Tonight," "When I Fall in Love" and "Come Back Silly Girl."

When the Beatles-led British invasion reshaped the American music scene in the 1960s, Butala says The Lettermen held their own by remaining true to their musical style with songs like "Put Your Head on My Shoulder" and "Hurt So Bad."

"The Lettermen have never been a rock group, just a pop group," Butala said. "And as a pop group, we could work with Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Dinah Shore, and Jackie Gleason, when rock groups weren't getting those kinds of television bookings. We were regulars on 'The Red Skelton Show' and made many, many appearances on 'The Ed Sullivan Show,' too. And we toured with everyone from Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin to Jimmy Durante and Debbie Reynolds. We were recording artists first and foremost, but we were also entertainers."

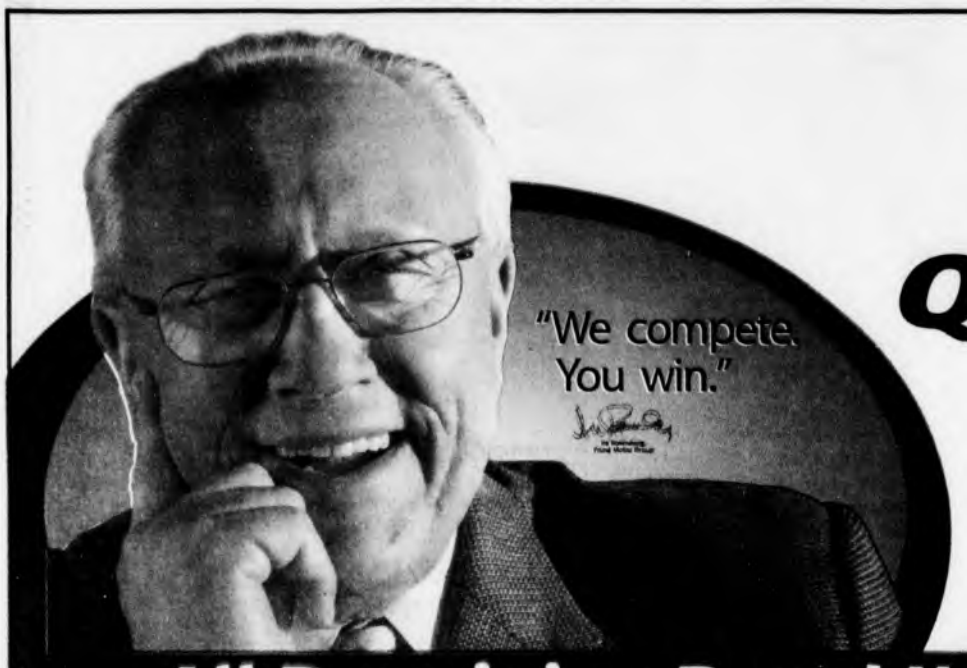
While his fellow Lettermen have changed over the years – with current members Donovan Tea and Mark Preston joining in 1984 – the 68-year-old Butala continues to perform some 100 shows a year while also serving as founder and chairman of The Vocal Group Hall of Fame Foundation and Museum in Sharon, Pa.

"Even after all these years, I'm proud to say we're not a nostalgia or oldies group," Butala said. "Every year, we analyze what we've done and we set about creating a new, fresh show. We never wear last year's clothes and we never repeat last year's show. When we go on the road we're not making a comeback. Some of our audiences are making comebacks, but not us. We've never left."

The Lettermen will be at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, for two shows, at 3 and 7 p.m., Sunday, April 20. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-871-2787 or go online at companytheatre.com.







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Merle Brown honored at Atlantica



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Taking steps in the MS fight



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Pitching in on Earth Day



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The Buckley brothers, Mitchell, 9, and Ben, 11, take a break in the back of Jim Hamilton's truck, as Hamilton brings over another bag of trash from Jerusalem Road. Approximately 40 volunteers participated in the clean up on Tuesday.

Cohasset middle-high students help with clean up

By Nancy White
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About 30 students showed up on Tuesday morning to join the clean up.

Mother Nature seemed to recognize Tuesday, April 22 was Earth Day and pulled out all the stops in celebration. The picture perfect spring day — sunny skies, temperatures in the high sixties and a brisk, salty breeze — made getting outside an easy choice.

Under the direction of Cohasset High teachers and members of the Cohasset Conservation Trust, high school students grabbed a pair of gloves and pitched in to make two tracts of land a cleaner place. About 30 students showed up on Tuesday morning to join the clean up.

Varsity lacrosse players of the boys and girls teams, community service students and just plain volunteers split into two groups. One group headed to upper King Street near the water treatment plant and the other group undertook the Conservation Trust's Giuggio Scenic Overlook off Jerusalem Road. Both spots, organizers said, were targeted because they are routinely used as dumping spots for cars passing by.

"We thought a project like this would be good because it gets kids involved in the becoming stewards of the town and helping to keep beautiful places (like Giuggio overlook) clean," said Cohasset Conservation Trust president Debbie Shadd. "They can enjoy the special qualities of the site while cleaning it up."

What the students found at Giuggio Scenic Overlook was bagfuls of trash. Soda cans, flower pots, beer bottles, tires, papers, plastic bags, pressure treated wood were just a few of the items found on the Giuggio scenic overlook.

At the spot on upper King Street, just beyond the water treatment plant, the high school students, mostly from the boys lacrosse team filled an truck bed full of trash in just 35 minutes.

In total over 30 bags were taken to the Transfer Center requiring two trips. A bicycle, pieces of telephone poles, twisted pieces of metal from cars and a cell phone.

The Giuggio outlook hadn't been cleaned up in years, said Shadd. The three lots spanning 348 feet of land along the east side of Jerusalem Road overlooking the salt meadow, Rice Island and Little Harbor beyond were donated by John and Barbara Giuggio in November 1993. The Conservation Trust owns the land. Its steep grade down to the marsh makes the spot an attractive place to dispose of litter because once it goes over the side of the road it is out of sight.

Jim Hamilton, a Conservation Trust director, was delighted with the high turnout of volunteers despite the nice weather and school vacation week.

"Many hands make short and easy work," said Hamilton. "(The Giuggio overlook) was long overdue for a cleaning."

Hamilton also saw the project as a way to begin to introduce youth to the conservation land right in their own town. "I'd like them to learn to take some pride in what they see."

High School social studies teacher

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Fire chief: Open-air burning suspended

Dry weather poses danger

By Nancy White
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Both the police department and the fire department will be keeping their eyes out for residents burning without a permit.

This past weekend's warm temperatures and sunny skies provided a great excuse to get outside. Many took to the sidewalks for some exercise and other spent the day in their yards to get them in shape for the warmer months. If residents were planning on burning all that debris they gathered they'll have to wait for a substantial rain storm.

"Due to the extremely dry conditions, all burning permits have been postponed until further notice," said Fire Chief Bob Silvia on Monday. The suspension of permits follows a request made of local fire chiefs from the state Department of Conservation and Recreation and the state Fire Marshall after over 150 wild fires were reported over the weekend.

Burning was allowed over this weekend with no incidents, said Silvia. The postponement of burning permits is a precautionary measure. Both the police department and the fire department will be keeping their eyes out for residents burning without a permit.

As an extension, Silvia said residents should be extremely careful when disposing of smoking materials.

Open-air burning permits are issued on a yearly basis to town residents. Residents are required to come down to the fire station to sign in and take a copy of the burning regulations they must follow. The regulations inform the resident of what is appropriate to burn and when it is appropriate to burn. The open burning season runs from January 15 to (and including) May 1. Burning is allowed daily during that time period between 10a.m and 4p.m. A $5 permit fee is also required.

This year to date, the fire department has issued 230 open burning permits.

Although someone may hold a open burning permit, they still need to check in with the fire department on each day they would like to burn. If burning is not

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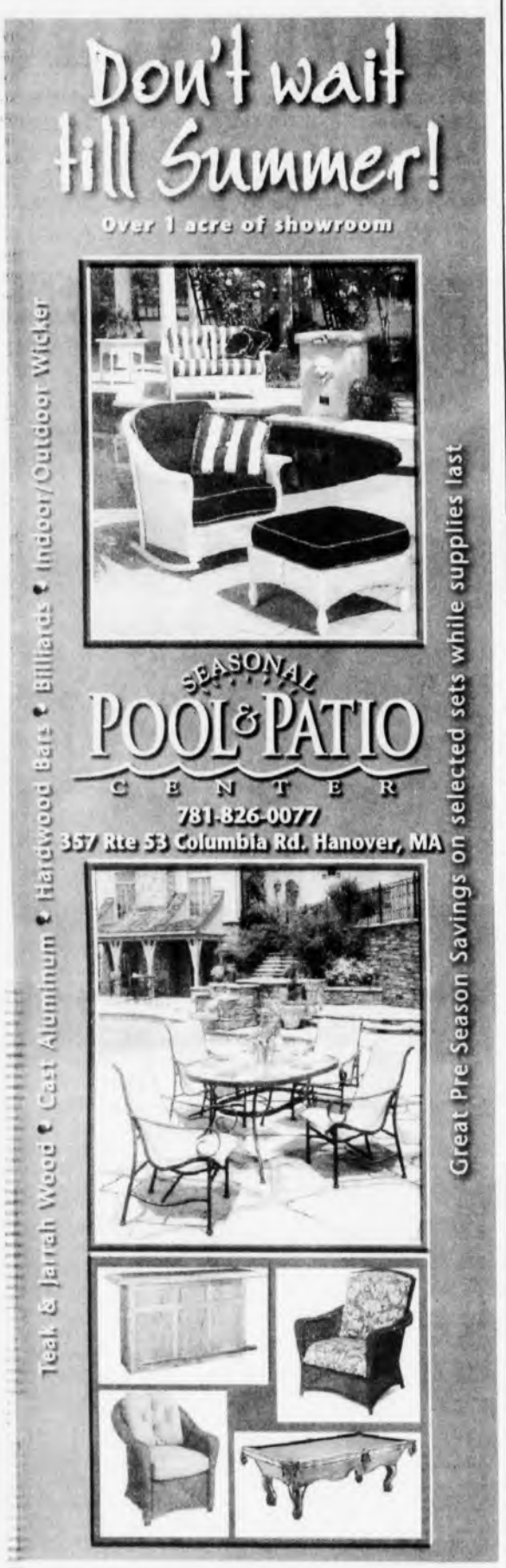
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Best day of your life: Meeting Tom.

Best vacation: Egypt: horseback riding in the desert and experiencing a different culture.

Favorite season: Spring and fall.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving: no commercialism, just friends and family.

Favorite or meal: Corned beef & cabbage dinner.

Best book: "The Human Zoo." by Desmond Morris

Best movie: Anything with Jack Nicholson, Anthony Hopkins, Johnny Depp or Meryl Streep.

Best TV show: Toss up between "Brothers & Sisters" and "House."

Most memorable moment: First time I rode my horse over a 4 ft. jump course

Pet peeve: People who don't pick up their dog poop in public walkways.

Goal: To make a difference.

Person you'd most like to meet: Charles Krauthammer.

Biggest worry: World peace or what flavor ice cream to order.

Best part of Cohasset: The Ice Pond at Holly Hill Farm.



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The Mariner caught up with Cohasset's new selectman, Karen Quigley, at Town Hall this week.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Apr. - May	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 24	2:17	9.1	2:55	8.0	8:35	0.5	8:43	1.6
Sunrise: 5:48 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:35 p.m.*			
Fri. 25	2:58	8.9	3:39	7.8	9:18	0.8	9:27	1.8
Sunrise: 5:46 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:36 p.m.*			
Sat. 26	3:34	8.7	4:25	7.6	10:04	1.0	10:15	1.9
Sunrise: 5:45 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:37 p.m.*			
Sun. 27	4:32	8.5	5:16	7.6	10:53	1.2	11:07	2.0
Sunrise: 5:44 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:39 p.m.*			
Mon. 28	5:24	8.4	6:08	7.7	11:45	1.2	—	—
Sunrise: 5:42 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:40 p.m.*			
Tues. 29	6:20	8.4	7:02	8.0	12:03	1.9	12:39	1.2
Sunrise: 5:41 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:41 p.m.*			
Wed. 30	7:17	8.5	7:54	8.4	1:00	1.6	1:32	0.9
Sunrise: 5:39 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:42 p.m.*			
Thurs. 1	8:13	8.8	8:44	9.0	1:57	1.1	2:24	0.7
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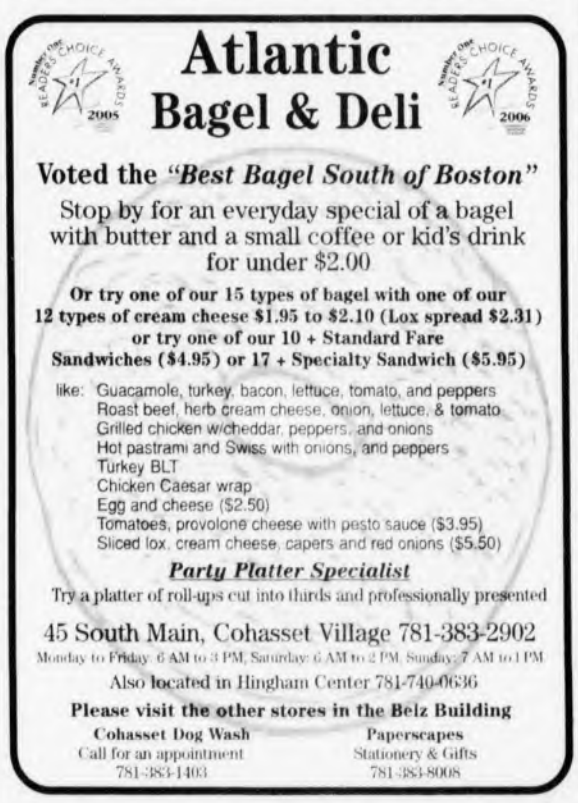
DTC yard sale to benefit scholarship fund

Cohasset Democratic Town Committee calls out to all of Cohasset and asks for the donation of salable items for its annual yard sale to benefit the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship Fund. The yard sale will take place Saturday, May 10, at 89 Doane St. Call Donna McGee at 383-9114 for delivery or pick-up information.

Cohasset Democratic Town Committee has awarded the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship to graduating Cohasset seniors since 1978.

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Health Board tackles diesel

School buses a prime concern

By Nancy White
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The Board of Health is taking a tough stance on diesel fuel emissions and the pollution that goes along with it. With the start of the commuter rail there is a new source of diesel fuel emissions entering Cohasset's air and the Board of Health is looking to encourage small steps to keep the pollution at a minimum.

"The effect of diesel fuel is probably more than people believe."
— Steve Bobo, Board of Health

In a letter to the School Committee in late February, the Board of Health offered encouraged the schools to take steps to minimize the diesel fuel emissions from the school bus fleet.

"The effect of diesel fuel is probably more than people believe," said Board of Health member Steve Bobo in a phone interview, adding some studies have shown exposure to diesel emissions cause a high incident of asthma and other ear, nose, throat health problems.

The Board of Health suggested several efforts the School Committee could undertake to reduce the pollution load in the town. A state grant program, Mass Clean Diesel, retrofits diesel-powered school buses to reduce air pollution and respirable particulates. In addition, they requested the school enforce the state engine idling provision, which requires that engines idle no longer than five minutes and post signage in school parking lots and turnarounds to remind drivers of the requirement.

The response from the schools indicated to Bobo they were not going to take immediate action on the issue.

"We're still going to insist something be done, we're interested in doing a number of things to reduce diesel fuel emissions," said Bobo in a phone interview.

The school's response, written by business manager Dave DeGennaro, said there were several issues with Cohasset's eligibility for the state grant program.

Before Cohasset schools can quality for the grant, an analysis has to be completed to make sure the catalyst will fit on our buses and age, make and model are considered. The grant funding requires a commitment that any retrofitted bus stay on the road for at least three more years.

"This requirement may cause a dilemma for us…our buses range in age from three years to 14 years of age. Predicting the useful life of a school bus can be very difficult," stated DeGennaro.

DeGennaro stated the engine idling provision is strictly enforced with the bus drivers and a "rigorous preventive maintenance program" is in place to keep the bus engines running clean.

"We also meet or exceed the manufacturers recommended maintenance in other areas such as inspection for leaks of exhaust systems, windows, doors and gaskets to minimize exhaust inside our buses," states DeGennaro.

The suggestion of signage as a reminder to turn off engines, for both bus drivers and anyone picking someone up at the schools, was not addressed.

Bobo said the Board of Health discussed the letter at their Tuesday meeting and will request more information on the character of the buses from the schools.

The Board of Health plans to do some air quality testing down the line to see what the pollutant load from diesel emission is in the town.

Police Beat

Man airlifted after motorcycle crash

By Mary Ford
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First arriving police officers found a 39-year-old Braintree man, lying in the road suffering from multiple traumatic injuries that he received as a result of rear-ending a car with his 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycle.

On Tuesday, April 22, at about 12:03 pm, the Cohasset Police Department's Emergency Dispatch Center received multiple calls reporting a motor vehicle crash involving a motorcycle on Route 3A near the intersection of Lower King Street.

First arriving police officers found a 39-year-old Braintree man, lying in the road suffering from multiple traumatic injuries that he received as a result of rear-ending a car with his 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycle. The vehicle that was struck by the motorcyclist was a 1996 GMC Jimmy operated by a 17-year-old Braintree girl.

The driver of the GMC Jimmy was uninjured. Cohasset Fire Department paramedics treated the motorcyclist on scene. He was subsequently flown to the Boston Medical Center by helicopter. His condition did not appear to be life threatening.

Route 3A had to be closed for approximately 30 minutes. This accident is under investigation by the Cohasset Police Department.

Thefts at CHS

Police are investigating the theft of electronic equipment from students' school bags at the middle-high school.

Chief James Hussey said there were three reports; the items taken included two iPods and one cell phone.

"We are working with the school administration to try and identify the culprit," Hussey said.

Trash dumping

Police have identified the address on the junk mail illegally dumped in a receptacle at Harborview Apartments off Elm Street last week and let the person know not to do that again, Chief Hussey said. Dumping trash in someone else's dumpster can result in a criminal complaint, he said.

Major gas leak

It appears that construction workers hit a gas main in a trench on Nichols Road last Tuesday (April 15) that led to the evacuation of some of the area homes, police said. The fire department conducted the notifications. There was a strong odor of gas in the area. Keyspan arrived on the scene and shut down the gas. Police helped with traffic.

Runaway

The administration at the middle-high school notified police when a female freshman fled the building at about 1:17 p.m. on Tuesday (April 15) and got into a blue Mustang. Police followed up and spoke with the girl's mother and as it turned out, she went home.

Chief Hussey said the school was concerned about the girl's safety.

Medical bag

A medical bag belonging to a Scituate resident was taken from her car while she was shopping at Cohasset Plaza, police said. The theft was reported at about 1 p.m. on Wednesday (April 16). Chief Hussey said the victim did not remember if she had locked her car, but there was no sign of forced entry. She was in the store about one hour, went home to Scituate, and then realized that the medical bag was missing. She returned to the plaza where police took the report.

Stop sign

A man who ran a stop sign at Elm and Margin streets last week will face the charge of driving on a suspended license and was cited for a stop sign violation. The 45-year old Hull man is being summonsed to court, police said. An officer observed the man go through the stop sign at about 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday (April 16) and pulled him over.

Underage

Four minors – meaning they are all under 21 – were arrested and charged with being minors in possession of alcohol following a report of reckless driving last Wednesday (April 16) at about 7 p.m. in the Sandy Beach Parking Lot.

The caller said the youths were drinking and urinating in public. Police identified the teens, two 19-year-olds from Hull, an 18-year-old from Hull and a 17-year-old from Quincy, and placed them under arrest.

Wood stolen

Police are working with their counterparts in North Attleboro in the hope of having some stolen wood returned. A Cohasset resident obtained written permission to keep the wood from trees the electric company had cut down at the front of the resident's property. The resident called police after seeing a pick-up truck pull in and pickup the wood and head south on 3A. The victim provided the plate that came back to a N. Attleboro resident. Chief Hussey said it has yet to be determined whether the victim, who would like the wood returned, will pursue charges.

Popped tire

A motorist, who believes his tire was blown due to water main work, was advised to contact the water department to make a claim, police said.

Window smashed

Police are investigating the vandalism to a car on Blackhorse Lane. The owner discovered the passenger side window of his 2001 Audi was smashed with a rock. The rock was inside the car.

The owner reported that neighbors heard youths around midnight and police are working with the neighbors to gather information. The incident was reported at 7:23 a.m. on Sunday (April 20).

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Need information? Dial 211

Statewide phone number directs callers to essential services

By Nancy White
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"...it is our hope that eventually the 211 number will be used by people who have questions about the town and the services available that are not police related."
— Police Chief James Hussey

Help is out there, but finding the right resources is often the most difficult part. A new resident looking for an after-school program, a struggling single mom who needs the assistance of a food bank, or a family having trouble paying the heating bill can now all turn to a statewide information hotline for assistance — 211.

Anyone in need of essential community services can dial 211 to be directed to the appropriate organization in the area. The 211 system has access to an extensive database system which lists all non-profit and governmental agencies that can help with myriad issues. A trained specialist assesses the caller's issue and directs them to the right place. They can field calls involving basic human needs to physical and mental health to employment services to family and child services to elder services to volunteer opportunities.

Mass 211 was created in response to the national 211 program. A collaboration between statewide local United Ways and the Alliance of Information & Referral Systems, a professional membership association that brings people and services together.

Chief dispatcher Tom Wigmore learned about the 211 service at a dispatch conference in Connecticut. When he returned to Cohasset, he organized an awareness campaign to get the word out about the service.

"I'm always looking out for things that will help the town and its residents," said Wigmore. Posters were placed in Town Hall and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. He recruited a representative from the United Way, executive director Paul Mina, to talk about the 211 system to a group of seniors at the Elder Affairs. Trained counselors at the 211 phone center can connect elders to appropriate agencies from Meals on Wheels programs to home health care to Medicare to transportation services.

"The program was excellent and the seniors understand what 211 is all about," said Linda Elworthy, Director of Elder Affairs.

Despite the similarity with the 9-1-1 emergency number, Police Chief James Hussey believes the system will cut down on non-emergency calls to the station and not increase accidental dialing of 911.

"The 911 number is well ingrained as the number to call for emergencies. We do occasionally receive non-emergency calls on the 911 line," said Hussey, adding as a reminder to residents police related non-emergency calls should go to 781-383-1212.

"We do get quite a few calls from both residents and out-of-towners looking for non-police related information and it is our hope that eventually the 211 number will be used by people who have questions about the town and the services available that are not police related," said Hussey. As Cohasset is typically a one-person dispatch operation, the 211 system will help reduce non-police related calls and keep the lines clear for emergencies, Hussey said.

"Now with 211, anyone in need of assistance can call and a counselor will be able to direct them to the right agency for their issue," said Wigmore.

Fire Chief Bob Silvia is of like mind, "anything that decreases the number of calls to 911 for other non-emergency services is a good idea."

Having a go-to source for information is an asset for residents as well, Silvia said.

According to their website, 211 currently reaches over 190 million people (approximately 65 percent of the total U.S. population) in 41 states and the District of Columbia, but in time the hope is to implement the system nationwide.

Someone is available to answer 211 calls from 8a.m. to 8p.m., Monday through Friday. Every call that comes in is treated confidentially.

In addition, to being a source for information, 211 will also serve as a resource during times of crisis, to field calls regarding the crisis and to direct callers to the services most appropriate for their needs. With the system in place, 211 is the logical platform for building emergency response communication capacity according to the Mass 211 website.

The 211 information line has already been used during emergencies in other parts of the country. In the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, hundreds of thousands of Louisiana, Texas and Alabama residents called 211 with a multitude of needs, including shelter, transportation, medical, food and water, construction materials, mental health, and questions about the availability of and application for federal, state, and non-profit assistance. Calls to 911 referred non-emergency calls to 211 freeing up 911 operators for life and death situations.

Residents can dial 211 or 1-877-211-MASS (6277) to get connected to the 211 information system. For more information on 211, visit www.mass211.org.

Send your news tip to mford@cnc.com

Cohasset has part in mock train crash

Sunday morning event in Hingham

By Mary Ford
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Sunday morning there will be a host of fire apparatus, ambulances and public safety personnel on Water Street in Hingham.

Officials hope that most residents will continue with their regular Sunday activities whether that means attending church or working in the yard rather than stopping by to see what all the fuss is about.

What will be happening starting at about 8:30 a.m. is a full-scale drill involving a mock commuter train-bus-car accident at the grade crossing on Water Street.

The street will be blocked off for about three hours and parking will be limited. There will be a place cordoned off for the press, photographers, and some spectators. Because of the train fences, viewing areas are limited.

Drill coordinator Hingham Deputy Fire Chief Robert Olsson said the purpose is to quite literally work out any kinks in safety procedures. Officials, like Olsson, believe that an accident on this scale is unlikely but they want to be prepared for any scenario.

"We will be testing our mass casualty plan," Olsson said this week.

Hingham Fire Chief Mark Duff was approached by the MBTA last year and asked to stage a mass casualty incident involving the train.

The mock crash will involve a car that hits a school bus that is stopped at the crossing and pushes the bus into the path of on oncoming train. The accident will be staged, meaning the vehicles will be put in place to show the aftermath of the crash. There will be a debriefing following the drill.

Public safety officials from Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Weymouth and Braintree and representatives from the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Co. will take part in the drill. Assistance will be provided by ambulances from Fallon, AMR, South Shore Hospital and Quincy Hospital.

Fire apparatus from area towns will be staged at the Bathing Beach; Hingham fire will be the first to arrive at the mock accident scene.

A command post and staging area will also be set up. There will be about 80 volunteer "victims."

Officials stressed that sufficient public safety coverage will be in place in the event a real emergency should occur while the mock train crash is under way.

Greenbush rail service between the West Hingham Station and Nantasket Junction will be temporarily suspended that morning, but bus service will be available between the two stations to accommodate commuters.

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Fire chief: Open-air burning suspended

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allowed due to weather conditions or other variables, a recorded message will inform the caller.

In addition to drought conditions, an overcast or low wind day may prohibit burning, Silvia said.

If there is low cloud cover, the smoke will stay in the area and not dissipate. "It's a health regulation as much as it is a fire regulation," said Silvia.

The DEP and fire department limit open burning for public health and safety reasons, according to the DEP's website. Open burning pollutes the air and can make it difficult for people with respiratory problems to breathe. In addition, when the air is stagnant, open burning can cause smoke and odor nuisances and pose health risks to nearby residents, particularly in densely populated areas. Open burning can also pose a safety risk when it is not adequately controlled.

Open burning permits are issued for the disposal of brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris. The fire should be built as close as possible to the source of materials to be burned and situated at a distance greater than 75 feet from any dwelling. A safe area with no ground cover should be chosen and the fire should be attended until completely extinguished.

An open-air permit does not allow the burning of grass, hay, leaves, stumps or tires.

According to the DEP's website, there can be more environmentally friendly alternatives to open burning. Open burning releases large amounts of carbon dioxide, other gases, and solid substances directly into the air, which can contribute to respiratory problems.

The website states disposal of natural materials is never as good for the environment as using them again in a different form. Tree limbs, brush and other forestry debris can be chipped or composted into landscaping material.

For more information on burning, please contact the fire department on its business line at (781) 383-0616. More information can also be found on the Department of Environmental Protection's Web site at www.mass.gov/dep/air/compliance/burning.htm.

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BRIEFLY

Rabies clinic offered May 17

The Town of Hull will be hosting its Second Annual Multi-town Rabies Clinic offering reduced cost rabies vaccines for dogs and cats in Hull, Cohasset, Hingham and Norwell, on Saturday, May 17, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Dr. Grace Strake, DVM, South Coastal Animal Health, Weymouth, will be assisting the Town of Hull, administering these vaccinations. The clinic will be held behind Hull Police Headquarters, 1 School St., Vaccinations will be $10.

All dogs must be leashed. Aggressive dogs must be muzzled. All cats must be crated.

Spring at Weir River Farm

The Barnyard opens for the season with the annual spring celebration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, April 26, at Weir River Farm. Traditionally, spring on the farm has been a time for joining together to plow the soil, plant the crops and shear the wooly sheep. Join others in a celebration of this tradition. Festivities will include sheep shearing and wool spinning, animal introductions and crafts for the kids. Cost is free for members, $3 for non-members. Those attending should park at the top of Turkey Hill Lane.

Visit the Web site at thetrustees.org or call 781-740-7233 for more information.

Bark-a-thon at Wompatuck

A walk in Wompatuck State Park to benefit the local animal shelter will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, on Sunday, May 18. The walk begins and ends in the parking lot outside the Visitors Center Common Room at the Wompatuck State Park entrance off Union Street in Hingham.

The shelter serves the five towns of Scituate, Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Norwell on an as-needed basis. It is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the welfare of companion animals. The mission is to rescue abandoned, homeless animals and give them proper care, love and attention. The shelter is a no-kill facility.

For information, contact Hall by email at william@gailhall. com or call 781 749 4492. Donations can also be sent to Friends of Scituate Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 823, Scituate MA 02066. Note Bark-a-thon 2008 on checks.

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SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Hello Cohasset. Wow, we could not have asked for a better week weather-wise for a Spring vacation for many of the families in town. For everyone, whether you went away or stayed here in Cohasset, if you have any stories or photos to send in, please do so as we love to hear and see what everyone is up too. I know that in my family, we had a low-key week and enjoyed it all, especially my daughter Callie's 14th Birthday celebration. I cannot believe that she is one year older. Happy Birthday Callie, all of your friends and family love you so, so much!

THANK YOU!

This next piece is in relation to the Boston Marathon that was held this past Monday and several Cohasset residents were involved. Among them were two residents who were running for a cause that is near and dear to them and includes a thank you and a request if possible for more support financially.

"A big thank you to all the people in this amazing community who supported both myself (**Mel Barrett**) and **Barbara Wipf**, my fellow NF Marathon Team member, through Mondays Boston Marathon. It was brutal, but we made it, and are humbled by your support; not only financially, but your kind words, emails, phone calls and simple good luck wishes over the past couple of weeks. It means so much. Paul (Mel's Husband) and I have discovered that if there is a silver lining in having a child with a serious illness, it is that we are given more chances to see the good in people, and their extraordinary ability to help and care. Thank you for that. If you are interested in learning more about our truly amazing son **Gaeb**'s journey, or to donate to our cause, please visit www.firstgiving.com/forth-eloveofgaeb

FAIRFIELD U

Dominique Asnault, a junior majoring in Studio Art and Art History and a Cohasset resident, has earned a place on the dean's list for the 2007 Fall Semester at Fairfield University in Connecticut. Congratulations Dominique on a job very well done!

XAVERIAN

Xaverian Brothers High School recently announced that Cohasset resident, **Sean Aherne** made Second Honors. Way to go Sean!

CUSHING ACADEMY

Mr. **Samuel K. Parker**, a member of the class of 2008 and from here in town was named to Cushing Academy's Honor Roll for the Winter Term. To be awarded honors, students must be enrolled in four major courses and earn a grade point average of 85 or above for the term. Cushing's campus is located in Ashburnham Mass.

BOOKS IN BLOOM

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will present "Books in Bloom" from Wednesday, May 7 to Friday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Garden club members will create floral interpretations of book selections using arrangements of flowers and fresh plant material. This is not a standard flower show as it will not be judged according to National and Federation rules. Instead, the public will have the opportunity to select the winners in different categories such as the most beautiful, the most creative, and the most whimsical. The show is a unique opportunity for all members to display their creative talents without being judged. The club is especially proud that members of the Junior Gardeners will also participate. This event will be free and open to the public. Please plan to come and enjoy!

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its annual Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, May 17, on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Perennials that have proven their hardiness and merit in the Garden Club members' own gardens will be on sale and experienced gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and offer advice.

Many plants both perennial and annual will be on sale. Some are heirloom plants that are no longer sold at local nurseries. Also available will be copies of the garden club's most recent publication, "The Eclectic Gardener", a collection of gardening information, recipes, and nature notes of local interest. The event will be held rain or shine. Come early for the best selection. Proceeds from the sale of the plants and books will support the Community Garden Club's projects, which include maintenance of the gardens at the Lightkeeper's Cottage, Constitution Park, and the Pratt Building, a garden therapy program at Golden Living Center, Junior Gardeners, scholarships, and Arbor Day plantings. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

ON STAGE

Here is a neat piece of news about two of our young ladies from here in Cohasset. Boston College High School will be presenting "West Side Story" on the first two weekends in May. Cohasset's **Katie Hillman** and **Thomson Jaffe** will be performing in this production. Show times are Friday, May 2, and Saturday, May 3, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m.; Thursday, May 8, and Saturday, May 10, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, May 11, at 2 p.m.. Tickets cost $10 for adults and $5 for students. For additional information and/or reservations, please contact **Adrian Hernandez**, (617)-474-5165, or e-mail your request to TheDeverPlayers@bchigh.edu. This would be a fun event for many to attend and enjoy while cheering on two super gals.

Enjoy this weekend with many fun events going on around the area. Have fun, stay safe and enjoy. Send in your news, photos and event information no later than Tuesday by 5 pm.

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Harriot Pratt provides 'munificent' gift

Endowment Wall honors library donors

The Cohasset Library Trust has recently installed an Endowment Donor Wall at the entry to the library. It honors the more than 20 persons who have, over more than 100 years, made significant gifts to the library. These gifts have created the library's endowment. Some gifts have been as bequests in a donor's will. Others have been gifts from friends or family to memorialize or honor individuals.

From time to time, the Library Trust plans to offer short sketches of the persons whose names are on the Donor Wall.

In 1898, Miss Harriot Eustis Pratt died and left half her estate to establish a public library building in Cohasset in memory of her father, Paul Pratt. At the time, the Cohasset Free Public Library was crowded into two rooms in Town Hall.

Paul Pratt was a descendant of Phineas Pratt and was born in Cohasset in 1788. As a young man he apprenticed to a house carpenter in Boston named Joseph Eustis. Paul married Anne Eustis, Joseph's daughter, in 1809 at the age of 21. Their children were born in Boston where Paul worked as a house carpenter. The Pratts moved to Cohasset in 1831, because of his daughter Harriot's illness, and he apparently opened a store on South Main Street. He was a founder and president of Cohasset Savings Bank in 1845, a member of the school committee for several years and served on a three-man committee that recommended the construction of Cohasset's first high school. He died in 1853 at the age of 62.

Miss Harriot and Miss Sarah Pratt were two of Paul and Anne Eustis Pratt's four children to reach adulthood. Neither daughter married and when their father died in 1853 he left their house on South Main Street (number 190) to his daughters, as well as a sum of $20,000. Their mother died in 1868. Miss Harriot's estate of $70,000 in 1898 must attest to both wise investments and simple living during the 45 years after her father's death.

Miss Harriot's gift was described by contemporaries as "munificent." It provided a successful conclusion to an increasing interest in Cohasset by growing numbers of citizens for all the benefits that access to books and magazines would provide. A few Cohasset citizens had established two very small private libraries, one in 1792 and the other in 1828, for the benefit of their subscribers. In 1878, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed enabling legislation for towns to establish public libraries. Rev. Joseph Osgood, the Superintendent of Schools, made a strong plea for a public library in Cohasset in his 1878 annual report. The next Town Meeting voted to have a Committee study this matter.



COURTESY PHOTO

Miss Harriot Eustis Pratt.

This Committee doubted that more than 10 percent of the people in Cohasset would use the library, so warily suggested to Town Meeting that $300 be appropriated for a library, if $300 could be raised privately. The money was raised, books were bought, a librarian was hired and the Cohasset Free Public Library was located in a room in Town Hall.

Miss Sarah Pratt, Miss Harriot's older sister, was one of the original library trustees and remained one until her death in 1896. In addition to her sister's direct involvement in the library, Miss Harriot was obviously aware of the impressive use, support and progress of the library in its first years. When the schoolroom in Town Hall was vacated in 1891, the library expanded into this room and the book collection continued to grow. Miss Harriot's gift was not only the library's first gift, but was remarkable for its appreciation of Cohasset's need and indeed munificent in its generosity.

The Cohasset Library Trust was established to increase and prudently manage the Library's Endowment. Tax support of the Library has been declining as a percentage of Cohasset's budget for at least a decade. New gifts to the Cohasset Library Trust will join old gifts to assure the continued quality of this town treasure. A gift of $5,000 to the Library Trust earns listing on the new Endowment Wall in the Library Entry.

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CEF spring benefit co-chairwomen Carolyn Coffey and Catherine O'Callaghan are at the beach with the limited edition Lily Pulitzer surfboard signed by Blue Crush star and Cohasset High graduate Kate Bosworth. The surfboard is just one of the many auction items available the night of the benefit that will take place May 3 at Cohasset Golf Club.

Reach for the Stars! CEF benefit May 3

Like to be on the field with the world champion Red Sox; give a teenager the opportunity to be a ball boy or ball girl for the Celtics; be the owner of a limited edition Lily Pulitzer surfboard signed by Blue Crush star and Cohasset High School graduate Kate Bosworth; learn to surf; or give a child breakfast with Mr. Dykas? These are just a few of the many auction items that will be available during the second CEF spring benefit that will take place May 3 at Cohasset Golf Club.

The theme for this year's benefit is **Reach for the Stars!** Community support for the CEF has enabled Cohasset students and teachers to do just that, with more than $150,000 in grants awarded this year in the areas of technology, engineering and enhanced curriculum offerings.

Proceeds from the benefit will go to support the CEF Project and Endowment Funds, which support excellence in the Cohasset public schools today and in the future.

For more information about the benefit, visit the Web site at cohasseteducation.org, or contact Carolyn Coffey at coffeyfamily@comcast.net. Space is limited for the event, so don't forget to mail in ticket reservations. The Cohasset Education Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization.

Appalachia County Fair set for May 17

Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is sponsoring its Appalachia County Fair, which will take place from 6:30 to 11 p.m., on Saturday, May 17, at St Anthony's Parish Hall. Highlights of the event will be Red Bones Barbeque dinner, dancing to the Gr8tfuls, formerly the Grateful Dads, and live and silent auctions.

Tickets are $40 each and are by advance sale only. They can be purchased at the 2nd Congregational Church office or by calling Debbie Shadd at 781-383-1624. Proceeds will benefit the July trip to Kentucky.

Ten questions with Jack Worley

By Nancy White
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For over 30 years, Worley has been a fixture in the town. He has overseen hundreds of programs and, with a painstaking attention to detail, led them to success and growth. During his tenure, Worley has been ever present, nearly always the first one to arrive at Town Hall and the last one to leave.

Town Manager Bill Griffin describes Worley "as one of the most dedicated and professional public servants I have ever had the pleasure to work with."

When Worley first came to Cohasset in October 1976, the town was anxious to have him on board and launch the department. So anxious they hired him without having any money in the budget to cover his salary. He had to wait for one month before officially starting his new job while the town figured out how it was going to pay for his position.

In the early years, Worley went about his business with just the bare essentials. He set up his office with used furniture from the dump in the ticket booth off the auditorium in Town Hall.

Worley persevered through the lean times and, under his leadership, the Recreation Department has grown in leaps and bounds.

"I've been very fortunate to always have good support from the elected Recreation Commission and the town," said Worley. "With Ted (Carroll, incoming Recreation Director) coming on and the Commission we have now, I feel like I'm leaving the department in good hands."

As of Wednesday, April 30, Worley will hand over the torch as recreation director, but he hopes to continue to help out where he can.

The Mariner sat down with Worley in the waning days of his tenure to reflect on the past three decades, what he has offered his successor as advice and what plans he has planned for retirement.

• What is your most memorable day?

I always look forward to the annual cookout in the summer (for the playground program). Kids, parents and sometimes siblings come out for the night; we usually get a good response. I cook about 1000 hot dogs in a big pot. The ones that break from being cooked too long, we take out and call them hors d'oeuvres. I'm sure I'll have to show Ted (Carroll, incoming Recreation Director) how to do it.

• What will you miss the most?

I think the daily routine of things and the structure this job provides. This job is a six-days a week minimum and there are a lot of early days and late nights. Almost all my waking hours have been applied to this place. Now, I'll have a lot of hours to fill. With a life so structured I didn't have to worry about what to do.

• What do you hope will be your legacy?

When I came here I was the first full-time director and for years, and still, recreation is considered a non-essential service. Now, I hope I've built it up to the point where residents realize as much as they need fire, police and schools, they need recreation…

Kids need to have constructive outlets for leisure. I've seen three generations of kids who are more apt to seek out recreational opportunities than prior generations.

• What has been your motto?

"If there's a one percent chance of something going wrong, there's a 95 percent chance it will." It's important to always to stay ahead of curve and expect the unexpected.

• What's the best piece of advice you have given to incoming Recreation Director Ted Carroll?

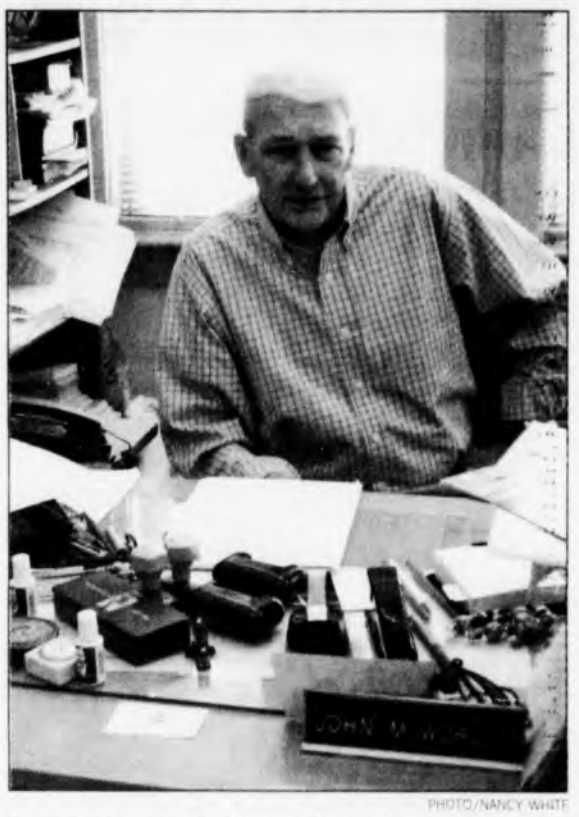
Stay fluid. Recreation is a dynamic field. You have to keep your ear to the ground and respond as necessary to new ventures.

• What makes Cohasset a special place to work?

It's the people. It's the residents' willingness to pitch in and get involved. Some say it's the harbor or the ocean, but, to me, it's the people that make this place special.

• What are your plans for retirement?

I'd like to stay relatively active



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Recreation Director Jack Worley reflects on his years in Cohasset.

(in the Cohasset Recreation department), but with very cut back hours and without the stress. I have four grandkids, ages three to eight that I'd like to spend time with. I hope to travel a bit as well. (His kids have given he and his wife, Mary, a trip to Bermuda in June.)

• What do you think is your greatest accomplishment as Recreation Director?

Holding the department together through some very thin, lean financial times and making (the recreation department) an almost fiscally self-supporting department. When I came on programs were being offered free of charge, as time went on we had to figure out how to get more revenue. We're getting up close to being fully self-sufficient.

• When you started over 31 years ago, did you every think you would make it this far?

Before I started in Cohasset, I spent three years as the first recreation director in Marshfield. I liked the idea of building something up so that's why I came to Cohasset. But, then I just fell in love with Cohasset and that was it…

With the financial situation over the years, (the job) remained challenging. There was a new way of doing things financially. I had to become creative. I mean really creative, which has kept me interested through the years.

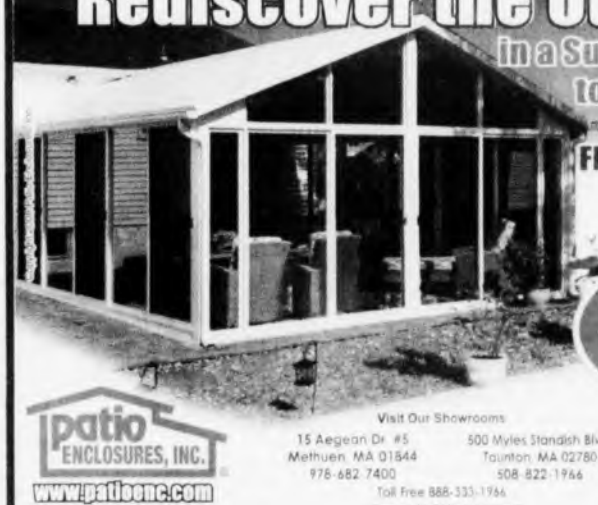
• What do you think has changed the most in Cohasset over the last three decades?

The opportunities for formal youth sports have grown dramatically. More youngsters are now involved in some sort of organized sport. When I started in 1976, two other guys and myself were trying to run a little soccer program in the fall, now there is two seasons and a board of directors to run the whole thing. There was no basketball program and just a small little league program. Parent, too, are much more involved, they are the coaches, the referees, the organizers. Everything is much more formalized now.

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Jewelry designer to show her collection

By Mary Jane Hanron
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Now that the season of spring social events is here, it can be a dilemma to brighten a wardrobe while simultaneously making a wise investment. The secret to a fresh, elegant and timeless look, long has been known to Cohasset's Maryann Englander, fine jewelry designer. Her answer may be surprising, but the result is a hand crafted, one-of-a-kind design inspired by some of the earliest art forms known to man.

Englander's original and sophisticated style is evident in the pieces she creates using precious metals, gems of dazzling color and shape and a combination of intricate techniques. She will be showing her "Dragonfly Studios" collection at King Jewelers, Inc. on Thursday May 1st from 9:30a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The fine arts graduate from Wheaton College has been honing her skills for some time and has developed her concepts from a variety of pursuits. According to Englander, "My work combines my fine arts education, my background in printmaking and my avid interest in medieval history, ancient civilizations and mythology."

Hand knotting and chain design, both ancient techniques are the two primary methods found in her work.

"I hand knot because the pieces fall on the body with grace," Englander says. She even dyes her own silk for knotting which exemplifies an intricate attention to detail almost non-existent in jewelry made today.



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Maryann Englander of Cohasset will be showing her "Dragonfly Studios" collection at King Jewelers, Inc. on Thursday May 1st from 9:30a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Englander's collection is intended for a discerning and sophisticated woman. This focus is compatible with a continuing trend in which females purchase their own pieces of fine jewelry. Of course, a gentleman's selection of a gift remains a traditional and well received practice, especially for many upcoming spring holidays, celebrations and anniversaries.

According to Englander, she makes only one or two pieces per style of jewelry. This emphasizes, "Individualism and design evolution," while ensuring that a woman's selection will not be seen on others or become a fashion whim.

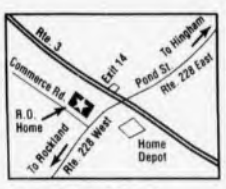
Among the details seen in Englander's artistry are: "Chain designs embellished with wire-wrapped stones....fine quality precious and semi-precious gems and 22k and 18k gold accents." Blue topaz, tourmaline, peridot

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Jewelry designer to show her collection

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and quartzes are but a few of the stones used in a variety of shapes and cuts. A glance into a case displaying the collection reveals smooth soft surfaces of stones interspersed with those of feminine, faceted ones such as tear shaped briollettes. She is resolute in her desire to maintain the integrity and quality of the design and the materials within, ensuring its timelessness.

The jewelry collection makes its Cohasset fine jewelry store debut as a desire for traditional and heirloom pieces with an innovative flair reaches a new height. Englander's creations would be as appropriate worn to a red carpet event as on a summer porch overlooking the Atlantic. This New England town, which brims with tradition and quiet elegance, provides a fitting place for the designer to work as well as to call "home."

"My work combines my fine arts education, my background in printmaking and my avid interest in medieval history, ancient civilizations and mythology."

— Maryann Englander, jewelry designer

To indicate the influence that lore, history and ancient teachings have on her visions, Englander explains the name for her company. "The word, 'Dragonfly' came from my fascination with the cross shape. I love that shape and incorporate various old world versions in my designs. A Navajo jeweler friend and former teacher showed me some cross shapes in Navajo weavings which reminded me of dragonflies. 'Dragonfly Studios' evolved from that."

Englander chats with ease and enthusiasm while telling a tale of a Greek god and goddess or a Celtic legend and how it inspired one of her baubles. She is able to suggest pieces compatible with interests or background of a client or relate an anecdote that sparked an idea for a particular jeweled ornament, making it a conversation pieces as well as part of a wardrobe.

The designer hopes her art will evolve as she expands her command of various jewelry techniques, including "Repousse, chasing and gold granulation. My ultimate goal," she continues, "is to make each piece in its entirety by hand."

For more information, visit www.kingjewelersinc.com or call 781-383-1755.

Art scholarship competition at Art Center

South Shore Arts Center announces the 2008 Art Scholarship Competition. South Shore seniors attending public, private or parochial schools who will graduate in 2008 and have been accepted by a school of fine arts or an accredited institution of higher learning that includes a fine arts curriculum are eligible to apply.

Portfolios may be brought April 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; April 27, noon to 4 p.m.; April 28, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; April 29, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and April 30, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., to South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset.

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Students should fill out application forms, which are available at the Art Center, and attach them to their portfolios when they drop them off. Call Heather Collins at 781-383-2787 or email hcollins@ssac.org for more information.

Newcomers club has welcoming events

The Scituate Cohasset Newcomer's club continues to grow with new families joining every week! To accommodate, the club has added some new events!

The Newcomers invite all new and prospective members, as well as current members, to meet some new faces in our community and learn more about the club coming to upcoming gatherings:

- Friday, May 2nd from 10 a.m.-noon at Beechwood playground, corner of Beechwood and Doane Street in Cohasset;
- Wednesday, May 14th from10 a.m.-noon at Purple Dinosaur playground on Country Way in Scituate

Please RSVP to Kim Spires at kim.spires@comcast.net or 545-2952.

If you are unable to make it to the gathering, please feel free to call about membership. Also, please check out the Newcomers' website at www.scnewcomers.com

The club has many great activities planned for the rest of the year!

Midnight Blue dance at Teen Center

Cohasset Youth Resources will host a dance for Cohasset youngster's in grades six through eight from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, May 9. Cost is $5 per person, and attendees will be required to show a student ID when signing in. Snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

Those attending should be sure they are able to gain admittance to the dance before their ride leaves as once full capacity is reached no further admittance will be allowed. There will be no admittance, in any case, after 8:30 p.m. for dances.

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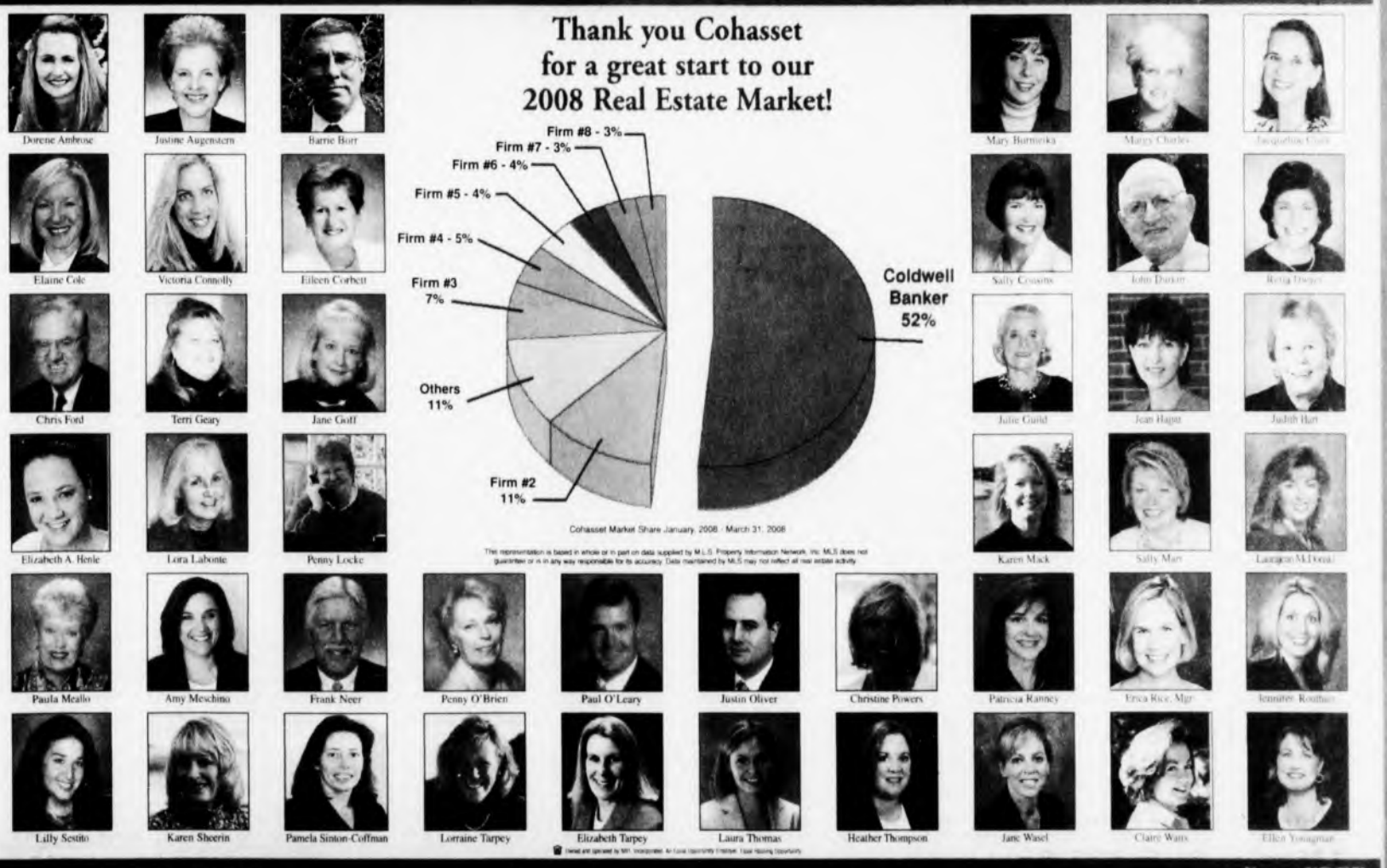
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Come to the fifth Taste of Hingham celebration!

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Good food, live music, art, a fashion show, horse-drawn hayrides, and kids' crafts all add up to an afternoon of fun during the annual Taste of Hingham celebration.

The event, now in its fifth year, is planned for Sat., May 3, from noon to 3 p.m. The rain date is May 4.

North Street (between the Stars and the old Settles Glass building) comes alive during this street fair, which attracts thousands of area residents and visitors to historic downtown Hingham.

The event is a joint effort of the Hingham Congregational Church, the Hingham Downtown Association, and Eat Well, Inc. and raises money for 20 South Shore charities. These include Adult Day Service (Salvation Army), Amaryllis, Amego, Asaprosar, the Diane DeVanna Center, DOVE, Father Bill's Place, the Foundation for Children of Haiti, Habitat for Humanity, the Heifer Project, the Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry, Hospice of the South Shore, Interfaith Social Services, the Mary Martha Learning Center, the Pine Street Inn, the Quincy Crisis Center, Quincy Teen Mothers, the South Shore Women's Center, Sharing, and Wellspring Multi Service Center.

"In a short time, this has become a wonderful tradition, bringing everyone outdoors for a celebration of all that Hingham offers."
— Judy Sneath, Hingham Downtown Association

The Taste of Hingham offers a wide variety of cuisines and experiences – chowder, signature dishes, and sweets — and the opportunity to sample from the best that more than 20 of Hingham's finest dining establishments have to offer. Then it's time to cast a vote for "Hingham's Favorite Chowder," "Taste of the Town" best dish, best accompaniment, and most delicious ice cream.

"'Taste' regulars know that this is the day when sampling several seafood chowders, grilled steak tips, Italian specialties, Asian entrees, cakes, breads, coffee, fruit, chocolates, ice cream from four different shops, and lots more is possible without leaving North Street," said Hingham Downtown Association Executive Director Judy Sneath. "The food is fabulous, but the ambiance makes the afternoon memorable."

A fashion show, free to all 'Taste' ticket holders, showcases the spring and summer collections offered in downtown Hingham shops.

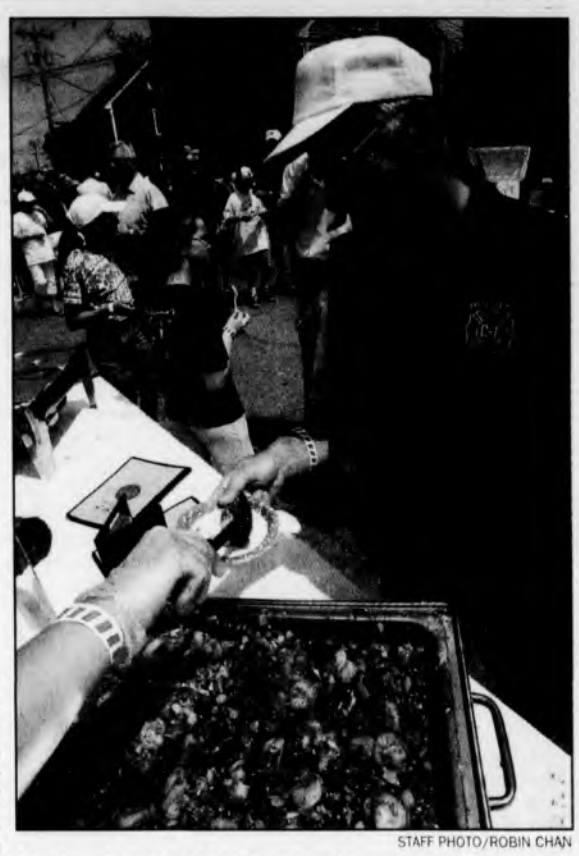
There will be plenty of live music up and down North Street – Stars is presenting the Smoking Jackets, and the Snug, Hogan's Goat Irish Band.

Fun galore is in store for the entire community. "On the sidelines of sports events, I hear people talking about the upcoming 'Taste,'" Sneath said. "In a short time, this has become a wonderful tradition, bringing everyone outdoors for a celebration of all that Hingham offers."

BackRiver Townhouses, Drohan, Tocchio & Morgan PC, Noble's Camera Shop, and Sovereign Bank also provide support for this event.

The celebration runs from noon to 3 p.m., but there is even more to do in downtown Hingham that day:

- Old Ship Church hosts its annual May Breakfast and Plant Sale from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- This year's Spin-a-thon to benefit the Pan Mass Challenge will take place under the clock at the corner of Main and North streets. Fifteen stationary bikes will be set up for spinning from noon to 5 p.m.


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Hingham Fire Chief Mark Duff samples some fiery Camarones a La Veracruzana from Salsa's Mexican Grill during the 2006 Taste of Hingham. This year's event is planned fro Saturday (May 3). Rain date is May 4.

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Buttonwood Books & Toys will host its semiannual Coffee with the Authors from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May. 13, at the Atlantica Restaurant on Cohasset Harbor. This event is an opportunity to relax among friends and listen to three authors. Authors will be Michael Kodas, Mameve Medwed and Deborah Weisgall.

Kodas will discuss "High Crimes: The Fate of Everest in an Age of Greed," his account about what happens when climbing Mt. Everest. He tells the story with a reporter's eye for clarity, detail and objectivity.

Medwed is at her comedic best in "'Of Men and Their Mothers." She is able to transform the every day – the overbearing mother-in-law, Goth girlfriend of an only son – into the poignant and the funny.

Weisgall writes about love in her new book, "The World Before Her." She tells two stories about two women, one a famous figure from the past and the other a contemporary. Their thoughts and ultimate choices are revealed in parallel stories written in alternating chapters against the backdrop of Venice.

Reservations and tickets, which cost $15 per person, are required. Tickets may be picked up at Buttonwood or send a self-addressed stamped envelope with a check to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, MA 02025. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to reserve or order a signed copy if unable to attend.

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'Taste of Hingham' raises money for local charities

By Carol Britton Meyer
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The annual Taste of Hingham celebration, which welcomes spring and raises money for 20 local charities, attracts thousands of visitors to downtown Hingham.

This year's event is scheduled for Sat., May 3, from noon to 3 p.m. The rain date is May 4.

'Taste' is a joint effort of the Hingham Congregational Church, the Hingham Downtown Association, and Eat Well, Inc. on North Street.

George MacKay, one of the Taste of Hingham founders, recently looked back on how this popular event came to be.

"Adversity brings change, and good things can happen," he said. He recalled that in the Fall of 2003, as the economy was recovering from the "dot.com" recession, the Hingham Congregational Church men's group was trying to decide what they could do to help solve two problems in the Hingham community.

"Greenbush construction was decimating downtown Hingham, and merchants were hurting," MacKay said. "Local charities were also having difficulty, and we needed to decide what could be done to raise more money."

Ideas were discussed, leading to a suggestion by fellow men's group member Doug McCaig to hold a Chowderfest. The idea was well received, and soon recently retired MacKay was named chairman.

The next questions was: How does one put on such an event?

"Some 30 restaurants and food purveyors are planning and preparing their delights, and merchants their wares."
— George MacKay, Taste of Hingham

"Help was sought. Greg Acerra, a partner in Eat Well, Inc. on North Street and a 'survivor' of many chowder competitions through Stars on Hingham Harbor, volunteered to join the effort," MacKay said. As a result Eat Well agreed to sponsor the event with the church, and Tosca, Stars, and Caffe Tosca also signed on.

After several false starts on a third co-sponsor, Richard McManus, who had recently been elected president of the Hingham Downtown Association, enthusiastically supported holding the event in downtown Hingham. Hosting an event of this kind was something he had always wanted to do, he said at the time.

During the first year, the newly formed Friends of Downtown Hingham helped run the 'Taste' celebration.

The first event was held the last weekend in April, 2004. More than 2,000 people attended. All profits went to local charities. "Prior to this no one had dared to call the event 'annual,' but it was such a success that the sponsors agreed that should be the case," said MacKay.

Taste of Hingham 2005 was the first test on the weather front. Whereas in 2004 the trees and flowers along North Street were in full bloom, 2005 was a cold winter, with not a leaf in sight. "And then – the forecast included the possibility of rain," MacKay recalled.

MacKay and McManus spent the Thursday before the event calling weather stations.

The deadline for deciding whether or not to cancel was 3 p.m. that day in order to notify the restaurants before they began their chowder making.

At 2:30 p.m., Barry Burbank of WBZ returned their call, confirming that Saturday's weather would be less than perfect and asking if they had a rain date. They did — for the next Saturday — but Burbank predicted even worse weather conditions that weekend.

"The prediction was that the first Saturday would be damp with some mist and that a shower would come close but miss us," MacKay said. "We decided that Hingham would be okay and proceeded with our plans. Attendance was down slightly, but New Englanders, [who are used to all kinds of weather,] had a good time despite some rain. Merchants and restaurants were praised (under their umbrellas!)"

More than 2,000 people showed up for the 2006 'Taste,' which fell on a beautiful, sunny day.

By the following year, word of mouth for the most part brought nearly 3,000 people to the downtown Hingham event.

This year, a good crowd is also expected. "Some 30 restaurants and food purveyors are planning and preparing their delights, and merchants their wares," MacKay said.

Tens of thousands of dollars have been raised so far to benefit local charities.

Excitement about the upcoming event is building. Last year, 23 food purveyors participated. This year, more than 30 restaurants and food shops will line North Street between Station Street and Rte. 3A to offer samples to ticketholders.

"What began as a chowderfest has become a sensory extravaganza," Hingham Downtown Association Executive Director Judy Sneath said. "Free horse-drawn hayrides, artists' exhibits, crafts for kids, armchair massage, fashion, and the opportunity to learn about the latest news from local shops and civic groups, make this a fun way to spend the afternoon with family and friends. And you always bump into lots of people you know there."

Tickets are $15 ($12 in advance) per person and $30 ($25 in advance) for families. Advance purchase is available after April 24 at Noble's Camera; La Petite Maison, Hingham Gift Company, and Puopolo Candies.

For more information, visit www.discoverhingham.com.

Entries sought for art exhibitions

South Shore Art Center will present Juried and Members' Art exhibitions, June 13 through 15 during the 53rd Arts Festival on Cohasset Common. The juried exhibition will be selected by photographer Lou Jones, artist and Boston Museum School instructor Patrick Carter, and Carey Vose of the Vose Galleries, Boston. Open to all artists, the work must be original, completed within the last three years, and not previously exhibited at South Shore Art Center or at a prior Arts Festival. Media categories in the juried exhibition include oil and acrylic, drawing and pastel, watercolor, printmaking, mixed media/3D, color photography and black and white photography. A $12 fee is payable upon delivery of the artwork. There is no limit on the number of submissions. Cash and product awards will be given in each media category, ranging from $500 to $75. Work must be submitted May 3 through 5.

The Members' Exhibition is open to all members of the South Shore Art Center. Membership must be current through June 2008 and memberships may be obtained or renewed when work is dropped off. Ceci Mendez, director of Exhibitions and Community Partnerships at New Art Center in Newton will judge the Members' and Young Artists' work. Artwork for the Members and Young Artists must be submitted May 10 through 12. Seven prizes, ranging in value from $200 to $75 will be awarded. New this year is a $200 grand prize in the Members' Show.

Work will be displayed in a tent at the South Shore Art Center 53rd Annual Arts Festival on Cohasset Common June 13 through 15. For an exhibition entry form and more information visit ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Let the sunshine in

More needs to be done to make sure government officials on all levels are conducting business above board. In this age of e-mail, text messaging and instant messaging, the growing fear is that government, especially town government, is being conducted in a vacuum.

Town officials everywhere seem more concerned about talking to the video camera each week to make sure the cable viewers sitting at home are getting a good show. But this isn't show business; this is the town's business. And with that comes the responsibility of spending taxpayers' hard-earned money and keeping the public adequately and appropriately informed.

There are some town officials who might argue that they know what's best and the public doesn't need to know everything that's going on behind the scenes — that it's best to provide residents with information on a need-to-know basis.

As noble as that may sound, we'd like to have the information so we can decide for ourselves, thank you very much.

That's where the Open Meeting Law comes into play.

The law was established to make sure citizens had access to all town government meetings. Beyond just allowing residents to sit in the same room as elected officials and listen to their discussion, the law was also intended to make sure decisions were discussed and made in an open, public setting. In other words, members of the board of selectmen couldn't call each other on the phone or send out e-mail the night before a big meeting and iron everything out so they were ready to vote once they got to the board room.

Last week, the State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Committee gave its initial approval for changes to the state's Open Meeting Law, increasing fines and penalties for those who violate the law.

While on the surface it may look like some actual teeth is being given to the law, supporters of a tougher version may think of this proposal as having false teeth.

The Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association has raised several concerns about the diluted bill that was voted on favorably last Thursday (April 10) by the legislative panel. At issue seems to be the lack of penalties for individuals who participate on a town board that violates the law. For example, if a town official on a public board, commission or other entity violates the law, the board as a whole would have to pay a $1,000 fine, rather than the individuals. In the original proposal discussed last June, penalties would have included a $1,000 fine to a government body for not abiding by the law and $500 for each member who attended the meeting.

That type of financial penalty would certainly make town officials think twice about taking an illegal vote or going into an executive session for the wrong reason. But the new, watered-down version of the bill would only penalize the public body, forcing the taxpayers, not the people actually responsible, to foot the $1,000 fine. While a violation may cause the members of that particular board some embarrassment, there would be no real personal accountability for a violation, as someone else would be left to pick up the tab.

According to the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association, the bill also fails to recover attorney fees for private citizens who challenge public entities for violating the law, and it heightens the standard of proof to ensure that a violation was intentional.

The reason the bill is watered down, according to committee co-chairman Rep. Antonio Cabral, is because lawmakers would have opposed the bill if it contained stricter provisions. So it's hard to say this proposal is a real step forward to what's already in place as there is no real accountability, especially from a financial standpoint.

More needs to be done from a local, state and national standpoint, which is where the Sunshine campaign comes in. Sunshine Week, which was held in March this year, is a national initiative to open a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. While the campaign sets aside one week a year to bring this issue to the forefront, it's one that we should be paying closer attention to throughout the course of the year.

It's encouraging to see the Legislature take the lead in this area, but if the latest proposal is any indication of what reaches the House floor for an eventual vote, it won't carry much more weight than what is on the books now.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, May 13 & June 10, 7:30 p.m.

Assessors, April 29, 3:30 p.m.

Economic Development Committee, April 30, 7:15 p.m.

CHS School Council, May 7, 2:30 p.m. in Room 116 at the high school.

Economic Development Committee, April 30, 7:15 p.m.

Planning Board, April 28, 7 p.m.

Recreation Commission, April 30, 6:30 p.m.

Selectmen, April 28, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, April 30, 6 p.m.

ZBA, May 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Town offices will be closed on Monday, April 21 in celebration of Patriot's Day.



If you ask me, every day is Earth Day around here!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cohasset shines through the clouds for MS

TO THE EDITOR:

In spite of the dreary weather on Saturday April 12, the MS Lifelines Walk in Cohasset was a beaming success. Over 330 people defied the weather and walked the Road Race route around town. According to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society chapter office in Waltham, the 330 Cohasset walkers are on track to raise over $140,000 to support the MS Society's missions of caring for those who live with the disease, and supporting research to find a cure. Cohasset has a long and strong relationship with the Society.

In addition to being one of the Spring walk sites for over 15 years, for the last several years, four Cohasset residents; Woody Chittick, Anthony Everett, Neal Finnegan, and Dan Rattner; have been members of the Board of Trustees. Dan currently serves as the Chapters' Board Chairman. This year, the Cohasset connection was deepened when the Cohasset Home Center Sotheby International Realty office decided to morph itself into an art gallery and host the works of Cohasset artists, JoAnne Chittick, Lisa Marder, Anne Musto, and DeeDee Rousseau. The artists generously donated 30 percent of the sales proceeds from the first week of the exhibit to the MS Society.

On a personal note, I would like to add my thanks to Gail Bell, Millie Mittman, all of the folks at Sotheby's, and the four wonderful local artists for opening their hearts and talents to a cause that means so much to us. I would also like to thank the Cohasset-based "Green Team" walkers; Woody Chittick, Anne Czerkawski, Jane Forrer, John Flanagan, and Trish Morse; and the local Corporate Sponsors, Jake's Seafood and Lobster Pound, Adrian Morris Salon, Strecker Eye Center, Hingham Dentistry, Stone & Company, Beacon Investment Management, James F. Kearney & Company, Karen Kirkendall Realtor, Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, Edward Jones, and Ports & Company, for their personal and financial support. Finally, to all of our friends and neighbors in Cohasset who contribute to the Green Team or any other fundraising effort connected to the MS Society; thank you, thank you, thank you!

Barbara Green
60 Old Coach Road

Earth Day cleanup

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Cohasset Conservation Trust, I would like to thank the 30 Cohasset High School students, including many members of the boys and girls lacrosse teams, who volunteered on April 22 for an Earth Day Cleanup of two local conservation areas, the Trust's "Giuggio Overlook" on Jerusalem Road and a Water Department property on King Street.

Supervised by trustees from the CCT, CHS Community Service teacher Jack Buckley, and several parents, the students picked up over two truckloads of debris from the two sites. We are grateful to Mr. Buckley for helping to publicize the cleanup at the high school and to the parents, and Mr. Buckley, who helped out at the sites. Finally, thank you to Tara Tradd of the Cohasset Board of Health who supplied the student volunteers with safety vests and trash bags.

The group effort left these properties cleaner than they have been for years. We hope this will become an annual event in town, and that other conservation areas will benefit from future Earth Day Cleanup projects. Thank you again to all who participated!

Debbie Shadd
President, Cohasset Conservation Trust Inc.

Union: aging cruisers a concern

COMMENTARY

JERRY FLYNN & SEAN MCARDLE

On behalf of the members of the New England Police Benevolent Association's Cohasset Police Association Local 66, we want to express our deep concern for the safety of the citizens of Cohasset and of our union members due to the police department's fleet of aging police cruisers.

Local President, Officer James P. McLean, brought this public safety issue to the attention of the Chief of Police over a year ago and to Town of Cohasset's Board of Selectmen nearly two months ago, the outcome of which resulted in the purchase of exactly one cruiser at last fall's special town meeting.

The critical fact is that as of this writing the mileage on all of the department's front line cruisers is over 100,000 miles with several over 125,000. Due to the nature of the use of these cars, equipment malfunctions and failures have a higher probability of occurring with this amount of mileage. Although the vigilant maintenance being performed on the cruisers may extend the life of them, they are at the point of being unsafe to drive.

The caring and professional men and women who make up the Cohasset Police Department want to provide the best possible service to the individuals, families and children in the Cohasset community but how can they perform their job to the highest standards if the tools they are given to work with are substandard?

Almost on a daily basis, at least one police cruiser is out of service being repaired. How safe is the community of Cohasset if the vehicles needed for police officers to respond to an emergency are in the shop? What needs to occur before a meeting of the Board of Selectmen is called to address this gaping issue?

Equipment failure can occur at any time but during an emergency response it endangers not only the safety and lives of the officers operating the cruisers, but the public on the roadways as well as the citizens of Cohasset waiting in need of emergency police services.

We urge the Capital Budget Committee, Advisory Committee, Town Manager, and Board of Selectmen, to truly support the fine efforts of the Cohasset Police Department by addressing this public safety concern and taking the necessary steps to provide emergency funding for new front line cruisers.

Jerry Flynn, Executive Director, and Sean McArdle, Regional Director, New England Police Benevolent Association, I.U.P.A. Local 9000, AFL-CIO.

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In construction, nothing is for sure

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Little Harbor Project – Last week we had a chance to attend a status meeting regarding the Little Harbor Project with the contractor. A copy of the latest Short Term Schedule follows.

Important Scheduling Caveats – Please keep in mind that in construction nothing is for sure, especially schedules. When a contractor offers a schedule it is only his best estimate based on known conditions. However, a construction contractor constantly deals with the unknown. The amount of ledge they will find and its hardness is unknown. Underground utilities that have never been recorded are unknown. Ground water intrusion into the work area is an unknown. The weather is clearly an unknown. So, you get the picture. Any of these unknowns can throw the schedule for a loop. Generally, these unknowns are not catastrophic. They are just a part of the construction process. But, they do cause delays as the contractor figures out how to deal with each unknown as it appears.

Jerusalem Road and National Grid – Some time ago we wrote about the project accidentally nicking a high voltage supply line in Jerusalem Road near Rust Way. This past week National Grid had their subcontractor on Jerusalem Road doing some preventative work while the road is under construction. The contractor installed a new conduit across Jerusalem Road from their underground high voltage supply line to their sub-station. In the event that a new cable is required, it can be pulled through the conduits without the need to reopen the road. In the accompanying picture you can see the trench for the conduit. The small building housing the substation is located on the far right at the edge of the road.

And, speaking of unknowns, who would have guessed that the trench they are digging at this relatively high spot on Jerusalem Road would fill with ground water. Yet, that's exactly what happened. So, even this relatively simple trench and conduit job is delayed a bit as National Grid deals with a trench full of water.

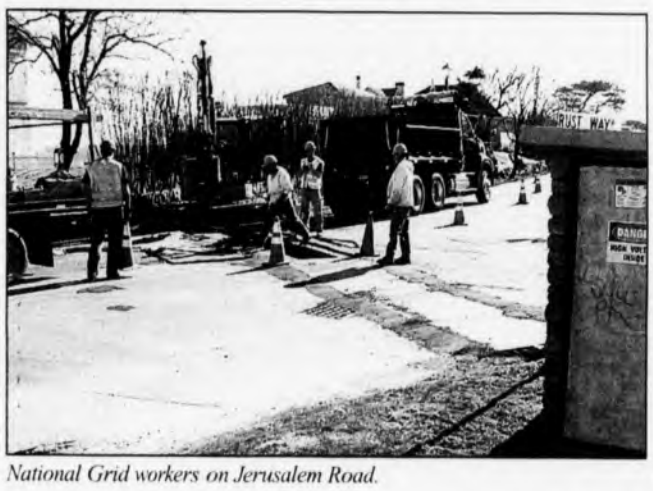
This week the final connection was made from the new sewer line on Beach St. to the main trunk line on Atlantic Avenue as shown in the accompanying photo.

Additional work still needs to be completed back on Beach Street, including reconstruction of the culvert over the tidal marsh. This culvert cannot be started until August or September, which is the normal "dry season" which minimizes the chance of having to deal with significant runoff from the surrounding land.

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New sewer on Beach Street connects to Atlantic Avenue.



National Grid workers on Jerusalem Road.

Location	Work to be Done	Week Starting 4/21/08	Week Starting 4/28/08	Week Starting 5/5/08	Week Starting 5/12/08	Week Starting 5/19/08
Atlantic Ave from Nichols to causeway	Sewer Mainline					
428 Atlantic Ave driveway	Sewer Mainline & Water test pits					
Jerusalem Rd from Atlantic to N Main	Sewer Mainline					
Beach St from Atlantic to Highland	Sewer Mainline					
Whitehead	Sewer Mainline Finish Sewer					
Keene Way	Sewer & Water Mainline					
Bridle Path	Sewer & Water Mainline					
Whitehead Road	Water Mainline Finish Water					
Beach St Atlantic Ave	Prepare for Paving					
Caravel Cove	Sewer & Water Mainline					
Orchard Cove	Sewer & Water Mainline					
Smalzel Way	Sewer & Water Mainline					
Little Harbor Road	Sewer & Water Mainline					
Keene Way	Install Water Bypass					
Little Harbor Road	Install Water Bypass					
Bridle Path	Install Water Bypass					
Deep Run, Rust Way, Whitehead, Sandy Cove, Keene Way, Bridle Path	Reclaim Road					
Nichols Road from Orchard Cove to Atlantic	Relocate Gas Line					

Short Term Look-Ahead Schedule

Sewer or Water Mainline: *Installation of the main sewer or water line in the roadway.*
Sewer or Water Services: *Installation of the stub pipe that will connect the main line to the edge of private property.*
Water Bypass: *Reinstating existing temporary water lines or adding new temporary water lines (includes, pressure testing and chlorinating).*
Reclaim Road: *Pulverizing the entire road to bare earth, grading the result and rolling to compact the pulverized road to a smooth surface.*

Checking another racial slur

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



A few years ago, when the hockey team from Montreal sported three All-Star defensemen in Serge Savard, Guy Lapointe and Randolph's Larry Robinson, they were handling the Bruins with little trouble in a playoff series.

"Bruins Seek Chink in Montreal Defense," read a headline in *The Boston Globe*.

Wouldn't you know it, Fran Rosa, the *Globe* hockey writer then in residence, told me he received a couple of letters from readers chastising him for racism and pointing out that the correct words should have been "Chinese man."

I was reminded of Fran's problem with the *Globe's* politically correct readership the other day when I learned that Joe Groh is having a similar dustup with the Great Philadelphia Organization of Chinese Americans.

Joe is the proprietor of a popular Northeast Philadelphia restaurant that is called "Chink's Steaks" and has been for the past 59 years.

Sam Sherman, who was nicknamed "Chink" as a 6-year-old when someone thought that his eyes had a slant peculiar to Asians to them, founded the restaurant in 1949.

Joe kept the name when he bought the eatery from Sam and the business is so good that now he wants to open a second Chink's Steaks in South Philadelphia. That's when the cheese steak hit the fan.

The word, Tsiwen Law, general counsel for the Greater Philadelphia OCA, told *The Washington Post*, is a "racial slur" every bit as much as the notorious N-word, one used to demean African Americans.

Thus another word moves to the brink in the American lexicon. You have to be very picky with your words these days.

The PC police are parsing your every sentence.

A short while ago, a friend of mine happened to use the word "Paddy wagon" to describe the vehicle in which the police place miscreants to take to the jailhouse.

Little did my friend, who is Irish from her well-coiffed noggin to her red-tipped toes, realize that she had slurred a whole race of people of which she is part.

"Paddy," a reader informed her, is a nickname inflicted on the Irish by the Brits because so many are named Patrick and the Paddy wagon was the police vehicle that picked up drunken Irishmen and took them to jail.

Some of the worst racial slurs began innocently. "Kike," for example, an offensive term for a Jew, started among Jews themselves.

Uneducated Jews from Eastern Europe, who emigrated to America in the early 20th century, often could not write. When it came time to sign papers at Ellis Island, rather than sign on the dotted line with a cross, they signed with a circle.

The Yiddish word for circle is "kikle" (I'm guessing at the spelling here). Educated Jewish immigrants looked down on their less schooled brethren as "kikles" and others whose first language was English took it from there.

Or so I've been told.

Dysfunctional family road trips

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Long road trips with children are a bit like giving birth to children in the sense that future trips depend on your forgetting how agonizing the last one was, especially near the end with all the pushing and the yelling and placentas flying around in the back seat. The last time our family drove beyond Quincy I kissed the driveway on our return and vowed never to make that mistake again. But in a house where yesterday's drama is soon overshadowed by tomorrow's trauma, vows like that are easily forgotten, and last Monday I found myself pinned on the New Jersey Turnpike between a concrete barrier to my left, a line of 73 semis to my right, and three hungry children to the rear, all fighting over who would get to kick the back of my seat next.

It's not as if they were lacking for entertainment, either, by 1974 standards. We didn't even have the WalkMan yet, let alone the iPod and the portable DVD player — a device that should have earned its inventor the Nobel Peace Prize. The only travel activities available to me and my sister were My Car/Your Car and MadLibs — games so pathetic we would never have played them had we not been incarcerated in a Fairlane. In fact I recently paged through a book of car games from that era and realized that with only minor tweaking it would read like an issue of Prison Fun Magazine:

Game 1. "Count The Roaches"
Game 2. "To What State is This License Plate Going?"
Game 3. "I Spy A Lifer"
Game 4. "How Many Days Left?"
Game 5. "Count The Roaches Again"
Game 6. "Where's Warden?"

In the early 70s we did have more freedom of movement in the car, though, since apparently the idea that an automobile might stop suddenly had never occurred to anyone. As a four-year-old I routinely sat in the back of our seatbeltless VW beetle while perched on a scooter, aimed directly at the windshield. I'm pretty sure the only way to make that setup more insanely dangerous would have been to strap a jet pack onto my back. But like many boyhood dreams this idea was dismissed by my mother as too expensive.

Despite the odds we did make it over the George Washington Bridge and eventually inside the Washington Beltway Monday evening after about nine hours of bathroom stops, snack stops, strapping things back onto the roof stops, and even a bit of driving. The great thing about Washington is they have a free museum for everything: air, space, earth, wind, fire. Say you're thirsty. Why not check out the Museum of Modern Moisture? Like wearing pants? Head over to the Chinos Museum, sponsored by J. Crew. Curious about why children become exhausted the minute they enter a museum? Go to the Museum of Why Children Become Exhausted the Minute They Enter A Museum Museum.

In fact we're all geared up to see the Spy Museum this morning, but we're having a lot of trouble finding it, so I'll have to cut my article short this week. I'll leave you with my latest revenue-generating idea for Cohasset: The Museum of Saltmarsh Restoration Projects. I bet we could kill a few birds with one stone that way.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, which is a nine-hour drive up the Turnpike from where he is now, but he figures it can't be as bad as the trip down.

LIBRARY CORNER

Thoreau lecture rescheduled to May 1

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Program Rescheduled – The Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull has rescheduled her lecture "Having Lived: Thoreau and How He Did It" for 7 p.m., on Thursday, May 1, in the library's Meeting Room. All are welcome to this free event. This is a Cohasset Reads Together event.

Flower Show – The Amateur Garden Club of Cohasset will show off creative flower arrangements at the library through April 26.

Great Decisions Discussion Program – Want to learn more about United States foreign policy? Join the Great Decisions Discussion group at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 29. This group meets for eight consecutive weeks. Members will learn about foreign policy topics such as Iraq, Russia, Latin American and China. One doesn't need to be an expert to participate. The meeting is casual and friendly. Register by calling the Reference Librarian at 383-1348.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of Greg Mortenson's book "Three Cups of Tea" at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 30. Open to all.

Art Exhibit – See the works of Mike Sleeper at the library before it concludes on April 30. His outdoor panoramic photos of local scenes have been praised. Coming May 1, will be artist Wendy Hale's "Two Solos" exhibit. An artist's reception will take place at the library at 6 p.m., on Friday, May 9. Exhibits are presented by South Shore Art Center of Cohasset.

Movie Matinee – A free screening of the classic movie "Little Miss Marker" starring Shirley Temple and Adolphe Menjou will take place at 11 a.m., on Friday, May 2. Based on the Damon Runyan tale, and featuring a large gallery of his colorful crooks and con-men, this sentimental tale tells of a little girl who reforms a bookie. Black and white, 1934, 80 minutes. Free admission. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Movie site license sponsored by Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Committee.

FOR CHILDREN

Spanish Story Time – On Fridays, May 2, 9, 16 and 23, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., in the Story Room a Spanish Story Time for children ages 3 through 6 and their caregivers will be offered. This dual language program will be facilitated by Senora Buckley, Senora Hoehn and Mrs. Moody. To register online go to cohassetlibrary.org. Click on Calendar, click on May 2, and then click on Register. Complete the form using child's name and age. This is a four-week commitment. Funded by The Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Music and Stories – MamaSteph will perform in the Meeting Room on Mondays from 10:30 to 11 a.m., through the end of April.

Drop In Story Time – Tuesdays, at 10:30 a.m., through the end of April, in the Children's Room.

Is Town Hall haunted?

After months of anticipation, Our Town Special Productions is pleased to bring viewers the one-hour special of the Enfield Paranormal Society's Paranormal Investigation of the Cohasset Town Hall last January.

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Stay tuned Cohasset and Stay entertained!

Pitching in on Earth Day

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Jack Buckley hopes the students will take away more than just trash. ""I think doing an service like this is makes everyone participating in the clean up think twice about littering," said Buckley. "After cleaning up other people's trash, you remember that next time you need to throw something out."

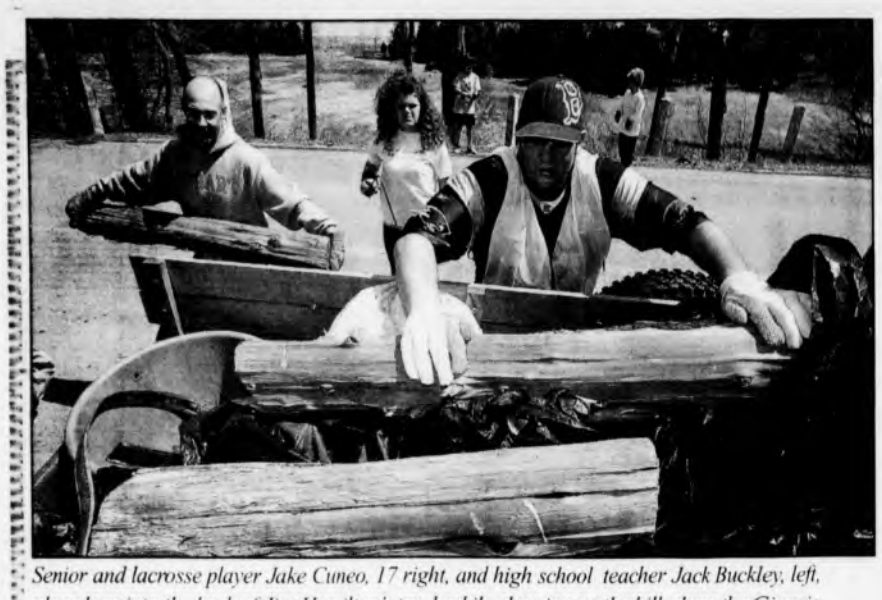
The students seemed to agree.

"We thought helping to clean up great spots like this would be a good way to spend Earth Day," said Mike Grimm, a senior and varsity lacrosse player.

"Earth Day is a day to appreciate the earth and to take care of it," said Stefi Belz.

Will they be back next year to clean up?

"Hopefully we won't have to because it will be kept clean," said CHS senior Jake Cuneo.



Senior and lacrosse player Jake Cuneo, 17 right, and high school teacher Jack Buckley, left, place logs into the back of Jim Hamilton's truck while cleaning up the hill along the Giuggio Overlook Conservation Area. Junior Madeline Leahy, 17 center, brings over a metal rod to the back of the truck.





Senior Jake Cuneo, 17, holds a cell phone that they had found while cleaning the hills overlooking Little Harbor along Jerusalem Road on Tuesday.

Gloria DiPaolo picks up trash with a number of students by Little Harbor on the Giuggio Overlook Conservation Area on Tuesday.

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Sophomore Amy Meikleham, 17, lays down a box for a refrigerator that they had found while cleaning up the Giuggio Overlook Conservation Area.



Junior Madeline Leahy, 17 left, empties a bottle of diet coke while junior Grace Clougherty, 16, right, holds open the trash bag for her.



Ben Buckley, 11, Mitchell Buckley, 9, and Maggie Ernst, 12, throw away trash while helping clean up on Tuesday.



The cleanup crew along Jerusalem Road included junior Madeline Leahy, 17, junior Grace Clougherty, 16, senior Jake Cuneo, 17, sophomore Amy Meikleham, 17, senior Mike Grimm, 18, Ben Buckley, 11, Mitchell Buckley, 9, senior Pete Ernst, 18, and Maggie Ernst, 12.

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Health Notes



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Senior Pete Ernst, 18, struggles up the steep hill while carrying up trash from the Giuggio Overlook Conservation Area during Tuesday's Earth Day cleanup.

Small steps turn into big strides

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Each of us can do something to help the planet.

Well, Cohasset celebrated Earth Day in its own characteristic fashion. Jim Hamilton, Frank Moody, Megan Connolly, Debbie Shadd, Allison Callahan's Girl Scouts , Jack Buckley's crew and lots of others including the High School Lacrosse coach made it an event which has received not a little comment. Lily Pond, King Street, and the "Giuggio Vista" on Jerusalem Road overlooking Little Harbor all received attention. Apparently, the boy's Lacrosse Coach gathered his disciples and told the team something to the effect that they were getting a reputation as party animals, and it was time to do some outreach work for the town. Having run into lacrosse players this year, myself, I know them to be a high-spirited group. Tara Tradd, mainstay for the Board of Health, provided reflective vests and other equipment and Carl Sestito's DPW brought out signs. In all, to use a phrase from Pearl Buck, it was a Good Earth day.

In the face of so many observations that the world is headed for perilous times, financial chaos, the environment, the war, all seem to be creating shadows over our lives. But we are also in the midst of a burgeoning of remarkable discoveries in health science, communications technology and many other fields of endeavor. So now we have taken time to honor this original and unique celebration. Earth Day was founded by Gaylord Nelson, a U.S. senator from Wisconsin, in 1970. He wrote he wanted to "infuse the student anti-war energy into the environmental cause." Now, corporations, governments and individuals pitch in.

Each of us can do something to help the planet. Here are some of the things that happened elsewhere this week on Earth day. This year on Tuesday, the 38th anniversary of the environmental holiday, celebrants fixed trails, picked up trash and talked recycling at parks, workplaces and schools across the nation.

•In Washington state, 18 volunteers repaired winter snow damage on the north side of Mount Rainier National Park, said Lauren Braden of the non-profit Washington Trails Association. "We've had record snowfall, so most of our work parties are working on lower elevation trails," Braden said.

•In Weyers Cave, Va., Blue Ridge Community College students made a statement with a huge display of trash, with recyclables sorted.

•In Albany, N.Y., the Office of General Services announced it is replacing foam polystyrene plates and cups with biodegradable products made from bamboo and grass at cafeterias that serve 9,500 state workers and visitors daily.

•In the nation's capital, Metro riders received free chocolate bars for saving 20 pounds of carbon emissions by riding the subway on Earth Day. The government on Tuesday released a proposal to raise fuel efficiency standards for new cars and trucks, putting the nation's fleet on track to reach 35 miles per gallon by 2020.

•In downtown Indianapolis, companies jumped at the chance to get rid of old computers, monitors and mice at the nation's first Million Square Foot Recycling Event, which collected more than 25,000 pounds of electronics.

•In Sioux Falls, Kali Drewes, 18, bagged trash with employees of the wireless company Unicel at Sertoma Park. "It's sad it takes Earth Day to get out and clean up," Drewes said.

And so, in the midst of today's chaos and uncertainty, it's well for us to have taken some time off to have a national day where we straighten up a bit.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Letters to the Editor

MORE LETTERS FROM PAGE 12

Community Reads Together support appreciated

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Library Trustees and staff members of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, I would like to thank all the members of the Cohasset community who helped to make our second annual community reading program, Cohasset Reads Together (CRT), a great success.

We are extremely grateful to Friends Outreach Coordinator Marjie Murphy for inspiring fourth graders and senior citizens to write their own original poetry and for bringing the two generations together for the CRT Poetry Slam. Our thanks go out to fourth grade teacher Suzi Corkhum and to Linda Elworthy, Cohasset Elder Affairs Director, for being such great collaborators and to Julie Laugelle, director of Our World Global Discovery Museum, for providing program space. It was such a pleasure to collaborate with so many members of the Cohasset school community. Cohasset Middle/High School library teacher Theresa Conroy was, as always, the perfect liaison. Elementary schools' librarians Leslie Diminnie and Charlotte Hill, Osgood principal Mrs. Janet Sheehan, Deerhill principal Dr. Jennifer deChiara, grade six teacher Susan Horigan, and Read-a-thon chairs Suzanne Jackisch and Tracy Thomas encouraged 400 students to read CRT companion books about Henry David Thoreau. Guidance counselor Ed Leonard, grade seven support staff member Nancy Creighton, and teachers Jack Buckley, Bill Fish, and Al Galotta read our CRT selection "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson with their students.

Our CRT logo was created and donated by Ronnie Goodwin of Goodwin Graphics, who has been a generous supporter of our two annual community reads. Friends volunteer Linda Fechter shared her marketing skills and donated a lot of time to CRT, and, as always, the Friends of the Cohasset Library supported the program with their time, talent and funds. We greatly appreciate the excellent reporting of Cohasset Mariner's Nancy White and photographer Robin Chan.

We extend special thanks to all of our valued library patrons who read the book selections and attended programs and who make it so rewarding to serve the good citizens of Cohasset. We look forward with anticipation to next year's community read!

Jackie Rafferty
Library Director

Ya had to BEE there!

To the Editor:

What do you get when you put teachers, a police officer, librarians, selectmen, parents, school administrators, a town manager, TV hosts, a firefighter, School Committee and Advisory Board members, a school business manager, and 160 kids together in one place? A Spelling Bee, of course! It was truly a community event we should all be proud of.

The Cohasset Education Foundation expresses its sincere appreciation to the Spelling Bee Committee. Your hard work and the support of parental volunteers, school department employees and community members who volunteered as MCs, judges and timekeepers made Sunday's Bee a true success.

A special thanks to our

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Support 'Healing Field' on Memorial Day

The Sons of the American Legion is planning to install a Healing Field as part of the town's Memorial Day 2008 observances.

The effort should result in hundreds of American flags on eight-foot-tall poles temporarily installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets. The island faces Veterans Memorial Park where the annual Memorial Day observances are held.

The flags sell for $25 and can be dedicated to anyone. In other words, the purchase of a flag is not limited to those honoring someone who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces. (Those who purchase flags will be able to pick them up after 10 days).

Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with a note on the memo line indicating "Healing Field" and sent to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, please visit www.healingfield.org/cohasset or contact the Legion post at 781-383-9657 or stop by the post at 98 Summer St. any weekday after 3 p.m., Saturdays after 10 a.m. or Sundays after 12 noon. Applications for Healing Field flags are available at the Post and at both branches of Pilgrim Bank. All proceeds will go to veterans' projects of the Sons of the American Legion.

May is Older Americans Month

"Across the nation May is celebrated as Older Americans Month. President John F. Kennedy designated May 1963 as Senior Citizens Month, asking the nation to pay tribute in some way to older people across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter changed the name to Older Americans Month as a time to celebrate older adults through ceremonies, events and fairs." United States Census Bureau.

Many people are working together to make May very special in Cohasset. At the Selectmen's Meeting on Monday April 14, Town Manager, Bill Griffin, presented a Proclamation to the Selectmen which they signed proclaiming May as Older Americans Month in Cohasset. The Friend's of Cohasset Elder Affairs, Mary Ford and Nancy White from the Mariner, with the help of photographer Jeri Herman, are planning some special features honoring seniors during Older Americans Month. A final note, as of April 8, 2008, 1,688 of Cohasset's 7,588 residents are 60 years or older, and of that number 408 are 80 and above.

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Rain barrel conservation program offered

Aquarion Water Co. of Massachusetts announces it is offering Hingham, Hull and north Cohasset residents the opportunity to purchase rain barrel water conservation materials at the discounted price of $66.50, a 25 percent saving off the retail price. Aquarion Water has teamed up with New England Rain Barrel Co. to offer these rain barrels to help residents conserve.

According to Larry Bingaman, Aquarion senior vice president, the average homeowner uses approximately 40-percent of water for outdoor use.

Bingaman said, "A 1-inch rainfall on a 1,200 square-foot roof will yield over 700 gallons of water. Using a rain barrel is an excellent way to conserve some of this water.

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— Larry Bingaman, Aquarion senior vice president

"Rain barrel use reduces the stress on municipal water systems during the summer months and improves storm water management.

"We are pleased to once again partner with the New England Rain Barrel Co. to offer this water conservation tool to our customers," Bingaman said. "We look forward to greeting our customers at our annual open house on Saturday, May 10, at which tours and refreshments will be available."

The rain barrels are made from 55-gallon blue plastic recycled containers. The top does not come off, so no children or pets can get in the barrel. It has a 6-inch diameter inlet opening covered with a screened louver to keep insects and debris out. The barrels have two brass spigots, one to allow a connection to a hose for watering, and one for overflow. By connecting a hose to the overflow spigot, water can be redirected away from a home. Each barrel comes with a 5-foot hose with a shutoff valve so that multiple barrels can be joined for additional capacity.

Orders may be placed through May 7, and be picked up on Saturday, May 10, during the water company's annual open house from 1 to 4 p.m., at its facility at 900 Main St., Hingham.

For more information call 781-740-6695 or visit aquarion.com/massachusetts.

Cohasset Swim Center offering swim lesson program

Summer is almost here. Membership and swim lesson registration started April 15. The American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program is being offered at Cohasset Swim Center. The CSC is offering early bird membership rates for registrations postmarked by May 23. CSC members need to mail-in their membership and swim registration forms together – postmarked by May 23 to save.

More detailed information and online registration forms can be found on the Cohasset Swim Center Web site at cohassetswimcenter.com.

Brochures will not be mailed out this year.

Swim lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions: Session I: June 23 to July 3; Session II: July 7 to July 18; Session III: July 21 to Aug. 1; and Session IV: Aug. 4 through Aug. 15.

For non-members and members that miss the May 23 deadline, walk-in registration for swim lessons will take place on a first-come first served basis from 9 a.m. to noon, on June 14, at CSC.

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CMI Fun Run to honor Jack Hubbard

Race set for July 19

By Nancy White
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"He was instrumental in founding CMI in the early 90s and we are grateful to him."
— Michael Dick, Cohasset Maritime Institute

The Cohasset Maritime Institute will be taking its efforts off the water and on to the streets of Cohasset one Saturday morning this summer.

The rowing center will be hosting the first 5K Jack Hubbard Fun Run on Saturday, July 19. The Fun Run will culminate with the dedication of their brand-new 28-foot ocean rowboat being named in longtime Cohasset resident and ocean environmentalist Jack Hubbard's honor.

"Jack Hubbard was a committed steward of the environment, a vibrant participant in Cohasset affairs, and an avid ocean rower," said Mike Dick, a member of the CMI Board of Directors. "He was instrumental in founding CMI in the early 90s and we are grateful to him."

Dick and George Baumgarten of CMI presented their fun run to the Board of Selectmen last week. CMI recently completed a fundraising campaign to add a third boat to their fleet. The boat will be named "Jack Hubbard." Their two other boats are named after the two assistant lightkeepers who lost their lives in the destruction of the first Minot's Ledge Light in 1857 — Joseph Antoine and Joseph Wilson.

"We feel that naming a boat for him is an appropriate way for us and future generations to remember him and the influence he had on protecting and preserving Cohasset's shoreline and bays for the public's benefit," said Dick, in an e-mail.

The CMI Board of Directors wanted to have a special event to coincide with the christening of the boat — and that's when the fun run was born.

"We want to bring everyone together, get some exercise and run a route along the harbor," said Dick, as well as raise awareness of for their rowing and maritime education programs. The harbor route is fitting because of CMI's close connection with the sea, Dick said.

At the finish of the race, Dick hopes to gather the participants, their families and other interested residents on the common for a ceremony to christen the Jack Hubbard. The boat itself will be placed near the flagpole on the common. The ceremony will take place immediately following the race, around 10:30a.m.

CMI is hoping to bring as many as 200 to 250 participants out for the fun run. If the inaugural fun run is successful, the CMI Board would consider making it an annual event during the winter off-season.

CMI representatives have been working closely with Police Lieutenant Bill Quigley to iron out the safety and route details.

"We want to have the least effect on the town," said Dick. In that vein, the proposed course was altered eliminating the loop to Sohier Street, Ripley Road and Depot Court.

The starting gun will begin at 8:30a.m. and the CMI board members expect the race to be over by in about an hour and a half.

The route will start and finish at the Cohasset Common, with the finish taking two laps around the common to complete the five-kilometer course. From the common, runners will head toward the village and take a left at Elm Street. Keeping the harbor at their right, the runners will continue toward Atlantic Avenue. At Beach Street, the course takes a left to bring runners back to the common and Highland Ave. The five-kilometer course translates to about 3.2 miles. Police officials and CMI believe the roads will have to be closed no more than an hour.

Selectman Paul Carlson had some concerns about the racecourse itself being ready for the scores of runners due to the ongoing Little Harbor water and sewer project.

On hand to address the concern was Water Commission chairman Glenn Pratt, who said at the time of the event the trouble spot will be North Main Street. Pratt said the issues were being talked out extensively between the water and sewer commissions and the police and fire departments to ensure a safe course for all.

Although the date has been set for July 19, Selectman Ralph Dormitzer suggested the CMI members check with other organizations, particularly the yacht club, to ensure there isn't a conflict.

CMI was founded over 10 years ago by a group of Cohasset residents, who successfully petitioned the town to save the former Hagerty boathouse for re-use as a maritime center for public access to the water. CMI strives to keep alive the tradition of "open water ocean rowing" in recognition of Cohasset's legacy as the birthplace of the first lifeboats in America.

At the meeting, CMI board members said they were willing to pay for all necessary police details for race day.

The Selectmen supported the addition of the race to the 2008 Cohasset event calendar with a unanimous vote.

"I hope you have great weather," said Carlson.

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Cohasset's Vin Curran looks to outrun Scituate's Steve Ferriter during the Chowda' Cup final.

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Laxers fall short in final

Offense sputters in Cowda' Cup final

By Joel Racicot
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Two rivals in another heated battle capped off the First Annual Chowda' Cup Memorial tournament, Saturday afternoon.

This time, the Skippers played second to the Sailors in a 10-6 loss. It's the first time Cohasset lost to its neighboring town rival in six games.

"We never got on track, we were always a man down the entire game," Cohasset boys lacrosse coach Stew Curran said. "Our guys were a little aggressive for the crew officiating the game.

"You're handcuffing your offense when you play a man down at the wrong end of the field."

The tournament, held in Scituate, honored former lacrosse and hockey players from Scituate and Cohasset who have passed away, including Tim Mahoney, Ryan Flannery, P.J. Trendowicz, Justin Lang-ham, and Bourke Corcoran.

The tournament proceeds went to scholarships at all four participatory schools including Scituate, Cohasset, Marshfield and Sandwich.

"I think it's a great idea, those games belonged to the kids," said Curran. "It was a special day. A lot of good kids got to play a game they like to honor kids that came before them."

Scituate coach Rick Bagby agreed with Curran about the tourney's impact.

"It's an important memorial," Bagby said. "There were good teams, good competition and great games."

Scituate (7-2) opened the tournament Thursday with a 13-6 win over Marshfield. Cohasset narrowly defeated Sandwich13-12 in its opening round game. That set up a date in the championship between two schools that competed for the last two Div. 3 state titles.

Cohasset beat Scituate 12-10 in

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Lady Vikings too much to handle

Girls look to get back on track after vacation

By Joel Racicot
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"If we continue to play the way we have and stay with the fundamentals our goal will be to finish .500 or better and make the tourney."
-Rob Spofford

The schedule isn't easy and East Bridgewater is a really good softball team. The resulting 15-0 loss to the Lady Vikings isn't a reflection of Cohasset's game.

They're not a bad softball team.

Once you start traveling down Route 18 or Route 44 you are entering a hotbed for high school girls softball. Taunton, Bridgewater-Raynham, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater—all dominating softball teams.

Nicole Eisenmann threw a no-hitter with four strikeosuts for East Bridgewater. She is also very good. Cohasset (1-6 overall, 1-2 in the South Shore League) just doesn't match up with the Vikings.

But the Lady Skippers have proved they can play with some quality teams this year, taking on Rockland, Quincy and Hingham, making a game out of whichever team they play.

"I'm still confident," said Cohasset coach Rob Spofford. "We play a tough schedule. I'm also cautiously optimistic as we head into the meat of the schedule. If we continue to play the way we have and stay with the fundamentals our goal will be to finish .500 or better and make the tourney."

The long bus ride to EB ended in a six inning shellacking, but Spofford wants his girls to leave it.

"I said to them when they got on the bus 'forget about it, don't dwell on it and lets move on from here.'"

Cohasset is a relatively young team.

Anna Haggerty (Sr.) is the team's lone impending graduate. She is also playing a great third base. Haggerty and Carly Salerno (Jr.) at shortstop play strong on the left side.

"They have played absolutely terrific ball," Spofford said. "There is pressure on them because a lot of ball are put into play."

Marissa Tangherlini is showing a nice glove in centerfield. Lindsay Davis (Fr.) is showing a lot of promise as the season progresses according to Spofford.

The junior varsity team continues to chug along at 7-0.

"The future is bright," Spofford said. "I'm pleased. No one likes to lose. What I like is what we are doing. Besides the EB game we have been in every game."



Cohasset's Anna Haggerty, left, tags out East Bridgewater's Jordan McDermott, right, at third base for the second out in the first inning of East Bridgewater's 15-0 win in six innings Thursday.

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Hill silences Vikings

Team remains focused heading into weekend action

By Joel Racicot
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With a little over a week off between baseball games Cohasset will hit the diamond Friday and Saturday. The Skippers will play Cardinal Spellman, April 25 at 10 a.m. and Archbishop Williams, April 26 at 10 a.m.

Both games are at home.

Head coach Al Gallotta understands how important it is for his team to see live baseballs over the school vacation week. The Skippers last game was a 4-0 win at East Bridgewater, Thursday, April 17.

"Playing over vacation is very important," Gallotta said. "You can't come back 10 days later and expect to pick up where you left off. Especially after a huge win like (East Bridgewater) you want to get back at it quickly."

Gallotta admitted that an eight day layoff isn't much better, but the Skippers planned on working out Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to get ready for the two non-league games.

"Hopefully we can pick up where we left off," Gallotta said. "The arms are rested so hopefully that will have a positive effect."

The pitching staff will not get much breathing room over the remainder of the season as the number of games start to increase. The Skippers are scheduled to play 10 games in May.

"It puts more burden on the pitching staff," Gallotta said. "We will find out what kind of team we are. Right now, just playing two games a week, we haven't taxed our pitchers or gone too deep into the staff."

A good start to the season has the Skippers at 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the South Shore League. Their win over East Bridgewater wasn't an upset by any means; the Skippers are a talented and experienced team. But the Vikings are loaded and many picked them as a pre-season favorite in the league.

The Vikings returned three league all-stars from a year ago.

"They have a strong nucleus of very talented players," Gallotta said.

Brian Hill (Sr.) pitched masterful in the win. He threw a complete-game two-hitter, striking out 11 batters without surrendering a walk. He didn't go to a three ball count on a single batter.

"In 33 years of coaching that was one of the best performances I have ever witnessed," Gallotta said. "He had total command that day."

Hill plans on attending Eckerd College in St. Petersburg Florida next year to study and play baseball. He currently is 2-1 with a 0.33 ERA to go with 28 K's and 5 walks. His only loss of the season came on Opening Day in a pitchers duel with Scituate's Blaine O'Brien.

O'Brien has accepted a full scholarship to the University of Georgia, but awaits the Major

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Hill silences Vikings

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League Baseball draft where he could be a high pick.

"(Hill) loves baseball," Gallotta said. "He is a very committed player that plays year-round."

Alex Goetz (Sr.) sparked the offense against the Vikings with an RBI triple in the second inning. Chris Rose (Sr.) followed up with a RBI double.

Cohasset held to a 2-0 lead until a David Snowdale two-run RBI single in the sixth.

"In 33 years of coaching that was one of the best performances I have ever witnessed."

—Al Gallotta

"Timely hitting and good defense didn't hurt in that game either," Gallotta said.

Brendan Doonan (So.) leads the team batting .444. Pat Doonan (Sr.) is second with a .333 average. Kyle Pinkus leads the team with four RBI. He is also playing a lead role on defense at the catcher position.

"He has been calling the game back there for three years," Gallotta said.

With the warm weather here and talk of graduation on the way, Gallotta is adamant that his seniors will stay completely focused with the bulk of the season on the horizon.

Focus, he admits, has never been an issue for his guys.

"This is my sixth year in Cohasset and that has never been an issue," he said. "The kids are committed to the program. I am lucky. It's a tribute to the kids in Cohasset that they are committed. Whether we have had good or bad season, they have always given their heart and soul."



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David Snowdale takes a hack earlier in the season.

Cohasset Sailing Club Registration, Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4

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Saturday, May 3rd 9 am to 2 pm

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Applications available at www.cohassetsailingclub.com

Questions? Sandy Crough, CSC Secretary 383-1117 or 4sands@comcast.net

Cohasset Swim Center offers swim lesson program

Summer is almost here! Membership and swim lesson registration is starting April 15. American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim Program is offered at the Cohasset Swim Center. The C.S.C is offering EARLY BIRD membership rates for registrations postmarked by May 23. C.S.C. Members need to mail-in their membership and swim registration forms together - postmarked by May 23 and SAVE.

More detailed information and online registration forms can be found on the Cohasset Swim Center website www.cohassetswimcenter.com.

We will not be mailing out a brochure this year.

Swim Lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions: Session I: June 25 - July 6, Session II: July 9 - July 20, Session III: July 23 - August 3, Session IV: August 6 - August 17.

For non-members and members that missed the May 23 deadline, walk-in registration for swim lessons will be held on June 14 at the C.S.C. from 9am-Noon. First come, First service.

If you have any questions, please send an email to cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net.

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Ben Smith, 10, of Scituate tags out Mike Pitten, 11, of Scituate on a close play at home as Mike tried to stretch a triple into an inside the park homerun.

Campers slide into season

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Will Thomas, 8, of Cohasset rounds third on his way to score a run during their game on Wednesday.



Mark Leary, 9, of Weymouth hustles in between innings to put on his catching gear during their game on Wednesday.



John Martin, 11, of Marshfield stays cool in the shade with his shades while his team was at bat during the South Shore Baseball Club's baseball clinic during April vacation on Wednesday.

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April		Time
25	Cardinal Spellman	10a.m.
26	Arch. Williams	10 a.m.
29	Carver	
May		
1	@Hull	
5	Mashpee	
6	Abington	
8	@Harwich	4 p.m.
12	Norwell	
13	@E. Bridgewater	
15	@Carver	
19	Hull	
20	@Mashpee	4 p.m.
22	@Sacred Heart	

Girls Varsity Softball
All games at 3:30 p.m. unless stated

April		
26	Rockland	12 p.m.
29	@Carver	
30	Scituate	4 p.m.
May		
1	Hull	
5	@Mashpee	
6	@Abington	
8	Harwich	
12	@Norwell	
13	E. Bridgewater	
15	Carver	
19	@Hull	
20	Mashpee	
22	@Scituate	4 p.m.

Boys Varsity Tennis
All games at 3:30 p.m. unless stated

April		
28	@Sacred Heart	
29	Carver	
May		
1	@Scituate	
5	Mashpee	
6	Abington	
8	@Harwich	4 p.m.
12	Norwell	
14	Hingham	
15	@Carver	
19	Duxbury	
20	@Mashpee	4 p.m.
23	Sacred Heart	

Girls Varsity Tennis
All games at 3:30 p.m.

April		
28	@Hingham	
29	@Carver	
May		
5	@Mashpee	
6	@Abington	
8	Harwich	
12	@Norwell	
13	E. Bridgewater	
15	Carver	
19	@Duxbury	
20	Mashpee	
21	Rockland	

Boys Varsity Lacrosse

April		
25	@Hull	11 a.m.
29	Mashpee	4 p.m.
May		
1	@Pembroke	4 p.m.
3	@Arlington	4 p.m.
6	@Hanover	4 p.m.
8	Weston	4 p.m.
12	Marshfield	7 p.m.
14	Barnstable	4 p.m.
15	@Hingham	4:30 p.m.
19	Nantucket	5 p.m.
22	Tabor	6 p.m.

Girls Varsity Lacrosse

April		
29	@Mashpee	4 p.m.
May		
1	Pembroke	3:30 p.m.
3	@Hopkinton	3:30 p.m.
6	Hanover	3:30 p.m.
8	@Hingham	4 p.m.
9	@Bishop Feehan	4 p.m.
13	@Hull	3:30 p.m.
15	Notre Dame	6:30 p.m.
19	@Fairhaven	4:30 p.m.
21	@Norwell	7 p.m.

Laxers fall short in final

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the second week of this season, but couldn't get anything going offensively during Saturday's 10-6 loss. Penalties kept the Skippers on the defensive for most of the game.

"We were on the defensive end of the field way to much," Curran said. "Scituate moved the ball well and found the open guys on transition all game long."

"The faceoff play by (Scituate's) Wes Hawkins was spectacular as well."

Scituate went to a Tiger Zone set in a successful attempt to slow down Cohasset's Mike Grimm and Mark Flibotte. The pair combined for eight goals in the first meeting of the season but was held to just two, Saturday.

"We totally changed the set-up and shut them (Grimm, Flibotte) down," Bagby said. "We had to do something different against them."

The Scituate long poles, including Ryan Woodford, Chris Yuknis, Alex Cuomo and Paul McInerney, as well as goalie Jake Gray, all played outstanding.

Compared to the first meeting with Cohasset, the Scituate defense, "played a lot more aggressive," according to Bagby.

Scituate led 7-6 after three quarters and broke the game open with three unanswered to start the fourth.

Scituate's Greg Reynolds had five goals in the final and 13 for the tournament. His stellar play earned him the tourney's MVP award. Flibotte, Will Wise, Pete Ernst and Dana Valentine received all-tourney honors for Cohasset.

P.J. McCaw led Cohasset with three goals. Flibotte, Ernst and Grimm each had one.

Both Bagby and Curran like what they see whenever these teams get together to play.

"It's a pretty healthy rivalry," Bagby said. "It's an intense rivalry but typically well-contested and clean. There is no cheap stuff, just high quality lacrosse."

"We have a healthy respect for each other," Curran said. "It's a good chance to match wits, it's fun and at the end of the day, you hope the kids take from it and treasure the moment.

"We would have liked to win, but I told them winning today isn't what's important, winning June 10 is."

"A lot of good kids got to play a game they like to honor kids that came before them."
—Stew Curran

June 10 is the tentative date for the Div. 3 state final.

Lacrosse Notes

Cohasset is 5-2 overall and 2-0 in the South Shore League. It played Dover-Sherborn, Thursday, after the Mariner went to press. The Skippers play next at Hull, Friday at 11 a.m.

Cohasset 13, Sandwich 12

Cohasset got more than it bargained for in the first round of the Chowder Cup at Scituate High, Thursday afternoon as a spirited and disciplined Sandwich team with a standout goal keeper tested the Skippers to the limit. Fortunately, Cohasset improved its record to 5-1 thanks in large measure to a tremendous save by senior goaltender, Nate Porter, with less than ten seconds remaining. With a Blue Knight attacker unmarked less than five yards off the crease, Porter gobbled up the low, hard bounce shot to ice the victory.

The Skipper offense sputtered at the beginning as they hit two posts, missed the cage high and wide, or hit the goalie in the head, chest, or stick with their shots. Sophomore Will Wise finally got Cohasset on the board after picking up a loose ball on a scramble in front.

Sandwich responded with a fast break goal after a quick clear before the Skipper defense could get settled. Porter made some great saves to keep the score tied at the end of the first quarter. At the start of the second, Mike Grimm found junior Andrew Smith alone in the slot.

Smith was checked hard as he shot but still managed to find the back of the net with a delayed, "slow motion" bounce shot. Sandwich ran off four unanswered goals to take a 5-2 lead.

Coach Stew Curran called a time-out to settle his charges down. Whatever the Coach said seemed to work. Immediately after the break, Mark Flibotte found the top corner with a bullet after a feed from Wise. Wise then passed from behind to a hard cutting Peter Ernst for a goal. Chuck Czerkowski won the ensuing face off cleanly and then found Wise on the crease who quickly tied the score. After a Sandwich goal on the man-up, Grimm beat the Sandwich goalie down low with an underhand shot along the ground to tie the score at halftime.

The Skippers came out energized for the second half.

Flibotte scored in the first minute dodging from behind. After Jake Cuneo knocked down a Sandwich pass, Anderson Lynner scooped up the ground ball and started the fast break ending in a quick pass from Wise to Flibotte for the score. Wise next found Johnny Wade on the crease for a quick stick and a three goal Cohasset lead. But the Blue Knights would not go away and quickly answered with a goal. Grimm beat his man cleanly from behind on the Skippers next possession finding Wise alone on the crease who ripped a shot to the back of the net. Sandwich scored again with the man advantage with some nice ball movement and a quality shot from the middle.

At the start of the fourth, the Blue Knights scored again on the man-up to climb within a goal. Flibotte dodging from behind got that one back unassisted. After still another Sandwich goal, Flibotte took the ball away from his defender on the ride, raced straight to the restraining line, and buried the shot high to low. But Sandwich scored again. Grimm then found Flibotte alone on the crease with a pass from behind which Flibotte leaped in the air to grab, shoot, and score what turned out to be the game winner. Sandwich scored with less than a minute to go to make it a one goal game again, setting the stage for Porter's late game heroics.

All American Mark Flibotte led Cohasset scorers with six goals and one assist. Will Wise added three goals and four assists in a break out game for him and Mike Grimm had one goal and three assists. Nate Porter had nine saves but none bigger than the one he made to close the game.

The Sandwich game notes are provided by the Cohasset Boosters

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Merle Brown, Cohasset's newest Citizen of the Year, is joined by some prior year "Citizens," including from left, Glenn Pratt, Margie Steele, Mary Keating (representing her brother, the late Gerard Keating); Roger Whitley, the Rev. Gary Ritts, Arthur Lehr, and seated, John Coe. This is the 15th consecutive year the Mariner has honored a Citizen of the Year.

Life-long resident honored

Merle Brown feted at Atlantica

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Selectman Ralph Dormizter talks about Merle Brown's service to Cohasset. He also presented a proclamation honoring Brown from the Board of Selectmen.



Citizen of the Year, Merle Brown, listens to the range of presenters during Sunday's reception.



Brown's five-year-old granddaughter, Kathleen Brown, carefully places her favorite cheese onto a plate at Atlantica. Partnering with the Mariner for the reception this year were: Atlantica, Pilgrim Bank and the Cohasset Rotary Club.



Merle Brown listens as state Sen. Robert Hedlund reads a proclamation honoring Brown from the state Senate.



Cohasset Mariner editor Mary Ford explains the Citizen of the Year selection process to Sunday's crowd at Atlantica. Partnering with the Mariner to make the reception possible are: Atlantica, Pilgrim Bank and the Cohasset Rotary Club.



Merle Brown's children, Jeff Brown and Marcy Fleming, share some anecdotes about their Dad.



Merle Brown is surrounded by his family. Merle's wife, Joan, is standing behind Brown, who is seated, at center. About 80 people attended Sunday's reception.

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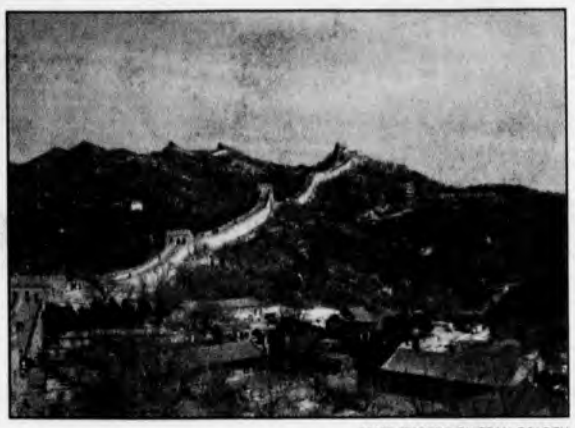
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Beijing readies for the Olympics

By Fran Golden
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE



The clerks at the Silk Street Market are experts at negotiating.Beijing readies for the Olympics



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The Beijing Olympics slogan "One World, One Dream," is everywhere, including at The Great Wall.

BEIJING -

On a recent visit to China, I was standing on the Great Wall, with the little voice in my head saying, "WOW, I AM STANDING ON THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA." I was so excited I text-messaged a friend to tell him where I was.

"Is it great?" he responded.

I should have quoted Richard Nixon. "I think that you would have to conclude that this is a great wall" (1972). Instead, my mind blanked and I just said, "Yeah."

I'd come to China to check out the preparations for the Beijing Olympics. Despite recent protests over China's human rights abuses, the games are very much set to get under way on Aug. 8.

Despite the thrill of walking a bit of the Great Wall, being here I found myself most surprised by the fact Beijing has been so modernized - literally, neighborhoods are being demolished (and longtime residents uprooted) to make way for both Olympics sites and newfangled high-rises, created by international teams of architects.

China is clearly preparing to make the point to the world viewing the Olympics that this city is the showplace of a modern economic superpower.

Olympics preparations

In the north of Beijing, buildings are emerging on the Olympic Green, and like at a Chinese banquet, everything is over the top.

Already the talk of the town is the brand new National Stadium, which boasts steel laced together into what looks to some like something a bird would create, hence the building's nickname "Bird's Nest." To others, me included, the place looks more like a Martian space ship. The facility will host 91,000 spectators for the opening and closing ceremonies of the Beijing Olympics. Many of the track and field events will be held there. A membrane inside the steel shell will keep everyone dry, though not necessarily protected from the city's legendary pollution, which tends to be a problem more in the summer than other times of year.

Next door the National Aquatics Centre looks like a giant grouping of blocks of ice - it's been given the nickname "Ice Cube." Inside the translucent blue membranes are five swimming pools that will benefit from natural light (some have complained the plastic structure may let in too much natural light). This building would not be out of place on, say, the moon.

Also under construction and set to be completed soon is the Olympic Village, with apartment housing for 205 athlete delegations. Plantings are going into the ground in a new park nearby.

In the same area, several huge hotels and a shopping center are being readied. A TGI Friday's is already open at one hotel.

All over the city and in its environs, too, are Beijing Olympics signs, with the slogan, "One World, One Dream."

There is clearly excitement about the upcoming onslaught, and a little trepidation, too. "My government says we are ready," opined one guide.

Exploring Beijing

In the center of the city, skyscrapers gleam and highways are packed with cars including highly prized Audis. To catch a glimpse of an old temple or peaked roof, you'll have to look hard. The imperial city is now a concrete jungle.

You can find history, of course, at the major sights: The Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square, the Temple of Heaven and, outside the city, the Summer Palace, Ming Tombs and the Great Wall (parts reachable in about an hour from north Beijing). All are reminders of a time when emperors ruled the universe, or so the Chinese believed.

Most of the sites are in the throes of a pre-Olympics facelift - parts of the 15th century Forbidden City, home to emperors for generations, are now downright sparkling with fresh paint.

While capitalist-Communists are now in charge, Chairman Mao stands guard, his giant portrait on display on the gates to the Forbidden City, at the edge of Tiananmen Square, China's political nerve center. On the western side of the square there's an electronic billboard counting down the time until the Olympics.

If you're searching for Old China, you'll want to visit the hutongs, mazes of ancient alleyways with traditional courtyard houses. Although many of these neighborhoods have been demolished, in the remaining ones you will see signs of life like people attending prayer services at Buddhist temples, hanging laundry on clotheslines and cooking on outdoor hotpots - and rickshaw drivers aggressively selling tours. That's as un-Westernized as you'll find in this ultra-modern city.

The Great Wall stretches more than 4,100 miles across China and has a history dating back more than 2,000 years, but at the popular viewing spot at Badaling, there's a new distraction - a giant billboard with the slogan, "One World, One Dream." The "great" that people are supposed to be thinking about in coming months clearly has to do with Olympic gold.

Peking Duck and other taste delights

Eating is a pleasure in Beijing, and you can choose from all kinds of Chinese cuisine or go for the city's famous duck. We know it as Peking Duck, reflecting the city's historic name, but here it's known as Beijing Duck and there are even restaurants, such as Da Dong Roast Duck Restaurant (22 Dongsishitiaolu, Dongcheng; dinner for two about $50) that specialize only in that dish. Developed for the emperors, the dish involves pumping ducks full of air to separate the skin, air drying and then roasting in a wood-fired oven. The duck is served with thin pancakes, scallions and a sweet sauce. The crunchy skin is the best part.

There is, of course, other cuisine, from McDonald's to very top-end restaurants serving French, Italian, Japanese and more.

My favorite meal was at South Silk Road (19A Lotus Lane), which specializes in spicy Yunnan cuisine. The restaurant is owned by an artist and has a hip vibe. I sat in one of the deep, cushioned green chairs and perused a menu that, thankfully, had English translations but not at all a Western perspective. I decided I was not feeling adventurous enough to try the pot-roasted bullfrog. Nor did the fried bamboo worms sound enticing. I settled on a stewed chicken with Yunnan sour papaya, spicy sauce and rice noodles. And because you don't order just one course in a restaurant in China, also had a dish of broad beans and corn. It was a delicious meal - the tart papaya was particularly intriguing and the chili in the stew had just the right bite. And I was proud that I have become adept enough at using chopsticks I can now pick up a single kernel of corn. Total cost about $13.

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Staying there: Beijing is well equipped with hotels reflecting the city's modern spirit. Two of the best are the Shangri-La Hotel in the western part of the city and the China World Hotel in the central business area. Both boast a variety of restaurants, top-flight amenities, concierge floors (the Shangri-La has a whole new concierge wing with a CHI spa) and excellent personalized service. Special four-night, pre-Olympics packages let you view the city before the crowds get there, and include airport transfers, privately guided tours and activities and select meals. Priced from about $2,808 for two at the Shangri-La Hotel, from $3,493 at the China World Hotel (also available at other Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts properties in Beijing), through June 30. Contact your travel agent, call 866-565-5050 or visit www.shangri-la.com.

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Trained bears entertain at Clark's Trading Post.

Family Fun on I-93

IN NEW ENGLAND

Barbara Rogers and Lura Seavey
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

SALEM, N.H. - Interstate 93 draws a line through the center of New Hampshire. The highway crosses into the state near Lawrence and follows the Merrimack River through Manchester and Concord before passing the Lakes Region and traveling through the scenic heart of the White Mountains.

Even if you're using I-93 as a fast route to a destination you've already chosen, stop to enjoy family attractions and experiences, just minutes from the highway.

Begin at Exit 2 in Salem, at Canobie Lake Park, a century-old amusement park where dozens of rides are designed for all ages and thrill levels (603-893-3506, www.canobie.com).

Take Exit 9 in Manchester to watch salmon climb the fish ladder at the Amoskeag Fishways Visitor Center (603-626-3474, www.amoskeagfishways.org). In the converted mills along the Merrimack, kids can explore science at the hands-on SEE Science Center (603-669-0400, www.see-sciencecenter.org).

Stray off at Exit 11 to Bear Brook State Park, where the low-key Museum of Family Camping and Snowmobile Museum join picnic sites and hiking trails as the large park's attractions (603-485-9869, www.nhstate-parks.com). In Concord, Exit 15-E leads to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, with astronomy shows in the 40-foot domed theater (603-271-7827, www.starhop.com).

A turn west at Exit 20 leads to downtown Tilton, and the impressive Tilton Arch, a 55-foot granite replica of the Arch of Titus in Rome. To the east, Weirs Beach, on Lake Winnipesaukee, takes on a lively resort atmosphere in summer, with a boardwalk, arcades, shops and family-friendly entertainment.

For a different lake experience, choose Exit 24 to Holderness, on peaceful Squam Lake, where the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center offers kid-pleasing exhibits of native wildlife (603-968-7194, www.nhnature.org).

Exit 32 offers a number of diversions for kids including Whales Tale Water Park (603-745-8810, www.whalestalewaterpark.net) and Hobo Railroad, a train ride along the river with a clown for a conductor and lunches packed in hobo bandanas (603-745-2135, www.hoborr.com). Clark's Trading Post, a charming park, has another train ride, an ice cream parlor and a show featuring bears that seem to be having as much fun as the kids watching them (603-745-8913, www.clarkstradingpost.com).

Littleton's classic Main Street lies off Exit 42. The top place the kids will want to visit is Chutters - believed to have the longest candy counter in the world.

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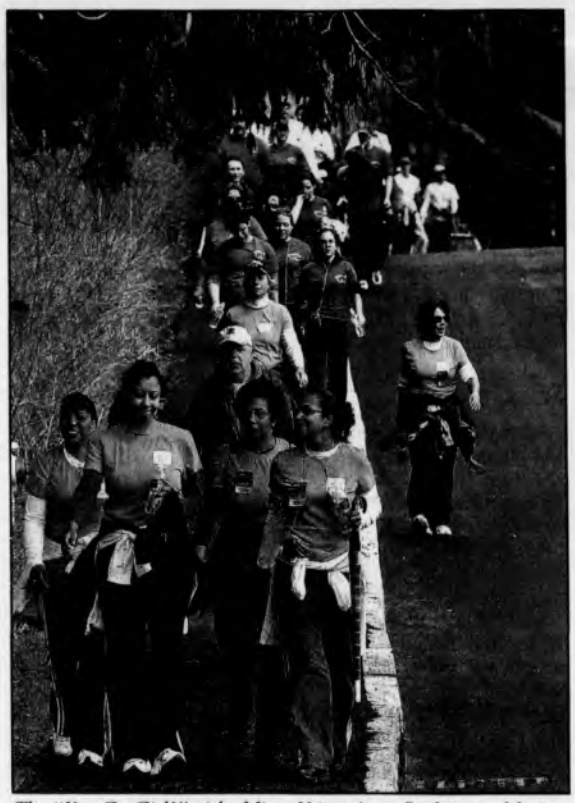
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Flowers bloom along the side of Jerusalem Road for walkers and dogs to enjoy during the 5 mile MS walk on April 12.



The "You Go Girl!" girls, Missy Veiga, Anna Rodrigues, Maria Rodrigues, and Maria Lobo-Andrade, all of Scituate, lead walkers down Forest Avenue during the MS Lifelines Walk. You Go Girl raised $4,835 to place them in the top five in the "friends and family" category.



Kathy Peloquin, left, and Kay Boyle, right, both of Hingham load up on some healthy snacks from Gail Yuhas Cove of Sotherby's who was giving walkers water and oranges at the start the walk. Kathy's sister-in-law has MS.

Fighting MS, step by step

Walkers raise money for care, research

Staff photos for Robin Chan



Tim Treese, 17 left, and David Toomey, 17 right, both of Cohasset, make a "pac man" out of the water bottles, which they were handing out to walkers.



Glen Williams of Braintree Rehab hospital gives a piggyback ride to his daughter, Gianna, 7 during the MS walk.



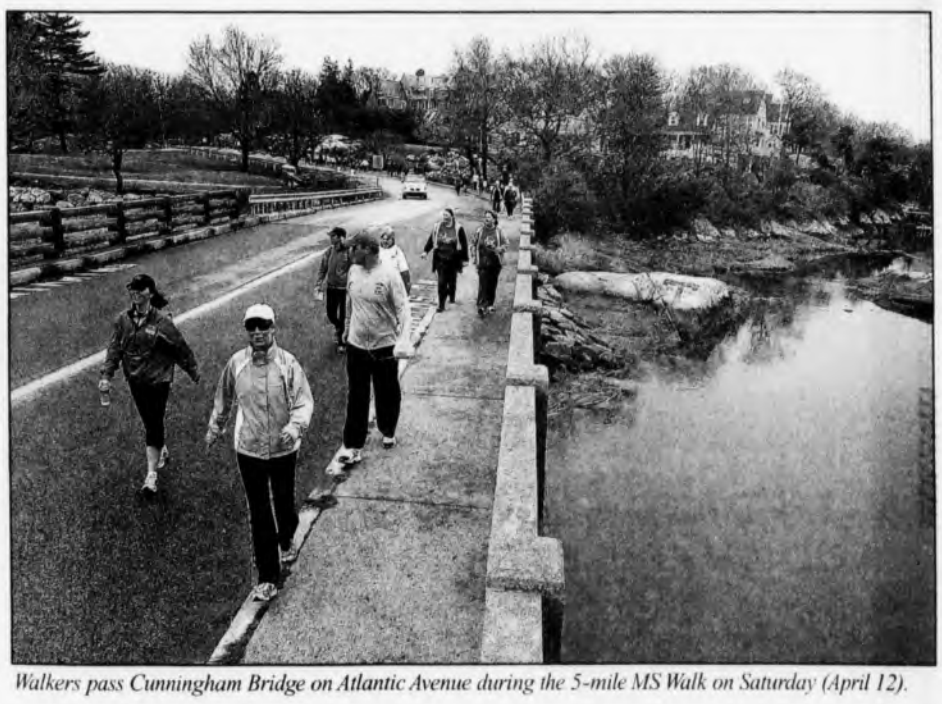
Nicole Tolosko, 8 left, of Cohasset and Alina Parker, 9 right, of Middleboro, enjoy the oranges given to them at station one at Sandy Beach.



Walkers are reflected in a pool of water on Atlantic Avenue during the 5-mile MS Lifelines Walk. More than 330 people participated.



From left, Jesse Meade, 18, of Hull, Melissa Tonole, 20, of Hull, Charlie Czerkawski, 17, of Cohasset, and Michelle Dixon, a staff member at the National MS Society office unfurl medals for the walkers.



Walkers pass Cunningham Bridge on Atlantic Avenue during the 5-mile MS Walk on Saturday (April 12).



Alanna and Mark Ludley of Weymouth hold their daughter's hands, Audrey, 2, while walking along Jerusalem Road. The event raised $140,000 to support the MS Society's mission of caring for those who live with the disease and supporting research for a cure.



From left, Sarah Robertson, 15, her mother Sharon, and brother Sean, 12, of Medfield, walk by the Capt. John Wilson House during the MS Lifelines Walk.

It's Happening

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Local barbershop chorus is singing for life to save lives

On May 10th the South Shore Men of Harmony are teaming up with the American Red Cross and have joined with over 200 other Barbershop Harmony Society choruses across America and Canada in what could be the largest and most effective blood drive and donor recruitment project in history. The Society "Singing For Life Blood Drive" choruses, quartets and other local musical groups will serve as an all-day draw for local potential donors, resulting in a huge shot in the arm (pun intended) to boost and maintain a 5-10 day blood supply in the communities of North American.

The fact is, nearly 2000 units of blood are needed each day to help those in need right in our own community. The life of Bill Brennan, a 59-year charter member of the Hingham-based chorus, was saved by the transfusion of over 100 units of blood that he required during a recent series of operations. Bill, nearing 90 years of age, is a former resident of Scituate now residing in Linden Ponds, has recovered and returned to the chorus rehearsals and performances. The chorus has pledged a commitment to the donor program that saved Bill's life and has accepted the challenge to collect enough blood to meet the needs of hospital patients year round.

"Giving Blood Now Comes With Background Music" provided by the Men of Harmony Chorus and Quartets have joined the Red Cross team to help ensure that a safe and adequate blood supply is available when needed. Please continue supporting your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers by donating blood on Saturday, May 10, at St.Paul School Hall (behind St.Paul's Church on South St.), 18 Fearing Road, Hingham. The hours for blood donation will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It only takes about an hour of time — and one small pinch — to become a hero to someone in need. Every donation is an opportunity to help an accident victim, a surgical patient, or a child battling leukemia, to name a few. Anyone 17 years of age or older, weighing 110 pounds or more and feeling in good health may be eligible to donate blood.

Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) with questions about giving blood and to make an appointment, which will save waiting in line, or visit the Red Cross web site at: www.newenglandblood.org. For the Men of Harmony call: 1-781-337-(SING) 7464.

Calling all young artists!

Do you have a favorite painting, sculpture, photograph, collage or other piece that you really like? Enter it in the Massachusetts Cultural Council sponsored Art Show at Second Parish, 285 Main St., Hingham, from May 8-18.

Artwork may be dropped off Thursday (May 1) or Friday (May 2) from 4-6 p.m. at the church.

Older students (high school and middle school) are eligible for prizes; younger children (nursery school and elementary) all receive participant ribbons.

There will be an opening reception from contributing artists, their families and their teachers on Thursday (May 8) at 7 p.m. For more information contact, Joyce Schreier at 781-749-6690 or call the church at 781-749-1671.

Magical Moon

The Magical Moon Foundation (www.themagicalmoonfoundation.org) is having a huge yard sale and spring clean up party to benefit the Magical Moon Foundation of Marshfield. This wonderful organization supports local children who have cancer and will be held at the Magical Moon Farm, 575 Summer St. in Marshfield next to the Tipi on Saturday, April 26th and Sunday, April 27th from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on both days. If you would like to join in this event, you may rent a space for a $20 donation to the foundation. Anyone who would like to help in the spring cleaning around the gardens and orchard may also come making sure to bring some rakes and yard tools etc. Your children are more than welcome and food/drinks will be provided to all who volunteer to help. The Magical Moon Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. Please call 1-800-840-0205 for more information.

Swim, dive signups

Attention returning swimmers and divers: the Cohasset Swim and Dive Team 2008 season sign-up for returning swimmers and divers will be held on Saturday May 3 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Town Hall. Swim & dive team tryouts: Cohasset Swim Team tryouts will be held on Wednesday, June 18 from 3-5 p.m. at the swim center pool. Swimmers must be 6 years of age by July 1,2008 and no older than 17 yrs of age. Cohasset Dive Team tryouts will be held on Wednesday, June 18 from 5-6 p.m. at the swim center pool. The rain date for tryouts is Thursday, June 19 at the same times. In addition, the Cohasset Swim Team is also seeking a highly motivated Junior Swim Coach to assist the coaching staff in swim practices, swim meets, and general organization of the swim team. Applicant must be at least 16 and be able to participate on the Cohasset Swim Team. The Cohasset Dive Team is seeking qualified candidate for an Assistant Dive Coach position. Interested individuals should send qualifications to PO Box 651, Cohasset,MA 02025.

Irish poetry at Aisling

Aisling Gallery, 229 Lincoln St., Hingham (Route 3A) is hosting "An Afternoon of Irish Poetry" Sun., May 4, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Eleanor Claflin Williams Ladd

Artist, former president of South Shore Art Center board of directors

Eleanor Claflin Williams Ladd, of Winchester, N.H. and Cohasset, was born January 31, 1916 and passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on April 19, 2008.

She was the beloved wife of Thomas Blake Williams until his death in October 2000 and William Ladd of Winchester, N.H. since December 2001. Eleanor (Claffy) attended The Winsor School and later Sweet Briar College. She led an active life, playing tennis and skiing well into her 90th year. In 1938 Claffy watched the German troops occupy St. Anton, Austria while training for the United States Women's ski team.

Throughout her life, Claffy's interest in art included studying with George Dergalis of Lincoln and later at the Museum School of the Museum of Fine Arts. For many years Claffy worked as a gallery guide in the MFA where she developed an appreciation of Greek and Asian art. Her knowledge of these cultures greatly influenced the direction of her painting.

Claffy won several awards in major shows, including 15 one-person shows and more than 30 group exhibits in the Boston and New York area. An invitation in 1970 to show in the Grand Prix of Paris, and in the Museum of Modern Art in Tonneins, Bordeaux, reflected her international appeal. The use of nature as a subject of her paintings integrated a blend of exotic Eastern simplicity and Western abstraction.

In the 1980s Claffy served as president of the Board of Directors of the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. During her tenure she coordinated the campaign drive that financed the exquisite new gallery and teaching space for the Center, which opened in 1987.

She leaves four children: Thomas B. Williams, Jr. and wife Mary of Warren, Vt., Susan W. Dickie of Weston, Mass., Eleanor W. Wright and husband Tim of Clark, Colo., and Sandra W. Weiss and husband David of Arrowsic, Maine. She also leaves 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be private, for family members only.

Donations in her memory may be made to the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset, MA 02025.

James R. Brackett

Vietnam veteran, computer equipment business owner

James R. Brackett, 55, of Halifax, formerly of Cohasset, died April 17, 2008.

Born in Boston a son of the late Philip and Hope (Rowland's) Brackett, he attended Tabor Academy and graduated from Franklin Pierce College and from M.I.T. with a master's degree in transportation management.

Mr. Brackett enlisted in the Navy at age 17. Shortly thereafter, he went to Vietnam were he earned the Bronze star with the 'V' device for valor, the purple heart and the Navy commendation medal also with the 'V' device for Valor. After college, re-enlisted in the Navy reserve as a commission officer and retired at rank of full commander in 1995. Mr. Brackett was self-employed business owner selling environmental computer equipment.

He was active member of the V.F.W. Post # 6258 in Halifax where he was commander for several years. He also belonged to the American Legion in Hanson. He was active with local charities.

Mr. Brackett leaves his long time companion of Patricia A. Tibaudo of Whitman; a son James R. Brackett Jr. of Halifax; a brother of Leland C. Grimes of Middleboro and a niece and nephew Laura and Ericka Grimes.

A funeral service was held April 24 in the Cartmell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Cremation will follow in Duxbury Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Father Flanagan's Boys Town Box 7000 Boys Town, NE. 68010. To sign the online guest book, visit www.cartmellfuneralhome.com

Joan E. Powers

Formerly of Cohasset, avid Red Sox fan

Joan E. Powers, 78, of Reading, formerly of Cohasset, died April 17, 2008 after a brief illness at the Mass. General Hospital in Boston.

Born and raised in South Boston, she loved knitting, all things Irish, and her Red Sox. She was a long time member of Hatherly Country Club in Scituate.

Mrs. Powers was a caring, generous, and warm woman who enthusiastically pursued the betterment of the lives of those around her.

Wife of the late John W. "Jake" Powers, she leaves her children Robyn M. Nunn of Vermont, Barry F. Powers of Reading, Lisa P. Neal of North Carolina, Christopher J. Powers of Boston, and Jennifer P. Curley of Florida; a sister Jeanne Foley of Abington and nine grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated April 22, in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to "Friends of Peter Sanborn Place", 50 Bay State Road, Reading, MA 01867. For an online guestbook, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com

WORSHIP NOTES

Mitzvah Day at Sha'aray Shalom

Members of Hingham's Congregation Sha'aray Shalom will join in a local tradition that connects them to the deepest roots of Judaism on Sunday, May 4.

Mitvah, plural, mitzvoth, is a Hebrew word that means both a commandment and a good deed. Performing mitzvot is an ongoing, lifelong requirement for Jews, who are told in the Bible story that the Patriarch Abraham found favor with the Divine because of his many loving acts of kindness toward family, friends and most importantly, to strangers. Nearly four millennia later, Abraham is still the ideal of the righteous person whose charitable behavior remains the model for modern Jews.

Mitzvah Day is an annual event in which the congregants of the Reform synagogue on Main Street, whose members come from all over the South Shore, join in the performance of communal mitzvot. In this they honor a central tenet of their faith.

Judy Kalla, co-chairwoman of the synagogue's Social Action Committee, which oversees Mitzvah Day, said, "What's most special to me about the day is that it is a multi-generational celebration. Our volunteers, parents, our Hebrew school kids, grandparents, everyone comes together to work for a greater good."

Along with the laity, Sha'aray Shalom's religious leaders, Rabbi Shira Joseph and Cantor Steven Weiss, whose vocations call them to ongoing acts of kindness, express their commitment to Mitzvah Day by joining in the day's activities.

There are mitzvot for every age, temperament and interest: A blood drive, conducted by Brigham and Women's Hospital and open to the public, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; visiting a local nursing home; helping elderly residents of Hingham with home repairs; joining Boston's annual Walk for Hunger; gardening and clean-up at the synagogue; CPR training course; and beach clean up in Hull.

Cindy McDonald the other co-chairwoman of the Social Action Committee assumed her leadership position last fall. When asked about her inspiration to join in she spoke of her mother. "My mother passed away last year, after a prolonged illness. I was her primary caregiver. When I look at her life, I realize how much she did for others. She raised four kids, and worked full time and still found time to volunteer in so many worthy causes. After she was gone I realized that I had to give something back too. I know I can never equal her generosity but she is my inspiration."

From generation to generation stretching back to antiquity, Jews have been called upon to serve others. In Mitzvah Day, the members of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom reaffirm the call of the Prophet Micah: "and what does the Lord require of you: only to do justice and to love goodness and to walk humbly with your God; then your name will achieve wisdom."

Fireside program to introduce Baha'i faith

South Shore Baha'i will host a special fireside program Saturday evening, April 26, in Scituate. The program. "Anna's Presentation," is a simple and comprehensive introduction to the Baha'i faith. Anyone who has been curious to learn about this new religion is welcome.

Call 781-545-0721 or email b19moshfegh@comcast.net to register or for more information.

St. Joseph Retreat Center schedule

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset is hosting the following upcoming programs:

- April 20-27, Directed/Private Retreat Week.
- April 26, *Images of God*, a Morning of Prayer.
- April 30, Day Workshop: *Perceptions and Emotions in Prayer & Spiritual Direction: Joy and Anger.*

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Organist Guzasky in concert at St. Stephen's

St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset will be presenting organist G. Fredrick Guzasky in a recital at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 11.

Dr. Guzasky is an Affiliated Artist at MIT in Cambridge, a professor at Bridgewater State College, and maintains a large studio of organ and piano students. The performance will feature music of Bach, Langlais, Brahms, and Rheinberger, as well as some of Guzasky's own improvisations – all played on the church's Aeolian-Skinner organ.

As a recitalist, he has performed in New England and the Midwest, as well as Russia, Latvia, and England, receiving the Boston University Outstanding Performance Award and the EMACT Award in conducting. Highlights of more recent seasons include tours of Russia and Latvia, with engagements at the Cathedral of Riga, the Kapella Concert Hall in St. Petersburg, Russia, as well as teaching master classes at the St. Petersburg Conservatory. Other venues have included performances at St. Paul's Cathedral, Holy Trinity Church in New York, and the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio.

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Due To the Overwhelming Response Innovative Car Buying Program Will Continue Despite Local Competitors' Attempts to Pressure Dealer to Discontinue Event.

Staff Writer: Dan Ready

PEMBROKE, MA – Rob McGee, Owner of **McGee Pre-Owned Superstore on Route 139,** announced today that he is planning to conduct another **"Insider"** pricing event this **Friday, April 25th thru Monday, April 28th,** regardless of any attempt by the local competitors' to pressure him to suspend the program which he began running recently. This unique auto buying concept has stunned a number of his local competitors' who are less than pleased with McGee's ability to offer vehicles for just $29 down and only $89 per month. The program, also known as the **"National Auto-motive 'Insider' Sales Event"**, has been conducted at dealerships throughout the country. Customers who have participated in this unique sales event have been raving about the tremendous deals they have received and are thrilled at the prospect of being able to buy Pre-Owned vehicles for only **$29* down** and **$89* per month.**

The next event scheduled at **McGee Pre-Owned Superstore** will be held this **Friday, April 25th thru Monday, April 28th**. McGee offers a simple explanation, as to why these innovative events will continue, "Dealers today are facing stiff competition and I simply can't stand by and watch business suffer so I've made a commitment to turning over our entire inventory of Pre-Owned vehicles every month, as quickly as possible. Every day we receive low mileage lease turn-ins, factory-program cars, recent trade-ins and bank repossessed vehicles from each of our other dealership locations that we must sell. By aggressively discounting these vehicles, we have seen our sales rise as we easily beat the competition on price and selection." He adds, "rather than these vehicles languishing on our lot unsold for over 30 days and then being forced to sell them to wholesalers or strangers at auctions for zero profit, we've begun taking a new approach. We're offering them at drastically discounted prices direct to the general public." During this upcoming event, vehicles will be clearly marked and sold for as low as **$29* down** and just **$89* per month**. Every effort will be made to secure credit approval for those who may have had credit problems in the past.

"We Discovered An Affordable Way For Customers to Purchase Vehicles for Just $29* Down & $89* Per Month & Now the Local Competition Is Up In Arms"

Rob McGee-Owner

The selection of vehicles we now have to choose from is the best it's been in recent months. Many are late model vehicles with low mileage and the balance of their factory warranties remaining. There will be many makes and models to choose from including Dodge, Chev-rolet, Ford, Chrysler, Honda, Nissan and Toyota. An abundance of SUVs will also be featured, including Tahoes, Rav-4s, Cherokees, Explorers and more.

For auto shoppers looking for a very low monthly payment, there will be many choices, including a 2005 Ford Taurus for just **$29** down** and **$89** a month.** Sample payments will be clearly marked on vehicles. Simply pick a vehicle and a payment. It's that easy.

McGee cites another example, a 2004 Chevy Impala, for only **$29* down** and **$89* per month**. We'll even pay off your trade regardless of any balance due. This is a unbelievable opportunity to buy a car, truck, minivan or sport utility vehicle for just twenty-nine* dollars down!

Loan processing & finance representatives will be on-site during this event to ensure prompt credit approval and same day delivery of all sold vehicles.

Response to these programs has been substantial. As a result McGee Pre-Owned Superstore will extend their sale hours to accommodate everyone. To expedite the sale process to ensure that you can take delivery of your new vehicle promptly they are recommending that customers bring the vehicle they wish to trade, pay-ment book or title (if vehicle is paid off) and all decision makers.

McGee would like to remind customers that the event is first-come, first-served, so it's critical to come early to have the best chance of getting the vehicle of your choice. Remember, the exclusive site for this event is:

McGee Pre-owned Superstore, PEMBROKE LOCATION ONLY Route 139 (Exit 12 off Rt 3)

FOUR DAYS ONLY:

FRIDAY, APRIL 25th
9:00am-9:00pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 26th
9:00am-8:00pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 27th
10:00am-6:00pm

MONDAY, APRIL 28th
9:00am-9:00pm

For further information call:

781-829-4494

*$29 denotes down payment, subject to lender approval and credit worthiness. Exact rate and term varies by vehicle. All taxes, title, license and fees are extra.
**Example: 2005 Ford Taurus stk#P55572 $29 down, $89/mo. for 75mos. @4.9% A.P.R. Cash price $5500.
*Example: 2004 Chevy Impala stk#P55965 $29 down, $89/mo. for 75 mos. @ 4.9% APR. Cash price $5500.
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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Bible Study series continues on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Practical Christianity. Some Christians commonly view the Old Testament as a storybook-full of fascinating tales, yet ancient and irrelevant to modern reality. This exceptional 10-week study from *Insight For Living* with *Chuck Swindoll* will help you blow the dust off these timeworn chronicles and discover enduring truths that relate directly to you, while translating into reliable patterns for godly living. Experience familiar passages as never before, and find fresh inspiration in the memorable scenes revisited. Follow the examples of faithful Old Testament heroes such as Abraham, Joseph, David, and many others as you learn to apply timeless biblical principles to your everyday life. Please join us.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. **Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague.** Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, April 27 - Earth Day Sunday

8 a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Bill Baird & Kirk Jackisch and meeting on the 2nd & 4th Sundays)

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House - "Doing Church, Being Church"

Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday morning. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project. Our next book study will be held on Wed. May14th at 7pm in Bates Hall. We will be discussing "Left To Tell" by Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide. The biannual Time and Talent Auction will take place on Sat. May 31st in Bates Hall.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the **Reverend Margot Critchfield,**

Services on Sunday are at 8 am and 10 am.

We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. For information on us go to www.ststephenscohasset.org or to learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups, adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group

Coming up this week:

Sunday, April 27, 8 and 10 a.m. - Services

- 11:40 a.m.-Outreach Meeting
- 11:40 a.m.-Intercessory Prayer Meeting
- 5 p.m.-Youth Group Worship & Pizza
- 8: p.m.-ASP Meeting
- Monday, April 28 - 3 p.m, Christian Meditation, 7:30 p.m., Vestry Meeting
- Tuesday, April 29 - 7 p.m., Partaker's Prison Ministry Dinner
- Wednesday, April 30 - 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing, 10:30 a.m., Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Contemporary and Spiritual Book Group
- Friday, May 2 - 9:30 a.m. Yoga
- Saturday, May 3 - 7 a.m. Bible Fellowship
- Sunday, May 4 - Services at 8 and 10 a.m., 4 p.m. The Rev. Margot D. Critchfield Installation

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon: clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

"The earth is but one country and mankind it's citizens" 1(800)22-UNITE www.bahai.us

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

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Legal Notices

ANNUAL MEETING
LEGAL NOTICE
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE PILGRIM BANK

Will be held at the offices of the Bank, 48 South Main Street, Cohasset, Massachusetts on Tuesday evening, May 20, 2008 at 6:00 PM, for the purpose of electing directors for a term of three years, and a clerk of the corporation for a term of one year and to transact such other business that may legally come before the meeting according to the by-laws and including the changing of the by-laws.

Francis E. Campbell
Clerk

AD#11648463
Cohasset Mariner 4/25/08

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 8:00PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §9.6 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Heidi Condon, Architectural Designer (Land Owner is the James Jerome Coogan Trust), seeks to build an addition within the footprint of the existing home and razing a portion of the existing garage at **355 Atlantic Ave,** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08-04-10.

AD#11644261
Cohasset Mariner 4/18, 4/25/08

ZBA/33 SOHIER ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 7:30PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **John and Suzanne Montgomery,** seek to replace the existing garage at **33 Sohier Street**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08-04-10.

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PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS FOR RELEASE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You easily handle your tasks this week, thanks to those high energy levels that never seem to run down. But pace yourself, Lamb, for the demanding week ahead.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) With the arts dominant this week, you might want to pick up any of those creative projects you've neglected. A workplace situation benefits from some fresh insight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Music helps replenish your energy levels. Play your CDs if you must. But a live concert could prove more rewarding, especially if you go with that very special someone.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Close friends reach out to help perk up your lagging social life. That workplace situation also eases, leaving you time to do more fun things by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A revelation clears up that perplexing job-related problem. Some changes will have to be made, which, no doubt, will meet with the Big Cat's roaring approval. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Reaching out to someone in need is the noble thing to do. But try to restrain the temptation to add a lecture — no matter how well-intended — to your good deed.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There could be another tough challenge to face before the month is over. But all that hard work is winning you lots of important recognition from your peers.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Keeping to your work schedule could prove difficult with all those personal distractions. Best advice: Stay with it. There'll be time later for socializing.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Jumping hurdles this week might be vexing for most, but not for the sage Sagittarian, who recognizes that meeting a challenge can open up opportunities.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) More obstacles might be thrown in your path as you try to finalize a new agreement. But the sure-footed Goat ignores the stumbling blocks and stays the course.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) We know the Water Bearer takes pleasure in giving to others. But why not let someone else enjoy the experience too by accepting that offer of help?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might find you need to ease up on your hectic schedule this week. Don't fret about it. It could be helpful to take a break and replenish your energy supply.

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BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of finding practical solutions to complex problems, and you do it with grace.

Sudoku

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	6			9			5	
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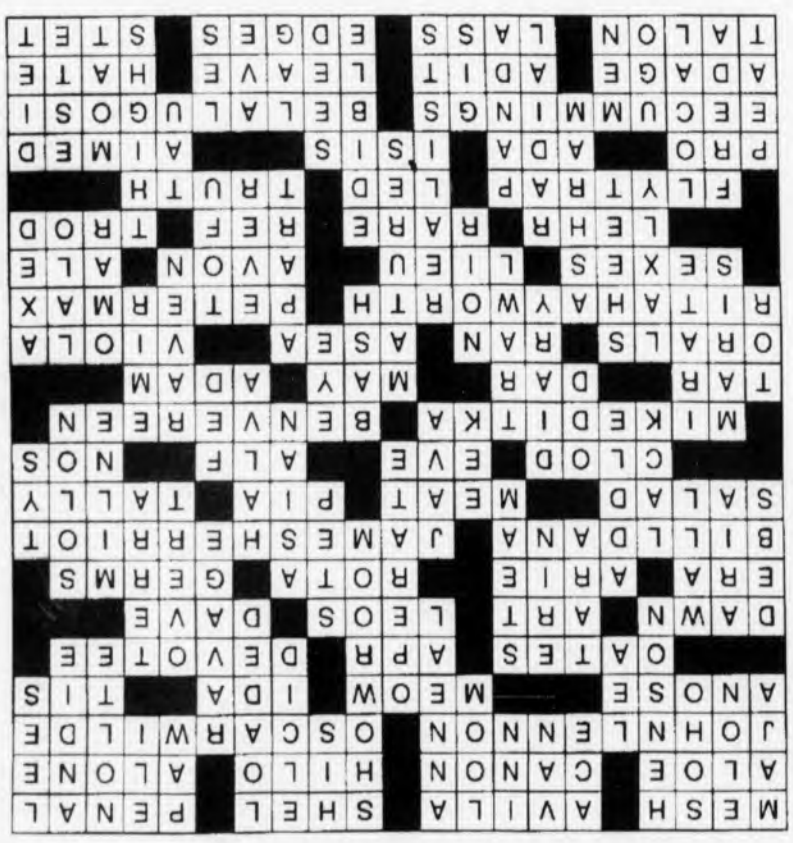
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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

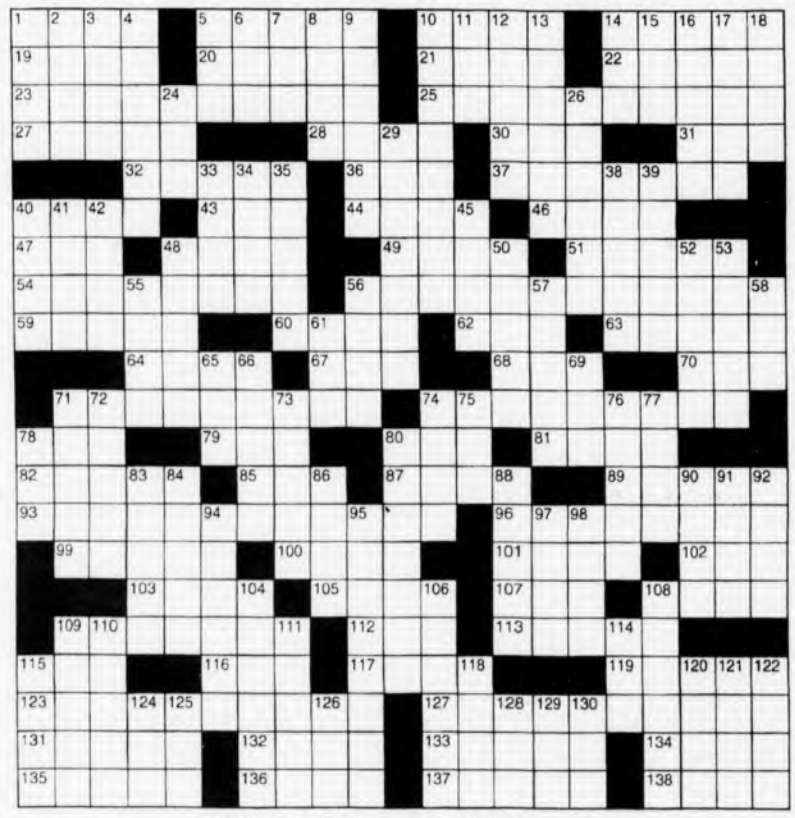
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1 Engage, as gears
5 Spanish city
10 Writer Silverstein
14 Correctional
19 — vera
20 Church law
21 Hawaiian harbor
22 Isolated
23 Singer born 10/9/1940
25 Writer born 10/16/1856
27 Win by —
28 Catty remark?
30 Wells or Tarbell
31 "— the season . . ."
32 Hall's partner
36 Spring mo.
37 Fan
40 Time to crow?
43 Cunning
44 Sayer and Delibes
46 Ballplayer Winfield
47 Significant years
48 Racer Luyendyk
49 Composer Nino
51 Bacteria
54 Comic born 10/5/1924
56 Veterinarian born 10/3/1916
59 Rabbit food
60 Tiger food
62 Actress Zadora
63 Take inventory
64 Clay clump
67 Leading lady?
68 Landon or Kjellin
70 Figs.
71 Coach born 10/18/1939
74 Entertainer born 10/10/1946
78 Pine product
79 Patriotic org.
80 Merry month
81 Leading man?
82 College exams
85 Hurried
87 On the briny
89 Stringed instrument
93 Actress born 10/17/1918
96 Artist born 10/19/1937
99 Genders
100 Stead
101 Bard's river
102 Maugham's "Cakes and —"
103 Kind of oven
105 Valuable
107 Part pugilists
108 Walked
109 Venus —
112 Showed the way
113 Consequences alternative
115 Paid player
116 Drillers' org.
117 Horus' mom
119 Intended
123 Poet born 10/14/1894
127 Actor born 10/20/1882
131 Saw
132 Mine feature
133 Permission
134 Abhor
135 Crow toe
136 Glasgow girl
137 Adds lace
138 Manuscript imperative

DOWN
1 Goya's "The Naked —"
2 North Carolina campus
3 London area
4 Kermit's creator
5 Master
6 Delivery truck
7 Lodging
8 Hang over
9 Use a 103 Across
10 Where to see models
11 Terry-cloth inscription
12 Spanish hero
13 Rich
14 Dachshund's dog
15 Yalie
16 Nick of "Cape Fear"
17 Actress MacDowell
18 Dregs
24 Where flocks frolic
26 Act like Attila
29 Function
33 Skater Lipinski
34 "— go bragh!"
35 Cook clams
38 Manifest
39 — incognita
40 Labor leader Eugene
41 Notes from Verdi?
42 Room divider
45 Footfall
48 Confuse
50 Laotian native
52 "Now We Are Six" author
53 Greek lawmaker
55 Deficiency
56 Hirt hit
57 Turkish treat
58 Cobb and Hardin
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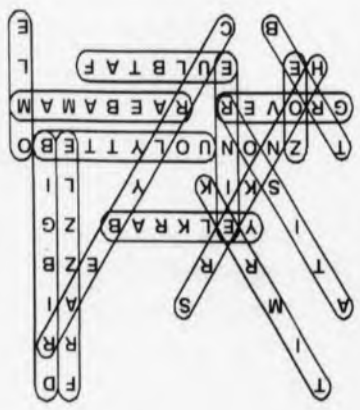
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Magic Solution - Magic Maze - 'Sesame Street' Characters



Sudoku Solution

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

1:30 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:30 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:27 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Osgood/Deer Hill School check.

2:32 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:01 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

MONDAY, APRIL 14

1:09 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:10 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:37 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:10 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:46 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports the lights are flashing but no gates have done down.

9:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deer Hill/Osgood School check.

12:54 p.m. **Pond St.**, larceny, officer requested an incident number for a larceny which took place at the high school.

2:16 p.m. **Elm St.**, illegal dumping, walk in party wanted it logged that she is finding someone's mail in the trash at the above location that does not live there.

4:47 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports 2 juveniles on mini bikes in the area of the reservoir, kids almost ran caller over – caller would like to speak to an officer.

6:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports motor vehicle accident in front of above location. Officer reports have Hingham PD block Sohier Street and CJC Highway, also have Scituate PD block pond and CJC Highway.

7:47 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer wanted, caller reports his dog brought home a large bone, caller would like officer to look at it. Officer reports it doesn't look like a human bone, he will let ACO look at it.

8:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, notification, Fire Dept. reports the Water Dept. is flushing hydrants from Scituate line to CJC Highway.

8:58 p.m. **Pine Ridge Rd.**, notification, Water Dept. reports the hydrant at above location is out of service, notified Fire Dept. of this.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

12:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

12:46 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, building check both schools.

11:37 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, several callers reporting the construction company has hit the gas main, strong odor of gas and major leak. Police on scene report gas is visible and very strong odor. Keyspan notified. Fire units and Keyspan crew going door to door checking residence. Keyspan has secured the break at this time and shut off the gas.

11:53 a.m. **Bayberry Lane**, officer wanted.

12:49 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:17 p.m. **Pond St.**, runaway, caller reports a female Freshman just fled from the building and got into a blue Mustang, unknown direction. Caller called back stating the female is arriving at her residence in Cohasset at this time. Officer will speak to her. Female student is at home with her mother, she checks out ok.

1:54 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance, 911 caller reports he would like his wife's visiting nurse removed from his house.

3:30 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:45 p.m. Medical aid.

3:53 p.m. **Stevens Lane and Elm St.**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a cat that has been hit.

4:14 p.m. **Stanton Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports outside water leak.

5:20 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicle parked in front of above location, owner of vehicle was transported to SSH, vehicle will be removed tomorrow.

5:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a green T-Top Camaro – white female driver all over the road – headed towards Scituate – given to Scituate PD.

6:30 p.m. **Mill Lane**, disabled motor vehicle.

6:33 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

7:09 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports her motor vehicle ran out of gas at above location.

7:57 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Black Rock Rd.**, fire, investigation, faint odor of gas, contacted Keyspan.

8:02 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party would like to speak to officer – reference to an ex-boyfriend that keeps calling.

8:09 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports odor of gas from above location, investigating.

8:53 p.m. **Church St.**, animal complaint, caller reports she found an orange cat.

9:17 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint, caller reports her 2 dogs are loose, 2 Boxers.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

12:32 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:34 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen, caller states "the traffic is backed up at the lights going from Hingham to Cohasset." There is a construction project going on in Hingham.

9:14 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:22 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Mill Lane**, traffic safety, speed limit enforcement.

9:46 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Mill Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:36 a.m. **Elm St.**, lock-out/lock-in, caller reports being locked out of the house.

10:49 a.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a blue Jeep with a black soft top just pulled out of the high school at a very high rate of speed without stopping and is driving very erratically. Plate that was given does not match what the caller gave.

12:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny (report), caller reports a customer just had a black medical bag taken out of her vehicle in the parking lot.

1:36 p.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop, Lt. has stopped this vehicle for suspicious activity.

2:26 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:58 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:09 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:13 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, operator of vehicle has suspended/revoked license. Operator is being summoned to court, owner of vehicle has picked up the car. Hull man being summoned on charges: Operating motor vehicle with suspended license, all other offenses.

4:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny (report), caller stated she had a drive off.

6:55 p.m. **Sandy Beach Lane**, disturbance – neighborhood. 911 caller states kids driving recklessly and pulled into beach parking lot causing a disturbance, urinating and drinking in public. Four in custody. Arrest: Jonathan R. Mooney, 809 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor. Arrest: Christosue R. Quintana, 1 North Central Ave., Quincy. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor. Arrest: Kevin P. Wholey, 16 Main St., Hull. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor. Arrest: Keith Edward Patts, 56 Main St., Hull. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

12:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:34 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:48 a.m. **Cushing Rd., and Pleasant St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:53 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:45 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party requesting to speak to an officer regarding a problem she is having with her landlord.

9:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:03 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:03 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deer Hill/Osgood School check.

11:06 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:08 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking violation, caller reports a blue pick up truck has parked in the middle of the 'No Parking' signs an in the Fire Lane and just about up on the sidewalk. Vehicle belongs to a contractor working on the building, he will be moving his vehicle.

2:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

2:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, brush, several callers reporting a brush fire at this location caused by a transformer fire. Fire was on the Scituate side, Cohasset units are clear at this time.

3:41 p.m. **North Main St.**, property (recovered), male party turned in a small shoebox with young girls tap shoes in it.

4:25 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:33 p.m. **Elm St.**, fraud, walk in party requests speaking with an officer.

5:57 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer wanted, caller reports someone has cut the gas line on his car. Officer reports this is wear and tear, no malicious destruction.

8:19 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she saw kids banging on the windows and climbing the building at the above location.

8:27 p.m. **South Main St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Caller reports a dark colored Jeep Cherokee headed towards Scituate full of kids speeding and swerving all over the road. Caller observed a can in the hands of one of the kids, she is unsure of what it was. Given out to Scituate PD. Officer reports area search negative to Scituate line.

9:55 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Caller reports a vehicle driving on both sides of the road and is now stopped on the curb. Officer reports an elderly male trying to use the GPS system in the vehicle.

10:07 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:57 p.m. **Elm St.**, Metro-Lec call out, warrant services.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

1:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:10 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

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'Hairspray' is a big time production

Musical hits Boston's Wang Theatre

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

"You're going to have to start eating more chocolate, the costumes are getting too big," is advice most actresses will never, ever hear. Unless, like Brooklyn Pulver, they're playing Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big hair and a big heart in the musical "Hairspray," opening Friday at Boston's Wang Theatre. The Utah-born Pulver says genetics only go so far in helping her maintain her full figure during what can be some grueling days on the road, so double-thick milkshakes and candy bars are sometimes called into service.

"There are some shows that you can totally cast blindly. Obviously, this show has to be cast with very specific types. You have to have a plus-size girl for Tracy. If you cast a skinny girl and put her in a fat suit, it just doesn't hold the same weight – literally or figuratively – that it does when you see a girl who's plus-size up there bustin' it," explained Pulver by telephone from Buffalo recently.

And bust it Pulver does in the current tour of the 2003 Tony Award winner for best musical, based on the 1988 John Waters cult film and the inspiration for the 2007 movie musical. By 1962, with Ike and Mamie retired to Gettysburg and Jack and Jackie in the White House, change is everywhere including Baltimore, where teenage Tracy's one passion is to dance. And when her fast-moving feet land her on the small-screen dance program "The Corny Collins Show," Tracy is transformed from an outsider to an irrepressible teen celebrity who not only wins the heart of heartthrob Link Larkin, but also helps her African-American friends integrate local television, all without missing a beat.

"Tracy has a lovely quality of naïveté that gets her through some tough times. She's definitely an underdog, but she's young and she lays things out simply. Adults see the danger in the change she leads, but ultimately they realize the risks are worth it because they lead to greater good," Pulver said.

The young trendsetter has support, too, from her equally over-sized mother, Edna Turnblad, a role first played on film by the late, great Divine, and later by a fat-suit clad John Travolta. Jerry O'Boyle will play the agoraphobic mother in Boston alongside Dan Ferretti as loyal husband and father, and jokeshop proprietor, Wilbur Turnblad.

"Tracy and Edna are coming into their womanhood together supported by Wilbur's unconditional love which is very sweet to watch," Pulver said of the trio of Turnblads played on Broadway, to Tony Award-winning perfection, by Harvey Fierstein ("A Catered Affair"), Marissa Jaret Winokur ("Dancing with the Stars") and Dick Latessa.

It wasn't long after the show, with music and lyrics Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman and a book by Thomas Meehan, debuted at New York's Neil Simon Theatre that Pulver realized the young female lead was a role she wanted to play.

"I got the cast album as soon as it came out and then I watched the original movie, with Ricki Lake as Tracy, on video. I loved the story, the dancing and, of course, the hairdos. I was a big John Waters fan, too, so I was like, 'I can do that show. That's totally feasible.' I could actually be a leading lady and still be plus-sized. I mean that usually just doesn't happen so I couldn't look away from this show."

The show's producers passed on Pulver at audition after audition, however, until she was finally cast in 2006 on a tour that has taken her all over the U.S., to Tokyo and Osaka, Japan, and soon to Shanghai, China. The international tour stops have proven the musical's worldwide appeal even if some of the jokes take a little longer to sink in when told in other languages.

"The Japanese are very into American pop culture so they loved the show. We had wonderful live subtitlers, but the timing of everything was still a little different. Some of the jokes worked and others did not. Also, the Japanese audiences were very quiet during the show, which took some getting used to for all of us in the company. We were warned in advance, however, that they might go wild at the end and it would feel like a rock concert. They did and we ate it up, even adding three or four more curtain calls at each performance. I've never in my life heard people scream so loud at the end of a show."

"Hairspray" will be at the Citi Performing Arts Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., Boston, April 25-27 for five shows only. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 866-348-9738 or go online at citicenter.org.



PHOTOS BY PHIL MARTIN

Brooklynn Pulver in the national tour of "Hairspray," at the Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre April 25-27.



Brooklynn Pulver and Constantine Rousouli.

Calendar of events

Thursday, April 24

The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., (Route 18) in Weymouth. Final week, closing April 30. Baseball art show, 25 special Red Sox/Fenway paintings. Studio gallery offers paintings by 15 artists including **William Beyer, Kathy Ferarra, Roger Gill, Stanly J. Krupa, Charyl Weissbach**, and **Daniel and Chris Myers. Free** admission and parking. Information: 781-331-3384. www.dickinsonartgallery.com

The Thayer Public Library is presenting a **Teen Manga Drawing Workshop** April 24 from 6:30 to 8 pm. Andy Fish and Veronica Hebard, will take participants through the basics of drawing and give you that "Manga Edge" to go beyond just doodling in your notebook. The program is for teens age 13 and up. Space is limited and the workshop is open to the first 30 teens (13+) to arrive. Pizza will be served after the workshop and drawing supplies are provided. Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-848-0405, ext. 4417, brref@coln.org.

Natural Body Works, 161 Summer St., (Route 3A) Kingston. Fourth Thursday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Free Reiki share.** Call to register. 781-585-5130.

Cappers Chorale, an all male, 12 voice a cappella ensemble specializing in contemporary popular music of the past 50 years will perform Friday, April 25, 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Congregational Church, 378 Main St., Hingham,. Tickets cost $5 and are available at the door.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 24, Living Proof 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, April 24 Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Blues Jam with The Soul Shakers feature **Pete Henderson** open mic 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage cafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. Stump Team Trivia every Thursday. 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

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Hingham Civic Music Theater presents **Nunsense,** at Hingham South Elementary School, 831 Main St., Hingham, Friday and Saturday, April 26 at 8 p.m. It also runs Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, May 4, at a 2 p.m. matinee. General admission $16; senior/student $14, with tickets availablel at Buttonwood Books, Rte. 3A, Cohasset, and Nobles Hingham Square. For information, call 781-837-1499, or see hcmtstagemomma@comcast.net.

Bridgewater State College Theatre Arts Dept. presents Paula Vogel's Pulitzer Prize-winning play **How I Learned to Drive** April 25, 26 May 1, 2, 3 at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee performance on April 27. at the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium at Bridgewater State College. Ticket prices are $10 for the general public and $5 for BSC students. Information: 508-531-1321.

Folk singer Jake Armerding will perform at The First Congregational Church of Randolph on Friday, April 25 at 8 p.m. For information, visit www.jakearmerding.com. The First Congregational Church of Randolph is located at 1 South Main Street, Randolph. Admission is $15 at the door. Net proceeds benefit the New Organ Fund. Information 781-963-6373.

New England Singles Dance April 25, 8p.m. to midnight. Moseley's On The Charles, 50 Bridge St., Rte. 109, Dedham, DJ. Light buffet. $12

South Shore Singles will sponsor its bi-monthly dance April 25 featuring DJ: Dave Becker from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St. Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Fine dancing, music, refreshments, door prize, cash bar. 781-331-0021. southshoresingles.org

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Saturday, April 26

The Trustees of Reservations will hold its **Spring Celebration** at Weir River Farm in Hingham on April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Weir River Farm, spring has traditionally been a time to come together to plow the soil, plant the crops, and shear the sheep. Crafts for children. Parking on Turkey Hill Lane. Trustees of Reservations Members free. Nonmembers $3. Call 781-740-7233 for information or visit www.thetrustees.org

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Artist – Annemarie Wheeler. Photographer – Judeth Van Hamm

Mark your calendar

GRAND OLD FISH FRY sponsored by the Pembroke Historical Society will be held Sunday, May 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Thomas Reading Memorial Herring Run Park on Route 14, Pembroke.

SKINNER AUCTION HOUSE Senior Appraiser, Kerry Shrives (TV personality from a popular Antiques Show) will visit the Daniel Webster Estate in Marshfield May 4, for an appraisal afternoon. Bring your most interesting and unique item for her expert advice as to what it would be worth at auction as she notes the age, history and condition of each "treasure." 50 items will be appraised. Items that will not be appraised: jewelry, coins, stamps and musical instruments. Champagne reception: 1:30 to 2 p.m. Appraisal: 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments and tours of the Webster Mansion to follow the program. Tickets: $25 (one item per ticket) Reserved ticket purchase only. Space is limited. 781-837-2403 or 781-837-7579 for tickets and additional information. Danielwebsterestate.org

SOUTH SHORE ELDER SERVICES is holding their annual Aging is Everyone's Future Conference on Tuesday, May 13, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Lombardo's in Randolph. This year's conference, titled "Getting Help Along the Way", provides important healthcare information as well as information on a variety of programs and services for adult children and seniors. The evening will offer an informative panel presentation, more than 30 informational booths, time for networking and dinner. The entire event is FREE and space is limited, so early registration is recommended. To reserve your seat, contact Dana Polumbaum at South Shore Elder Services, 781-848-3939 Ext. 351. sselder.org

SEVENTH ANNUAL LUNAFEST FILM FESTIVAL On May 15, from 6 to 10 p.m., the Healthy Living Guide will present the Seventh Annual Lunafest Film Festival featuring award winning films by, for and about women - a platform for emerging women filmmakers to share their stories. The show is produced by LUNA the whole nutrition bar and sponsored by Healthy Living Magazine. It happens at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 130 St. George St., Duxbury. Tickets are $25 at the door. Information: 781-834-2728.



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The South Shore Natural Science Center's Earth Day Celebration takes place Sunday, April 27 from noon to 4 pm. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Animals include greyhounds from Greyhound Pets of America, rabbits from the popular Hare Raisers 4 H Club, and farm animals too. Also observe six owls up close at an owl presentation. The day will include lots of family fun with crafts, games, nature walks, musical entertainment, environmental exhibitors and food. Admission includes all activities and admission to the EcoZone. (Food a la carte). Fee $5 adult, $3 children (2-15years) with a maximum of $20 per family. Event held rain or shine, in case of rain – all activities will be under cover. Bring a bag full of paper and newspapers to recycle and earn free raffle tickets. For more details and schedule of events view www.ssnsc.org

Call for entries

THE NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY is issuing a call for entries for the 32nd Annual Festival of the Arts to be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. NRAS will be accepting entries for the Juried Art & Sculpture Exhibit displayed inside the G.A.R. Hall during the Festival – and the week after, until June 1. Entries will also be accepted for the Juried Photography Exhibit, featuring the work of photographers from all over the state. Also being accepted are works for the "Festival Art Sale" and the NRAS Student Exhibit (both non-juried). All artwork must be delivered to the North River Arts Society Headquarters at the G.A.R. Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills on May 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. or May 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information - or to receive a detailed Prospectus, contact NRAS at 781-837-8091, fax at 781-837-9576 or e-mail info@northriverarts.org

SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER will present Juried and Members' Art Exhibitions, June 13-15 during the 53rd Arts Festival on Cohasset Common. Open to all artists, the work must be original, completed within the last three years, and not previously exhibited at South Shore Art Center or at prior Arts Festival. Media categories in the juried exhibition include oil and acrylic, drawing and pastel, watercolor, printmaking, mixed media/3D, color photography and black and white photography. A $12 fee is payable upon delivery of the artwork. There is no limit on the number of submissions. Work must be submitted May 3 to 5. The Members' Exhibition is open to all members of the South Shore Art Center. Artwork for the Members and Young Artists must be submitted May 10-12. The work will be displayed in a large tent at the South Shore Art Center 53rd Annual Arts Festival on Cohasset Common June 13-15. Information visit www.ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

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Classical guitarist and Newton native Aaron Larget-Caplan will close out the 2007/2008 Boston Classical Guitar Society and Hingham Public Library's Sundays Sound Special series on April 27 at 3:30 p.m. with a free solo performance of Virtuoso Dances and Love Songs. Larget-Caplan will be accompanied in his performance by a guest violinist. The concert takes place in the Hingham Public Library's Whiton Meeting Room.

Aaron Larget-Caplan

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Drift Away with Joe & J at French Memories Bakery, 61 South Main St., Cohasset. April 25, 3 p.m. 781-383-2216.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 26, **Too Fast Zero formerly Clubba Lang** 781-829-6999.

Touch-A-Truck Fundraiser to benefit Braintree Integrated Preschool is April 26 (rain or shine) in the large student parking lot in front of Braintree High School (next to the track), 128 Town St., Braintree. Trucks and vehicles of all shapes and sizes will be on hand. Admission is $5 per person over age 1 and $20 per family. Information or if you have a vehicle you'd like to show, contact Lyn McPhail at 781-848-3713 or email lyn_erickson@yahoo.com

A yard and rummage sale will be held on April 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the **Church of the Holy Nativity, Episcopal**, in South Weymouth. Tools, home goods, kitchen utensils, electronics, clothing, and many, many other items will be there for the browsing and, if you see something that catches your fancy, for the buying. There will also be a snack bar. All are welcomed. Holy Nativity is at 8 Nevin Road, on the corner of Columbian Street, behind the Nevin Building at 851 Main St. (Rte. 18).

An All-Weymouth Comedian Comedy Show featuring **Tommy Dunham, Bobby Niles, Greg Murphy,** (Bob Kraft from WEEI's Whiner Line) at the Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth, Saturday, April 26. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 or $135 for a table of 10. Snack Bar. Tickets are on sale at the Weymouth Elks. Information: 781-337-8878, Ext. 5.

The Plymouth Guild Inc. and Plymouth Community Theater will sponsor a **jazz concert** at 11 North St. by the Johnny Souza Quintet from 8 to 10 p.m. Johnny Souza, trumpet and vocals; Dennis Cook, saxophone and flute; Paul Schmeling, piano; David Landoni, upright bass; and Gene Roma, drums. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased in advance through TheaterMania at www.theatermania.com or by calling 866-811-4111. Tickets will be available for sale at the door the evening of the concert. Light refreshments will be served.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. April 26 **The Dons** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Sunday, April 27

Nature Walk with naturalist **Ellyn Einhorn** April 27, Willow Brook Pembroke, sponsored by Wildlands Trust. Look for the first signs of spring Blooms and Birds of Willow Brook. **Reservations are required** and preference will be given to members of Wildlands Trust. Call 781-934-9018 for information and to reserve a place. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring binoculars, a camera, and water if desired.

NSRWA sponsors Discover Hidden Greenbush Walk April 27 at 11 a.m. New sidewalks, walking trails, and bike paths have made some hidden gems of the Greenbush area (in Scituate) more accessible. Join **Carolyn Sones**, on a walking adventure to explore this historical, and recreational, and diverse natural area. Meet at the Driftway Conservation Park and Boat Ramp (across from the Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate). The program is limited to 20 participants. Pre-registration is required. contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168 or email paula@nsrwa.org.. Suggested donation is $5

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Starcreations Theater presents the comedy **Who Poisoned His Meatball?** on Sundays, April 27 and May 4 at 6 p.m. held at Kendall Hall, First Parish in Plymouth, 19 Town Square. Dinner Theater performance tickets $20. Reservations needed. Call 508-747-1234 or email info@starcreations.org for reservations.

Monday, April 28

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,700 South Shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. All are welcome. Information: Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com

Free Lecture Series To Help Create Beautiful, Healthy Yards: Monday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m. South Shore Vocational Technical School auditorium 476 Webster St. (Route 123), Hanover, April 28 The Benefits of Plants and Landscaping: Steven R. Tomasi, RLA, ASLA, President A.J. Tomasi Nurseries. Learn how to use landscaping techniques and plantings to make your yard a healthy oasis. Register by contacting Debbie at 781-659-8168 or e-mail debbie@nsrwa.org

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. April 28, Free Texas Hold em781-829-6999.

Tuesday, April 29

Grub Street South at Buttonwood welcomes Weymouth resident, **Beth Cameron** at 7 p.m. April 29, at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. Cameron's topic is "Writing For Your Grandchildren." This is a workshop for anyone who has wanted to sit their grandchildren down and tell them stories from their own childhood or have found them selves reading bedtime stories and wishing they could entertain the children with their own adventures. If you have a photo of yourself from childhood, bring it along. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County presents a **free legal clinic** from 6 to 8 p.m. April 29, at Quincy District Court. A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. Information contact Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

Wednesday, April 30

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor offers **StoryTime** April 30 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Mary reads age appropriate stories. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age along with an adult are invited to attend. Story Time is free. 781-545-5011 or frontstreetbookshop.com

Testimony to The Holocaust to be made at Interfaith Service on Wednesday evening, April 30, **Congregation Shirat Hayam** will observe YOM HASHOAH, the Holocaust remembrance. at 7:30 p.m. April 30 where actual testimony will be made to the atrocities of the Holocaust by **Susie Davidson and Chan Rogers.** Information: 781-582-2700 or e-mail info@shirathayam.net, www.shirathayam.net. The service will take place at the United Methodist Church at 185 Plain St., Marshfield.

Drift Away with **Joe, John, and J** at **The River Club** 78 Border St. Scituate Wednesdays, April 30, 8 p.m. No Cover 781-545-1330.

Myhouse Lounge, 609 Washington St., Route 3A, Quincy **Jazz open Mike** every Wednesday 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. 617-201-2918. www.myspace.com/myhouse-quincy

Thursday, May 1

The Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will resume meeting at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. The new facilitator is **Shelley Sommer**, teacher and librarian at Inly School in Scituate, and beginning on May 1, at 7 p.m. the group will meet on the first Thursday of the month. Reservations are not necessary and all middle school students are welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 with any questions.

Real Business Happens Here 2008 Expo at the Lantana in Rnadolph May 1. from 1:30 to 6 p.m. For information or to register a booth, visit www.sswbn.org or call 781-749-8883.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. Stump Team Trivia every Thursday. 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 1 Satch Romano's New Blue Revue Blues **Jam with Lickity Split-Blues** Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, May 2

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart First show of the year (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle** for charity. May2 from 5 to 8 p.m. Continues every Friday night until Sept.

Hingham Civic Music Theater presents Nunsense, at Hingham South Elementary School, 831 Main St., Hingham, Friday and Saturday, April 26 at 8 p.m. It also runs Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, May 4, at a 2 p.m. matinee. General admission $16; senior/student $14, with tickets availablel at Buttonwood Books, Rte. 3A, Cohasset, and Nobles Hingham Square. Information, call 781-837-1499, or see hcmtstagemomma@comcast.net.



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"Nunsense," a hilariously "habit forming" comedy is presented by Hingham Civic Music Theatre, Hingham South Elementary School, 831 Main St., Hingham. The show runs Friday and Saturday, April 26 at 8 p.m. It also runs Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, May 4, at a 2 p.m. matinee. General admission $16; senior/student $14, with tickets availablel at Buttonwood Books, Route. 3A, Cohasset, and Nobles Hingham Square. For information, call 781-837-1499, or see hcmtstagemomma@comcast.net.



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Bridgewater State College Theatre Arts Dept. presents Paula Vogel's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "How I Learned to Drive." It will be performed on April 25 and 26, May 1, 2, 3 at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee performance on April 27.

"How I Learned to Drive" concerns an affair between its protagonist, Li'l Bit, and her uncle Peck. The affair takes place over the course of years, with the character of Li'l Bit maturing from age 11 to 18 before she puts an end to it. In spite of the serious situation, there are many comical elements of the play, which avoids the expected condemnation of this situation to look at the basic humanity that binds these two characters.

The cast of students of "How I Learned to Drive" come from all over the Massachusetts area: Mike Lacey of Braintree, Emily Buckley of Bridgewater, Erin Draper of Bridgewater, Sarah Cook of Brockton, Carole Shannon of Canton, Joseph Helm of Dartmouth, Adam Joy East Bridgewater, Alley Bernier of Fall River, Andrew Adler of Mansfield, Stephanie Kelley of Mendon, Lauren Lewis of Newburyport, Melanie Bernier of Norfolk, Nicole Fitzpatrick Oxford, Kacie Dietrich of Pembroke, Bethany Trepanier of Rehoboth, Jamie Salemi of Revere, Kevin Hayes of South Yarmouth, Shannon Dwyer of Walpole and Curtis Bellaflore of Weymouth.

"How I Learned to Drive" will be performed at the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium at Bridgewater State College on April 25 and 26, and May 1, 2, 3 at 8 p.m. and on April 27 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are $10 for the general public and $5 for BSC students. For information or reservations, call the Bridgewater State College Box Office at 508-531-1321.

Kacie Dietrich of Pembroke, as Li'l Bit and Curtis Bellaflore of Weymouth, as Uncle Peck perform in Bridgewater State College's production of "How I Learned to Drive."

Auditions

SOUTH SHORE SUMMER THEATRE: auditions for **Sweeney Todd-School Edition**, (for high school students). Strong singers and actors needed. Auditions are May 5 and 12, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way in Scituate. Bring a prepared song. Rehearsals are Sunday, Monday and Thursday evenings. Show is July 25 and 26. **Lily's Purple Plastic Purse** (for children 7-13). Auditions are May 19, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate. No need to prepare anything. Rehearsals are Sunday, Monday and Thursday evenings (early). Show is July 26 and 27. Rehearsals and performances in Scituate. Information: www.southshoresummertheater.com or call 781-545-7042 with any questions.

Fundraising events

NEW BEGINNINGS OF NORWELL is holding its annual celebration at Pembroke Country Club May 3, from 7 p.m. to midnight. All members, past and present, as well as friends, family and colleagues are invited. The price includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar. Deadline is approaching for tickets. Information, call Michael Bennett at 617 462 5453 or email ambennett@adelphia.net. To receive tickets, send check for $29 per person, along with names of attendees and SASE to: Mimi Wigman, 43 Lowell Rd., Pembroke, MA 02359.

FRIENDS OF JUVENILE JUSTICE A lively evening of a silent auction, wine tasting with hors d'oeuvres and music May 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham. Many goods and services to be auctioned. Chuck McDermott, Mat MacIver, Mark Lynch, Jackie Hartnett and John Kaplan will complement the live performances of the '8'oclock" Jazz Band and 'Rough Sketch'. As a Friends of Juvenile Justice benefit, admission is $20 per person, $35 per couple and $10 for youth 17 years of age and younger. Children 10 and younger will receive free admission. Parking is available at the rear of the Parish House and on the street.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER PLYMOUTH POKER RUN on June 1. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at Wal-Mart in Halifax. This ride will take you through most of the towns served by HFHGP (Plymouth, Kingston, Carver, Plympton, Middleboro and Lakeville. Following the event, there will be food and festivities at the Upland Sportsman Club in Plympton where riders can take chances on great raffle prizes and have a complimentary massage from therapists at "Soft Touch To Go". The Chowda Heads, will provide classic rock and blues music. Entry cost $15 per person. Both motorcycles and cars are welcome to enter. For information or to buy tickets, call 508 866-4188 or visit www.hfhplymouth.org.

Just for kids

KIDSPOT'S SUMMER CAMP 2008. Registration is now open for this year's production "High School Musical" directed by Meri-Lee Mafera (Pembroke) and Kelly Hines-Browne (Plymouth). Assisting them will be: Andrea Canevazzi (Plymouth); Kayla Greenwood, Mike Litchfield and Meghan Reilly (Marshfield); Benjamin Mafera (Pembroke); and Micaela Hines (Scituate). Students age 7-15 will receive instruction in acting, singing and dance, as well as have a chance to work on the set, costumes and props. Every student who enrolls will perform in the production. Classes begin on Monday, June 30 and run through Thursday July 31. Performances are on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 1 and 2. All classes and performances will be held at the air-conditioned Duxbury Performing Arts Center, Alden Street, Duxbury. Tuition is $450, and space is limited. An advance tuition of $425 is offered if enrolled by May 30. If you would like a registration form or additional information, call 781-826-8550.

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No decision on Ripley Road

More information needed on project

By Nancy White
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A seven-unit, two affordable, condominium development is on the table for the large single-family house at the corner of Ripley Road and Sohier Street.

Neighbors have listed off numerous concerns with the site, the Housing Partnership Committee needs more information before making a recommendation and the Selectmen did not take a firm stance on the 25 Ripley Road project.

Cohasset resident, Will Charles, is proposing the housing project under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law. Charles has submitted an application to Mass Housing for the project and Mass Housing is seeking the town's input on the project.

Under Chapter 40B, the zoning board can approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Towns that are under the 10 percent threshold of their housing stock deemed as affordable by state standards, like Cohasset, are vulnerable to 40-B projects.

The project can proceed in one of two ways. If the Board of Selectmen endorses the project, the development would become a Local Initiative Program, or LIP, which is often called "friendly 40B." In a LIP, the town and developer working together to bring forward the project to the state. If the Board of Selectmen does not give its support, the project could still proceed under Chapter 40B.

In both cases, the project will need to seek a zoning board comprehensive

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Happily ever after on stage

Middle schoolers perform in drama festival

By Nancy White
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Have you ever wondered if fairy tale characters really live "happily ever after?" What if those fairy tale princesses met with their worst enemy on a television talk show?

These questions will be answered when over 20 middle school students take to the stage — both in front of the curtain and behind it — in search of a "happy ever after" Saturday. They will perform the one act play "The Ever After" in the middle school division of the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild Festival.

Comedy abounds when the evil stepsisters try to reconnect with Cinderella, Snow White is ready to forgive the Evil Queen, Jiminy Cricket is on hand to offer expert advice and a frog gets kissed by two princesses.

All three middle school grades are represented in the effort. From set props to lights to acting, the middle school students have created a topsy-turvy fantasy world where nearly everything is larger than life: microphones look like giant ice cream cones

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During a commercial break from the talk show, Matt MacCormack stands victorious after slaying a dragon to save the princess played by Julia Canney. "The Ever After" is a show within a show; the plot unfolds on "Totally Live with Monty," a talk show complete with outspoken audience members, one-of-a-kind guests and, just like real television, advertisements.

Chamber finds its voice

New members breathe new life

By Nancy White
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"We need to be more of a voice and not be so dormant."
— Darilynn Evans, owner of Darilynn's

From Route 3A to the village, Cohasset has dozens of shopping and service options — boutiques to antiques, lawyers to accountants, jewelry to real estate agencies.

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is the one association where all those different business interests can come together for a greater good. While the chamber has been relatively quiet for the past few years, recently additional members have joined bringing new energy to the group.

With quarterly networking nights, monthly board meetings, a re-vamped website the Chamber is hoping to establish its presence inside and outside the city limits.

"We need to be more of a voice and not be so dormant," said Darilynn Evans, owner of Darilynn's and secretary for the chamber.

The Cohasset Chamber is comprised of nearly 100 members representing a cross section of businesses from merchants to service-based businesses throughout town. While many of the members call the village their home base, the Chamber includes several 3A businesses and is looking for more Cohasset businesses to join their ranks.

Instead of creating a village association, Evans said many of the village merchants made the decision to join the town-wide Chamber of Commerce this year. "We didn't want to duplicate work," said Evans.

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No decision on Ripley Road

More information needed on project

By Nancy White
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A seven-unit, two affordable, condominium development is on the table for the large single-family house at the corner of Ripley Road and Sohier Street.

Neighbors have listed off numerous concerns with the site, the Housing Partnership Committee needs more information before making a recommendation and the Selectmen did not take a firm stance on the 25 Ripley Road project.

Cohasset resident, Will Charles, is proposing the housing project under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law. Charles has submitted an application to Mass Housing for the project and Mass Housing is seeking the town's input on the project.

Under Chapter 40B, the zoning board can approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Towns that are under the 10 percent threshold of their housing stock deemed as affordable by state standards, like Cohasset, are vulnerable to 40-B projects.

The project can proceed in one of two ways. If the Board of Selectmen endorses the project, the development would become a Local Initiative Program, or LIP, which is often called "friendly 40B." In a LIP, the town and developer working together to bring forward the project to the state. If the Board of Selectmen does not give its support, the project could still proceed under Chapter 40B.

In both cases, the project will need to seek a zoning board comprehensive

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Happily ever after on stage

Middle schoolers perform in drama festival

By Nancy White
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Have you ever wondered if fairy tale characters really live "happily ever after?" What if those fairy tale princesses met with their worst enemy on a television talk show?

These questions will be answered when over 20 middle school students take to the stage — both in front of the curtain and behind it — in search of a "happy ever after" Saturday. They will perform the one act play "The Ever After" in the middle school division of the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild Festival.

Comedy abounds when the evil stepsisters try to reconnect with Cinderella, Snow White is ready to forgive the Evil Queen, Jiminy Cricket is on hand to offer expert advice and a frog gets kissed by two princesses.

All three middle school grades are represented in the effort. From set props to lights to acting, the middle school students have created a topsy-turvy fantasy world where nearly everything is larger than life: microphones look like giant ice cream cones

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During a commercial break from the talk show, Matt MacCormack stands victorious after slaying a dragon to save the princess played by Julia Canney. "The Ever After" is a show within a show; the plot unfolds on "Totally Live with Monty," a talk show complete with outspoken audience members, one-of-a-kind guests and, just like real television, advertisements.

Chamber finds its voice

New members breathe new life

By Nancy White
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From Route 3A to the village, Cohasset has dozens of shopping and service options — boutiques to antiques, lawyers to accountants, jewelry to real estate agencies.

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is the one association where all those different business interests can come together for a greater good. While the chamber has been relatively quiet for the past few years, recently additional members have joined bringing new energy to the group.

With quarterly networking nights, monthly board meetings, a re-vamped website the Chamber is hoping to establish its presence inside and outside the city limits.

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The Cohasset Chamber is comprised of nearly 100 members representing a cross section of businesses from merchants to service-based businesses throughout town. While many of the members call the village their home base, the Chamber includes several 3A businesses and is looking for more Cohasset businesses to join their ranks.

Instead of creating a village association, Evans said many of the village merchants made the decision to join the town-wide Chamber of Commerce this year. "We didn't want to duplicate work," said Evans.

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Name: Joseph R. Nedrow.

Former occupation: 30-plus years as General Motors executive. This included an assignment to the White House during the Ford Administration. The last 20 years prior to retirement as regional executive and corporate lobbyist.

Best day or most memorable moment: Too many to count. Marriage, children, three graduate degrees, grandchildren, travel, golf and retirement.

Favorite song: I have no musical aptitude or talent. My children would probably suggest it be "My Way" by Frank Sinatra.

Best part of Cohasset: The best part of Cohasset is Cohasset. The sum of its individual attributes are greater than its whole. Its people, natural beauty, town spirit, the golf course, the ocean, the schools. It's the total package that makes Cohasset the great place it is.

What does Cohasset Elder Affairs mean to you: My initial exposure to the Council was through my interest to create senior housing opportunities to keep our seniors in Cohasset. Our demographics indicate 25 percent of the town's population is seniors. My retirement has been enriched by meeting and working with many people I had not known before. It has been a pleasure working with these volunteers, and especially gratifying when our efforts are appreciated by those we serve. The seniors in Cohasset contribute significantly to the quality of life we all enjoy as residents of this great town. We should make every effort to keep each one in town as long as possible.

If your knew then what you know now: Fate seems to play a major role in our lives. I am not sure prior knowledge would make much difference.



COURTESY PHOTO/JERI HERMAN

Joseph Nedrow stands by the sign outside the South Shore Community Center at 3 N. Main St. which also houses the Senior Center. In May, the Mariner is celebrating Older Americans Month with the Council on Elder Affairs by highlighting senior citizens.

What have you learned in your life that you would like to share with others: A good education is a great equalizer, and the harder you work the luckier you will be.

What is your motto: I like Henry Ford's quote, "If you think you can or if you think you can't you are probably right."

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

May	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 1	8:13	8.8	8:44	9.0	1:57	1.1	2:24	0.7
	Sunrise: 5:38 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:43 p.m.*			
Fri. 2	9:08	9.1	9:33	9.6	2:52	0.5	3:15	0.3
	Sunrise: 5:37 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:44 p.m.*			
Sat. 3	10:02	9.4	10:21	10.3	3:45	-0.2	4:04	0.0
	Sunrise: 5:35 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:45 p.m.*			
Sun. 4	10:54	9.6	11:09	10.8	4:37	-0.8	4:53	-0.2
	Sunrise: 5:34 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:46 p.m.*			
Mon. 5	11:46	9.8	11:58	11.1	5:28	-1.3	5:42	-0.4
	Sunrise: 5:33 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:47 p.m.*			
Tues. 6	—	—	12:38	9.8	6:19	-1.6	6:32	-0.4
	Sunrise: 5:32 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:49 p.m.*			
Wed. 7	12:49	11.2	1:31	9.7	7:11	-1.6	7:24	-0.2
	Sunrise: 5:30 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:50 p.m.*			
Thurs. 8	1:41	11.1	2:26	9.4	8:04	-1.4	8:17	0.0
	Sunrise: 5:29 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:51 p.m.*			

Tides between Cohasset and Plymouth are within 10 min.

May is Older Americans Month

"Across the nation May is celebrated as Older Americans Month. President John F. Kennedy designated May 1963 as Senior Citizens Month, asking the nation to pay tribute in some way to older people across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter changed the name to Older Americans Month as a time to celebrate older adults through ceremonies, events and fairs." United States Census Bureau.

1,688 of Cohasset's 7,588 residents are 60 years or older, and of that number 408 are 80 and above.

On May 7, at noon, please join the Council on Elder Affairs as it honors all Mothers with a Mother's Day Brunch at the Cohasset Senior Center. Harpist, Michele Pinet will provide entertainment. Michele is being partially funded by a grant from the Cohasset Cultural Council, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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POLICE BEAT

Hull man faces counterfeit money charge

By Mary Ford
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On Saturday (April 26) Cohasset police arrested a 22-year-old Hull man in connection with an on-going counterfeit money investigation.

Chief James Hussey said stores along Route 3A were notified after a man passed a counterfeit $20 bill last Thursday (April 24).

"We put out notices telling the stores to be cautious," Hussey said.

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Police Chief James Hussey

Saturday evening police received a call from a store that a man had passed a counterfeit $20 bill within the last 10 minutes. Police interviewed witnesses who provided a description of the vehicle and put out a BOLO (be on the lookout) to area towns.

An hour later at about 9:40 p.m., a Cohasset officer observed a car fitting the description heading from Hull Street in Cohasset down Rockland Street in Hingham toward Muzzi's Corner. Cohasset and Hingham police stopped the car on Summer Street at the Rotary. There were two people in the car and police placed the passenger, Christian R. Lavoie of 6 Olney St., Hull, under arrest.

Lavoie allegedly negotiated two counterfeit $20 bills at a Cohasset business on April 24; he has been charged with uttering a counterfeit note and possessing a counterfeit note.

The investigation is ongoing and includes the US Secret Service, Hussey said.

Trespassing

For the second time in as many months, Cohasset police have made an arrest for trespassing along the Greenbush right-of-way.

At about 7 p.m. on Friday (April 25), an officer on patrol saw a man walking along the tracks near the Sohier Street crossing; as a result of his observation, police arrested Jonathan Allen, 23, of Weymouth, for trespassing on the railroad right-of-way, a violation of state law. Commuter rail service was not interrupted.

On March 27, the dispatch center received reports of a man walking along the tracks near Sohier Street and police arrested the 22-year-old Rockland man.

Cohasset police have a zero tolerance policy on trespassing along the right-of-way.

"We have tried to make it clear from the beginning that it is very important for people's safety to stay away from the tracks," Chief Hussey said. "We will take criminal action against anyone who is trespassing along the railway."

Resisting arrest

A Cohasset teen is facing several charges including resisting arrest and assault and battery on a police officer following an incident last week at the basketball court off Ripley Road behind the library.

A police officer saw a vehicle with its lights on in the parking lot near the court and four teens playing basketball at just before 1 a.m. on Thursday (April 24). The officer went over to the boys, one of whom started walking toward him and was unsteady on his feet. Another cruiser arrived and police recognized all the boys – three of whom were determined to be under the influence of alcohol, police said.

The one who displayed no signs of intoxication had the car and was allowed to drive home. Police found a 40-ounce bottle of beer at the scene and planned to take the three boys, who had been drinking, under protective custody.

However, one of the teens pulled away and took off. A short foot chase ensued and he was subsequently charged with resisting arrest. At booking the same boy struck one of the officers in an attempt to flee, so he was also charged with assault and battery on a police officer. As he tried to flee, a metal door was damaged so he also faces a vandalism charge.

Money taken

A resident of Old Pasture Road went to the police station last week to report that a couple of hundred dollars was taken from his car that had been parked in the driveway. Police think the theft occurred sometime between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. overnight Tuesday (April 22) to Wednesday (April 23). There was no forced entry to the vehicle and other items of value in the car were not taken. The incident is under investigation.

Marijuana

Police were unable to locate a car that a caller reported seeing the occupants smoking marijuana in. The call came in at 4:36 p.m. on Thursday (April 24). The caller reported that a few minutes before she was next to a black sedan full of teens smoking marijuana. Police also contacted Scituate police but did not have a plate number or better description of the car.

Disorderly conduct

Police caught one Cohasset teen that faces a disorderly conduct charge after reports of cars parked on Aaron River Road and kids drinking in the area.

Chief Hussey said when the officer first arrived at the scene at about 10:45 p.m. on Friday (April 25), a car had its door open and the teen that was standing by the car took off upon seeing the officer. There was no one else nearby and the officer did not apprehend the teen.

Later, the officer returned to the area and talked to a boy and girl who were then standing by the same car. This boy said he drove the car to the scene and did not know that another boy had been near the car earlier. The officer thought the teens were being truthful.

The officer found two unopened beers in the car and was not comfortable with the teens driving, so parents were contacted. However, there was no indication that those two teens had been drinking.

Sometime later, the officer returned and this time, there were several teens around, they scattered, running through people's yards. Some residents came out of their houses when they heard the disturbance. The officer apprehended one boy, who was heavily intoxicated. He was charged with disorderly conduct and was checked out by paramedics at the station due to his high level of intoxication, police said.

Door-to-door

A complaint about door-to-door solicitation last week turned out to be members of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Religious organizations are allowed to go door-to-door without registering with police.

Dropped wallet

A man who dropped his wallet onto the tracks at the train station, went down to retrieve it last Friday (April 25) at about 4:23 p.m.. A person called it in as a possible trespasser, police said.

Found cards

A Scituate resident found two insurance cards and an AAA card belonging to a Cohasset resident last week and brought them to the station. The owner was contacted and picked them up, police said.

Hoax

Police are treating a phone call asking a local business if any "armored cars" were coming today as a hoax. An employee at a local business reported the incident to police but there was not caller ID and little other information.



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Cohasset's Fire Lt. Robert Protulis assists in removing Hingham resident Meg Kirpas, who was one of about 80 volunteer "victims." Mirpas pretended to have an injured foot.

Mock accident is good practice

By Mary Ford
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Chances are the real thing would not happen on a quiet Sunday morning when most area residents are either in church or sleeping in.

But Sunday's mock train disaster at the Water Street grade crossing in Hingham provided valuable training for public safety services – including area police and fire departments, area hospitals and the MBTA – should an unspeakable tragedy occur.

"The whole idea of the drill is to find the weak spots," said Hingham Fire Chief Mark Duff immediately after Sunday's event.

Hingham civilian dispatchers were careful to reiterate over the radio each time they asked for more assistance at the accident scene that involved a car, school bus and commuter train: "this is only a drill."

The "staged" accident and comprehensive response involved several area towns, the MBTA, South Shore Hospital and Quincy Medical Center, the State Police, Plymouth County Sheriff's Department and private ambulances.

About 80 volunteer "actors" served as the victims, upwards of 20 were taken to the hospital where one victim "died."

The event unfolded like a scene from a movie. The press and spectators were allowed to watch from a cordoned-off area. Hingham Police spokesman Lt. Michael Peraino provided a play-by-play from the time the 9-1-1 call went into dispatch at 8:37 a.m. and the first police cruiser arrived on the scene until

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More information needed on Ripley Road project

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permit and approval from the state Department of Community Housing & Development (DHCD) to insure that it meets state regulations and guidelines.

"We're willing to consider a LIP, absolutely," said attorney for Will Charles, Robert Devin. But, he said he needed to know where the town was not willing to be flexible before they could agree to work together. In his experience, Devin said he's been placed in a situation where halfway through zoning board permit hearings the town rescinded their support on a project and he did not want to place himself or his client in that situation.

Devin requested the town draft up a "wish list" of official conditions for the project to see if there could be compromise on the project. Devin said the developer's application to Mass Housing is representative of their "wish list" for the project.

The Housing Partnership Committee met with Charles and Devin early last month. The seven-unit development proposed two affordably priced one-bedroom condos and five market rate two-bedroom units.

"In general, we felt there wasn't enough information to make a recommendation. (The presentation) raised more questions than answers," said Clark Brewer, co-chairman of the Housing Partnership Committee.

The Housing Partnership identified six areas where they had questions or concerns with the development. Several letters from neighbors have been received by the Selectmen's office speaking out against the project and about a dozen were on hand to comment.

Primary in the Partnership's concerns was the economic feasibility of the project, both in the unit mix and the construction budget.

Primary in the Partnership's concerns was the economic feasibility of the project, both in the unit mix and the construction budget. Brewer said the listed prices ($180,000 for the one-bedroom affordable units and $415,000 for the market-rate units) seemed high and did not include the condo fees. He said both the Partnership and Mass Housing would like to see at least one affordable unit be a two-bedroom.

The Partnership felt several elements of the construction budget were not realistic; Brewer also said the developer lacked contractor experience for a substantial development such as this.

Brewer said the Partnership shared the concerns about parking with the neighbors. The plan proposed a 14-space parking lot on 6/10th of an acre parcel.

However, Brewer did not share the neighbor's concerns about the density of the project.

"It is certainly denser than what is typical, but that is the price you pay to get 20 percent affordable housing. Six or seven units does not seems unreasonable given the size of the home," said Brewer.

The current 2-1/2-story, 2,200-square-foot building has 13 bedrooms and seven bathrooms. It is operating on a septic system, although its application to Mass Housing indicated a connection to town sewer.

Marie Pratt of 83 Sohier St. said she used to work at 25 Ripley Road when it was a nursing home and during that time there were serious problems with the septic tank.

"The Board of Heath ordered (the owner) to have the septic tank pumped every month because (the next door neighbor) was getting sewage in their backyard," said Pratt.

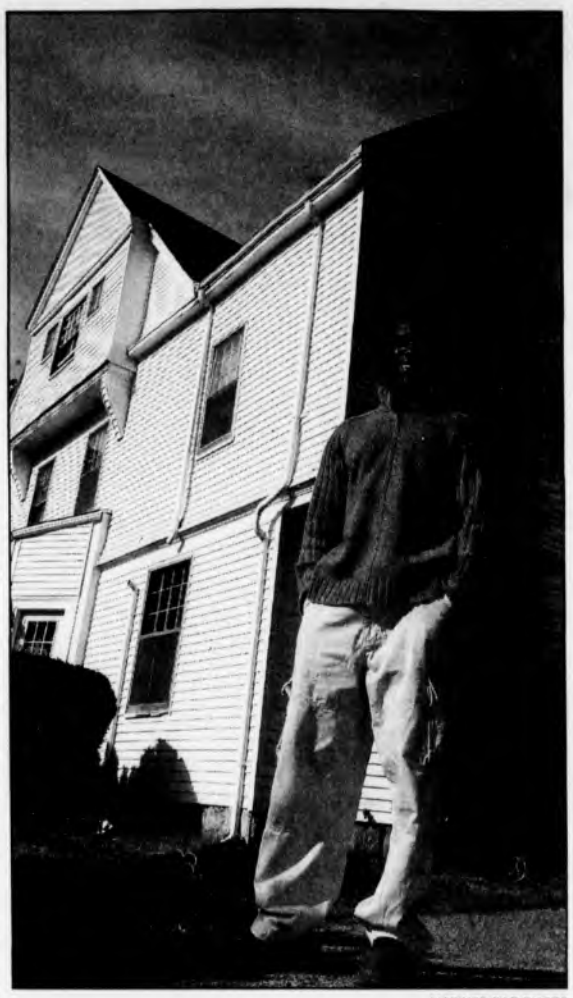
Several neighbors cited ongoing noise, parking and quality of life problems generated from a nearby four-unit complex at 150 South Main Street.

"I can attest to the fact (a multi-family development) is an incredible detriment to the quality of life of the neighborhood. This proposal is completely out of scale with the neighborhood and incredibly high priced. This project needs to be vetted out a lot more than it is right now," said Chris McGowan of 164 South Main St.

At least one Selectman expressed serious concerns with giving town support to the project.

"Moving forward with something not supported by the neighborhood, that will have negative impact and is highly controversial I don't think is not a wise course of action," said Selectman Karen Quigley.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said he would draft a letter to send to Mass Housing incorporating the concerns raised by the Housing Partnership and neighbors. All correspondence on the project, including the letters from neighbors, will be sent in a packet to Mass Housing. The Board of Selectmen will re-visit the issue at their Monday meeting.



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Will Charles stands outside his property at 25 Ripley Road. Charles has future plans to convert the current single-family residence into seven condominium units, two of which will be affordable under the state's Chapter 40-B law.

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Stormwater Committee ready to recharge

By Nancy White
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"I see them being very productive and making sure things don't fall through the cracks."
— Selectman Karen Quigley

With the major hurdle of establishing a stormwater management bylaw behind them, the Stormwater Committee is looking for new efforts to focus on.

It's been nearly two years since the selectmen-appointed committee got off the ground, but with flooding and other stormwater-related issues percolating in town both parties agreed their work is far from done. However, what form the committee would take and what specific items they would be charged with needs to be determined.

Members of the Stormwater Committee would like to continue serving in the advisory role and be a place where residents can come to air their water-related concerns. The committee has been successful in seeking out and receiving grants to install best management practices in flood prone areas. They also wanted to remain active in public education and outreach about the impacts that polluted stormwater runoff can have on water quality.

"I don't see us doing anything on our own," said Stormwater Committee member Sarah Charron, who cited the Stormwater Committee's partnership with the Conservation Commission to get a grant and Community Preservation funds to install raingardens in the James Brook watershed. "We were the seed and the idea."

The Stormwater Committee was established as an advisory committee to the Board of Selectmen on issues relating to stormwater. For the last year, much of their efforts have been consumed by drafting the stormwater management bylaw. On its second attempt on the floor of Town Meeting the stormwater bylaw passed muster with voters at the most recent Town Meeting.

Originally, the committee incorporated a representative from several town boards that are directly or indirectly involved with stormwater — the Water Commission, Planning Board, Board of Health, Conservation Commission — as well as two citizen representatives.

However, Charron said she didn't feel there was a need to burden current board members with another responsibility.

"What we need is interested, dedicated people that will come to meetings," said Charron.

Several ideas were floated as to the future composition for the Stormwater Committee. Selectmen Fred Koed suggested an approach similar to the Advisory Committee, with seven to nine members with diverse interests and backgrounds.

"(The Stormwater Committee) is the appropriate board to get more of a pulse of where the problems are," said Koed. While the Selectmen have many issues on their plate, the Stormwater Committee is able to "drill down" to get to the root of the stormwater problems and possibly recommend solutions to the Selectmen. A suggestion was made to include residents from different neighborhoods suffering from severe stormwater issues.

Selectman Karen Quigley agreed, "I'm in favor of the Stormwater Committee being the advisory board to do all the basic work, gather the information, working with the engineer and stormwater agent then come to us, the executive department."

Quigley saw value in the committee with their knowledge and ability to focus on one issue, "I see them being very productive and making sure things don't fall through the cracks."

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer would like to see as much political element taken out of the issue as possible, rather rely on quantitative expert analysis to evaluate stormwater issues. Dormitzer also felt the committee going forward should have very specific duties that don't overlap with other town boards.

Dormitzer cautioned the Stormwater Committee to not get involved with items, like hiring the stormwater agent, that now fall directly under the Conservation Commission according to the new stormwater management bylaw.

The Selectmen did not take a vote on a new composition for the Stormwater Committee and requested the Stormwater Committee keep doing what they were formerly charged to do until the Board of Selectmen vote on a new charge.

Cohasset safe from summer water ban

By Nancy White
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"Our interest is to sell water to other towns."
— Nathaniel Palmer, Water Commission

Last summer, unlike other towns on the South Shore, Cohasset water users were fortunate enough to escape a months-long water ban, but will this summer be a repeat?

According to Water Commissioner Nathaniel Palmer, all indications are it will.

"We don't foresee a ban," he said in a phone interview. But, he explains multiple variables could come into play that the water department can't currently predict. While he said there shouldn't be a problem with the amount of water in Lily Pond, a prolonged period without rain could lead to a pre-emptive measure taken at the state level.

Cohasset's water wealth has made it the envy of neighboring towns that had to impose strict water bans last year. Even North Cohasset, which is serviced by Aquarion Water, was forced to conserve its water. While their fellow town residents were allowed to keep their lawns green, North Cohasset was banned from outside watering.

Given the plight of neighboring towns in regard to water, Palmer said they have had preliminary discussion with both Scituate and Hingham (which is provided water service by Aquarion Water). Yet to date, Palmer said there have been no specific negotiations with either town.

"Our interest is to sell water to other towns," said Palmer.

The statement follows recent efforts by the Water Commission to the town and the state to sell water to other water companies and municipalities. A bill allowing the Commission to sell water, which got its start at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, passed through the State House and Senate in February. Under the legislation, Cohasset is allowed to sell up to 50 percent of its safe yield, or about 2 million gallons of water a day, either by entering into long-term contracts up to 20 years or by emergency circumstance.

Before the bill passed, the legislation enabled the Commission to only sell water to private parties or private homes, not other municipalities or other water companies. Cohasset took advantage of this legislation by negotiating a 20-year contract to provide water to the Linden Ponds development in South Hingham.

At full build-out the Commission will provide approximately 306,000 gallons per day to the complex. During the last calendar year, the water department took in $200,000 in revenue under the Linden Ponds contract. When the senior housing complex is fully built out the deal will bring $600,000 in revenue annually.

The Water Commission will be limited by the provision that the aggregate of the contracts may not exceed half of the daily safe yield. In addition, contracts will not take effect without Town Meeting approval.

The town consumes approximately 800,000 gallons per day and projections indicate that number will not go significantly higher, the Water Commission has said.

As far as North Cohasset is concerned, there are complex issues involved with incorporating those 285 homes serviced by Aquarion Water. Palmer, along with a North Cohasset resident and Selectman, are exploring a number of different ways to help North Cohasset in the event of a summer water ban. Nothing specific has been determined thus far, he said, but they are hoping to have some sort of solution in place if a water ban is instated this summer.

"(With our efforts) we'd like the outcome to be North Cohasset would not be put in a restrictive water ban while the rest of Cohasset is not," said Palmer.

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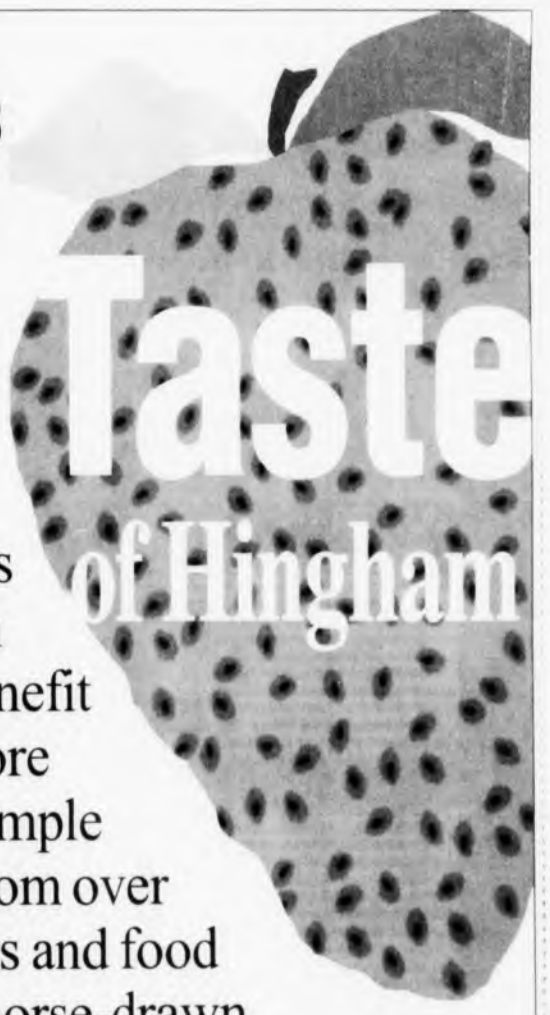

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Cohasset's Rich Kennedy leads Angel fund team

AROUND TOWN



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AH, SPRING!

Hello Cohasset. How is everyone doing this week? The weather has been a bit up and down lately but the warmer stuff is coming soon. It is so nice to walk around town now and see all the flowers and trees in bloom. The downside of course are the springtime allergies that come along with it all but we certainly cannot complain I guess (all right, every now and then we can, hee, hee.) At any rate, take the time to enjoy this spring and stop to embrace those small moments that happen each day.

SEPTUAGENARIAN

Emily and Henry Dormitzer wish their grandfather, **Ralph Dormitzer**, a very happy 70th birthday as do so many friends and family! Enjoy this special time Ralph!

ON STAGE

Boston College High School will be presenting West Side Story on the first two weekends in May.

Cohasset's **Katie Hillman** and **Thomson Jaffe** will be performing in this production. Show times are Friday, May 2, and Saturday, May 3, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m.; Thursday, May 8, and Saturday, May 10, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, May 11, at 2 p.m.. Tickets cost $10 for adults and $5 for students. For additional information and/or reservations, please contact Adrian Hernandez, (617)-474-5165, or e-mail your request to TheDeverPlayers@bchigh.edu.

PIZZA! PIZZA!

The 5th Grade at Deer Hill School is raising funds for next September's trip to Camp Bournedale through the sale of Little Caesar's Pizza Kits. The sale starts today May 2nd and will end Friday, May 16th and kits will be delivered on Wednesday, May 28th. For sale are pizza kits, bread kits, cookie dough and pie kits. If you do not know a fifth-grader and would like to purchase some of these great items, please contact: **Beth Marsden Gilman** 383-1811 bmarsden@silverlink.net or **Lisa Dooley** 383-0958 the4dooleys@comcast.net

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PARADE!

Once again, the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association is having its annual Little League Parade.

Come on out this Saturday morning, May 3rd at 8:15 a.m. and cheer on all the baseball and softball players marching from the Cohasset Common to Barnes Field via North Main Street. The 2007 championship major league baseball and softball teams will be proudly riding fire trucks to celebrate last year's victories. Opening day ceremonies will follow at Barnes Field.

Hope to see you!

IN SPAIN

Allison E. Earon of Cohasset is participating in the Bates College Junior Semester Abroad program. Allison, a junior neuroscience major, is studying in Seville, Spain, through the Council on International Educational Exchange. Students at Bates have the option of taking a semester or full year in a foreign country. Both programs provide them opportunities to study and conduct research at their choice of hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the world.

SUMMER FUN

The Cohasset Recreation Department has information for summer time programs at the Cohasset Town Hall, the Cohasset Dramatic Club will be getting ready to take registrations for the Summer show of "Grease" and the Our World Childrens' Global Discovery Museum is hosting classes, parties and weekly summertime programs with a variety of themes and you can check it out by going to www.ourworldcgdm.org. Swimming at the town pool, sailing programs at the Sailing club and so many more programs along with the weekly Farmers Market on the Common are all headed our way as well. We are so lucky to have what we do in our community, ENJOY!

ANGEL FUND



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The Angel Fund's Boston Marathon team gathered at a pre-Marathon dinner in Boston to receive their numbers and running jerseys, and to lend their support to one another before the race. Members of the team include Rich Kennedy of Cohasset (kneeling), President of The Angel Fund, and (standing, left to right) Meghan Osterlind, Reading; Claudia Moreno, Boston; Dawn Timlin, Boston; Tim Granfield, Dover, NH; Jim Merrill, Ashland; and Wayne Stevenson, Lunenburg. Other members of the team, not pictured, include Jennifer Martindale, Jim Carey, Jim Murphy, Bill Robinson and Kelsey Hawkins. This is the fifth consecutive year that Dawn Timlin, wife of Red Sox relief pitcher Mike Timlin, has run the marathon for The Angel Fund, an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) investigation at the Cecil B. Day Neuromuscular Research Center at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

PLANT SALE

Attention all gardeners! The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its annual Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, May 17, on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society, 106 South Main St., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Perennials and shrubs that have proven their hardiness and merit in members' own gardens will be on sale. Copies of the garden club's most recent publication, "The Eclectic Gardener", a collection of gardening information, recipes, and nature notes will also be available. The event will be held rain or shine. Come early for the best selection. Proceeds from the sale will support the club's many projects and scholarships.

BOOKS IN BLOOM

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will present "Books in Bloom" at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Wed. May 7 to Friday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Garden club members will interpret a book of their own selection using fresh plant materials. There will also be entries from the Junior Gardeners. This is not a standard flower show because entries will not be judged according to national and federation rules. It is a unique opportunity for all members to showcase their talents as designers. The public will select the winners in different categories such as the most beautiful, the most creative, and the most whimsical. This show is free and open to the public so please come and enjoy the show.

LIVESTRONG EVENT

Balloons for Hope" will support LIVESTRONG Day, the Lance Armstrong Foundation's (LAF) one-day initiative to unite people affected by cancer and raise awareness and funds for the cancer fight. Yellow balloons will be sold ($5 each/$50 for a bouquet of 12) in Cohasset Village in front of Coldwell Banker from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Community members may purchase balloons to honor friends or loved ones who have been affected by cancer. 100 percent of all funds raised will be donated to The Lance Armstrong Foundation. On May 13, more than 500 LIVESTRONG Day events will take place in communities across the country to raise awareness and funds to support the fight against cancer. To learn more about LIVESTRONG Day, visit www.livestrong.org/livestrongday.

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Happily ever after on stage

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and costumes complement each characters distinct personality

"They've created a fantasy world, nothing is real," says "The Ever After" director Stephanie Noble.

The play is a show within a show; the plot unfolds on "Totally Live with Monty," a talk show complete with outspoken audience members and one-of-a-kind guests. Like a real talk show, advertisements are seamlessly weaved into the play for whimsical products like "prince wake me up"— a potion that really would have helped out Snow White.

The play has it all — hilarious banter, a dramatic fight and its own version of a happily ever after ending.

The costumes and personalities are all over the top and Noble says it's all the students doing.

"The students are very invested in what they do and are very productive. They really run with it," says Noble, a sixth-grade teacher.

Noble and assistant director Barbara Baumgarten read dozens of plays before deciding "The Ever After" was the right choice.

"The play needs to be age appropriate, funny and something we know the kids will enjoy doing," says Noble. "The Ever After" was all those elements. The play also needs to have a run time of under 30 minutes.

The students have been working on the play for the better portion of two months.

"I like working with middle schoolers, they are very enthusiastic. A lot of what they do is improvisational," says Noble. "They are very invest in what they do and are very productive."

The Middle School festival competition is about performing to the group's personal best. Each group is awarded a gold, silver or bronze rating. This is the third year the middle school has participated in the drama festival. In 2006, their efforts earned the group a gold rating and last year, they garnered a bronze medal.

The students will perform at the Mansfield Middle School along with six other schools.

The Cohasset Middle High School does not have a drama program curriculum so the one-act plays give kids the opportunity to participate in something they may be interested in.

This year, Noble decided to expand the after-school program to a fall and spring activities. In the fall, the students put on a big cast one-act play. "it gave everyone the opportunity to participate in drama."

For the festival competition, she chose the best of the best. Next year, she hopes to add a winter program to focus on monologues.



As the host of "Totally Live with Monty," Trevor Schramn interacts with the ugly stepsisters from Cinderella played by Isabelle Dunne and Olivia Franklin. The Middle School group will perform their one-act play "The Ever After" in the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild Festival this Saturday.



STAFF PHOTOS/DAVE NEAULT

Isabel Robinson as the wicked queen from Snow White gets to tell her side of the story in a dress rehearsal of "The Ever After." The middle school group will perform their one act play for judges at the Massachusetts Drama Guild Festival on Saturday.



Trevor Schramn as talk show host Monty has to deal with multiple personalities during the course of "The Ever After," including Cinderella played by Julia Thompson.



Trevor Schramn schmoozes up the audience as talk show host of "Totally Live with Monty" in the one-act play "The Ever After"



Isabelle Dunne (left) and Olivia Franklin get many laughs as they play the "beauty impaired" stepsisters from Cinderella.

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Reflections in Exile

African artists display at Art Center

By Nancy White
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Across the world, art speaks a universal language.

Currently, at the South Shore Art Center, five artists representing four African countries speak to the violence, unrest and daily challenges in their home countries. "Reflections in Exile: Five Contemporary African Artist Respond to Social Injustice" is on display in the Bancroft Gallery until Sunday, May 11.

The South Shore Art Center, along with the help of donors, has enabled several inner-city schools to come to Cohasset to view the exhibit.

The mixed-media show has painting, installation art, graphic design and video; the exhibit is set up sparsely so each piece of art has the opportunity to speak.

A seemingly welcoming twin bed, covered in colorful flower petals, upon closer look reveals symbols of violence — a gun and bullets are embroidered on the pillowcases and along with the flowers are pistols. "Forced Removal" by Ilona Anderson, who moved to the US from South Africa in 1988, shows how violence pervades everyday life.

A three-screen (triptych) video presentation, "Ruptures" created by Salem Mekuria explores the complex history and culture of Ethiopia. Zimbabwe-born Chaz Maviyane-Davies's overtly political posters challenge the viewer to make informed decisions so one does not become a victim.

Ezra Wube's "Exodus" utilizes warm oranges and reds to convey a message displacement; blank faces seem to move throughout the canvas.

The wall description states the painting is "about immigration and creating a community after being displaces,while internally remaining in one's homeland."

Almost an entire wall of the exhibit is devoted to Khalid Kodi's installation, "Violence Inscribed." Far from clean clothes hang covered in what appears to blood and dirt, people's faces linger behind the dirt. Khalid piece comments on the ravages of war, abuse of power, disruption of family life and

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COURTESY PHOTOS

A student from Dorchester's Epiphany School works on the hands-on project, printmaking using "adinkra" symbols from Ghana. The Epiphany School is just one of several inner-city schools that have been sponsored to come to the "Reflections in Exile" exhibit at the South Shore Art Center.

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Students from the Epiphany School in Dorchester show off their handiwork—a collage of adinkra symbols, which are part of the culture in Ghana. The students also spent time in the exhibit "Reflections in Exile" which features five artists representing four African countries.

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Participants and spectators take part in last May's dedication of the Healing Field.

Support 'Healing Field' on Memorial Day

The Sons of the American Legion is planning to install a Healing Field as part of the town's Memorial Day 2008 observances.

The effort should result in hundreds of American flags on eight-foot-tall poles temporarily installed on the town-owned island at the corner of Border and Summer streets. The island faces Veterans Memorial Park where the annual Memorial Day observances are held.

The flags sell for $25 and can be dedicated to anyone. In other words, the purchase of a flag is not limited to those honoring someone who is serving or has served in the Armed Forces. (Those who purchase flags will be able to pick them up after 10 days).

Tom Wigmore, who is coordinating the flag installation, says he has only 70 flags left.

Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with a note on the memo line indicating "Healing Field" and sent to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, please visit www.healingfield.org/cohasset or contact the Legion post at 781-383-9657 or stop by the post at 98 Summer St. any weekday after 3 p.m., Saturdays after 10 a.m. or Sundays after 12 noon. Applications for Healing Field flags are available at the Post and at both branches of Pilgrim Bank. All proceeds will go to veterans' projects of the Sons of the American Legion.

Reflections in Exile at Art Center

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degradation of human in his native Sudan.

"In today's changing world, we all need to experience a culture other than our own. The current African art exhibit, 'Reflections in Exile' provided an opportunity to engage in another continent, to become aware of the motivation and courage need to overcome suffering," says Cohasset resident Shirley Marten.

Through the gift of funding, she and her husband, Jim, made the exhibit accessible to inner-city middle schoolers. A group from Roxbury Prep Charter School, grades six through eight, came down to Cohasset this week to view the exhibit. Groups from the Epiphany School in Dorchester, the Boston Arts Academy and the Codman Academy Charter School in Dorchester have or will make the trek to the Arts Center.

"Through creative artists work, the onlooker becomes a more compassionate, empathetic human being. My personal involvement was to encourage field trips for middle school students from the inner-city to learn from these powerful images of cultural customs and histories that are forever evolving," said Marten.

Heather Collins, the Art Center's director of community programs, said without the Marten's underwriting the cost of the bus trip, the schools would never have been able to make the trip.

Many of the inner-city schools place African issues and culture more prominently in their curriculum and Collins has been surprised at how much knowledge the students have of Africa when they arrive.

"It's made our discussions very interesting," said Collins. While visiting the exhibit, the students also work on a hands-on art project: printmaking using "adinkra" symbols from Ghana.

While the students come with an understanding of some of the issues facing African countries, Collins says the art allows them to delve into the issues in a more personal way through the artist's work.

If nothing else, the exhibit raises the students' and any visitors' awareness of the issues facing Africa—the AIDS epidemic, poverty, displacement, political unrest and violence.

"There are so many issues (in Africa) we are so oblivious to in this country," said Collins.

"Reflections in Exile" will be at the South Shore Arts Center until Sunday, May 11, then it will be on display at The Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists in Roxbury from June 1 until July 27. Admission is free, but donations always welcome.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Being prepared

Over the long years and controversy about restoration of the Greenbush Line of the Old Colony Railroad – the issue at the forefront of both the proponents and critics was safety.

No one on either side of the Greenbush debate wants to see an accident at a grade crossing. However, the sad fact is that accidents do happen.

Our fire and police departments know this all too well. They deal with unexpected occurrences every single day. Their day may include medical emergencies, car accident or house fire, among others.

This past Sunday, the Hingham Fire Department in coordination with police and other fire departments – including Cohasset's — staged a true "nightmare scenario:" a speeding car crashed into the rear of a school bus stopped at a crossing and pushed the bus into the side of a commuter train. The mock accident resulted in a mass casualty incident at the Water Street crossing just a few hundred yards from the Fruit Center.

The accident, while not impossible, is improbable because, for one thing, the buses wait at stop lines well before the tracks.

However, the staged event provided valuable training. All participating agencies are reviewing how the response to the accident was handled and how they can improve.

From our perspective, the morning unfolded like a scene from a movie — with local "actors" playing the role of the victims and actual, public safety personnel playing themselves.

The press and a handful of spectators observed the accident and response develop from behind a cordoned-off area. Hingham police spokesman, Lt. Michael Peraino, provided us the play-by-play from the time the 9-1-1 call came over his radio to the press conference following the event.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to our area police and fire departments, local hospitals, private ambulance services, the sheriff's department, Salvation Army, and the MBTA for all working together on this very important drill.

The train is here and it is a fact of life. Let's hope that all of us use caution when approaching and stopping at grade crossings. After all, our welfare starts with us.

However, it is comforting to know that our public safety officials are prepared to provide help should the unthinkable occur.

On a related issue, we applaud Cohasset police for their "zero-tolerance" policy regarding trespassing along the right-of-way. Chief James Hussey explains that police cannot prevent trespassing because entry to the tracks can be gained at the various grade crossings.

However, police can take action when trespassing occurs by sending a strong message.

This past week for the second time in as many months, police arrested a man for trespassing along the tracks.

"We have tried to make it clear from the beginning that it is very important for people's safety to stay away from the tracks," Chief Hussey says. "We will take criminal action against anyone who is trespassing along the railway."

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, May 13 & June 10, 7:30 p.m.
Assessors, May 9, 8:45 a.m.
CHS School Council, May 7, 2:30 p.m. in Room 116 at the high school.
Conservation Commission, May 17, 7 p.m.
Historical Commission, May 14, 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees, May 14, 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Library.
Planning Board, May 5, 7 p.m.
Selectmen, May 5 & May 19, 7 p.m.
School Committee Budget Subcommittee, May 5, 6 p.m. at the community room at the high school.
School Committee, May 6, 7 p.m. at the community room at the high school.
Water Commission, May 8, 6p.m. at the King Street plant.
ZBA, May 6, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.
Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.

Worley honored by Coast Guard

Recreation Director Jack Worley officially retired this past Wednesday. On Monday night, he added to his accolades a commendation from the U.S. Coast Guard.

Commander Don Ladd of the Coast Guard – Flotilla 12-8 said he has known Worley for 25 years and thanked him for his support in raising awareness for boat safety. The Recreation Department has run boat safety classes for years.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: Aaron Reservoir Fence

Editor's note: Betty K.H. Waegemann provided the following letters to the Mariner for publication.

Dear Ms. Waegemann:

The Department has recently inspected our fence on the perimeter of the Aaron River Reservoir. We discovered that many areas are in disrepair, some abutters have installed gates to allow illegal access to the water and other sections have been removed.

We plan to repair the entire length of the fence (approximately 1 mile) this spring. The repairs will include removing all gates and replacing damaged and missing sections.

Should you feel you have legal access to this reservoir please contact our office at 781-383-0057 to discuss alternate plans.

Sincerely,
Cohasset Water Department
Steve May
Construction Manager

Dear Messrs. McNabb, Palmer and Pratt:

In response to your letter dated April 4, 2008, I am perplexed. For the past 28 years I have lived at the address below and have been impacted by several odd policies by the Town of Cohasset and the Water Department. This most recent notice to repair an unnecessary existing fence is concerning and smacks of wasteful policies.

It is my understanding that the water from the Aaron River Reservoir runs in the Aaron River into the watershed known as Lily Pond. Your treatment facility, at the above address, is located on Lily Pond and the water that the Cohasset residents and other communities use is treated at that facility. There is no fence around any part of Lily Pond or in front of the properties around Lily Pond (for that matter, most of the Aaron River Reservoir on the Wompatuck State Park side has no fence either). Therefore, I question the rationale of repairing/replacing the existing "approximately 1 mile" fence. It does not seem to demonstrate any compelling purpose, while it is the only such fence in my informal survey of other similarly used bodies of water in the surrounding communities. In addition, some residents clean-up brush, ivy, and other debris on both sides of the fence to ensure that there are no fires or other dangerous conditions for both humans and wildlife. This costly new fence will cause larger long-term problems for the community and is an obvious waste of monetary resources assuredly to be passed onto the Town, taxpayers, and/or Water Department customers. As you have already allowed public access at 21 Aaron River Road, I would suggest you take the existing fence down. It is an eye sore and merely window-dressing. Not having a fence or simply leaving it in its disrepair would offer better access for cleaning and maintenance is a sound policy as a matter of public health and safety, and obviously a more prudent manner with which to conserve monetary and natural resources.

Therefore, I would like to invoke my legal access to the abutting land. I request more information as to what legal authority requires the Aaron River Reservoir to be fenced in, while beginning the discussion as to why the fence needs to be repaired or even exist at all. I trust we can work together on this matter. Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,
Betty K.H. Waegemann
Aaron River Road

Relay For Life planned for June 13-14

Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser of the American Cancer Society. Participants raise money by personally collecting donations and organizing group fundraisers prior to or at the event. The money goes towards cancer research, patient services, advocacy and education. It also provides hope to those how have cancer and their family and friends that a cure is available, it provides hope that cancer can be detected in its early stages and it provides hope that cancer is eradicated in our life time. The Hingham/Hull/Cohasset and Scituate Relay will be held on June 13th and 14th organizations clubs, family, friends and co-workers form teams of at least 8-15people and gather at Cohasset High School on the 13th.

Members of the team take turns walking around the track for the duration of the event. An important part of Relay is honoring and remembering those people in our lives who have faced cancer. Each Relay invites cancer survivors in the community to walk a special Survivors Lap. Another focal point of each Relay is the Luminaria Ceremony, held after dark, where candles are sponsored and lit in honor and memory of our loved ones who have battled this disease. Part of what makes Relay for Life special is its atmosphere — the sense of community, camaraderie and hope that permeates the event from start to finish. Hope has become the catchword of Relay, because hope is what it's all about; the hope that one day we will be free from the fear of this terrible disease, that our children will grow up in a world where cancer is no longer fatal. Relay is a time to do something about a danger that seems so much bigger than us, and to know that we are actually making a difference. It is a time to reflect, to remember those who have been lost and those who can still be saved. And it is also a lot of fun to be there with friends and take part in the activities.

An important part of Relay is honoring and remembering those people in our lives who have faced cancer.

For information on how you can start a team contact Harry St.Onge at 781-383-9465 orst.onge@comcast.net.

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Nichols Rd. gas line to be replaced

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Little Harbor Project – In last week's article we presented a new short-term schedule for the project, but also talked quite a bit about the things that can go wrong and cause the schedule to change. In fact, it almost seems like publishing a schedule is an open invitation for schedule-changing events to happen. And, they have.

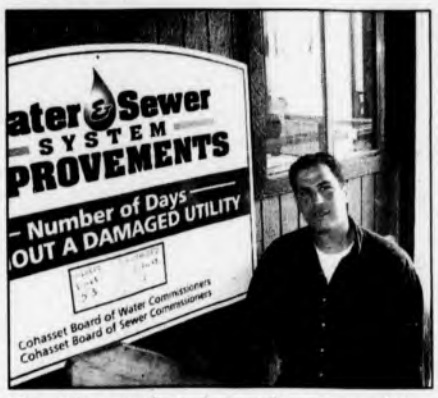
This is a good long-term action, but it means that we may have to wait until Keyspan is finished before L M Holdings, LLC. (LMH) can do its work.

Nichols Road gas line — In the week since we received the new schedule major things have occurred which will definitely have an impact on the schedule. For example, when we started digging for sewers on Nichols Road we found the old gas line was laid smack dab on top of the water line. This should have never been the case, but it was. There should always be a horizontal separation between two buried utilities so that each can be dug up without affecting the other.

In addition, there have been numerous gas leaks in this area due in most part to very old steel gas pipe. Now, the gas company, Keyspan (soon to be National Grid), has decided that they would replace the gas line and put it in its proper position on Nichols Road while we have the road opened. This is a good long-term action, but it means that we may have to wait until Keyspan is finished before L M Holdings, LLC. (LMH) can do its work. So the schedule in this area will be impacted.

The new gas line is currently being installed by a subcontractor to Keyspan. Short lengths of the yellow plastic pipe are joined into longer segments and then inserted into the trench and connected to the pipe already laid. The photo shows a long segment waiting to be put into the trench on Nichols Road.

Paving stuff – The Town is in the process of modifying the contract with LMH to change the paving responsibility that should result in savings for the project. The contract that was originally executed with LMH did not include final paving. But it was anticipated to be added to the contract at previously quoted costs. However, there is another way to purchase paving-related work using a volume purchasing costs obtained through a Consortium of South Shore Towns. We have found this pricing to be absolutely the best available since it is based on the combined paving needs of about 12 towns who are members of the Consortium. (We did the recent Forest Avenue sidewalk and street work using these Consortium prices and were very pleased with the savings. Without these prices we cold not have afforded the Forest Ave. project.) The Little Harbor project is in the process of adding a change order to the LMH contract that will allow us to use these lower paving prices.



One of the people readers might see around the Little Harbor Project, is Paul Cappelletti, LMH Project Manager.



COURTESY PHOTOS

New gas line on Nichols Road. The gas line is being installed by a Keyspan subcontractor.

Faces of the Little Harbor Project — One of the people you might see working around the Little Harbor Project is Paul Cappelletti. Paul is the overall Project Manager for the contractor, L M Holdings, LLC. In this capacity, Paul works closely with Carl Bucknell the Project Superintendent who has direct responsibility for the field construction crews.

Paul's background includes a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Wentworth and an MBA from Boston College. He has been with LMH since its inception in 2005. Paul and his wife and two young boys currently reside on the South Shore in Canton. According to Paul, the experience he gained over the years starting in construction as a field engineer fresh out of school and working himself up the management ladder has given him a deep appreciation for the construction business and its challenges. With construction every day and every job is a new challenge. Paul and his crews must always be prepared for the unknown. Despite preconstruction diligence, construction crews never know for certain what conditions they will encounter under the ground.

According to Paul, good old Cohasset ledge has been one of the most challenging aspects of this project. Not so much from the standpoint of how to remove the ledge, that's pretty well known in his business. But, exactly where the ledge is and when will they encounter it are the questions. This unknown requires LMH to maintain a fine balance between the small equipment needed to dig on our narrow hilly roads and the large equipment needed to pound through the ledge. The logistics of moving this equipment around to maintain the pace of construction is quite difficult.

Paul's goal for this project is to overcome the obstacles and build a quality set of infrastructure for the Town of Cohasset.

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No originals in Hollywood

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The Egyptologists among us will be happy to learn that the Mummy will be back on the screen this summer, proving once again that creativity is as dead as King Tut in LaLa Land.

Doesn't anyone in Hollywood have an original idea anymore?

The movie industry has a long record of turning out popular flicks, then beating them to death with remakes, sequels, prequels and "quels" that have yet to be discovered.

Does anyone doubt that Francis Ford Coppola should have stopped with Godfather II?

The Mummy first hit the screen in 1932 starring Boris Karloff as the Mummy and a cast of characters that, years later, were recalled only by their immediate relatives.

Surely, you remember Zita Johann, the actress who played the reincarnation of Princess Ananka, the object of the Mummy's affections if he could ever get those damned bandages off.

Tom Tyler, the old cowboy star, played the Mummy in "The Mummy's Hand" in 1940 and gave the old guy a name for the first time — "Kharis."

Lon Chaney Jr., who ranked second only to Karloff in horror roles at the time, did it three times in "The Mummy's Curse," "The Mummy's Ghost" and "The Mummy's Tomb" in 1942 and 1944.

The Brits made the flick in 1959 with Christopher Lee and again in 1967 as "The Mummy's Shroud," which proved to be such a bomb that the poor guy was left pretty much alone until the current series of remakes started.

The 2008 contribution, "The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor," is due out on Aug. 1, starring Brendan Fraser, not as the Mummy but as the Indiana Jones-like character who disturbs the Mummy and tees him off.

The Brendan Fraser revivals began with The Mummy in 1999 and continued in 2001 with "The Mummy Returns," which one critic described as a "Big Dumb Sequel to an original Big Dumb Hit."

But it must have had something — do I hear the ka-ching of busy cash registers — because here we go again.

Brendan Fraser will revisit "The Voyage to the Center of the Earth", due out July 11, this time in 3D. The old one, made in 1959, starred James Mason and Pat Boone as the scientist and his nephew who discover a lost world inside the earth.

Of course, I haven't seen any of the summer's remakes yet. I'm rarely invited to prescreenings anymore. But I have rarely seen a remake that lives up to the reputation set by he original.

Who best plays the tough sergeant whose patrol is beset by thirst and Nazis in the desert in the film "Sahara" — Humphrey Bogart in 1943 or James Belushi in 1995?

"King Kong" has been made and remade twice but it's the 1933 original that lives on while Jeff Bridges, Jessica Lange and Charles Grodin should be embarrassed by their 1976 version and Naomi Watts by the 2005.

Until they hear the ka-ching of the cash registers, that is.

HEALTH NOTES

Fitness starts with the brain

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Early in April Health Notes featured an article on brain plasticity, which told of advances in a new field of neuroscience. Since that time, there have been some developments of particular interest to Cohasset residents. Further inquiry about the field has revealed that several business startups have launched services to improve everything from reading skills to improved driving for elders. In fact, MIT, the spawning place for innovation has expanded their Department of Neural Science. It seems that Cognitive Science has taken hold as a new endeavor for the medical profession. As usual, it's difficult to separate the wheat from the advertising chaff.

Based largely on personal experience, I find that two companies seem to have taken the lead: Posit Science and Lumosity. Both companies have good credentials and both have modules on the market. Posit Science however has taken the course of conducting scientifically valid, statistically verifiable corroboration that the programs they created have improved brain function.

In order to make the program relevant to an individual each of six different exercise modules is presented with an increasing order of difficulty. The program keeps track of correct answers and if an exercise gets too difficult it goes back to a simpler version, again gradually increasing in difficulty. Some exercises train a person on the ability to recognize similar sounds repeated at increasingly shorter intervals, some exercise your ability to remember a succession of events and some exercise the ability to discriminate sounds.

Not only has my memory improved, but my ability to organize and understand things like speech in crowded rooms has gotten better.

Some instruct you to take a succession of actions by moving figures on a computer display. Each of the modules is intended to exercise a different part of the brain.

I still have four sessions left in the first program. Not only has my memory improved, but my ability to organize and understand things like speech in crowded rooms has gotten better. The brain plasticity concept covers a person's adjustment of how to recognize other people's speech patterns and our ability to understand what they are saying.

One of the features of the program is an invitation to keep a reflective journal, which records ones progress while taking the exercises, which have a duration of about an hour and a half. I have tried to maintain a regimen in which the program is used at least every other day, but generally daily. As indicated before, the program is sometimes challenging, sometimes difficult and sometimes boring. It requires some effort to decide to continue, but the good part is that those areas in which I feel I have some mental deficits have improved. Review of the reflective journal maintained while working on the program indicates that in addition to improving memory, one gains confidence in the ability to remember and a certain optimism that things will continue to improve. Moreover, improvements come in different forms. In a recreational exercise such as golf, bowling or tennis, the platitudes such as "keep your eye on the ball" or "rotate your body" are brought into cognizance at the time they are needed. At least my exercise partners and instructors are noticing. Name recall, although still slow, has also improved.

Health Notes has received many comments indicating that improving memory is important. Accordingly, I have initiated some measures designed to deploy some of the Posit Science programs at places where they can be evaluated by anyone wishing to try them. Several folks have asked about the availability of demonstration discs, and Posit Science has indicated that they are sending on a supply which, when they arrive, will be available at the Board of Health, the Library and at Elder Affairs in the Community center. These sites will also have information about when the programs will be installed at their various sites and the conditions under which they may be used. Also these sites will have information and literature as to how individual copies of the programs may be obtained.

Once one has finished the program it's reasonable to ask what's next. Well, I've talked to a lady who took the program a second time and it's certainly a possibility, but there are other programs out there. PositScience has another which exercises visual acuity but more of this at another time.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

Wendy Hale artwork on exhibit

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Wendy Hale Exhibits "Two Solos" – South Shore Art Center will feature an exhibit by Wendy Hale at Paul Pratt Library May through June. Hale simultaneously will be showing at Front Street Gallery in Scituate in May. Hale is a signature member and board member of the New England Watercolor Society, a member of The Copley Society in Boston and curator for the Helen Bumpus Gallery in Duxbury. She has received numerous awards in national and regional shows, including Best in Show at the Duxbury Art Association summer show last year, and most recently Best Abstract in the Plymouth Guild juried show. Hale is best known for her figurative work in mood-evoking settings. She works in watercolor and oil, and her passion is watercolor. "The whole process of applying any type of pigment obsesses me, watercolor especially. The spontaneous merging of colors as they are poured on excites me, and the transparency gives me the ability to glaze (layering of colors), one gets the impression you can see through time when viewing a painting." Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays through May, from 2 to 5 p.m. Meet the artist at a free reception on Friday, May 9, from 6 to 8 p.m.

She works in watercolor and oil, and her passion is watercolor.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Festival Shorts Collection" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, May 15. Various languages, 88 minutes. Free admission and free refreshments courtesy of Friends of the Library. Movie site license sponsored by Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

Great Decisions Discussion Program – The Great Discussion Group will meet every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room. The topic on May 6 will be The European Union, chapter 2 in the discussion book.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of "A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 28. This free event is open to all.

FOR CHILDREN

Baby Sign Language— Caitlin Levin, an American Sign Language teacher, will introduce babies, toddlers and caregivers to basic signs that will enhance communication at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 13, in the Story Room at Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This is a one-time only drop in program.

For more information about sign language for babies and toddlers visit Levin's Web site at tinylittlehands.com or call 617-230-9249.

Music and Stories – MamaSteph will perform in the Meeting Room on Mondays from 10:30 to 11 a.m., through the end of April.

Drop In Story Time – Tuesdays, at 10:30 a.m., through the end of April, in the Children's Room.

Is Town Hall haunted?

After months of anticipation, Our Town Special Productions is pleased to bring viewers the one-hour special of the Enfield Paranormal Society's Paranormal Investigation of the Cohasset Town Hall last January.

See for yourself whether the Town Hall is truly haunted while getting to know one of Cohasset's most precious historical assets!

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Join Our Town co-host Pat Martin on her 48-hour adventure into every hidden nook and underground cranny of the Town Hall in search of ghosts and paranormal phenomenon! You might want to keep the lights on!

Tune in Monday at 9pm on Comcast channel 10 and then watch for repeats on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm. Stay tuned Cohasset and stay entertained!

RTF news

Paint collection days: Residents can drop off paint at the Recycling Transfer Facility on the last Saturday of the month from April through October. Residents are encouraged to dry out any latex paint using cat litter, sand or paint hardener, which can then be disposed of with regular household trash. Empty cans can then be thrown in the tin can container.

Brush chipping: Residential brush may be dropped off in the Public Works parking area from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the following Saturdays: May 31, June 28, Sept. 27 and Oct. 25. No trees over five inches, no stumps, firewood, briars or weeds allowed.

Mock accident is good practice

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about two hours later, when Duff and other fire department officials conducted a short press conference and took questions.

Thirty-six fire and emergency apparatus were staged at the Bathing Beach. Each mutual aid call was timed to mimic the amount of time it would really take to get from Cohasset to downtown Hingham, for example.

The accident depicted one of the worst nightmare scenarios – a speeding car slams into the rear of a school bus stopped at the grade crossing, pushing the bus into the side of a commuter train.

Within minutes the cruiser that was patrolling the downtown area arrived with Hingham officers Tom Ford and Lisa McCracken. McCracken grabbed a medical bag and ran to the school bus. Ford ran to the car and confirmed that the two occupants were alive.

Then one after another — like a well choreographed play — fire apparatus, police cars and ambulances raced to the scene. Hingham Sgt. Sean Cavanagh, who was the senior officer at the accident, took over early command. Later, Chief Duff was able to observe the entire response from the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department Command Post vehicle that is equipped with a camera and the latest technology.

Lt. Peraino explained that in a real accident, likely hundreds of spectators would "collapse" onto the scene. If it were a weekday then the Station Street parking lot would have been full of cars.

On Sunday, the nearly empty parking lot provided a triage area where paramedics identified victims and provided medical treatment before the ambulances picked them up.

Crash reconstruction and investigation started immediately.

Even the Salvation Army arrived to provide coffee and refreshments for the tired emergency workers.

Hingham Senior Emergency Medical Services Coordinator James Sheard of the Hingham Fire Department said the drill provided important lessons in three key areas: communication, asset management and accountability.

Sheard said the "mock" injuries ranged from cardiac problems to anxiety-induced asthma. The drill was not designed to have someone die at the scene. However, there was a mock fatality later at the hospital.



Cohasset's Fire Chief Robert Silva walks down the steps from the commuter train during Sunday's mock accident in Hingham. Fire departments from six area towns responded to the "mass casualty incident."

Photos by Craig Goedecke



Hingham resident Kevin Jenkins, right, was one of the "victims" in the school bus.



Weymouth's Fire Lt. Michael Scully heads across the Station Street parking lot with one of the victims.



Victims are evaluated and placed in the triage area before they were taken to South Shore Hospital or Quincy Medical Center.



Hingham Officer Thomas Ford, who was first on the scene along with his partner Officer Lisa McCracken, runs to the aid of the victims trapped in a rolled over car. McCracken ran to the school bus.

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Winner in Cohasset Logo Contest named

Last month, the Economic Development Committee launched, in the Mariner, a competition open to all residents to create a graphic identity/image for Cohasset, with the objective of better marketing the town.

Several designs were submitted, created by both professionals and amateurs, grownups and young talents. A selection panel, composed of four art graphic experts and one EDC member was formed to designate the best concept.

And, the result is Joyce Whitman is the winner. Whitman is a Cohasset resident. She and her husband, Keith Conforti, operate a creative design business in town by the name of Twist.

Her concept, which will be featured at the upcoming South Shore Art Festival, was chosen because it best represented the committee's objective of capturing the seaside character and artistic tradition, both attributes outlined in the Economic Development Committee Mission statement approved in February by the Board of Selectmen. The panel felt that Whitman's design will provide the best foundation for promoting these benefits locally as well as outside the community.

There are three elements that made this mark distinctive and will give the committee a flexible but consistent framework to capture the many aspects of Cohasset. The three elements are:

- The "Cohasset signature."
- Reference to Cohasset's rocky coast in the foreground with Cohasset images in the background.
- Combining the "framed images" of Cohasset's natural and architectural character.

The committee thanks and expresses its consideration and admiration to all other contestants who put to work time, artistic imagination and talent to produce designs. Those who should be recognized are: Owen Bleicken, Anthony W. Lanier, Ed Fox, Jeannie de Murias, Robert C. Ernst Sr., and one anonymous artist.

The selection panel included:

- William J. Hannon, professor emeritus of Massachusetts College of Art and Design. His work has been featured in many design journals and is a recipient of numerous awards. He lectured at Harvard, the London Business School, the Design Museum in London, L'Atelier in Paris and Toyama Design Center in Japan. He is the founder of the Design Management Institute and is currently an adjunct professor at Sawyer School of Management at Suffolk University where he teaches a course in Innovation and Design Management in the executive MBA program. He is a Life Member of the Industrial Designers Society of America and a Fellow of Britain's Royal Society of Arts.
- Michael Westcott has been in brand marketing and design for more than 20. He has founded and managed several marketing and creative firms and has written and spoken extensively on brand marketing and creativity. His work has been featured in Brandweek, Event Marketer, Expo, Graphis, Print and Communication Arts and Innovation magazines, as well as numerous books.
- Ron Goodwin operates Goodwin Graphics, a Cohasset company specializing in designing and creating marketing and wearable promotional products for small businesses. A former director of South Shore Arts Center, he is also a member and former director of the Chamber of Commerce, member and past president of the Rotary Club, Paul Harris Fellow, and a director of Pilgrim Bank.
- Diane Kennedy is currently assistant director and Arts Festival coordinator of South Shore Art Center. She has worked in program development and marketing for both performing and visual arts organizations, including having served an arts administration fellowship with the National Endowment for the Arts. She is also serving on the Cohasset Day Committee, a sub-committee of the EDC.
- Alain Pinel from the EDC is part-owner of Imminence, the main provider of MLS, technology and marketing services to real estate brokers in Europe. Prior, he was SVP for Coldwell Banker in California and led his San Francisco, Peninsula and Silicon Valley region to a record $13 billion in sales. He also is the founder of Alain Pinel Realtors.



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About Joyce Whitman:

Joyce Whitman has 20 years of experience designing retail catalogs, point-of-purchase, collateral and corporate identity for high-profile New England businesses. Her agency experience began at Robinson Associates in Boston, where she served as Associate Art Director on campaigns for Scott Paper Company, BASF, Big Brother Association of Boston, and others. From there, she became Art Director at Boston Marketing working on accounts for Puma, Etonic, One Beacon Street, Reebok, Parker Brothers and other regional businesses.

Since 1996, Whitman and her husband, Keith Conforti, have been operating Twist Creative Group out of their home in Cohasset, and continue to serve many financial and corporate clients in their communications endeavors. As a two-person studio, their advantage is that they offer this service more intimately and directly, and at more competitive rates, than larger agencies. Their clients include Fidelity Investments, SBLI, and Koko Fitness, but they have also been known to volunteer their design services for local organizations, such as Our World Children's Global Discovery Center, South Shore Community Center, Joseph Osgood School and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Whitman says, "working from home affords us the benefit of spending more time with our two boys — Ryan, age 8 and Jason, age 6."

BRIEFLY

GOP hosts spring dinner

Annual Cohasset Republican Town Committee Spring Dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 7, in Bates Hall at Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., next to Cohasset Town Hall.

Cohasset elected officials have been invited to speak about the issues and challenges facing their office, after which there will be a question and answer session.

To register, call Julie Guild at 781-383-6443. Cost is $15 per person, if payment is received by May 3, or $20 per person at the door. Send check made payable to Cohasset Republican Town Committee and mail to Julie Guild, 365 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025.

DTC yard sale

Cohasset Democratic Town Committee calls out to all of Cohasset and asks for the donation of salable items for its annual yard sale to benefit the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship Fund. The yard sale will take place Saturday, May 10, at 89 Doane St. Call Donna McGee at 383-9114 for delivery or pick-up information.

Cohasset Democratic Town Committee has awarded the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship to graduating Cohasset seniors since 1978.

Flower Girls needed for Memorial Day Parade

Girls ages 5-12 needed to march in the Cohasset Memorial Day parade. Girls will meet at 11 a.m. POW Square at the top of Depot Court and march from the common down to the memorial on the harbor across from American Legion Post. Lunch will be served to marchers after the service. If your daughters, granddaughter etc. are interested or if anyone has questions please contact Deirdre Wigmore at (781) 740-8049.

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Chamber of Commerce finds its voice

FROM CHAMBER, PAGE 1

David Bigley of All the Best Natural Foods.

"With the increase of big box stores, malls and other options to shop out of town, it's important for merchants within the community to get together to figure out a way to present themselves as a viable shopping area," said Bigley.

He said often people don't realize they can get what they need or want right here in town, "in my case, people go to Whole Foods or Stop & Shop. I think they'll find the prices competitive and they'll get a lot more personal service when dealing with a local merchant…When people come in here they speak to the owner," he said.

Working collaboratively with other community organizations, like the Cohasset Triathlon and the Economic Development Committee, the Chamber hopes to help put Cohasset's best foot forward. Both the triathlon and the Road Race by the Sea bring hundreds of people into town. Evans said they Chamber plans to have an information booth at Sandy Beach the day of the Triathlon to keep participants in town after the event.

Inside the Chamber is a resource for businesses owners so each is not an island in and of themselves.

"We share ideas and give each other support," said Chamber Vice President Karen Kirkendall of Coastal Countryside. Coastal Countryside has been a part of the chamber since the real estate company's inception a decade ago.

With new endeavors on the horizon, the Chamber is looking to include all Cohasset businesses as members. Local businesses can become a member for a $100 annual membership fee.

"For less than $8.50 a month, you get a lot," said Evans. The chamber's website lists all chamber members and will spotlight a different business monthly. Eventually, Evans said they would like to make the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce website the go-to place for a calendar of town events and information on the town.

Lisa Hewitt of Sheehy and Hewitt Law Office and chamber treasurer would like to see Cohasset's tradition of commerce continue and sees the chamber as a way to ensure that.

"(Cohasset) has always been a place of commerce, it's never been a sleepy town with only commuters," said Hewitt. "(Cohasset) is a very remarkable place to live and we really want it to stay vibrant."

In addition to the Chamber of Commerce, the Selectmen-appointed Economic Development Committee is focused on bringing increased economic vitality to the town.

"The EDC believes one of its functions is to help promote business groups, like the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce. One of our missions is to promote business interest in the town and the interests of the chamber and the EDC are aligned," said EDC Chairman Peter Brown.

The Chamber of Commerce hopes to work collaboratively with the Economic Development Committee in their efforts to put on a "Cohasset Day" in September.



Holding pattern for Cat Dam

The contentious neighborhood issue of Cat Dam will have to wait a little while longer before coming before the Board of Selectmen again. Currently, the issue of the tide gates' schedule is before the Conservation Commission.

At a previous meeting, the Selectmen has proposed addressing the governance issue of Cat Dam with interested neighbors this week, but determined Monday night they would wait until they knew where they stood with the Conservation Commission.

The neighbors surrounding inner Little Harbor, where Cat Dam is located have been before the Board of Selectmen on numerous occasions since last summer. There are differing opinions within the neighborhood on how much the gates should be allowed to open — some want increased flushing while others say there is enough.

Over the winter, a committee put together a proposed schedule for the opening and closing of the dam. The schedule was implemented before the Selectmen approved it. When any change is made to a body of water, the Conservation Commission is obliged to get involved.

An informal meeting was held with town officials and neighbors at a recent Conservation Commission meeting. The Commission determined the town would have to file a notice of intent and likely provide more information about the dam and its adjacent water bodies, said Town Manager Bill Griffin. The Conservation Commission was discussing the scope of information they will require at their meeting Thursday, after the *Mariner* went to press.

The Selectmen were all in agreement to wait until the process with the Conservation Commission moved further along before discussing the issue again.

"I'd rather wait to have the conversation until we know as much as we can," said Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer agreed, "we need some data in order to make a decision here."

The Board recommended the proposed new schedule pending Conservation Commission approval.

"We're in a holding pattern no matter what," said Griffin.

BUSINESS

Pilgrim Bank welcomes Kruger and MacIntyre

Louis H. Kruger Jr. has joined Pilgrim Bank as assistant vice president/business development officer for its new Marion office. Kruger brings nearly 30 years of banking experience and recently worked as the senior vice president/retail banking for Plymouth Savings Bank.

Joan A. MacIntyre has joined Pilgrim Bank as assistant vice president/controller. MacIntyre has more than 25 years experience in banking and was most recently employed by Finance & Thrift Co., Porterville, Calif., as the vice president/director of risk management.

Pilgrim Bank is a full-service community bank based in Cohasset, providing services to residential and commercial customers.

Two more 15-minute spaces in village

FROM PARKING, PAGE 1

He stated he and others have found the parking spaces in front of Village Wine and Liquors are frequently occupied for extended periods of time by patrons of the adjacent Bia Bistro during the hours of 6 to 9p.m.

"(These hours) should normally be the busiest hours for a wine and liquor store," wrote Ford. "When potential customers of Village Wine cannot find a space near the store they are not likely to park a long distance away. Generally, a restaurant patron is more willing to make a short walk a part of their evening dining experience."

The Board of Selectmen was agreeable to the idea; Selectman Ralph Dormitzer even thought these 15-minute parking spaces had been installed following the village revitalization project. Installing the restrictive parking spaces was approved unanimously.

"There are other spaces including the town parking lot for those who will be in the area for an extended period."

— Police Chief James Hussey

Police Chief James Hussey said there would be no problems of enforcement with this change.

"We will make sure our officers are made aware of this change. After the signage is put in place we will commence ticketing violators as we do for other locations," said Hussey in an email. Tickets for violating the parking regulation are $25.

Hussey said the 15-minute parking spaces help local business that relies on people doing a quick shop. There are 15-minute spaces across the street in front of Tedeschi's.

"There are other spaces including the town parking lot for those who will be in the area for an extended period," said Hussey.

On a larger level, the Planning Board is working collaboratively with its village consultant, Angus Jennings of Concord Square Development, to establish guidelines for parking in the village. In a phone interview, Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said small steps like encouraging business owners to have their employees park in the town parking lot can make a difference.

The discussion is an extension of the Planning Board's extensive review of the village last year, which culminated in a significant village bylaw change at the fall Special Town Meeting. The board will be tackling the issue in a series of discussions over the next few months.

Little Harbor staging area

Following a discussion at the April 14 Selectmen's meeting on the Little Harbor sewer and water project staging area, Town Manager Bill Griffin requested Town Counsel's advisory opinion on the status of the issue.

At a Selectmen's meeting in March, there were questions as to whether the town had violated the state procurement laws (Chapter 30B) in its use of the private property on Jerusalem Road (owned by Leland and Lenora Jenkins) as the project's staging area. Under Chapter 30B, or the Uniform Procurement Act, procedures for local governments to use in contracting for supplies, services, and real property are outlined.

A protest was filed with the state Office of the Inspector General following the Zoning Board of Appeals denial of an appeal, which rendered the staging area allowable in the residential district. It was the Inspector General's opinion a Memorandum of Agreement, a document signed by the town, the contractor and the Jenkinses, put the town out of compliance with the procurement law because it changed a less formal "license agreement" into a lease agreement, which is subject to the procurement laws. The memorandum of agreement was created during the course of the Zoning Board hearings.

Griffin reported at the April 14 meeting the town had taken steps to bring itself into compliance with the procurement laws. The memorandum of agreement was terminated and the Jenkinses granted a temporary easement for the property to the town.

After these actions were taken Town Counsel conferred with the Inspector General's office, which, according to Town Counsel, stated a renewed protest had been received regarding the issue. Upon hearing the actions taken, the Inspector General agreed the procurement provisions were no longer required.

"The Office of Inspector General confirmed Town Counsel's analysis that the issue raised with respect to Chapter 30B had been resolved and that compliance with the procurement provisions of the statute was no longer required," states the opinion of Town Counsel, Rodney Hoffman of Deutsch Williams..

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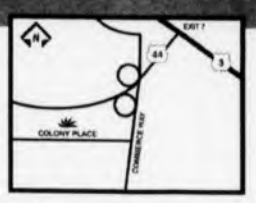
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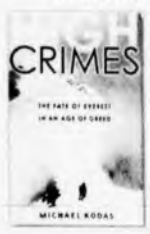


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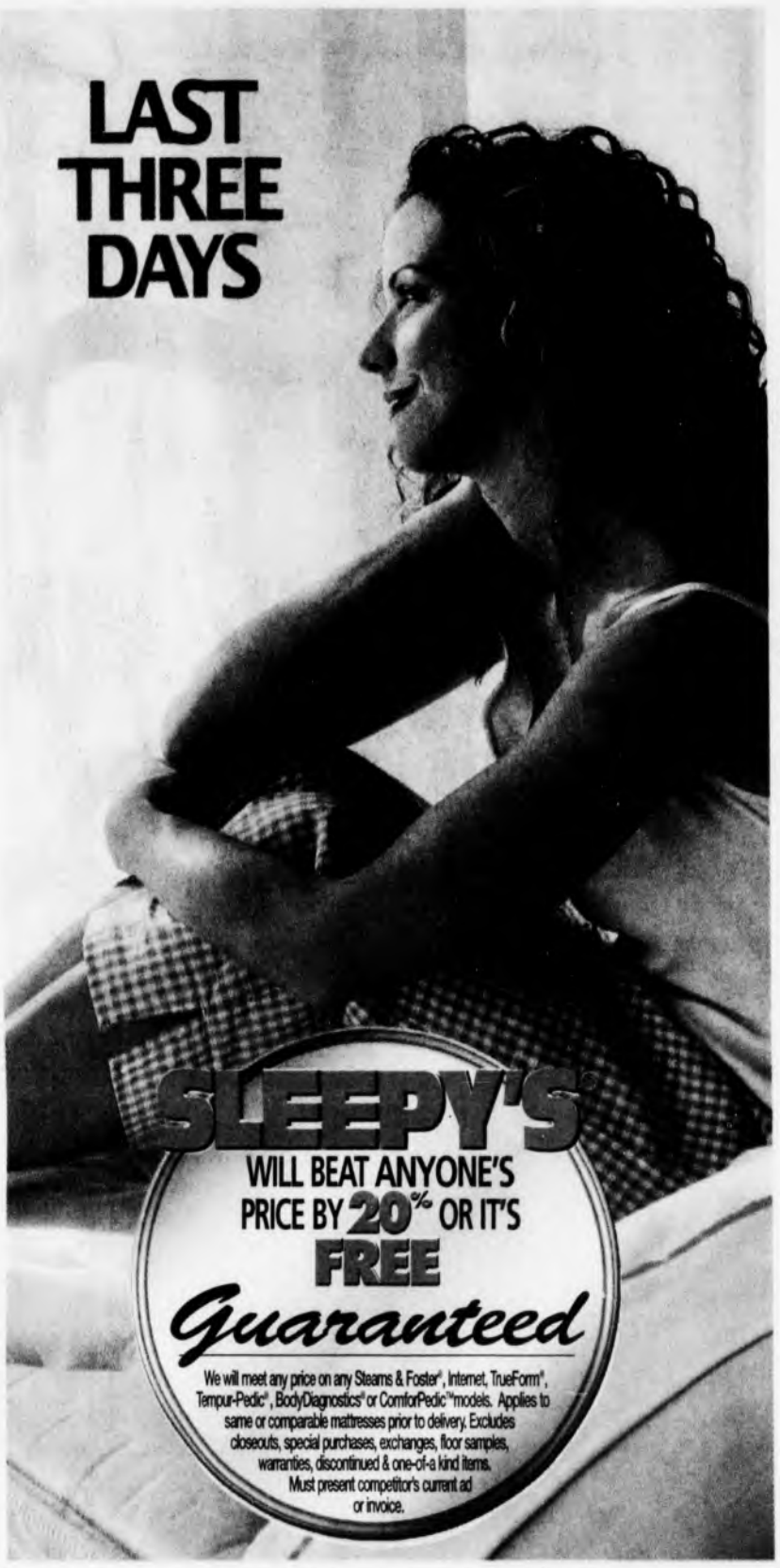
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Shriners Football Classic rosters announced

Cohasset's Cuneo named to team

Aleppo Shriners of Wilmington are proud to announce the players selected to participate in the 30th Anniversary of the Shriners Football Classic. The Shriners Football Classic is the premier All-Star football game in Eastern Massachusetts and features high school seniors from several communities from across Massachusetts. The game is sponsored by Aleppo Shriners and the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Association and is organized as a fundraiser to benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Each year the football classic features two squads one representing schools north of Boston and one representing schools south of Boston who will face off against each other for the honor of being named the Shriners Football Classic champion. Previous games have featured over 30 past and present NFL players including Steve DeOssie, Doug Flutie, Matt Hasselbeck, Pete Kendall and Jermain Wiggins.

This year's squad features players representing 67 communities across eastern Massachusetts – stretching from as far north as Georgetown and from as far south as Martha's Vineyard as well as all areas in between. The game includes several nationally ranked high school football players including running back Issac Johnson of Everett, offensive lineman Nick Halloran of Buckingham Browne & Nichols, tight end Mike Stone of Holliston and wide receiver Matt Edwards of Holliston. Peter Columbo of Brockton High School is coaching the South squad, while Dave Woods of Bishop Fenwick High School is coaching the North team.

Kickoff of the 30th edition of the Shriners Football Classic will be at 7 p.m. Friday, June 20, at Bentley College, 175 Forest Street Waltham. Tickets are $10 and available day of game. For advanced ticket sales, contact Aleppo Shriners at 978-657-4202, ext 20.

Below is the South squad roster.

South squad
(Name: High school)
Michael Abany: Mansfield
Ryan Andrew: Dartmouth
Paul Asack: Xaverian
Vaughn Askew: Brockton
Kariym Azeez: Brighton
Matthew Bellomo: Holliston
Peter Bobseine: Duxbury
Kevin Broderick: Plymouth North
Julian Colarusso: Catholic Memorial
Chris Constantine: Hingham
Kyle Crowley: Norwood
Jake Cuneo: Cohassett
Alex Cuomo: Scituate
Jason Dellorco: Franklin
Tyler Dow: Franklin
Tom Duffy: B.C. High
Derrick Duquette: Plymouth South
Matthew Edwards: Holliston
Tyrone Figueroa: East Boston
Paul Freeman: Xaverian
Terence Gales: New Bedford
David Garfield: Marshfield
Mark Gilson: Mansfield
William Goodale: Mansfield
Keegan Grabhorn: Plymouth North
Christopher Hanoian: Seekonk
Elijah Harris: North Attleboro
Christopher Howard: Seekonk
Andrew Jameson: Brockton
Jo Jo Jamiel: Dennis Yarmouth
Joe Jeudy: Stoughton
Kameel Lashley: Brighton
Richard McCann: Hingham
Mitchell McClune: B.C. High
Timothy Mogan: Foxboro
Nicholas Montalto: Dennis Yarmouth
Christopher Paine: Bishop Feehan
Josh Paulson: Martha's Vineyard
Brad Poirier: Marshfield

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Head coach Chuck Jaffe talks with his team during a timeout in the first half of their game against Scituate.

Big stretch ahead

Girls lacrosse team anxious to get out and play

By Joel Racicot
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There hasn't been much rhythm and flow to the Cohasset High girls lacrosse season so far. At 3-3 overall, 1-1 in the South Shore League, it has taken quite some time for the girls to string together any number of games.

Thursday's game against Pembroke (after *Cohasset Mariner* deadline) is their first since a Scituate loss before vacation. That is a long stretch between games.

"The season has been herky-jerky," said Cohasset head coach Chuck Jaffe. "We're anxious to get into it, game after game after game."

That may be coming very soon for the Skippers.

With a Saturday road game scheduled against powerhouse Hopkinton Saturday, the girls are scheduled to play four games over the next week.

"We will know a whole lot about ourselves very soon," Jaffe said.

Cohasset has 17 games on the schedule and making the tournament won' be easy. The young and inexperienced Skippers will have to win nine games or finish second in the SSL.

Jaffe hopes his team can mature over the coming weeks and stay with some of the more powerful teams on the schedule.

"We have a lot of kids playing

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Cohasset's Pete Ernst flings the ball forward for the Skippers as they look for an equalizer against Scituate.

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"It was a beautiful day to play our archrival," said Cohasset coach Stew Curran. "Their goalie played pretty well, our guys played just well enough."

Gordon Smith scored 3 goals and had 2 assists, while Charlie Czerkawski finished with 2 goals and 2 assists against the Pirates.

Cohasset improved to 7-2 overall, 3-0 in the South Shore League with the win.

Jack Murphy subbed for Nate Porter in net and had nine saves.

The Skippers were set to face Pembroke, after the *Cohasset Mariner* went to press, Thursday afternoon. Their next game is at Arlington High School, Saturday at 4 p.m. The Spyponders are one of the state's best teams. At 9-1 they are currently ranked 17 in the www.laxpower.com ratings (Cohasset is 12).

"We are making progress and working hard everyday," Curran said. "We will like to see who we are after these next two games against Pembroke and Arlintgon."

Cohasset 11 – Dover-Sherborn 9

Led by its All-American attackman Mark Flibotte, the Cohasset High boys lacrosse team got back on the winning track with a tense, hard-fought win on the road Thursday morning (April 24).

Both teams seemed to show some effects from vacation week with some poor passing and unforced turnovers throughout the game. Cohasset improved its record to 6-2 on the year with the DS win. Cohasset head coach Stew Curran thought it a big mid-season win, possibly important for the state tournament seeding in late May.

"Dover-Sherborn is a quality lacrosse program," he said. "For the last four years, the Raiders have been competing with us, Scituate, and others for the top spot in Division III. This was an important win for my guys coming after our disappointing effort in the Chowder Cup final."

Mike Grimm started the Skipper scoring with a left-handed laser after dodging from behind. After a Raider goal, Cohasset got caught in a substitution switch and Dover-Sherborn scored again in transition to take the lead.

Andrew Smith picked up a loose ground ball and made a nice clearing run the length of the field. Mark Flibotte found the back of the net after a nifty roll dodge to tie the score.

But the Raiders scored again on a fast break to close out the first quarter with the lead.

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Sailors blow by Skippers

Team looks to improve during second half of season

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High School softball team has yet to hit its stride. The Skippers lost 11-6 against Scituate Wednesday to fall to 1-7 overall.

"Kelly Naeglin is a good pitcher for Scituate," Cohasset head coach Rob Spofford said. "We hit the ball well but left a lot of runners on base."

Spofford is pleased with the way the bats are coming around, now he needs the defense to reciprocate. With a young pitching staff a lot of balls are put into play. The Skippers have to find a way to perform under the added stress.

"We are beginning to hit the ball well now, we just have to tighten up the defense."
—Rob Spofford

"We are beginning to hit the ball well now, we just have to tighten up the defense," Spofford said.

Meredith Kelly, Kristin Monaco, Christine Conor, Carley Salerno and Anna Haggerty all connected on big hits against the Sailors.

"We just couldn't string together two or three at the right time when we needed to," Spofford added.

The week off from vacation didn't help matters.

"It's hard to come back after putting the glove down for a week," Spofford said. "We have to stay positive and work hard on the fundamentals."

Cohasset is scheduled to play Hull, Thursday, May 1 after *Cohasset Mariner* deadline. The Skippers next game is at Mashpee, May 5 and at Abington, May 6.

"I like a lot of the things we are doing," Spofford added. "We just have to take care of the ball on the defensive side."

The junior varsity team continues to chug along. They are 8-0 on the season.



STAFF PHOTO/MIKE COHEA

Cohasset's Carley Zappolo lays down a bunt in the second inning before an error allowed her to reach base, the only Cohasset player to do so against East Bridgewater. Zappolo was thrown out trying to steal second a few pitches later as East Bridgewater went on to win the game 15-0 in six innings.

Cohasset Swim Center offers swim lesson program

Summer is almost here! Membership and swim lesson registration is started April 15. American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim Program is offered at the Cohasset Swim Center. The C.S.C is offering EARLY BIRD membership rates for registrations postmarked by May 23. C.S.C. Members need to mail-in their membership and swim registration forms together - postmarked by May 23 and SAVE.

More detailed information and online registration forms can be found on the Cohasset Swim Center website www.cohassetswimcenter.com.

We will not be mailing out a brochure this year.

Swim Lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions: Session I: June 25 - July 3, Session II: July 7 - July 18, Session III: July 21 - August 1, Session IV: August 4 - August 15.

For non-members and members that missed the May 23 deadline, walk-in registration for swim lessons will be held on June 14 at the C.S.C. from 9am-Noon. First come, First service.

If you have any questions, please send an email to cohassetswimcenter@comcast.net.

Big stretch ahead

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in spots they haven't played in the past," he said. "We can't afford to fall behind teams. We have to get to a point where the girls mature and this offense works. There are days in practice where we are getting it and making it work."

Lindsay Hill (Jr.) leads the team with 9 goals and 2 assists. She is moving from defense to attack and playing a versatile role.

Kelsey Erler (Fr.) is second on the team with 6 goals and 3 assists. Caitlin Mahoney (Jr.) and Kaci Kucinski (Fr.) have eight goals each.

Isabelle Franklin has missed time with a knee injury and her healthy return will be a welcomed site.

"We are anxious to get her back, she is poised for a breakout," Jaffe said.

Sports Notes

Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association

Once again, the Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association is having its annual Little League Parade. Come on out Saturday morning, May 3 at 8:15 a.m. and cheer on the baseball and softball players marching from the Cohasset Common to Barnes Field via North Main Street.

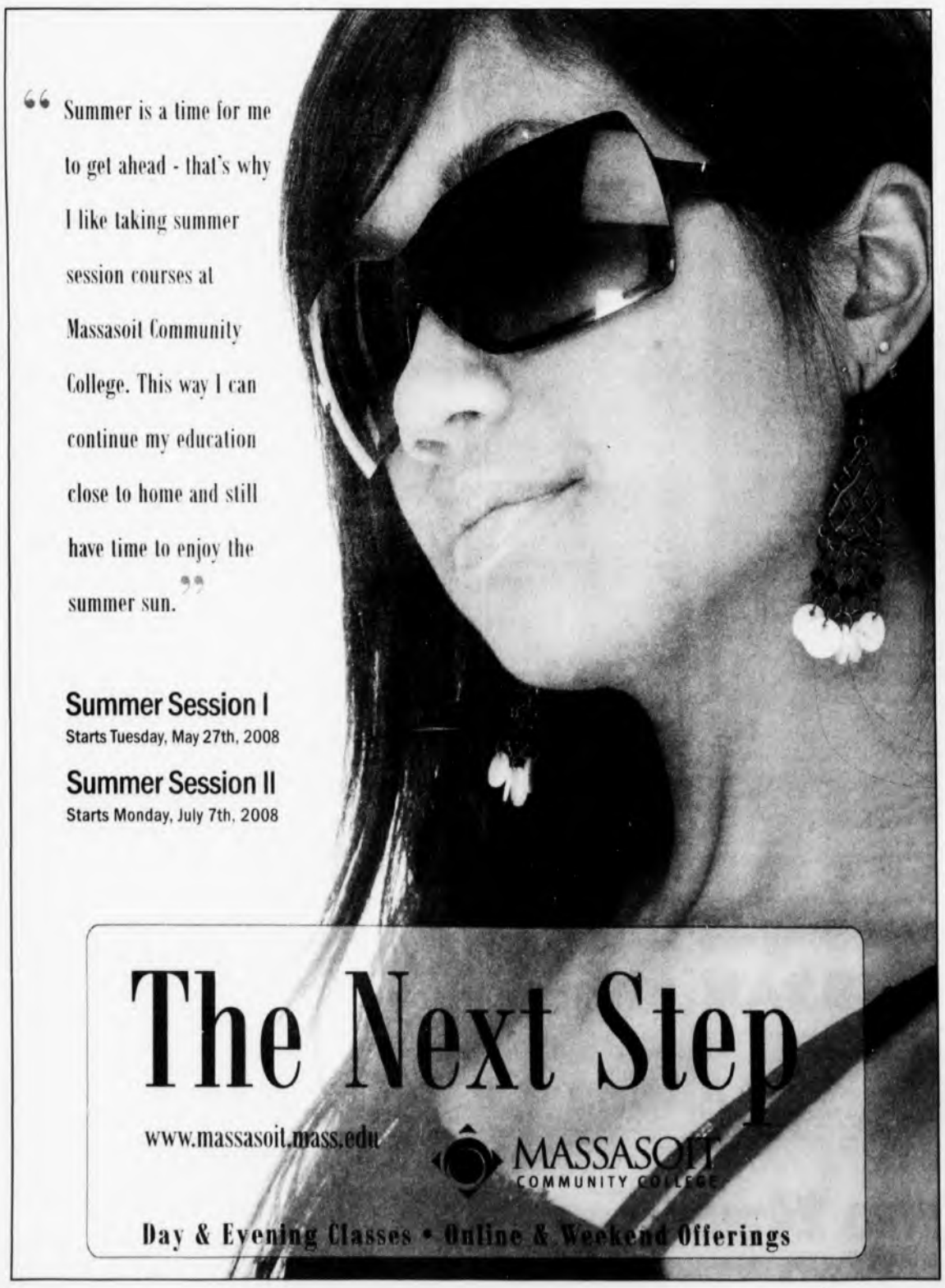
The 2007 championship major league baseball and softball teams will be proudly riding fire trucks to celebrate last year's victories. Opening day ceremonies will follow at Barnes Field. Hope to see you!

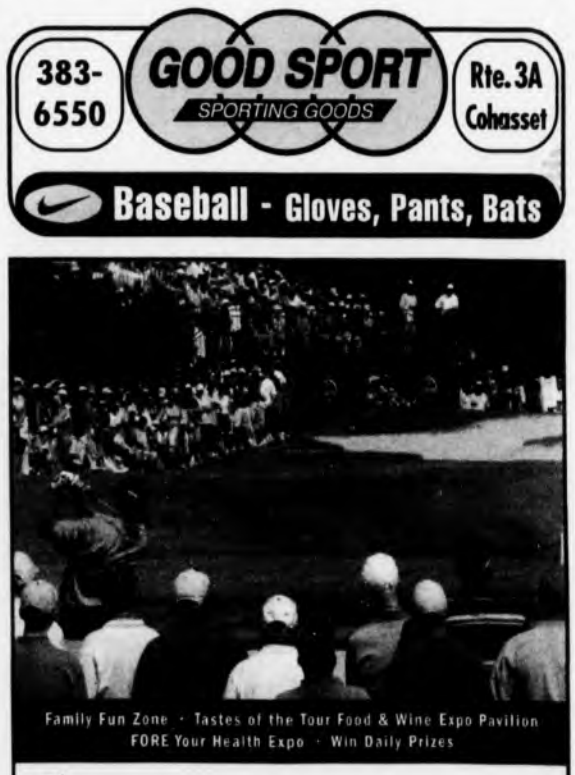
Duxbury Bay Maritime School ergometers

The Duxbury Bay Maritime School offers seasonal use of its 12 ergometers, which are indoor rowing machines, for adults and juniors of all experience levels. Indoor rowing provides one of the best total body, low impact, aerobic workouts possible. For a fee of $100 per season, through April 30, adults have access to the DBMS ergometers every day between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. The ergometers are also available to high school students during weekday office hours for $50 per season. Classes are available on weekday mornings for an additional fee payable to the coaches. For a class schedule and information, call the office at 781-934-7555.

Bernal Gators swim club

The Gators swim club is coached by Joe Bernal, an Olympic coach who holds the highest certification set by the American Swimming Coaches Association. He is a recognized leader in developing the swimming skills of young children. The Gators have more than 35 years of experience. The program, which focuses on skills and techniques in all four Olympic strokes, is held at the Percy Walker Pool, 178 St. George St., Duxbury. For information, call Janice Gately at 978-443-4584, Paula Kokins at 781-934-9225 or 781-254-2799, or go to www.bernalgators.com.







Cohasset U-13 boys youth lacrosse notes

Cohasset Boys U-13 White

The boys White team racked up another win this weekend against Barnstable, with a 9-7 final score. The team played well during the first quarter, feeding the attack and working the offense. The first goal came from middie Jack Conti, who ended the day with a second goal and 1 assist.

Attackman Jimmy Maher had a great start with a shot and goal from the top of the crease after a feed from Conti. Maher ended the day with 2 goals and 4 assists. Henry Brown had a goal in the first after winning the face-off and bringing the ball right down the middle for a goal. Henry went on to make two more goals and an assist.

Joey Sestito had his second goal for the year after a feed from behind the crease by Maher. Another offensive notable was Sam Morris, who continues to impress with great skills and an assist for the day. Pat Holway had one assist and numerous shots. Matt Arnold also played a strong game with a number of strong plays to the crease and passes, working the offense.

Midfield strength came from Matt Froio, Martin Buckley and newcomer, William Marsden. Marsden was exceptional for a new laxer with aggressive defense a successful clear.

Mats Nelson lead the defense as goalie and made seven saves. Our defensive standout was Colin Whelan with a half dozen clears. Colin is built like a wing attackman, but his speed and tenacity were too much for Barnstable in the first half. Our defenses weakened as the game progressed, but Jack Hoffman, Mike Yerardi and Mats in the crease were what we needed to keep the score in our favor.

Cohasset Boys U-13 Black

Strike-up another big win for the Black. Hull came to town with a full team of large players. A great offensive dual was won by Cohasset 11-6. Max Montgomery led with ten shots, three goals and four assists. Will Golden delivered six shots, three goals and three assists. Curtis Golden made five saves as goalie in the first half and contributed two goals on two shots in the second half.

Mark Brown dominated face-offs and had a goal and an assist. Zack Coggins made four shots and one goal. Charlie Steele had two shots and one goal. Cam Steele was a constant threat to Hull all day. The midfield line of Ben Buckley, Christian Kennedy and Jake Johnson continue to grow as a strong mid field unit and showed impressive control as an attack line as well. Jack Stanganelli raised to the occasion as the goalie for the second half. Jack made four key saves that kept the game in Cohasset's control.

The defense pf Jack Leffel, Harry Seraikas and Dylan Bomeisler held down the Hull attack the entire game. **Cohasset Boys U-13 Blue**

The Cohasset U-13 Blue Team is off to a competitive start with a 2-1-1 record with wins against Abington and Bridgewater, a tie against Lakeville and a physical loss this past Sunday to Norwell (7-4). The team was led by returning players Tommy Powers, Cole Kissick and Danny Tangherlini who have all provided leadership, stability and ball control with their size, speed and tenacity.

Powers has been a constant threat with his size and rocket shot while Kissick and Tangherlini have been invaluable with their ability to win faceoffs, ground balls and lightning speed to get the ball down field when it absolutely has to be there.

The defense is led by the efforts of Cole Morrison, Derrick Benson and rookie Timmy Gillis who has been a physical threat to all attackmen and midfielders attempting to score on the solid goalie skills of Owen Kefallinos.

The offense is led by four upcoming hot shots Charlie Michalowski, Jeff Powers, Adam Benson and Sam Murphy all who move the ball consistently and score goals when they have to.

The midfield has a combination of rookie and veteran players providing a well-balanced offense and defense including Timmy Giuggio, Tommy O'Brien, Chris and Michael Lund, Conner Heyden, Ian Kennedy, Holis Hunnewell, Timmy Hayes and Chris Brierley.

Smoke'em if you got'em

Red Sox legend Tiant introduces name brand cigars to South Shore

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PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Boston Red Sox legend Luis Tiant takes a break from being interviewed at Cigar City in Weymouth. He made this appearance to promote his new line of cigars, "El Tiante."

The smell and light haze of cigar smoke might be bothersome to some, but not to Luis Tiant.

Tucked away in an upstairs common room above Cigar City in North Weymouth, the smell of cigar smoke fills the room as Tiant, in jeans and a white collared shirt, relaxes on a plush leather couch while radio personalities, reporters and fans of all ages flock to the Red Sox great for autographs, photos and a little light conversation on a crisp Saturday afternoon.

He accommodates everyone with laid back charm and grace, a cigar lightly pinched between his fingers. But it's not just any cigar. Instead it's an "El Tiante," one that not only bears his famed moniker but is also tailor made strictly to his own specifications.

It's been two years since Tiant, his son Daniel and business partner Kevin Anderson collaborated and got the ball rolling on El Tiante Cigars, which have since found their way around the country in states such as North Carolina, Florida and Texas in addition to their home base of Massachusetts. The cigars were first put on full display as the Sox engaged in a celebratory smoke following their 2007 World Series championship, giving the company a solid introduction to the New England area.

"Louis is known for two things, playing baseball and smoking cigars," said Anderson, the company's vice president and CFO. "There's almost a built-in market for the cigar here."

But that's not to say the famed Sox hurler is resting on his name to sell the product. Instead the "23 Series," the company's introductory cigar named in honor of Tiant's old number, was meticulously crafted and fashioned to Tiant's liking. A mild cigar, the 23, like all other El Tiante brands, is hand crafted in Nicaragua and boasts its own unique flavor.

"It's the kind of cigar I would like to smoke."
Red Sox Hall of Fame pitcher Luis Tiant

"It's the kind of cigar I would like to smoke," Tiant said. "I didn't want to put my name to something that wasn't a good product. It's a good cigar."

And if there is one thing Luis Tiant knows a thing or two about beyond baseball, it's a good cigar. An avid cigar lover and smoker since he was 17, Tiant has always boasted cigars as his second love.

"I think I had my first one in 1958," he recalled. "I quit a few times, a year here or a few years there, but I always loved to smoke cigars. I never liked cigarettes, only cigars."

The stop at Cigar City is one of several promotional stops Tiant and company will be making around the state to promote their new line. The company will host additional tastings in Worcester, Framingham and Nashua, NH, throughout May and June.

Anderson said the company plans on introducing new brands to shops and vendors in the coming months, including the Maduro, which has a stronger taste than the milder 23 brand. But first on the agenda, he said, is to get the 23 series up and running.

"I think a lot of shops want to see how the product stands up before taking on other brands," he said. "They want to see that we're here for the long term."

But Don Brennan, co-owner of Cigar City, said customers have responded well to the cigars since the shop first introduced them in August. He said the shop also sells the Maduro brand as well.

"People really seem to like them," Brennan said of the El Tiantes. "Everybody around here knows Luis, but on top of that it's a good product."

In his 18 year Major League career, Tiant had seven stellar seasons for the Red Sox from 1971-1978, where he boasted three consecutive 20 plus-win seasons from 1974 to 1976. He was inducted to the Red Sox Hall of Fame in 1997 and is regarded by many as one of the greatest living pitchers not inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.

"Growing up as a kid in Cuba, playing baseball was a dream," he said. "I feel lucky to have been able to do it and do it well."

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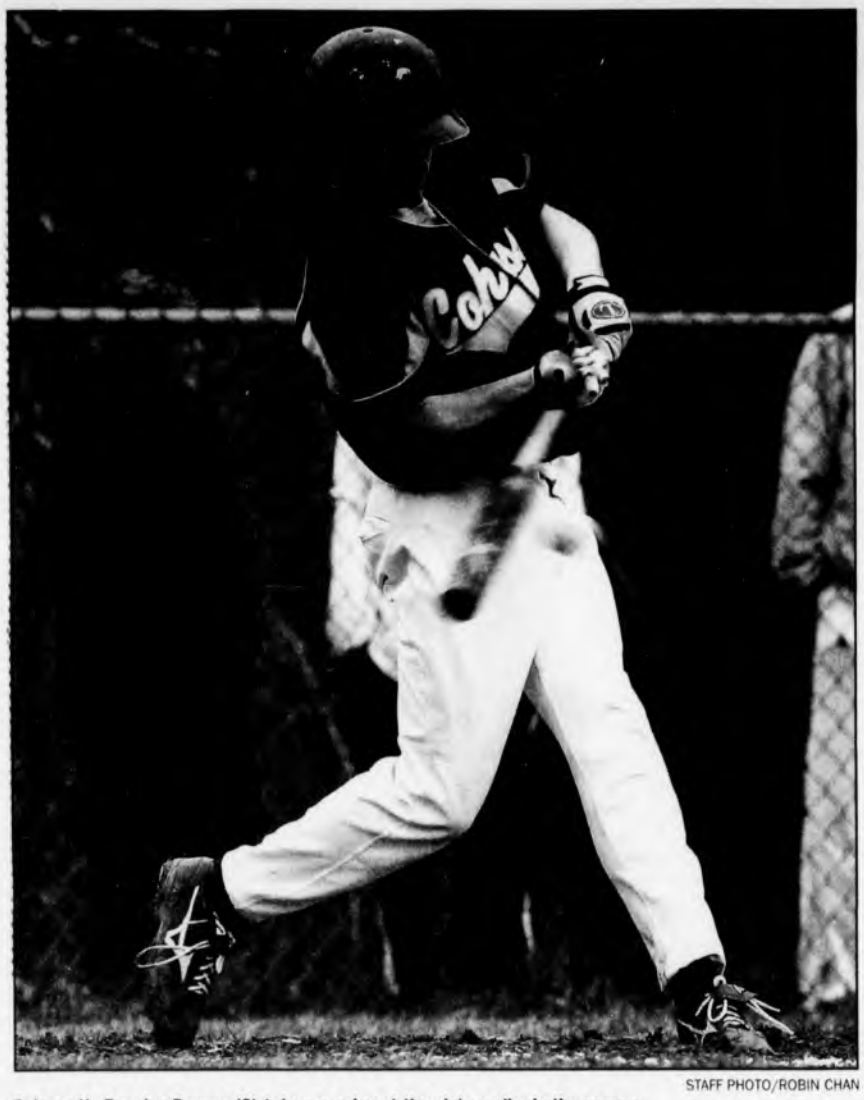
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Cohasset's Brendan Doonan (9) takes a swing at the plate earlier in the season.

Cohasset's Kinch rookie of the week

University of Massachusetts Boston men's lacrosse player Jared Kinch (**Cohasset**, MA) has been named Little East Conference Rookie of the Week for the week of April 21-27, it was announced today by the conference.

Kinch racked up nine points in three games to average 3.0 per outing, while netting seven goals and two assists to go with 15 ground balls to average 5.0 per game. The midfielder was also impressive in face-off situations, winning 57.1% (8-14) of his efforts. The freshman began the week with four points on a pair of goals and two assists vs. Salem State College on April 22 to go with five ground balls. A product of Boston College High School, he netted a season-high three goals, including the game-winner in a 10-6 victory at Massachusetts Maritime Academy on April 26 and capped the week with a pair of goals and a season-best seven ground balls vs. Eastern Connecticut State University on April 26.

Kinch has been one of the Beacons' top scorers for the season, posting 32 points to rank second on the squad, while distributing a team-high 16 assists in 14 games for an average of 1.14 per game, which ranks eighth among Little East Conference leaders. Kinch's total of 16 goals also ranks him third on the team. The first-year player has started seven of 14 games, while scooping up a total of 52 ground balls to place him second the team, while contributing with a game-winning score and a man-up tally. Kinch has registered at least one point in all but two contests, including nine outings with two or more points, including a personal-best of five vs. Saint Joseph's College (ME) on March 27.

UMass Boston is currently 4-10 on the season, including a 1-5 mark in LEC play and will enter the Little East Conference Tournament as the number six seed, taking on third-seeded Western Connecticut State University at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29 in Danbury, CT.

Cohasset Sailing Club Registration, Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4

You've felt the change in the air haven't you? Spring is here and summer will be quickly upon us. Soon the docks will be in, all the boat bottoms painted, the club house swept, the rocking chairs placed on the porch, and the kids with life preservers around their necks, faces filled with expectations, enthusiasm and glee ready to sail.

Registration Days at the Sailing Club on Government Island are earlier than usual this year.

Saturday, May 3rd 9 am to 2 pm

Sunday, May 4th, 12 pm to 2 pm

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Questions? Sandy Crough, CSC Secretary 383-1117 or 4sands@comcast.net

With good pitching, winning is easy

Skippers take two over the weekend

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High baseball team won a pair of games over the weekend led by two outstanding pitching performances turned in by senior starters. Both Dave Snowdale and Brian Hill showed how easy it is to win a game when a team has good pitching.

The 6-2 win over Cardinal Spellman and the 11-0 win over Archbishop Williams now puts Cohasset at 6-2 overall on the season and in position to take first place in the league this upcoming week.

Snowdale and Hill turned in almost identical pitching performances. The seniors pitched complete games, recorded seven strikeouts, walked only two, and allowed only four hits.

The win made Snowdale 2-0 on the season and Hill 3-1. Both were helped with two games of great offense.

The Skippers broke the game open against Spellman with a four-run third inning in which the team capitalized on two hit batsmen and two Spellman errors.

Brendan Doonan's two-run double and senior Sam DeGiacomo's RBI single capped off the inning.

The offense picked it up a notch in its game versus Archie's as five players had multiple hits.

This included, Snowdale, who's hits were doubles that drove in five runs, Doonan, who had three RBI's on a single and a triple, and Pat Doonan who drove in two runs on two singles.

Both Chris Rose and John Sturino also had two hits in the game.

The offense in the game came in two innings in which the Skippers scored five runs in the fourth inning and six runs in the fifth inning.

Cohasset head coach Al Gallotta was pleased with the offensive output, but wants more consistency.

"We need to be more consistent hitting wise and spread out hits and runs around more," he said.

Other than that, Gallotta seemed pleased with his team's performance this far into the season.

"We've done everything well, good pitching, good hitting, and outstanding defense."

Cohasset boys lacrosse notebook

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Flibotte tied the score on another roll dodge and low bullet after a strong clearing run by Jake Cuneo. Dover-Sherborn then went on a three-goal run, which included a goal to an empty net after a botched Cohasset clear attempt, to take a commanding lead.

With less than a minute to go in the half, Flibotte brought the Skippers closer on a bounce shot dodging from up top. Chuck Czerkawski won the ensuing face-off. Freshman midfielder Thomas Flibotte picked up the ground ball and somehow found Johnny Wade on the crease for a critical sidearm quick stick that brought Cohasset back before the buzzer.

At the start of the second half, Grimm, dodging from behind, drew aggressive slides from the Raider defense and found Mark Flibotte alone in the slot for the tying goal. After another Dover-Sherborn goal on a wayward Cohasset clear, Flibotte found the back of the cage twice after beating his defender clean and Cohasset took the lead.

Grimm quickly followed with a pinball dodge through four Raider defenders beating the goalie to the top corner as he was knocked down. Dover-Sherborn inched closer at 9-8 with a goal on the man-up (Cohasset's only penalty of the day). Wade scored his second goal on another quick stick to start the final quarter, this time on a beautiful feed from the older Flibotte.

Dover-Sherborn scored again to keep the Skipper faithful on edge. However, with less than a minute to go and with a Raider defender stick slashed across his neck, Grimm fired a pass to the crease that ticked off the top of Mark Flibotte's stick into the cage for a two-goal margin.

The Raiders simply had no defensive answer to Flibotte's outstanding play all day.

Curran was pleased with his team's defensive effort and the absence of penalties.

"Stupid fouls have been hurting us all year," he said. "Today, we switched out of our aggressive man-to-man defense into a match-up zone from time to time. It seemed to confuse the Dover-Sherborn offense and it kept our guys under control and out of the penalty box."

Jake Kissick, Jake Cuneo, Anderson Lynner, Nick Lieberman, Andrew Smith and John Maher all did a terrific job in the new zone defense quickly sliding with sticks up to prevent any Raider scoring opportunities.

Mark Flibotte led all scorers with 7 goals and 1 assist. Mike Grimm had 2 goals and 2 assists. Chuck Czerkawski and Alex Kinnealey won over 80 percent of the faceoffs and Nate Porter had 14 timely saves.

Cohasset Mariner sports editor Joel Racicot contributed to this report

Shriners Football Classic rosters announced

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LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



Greetings readers! Hope all is well.

As my work for Life at CHS starts to wind down, I'm going to make the most of my remaining articles. To my "faithful readers," there is no need to fret for there are still several weeks left before I introduce to you my awesome and well-suited successor. However, keep chomping at the bit because next year's reporter will not be announced until my last column…a little suspense for you. But, here is a hint of who is to come; think music! Okay, that probably didn't provide you with enough assistance in this impromptu game of "Guess Who," so stay tuned for next week when I reveal yet another fun piece of this puzzle.

Switching gears, senior parents, please do not forget to send in your senior ads to "The Spinnaker." These ads are a fun, not to mention *financially beneficial* factor in the production of this year's last issue. The deadline is May 4th, but please feel free to stamp those envelopes and sign those checks before Sunday. For more info or if there are any questions, send an e-mail to Spinnaker@cohassetk12.org.

Also on the menu is the clothing drive, whereby grades 9-12 are pitted against each other in a friendly yet humanitarian themed competition. Each class with donate clean clothes either new or old (but in good condition) to their grades designated bin. The drop-off boxes are located at the front entrance of the High School. Now is a perfect time to go through your closet and get rid of any unused clothes. Who doesn't love spring cleaning with a charity twist! The donation box with the most clothes will win a free breakfast for their class. So, if you want an enjoyable breakfast on the house, you know what to do!

Now, for the recap of this week:

- Monday: A nice rainy day back from vacation. Consequently, all sports games were cancelled much to the dismay of the athletes.
- Tuesday: Despite the rain, there were some sweet surf-worthy swells, in addition to yet another sports game cancellation.
- Wednesday: Girls Varsity Softball battled against Scituate on the Freedom Field, while the JV Girls stepped up to the plate at Barnes Field for an equally entertaining display of athleticism.
- Thursday: The Boys and Girls Track and Field competed against East Bridgewater at Alumni.
- Friday: AP students began to brace themselves for next week's daunting exams. Time to rest up and sharpen those 2B pencils.

Well, that's it for me this week. Have a safe and fun weekend.

Christine Kent is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner..

Tennis benefit for Children's Hospital

Save the date for Cohasset's longest-running tennis tradition, which swings into action again this summer to benefit Children's Hospital Boston beginning Friday, July 18th through Sunday, July 20th. The popular weekend tennis tournament dates back to the 1950's, when Cohasset's legendary philanthropist Jesse Cox gathered family and friends for a charitable game of tennis to benefit some of the neediest children and their families at Children's Hospital.

The event was a tremendous success and soon became an annual summer tradition. In the past 10 years alone, more than $100,000 has been raised to benefit patients and their families at the hospital, earning the Cohasset Tennis Benefit a commemorative plaque in the Children's lobby. This year all proceeds will help fund the Pediatric Trauma Program, with 100 percent of the proceeds paying for transportation, lodging and personal care packages for families of trauma patients.

This summer's benefit kicks off with an evening reception on Friday, July 18th at the Lightkeeper's Residence on Cohasset Harbor. On Saturday, July 19, tennis players of all abilities, from beginners to advanced, are evenly matched and play on some of the most spectacular private courts throughout Cohasset. Finals for three levels of play (social, intermediate and advanced) take place on Sunday, July 20th on the grounds of the Roy estate, formerly the home of Cohasset Tennis Benefit founder Jesse Cox.



COURTESY PHOTO

Madigan O'Neill, Julia Gangemi, Grace McMeekin and Callahan O'Neill sold baked goods on the Common last summer to help raise funds for Children's Hospital.

For reception, tennis and registration information, or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, log on to www.cohassettennisbenefit.org.

PAC to meet May 6

Join the Cohasset Parent Advisory Council on May 6 for "Parent 2 Parent."

This is an opportunity for parents to discuss with the PAC Board any issues, concerns and positive information that they would like to share regarding the school district. The PAC Board would like as much feedback regarding what your needs are in order to take steps in planning for next year.

The meeting will be held at Osgood School (located behind Deer Hill School), 210 Sohier St. and starts promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Osgood PSO to host Book Fair

Joseph Osgood School PTO will host a Book Fair fundraiser from 2 to 7 p.m., on Wednesday, May 7, at 210 Sohier St. The PSO will once again welcome Bookfairs by Bookends, a company that has been hosting "books only" book fairs that are packed with a selection of books from more than 40 different publishers. There will be thousands of books with titles that parents and children will want to read including picture books, beginning reader books, chapter books, classics and award winners among fact-packed science and reference books, popular adult titles and gift books.

Attendees can also help the school build classroom libraries and the school library by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List.

The PSO is a non-profit organization. The role of the PSO is to act as an advocate for public education. It is the official link between parents and schools. The PSO voices parental responses to school issues, and provides forums for administrators, teachers, and students to present their programs and policies to the public. Through fundraising efforts, like the upcoming Book Fair, the PSO provides programs and activities that enrich the school experience for students, teachers, and parents. Families, teachers, and all members of the community are invited to attend the Fair and discover the magic of reading.

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FRIDAY, MAY 9

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Midnight Blue dance at Teen Center

Cohasset Youth Resources will host a dance for Cohasset youngster's in grades six through eight from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, May 9. Cost is $5 per person, and attendees will be required to show a student ID when signing in. Snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

Those attending should be sure they are able to gain admittance to the dance before their ride leaves as once full capacity is reached no further admittance will be allowed. There will be no admittance, in any case, after 8:30 p.m. for dances.

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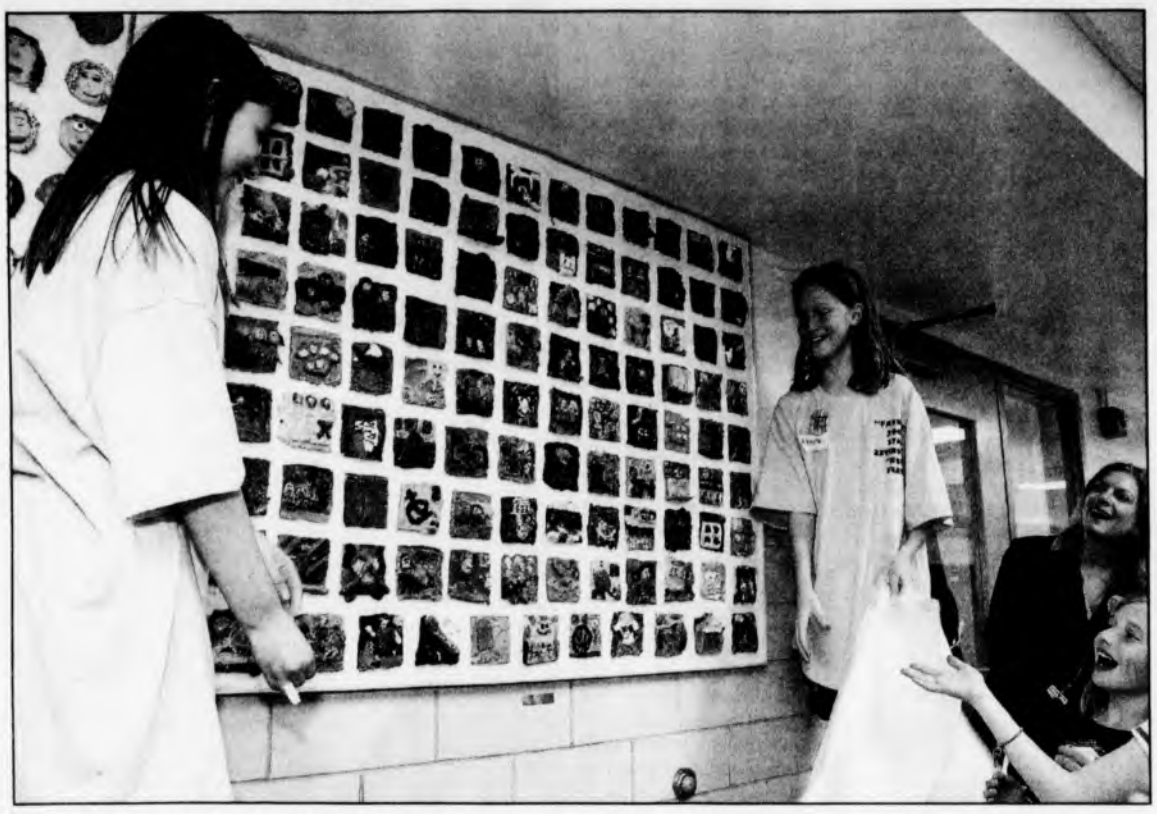
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Work of art Deer Hill students show their 'favorites'



Fifth graders, Brigette Berube and Alexandra Raymond, unveil the "Favorites 2008" permanent clay installation during the Gala Art Opening on Wednesday night.



The corridors of the Deer Hill School were crowded with guests attending the Favorites 2008 Gala Art Opening.



Liam O'Connell gets up close and personal with a plastic tape sculpture that was part of the Favorites 2008 Art Show at Deer Hill.

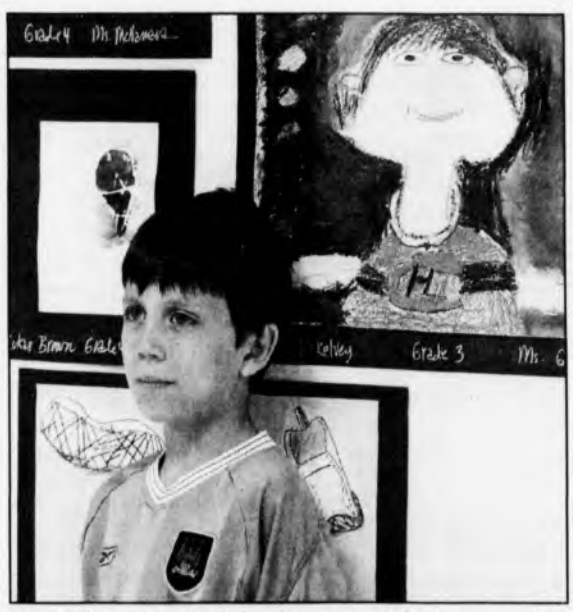


Mats Nelson inspects the 2007 Clay tile exhibit that was created by last year's fifth graders. Favorites 2008," represents the artwork of all Deer Hill students. Each student chose his/her favorite artwork of the year to be included in this exhibit.

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Jazz pianist, Jeff Williams of Hull, added some panache to the Gala Art Opening of the Favorites 2008 Show at Deer Hill.



Deer Hill student artist, Lukas Brown, stands by his watercolor titled "On The Beach." Each student chose his/her favorite artwork of the year to be included in this exhibit.



Brothers, Cole and Jack Speer, check out some of the grade three ceramic art figures during the Gala Art Opening " Favorites 2008" at Deer Hill.



Fifth grader, Caroline Prescott is in charge of the table selling "Favorites Buttons" at Deer Hill on Wednesday evening.



Carolyn and Maggie Queenan along with Clare Glavin look at some artwork created by fourth graders during the Favorites 2008 Gala Art Opening.



Deer HIll fourth grader, Dan Toomey, high fives a plastic tape sculpture during the Favorites 2008 Art Show.

Take on a summer project!

Summer Institute offers research opportunities

The Summer Institute is a unique learning experience in which students tackle a variety of coastal research projects of importance to the town of Cohasset. Students are taught to conduct environmental research as professionals in partnership with local and state officials.

Established in 1999, the Summer Institute has grown in popularity each year. It began as a pilot program with only 16 students, but engaged over 80 students in 6 different projects located in 4 surrounding communities. A total of nine Summer Institute graduates have been recognized as Henry David Thoreau scholars over the past seven years.

Summer Institute Contact information: Jack Buckley, Cohasset High School, jbuckley@cohassetk12.org; 781 383 6100, ext 274; or contact CSCR at 781 383 0129; cscr@verizon.net

• **Wetland Monitoring** — A project now entering its fourth year; students monitor wetlands to collect data submitted to the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Wetlands Restoration Program. This is the project with which the town needs the most help.

• **Cohasset Harbor Study** — This project measures the impact of bacteria and nitrogen running into Cohasset harbor from the Gulf River and James Brook. This is a project that is still incomplete; students who worked on it last year are needed to complete this project!

• **Parker Ave "Cut" project** — The Parker Ave cut is a narrow tidal creek connecting Baily's Creek (Cohasset Harbor) with the Gulf River. students will combine bacteriology studies and wetland monitoring protocols to provide town officials with a more complete understanding of the current health of this fragile system.

• **Board of Health Beaches study** — Students will collect bacteria samples at 6 different swimming beaches in Cohasset and split samples with G and L Labs, Quincy, Ma. Students will then statistically compare CSCR student results with those of the professional lab.

• **James Brook Non Point Source Pollution Assessment** — This project focuses exclusively on measuring the impact of storm water that flows from James Brook into Cohasset Harbor.

• **CSCR Staff Training and Leadership Development** — Join a group of highly responsible students who have formed to tackle the weekly, monthly and yearly management needs of CSCR. Students do PR, budgets, newsletters, fundraisers, etc.

• **GIS Computer Mapping** — This is an evening program; students learn GIS computer mapping and data presentation skills.

• **Treats Pond** — Treats Pond is the focus of considerable attention in town; CSCR students have been asked to collect some basic water quality measurements in this system.

• **Videography production and Website Design**— Learn how to produce, edit, and publish research project videos.

First Parish kids reinstall woodland sign

Just five days after the official observance of Earth Day April 22, members of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist reinstalled the Cohasset Conservation Trust sign at Great Brewster Woods. The new welcoming sign bears the name of the Youth of the First Parish maintaining the land for the Cohasset Conservation Trust.

Melissa Alves, Arianna Tosi and Christian Torres are members of the Keepers of the Earth project initiated by the First Parish to introduce third-through sixth-grade youth to one of the trust's properties and give them a sense of stewardship. In the spring and fall, they patrol the Great Brewster trail, cutting back vines and picking up trash. The First Parish youth will also fund-raise to help pay for the new sign.

Great Brewster Woods is an 18-acre woodland north of Highland Avenue and east of Beach Street, granted to the Cohasset Conservation Trust in 1985 by the Great Brewster Corporation, a real estate development venture of Cohasset residents: Edgar Hill, Walter Railsback, Raymond Remick and George McLaughlin. The name Great Brewster comes from another venture of Edgar Hill's, a gravel mine on Great Brewster Island in Boston Harbor. Because the Cohasset land was unable to perc, it was donated to the Trust, thus saving it in perpetuity from any further development.

Residents are encouraged to enter by way of Highland Court off Highland Avenue at the southeast corner of the property, which is an easy walk from the parking lot at Cohasset Town Hall.



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Melissa Alves, Arianna Tosi and Christian Torres of First Parish Youth Keepers of the Earth.

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Rain barrel conservation program offered

Aquarion Water Co. of Massachusetts is offering Hingham, Hull and north Cohasset residents the opportunity to purchase rain barrel water conservation materials at the discounted price of $66.50, a 25 percent saving off the retail price. Aquarion Water has teamed up with New England Rain Barrel Co. to residents conserve.

According to Larry Bingaman, Aquarion senior vice president, the average homeowner uses approximately 40-percent of water for outdoor use.

Bingaman said, "A 1-inch rainfall on a 1,200 square-foot roof will yield over 700 gallons of water. Using a rain barrel is an excellent way to conserve some of this water.

"A quarter-inch run-off from an average roof will easily fill the barrel," he said. "If you have five storms a season, that equals 275 gallons of free water.

"Rain barrel use reduces the stress on municipal water systems during the summer months and improves storm water management.

The rain barrels are made from 55-gallon blue plastic recycled containers. The top does not come off, so no children or pets can get in the barrel. It has a 6-inch diameter inlet opening covered with a screened louver to keep insects and debris out. The barrels have two brass spigots, one to allow a connection to a hose for watering, and one for overflow. By connecting a hose to the overflow spigot, water can be redirected away from a home. Each barrel comes with a 5-foot hose with a shutoff valve so that multiple barrels can be joined for additional capacity.

Orders may be placed through May 7, and be picked up on Saturday, May 10, during the water company's annual open house from 1 to 4 p.m., at its facility at 900 Main St., Hingham. For more information call 781-740-6695 or visit aquarion.com/massachusetts.

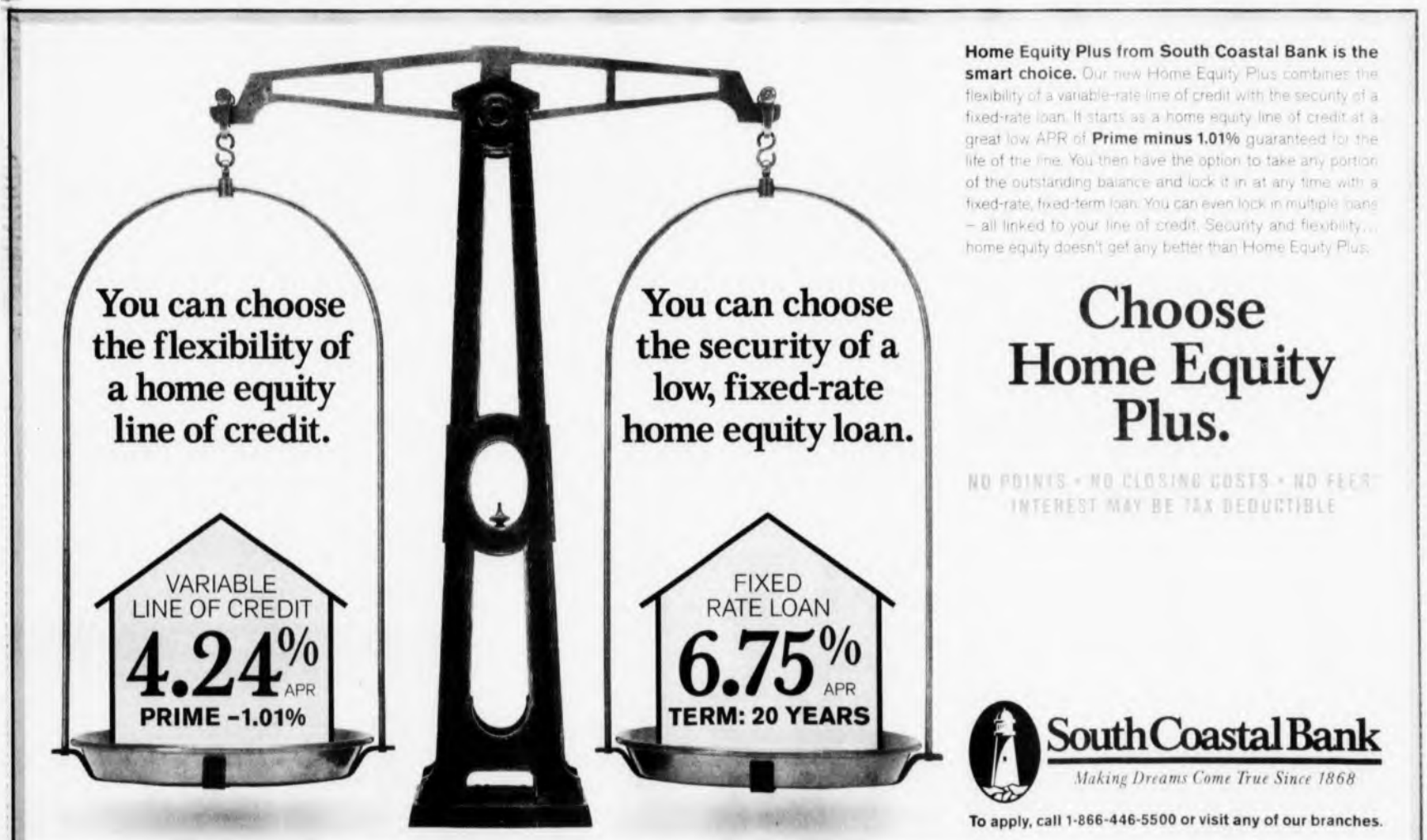
Rabies clinic offered May 17

The Town of Hull will be hosting its Second Annual Multi-town Rabies Clinic offering reduced cost rabies vaccines for dogs and cats in Hull, Cohasset, Hingham and Norwell, on Saturday, May 17, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Dr. Grace Strake, DVM, South Coastal Animal Health, Weymouth, will be assisting the Town of Hull, administering these vaccinations. The clinic will be held behind Hull Police Headquarters, 1 School St., Vaccinations will be $10.

All dogs must be leashed. Aggressive dogs must be muzzled. All cats must be crated.





GetAWAY

Aboard the Carnival Imagination

Jessica Scarpati
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Who's a better kisser: Debbie or Freckles? Frankly, it doesn't matter. With 25 stingrays swirling around a shallow beach off Grand Turk - playfully darting between your legs or brushing up against you like cats - there's plenty of love to go around.

"She's just a big portabella mushroom," coos tour guide Roger Cunningham to "Debbie," a 3-foot-wide Southern Atlantic stingray that he kisses with his lips and cradles in his arms.

It's moments like these that will make you thankful you ditched the beer buckets and got off your five-day cruise on the Carnival Imagination at the ports of call - Grand Turk, Half Moon Cay and Nassau, Bahamas - to go exploring.

If you want to do more than bake in the sun, the excursions ($71 per person for the "Reefs & Rays" outing) afford the chance to literally and figuratively dive in.

Happy sharks and hairy chests

The Grand Turk rays have come to associate the sound of the boat with food. The same thing happens in the snorkeling site in Round Cay reef, where Cunningham take groups to see barracudas and sharks.

He says "Harry," the 3-foot barracuda, and "Shaun," the 6-foot shark, remain happy and docile by being fed regularly. Although it seems to be working, marine life experts might argue these practices could cause the fish to attack people.

If you have any leanings toward ecotourism, the expedition may not sit well with you. Then again, the vibe among passengers on the 2,052-passenger ship, which leaves from Miami, doesn't exactly scream "political correctness."

Instead, you may wander onto the pool deck and right into the hairiest-chest contest, in which half-naked men compete - for better or worse - right next to the buffet line.

The Carnival Imagination is smaller and older than most other ships in the Carnival fleet, so you won't find a movie theater or an upscale steakhouse, as on the newer vessels. But the recently refurbished Imagination seems to attract a crowd diverse in age and more interested in things like sunning, snoozing and boozing.

Exploring the Bahamas

Although they call it a "Fun ship," the real fun for me was onshore.

The second port after Grand Turk is Half Moon Cay, operated by sister line Holland America.

Here you can try parasailing ($87 per person), which is the kind of activity that sounds like a better idea while on dry land, but in the end is worth the breathtaking view and peaceful hush 450 feet above the sea.

When you're all adventured-out, Carnival throws a fun, complimentary party and barbecue on the beach. Frozen drinks are never far away (for a fee), and there is plenty of snorkel gear, paddle boats and kayaks to rent.

In Nassau, Bahamas, my companion and I went off on our own and learned no one there can tell you the exact address for anything.

As you stroll past all the duty-free alcohol, perfume and jewelry stores on the main drag, Bay Street, it's easy to miss the Pompey Museum (Adults, $3; seniors over 60, $2; children under 14, $1). Most people will describe it as "next to the Straw Market." Even the curator couldn't read the weathered numbers outside; the cross street is George Street.

But it's well worth a visit. The former slave market rotates exhibits, usually highlighting the impact of colonialism and slave trade on the Caribbean. It's a wake-up call from the scene outside - a community that is both dependent on and clearly tired of tourism.

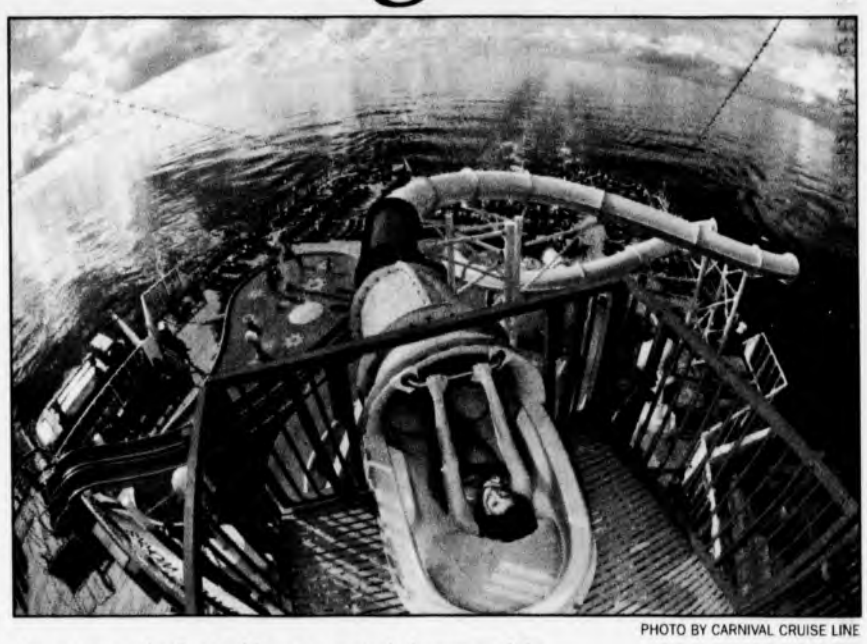


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Attractions on the Carnival Imagination include a water slide.

In the famous Straw Market at the end of Bay Street, a man hacked at a piece of woodcarving. An American woman asked brightly, "What are you making?" He kept swinging the ax and replied flatly, "Money."

We eyed the authentic-looking Caribbean food many of the merchants were eating and inquired where they got it. We were directed to "Da Junkanoo Shak" (again, no address given - "Make a left at the Gucci bags" - but it's at the corner of Bay Street and Navy Lyn Road, an unmarked side street adjacent to Woodes Rogers Walk).

Everything on the menu is vague, such as "chicken snack" or "pork dinner." We took the waitress' recommendation and each ordered a delicious conch burger for $5.50.

Back on the ship later, I savored my final four-course dinner - the Carnival food is surprisingly good. But pushing a portabella mushroom around my plate, I couldn't help thinking dreamily about Debbie, the stingray.

'Evolutions of Fun' overhaul

The Imagination - a 13-year-old ship - is one of the first two Carnival "Fun" ships to be refurbished as part of line's Evolutions of Fun relaunch.

Many of the changes will be noticeable to dedicated Carnival cruisers, including remodeled rooms, wider hallways, reupholstered furniture and low-energy LED lighting.

The Imagination has added 50 new adjoining cabins for families, said Hotel Director Miles Willis. Willis said another change guests will notice is all guestrooms now have flat-screen TVs and bathrobes.

Many changes come in an attempt to make the old ship new again: bowl sinks, wireless Internet and a new sound system. But the glaring fluorescent colors and Art Deco designs still scream 1995.

Some of the things you can do on the ship have also changed.

A 300-foot-long water slide, dual-racing slides and water sprays replaced a pool and hot tubs.

If you want to get wet without getting wild, the Imagination also added an adults-only hot tub area (appropriately dubbed "Serenity").

Long gone is the topless sunbathing deck; in its place is a miniature golf course.

Inside, the ship's rebuilt spa, new exercise equipment in the gym is good for working off the midnight Mexican buffet or the infamous chocolate melting cake served at dinner every night.

The kids are all taken care of with Camp Carnival for tots, Club O2 for teens and the new Circle C program for "tweens," ages 12-14.

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Plant sale set for May 17

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To pre-order favorite varieties, order forms are available at Hull Library, Senior Center, main post office, or with a club member. Ordering and information are also available by calling Judy Dorner at 781-925-0626 or Candy Barone at 781-925-0013.

Glastonbury Abbey to host plant sale

Glastonbury Abbey plant sale will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, May 10. A large selection of plants will be found for sale on the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Route 228, Hingham. Rain date is May 17.

Perennials, ground cover, veggies, ornamental grasses, small bushes and many of the herbs from the Glastonbury exhibit at the New England Flower Show will be for sale. Plants are all being donated from local private gardens in the Hingham/Cohasset/Scituate area. Seedlings to mature plants will be available to tempt local gardeners who attend the annual plant sale.

Proceeds will be donated to the Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey and used to continue beautification of the Abbey grounds.

Calling all young artists!

Do you have a favorite painting, sculpture, photograph, collage or other piece that you really like? Enter it in the Massachusetts Cultural Council sponsored Art Show at Second Parish, 285 Main St., Hingham, from May 8-18.

Artwork may be dropped off Thursday (May 1) or Friday (May 2) from 4-6 p.m. at the church.

ART IN BLOOM



COURTESY PHOTO

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold a non-judged literary flower show at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 7-9. This photo shows the Community Garden Club's entry into this year's Art in Bloom.

Older students (high school and middle school) are eligible for prizes; younger children (nursery school and elementary) all receive participant ribbons.

There will be an opening reception from contributing artists, their families and their teachers on Thursday (May 8) at 7 p.m. For more information contact, Joyce Schreier at 781-749-6690 or call the church at 781-749-1671.

Newcomers club has welcoming events

The Scituate Cohasset Newcomer's club continues to grow with new families joining every week! To accommodate, the club has added some new events!

The Newcomers invite all new and prospective members, as well as current members, to meet some new faces in our community and learn more about the club coming to upcoming gatherings:

- Wednesday, May 14th from10 a.m.-noon at Purple Dinosaur playground on Country Way in Scituate

Please RSVP to Kim Spires at kim.spires@comcast.net or 545-2952.

If you are unable to make it to the gathering, please feel free to call about membership. Also, please check out the Newcomers' website at www.scnewcomers.com

The club has many great activities planned for the rest of the year!

Author Barrow to sign books

Buttonwood Books & Toys will welcome children's author Annie Barrow at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 14, at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A.

Barrows will be signing copies of "Ivy and Bean Take Care of the Babysitter" as well as other books from the series. The main characters, Ivy and Bean, are 7-year-old girls who perfectly complement one another. Bean is wild and messy while Ivy is quiet and steadfast. The stories are humorous and the pencil-like drawings from illustrator Sophie Blackall are the perfect accompaniment to the witty text. These books are an excellent choice for emerging readers. Barrows lives in northern California, and is on book tour for "Ivy and Bean Take Care of the Babysitter," the newly published fourth book in the series.

Those who are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized or signed copy can call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

Breakfast, plant sale

The First Parish, Old Ship Church, 107 Main St., Hingham will hold its May Breakfast and Plant Sale from 7:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Saturday May 3.

Enjoy a homemade pancake breakfast and buy fresh perennials for your garden.

Sailing club signups are May 3 & 4

Cohasset Sailing Club registration is Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4!

You've felt the change in the air haven't you? Spring is here and summer will be quickly upon us. Soon the docks will be in, all the boat bottoms painted, the club house swept, the rocking chairs placed on the porch, and the kids with life preservers around their necks, faces filled with expectations, enthusiasm and glee ready to sail.

Registration Days at the Sailing Club on Government Island are earlier than usual this year.

- Saturday, May 3, from 9 am to 2 pm
- Sunday, May 4 from 12 to 2 pm

No mail in applications accepted.

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Carriage House to host children's art show

Live auction items include Club Tickets to the New England Patriots, Red Sox tickets, a weekend in Nantucket, an evening in Boston including a stay at the Four Seasons and golf and lunch at Black Rock Country Club.

Carriage House Nursery School will host its bi-annual fundraiser and children's art show on Saturday, May 17. This year's theme, Express Yourself, focuses on enhancement to the schools cultural and arts program. The evening will include drinks, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and silent and live auctions.

The event will take place at Carriage House Nursery School, 23 North Main St., from 7 to 11 p.m. The evening will kick off with a silent auction offering an array of items to bid on in support of Carriage House. The live auction will kick off later in the evening and Anthony Everett, co-anchor of WCVB-TV Channel 5 nightly news-magazine "Chronicle," will be the auctioneer. Live auction items include Club Tickets to the New England Patriots, Red Sox tickets, a weekend in Nantucket, an evening in Boston including a stay at the Four Seasons and golf and lunch at Black Rock Country Club. In addition, children's art items include a toy box, handmade quilt, hand-painted dish set and tote bags.

Hors d'oeuvres are being provided by Hola Flatbread and Tapas and live music will keep things moving until 11 p.m. Tickets to the event are $45 per person and may be purchased at the door with cash or check. Call Carriage House Nursery School at 781-383-9785 for more information.

The Carriage House Nursery School was founded in 1978 in Cohasset, and offers programs for children ages 16 months to 5 years.

Entries sought for art exhibitions

South Shore Art Center will present Juried and Members' Art exhibitions, June 13 through 15 during the 53rd Arts Festival on Cohasset Common. The juried exhibition will be selected by photographer Lou Jones, artist and Boston Museum School instructor Patrick Carter, and Carey Vose of the Vose Galleries, Boston. Open to all artists, the work must be original, completed within the last three years, and not previously exhibited at South Shore Art Center or at a prior Arts Festival. Media categories in the juried exhibition include oil and acrylic, drawing and pastel, watercolor, printmaking, mixed media/3D, color photography and black and white photography. A $12 fee is payable upon delivery of the artwork. There is no limit on the number of submissions. Cash and product awards will be given in each media category, ranging from $500 to $75. Work must be submitted May 3 through 5.

The Members' Exhibition is open to all members of the South Shore Art Center. Membership must be current through June 2008 and memberships may be obtained or renewed when work is dropped off. Ceci Mendez, director of Exhibitions and Community Partnerships at New Art Center in Newton will judge the Members' and Young Artists' work. Artwork for the Members and Young Artists must be submitted May 10 through 12. Seven prizes, ranging in value from $200 to $75 will be awarded. New this year is a $200 grand prize in the Members' Show.

Work will be displayed in a tent at the South Shore Art Center 53rd Annual Arts Festival on Cohasset Common June 13 through 15. For an exhibition entry form and more information visit ssac.org or call 781-383-2787.

Appalachia County Fair set for May 17

Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is sponsoring its Appalachia County Fair, which will take place from 6:30 to 11 p.m., on Saturday, May 17, at St Anthony's Parish Hall. Highlights of the event will be Red Bones Barbeque dinner, dancing to the Gr8tfuls, formerly the Grateful Dads, and live and silent auctions.

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Religious education classes for toddlers, children, and youth and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. - Welcoming Congregation Workshop - "What we know and how we learned it" - Atkinson Room - A light lunch will be served.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset congratulates our neighbors at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church upon the installation of The Reverend Margot D. Critchfield and celebrates this new ministry in our midst!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday morning. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project. Our next book study will be held on Wed. May14th at 7pm in Bates Hall. We will be discussing "Left To Tell" by Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide. The biannual Time and Talent Auction will take place on Sat. May 31st in Bates Hall.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the Reverend Margot Critchfield,

Services on Sunday are at 8 am and 10 am.

We are an open, welcoming, Christian community dedicated to caring for all people, both near and across the world. For information on us go to *www.ststephenscohasset.org* or to learn about the Episcopal Church go to www.ecusa.anglican.org.

Highlights of our parish life include:

- "Godly Play" Christian education for children ages three through grade 5.
- Jr. High and High School youth groups, adult education, Bible study, book group
- Outreach to the hungry, homeless and those in prison
- Monthly luncheon for seniors
- Fellowship and fun; music
- Environmental ministry; weekly yoga and meditation group
- Saturday, May 3 - 7 a.m. Bible Fellowship
- Sunday, May 4 - Services at 8 and 10 a.m., 4 p.m. The Rev. Margot D. Critchfield Installation

To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist. 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

"The earth is but one country and mankind it's citizens" 1(800)22-UNITE www.bahai.us

Changes to the worship guide may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Rev. Critchfield to be installed Sunday

Please join us at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Sunday, May 4 at 4 pm to celebrate our new ministry with the Reverend Margot D. Critchfield as she is installed by Bishop Bud Cederholm.

Reception to follow in Walton Rodgers Hall adjacent to the church. St. Stephen's is located at 16 Highland Ave.

Parking is available at the Town Hall lot on Highland Avenue or at the Town Parking lot off Depot Court. If you have any questions, please call our parish office at 781-383-1083.



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The Reverend Margot D. Critchfield will be is installed by Bishop Bud Cederholm at St. Stephen's on Sunday.

Mitzvah Day at Sha'aray Shalom

Members of Hingham's Congregation Sha'aray Shalom will join in a local tradition that connects them to the deepest roots of Judaism on Sunday, May 4.

Mitvah, plural, mitzvoth, is a Hebrew word that means both a commandment and a good deed. Performing mitzvot is an ongoing, lifelong requirement for Jews, who are told in the Bible story that the Patriarch Abraham found favor with the Divine because of his many loving acts of kindness toward family, friends and most importantly, to strangers. Nearly four millennia later, Abraham is still the ideal of the righteous person whose charitable behavior remains the model for modern Jews.

Mitzvah Day is an annual event in which the congregants of the Reform synagogue on Main Street, whose members come from all over the South Shore, join in the performance of communal mitzvot. In this they honor a central tenet of their faith.

Judy Kalla, co-chairwoman of the synagogue's Social Action Committee, which oversees Mitzvah Day, said, "What's most special to me about the day is that it is a multi-generational celebration. Our volunteers, parents, our Hebrew school kids, grandparents, everyone comes together to work for a greater good."

Along with the laity, Sha'aray Shalom's religious leaders, Rabbi Shira Joseph and Cantor Steven Weiss, whose vocations call them to ongoing acts of kindness, express their commitment to Mitzvah Day by joining in the day's activities.

There are mitzvot for every age, temperament and interest: A blood drive, conducted by Brigham and Women's Hospital and open to the public, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; visiting a local nursing home; helping elderly residents of Hingham with home repairs; joining Boston's annual Walk for Hunger; gardening and clean-up at the synagogue; CPR training course; and beach clean up in Hull.

Cindy McDonald the other co-chairwoman of the Social Action Committee assumed her leadership position last fall. When asked about her inspiration to join in she spoke of her mother. "My mother passed away last year, after a prolonged illness. I was her primary caregiver. When I look at her life, I realize how much she did for others. She raised four kids, and worked full time and still found time to volunteer in so many worthy causes. After she was gone I realized that I had to give something back too. I know I can never equal her generosity but she is my inspiration."

From generation to generation stretching back to antiquity, Jews have been called upon to serve others. In Mitzvah Day, the members of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom reaffirm the call of the Prophet Micah: "and what does the Lord require of you: only to do justice and to love goodness and to walk humbly with your God; then your name will achieve wisdom."

Obituary

Shirley A. Jackson

Worked at Kennedy Antenna System

Shirley A. (Neale) Jackson, 79, of Norwell, died April 22, 2008.

Mrs. Jackson was born and raised in upstate New York and was a 1946 graduate of Crescent City High School in Florida. She moved to the South Shore and worked as a secretary to the vice president of Kennedy Antenna System in Cohasset, where she met her husband.

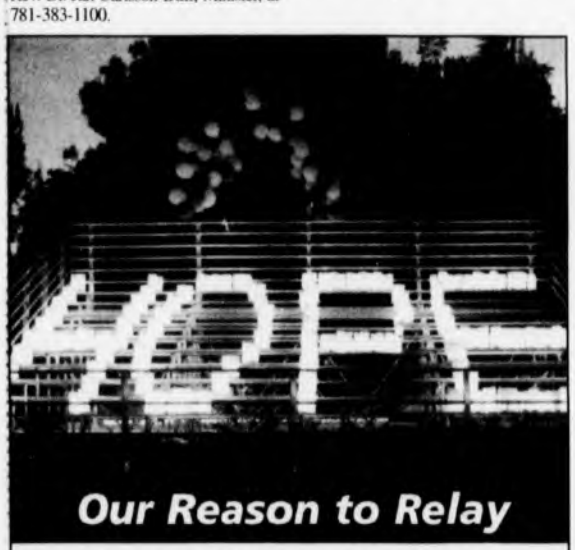
She worked for many years as a teacher's aide at Vinal School in Norwell.

She leaves her husband of 49 years, George E. Jackson; her children, Mark Jackson and his wife, Sandi, of Pembroke and Matthew Jackson and his wife, Barbara, of Kingston; and many nieces and nephews.

She was the mother of the late Melanie Best.

Visiting hours will be from 3 to 7 p.m., on Saturday, April 26, at Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, 382 First Parish Road, Scituate. A memorial service will be held at Church Hill United Methodist Church, 11 Church St., Norwell, at 2:30 p.m., on Sunday, April 27.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Diabetes, 1701 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA 22311 or Standish Humane Society, P.O. Box 634, Duxbury, MA 02331.



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for their support and sponsorship of the reception for Merle Brown, Citizen of the Year



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Merle Brown is surrounded by his family at the Citizen of the Year reception Sunday, April 20 at Atlantica. Brown is the 15th annual Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year.

Community minded businesses and organizations like these deserve your support.

PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS FOR RELEASE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't waste your time and energy fretting over remarks you consider unnecessary or unkind. Best advice: Ignore them, and just keep doing your usual good job.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Getting that new perspective on a workplace situation could lead to a solution everyone will accept. Meanwhile, make time to keep up with your creative pursuits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Those changes you planned to implement in early summer might need to be reassessed. But don't make any moves until you've discussed this with someone you trust.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspects favor harmony, making this a good time to work out problems in relationships — whether personal or professional, big or small. An old friend comes back.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) While you're still riding that high-powered beam, you might begin to lose focus by week's end. Could be you'll need to do a little cat-napping to restore your spent energies.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected development creates a lot of excitement. Where it takes you is your decision. Check out the possibilities, then decide if you want to go with it or not.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although your supporters help you squash an unfair claim against you, don't let this go unchallenged. You need to learn more about the motives of those behind it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) There are still some tasks to clear up by midweek. Then you can welcome the new month on a high note. A friend brings surprising but very welcome news.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might want to change your plans before they're set in cement. Consider advice from colleagues. But remember that, ultimately, it's your choice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A difficult situation is working itself out. Lingering problems should be resolved by week's end, allowing the Goat to enjoy a calmer, less stressful period.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Be careful not to move so quickly that you miss possible warning signs that could upset your plans. Slow down. Your supporters will continue to stand by you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your generosity in sharing your time and wisdom with others leads to an intriguing development that could have you considering some interesting choices.

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BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of influencing people to be and do their best. You would make an excellent teacher.

Sudoku

		5		8	7	3		
	7		3					9
2				4			7	
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	6		2			9		
		3			6	2		4
	4		8				3	
9				5				8

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Hoo Boy

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Crossword - Simple Math

ACROSS
1 "That was a close one!"
5 Horror-film extras
9 E-junk?
13 Football team
19 Troubadour's instrument
20 Each
21 Holy headgear
22 Fill with fizz
23 Taj town
24 West. alliance
25 Like — of bricks
26 Cheese-maker's need
27 Start of a remark
31 Busy bug
32 Initials of interest?
33 Snuggled up
37 Iraqi city
40 — de deux
42 Requirements
45 Bristol brew
46 Chalky cheese
47 Tidied the terrace
49 Word form for "bird"
51 Compete
52 Hotelier Helmsley
54 Take in, perhaps
56 Actress Thurman
57 Fury
59 Part 2 of remark
61 Standish's stand-in
63 Day or Duke
66 Foreman's fortes
67 French port
69 Rap session?
70 Dry run
74 Part 3 of remark
77 Encounter
78 Diva Maria
80 Plaza Hotel kid
81 Ewe said it!
83 Massenet opera
84 Mistreat
85 Part 4 of remark
90 Diocese
91 Fix a fight
92 Spartan serf
95 Pith helmet
96 Make lace
98 They're out of this world
101 Early emancipator
103 TV's "The Twilight —"
104 Kimono closer
105 Snowy bird
106 Relative of -ator
107 Mad general?
109 Duncan's murderer
112 Olive product
114 Tighten the tent
115 End of remark
124 "On the Waterfront" star
127 Gymnast Korbut
128 Plunder
129 Carry out orders
130 Confer
131 Singer Campbell
132 Frank or Francis
133 Forsaken
134 Ringed orbiter
135 Manuscript enc.
136 Pilsner
137 — ranch

DOWN
1 Realty map
2 O'Brian or Downs
3 Raison d'—
4 Put on
5 '71 Woody Allen film
6 Separately
7 Shopper's sack
8 Primer pooch
9 Like some cheddar
10 Coaching legend
11 Burn remedy
12 Cadfael, for one
13 Fervent
14 Yorkshire city
15 Surrealist Max
16 Heflin or Cliburn
17 When Paris sizzles
18 Badminton divider
28 Bend someone's — (yak)
29 Dispatch
30 Delhi denizen
34 Shirley's sidekick
35 Ransom — Olds
36 Scottish river
37 Complaint
38 Perched on
39 Rational
40 Brazilian kicker
41 Address abbr.
43 Learned
44 Snare
46 Mr. Ziegfeld
48 "America's Most Wanted" host
50 Conceal
53 NASA affirmative
55 English explorer
58 Wander
60 Greenhouse items
62 Miss
64 "— Station Zebra" ('68 film)
65 Salon request
67 Toilet water
68 Ever's partner
69 Mikita or Musial
70 Pt. of the whole
71 Team scream
72 Stretchy
73 Ballet movement
75 More mysterious
76 Diminish
79 Disoriented
82 Tread the boards
84 Flying brother
85 Price
86 Gloppy
87 "Once — a midnight dreary . . ."
88 Hawaii's state bird
89 Place-kicker's prop
93 Zola or Griffith
94 Rock's — Lobos
96 Hen's hubby
97 "The — Daba Honeymoon" ('14 song)
99 Disappoint
100 Silly trio
102 Fall fashion
108 FBI employee
110 Swahili, e.g.
111 Witch's home
113 Pointless
114 Conversation piece?
116 Grabs all the goodies
117 Poet Wilcox
118 Thick slice
119 Actor Franchot
120 Winter woe
121 Hunt's "— Ben Adhem"
122 Dweeb
123 Actress Daly
124 Small shot
125 Stephen of "Ready to Wear"
126 Nova Scotia hrs.

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Magic Maze - Monster

U K H D A X U Q N D K H E B Y
V S P M J H E B E Y V T Q O L
I G D B Y D E Y E G U B W T R
P F R A N K E N S T E I N S L
M K I F D N B D E Y W U S A S
Y Q O M E G I L A K I E C F D
B T Z E M X W G U E N I S Y Q
O N R K I L J H H H H K G L F
D G C A I V A Y C T W O V L T
S Q P L P N O O Y L M O W E K
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Cookie
Frankenstein
Gila

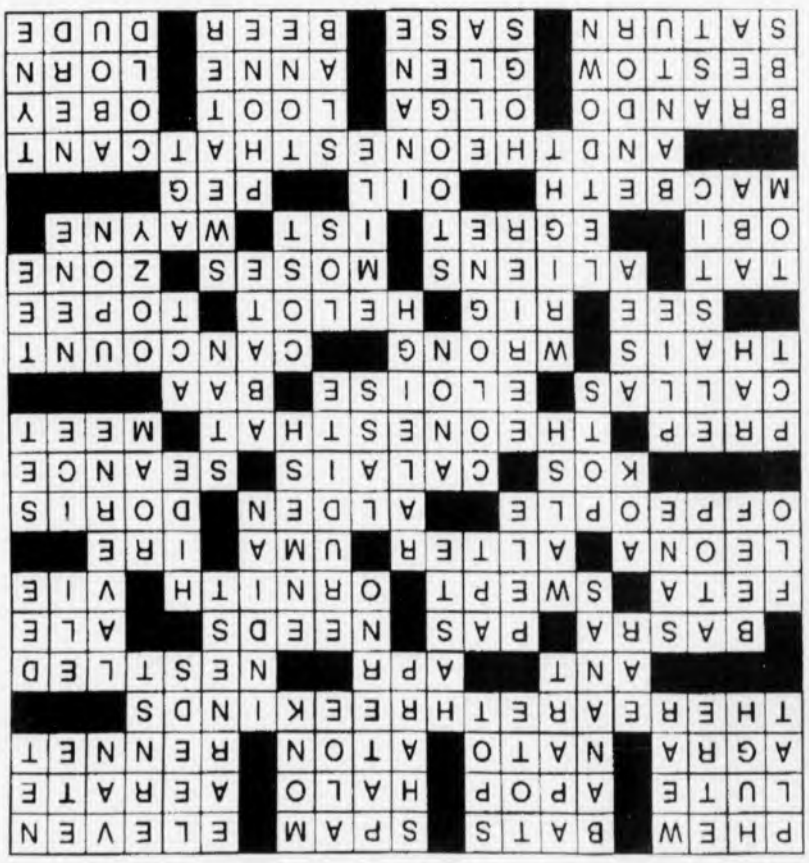
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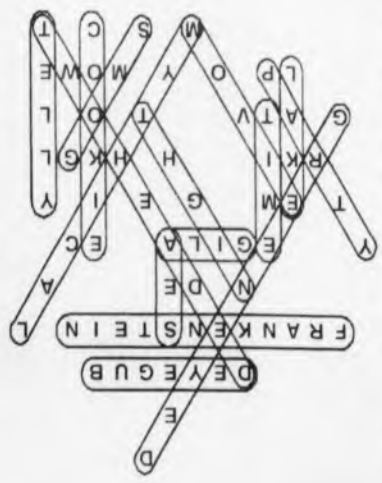
Telly
Time
Two-headed

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Magic Solution - Monster



Sudoku Solution

8	6	1	3	5	4	7	2	9
7	3	5	9	2	8	6	4	1
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

9:52 a.m. Assist other Police Department, Scituate PD needs assistance with a drive off from a Sunoco Gas Station. Truck registered to a Cohasset resident.

10:26 a.m. Parking complaint, caller reports major parking issue. Officer reports parking on both sides due to an estate sale. Vehicles are in the process of moving.

12:01 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, mutual aid to Hull for the medical.

1:06 p.m. Traffic enforcement.

1:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny (report), caller reports a male party in a pick up truck just went by his house and stole wood from his yard. Caller would like to see an officer. Officer is speaking with the calling party at this time, he just wants the wood returned.

2:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:24 p.m. Disturbance, 911 caller reports a male party on his property and was asked to leave and will not and he is giving :he caller a lot of trouble. Caller would like the male party removed. Officers has spoken to all parties, peace has been restored for the time.

6:36 p.m. **Beach St.**, officer wanted, caller requests to speak with an officer about the ongoing construction at the above location, caller reports his tire has just popped. Officer has advised the caller of his options.

6:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:06 p.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious activity, Hull PD reports a male in a small white car driving 15 mph with an open container. He was assumed to have taken a right on Rockland Street headed towards West Corner.

7:26 p.m. **King St., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:26 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:04 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:12 p.m. **Crocker Lane and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:25 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, well being check, caller reports she cannot get a hold of her mother and states this is unusual that she is not answering the phone. Officers report no one is home at this time.

11:19 p.m. **Beechwood St., and South Main St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports he was ran off the road by a dark colored Honda.

11:26 p.m. **South Main St.**, license premise inspection.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

12:54 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:24 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, well being check.

8:44 a.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports a vehicle blocking the sidewalk across from the ball field. Officer reports vehicle tagged.

10:45 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

12:34 p.m. **King St., and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:09 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:39 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports a vehicle parked illegally at the above location. Officer reports ticket issued.

2:03 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, parking enforcement, three vehicles tagged.

4:27 p.m. **North Main St., and Depot Ct.**, warrant services. Arrest: Stephen D. Lydon, 3 North Main St., #6, Cohasset. Charges: WMS warrant.

5:04 p.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports car blocking the sidewalk entrance. Officer reports vehicle being moved.

5:11 p.m. **Lower King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, 911 caller reports motorcycles driving erratically. Area search negative.

5:28 p.m. **Bates Lane**, suspicious person, caller reports a male person driving a green van with NH plates asked if he could park his van in front of his residence so he could walk Wampatuck Park all night. When caller said no, the individual drove off heading to Aaron River. Officer reports he will check the area. No crime committed.

5:47 p.m. **Beach St.**, parking complaint, caller reports landscaping truck blocking the road. Officer reports motor vehicle being moved.

5:56 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, fire, investigation, E3 responding for an odor of gas.

7:54 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, hazard, caller reports a trench that is starting to give in and he almost bottomed out when he went over it. Officer checked the area, contractor to repair.

8:39 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports kids walking up the access road to the water. Officer reports no one in the area at this time.

10:57 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, bolo put out for the town of Hull, wanted for AB/DW shod foot.

11:56 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, disturbance, 911 caller stated that there are kids throwing rocks at cars. Area search negative.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

12:59 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:07 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:23 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, property damage, caller would like to see an officer regarding some property damage from last night.

9:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard, caller reports something in the road just after the Scituate line headed north. Officer reports a piece of canvas has been removed from the road.

9:55 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:55 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:02 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deer Hill/Osgood Schools check.

11:31 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

2:42 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement. Maine is looking for a male party, 6', 195 lbs. Brown hair, hazel eyes, wanted in a murder investigation, ME registration, black Chevy pick up with a black cap and a canoe rack. State Police saw this vehicle in Jackson Square in Weymouth. Possibly kidnapped victim with the wanted party, female 5'6", 155 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. Suspect is possibly armed with a shotgun and a .22 caliber.

MONDAY, APRIL 21

1:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:25 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:45 p.m. **North Main St.**, disturbance, caller reports Landscape Company has been blowing debris into her yard for five hours. Caller advised that the leaf blowers are not a violation of Town By-Laws. Workers advised regarding hearing protection.

2:12 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, property (recovered), walk in party turned in a blue mountain bike.

2:14 p.m. **North Main St.**, caller reports kids taking fish from pond. Six and seven year olds picking up the fish with nets and then returning them to the water. No actual fishing for keeps.

3:09 p.m. **Irving Rd., Scituate**, property (recovered), walk in with 2 insurance cards and 1 AAA card. Message left for owner of the property.

4:29 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, walk in party reports that they are using a propane buffing machine that is producing poisonous gas. Units tied up ventilating the store. Dr. Joseph Godzik is responding from the Board of Health. Board of Health agent on scene. Rescue 3 in-service from the scene.

9:15 p.m. **Summer St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports outside smell of fire and smoke. E1 reports the smell has dissipated will investigate further.

11:15 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, out of Hanover PD: stop and hold motor vehicle wanted for attempted B&E. Shots were fired by owner, unknown injuries.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

12:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

12:37 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks secure.

12:45 a.m. **Crocker Lane**, suspicious vehicle, motor vehicle belongs at this location.

12:49 a.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious activity, caller states there were people running up the driveway. No one in the area now. All units checking further. People may be in the vicinity of the RR tracks.

1:02 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, area checks secure.

1:03 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, area checks secure.

1:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, area checks secure.

1:18 am. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, area checks secure.

5:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, caller reports "A large amount of smoke billowing across the roadway." Area search to the Hingham line is negative. L1 reports smoke on the Hingham side. It appears to be smoldering from a permit fire. Hingham to handle.

6:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement, no violations.

7:02 a.m. **Ripley Rd., and Smith Pl.**, traffic enforcement.

7:52 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, disturbance, caller reports she needs an officer because she is having some type of disturbance with a landscaper. Caretaker for the property has been spoken to and will stop throwing debris onto caller's property.

9:06 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, patient sign-off.

9:17 a.m. **Doane St.**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports they have broken through a gas line that they thought was shut off. Keyspan notified, responding.

9:28 a.m. **Church St.**, parking complaint, caller reports an ongoing issue with her neighbor blocking the sidewalk in front of her house and it is still continuing and would like the vehicle moved.

9:31 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, patient sign-off.

10:12 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, brush, 911 caller reports possible brush fire at this location.

10:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued. Trailer being towed for an expired registration.

12 p.m. **Sohier St.**, check of both schools.

12:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Crocker Lane**, motor vehicle crash/injuries, several 911 callers reporting motor vehicle crash involving a motorcycle. Callers reporting serious injuries at this location.

12:38 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, employee from this location reports receiving a suspicious phone call today and would like to see an officer

2:14 p.m. **Doane St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:10 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:09 p.m. **Hill St.**, larceny (report).



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What's happening on the South Shore

MAY 1-9, 2008

Pops starts with a bang

123rd season kicks off Wednesday, May 7, with Natalie Cole

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



Natalie Cole joins Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops May 7 at Symphony Hall.

Eight-time Grammy Award-winner Natalie Cole will join Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Wednesday, May 7, at Symphony Hall for the opening of the orchestra's 123rd season, which will include appearances by jazz legend Arturo Sandoval, 10,000 Maniacs front woman Natalie Merchant, Dresden Doll Amanda Palmer, Broadway leading man Brian Stokes Mitchell, and John Williams leading film nights featuring Lynn Redgrave, as well as a first-ever local high school sing-off, the Pops debut of Garrison Keillor, and a season-long tribute to Leonard Bernstein.

"We worked with Natalie Cole last summer on Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard and she had 10,000 people eating her up" Lockhart said from Salt Lake City by telephone last week. "She sounded great and she looked great and we knew right away that we wanted to have her back this year. Natalie's arrangements work just beautifully with an orchestra like ours."

The daughter of the late Nat King Cole, Natalie Cole first came to fame in the mid-1970s with hits like "This Will Be (an Everlasting Love)," "Inseparable," and "I've Got Love on My Mind." In 1991, Cole released "Unfogettable...With Love," featuring her own arrangements of her father's biggest hits. Although she had previously been reluctant to perform her father's songs, her decision to record them brought her once again to the top of the charts. The best-selling album earned Cole Grammy Awards for Album of the Year, Record of the Year, and Best Traditional Pop Vocal Performance. A duet with her father on the title track, created by blending a vintage Nat King Cole recording with new vocals by his daughter, reached number 14 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart. Cole's opening night Pops song list will include music from the all phases of the 58-year-old singer's career including her current Verve release, "Leavin'," her 20th studio album.

"Natalie will be doing all kinds of great music with us including jazz standards and a lot from the Sarah Vaughn, Nancy Wilson and Peggy Lee songbooks," Lockhart said.

Lockhart – who will depart his post as Music Director of the Utah Symphony in 2009 – says the upcoming Pops season, his 14th in Boston, will continue some long-held traditions while starting some new ones, too, including the Boston Pops High School Sing-Off in which local high school students will compete for the chance to perform with Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra as part of the Fourth of July concert on Boston's Esplanade. Broadway music will be the theme of the competition and other concerts throughout the 2008 season.

"Part of our job as America's orchestra is to play America's greatest music," Lockhart said. "We like doing really great Broadway musicals that aren't revived or heard all the time so this year we will be doing a semi-staged concert version of Stephen Sondheim's 'A Little Night Music,' featuring Christine Ebersole and Mary Louise Wilson who were both so brilliant in 'Grey Gardens.'"

The brilliance of the late Leonard Bernstein will be celebrated opening night and throughout the season – including Saturday, Aug. 2, in Cohasset, when Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra will perform at the South Shore Music Circus. The Lawrence-born, Harvard-educated Bernstein, who would have turned 90 Monday, Aug. 25, began what would become a lifelong association with the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1940 while studying with conductor Serge Koussevitzky at Tanglewood. Bernstein would later write three symphonies, two operas, and five musicals, including "Wonderful Town" and "West Side Story." A longtime conductor of the New York Philharmonic, Bernstein is one of the most influential figures in the history of American classical music.

"Bernstein is celebrated not just because of his extraordinary talents, but because of the wide-ranging influence he had over all kinds of music," Lockhart said. "In our season-long Bernstein retrospective, we'll incorporate music from the ballet 'Fancy Free,' his score for the film 'On The Waterfront,' and selections from 'On the Town,' 'Candide,' and, of course, 'West Side Story.' Leonard Bernstein has been gone for almost 18 years now, but he remains a model for all of us. He was a Renaissance man of music. He was a great pianist, composer, and conductor, but most importantly he was a great advocate and communicator of music. Any American conductor who says he or she is not influenced by Bernstein is lying."

The Boston Pops will open its 123rd season at Boston Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-266-2378 or go online at bostonpops.org.



Keith Lockhart, conductor or the Boston Pops.

The Boston Pops 2008 Symphony Hall Season

Opening Night At Pops - May 7, 8 p.m. Keith Lockhart, conductor Natalie Cole, featured vocalist.

Bernstein Tribute – May 9, 8 p.m.; May 10, 3 and 8 p.m.; June 3 and 6, 8 p.m. Keith Lockhart, conductor. **Students Of The Boston Conservatory** – featured vocalists.

Garrison Keillor – May 13 and 14, 8 p.m. Philip Brunelle, conductor Garrison Keillor, host.

Film Nights – May 20-24, 8 p.m. John Williams, conductor; Lynn Redgrave, narrator.

Edgefest – May 27 and 28, 8 p.m. Keith Lockhart, conductor; Natalie Merchant, featured vocalist.

Riders In The Sky – May 30, 8 p.m. Robert Bernhardt, conductor; Riders In The Sky, featured vocalists.

Gospel Night – May 31, 8 p.m. Charles Floyd, conductor The Boston Pops Gospel Choir, Oleta Adams, featured vocalist.

Boston Pops High School Sing-Off A Best Of Broadway Challenge – June 2, 8 p.m. Keith Lockhart, First Round.

Jazzfest – June 10 and 11, 8 p.m. Jeff Tyzik, conductor, Arturo Sandoval, featured soloist.

A Little Night Music – June 12-14, 8 p.m., Keith Lockhart, conductor; Christine Ebersole, featured vocalist; Ron Raines, featured vocalist, Mary Louise Wilson, featured vocalist. Vocal Fellows of The Tanglewood Music Center.

Broadway's Leading Man – June 17 and 18, 8 p.m. Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra Keith Lockhart, conductor; Brian Stokes Mitchell, featured vocalist. Semi-final round Boston Pops High School Sing-Off, A Best Of Broadway Challenge

Edgefest – June 19 and 20, 8 p.m. Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra Keith Lockhart, conductor Amanda Palmer, featured vocalist

Jazzfest – June 21 and 22, 8 p.m. Boston Pops Esplanada Orchestra, Keith Lockhart, conductor Dizzy Gillespie All Stars, featured performers.

Judy Garland...A Life On Stage – June 28 and 29, 8 p.m. Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra Doug Katsaros, conductor.

Take Me Out To The Ball Game – July 1 and 2, 8 p.m. Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Keith Lockhart, conductor.

Final round Boston Pops High School Sing-Off, A Best Of Broadway Challenge



Skinner Auction House Senior Appraiser, Kerry Shrives (TV personality from a popular Antiques Show) will visit the Daniel Webster Estate in Marshfield for an appraisal afternoon May 4. Bring your most interesting and unique item for her expert advice as to what it would be worth at auction as she notes the age, history and condition of each "treasure". 50 items will be appraised. Items that will not be appraised: jewelry, coins, stamps and musical instruments. Champagne reception: 1:30 to 2 p.m. Appraisal: 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments and tours of the Webster Mansion to follow the program. Tickets: $25 (one item per ticket) Reserved ticket purchase only. Space is limited. 781-837-2403 or 781-837-7579 for tickets and additional information. Danielwebsterestate.org

Thursday, May 1

J. Morgan Davis of Quincy will be the featured artist at the Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Route 18 in Weymouth from May 1 through May 16. Concurrently, the gallery is showing the work of 15 other Massachusetts artists. Preview their work at www.dickinsonartgallery.com. Gallery hours, Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Information, evening appointments, 781-331-3384.

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local businesses in the South Shore area. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at our new meeting location at Advanced Mortgage in 335 Washington St. (Rte. 53) in Norwell from 5 to 6 p.m., and on the third Thursday of each month at Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m., lunch is extra. For information, email info@network4success.org or visit http://www.network4success.org for meeting information, news on our membership, and our upcoming events

The Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will resume meeting at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. The new facilitator is **Shelley Sommer,** teacher and librarian at Inly School in Scituate, and beginning on May 1, at 7 p.m. the group will meet on the first Thursday of the month. Reservations are not necessary and all middle school students are welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 with any questions.

Real Business Happens Here 2008 Expo at the Lantana in Randolph May 1. from 1:30 to 6 p.m. For information or to register a booth, visit www.sswbn.org or call 781-749-3883.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight May 1. **Athene Wilson/Yasko Kubota.** No cover. 781-740-0688.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 1, **Flydown.** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 1 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Lickity Split-Blues Jam** open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, May 2

Nunsense, a hilariously"habit forming" comedy, closes this weekend with three performances. It's presented by **Hingham Civic Music Theatre**, Hingham South Elementary School, 831 Main St., Hingham. Last performances are Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, May 4, at a 2 p.m. matinee. General admission $16; senior/student $14, with tickets available at Buttonwood Books, Route. 3A, Cohasset, and Nobles Hingham Square. For information, call 781-837-1499, or see hcmtstagemomma@comcast.net

Design by Nature: Fine Art Photography by Cindy Vallino of Cohasset will be on view and for sale at the James Library & Center for the Arts, Norwell Center, from May 2, through May 28. There will be no opening reception. The library is open Tuesday – Friday, from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for more information visit www.jameslibrary.org.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. First show of the year (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** begins May2 from 5 to 8 p.m. Continues every Friday night until Sept.

Crosstown Quilters Quilt Show, May 2 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 3 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pilgrim Congregational Church, 24 Athens St., North Weymouth. Admission $5-good for two days. Quilt Raffle (hand appliquéd baby quilt), exhibits, demonstrations, raffles, boutique. Refreshments available.Handicap accessible. Information, call 781-875-1222

South Shore Conservatory's Opera by the Bay (OBTB) invites the public to a free performance of its Spring Fling program on Friday, May 2, 7:30 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George Street in Duxbury. OBTB Artistic Director **Beth MacLeod** narrates the evening of music from Mozart's ***Marriage of Figaro*** and ***Cosi fan Tutte***, Richard Strauss' ***Der Rosenkavalier***, as well as the music of Puccini and others. For directions to the Conservatory's Ellison Center for the Arts campus, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org.

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, featuring local, regional and national artists, will feature the works of artist **Christopher Magadini** of New York. This unique exhibit will start on Friday, May 2, and will be on display until Thursday, May 29. Hours are from Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information: 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.



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"Push And Pull", an oil by Christopher Magadini.

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Red Obi Gift Boutique, 903 Broad St., lower Jackson Square, Weymouth presents its Annual Spring Jewelry Trunk Show, May 2, 6 to 9 p.m. Local jewelers will be showing off their newest creations, and Astrological Readings will be available (Call ahead for reservations! 781-335-3325. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, deserts will be served.

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament for Cystic Fibrosis, May 2, at **Courtney's Restaurant**, 915 Ocean St, Marshfield. Check in time 6 to 6:45 p.m. Entry fee: $125. Must be 21 or older to play. Cash bar available. All proceeds are tax-deductible and benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Tickets or donations call Mary Ann at 781-834-7840.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight May 2, **Archie KJFrank Wilkins.** No cover. 781-740-0688.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 2, **Rob Benton**. 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. May 2, **The Tommy Baker Band** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

New England Singles Dance May 2, 8 p.m. to midnight. **Open House,** Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Hors d'oeuvres. Door prizes. Music from the 70s to the present and requests with New England's top DJ's. Doors open 7:30 p.m. **Free admission before 8 p.m.** $10. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 2 **Scratch My Back.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, May 3

North Scituate Village Street Fair is being held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 3. A craft fair, silent auction with sports memorabilia, chowderfest and sidewalk sales are among the activities. Chowderfest is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with tickets of $5. The sports action will end at 2 p.m. Craft tables close at 4 p.m. Accessible from the Greenbush Line at the North Scituate stop. For information, call 781-545-2788.

Yarmouth Ice Club presents "Celebration on Ice," Saturday, May 3, at 4 p.m. at The Bog in Kingston. Come see local skaters perform from neighboring towns. The show will feature National, Sectional and Regional Medalists. Tickets maybe purchased "at the door:" for $10, seniors and students are $5.

CALENDAR, see next page

In your garden

MAY BREAKFAST AND PLANT SALE Old Ship Church, 107 Main Street, Hingham. 7:30 to 11:15 a.m. May 3. Enjoy a homemade pancake breakfast and buy fresh perennials for your garden.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB OF COHASSET will present **"Books and Blooms"** on Wednesday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 5p.m. at the **Paul Pratt Memorial Library** in Cohasset. Garden club members will interpret a book of their own selection through arrangements of flowers and fresh plant material. The public will have the opportunity to select the winners in different categories. The show is a unique opportunity for all members to display their creative talents without being judged. Junior Gardeners will also participate. Free and open to the public.

THE HANSON GARDEN CLUB will be having a plant sale on May 10 starting at 9 am at the Thomas Mill located on Route 58 across from the Hanson Town hall. There will be annuals, perennials, herbs, bushes, a silent auction, mother's day gifts, and free coffee and donuts. Master Gardeners will be available to answer any questions. Information: www.hansongardenclub.org.

GLASTONBURY ABBEY, PLANT SALE, 16 Hull St. (Route 228) Hingham 8:30 a.m. to noon May 10. Perennials, veggies, ground cover, bushes and lots of herbs for sale. Rain date May 17.

SIXTH ANNUAL WILDFLOWER PLANT SALE AND HORTICULTURAL DAY, The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Plant sale May 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. Gardening experts will be available to assist and answer questions. This Horticultural Day will also feature **free Wildflower Garden Walks with local experts Winnie Lou Rounds and Val Shute at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.** Learn from the experts as you wander amongst the wildflowers at the Science Center and learn which native plants are most hardy and beneficial to local wildlife.

Gardening experts will also be available to talk about the **Science Center's butterfly garden. Help tabulate the State's Biodiversity List of Wildflowers from 11 a.m. to noon with Senior Naturalist, Barbara Devine on a guided walk of the Science Center trails,** which are full of wildflowers. Visit www.ssnsc.org to view some selections of wildflowers, hummingbird and butterfly plantings for sale and a schedule of events. 781-659-2559.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB OF COHASSET PLANT SALE May 17, on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Experienced gardeners will be on hand to answer questions.

ROCKLAND GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE May 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town Hall Plaza, Union St., Rockland. 781-878-8629.

THE PERENNIAL GARDENERS OF THE SOUTH SHORE will hold its ninth annual plant sale May 17 from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 17, at the yard of Dawn Lopes, 78 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. Perennials, ground covers, herbs and collectors' plants will be offered. Knowledgeable group members will be on hand to help with plant selection and planting and growing tips. Rain or shine. Information, visit www.perennialgardeners.org or contact p.gardeners@perennialgardeners.org.

THE CLIFT RODGERS LIBRARY GARDEN TOUR 540 Pleasant St., Marshfield Hills. Garden Tour on June 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be six Marshfield gardens on the tour. Refreshments and artists will be sprinkled at some gardens along the way. The tickets are $15 in advance, and on the day of the tour, the ticket price is $18. tickets will be available at Marshfield Hills General Store on Prospect Street, Roche Brothers, Nessrella Farm, and Clift Rodgers Library in Marshfield. Information: 781-834-4597, visit www.cliftrodgerslibrary.org, or e-mail the library at cliftrodgerslibrary@comcast.net.

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The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, Rested In Tradition: Art Quilts from the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum will be on display May 4 through Sept. 7. Reception, May 18, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Bengtz Gallery. Works by the artists in this collection represent the best in American art quilts today. Well-known quilt artists such as Phil D. Jones, Yvonne Porcella, Michael James, Joan Schulze, Caryl Bryer Fallert, Jane Dunnewold, Carolyn Mazloomi, Nancy Erickson, and M. Joan Lintault have donated their work to this collection in support of the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum's future and the future of the art quilt.

Phil D. Jones, "Red Rover", 33x28 inches

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Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight **every Saturday night Karaoke**. No cover. 781-740-0688.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 3, **Jon Frattasio & Friends.** 781-829-6999.

An exhibit of watercolors by Susan Swinand will be featured at the Helen Bumpus Gallery in Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., during May and June. A reception to meet the artist will be held at the Gallery May 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.

A Taste of Hingham, May 3, noon to 3 p.m. on North Street at Route. 3A downtown Hingham. Sample an abundance of chowders, signature dishes and sweets from dozens of Hingham's finest restaurants, markets and shops. Horse-drawn hayrides, live music, a fashion show, artists' exhibits, crafts for kids and more to benefit the Hingham Food Pantry and 20 other South Shore non-profits. Tickets $15 ($12 in advance) for individuals, and $30 ($25 in advance) for a family. Advance purchase available after Apr. 24 at these downtown locations - Nobles' Camera; La Petite Maison; Hingham Gift Company; Puopolo Candies. Rain date May 4. Complete program at www.discoverhingham.com

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Adoption Community of New England, Inc. (ACONE), 45 Lyman St., #2 South Terrace, Westborough, will host a program titled **Developmental Milestones and Risk Factors: Children Born in Other Countries**, Saturday, May 3, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Information: 508-366-6812 info@AdoptionCommunityofNE.org www.AdoptionCommunityofNE.org. Wheelchair accessible. Formerly ODS Adoption Community of New England, Inc. and Open Door Society of MA, Inc.

The American Lung Association Blow the Whistle on Asthma Walk Saturday, May 3, the American Lung Association of Massachusetts will be sponsoring the fifth annual *Blow the Whistle on Asthma Walk* at Artesani Park in Brighton. Registration begins at 8:30 am and walking starts at 10 a.m. Call 1-800-LUNG-USA for more on the walk, or log on to http://www.lungma.org/ today!

South Shore Folk Music Club presents Burns Sisters Band concert May 3. Show starts 8 p.m., doors open 7:30 p.m. at The Beal House of the Kingston, MA Unitarian Church. Tickets for members are $18, $20 for non-members. Information visit www.ssfmc.org or call 781-871-1052.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. May 3, **The Loco Locals** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Run O' The Mill, 6 Spring Lane (the Gristmill), Plymouth, May 3 **Traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety from sea chanteys, rebel songs, and songs of loss, to jigs, reels, and hompipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No Cover. Come sing, come play, come listen! 508-830-1262.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 3 **Blind Billy & The Spectacles**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Sunday, May 4

Cornerstone Lodge, 585 Washington St., Duxbury. **All you can eat breakfast buffet**, from 8 to 11:30 a.m., **May 4.** Adults $7, seniors $6, children age 12 and under $5. **Open to the public.**

Come Celebrate Mom a unique pampering brunch benefiting **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth's Women Build**, will take place Sunday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Indian Pond Country Club's Grand Ballroom, Country Club Way, Kingston. The event, will be hosted by Lisa Donovan from KISS 108. ABC-TV's "Super Nanny" Producers will be there looking for a local family. Tickets can be purchased on-line at **www.infullforce.com/events.php** or by calling 617.840.1965.

Grand Old Fish Fry sponsored by the Pembroke Historical Society will be held Sunday, May 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Thomas Reading Memorial Herring Run Park on Route 14, Pembroke.

Nunsense, a hilariously"habit forming" comedy, closes this weekend with three performances. It's presented by **Hingham Civic Music Theatre**, Hingham South Elementary School, 831 Main St., Hingham. Last performances are Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, May 4, at a 2 p.m. matinee. General admission $16; senior/student $14, with tickets available at Buttonwood Books, Route. 3A, Cohasset, and Nobles Hingham Square. For information, call 781-837-1499, or see hcmtstagemomma@comcast.net

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will display Carl Weyerhaeuser's collection of **Hajime Gen Kozuru** ceramic bowls, plates, tea bowls and vessels he purchased during his travels to Japanese ceramic kilns in the early 1970s. "Rotations: Gen Kozuru", will be on display May 4 through Sept. 7.

Cellist Natasha Farny accompanied on the piano by **James Nalley** will perform the music of **Charles Koechlin, Benjamin Britten, Arthur Honegger** and **Johannes Brahms** in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury. 189 Alden St., Duxbury. 781-934-6634 x 12 phone, laura@artcomplex.org

Fitness Marathon to benefit the Avon Walk For Breast Cancer May 4, at Healthtrax in Hanover. You do not have to be a member of Healthtrax to attend, Fee is $5 per class or $18 for the whole day, forward this e mail on and lets get moving. Group Groove 10 to 11 a.m.; Pilates/Yoga, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Kickboxing, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.; Group Power/Step 1:45 to 2:45 p.m.; All Core, 3 to 3:45 p.m. Raffle and Prizes 3:45 p.m.

The Art and Soul Space Gallery, 11 Hollett St., Scituate presents **Taste Buds: A Visual Feast of Fruit and Flowers** May 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. Six artists share their views on popular subjects to celebrate springtime. Free parking, free admission. 781-545-0340 ext. 2. www.artandsoulspace.com

Fine Arts Chorale to perform Haydn's "The Seasons". 5 p.m. May 4, at Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 75 Alden St., Duxbury. Pre-concert lecture presented by soloists **Barbara Kilduff,** Soprano, **Martin Kelley**, Tenor, and **Donald Wilkinson**, Baritone. Director **Libor Dudas** at 4 p.m. Tickets $20 or $15 for seniors and students. For tickets and information, call 800-230-7555 or e-mail fineartschorale@aol.com or visit www.fineartschorale.org.

Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra concert. 2 to 5 p.m. at The Viking Club, 410 Quincy Ave., Braintree. Tickets are $12 and include light refreshments. For reservations call Ruth at 781-963-3895.

"Find a New Best Friend" pet adoption fest. 12 to 4 p.m. at Best Friends Pet Care, 1014 Pearl St., Brockton. For more information, call 508-583-8555 or visit www.bestfriendspetcare.com.

Touch A Truck at Rockland High School. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 52 MacKinlay Way, Rockland. Admission $5 per child. For more information, call NRC Family Network at 781-681-9736.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 4 Blues Benefit for **David Lindros** featuring **Mighty HouseRockers, Cindy Daley Band, Erin & The Soul Drivers, Diamond Dogs, Lickity Split, Sweet Melissa** and more 4 p.m. $10 donation. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Monday, May 5

NRSW presents a free lecture series at South Shore Votech, 476 Webster St., Hanover from 7 to 9 p.m. **Tame Your Water-Consuming Irrigation System** Ted Moriarty, May 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. Learn some simple, effective ways to take control of your irrigation system, and develop a season-long water conservation strategy. Register By Contacting Debbie at 781-659-8168 or e-mail **debbie@nsrwa.org**

Norwell Visiting Nurse Association hosts Monthly Support Groups For May. Diabetes Support Group, Monday, May 5, 10 to 11 a.m. South Shore Baptist Church. 578 Main St.,, Hingham. Blood glucose monitoring and glucose testing

The Scituate Animal Shelter will offer a new **Pet Loss Support Group** free to the public. It will take place from 7 to 8 p.m., the first Monday of the month, at Scituate Public Library, 85 Branch St. For information, call the shelter at 781-545-8703.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwell MA@aol.com All are welcome.

DivorceCare for Kids support group meetings on Mondays. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vineyard Community Church, 8 Hilltop Ave., Kingston. A 13-week self-contained revolving sessions for kids ages 5 to 12. Information, contact Rosalie 781-585-4776 or rosalie@thevineyardkingston.org.

Hanover Toastmasters meets from 5:45 to 7 p.m. every first and third Monday, each month, at the Rockland Trust building, 2036 Washington Street, Hanover. Information contact Stacey Shipman-Stacey@letitflowfitness.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 5, **Free Texas Hold 'Em with Northern Poker League**. 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, May 6

Raising Resilient Children and Adolescents presented by **Dr. Robert Brooks** May 6 at7 p.m. Kingston Intermediate School, Kingston, at exit 9 off Route 3. Free and open to the public. 508-747-6302 ext. 20.

The Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **John Marshall Dyke** will exhibit his oil paintings for the month of May at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-337-8134.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Tuesday 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. **wicked trivia** 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, May 7

StoryTime May 7 at 10 to 10:30 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St.,, Scituate Harbor. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Rockland Garden Club meeting May 7, at 6:30 p.m. Rockland Memorial Library, Belmont St., Rockland. Program: "Bonsai" Guests are welcome.

Shore Side Asthma & Allergy Educational Support Group, meets at North Pembroke Elementary School, 72 Pilgrim Road, Pembroke Food Allergy Update: What's New in Research and Prevention? May 7, 7 to 9 p.m. at. Free. Information: 781-444-7778, or see www. asthmaandallergies.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 7, **Flydown "Unplugged."** 781-829-6999.

Myhouse Lounge, 609 Washington St., Route 3A, Quincy **Jazz open Mike** every Wednesday 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. 617-201-2918. www.myspace.com/myhousequincy

Thursday, May 8

The 52nd Annual Exhibit and Sale of Art and Fine Crafts opens to the public on May 8 and continues through Sunday, May 18. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Second Parish is located at 685 Main St., Hingham, Participating artists come from Hingham and surrounding towns on the South Shore, from Cape Cod, and from Boston. There is no admission charge.

May Book Club Meeting at Front Street Book Shop May 8, 6 to 8 p.m. 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. The fiction title for May is: **Luncheon of the Boating Party by Susan Vreeland.** Front Street Book Shop book group meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone welcome to attend. Each book is chosen by majority vote at the close of each meeting. Choices are in-print, paperback, and alternate between fiction and non-fiction. Free. 781-545-5011

Braintree Art Association artist of the month, **Rita Walsh** will exhibit her work for the Month of May at the Thayer Public Library (main floor), 798 Washington St., Braintree.781-335-4675.

Adoption Community of New England, Inc. (ACONE), 45 Lyman St., #2 South Terrace, Westborough, will host a program titled **Transracial, Transethnic, Transcultural Adoption,** May 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. Information: 508-366-6812 info@AdoptionCommunityofNE.org or www.AdoptionCommunityofNE.org Wheelchair accessible. Formerly ODS Adoption Community of New England, Inc. and Open Door Society of MA,

Pet Rescue and Adoption Presentation - A free presentation about pet rescue and adoption will be held at the James Library & Center for the Arts in Norwell, 24 West St. on Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m. Sue Carson, active in greyhound rescue and Diane St. Ours, a volunteer at the Scituate Animal Shelter will discuss animal rescue. Free and open to the public. James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St (off Route 123). Information: 781-659-7100 or www.JamesLibrary.org.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight May 8, **Krisanthi Pappas/Yasko Kubota.** No cover. 781-740-0688.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 8, **Flip Top Head**. 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 8 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Groove Authority-Blues Jam** open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue



Kathy St. George performs Tuesday, May 6, in Norwell

R. Scott Reidy
CORRESPONDENT

Kathy St. George

If you missed Kathy St. George in the Lyric Stage run of "And Now Ladies and Gentlemen, Miss Judy Garland" last summer – and Stoneham Theatre's just-announced June 2009 reprise of the musical seems too long to wait – then you just may want to head to Norwell's Company Theatre next Tuesday night, May 6, to see St. George in concert.

St. George won this year's IRNE Award for Best Solo Performance from the Independent Reviewers of New England and is nominated for Outstanding Musical Performance at the 2008 Elliot Norton Awards – set for Monday, May 12, at Sanders Theatre in Cambridge – for her powerhouse portrayal of the legendary, and legendarily troubled, Garland in the one-woman show conceived, created and directed by Quincy's Tony McLean.

The song list for St. George's May 6 Norwell cabaret appearance will include plenty of Garland as well as music from many of the other shows St. George has done in a career that has included featured roles in the 1990 Broadway revival of "Fiddler on the Roof," opposite Topol as Tevye, and the off-Broadway run of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change." Well-known to local audiences for her work in the sit-down runs of "Menopause: The Musical" and "Respect: A Musical Journey" at Boston's Stuart Street Playhouse, St. George has also earned a loyal following with memorable turns in quirkier fare like "Ruthless" and "Johnny Guitar" with Boston's SpeakEasy Stage.

Kathy St. George will appear in concert, with Tim Evans on piano, at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, Tuesday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-871-2787 or go online at companytheatre.com.

Friday, May 9

The Norwell VNA will host a daylong educational forum for caregivers, healthcare providers and family members affected by these diseases. "Exploring Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia" May 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center located at 224 Central St. in Hingham. Pre-registration is required by calling 781-659-2342, ext 222.

Braintree South Middle School, 232 Peach St,. Braintree presents: **Bugsy Malone Jr.** directed by Matthew Sawtelle and choreographed by Pamela Martin. Performances: May 9, 7 p.m. and May 10, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Students $8 and Adults $10. Ticket info -contact Karen Hubbard at hubathob@beld.net.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. Weather permitting from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until Sept.



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A day to celebrate Cohasset

Mark Sept. 20 on your calendar

By Nancy White
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Saturday, Sept. 20, there will be dancing in the street, the smell of food in the air, art on the sidewalk and a handful of other activities for Cohasset residents and visitors to take part in. The event is "Cohasset Day" and it's all about celebrating and highlighting everything that makes Cohasset what it is.

Members of the Economic Development Committee, a selectmen-appointed committee, are planning the event in an effort to generate excitement, civic pride and business interest around the town of Cohasset. They made their first presentation Monday night to the Board of Selectmen.

The afternoon/evening event (1 to 8 p.m.) will take place in the village and on the town common, and will feature myriad options for family fun throughout the day.

"The star of the show will be the Cohasset, its co-stars will be the residents and visitors attending the event," said Alain Pinel, EDC member and one of the main organizers of the event. "It's a day to enjoy the town and to be proud of the town."

Putting the best foot of Cohasset forward is foremost in the mind of the organizers. The Historical Society will have a table to present the rich history of Cohasset. Village businesses will be open and welcoming of new customers. The South Shore Art Center is planning on putting together vignettes of local artists work throughout the village and common. Kids will be encouraged to decorate their bikes for a bike parade. Local clothing stores will put together a

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'Loving, nurturing and independent'



FILE PHOTO

Katherine Stanton was Cohasset Citizen of the Year in 1998.

Remembering Katherine Stanton

By Nancy White
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Her profound love of life, perennial upbeat attitude, independent nature, generous spirit and outspoken voice is what long-time resident and Citizen of the Year 1998 Katherine Stanton will be remembered for most by the many Cohasset residents whose lives she touched. The much admired lady passed away at the age of 89 on Saturday.

A mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, teacher, volunteer, friend, neighbor, Stanton was many things to many people.

"I always came out of our visit knowing I had been with someone who had so much to give," says Marjorie Murphy, outreach coordinator for the Paul Pratt Library, fondly remembering Stanton's hearty laugh. "She was a great little lady."

"Whatever we needed she was right

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Common curbing up for discussion

By Nancy White
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For years, cars have routinely pulled up onto the common to park. On North Main Street the parking serves as drop-off, pick-up space for the South Shore Community Center. On William B. Long and Robert E. Jason, it's regularly used by churchgoers. On Highland Ave. the spots are hard to come by on a busy evening at Town Hall or during a Cohasset Dramatic Club performance.

When the Little Harbor Water and Sewer Project makes its way to the Cohasset Common area in the late summer, the parking on the Common tradition could change or it could stay the same. The question of how to curb the streets surrounding the Common for the future is up for discussion.

New water and sewer lines will be installed on North Main Street and new water lines on Highland Ave. After the new piping is put in, the roadway will be reclaimed and paved with a new asphalt base and top coat.

Over the years, the roads surrounding the common have been paved over and over; this process will remove all the asphalt that has built up over the years. With the asphalt built up, the streets are approximately the same level as the curbs and the land on the Common side of the curb making it very easy — and welcoming — for cars to park. When the paving is reclaimed, the road could be as much as one foot lower than it is now.

"I tried to float an underground parking, but I guess the pond is in the way."
— Mark Brennan

Water Commission chairman Glenn Pratt and resident town engineers Mark Brennan and Tom Gruber came before the Board of Selectmen Monday night to get the conversation going. Brennan and Gruber brainstormed several options for Selectmen to mull over.

- The curbing could be reset with a normal six-inch curb, which would prevent cars from parking on the Common.
- The curb and sidewalk could be moved inland, reducing the size of the Common, but creating more road space for parking on both sides of the North Main. (Telephone poles and trees are obstacles in this option.)
- The curb and street pavement could remain the same height allowing cars to park on the Common.

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OH HENRY!
Henry, a Labrador retriever, is ready to march in the annual Little League Parade Saturday in Cohasset. For more on the festivities, see page 21.


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Name: Eileen Suddath.

Former occupation: Customer service at Talbots.

Best day or most memorable moment: The day I was married and the birth of my children.

Favorite song: Anything by Jimmy Buffett.

Best part of Cohasset: Being near the ocean.

What does Cohasset Elder Affairs mean to you: The thought that I am contributing.

If your knew then shat you know now: Be more adventurous.

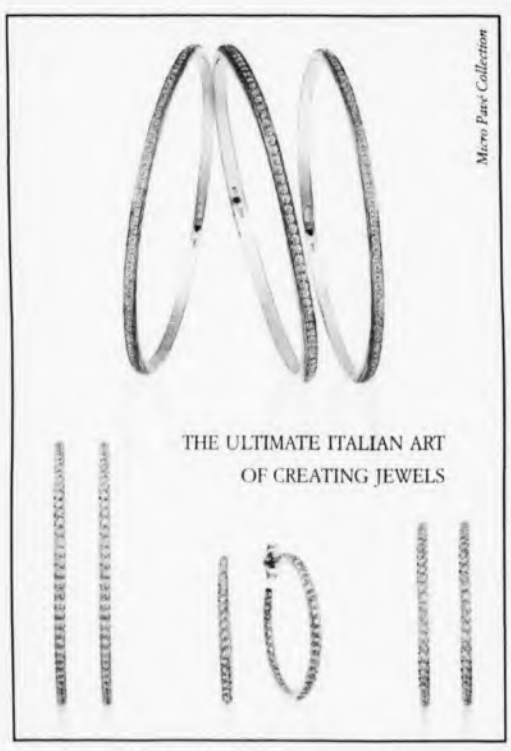
What have you learned in your life that you would like to share with others: To have an open mind and not be quick to pass judgement.

What is your motto: To keep learning.

Eileen Suddath is a volunteer receptionist at Cohasset Elder Affairs on Monday and Wednesday mornings. In May, the Mariner is celebrating Older Americans Month with the Council on Elder Affairs by highlighting senior citizens.



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Fri. 9	2:36	10.8	3:23	9.1	8:59	-1.0	9:13	0.4
Sat. 10	3:34	10.3	4:22	8.9	9:56	-0.5	10:12	0.7
Sun. 11	4:35	9.8	5:24	8.7	10:55	-0.1	11:15	1.0
Mon. 12	5:40	9.3	6:27	8.6	11:56	0.4	—	—
Tues. 13	6:45	8.9	7:27	8.7	12:20	1.2	12:57	0.7
Wed. 14	7:49	8.7	8:23	8.8	1:25	1.1	1:55	0.9
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Coat missing from classroom

A high school student came into the police station to report a missing jacket that had money in the pocket. The student had left the jacket in a classroom and upon returning to the classroom the coat was gone. The police are investigating the incident as a larceny.

Gas drive off

On Monday evening, April 28, a car drove off from Leo's Exxon without paying for its gas—at total of $63.54. The employee at the gas station was able to get the license plate from the video surveillance system and reported it the police. When police contacted the owner of the vehicle, he had forgotten to pay and later returned to the gas station to settle his bill.

"This happens at least a half dozen times a year and almost always people have forgotten to pay," said Hussey.

Rifle, pistol turned in

An old rifle and pistol were turned into the police department last week. While cleaning out their late parents' house, the firearms were found. None of the family members were interested in keeping the firearms.

"They turned it in to us for safekeeping and for us to get rid of them," said Hussey, adding the police every once in awhile perform this service. "They want to put it in the right people's hands."

Missing wallet

At Shaw's market parking lot last Tuesday, April 29, a wallet containing over $200 was taken from an unlocked car. Two days later, the wallet was found in Hingham with credit cards and identification still intact. The Cohasset Police made arrangements for the wallet's owner to retrieve their wallet.

Chief Hussey reminded residents to not to leave any valuables in plain view in an unlocked car, or even a locked car.

"Valuables in plain view just invites someone to break a window to get the purse or wallet," said Hussey. "Lock them in the trunk out of a sight or take their valuables with them even on a short trip."

Doors in village

The police department keeps an eye on the business interests of Cohasset by making sure buildings are secure.

"We try to routinely check the premises make sure everything in our business districts both in the village and Route 3A are secured overnight," said Chief Hussey. They look for open doors or open windows where a break-in could have occurred or, possibly, has occurred.

Each of the three school buildings are checked for security nightly as well.

Erratic operation

A cell phone caller reported seeing a blue Ford driving erratically heading southbound on Route 3A last Friday (May 5). While in most cases the police are able to locate the vehicle, officers searched the area but were not able to find the car.

"We encourage people to call the police if they see a vehicle driving dangerously or a situation where the driver seems impaired," said Hussey.

Broken faucet floods kitchen

A resident on Forest Ave. called for police assistance when the kitchen faucet could not be shut off. The water had begun to flood the room. A police officer and the fire officials responded to the home. The water was shut off at its main source.

The wiring inspector was called in to ensure the water did not cause any electric problems.

Ding dong ditch

A residence on Deep Run has an ongoing problem with kids ringing their doorbell and then running away. Chief Hussey said this type of incident has happened in various locations throughout town. While the kids might think they are just having a little fun, the activity can negatively impact a homeowner, especially if they have difficulty coming to the door or the noise could scare the resident.

"We ask parents to talk to their kids about this type of activity so they realize their actions could have a negative impact on the person in the house," said Hussey.

Gas odor

During the construction of the Little Harbor Water and Sewer Project there have been several instances with gas breaks. Last Friday (May 2) shortly before 5p.m. a gas odor was reported on Nichols Road. The fire department responded and was able to determine the source of the odor. Keyspan was called and was on the scene to fix the problem within 20 minutes.

"The gas company has been responding quickly to any issues," said Hussey.

Parking complaint

A resident called in a car parked illegally and without license plates on Beechwood St. near the corner of Doane St. and Beechwood on Saturday afternoon, May 3. The police had the car towed to McBrien's auto shop until it could be properly claimed.

As it turned out, a prospective buyer of the car had been on a test drive with the car when it broke down on Beechwood. He removed the plates from the car and had planned to have the car towed later.

Possible missing person

The police received a call from concerned sister, who hadn't heard from her brother in two days. The brother was traveling to Maryland to see his wife and child, but had yet to arrive. The officers tried to make contact with the family in Maryland as well as the brother's cell phone, which had a full voice-mail box.

An officer was able to get in touch with the Hartford, Conn. police to check out a Super 8 Motel where the brother was last known to stay. The Hartford police made contact with the brother and gave him the message to contact his family.

CO detector

The fire department responded to a Beach Street residence after its carbon monoxide detector was going off. Fire officials couldn't find a specific problem, but called the gas company to come and check all the appliances in the house.

Car near N. Main tracks

A caller reported a car was parked inside the railroad tracks on North Main Street, but it turned out the car was park in a space before the tracks. The driver was looking for stray golf balls along the side of the road.

Two-alarm fire on Church Street

By Mary Ford
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It was not the way any family wants to wake up.

But for the Canavans of 17 Church Street in Cohasset – smoke signaled one of their worst nightmares early Friday morning.

Somehow fire from the chimney that is connected to their state-of-the-art wood-burning stove in their family room got into the walls and traveled up to the ceiling and into the second floor of the Victorian-era home.

Homeowner, Jim Canavan, was still trying to absorb it all as he nursed a cup of coffee while standing in his driveway.

"My wife was on the couch downstairs," he said when the fire was discovered at about 5 a.m. "The power went out and the TV went off – and that is what woke her up."

Over the next few minutes, family members went on a mad dash for the remote-style phone which their son had up in his bedroom. The battery to that phone needed to be charged.

Amy Canavan located the cell phone and called 9-1-1 while Jim tried to put the fire out from the outside with the hose, which was kinked.

Cohasset Fire Chief Robert Silvia said the call came in at 5:02 a.m. about smoke in the house. When the firefighters arrived there was smoke and fire in the area outside the chimney, which is on the back of the house.

"Our preliminary investigation revealed the fire went into the wall and ceiling and into the two rooms above."

Silva said the firefighters, who initially responded, evacuated the four residents and started to work to get to the seat of the fire.

A second alarm was struck and mutual aid was provided by Scituate, Hull and Hingham. Firefighters opened the wall and the ceiling. The fire and damage was contained to four rooms, two upstairs and two downstairs.

The State Fire Marshall's office was on the scene Friday morning interviewing the Canavans as part of the investigation.

The home has been added onto and the fire was in the older section; it is not clear if the home is habitable. Building Inspector Robert Egan was on the scene by about 8 a.m.

During the overhaul, Silvia said at the scene firefighters had to insure that the fire had not traveled within the walls and ceiling to other areas of the home.

There were no injuries. The Canavans, who are formerly from Scituate, moved to the home about four years ago. They have three children, one of whom is away at school.

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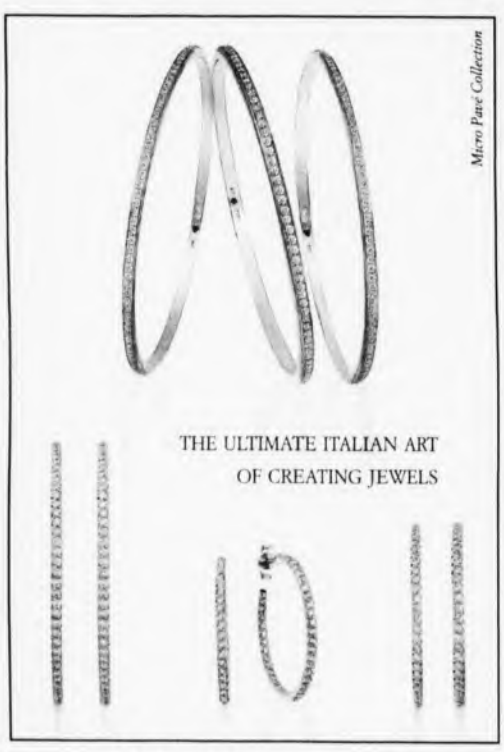
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Tues. 13	6:45	8.9	7:27	8.7	12:20	1.2	12:57	0.7
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"When the lights are flashing drivers are encouraged not to cross the tracks," said Hussey. "Ideally, we want people to call the police."

In the event of a gate malfunction, there are safety measures in place. Hussey said the train conductor and engineer are aware if a gate is malfunctioning and will stop the train before it reaches the gate. The train conductor will exit the train and ensure the crossing is safe before the train crosses.

Coat missing from classroom

A high school student came into the police station to report a missing jacket that had money in the pocket. The student had left the jacket in a classroom and upon returning to the classroom the coat was gone. The police are investigating the incident as a larceny.

Gas drive off

On Monday evening, April 28, a car drove off from Leo's Exxon without paying for its gas—at total of $63.54. The employee at the gas station was able to get the license plate from the video surveillance system and reported it the police. When police contacted the owner of the vehicle, he had forgotten to pay and later returned to the gas station to settle his bill.

"This happens at least a half dozen times a year and almost always people have forgotten to pay," said Hussey.

Rifle, pistol turned in

An old rifle and pistol were turned into the police department last week. While cleaning out their late parents' house, the firearms were found. None of the family members were interested in keeping the firearms.

"They turned it in to us for safekeeping and for us to get rid of them," said Hussey, adding the police every once in awhile perform this service. "They want to put it in the right people's hands."

Missing wallet

At Shaw's market parking lot last Tuesday, April 29, a wallet containing over $200 was taken from an unlocked car. Two days later, the wallet was found in Hingham with credit cards and identification still intact. The Cohasset Police made arrangements for the wallet's owner to retrieve their wallet.

Chief Hussey reminded residents to not to leave any valuables in plain view in an unlocked car, or even a locked car.

"Valuables in plain view just invites someone to break a window to get the purse or wallet," said Hussey. "Lock them in the trunk out of a sight or take their valuables with them even on a short trip."

Doors in village

The police department keeps an eye on the business interests of Cohasset by making sure buildings are secure.

"We try to routinely check the premises make sure everything in our business districts both in the village and Route 3A are secured overnight," said Chief Hussey. They look for open doors or open windows where a break-in could have occurred or, possibly, has occurred.

Each of the three school buildings are checked for security nightly as well.

Erratic operation

A cell phone caller reported seeing a blue Ford driving erratically heading southbound on Route 3A last Friday (May 5). While in most cases the police are able to locate the vehicle, officers searched the area but were not able to find the car.

"We encourage people to call the police if they see a vehicle driving dangerously or a situation where the driver seems impaired," said Hussey.

Broken faucet floods kitchen

A resident on Forest Ave. called for police assistance when the kitchen faucet could not be shut off. The water had begun to flood the room. A police officer and the fire officials responded to the home. The water was shut off at its main source.

The wiring inspector was called in to ensure the water did not cause any electric problems.

Ding dong ditch

A residence on Deep Run has an ongoing problem with kids ringing their doorbell and then running away. Chief Hussey said this type of incident has happened in various locations throughout town. While the kids might think they are just having a little fun, the activity can negatively impact a homeowner, especially if they have difficulty coming to the door or the noise could scare the resident.

"We ask parents to talk to their kids about this type of activity so they realize their actions could have a negative impact on the person in the house," said Hussey.

Gas odor

During the construction of the Little Harbor Water and Sewer Project there have been several instances with gas breaks. Last Friday (May 2) shortly before 5p.m. a gas odor was reported on Nichols Road. The fire department responded and was able to determine the source of the odor. Keyspan was called and was on the scene to fix the problem within 20 minutes.

"The gas company has been responding quickly to any issues," said Hussey.

Parking complaint

A resident called in a car parked illegally and without license plates on Beechwood St. near the corner of Doane St. and Beechwood on Saturday afternoon, May 3. The police had the car towed to McBrien's auto shop until it could be properly claimed.

As it turned out, a prospective buyer of the car had been on a test drive with the car when it broke down on Beechwood. He removed the plates from the car and had planned to have the car towed later.

Possible missing person

The police received a call from concerned sister, who hadn't heard from her brother in two days. The brother was traveling to Maryland to see his wife and child, but had yet to arrive. The officers tried to make contact with the family in Maryland as well as the brother's cell phone, which had a full voicemail box.

An officer was able to get in touch with the Hartford, Conn. police to check out a Super 8 Motel where the brother was last known to stay. The Hartford police made contact with the brother and gave him the message to contact his family.

CO detector

The fire department responded to a Beach Street residence after its carbon monoxide detector was going off. Fire officials couldn't find a specific problem, but called the gas company to come and check all the appliances in the house.

Car near N. Main tracks

A caller reported a car was parked inside the railroad tracks on North Main Street, but it turned out the car was park in a space before the tracks. The driver was looking for stray golf balls along the side of the road.

Two-alarm fire on Church Street

By Mary Ford
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It was not the way any family wants to wake up.

But for the Canavans of 17 Church Street in Cohasset – smoke signaled one of their worst nightmares early Friday morning.

Somehow fire from the chimney that is connected to their state-of-the-art wood-burning stove in their family room got into the walls and traveled up to the ceiling and into the second floor of the Victorian-era home.

Homeowner, Jim Canavan, was still trying to absorb it all as he nursed a cup of coffee while standing in his driveway.

"My wife was on the couch downstairs," he said when the fire was discovered at about 5 a.m. "The power went out and the TV went off – and that is what woke her up."

Over the next few minutes, family members went on a mad dash for the remote-style phone which their son had up in his bedroom. The battery to that phone needed to be charged.

Amy Canavan located the cell phone and called 9-1-1 while Jim tried to put the fire out from the outside with the hose, which was kinked.

Cohasset Fire Chief Robert Silvia said the call came in at 5:02 a.m. about smoke in the house. When the firefighters arrived there was smoke and fire in the area outside the chimney, which is on the back of the house.

"Our preliminary investigation revealed the fire went into the wall and ceiling and into the two rooms above."

Silva said the firefighters, who initially responded, evacuated the four residents and started to work to get to the seat of the fire.

A second alarm was struck and mutual aid was provided by Scituate, Hull and Hingham. Firefighters opened the wall and the ceiling. The fire and damage was contained to four rooms, two upstairs and two downstairs.

The State Fire Marshall's office was on the scene Friday morning interviewing the Canavans as part of the investigation.

The home has been added onto and the fire was in the older section; it is not clear if the home is habitable. Building Inspector Robert Egan was on the scene by about 8 a.m.

During the overhaul, Silvia said at the scene firefighters had to insure that the fire had not traveled within the walls and ceiling to other areas of the home.

There were no injuries. The Canavans, who are formerly from Scituate, moved to the home about four years ago. They have three children, one of whom is away at school.

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The journey of a lifetime

Margot Critchfield is new minister at St. Stephen's

By Nancy White
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From the very first day Margot Critchfield stepped foot in Cohasset, she felt like she had found her long lost home.

The new rector at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church grew up attending 13 schools in 11 years, so she never felt a real connection to any one place.

"The sensation I have is I am home at last; I feel that way about Cohasset and St. Stephen's. I feel like I've died and gone to heaven," she says with a big smile.

In innumerous ways, Critchfield feels God has provided her with more than she could have ever asked for or imagined with this new position and home.

It's been quite a journey for Critchfield to arrive at St. Stephen's and her story to get to this point is one that is made for the movies—and she hopes St. Stephen's is her happy ending.

Although she says she always had a spiritual side, Critchfield didn't start out as a spiritual leader. For 11 years she was a producer at NBC News. She did investigative and undercover assignments that took her from a helicopter in the mountains of Colombia to stakeouts of gangsters in Cleveland.

She met her husband, Don, at NBC. They married and wanted to start a family. Sadly, her first baby—a daughter named Faith—died after only three days. Critchfield said Faith was born with multiple heart defects and was only expected to live for one day, but survived three. She hadn't opened her eyes until Critchfield placed a fragrant peony next to her nose and her eyes shot open.



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Margot Critchfield says she feels at home in Cohasset at St. Stephen's.

The next year Critchfield struggled with the death of her baby. She says she was furious with God, but felt she needed to go back to the church in order to heal.

"Eventually, I felt the grief of having no God was greater than the grief of having no baby," says Critchfield. It was the beginning of a healing process and her journey back to the church. On an Easter Sunday, almost a year after Faith's death, she and husband visited Faith's gravesite where they had planted a peony plant. The first two buds were just beginning to come out; three days later she found out she was pregnant with her daughter, Grace, now 18.

Critchfield's healing journey with God continued when she started attending a 12-step program. In recovery for 14 years, she calls the 12-steps "some of the most powerful spiritual tools I've encountered in my journey."

"It was a powerful healing process that helped heal my relationship with myself, the people around me, and God," say Critchfield. Knowing she had not always lived a life according to God's word had always made her hesitant when she felt "the call" to serve the church.

"I felt a lot of shame and guilt, and told myself, 'why would God call someone like me?'" she says. Now, she says she realizes God calls people just like her, "Jesus came to be with the sinners. I think if God can completely transform me, he can do it for anyone."

Critchfield is very open about her past because she doesn't want anyone to be afraid to come to church because they think they aren't 'good' enough. "I want it (my story) to be something that inspires people."

When she first spoke of her sense of call to her husband, she was floored by his response. "He said 'it was never a matter of if, it was a matter of when."

And so began her efforts to become an Episcopal minister began. She underwent a year of discernment to ensure the inward call she felt was outwardly felt by others. Then, with the support of her church in Washington D.C. and its clergy, she headed to seminary for three years. She graduated in 2001, was ordained a deacon in June then six month later ordained a priest. Her previous post was associate rector at St. Alban's Church in D.C.

As of this past Sunday, she is officially installed at St. Stephen's.

"My story has God's grace written all over it," she says.

Challenges ahead

Critchfield says the biggest challenge any person of faith faces is their very beliefs are counter cultural, "we live in a very secular world. Going to church is not something everyone does anymore."

While success, money and self-reliance are first and foremost in the culture, she says church is about a community that believes in their total dependence on God and interdependence on neighbors.

"It's very difficult to take the faith you have on Sunday and live it out during the week," says Critchfield. But, in the same token, she says people are hungry for spirituality and a more integrated (secular and religious) life.

She doesn't want to make drastic changes to the parish just because she's the new minister in town.

"I've found when changes come up organically from the parish, it really works. It's not about me, it's about the community and I discerning where God is calling us."

She says the fun thing about the Episcopal church is "you don't have to check your brain at the front door." The religion she says encourages the church community to ask faith questions and have discussions, "I love that."

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Board balks at plan

Developer pledges to get Ripley Road project done

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The 25 Ripley Road project will go forward to the state Mass Housing without the support of the town. Selectmen approved a letter indicating the numerous issues relating to the project's feasibility and what they saw as negative impacts on the neighborhood from the project.

"Based on the input of the (Cohasset Housing Partnership Committee) and neighbors of the proposed development, the Board of Selectmen has voted that it cannot support this project at this time and would urge Mass Housing to deny a Site Approval Letter," states the letter.

Selectmen cite nine concerns they have with the project, among them economic feasibility, density, septic system, site utilization/parking and developer experience.

The board cited "substantial issues" associated with the project as well as possible negative impacts on the neighborhood overshadowed the benefit of two additional affordable units in town.

The 25 Ripley Road project is being proposed under Chapter 40B, the state's affordable housing law, by Cohasset resident, Will Charles. Charles has submitted an application to Mass Housing for the project and Mass Housing sought the town's input on the project. In addition to the Selectmen's letter, the Housing Partnership and five neighbors weighed in on the project. The Housing Partnership expressed the need for more information on a variety of issues they saw in the project before they could make a recommendation for or against the project.

Neighbors' letters and comments at last week's Selectmen's meeting made clear their opposition to the condominium development.

When reached for comment this week, Charles said he was extremely disappointed with the lack of support from the Board of Selectmen and neighbors.

"Our goal was to work with the town of Cohasset and the neighbors," said Charles. "I live here, I work here, my kids go to school here, and I wanted to work with the town."

The lack of town support did not stifle his passion and drive to complete this project. "Our mission is clear: we want to go forward with the project."

Charles is optimistic he will receive the Mass Housing site plan approval because Cohasset is significantly under the 10 percent affordable housing threshold set by Chapter 40B. Currently, Cohasset has about 2 percent affordable housing stock.

Under Chapter 40B, the zoning board can approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Towns that are under the 10 percent threshold of their housing stock deemed as affordable by state standards, like Cohasset, are vulnerable to Chapter 40B projects.

The project could have proceeded in one of two ways. If the Board of Selectmen had endorsed the project, the development would have become a Local Initiative Program, or LIP, which is often called "friendly 40B." In a LIP, the town and developer work together to bring forward the project to the state. Without the support of the Board of Selectmen, the project can still proceed under Chapter 40B.

In both cases, the project will need approval from the state Department of Community Housing & Development (DHCD) to insure that it meets state regulations and guidelines and undergo a zoning board comprehensive permit process.

Big picture getting smaller

Police department trying to do more with less

By Nancy White
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In a small police department, any shortage of personnel, equipment or funding has a ripple effect throughout the department.

"It's one of the challenges we face," said Police Chief James Hussey during Monday night's Board of Selectmen meeting. Selectmen have asked each department head to come before them over the next two months to report on the trends, major challenges, grant opportunities and generally give a "big picture" perspective of their department.

The Police Department is budgeted for 17 sworn officers, including two lieutenants, three sergeants, 12 officers/detectives. The dispatch division includes the equivalent of five full-time dispatchers and the animal control officer shared with Norwell.

For the past year, Hussey said the department has been down two bodies, with one officer out on long-term sick leave and an open officer position since last June. Hussey has hired a new officer with Cohasset roots to start in June.

"As a smaller department it is harder to retain personnel," said Hussey, primarily because there is less chance for promotion and advancement compared to a bigger department.

Hussey said in the future seeking out potential officers who have connections to the town or to the area could be helpful, "we'd like to have homegrown people."

Being down two officers puts increased stress on the remaining personnel, said Hussey. Often he has to make officers work and he says it directly impacts officers' morale.

"It really puts a lot of stress on the department," said Hussey.

A recent trend in police departments is a move to more regionalization and mutual aid efforts.

"(In this area,) police departments are way behind fire departments, who rely on mutual aid almost on a daily basis. It's very second nature to them, but it is a relatively new phenomenon to police," said Hussey. A multi-town study on how police departments can begin to regionalize was recently completed thanks to a $50,000 grant. The towns will be discussing the recommendations of the study to see what is financially feasible to do.

Hussey offered a list of grants the department currently seeks out and has received from the state and federal sources. Selectmen chairman Ted Carr said one the board's objectives is to gather a comprehensive master list of all grant opportunities and eventually have a thoughtful review of which ones the town would like to go after.

Carr asked Hussey about a recent letter from the police officers' union expressing concern about the high mileage and safety of the squad cars.

"It's never been my position to put an unsafe vehicle on the street. The cars are being monitored," said Hussey, adding he understood the officers' concerns. "They are using the cars in emergency situations and they see them going to the repair shop fairly often. They are losing confidence in the cars.

"Hopefully in coming years we'll be able to put a replacement schedule in place," said Hussey. The squad cars at all well over 100,000 miles some after two years on the road. "these cars are running 24 hours a day, seven days a week, they take a beating."



Anthology, a professional women's vocal quartet, will perform a concert of a cappella music at the Meeting House of First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Friday evening, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. ***For more details on the concert, see page 31.***

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AROUND TOWN



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Hey there Cohasset. How is everyone this week? As you will be able to tell after reading this week's column, May and June are very busy with activities, fundraisers and other various things going on. Proms, graduations and some other special events for families are happening as well. Send in any photos, stories or event news for the column and especially send in news about your graduates no matter what age they are! I want to send a special wish out to all mothers everywhere this weekend for a super happy and special Mothers Day on Sunday. Enjoy the weekend, everyone and make sure to let your Mom know how great she is!(don't forget to spoil her a little bit.)

ON STAGE

If you are looking for something fun to go to and also, see some super talent, head to Boston College High School. This is the last weekend for "West Side Story" in which two Cohasset young ladies, **Katie Hillman** and **Thomson Jaffe** perform in. Show times are Saturday, May 10, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, May 11, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost $10 for adults and $5 for students. For additional information and/or reservations, please contact Adrian Hernandez, (617)-474-5165, or e-mail your request to TheDeverPlayers@bchigh.edu.

PIZZA KITS

PIZZA! PIZZA! The fifth grade at Deer Hill School is raising funds for next September's trip to Camp Bournedale through the sale of Little Caesar's Pizza Kits. The sale has started and will end Friday, May 16, with the kits being delivered on Wednesday, May 28th. For sale are pizza kits, bread kits, cookie dough and pie kits. If you do not know a fifth grader and would like to purchase some of these great items, please contact: Beth Marsden Gilman 383-1811 bmarsden@silverlink.com or Lisa Dooley 383-0958 the4dooleys@comcast.net

SUMMER FUN

Many wonderful programs and events are going to be taking place late spring and into the summer. The Cohasset Recreation Department (www.townofcohasset.org/rec) has information for summer time programs at the Cohasset Town Hall, the Cohasset Dramatic Club will be getting ready to take registrations for the Summer show of "Grease" and the Our World Childrens Global Discovery Museum is hosting classes, parties and weekly summertime programs with a variety of themes and you can check it out by going to www.ourworld-cgdm.org. Swimming at the town pool, sailing programs at the Sailing club and so many more programs along with the weekly Farmers Market on the Common are all headed our way as well. We are so lucky to have what we do in our community, ENJOY!

PLANT SALE

Attention all gardeners! The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its annual Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, May 17, on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society, 106 South Main St. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Perennials and shrubs that have proven their hardiness and merit in members' own gardens will be on sale. Copies of the garden club's most recent publication, "The Eclectic Gardener", a collection of gardening information, recipes, and nature notes will also be available. The event will be held rain or shine. Come early for the best selection. Proceeds from the sale will support the club's many projects and scholarships.

LIVESTRONG

Balloons for Hope" will support LIVESTRONG Day, the Lance Armstrong Foundation's (LAF) one-day initiative to unite people affected by cancer and raise awareness and funds for the cancer fight. Yellow balloons will be sold ($5 each/$50 for a bouquet of 12) in Cohasset Village in front of Coldwell Banker from 9 to 3. Community members may purchase balloons to honor friends or loved ones who have been affected by cancer. 100% of all funds raised will be donated to The Lance Armstrong Foundation. On May 13, more than 500 LIVESTRONG Day events will take place in communities across the country to raise awareness and funds to support the fight against cancer. To learn more about LIVESTRONG Day, visit www.livestrong.org/livestrong-day. Make sure to wear your yellow on May 13th to support this cause and event!

XTREME

The Cohasset Recreation Department is pleased to announce a new summer program called Summer Xtreme 2008, designed for middle school students entering sixth, seventh and eighth grades for the new school year. There are seven one-week sessions that begin June 30 and end Aug. 14. The program will run Monday thru Thursday at Cohasset High School each week. Fridays are a possible makeup date. The weekly schedule is as follows: Mondays & Wednesdays: games, sports, crafts, etc. On Tuesday & Thursdays, there will be the following field trips: Week 1: Canobie Lake Park and Star Land, Week 2: Water Wizz and Armstrong Ice Arena, Week 3: Morton's Pond, Plymouth and P & L Paintball, Week 4: LaserGate laser tag and United Skates of America Roller-skating, Week 5: Water Country and Pawtucket Paw Sox, Week 6: IMAX/Aquarium and Boston Bowl & Billiards, Week 7: Water Wizz and Kayaking on Lake Cochituate, Natick.

The cost is $99/week, for each participant, while the non-resident rate is $120/week. Admission to the events, transportation, and supervision are included in the cost. Additional spending money for meals, etc. on various trips is recommended. The program is limited to 45 participants for each week. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Department Office, or found online at: www.townofcohasset.org/rec

LACROSSE CLINIC

This one-week lacrosse clinic is for boys & girls entering grades three thru six in the fall. While the program is run by the Cohasset Recreation Department, it's open to players from other communities. The Buick brothers will be directing the program this year. The clinic is held the week of July 21-25, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., at Milliken Field, Cohasset. Sessions are held rain or shine – in all conditions except lightning. Players need full equipment. For girls, this means a stick, goggles and a mouth guard. For boys, it means a helmet (including mouthpiece,) gloves, arm and shoulder pads and a stick. Players should also bring their own water, juice or sports drink to each day's sessions. The fee for the lacrosse clinic is $85. Registration material can be found at: www.townofcohasset.org/rec.

HAPPY DOG

Cohasset Recreation will offer Dog Training classes to be taught by Happy Dog Training School again for 2008 (www.happydog-training.com). The first session is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 12 on Cohasset Common, directly in front of Town Hall. Sessions are five weeks in duration, meeting for one hour each week and cost $110 per dog, per session. Registrations will be via telephone by calling the Cohasset Recreation Department at (781) 383-4109. Classes are limited in size. The first session on May 12, offers a 6-7 p.m. Special Topics in Dog Training Class to dogs with some basic training, who are at least 6 months old. Each week will include a special Training Topic, such as agility, heel, come, rally and distraction training. The 7-8 p.m. class is for Beginner Training for dogs with no prior formal training, at least 8 weeks old.

HELPING ASP

Dine on Redbones Barbeque, dance to the music of The Grateful Dads, bid on community donated auction items and, best of all… You'll be helping to fund 2008's Appalachian Service Project! The date for this event is Saturday, May 17th from 6:30-11 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Center. The tickets are $40 per person and may be obtained at the 2nd Congregational Church office, by calling 781-383-1624 or by email at gar@2ndcc.org. All proceeds go to support the Cohasset Appalachian Service Project (ASP). ASP is a faith-based home repair ministry, open to all people, that fosters human development. This July, Cohasset students and families will be going to Kentucky to help repair the homes and lives of Central Appalachian families in need. Your support can help change a life.

RELAY FOR LIFE

As we get ready for this year's Relay For Life being held at the Cohasset High School on June 13 and 14, Team captains looking for Luminaria bags as well as anyone who would like to volunteer should contact Jacqui Goyette-Vitello at 781-383-2668.

MEMORIAL DAY

What a nice way to commemorate this special day. Girls ages 5-12 needed to march in the Cohasset Memorial Day parade. Girls will meet at 11 a.m. POW Square at the top of Depot Court and march from the common down to the memorial on the harbor across from American Legion Post. Lunch will be served to marchers after the service. If your daughters, granddaughter etc. are interested or if anyone has questions please contact Deirdre Wigmore at (781) 740-8049

CUSHING ACADEMY

Cohasset's **Samuel K. Parker**, Class of 2008, was named to Cushing Academy's Honor Roll for the winter term. To be awarded honors at Cushing Academy, students earn a grade point average of 85 or above for the term. Cushing Academy is a college prepartory school in Ashburnham. Nice work, Samuel.

CLASS REUNION

Cohasset High School Class of 1968 continues organizing for the 40th class reunion. All the fun begins on Saturday, August 16th from 6-10 p.m. at the Lighthousekeepers Residence on Government Island in Cohasset. The cost is $40 per person for a great night of food, beer and wine and dancing with a local DJ. Come celebrate the rest of your life with the rest of us. We are still looking for the following people from the class of 1968: Bob Flanagan, Mary Hall, Alison Hatheway, Jim Hurley, Sue McIntyre, John McNeil, Jeanne Polito, Cathy Raymond, Ellen Souther, Kathy Hobbs and Karen Walsh. If you have any information about these people or others from the class of 1968, please call or email Catherine (Cathy) Davis at 781-383-2570 or catherinee-davis@gmail.com. Also, if you want to purchase tickets or be part of the organizational meetings, please contact Catherine at the same phone number or email. We hope to have a fabulous night and loook forward to hearing from everyone.

SPRING CONCERT

They are at it again. So what do Cohasset residents **David Game**, **Sally Avery**, **Sarah Roche**, **Bernadette Faulkner**, **Helene Sceery**, **Chartis Tebbetts**, **Marie Radai**, and **John Lengyel** have in common? The South Shore's Choral Art Society! The group, conducted by **Danica A. Buckley**, and composed of your neighbors and friends from many local South Shore towns who love to sing. CAS will hold its glorious spring concert, Czeching Into Vienna: Music of Dvorak, Schubert, and Brahms on Saturday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Lukes Episcopal Church, 405 First Parish Road, Scituate. The concert will benefit the work of the society and its scholarship fund. Tickets are available at Buttonwood Books and Toys on 3A in Cohasset, at the Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front St. in Scituate, and from choir members. $15 per person, $12 for seniors and children 12 and under. This event is funded in part by the Local Arts Councils of Cohasset, Marshfield, Plympton, Hull, Norwell and Scituate under the umbrella of the Mass Cultural Council. Come hear the dazzling piano performance of Susan Gilleece-Reilley, the four part harmony and exquisite solo work of the society, conducted by Danica A. Buckley. It will lift your spirits! For information call Nancy at 781-545-8295 or visit www.choralartsociety.org. CAS is a non-profit organization. St. Luke's is handicapped accessible.

That is all for this week. Send in all of your news and information to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m.

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Style and grace

Boston School of Etiquette shows kids proper behavior for all types of situations

By Nancy White
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Growing up in upstate New York, Renate Devin was the second oldest of 10 kids.

"It was chaos," she attests. They lived on a farm and dinner was never served on fine china or with a salad fork, but she says all her brothers and sisters were taught how to be respectful and pitch in around the house.

When Devin became a mom herself, she left the corporate world to focus on her kids. As they got older and started attending more activities, she began to notice a disturbing trend with the kids, including her own – no pleases or thank you's, children ignoring adults and a lack of what she deemed as proper behavior.

She didn't think the kids were bad kids, but thought they just didn't know the proper way to act.

"Everyone's schedule is so crazy, hardly any family has time to sit down to a meal," Devin said. It was then she decided she would educate herself to be able to teach kids proper manners for all types of situations.

She headed to the International School of Protocol in Hunt Valley, Maryland, and then completed the program at the American School of Protocol in Atlanta, Georgia.

With a generous helping of southern charm in Atlanta, Devin felt she had gained the right tools to start her own business in Cohasset. In September 2007, she started Boston School of Etiquette, offering her first classes at the South Shore Community Center.

"Parents sign kids up for so many activities, why shouldn't they learn the niceties of life?" Devin said.

Cohasset parent of two, Linda Fetcher agreed. She signed her daughter Morgan, 10, and son Jack, 8, up for Devin's class.

"It was so much more than I thought it would be," Fetcher said. Before the first class, she wasn't sure what the kids would think about the class so she didn't mention it too much. But, the kids came home from the very first class excited.

"Parents say they notice a change almost right away and with their new knowledge they've gained, their kids are often correcting them at the dinner table," she said with a laugh. Fetcher says it was at that first dinner after the first class that she and her husband began to get etiquette lessons from their kids, "they really enjoy imparting their knowledge on their parents."

Fetcher said while she and her husband do their best to teach their kids manners at home she thought it would be worthwhile to have their lessons reinforced by another adult.

"Manners are really a lost art," Fetcher said.

Right now, Devin is focusing on building up the program from elementary-aged kids from grade one to five. The class isn't just about what fork to use for the salad course, Devin teaches life skills that kids can immediately put to use in their lives – proper introductions, handshakes, conversation skills, writing thank you notes and telephone skills are just few of the items covered

"These are skills they will have for the rest of their life," Devin said. "Knowing the right thing to do builds kids confidence, it gives kids a head start."

Fetcher said one of the differences she has noticed with her kids is with answering the phone.

"Before I think sometime my kids were hesitant to answer the phone, but now I think they have the skills and confidence to answer the telephone," Fetcher said.

For each class, Devin sets the stage by setting the table with china, silver, crystal, fresh flowers and (every kid's favorite part) food at the Community Center.

"It's all about putting your best foot forward."
Boston School of Etiquette founder Renate Devin

As the culmination of the class, Devin takes the children to a fine dining meal at Bia Bistro.

Recently, this class was filmed as part of an ABC World News special that aired Monday, April 21. The class at Bia Bistro was filmed and Devin was interviewed speaking about the importance of etiquette class to both kids and parents.

"Any child who has good manners and knows how to act in any situation, those are the kids who get the attention," Devin said.

Even at home, Devin says a child's small acts of kindness and gratuity can go a long way.

"A child who picks up his plate to take it to the sink and says 'thanks, Mom, that was a great dinner' means a lot."

Devin has the framework in place to expand Boston School of Etiquette with two programs for the middle school and high school age groups.

In the middle school age – sixth through ninth grade – class the boys are separated from girls for gender-specific lessons. For the girls class, she plans a trip to the salon for a hair and skin care tips, presenting herself properly, dining and clothing choices. For the boys class, she covers gentlemen's conversation skills, cell phone guidelines, sports etiquette and giving a one-minute speech.

For the high school-aged, the boys and girls are back together. She plans for a trip into Boston to the theatre production, where both the ladies and gentlemen will learn the proper way to act in that forum.

"Simple things like how to get out of your seat to use the restroom, there is a proper way to do that," Devin said. How to present yourself during an interview for a job or a college admissions officer is covered as well as dining and dating protocol.

"It's all about putting your best foot forward," Devin said of all her classes. She said during her program at the American School of Protocol, she was taught the best way for kids to learn was by role modeling and actually putting the kids in the situations so they learn what is appropriate. That's why the classes take a hands-on approach to each lesson, Devin said.

With success so far, Devin plans to open a home-base facility in the future.

Before becoming a full-time mom, Devin worked in the corporate arena first traveling the world organizing international incentive programs for corporations, then entered the world of finance where she managed large account relationships.

She and her husband, Bill, moved to Cohasset nine years ago and have two young kids, Charlie, 7, and Natalie, 6.



PHOTO/CINDY VALLINO
Boston School of Etiquette founder Renate Devin works with Margaret Curley, 6, of Cohasset during a class at the South Shore Community Center.



PHOTO/AMY OSTEN
TJ Richardson, 8, and Hanna Cooper, 10 pay close attention to the conversation while dining at Bia Bistro as part of Renate Devin's Boston School of Etiquette. ABC World News film crews recently came to Cohasset to feature the class.


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CHRISTINE KENT



Suffice to say, everyone seems to have been caught in the wake of the hectic end of term chaos and AP examinations.

For those wondering where did all the noise go these days, then look no further than the senior hall way. The place where brains are fried and paper is in abundance, at least this week because it is…AP EXAM TIME! A year's worth of studying and preparation for the students of these advanced placement courses has lead up to these tests. Suffice to say, everyone seems to have been caught in the wake of the hectic end of term chaos and AP examinations. It wasn't unusual to encounter the odd sleeping student, but I'm sure they still heard every word their teachers said!

Also, ***The Spinnaker*** staff has been working tirelessly around the clock on the layout of the final installment of the paper, which is due out on the 28th of May. Don't forget to bring a dollar and receive your always entertaining issue! May 28th, Mark it in your calendar.

Prepare to channel your inner Nancy Drew or Sherlock Holmes because it is time to reveal yet another clue about next year's Life at CHS mastermind! This beauty has graced field hockey fields all over the South Shore. Her springtime fun is spent catching pop flies. Now, take your clues and get your thinking caps on until next week when yet another hint is offered.

Time for the week's main events:

Monday: The Student Council Clothing drive continues, with upper classmen dominating the cause. Come on people, bring in the goods!

Tuesday: Fie onto Fie! The Middle school drama team met in the auditorium.

Wednesday: Thank goodness for Professional Day, otherwise kids would have had to suffer through another full day of school

Thursday: The Boy's Baseball team tried to regain their momentum in Harwich after Tuesday's loss.

Friday: The eighth grade French students packed their bags for the voyage to Quebec City. Au Revoir kids!

Alright, that's it for me this week. Have a safe and fun week-

Send your news tip to mford@cnc.com

CEF awards two new grants

The Cohasset Education Foundation recently awarded two new grants, bringing the total number of grants awarded to the Cohasset Schools to thirteen in the past sixteen months.

The first grant award for $28,000 will go towards a STEM Lab for the Deer Hill School, (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Said Dr. deChiara, Principal of Deer Hill, "With inquiry based kits, a laboratory environment, and a state of the art technological infrastructure, students at the Deer Hill will be able to develop early identities as scientists, engineers and mathematicians. They will develop procedural skills for questioning, observation, data gathering and analyzing, problem solving and presentation. This will help them for the STEM curriculum offerings at the secondary level and will ultimately lead to an interest in science as a career for many of our students."

Both of these Grants will be implemented over the next few months.

The second grant award for $500 was for a keyboard for the Music Department at the Middle High School. This grant was matched by the Cohasset Arts Boosters and marked the first collaboration between the two organizations. Elaine Breslow of the CMHS Arts Boosters commented, "We are thrilled to have been able to collaborate with the CEF on this artistic endeavor. The keyboard will not only serve to better complement our students' talents but will enable them to better share their love of music with our community at large."

Both of these Grants will be implemented over the next few months. Because of generous community support, in the last sixteen months the CEF has awarded over $155,000 in project grants to the Cohasset Schools and now has an endowment fund of over $255,000. "Reach for the Stars", a benefit to celebrate and support the Cohasset Public Schools will be held this Saturday, May 3 at the Cohasset Golf Club. For more information about the CEF visit our Web site at www.cohasset-education.org.

Deer Hill, Osgood menus

MONDAY, MAY 12
Create your own cheeseburger with all the fixins, fresh side salad, apple slices.

TUESDAY, MAY 13
Sliced turkey ad cheese sandwich with chicken vegetable noodle soup, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14
Pasta with meat sauce, buttered dinner roll, fresh side salad, diced peaches.

THURSDAY, MAY 15
BBQ chicken dinner, buttered dinner roll, whipped potatoes, crisp yellow corn, mixed fruit, cup Jell-O with whipped cream.

FRIDAY, MAY 16
Tuna salad sub, carrots and celery sticks with ranch dressing, Oreo cookie.

MONDAY, MAY 19
French toast sticks, light maple syrup, sausage, fresh garden salad, orange quarters, vanilla pudding.

TUESADY, MAY 20
Turkey dinner with a all the fixins, whipped potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, crisp green beans, fruit cup.

WEDNESAY, MAY 21
Italian meatball sub, Parmesan cheese, fresh garden side salad, box of sweet raisins.

THURSDAY, MAY 22
Chicken stir fry with grilled vegetables, over long grain rice, chocolate chip cookie.

FRIDAY, MAY 23
Cheesy pizza, side fresh garden salad, apple crisp.

MONDAY, MAY 26
Holiday.

TUESDAY, MAY 27
Ham and cheese bagel sandwich, fresh side garden salad, Hoodsie ice cream.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28
Spaghetti with marinara sauce, buttered dinner roll, fresh Greek salad, apple slices.

THURSDAY, MAY 29
Taco meat with nacho chips, lettuce, tomato, shredded cheese, steamed white rice, cinnamon applesauce

FRIDAY, MAY 30
French bread crusty pizza, carrot and celery sticks with ranch dressing, fresh strawberries, chocolate chip cookie.

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From left are new and retiring Committee leadership and other members: Gail Collins (new Secretary); Agnes McCann (retiring Chair); Pat Laugelle (Treasurer); Kevin McCarthy (incoming Chair); Tom Callahan (incoming Vice-Chair); Susan Kent (retiring Secretary); Betsy Connolly and Ned Tebbetts (Affirmative Action/Outreach).''

Democratic Town Committee honors Agnes McCann

May 3 the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee gathered to honor Agnes McCann who has chaired and lead the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee for over 11 years.

During Agnes' term, the Committee began holding an annual Yard Sale to benefit the Joseph F. Walsh III Memorial Scholarship which has been awarded to graduating Cohasset seniors since 1978; instituted Movie Night featuring current movies of political and social interest which are shown at the Paul Pratt Library; and organized the popular Cohasset Political Forum series.

All Cohasset Democratic Town Committee members join in thanking Agnes for her many years of dedicated community service and leadership.

Cohasset residents perform with Choral Arts Society Saturday in Scituate

David Game, Sally Avery, Sarah Roche, Bernadette Faulkner, Helene Sceery, Chartis Tebbetts, Marie Radai, and John Lengyel will perform with the South Shore's Choral Arts Society conducted by Danica A. Buckley. CAS will hold its spring concert, "Czeching Into Vienna: Music of Dvorak, Schubert, and Brahms" on Saturday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate. The concert will benefit the work of the society and it's scholarship fund.

Tickets are available at Buttonwood Books and Toys on Route 3A in Cohasset, at the Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front St., in Scituate, and from choir members. $15 per person, $12 for seniors and children 12 and under.

This event is funded in part by the Local Arts Councils of Cohasset, Marshfield, Plympton, Hull, Norwell and Scituate under the umbrella of the Mass Cultural Council.

Hear the piano performance of Susan Gilleece-Reilley, the four-part harmony and exquisite solo work of the society, conducted by Danica A. Buckley. For information call Nancy at 781-545-8295.

CDC summer program to perform 'Grease'

Open registration will be Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club announces that they will be overseeing the Cohasset Recreation Department's Summer Theater Workshop Program again this year. CDC has provided a positive summer theater experience where children have fun, an outlet for creative expression, and the opportunity to participate in a full-scale musical production all within a workshop learning environment.

This summer's production will be the current Broadway revival hit, "Grease," with show dates scheduled for July 18, 19 and 20. CDC is so excited to bring this "school appropriate version" of the classic musical to life right here in Cohasset. And in true "Rydell High School" fashion, this year's show will be presented on the Cohasset Middle High School stage in the air-conditioned, Middle High School auditorium. The program will again be open to kids 8 to18 years of age from Cohasset, as well as kids of that age group who are members of CDC, even if they do not reside in Cohasset.

The program includes rehearsal and production of a full scale musical with orchestra, costumes, sets, lighting and sound, along with four separate workshops including "Introduction to Acting; Character Development/Improvisation/Staging" taught by Lisa Rafferty, Director and Playwright; "Set Design Creation and Painting" taught by Denise Feeney, Artist/Set Designer/Teacher/Actress; "Lighting and Sound with special effects" taught by Mark Bono, Lighting and Sound Technician/Music Director/Musician; "Set Construction/Rigging - Making the Magic Happen"— taught by Arthur Harvey, Software Engineer/Carpenter Designer. The program also includes a show T-shirt and cast party for the entire cast. They will probably also have a float and march (in costume) in the Hingham Fourth of July Parade for anyone who is available that day.

The program cost is $350 per registrant, $300 per registrant for two or more kids from the same family. The program cost includes the workshops and all materials that pertain to them, a show t-shirt, cast party, entertainment and refreshments. Open registration will be on Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. Auditions will be held on Sunday, June 1 at 6 p.m., and Monday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, no prepared audition materials are necessary, music and readings will be from the score and script. Rehearsals start Tuesday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. The rehearsal schedule will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to to 8:30 p.m. through June 17 when school is over. From that date we will rehearse from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. All rehearsals will be at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium until the week of July 14 when rehearsal will move to days and be held at the Cohasset Middle High School Auditorium. The program culminates with four performances on Friday, July 18, at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 20 at 2 p.m. A full rehearsal and show schedule will be available at the registration on May 17. If you have any questions or would like further information, contact Lisa Pratt at 617-852-0091 or by email at lisa.pratt@comcast.net.

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Watch out Oprah, here's Cohasset's Big Give!

For those of you who have ever watched an Oprah show, you know how important giving back to the community is to her. And, in her latest endeavor, "Oprah's Big Give", she empowers everyday people to go out and make a difference in their community. Well Cohasset, here we come!

On July 5th, 150 students and 50 adults from Cohasset, will board four Peter Pan buses bound for Kentucky in central Appalachia. Sleeping in school classrooms on cots or floors, showering in locker rooms, and generally dispensing with all the comforts of home, these volunteers will work all day doing home building, repairs, problem solving and whatever else needs attention in order for their assigned family to get back on track. They get dirty, strain muscles they didn't even know they had, and end the day so exhausted that even the sleeping bag on the hard floor looks inviting.

Anyone can sign-up for this annual trip to Appalachia. Gary and Judy Ritts, of 2nd Congregational Church, have been spearheading this effort for 21 years! In conjunction with the National Appalachia Service Project, the Cohasset ASP is a faith-based home repair ministry, open to all people, that fosters human development. And although the group is set for 2008, there are still ways that you can be involved without traveling to Appalachia.



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The entire 2007 contingent from Cohasset and a few from Scituate and Hull upon their return trip from West Virginia last year.

Perhaps the most entertaining way is to attend "The Appalachia County Fair" taking place Saturday, May 17 at St. Anthony's Parish Center. From 6:30 to 11 p.m., you can dine on Redbones Barbecue, dance to the live music of The Gr8fls (formerly The Grateful Dads), and bid on community donated auction items. Tickets are $40 per person, advanced sales only, and all the proceeds go to funding the Appalachian trip. Tickets are available at the 2nd Congregational Church office or by calling Debbie Shadd at 781-383-1624.

And if you're *thinking* about traveling to Appalachia in '09, listen to these words from the group journal of 2007 volunteers. Rick Kirkendall, one of the Center Leaders states, "Our hope (as advisors) is that our teens (and adults too) will be struck by this experience and it will motivate them to do good acts for the sake of it. Not because their parents or church leaders say they should or because it looks good on a college application. There is a need...we all have an obligation. We think that revelation happened for some."

Students Sarah Brown and Kacy Emmett, started their journal with the following, "This is the true story of seven strangers picked to live in a van and change others lives. Find out what happens when people stop painting their nails, and start hammering them!" On Day 6 of the trip, Sarah writes about "mastering the art of hammering" so that, "Amy and John will have a complete new living room." Unlike most other ways of giving, these volunteers get to meet and work with the family they are helping. They develop a relationship and push themselves even harder to get as much done as possible.

Volunteer parent, Matt Salerno, sums up the experience by writing, "So what can you expect, when you put four sets of 50 people on a bus, send then off to travel, eat, sleep, work, and pray together, inches apart, for nine days? You can't explain it; except to say that I have been to ASP, and if you haven't gone yet, *My Wish* for you is simple...Go.

For more information about, or to make a donation to the Cohasset Appalachian Service Project, contact Rev. Gary Ritts at 781-383-0345.

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Lifeguard and water safety instructor training programs offered

Cohasset Swim Center is offering Lifeguard Training courses. For lifeguards needing to update their certification, a Lifeguard RE-Certification Course will be offered on June 16, 17 and 18. Monday from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Lifeguard Training Course will run on June 19, 20, 21 and 22, from 9 to 5:30. Registration deadline is June 6.

If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor. Water Safety Instructor Training Course will run on June 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Water Safety Instructor applicants must be 16 years of age by the last day of class. Registration deadline is June 14.

Space is limited. Applicants are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

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Bark-a-thon event at Wompatuck State Park

A walk in Wompatuck State Park to benefit the local animal shelter will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, on Sunday, May 18. The walk begins and ends in the parking lot outside the Visitors Center Common Room at the Wompatuck State Park entrance off Union Street in Hingham.

How can people help: Get one or more sponsors, collect a donation in any amount and bring one's dog – real or imagined – to Wompatuck State Park the morning of May 18 and take one of several trails through the park and meet back in the parking lot for prizes refreshments and fun.

How can companies help: Just make a donation in any amount or donate goods or services that can be given out as prizes or help in the care of the animals at the animal shelter. Company information will be posted during the event on the Wall of Fame.

The shelter serves the five towns of Scituate, Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Norwell on an as-needed basis. It is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the welfare of companion animals. The mission is to rescue abandoned, homeless animals and give them proper care, love and attention. The shelter is a no-kill facility.

The event organizer, William Hall, a junior at Hingham High School, is an avid animal lover. His dog, a 3-year-old terrier mix named Princes Leia, was adopted at the shelter, and he has a pet sitting business that he has operated for several years in his spare time. With the help of the local students his family and friends, he hopes to make "Bark a thon 2008" even more successful than the last two years.

For information, contact Hall by email at william@gailhall.com or call 781 749 4492. Donations can also be sent to Friends of Scituate Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 823, Scituate MA 02066. Note Bark-a-thon 2008 on checks.

Poster contest

Posters and signs will be collected to hang all over the South Shore for the Bark a thon 2008 Walk in Wompatuck all year. Motivational, colorful messages of encouragement to hang in the towns that use and need the no kill animal shelter are sought. The shelter suggests business or school groups to have a poster contest and select the best design, most colorful or just get people together and have a poster-making party. This is also a great way to get kids involved in a community service project and help animals.

This project is ongoing. Once posters are completed, schedule a time to bring them by the event or call Hall at 781-749-4492 to arrange a drop off or pick up.

STUDENTs community service hours

This is a new program developed to engage volunteers in community outreach and get students involved while allowing students to get community service hours and have fun. This nonprofit group event will count toward community service hours and forms will be filled out upon completion of the hours worked. Shelter workers will help students develop an outreach plan and represent the Walk in Wompatuck.

Event support

Volunteers are needed before the event, at the opening of the walk and along the walk during the event. Help out for a couple of hours or sign up for the day. Event volunteer forms are available online by emailing william@gailhall.com and before the event.

Volunteers

On weeknights throughout the event season, a cadre of volunteers come together to reach out to potential participants and corporate sponsors. These volunteers are a great tool for recruiting walkers and donations. Through phone calls, potential walkers are informed about introduction meetings in their area, have questions answered about the walk and the animal shelter, and are motivated to make the decision to register or donate.

Local barbershop chorus is singing for life to save lives

On May 10th the South Shore Men of Harmony are teaming up with the American Red Cross and have joined with over 200 other Barbershop Harmony Society choruses across America and Canada in what could be the largest and most effective blood drive and donor recruitment project in history. The Society "Singing For Life Blood Drive" choruses, quartets and other local musical groups will serve as an all-day draw for local potential donors, resulting in a huge shot in the arm (pun intended) to boost and maintain a 5-10 day blood supply in the communities of North American.

The fact is, nearly 2000 units of blood are needed each day to help those in need right in our own community. The life of Bill Brennan, a 59-year charter member of the Hingham-based chorus, was saved by the transfusion of over 100 units of blood that he required during a recent series of operations. Bill, nearing 90 years of age, is a former resident of Scituate now residing in Linden Ponds, has recovered and returned to the chorus rehearsals and performances. The chorus has pledged a commitment to the donor program that saved Bill's life and has accepted the challenge to collect enough blood to meet the needs of hospital patients year round.

"Giving Blood Now Comes With Background Music" provided by the Men of Harmony Chorus and Quartets have joined the Red Cross team to help ensure that a safe and adequate blood supply is available when needed. Please continue supporting your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers by donating blood on Saturday, May 10, at St.Paul School Hall (behind St.Paul's Church on South St.), 18 Fearing Road, Hingham. The hours for blood donation will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It only takes about an hour of time — and one small pinch — to become a hero to someone in need. Every donation is an opportunity to help an accident victim, a surgical patient, or a child battling leukemia, to name a few. Anyone 17 years of age or older, weighing 110 pounds or more and feeling in good health may be eligible to donate blood.

Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) with questions about giving blood and to make an appointment, which will save waiting in line, or visit the Red Cross web site at: www.newenglandblood.org. For the Men of Harmony call: 1-781-337-(SING) 7464.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Help curb underage drinking

Proms. Graduation. Summer vacation.

It's a popular time of year for underage drinking, and parents, teenagers and local officials must embrace a multi-pronged approach to address the problem.

• Parents need to have a frank discussion with their teenagers about the consequences of drinking and driving, ranging from legal troubles to tragic results that can snuff out a bright future. A good idea, too, is to talk to them from the standpoint of people who love them and would be devastated if anything were to happen.

• School districts that have toughened policies on drinking are on the right track. These policies must be enforced, and administrators must let students know in advance that drinking won't be tolerated at proms or other school events and can ruin the memorable experience it's supposed to be.

• Community programs and demonstrations by local law enforcement and others must continue to get the message across to teens about the consequences of underage drinking.

• And finally, there's peer pressure. It can be tough for young people to stand up against what has become part of teen culture, but sometimes one right thinker can influence others.

Events such as proms and graduation are special, and teenagers do not need alcohol to enjoy them. Even one drink can be enough to give someone a blood alcohol content of .02 or higher.

That information should be enough, but despite warnings, some youths continue to illegally consume alcohol, and in some cases, get behind the wheel after doing so.

By taking and maintaining a proactive approach when dealing with underage drinking, parents, officials and teens together can help stop the problem before it starts.



MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, May 13 & June 10, 7:30 p.m.
Assessors, May 9, 8:45 a.m.
Conservation Commission, May 17, 7 p.m.
Historical Commission, May 14, 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees, May 14, 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Library.
Selectmen, May 19, 7 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.

LIVESTRONG Day in Cohasset

"Balloons for Hope" will support LIVE**STRONG** Day, the Lance Armstrong Foundation's one-day initiative to unite people affected by cancer and raise awareness and funds for the cancer fight.

More than 500 LIVE**STRONG** Day events will take place in communities across the country to raise awareness and funds to support the fight against cancer on May 13. To learn more about LIVE**STRONG** Day, visit livestrong.org/livestrongday.

Yellow balloons will be sold at $5 each or $50 for a bouquet of 12, in Cohasset Village in front of Coldwell Banker, 11 South Main St., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Tuesday, May 13. Community members may purchase balloons to honor friends or loved ones who have been affected by cancer. One hundred percent of all funds raised will be donated to the Lance Armstrong Foundation. The local event is being organized by community members Pam Miles and Nancy Michalowski.

Lance Armstrong Foundation unites people through programs and experiences to empower cancer survivors to live life on their own terms and to raise awareness and funds for the fight against cancer. The LAF focuses on cancer prevention, access to screening and care, research and quality of life for cancer survivors. Founded in 1997 by cancer survivor and champion cyclist Lance Armstrong, LAF has raised more than $250 million for the fight against cancer. Join 60 million LIVE**STRONG** wristband wearers and help make cancer a national priority.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ripley Road project yields less than reported

TO THE EDITOR:

I was concerned with the article in the Cohasset Mariner (May 2, 2008 edition) "No decision on Ripley Road," an article on the project at 25 Ripley Road, for two reasons. Although my first objection sounds somewhat petty, there is not 6/10th of an acre of land at 25 Ripley Road – there is 5/10th of an acre. The actual plot size is 21,956 square feet and there are 43,560 square feet in an acre. So the actual square footage is 50.4 percent of an acre. With what the developer is proposing, seven units and fourteen parking spots, I think this distinction is significant. The reduced acreage compounds the problems of density, traffic safety, noise and sewer.

Secondly, the developer is proposing two 40B units. The town is required by the Commonwealth to have 10 percent of the town properties as affordable. Although I do not have exact figures, there are approximately 2,800 units in town. For this example, that means that 280 units need to be affordable to reach the 40B threshold. Currently the town has approximately 80 affordable units and so there is a need of approximately 200 more affordable units. This project only provides an additional two units toward that goal.

But actually the net yield is less than two units. The math gets confusing here because the two units are added to the number of affordable units in town or 82, but the seven units are added to the base of housing units in town or 2807. So with our example, we now have 2807 units and 10 percent of these units is 280.7 needed as affordable. Subtracting 82 units from the 280.7 units needed yields 198.7 while before the project we needed 200 units. So basically, this project yields the town only 1.3 affordable units, not 2 units.

This project, therefore, provides little gain toward our affordable housing goal while introducing many problems. It will create a significant traffic problem at the busy corner of Sohier Street and Ripley Road. The density of the project certainly does not fit into the neighborhood and will have a negative impact on the neighbors' housing values. There will be noise issues and there are septic questions. The benefits are negligible while the costs severe. In fact, this project benefits only the developer.

Roger Crafts
156 North Main St.

Generosity makes a difference for kids

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Cohasset Education Foundation, we would like to thank the entire community for making our second spring benefit a tremendous success by all accounts. What an uplifting sight, nearly 300 people coming together to support our public schools, from parents of pre-schoolers to empty-nesters, all unified in one goal: providing the best education possible for Cohasset's children.

There are so many people who made the evening possible. Though too numerous to name individually, all donors will be thanked in an ad planned for this paper in July. Until then, we would like to give express our appreciation to: the business community whose generosity allowed us to auction so many wonderful items; the teachers and administration whose support helped us create imaginative donations for auction; the tireless volunteers who solicited donation items and advertising and who helped with the planning, decorating, and clean up — your help made the event possible; the attendees whose smiles and support made the months of planning well worthwhile! Finally, special thanks to Susan Franklin and Doug Eymer, and to the rest of the CEF board who encouraged and supported us all along the way

Although we are still tallying up revenues and expenses, we are comfortable saying that we exceeded last year's benefit result. Because of your support, the CEF raised enough funds to make a significant difference for our kids, our town and our future. Thank you!

Carolyn Coffey and Catherine O'Callaghan
co-chairs

HEALTH NOTES

Cohasset has a new Health Nurse

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6 through May 12. It falls on the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. As you probably know, the Board of Health has long understood and worked to make available the benefits of the Town Nurse. In these days when the primary care physician is stretched too thin and personal attention seems to be a fleeting dream, nurses giving personal care and advice are a mainstay in providing effective health maintenance.

Typically, the healthy person is exposed to the medical profession either through the health insurance assigned primary care physician; a doctor who may have hundreds of patients, many of which he sees only occasionally or through the family doctor. It is only after a complaint becomes chronic that an effective system of communication is established with ones 'doctor' and the doctor becomes privy to sufficient information about a patient to be fully effective in his diagnosis and treatment. Far too frequently, a person with a complaint uses hearsay from an acquaintance or an advertisement of a medicine to replace the analysis of symptoms and a review of medical history that a doctor would provide and which is necessary to prevent misdiagnosis and subsequent complications. Local Pharmacists can provide good information about drugs, but increasingly, they work in an environment which prevents the flow of such information. But for those cases where it's not really necessary to see a doctor, it's often useful to talk with someone who has experience with a large number of patients, many of which may have similar complaints. A nurse is exposed to many complaints and can be aware of the latest illness going through the community, its characteristics and the most successful treatment. You can avail yourself of such experience by a visit to the Town Nurse.

Recently, Judy Fitzsimmons, after many years of dedicated service for both the Social Service League and the Board of Health has retired and Mary Goodwin has become our new Health Nurse. Mary has worked with Judy at health fairs, blood drives, emergency preparedness and on other Health Board duties and looks forward to expanding the outreach provided by the office. She has begun to update the records and brings on line computer savvy to the job of recordkeeping, thus allowing for more time with patients.

Mary hopes to expand her contact with those in Town with minor maladies who may not be interested in waiting in a doctor's office. The Town Nurse's office on the first floor at Town Hall is a resource for information about a variety of illnesses and common complaints. There is a supply of pamphlets about most common illnesses along with advice about common health threats such as West Nile Virus, and now, during tick season, what to do about tick bites and how to protect yourself.

Mary would love to meet you, so if you're in Town Hall on another matter, stop by her office and say hello. Give her a high hand during Nurses Week.

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CBB gets back to work in center

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush

If you have driven around the center of the village you may have noticed that CBB has reappeared and is working on finishing up some of the details. They continue to work on the new parking spaces near the Teen Center. CBB is also starting to work constructing the turn-around at Spring Street at the tracks across from the Cohasset Historical Society. They will also be finishing up their work on Lincoln Lane.

One other interesting commitment the MBTA has is to come back after the railroad has been operating and measure the actual noise and vibration emanating from the train operation. The objective is to compare these measurements with the levels predicted in their pre-project environmental reports. The MBTA and a technical consultant will be visiting locations up and down the line to perform these measurements.

Stormwater stuff

There has been a lot of talk around the town about stormwater. Hardly a day goes by at Town Hall when we don't hear a conversation about stormwater. Over and over we hear from residents who complain about stormwater-related issues caused by nearby construction. Recent EPA rules require that stormwater issues be addressed in most new construction projects of any significant size. A new stormwater By-Law has been passed at the recent Town Meeting to begin addressing stormwater concerns. The issues arising from stormwater are two-fold and involve both flooding and pollution. Both issues are important in Cohasset.

Flooding

Too much storm water just overwhelms the storm water collection system and floods low lying lands. Years ago, before the rather intensive development we have today this was generally not as important an issue as it is today. Being a tidally restricted coastal Town we can only release stormwater to the ocean when the inland water is above the height of the ocean. So, at high tide the storm water just sits in our low-lying areas awaiting a suitable time for it's outflow.

Solving the flooding problem requires a long-range solution. There is no quick fix. The solutions typically involve major capital projects to temporarily store the stormwater and slowly release it to our brooks, streams as it passes on its way to the harbor. (This is called desynchronization because it delays the cause and effect relationship of the storm and resultant flooding.) Another way to mitigate flooding is via projects that will release floodwater to the ocean more promptly. Cohasset has recently hired an engineering firm to develop a Flood Control Master Plan to address some of these ideas and lay out a plan for identifying solutions. In addition, the Town has also hired an engineering firm to redesign the outfall from Jacob's Meadow to the Harbor with the goal of maximizing the transfer of water between the meadow and the harbor.

Pollution

Another byproduct of stormwater is pollution. When a rain first falls on dry streets, parking lots, rooftops and yards, all of the accumulated road dirt, pollution, fertilizer, etc is washed into our stormwater collection systems and then into the harbor. This initial stormwater flow is called the "first flush." When the first flush storm water enters our estuaries and harbor it clearly does not improve their water quality.

BMPs

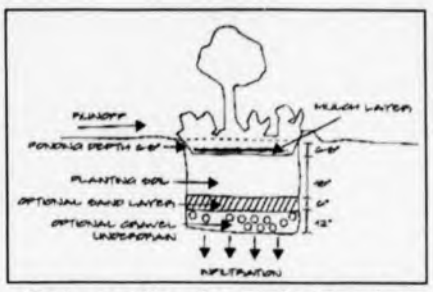
The solutions for stormwater pollution fit into a category of devices referred to as BMPs (Best Management Practices). BMPs that have been commonly employed in Cohasset are of two basic types. There are many other designs that can be considered BMPs, but for this article we will focus on the two types that are most prevalent. The first category of device is an underground centrifugal separator. These devices are buried below the ground and take the storm water and separate the debris and particulate matter from the stormwater by spinning it around so that centrifugal force separates and collects the heavier and lighter materials from the stormwater flow. These devices remove debris and particulate matter, and in some cases oil type products. Centrifugal separators can be effective for both high and low stormwater flows. These devices are somewhat expensive and can cost from $15,000 to $50,000, or more installed. Plus, they must be cleaned periodically using highly specialized vacuum equipment. Centrifugal separators have been employed by the MBTA at several locations and the Town has used them for the Forest Avenue project to solve some drainage problems.

The second common type of stormwater clean-up devices is a rain garden. A rain garden consists of a shallow depression along side the roads into which storm water is directed. They are carefully engineered devices. Rain gardens are filled with special soils and plants that filter the stormwater and clean up certain chemicals commonly found in the stormwater. They create a special ecosystem of plants and soils that filter and absorb particulate matter as well. A rain garden's principal function is to capture and treat the first flush from a rain that carries most of the "nasties" that are washed off the land by the first part of the rain. After the first flush passes, the following stormwater is considerably cleaner, because the first flush has washed away a good portion of the surface pollutants.

Individual rain gardens generally have little effect reducing flooding effects because they have a relatively small storage capacity. But, a very large number of rain gardens, distributed throughout a watershed can have an impact on flooding. Rain gardens are generally less capital intensive than centrifugal separators. Depending on their complexity and site they can cost from $2,000 to $20,000, or more to construct. Maintenance of typical rain gardens usually averages several hundred dollars per year against $1,500 to $3,000 for centrifugal separators.

What does A Rain Garden Look Like?

The design of a rain garden is very flexible with regard to plantings, size, capacity, etc. The diagram on this page shows a cross section of a typical rain garden.



Schematic of a Rain Garden

In the diagram, storm water is directed to the rain garden from the left. The diagram shows that this particular rain garden has a depth of 6 to 8 inches where water can pool. The ecosystem of the soils and plantings absorb particulate matter and some pollutants from the storm water. In a light rainfall that does not overflow the rain garden; the storm water will then slowly percolate down through the rain garden. In our example, the portion of storm water that does not disperse into the ground is collected by an underdrain system and flows into the storm sewer quite a bit cleaner that it was. *(An underdrain is simply is one or more perforated pipes under the rain garden that collect the processed water.)* Rain gardens that can be exposed to very high storm water flows will need to be designed to accommodate these flows without overload or damage.

There is a great deal of flexibility in choosing the plants for a rain garden. In some instances, blooming plants have been chosen to create a showy summer flower garden. Or, low lying plants can be chosen if the rain garden is in a place where it should blend into low lying surroundings. The size and shape of a rain garden can vary immensely. They can be long and narrow or wide to fit the available space. The Water Department has added a large number of rain gardens around town. For the most part, you can't even tell where they are since they blend in so well. The maintenance we referred to earlier for rain gardens is needed to replace the plants periodically as needed, or to replace the soils if they have become so loaded with pollutants that the ecosystem has done its job and needs to be rebuilt. Thus, the pollutant loading will ultimately determine the ultimate life of any individual rain garden.

A fancy technical name for a rain garden is a bioretention basin or cell. Rain gardens are often a component of Low Impact Development (LID) for management of the water quality issues resulting from new development projects. We'll all be hearing much more about stormwater and rain gardens, especially when the new Storm Water bylaw kicks in.

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Those WhiteHouse weddings

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Given her choice of the White House or the family ranch in Crawford, Texas, for her wedding to Henry Hager next weekend, Jenna Bush smartly chose the ranch.

Smartly, because in the past most White House weddings have lived up to the classic admonition, "Don't worry. With any luck it won't last."

There have been nine of them, eight daughters and one son, starting with Maria Monroe, who married her first cousin, White House staffer Samuel Gouvernour, in the Blue Room on March 9, 1820.

Most of Washington society was frozen out of the affair since its organizer, Maria's older sister, Eliza, despised the social whirl and only 42 members of the family and friends were allowed to attend the ceremony.

The first public reception was hosted by Commodore Stephen Decatur, the Naval hero of the war with Tripoli, who lived across the street. He was killed in a duel days later and the rest of the public celebrations were cancelled.

John Adams II, son of John Quincy Adams, married Mary Catherine Hellen in the Blue Room of the White House on Feb. 15, 1828, after the lady had jilted John's older brothers, Charles and George. Charles and George refused to attend the wedding.

Elizabeth Tyler, daughter of John Tyler, wed William Waller in the East Room on Jan. 31, 1842, the ceremony performed by the Rev. William Hawley, pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Hawley must have been the Billy Graham of his day since he also officiated at the Monroe and Adams weddings.

The new Mrs. Waller was only 18 when she married and 26 when she died giving birth to her sixth child, a trait that obviously ran in the family since her father sired 14 children, the last when he was 70 years of age.

Ellen "Nellie" Grant also was 18 when she married Algernon C.F. Sartoris, a minor English nobleman she met when her dad, President Ulysses Grant, sent her to Europe to get away from her dissolute suitors in Washington.

The wedding was called "the great American social event of the century," but Algernon turned out to be every bit as dissolute as the lads in Washington and they divorced. Congress enacted a measure restoring her citizenship.

If any one event can be called the White House wedding of the century it was that of Alice Roosevelt, Teddy's daughter, to Nicholas Longworth, the Republican congressman from Ohio, on Feb. 17, 1906, an event so huge that its news occupied the entire Page 1 of the Washington Post the next day.

The Marine Corps band played the grand march from Tannhauser, the empress of China and Pope Pius X sent gifts, and Douglas MacArthur was among the 12 military aides and eight ushers. But there were no brides maids to detract from Alice.

Two of President Woodrow Wilson's daughters were wed in the White House — Jessie to Francis B. Sayre on Nov. 25, 1913 and Eleanor, 25, to Treasury Secretary William McAdoo, 55 and a grandfather, on May 7, 1914.

Likewise, President Lyndon Johnson had White House weddings for two daughters, Lynda Bird to Marine Capt. Charles Robb on Dec. 9, 1967, and Luci to Patrick Nugent on Aug. 6, 1966.

Luci's wedding was actually at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception but everything else was at the White House. They divorced 13 years later.

Tricia Nixon tied the knot with Edward Cox in the Rose Garden on June 12, 1971 — - and the next day the New York Times broke the story of what has gone down in history as the Pentagon Papers and the downfall of Richard Nixon began.

Washington story Part 2: Capitol Offenses

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Day 1 of our April vacation week trip to Washington D.C. went fine. We visited points of interest, ate huge portions of rich food, and swam in the hotel pool until it was time for bed. Days 3 and 4 were equally fun and relaxing.

At this time I would like to turn our attention to Day 2.

It began well. Suspiciously well, looking back on it. My wife rose early as she is wont to do despite the luxury of time, because as Ben Franklin once said, when you're early to bed and early to rise you can cut out a good 30 minutes of family time on either end of the day. Franklin might have bumped that up to 45 had he known about Starbucks, which had a shop on the lower floor of the cavernous, hexagonal mall into which our hotel was built, and which, due to some snafu with my wife's order, gave her a free coffee on the morning of Day 2.

That was it. Game over. Starbucks doesn't just give out free coffee without making compensatory adjustments to your karma and the karma of those around you that you're supposed to be loving and protecting. My wife should have known this. She would have taken the free coffee either way, but I like to think she would have warned the rest of us not to leave the hotel.

Unaware that anything in the cosmos was out of balance, we ate breakfast, took the Metro into the heart of Washington and walked over to Pennsylvania Avenue. At this point it was still an ordinary outing with children. Everybody was whining, wanting to be carried, we didn't have enough snacks, it was hot, people were dying of thirst, all five water fountains in the park outside the White House were broken, they couldn't see the President, they wanted to stay till he mowed his lawn, etc. The usual stuff.

The trouble started when we got to the Capitol building. As we were filing through the security gauntlet I was stopped by large military personnel holding what looked to this gunphobe like anti-tank weapons. The charge: possession of baby food. I had about 10 jars of Gerber pears in my backpack, but apparently no baby food is allowed inside the Capitol building since those behind the Great Strained Peas and Liver Melee of 2004 went and ruined everything for the rest of us. My utter lack of a baby wasn't helping my credibility, either; the MPs had seen my whole party go in ahead of me, the youngest of which is almost 8. I would have to either ditch the pears in one of the many convenient baby food disposal units or stay outside and become separated from my family without a cell phone. The choice seemed obvious.

I stayed outside. You'll just have to trust me when I say I really, really needed those pears.

Plus I figured it wouldn't be too hard to hook up with my family again. As I've learned from countless Scooby Doo episodes, when you get separated from a group the first rule is to stay put and let them find you, not to go wandering around randomly through the haunted Museum of Natural History searching for Velma, Fred, and Daphne. But then I remembered that my family couldn't find the Washington Monument if they banged into it snoot-first. They have absolutely no sense of direction. So I disregarded the first rule and began circumnavigating the building; according to the anti-tourist squad the tourist exit was on the south side.

The Capitol Building is gigantic on a good day. It's like half a mile of marble from end to end. On top of that it's surrounded by construction at the moment, and since everything in Washington needs a security perimeter, including construction sites, there was another buffer zone outside the construction fence. And since that layer of security was itself under construction it required its own security perimeter, and so on. I swear to God just walking around that building was an eight-mile hike. I lost sight of it several times, despite the fact that it's the tallest structure in DC. When I finally reached the south side I was told that tourists can also exit on the west side.

For 90 minutes I made sweeps between the south and west exits and the north entrance. I was still alone, and beginning to panic. Meanwhile, I learned later, inside the Capitol building my family was being accosted by a man they called "The Crazy Guy", who was ranting about how he was going to kill all the senators. They could tell right away he was crazy because the Senate wasn't even in session that day. Where all the large military personnel were at that point I don't know, but because Crazy Guy wasn't packing any baby food I guess he wasn't seen as a threat. He was allowed into the gallery and was even given a chance to speak on the floor of the House, making an excellent case for attacking the Confederate Armies at Appomattox and the teaching of intelligent design.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. In Part 3 of "Washington Story" a family is found, a lunch is lost, and John hangs on to his pears.

LIBRARY CORNER

Meet exhibiting artist Friday night

Wendy Hale Exhibits "Two Solos" – South Shore Art Center will feature an exhibit by Wendy Hale at the Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset, May through June. Gallery Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays through May 2 to 5 p.m. Meet the artist at a reception on Friday, May 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Festival Shorts Collection" on Thursday, May 15, at 6 p.m. Various languages. 88 minutes. Free admission and free refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Movie site license sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

Great Decisions Discussion Group – A reminder that the Great Decisions Discussion Group will meet every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room. May 13th topic: Engaging the Enemy, chapter three in the discussion book.

Library Book Group – Coffee and discussion of "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini on Wednesday, May 28 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Free.

What's new and hot in the children's room

Here's what's new in the Children's Room at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library:

Discovery Girls, a magazine created by girls, for girls 8-12.

In paperback we have new Hank Zipzer's, The World's Greatest Underachiever, by Henry Winkler. For more go to www.hankzipzer.com.

Also in paperback catch up with Beast Quest by Adam Blade and Secret Agent Jack Stalwart, The Pursuit of the Ivory Poachers, by Elizabeth Singer Hunt. Jack's new destination is Kenya. The Cabin Creek Mysteries is new in paperback. Try, The Secret of Robber's Cave by Kristiana Gregory. Uh-Oh, Cleo, by Jessica Harper and Andy Shane and The Queen of Egypt are new first chapter books found in juvenile fiction. Also new in juvenile fiction is Deep Down Popular by Phoebe Stone, Keeping Score, by Linda Sue Park, Elvis and Olive, by Stephanie Watson, Attack of the Growing Eyeball, Who Shrunk Daniel Funk?, by Lin Oliver, Jimmy's Stars, by Mary Ann Rodman, and Six Innings, by James Preller.

Into poetry? Try Keepers, Treasure-Hunt Poems by John Frank with photographs by Ken Robbins. For more information about these selections and for book summaries go to www.cohassetlibrary.org and click on Catalog.

ourtown

Is Town Hall haunted?

After months of anticipation, Our Town Special Productions is pleased to bring viewers the one-hour special of the Enfield Paranormal Society's Paranormal Investigation of the Cohasset Town Hall last January.

See for yourself whether the Town Hall is truly haunted while getting to know one of Cohasset's most precious historical assets!

Join Our Town co-host Pat Martin on her 48-hour adventure into every hidden nook and underground cranny of the Town Hall in search of ghosts and paranormal phenomenon! You might want to keep the lights on!

Tune in Monday at 9pm on Comcast channel 10 and then watch for repeats on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm. Stay tuned Cohasset and stay entertained!

Secondhand smoke still a problem

Most adults in Massachusetts go through their workweek without ever inhaling someone else's cigarette smoke. Unfortunately, many high school students are not so lucky.

Thanks to Massachusetts' statewide Smoke-free Workplace Law, implemented in 2004, secondhand smoke has been eliminated from bars, restaurants, and other workplaces, but as schools reopen for the year, public health officials are sending a reminder that secondhand smoke is still a problem in some Massachusetts schools.

Far from just an annoyance, secondhand smoke is a serious health hazard. In the short term, even brief exposure to secondhand smoke can trigger asthma attacks, ear infections, and respiratory infections in children. Secondhand smoke contains 250 chemicals known to be toxic or carcinogenic, so the long-term effects of exposure are also serious. In a recent report, the Surgeon General states that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Every second our children are exposed to secondhand smoke, their health is in danger.

To raise awareness of this important health hazard, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has distributed flyers, decals and newspaper ads to remind parents, teachers and school administrators to *Stop the Secondhand in our schools.*

All schools—public and private—are covered by the same workplace law that made bars and restaurants smoke-free across Massachusetts. In addition, tobacco use on all public school grounds, including sports playing fields, is also prohibited. Other state and local laws provide additional protection from secondhand smoke. To report a violation, anyone can call the state's anonymous hotline at (800) 922-1895.

Student smoking and schools

Nine percent of all students admit to smoking cigarettes on school property.

90 percent of adult smokers began smoking while they were teenagers.

One in five Massachusetts high school students (20.7 percent) is a current cigarette smoker.

The nicotine in tobacco is a powerful addictive drug, and once a person starts smoking, it becomes very difficult to quit.

Research indicates that the earlier young people begin to smoke, the greater their permanent lung damage and the more likely they are to become addicted to cigarettes.

Source: MassachusettsYouth Risk Behavior Survey, 2005 (most recent release)

(The survey report can be found at http://www.doe.mass.edu/cnp/hprograms/yrbs/05/ch2.pdf)

Facts: Stop the Secondhand!

Smoking on school property is still a problem.

• According to the 2005 Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 9 percent of all students smoked cigarettes on school property in the 30 days before the survey.

• Among current student smokers, 43 percent reported smoking on school property in the past month.

• The percentage of current student smokers smoking on school property in 2005 was significantly lower than it was in 1995. In 2005, the figure was 43 percent, down from 54 percent 10 years before.

For more information: http://www.doe.mass.edu/cnp/hprograms/yrbs/05/ch2.pdf

The U.S. Surgeon General has concluded that breathing even a little secondhand smoke poses a risk to your health.

• Scientific evidence indicates that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Breathing even a little secondhand smoke can be harmful to your health.

• The National Toxicology Program estimates that at least 250 chemicals in secondhand smoke are known to be toxic or carcinogenic (cancer causing).

• Secondhand smoke contains many chemicals that can quickly irritate and damage the lining of the airways.

• Even brief exposure can trigger respiratory symptoms, including cough, phlegm, wheezing, and breathlessness.

Brief exposure to secondhand smoke can trigger an asthma attack in children with asthma.

—Adapted from The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General (June 27, 2006)

For more information: http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/secondhandsmoke

It is illegal for *anyone* to smoke in school buildings.

• All schools in Massachusetts are covered under the Smoke-Free Worksite law. This means that it is illegal for anyone to smoke inside a school.

• Since the passage of the Massachusetts Educational Reform Act in 1993, it's been illegal to use tobacco anywhere on school grounds.

• And while we're at it, it's illegal for anyone to smoke on school buses, too—part of the same 1993 Education Reform Act.

For more information: http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dph/tobacco_control/schools_faq.doc

This information is provided by the Cohasset Board of Health

Relay For Life planned for June 13-14

An important part of Relay is honoring and remembering those people in our lives who have faced cancer.

Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser of the American Cancer Society. Participants raise money by personally collecting donations and organizing group fundraisers prior to or at the event. The money goes towards cancer research, patient services, advocacy and education. It also provides hope to those how have cancer and their family and friends that a cure is available, it provides hope that cancer can be detected in its early stages and it provides hope that cancer is eradicated in our life time. The Hingham/Hull/Cohasset and Scituate Relay will be held on June 13th and 14th organizations clubs, family, friends and coworkers form teams of at least 8-15people and gather at Cohasset High School on the 13th.

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House 130-19 and 136-19, voted strictly along party lines, approved and sent to the Senate an estimated $28.2 billion fiscal 2009 state budget. The price tag grew by an estimated $200 million during five days of debate. Several controversial amendments were debated on the House floor but most of the work was done behind the scenes. Individual representatives filed dozens of amendments on the same general subject matters including local aid, social services and public safety. They were then invited to "subject meetings" at which they pitched their amendments to Democratic leaders who drafted "consolidated amendments" that were brought to the House floor for consideration. All of these consolidated amendments were easily approved with most of the opposition coming from Republicans who argued that the amendments were too costly. House Democrats successfully defeated several Republican efforts to reduce taxes including one to create a tax amnesty program and another to establish a sales tax holiday that would exempt consumers from the sales tax for two days in August. Democrats also easily defeated a Republican proposal to give another $200 million in local aid to cities and towns. Supporters said that the budget is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that increases local aid and education aid and funds important programs. They argued that members of both parties had an opportunity to have input into the process. Opponents said that the budget is fiscally irresponsible and unbalanced and questioned where the money would come from to fund it. They argued that that the budget does not offer any tax relief, includes wasteful spending, too much money for "pork" projects in favored legislators' districts and insufficient local aid. (A "Yes" vote is for the budget. A "No" vote is against the budget).

DELAY AND ESSENTIALLY KILL $200 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL LOCAL AID (H 4700)

House 138-21, voted mostly along party lines and approved a Democratic-sponsored amendment that would delay and essentially kill a Republican-sponsored proposal requiring 50 percent of any surplus state tax revenue, up to $200 million, to be distributed to cities and towns as additional local aid. The delaying amendment prohibits the GOP proposal from taking effect until a separate piece of legislation that is similar to the proposal, has been filed and approved by the House and Senate through the regular legislative process including public hearings. Two Democrats voted with GOP legislators against the delaying amendment. Supporters of the delay said that the $200 million proposal is a fiscally irresponsible one that would tie the hands of the Legislature and not allow it any flexibility in the future to decide the best and most responsible way to spend any surplus. They argued that the decision would be made in the future - if and when there is actually a surplus. Some noted that the state substantially increased local aid this year and last year to help make up for decreased local aid over the prior three years. Opponents of the delay said that the Legislature cut Lottery LocalAid by $450 million over the past three years when the state's financial situation was in question. They noted that eventually the state ended up with an estimated $1 billion surplus in each of those three years and diverted the money to the state's Rainy Day Fund instead of giving it back to cities and towns. They argued that many communities have been forced to override Proposition 2 1/2 and increase taxes or cut funds for their schools, police and firefighters because of this lost local aid. (A "Yes" vote is for the delay. A "No" vote is against the delay).

EXEMPT AVIATION REPAIRS FROM SALES TAX (H 4700)

House 67-88, rejected an amendment that would maintain the current law that exempts airplane maintenance and parts from the state's five percent sales tax. The House budget eliminates the current exemption. Amendment supporters said that abolishing the exemption would lead to small airline companies moving out of the state's dozens of small airports to New Hampshire and other border states that still have the exemption. They noted that the exemption is a major incentive for small airlines to locate or remain in Massachusetts and hire or continue to employ many workers. Amendment opponents said that the exemption is currently costing the state $9 million which it cannot afford during this fiscal crisis. They argued that the exemption mostly benefits wealthy owners of small private planes and asked why this small group should be rewarded when automobile owners do not receive a similar exemption. (A "Yes" vote is for the exemption. A "No" vote is against the exemption).

SALES TAX HOLIDAY IN AUGUST (H 4700)

House 20-134, voted mostly along party lines and rejected a Republican-sponsored amendment allowing consumers to buy most products that cost under $2,500 on Saturday, August 9 and Sunday, August 10 without paying the state's five percent sales tax. Only one Democrat voted with GOP legislators in favor of the holiday. Amendment supporters said that the holiday would be a boon to retailers and consumers and noted that similar tax-free holidays over the past four years have saved shoppers millions of dollars and resulted in a substantial increase in retail sales for the two days. They argued that the state's sales tax revenue loss would be offset by increased revenue from the meals and gas tax generated by shoppers. Some amendment opponents said that the holiday helps the big box stores more than small operations and actually generates little additional revenue for stores because consumers would buy the products even without the tax-free days. Others argued that establishing the holiday too far in advance would hurt sales over the next three months because consumers would delay big purchases until August. Some said that the Legislature should be looking at broader tax relief and not a tiny tax-free holiday while others argued that the Legislature should not vote for tax cuts when the money could be better spent on worthwhile programs. (A "Yes" vote is for the tax-free holiday. A "No" vote is against the tax-free holiday).

TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM (H 4700)

House 24-129, voted mostly along party lines and rejected a Republican-sponsored amendment creating a tax amnesty program that waives penalties for taxpayers who voluntarily file an overdue tax return or pay a delinquent tax liability within a two-month period between October 1 and December 3 of this year. The program does not waive the tax itself or the interest. Five Democrats voted with GOP legislators in favor of the amnesty. Amendment supporters said that a similar program in 2002 was a huge success that raised $173 million. They argued that implementing the program this year would generate millions of dollars in increased tax revenue that the state can use to balance the budget and fund important programs. Amendment opponents said that proponents have not presented an estimate of how much an amnesty program would bring in this year. They argued that frequent adoption of an amnesty program would be counterproductive and become something that is expected by taxpayers. (A "Yes" vote is for the tax amnesty. A "No" vote is against the tax amnesty).

STUDY REQUIRING SOME COLLEGES TO PAY NEW EXCISE TAXES (H 4700)

House 136-18, voted mostly along party lines and approved an amendment that would impose an excise tax on private universities that have an endowment fund in excess of $1 billion. The tax would be 2.5 percent of the institution's funds that exceed $1 billion. Current state law exempts nonprofit institutions, including universities and hospitals, from paying property taxes. The Democratic leadership, on a voice vote without a roll call, successfully added a section prohibiting the new tax from being implemented until the Department of Revenue produces a study on the economic impact of the new tax and issues a report. Only one Republican voted with the Democrats in favor of the amendment.

Some supporters of the study said that the tax might be a good idea. They said that the study would simply allow accurate estimates of the economic impact and noted that it is irresponsible to impose a new tax without knowing the consequences. Others said that they are simply opposed to this new tax and argued that these endowments are an important cushion for universities. They noted that they voted for the study as a way to defeat the new tax. Some said that many schools already pay their host communities millions of dollars under the voluntary Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program that encourages institutions to provide money to their host communities through a wide variety of ways ranging from outright cash payments to scholarships for local students. Opponents of the study said that the House should not have added the delaying amendment and instead should have voted on the tax itself. Some noted that they would support the tax while others indicated that they would have voted against it. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment that both provides and delays the new tax. A "No" vote is against the amendment).

EXEMPT ALL GUN SAFES FROM THE STATE'S SALES TAX (H 4700)

House 59-94, rejected an amendment that would exempt all gun safes from the state's five percent sales tax. Current law exempts only commercial gun safes that are used by businesses. Amendment supporters said that expanding the exemption to home safes would provide an incentive for gun owners to properly store their guns and keep them out of the hands of children. They argued that the exemption would cost only $1 million which is a worthwhile investment that would likely save some children's lives. Amendment opponents did not offer any arguments. (A "Yes" vote is for exemption. A "No" vote is against it).

DO NOT REQUIRE PRESCRIPTION PLAN (H 4700)

House 29-128, rejected an amendment requiring the state to offer at least one health plan that does not include prescription coverage. The amendment was filed in response to a recent vote by the Connector Authority, the group that implements the state's health care reform law, requiring that beginning in January 2009, a person have prescription coverage as part of his or her health insurance plan in order to satisfy the state's requirement that all residents have health insurance coverage or face a financial penalty. Amendment supporters said that requiring the prescription coverage is putting health insurance out of the reach of many of the people that it was intended to help. They argued that it makes it too expensive for many self-employed people and others and results in their choosing not to purchase any health insurance and instead pay the financial penalty for not having it. Amendment opponents said that prescription coverage is an integral part of health insurance and should be a requirement. They argued that even if a person does not need the coverage now, he or she might eventually need it in the future. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment requiring the state to offer at least one health plan that does not include prescription coverage. A "No" vote is against the amendment requiring the state to offer at least one health plan that does not include prescription coverage).

BAN SMOKING AND POSESSION OF TOBACCO FOR YOUTHS UNDER AGE 18 (H 4700)

House 24-131, rejected an amendment prohibiting a minor under 18 from possessing or smoking cigarettes or any other tobacco product. Current law prohibits minors from buying tobacco products but does not prohibit them from possessing or smoking them. Current law also prohibits anyone, except parents, from giving tobacco products to their minor children. The bill repeals the parental exemption and prohibits anyone from giving tobacco to minors. The amendment also imposes 20 hours of community service and/or fines on minors who are caught with tobacco. Another provision allows police officers, school officials and local boards of health to confiscate any tobacco products possessed by minors. Amendment supporters said that it is ridiculous to prohibit minors from buying cigarettes but allow them to smoke them if they can obtain them illegally. They argued that it is time to get serious with the efforts to combat youth smoking. Some amendment opponents said that the ban goes too far and argued that there are better ways to combat youth smoking than criminalizing it. Others noted that the amendment is well-intentioned but objected to the provision that allows police officers and school officials to confiscate cigarettes from these minors. They argued that this may work well in rural and suburban communities but big city police officers have more important youth crime problems on their hands. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment prohibiting anyone under 18 from possessing or smoking cigarettes or any tobacco product. A "No" vote is against the ban).

STUDY IMPOSING PROPERTY TAX ON TELEPHONE POLES AND WIRES (H 4700)

House 131-25, approved an amendment creating a commission to study and report by June on the possibility and effect of allowing cities and towns to impose local property taxes on above ground poles, wires and switching equipment owned by telecommunications company. Under current law, their poles and wires are exempt from local property taxes while electric companies and wireless companies are required to pay property taxes on poles and wires. The amendment would replace a proposal that would simply allow cities and towns to impose the tax, without requiring a study. The tax exemption was established in 1915 to offer an incentive to the phone company to bring telephone service to rural areas. Sponsors of the amendment said that imposing the tax would generate an estimated $77 million annually in property taxes. Some amendment supporters said that they support taxing the telecommunications companies but are agreeing to the study as a compromise in order to build a consensus. In fact, Rep. Carl Sciortino (D-Somerville), the sponsor of the original proposal allowing the taxation, was also the sponsor of the amendment replacing the tax with the study. Others said that they have not yet made up their minds on the tax but would prefer to get more information on its impact prior to voting on it. Some opponents of the study said that they simply favor the tax and argued that a study would delay its impelementation or kill it. Others said that they oppose the tax and hope that the study will delay and eventually kill it. Some said that their position on the tax aside, they feel that this issue has been studied for years and prefer to have an up or down vote on the tax itself. The state Appellate Tax Board in March issued an order allowing the taxation of poles and wires of telecommunications companies. The order is being appealed and the Department of Revenue has ruled that communities are allowed to collect the property tax but are prohibited from spending it until the appeal is decided. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment replacing the tax with a study. A "No" vote is against the study).

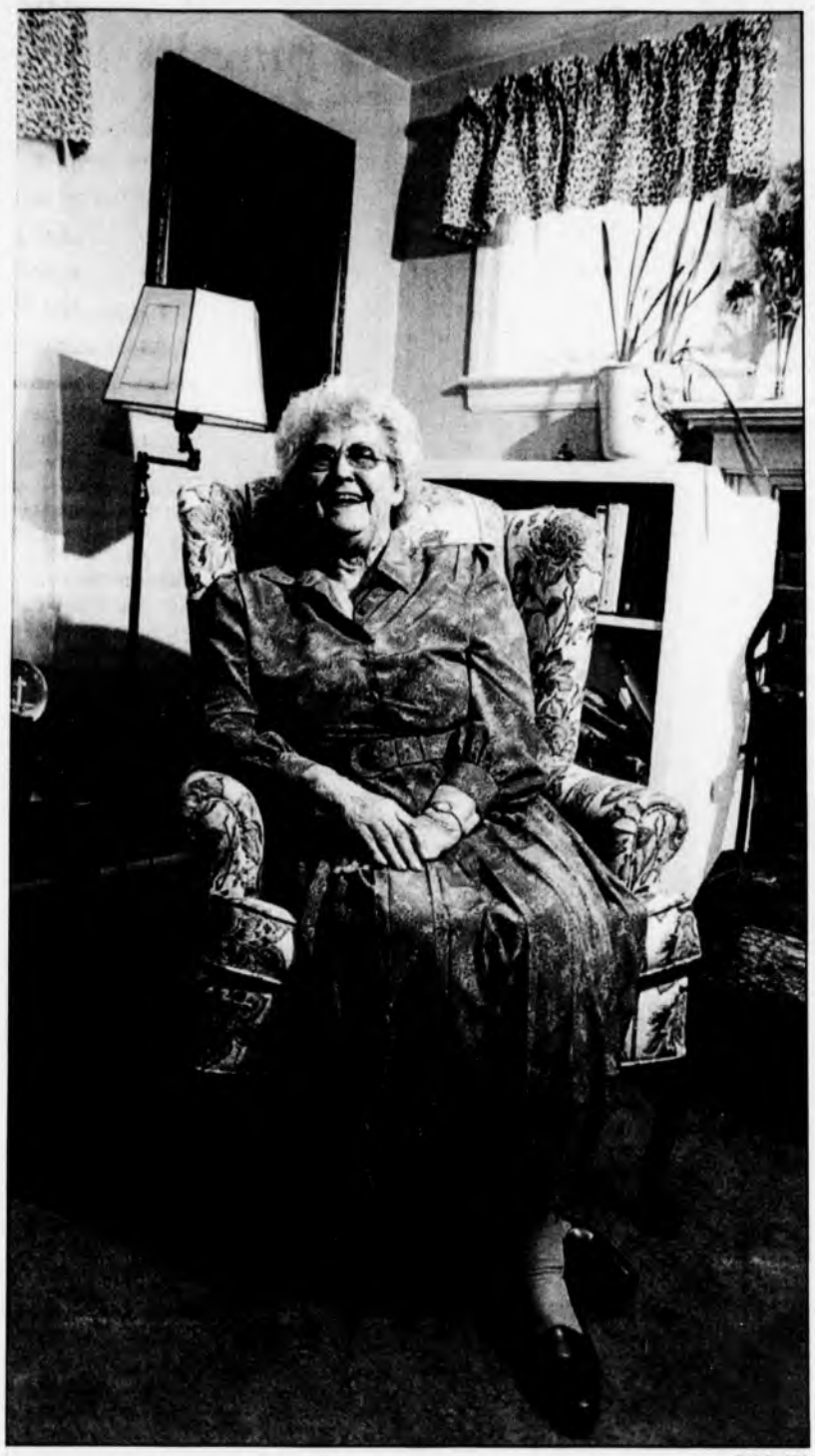
LOWER FIREARMS FEE (H 4700)

House 75-83, rejected an amendment that would reduce the firearms licensing fee from $100 to $40 and expand to six years the length of time for which the license is valid. Under current law, the license is valid for five or six years, depending on the birthday of the license holder. The state receives $75 of the current $100 fee while the local community gets $25. Under the new $40 fee, local communities would still receive the same $25 while the state's share would be reduced to $15. Amendment supporters said that the fee was raised in 1998 in order to fund a new and more efficient system of licensing. They argued that the system is now in place and it is time to reduce the fee. Amendment opponents said that the state cannot afford the revenue loss. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment reducing the fee to $40. A "No" vote is against the reduction and favors the $100 fee).

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FILE PHOTO

erine Stanton poses for a picture in her living room after being named Citizen of the Year in 1998.

'Loving, nurturing and independent'

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e up the shuttle when I I was helping people off who were much and more agile than I," the Mariner in her 1999 Citizen of the Year interview. She was one of the early members of the recreation committee, the forerunner of the Recreation Commission, which set up the recreation department. She and her late husband, Gerald Stanton, were founding members of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

For obituary, see page 30

Always thinking of others, Stanton even kept a turkey or roasting chicken in the freezer in order to prepare and deliver them to any family undergoing a crisis. She loved knowing and chatting with Clayspring Road neighbors and was often known to sit on a chair in her front yard to catch up with a passersby.

Because her children lived outside of town in recent years they are now hearing many fond memories and anecdotes of their mother from neighbors and friends. They say one of the character traits that shines through in many of the stories is that Stanton never hesitated to speak her mind.

"When she thought something was wrong, she would try to fix it," says Barker. Her outspoken nature led her to write many letters to the Mariner and the Patriot Ledger over civic issues and she was never at a loss for words on the floor of Town Meeting.

For years, Stanton has expressed her anger and frustration at the heavy front doors in the newer portion of Town Hall that were nearly impossible for her to open in her later years. She would have to be accompanied to Town Hall by a neighbor or friend or wait for someone to come along to open the doors for her.

Just a few weeks ago, automatic door openers were installed at Town Hall.

"I know it meant a lot to her," says Quigley. Ensuring the handicapped had equal access was a cause close to her heart. Her late son, Robert "Buzz" Stanton, was a quadriplegic.

"She was his primary caregiver for over 30 years," says Barker. She and her husband never thought of not caring for him at home.

Growing up Jerry wonders how his mother balanced everything she did. On School Committee meeting nights, she would always make sure there was something for dinner before heading out to the meeting.

"It was always unpredictable, sometimes indescribable, but usually edible," he says with a laugh.

In addition to raising four kids, Stanton was a fifth grade teacher for 20 years in Hingham Public Schools, retiring in 1976.

"I wish I had known her as a teacher," says Murphy, who was also a teacher for many years. "I bet she ran a tight ship and had high expectations for her students. She's somebody the kids would have admired."

A lifelong learner and avid reader, both Quigley and Murphy say she enjoyed having intelligent discussion.

"She loved to get her updates on what was going on at Town Hall and who was doing what," says Quigley. "We didn't always agree on things, but we were always able to have a discussion.

"She was very direct, straightforward, you never had to wonder what she thought," Quigley says with a laugh. "She was a friend and a role model. As I continue to age I hope to be a little bit like her—independent, not afraid to speak my mind and continue to be interested in the goings on in town."

She did so much for her family, for the community and for causes she believed in, even her children wonder how she ever did it all.

"I just go day by day. Whatever has to be done, has to be done. Somehow it all fits in," Stanton told the Mariner in 1998 as she had just celebrated her 80th birthday.

"She was part of the greatest generation," says Jerry. "We were fortunate to have her as long as we did."

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Secondhand smoke still a problem

Most adults in Massachusetts go through their workweek without ever inhaling someone else's cigarette smoke. Unfortunately, many high school students are not so lucky.

Thanks to Massachusetts' statewide Smoke-free Workplace Law, implemented in 2004, secondhand smoke has been eliminated from bars, restaurants, and other workplaces, but as schools reopen for the year, public health officials are sending a reminder that secondhand smoke is still a problem in some Massachusetts schools.

Far from just an annoyance, secondhand smoke is a serious health hazard. In the short term, even brief exposure to secondhand smoke can trigger asthma attacks, ear infections, and respiratory infections in children. Secondhand smoke contains 250 chemicals known to be toxic or carcinogenic, so the long-term effects of exposure are also serious. In a recent report, the Surgeon General states that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Every second our children are exposed to secondhand smoke, their health is in danger.

To raise awareness of this important health hazard, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has distributed flyers, decals and newspaper ads to remind parents, teachers and school administrators to *Stop the Secondhand in our schools.*

All schools—public and private—are covered by the same workplace law that made bars and restaurants smoke-free across Massachusetts. In addition, tobacco use on all public school grounds, including sports playing fields, is also prohibited. Other state and local laws provide additional protection from secondhand smoke. To report a violation, anyone can call the state's anonymous hotline at (800) 922-1895.

Student smoking and schools

Nine percent of all students admit to smoking cigarettes on school property.

90 percent of adult smokers began smoking while they were teenagers.

One in five Massachusetts high school students (20.7 percent) is a current cigarette smoker.

The nicotine in tobacco is a powerful addictive drug, and once a person starts smoking, it becomes very difficult to quit.

Research indicates that the earlier young people begin to smoke, the greater their permanent lung damage and the more likely they are to become addicted to cigarettes.

Source: MassachusettsYouth Risk Behavior Survey, 2005 (most recent release)

(The survey report can be found at http://www.doe.mass.edu/cnp/hprograms/yrbs/05/ch2.pdf)

Facts: Stop the Secondhand!

Smoking on school property is still a problem.

• According to the 2005 Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 9 percent of all students smoked cigarettes on school property in the 30 days before the survey.

• Among current student smokers, 43 percent reported smoking on school property in the past month.

• The percentage of current student smokers smoking on school property in 2005 was significantly lower than it was in 1995. In 2005, the figure was 43 percent, down from 54 percent 10 years before.

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The U.S. Surgeon General has concluded that breathing even a little secondhand smoke poses a risk to your health.

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—Adapted from The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General (June 27, 2006)

For more information: http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/secondhandsmoke

It is illegal for *anyone* to smoke in school buildings.

• All schools in Massachusetts are covered under the Smoke-Free Worksite law. This means that it is illegal for anyone to smoke inside a school.

• Since the passage of the Massachusetts Educational Reform Act in 1993, it's been illegal to use tobacco anywhere on school grounds.

• And while we're at it, it's illegal for anyone to smoke on school buses, too—part of the same 1993 Education Reform Act.

For more information: http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dph/tobacco_control/schools_faq.doc

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$28.2 BILLION FISCAL 2009 BUDGET (H 4700) — Y/Y

House 130-19 and 136-19, voted strictly along party lines, approved and sent to the Senate an estimated $28.2 billion fiscal 2009 state budget. The price tag grew by an estimated $200 million during five days of debate. Several controversial amendments were debated on the House floor but most of the work was done behind the scenes. Individual representatives filed dozens of amendments on the same general subject matters including local aid, social services and public safety. They were then invited to "subject meetings" at which they pitched their amendments to Democratic leaders who drafted "consolidated amendments" that were brought to the House floor for consideration. All of these consolidated amendments were easily approved with most of the opposition coming from Republicans who argued that the amendments were too costly. House Democrats successfully defeated several Republican efforts to reduce taxes including one to create a tax amnesty program and another to establish a sales tax holiday that would exempt consumers from the sales tax for two days in August. Democrats also easily defeated a Republican proposal to give another $200 million in local aid to cities and towns. Supporters said that the budget is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that increases local aid and education aid and funds important programs. They argued that members of both parties had an opportunity to have input into the process. Opponents said that the budget is fiscally irresponsible and unbalanced and questioned where the money would come from to fund it. They argued that that the budget does not offer any tax relief, includes wasteful spending, too much money for "pork" projects in favored legislators' districts and insufficient local aid. (A "Yes" vote is for the budget. A "No" vote is against the budget).

DELAY AND ESSENTIALLY KILL $200 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL LOCAL AID (H 4700) — Y

House 138-21, voted mostly along party lines and approved a Democratic-sponsored amendment that would delay and essentially kill a Republican-sponsored proposal requiring 50 percent of any surplus state tax revenue, up to $200 million, to be distributed to cities and towns as additional local aid. The delaying amendment prohibits the GOP proposal from taking effect until a separate piece of legislation that is similar to the proposal, has been filed and approved by the House and Senate through the regular legislative process including public hearings. Two Democrats voted with GOP legislators against the delaying amendment. Supporters of the delay said that the $200 million proposal is a fiscally irresponsible one that would tie the hands of the Legislature and not allow it any flexibility in the future to decide the best and most responsible way to spend any surplus. They argued that the decision would be made in the future - if and when there is actually a surplus. Some noted that the state substantially increased local aid this year and last year to help make up for decreased local aid over the prior three years. Opponents of the delay said that the Legislature cut Lottery LocalAid by $450 million over the past three years when the state's financial situation was in question. They noted that eventually the state ended up with an estimated $1 billion surplus in each of those three years and diverted the money to the state's Rainy Day Fund instead of giving it back to cities and towns. They argued that many communities have been forced to override Proposition 2 1/2 and increase taxes or cut funds for their schools, police and firefighters because of this lost local aid. (A "Yes" vote is for the delay. A "No" vote is against the delay).

EXEMPT AVIATION REPAIRS FROM SALES TAX (H 4700) — N

House 67-88, rejected an amendment that would maintain the current law that exempts airplane maintenance and parts from the state's five percent sales tax. The House budget eliminates the current exemption. Amendment supporters said that abolishing the exemption would lead to small airline companies moving out of the state's dozens of small airports to New Hampshire and other border states that still have the exemption. They noted that the exemption is a major incentive for small airlines to locate or remain in Massachusetts and hire or continue to employ many workers. Amendment opponents said that the exemption is currently costing the state $9 million which it cannot afford during this fiscal crisis. They argued that the exemption mostly benefits wealthy owners of small private planes and asked why this small group should be rewarded when automobile owners do not receive a similar exemption. (A "Yes" vote is for the exemption. A "No" vote is against the exemption).

SALES TAX HOLIDAY IN AUGUST (H 4700) — N

House 20-134, voted mostly along party lines and rejected a Republican-sponsored amendment allowing consumers to buy most products that cost under $2,500 on Saturday, August 9 and Sunday, August 10 without paying the state's five percent sales tax. Only one Democrat voted with GOP legislators in favor of the holiday. Amendment supporters said that the holiday would be a boon to retailers and consumers and noted that similar tax-free holidays over the past four years have saved shoppers millions of dollars and resulted in a substantial increase in retail sales for the two days. They argued that the state's sales tax revenue loss would be offset by increased revenue from the meals and gas tax generated by shoppers. Some amendment opponents said that the holiday helps the big box stores more than small operations and actually generates little additional revenue for stores because consumers would buy the products even without the tax-free days. Others argued that establishing the holiday too far in advance would hurt sales over the next three months because consumers would delay big purchases until August. Some said that the Legislature should be looking at broader tax relief and not a tiny tax-free holiday while others argued that the Legislature should not vote for tax cuts when the money could be better spent on worthwhile programs. (A "Yes" vote is for the tax-free holiday. A "No" vote is against the tax-free holiday).

TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM (H 4700) — N

House 24-129, voted mostly along party lines and rejected a Republican-sponsored amendment creating a tax amnesty program that waives penalties for taxpayers who voluntarily file an overdue tax return or pay a delinquent tax liability within a two-month period between October 1 and December 3 of this year. The program does not waive the tax itself or the interest. Five Democrats voted with GOP legislators in favor of the amnesty. Amendment supporters said that a similar program in 2002 was a huge success that raised $173 million. They argued that implementing the program this year would generate millions of dollars in increased tax revenue that the state can use to balance the budget and fund important programs. Amendment opponents said that proponents have not presented an estimate of how much an amnesty program would bring in this year. They argued that frequent adoption of an amnesty program would be counterproductive and become something that is expected by taxpayers. (A "Yes" vote is for the tax amnesty. A "No" vote is against the tax amnesty).

STUDY REQUIRING SOME COLLEGES TO PAY NEW EXCISE TAXES (H 4700) — Y

House 136-18, voted mostly along party lines and approved an amendment that would impose an excise tax on private universities that have an endowment fund in excess of $1 billion. The tax would be 2.5 percent of the institution's funds that exceed $1 billion. Current state law exempts nonprofit institutions, including universities and hospitals, from paying property taxes. The Democratic leadership, on a voice vote without a roll call, successfully added a section prohibiting the new tax from being implemented until the Department of Revenue produces a study on the economic impact of the new tax and issues a report. Only one Republican voted with the Democrats in favor of the amendment.

Some supporters of the study said that the tax might be a good idea. They said that the study would simply allow accurate estimates of the economic impact and noted that it is irresponsible to impose a new tax without knowing the consequences. Others said that they are simply opposed to this new tax and argued that these endowments are an important cushion for universities. They noted that they voted for the study as a way to defeat the new tax. Some said that many schools already pay their host communities millions of dollars under the voluntary Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program that encourages institutions to provide money to their host communities through a wide variety of ways ranging from outright cash payments to scholarships for local students. Opponents of the study said that the House should not have added the delaying amendment and instead should have voted on the tax itself. Some noted that they would support the tax while others indicated that they would have voted against it. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment that both provides and delays the new tax. A "No" vote is against the amendment).

EXEMPT ALL GUN SAFES FROM THE STATE'S SALES TAX (H 4700) — N

House 59-94, rejected an amendment that would exempt all gun safes from the state's five percent sales tax. Current law exempts only commercial gun safes that are used by businesses. Amendment supporters said that expanding the exemption to home safes would provide an incentive for gun owners to properly store their guns and keep them out of the hands of children. They argued that the exemption would cost only $1 million which is a worthwhile investment that would likely save some children's lives. Amendment opponents did not offer any arguments. (A "Yes" vote is for exemption. A "No" vote is against it)

DO NOT REQUIRE PRESCRIPTION PLAN (H 4700) — N

House 29-128, rejected an amendment requiring the state to offer at least one health plan that does not include prescription coverage. The amendment was filed in response to a recent vote by the Connector Authority, the group that implements the state's health care reform law, requiring that beginning in January 2009, a person have prescription coverage as part of his or her health insurance plan in order to satisfy the state's requirement that all residents have health insurance coverage or face a financial penalty. Amendment supporters said that requiring the prescription coverage is putting health insurance out of the reach of many of the people that it was intended to help. They argued that it makes it too expensive for many self-employed people and others and results in their choosing not to purchase any health insurance and instead pay the financial penalty for not having it. Amendment opponents said that prescription coverage is an integral part of health insurance and should be a requirement. They argued that even if a person does not need the coverage now, he or she might eventually need it in the future. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment requiring the state to offer at least one health plan that does not include prescription coverage. A "No" vote is against the amendment requiring the state to offer at least one health plan that does not include prescription coverage).

BAN SMOKING AND POSESSION OF TOBACCO FOR YOU THIS UNDER AGE 18 (H 4700) — Y

House 24-131, rejected an amendment prohibiting a minor under 18 from possessing or smoking cigarettes or any other tobacco product. Current law prohibits minors from buying tobacco products but does not prohibit them from possessing or smoking them. Current law also prohibits anyone, except parents, from giving tobacco products to their minor children. The bill repeals the parental exemption and prohibits anyone from giving tobacco to minors. The amendment also imposes 20 hours of community service and/or fines on minors who are caught with tobacco. Another provision allows police officers, school officials and local boards of health to confiscate any tobacco products possessed by minors. Amendment supporters said that it is ridiculous to prohibit minors from buying cigarettes but allow them to smoke them if they can obtain them illegally. They argued that it is time to get serious with the efforts to combat youth smoking. Some amendment opponents said that the ban goes too far and argued that there are better ways to combat youth smoking than criminalizing it. Others noted that the amendment is well-intentioned but objected to the provision that allows police officers and school officials to confiscate cigarettes from these minors. They argued that this may work well in rural and suburban communities but big city police officers have more important youth crime problems on their hands. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment prohibiting anyone under 18 from possessing or smoking cigarettes or any tobacco product. A "No" vote is against the ban).

STUDY IMPOSING PROPERTY TAX ON TELEPHONE POLES AND WIRES (H 4700) — N

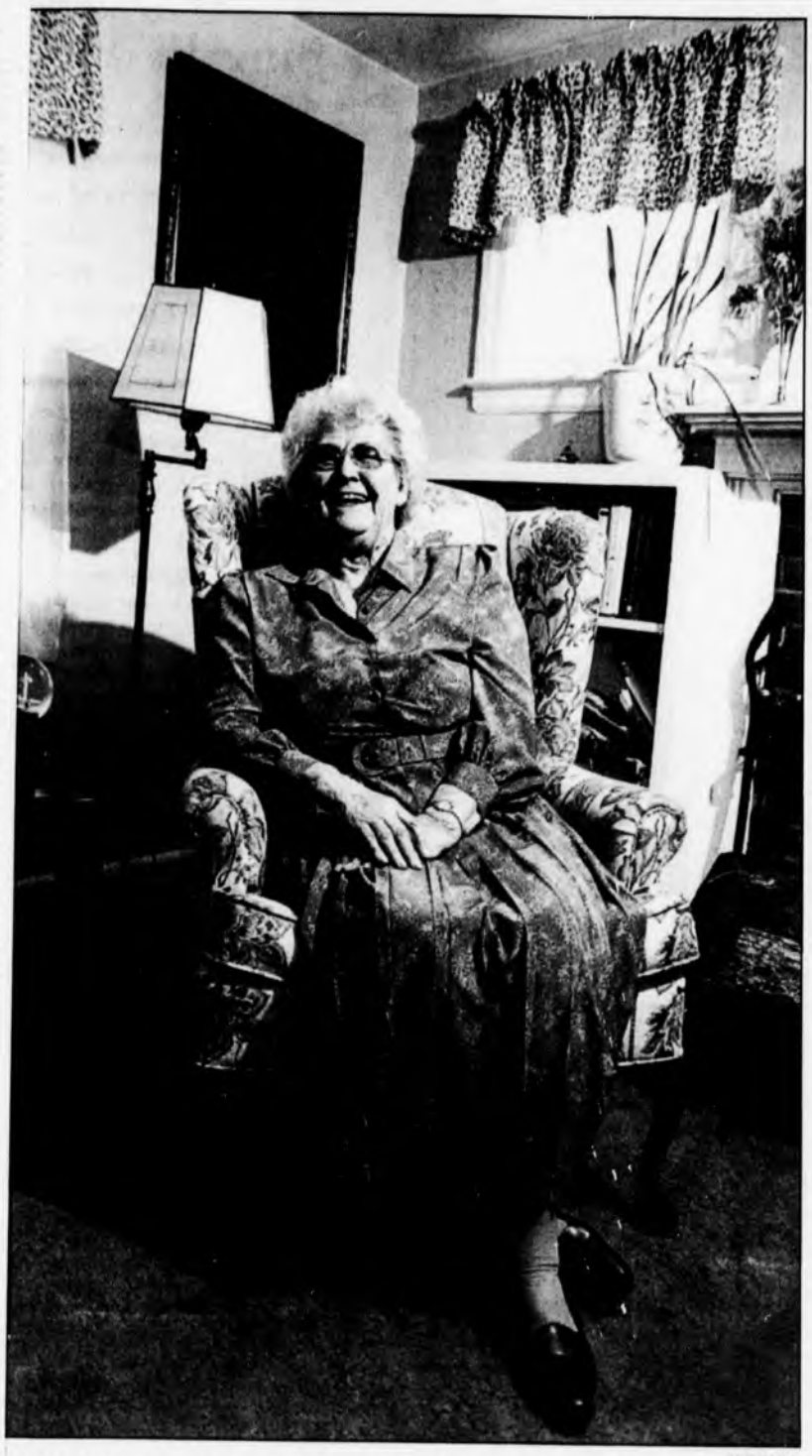
House 131-25, approved an amendment creating a commission to study and report by June on the possibility and effect of allowing cities and towns to impose local property taxes on above ground poles, wires and switching equipment owned by telecommunications company. Under current law, their poles and wires are exempt from local property taxes while electric companies and wireless companies are required to pay property taxes on poles and wires. The amendment would replace a proposal that would simply allow cities and towns to impose the tax, without requiring a study. The tax exemption was established in 1915 to offer an incentive to the phone company to bring telephone service to rural areas. Sponsors of the amendment said that imposing the tax would generate an estimated $77 million annually in property taxes. Some amendment supporters said that they support taxing the telecommunications companies but are agreeing to the study as a compromise in order to build a consensus. In fact, Rep. Carl Sciortino (D-Somerville), the sponsor of the original proposal allowing the taxation, was also the sponsor of the amendment replacing the tax with the study. Others said that they have not yet made up their minds on the tax but would prefer to get more information on its impact prior to voting on it. Some opponents of the study said that they simply favor the tax and argued that a study would delay its impelementation or kill it. Others said that they oppose the tax and hope that the study will delay and eventually kill it. Some said that their position on the tax aside, they feel that this issue has been studied for years and prefer to have an up or down vote on the tax itself. The state Appellate Tax Board in March issued an order allowing the taxation of poles and wires of telecommunications companies. The order is being appealed and the Department of Revenue has ruled that communities are allowed to collect the property tax but are prohibited from spending it until the appeal is decided. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment replacing the tax with a study. A "No" vote is against the study).

LOWER FIREARMS FEE (H 4700) — Y

House 75-83, rejected an amendment that would reduce the firearms licensing fee from $100 to $40 and expand to six years the length of time for which the license is valid. Under current law, the license is valid for five or six years, depending on the birthday of the license holder. The state receives $75 of the current $100 fee while the local community gets $25. Under the new $40 fee, local communities would still receive the same $25 while the state's share would be reduced to $15. Amendment supporters said that the fee was raised in 1998 in order to fund a new and more efficient system of licensing. They argued that the system is now in place and it is time to reduce the fee. Amendment opponents said that the state cannot afford the revenue loss. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment reducing the fee to $40. A "No" vote is against the reduction and favors the $100 fee).

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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FILE PHOTO

erine Stanton poses for a picture in her living room after being named Citizen of the Year in 1998.

'Loving, nurturing and independent'

KATHERINE, PAGE 1

for us," says her daughter erine Stanton Barker. Stanton says his mom nified the saying "give children roots and wings." e was loving, nurturing ndependent," says Jerry he taught her kids to be ise. As an example, Jerry when he graduated high l, he wanted to live at while attending college. nother absolutely insisted ike out on his own and n the college dormitory. es later Jerry says he's ul for that "pretty big out of the nest.

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ng the more than six s she called Cohasset Stanton served too many ations to name. She case reviewer for the ept. of Social Services t involved with their ses for Kids" program vided suitcases to foster lo frequently are moved ace to place so that they have something other trash bag in which to eir belongings. Stanton member of the school tee for 12 years. For 20 e served as a volunteer or the senior shuttle, uctantly resigning after p replacements and she was suffering from arthritic knees.

e up the shuttle when I I was helping people off who were much and more agile than I," the Mariner in her

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1999 Citizen of the Year interview. She was one of the early members of the recreation committee, the forerunner of the Recreation Commission, which set up the recreation department. She and her late husband, Gerald Stanton, were founding members of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

Always thinking of others, Stanton even kept a turkey or roasting chicken in the freezer in order to prepare and deliver them to any family undergoing a crisis. She loved knowing and chatting with Clayspring Road neighbors and was often known to sit on a chair in her front yard to catch up with a passersby.

Because her children lived outside of town in recent years they are now hearing many fond memories and anecdotes of their mother from neighbors and friends. They say one of the character traits that shines through in many of the stories is that Stanton never hesitated to speak her mind.

"When she thought something was wrong, she would try to fix it," says Barker. Her outspoken nature led her to write many letters to the Mariner and the Patriot Ledger over civic issues and she was never at a loss for words on the floor of Town Meeting.

For years, Stanton has expressed her anger and frustration at the heavy front doors in the newer portion of Town Hall that were nearly impossible for her to open in her later years. She would have to be accompanied to Town Hall by a neighbor or friend or wait for someone to come along to open the doors for her.

Just a few weeks ago, automatic door openers were installed at Town Hall.

"I know it meant a lot to her," says Quigley. Ensuring the handicapped had equal access was a cause close to her heart. Her late son, Robert "Buzz" Stanton, was a quadriplegic.

"She was his primary caregiver for over 30 years," says Barker. She and her husband never thought of not caring for him at home.

Growing up Jerry wonders how his mother balanced everything she did. On School Committee meeting nights, she would always make sure there was something for dinner before heading out to the meeting.

"It was always unpredictable, sometimes indescribable, but usually edible," he says with a laugh.

In addition to raising four kids, Stanton was a fifth grade teacher for 20 years in Hingham Public Schools, retiring in 1976.

"I wish I had known her as a teacher," says Murphy, who was also a teacher for many years. "I bet she ran a tight ship and had high expectations for her students. She's somebody the kids would have admired."

A lifelong learner and avid reader, both Quigley and Murphy say she enjoyed having intelligent discussion.

"She loved to get her updates on what was going on at Town Hall and who was doing what," says Quigley. "We didn't always agree on things, but we were always able to have a discussion.

"She was very direct, straightforward, you never had to wonder what she thought," Quigley says with a laugh. "She was a friend and a role model. As I continue to age I hope to be a little bit like her—independent, not afraid to speak my mind and continue to be interested in the goings on in town."

She did so much for her family, for the community and for causes she believed in, even her children wonder how she ever did it all.

"I just go day by day. Whatever has to be done, has to be done. Somehow it all fits in," Stanton told the Mariner in 1998 as she had just celebrated her 80th birthday.

"She was part of the greatest generation," says Jerry. "We were fortunate to have her as long as we did."

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A day to celebrate Cohasset

FROM COHASSET, PAGE 1

fashion show. The organizers hope to have a special Farmer's Market on a piece of the common.

One of the main events will be an "automobile Concours d'Elegance" where antique cars will parade through the village and the common, then park on South Main Street for up close viewing.

Around 6 p.m. Cohasset restaurants will set out tables to tastes of their favorite dishes. Gourmets and gourmands will be asked to judge the food in three categories: main dish, clam chowder and dessert.

"We hope to get all the restaurants and food providers in Cohasset to participate," Pinel said.

While many of the activities are still in the early portion of planning, it's clear the organizers will ensure Cohasset Day has a full agenda.

Pinel promised Cohasset Day will have something for everybody, "it is *Cohasset* Day, it is for everyone. It's for the young and the not so young…we want those visiting Cohasset to enjoy the town and to come back."

The EDC has been meeting with public safety officials to iron out the safety aspects of the event, which will involve several road closings.

"Our main concern is keeping Elm Street and North Main clear because that's our main emergency response lane," Fire Chief Robert Silvia said.

Police Chief James Hussey said figuring out the manpower needed for the event and the amount of barricades needed to be finalized. The Selectmen suggested the EDC stay in communication with the Water and Sewer Commissions because the construction will be ongoing on North Main Street around the time period of the event.

"The star of the show will be the Cohasset, its co-stars will be the residents and visitors attending the event. It's a day to enjoy the town and to be proud of the town."

— Alain Pinel, EDC member

Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr made clear the town would not be able to put any money toward the costs associated with the event from police details to Port-A-Potties.

"We realize this is a first time event for the town and the onerous is on us to produce a quality event," said Peter Brown, chairman of the EDC. The event organizers will rely on ticket sales and sponsorships to put on the first annual event, but Brown said if the event is successful he was optimistic the town could provide some sort of funding next year.

"To the extent feasible every bit of help would be welcome. We'd like to dress up (the town) as well as possible for the event. We want the town to be beautiful," said Pinel, indicating landscaping and litter clean up before the event could be items.

Tickets will be sold for the event beginning Friday, Aug. 15, at local businesses. Before the event, family tickets will go for $25 and individual tickets will be sold for $12 each. On the day of the event, family tickets will be $30; individuals $15.

In addition to the ticket revenues, the EDC is hoping to defray the cost of the event by gathering sponsors in three levels: Minot Light ($1,000), Cohasset Harbor ($500), Cohasset Common ($100).

The net proceeds from the event will benefit future EDC initiatives, charities and non-profits.

The selectmen resolved unanimously to support the event in whatever capacity they could.

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Common curbing up for discussion

FROM CURB, PAGE 1

• Current asphalt curbing on the Common could be replaced with granite.

• Robert Jason Road and William B. Long Road could each be made one way and parking spaces removed from residential side of North Main St.

"There are a bunch of different solutions brought to bear, but most involve some significant change in one way or another," said Brennan. "I tried to float an underground parking, but I guess the pond is in the way," quipped Brennan.

Both Gruber and Brennan stressed the need for a timely decision because of the construction schedule.

"We need to make some decisions in a pretty short time period," said Brennan, giving the drop-dead date as mid-June for a decision to be made.

Brennan likened the Common curbing issue to the similar curbing decision made during the Village revitalization a few years back, "we put in proper curbing and it took some getting used to but it made the village safer and aesthetically better."

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said the first step would be to establish a set of principles to guide them to a decision.

"We have to make sure there is no less parking, if anything we should increase parking," said Dormitzer. "We don't want to mess with the Common either."

Dormitzer said keeping the Common green should be a priority and the change in roadway repaving should not include more blacktop. He suggested options like more aesthetically pleasing pavers or cobblestones be explored.

Selectman Paul Carlson said the option to make Robert Jason Road and William B. Long Road one-way streets made sense. That option would create 16 parking spaces on Robert Jason Road and William B. Long Road, but take away the current 15 spaces on one side of North Main St.

Although the presentation was the first time Fire Chief Robert Silvia had heard of the issue, he said anything that could be done to open up Common area (which often has cars parked on both sides of the street) would help in getting the large fire trucks through the congested area.

Although the project includes budget line items for the grinding and re-paving of the street, due to an oversight the budget does not include the cost for granite curbing. If the decision is made to install granite curbing, financing options will need to be explored. The curbing will not be installed until spring 2009, said Brennan, giving the town some time to find the money.

Selectmen said they would think about what other boards/organizations they would like to discuss the issue with before making a decision. Pratt said even a public forum on the issue may be advisable.

"It's a special area and I think we need to take that into account. We really want to preserve that area," said Selectman Karen Quigley.

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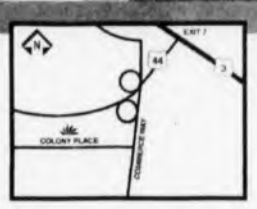
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Laxers stave off Indians attack

Ferocious comeback nipped Tuesday afternoon

The Cohasset boys lacrosse team raced out to a 9-3 lead on the road Tuesday, but then barely held on against a scrappy Hanover team to win 9-8. The Skippers needed a defensive stand (in their zone defense) of nearly two minutes at the end of the game to secure the victory.

Cohasset now has a record of 9-3 on the season.

At the start of the game, it looked like Cohasset would dominate the contest easily. Chuck Czerkawski won the first face off cleanly, scooped the ground ball, and quickly passed to Will Wise who found Johnny Wade alone on the side of the crease for a perfect fast break goal.

Seconds later, Czerkawski again won the face-off clean and drove in alone for a hard, high-rising shot which found the cage. Nate Porter made a great stop in goal to keep Hanover off the board. Mike Grimm picked up a ground ball on the sideline, ran the length of the field, passed to Wise who assisted to Mark Flibotte who buried the shot high to low.

After less than three minutes, the Skippers had a three-goal lead and their face break offense was humming. However, Hanover scored the next two goals, one on a failed Cohasset clearing pass, to stay in the game. After dodging from behind and drawing a slide, Grimm found Gordon Smith alone on the high crease for a quick stick goal and a 4-2 Cohasset lead after one period.

The Skipper defense stood tall at the outset of the second quarter. Porter made a stop at point blank range and Jake Cuneo, Anderson Lynner, Vin Curran and Dana Valentine pressured the Hanover offense whenever they entered the offensive zone.

Freshman Thomas Flibotte made a great strip on the man-down defense and clearing run to kill one penalty. After still another Cohasset penalty, Cuneo checked the ball out of his attackman's stick, made a long run through the middle of the field and found Grimm who quickly turned and passed to Mark Flibotte for a rare man-down goal. Less than two minutes later, Flibotte again scored roll dodging from the side while Hanover had the man advantage.

After an early Hanover score at the start of the second half, Cohasset went on a run to build its big lead. Flibotte found Grimm alone making a back door cut and Grimm buried the shot. PJ McCaw picked up a tough ground ball, found Wise up top who hit a streaking Flibotte for still another goal.

Then Grimm came out of a free-for-all scramble with the ball and assisted to Flibotte who beat the Hanover goalie to the short side for a six goal lead. However, Cohasset's seemingly insurmountable lead did not hold up very well against a game Hanover team that would not quit.

The Indians scored five unanswered goals to close out the game and force the Cohasset defense to make the big defensive stand at the end. Fortunately, Porter, Cuneo, Anderson, Curran, Nick Lieberman, John Maher, Alec Livingstone, and Cliff Musto rose to the challenge.

Cohasset head coach Stew Curran was not pleased.

"We did not play for the full 48 minutes today and seemed to fall asleep particularly on offense in the final 15 minutes," Curran said. "We were fortunate to walk away with the win and will need to play much better as tournament time approaches."

Mark Flibotte led Cohasset scoring with 5 goals and 1 assist. Mike Grimm had 1 goal and 3 assists and Will Wise had 3 assists. Cohasset hosts Mashpee Wednesday and Weston Thursday past *Cohasset Mariner* deadline.

Skippers cage Bulldogs

Bats come alive for softball team

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High girls softball team may be coming around after all. It took half the season to get on track but the youthful Skippers pulled of a major 9-8 win Wednesday, May 7, against Rockland at Freedom Field.

They improved to 2-9 overall and 1-5 in the South Shore League with the victory.

"They played terrific ball today," Cohasset coach Rob Spofford said. "It's coming together, the bats are coming together."

Brittney Pinkus earned her first varsity win throwing a complete game, three-strikeout game against the Bulldogs. Christine Coner went 3-for-4 with a home run and two doubles. Meredith Kelly hit her third home run of the season going 2-for-3.

Marissa Tangherlini left after the second inning but not before a two RBI single got things started for the Skippers. Cohasset trailed 4-2 after two innings. The Skippers took a 9-5 lead until Rockland scored three runs in the sixth inning. Cohasset held of the Bulldogs comeback, and Pinkus sent them packing, in a one, two, three inning in the seventh.

"We could have folded after Rockland came back, but we didn't," Spofford said.

Cohasset has been buy this week with a 20-16 loss to Mashpee on the road Monday, May 5, and 6-2 loss Tuesday at Abington.

The Skippers really got the bats going against the Falcons.

Carly Salerno went 3-for-4 with a triple. Coner continues to rip the ball, going 2-for-3 with a pair of triples. Tangherlini went 2-for-5 with three RBI. Kristen Monaco set the table getting on base and

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STAFF PHOTO/MIKE COHEA

After fielding a ground ball in the fifth inning, Cohasset's Carly Salerno throws out the East Bridgewater runner in recent action.



Lesen Haracz of Cohasset leaps over the final hurdle in the 300 meter hurdle.

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Bats struggle, pitching strong

Green Wave win pitcher's duel

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

Despite struggling at the plate for two consecutive games, the Cohasset High boys baseball team split their first two games this week with a win over Mashpee and a loss to Abington.

Sam DeGiacomo (Sr.) started and finished the Mashpee game for Cohasset, leading the Skippers to a 4-0 victory. Cohasset head coach Al Gallotta called the performance, "the best effort of the season for him."

This effort consisted of a complete game shutout where DeGiacomo allowed only five hits, gave up only four walks, and struck our eight Mashpee batters.

Although the Skippers did score four runs in the game, overall the team struggled at the plate. Cohasset only got five hits, two of them coming from senior catcher Kyle Pinkus, a single and a triple. And only two of Cohasset's runs came on RBI's as Mashpee errors helped the Skippers out.

Brendan Doonan (So.) and Chris Rose (Sr.) each had RBI singles. DeGiacomo got the only other hit for the Skippers.

The hitting woes only got worse for the Skippers against the Green Wave of Abington, a game that at the time was virtually for first place in the league. The Skippers lost the game 3-0, as senior Brian Hill pitched relatively well but received no support from his offense.

"He pitched well enough for us to win if we could have got some hits," said Gallotta about Hill's effort. Gallotta did recognize that it was not the pitcher's best performance of the season. Only two of the runs given up by Hill were earned, and the pitcher did record seven strikeouts, but the Cohasset bats only found the gaps four times.

Hill got himself out of numerous jams; two being with the bases loaded that had potential to open up the game for Abington. Fortunately, Hill was able to work out of them and end the two bases loaded jams with strikeouts.

As a team, the Skippers struck out a total of 11 times, as Abington's ace pitcher was dominant the entire game. He allowed only four Skippers' to get hits, and all four hits were singles. The four singles were by Rose, Doonan, and seniors Kenny Muir and Dave Snowdale.

Cohasset's offense will have to pick up if they want to continue the fight for first place in the South Shore League.

Cohasset Tennis Notebook

Both the boys and girls tennis teams continue to shine at Cohasset High School. The boys are 5-3 overall after recently defeated Abington, 5-0. Mike Filby and Will Choi won at doubles, while Travers Craven got a win at singles.

The Skippers are set to face Norwell at home Monday, May 12. Match time is 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, the boys played at Harwich past *Cohasset Mariner* deadline.

The girls are 8-1 overall with their only loss coming Friday, May 2, against Patriot League powerhouse Hingham. Since then they defeated Mashpee, 3-2, and Abington, 5-0. The girls played Thursday, May 8, at home against Harwich past *Cohasset Mariner* deadline.

Monday, May 12, the girls are scheduled to face Norwell on the road at 3:30 p.m. For all intents and purposes it will decide the winner of the South Shore League.

If the girls win they should be the frontrunners for an outright championship. If they lose they are still in the running for a co-championship. See next week's *Cohasset Mariner* for game information.

Both the boys and girls will be taking part in the state individual tournament this weekend. The boys will be at Wellesley High School and the girls will be at Hingham High School.

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Girls Youth Lacrosse Notes

With youth teams from Hingham opting to take the day off rather than travel to Cohasset in the rain, it was only the Cohasset Blue youth teams that got in games in the drizzle of May 4, traveling to the Hatherly School to play at the new Ryan Flannery Field.

It was the **11-and-Under girls (grades 3 and 4)** who started the day off, and after Cohasset Blue had beaten Scituate's Blue team at the end of April, the girls might have been hoping for more of the same, but Scituate's White team avenged the loss in a tightly controlled contest that was closer than the 5-2 final score suggests.

Cohasset center Lilli Smith controlled the draws from the beginning. This allowed middies Holly Maher, Ellie Jackish, Lanie Schwartz, and Danielle Picot to run an aggressive offense, keeping the early game in the Scituate zone.

Cohasset scored first as Abbie McLean transitioned the ball into the Scituate zone; after Scituate briefly knocked the ball away, Colleen McGowan picked up the loose ball and fired a shot to the upper right corner of the net. With two minutes left in the half, Cohasset scored again as Lanie Schwartz picked up a loose ball behind the net, lost her defender coming around the left side and found the bottom left corner of the net for her team-leading fourth goal of the season.

Clair Glavin played a tremendous half in goal – the first time she has tended the net for the Blue – making 5 saves and triggering the transition game with tight clears to the wings. Megan McElgunn, Madeline Schwandt, Margaux Robbins and Olivia Sanderson stood out on defense, holding back an aggressive Scituate attack.

Scituate came back strong in the second half, however, scoring three unanswered goals to put Cohasset on its heels. Cohasset's momentum was stalled three times midway through the half by close foul calls that reversed play deep in the Scituate zone.

Minnie Stavis and Jackish continued to pressure the defense, refusing to let the game get away. With 5 minutes left in the game, Regan O'Donnell was fouled five yards from the mouth of the goal. After a loose ball scrum, O'Donnell emerged with the ball again but was fouled a second time. Play resumed outside of the zone where O'Donnell was given the ball once more.

On the whistle; O'Donnell drove to the left side of the net, rolled a defender and scored to the bottom right, but the official waved off the goal saying that Regan's foot had crossed a faintly painted crease. Though Cali O'Neil, Madigan O'Neil and Maggie Queenan continued to pressure from the attack position, the Blue couldn't manage to come back. Scituate finished off the match with two more goals to close out the game with a 5-2 edge.

13-and-Under (grades 5 and 6)

The 13-and-Under Blue team won its third straight game, topping Scituate White by a score of 10-7. Cohasset started fast with Lexa Grasz controlling the draw, sprinting up the middle of the field and swinging the ball to the right wing and Jackie Driscoll, who ripped one into the net for a quick 1-0 lead. The Blue team would take a 3-0 lead on goals by Kathryn Dunn and Grasz before Scituate responded and the game would be back and forth until the second half.

Cohasset regained control in the second half by dominating the ground balls. Dunn was fierce, scooping ground balls between two and three Scituate players, while Rebecca Brown and Maggie Ernst joined in with strong efforts as well. Scituate pulled to within two goals before the Blue team reeled off several goals. Micaela Braun, Molly Fitzgerald and Dagmar Seppala scored – the latter netting a slick free-position shot – and Victoria Bryan scored her first goal of the season on an amazing backhand shot from in tight, putting the game well in hand.

Shannon McGowan anchored the defense with two ground balls, two interceptions and an assist. Goalie Olivia Blackburn continues to impress with seven saves and has stopped almost 60% of the shots she has faced this season.

15-and-Under (grades 7 and 8)

The Cohasset Blue 15-U team took to the soggy day in Scituate as if they would have rather been warm and cozy at home, giving up four goals and squandering any chances through the first 14 minutes of play. At that point, the team scored on two consecutive direct-free position shots – one from Nicole Hajjar, the other from Kristen Alecander – to cut the deficit in half, only to see Scituate answer with two goals to make the score 6-2 going into the break.

From there, however, Cohasset started to play with more energy. Whitney Jaffe answered a Scituate goal, and then Mariel Teague took the ensuing draw, raced down the field and blasted a shot past the Scituate goalie. When Scituate scored off the ensuing draw, Cohasset answered on its next possession, as Jaffe fed Kate Bodner for a quick-stick score. The assist made Jaffe the all-time leader in helpers for the Cohasset girls youth program with 19.

Scores from Alison Whelan and Danielle Healy made it a one-goal game with all of the momentum seeming to be with the visitors, but a bad turnover after a great stop by goalie Sarah Evans – who finished the day with 6 saves – led to a Scituate goal.

Whelan's second goal made it 9-8, but was answered by Scituate. Jaffe then worked her way around a double team to bring it back to a one-goal game with less than two-minutes left.

It would not be enough, however, as Scituate scored quickly on its next possession, and then weathered a furious Cohasset offensive charge. Cassedy Gwynn scored with 8 seconds remaining in the game to make it 11-10, and Cohasset won the final draw of the day, but could not advance the ball to get a last crack at the net.

Boys Youth Lacrosse Notes

The **U-11 White** team stepped it up a notch or two this past weekend with a decisive 6-2 win over Pembroke. The scoring started early in the first period with a solo goal by Graham Blackburn. Dan Axelson won the next face-off, fed it to Graham Schwandt who shot but the shot was deflected by Pembroke's goaltender.

Schwandt came back to score after a great fast break, ending the day with one goal and an assist as well as three clears. Throughout the first half the team got excellent play by Alex Fusco and Sam Arnold. Sam won a number of key ground balls, clearing it to our offense.

Fusco also had an excellent day with three clears and number of key groundball plays. Attackmen Charlie DeVries and Gavin Dunkelberger also played a smart game by keeping the ball in play.

The score was 5-1 at the end of the half.

Pembroke looked much more confident in the second half. They made three quick shots in the first minutes, which were deflected by newcomer Charlie Swartwood in his debut as goalie.

Charlie then scored a goal as a middie in the forth. Chris Norton was also strong at the midfield with an assist for the day and a number of key clears.

Dan Axelson continues to prove his ability to play every position with poise, scoring two goals and excellent play across the midfield. Defensemen Jackson Dutton and Will Lucier continued to frustrate Pembroke by turning back the fast break on forth quarter goalie Sam Arnold.

Jack Osten also showed great skills winning two ground ball battles. Newcomer Jack Speer showed his team a great effort with a few groundballs and a clear to the offense. The last score of the game came from a fast break by Graham Schwandt, who passed the ball to Chris Norton at the top of the box, who then fed the ball to Scottie Whelan for a goal.

In all, it was an excellent effort by the White team. They played as one cohesive unit, maintained their positioning on the field and never quit in man-for-man play.

Cohasset Blue jumped out on top of Dartmouth Sunday with a first quarter 5-0 advantage. Everything came together for this young team from the initial face-off.

Jack Donoh.ue dominated on the midfield line and took five for the day with no losses. He also added an assist and several ground balls. A.J. Kucinski (5 goals and 2 assists) and Michael McKelvey (4 goals and 1 assist) led the scoring for the Blue Team and had Dartmouth on their heals all afternoon.

Michael Durkin had a breakout game and netted two scores on a couple of sweet drives to the cage. Alex Norton and J.D. Dietrich alternated time between midfield and defense and the two big guys came away with 3 goals and 12 ground balls.

Kyle Ferreira netted 1 and just missed another following a catch in front of the cage. Sean Mavilia and Owen Burchill were outstanding in terms of ball control and just plain hard-nosed lacrosse.

Cole Joslin also chipped in a score and assisted on two others while scooping up a total of 11 ground balls on the day. Jimmy Farren was more than steady at Midfield and came up with four groundballs; making sure Cohasset retained the ball during the game.

Finally on offense, Evan Baldry made his debut on attack with a lot of impact. Evan was key in breaking up a number of clears by the Dartmouth Defense and helped keep the ball on Cohasset's offensive end.

The defense was totally dominant and frustrated Dartmouth's attack all afternoon. Davis Cronin made a great clear late in the game dodging players and moving the ball over the midfield line with a sensational run. Levante Haber playing defense for the first time picked up a pair of ground balls and provided excellent coverage.

Taggart Eymer, and Liam Prescott were anchors for the defense and held Dartmouth to only four shots on goal for the entire game. Alternating in goal were Brian Counihan and first time in the cage Wyatt Dominguez. Both goalies showed their ability to make big plays and direct the defense. Counihan has been nothing less than spectacular all season long making some incredible stops in previous games and keeping games close.

All in all it was the best game of the year and showed what good passing and field position means to winning games. The final tally was Cohasset 16-3.

Cohasset Swim Center offers swim lesson program

Summer is almost here! Membership and swim lesson registration is started April 15. American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim Program is offered at the Cohasset Swim Center. The C.S.C is offering EARLY BIRD membership rates for registrations postmarked by May 23. C.S.C. Members need to mail-in their membership and swim registration forms together - postmarked by May 23 and SAVE.

More detailed information and online registration forms can be found on the Cohasset Swim Center website www.cohassetswimcenter.com.

We will not be mailing out a brochure this year.

Swim Lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions: Session I: June 25 - July 3, Session II: July 7 - July 18, Session III: July 21 - August 1, Session IV: August 4 - August 15.

For non-members and members that missed the May 23 deadline, walk-in registration for swim lessons will be held on June 14 at the C.S.C. from 9am-Noon. First come, First service.

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Bats come alive for softball team

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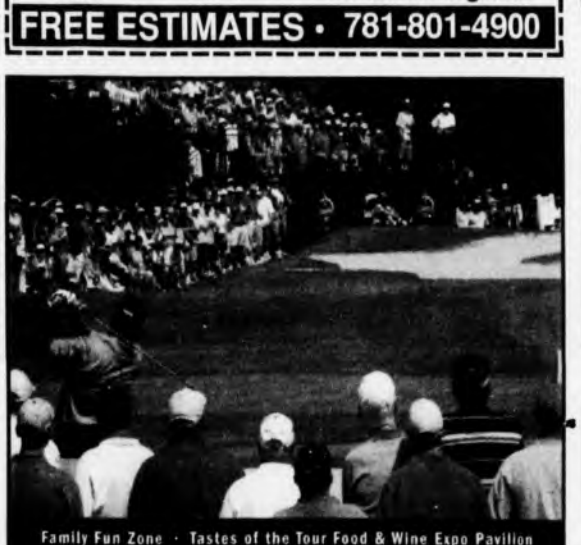
scoring a number of runs in the game.

Salerno went 1-for-3 with an RBI triple against the Green Wave. Anna Haggerty added an RBI single scoring Salerno in the game.

"We are really coming together," Spofford said. "Maybe we can put a nice run together. I told them losing to Abington is not bad, we played well in the game. Our pitching staff is young but (Christine) Coner pitched terrific, she really kept them off balance."

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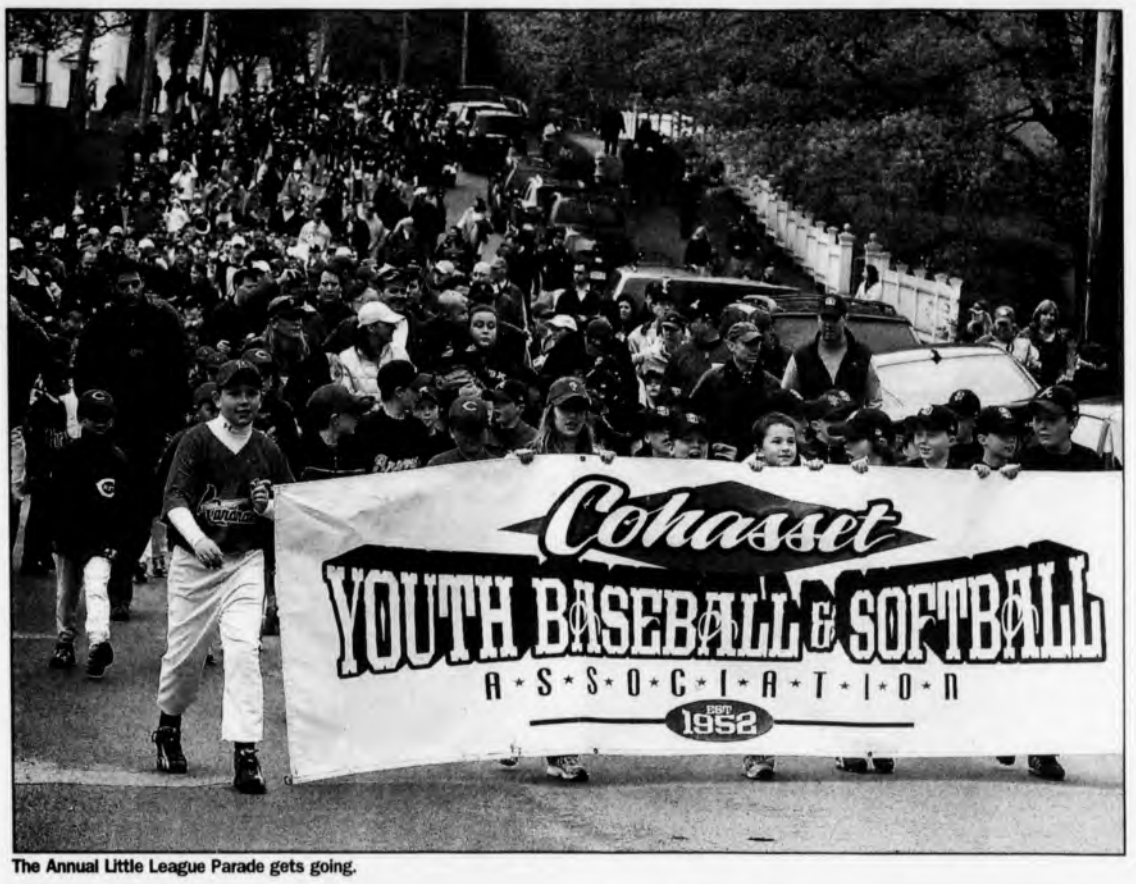
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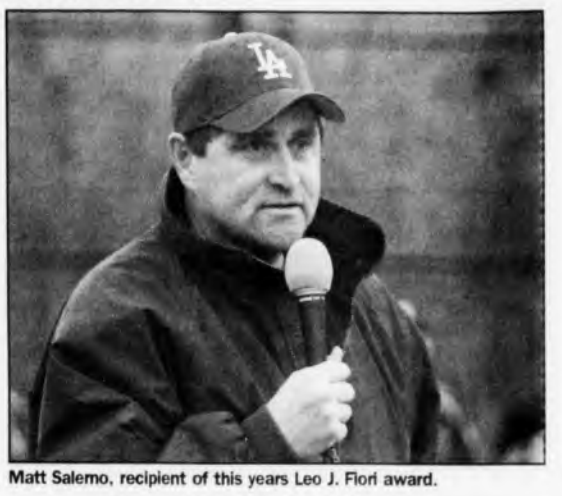
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The Annual Little League Parade gets going.



Varsity softball player, Anna Haggerty, throws out the first pitch during the opening ceremony.



Matt Salerno, recipient of this years Leo J. Fiori award.



Trumpeter, Conor Sheehy, plays the National Anthem with his Deerfield School bandmates.



Six year old Stephen Martell watches the Opening Day Ceremony activities at Barne's Field.

The Annual Little League Parade

Photos by Laura Sinclair



Cohasset Varsity baseball player Jeff Cavanaro tips his cap as he is introduced.



The Annual Little League Parade rolls down Main Street by the Town Common on the way to Barne's Field for the opening ceremony.



State Representative, Garrett Bradley, throws out the first pitch during the Opening Ceremony.

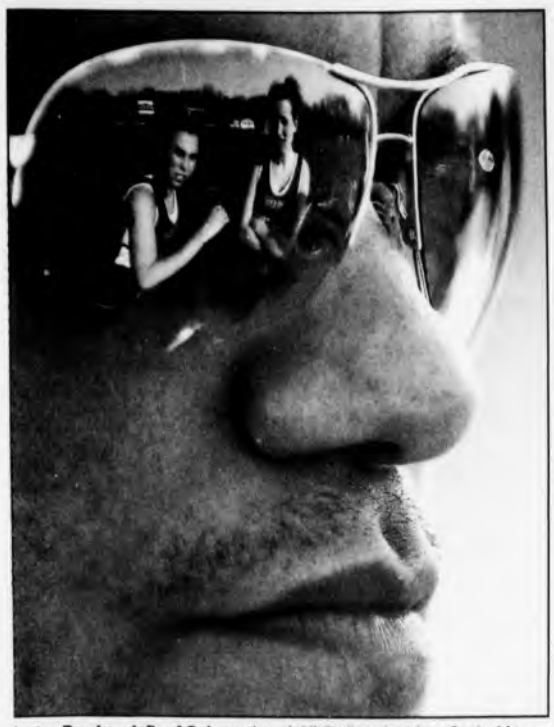
Matt Salerno, is presented the Leo J. Fiori award, by Leo's daughter Tina Fiori, and Erik Goltz, President of the Little League Board of Directors.



The Deerfield School Band, lead by Music Director Mr. Biagini, plays the National Anthem.



Last year's Little League Champs, The Pirates, had the honor of riding in the antique fire truck .



Logan Breslow, left, of Cohasset and Ali Sadler, right is reflected in the glasses of track coach Mike Clark while talking about the 100 meter hurdles following their race with East Bridgewater on Thursday.



JoJo Brophy of Cohasset sprints out and reaches for the finish line during thet 100 meter dash in Thursday's dual meet with East Bridgewater.



Steve Hurlbut sprints out ahead of the pack in the second heat of the 100 meter dash.

Track Stars of Cohasset

Photos by Robin Chan



CJ Stokes of Hull has an early lead on his East Bridgewater opponent but will fall lose that lead to place fourth overall.



Mike Froio of Cohasset gets ready to throw the discus 97'2" in his final attempt during their meet against East Bridgewater.



Tim Hill of Hull out sprints his East Bridgewater opponent to claim first place in the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.8 seconds.



Tatyana Nakashima of Cohasset leaps out 10'5" during an attempt in the long jump.



Melissa Campedelli rounds the bend on her way to winning first place in the one mile race with a time of 6:17.



Steve O'Brien of Hull leaps over the final hurdle during the 100 meter hurdle.

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Cohasset Recreation Commission news

The following programs are being offered by the Cohasset Recreation Commission. For registration forms and information visit www.townofcohasset.org/rec or call 781-383-4109.

Summer Xtreme 2008 – This program is designed for middle school students entering sixth, seventh, and eighth grades for the new school year. There are seven one-week sessions that begin June 30 and end on Aug. 14. The program will run Monday thru Thursday at Cohasset High School each week. Fridays are a possible makeup date.

The weekly schedule is as follows: Mondays and Wednesdays: games, sports, crafts, etc. On Tuesday and Thursdays, there will be the following field trips: Week 1: Canobie Lake Park and Star Land, Week 2: Water Wizz and Armstrong Ice Arena, Week 3: Morton's Pond, Plymouth and P & L Paintball, Week 4: LaserGate laser tag and United Skates of America Roller-skating, Week 5: Water Country and Pawtucket Paw Sox, Week 6: IMAX/Aquarium and Boston Bowl & Billiards, Week 7: Water Wizz and Kayaking on Lake Cochituate, Natick.

The cost is $99/week, for each participant, while the non-resident rate is $120/week. Admission to the events, transportation, and supervision are included in the cost. Additional spending money for meals, etc. on various trips is recommended. The program is limited to 45 participants for each week.

Youth Lacrosse Clinic – This one-week clinic is for boys and girls entering grades three thru six in the fall. While the program is run by the Cohasset Recreation Department, it's open to players from other communities. The Buick brothers will be directing the program this year.

The clinic is held the week of July 21-25t from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. at Milliken Field, Cohasset. Sessions are held rain or shine –in all conditions except lightning. Players need full equipment. For girls, this means a stick, goggles and a mouth guard. For boys, it means a helmet (including mouthpiece,) gloves, arm and shoulder pads and a stick.

Players should also bring their own water, juice or sports drink to each day's sessions. The fee for the Lacrosse clinic is $85.

Dog Obedience Registration –Dog Training classes to be taught by Happy Dog Training School again for 2008 (www.happydogtraining.com). The first session is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 12, on Cohasset Common, directly in front of Town Hall. Sessions are five weeks in duration, meeting for one hour each week and cost $110 per dog, per session. Registrations will be via telephone by calling the Cohasset Recreation Department. Classes are limited in size.

The first session on May 12, offers a 6 to 7 p.m. Special Topics in Dog Training Class to dogs with some basic training, who are at least six months old. Each week will include a special Training Topic, such as agility, heel, come, rally and distraction training. The 7 to 8 p.m. class is for Beginner Training for dogs with no prior formal training, at least eight weeks old.

Summer Theatre Workshop Program – Registrations for the Summer Theatre Workshop Program, to be offered by the Cohasset Dramatic Club. Registration will be on Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

This year's performance will be the current Broadway revival hit, "Grease." The program will again be open to kids 8 to 18 years of age. The fee for the program is $350 per person and $300 per person for two or more youngsters in a family. The fee includes the workshops and all materials that pertain to them, a show T-shirt, cast party, entertainment and refreshments.

Auditions will be held at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium on Sunday, June 1, at 6 p.m. and Monday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal schedules will initially be Tuesday and Thursday Evenings, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. starting, Tuesday, June 3, thru June 17 when school ends.

After that, rehearsals will be held at the same hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Evenings at Town Hall, until the week of July 14 when daytime rehearsals will be held at Cohasset Middle High School Auditorium.

The program culminates with four performances at Cohasset High School Auditorium the weekend of Friday, July18 thru Sunday, July 20. More detailed information will be available at the registration on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Tennis benefit for Children's Hospital

Save the date for Cohasset's longest-running tennis tradition, which swings into action again this summer to benefit Children's Hospital Boston beginning Friday, July 18th through Sunday, July 20th. The popular weekend tennis tournament dates back to the 1950's, when Cohasset's legendary philanthropist Jesse Cox gathered family and friends for a charitable game of tennis to benefit some of the neediest children and their families at Children's Hospital.

The event was a tremendous success and soon became an annual summer tradition. In the past 10 years alone, more than $100,000 has been raised to benefit patients and their families at the hospital, earning the Cohasset Tennis Benefit a commemorative plaque in the Children's lobby. This year all proceeds will help fund the Pediatric Trauma Program, with 100 percent of the proceeds paying for transportation, lodging and personal care packages for families of trauma patients.

This summer's benefit kicks off with an evening reception on Friday, July 18th at the Lightkeeper's Residence on Cohasset Harbor. On Saturday, July 19, tennis players of all abilities, from beginners to advanced, are evenly matched and play on some of the most spectacular private courts throughout Cohasset. Finals for three levels of play (social, intermediate and advanced) take place on Sunday, July 20th on the grounds of the Roy estate, formerly the home of Cohasset Tennis Benefit founder Jesse Cox.

For reception, tennis and registration information, or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, lob on to www.cohassettennisbenefit.org.

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Cohasset Education Foundation volunteers Donna Sanderson, left, Susan Franklin and Anna Smith greet the guests at the Cohasset Golf Club during Saturday's Reach for the Stars benefit to raise money to fund approved grants to enhance the Cohasset public schools.

Reach for the Stars

Cohasset Education Foundation hosts its annual spring benefit

Saturday, May 3, the Cohasset Education Foundation hosted its annual spring benefit, Reach for the Stars. The event raised money to fund approved grants to enhance the Cohasset public schools. The turnout from the community was tremendous, as was the excitement and enthusiasm for this fun filled party.

The live auction included a ride to school in a Cohasset fire truck and Cohasset police car, a behind the scenes tour of Fenway Park during a Red Sox game, a reserved 12 seat box for the Celtics or Bruins, American Girl trip to New York City, an aerial adventure over Cohasset, a weekend in Nantucket and passes for the Grand Tasting at the Wine Festival, an opportunity to be a ball boy or girl during a Celtics game, a tour of Channel Five newsroom with Anthony Everett, an autographed surf board, movie poster and DVD by Kate Bosworth, and box seats for the Red Sox. The silent auction included gift baskets donated by every grade at the Cohasset schools, teacher gifts and activities, golf and boating packages, health and beauty items, sports and entertainment tickets, kids packages, travel excursions and many more.

Event chairs, Carolyn Coffey and Catherine O'Callaghan reported the event was a huge success. For information on the Cohasset Education Foundation, visit its Web site at www.cohasseteducation.org.



Kathy Devaney and Jennifer Richardson are all smiles at the Reach for the Stars event.



Mel Barrett, left, Joe Mahoney, Paul Barrett and Bill Burnett enjoy the evening festivities.



Deer Hill principal Jennifer DeChiara, left, and Osgood principal Janet Sheehan talk during the Cohasset Education Foundation benefit.

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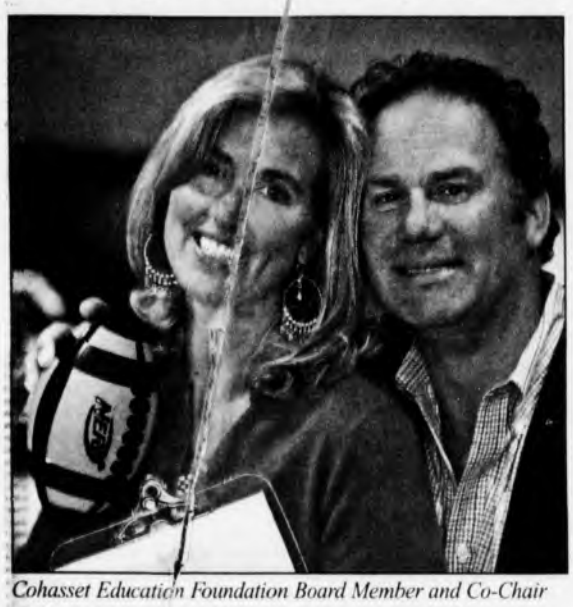
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Taylor Thomas gives an enthusiastic thumbs up during the auction.



Cohasset Education Foundation Board Member and Co-Chair of the event, Catherine O'Callaghan and Cal O'Callaghan admire the silent auction items.



Renate Devin looks on as the bidding begins.



Dan Varney and his female friends celebrate a raffle.

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Learning is a lifelong pursuit.

That's the message students and faculty in public and private colleges and universities in Massachusetts offer grad school applicants.

"Going back to the classroom was a good choice for me," said Elizabeth Dore, who is 46 years old and part way through Framingham State College's graduate program of education concentration in mathematics.

"I spend a lot of time at the library and writing papers, but the people and professors have been great and I think it's been worthwhile," said Dore. "I'm gaining a deeper understanding of the foundations of math."

Boston University graduate student Dessie Hristova said she is also seeking a degree in mathematics at age 26. It's allowing her to study how to use differential equations to express properties and motions of celestial bodies.

Both Dore and Hristova said their graduate courses have allowed them to rededicate themselves to the classroom and build on their undergraduate education.

"At first you don't know exactly what to expect, but for me it turned out to be a big change from an undergraduate degree and presented a lot of new challenges," said Hristova. "I'm really glad I decided to enroll."

Boston University mathematics professor David Fried said he has seen other students make decisions similar to Dore to return to school later in life.

"Those are usually the kind of people who re-thought their position and came back to math because they have a passion for it," he said.

Fried said those students often complete comprehensive thesis papers in fields such as number theory or statistics, which take time to master.

"We prefer the younger group but we realize that if someone in their 30s has a contribution to make we will consider admitting them," added MIT Mathematics Professor Gigliola Staffilani. "An education in math is not something that has to end after you receive an undergraduate degree."

Janet Castleman, dean of Framingham State's graduate program, said the college encourages students like Dore to enroll in master's programs to further their education at any age.



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Elizabeth Dore has gone back to school to become a math teacher.

"We welcome all applicants because going back to school, especially to study math or become a math teacher, is often a hard sell in our society," said Castleman. "The typical person who enrolls is an engineer in their 30s who is rethinking what they want in life."

After graduating, Dore and Hristova said they plan become researchers or teachers.

At age 26, Hristova said she never considered her age when applying to graduate school, while Dore, at age 46, said she "never thought it was too late."

Castleman agreed.

"People can benefit from education at any age," said Castleman.

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Adult learners are motivated students

By Karyn Donahue, M.Ed.
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As our economic base shifts from industry and manufacturing to information and technology, adults are going back to school in higher numbers than ever before.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics "an estimated 65 percent increase in enrollments of students 35 years of age or older, from 1.7 million to 2.9 million, occurred between 1985 and 1996" (NCES, 1996). They are categorized as "non-traditional" student, and often share some of the following characteristics:

Have delayed enrollment into postsecondary education

Attend part time

Are financially independent of parents

Work full time while enrolled

Have dependents other than a spouse

Are single parents

Lack a standard high school diploma

Colleges and universities, responding to the overwhelming demand for programs for adults, have reached out to this group of learners in varying degrees and with varied levels of commitment and enthusiasm.

Many institutions still view adult education programs, even their own, as watered down versions of the traditional model of higher education, to be utilized simply as "cash cows" to supplement the traditional side. This is wrong-headed on many levels.

Adult learners demand quality for their tuition dollar, and can quickly sense when curriculum is being "dumbed down." Many adult students are highly motivated to achieve As in every course, as opposed to many of their traditional counterparts, those 18- to 22-year-olds who attend classes as infrequently as possible, and are happy with passing grades.

The colleges and universities that focus on the unique needs of adult students will reap the benefits both financially and institutionally. Adult students bring a wealth of real world experience to the classroom. Faculty who teach in non-traditional programs often report that they prefer teaching adults. The classroom is more student-centered, because adults like to take charge of their own educational experience. The instructor is more of a facilitator of learning, guiding more than lecturing.

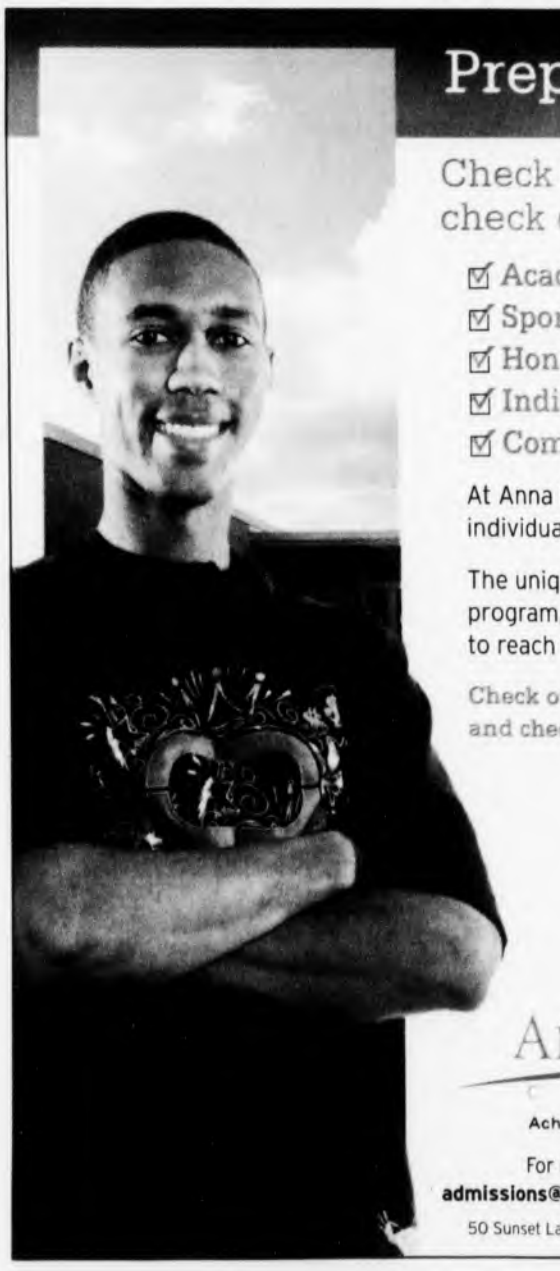
So what motivates adults to return to the classroom? Why would they add to their already full schedule of work and family obligations, sometimes incurring debt, to achieve higher education? The No. 1 reason for most is career advancement. Many find themselves being passed over for promotions, often losing to younger, less experienced colleagues. The difference between them, of course, is that piece of paper.

Personal fulfillment comes in close behind career advancement as a driving factor. Some started out as traditional students entering college after high school, but lacked direction, focus, maturity or a belief that postsecondary education was even necessary. As parents, they have a new motivation to show their children, not just tell them, how important education is.

At graduation ceremonies across the country, more and more, you see adults walking across the stage to receive their hard-earned degrees while in the audience their spouses and children cheer them on.

As technology advances and information becomes the major economic commodity, lifelong learning is not just a buzzword for the new millennium, it is a requirement for anyone hoping to get and stay ahead.

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Getaway: Rent in France for savings and local ambience

Christina Tree
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

PARIS - France can still be affordable despite the current unfavorable exchange rate. The trick is to rent a house or apartment. Generally known as "gites," vacation rentals are a time-honored tradition throughout France and, thanks to the Internet, easier than ever to access.

I learned the hard way about the advantages of renting. As a frequent Paris visitor, I prided myself on being an aficionado of that city's many small, special and relatively inexpensive hotels.

On a flight from Boston, I told my seatmate how skillfully I had patched together a 10-day family reunion using several Parisian hotels. He described the apartment rental he was sharing with a few other students.

The enormity of my blunder sank in a few weeks later when we exchanged e-mails, comparing notes. His apartment with its splendid roof deck cost a fraction of what we paid for the hotels. Then there were the tabs for all the cafes where my family gathered because our hotel rooms were too small, and all the restaurants in which we dined because we did not have a kitchen to cook our own meals.

For last year's family trip, I tried an entirely new approach. At Charles de Gaulle Airport we boarded the fast TGV train south, snoozing the two hours until our stop at Angouleme, a small walled city known for its 12th century cathedral, a colorful public 19th century market and an elaborate museum devoted to "la Bande dessinee" (the comic strip).

In rural France, businesses still close for a two-hour lunch. Luckily, there's a good restaurant in Angouleme's train station. We arrived at 12:03, and the Eurocar rental office was already on its lunch break. Eventually three of us squeezed into a tiny, two-door, stick-shift Renault and drove 20 miles south, through increasingly lush countryside.

Angouleme is the capital of The Charente, an area of small villages and rural, rolling farm country north of Bordeaux and bordering the better- known Dordogne.

The small, picturesque farms are no longer profitable and antiquated old farmhouses are being sold off, snapped up as bargains by Brits, given the favorable exchange rate of the pound vs. euro.

"La Vieille Forge," the farmhouse apartment we found on a British Web site, featured a big old hearth in the living room and included a fully equipped country kitchen/dining area and two baths (one with washing machine) and two upstairs bedrooms, all for about $478 per week.

"It's Coo-Coo mating season" our British host, Diana Conheeney, explained cheerfully as we arrived at a farmyard filled with the fragrance of roses and the calls of Coo-Coo Birds. Diana and her husband, David Conheeney, are enthusiastic converts to The Charente, familiar with the weekly schedule of farmers' markets in surrounding towns as well as the hours of the local golf and tennis club, now owned by British expats named Peacock.

Given all the small questions that inevitably come with rural rentals ("Do you have matches?" "An iron?"), it was a plus to have English-speaking landlords. I had ample opportunity to use my fractured French in the local supermarket nearby and at the farmers' market beside the Byzantine cathedral in Perigueux, capital of the Dordogne and an easy drive. We feasted on fabulous and reasonably priced breads, cheeses and wine, on strawberries and asparagus.

Day by day we explored the farm paths that began at our door. Our challenge was to find our way to l'Abbaye Ste. Marie de Maumont, a nearby monastery with magnificent Gregorian chant. The neighboring farmer claimed that he had driven oxen along these paths right to the monastery. We rented bikes from our hosts but got bogged down wheeling them through cornfields, happily lost.

As our stick-shift skills driving the Renault increased, we ventured farther along narrow, curvy roads. The local sight-to-see was Aubterre-sur-Dronne, a truly beautiful medieval village clinging to a steep hillside above a sandy beach on the River Dronne. Its big attraction is a spooky 12th century monolithic church, a high-domed but dark cathedral-sized cave, with tombs dating to the sixth century.

We walked the narrow streets of the Dordogne village of Sarlat, sampling its foie gras, and climbed the steep Pilgrim's Staircase in Rocamadour, where carless streets are lined with 12th to 15th century buildings and capped by a turreted castle.

But as glorious as the Dordogne was, it was a relief to return to the less-touristy Charente, and to our farmhouse apartment - which progressively felt like our French home away from home.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINA TREE

The terrace view from "La Vieille Forge."

Renting in Paris

"The apartment wasn't just a bargain, it was a big part of the way we experienced Paris" enthused Melrose, Mass., resident Richard Appleyard.

Agreed wife, Betty Appleyard, "We felt like we belonged. The woman in the patisserie knew just what we would order when we walked in the door."

Although widely traveled, the Appleyards had not been to France until Richard presented Betty with roundtrip tickets, a surprise retirement present.

Friends advised the couple to spend time in Paris, specifically in the 6th arrondissement, a lively Left Bank neighborhood within walking distance of most major sights. On the Web they booked a rental above Les Deux Magots, one of the oldest and most famous cafes in Paris. It seemed too good to be true. It was.

Two nights before departure an e-mail informed them that the apartment had been double booked. They could either have their deposit back or a less appealing-looking rental elsewhere.

"It was clearly a case of bait and switch," Richard still fumes. The good news is that he was quickly able to find promising rentals on other Web sites and to book an apartment in the 6th.

"For years I'd been wondering what was inside those fabulous 16-foot-high doors you see throughout Europe," said Richard.

On arrival, the Appleyards were presented with the key to just such a door in a former convent, around a corner from the River Seine. It opened onto a flower-filled courtyard, the view from their bedroom. The kitchen was fully equipped, phone and Internet service were free, and the Louvre art museum was an easy walk, all for about $159 per night.

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Our French Farm was found at www.frenchconnection.co.uk.

Others in the area are listed under Poitou-Chrante at www.gites-de-france.com/, an umbrella listing for carefully rated rentals throughout France. Or try googling the specific region you are interested in.

A search for "vacation rentals and Paris" on the Web brings up plenty of options. For apartments in Paris, try www.apartment-living.com.

For general information about visiting France, begin with the official French Government Tourist Office site, http://us.franceguide.com/.

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My mom is cool. She always looks pretty. Her hair is as blonde as the sun and her eyes are as blue as the sky. My mom is nice on the inside. She is loving and kind-hearted. She is a retired police officer but now she stays home. At home she pays bills, takes care of my animals and my mom cooks for me and my sister. When I am sick my mom brings me soups and drinks and she helps me do my homework. I like when my mom plays trucks and cards with me. My mom makes me feel loved and special when she calls me "Dom-ee" and she hugs and kisses me. I love my mom as much as candy hearts!

Domenic Albanese

I have the best mom. My mom is beautiful like a butterfly. Her hair is black and she has pretty green eyes. She is very loving, caring and peaceful. She works at the Liberty School in Hingham. At home she does the dishes, laundry and makes us food. My mom helps me with my homework and makes me feel happy when I'm sad. I love when we snuggle and watch movies together. My mom makes me feel special when she calls me "Goo-Goo." She makes me feel loved when she hugs and kisses me. I LOVE MY MOM!

Grace Alves

My mom is great. She is pretty with long curly hair and gorgeous brown eyes. Her smile is so nice that it could brighten up a rainy day. On the inside she's loving, kind and peaceful. My mom works in schools as a physical therapist. At home she does the laundry and dishes and she feeds us. My mom helps me by listening to me read and she helps me with my homework when I need it. I like playing board games with my mom and I like snuggling with her while we watch movies. I feel special when she kisses me before bed and hugs me when I win a game. That's why she is a good mom!

Owen Bleicken

My Mom is special. My mom is tall and she has beautiful green eyes that sparkle like emeralds. She smiles gorgeously. She is lovable and so funny, I never stop laughing! My mom cares for every human and she's generous and always kind. My mom works for my dad at a company called Bowen Advisors. Some of my mom's jobs at home are paying bills, she feeds me and my sisters and she does the laundry and lots of dishes. She helps me with my homework and when I get hurt she makes sure I'm OK. I like it when we snuggle on the couch and watch movies. It's also fun doing crafts, playing board games and going to the beach with her. My mom makes me feel special and loved when she goes to my games and yells, "Gooo... Will!!!" I feel loved when she tucks me in bed at night and when she says, "How was your day" when I get home from school. I think my mom is the best mom on earth!

Will Bowen

My mom is very special. She has short brown hair and sparkly green eyes, glowing skin, a pretty smile and she's cute. On the inside my mom is sweet, funny, nice, helpful and caring. My mom is as sweet as a baby bunny! My mom takes care of our family. She makes meals and does laundry and washes the dishes. My mom is a room mom in my class. My mom helps me with my homework, gives me advice and helps me when I'm sad or hurt. I like when we go for walks, snuggle and read and play games together. I feel loved and special when my mom snuggles with me and when she kisses me and when she puts me to bed. Doesn't that sound like the best mom? Well, I think so!

Olivia Coveney

My mom is great. She has eyes as green as brand new grass. Her hair is unique because it is blondish blackish. She has a great beautiful face. She has a kind funny attitude. I think she is always having happy thoughts. Her work is to stay home and take care of the house. My mom does a lot to keep the house in order. She pays the bills and she does the laundry. Aside from that she helps me with my homework when I'm stuck. She also helps me pack my things when I go to Canada. I love to play and read with my mom when I get a chance. She tells me that I'm a great speller-even though I get spelling words wrong sometimes. She gives me a hug before I get on the bus. I love how my mom has such a big heart!

Matthew Dickey

My mom is really cool. She is short and she has pretty brown eyes. She is beautiful and she has very clean bright teeth. My mom is caring and loving. She is a really happy person. My mom is a stay-at-home mom. She takes care of her 4 children. She cleans and does the laundry and washes the dishes and she works hard. My mom helps make lunch and breakfast and dinner- and for dinner we might have pasta! She helps me clean my room and make my bed and helps make my food. I enjoy snuggling with her and cooking with her. I feel special when my mom tells me I'm doing good at homework. I feel loved when she tucks me in and gives me a kiss at night. My mom is as beautiful as a rose. My mom is the best.

Ryan Donovan

My mom is great. My mom has spectacular yellow and brown hair and her eyes are brown. She is pretty. My mom is caring and loving and thoughtful. My mom is as sweet as a dolphin. For work my mom writes children's books. My mom helps at home by feeding the dogs and cats and she does laundry. She helps me read books and I like when we read books together. She helps me pack for my vacations. My mom makes me feel loved and special when she scratches my back when I go to sleep. She also snuggles with me in bed. I love my mom so much!

Brooke Driscoll

My mother is special. She has light brown hair that curls at the end. She has sea green eyes and a beautiful smile. My mom is generous and caring and loving. She is an appraiser and works for Meredith and Grew. At home my mom does laundry and cleans dishes and feeds the dog. She helps me solve problems and she makes my lunch and she gets breakfast for me. I like when my mom and me go to the beach and I also like to go kayaking with her. It's really fun when we go on bike rides. I feel special and loved when my mom gives me yummy meals and when she hugs me and kisses me and when she helps me when I need it. I love my mom because her heart is as warm as fire.

Danny Driscoll

My mom is special. My mom has beautiful eyes that are chocolate brown. Her smile is as pretty as a rainbow. My mom is very kindhearted and she's loving. She works for a company in Boston. At home she helps me fix my hair for school and sometimes she takes me on trips with her. I love planting flowers in the garden with her. She makes me feel loved and special when she makes a fire and we snuggle on the couch. I think my mom is as nice as a yellow lab.

Sophie Gilliat

My mommy is the best. She has bright yellow hair and she is tall. She is as beautiful as a red rose. She looks really pretty when she smiles and laughs. My mom is smart and kindhearted. She owns her own alarm company. She goes to zoos and resets the alarms. At home she cleans up the house and washes the clothes and tells us to go outside and play to get fresh air. When I fall off my bike and get hurt my mom washes it up and puts a Band-Aid on the cut. She helps me spell and she helps me read. She helps me get ready for bed and she tucks me in and tells me a story. I like to ride bikes to the fire department with her. I feel special and loved when my mom hugs me and kisses me. My mom is the best mom in the world!

Thomas Guinee

My mom is great. My mom is beautiful and she has a joyful smile and pretty brown eyes. She is smart. She is kindhearted and she cares for us. My mom goes to Boston to work in an office. At home she does the laundry and sweeps the floor and does the dishes. My mom helps me when I'm sad by talking to me and that makes me feel better. She helps me do my homework and helps with words I don't know. I love when we have our special movie night. I love when my mom plays "Wii" with me. My mom makes me feel loved when she says good night. My mom is as nice as a cuddly bear. My mom is the BEST!

J.P. Johnston

My mama has a huge heart. My mama's eyes look like night. My mama's skin looks like a light moon. Her smile is soft and she's a pleasant person. She used to be a lawyer but now she stays home to take care of her family and she does the gardening. My mom helps me do my homework and she helps me get the right water temperature for my bath. I enjoy watching TV with her and shopping with her. My mom makes me feel special when she says, "Goodnight Princess" and- "I love you Princess." It's a miracle that she's this nice to me.

Caroline Hillier

My mom is the best. She has long brown hair in a ponytail and she has a nice smile. My mom is pretty. My mom wears a baseball cap and it looks good. My mom is smart and she knows a lot about nature and animals. She is friendly and helpful and very thoughtful and FUN! She is a stay-at-home mom and she does the dishes and feeds the dogs. We have a ton of pets and she helps out with all of them. Every year she brings my corn snake to school for a visit. My mom helps me with my homework and she helps me read. When I have problems she gives me advice. I like when it's spring because my mom and I like to walk to the pond and catch tadpoles and salamanders. We brought some to my class so we can watch their life cycle. We also like to watch movies together. My mom makes me feel special and loved when she gives me big hugs. I love my mom.

Joshua Liberty

My mom is very special to me. She has short wavy blond hair and her eyes are as blue as the sea. She's as beautiful as sparkling snow. My mom loves to ski and she's really good at it. She's very-very smart and she is loving and kindhearted. My mom is a lawyer and she works in Hingham. At home she cooks us dinner and does laundry. All winter she drives me to Vermont for my ski races. When I'm sad or hurt or sick she helps me. I 'love-love-love' to go biking with her, and I love cooking with her too. My mom makes me feel loved when she hugs and kisses me when I'm sad-or just anytime. I love my mom!

Lilly Patsos

My mom is wonderful. She has dark brown hair, greenish brown eyes and a smile as bright as the sun. She is understanding and loving and funny and smart. My mom is a stay-at-home mom and she's my CCD teacher. She also helps at school by watching kids at lunchtime and recess and she works as a homeroom mom in my class. She used to be a librarian so she likes to help Miss Diminee in our school library. My mom helps out at home by making meals, doing laundry, washing dishes and she sets the table. She helps me by giving me advice, cheering me on in soccer and picking me up from school. I like to read with her, play board games with her, ride bikes with her and I like to snuggle with her. She makes me feel special by calling me by my nickname, "Sunshine Caroline" and she makes me feel loved by kissing and hugging me. I love my mom!

Caroline Patterson

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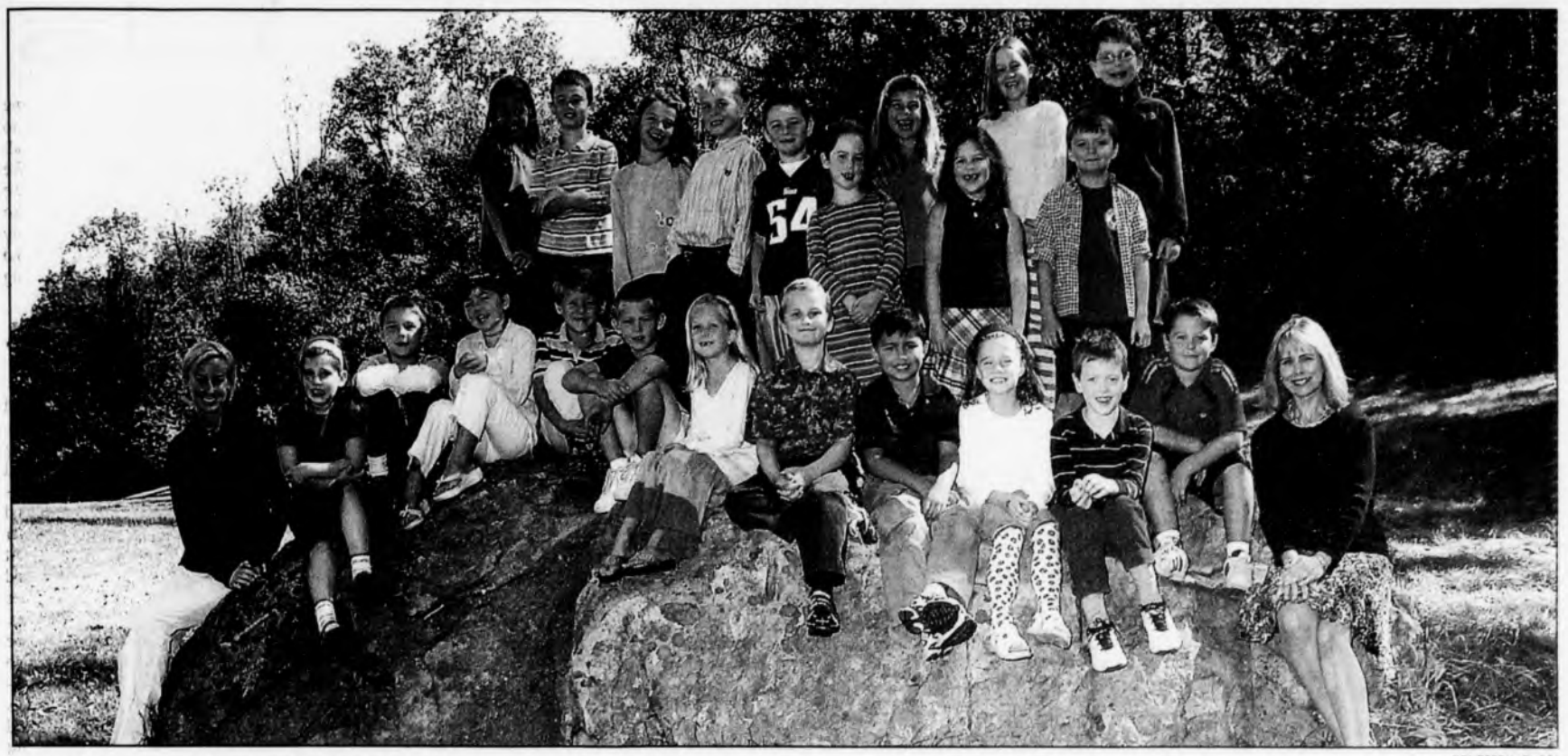
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Mrs. Cook's second grade class at the Osgood School.

Happy Mother's Day from Mrs. Cook's class

FROM MOTHERS DAY, PAGE 28

My mom is awesome! She has chocolate eyes and her hair is like mine-it feels soft like puppy fur. She is pretty and smart and my mom is helpful, nice, sweet and very funny. She works at the Second Congregational Church and she directs plays. At home she cleans dishes, washes clothes and feeds us. My mom helps me with my homework, drives me to sports and takes care of me. Snuggling and reading and bike rides are what I enjoy doing with my mom. I feel loved when my mom greets me when I get home- and kisses me and hugs me and takes me to JJ's. My mom is as lovable as a puppy. I love my mom!

Halle Pratt

My mom has beautiful brown hair. She has a beautiful face and hazel eyes and she has a smile as bright as the sun. My mom is very nice and she's funny and she is a fun person to be with. She owns a school and she likes her job. At home my mom does the laundry and she makes dinner. She helps me get up in the morning and she helps me clean the turtle tank. I enjoy riding bikes with my mom. I like when she plays sports with me. My mom makes me feel loved and special when she calls me "Sammi" and when she hugs me. My mom makes me feel special almost every day!

Sam Sullivan

My mom is special. My mom has short silver hair and big blue pretty eyes that sparkle. My mom is very cheerful. My mom is a real estate agent in Cohasset. She does a lot of chores- like cooking, laundry and shopping. She helps me do my homework and she puts my hair in a ponytail. If I have a problem with a friend she gives me advice. I like to snuggle and read books with her. I like going shopping with her. When I'm sick she calls me "Gee-Jah" and she also calls me "Pie-Pie." My mom's love is as warm as a summer day. My mom makes me feel special and loved when she calls me "Gee-Jah" and "Pie-Pie." Don't you think she's the best mom in the world? I do!

Mary Tarpey

My mom is great. She has deep brown eyes that you can't miss. She is pretty and she has a nice friendly face and a big smile. She is very tall and graceful. My mom likes to go outside and run. She enjoys running as much as a roadrunner. She likes to write stories about 'Sally the ghost.' Her personality is cheerful, always happy, and very generous and helpful. For work she volunteers a lot at our school and she helps with all of the school fundraisers. She goes to lots and lots of meetings. At home she pays bills, does the laundry and she does errands to help our family. She helps me with homework and she helps me climb trees. I love when she reads her 'Sally stories' to me and when she takes me to JJ's. She makes me feel special and loved when she calls me "Bome" instead of Jerome. She kisses me everyday- Since the day I was born. I don't think there's a better mom in the universe!

Jerome Vainisi

Let me tell you about my mom...She has colorful yellow hair. She is not too short, or too tall. She also has sparkling white teeth. She is sometimes funny, very athletic and really fun to be around. She used to be a pro gymnast, now she works at Blue Cross Blue Shield. At home she makes the beds and sometimes she makes breakfast and dinner. My mom helps me when she cheers for me at sports and when she drives me to CCD. When I get sick and need medicine she gives it to me. I like to do things with my mom like basketball, football, board games and other fun things. My mom calls me "Devidog" and that makes me feel special and loved. My mom has a heart as big as the world!

Deven Varney

I have a great mom. My mom's face is friendly and pretty and she has freckles on her nose. Her eyes are as brown as a chocolate lab. My mom is very-very kind, nice, funny, thoughtful and generous. For work my mom stays home to take care of our family. She does the laundry and cleans the house and she cares for us if we get sick or hurt. My mom is a room mother this year and that makes me very happy! She helps me by putting my hair in braids and she helps me with my homework. After we put my little brother to bed and make sure he's asleep we go into my parent's room and read part of a chapter book. I always enjoy doing that with my mom. My mom makes me feel loved and special when she lets me cuddle up on her lap. Don't you think I have the best mom in the history of the world??? I do!

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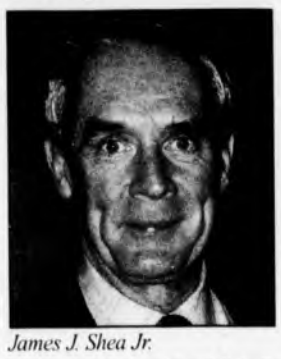
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James J. Shea Jr.



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James J. Shea Jr., 67 of Newport, R.I. died Friday, May 2, 2008, at the Newport Hospital.

He was the husband of Lucille F. (Nolin) Shea. Born in Newport, he was the son of the late James J. and Elynor (Labutise) Shea.

Mr. Shea was a graduate of De La Salle Academy, Class of 1958, as well as Providence College, Class of 1962. After graduation, he entered the United States Air Force and was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas where he completed his Officer's Training Camp. He was later stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Mich. and Duluth Air Force Base in Minn., before serving in the Far East during the Vietnam War. During his time of service he rose to the rank of Captain.

He was employed at Goldman, Sachs & Co. in Boston, for 23 years as a vice president of Security Sales. He was later employed by Barclay Investments and Aquidneck Capital Enterprises.

He was a member of the Boston Athenaeum, the Newport Historical Society, the Naval War College, the Redwood Library, and the Newport Country Club. He was also a parishioner of St. Mary's Church.

Besides his wife Lucille, he leaves his two daughters, Michelle Shea Donatelli and her husband David A. of Dover, Mass. and Melissa Young and her husband Clifford of Palos Verde, Calif. He also leaves his six grandchildren.

He was the brother of the late Maureen Williams.

Arrangements were handled by the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, Newport, R.I.

A memorial service was held on May 6, at St. Mary's Church, Spring St., Newport. Interment was at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter, R.I.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the John P. Burke Memorial Fund, 1 Button Hole Dr., Suite 2, Providence, RI, 02909.

John Cotter

Mechanical engineer, loved the ocean



John Cotter

John Cotter, a Cohasset native, died in a swimming accident on May 2, 2008 while vacationing in Northern Vietnam. He was 25 years old.

He was a graduate of Saint Sebastian's School in Needham, and received a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University.

Having grown up on the coast, Mr. Cotter loved the water. His interest in all things related to the ocean led John to employment with Great Lakes Dredge and Dock, an Illinois company with coastal projects worldwide. For the past almost two years, he was working to create artificial islands in the Persian Gulf. He was living and working in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain where the islands were being built for the development of a tourist industry similar to that in Dubai.

He loved his work especially the opportunity it gave him to work closely with others and to solve problems. As a young production engineer, he had a special gift for understanding technology and applying it to specific engineering projects with maximum efficiency. His management of teams of workers from India, Pakistan, Thailand, The Philippines and other geographically and culturally diverse areas gave him the impetus to use his time off (usually in three week blocks) to visit countries on six continents.

As exacting as his work and travels were, his heart was always with his family, friends and home in Cohasset. Even more than his professional accomplishments and extensive travels, he will be remembered for his ability to make life happier for everyone he knew.

Mr. Cotter leaves his parents Dr. Paul B. Cotter, Jr., and Margaret (Barres) Cotter, his brothers Nathaniel and Paul B. Cotter III, his grandparents Mary E. Cotter, Oliver M. Barres and Marjorie (Catchpole) Barres, and many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 9, at 2 p.m. in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the CRUDEM Foundation (for medical relief in Haiti), 362 Sewall St.,, P.O. Box 804, Ludlow, MA 01056 (www.crudem.org).

For an online guestbook, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com

Katherine F. Stanton

Teacher, former Cohasset Citizen of the Year



Katherine F. Stanton

Katherine Frances (Magullion) Stanton, 89, of Cohasset, died May 3, 2008 at home.

The proud possessor of a rich Dorchester accent, she joined the world October 28, 1918 as a native Bostonian and first child of Frank E. and Katherine W. (Stone) Magullion. As a native Bostonian and first child of Frank E. and Katherine W. (Stone) Magullion, she enjoyed early academic success as a student at Girls Latin School of Boston, graduating with honors in 1935. She received her B.A. from Teachers College, Boston in 1939 – the start of a life-long passion for education. From 1939 to 1945, she taught in Boston Public Schools, while also serving as a Lieutenant in the Massachusetts Women's Defense Corps. Katherine and Gerard were married in 1944, and she spent the following decades raising their four children. She returned to the classroom in 1957, teaching fifth grade in several Hingham Schools until her retirement from the Plymouth River Elementary School in 1976.

Mrs. Stanton believed in the importance of volunteer work and served the Cohasset community in many ways during her six decades as a town resident. She served as a member of the Cohasset Recreation Committee; directed the Cohasset Red Cross Swimming program, drove the Cohasset Senior Shuttle, and volunteered as a Girl Scout leader, and at the Cohasset Library. From 1956 to 1968, Cohasset voters elected her to four terms on the Cohasset School Committee. Even in her later years, she traveled to Plymouth each month to review child welfare cases for the Department of Social Services, where she organized an innovative program to collect and distribute suitcases to children under DSS custody, giving them a way to carry their possessions so they could have a sense of dignity when they changed homes.

Katherine was passionate about Cohasset affairs and was an active participant in the Annual Town Meeting. For decades she wrote letters regarding civic issues to town officials and area newspaper editors – and when they got online, she did too, switching from snail mail to email. In 1998, the Cohasset Mariner named her Citizen of the Year.

Wife of the late Gerard J. Stanton, she leaves her children was the dearly loved mother of Katherine Stanton Barker and her husband, the late Robert J. Barker, II; Gerard J. Stanton, Jr. and his wife Darlene; Mary Stanton Hynes and her husband Richard T. Hynes; and the late Robert F. "Buzzy" Stanton; her grandchildren Katherine Barker Marshall (Matthew), Kristine E. Barker, Andrea L. Stanton, Brianna L. Stanton Mahoney (William), Patrick S. Hynes and Matthew J. Hynes; and a great-grandson William M. Mahoney, III. She also leaves a brother Frank Magullion and his wife, Sheila, and a cousin Madeline Brown.

A memorial Mass will be held Friday, May 9 at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, at Mrs. Stanton's request, please make donations in her memory to the Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Dr., Braintree, MA., 02184, or to a charity of your choice.

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We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, May 11

8 a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Bill Baird and Kirk Jackisch and meeting on the 2nd & 4th Sundays)

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House on Mother's Day Sunday — Children will join us for the first segment of worship, including Flower Communion. Please bring a few sprays of flowers from your yard to share in this communion of flowers observed in Unitarian Universalist congregations worldwide. Sermon: "Nurses are heroes: Ask me, I know one!"

Religious education classes for toddlers and childcare for our youngest begin at 10 AM in the Parish House. Children and youth gather with your parents and caregivers in the Meeting House for the first part of the service, followed by RE classes in the Parish House.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

11 a.m. - Mother's Day Plant Sale outside the Parish House — Sponsored by the Circle Ministry group led by Susan Etkind and Jane Goedecke, with proceeds devoted to care of the Parish House gardens.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our Web site at www.firstparish-cohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

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Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Anthology performs Friday at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Meeting House

Anthology, a professional women's vocal quartet, will perform a concert of a cappella music at the Meeting House of First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Friday evening, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. This Boston-based quartet blends its high standard of performance with a varied repertoire and a sense of fun. Their Cohasset performance will include a mix of classical, folk, a smattering of barbershop, and some Sweet Honey in the Rock. Classical selections will include madrigals and Renaissance motets, through Brahms and Bartok, and new music hot off the press from Boston composers.

In the past week, Anthology has performed at First Parish in Cambridge and at Boston's Church of St. John the Evangelist. Allegra Martin, a mezzo-soprano with the quartet, recently joined First Parish in Cohasset as Music Director. All the vocalists are professionally trained and include also Vicky Reichert, soprano; Michelle Vachon, mezzo-soprano; and Anney Gillotte, soprano. As a benefit concert, the suggested donation is $15 per person. Half of the proceeds will support renovation of the First Parish organ. Half will go to the artists. To learn more about this emerging quartet, visit www.anthologyvoices.com.

Glastonbury Abbey to host plant sale

Glastonbury Abbey plant sale will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, May 10. A large selection of plants will be found for sale on the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Route 228, Hingham. Rain date is May 17.

Perennials, ground cover, veggies, ornamental grasses, small bushes and many of the herbs from the Glastonbury exhibit at the New England Flower Show will be for sale. Plants are all being donated from local private gardens in the Hingham/Cohasset/Scituate area. Seedlings to mature plants will be available to tempt local gardeners who attend the annual plant sale.

Proceeds will be donated to the Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey and used to continue beautification of the Abbey grounds.

Programs offered at St. Joseph Retreat Center

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, is hosting a Day of Prayer titled In My Mother's Garden, a day of reflection for mothers and adult daughters, on Saturday, May 10. Come whether one's mother is with them in body or spirit.

The Retreat Center is available for private days of prayer May 12 through 18, and May 21 through 29. People are welcome to come for three, five or seven days.

For more information and to register, visit the Web site at csjretreatcenter.org or call 781-383-6024.

Appalachia County Fair set for May 17

Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is sponsoring its Appalachia County Fair, which will take place from 6:30 to 11 p.m., on Saturday, May 17, at St Anthony's Parish Hall. Highlights of the event will be Red Bones Barbeque dinner, dancing to the Gr8tfuls, formerly the Grateful Dads, and live and silent auctions.

Tickets are $40 each and are by advance sale only. They can be purchased at the 2nd Congregational Church office or by calling Debbie Shadd at 781-383-1624. Proceeds will benefit the July trip to Kentucky.

Plant sale set for May 17

Hull Garden Club's annual plant sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, May 17, at the Town of Hull sign on George Washington Boulevard. This is Hull Garden Club's largest annual fund-raising project, and it depends on public support. Ivy geraniums, hanging plants, annuals, herbs, vegetables, member perennials, composters, water marrels and more will be available.

To pre-order favorite varieties, order forms are available at Hull Library, Senior Center, main post office, or with a club member. Ordering and information are also available by calling Judy Dorner at 781-925-0626 or Candy Barone at 781-925-0013.

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SEL/POLE HEARINGS 5/19/08

LEGAL NOTICE
Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing Notice
Pole Hearings

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7:10PM in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, to consider the installation of a new stub pole on King Street, near to 465 King Street. Stub pole #8S is proposed to be installed in a southwesterly direction 33' from existing pole #8. This is a joint pole location as requested from the Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England , Inc. The pole installation is necessary to correct a guying issue by replacing a pole to a tree guy. The public is invited to offer public input on this proposal in writing in advance of the public hearing or in person at the hearing.

Board of Selectmen

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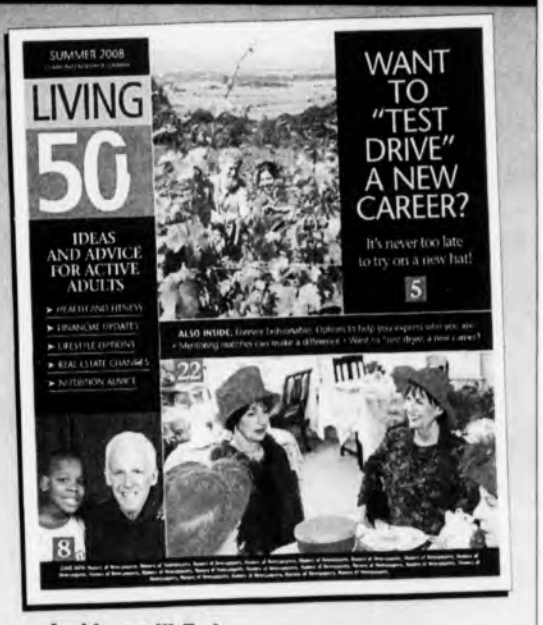
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Horoscope

FOR RELEASE WEEK OF MAY 5, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You've set a fast pace for yourself. But as you approach your goal, you might want to slow down a bit in order to take time to reassess your situation and make changes while you can.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Patience continues to be a virtue for the Divine Bovine. So as eager as you might be to get things moving, remember that time is on your side. Make good use of it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) There's a wee bit of uncertainty in the early part of the week. But things clear up as more facts come to light. Spend quality time this weekend with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An old friend's return could open new possibilities for both of you. But don't let yourself be rushed into anything. There could be some factors you haven't yet explored.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This week offers a challenge you're raring to take on. And while eager to get started, do so slowly so that you can focus those sharp Cat's Eyes on every detail.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Put your skepticism aside and listen to advice from colleagues who've been where you are now. What they say could be helpful as you get closer to a decision.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family matter might again require your reassuring touch. Handle it, as always, with kindness and fairness, even if some of your kin prove to be especially difficult.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your ability to tackle even the most intricate details of a project is likely to impress some very important people. A relative shares news later this week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The Archer's aim might be focused on the big picture this week, but don't overlook checking for those details you might have missed.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might feel awkward asking for assistance, but who would refuse the charming Goat's request? Do it, then go ahead and enjoy a musical weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Pour some cold water on that simmering misunderstanding before it boils over. The sooner things settle, the sooner you can move ahead with your plans.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're in a highly productive period, which you feel can go on forever. But you could be courting exhaustion. Take time out to relax and restore your energies.

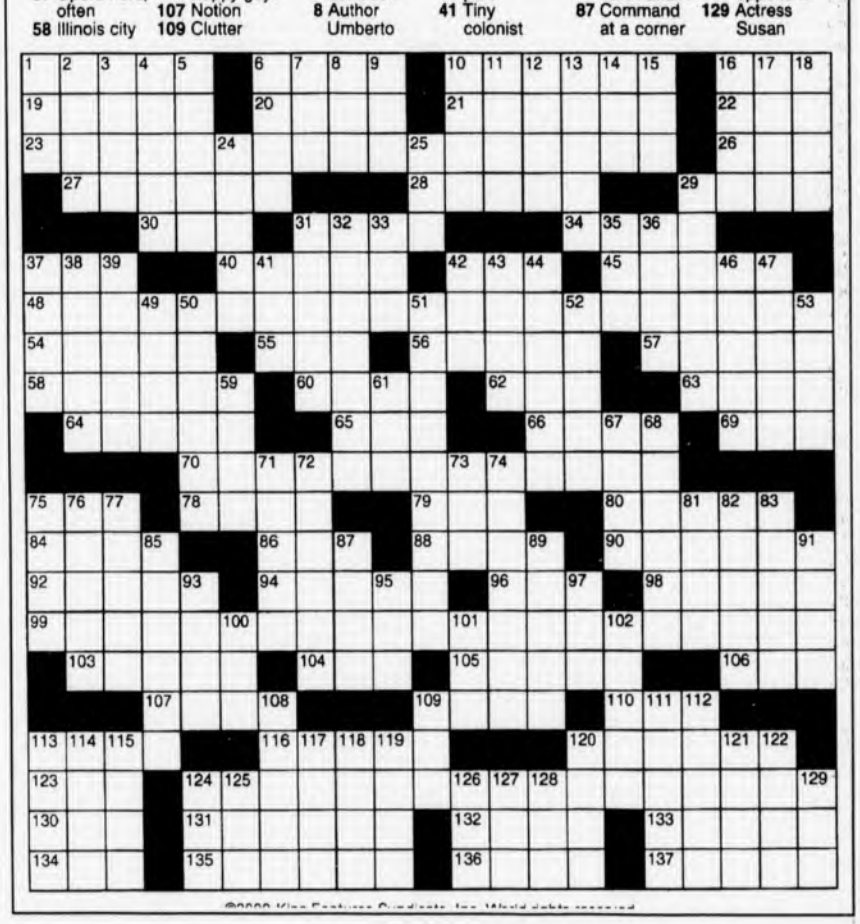
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BORN THIS WEEK: You can combine a sense of adventure with a penchant for practicality. Have you considered a travel-related field?

Crossword - Tag-Sale Lines

ACROSS
1 Act like a peacock
6 Had kittens?
10 Played the trumpet
16 Holbrook or Linden
19 Stadium
20 Marathon
21 Not very often
22 Geologic division
23 "REQUIRES MINOR REPAIR"
26 Free (of)
27 Touched up the text
28 Range rope
29 Brawl
30 Bear's lair
31 Singer Tori
34 Opinion sampling
37 Latvia, once: abbr.
40 Lucifer
42 Recede
45 Alex Haley book
48 "ONLY WORN ONCE"
54 Schnabel or Rubinstein
55 Up to, for short
56 Private
57 Opera hero, often
58 Illinois city
60 Mindy of "The Facts of Life"
62 "— Believer" ('66 hit)
63 Sens.' colleagues
64 Refuse
65 — Cob, CT
66 Kett of the comics
69 Observe
70 "ONE OF A KIND"
75 Numbers man?
78 Actress Ward
79 Spoil
80 Particles
84 Coarse file
86 Auto feature: abbr.
88 What have you
90 Secluded
92 Salad type
94 "Psycho" setting
96 Opening
98 Annoyed
99 "A FAMILY HEIR-LOOM"
103 Musical of "Tomorrow"
104 Mineral spring
105 Bestow
106 Trigger-happy guy?
107 Notion
109 Clutter
110 Urban transport
113 Nutritional need
116 Fashionably nostalgic
120 Ready for dinner
123 Poetic preposition
124 "AN ANTIQUE TREASURE"
130 '75 Abba hit
131 Olympian Gertrude
132 "The Seventh —" ('56 film)
133 Tennis player Richards
134 Big bang letters
135 Keys
136 Moon Mullins' brother
137 Imitation

DOWN
1 — Mateo, CA
2 Sherwood sight
3 Stalk
4 Brought to ruin
5 Sample the sauce
6 Actor Pitt
7 British dominion
8 Author Umberto
9 Augsburg article
10 Kind of cheese
11 Zhivago's love
12 Smell — (be suspicious)
13 Summarize
14 Architect's add-on
15 Salon supply
16 "Mein —" ("Cabaret" tune)
17 Sutherland solo
18 Tramp's tootsie
24 The Brainy Bunch?
25 "— Doubtfire" ('93 film)
29 Skunk in "Bambi"
31 Tall story?
32 Andy Griffith series
33 Yoko —
35 Supper scrap
36 Mississippi senator
37 Exchange
38 Start the slaw
39 Helicopter part
41 Tiny colonist
42 Browning's bedtime?
43 Iran's Abolhassan — -Sadr
44 German port
46 Prongs
47 Optical device
49 Hispanic money
50 Watch keepers?
51 In an engaging manner
52 Wrathful
53 Celtic
59 Tennis legend
61 Barnyard critter
67 Dictator
68 Fall blooms
71 Texas landmark
72 Powerful people
73 Pablum variety
74 Mythical monsters
75 Gullet
76 Turkish title
77 Clinton Cabinet member
81 Exclude
82 Drilling site?
83 Pool person
85 Down-to-earth affair?
87 Command at a corner
89 Praises
91 Guitarist Duane
93 Scolded
95 Author LeShan
97 Arafat's grp.
100 Born
101 Middling mark
102 Nerd
108 Soviet cooperative
109 Trim the turf
111 Genie Francis role
112 — throat
113 Enthusiasm
114 Rock's — Butterfly
115 Heron's home
117 Thornfield governess
118 Slope
119 AAA offerings
120 Normandy site
121 Mozart's "— kleine Nachtmusik"
122 Forest beauty
124 I.M. the architect
125 Drivers' lics., e.g.
126 Say please
127 Poseidon's domain
128 Aye opponent
129 Actress Susan



Sudoku

	8		3	9			6	
6	2			1		3		
		5			4			8
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		8	9			1		
	6			5			7	9
8					6		2	
		4		7				5
	5		8		1	7		

Level: Moderate

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Magic Maze - Dog

B	U	R	P	M	J	G	D	A	X	V	S	Q	N	K
I	F	D	A	X	V	B	T	Q	O	M	J	H	F	C
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X	W	D	N	U	O	P	U	E	B	W	O	V	T	U
S	R	Q	O	N	M	K	J	M	I	H	F	W	E	D

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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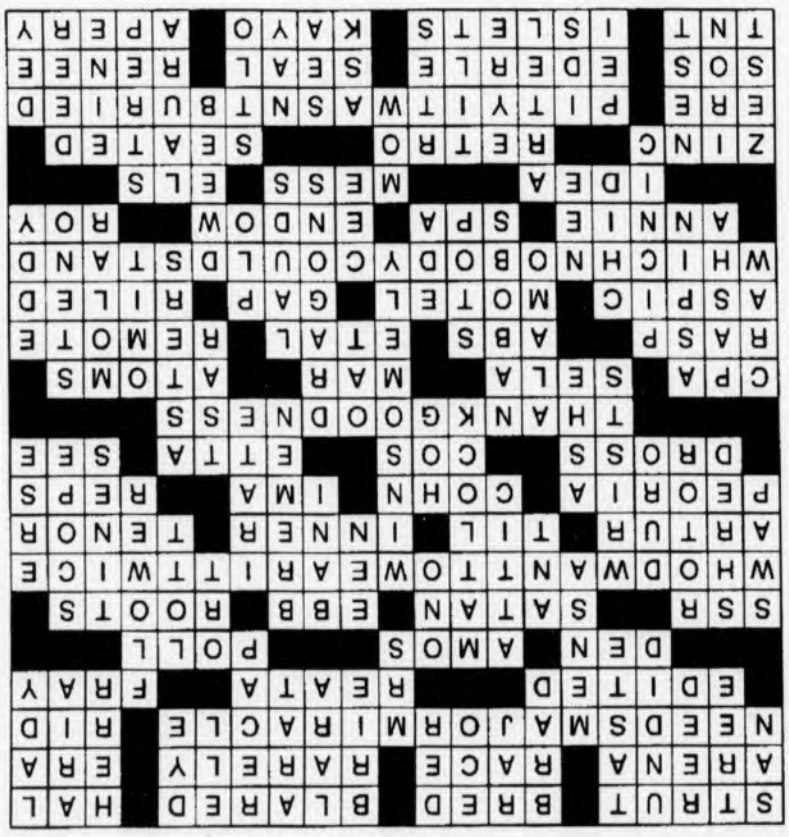
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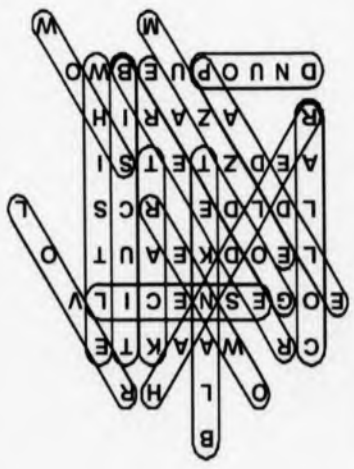
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Crossword Solution - Tag-Sale Lines



Magic Solution - Dog



Sudoku Solution

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1	2	4	6	3	5	7	9	8
9	7	8	2	5	4	3	6	1
2	3	1	7	6	9	8	4	5
6	4	5	3	8	1	2	7	9
8	1	9	4	2	6	5	3	7
4	5	3	8	1	7	9	2	6
7	6	2	5	9	3	1	8	4

POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

9:19 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, well being check, caller stated that the dogs have been out all day they would like someone to check on homeowner. No one home.

9:42 p.m. **Route 3A and Booth Hill Rd., Scituate**, medical aid.

11:20 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, caller stated that the temporary water main has burst, contacted Water Dept.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

12:52 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:52 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

10:20 a.m. **Ledgewood Drive**, suspicious vehicle, callers report a blue pick up truck parked in front of her house and nobody around, she would like to know why it is there. Officers report the male party is doing plastering work at the house across the street, no problems.

12:13 p.m. **North Main St.**, officer wanted, party into HQ stating he would like the kids to stop taking the fish out of the Common Pond.

12:27 p.m. **Norwell Ave., Scituate**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:05 p.m. **Sohier St.**, check both schools.

2:19 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:54 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:35 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, bolo from Middleboro State Police. A motor vehicle, a 2001 Acura, color - tan, subject has a warrant for attempted murder, armed robbery, several counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, subject has family in Marshfield area, use extreme caution.

7:44 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, larceny, walk in party reports money was taken from his vehicle last night while it was parked in this driveway.

8:21 p.m. **Summer St.**, disturbance, caller reports kids on the Veterans Memorial pulling flags. Officer reports kids are there, but they are not defacing any part of the property.

9:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:46 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Forest Ave.**, assist citizen, caller from Hull states there is a house on Jerusalem Road with flashing interior lights. Caller lives on the other side of Straits Pond.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

12:28 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:56 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, suspicious person. Officer out with 2 parties playing basketball. Arrest; Enrico Teruzzi, 17, 43 Black Horse Lane, Cohasset. Charges: Resisting arrest, person under 21 in possession of liquor, A&B on a Police Officer, attempt to commit a crime, disorderly conduct, vandalizing property. A 17-year-old Cohasset man in protective custody. A 16-year-old Cohasset male in protective custody.

1:36 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, prisoner requests medical attention for a knee injury.

2:06 a.m. **HQ**, A&B, prisoner assaulted arresting officer.

2:13 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, R3 to check officer. R3 has checked officer, no transport at this time.

6:55 a.m. **HQ**, assist citizen, walk in male party "wants to speak to his grandson." Male party is under arrest.

9:07 a.m. **Elm St.**, prisoner transport, officer transporting prisoner to Quincy District Court.

9:39 a.m. Building checks, officer reports school building check ok, all secure, one parking ticket issue.

11:19 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, 911 callers reporting a major water main break at this location by the contractor. Water Department notified, responding.

12:08 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a blue Lincoln town car going back and forth in the area of the ballpark. Caller would like the male party checked. Officer out with possible suspect vehicle speaking to the operator. Vehicle and operator check out ok, not the vehicle.

12:23 p.m. **Cedar St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a vehicle parked at the front door all day and they do not know who it belongs to. Vehicle does come back to a customer of the Kennel and they are ok with the vehicle staying there. No need for police.

3:38 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, transport citizen, officer transporting male party to this location from Shaws.

4:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports about 3-4 minutes ago she was next to a black Sedan full of teens. Female driver and a male passenger, caller reports she observed the teens smoking marijuana. They were headed south on 3A from 228. Information also given out to Scituate Police.

5:38 p.m. **Lantern Lane**, medical aid.

5:56 p.m. **King St.**, officer wanted, caller requests to speak with an officer regarding the passing of bad bills.

6:24 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a black car parked at the end of the road, near the reservoir. Caller states that they do not belong there. Officer reports there are two males fishing at this time, no problems.

6:50 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement from Cohasset Police. Looking for a white male, approximately 20-26 years of age, wearing a white T-shirt with logo on front, blue jean type shorts, sneakers, and a blue plaid red Sox cap, with a flattened out brim and a Major League gold colored hologram on the top of the brim. Male just passed (2) counterfeit $20 bills at a Dunkin Donuts on 3A. Male left the store in a gray Pontiac approximately a 1998-2000. The 2nd white male in the car, unknown description. There is a security photo of the male.

6:50 p.m. **Hanover PD.**, bolo announcement, bolo from Hanover PD. Motor vehicle stolen from Tedeschi on Columbia Road, owner left the motor vehicle running with her purse on the front seat. A 1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee color, color – red. Unknown direction of travel.

10:04 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, fire, investigation, call directly into Fire Dept. for a fire outside. E3 reports illegal burn, put out by the homeowner.

10:52 p.m. **Hull St.**, fire, the sprinkler system is being shut down from a broken pipe. Wiring inspector responding.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

12:26 a.m. **N. Main St.**, dead animal, officer reports there is a dead animal located on the side of the road at above location.

1:16 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:18 a.m. **Elm St.**, parking complaint, Water Dept. requested wrecker to remove vehicle that is blocking the area they are working at.

7:17 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:10 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:43 a.m. **Brewster Rd.**, notification.

11:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen.

12:29 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash.

2:41 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd., and Beechwood St.**, erratic operation, caller reports a motorcycle driving very fast up and down the street. The neighbors report it is a red motorcycle. Area search negative.

2:42 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, detail officer reports he is getting complaints from cars driving past, that kids are jumping off the bridge. Persons swimming not diving, no violation of law.

4:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, trespassing, caller stated that a man is walking on the tracks. Contact MBTA dispatch center, they are going to slow the train down.

5:07 p.m. **Grace Drive**, disturbance, caller reports dirt bikes being driven up and down the road. Area search negative.

5:08 p.m. **King St.**, harassment report, caller stated he is being harassed by another resident. This is ongoing, verbal argument situation settled.

6:59 p.m. **Sohier St.**, trespassing, party trespassing on tracks. Arrest: Jonathan Zachary Allen, 23, 76 Shawmut St., Weymouth. Charges: Trespassing on railroad, right of way.

7 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, walk in party not feeling well.

9:31 p.m. **Deep Run**, disturbance, caller stated that some kids are ringing the doorbell then running away. Area search negative.

10:44 p.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, disturbance, caller stated that there are three cars parked at the top of the road. Officer on foot pursuit of male party with gray hooded sweatshirt, Celtics shirt and baseball hat. Arrest: Luke James Tedeschi, 17, 396 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset. Charges: Disorderly conduct.

10:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:59 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop.

11:39 p.m. **Flintlock Ridge Rd.**, field interview.

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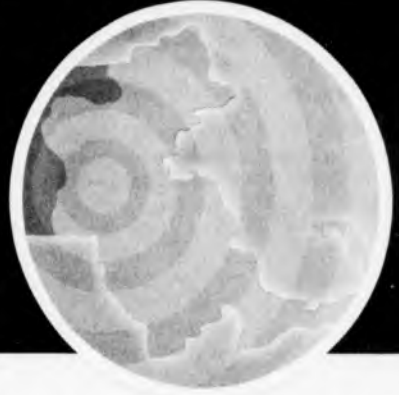
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What's happening on the South Shore

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The James Library & Center for the Arts 24 West St. (off Rt. 123) Norwell, "Books In Bloom" Displays of 30 floral arrangements depicting books. Preview Party May 16, 6 to 9 p.m. Admission: $20 in advance/$25 at the door. Displays on view May 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. $ 5 at door. Live music, food, raffles and silent auction. Proceeds benefit the library's programs in the arts. 781-659-7100 or www.JamesLibrary.org

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Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, May 8

The 52nd Annual Exhibit and Sale of Art and Fine Crafts opens to the public on May 8 and continues through Sunday, May 18. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Second Parish is located at 685 Main St., Hingham. Participating artists come from Hingham and surrounding towns on the South Shore, from Cape Cod, and from Boston. There is no admission charge.

May Book Club Meeting at Front Street Book Shop May 8, 6 to 8 p.m. 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. The fiction title for May is: **Luncheon of the Boating Party by Susan Vreeland.** Front Street Book Shop book group meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone welcome to attend. Each book is chosen by majority vote at the close of each meeting. Choices are in-print, paperback, and alternate between fiction and non-fiction. Free. 781-545-5011

Braintree Art Association artist of the month, **Rita Walsh** will exhibit her work for the Month of May at the Thayer Public Library (main floor), 798 Washington St., Braintree.781-335-4675.

Adoption Community of New England, Inc. (ACONE), 45 Lyman St., #2 South Terrace, Westborough, will host a program titled **Transracial, Transethnic, Transcultural Adoption,** May 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. Information: 508-366-6812 info@AdoptionCommunityofNE.org or www.Adoption CommunityofNE.org Wheelchair accessible. Formerly ODS Adoption Community of New England, Inc. and Open Door Society of MA.

Pet Rescue and Adoption Presentation - A free presentation about pet rescue and adoption will be held at the James Library & Center for the Arts in Norwell, 24 West St. on Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m. Sue Carson, active in greyhound rescue and Diane St. Ours, a volunteer at the Scituate Animal Shelter will discuss animal rescue. Free and open to the public. James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St (off Route 123). Information: 781-659-7100 or www.JamesLibrary.org.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight May 8, **Krisanthi Pappas/Yasko Kubota.** No cover. 781-740-0688.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 8, **Flip Top Head**. 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 8 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Groove Authority-Blues Jam** open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, May 9

South Shore rock band Union Jack will appear at **Mount Blue,** Main St.,Norwell on Friday May 9, for a special Cinco De Mayo celebration. For reservations, call Mount Blue at 781-659-0050. visit www.unionjackband.org

South Shore Women's Expo Radisson Hotel, Plymouth May 9, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Showcasing the latest products and services for women including: Beauty, Fashion, Health & Nutrition, Fitness, Work/Life Balance. Door prizes and raffles will include "head to toe" makeover, restaurant gift certificates and much more, just in time for Mother's Day. Enjoy onsite facials, massages, food and drink samplings and more. Admission is $6 with a portion going to a local charity. Any questions call 617-504-0013 and visit our web site for updates to the event at www.east-coastexpos.com

The Norwell VNA will host a daylong educational forum for caregivers, healthcare providers and family members affected by these diseases. **Exploring Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia** will take place May 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hingham Senior Center located at 224 Central St. in Hingham. Pre-registration is required by calling 781-659-2342, ext 222.



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Members of Union Jack (L to R): guitarist/vocalist, David Porter; drummer, Scott Armstrong; bassist/vocalist Bob Hoffman, and saxophonist, Don Packer.

South Shore rock band Union Jack will appear at Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell, on May 9, for a special Cinco De Mayo celebration. Union Jack plays American and British rock and blues, featuring songs by The Rolling Stones, U2, The Allman Brothers, Aerosmith, Bob Seger, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Cream, Tom Petty, Van Morrison, The J. Geils Band, John Mellencamp, and many others. For reservations, call Mount Blue at 781-659-0050. visit www.unionjackband.org

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until Sept.

Curtain Call Theatre, 182 Commercial St., Braintree, presents **Godspell,** May 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 at 8 p.m.; May 11, at 2 p.m. Tickets: $20, general admission; $18, kids 12 & under, senior citizens (65+) Reservations: 781-356-5113. www.curtaincallbraintree.org.

Braintree South Middle School, 232 Peach St., Braintree presents: **Bugsy Malone Jr.** A cast of younsters play all the parts in this tongue-in-cheek tribute to the 1920s gangster flick. Directed by Matthew Sawtelle and choreographed by Pamela Martin. Perfomances: May 9, 7 p.m. and May 10, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Students $8 and Adults $10. Ticket info -contact Karen Hubbard at hubathob@beld.net.

New England Singles Dance May 9, 8 p.m. to midnight. Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Adults of all ages. Sandwich bar hors d'oeuvres. $10. Doors open 7:30 p.m. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

Single Executives Club singles dance. May 9, 7:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Hotel Grand Ballroom, 195 Westgate Drive, Brockton. For singles age 35 and older. Proper dress required. Cost is $12. Information, visit www.se-4u.com.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight May 9, **Tony Gallo/Frank Wilkins.** No cover. 781-740-0688.

The Bistro at Utopia Place, 270 Washington St., Route 53, Pembroke, May 9, live acoustic music with **Eric Jason Newell**. 9 p.m.

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Saturday, May 10

Academy Award winning actor Chris Cooper will be at **Plimoth Cinema** for a special screening of his latest film **Married Life**. on May 10. The doors will open at 6 p.m. with a reception featuring hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. After a 7 p.m. viewing of **Married Life** Cooper will answer questions about the film. Finish the evening with coffee and dessert. Ticket prices for this special fundraising event for Plimoth Cinema are $60 per person or $50 per person for Cinema Club Card holders and Plimoth Plantation members. For reservations call 508.746.1622 extension 8103 or purchase tickets in person this weekend when you come to Plimoth Cinema. Tickets are limited.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are sponsoring a trip to Rainsford Island on May 10. The boat will depart from Rowes Wharf at 1 p.m. and return at 5 p.m. Rowes Wharf Water Transport is at 60 Rowes Wharf, Boston behind the Boston Harbor Hotel on Atlantic Avenue. The closest T station is South Station (Red Line). The trip goes regardless of the weather, with no rain date. There will be guided walks by FRIENDS volunteers or you may explore on your own. Pack a picnic and bring your camera. There is no food available on the boat or the island. Information about Friends activities visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290

The NALC (National Associationof Letter Carriers) along with USPS, AFL-CIO, United Way of Mass Bay, America's Second Harvest, Campbell's, Project Bread, the American Red Cross, and the Greater Boston Food Bank, with your help will attempt to "**STAMP OUT HUNGER**". Your local letter carrier will pick up non-perishable food left by your mailbox on May 10 and deliver it to your local food pantry.

South Shore Stars Dinner Theater presents the all-new **Solid Gold Oldies** show Mother's Day weekend, May 10 and 11 at the Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Music and comedy revue starring **Rob Bezubka** and his troupe of singers, dancers and comics. Tickets for dinner and show $42.50; seniors $39.95. Handicapped accessible, free parking. Call 781-843-5862 to reserve.

Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. **Rescheduled** to May 10, 10:30 a.m. **Irish Catholic Genealogy with Michael Brophy.** Have you always wanted to learn more about your Irish Catholic roots? Michael Brophy, certified genealogist, returns to the library for an in-depth discussion of how to find information about your Irish Catholic ancestry. Lecture with PowerPoint presentation and time for questions and answers. Free and open to the public. Non-residents welcome. 781-848-0405x4420. www.thayerpubliclibrary.org

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

SEVENTH ANNUAL LUNAFEST FILM FESTIVAL On May 15, from 6 to 10 p.m., the Healthy Living Guide will present the Seventh Annual Lunafest Film Festival featuring award winning films by, for and about women - a platform for emerging women filmmakers to share their stories. The show is produced by LUNA the whole nutrition bar and sponsored by Healthy Living Magazine. It happens at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 130 St. George St., Duxbury. Tickets are $25 at the door. Information: 781-834-2728.

GRAND OLD FISH FRY sponsored by the Pembroke Historical Society is re-scheduled to Sunday, May 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Thomas Reading Memorial Herring Run Park on Route 14, Pembroke.

Everything's in sync

Braintree's Redick to dance 'In the Upper Room' at the Wang

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Jared Redick remembers the exact moment when he knew for sure that he wanted a career in ballet.

"I was a student in the American Ballet Theatre (ABT) in New York in the late 1980s and I can still remember seeing Mikhail Baryshnikov's staging of Twyla Tharp's 'In the Upper Room' for the first time," Redick recalled from his home in Braintree last week. "It was the ABT premiere of the piece and I thought to myself, 'God, this is what I want to do.' It is such a dynamic, driving, and relentless work and it had a tremendous impact on me. I have felt a special connection to it ever since."

That connection will come full circle for Redick next week when the Boston Ballet soloist dances "In the Upper Room" as part of the Ballet's season-closing program, "Three Masterpieces," May 15-18, at Boston's Wang Theatre.

First performed by Tharp's own company, Twyla Tharp Dance, in August 1986, the Boston Ballet is reprising the explosive, energetic work, set to music by Philip Glass, this month – with staging by long-time Tharp collaborator Keith Roberts – for the first time in more than a decade. The ballet features three couples in sneakers as "stompers" and two women in pointe shoes as a "bomb squad," who "stomp" and "bomb" with force and unbridled energy. Tharp's fierce movements in the piece were inspired by such activities as yoga and jogging and the dancers feed on the music's heart-pounding pulse.



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Jared Redick will be principal of the Boston Ballet's South Shore Studio in Norwell next season.

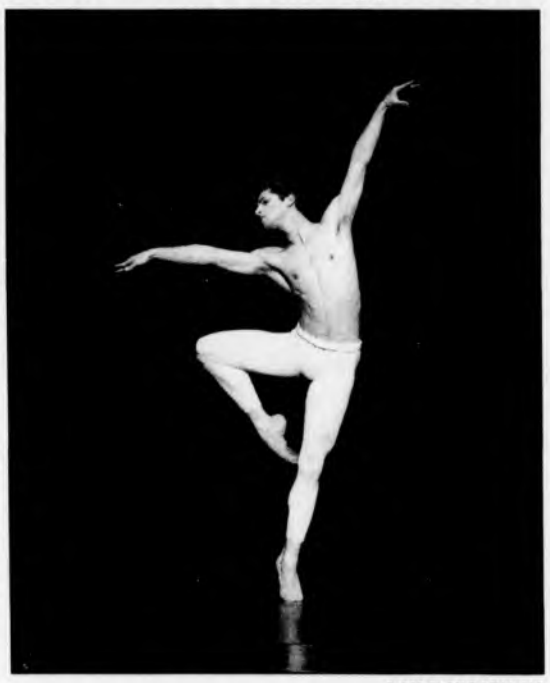


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Boston Ballet soloist Jared Redick performing in Lacrymosa.

"There is no great meaning in 'In the Upper Room' or any real story for that matter," Redick said. "As Twyla Tharp herself has said many times, 'It is purely about the dance.'"

Redick himself has been almost purely about dance, too, since beginning his ballet training with his mother, Julia Redick, at the Conservatory Ballet in his hometown of Reston, Va. He went on to study at the North Carolina School of the Arts, Mikhail Baryshnikov's School of Classical Ballet and the School of American Ballet. Redick danced with the San Francisco Ballet and Dallas/Forth Worth Ballet prior to becoming a soloist with Miami City Ballet in 1996. Boston Ballet Artistic Director Mikko Nissinen brought Redick to Boston in 2002 as a member of the corps de ballet and promoted him to soloist the following year.

He has been featured in Marius Petipa's "The Sleeping Beauty," Rudi Van Dantzig's "Romeo and Juliet" and Nissinen's "The Nutcracker." In addition to the Tharp piece, Redick will be featured in Antony Tudor's "Dark Elegies" in Boston Ballet's "Three Masterpieces," which also includes George Balanchine's "Concerto Barocco."

"Tudor's 'Dark Elegies' is a true masterwork. The whole premise is that this village has suffered the great loss of their children following an unspecified tragedy. The ballet is a communal expression of grief, where everyone comes to peace at the end."

Set to Gustav Mahler's "Kindertotenlieder" ("Songs of the Death of Children"), "Dark Elegies" was first performed in 1937 by Ballet Rambert at the Duchess Theatre in London. It is being staged in Boston by Donald Mahler, who has won widespread acclaim recreating Tudor's works for ballet companies throughout the world.

"This entire program is perhaps one of the best we have done in my six years with Nikko and the Company," said Redick, whose maternal grandmother was a prima ballerina with the Hungarian National Ballet and whose mother also danced professionally before becoming a teacher. Redick not only followed his grandmother and mother into the ballet world, but also is following his mother's lead and becoming a teacher. Beginning next season, Redick will be principal of the Boston Ballet's South Shore Studio in Norwell while also continuing as a soloist with the company.

"My mom has been a teacher for 40 years. Her teaching not just of ballet, but of the life lessons that go along with it like respect, manners, integrity and work ethic are very valuable," said Redick who is also a photographer whose work has been published in national arts magazines. "I never imagined I would ever become a teacher when I was starting my professional career as a dancer 17 or 18 years ago. Being in this profession for so long; however, there are things one would never foresee that end up being very good experiences."

One such experience came when Redick met his future wife, Sharon Parsley, while both were with Dallas/Fort Worth Ballet. Redick and Parsley went on to dance with Miami Ballet, before being hired by Boston Ballet – where Parsley is now Artistic Coordinator and Assistant Ballet Mistress – and relocating from the Miami heat to the far more temperate South Shore. The pair will celebrate their ninth wedding anniversary this Thursday.

"We've been in Braintree since we moved to this area. We came with our two golden retrievers so we knew from the beginning that we were looking for a nice community in which to settle and we really found one. We have just a 30-minute commute to work so we still have all the benefits of the city."

And how has the family adjusted to Massachusetts weather after Florida?

"The dogs love the snow. They don't miss Miami's humidity at all and neither do Sharon and I. We missed the changing seasons very much when we were in Miami, so we're very happy here."

(The Boston Ballet will present "Three Masterpieces" at the Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., Boston, May 15-18. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call either 800-447-7400 or 617-695-6955 or go online at bostonballet.org.)

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Oil of Furnace Brook in Quincy by J. Morgan Davis

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Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St. (Route 18), Weymouth. Morgan Davis of Quincy continues as the "Featured Artist" at the Dickinson Art Gallery through May 16. She paints entirely in oils—horses and animals; informal still life studies like glowing fresh pumpkins, and coastal landscapes. Morgan Davis is a member of the Quincy Art Association, the North River Art Association in Marshfield, and the Fourth Floor Artists Group in Rockland. Concurrently, the gallery is showing the work of 15 other Massachusetts artists, including Kathy Ferarra, Donald Dickinson, Roger Gill, Stephen H. Holland, Sally J. McCarthy, Diane Panerelli Miller, George Murray, Dan Myers, Anet Paglierani, and Isabel Shamitz. Preview their work at www.dickinsonartgallery.com. Gallery hours, Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Information, evening appointments, 781-331-3384.

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The Choral Art Society will hold its spring concert, **Czeching Into Vienna: Music of Dvorak, Schubert, and Brahms,** on May 10, at 7:30pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate. Tickets are available at Buttonwood Books and Toys on 3A in Cohasset, at the Front Street Book Shop, 88 Front St. Scituate, and from choir members. Tickets are $15 each, $12 for seniors and for children 12 and under. For information call Nancy at 781-545-8295 or visit www.choralartsociety.org. Handicapped accessible.

Country Line and Couples Dance at Taunton Elks, 119 High St., Taunton. May 10. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. with DJ and Instructor, Donna Shea. Dance 8 to 11:30 p.m. Potluck Refreshments, cash bar. $7. Over 100 dancers expected. 508-653-7937; 508-695-4548. downeastdancers.com

The Snug Harbor Community Chorus celebrate its 10th Anniversary with a special birthday concert on May 10 at 7 p.m. at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center. For ticket prices and for more information, call 781-834-7041 or visit www.snugharborcc.org.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight **every Saturday night Karaoke**. No cover. 781-740-0688.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 10, **Radio for the Blind**. 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 10 **The Gulf Boys** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Sunday, May 11

St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset will be presenting organist **G. Fredrick Guzasky** in a recital on May 11, at 3 p.m. in the afternoon. The performance will feature music of Bach, Langlais, Brahms, and Rheinberger, as well as some of Guzasky's own improvisations – all played on the church's Aeolian-Skinner organ. The church is located at 16 Highland Avenue in Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. Information: 781-383-1083.

Monday, May 12

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. No appointment is necessary. Information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com All are welcome.

DivorceCare for Kids support group meetings on Mondays. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vineyard Community Church, 8 Hilltop Ave., Kingston. A 13-week self-contained revolving sessions for kids ages 5 to 12. Information, contact Rosalie 781-585-4776 or rosalie@thevineyardkingston.org.

J. Morgan Davis of Quincy continues as the featured artist at the Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth all this week through Friday, May 16. Concurrently, the gallery is showing the work of 15 other Massachusetts artists, including Kathy Ferarra, Donald Dickinson, Roger Gill, Stephen H. Holland, Sally J. McCarthy, Diane Panerelli Miller, George Murray, Dan Myers, Anet Paglierani, and Isabel Shamitz. Preview their work at www.dickinsonartgallery.com. Information, evening appointments, 781-331-3384.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Monday night **Free Texas Hold 'Em with Northern Poker League**. 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, May 13

The Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield hosts an ongoing book discussion group. on Tuesday, May 13, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the library's Historical Room. The group seeks to delve into classic literature and find fresh insights while considering modern-day perspectives. This month's choice is "To the Lighthouse" by Virginia Woolf whose writing style helped forge a new direction for 20th c. novelists. Contact Chris Woods if you need a copy of the book. Free and open to the public. New members are always welcome. Light refreshments will be served. 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org

Newcomers Orientation - The Wellness Community at Pathways Center for Cancer Support Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Adults with cancer, family members and friends are invited for a one-hour overview of the services and to learn more about the variety of programs offered free of charge. All programs are free of charge. The Wellness Community at Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover. 781-829-4823.

South Shore Elder Services is holding their annual Aging is Everyone's Future Conference on May 13, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Lombardo's in Randolph. This year's conference, titled "Getting Help Along the Way", provides important healthcare information as well as information on a variety of programs and services for adult children and seniors. To reserve your seat, contact Dana Polumbaum at South Shore Elder Services, 781-848-3939 Ext. 351. sselder.org

Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, Logan Auditorium May 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Author **Ted Clarke** discusses his work, **Thomas A. Watson: Does That Name Ring a Bell?** Thomas Watson was the creator of Braintree Electric. Find out if he, not Alexander Graham Bell, was largely responsible for the telephone service we have today. Bring your own copy or purchase one at event. Free and open to the public. Following one-hour presentation by the author, light refreshments will be served. www.thayerpubliclibrary.org 781-848-0405x4420.

Drop-In Yoga class at Dance Carousel, Herring Brook Plaza, Scituate adult drop-in beginners yoga class every Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is $12 per class or $10 per class for parents of current Dance Carousel students. Sign up for class notifications (no commitment required) at MichelleAndTim@DanceCarousel.NET, call 781-545-7881, or visit www.DanceCarousel.net

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Tuesday 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. **wicked trivia** 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, May 14

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes children's author **Annie Barrow** May14, 11:30 a.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt. 3A, Cohasset. Barrows will be signing copies of her books , the "Ivy and Bean "series. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

StoryTime May 14 at 10 to 10:30 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St.,, Scituate Harbor. Mary reads age appropriate stories. Good listeners of pre-school and kindergarten age along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

The Brain Aneurysm Support Group will also be held at the Norwell VNA on May 14, and will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. I would greatly appreciate any coverage you could provide the attached calendar listing. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at jburbank@tiffaniewilliamsco.com or 617-786-0010.

The Alzheimer's Support Group will be held at the Norwell VNA on May 14, from 10:30 a.m. to noon and will feature Ron Kearns, Esq. who will discuss Long Term Care Insurance.

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower Street, Duxbury, (Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont Street, (RT 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Information: Barbara Lashley 508 830-1630.

Thursday, May 15

The Hingham Mothers' Club Annual Spring Fashion Show will take place on May 15 from 7 to 11 p.m. at Black Rock Country Club. Tickets are $50 per person and cover event costs only. A reservation form can be found on the club's website: www.hinghammothersclub.org.



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Teen Anime And Manga Group If you follow the adventures of Naruto, Ichigo and InuYasha and have read all 16 volumes of Fullmetal Alchemist, then you should come to the Thayer Public Library's Teen Anime & Manga Group at 6:30 p.m. May 15.. You'll have some fun and get to know other fans in the area. Refreshments. on the upper level of the library. The Thayer Public Library is located at 798 Washington St., Braintree. Call 781-848-0405, ext. 4417 with questions. This program is for students 13 and older and is not suitable for younger audiences. Open to non-residents.

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Network 4 Success is a networking group for local businesses in the South Shore area. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at our new meeting location at Advanced Mortgage in 335 Washington St. (Rte. 53) in Norwell from 5 to 6 p.m., and on the third Thursday of each month at Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m., lunch is extra. For information, email info@network4success.org or visit http://www.network4success.org for meeting information, news on our membership, and our upcoming events

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Friday, May 16

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Mystical Meditation Murders at South Shore Stars Dinner Theater, Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Rd, Braintree. May 16. **Who killed Swami Ramaswami?** Mingle with suspects and solve the mystery over a four course dinner for fun and prizes. Dinner and interactive show start at 7 p.m. Tickets are $39.95. Handicapped accessible, free parking. Call 781-843-5862 to reserve.

Spirit Communication on Friday, May 16, 7 to 9 p.m. First Spiritualist Church of Quincy 40 West St. Quincy. Mediums including Deb Foulkes, Joe Lynch, Deb Wallace, Pamela Edmunds, and Terry Porter will reach out to the Higher Side of Life to communicate with loved ones who have passed. Tickets will be sold at the door, cost $20 and refreshments will be served. Information: http://www.quincyspiritualists.org

The James Library & Center for the Arts 24 West St. (off Rt. 123) Norwell. 781-659-7100 "**Books In Bloom**" Displays of 30 floral arrangements depicting books. Preview Party May 16, 6 to 9 p.m. $20 in advance/$25 at the door. Displays on view May 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. $ 5 at door. Live music, food, raffles and silent auction. 781-659-7100 or www.JamesLibrary.org for information.

The "Pride of Pingree" Relay for Life team is holding a fundraiser on Friday, May 16 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Sons of Italy Hall, 54 Whitman Street in East Weymouth. Entertainment will be: Comedians **Bob Niles and Tom Dunham**, as well as DJ **Manny Mazzola.** There will be dancing and raffles. The cost is $15.00 per person or $25.00 a couple. For tickets please call Nicole Fleming @ 781-337-2932.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight May 16, **The Real Deal.** No cover. 781-740-0688.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 16, **Six Foot Sunday**. 781-829-6999.

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In your garden

THE HALIFAX HISTORICAL SOCIETY will hold its spring plant sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 10, on the Town Hall Green. The Missions Committee of the Halifax Congregational Church will hold a petting zoo and have information about the Heifer Project from 9a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Town Hall Green.

THE HANSON GARDEN CLUB will be having a plant sale on May 10 starting at 9 am at the Thomas Mill located on Route 58 across from the Hanson Town hall. There will be annuals, perennials, herbs, bushes, a silent auction, mother's day gifts, and free coffee and donuts. Master Gardeners will be available to answer any questions. Information: www.hansongardenclub.org.

GLASTONBURY ABBEY, PLANT SALE, 16 Hull St. (Route 228) Hingham 8:30 a.m. to noon May 10. Perennials, veggies, ground cover, bushes and lots of herbs for sale. Rain date May 17.

ABINGTON GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 17, featuring many plants from member's gardens, will be held at the Butterfly Park. The Butterfly Park is behind the Grange Hall, across from Island Grove and near the Abington Police Station. Refrain from parking on the bridge (overpass) near the Butterfly Park. In case of inclement weather, the sale will take place in the Grange Hall. A bake sale table will also be featured.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB OF DUXBURY plant sale is May 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at the First Parish Church, 842 Tremont St, Duxbury. Perennials, annuals, herbs and vegetable plants. All are welcome.

SIXTH ANNUAL WILDFLOWER PLANT SALE AND HORTICULTURAL DAY, The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Plant sale May 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. Gardening experts will be available to assist and answer questions. This Horticultural Day will also feature **free Wildflower Garden Walks** with local experts Winnie Lou Rounds and Val Shute at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Learn from the experts as you wander amongst the wildflowers at the Science Center and learn which native plants are most hardy and beneficial to local wildlife.

Gardening experts will also be available to talk about the **Science Center's butterfly garden**. Help tabulate the State's Biodiversity List of Wildflowers from 11 a.m. to noon with Senior Naturalist, Barbara Devine on a guided walk of the Science Center trails, which are full of wildflowers. Visit www.ssnsc.org to view some selections of wildflowers, hummingbird and butterfly plantings for sale and a schedule of events. 781-659-2559.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB OF COHASSET PLANT SALE May 17, on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Experienced gardeners will be on hand to answer questions.

ROCKLAND GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE May 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town Hall Plaza, Union St., Rockland. 781-878-8629.

THE PERENNIAL GARDENERS OF THE SOUTH SHORE will hold its ninth annual plant sale May 17 from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 17, at the yard of Dawn Lopes, 78 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. Perennials, ground covers, herbs and collectors' plants will be offered. Knowledgeable group members will be on hand to help with plant selection and planting and growing tips. Rain or shine. Information, visit www.perennialgardeners.org or contact p.gardeners@perennialgardeners.org.

THE PLYMPTON GARDEN CLUB'S annual spring plant sale and fair will be held Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the historic town green, Route 58, Plympton. Interesting and unusual perennials, annuals and herbs, a "Green" Elephant Table and baked goods. Rain or Shine

THE CLIFT RODGERS LIBRARY GARDEN TOUR 540 Pleasant St., Marshfield Hills. Garden Tour on June 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be six Marshfield gardens on the tour. Refreshments and artists will be sprinkled at some gardens along the way. The tickets are $15 in advance, and on the day of the tour, the ticket price is $18. tickets will be available at Marshfield Hills General Store on Prospect Street, Roche Brothers, Nessrella Farm, and Clift Rodgers Library in Marshfield. Information: 781-834-4597, visit www.cliftrodgerslibrary.org, or e-mail the library at cliftrodgerslibrary@comcast.net.



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Reading is fundamental



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Volunteers needed for arts festival



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School changes course

Committee approves new graduation requirements

By Nancy White
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In an effort to ensure a more well-rounded and well-prepared student, Cohasset High School's Class of 2012 (current eighth graders) will have to complete a re-vamped set of graduation requirements. The new program of studies places students on a track that administrators say will give them a strong academic foundation across all academic disciplines.

The new requirements increase the number of credits students need to accumulate for the majority of academic areas: mathematics, science, social studies, arts, and foreign language. With increased credits dedicated to specific disciplines, the new requirement calls for 30 free elective credits as opposed to 80 free elective in the past.

"It all starts with the fact we want students to be more globally prepared and more competitive once they graduate from Cohasset High School," said Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini.

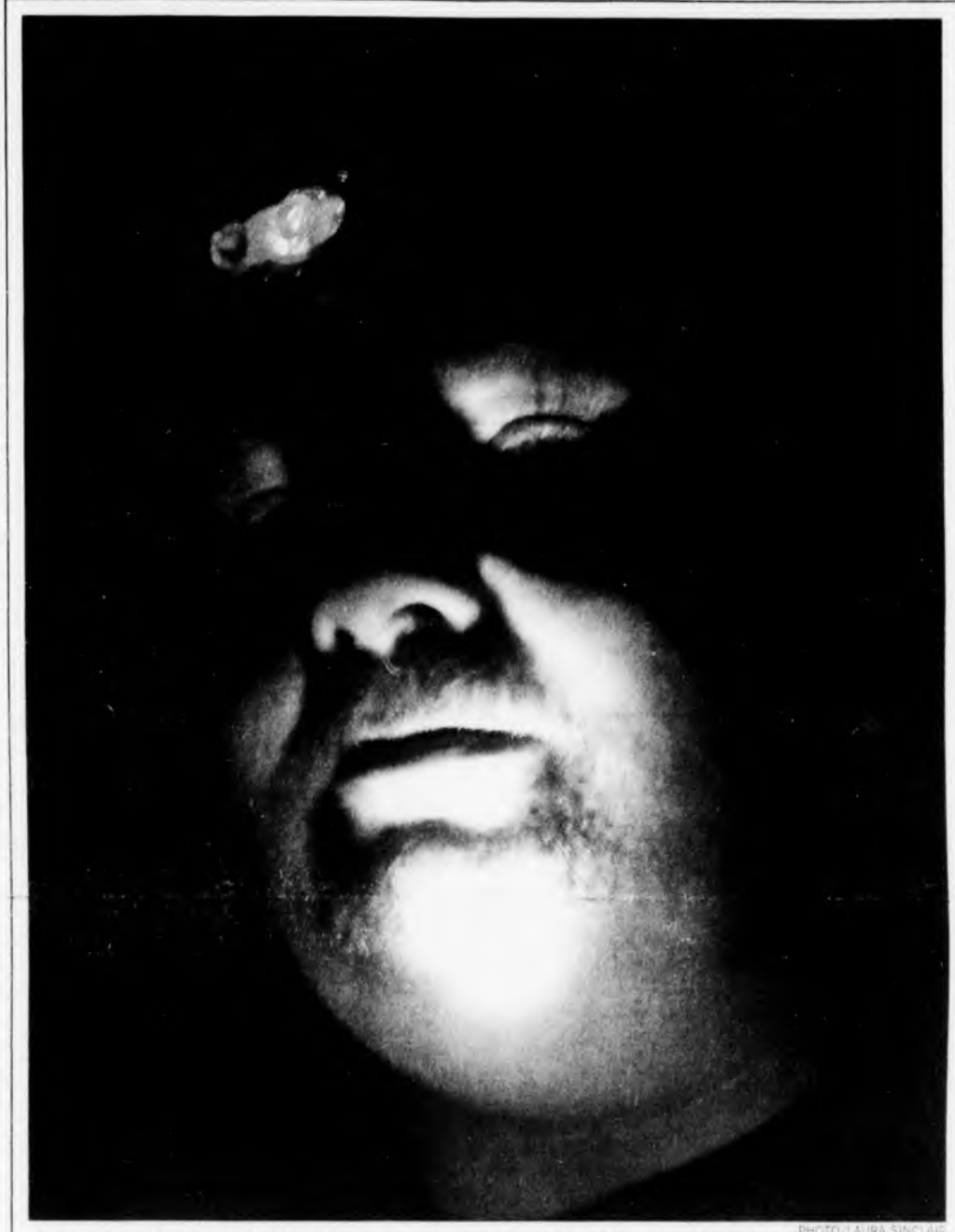
The new graduation requirements instill a better balance into every student's high school curriculum. In the past, students who excelled in a certain discipline could take as many as 12 courses in that discipline and potentially take only a few courses in other areas because of the minimum requirements, said Antolini.

"The new requirement allows a student to continue to excel in their areas of interest while at the same time provide a foundation and support a rigorous academic schedule across all disciplines," Antolini said.

The broadening of the academic program sets the stage to reinforcing ideas and concepts across subjects. For example, they can make connections between their calculus equations, physics concepts and real life application in technology. "It all blends together," said Antolini.

There will be more "linked electives" available, which facilitate interdisciplinary learning. Man versus nature, an English course, will look at literature

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PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Gary Manley, lead investigator for Mass Paranormal, wears an infrared light as he prepares to investigate the Town Hall Auditorium.

Is Town Hall haunted?

Mass Paranormal not ready to say

By Nancy White
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After two nights of investigation at the Cohasset Town Hall, Mass Paranormal isn't ready to say there is definitive paranormal activity in the 1857 building. But they have gathered hours of video evidence and audio recordings, pages of notes, and a few instances of unexplainable personal experience.

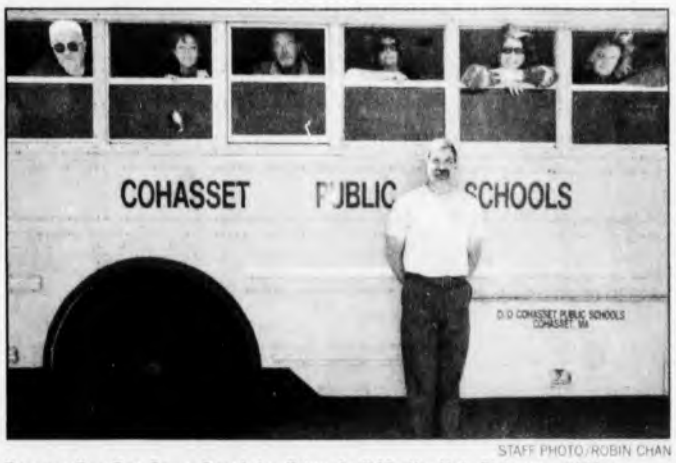
In the next few weeks, they will be reviewing their data to determine if there is solid evidence to call the Town Hall haunted – or, at the very least, to say that something strange is going on. What they've been looking for are indications of paranormal activity – something beyond the range of normal experience or scientific explanation.

Quincy-based Mass Paranormal is a well-respected group within the paranormal world and has done dozens of investigations inside and outside of Massachusetts. They take what they do seriously and come to each investigation with an open, yet skeptical, mind.

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Top row, Tom Ray, Dama Dowd, Joe Foley, April Martin, Kelly Dickson, and Lisa Simmons are the friendly bus drivers you find along the bus route throughout Cohasset. Mechanic Marty Hale, bottom, does the dirty work behind the scenes to make sure that the buses run smoothly. Bus drivers Virginia Clay, Pete Brown, Kathy Fabian, Norm Thoms, and Cosmo Perro are not pictured.

Safety first for Cohasset bus drivers

By Nancy White
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For most kids and parents, Cohasset bus drivers are the first and last representatives of the school system. They greet the children as they climb onto the big yellow school bus, knowing they have the weighty responsibility of handling Cohasset's most precious cargo. They offer words of comfort to a nervous kindergartner on the first day of school and give a stern warning to a rambunctious middle schooler.

When they head out in their buses, they face the usual obstacles on the road – construction (more so than ever this year, with the Little Harbor water and sewer project), potholes, snow, ice, rain, traffic, railroad crossings – all while trying to control as many as 50 children.

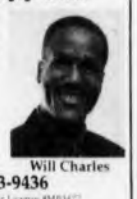
"I refer to us as land pilots," said Dama Dow, bus driver and driver training instructor.

"It's multitasking at its best," said Kelly Dickson, transportation coordinator. The bus drivers balance watching the road with watching the children, who are not always on their best behavior.

"I tell the kids, 'If I'm looking at you, then I'm not watching the road'," Dickson said. "There's not a parent in town who can't understand how

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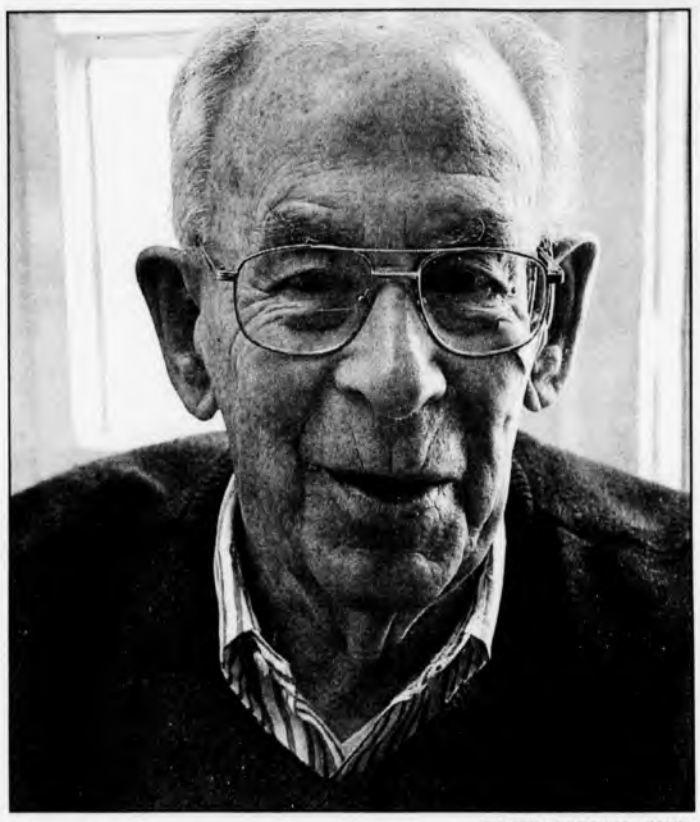
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John Coe has been actively involved with Cohasset Elder Affairs for many years. He was a long-time member of the Board of Elder Affairs and serves lunches and pitches in wherever needed at the Senior Center. In May, the Mariner is celebrating Older Americans Month with the Council on Elder Affairs by highlighting senior citizens.

Name: John Coe.

Former occupation: Manufacturers representative.

Best day of your life: May 14, 1957 – the day of my marriage.

Favorite song: "Sentimental Journey."

What does Cohasset Elder Affairs mean to you? Friendship.

Best part of Cohasset: Atlantic Ocean and the people.

If you knew what you know now: I would know there was a pleasant life ahead.

What have you learned in your life that you would like to share with others? Be patient.

What is your motto? Here's to you!

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May is Older Americans Month

"Across the nation May is celebrated as Older Americans Month. President John F. Kennedy designated May 1963 as Senior Citizens Month, asking the nation to pay tribute in some way to older people across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter changed the name to Older Americans Month as a time to celebrate older adults through ceremonies, events and fairs." United States Census Bureau.

1,688 of Cohasset's 7,588 residents are 60 years or older, and of that number 408 are 80 and above.

On May 7, at noon, please join the Council on Elder Affairs as it honors all Mothers with a Mother's Day Brunch at the Cohasset Senior Center. Harpist, Michele Pinet will provide entertainment. Michele is being partially funded by a grant from the Cohasset Cultural Council, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Flood control master plan workshops

Two public meetings and workshops will be held to discuss specific sections of the town most susceptible to stormwater flooding problems. The town's consulting engineer will present preliminary finding and recommendations and detail the future challenges relative to flood control. After that presentation, a public participation workshop will take place to gather additional citizen input and opinions. Workshop results will be assessed and incorporated into a Draft Flood Control Master Plan, which will be later presented at a public meeting. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The scheduled meetings are as follows:

James Brook and Jacob's Meadow Workshop - Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium

Atlantic Avenue and Treat's Pond Workshop – Monday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium

Rabies clinic offered Saturday, May 17

The Town of Hull will be hosting its Second Annual Multi-town Rabies Clinic offering reduced cost rabies vaccines for dogs and cats in Hull, Cohasset, Hingham and Norwell, on Saturday, May 17, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Dr. Grace Strake, DVM, South Coastal Animal Health, Weymouth, will be assisting the Town of Hull, administering these vaccinations. The clinic will be held behind Hull Police Headquarters, 1 School St., Vaccinations will be $10.

All dogs must be leashed. Aggressive dogs must be muzzled. All cats must be crated.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

May	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 15	8:49	8.5	9:14	9.0	2:27	1.0	2:48	1.0
Sunrise: 5:22 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:58 p.m.*			
Fri. 16	9:43	8.5	9:59	9.2	3:22	0.8	3:35	1.1
Sunrise: 5:21 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:59 p.m.*			
Sat. 17	10:31	8.4	10:40	9.3	4:11	0.6	4:19	1.2
Sunrise: 5:20 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:00p.m.*			
Sun. 18	11:15	8.4	11:19	9.3	4:55	0.4	4:59	1.3
Sunrise: 5:19 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:01 p.m.*			
Mon. 19	11:56	8.3	11:57	9.4	5:35	0.3	5:39	1.3
Sunrise: 5:18 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:02 p.m.*			
Tues. 20	—	—	12:35	8.3	6:14	0.3	6:18	1.4
Sunrise: 5:17 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:03 p.m.*			
Wed. 21	12:34	9.3	1:14	8.2	6:53	0.3	6:57	1.4
Sunrise: 5:16 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:04 p.m.*			
Thurs. 22	1:13	9.3	1:53	8.1	7:32	0.4	7:37	1.5
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POLICE BEAT

Officer cautions parent about leaving kid in car

By Nancy White
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A concerned citizen flagged down an officer last Wednesday afternoon after seeing a child locked in a car alone with the windows cracked. The officer was able to respond quickly and as he approached the car, the parent returned from the store. The officer cautioned the parent about this practice.

"Obviously, we realize there is no ill intentions, but we never want to see a child left alone in the car," said Police Chief James Hussey. Even if the intention is to only run into the store for a minute or if the child is sleeping, Hussey said the unexpected could occur — a 30-second stop turns into a five-minute stop or the child could wake up.

"It's a safety issue, parents should be conscientious about not leaving children unlocked or locked inside a car by themselves."

Late night catch

Early Monday night a resident on Nichols Road called in to the business line to report a kid throwing a ball in the cul-de-sac behind his house. The resident initially called the 911 emergency line, but Hussey said he must have realized it was not a true emergency and called back on the Police business line (383-1212).

An officer responded to the call, but was unable to locate a kid throwing a ball.

Raccoon in tree

An Ash Street resident requested help from the Animal Control Officer after noticing a "rabid" raccoon in the tree outside her home. ACO Paul Murphy responded to the home, but made no observations indicating the raccoon was rabid. Murphy suggested the residents ignore the animal so he can get back down and continue on his way.

Car hits tree

Last Tuesday morning, a 1997 Ford van crashed into a tree on Cedar Street. The van was heading toward Route 228 when the driver reportedly took her eyes off the road for a second and when she looked up she was at a curve in the road. The car struck a tree on the southbound side of the road. While there was extensive damage to the van and needed to be towed from the scene, no injuries were reported.

Larceny

Cohasset Police are seeking a criminal complaint against a person who passed a bad check. The person allegedly made a purchase of more than $250 at Frank Williams landscaping supplies and paid by check. When the business owner attempted to cash the check it came back with insufficient funds, he waited a reasonable amount of time but the funds were never deposited. The party has been summoned to court.

Injured goose on tracks

The dispatch center received a call from the MBTA about a goose that was struck by a train. The report indicated the goose had been injured and seemed to be suffering. When officers responded to the area near the Lower King Street crossing, they found no visible sign of the goose on the MBTA right-of-way. Chief Hussey believes the goose was able to fly over the fence and away from the tracks.

Accident at Beechwood and 3A

While making a left hand turn from southbound Route 3A onto Beechwood last Thursday, a 2002 Toyota struck a 2005 Nissan heading northbound. There was extensive damage to both cars, but no injuries reported. The driver of the Toyota, a Hingham resident, was cited for failure to use caution while turning based on the officers' observations and witness statements. The cars were able to move to the side of the road and Route 3A remained open while the accident was sorted out.

ATM card

Last Friday, a Good Samaritan found an ATM card left at the Rockland Trust Bank, they dropped it off at the Police Station. Officers made contact with the owner and made arrangements for the owner to retrieve it.

Erratic drivers

Two calls came into dispatch regarding a white BMW on Route 228 heading toward Route 3A driving in the wrong lane. Cohasset Police notified Hingham and Hull units of the vehicle, but the callers were unable to provide a plate number for the car. The police weren't able to locate the car.

A second erratic driving report involving a red Chevy Malibu was reported driving on Route 3A later the same day. The caller was unable to provide a plate number and the car wasn't located.

Chief Hussey said if at all possible it's important to get a license plate number.

"At the very least we will follow up with the owner of the car to give them a warning and let them know someone reported their car driving erratically," said Hussey.

Motorcycle accident?

Several callers reported a motorcycle accident on Route 3A near King Street on Friday morning, but officers were unable to locate the accident. Dispatch called back one of the callers to get a better location for the accident. The caller reported the accident occurred closer to the Hingham line. Cohasset police handed the incident over to Hingham units, but they did not find evidence of an accident.

Chief Hussey guesses the motorcycle driver was able to mount his bike again and drive away.

Hit and run

Early Saturday morning, a 911 caller reported a motor vehicle had just crashed into the wall in front of her house on Hull Street then left the area. The caller was only able to describe the car as red and heading toward Hull. When officers responded to the house, they found the front license plate near the wall. The plate had fallen off in the crash.

The police ran the plates and found it was registered to a red BMW out of Yarmouth. A "be on the look out" message went out to the Hull and Hingham police and a short time later the Hull police came across the car.

The driver was cited and summoned to court for leaving the scene of property damage and marked lanes violations. The rainy weather may have been a factor in the crash, said Hussey.

Smashed window

Around 3 a.m. Saturday morning, a Cushing Road resident reported a rock was thrown threw one of his home's windows. Officers responded to interview the reporting party. The object thrown was portion of a brick. Detectives are investigating the incident.

"We do not believe this was a random act," said Hussey.

Rear-end accident at Pond Street

A 2002 Lexus sedan heading northbound on Route 3A stopped to allow cars to exit the Village Greenery and enter the lane. As the car was waiting, the Lexus was rear ended by a 1995 Pontiac. The Lexus pulled to the side of the road anticipating exchanging papers with the Pontiac's driver. Instead, the Pontiac drove off continuing down Route 3A.

The Lexus owner was able to get the Pontiac's license plate and report it to the police. Upon further investigation, the police located the driver of the Pontiac—a 23-year-old male of Cohasset. The police are charging the driver with leaving the scene after causing an accident and operating a vehicle on a suspended license.

Triathlon route change

The Board of Selectmen gave the thumbs up for a course alteration from last year's triathlon. The 12.5-mile bike route will travel on Cedar Street heading toward Route 228/Hull Street in order to avoid both railroad grade crossings.

In order to ensure the safety of all, Police Chief James Hussey said during the time of the race, approximately 8:30 to 10:30a.m. Cedar St. will be open for one-way (toward Route 228) resident only access. The Recycling Transfer Station will be closed until the triathletes clear this portion of the course. Hussey and Race Director Bill Burnett estimate reopening the street and the transfer station around 10:30a.m.

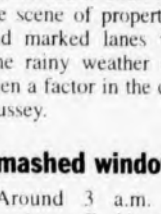
Hussey is working closely with Burnett to ensure there is a safe and easy outer perimeter route to move around town during the Sunday, June 29 race. Last year, many residents were frustrated as they tried to make their way to church and other activities. Detail officers and volunteers will be given clear instructions on how to guide motorists to the easiest route.

"The race is only for a couple of hours and if we restrict movement (on the racecourse) it will be safer for everyone and less frustrating to residents," said Hussey. "The race is good for the town in the long run."

Flower girls needed for Memorial Day parade

Girls ages 5-12 needed to march in the Cohasset Memorial Day parade. Girls will meet at 11 a.m. POW Square at the top of Depot Court and march from the common down to the memorial on the harbor across from American Legion Post. Lunch will be served to marchers after the service. If your daughters, granddaughter etc. are interested or if anyone has questions please contact Deirdre Wigmore at (781) 740-8049.

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Luck is on Mascot's side

Cohasset-based dog-accessory brand is growing

By Nancy White
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By definition, a mascot is a person, animal or thing believed to bring good luck. Professional sports teams have mascots to entertain fans. Others count on lucky charms for good luck. For Jeff Alexander and Stephanie Murray, they believe every dog owner has their own personal mascot in their furry friend.

In that spirit, the duo founded Mascot, a dog accessory business, based in Cohasset. Their cozy office tucked in the James Brook Crossing is a true reflection of their business. The décor is dog-oriented, but sophisticated: the floor is covered in a turf-like rug, their entire product line neatly covers one wall, the mascot logo is on another and stuffed dogs with stylish sweaters are placed on shelves.

Most striking about their office is its four-legged occupants. Business partners Alexander and Murray both say it is their dogs that inspired them to strike out on this entrepreneurial venture and it is their dogs that continue to inspire them everyday. As a result, all four dogs "work" at their office each day.

Alexander has Max, a Boston terrier and muse for the Mascot logo, and Lola, a sweet natured boxer. Murray brings her shitzu-poodle mixes, 4-year-old Riley and 8-month-old Milo.

"The Mascot brand is inspired by the role each of our dogs play in our daily lives. They are our personal mascots, always there to encourage us, make us feel better when we are down and bring us that dose of good luck everyday," says Alexander. Given that philosophy, they couldn't possibly do their job without the help of their canine companions, who (like most dogs) lie horizontally all day long.

Alexander and Murray each come from corporate backgrounds. Alexander, founder and Hingham resident, had jobs in product development for Banana Republic and Pottery Barn. Murray, who is moving to Hingham, came with experience in branding, marketing and Web site development. Each play to their strengths in running Mascot: Alexander as creative director and Murray as marketing director.



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Mascot founder and creative director, Jeff Alexander, and marketing director, Stephanie Murray, create and design high quality accessories for dogs such as leads, collars and tags.

They launched their business on both coasts, getting their product in stores that reached the city dwelling dog owners Boston and San Francisco, as well as resort areas, like Nantucket. The trendy Louis Boston on Newbury Street has carried the Mascot line from the very start.

The pet business is growing exponentially with sales topping $43.5 billion in the U.S. alone, a quarter of that generated from the sale of collars and leads, currently Mascot's core product line.

While there are many product options out there for pet owners, Murray says there aren't a lot of identifiable brands. With Mascot, Alexander and Murray are hoping to make their brand unique.

In 2004, the duo set off on their entrepreneurial venture. They spent nearly two years building their brand before officially launching in the summer 2006. When developing the company and in creating new products, they are very conscientious about the details in order to make their products stand out from the pack.

"Our main focus is building our brand," says Murray. They work on the design and functionality of each product with the future dog owner in mind. They say only one-third of their product concepts actually make it to shelves. "We really wanted to come out with a brand versus a grouping of products."

Alexander offers the bone shaped buckle that adorns several of the collars as an example. The buckle's shape alone makes it distinctive, but then they made sure it was comfortable for the dog (it's slightly contoured to a dog's neck) and durable to stand up to everything the dog gets into (the lightweight metal was die cast to keep it from bending or breaking).

Then there are canvas leads available in colorful stripes ("old school repp") and Hawaiian prints ("aloha") that have a quick release adjustment at the handle for an easy (and secure) tie-out if the owner wants to grab a cup of coffee when out and about.

All their products are branded

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Jeff Alexander and Stephanie Murray bring their dogs, Milo, Riley, Lola and Max, to work with them because they love them and most certainly for inspiration.

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Mascot in some way either on the bone shaped buckle or a grommet emblazoned with "Mascot." They worked on creating a versatile color pallet to allow mixing and matching between the products.

Mascot's best seller is the sailor's knot lead and collar. Inspired by the Nantucket braided rope bracelets, the lead and collars are made from colorful polypropylene cord — they're waterproof, anti-microbial and machine washable.

If you have a beach and saltwater loving dog, Mascot carries the "essential beach collar" — classic hues encased in water-resistant, anti-microbial material. Each collar is paired with a contrasting signature bone buckle.

"We like to call it a swimsuit for your dog," jokes Alexander.

Mascot has partnered with Canine Companion for Independence, a non-profit organization they felt reinforced the philosophy of the brand. Canine Companion for Independence, a national organization with local chapters, pairs dogs with physically disabled persons and specially trains the dogs free of charge to be the perfect companion for that person. Mascot created a companion charm, a piece of hardware that separates to become a keychain and a collar charm to echo the connection between owner and dog. Ten percent of the proceeds of the companion charm are donated to Canine Companion for Independence.

During the winter months, their collars and leads in leather begin to pick up. There is a leather collar/leash to complement any dog's style—argyle, studded, braided and laced. There are two "signature" leather styles, one braided and one laced, that are handmade in Florence.

Each winter they plan on introducing new apparel—sweaters, scarfs, and jackets. In September, Mascot will unveil five new sweater styles in two weights and their first ever jacket, a puffer vest. Collar charms and ID tags round out the current Mascot line.

Both Alexander and Murray have aspirations for the company and say they want to continue expanding their product lines while staying true to their roots of quality design and functionality.

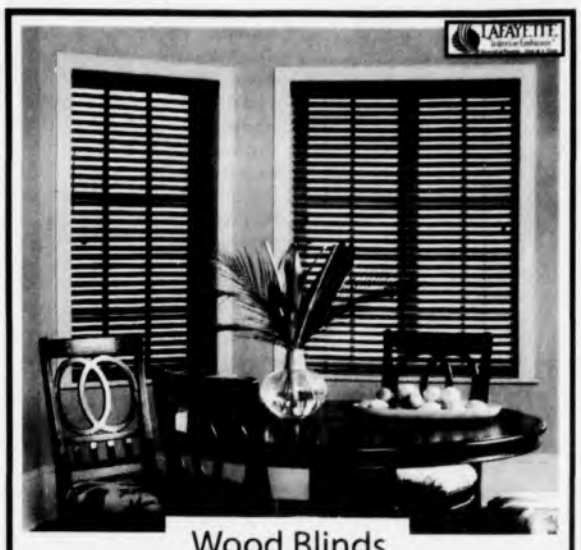
"Our company is a lifestyle brand for dogs. We really want to show how our product can fit into their lives," says Alexander.

The entire Mascot line is available on the Web site, www.mymascot.com. In addition, Mascot products are available locally at four Hingham locations: Maggie's Dog Shop, Old Derby Animal Hospital, London Harness, Social Graces.



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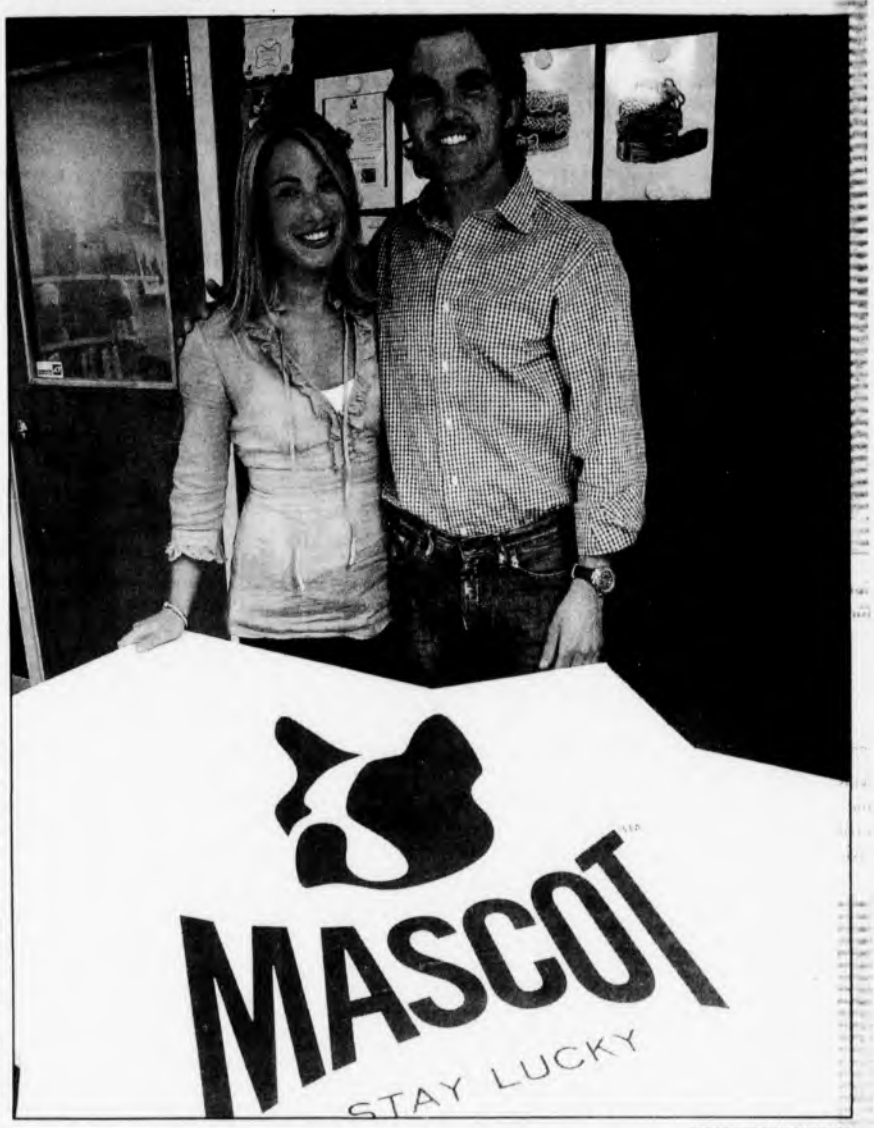
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Cohasset-based dog-accessory brand is growing

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Mascot founder and creative director, Jeff Alexander, and marketing director, Stephanie Murray, create and design high quality accessories for dogs such as leads, collars and tags.

By definition, a mascot is a person, animal or thing believed to bring good luck. Professional sports teams have mascots to entertain fans. Others count on lucky charms for good luck. For Jeff Alexander and Stephanie Murray, they believe every dog owner has their own personal mascot in their furry friend.

In that spirit, the duo founded Mascot, a dog accessory business, based in Cohasset. Their cozy office tucked in the James Brook Crossing is a true reflection of their business. The décor is dog-oriented, but sophisticated: the floor is covered in a turf-like rug, their entire product line neatly covers one wall, the mascot logo is on another and stuffed dogs with stylish sweaters are placed on shelves.

Most striking about their office is its four-legged occupants. Business partners Alexander and Murray both say it is their dogs that inspired them to strike out on this entrepreneurial venture and it is their dogs that continue to inspire them everyday. As a result, all four dogs "work" at their office each day.

Alexander has Max, a Boston terrier and muse for the Mascot logo, and Lola, a sweet natured boxer. Murray brings her shitzu-poodle mixes, 4-year-old Riley and 8-month-old Milo.

"The Mascot brand is inspired by the role each of our dogs play in our daily lives. They are our personal mascots, always there to encourage us, make us feel better when we are down and bring us that dose of good luck everyday," says Alexander. Given that philosophy, they couldn't possibly do their job without the help of their canine companions, who (like most dogs) lie horizontally all day long.

Alexander and Murray each come from corporate backgrounds. Alexander, founder and Hingham resident, had jobs in product development for Banana Republic and Pottery Barn. Murray, who is moving to Hingham, came with experience in branding, marketing and Web site development. Each play to their strengths in running Mascot: Alexander as creative director and Murray as marketing director.

They launched their business on both coasts, getting their product in stores that reached the city dwelling dog owners Boston and San Francisco, as well as resort areas, like Nantucket. The trendy Louis Boston on Newbury Street has carried the Mascot line from the very start.

The pet business is growing exponentially with sales topping $43.5 billion in the U.S. alone, a quarter of that generated from the sale of collars and leads, currently Mascot's core product line.

While there are many product options out there for pet owners, Murray says there aren't a lot of identifiable brands. With Mascot, Alexander and Murray are hoping to make their brand unique.

In 2004, the duo set off on their entrepreneurial venture. They spent nearly two years building their brand before officially launching in the summer 2006. When developing the company and in creating new products, they are very conscientious about the details in order to make their products stand out from the pack.

"Our main focus is building our brand," says Murray. They work on the design and functionality of each product with the future dog owner in mind. They say only one-third of their product concepts actually make it to shelves. "We really wanted to come out with a brand versus a grouping of products."

Alexander offers the bone shaped buckle that adorns several of the collars as an example. The buckle's shape alone makes it distinctive, but then they made sure it was comfortable for the dog (it's slightly contoured to a dog's neck) and durable to stand up to everything the dog gets into (the lightweight metal was die cast to keep it from bending or breaking).

Then there are canvas leads available in colorful stripes ("old school repp") and Hawaiian prints ("aloha") that have a quick release adjustment at the handle for an easy (and secure) tie-out if the owner wants to grab a cup of coffee when out and about.

All their products are branded

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Jeff Alexander and Stephanie Murray bring their dogs, Milo, Riley, Lola and Max, to work with them because they love them and most certainly for inspiration.

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Mascot in some way either on the bone shaped buckle or a grommet emblazoned with "Mascot." They worked on creating a versatile color pallet to allow mixing and matching between the products.

Mascot's best seller is the sailor's knot lead and collar. Inspired by the Nantucket braided rope bracelets, the lead and collars are made from colorful polypropylene cord — they're waterproof, anti-microbial and machine washable.

If you have a beach and saltwater loving dog, Mascot carries the "essential beach collar" — classic hues encased in water-resistant, anti-microbial material. Each collar is paired with a contrasting signature bone buckle.

"We like to call it a swimsuit for your dog," jokes Alexander.

Mascot has partnered with Canine Companion for Independence, a non-profit organization they felt reinforced the philosophy of the brand. Canine Companion for Independence, a national organization with local chapters, pairs dogs with physically disabled persons and specially trains the dogs free of charge to be the perfect companion for that person. Mascot created a companion charm, a piece of hardware that separates to become a keychain and a collar charm to echo the connection between owner and dog. Ten percent of the proceeds of the companion charm are donated to Canine Companion for Independence.

During the winter months, their collars and leads in leather begin to pick up. There is a leather collar/leash to complement any dog's style—argyle, studded, braided and laced. There are two "signature" leather styles, one braided and one laced, that are handmade in Florence.

Each winter they plan on introducing new apparel—sweaters, scarfs, and jackets. In September, Mascot will unveil five new sweater styles in two weights and their first ever jacket, a puffer vest. Collar charms and ID tags round out the current Mascot line.

Both Alexander and Murray have aspirations for the company and say they want to continue expanding their product lines while staying true to their roots of quality design and functionality.

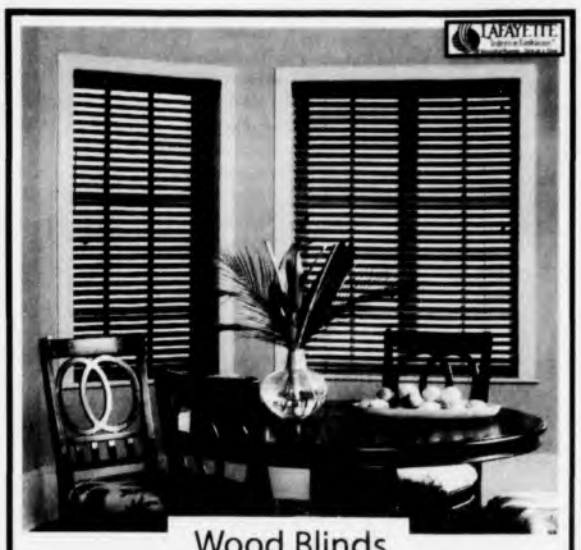
"Our company is a lifestyle brand for dogs. We really want to show how our product can fit into their lives," says Alexander.

The entire Mascot line is available on the Web site, www.mymascot.com. In addition, Mascot products are available locally at four Hingham locations: Maggie's Dog Shop, Old Derby Animal Hospital, London Harness, Social Graces.



Max, a Boston terrier, models one of a new line of sweaters for dogs that are coming out in the fall collection.

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Take time to enjoy the small things in life

AROUND TOWN



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

Hello Cohasset. How is everyone doing after a few nice days of springtime weather? So much is going on these days with special events, graduations coming and the anticipation of summer on the horizon that I am forgetting to enjoy the small things that happen each day. I am going to try and work on that from here on in. Life is happening so fast and seems always to be so hectic that before I know it, another week has gone by. On with the news...

SCHOLAR LEADER

We have a student in eighth grade at Cohasset Middle High School who is so deserving of recognition in this week's column. **Isabel Robinson** was nominated by the teachers and administrators of Cohasset Middle School for the Scholar Leader Award. This award is given annually to two eighth grade students from each middle school in Massachusetts by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middle Level Educators and the New England League of Middle Schools. A banquet will be held to honor this recognition and Isabel and her family will attend on May 29 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Congratulations on this nomination Isabel and good luck with your future, we know you will go far.

EVERETT'S EMMYS

It was a big night for WCVB-TV and Cohasset resident **Anthony Everett** at Saturday's 31st Annual New England Emmy Awards dinner in Boston. WCVB won 10 Emmy awards, including seven for its nightly newsmagazine "Chronicle," which Everett co-hosts with Mary Richardson. Everett himself was honored with an Emmy for his reporting on a "Chronicle" program that examined special education. And in the category of "Special Event Coverage," Chronicle won the Emmy for its annual "Holiday Lights" special on the Boston Common, which is hosted by Anthony Everett and Mary Richardson. Congratulations on this wonderful recognition.

EXPRESS YOURSELF

Are you looking for a fun event to attend this weekend? On Saturday, May 17, the Carriage House Nursery School will host its bi-annual fundraiser and children's art show. This year's theme, Express Yourself, focusing on enhancement to the schools cultural and arts program. The evening includes drinks, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and a silent and live auction. The event will be held at the Carriage House Nursery School, 23 North Main St., in Cohasset from 7 until 11 p.m. The evening will kick off with a silent auction offering a vast array of items to bid on in support of Carriage House.



"Chronicle" co-hosts Anthony Everett, of Cohasset, and Mary Richardson.

The live auction will kick off later in the evening and Anthony Everett, co-anchor of WCVB-TV Channel 5 nightly newsmagazine Chronicle, will be the auctioneer. Live auction items include Club Tickets to the New England Patriots, Red Sox Tickets, a weekend in Nantucket, an evening in Boston including a stay at the Four Seasons, Golf and Lunch at Blackrock Country Club. In addition, the beautiful children's art items include a toy box, handmade quilt, hand painted dish set and tote bags. Hors d'oeuvres are being provided by Hola Flatbread and Tapas and live music will keep things moving until 11 p.m. Tickets to the event are $45 per person and may be purchased at the door with cash or check. Call the Carriage House Nursery School at 781-383-9785 if you have any questions. The Carriage House Nursery School was founded in 1978 in Cohasset, and offers programs for children from ages 16 months to 5 years.



Pictured from left, are SSL Board members Patty Smith and Laura Desisto, Youth Health Connection liaison Trish Morse and SSL Board member Millie Oswald, displaying one of the fabulous theme baskets that will be auctioned off at the spring tennis tournament Monday, May 19.

PLANT SALE

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its annual Spring Plant Sale tomorrow, May 17, on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society.106 So Main St. Cohasset, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plants that have proven their hardiness and merit in the Garden Club members' own gardens will be on sale and experienced gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and offer advice. Copies of the garden club's most recent publication, "The Eclectic Gardener," a collection of gardening information, recipes, and nature notes of local interest will also be on sale. The event will be held rain or shine.

Come early for the best selection. Proceeds from the sale of the plants and books will support the Community Garden Club's projects in Cohasset, which include maintenance of the gardens at the Lightkeeper's Cottage, Constitution Park, and the Pratt Building, a garden therapy program at Golden Living Center, Junior Gardeners, scholarships, and Arbor Day plantings. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset is a member of The National Garden Clubs, Inc. and The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

THE HISTORIAN

Congratulations to **Colin Magruder** who was recently named to the senior editorial assistant position of The Historian at Ohio Wesleyan University reporting directly to the faculty member who serves as editor.

Colin is currently finishing his junior year at OWU with a major in history and minor in political science. He has been on the staff of the journal since his freshman year. He will hold this position throughout his senior year. The Historian is the second largest circulating history journal in the country and Ohio Wesleyan University is in charge of the editing of the book review section, the University of South Florida edits the article portion of the journal. Your family and friends are all so proud of you Colin, great work.

DISTANT LANDS

The Cohasset Historical Society will present the last of its spring lecture series on Wednesday, May 21, at the Society's headquarters in the Pratt Building at 106 South Main St. **Edyth Ford** will tell about her experiences during a recent trip to China and Tibet. Ms. Ford will give us a snapshot of the history and culture in these distant lands. She will also share her observations of the differences and similarities between these lands half a world away and what we experience here on our own shores. There is no charge for this program, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Join the Historical Society for this most interesting program.

FESTIVE OCCASION

Planning is now in full swing for the 53rd annual South Shore Art Center Arts Festival on Cohasset Common. Volunteer shifts are typically two hours and begin on Friday morning June 13, and run throughout the festival weekend. If you have volunteered in the past, please consider volunteering again. If you have never volunteered, we hope you'll consider joining us for the South Shore's biggest weekend. Volunteering at the Arts Festival is fun and an opportunity to meet and work with wonderful people—all to support the South Shore Art Center programs. Please contact **Diane Shipp**, festival@ssac.org or 781-383-9198, with any questions or to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

NO COOKOUT

After 10 years of hosting a Memorial Day cookout, the Cohasset Lightkeeper's Corporation has voted to discontinue the event, at least for the year 2008. Make sure to mark this down in your notes or plans for Memorial Day.

SPRING TENNIS

The Social Service League of Cohasset is sponsoring their first annual Spring Tennis Tournament and Luncheon at the Black Rock Country Club in Hingham on Monday, May 19 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. All players will enjoy continuous round robin play within their level of play, with a welcome gift and lunch provided.

There will be prizes for the winning and runner-up teams for both A and B levels. Non-players are encouraged to attend the luncheon where fabulous theme baskets and designer items will be offered for sale.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Youth Health Connection and other Social Service League programs.

For more information contact the Social Service League at 781-383-0771, or stop by the Cohasset Consignment Shop in the CVS Plaza on Route 3A in Cohasset to purchase tickets.

HELP ASP

Dine on Redbones Barbeque, dance to the music of The Grateful Dads, bid on community donated auction items and, best of all… You'll be helping to fund 2008's Appalachian Service Project! The date for this event is Saturday, May 17 from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Center. The tickets are $40 per person and may be obtained at the Second Congregational Church office, by calling 781-383-1624 or by email at gar@2ndcc.org. All proceeds go to support the Cohasset Appalachian Service Project (ASP). ASP is a faith-based home repair ministry, open to all people, that fosters human development. This July, Cohasset students and families will be going to Kentucky to help repair the homes and lives of Central Appalachian families in need. Your support can help change a life.

RELAY FOR LIFE

As we get ready for this years Relay For Life being held at the Cohasset High School on June 13 and 14, Team captains are looking for Luminaria bags as well as anyone who would like to volunteer should contact **Jacqui Goyette-Vitello** at 781-383-2668.

GIRLS MARCH

Girls ages 5-12 needed to march in the Cohasset Memorial Day parade. Girls will meet at 11 a.m. POW Square at the top of Depot Court and march from the common down to the memorial on the harbor across from American Legion Post. Lunch will be served to marchers after the service. If your daughters, granddaughter etc. are interested or if anyone has questions, contact Deirdre Wigmore at 781-740-8049.

That is all for this weeks news. Send in all photos and news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m. e-mail: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com Mail: P.O. Box 33, Cohasset, MA 02025.







Helping teens stay safe this season

By Nancy White
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The prom and graduation season has arrived, accompanied by parties and other celebrations.

While teens anticipate these activities with great enthusiasm, parents often go into worry mode about how to keep their children both happy and safe.

Police Chief James Hussey said parents are the key to preventing underage drinking during this celebratory season and beyond.

"At this time of year especially, we encourage parents to be just that—parents. We want parents to be parents and not their children's friends," said Hussey. "We, as adults, need to set an example that people can have a good time without the use of alcohol and/or drugs."

The Police Department has been working with the parents of the Post-Prom Committee to ensure a safe, fun and alcohol and drug free event after prom.

"The parents have put together quite a night. I would hope parents as well as the kids take advantage of all the planning and effort (the Post-Prom Committee) has done," said Hussey. "It should be a good night for the kids and it goes well into the wee hours of the morning."

The Cohasset High prom takes place on Friday, May 30 and graduation is set for Saturday, June 7.

Hussey said the officers on duty prom night will be extra-vigilant in looking for evidence of underage drinking going on.

Underage youth who get caught drinking are putting themselves at risk and parents or other adults who may have provided them with the alcohol face consequences as well.

"If we discover any adult is involved in providing alcohol to any underage youth, we will seek criminal action," said Hussey.

There are stiff penalties for individuals who provide alcohol to underage youth. The same is true for people under age 21 who attempt to purchase or make arrangements for another to purchase alcoholic beverages for themselves, as well as for those who use a fake I.D.

There are also penalties for minors who possess or transport alcohol; individuals who contribute to the delinquency of a minor or sell, deliver, or furnish alcohol to those under 21 years of age; and for individuals who operate a motor vehicle while under the influence.

If teenage alcohol consumption has taken place at a supervised party, and the teenagers have left the home, the host's responsibility doesn't end. The hosts are responsible both criminally and civilly in the event something happens after the child leaves.

In leading up to what should be a very special month for graduating students and the beginning of summer for others returning home from college, Hussey stressed the importance of talking to kids about alcohol use and setting clear guidelines about what is acceptable.

"Parents can't ignore the behavior if they see it. If they don't talk about it and pretend it's not happening they might as well give their kids permission to do it," said Hussey. While the conversation may be difficult, he said a parents' influence could prevent a tragic circumstance from taking place.

"Kids, alcohol and motor vehicles are a recipe for disaster," said Hussey.

According to the Norfolk County District Attorney Bill Keating, it is estimated alcohol takes 6.5 times more young lives than all other illicit drugs combined.

When the police come across an intoxicated teenager, the parents are always contacted to pick up their child at the station.

"Some youth will experiment, but it is not a behavior parents want to allow to continue," said Hussey. "We encourage parents to nip it in the bud."

Pamphlets and other brochures on how to talk to kids about alcohol and drugs are available at the police station. If an underage youth is caught a second time under the influence, Hussey said they typically seek court involvement.

"We want to send a strong message to kids that they are heading down the wrong path," said Hussey.

Staff reporter Carol Britton Meyer contributed to this report.

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Where to find help

There's help available for those who are worried about a friend or family member who may be abusing alcohol or other drugs, or who may be struggling themselves. For further information, contact

Massachusetts Substance Abuse Information and Education Helpline at (800) 327-5050 or go to www.helpline-online.com.

For information on the prevention of alcohol and other drug abuse, visit the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Web site: www.state.ma.us/dph/bsas

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- You could be prosecuted criminally or sued civilly if you knowingly allow a person under age 21 to drink at your house, or if he or she becomes very ill or dies from alcohol poisoning or other injuries.
- You could be civilly liable if you give permission for your underage child to drink in someone else's home and he injures or kills a third party.
- You could be civilly liable if your child has friends into your home when you are not present, a drinking party develops, and a partygoer injures himself or herself when fleeing after the police arrive.
- Even if you win a criminal or civil lawsuit, it is an expensive process. Lawsuits can take years to conclude and put a tremendous amount of strain on you and your family.

Source: "Don't Give Kids Alcohol" pamphlet developed by the Essex District Attorney's Office; Massachusetts Department of Education; Massachusetts Department of Public Health; Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety; Campbell Campbell Edwards & Conroy, Boston; and supported in part by federal Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act funds. Copies are also available through the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office.

Setting guidelines

Parents can play a key role in helping their teens stay safe during the busy prom and graduation season.

Ray Palermo, director of public information for the Teachers' Insurance Plan in Meriden, Conn., offers several tips that go beyond the usual "don't drink and drive" advice:

- Get involved in planning prom night and other activities.
- Talk specifically about what teens should say or do in certain high-risk situations.
- Consider having a mutually agreed upon "contract," setting rules regarding post-prom parties and other activities – who teens will be with, where, for how long, and what they will be aoing.
- Get the names of other prom-goers and their parents' phone numbers.
- Set a curfew. Have your teen call if there is a delay or a change in plans.
- Send your teen a text message during prom night telling them to have fun, but reminding them not to do anything that could ruin a good time.
- Limit the number of passengers in a car.
- Be on call for a ride home or other emergency.
- Have a "no questions asked" policy on getting home safely.
- Join other parents and rent a limo for prom-goers.
- Be the chauffeur for the night, but don't meddle. Rent a vintage car to make the event more special.

Tips for teens include:

- Make an agreement with your parents not to drive and drink and not to ride with anyone who is or has been drinking.
- Resist high-risk activities.
- To avoid drink tampering, do not leave beverages unattended.
- Check in with your parents during the night. This will go a long way toward reassuring them about how you are doing.
- Always buckle up.
- In short, follow your parents' rules.

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School committee approves new graduation requirements

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and writing about environmental issues and the impact they can have on the science and technology have on the environment. At the same time, students will be taking environmental science. Other new "linked courses" include a course titled the psychology of drama will be linked to a psychology elective and a literature of discrimination linked to the Holocaust elective.

"We want students to think beyond the discipline and make connections between them," said Antolini. "It's a very positive change for the students."

High school educators are also hoping to expand enrollment in the Virtual High School program, a Web-based classroom learning environment.

"Virtual High School enables students to go where their curiosity lies," said Antolini, while expanding the school's course offering by leaps and bounds. For example, Antolini said, Cohasset High could not support a zoology course unless there were 15 or 20 interested students; Virtual High School opens that door for those one or two students who are truly interested in the subject.

"An added bonus is the students are sharing ideas and conversing with students throughout Massachusetts, the US and the world. Talk about gaining an international perspective," said Antolini.

In addition to enabling a more well-rounded student, School Committee chairman Rick Flynn said he is hopeful the changes in graduation requirements will enhance the reputation of the school and give students an edge when it comes to the competitive college application process.

"Students will truly be challenged academically and we can be sure they are getting the most out of their four years at Cohasset High," said Flynn.

The School Committee unanimously approved the new graduation requirements and Antolini's recommendations for the program of studies.

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Based off the book How to find Flower Fairies, which was designed by Amy Gruber for the kid's section of the flower show.

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Going to the 'Xtreme'

Recreation to run inaugural middle school summer program

By Nancy White
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Despite being on the job for only a few weeks, new Recreation Director Ted Carroll has big plans for this summer. In addition to the tried and true summer playground program, Carroll is adding a new summer program designed specifically for middle school-age kids—"Summer Xtreme."

For seven weeks, the Summer Xtreme program will keep kids entering grades six, seven and eight thoroughly entertained and busy.

"It meets the market of kids who feel too old for the playground program, but are still too young to work. We have a lot better options than sitting at home alone watching television or playing on the computer," Carroll said.

Twice a week, the program takes kids out of Cohasset to attractions as near as Starland in Hanover to as far as Canobie Lake Park in New Hampshire. Each Tuesday and Thursday features a different field trip.

"The kids are constantly on the move," Carroll said.

The program stays in Cohasset on Monday and Wednesday, but the kids stay busy and active with games, sports and crafts. Every Wednesday is pizza day.

Parents can sign up their kids for one week or all seven weeks; each week is $99.

In his previous position as recreation administrator in Hanover, Carroll oversaw the inaugural year of the "Teen Extreme" program, modeled after a similar program started in Norwell ten years ago.

"It was a huge success," Carroll said, and he is looking forward to a repeat in Cohasset. He has brought on the director and assistant director who ran the Hanover program to head up his Cohasset program. He credits the endless energy of program director Mike Curtin and assistant director Mike Barra for much of the Hanover program's success.

"It's a great opportunity, there's not a lot out there for middle school kids," said Curtin, a 20-year veteran employee at Quincy Recreation and current Quincy middle school teacher. "They get the chance to see different things they wouldn't normally see – and they get to hang out with their friends."

Barra has worked at summer camps for the last 10 years and will be a senior at Plymouth State in New Hampshire in the fall. What he loves most about the program is the diversity of activities.

"By catering specifically to the middle school-age group we have created a program that offers a wide range of high energy activities.

"Our main goal is to create a program that kids want to come everyday … Whether we are on an outing to Canobie Lake Park or playing one of Mike Curtin's famous 'Curty games,' the excitement, energy and fun are always going to be off the chart," Barra said.

Judging from last year's experience, both Curtin and Barra name Water Wizz and Water Country as two of the kids' favorite field trips. But, Barra said, he was surprised at the popularity of the kayaking trip last year.

"Even kids who had never been in a boat in their lives were having a blast," he said, adding he is looking forward to the Morton's Pond trip as well.

Curtin said the home base days are just as much fun. "We have no shortage of ideas; we keep them busy."

He quickly lists a half-dozen summer favorites – kickball, tennis, baseball, capture the flag, dodgeball – the kids love to play. He often changes some of the rules and calls them "Curty games."

"We give them the freedom to be themselves and make their own decisions while giving them positive guidance and encouragement. I truly believe that it is impossible to have a bad time when you are constantly active," Barra said.

One of his goals this summer is to bike to work every day – nine miles each way. "I would like to set the example that through hard work (anything) is possible. (Curtin) and I strive to be the best role models we can be for these kids.

"Summer Xtreme is going to be the thing to do this summer," Barra said.

While Carroll will open up registrations to non-Cohasset residents to fill the program, he is giving preference to Cohasset kids.

"It's the start of a brand new tradition in Cohasset," Carroll said.

Applications for the "Summer Xtreme" program are available on the Cohasset town Web site Recreation Department page (www.townofcohasset.org) and in the Recreation office at Town Hall.

Field trip schedule by week

Week 1 (6/30 to 7/3): Canobie Lake Park and Starland
Week 2 (7/7 to 7/10): Water Wizz and Armstrong Ice Arena
Week 3 (7/14 to 7/17): Morton's Pond, Plymouth and P&L Paintball, Bridgewater
Week 4 (7/21 to 7/24): Laser Gate, Fall River and United Skates of America in Rhode Island
Week 5 (7/28 to 7/31): Water Country and Paw Sox
Week 6 (8/4 to 8/7): IMAX/Aquarium by boat and Boston Bowl and Billiards
Week 7 (8/11 to 8/14): Water Wizz and Charles River Kayaking, Natick

SILENT READING



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Samantha Campedelli enjoys a book she just purchased from the book fair at Osgood School last Wednesday, May 7. **For more on the book fair, see page 14.**

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

The next stimulus plan

Most Americans have yet to receive their much-awaited stimulus checks from the federal government, though they may have spent them several times over in their heads while they wait.

In the next few weeks, though, some of the $152 billion the feds have invested in this program will find its way back into the economy, giving it a lift propelled by government borrowing and consumer spending.

When laid-off workers lose their savings and their homes, they become an economic drain. When foreclosures multiply, they pull down the value of every other home, with ripple effects that spread beyond that family's pain.

The checks will be popular whether or not they save the economy from recession, which is one reason why Congress is considering Stimulus II. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is pushing for a second stimulus package, one that consists not of rebate checks, but a grab-bag of federal giveaways: Public works projects, new Medicaid funds for states, energy tax credits and whatever election-year goodies Congress members can hang on what could shape up as a classic Christmas tree appropriations bill.

Whatever arguments there are in favor of these initiatives, they should be made on their own, not propelled by a vague intention of stimulating the economy. But there are two areas directly connected to the current economic slowdown Congress can, and should, address:

• Extend unemployment benefits from 26 to 39 weeks. This is a modest benefit, one that has been offered in almost every recession in the last half-century, that responds to the simple fact that recessions make it harder for laid-off workers to find jobs. As Newsweek's Robert J. Samuelson argues, unemployment insurance only covers workers who lose jobs through no fault of their own and only covers about 36 percent of the unemployed. The benefits are not overly generous the cost of extending them is just $13 billion.

• Act to stem the foreclosure crisis that is at the heart of the current downturn. Legislation passed by the House last week would allow homeowners and holders of subprime mortgages to refinance to fixed rate mortgages through the Federal Housing Administration, with lenders and borrowers both taking a financial hit. It's far from a cure-all. The Congressional Budget Office estimates just 328,000 homeowners out of 2.8 million in danger of foreclosure would get relief through the program, at a cost to the taxpayers of $1.7 billion. Still, this modest program is facing opposition from Senate Republicans and a veto threat from President Bush.

Both these programs recognize that helping those hardest hit by recession is one way to keep the rest of the economy from being dragged further down. When laid-off workers lose their savings and their homes, they become an economic drain. When foreclosures multiply, they pull down the value of every other home, with ripple effects that spread beyond that family's pain.

We'll cash those stimulus checks, but further action on the economy should be limited in cost and targeted toward families and sectors where a little additional stimulus will go a long way.

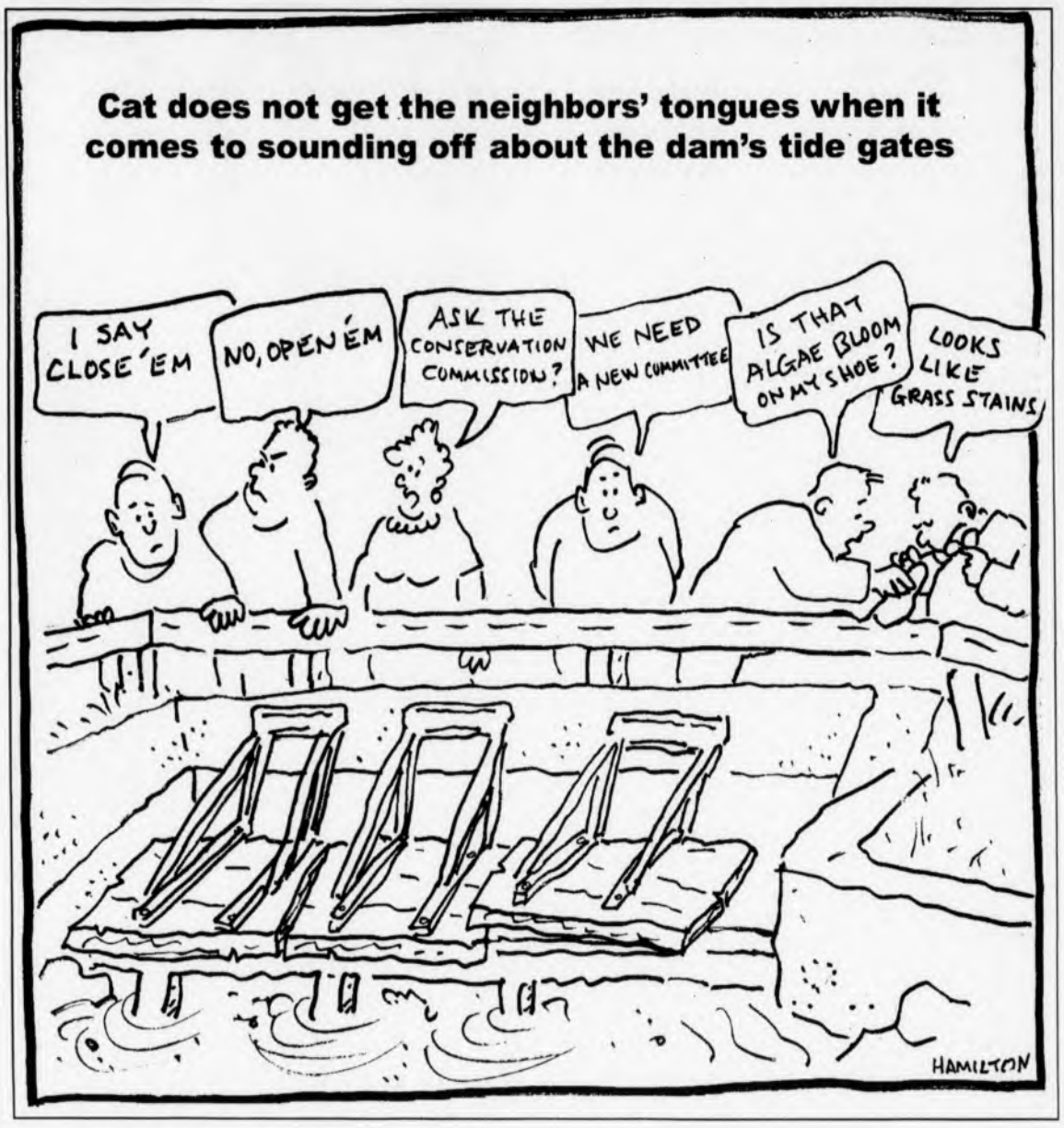
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Sewer Commission, June 3, 6:00p.m.
Water Commission, May 22, 6:00p.m., at King Street plant

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Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.



Letter to the Editor

'Beyond the usual youthful follies'

To the editor:

To the residents of Linden Drive:

This is not an easy letter to write. Carol and I do not want to be seen as those crotchety old neighbors who complain about "kids." We raised three kids here – two of them boys. Their mother thought they would never do anything wrong – their father knew better.

But that's not what this is about. It isn't the childish pranks or mild but brainless vandalism ("I dare you" on Halloween).

This is much more serious.

Our house sits at the split of Linden Drive. To the right is a very large bush. We discovered a few months ago that there was a hollow inside the bush. In that hollow we found empty bottles of rum, vodka, mixes and numerous beer cans. We notified the police and hung a "No Trespassing Sign."

We hoped that would be enough, but today my wife spotted a Westin Hotel bag filled with vomit.

It is clear that there are some young people in this area whose actions go beyond the usual youthful follies and that are much more worrisome than the tramping of some bushes.

Bill Hannon
79 Linden Dr.

Heath Notes

Managing for the long run

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

I had a friend who bought an old Rolls Royce with hardening of the arteries. In the early Rolls' there was an oil tank that had a network of tubes running to lubrication points all over the car. After years of running, the small amount of moisture in the oil had circulated throughout the system and caused the lube lines to rust and plug up, progressively depriving various components of necessary lubrication and causing them to fail one by one. There are a few cars developed in the early history of driving that gained the reputation for longevity because of meticulous engineering. The Rolls, of course, Bugatti, Mercedes and a few others. They were made to "last forever". Each had features, like the oiling system in the Rolls, which ensured their smooth operation when new and which, if properly maintained, would give unusually long life.

A dedicated lubrication system was an early technique for ensuring good maintenance. It replaced reliance on either a manual or a very skilled craftsman who knew all the lubrication points of the car by heart. As the car got older, the manual was lost, and there was no one who still knew where, specifically, to put in the lubricating oil. Although, it could last forever, the Rolls without the knowledge of its attendants, would gradually wear out for lack of maintenance.

Other cars were famous for different characteristics such as élan. The Stearns Knight, Lagonda, Der Grossé, the big luxurious Mercedes. Many became rare simply because the maintenance was so arcane no one could be found to do it except a very expensive expert.

Other cars were utilitarian, easy to fix, cheap and available – but not necessarily comfortable, easy to drive or convenient. Such as the Jeep and the Model T.

But, as these cars got older, they all became more difficult to maintain, requiring more meticulous care and more skill and knowledge on the part of the maintainers.

It occurs to me that cars can represent a metaphor for life.

Each of us, with differing characteristics from our ancestors, our forebears or experiences, require differing methods of maintaining ourselves. Some need activity, some reflection, others emphasize learning or sports. For some, travel, novelty of experience is essential or desirable. At the start, we are given certain attributes that we embellish with experience. Circumstance and luck change our outlook, our aims and directions. At every point in our lives, we have to assess where we are and what we wish to be – and become.

We tend to emphasize those pursuits that give us pleasure, but we can't forget several items of maintenance as we grow, and grow older. Just as in a vehicle it's necessary to continue our maintenance activities. It isn't just going to the doctor periodically; it's reading, learning new things, seeking out different methods of exercise, continuing interaction with friends and other people. If one stops any of the elements important in our daily life, our horizons will shrink.

When changing circumstances such as job change or moving or varying a habitual routine, sometimes we may forget some of the important elements of personal maintenance necessary to sustain our overall physical and mental health. A listing of the maintenance activities for a healthy balanced existence could include:

• Read. At least an hour a day should be behind a book or paper.

• Take courses in a subject in which you are interested.

• Engage in some kind of exercise. A sport is generally more fun, but many different activity levels consistent with capability and age are available and should be utilized.

• Don't forget regular medical checkups. Even if it's just the town nurse. She should be able to tell you if she sees anything requiring attention.

•Interact with people. Stay in touch with your friends and associates. Meet at regular intervals.

•Get a hobby.

Finally, use all those attributes you wish to preserve. Otherwise they'll be lost to you. A daily schedule often helps. Lubricate the parts; otherwise they'll stop working.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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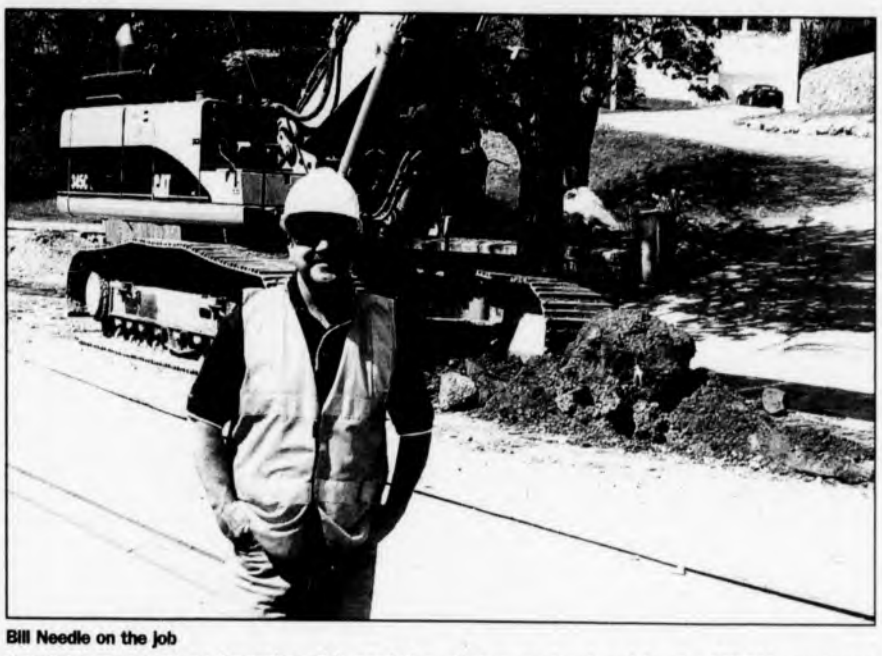
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Big changes in store for summer

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN



Bill Needle on the job

Greenbush Flash! – Any of us who are used to driving from Cohasset to North Scituate Village using Cohasset's South Main Street to Scituate's Country Way will experience some big changes this summer. Starting just after school is out for the summer, the MBTA will be closing Scituate's Country Way at Bound Brook for about two months. If you are not exactly sure where Bound Brook is, it is at the southern end of the North Scituate commuter rail parking lot. (It begins in Beechwood, flows from Lily Pond into Scituate, crosses Country Way and ends up passing through Hunter's Pond to the Gulf.) In fact, Bound Brook is the reason that the southern end of Scituate's Greenbush parking lot has never been completed. The MBTA was waiting to resolve Bound Brook issues with the environmental regulatory bodies. As a result of the final rulings, the MBTA will be building a bridge over Bound Brook to replace the culvert system currently under the road. The detour during bridge construction from Cohasset to North Scituate will be Beechwood Street to Route 3A to Henry Turner Bailey Road. They hope to have construction completed by the time school reconvenes.

An Interesting Bit of History — We mentioned several weeks ago about the fact that the road between the Town Parking Lot and the South Shore Art Center is actually called Depot Court, not Pleasant St. Of course, the reason the road was given this name is that it ran from Main Street to the railroad depot (Previously located where the SS Art Center is today). Also, located of the small Town park at the corner of Depot Court and Ripley Road was the site of the Tilden stable. This was a large two-story building. A stable at this location makes sense when you consider that the wealthy that came to visit their "summer cottages" on Jerusalem Rd. needed a way to get from the railroad to their property. Tilden's carriages from this stable were the taxi-cabs of the day.

Noise and Vibration Measurement — Last week we mentioned that the MBTA will be visiting Cohasset (and all the other Greenbush Towns) to evaluate the actual noise and vibration from the train so that it can be compared with their initial calculated values. The accompanying photograph shows one of the MBTA's consultants installing their noise measuring equipment on the walkway behind the South Shore Art Center. A calibrated microphone and sound measuring data logger were set up and measured the sound for a period of 24 hours. These numbers will then be compared with the predicted values that were developed by the MBTA's engineers before the project was constructed.

Faces of the Little Harbor Sewer / Water/ Drainage Project — Bill Needle is one of the resident engineers working for Coughlin Environmental Services, LLC, the principal engineering firm for this water/sewer/drainage project. You will usually find Bill out in the middle of a construction site keeping track of the amount and quality of the contractor's work. These data collected by the Resident Engineers during construction are also used to cross check the contractor's invoices to the Town. This is a very important function to assure that we are being charged only for the work actually done. In the normal course of the project Bill also handles interface with the residents in the construction areas for which he has responsibility. Bill is Cohasset's link to the project, since he resides in Cohasset with his wife and two children (actually young adults). He received his technical education from Wentworth Institute of Technology with a degree in Civil Engineering.

Like a lot of his fellow civil engineers Bill has a wide range of work experiences in large-scale projects over the past 23 years. These projects have taken him far from his home and family from time to time. For example he has worked on a Dulles Airport expansion outside of Washington, DC. More locally, he has worked on the new Terminal A project at Logan. Other jobs have been with the Central Artery and most recently, the new Boston Expo and Convention Center. This last project was very interesting in that it alone consumed about 25,000 tons of steel. To give you an idea of how much steel this is, imagine a 40-story building laid on its side. That's 25,000 tons of steel! According to Bill, one of the greatest things about this Cohasset job is his commute (or lack thereof).

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An MBTA consultant sets up sound equipment

The $$$ perils of eating out

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I was having breakfast with a friend at Eddy's, my favorite haunt on East 48th Street in Manhattan, one morning when an item on the menu, Eggs Benedict, caught her eye.

"What," she asked, "can they do to an egg to make it worth $1.85?"

That was 45 years ago, give or take a year or two, and Eddy's has long since disappeared under a brand new skyscraper, the McGraw-Hill Building.

Eddy's was the place where the genial proprietor, Eddy Von Pabben, used to throw a Christmas party every year for needy kids from Harlem.

"You vill haff fun!" he used to order them. We used to call it, "Christmas with the German general staff."

But I digress.

I was having brunch the other day at Strawberry Faire in Norwell, roughly the updated equivalent of the old Eddy's in price range, and I happened to notice the price of Eggs Benedict. It was $11.

I had the monster pancake with blueberries, hold the sausage, for $7, and it was pretty good, if you're interested.

I think I'm only now coming to grips with the truth everyone else has long since mastered that the days of 10-cent beer and 20-cent gallon of gas — and paycheck to match — are gone, never to return.

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth I worked afternoons after school and Saturdays for Gus Wernstrom at the First National supermarket in Weymouth Landing and ate Saturday night's franks and beans at Andy's Diner by the big rock.

I think the price was 20 cents, which won't buy you one frankfort these days. Diners like Andy's are a thing of the past, too.

The businessman's lunch at the Howard Johnson's in the Granite Trust Building in Quincy was soup, baked sausage, mashed potatoes, green peas, coffee and Jello for 35 cents. I know because I looked it up.

Right now you'd be hard put the find a lunch like that for $6 or $7. Ho Jo is only a memory in these parts, the Granite Trust is a Bank of America and when I send out for coffee and a muffin in the morning I get coins in change for $4.

A couple of weeks ago I would have said that the chief villain in the piece is the price of food until I learned from Newsweek that the average consumer still devotes only 14.9 per cent of expenditures to food and beverage.

For instance, hamburger was only 23 cents a pound in the First National stores in the war year of 1942. I don't do the shopping in our house any more but I'm willing to bet that even hamburger currently has a $ sign and the figure 2 before the decimal point.

Forgive me for waxing nostalgic for the 10-cent beers I used to throw down at the long-gone Adele's Café on Pearl Street in South Braintree and the three cans of Lions ale I used to buy for 25 cents at Quincy Market, now a parking lot on Chestnut Street.

It's not easy being green

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



While I'm a little late to the party, it's time to finally go green. I tried this once back in the early 1990s. But, I never truly fulfilled my potential as an environmental attorney. I never hugged any trees. Instead, trapped in a recession, it was either kill more trees by sending out hundreds of resumes that would generate hundreds of rejections (we didn't apply online back in the dark ages), or take the only job available in the field of environmental law. And, that's how I ended up representing clients who really did want to pave paradise and put up a parking lot. I hit the low point when one of them even tried to pin a superfund site cleanup on the Girls Scouts of America.

Whatever the reason: environmental repentance, Girl Scout guilt, or the need to fulfill my end of the generational contract, I'm going to at least try to eradicate my carbon footprint. Unfortunately, I'm discovering that it's not so easy being green.

First, I tried to unsubscribe from all those catalogs that mysteriously multiply in my mailbox, starting with those menopause ones that began appearing on my 40th birthday. I collected a stack and made some calls. Some had easy options to do this. Others (e.g., a certain "hardware" store that doesn't sell hardware – restored or otherwise) kept disconnecting me whenever I pressed the option for "removal from mailing list." Argh. Then, when I was just about halfway through the stack, a very nice man at another catalog that sells neither crates nor barrels, informed me that at many companies, I not only had to ask to get off their own mailing list, but also the mailing list they sell to others. Well, that was news to me and explains why some of my initial efforts didn't have that much of an effect. Back to the stacks.

Next, I went through all the newspapers and magazines that I never get around to reading. I had no qualms about unsubscribing from many of them or simply letting subscriptions lapse, as I get most of my news online anyhow. But, there was an internal struggle with the handful for which I occasionally write. If I unsubscribe and everyone else does the same, aren't I sort of shooting myself in the foot? Yet, I opted to put the earth first (Papa Gore did say that it was going to be inconvenient) and hoped that no one in subscriptions was talking to the editorial staff.

After the paper purge, my focus was bottles. Thought I had this one solved by finally using all those water bottles I'd picked up at conferences where I'd spoken or attended. So, the other week as we were running out to baseball, I grabbed a bottle to fill it. My son took one look at it, saw it was pink and said "no way!" Then I found a red one, but it said "Girls Inc." on it (a fabulous charity, but clearly that wasn't going to fly either). Fortunately, I found a Framingham football booster club one. Still not sure where I picked it up, but it certainly did the trick.

Now, I'm struggling to remember to print on two sides of every piece of paper, bring my own bags to the supermarket, take shorter showers, and turn off the heated drying option on my dishwasher. We're also tracking green points, which can be earned by anyone in the house who turns off lights and appliances or comes up with other eco-friendly improvements. (Five green points can be cashed in at any time for an actual "green-back dollar.") I know this is all good for the environment, but it's still a bit more difficult than I expected.

Nevertheless, there are some rewards to looking at your life through lime-colored lenses. Like the fact that my 9-year-old VW and the 25 miles per gallon it gets is looking better and better every day. Sure, my SUV-driving neighbors could all still run me right over like a speed bump and barely notice; but, I can go three times as far on $50. Maybe when gas hits $5/gallon, I'll actually be cool. Although according to my son, it's going to take a whole lot more than that.

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident who remains a Mariner subscriber, as that was the only newspaper to be spared in the eco-purge; although she dutifully deducts a green point each and every Friday.

LIBRARY NEWS

Great Decisions Discussion Group tackles 'Russia'

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Wendy Hale Exhibits "Two Solos" – South Shore Art Center will feature an exhibit by Wendy Hale at Paul Pratt Library during May and June. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Great Decisions Discussion Group – Great Decisions Discussion Group will meet every Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room. May 20 topic will be "Russia," chapter four in the discussion book.

Library Book Group – Coffee and discussion of "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini will take place at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 28. All are welcome to this free event.

Knitting Group – The library Knitting Group will meet at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, May 21, in the Community Room. Edna Finegan of the Senior Knitting Group will be available to answer any knitting questions. Knitters of all levels are welcome to this free event.

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Is Town Hall haunted?

After months of anticipation, Our Town Special Productions is pleased to bring viewers the one-hour special of the Enfield Paranormal Society's Paranormal Investigation of the Cohasset Town Hall last January.

See for yourself whether the Town Hall is truly haunted while getting to know one of Cohasset's most precious historical assets!

Join Our Town co-host Pat Martin on her 48-hour adventure into every hidden nook and underground cranny of the Town Hall in search of ghosts and paranormal phenomenon! You might want to keep the lights on!

Tune in Monday at 9 p.m. on Comcast channel 10 and then watch for repeats on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 p.m. Stay tuned Cohasset and stay entertained!

RTF news

Paint collection days: Residents can drop off paint at the Recycling Transfer Facility on the last Saturday of the month from April through October. Residents are encouraged to dry out any latex paint using cat litter, sand or paint hardener, which can then be disposed of with regular household trash. Empty cans can then be thrown in the tin can container.

Brush chipping: Residential brush may be dropped off in the Public Works parking area from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the following Saturdays: May 31, June 28, Sept. 27 and Oct. 25. No trees over five inches, no stumps, firewood, briars or weeds allowed.

It's time to make these history

By Debbie Cook
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER



It's taken years to get the message across that smoking is harmful to our health, but today it is universally acknowledged that it is time to make smoking history – even by those who are still hooked.

Now it may be time to make the little yellow pesticide and herbicide warning signs that ubiquitously sprout on our lawns history as well. We are learning more and more that there are better ways of achieving healthy, beautiful yards without exposing our children and pets to potentially harmful chemicals.

Studies have shown that pesticides and herbicides sprayed onto our lawns can be tracked into our homes by people and pets, where they can stay imbedded in our carpets and furniture, increasing their concentrations and our exposure to them. There are a litany of ailments associated with these chemicals, including learning disabilities and hyperactivity.

Besides the potential personal health aspects from direct exposure, many of these chemicals do not stay put. If it rains within a short time after application they can migrate into our groundwater and surface waters, possibly impacting the natural world and our drinking water.

In addition, the more products we apply on our lawns, the more our lawns seem to require. There is a logical reason for that. Chemically treated lawns require so much more effort (and so much more expense) because commercial lawn care programs are equivalent to feeding our lawns fast food. Like a fast food junkie, grass grows quickly, but it's not very healthy. That quick growth takes its toll in a weaker root system, which allows pests and weeds to gain a foothold, and the cycle of reliance on chemicals instead of Mother Nature continues.

The weaker root system also causes another problem. Since the roots are much less thick and deep, they can't hold water in the soil as well. Consequently, chemically-dependent lawns require much more water, upping your water bill substantially.

There are better ways to have a beautiful, healthy yard, and they really do work. It may take a while to wean our lawns off the chemical fast food fix, and give the root systems time to get healthy again, but the results are well worth the effort for so many reasons. You never have to keep your pets or kids off the grass; you have a healthy micro- ecological system; you don't need to water so much; and you have a yard that requires less care.

If you are wondering how to get started weaning your yard off its chemical dependency, check out our Web site www.greenscapes.org for more information. There are some simple practices that you can start right away, such as mowing your grass 3" high. This practice effectively crowds out many weeds. You can also leave your grass clippings on the lawn, where they quickly decompose giving you free fertilizer. You can water only when your lawn needs it by taking some simple tests, such as the shovel and walk tests, which you'll find explained on the Web site.

If you don't want to deal with yard care, and you'd rather hire a professional, look for someone who has been certified by NOFA (Northeast Organic Farming Association). You can find listings of professionals in your area on www.nofa.org. If you decide to go with other professionals, you can find a list of questions you can ask them to make sure they are using benign, healthy products on your lawn on the www.greenscapes.org website.

It really is time to make those pesky little yellow warning signs history.

Debbie Cook is Greenscapes Manager.

Greenscapes are beautiful landscapes that protect our water, and require less irrigation, chemicals, and time to maintain. The Greenscapes program is a regional outreach effort sponsored by the North and South River Watershed Association, Massachusetts Bays Program, and several municipalities on the South Shore of Boston. For more information, please visit www.greenscapes.org.

The North and South Rivers Watershed Association is a nonprofit membership organization that takes environmental action locally and focuses on the preservation, restoration, maintenance and conservation of our water resources. To become a member of the NSRWA visit www.nsrwa.org

Bark-a-thon event at Wompatuck State Park

A walk in Wompatuck State Park to benefit the local animal shelter will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, on Sunday, May 18. The walk begins and ends in the parking lot outside the Visitors Center Common Room at the Wompatuck State Park entrance off Union Street in Hingham.

How can people help: Get one or more sponsors, collect a donation in any amount and bring one's dog – real or imagined – to Wompatuck State Park the morning of May 18 and take one of several trails through the park and meet back in the parking lot for prizes refreshments and fun.

How can companies help: Just make a donation in any amount or donate goods or services that can be given out as prizes or help in the care of the animals at the animal shelter. Company information will be posted during the event on the Wall of Fame.

The shelter serves the five towns of Scituate, Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Norwell on an as-needed basis. It is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the welfare of companion animals. The mission is to rescue abandoned, homeless animals and give them proper care, love and attention. The shelter is a no-kill facility.

The event organizer, William Hall, a junior at Hingham High School, is an avid animal lover. His dog, a 3-year-old terrier mix named Princes Leia, was adopted at the shelter, and he has a pet sitting business that he has operated for several years in his spare time. With the help of the local students his family and friends, he hopes to make "Bark a thon 2008" even more successful than the last two years.

For information, contact Hall by email at william@gailhall.com or call 781 749 4492. Donations can also be sent to Friends of Scituate Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 823, Scituate MA 02066. Note Bark-a-thon 2008 on checks.

Poster contest

Posters and signs will be collected to hang all over the South Shore for the Bark a thon 2008 Walk in Wompatuck all year. Motivational, colorful messages of encouragement to hang in the towns that use and need the no kill animal shelter are sought. The shelter suggests business or school groups to have a poster contest and select the best design, most colorful or just get people together and have a poster-making party. This is also a great way to get kids involved in a community service project and help animals.

This project is ongoing. Once posters are completed, schedule a time to bring them by the event or call Hall at 781-749-4492 to arrange a drop off or pick up.

STUDENTs community service hours

This is a new program developed to engage volunteers in community outreach and get students involved while allowing students to get community service hours and have fun. This nonprofit group event will count toward community service hours and forms will be filled out upon completion of the hours worked. Shelter workers will help students develop an outreach plan and represent the Walk in Wompatuck.

Event support

Volunteers are needed before the event, at the opening of the walk and along the walk during the event. Help out for a couple of hours or sign up for the day. Event volunteer forms are available online by emailing william@gailhall.com and before the event.

Relay For Life planned for June 13-14

Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser of the American Cancer Society. Participants raise money by personally collecting donations and organizing group fundraisers prior to or at the event. The money goes towards cancer research, patient services, advocacy and education. It also provides hope to those how have cancer and their family and friends that a cure is available, it provides hope that cancer can be detected in its early stages and it provides hope that cancer is eradicated in our life time. The Hingham/Hull/Cohasset and Scituate Relay will be held on June 13th and 14th organizations clubs, family, friends and co-workers form teams of at least 8-15people and gather at Cohasset High School on the 13th.

Members of the team take turns walking around the track for the duration of the event. An important part of Relay is honoring and remembering those people in our lives who have faced cancer. Each Relay invites cancer survivors in the community to walk a special Survivors Lap. Another focal point of each Relay is the Luminaria Ceremony, held after dark, where candles are sponsored and lit in honor and memory of our loved ones who have battled this disease. Part of what makes Relay for Life special is its atmosphere — the sense of community, camaraderie and hope that permeates the event from start to finish. Hope has become the catchword of Relay, because hope is what it's all about; the hope that one day we will be free from the fear of this terrible disease, that our children will grow up in a world where cancer is no longer fatal. Relay is a time to do something about a danger that seems so much bigger than us, and to know that we are actually making a difference. It is a time to reflect, to remember those who have been lost and those who can still be saved. And it is also a lot of fun to be there with friends and take part in the activities.

For information on how you can start a team contact Harry St.Onge at 781-383-9465 orst.onge@comcast.net.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' votes on four roll calls from the week of May 5-9. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

$472 MILLION TAX HIKE (S 2675)

Senate 31-6, approved a tax package that would raise $472 million in new tax revenues. A key provision imposes a $1 per pack increase in the state's cigarette tax. The measure would raise the current $1.51 per pack tax to $2.51. The package also includes provisions providing a mix of phased-in tax rate cuts for corporations and financial institutions and increased taxes on corporations by closing so-called loopholes; requiring businesses that resell hotel rooms to collect taxes on the difference between the retail price of the room paid by the consumer and the discounted price the reseller pays to acquire the room and allowing stores to lower the price of cigarettes to compensate for the $1 tax hike. The measure accomplishes that by repealing a current law that establishes the lowest price that stores are allowed to charge for cigarettes. Supporters said that the package is a fiscally responsible and necessary one that balances a corporate tax rate cut with the closing of unfair corporate tax loopholes. They argued that the state is facing a $1 billion deficit and noted that the $472 million would help balance the budget without raising broad-based taxes or making cuts in important programs. Opponents said that tax hikes are outrageous coming on the heels of the announcement that April tax revenues exceeded expectations by $333 million and that overall fiscal 2008 revenues now exceed expectations by more than $700 million. They said that the business tax hikes would hurt many small businesses, make it more difficult for the state to retain and attract companies and result in the loss of jobs. The argued that the cigarette tax hike would hurt many low-income individuals as well as small convenient stores that are already struggling in this rocky economy. The House has approved a lower $392 million tax hike and a conference committee will likely work out a compromise version. (A "Yes" vote is for the $472 million tax hike. A "No" vote is against it).

PERMANENT SALES TAX-FREE HOLIDAY IN AUGUST (S 2675)

Senate 5-33, rejected an amendment establishing a permanent annual two-day sales tax holiday in August. The amendment would require the Department of Revenue to choose the dates of the holiday and announce them by July 15 each year. Amendment supporters said that it is time to make this "win-win" holiday a permanent one and noted that similar tax-free holidays over the past four years have saved shoppers millions of dollars and resulted in a substantial increase in retail sales for the two days. They argued that the state's sales tax revenue loss would be offset by increased revenue from the meals and gas tax generated by shoppers. Some noted that a permanent holiday would give consumers the opportunity to plan purchases in advance and not have to sit around and see if the Legislature approves the holiday each year. Amendment opponents said that it is fiscally irresponsible to approve a permanent holiday without regard to the economic situation of the state during a specific year. They argued that the Legislature should look at the state's economy and revenues each year and decide one year at a time whether the state can afford a sales tax holiday. Some noted that a permanent holiday would hurt year-round retail sales because many consumers would hold off until August to make big purchases. (A "Yes" vote is for establishing a permanent annual two-day sales tax holiday in August. A "No" vote is against establishing it).

STRIKE AUDIT REQUIREMENT (S 2675)

Senate 9-29, rejected an amendment that would eliminate a provision in the tax bill that automatically disallows the election and triggers an automatic state audit when a corporation elects to use its federal consolidated group as the base for its combined report. The election would be disallowed only if it results in the company paying the state 20 percent less and at least $1 million less than if the company had not filed that way. Supporters of the provision said that allowance of the federal consolidated group election is what the business community asked for and noted that it would save businesses money and provide certainty when companies determine which corporations belong in their combined tax returns. They noted that the provision to disallow the election in certain cases is necessary as a saleguard to protect the state from being cheated out of tax dollars. Opponents of the provision said that the automatic audit is anti-business and unfair and would result in a prolonged audit and court process over which corporations belong in a company's combined tax return. They argued that the provision places too much power in the hands of the State Department of Revenue, produces uncertainty and unpredictability and makes these companies guilty until proven innocent. (A "Yes" vote is for striking the provision that disallows the election and therefore is against the provision. A "No" vote is against striking the election provision and therefore in favor of the provision).

IMPOSE NEW FIVE PERCENT SALES TAX ON LIQUOR STORE SALES (S 2675)

Senate 12-26, rejected an amendment imposing a five percent tax on alcoholic beverages, including liquor, wine and beer, purchased at package stores and other retailers. The amendment also earmarked these tax revenues for substance abuse treatment programs. Amendment supporters said that Massachusetts is a state with one of the most serious addiction problems in the nation and noted that there are an estimated 577,000 addicts who need treatment. They argued that the tax would raise an estimated $87 million that could be used to help save and improve many addicts' lives. Some amendment opponents said that they are sympathetic to the amendment but noted that the state is facing a $1 billion shortfall and should not be adding money to many programs. Others said that the proposal should not be filed as a budget amendment and argued that it should be offered as a separate piece of legislation that goes through the legislative process including public hearings. (A "Yes" vote is for the five percent tax on alcoholic beverages purchased at package stores and other retailers. A "No" vote is against the five percent tax).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

OTHER AMENDMENTS TO TAX BILL (S 2675) - Dozens of amendments were proposed to the Senate's $472 million tax package. Most of them were defeated on voice votes without a roll call. These include proposals to repeal the tax credits and other incentives that the state offers companies that film movies in Massachusetts; eliminate the proposed $1 per pack cigarette tax increase; exempt cities and towns' vehicle fuel purchases from the 21 cent per gallon gas tax and provide an additional one-time $100 million in local aid to cities and towns from the revenue that is raised in the tax package. The Tongue-in-cheek Amendment Award goes to the House Republicans who said that the tax package would hurt the state's economy. They proposed an amendment that would rename the proposal "An act to promote economic stimulus in New Hampshire, Rhode Island and other states in the Union." It failed on a voice vote.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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OBITUARIES

Jane D. Nadler

Enjoyed gardening and traveling

Jane Damon Nadler, 75, of Cohasset, died Sunday, May 11, 2008 as a result of injuries sustained after a recent accident at home.

She was born in South Weymouth and raised in Rockland. She was a Rockland High School graduate class of 1950. She graduated from the Whidden Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1954. Following graduation, Mrs. Nadler worked as a registered nurse at The United States Public Health Hospital in Brighton for many years. She moved to Harrison, NY, where she was the Past President of the Women's Auxiliary for the Westchester Medical Society. She lived in Harrison, N.Y. for 20 years moving to Cohasset in 1982.

Mrs. Nadler enjoyed gardening. She traveled extensively and enjoyed her many friends.

She was the beloved wife of the late Raoul Peter Nadler, M.D. who died in 1979, she leaves her children Lisetta Gail Davis married to William Davis of Fishkill, N.Y., Alexander Charles Nadler married to Janet Nadler of New Rochelle, N.Y. and Jonathan Hugo Nadler of Cohasset; her grandchildren John Peter Davis, Mehgan Davis, Christopher Davis, William Davis, Rebecca Davis and twin grandsons Andrew and Matthew Nadler; a sister. Elizabeth D. Beecher and her husband Harold Beecher of South Weymouth. She also leaves a niece Susan Beecher of Taunton and a nephew Mark Beecher of Braintree. She was the sister of the late Marie Orcutt and Robert Damon.

Interment will be in New York at a later date.

The Mortimer N. Peck-Russell Peck Funeral Home in Braintree handled the arrangements.

Donations in memory of Mrs. Nadler may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701-1800 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

William Morton

Formerly employed in advertising and marketing

William Morton, 89, of Cohasset, died May 6, 2008, after a long illness.

Born in Providence, R.I., Mr. Morton lived in Cohasset since 1955. He was a graduate of Providence College, Class of 1941, and served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II.

Mr. Morton had a long career in advertising and marketing and was a partner at Vitt Media, New York; chief executive officer at International Marketing Associates Inc., New York; chief executive officer at Blaine Thompson Advertising, New York; director of marketing for Discover America Travel Organization, Washington; and senior vice president/director of marketing, ITT Sheraton Corp., Boston. He was the first to lecture on marketing at the School of Hotel Administration, Cornell University, and taught marketing at the International Marketing Institute at Harvard Business School. Working with a psychologist to identify numbers having high recognition and recall attributes, he pioneered the use of the toll free 800 central reservations systems in the 1970s, and created many campaigns, including one featuring Arthur Fielder and the Boston Pops Orchestra. Another advertising campaign for Sheraton Hotels played on the theme of "Keyed Up Executives Unwind at Sheraton" and featured an executive with a wind-up key seemingly implanted in his back. He was a past president of the Hotel Sales and Marketing Association, and a past president of the Advertising Club of Boston.

Mr. Morton was a member of Cohasset Yacht Club, an avid photographer who was often captured images from his world travels, and had an interest in German automobiles.

Husband of 66 years of the late Rita M. Morton, who preceased him Jan. 1, 2008, he leaves a son, William J. E. Morton and his wife, Christine A., of Sausalito, Calif.; a daughter, Sarah E Morton and her husband, Howard Schide, of Cohasset; and one granddaughter, Jessica A. Morton of San Francisco.

A memorial Mass in celebration of both Rita Morton and Bill Morton's lives will be celebrated at 11 a.m., on Friday, May 16, at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Visiting hours omitted. Interment private. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Massachusetts General Hospital Senior Care Services, Norwell Visiting Nurse Association or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Ruth R. Austin

Retired personnel director, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital

Ruth Reed Austin, an Osterville resident, died peacefully on Monday, May 12, 2008 after a brief illness. She was the wife of Paul H. Austin, retired Senior Vice President of Citibank International, New York City, and the mother of Jacqueline Beauregard Clark.

Born in Boston, she was the daughter of Annie and George Reed, a noted interior designer in Boston.

She retired as a Personnel Director of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. While President of the Massachusetts Hospital Personnel Directors Association, she was invited by the senior officers of the Strategic Air Command to review, along with other leading women of the Boston area, the highly sophisticated rocket weaponry located in Nebraska.

She was very active in women's fashion and was an avid traveler, having visited many countries in Europe, South America and Africa.

Besides her daughter, Jacqueline of Cohasset, Ruth leaves her grandchildren Douglas of Cohasset, Jacqueline of Berlin and Bradford of Pennsylvania. She leaves two great grandchildren, Andrew and Christopher living in Cohasset .In addition she leaves her stepchildren, Adrienne Parker of Greenwich, Conn., Paul Austin of Darien, Conn., John Austin of Falls Church, Va., and Peggy White of Denver, Colo.

Services will be held Friday, May 16 at 1 p.m. at Christ Chapel, 1200 Old Stage Road, Centerville. Visiting hours are omitted arrangements by the John-Lawrence Funeral Home

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to The Visiting Nurse Association or to the Falmouth Hospital.

Phyllis J. Hawk

Retired educator; enjoyed reading, gardening, music and theater



Phyllis J. Hawk

Phyllis Jean (Davis) Hawk, 63, of Norwell, died May 10, 2008.

She was a life-long educator whose greatest love as a teacher was being in the classroom.

Mrs. Hawk was born in Harrisburg, Pa. to James C. and E. Myerly Davis. She earned her Bachelors and master's degrees in education from Shippensburg University and was certified as a Master Teacher by the National Board for Professional Standards. She began her teaching career in Harrisburg, Pa., and then taught in San Antonio, Texas. She recently retired from teaching at the Plymouth River School in Hingham.

Mrs. Hawk taught an integrated classroom of first and second graders for years and found joy in watching her children learn the fundamentals that would carry them throughout their lives. She served as a mentor to staff and teachers seeking National Board Certification and was active in curricular development.

She served as Director of Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem, Pa., and past Moderator at the United Church of Christ, in Norwell, where she also served as a Christian Education Director for Grades five through eight. As well she was a past President of the Norwell Women's Club.

Mrs. Hawk was an avid reader, gardener, music and theater lover. She had recently become involved in the establishment of Friendship Home, a respite home for the mentally challenged and their families, where she sat on the Leadership Board.

Her greatest and most cherished legacy was her family. She wished to be remembered as the loving wife of Robert B. Hawk, dedicated mother of Matthew, his wife, Kelly, of Hanson, and Adam, his wife, Renee, of Charlestown. Mrs. Hawk was devoted to her grandchildren Lily and James and anxiously awaiting the arrival of her third grandchild. She also leaves her sister, Susanne M. Funk and brother-in law John of Tuckahoe, N.J., and brother-in-law and sister-in-law William and Miriam Hawk of Harrisburg, Pa., along with many nieces, nephews and loving friends.

A memorial service in celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, May 17, at 11 a.m. at the United Church of Christ, 460 Main St. Norwell, MA 02061.

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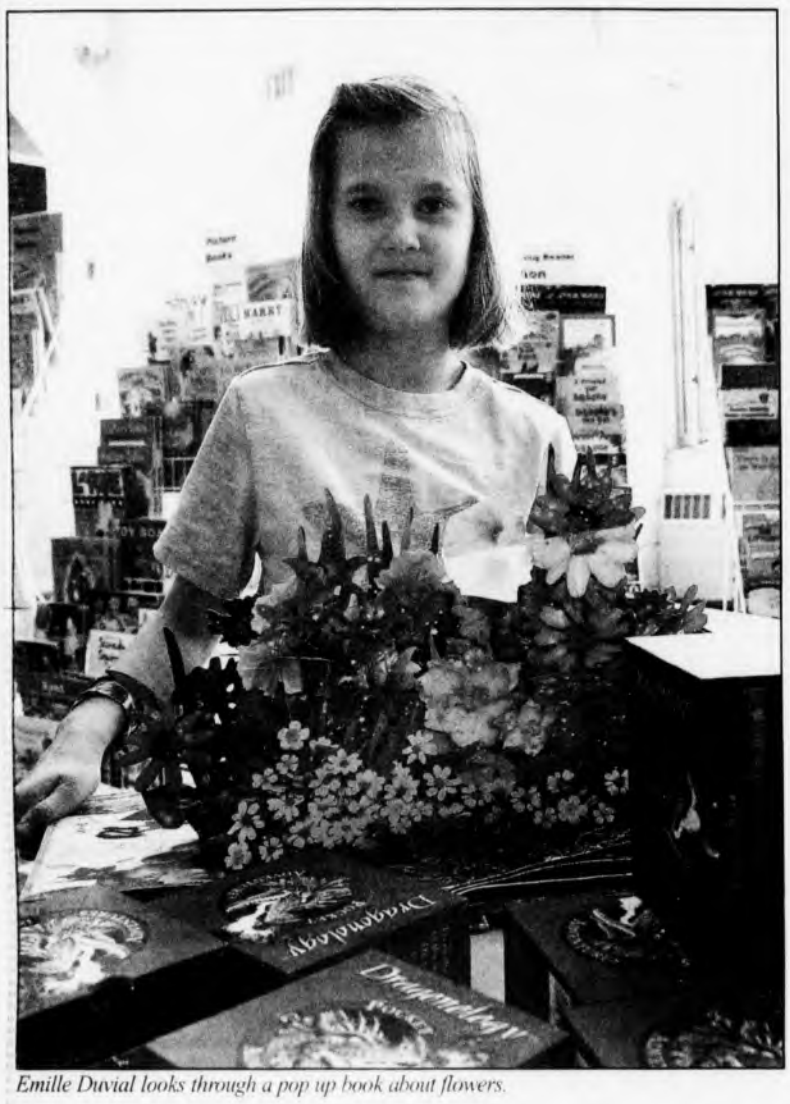
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Safety first for school bus drivers

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distracting a misbehaving child can be in the back seat."

Bus drivers have many skills beyond the ability to drive a 40-foot vehicle. They memorize the names of as many as 150 students each year (most of them know more), as well as their parents' names. They know which students are on their route and the bus stop for each of them. They administer first aid in the event of minor accidents. They play the role of police officer, enforcing the bus rules of no eating, drinking or talking loudly. They also enforce the rules of the school: Osgood students, for example, are not allowed to get off at any bus stop other than their own; and Deer Hill students can ride only their own buses.

Just like teachers, bus drivers have a certain affection for the kids who ride their buses. They watch the children grow and are sad if they change bus routes or move out of town.

They also have to play the role of disciplinarian, if the situation arises.

"We try to handle issues within the bus, but we have the support of the school," Dickson said.

"We always have to err on the side of caution … we don't want to put other kids in jeopardy."

Bus drivers can issue bus incident reports. After several, students might lose their bus privileges.

On the road

Both Dow and Dickson say one of their biggest challenges is sharing the road with inattentive motorists. Drivers talking on cell phones don't notice the buses' stop signs; cars tailgate the bus, where the driver can't see.

Dickson's favorite tools are the seven mirrors that help the drivers see almost all the way around the bus. But the mirror can only show so much. Anywhere within ten feet of the bus is called the "danger zone," Dow said.

"If you can't see my mirrors, I can't see you," Dow noted. Mirrors need to be scanned constantly for children and traffic, whether moving or sitting still.

All the buses are have bumper stickers reminding other drivers to stay back 100 feet – approximately the length of two telephone poles.

Astonishingly, several times a week other drivers ignore the school buses' stop signs, which signal children are either entering or exiting the bus. The rule also applies cyclists, who can be traveling just as fast as a car.

"Sometimes I wish I could put a bumper sticker saying, 'Would you pass this bus if your child was on it?'" Dow said.

The bus drivers do what they can to be courteous to other drivers. All the bus routes have "pull over" points to allow the cars behind them to pass.

To become qualified to sit behind the wheel of a 40-foot bus, with 50 kids behind them, drivers undergo an involved training and screening process. First, they need pass a written test to obtain a commercial driver's license. Then they must complete a minimum of twenty hours of on-the-road training in a bus; pass a physical exam and drug/alcohol test; and undergo a mandatory criminal record check. At that point, the Department of Transportation administers a road test. Only the applicants who pass all these tests can drive a bus.

Daily routine

In the transportation world, safety is the priority. When the bus drivers arrive at work shortly after 6 a.m., they do a series of safety checks on their vehicles. They start their buses, check the safety lights, inspect the tires, and check under the bus for leaks.

"We get there early to make sure everything is properly functioning," said Dow, who has been behind the wheel of a school bus for the last 23 years, 16 of them in Cohasset.

(It was Dow who convinced Dickson to become a bus driver. Five years ago Dickson joined the Cohasset transportation team.)

Cohasset's seven school buses are 3 to 14 years old, so breakdowns do happen. The bus drivers know their buses intimately, so if they notice a strange noise or new leak, they get in touch with Marty Hale, their go-to guy for all repairs. Hale is also called to the scene if there is a problem or malfunction while the bus in en route. He is usually able to respond to a call within 15 minutes.

"Nine times out of ten, he's able to be resolve the problem on scene. He maintains the buses and makes sure they are safe, " Dickson said. "The worst thing that can happen is to have a bus grounded. We just don't have the fluff."

Hale has a background in heavy equipment repair and he takes his job of ensuring the safety of the buses with great care and dedication.

"There's no halfway for me," said Hale. "Dedication to safety is the number one rule and it's serious business from aircrafts to buses. I always say I won't sign off on equipment unless I am willing to put my grandmother in it."

He said he counts on the bus drivers' input and never discounts what they say, even if the problem can't be found on the first try, he follows through. "We have a good team right now. We communicate and all have the same goals."

Safety is a number one priority, with extending the life of the bus a close behind, he said.

In addition to the seven iconic school buses, there are two full time special education vans.

Each day the transportation team drops off and picks up 53 percent of the student population, approximately 805 of the 1495 students in Cohasset. Middle-High School students are the first to be picked up. The first bus heads out of the Cedar Street bus depot around 6:45 a.m. Because the Middle-High School is the largest route, housing seven grades, all six buses are utilized. Next are the Deer Hill pick-ups, followed by Osgood.

A bus route averages eight miles from school to school.

Dickson says the department tries to transport students on as many athletic and field trips as possible. For athletic trips, they travel as far as Weston or Orleans. The field trips may be long distance, to Providence or Springfield, or right around the corner to the South Shore Art Center.

Scheduling can be a challenge, but Dickson remains on her toes in the event of a sick driver or broken-down bus.

"You plan as best as you can and deal with the scheduling changes as they come," Dickson said.

Bus safety

- Respect a bus's stop sign, which means students are getting on or off the bus. This rule applies bikes as well as cars.
- Buses must stop at all railroad grade crossings. Even if a train just passed, school buses are required to stop, look and listen again.
- Stay 100 feet (about the length of two telephone poles) behind the bus. Never tailgate.
- Students should never run after a bus – the driver can't see the student.
- There is a 10-foot blind spot on the sides and rear of the buses.
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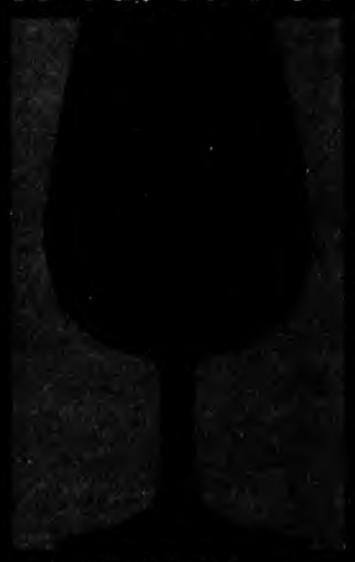
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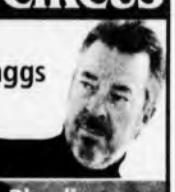
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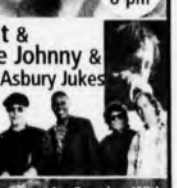
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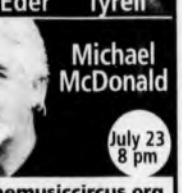

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Head of the class

Skippers clinch at least a share of the SSL title

By Joel Racicot
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Three huge matches were on the menu this week. The main course came first. In what surely would ultimately decide who would reign champion of the South Shore League in girls tennis, Cohasset took out Norwell 3-2, beating the Clippers for the second time this season.

The Skippers won 4-1 the first time these two teams met.

Follow up 5-0 sweeps of East Bridgewater and Carver all but secured at least a share of the SSL title, putting the girls at 12-1 overall and 10-0 in the league.

By all accounts the outright race for the league is in the bag. This week's dominating performances sealed things up quite nicely.

Cohasset 3, Norwell 2

Sally Meehan (6-0, 6-1) and Maddy Altholtz (6-0, 6-0) cruised at second and third singles for Cohasset. Susan Bitetti did what Susan Bitetti does, winning at first singles. Meg Anderson has the upper hand going into the majority of matches, but the Norwell star proves again and again she is quite the whiz on the clay court.

Second doubles team, Danielle Sookiasian and Laura Allen were clutch, winning 7-6 (8-6), 6-0. The match was tied 2-2 and their win decided was the decider.

"They looked at me and said, 'don't worry,'" Cohasset coach Gigi Meehan said.

First doubles team Maggie McGoldrick and Jean Thomae lost 6-4, 6-2.

Meehan attributed the second doubles team success to the state individual tournament that occurred the previous weekend. They got out of the first round at the tournament at Hingham High School, and after trailing 0-3 forced a tiebreaker in the second set against their

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PHOTO/NICK ANDERSON

Maggie McGoldrick makes a return. McGoldrick and her teammates wrapped up the South Shore League title for Cohasset.

"To get that experience against the number one doubles team from Notre Dame Sunday made them do what they did Monday."
Coach Gigi Meehan

Tournament berth on horizon

Baseball team takes it to Vikings

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

After once again splitting their two games of the week, the Cohasset High baseball team now sees the south sectional right in front of them. Just like every other season, the Skippers have hopes to make the playoffs this year.

After splitting their two games this week, a loss to Norwell and a win at East Bridgewater, the only question now is when these Skippers will get their next win to clinch a playoff berth.

The 8-1 loss to Norwell was no different than the past few weeks, as the Skippers hitting woes continued and their pitching struggled a bit. Cohasset only tallied five total hits, two of them coming from junior John Sturino. He finished with two singles and drove in the Skippers' lone run of the afternoon.

Senior pitcher Brian Hill was not his usual self in this game as he struggled with control problems that led to him walking eight Norwell batters. Hill allowed seven hits and three earned runs in 5 2/3 innings, as Cohasset made four errors on the day, which accounted for five of the eight Norwell runs.

"It was one of the few games we've played poorly defensively all year," said Cohasset coach Al Gallotta.

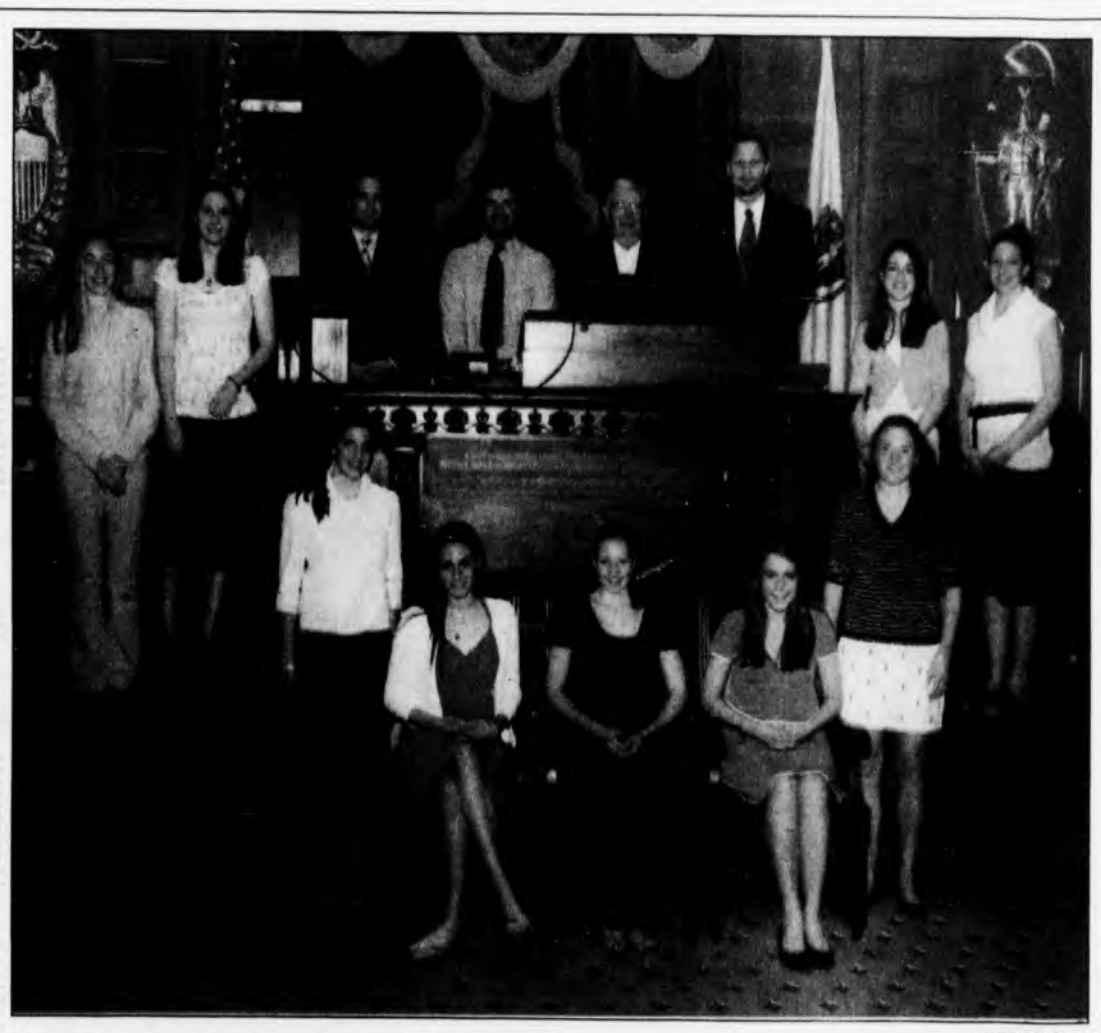
Up to that point, Cohasset

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Head coach Al Gallotta gives a hand to right fielder Sam DeGiacomo (2) after making a nice catch recently.



COURTESY PHOTO

Cohasset champs honored at the State House. Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) and Rep. Garrett Bradley (D-Hingham) recently honored the Cohasset High School girls basketball team for its state championship season with a private reception at the State House.

Lacrosse national senior showcase rosters announced

Cohasset's Flibotte featured

US Lacrosse has announced the four team rosters for the 2008 National Senior Showcase, to be played June 20-21 at Benedictine University in Chicago. The annual all-star game features outstanding senior boys high school players representing the North, South, West and East regions of the country.

The National Senior Showcase (NSS), sponsored by Warrior Lacrosse, is an annual offering of the US Lacrosse Men's Division Coaches Council. Lacrosse players across the nation apply to be chosen for their regional team.

"We are very pleased to have 96 of the best high school seniors from all over the country playing in the fifth annual NSS," said Jody Martin, men's division director at US Lacrosse. "We'd like to thank our High School Committee for their very diligent work in selecting these teams. As a truly national event, it exemplifies what US Lacrosse is all about and how much our game as grown. It is remarkable to have players from Alabama and Nevada play in this event for the first time alongside top talent from the traditional lacrosse hotbeds."

The 2008 NSS (abridged) rosters are as follows (information is current as of May 1, 2008)

NORTH

Last Name, First Name, Position, City, State, High School, College

D'Amario, Steve, A, Niskayuna NY, Niskayuna High School, Massachusetts

Demopoulos, Alexander, A, Avon CT, Avon Old Farms School, Denver

Finegan, Sean, A, Maineville OH, Archbishop Moeller, Delaware

Flibotte, Mark, A, Cohasset MA, Cohasset High School, Bowdoin

Paster, Billy, A, Hudson OH, Hudson High School, Navy Prep

Resetarits, Joe, A, Hamburg NY, Hamburg High School

Rice, Connor, A, Fairport NY, Penfield High School

Bamberger, Rich, M, Brimfield MA, St. John's

Cook, Chris, M, Vestal NY,

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COASTAL NISSAN salutes the South Shore Athlete of the Month

Braintree's ace hurler Liz DiMascio picked up from her stellar 2007 season with a no-hitter to start this year against Framingham, registering 10 strikeouts and one walk in the process. The senior tri-captain was once again stellar in her next start against Walpole, where she cruised to the victory by fanning 13 batters on three hits and no earned runs. DiMascio pitched her third straight shutout against Milton, giving up three hits on the Wamps' way to a 13-0 victory.

Coastal Nissan has donated $500 to the Braintree High School Athletic Fund in Liz DiMascio's name.

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Head of the class

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Notre Dame opponent.

"To get that experience against the number one doubles team from Notre Dame Sunday made them do what they did Monday," Meehan said.

Meehan and Altholtz both made the second round at individuals before losing.

"We didn't go in their thinking we were going to be champs, but it was good they all got through a round," Meehan said.

Cohasset 5, East Bridgewater 0

Anderson, Meehan and Altholtz all won at singles. McGoldrick and Tina D'Antonio won 6-1, 6-4 in a big win at first singles. Sookiasian and Jackie Cahill won 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 at second doubles.

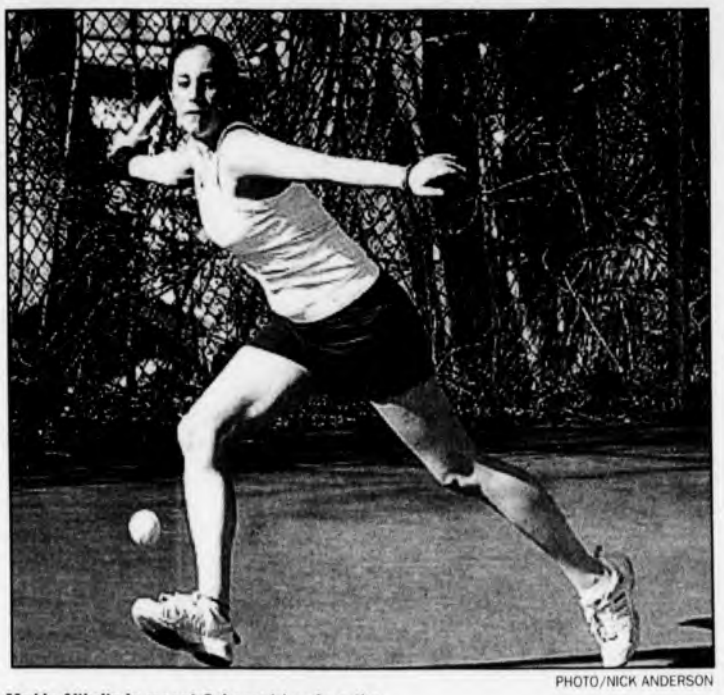
East Bridgewater's second doubles team had only lost once to Norwell all season.

Cohasset 5, Carver 0

The Skippers clinched a share of the league title with this win and have two SSL matches left.

McGoldrick and Thomae won at first doubles. Sookiasian and Allen won at second.

"We are peaking at the right time," Meehan said. "We had the talent but I feel much more secure in our doubles pairings this year, they have had to get some really tough wins."



PHOTO/NICK ANDERSON

Maddy Altholtz in recent Cohasset tennis action

Lacrosse national senior showcase rosters announced

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Vestal High School, Binghamton University

Dattilo, Bobby, M, Derry NH, Pinkerton Academy, Hobart College

Gantsoudes, Nick, M, Redding CT, Avon Old Farms, School Bucknell

Gelnaw, Tyler, M, Lexington MA, Lexington High School, Connecticut College

Grimm, Robert, M, Black River NY, Carthage Central High School, UMBC

Jennings, Peter, M, Wellesley MA, Wellesley High School, Middlebury College

Muscatello, Jeff, M, North Andover MA, The Governor's Academy, UWC

Shakespeare, Michael, M, Walpole MA, The Governor's Academy, Maryland

Bedell, Kyle, D, Nashua NH, Bishop Guertin High School, Lehigh

Clark, Ethan, D, Essex Junction VT, Essex High School

Dee, Bennett, D, Charlotte VT, Champlain Valley Union High School, Post Graduate Year

Hamlin, David, D, New Hartford NY, New Hartford High School, Syracuse

Knapton, Ben, D, Canandaigua NY, Canandaigua Academy, Hartford

Mordecai, Tyler, D, Dublin, OH Dublin, Jerome Johns Hopkins

Bristol, Henry, G S., Hadley MA, South Hadley High School

Vaickus, Max, G, Hingham MA, Hingham High School, Hamilton College

Coaches: Russ Mooney - Wilbraham, MA, Mark Rice - Penfield High School - Fairport, NY.

Tournament berth on horizon

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averaged a little over one error per game.

The one highlight of the game was the pitching performance of senior Dave Snowdale. After coming in on relief for Hill, Snowdale pitched 11/3 innings to end the game. He retired all four batters he faced.

The East Bridgewater game was completely different, as the team unleashed their bats. In an all out slugfest with the wind blowing out and very hard, Cohasset triumphed over, 15-14, as the two teams combined for 33 total hits. All 18 starters between the two teams had at least one hit in the game.

Sophomore Brendan Doonan hit a game winning home run in the top of the seventh inning that gave the Skippers their 15-14 lead and the eventual victory.

Doonan's homerun was one of five Cohasset round trippers for the day, all hit by different players. Brendan's brother, senior Pat Doonan, and Snowdale both had solo shots in the game, and senior Kyle Pinkus had a three-run blast as well.

These were all bested by senior Sam DeGiacomo's grand slam. Seniors Alex Goetz and Chris Rose also had good days at the plate as both had two hits. The majority of this offense came in the third inning when Cohasset really pulled ahead.

At this point Cohasset trailed by numerous runs and the game looked bleak for them, but the Skippers tallied 11 hits in the inning and had 12 men crossed the plate. At one point, 11 straight batters reached for Cohasset, all but one on a hit.

DeGiacomo started the game for Cohasset but struggled in the windy weather. It was Snowdale who once again came on in relief to close the game. Although he did allow three runs, Snowdale pitched the final three innings to pick up the win.

With this win Cohasset remained only a game behind first place in the South Shore League standings and faces maybe its toughest challenge yet next week. Cohasset has six games in five days next week, virtually unheard of, due to multiple rainouts earlier in the season.

"There's still a lot to be determined," stated Gallotta about his team's hopes for the remainder of the season. He did recognize that the team's confidence is higher than ever before.

Local Road Race Calendar

Saturday, May 17

The 6th Annual Wareham YMCA 5K Road Race will take place Saturday, May 17, at 10 a.m. in Wareham. The 5K race/walk goes through the village of Onset. Prize money will be given out to the top three men and women. For information, contact JoAnn Watson at 508-295-9622, ext. 15, or jwatson@ymcasouthcoast.org.

Saturday, May 17

The Run For Your Life! 5K will take place Saturday, May 17, at 9 a.m. in Holbrook. For information, contact John Flanagan at 781-767-3762 or flan5@comcast.net.

Saturday, May 17

The Strawberry Shortcake Road Race will take place Saturday, May 17, at 9:30 a.m. in Plympton. There's a 10K road race, two mile fun run and 10K walk. For information, contact Cathy Ferguson at 781-582-2158 or brookstfergusons@comcast. net.

Sunday, May 18

The 20th Annual Striar JCC 5K Road Race will take place Sunday, May 18, at 9 a.m. in Stoughton. The day also includes a one-mile children's fun run. For information, contact Becky Braidman at 781-341-2016, ext. 128, or bbraidman@jccgb.com.

Sunday, May 18

The 8th Annual Evans Run 5K/10K Race & 5K Walk will take place Sunday, May 18, at 10:30 a.m. in Norwell. Prize money will be awarded. For information, contact Carol Henry at 617-347-2068 or chenry0813@hotmail.com.

Sunday, May 18

The Mansfield High School All Sports Boosters Club 5K will take place Sunday, May 18, at 10:30 a.m. in Mansfield. This is a run and walk. Ice cream will be available. For information, contact Jim Miller at 508-339-5309 or jimedmil@comcast.net.

Monday, May 19

The 5K Your Way Summer Fun Run will take place Monday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in Raynham. For information, contact Jim DuPont at 508-822-0376 or jdupont01@comcast.net.

Tuesday, May 20

The CPR Tuesday Night Summer Fun Run will take place Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. in Abington. For information, contact Al Donaghy at 781-878-8622 or donaghy@aol.com.

Monday, May 26

The 6th Annual Christopher's 5K Run and Walk for Diabetes will take place Monday, May 26, at 11 a.m. in West Bridgewater. For information, contact Frank Nelson at 508-208-5377 or log onto christophersrun@colonialrunners.org.

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Fifth Annual Scituate Tennis Tournament

Memorial Day Weekend is the Fifth Annual Scituate Tennis Tournament. Saturday, doubles, Sunday, singles. Adults and juniors are $40 per team, $30 per singles. All levels welcome. Call 781-545-5549 for application. Email scituatetennistournament@comcast.net.

Tihonet Pond Fishing Derby

Join the Wankinquoah Rod and Gun Club Sunday, June 1, for its annual Tihonet Pond Fishing Derby in Wareham, beginning at 4 a.m. Fishing begins at 6 a.m. and awards are at 3 p.m. All proceeds from the event will benefit the WRGC Youth Group. The fee is $9 for adults and $1 for children 10 and younger. The fee includes breakfast, and lunch will be available for purchase from the TIhonet Village Market. Fishing licenses are required for those age 15 and older. Registration forms must be postmarked by May 24 and are available online at www.wrgclub.org and www.admakepeace.com; at Shirt Shack, 260 Marion Road, Wareham; at Tihonet Village Market, 146 Tihonet Road, Wareham; and at M&D Bait & Tackle, 49 Main St., Wareham. Preregistration is available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at the Makepeace offices at 158 Tihonet Road.

Offense-Defense Football Camp

Now in its fourth decade, the Offense-Defense Football Camp will be held from July 6-10 at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI.

Among the featured instructors will be New England Patriots wide receiver Wes Welker. Welker will be joined by former Patriot running back Tony Collins, who was part of the 1985 Super Bowl team. All appearances are subject to change.

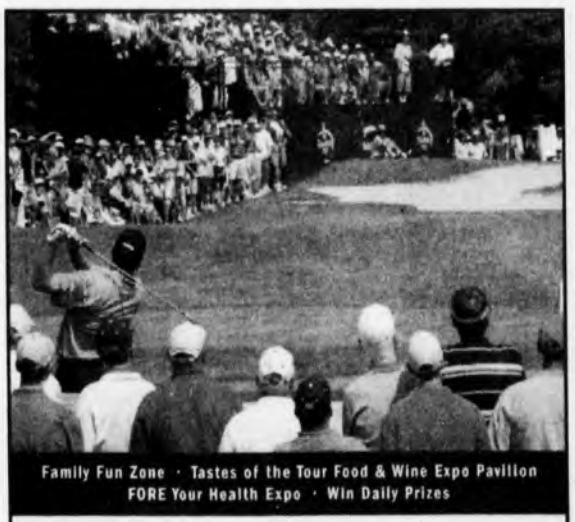
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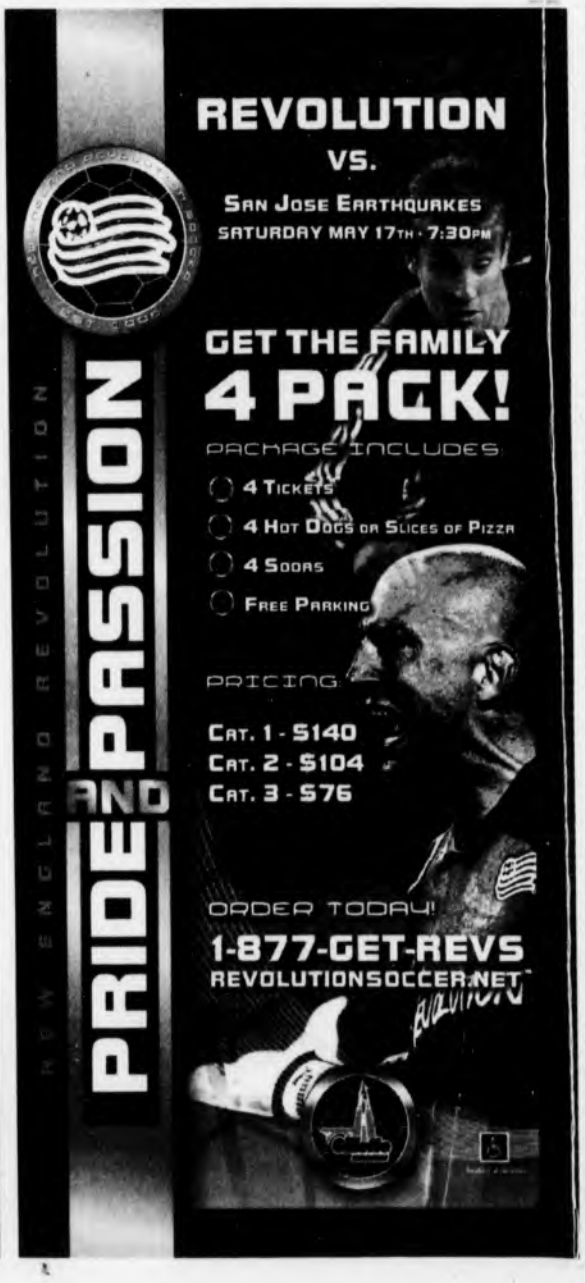
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Girls Youth Lacrosse Notes

On a gorgeous Mother's Day afternoon, girls youth lacrosse teams played on the road in Quincy and at home against Marshfield and the day came up roses for the moms and several of the teams alike.

At the 15-and-Under level (grades 7 and 8), the Blue and White teams were forced to combine and play two games together as one team because the holiday – plus a school trip to Quebec – meant that there were too few players for the individual Blue and White teams to make a go of it.

The loss of a majority of the eighth graders might have been trouble for most teams, but it never bothered the Cohasset girls, as they blew past Quincy 13-6 and came home to beat Marshfield 12-7.

In Quincy, the home team got on the ball first and kept things close at 3-2 midway through the first half, but then Cohasset went on a run and never looked back. Lauren Geary from Hull scored two of the team's seven first-half goals, with Kristen Alexander, Amanda Farren, Isabella Flibotte, Mariel Teague and Alison Whelan scoring solo goals. For Whelan, the goal was the 50th of her youth career, and was the start of a very big day.

The team added six scores in the second half, three of them from Whelan, another from Geary, and one each from Jenna Reece and Cassedy Gwynn. Sarah Evans stopped seven shots in the net, and Cohasset coasted to a 13-6 win.

At home against Marshfield, it was a game of runs, with Cohasset jumping out to a 4-1 lead, only to see Marshfield string together four goals to go to the break up 5-4. Whelan scored three goals, one assisted by Katherine Brown and another by Kristen Alexander, who scored the fourth Cohasset goal of the stanza. Sydney Blanchard – seeing her first-ever time in the net – stopped three Marshfield shots to keep the game close.

The second half opened with Marshfield putting a quick score past Nicole Farren, who – like Blanchard – was an emergency fill-in in the goal. But Farren's first save seemed to calm Cohasset down, and the team responded with a six-goal run of its own. During the outburst, Whelan scored her fourth of the game, Alexander scored twice to finish her hat trick, Jenna Reece scored two of her own, and Cassedy Gwynn stuck a high, hard one past the Marshfield goalie. Marshfield scored once and threatened to make it closer, but Farren came up with a big save, then started the offense by making a key breakout pass that Sarah Evans took virtually the length of the field to score. Whelan ended the day's scoring with her fifth goal of the game and her ninth score of the day; the 10-point day (nine goals, one assist) was enough to move Whelan into fifth place on the girls youth lacrosse all-time scoring list with 68 career points, one ahead of teammate Hope Kissick.

The 11-and-Under White team (grades 3 and 4) played its first home game of the season and played Marshfield to a 6-6 tie. Third-grade attacker Kaitlen McGovern started the scoring, sweeping around from the back of the net after making a nice catch from teammate Libby Mullaney. The ground crew was at it again scooping ground balls left and right. Kara Nelson, Julia Herzfelder, Olivia Gomez and Charlotte Morrison each were credited with multiple ground balls on the day. Madeline Littlejohn scored to give Cohasset a 2-1 lead at the half.

The teams traded scores in the second half. Marcella Flibotte scored first, freed to the goal on a nice assist by Bennet Tierney. A few minutes later, Flibotte returned the favor, assisting Tierney to tie the game up 4-4. Kyle Burke put Cohasset back on top, scoring her first goal of the year after switching from her defensive position to running on a midfield line and Cori Golden finished the scoring making a nice catch when Tierney spotted her wide open in the middle of the field, and firing one into the Marshfield net.

Attack players Madelyn Schwandt and Nonie Thomas earned special kudos on the day by volunteering to play for a Marshfield team that was short players.

The 13-and-Under Blue team (grades 5 and 6) played a Quincy squad that was short-handed on the day, and which made its roster by adding 15-and-Under players to field a team.

Cohasset rose to the challenge and started the scoring quickly, with Molly Fitzgerald rolling the crease and firing one into the bottom corner of the cage. Lexa Grasz followed with a score of her own before Quincy started getting aggressive and tied the game at 2. The Blue squad then turned up the intensity with Kathryn Dunn, Annie McElgunn and Grasz extending the lead to 5-2 at the break. Caty Gilman picked up an assist on Grasz's half-ending score.

Quincy was able to control possession for a large portion of the second half due to their size and speed advantage and tied the game at 5-5. It might have been worse but for the tenacious play of Victoria Bryan and the outstanding goaltending of Olivia Blackburn. Bryan picked up four ground balls and played great defense from her midfield position, while Blackburn made some incredible point-blank saves and finished with a season-high 11 stops.

After seeing its lead evaporate, the Blue squad finished the game strong with Grasz winning the draw with just over a minute left and racing down the field to plant the go-ahead score. The ensuing draw led to a ground ball scrum in the middle of the field and McElgunn smartly snuck in the backside of the pile, scooped the ground ball and ripped an insurance goal into the cage to make the final 7-5.

The 13-U White team battled hard with a depleted roster against an athletic Marshfield team, but fell at home by a final score of 9-6. Maddie Curley led the offensive charge with four goals and one assist and Peyton MacNaught found the mark for two goals and an assist. Mackenzie Axelson played a strong all-around game, with solid draw controls and passing, including one assist.

Goalie Taylor Frederick continued her quality play in net with seven saves and solid clearing. Hannah Cooper saw her first action of the season between the pipes in the second half, and showed strong potential with three saves.

Boys Youth Lacrosse Notes

The White U-13's have been on a role since their Pembroke game three weeks ago. They beat Whitman-Hanson handily, 10-5 on Sunday. Since Pembroke, the Cohasset squad has settled into their positions and is learning how to play as a team. Full-field team play requires players to rely on each other, to be where they belong on the field, so they can make a safe catch to advance the ball.

We have finally come to this in our clears from the goal line to our more coordinated offense.

The action started quickly with Henry Brown facing off. Although he lost possession initially to Whitman, Matt Froio recovered a ground ball and passed it to our attack. Jimmy Maher then recovered a ground ball and shot for our first goal. Maher was a force at attack with three goals and two assists.

Whitman struggled to keep the ball on their offense. Goalie Mats Nelson led our defense with a number of excellent saves. He coordinated quick clears to Mike Yerardi and Jack Hoffman. When the ball hit the ground it seemed that our lead defenseman Jack McElgunn was there to scoop and clear the ball to our half.

He ended the day with eight clears, eight ground balls and one assist after bringing the ball to the crease and feeding attackman Matt Arnold, who shot and scored.

Our midfielders were tenacious at faceoffs and ground balls. Henry Brown won a number of key faceoffs and ground balls, two great clears and two assists. Henry is a master at taking advantage of confusion on the field by knowing where to be at all times. Colin Whelan is another force as midfielder. He plays offense and defense with more confidence and hustle than any other player on the field. No one plays harder and it shows in his ground balls, won faceoffs against much larger players and assist and goals. He had two goals in the forth as an attackman and two assists.

Matt Arnold continues to advance his game as attackman. He had three goals, an assist and a few great feeds from behind the crease. Ross Erler and Chris Lydon both played well at attack with good feeds and on ground balls. Newcomers Max and Will Marsden were "in the thick of it" a few times at the midfield line.

Max made a great play by flipping the ball to Henry Brown, who then cleared the ball for a feed to the attack. Sam Morris also shined with three clears and one un-assisted goal after taking it to the crease from the midfield line.

Chandler Skolnick also had a goal after scooping a ground ball at the crease. We also gained from the efforts of Ryan McElhinney, who was great at ground balls, at the face-off and during clears. Patrick Holway also played a strong midfield game with two face-off wins and couple of excellent clears. The list of contributors to Sunday's game continues to grow because each player can now count upon his teammate to help link together winning plays.36"

Cohasset Swim Center offers swim lesson program

Summer is almost here! Membership and swim lesson registration is started April 15. American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim Program is offered at the Cohasset Swim Center. The C.S.C is offering EARLY BIRD membership rates for registrations postmarked by May 23. C.S.C. Members need to mail-in their membership and swim registration forms together - postmarked by May 23 and SAVE.

More detailed information and online registration forms can be found on the Cohasset Swim Center website www.cohassetswimcenter.com.

We will not be mailing out a brochure this year.

Swim Lessons will be offered in four two-week sessions: Session I: June 25 - July 3, Session II: July 7 - July 18, Session III: July 21 - August 1, Session IV: August 4 - August 15.

For non-members and members that missed the May 23 deadline, walk-in registration for swim lessons will be held on June 14 at the C.S.C. from 9am-Noon. First come, First service.

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Difficult stretch for Skippers

Losses to Marshfield and Barnstable start the week

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High boys lacrosse team had a tough start to the week losing 11-10 to Barnstable and 17-10 to Marshfield.

The Skippers are 11-5 overall, and at 6-0 have wrapped up their second straight South Shore League title.

Monday's home loss to the Rams wasn't caused by a lack of focus. It was, according to Cohasset coach Stew Curran, because Marshfield is greatly improved.

And the defense just didn't play well.

"We didn't have too many penalty situations," Curran said. "Our defense just played inconsistent."

Mike Grimm went down with an injury 30 seconds into the game. He won't be back until the end of next week. Curran expects to have Grimm at full health when the Div. 3 south sectionals roll around in a few weeks.

"He's out for at least a week," Curran said. "We had to sub for him against Marshfield and some of the guys weren't ready for primetime. All in all, Marshfield just clicked on all cylinders."

Mark Flibotte finished with three goals in the game.

"According to Rick Peterson (Marshfield coach) that was the best they had played all year," Curran said.

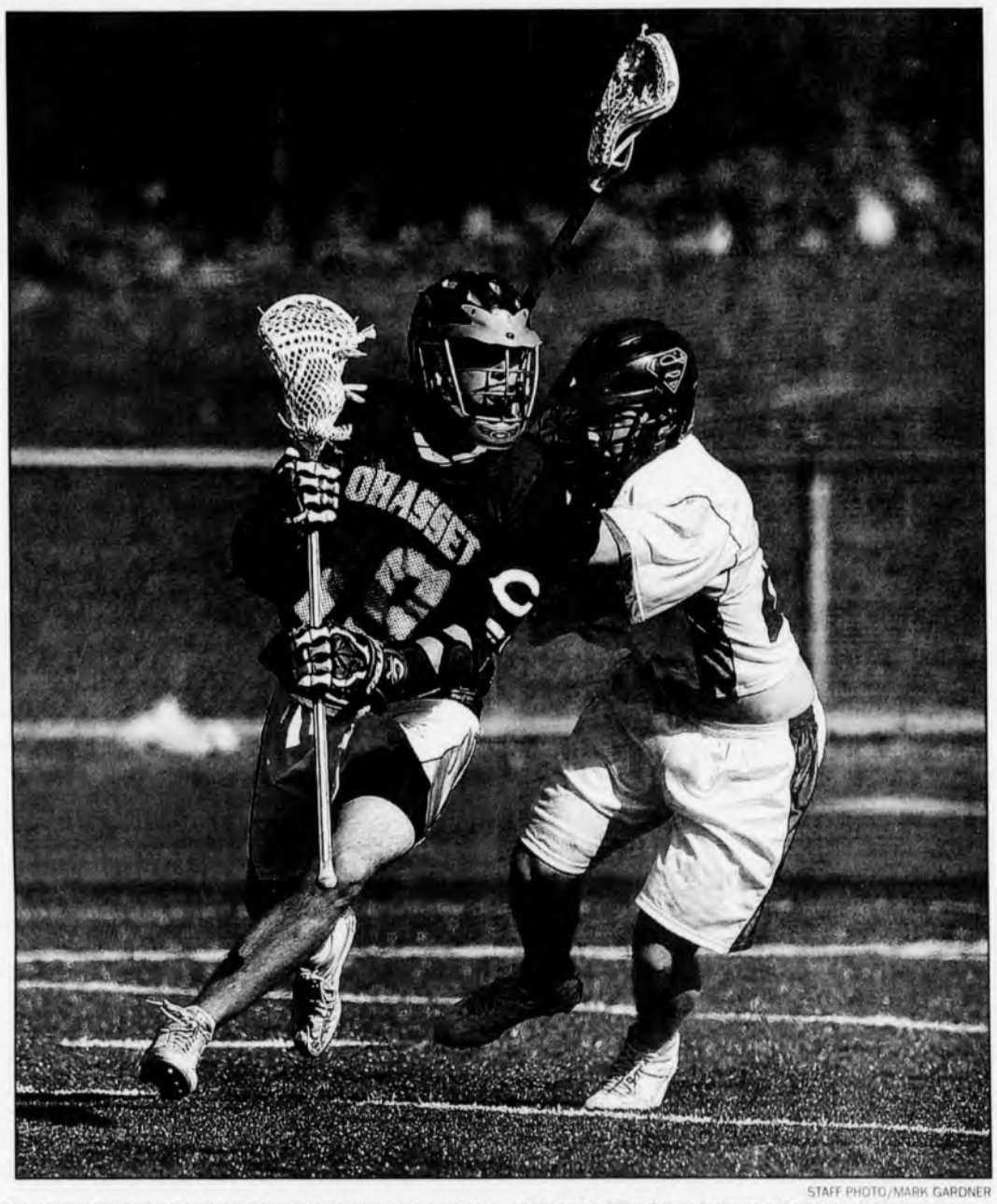
The loss to the Red Raiders could have gone either way. Cohasset trailed 11-8 in the last two minutes until Flibotte scored a pair to bring the Skippers within one.

Barnstable held on after a clear and ran out the clock.

Jack Murphy came on in relief in net and had a nice game. Thomas Flibotte scored two goals to get Cohasset rolling.

Mark Flibotte (3 goals), Will Wise (2 goals), PJ McCaw (1 goal) and Chaz Czerkawski (1 goal) paced the attack.

Cohasset played at Hingham, Thursday after *Mariner* press time. They will play at home against Nantucket Monday and again at home Thursday against Tabor Academy to end the regular season.



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Cohasset's Mike Grimm looks to edge past a Scituate opponent.

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Appalachia County Fair set for May 17

Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is sponsoring its Appalachia County Fair, which will take place from 6:30 to 11 p.m., on Saturday, May 17, at St Anthony's Parish Hall. Highlights of the event will be Red Bones Barbeque dinner, dancing to the Gr8tfuls, formerly the Grateful Dads, and live and silent auctions.

Tickets are $40 each and are by advance sale only. They can be purchased at the 2nd Congregational Church office or by calling Debbie Shadd at 781-383-1624. Proceeds will benefit the July trip to Kentucky.

Lifeguard and water safety instructor training programs offered

Cohasset Swim Center is offering Lifeguard Training courses. For lifeguards needing to update their certification, a Lifeguard RE-Certification Course will be offered on June 16, 17 and 18. Monday from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Lifeguard Training Course will run on June 19, 20, 21 and 22, from 9 to 5:30. Registration deadline is June 6.

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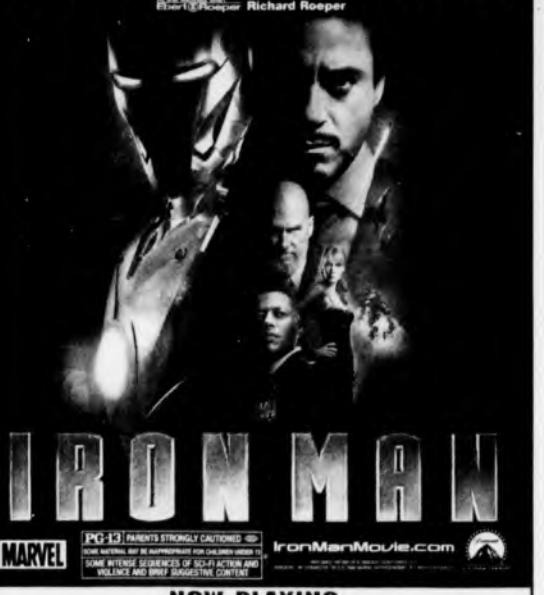

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Is Town Hall haunted?

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"We're trying to figure out if something is here," Mass Paranormal co-founder and vice president Tom Ventosi said. In late January, the Enfield Paranormal Society declared the Town Hall haunted after a weekend-long investigation.

But Ventosi and Mass Paranormal weren't convinced by his evidence and wanted to check out the historic building themselves.

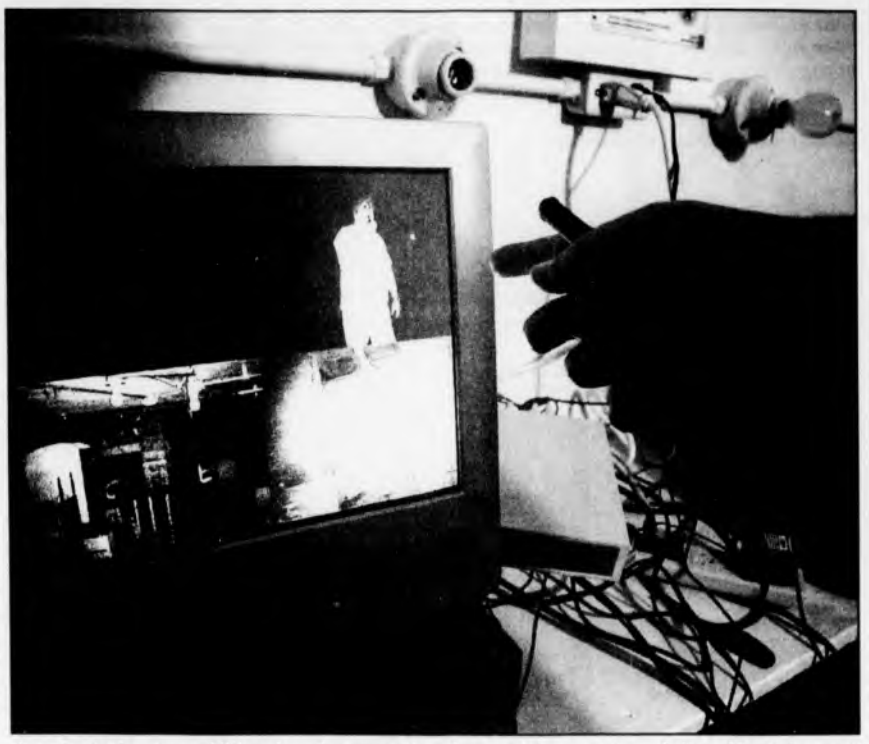
They take a methodical approach to each of their investigations and, if possible, come back multiple times to ensure a thorough job.

"We do ghost investigations," Ventosi said, as opposed to a ghost hunt. An investigation, he said, entails more research and a procedural, data-collecting approach. All evidence is thoroughly reviewed, and the multiple nights of investigation allow any evidence to be debunked. "We (investigate) until we are satisfied," Vertosi said.

His crew did an initial investigation April 12, when they focused on the large auditorium.

This past weekend, on Mother's Day, they returned. A crew of seven set up their equipment, which included infrared cameras with a live link to the command center, digital cameras, hand-held video cameras and plenty of batteries. Joining Mass Paranormal was psychic/medium Serenity Moore and spiritual advisor Michael Robinson, who were visiting from California, to offer their unique perspectives on the building.

Initially, the group planned to focus their second night of investigation on the basement, where there are three jail cells and plenty of creepy noises even during daylight hours. However, both Robinson and Moore felt more energy while they were in the auditorium.



As a result, an additional infrared camera was installed there. Three infrared cameras were placed in the basement.

Around 9:30 p.m., Moore said she felt there was some sort of presence in the auditorium. She was taking photos on the stage when her camera batteries, charged earlier that day, went dead.

"I am getting the feeling the presence likes to be on stage. I feel like he is happiest on stage," Moore said. She felt the presence was definitely male.

Robinson, too, was feeling some light energy in the auditorium, "nothing negative or heavy yet," he said.

With Moore's batteries replenished, she continued to focus on the auditorium. She wasn't the only investigator to lose power in her digital camera; several of the other investigators kept losing power in their batteries.

A camera is a key tool in a ghost investigation because it often picks up what the naked eye can't see.

"I'm draining batteries like you wouldn't believe," Moore said. By 10 p.m., eight sets of camera batteries had been sucked dry. Ventosi said he had been charging them since the late morning hours.

"The theory is when something is trying to manifest itself they take any energy they can get," including from batteries. Then he cautioned, "It could be anything."

By 10 p.m., the group had gone through eight sets of fresh batteries.

Despite the battery trouble, Ventosi said the group was able to gather several photographs that may indicate some sort of paranormal activity.

The investigators also experienced several other so far unexplainable incidents. While Moore and lead investigator Julie Ventosi were upstairs in meeting room 2B (near the Board of Health office), they attempted to communicate with a spirit using an K2 electromagnetic field (EMF) detector. When the K2 meter is on, an investigator can question the spirits, asking them to respond with a flash once for no, twice for yes, Ventosi explained.

They meter moved after each question, said Ventosi said.

All night long, Ventosi, who mans the technology end of the investigation, had trouble with the walkie-talkies. They would beep, but none of the investigators were speaking. At one point, Julie Ventosi heard her own voice come over the walkie-talkie – and she wasn't speaking. Although they are unsure whether any digital recorders picked it up, shortly after leaving the meeting room the investigators heard unexplained footsteps in the upstairs hall.

Then, at the end of the night, Ventosi, who calls himself a skeptic, was winding up wires in the basement. He found one of the wires was stuck on something. He gave it a quick pull; the wire pulled back. He followed the wire and looked up to see the wire hanging from the ceiling – in mid-air. He tugged the wire again and it came down.

He later confirmed with the tech assistant that they had set up all the wires on the floor earlier that night.

"It felt like someone let go during tug-of-war," Ventosi said in a phone interview. His skepticism immediately kicked in. "I tried to de-bunk it," he said , but he wasn't able to find a reason why the wire endied up near the ceiling.

Mass Paranormal will review the evidence collected in the next few weeks and plans to make a formal presentation to the Town Manager's administrative assistant Jennifer Oram.

Mass Paranormal is not ready to say whether the Town Hall is haunted or even if there is a paranormal presence in the building.

"It could be something passing through. We need more evidence to make a determination," Ventosi said, adding that, of al his group's investigations, only one building has been declared a true haunting.

"For us, we need real proof to back up what we're saying."

Mass Paranormal defines a haunting as "disturbances of a paranormal character, attributed to the spirits of the dead. Traditionally there are two main factors in a haunting: a specific location and a restless spirit. The manifestations vary greatly from haunting to haunting and can include strange noises, displaced objects, apparitions, lights, climate changes, and a myriad of other unnatural phenomena."

To find more information on Mass Paranormal, visit www.massparanormal.net.



(Above) Digital cameras were used as an important piece of equipment for detecting patterns of energy through imagery. (Left) A computer monitor displays four different infrared camera pictures where members of the Mass Paranormal team will determine if there are in fact ghosts inhabiting town hall.

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Lead Investigator, Gary Manley of Methuen, sets up a video recorder in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Photos by Laura Sinclair

His crew did an initial investigation April 12, when they focused on the large auditorium.



Tech Assistant Chris Scott connects the many infrared cameras and monitors that will be used to track the areas where the search for paranormal activity will take place.



Michael Robinson, of San Fernando Valley, California, is a Spiritual Advisor who placed himself in the middle of the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium in order to detect or sense the energy of the building.



Psychic Medium, Serenity Moore, of San Fernando Valley, California, listens to amplified sounds inside Cohasset Town Hall using a parabolic microphone.

Cohasset Recreation Commission news

The following programs are being offered by the Cohasset Recreation Commission. For registration forms and information visit www.townofcohasset.org/rec or call 781-383-4109.

Summer Xtreme 2008 – This program is designed for middle school students entering sixth, seventh, and eighth grades for the new school year. There are seven one-week sessions that begin June 30 and end on Aug. 14. The program will run Monday thru Thursday at Cohasset High School each week. Fridays are a possible makeup date.

The weekly schedule is as follows: Mondays and Wednesdays: games, sports, crafts, etc. On Tuesday and Thursdays, there will be the following field trips: Week 1: Canobie Lake Park and Star Land, Week 2: Water Wizz and Armstrong Ice Arena, Week 3: Morton's Pond, Plymouth and P & L Paintball, Week 4: LaserGate laser tag and United Skates of America Rollerskating, Week 5: Water Country and Pawtucket Paw Sox, Week 6: IMAX/Aquarium and Boston Bowl & Billiards, Week 7: Water Wizz and Kayaking on Lake Cochituate, Natick.

The cost is $99/week, for each participant, while the non-resident rate is $120/week. Admission to the events, transportation, and supervision are included in the cost. Additional spending money for meals, etc. on various trips is recommended. The program is limited to 45 participants for each week.

Youth Lacrosse Clinic – This one-week clinic is for boys and girls entering grades three thru six in the fall. While the program is run by the Cohasset Recreation Department, it's open to players from other communities. The Buick brothers will be directing the program this year.

The clinic is held the week of July 21-25th from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. at Milliken Field, Cohasset. Sessions are held rain or shine –in all conditions except lightning. Players need full equipment. For girls, this means a stick, goggles and a mouth guard. For boys, it means a helmet (including mouthpiece,) gloves, arm and shoulder pads and a stick.

Players should also bring their own water, juice or sports drink to each day's sessions. The fee for the Lacrosse clinic is $85.

Summer Theatre Workshop Program – Registrations for the Summer Theatre Workshop Program, to be offered by the Cohasset Dramatic Club. Registration will be on Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

This year's performance will be the current Broadway revival hit, "Grease." The program will again be open to kids 8 to 18 years of age. The fee for the program is $350 per person and $300 per person for two or more youngsters in a family. The fee includes the workshops and all materials that pertain to them, a show T-shirt, cast party, entertainment and refreshments.

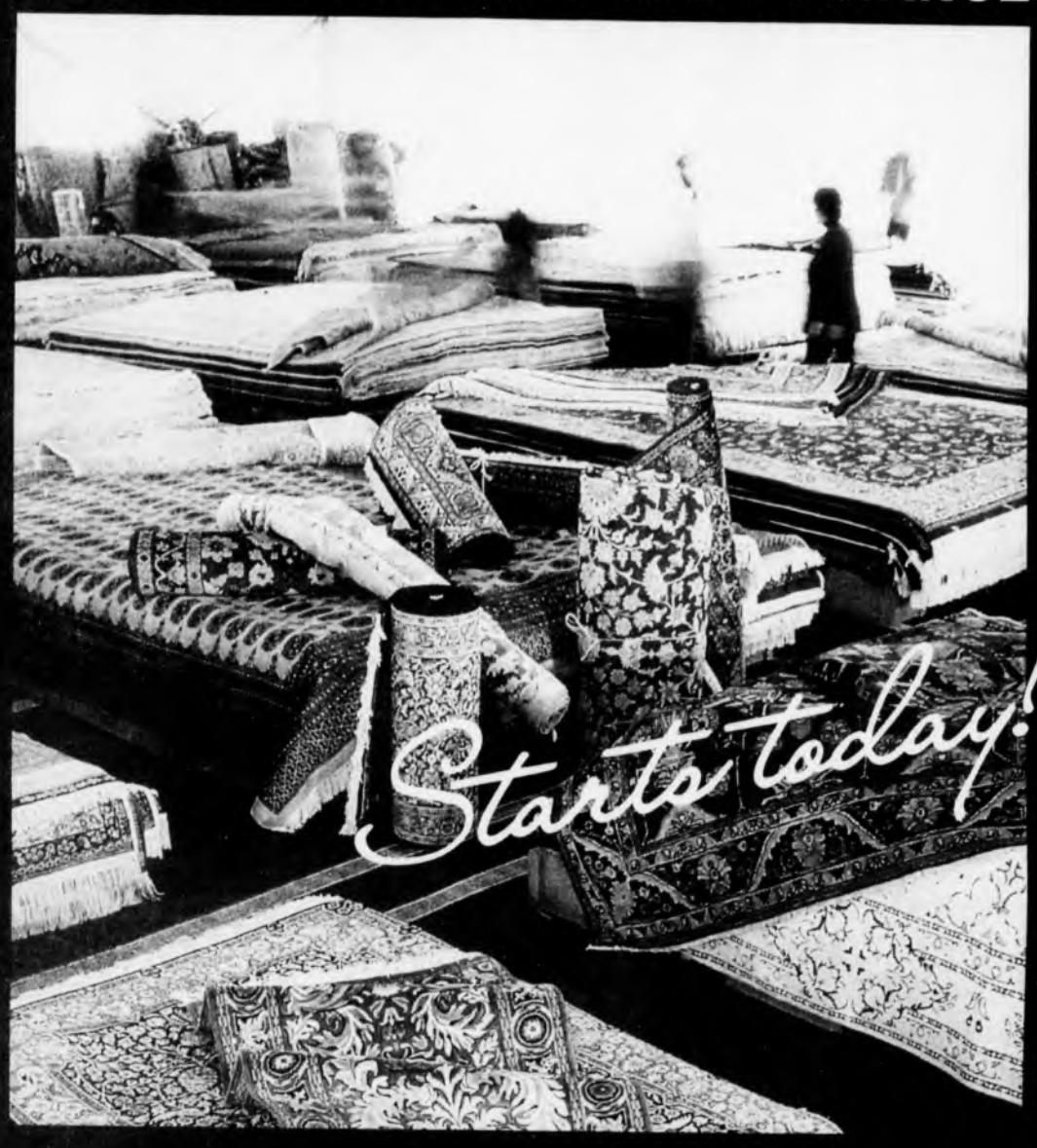
Auditions will be held at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium on Sunday, June 1, at 6 p.m. and Monday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal schedules will initially be Tuesday and Thursday Evenings, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. starting, Tuesday, June 3, thru June 17 when school ends.

After that, rehearsals will be held at the same hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Evenings at Town Hall, until the week of July 14 when daytime rehearsals will be held at Cohasset Middle High School Auditorium.

The program culminates with four performances at Cohasset High School Auditorium the weekend of Friday, July18 thru Sunday, July 20. More detailed information will be available at the registration on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

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Heavenly Honduras

Janine S. Pouliot
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

ROATAN, Honduras -

On those days when you fantasize about escaping to a movie-set-perfect tropical island, Roatan, Honduras, fits the fantasy nicely.

So I learned on a brilliantly sunny day, when the color of the seawater resembled a swimming pool - except one was teaming with brilliant tropical fish - and I found myself sitting in a thatch-roofed restaurant shack supported on stilts above the water in the funky town of West End. I was plenty hot and that crystalline water looked awfully good.

I had forgotten my bathing suit at the inn where I was staying, but fully clothed, I padded down the wooden stairs and dropped into the tranquil sea. Nobody seemed to notice or care.

Eventually, I padded back up the steps and, dripping seawater on the wood floor, headed out onto the one-lane dirt road to a pastel-colored hut selling T-shirts and shorts. Within minutes, I was re-outfitted in dry clothes for $15 and ready for a lunch of just-caught steamed red snapper, rice and beans and fried plantains for $5. An icy cold bottle of beer cost me 50 cents.

Still largely undeveloped for tourism, Roatan - located about 30 miles off the coast of Honduras, and one of three islands making up the Bay of Islands - is a laidback, breathtaking speck of Earth.

Some 33 miles long and 4 miles wide, the place attracts backpackers, divers and snorkelers - just off shore is one of the largest reefs in the world - and is being increasingly discovered by mainstream American tourists.

My suggestion: Get there before it changes.

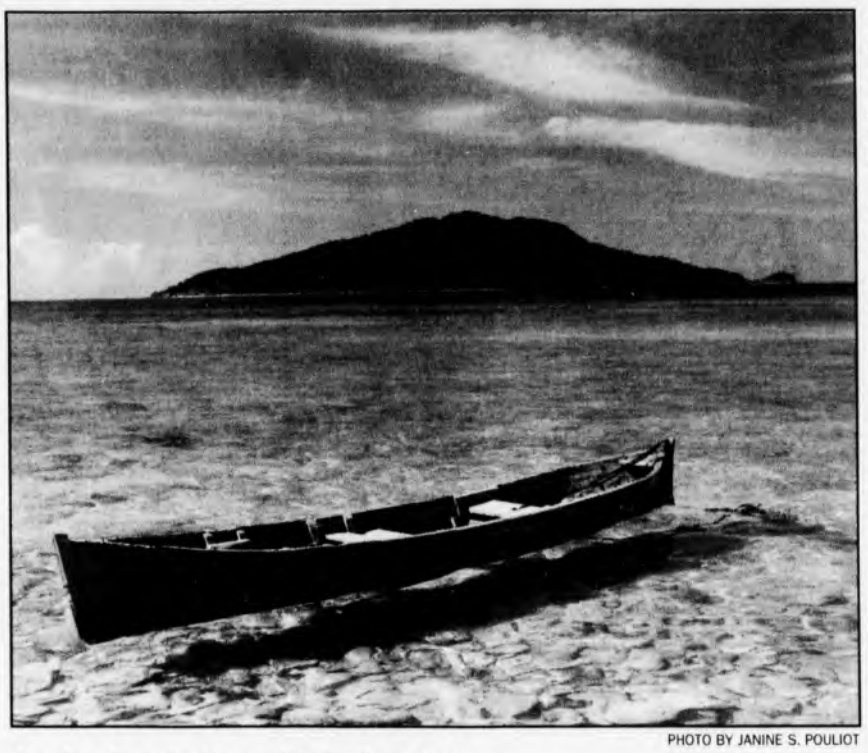


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View from Cayos Cochinos and the Garifuna village.

For now, accommodations are mostly in privately owned small beachfront inns with mosquito netting suspended over the bed, ceiling fans languidly distributing the balmy air and the pristine, aquamarine Caribbean Sea just feet away.

Many inns and dive shops offer dive excursions and lessons. Deep-sea fishing charters are among the activities available.

Despite its lack of commercialism, Roatan is surprisingly accessible from the United States - you can fly here from Atlanta or Houston in roughly three hours.

But it is a world away from anything you'll find in the more traditional Caribbean destinations. What you don't get is a lineup of high-rise hotels, casinos, chain restaurants and fancy shops. Here you interact with the residents, many of whom speak English (the British controlled the area for a time), and who wave to everyone, neighbor and visitor alike.

Families will enjoy Gumbalimba Park, a lush attraction with tropical birds and monkeys that roam freely. The park also has a zip line through the jungle canopy, a nice beach and water sports. Dolphin shows and encounters are available at Anthony's Key Resort (www.anthonyskey.com, 1-800-227-3483). That's about as touristy as Roatan gets.

An easy 10-minute water taxi ride from West End is the neighboring town of West Bay. Here I found the most beautiful beach I've ever seen and, as a travel writer for 20 years specializing in the Caribbean and Mexico, I've seen plenty.

I met up with Oscar Escobar, a tour operator who runs day outings to the mostly deserted outer islands and signed up for a tour. We headed to open ocean in an eight-person motorboat pointed to Cayos Cochinos, two densely palm-and-fern covered islands with 13 cays that have been declared a biological reserve. After snorkeling and swimming, we had lunch on a blip of land inhabited by the Garifuna people.

A completely separate ethnicity from the Latin population of Honduras, the Garifuna derive from Africa, where they were captured as slaves intended for the New World in 1635. Their ship wrecked on the reefs near the Caribbean island of St. Vincent. Survivors fled and mixed with local Carib Indians, creating a new culture and language. Generations later they were forced off St. Vincent and relocated in and around Roatan.

Lunch provided by the Garifuna consisted of a whole lobster just plucked from the ocean for each visitor and several side dishes served on wooden tables at the edge of the water. The meal ran about $6. The setting was pristine.

Roatan is surely paradise found.

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Getting There: Delta Airlines provides direct service to Roatan from Atlanta. Continental Airlines flies direct from Houston. A connection is required from Boston.

Staying there: Turquoise Bay Dive and Beach Resort (www.turquoisebayresort.com) is located on the northern coast of Roatan, and is a secluded collection of small buildings on a rolling green lawn that tapers down to a nearly oval calm bay. It is for lovers of peace and quiet. Romantics will be charmed by a private dinner served on individual guestroom terraces, complete with flicker candles and a serenading guitar player beneath. Rates start at $104 for two, nightly. Crystal Bay Cabins (www.crystal-beachroatan.com) in Roatan's funky West End is made up of nicely spaced freestanding cabins on stilts with spacious decks over a sand/grassy area and gardens, a half-block from the action (if you can call it that) and a stone's throw from the water. Cabins start at $50 per night.

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Volunteering at the Arts Festival is fun and an opportunity to meet and work with wonderful people—all to support the South Shore Art Center programs. Contact Diane Shipp, festival@ssac.org or 781-383-9198, with any questions or to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

Arts Festival Hours: Friday, June 13, from 2 to 7 p.m.; Off Common Party, 7 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, June 15, from noon to 5 p.m.



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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Bible Study series continues on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Practical Christianity. This exceptional 10-week study from *Insight For Living* with *Chuck Swindoll* will help you blow the dust off these timeworn chronicles and discover enduring truths that relate directly to you, while translating into reliable patterns for godly living. Follow the examples of faithful Old Testament heroes as you learn to apply timeless biblical principles to your everyday life.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world. To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our Web site at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday morning. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. IWe are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events. For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

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Services on Sunday at 8 am and 10 am.

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To contact us: Stop by at 16 Highland Ave, Cohasset (We are the church "on the rock." Enter during the week at office around back) or call 781-383-1083, or email cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited! The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

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SALOME'S STARS FOR RELEASE WEEK OF MAY 12, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Taking advice isn't always easy for self-assured Rams and Ewes who think they know what's best. But it wouldn't hurt to listen to what close colleagues have to say.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You know how to balance life's practical aspects with the poetic. This gives you a special edge this week in both your professional endeavors and your personal life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Focus on keeping a balance between your home-related activities and your workplace responsibilities. Be mindful of both without obsessing over one or the other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans is likely as you discover more facts about a possible commitment. Continue to ask questions and, if you're not sure about the answers, demand proof.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be careful not to let that Leonine pride keep you from seeking wise, experienced counsel before making an important decision. A family member once again seeks your help.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That surge of Virgo energy drives you to take on more work assignments. Be careful you don't overdo it, or you might find yourself overdone: i.e., burned out.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your decision to be upfront with colleagues on a touchy matter causes some consternation at first. But in the end, your honesty wins their trust and admiration.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) As in the past, someone again wants to share a secret with you, knowing it will be safe. But do you really want to be this person's confidante? Think about it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) As one of nature's straight shooters, you seek to correct misconceptions about a project. Do so, of course, but without giving away too much too soon.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative pursuits continue to be strong in the gifted Goat's aspect. New friendships can come from sharing these experiences with like-minded art aficionados.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Resolve lingering grumblings over your way of doing things by keeping your mind open to suggestions while continuing to show how your plans will work.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The perceptive Piscean might find that changing course in midstream isn't as workable as it would seem. Explore this option carefully before making a decision.

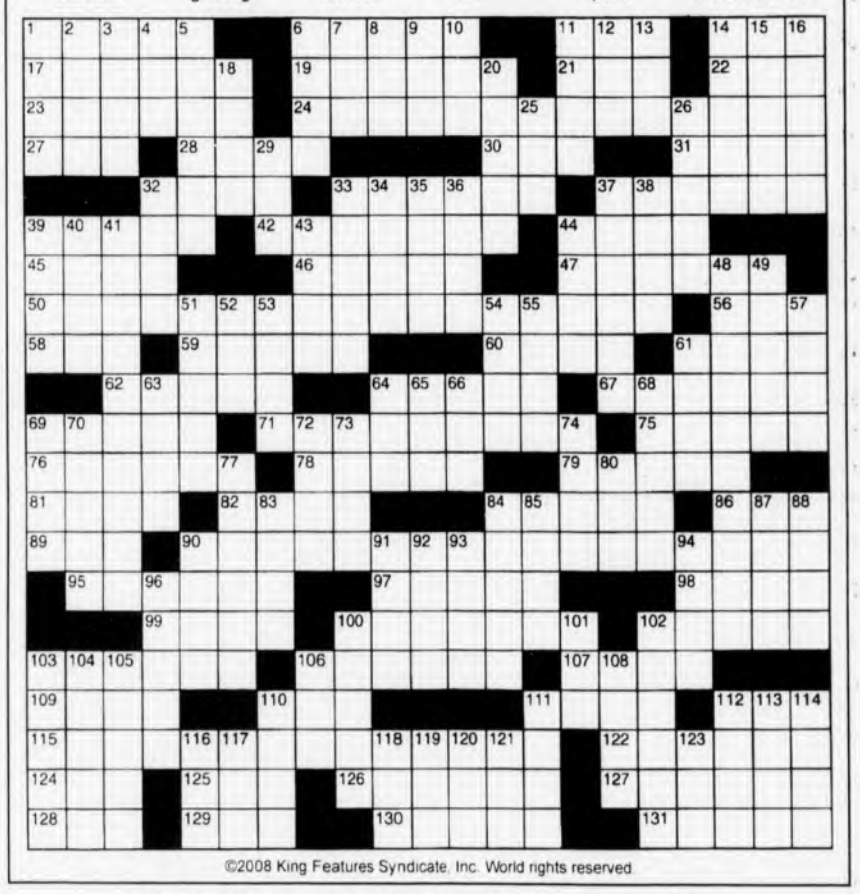
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BORN THIS WEEK: Your willingness to share your love of life's good things brings joy to many, including, of course, yourself.

Crossword - All Wrapped Up

ACROSS
1 "— Instinct" ('92 film)
6 Biblical region
11 Dryden's "— for Love"
14 — Zedong
17 Hercule's creator
19 Schedule
21 "Dizzy" singer
22 Oklahoma city
23 Wood-working tool
24 Riddle: Part 1
27 Auxiliary verb
28 Skates
30 Ornamental vine
31 See 35 Down
32 French cheese region
33 Sports-shoe features
37 Is it?
39 Lamb product
42 High-flying Wally
44 Utah city
45 Help with the dishes
46 Skater Sonja
47 Exile
50 Riddle: Part 2
56 Perfect
58 Bando of baseball
59 Brooks or Schreiber
60 Foil kin
61 Brindisi bread
62 Stickpin locale
64 Claude of "The Invisible Man"
67 Gaunt
69 Nautical rope
71 Trick-or-treater, perhaps
75 Bank statistics
76 On the QE II
78 Pass into law
79 Seize
81 It may be common
82 Competent
84 Famed fabulist
86 "Sea Hunt" shocker
89 Actress Dvorak
90 Answer to riddle: Part 1
95 Fit to feast on
97 Panatella kin
98 Itches
99 Trusting sort
100 Dismal
102 Herring
103 Dee or Bullock
106 Islamic greeting
107 Little lake
109 Wells creatures
110 Vixen's offspring
111 Emilia's husband
112 Shopping ctr.
115 Answer to riddle: Part 2
122 Parmesan alternative
124 Spare tire
125 Inflatable item?
126 Herman or Reese
127 Afterword
128 Summer abroad
129 Morning moisture
130 Dwelling
131 Black Sea city

DOWN
1 Big name in Baroque
2 Eastern leader
3 "You — it!"
4 "— My Party" ('63 hit)
5 Word with bomb or tomato
6 Biting film?
7 "Gross!"
8 "The Partridge Family" actress
9 Remnant
10 Bustle
11 Bunch of battalions
12 Christie or Costello
13 Moon crawler
14 "Upstairs, Downstairs" extras
15 Simpson of fashion
16 Desert refuges
18 Jai —
20 Singer O'Day
25 Family-room features
26 Orange Bowl site
29 "By all means!"
32 Boxer Max
33 First name in comedy
34 Director Wertmuller
35 With 31 Across, Monty Python member
36 Bailiwick
37 Sticks one's neck out
38 Layers
39 Lambs' dams
40 Hindu deity
41 '45 Hitchcock film
43 "Bang Bang" singer
44 Hautboy
48 Head Apostle
49 Mezzo Marilyn
51 Come to a point
52 Broad st.
53 Iodine source
54 "Circus Boy" prop
55 "— dixit"
57 Harpsichord features
61 Leg-puller
63 Rachins or Thicke
64 Genetic info
65 Canine grp.
66 Adherent: suffix
68 Legendary drummer
69 Town in Galilee
70 ". . . her poor dog —"
72 Depend (on)
73 Once again
74 Autumn color
77 Showy flower
80 Boar's beloved
83 Fast-food favorite
84 Pertinent
85 Seth's son
87 Sicily's highest point
88 Like some sheep
90 It'll give you a lift
91 Word form for "eye"
92 Forearm bone
93 Tra- —
94 TV's "— Blue"
96 Where to eat biryani
100 Took in the late show
101 Bath, e.g.
102 "Peanuts" pooch
103 It suits many
104 Indigenous Alaskan
105 Nick of "The Prince of Tides"
106 Silly Caesar
108 Grimm creature
110 Feel certain
111 "— fixe"
112 Shopper's paradise
113 Clove hitch, for one
114 Forum wear
116 Made one's mark
117 Season firewood
118 Teachers' org.
119 — page
120 — Jima
121 Beatty or Brooks
123 Actress Sara



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Sudoku

	3				1			4
		4	9			8		
1			3	2			7	
6				1		3		2
		2	5				6	
	7				8	9		
5			1			4		
	2	6			7		3	
		3		5				8

Level: Moderate

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Magic Maze - Dick Tracy's Rogues Gallery

A V S Q N K I F D D A X V T Q
O M P R U N E F A C E J H F C
A Y W U S E Y E B B R P N L J
H F D B Z X H L V T R Q O M K
I H F D B Y Z P I L Y W D V W
S T R Q F O O O D L E S A Y A
N T L F K A I T I A R Y E O L
H F O D C L R T A B Z E H B C
X C W P Y O V A U E K K G G E
S R Q O S Z N L L U M 8 U I H
K J I H F E D F D C B 8 R B T

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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B-B Eyes
Big Boy
Clara

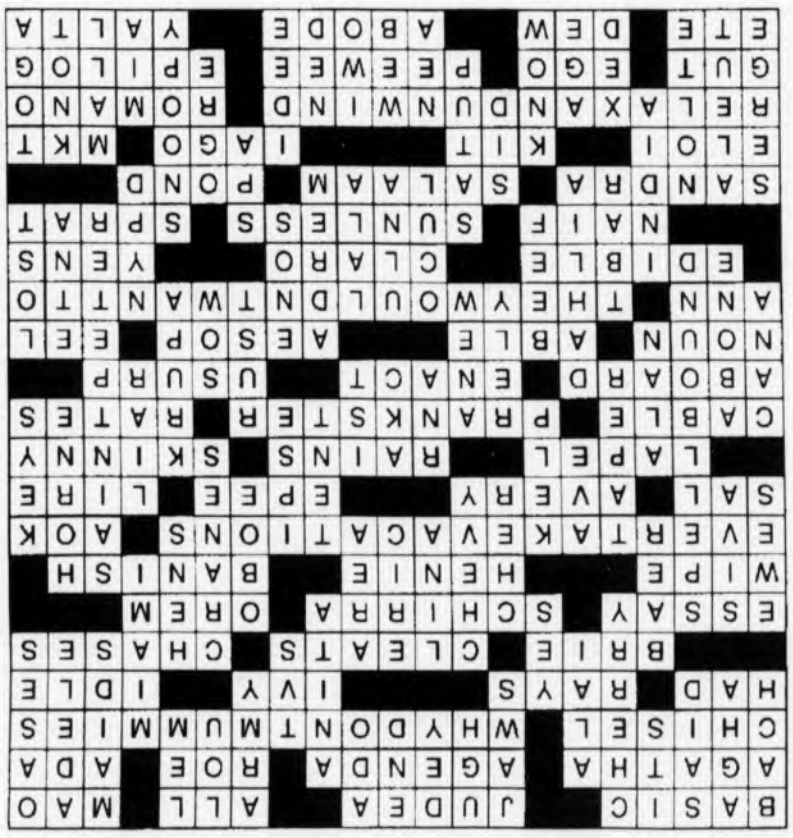
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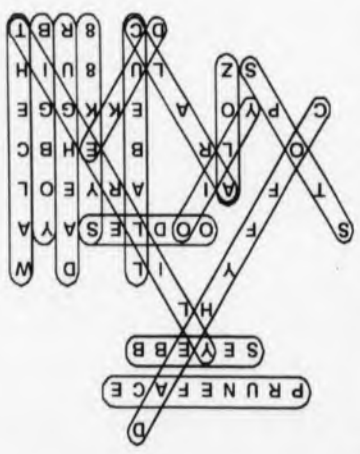
The Claw
Tiger Lily
Zola

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Crossword Solution - All Wrapped Up



Magic Solution - Dick Tracy's Rogues Gallery



Sudoku Solution

9	1	3	4	5	6	7	2	8
4	2	6	8	9	7	5	3	1
5	8	7	1	3	2	4	9	6
3	7	1	2	6	9	8	4	5
8	9	2	5	4	3	1	6	7
6	4	5	7	1	9	3	8	2
1	5	8	3	2	4	6	7	9
2	6	4	9	7	5	8	1	3
7	3	9	6	8	1	2	5	4

POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

11:57 p.m. **Flintlock Ridge Rd.**, field interview. Arrest: Luke James Tedeschi, 17, 396 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset. Charges: Disorderly conduct.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

12:58 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, assist other Police Department, Norwell PD requests to meet officer at above location – to serve a restraining order and arrest a male for a past A&B domestic that occurred in their jurisdiction. A 45-year-old Cohasset male arrested on courtesy booking.

1:24 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, Lt. requesting R3 to booking room – a 17-year-old heavily intoxicated male – patient sign off. Turned over into the custody of his mother.

9:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

9:42 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:52 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports two men came to her home with the bible, she did not answer the door, but would like them spoken to. Officer checking the area. These are Jehovah's Witnesses and they check out, no problems.

11:01 a.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports there is a car parked across the street that is making it hard for traffic to pass. Officer reports the owner is moving the vehicle.

12:13 p.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, property (found).

12:14 p.m. **Elm St.**, property found.

4:39 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:45 p.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

5:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:19 p.m. **Beechwood St., and South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:25 p.m. **Beechwood St., and South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:30 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:02 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:28 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:05 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:14 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8 p.m. **North Main St.**, open door/window, officer reports the gates are open at above location. Officer checking are for vehicles.

8:10 p.m. **King St.**, officer wanted, caller reports a white male just passed a counterfeit $20 bill. Unknown direction of travel. Officers checking area. Flash message sent out. Also given over the radio.

9:37 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

9:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Hingham**, assist Police Officer, officer reports following suspects vehicle headed towards Muzzie Corner – Rockland St., Hingham. Given to Hingham PD. Officers out with vehicle. Arrest: Christian R. Lavoie, 22, 6 Olney St., Hull. Charges: Common uttered of counterfeit notes, possession of counterfeit note.

10:18 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller (clerk) reports there is a vehicle in the parking lot. Officer reports both parties checked ok.

11:11 p.m. **Main St., Norwell**, assist other Police Department, caller reports at above location callers friend's wife heard a noise. Caller wanted Norwell PD to respond, check out residence, given to Norwell PD. Norwell PD checked residence, everything was fine.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

12:58 a.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, officer reports vehicle is parked – no one around it lights are flashing, items inside.

1:09 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building appears secured.

1:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

1:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

1:35 a.m. **Border St.**, assist citizen, caller is in a vehicle – she can hear someone screaming in the area. Caller unsure if she is in Cohasset or Scituate, given to Scituate PD. Officer out with caller – just over the Scituate line. Officer reports there is a fox in the woods.

7:36 a.m. **Water St., Hingham**, fire, drill.

12:35 p.m. **North Main St.**, erratic operation, caller reports about 20 biker's called the "Road Dawgs" coming in from Hingham, blowing every traffic light and stop sign. Officer states she is driving behind them and will see them out of town, no violations at this time. Scituate PD notified.

1:36 p.m. **Scituate PD**, bolo announcement, Scituate PD would like a stop and check well being on a gray Toyota Avalon, driven by a female in her 50's also with a dog in the car. Unknown direction of travel.

2:54 p.m. **Cedar St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports motor vehicle weaving all over the road. Caller reports the vehicle pulled into a driveway, officer reports area search negative.

6:06 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, traffic complaint, caller reports lights are flashing, bells ringing – no train. Contacted MBTA – they are enroute to check train crossing. The train went through – conductor stopped train and checked train tracks. MBTA will still be responding to location to check tracks.

6:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports there was a vehicle with male subject looking at the vehicles at above location.

7:23 p.m. **Hill St.**, officer wanted, caller reports he is having a problem with a neighbor – ongoing problem. A 33-year-old man being summoned on charges: A&B.

9:13 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious person, caller reports elderly male inside ATM – unsure if he needed any help. Officer reports all set.

MONDAY, APRIL 28

12:02 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, public service, the gates were down and the lights were flashing for about 20 minutes. Fixed the problem on his way to work.

12:14 p.m. **Pond St.**, larceny, walk in party reports items missing from a classroom at the high school.

6:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller reports gas drive off, made contact with owner of vehicle – they will go back to above location to take care of transaction. Officer spoke to clerk – the clerk will call when vehicle owner returns, no report needed at this time. Vehicle owner went back to gas station – they are all set.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

10:16 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted.

11:27 a.m. **Cedar St.**, property found, caller has an old rifle and pistol that she wanted PD to have for safe keeping.

3:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller reports her wallet is missing from her vehicle, caller will meet officer out front.

7:11 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports 3 kids traveling very fast down Forest Ave., he reports they went south on 3A. Officer report area search negative.

7:59 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, officer wanted, dispute with a neighbor.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

12:44 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, reports outside odor of gas.

3:21 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, assist citizen, caller inquiring about National Grid at his door. He was advised of the reported gas leak.

4:33 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, assist citizen, 911 caller states "it is not an emergency, but she would like to know why there are trucks making noise." She was advised of the earlier gas leak and did not want any further response.

2:37 p.m. **Elm St.**, well being check.

9:02 p.m. **North Main St.**, annoying phone calls.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

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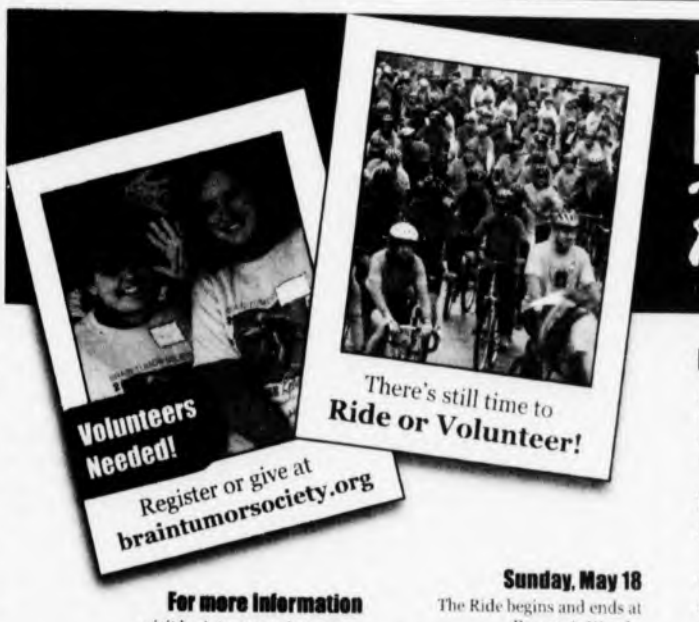
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Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS FOR RELEASE WEEK OF MAY 12, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Taking advice isn't always easy for self-assured Rams and Ewes who think they know what's best. But it wouldn't hurt to listen to what close colleagues have to say.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You know how to balance life's practical aspects with the poetic. This gives you a special edge this week in both your professional endeavors and your personal life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Focus on keeping a balance between your home-related activities and your workplace responsibilities. Be mindful of both without obsessing over one or the other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans is likely as you discover more facts about a possible commitment. Continue to ask questions and, if you're not sure about the answers, demand proof.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be careful not to let that Leonine pride keep you from seeking wise, experienced counsel before making an important decision. A family member once again seeks your help.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That surge of Virgo energy drives you to take on more work assignments. Be careful you don't overdo it, or you might find yourself overdone: i.e., burned out.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your decision to be upfront with colleagues on a touchy matter causes some consternation at first. But in the end, your honesty wins their trust and admiration.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) As in the past, someone again wants to share a secret with you, knowing it will be safe. But do you really want to be this person's confidante? Think about it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) As one of nature's straight shooters, you seek to correct misconceptions about a project. Do so, of course, but without giving away too much too soon.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative pursuits continue to be strong in the gifted Goat's aspect. New friendships can come from sharing these experiences with like-minded art aficionados.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Resolve lingering grumblings over your way of doing things by keeping your mind open to suggestions while continuing to show how your plans will work.

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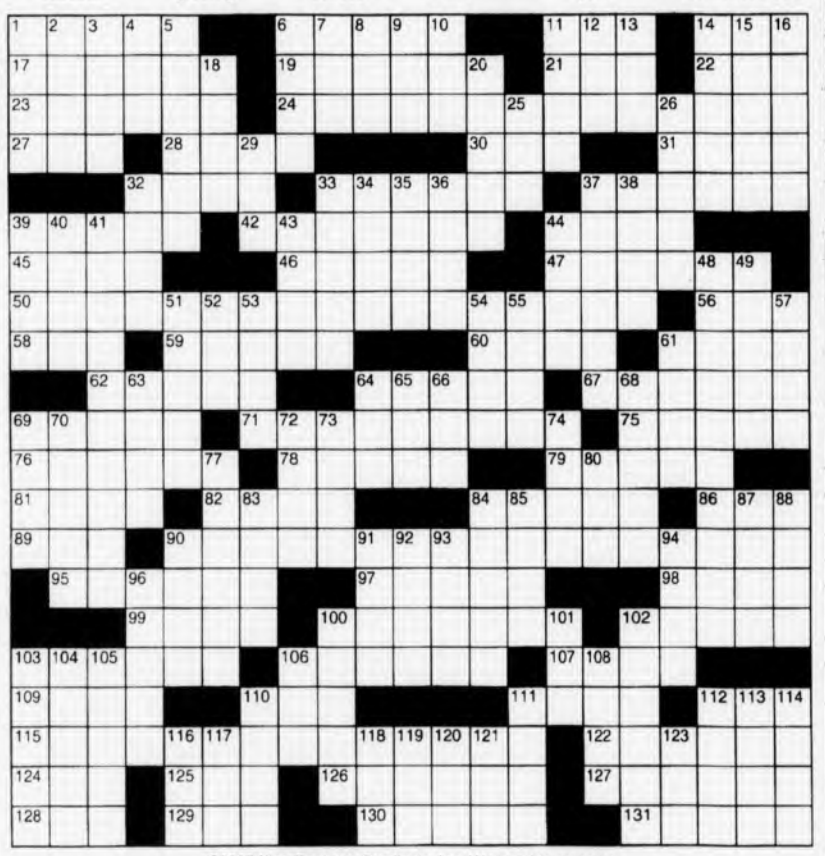
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BORN THIS WEEK: Your willingness to share your love of life's good things brings joy to many, including, of course, yourself.

Crossword - All Wrapped Up

ACROSS
1 "— Instinct" ('92 film)
6 Biblical region
11 Dryden's "— for Love"
14 — Zedong
17 Hercule's creator
19 Schedule
21 "Dizzy" singer
22 Oklahoma city
23 Wood-working tool
24 Riddle: Part 1
27 Auxiliary verb
28 Skates
30 Ornamental vine
31 See 35 Down
32 French cheese region
33 Sports-shoe features
37 Is it?
39 Lamb product
42 High-flying Wally
44 Utah city
45 Help with the dishes
46 Skater Sonja
47 Exile
50 Riddle: Part 2
56 Perfect
58 Bando of baseball
59 Brooks or Schreiber
60 Foil kin
61 Brindisi bread
62 Stickpin locale
64 Claude of "The Invisible Man"
67 Gaunt
69 Nautical rope
71 Trick-or-treater, perhaps
75 Bank statistics
76 On the QE II
78 Pass into law
79 Seize
81 It may be common
82 Competent
84 Famed fabulist
86 "Sea Hunt" shocker
89 Actress Dvorak
90 Answer to riddle: Part 1
95 Fit to feast on
97 Panatella kin
98 Itches
99 Trusting sort
100 Dismal
102 Herring
103 Dee or Bullock
106 Islamic greeting
107 Little lake
109 Wells creatures
110 Vixen's offspring
111 Emilia's husband
112 Shopping ctr.
115 Answer to riddle: Part 2
122 Parmesan alternative
124 Spare tire
125 Inflatable item?
126 Herman or Reese
127 Afterword
128 Summer abroad
129 Morning moisture
130 Dwelling
131 Black Sea city

DOWN
1 Big name in Baroque
2 Eastern leader
3 "You — it!"
4 "— My Party" ('63 hit)
5 Word with bomb or tomato
6 Biting film?
7 "Gross!"
8 "The Partridge Family" actress
9 Remnant
10 Bustle
11 Bunch of battalions
12 Christie or Costello
13 Moon crawler
14 "Upstairs, Downstairs" extras
15 Simpson of fashion
16 Desert refuges
18 Jai —
20 Singer O'Day
25 Family-room features
26 Orange Bowl site
29 "By all means!"
32 Boxer Max
33 First name in comedy
34 Director Wertmuller
35 With 31 Across, Monty Python member
36 Bailiwick
37 Sticks one's neck out
38 Layers
39 Lambs' dams
40 Hindu deity
41 '45 Hitchcock film
43 "Bang Bang" singer
44 Hautboy
48 Head Apostle
49 Mezzo Marilyn
51 Come to a point
52 Broad st.
53 Iodine source
54 "Circus Boy" prop
55 "— dixit"
57 Harpsichord features
61 Leg-puller
63 Rachins or Thicke
64 Genetic info
65 Canine grp.
66 Adherent: suffix
68 Legendary drummer
69 Town in Galilee
70 ". . . her poor dog —"
72 Depend (on)
73 Once again
74 Autumn color
77 Showy flower
80 Boar's beloved
83 Fast-food favorite
84 Pertinent
85 Seth's son
87 Sicily's highest point
88 Like some sheep
90 It'll give you a lift
91 Word form for "eye"
92 Forearm bone
93 Tra- —
94 TV's "— Blue"
96 Where to eat biryani
100 Took in the late show
101 Bath, e.g.
102 "Peanuts" pooch
103 It suits many
104 Indigenous Alaskan
105 Nick of "The Prince of Tides"
106 Silly Caesar
108 Grimm creature
110 Feel certain
111 "— fixe"
112 Shopper's paradise
113 Clove hitch, for one
114 Forum wear
116 Made one's mark
117 Season firewood
118 Teachers' org.
119 — page
120 — Jima
121 Beatty or Brooks
123 Actress Sara



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Sudoku

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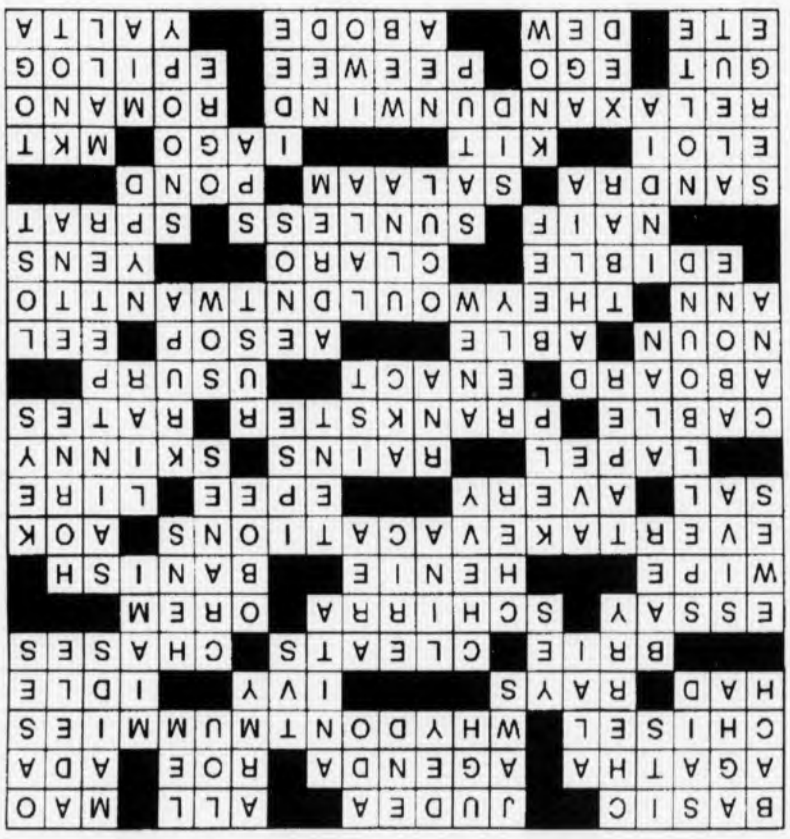
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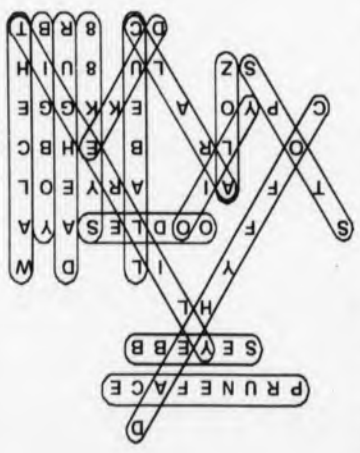
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

11:57 p.m. **Flintlock Ridge Rd.**, field interview. Arrest: Luke James Tedeschi, 17, 396 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset. Charges: Disorderly conduct.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

12:58 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, assist other Police Department, Norwell PD requests to meet officer at above location – to serve a restraining order and arrest a male for a past A&B domestic that occurred in their jurisdiction. A 45-year-old Cohasset male arrested on courtesy booking.

1:24 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, Lt. requesting R3 to booking room – a 17-year-old heavily intoxicated male – patient sign off. Turned over into the custody of his mother.

9:30 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

9:42 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:52 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports two men came to her home with the bible, she did not answer the door, but would like them spoken to. Officer checking the area. These are Jehovah's Witnesses and they check out, no problems.

11:01 a.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint, caller reports there is a car parked across the street that is making it hard for traffic to pass. Officer reports the owner is moving the vehicle.

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7:14 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8 p.m. **North Main St.**, open door/window, officer reports the gates are open at above location. Officer checking are for vehicles.

8:10 p.m. **King St.**, officer wanted, caller reports a white male just passed a counterfeit $20 bill. Unknown direction of travel. Officers checking area. Flash message sent out. Also given over the radio.

9:37 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

9:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Hingham**, assist Police Officer, officer reports following suspects vehicle headed towards Muzzie Corner – Rockland St., Hingham. Given to Hingham PD. Officers out with vehicle. Arrest: Christian R. Lavoie, 22, 6 Olney St., Hull. Charges: Common uttered of counterfeit notes, possession of counterfeit note.

10:18 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller (clerk) reports there is a vehicle in the parking lot. Officer reports both parties checked ok.

11:11 p.m. **Main St., Norwell**, assist other Police Department, caller reports at above location callers friend's wife heard a noise. Caller wanted Norwell PD to respond, check out residence, given to Norwell PD. Norwell PD checked residence, everything was fine.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

12:58 a.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, officer reports vehicle is parked – no one around it lights are flashing, items inside.

1:09 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, officer reports building appears secured.

1:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

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1:35 a.m. **Border St.**, assist citizen, caller is in a vehicle – she can hear someone screaming in the area. Caller unsure if she is in Cohasset or Scituate, given to Scituate PD. Officer out with caller – just over the Scituate line. Officer reports there is a fox in the woods.

7:36 a.m. **Water St., Hingham**, fire, drill.

12:35 p.m. **North Main St.**, erratic operation, caller reports about 20 biker's called the "Road Dawgs" coming in from Hingham, blowing every traffic light and stop sign. Officer states she is driving behind them and will see them out of town, no violations at this time. Scituate PD notified.

1:36 p.m. **Scituate PD**, bolo announcement, Scituate PD would like a stop and check well being on a gray Toyota Avalon, driven by a female in her 50's also with a dog in the car. Unknown direction of travel.

2:54 p.m. **Cedar St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports motor vehicle weaving all over the road. Caller reports the vehicle pulled into a driveway, officer reports area search negative.

6:06 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, traffic complaint, caller reports lights are flashing, bells ringing – no train. Contacted MBTA – they are enroute to check train crossing. The train went through – conductor stopped train and checked train tracks. MBTA will still be responding to location to check tracks.

6:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports there was a vehicle with male subject looking at the vehicles at above location.

7:23 p.m. **Hill St.**, officer wanted, caller reports he is having a problem with a neighbor – ongoing problem. A 33-year-old man being summoned on charges: A&B.

9:13 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious person, caller reports elderly male inside ATM – unsure if he needed any help. Officer reports all set.

MONDAY, APRIL 28

12:02 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, public service, the gates were down and the lights were flashing for about 20 minutes. Fixed the problem on his way to work.

12:14 p.m. **Pond St.**, larceny, walk in party reports items missing from a classroom at the high school.

6:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller reports gas drive off, made contact with owner of vehicle – they will go back to above location to take care of transaction. Officer spoke to clerk – the clerk will call when vehicle owner returns, no report needed at this time. Vehicle owner went back to gas station – they are all set.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

10:16 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted.

11:27 a.m. **Cedar St.**, property found, caller has an old rifle and pistol that she wanted PD to have for safe keeping.

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12:44 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, reports outside odor of gas.

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What's happening on the South Shore

MAY 15-23, 2008



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Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, May 15

The Hingham Mothers' Club Annual Spring Fashion Show will take place on May 15 from 7 to 11 p.m. at Black Rock Country Club. Tickets are $50 per person and cover event costs only. A reservation form can be found at www.hinghammothersclub.org.

Teen Anime And Manga Group If you follow the adventures of Naruto, Ichigo and InuYasha and have read all 16 volumes of Fullmetal Alchemist, then go to the Thayer Public Library's Teen Anime & Manga Group at 6:30 p.m. May 15. at 798 Washington St., Braintree. Call 781-848-0405, ext. 4417 with questions. This program is for students 13 and older and is not suitable for younger audiences. Open to non-residents.

Seventh Annual Lunafest Film Festival. Award winning films by, for and about women - a platform for emerging women filmmakers to share their stories. Produced by LUNA the whole nutrition bar & Sponsored by Healthy Living Magazine. May 15, 6 to 10 pm. Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 130 St. George St.,, Duxbury. Film preview at www.HealthyLivingVideo.com Tickets $25 at the door. Information: Candita 781-834-2728.

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local businesses in the South Shore area that meets on the first Thursday of each month at our new meeting location at Advanced Mortgage in 335 Washington St. (Rte. 53) in Norwell from 5 to 6 p.m., and on the **third Thursday of each month at Halifax Country Club** from noon to 1:30 p.m., lunch is extra. For information, email info@network4success.org or visit http://www.network4success.org for meeting information, news on our membership, and our upcoming events

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight May 15, **Kevin Norris/Frank Wilkins.** No cover. 781-740-0688.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 15, **Flydown.** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 15 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Sugarblues-Blues Jam** open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, May 16

Mystical Meditation Murders at South Shore Stars Dinner Theater, Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree, May 16 and 18. Whokilled the swami? Mingle with suspects and solve the mystery over a four-course dinner for fun and prizes. Dinner and interactive show start at 7 p.m. on both nights. Tickets are $39.95. Handicapped accessible, Free parking. Call 781-843-5862 to reserve.

Spirit Communication on Friday, May 16, 7 to 9 p.m. First Spiritualist Church of Quincy 40 West St. Quincy. Mediums including **Deb Foulkes, Joe Lynch, Deb Wallace, Pamela Edmunds, and Terry Porter** will reach out to the Higher Side of Life to communicate with loved ones who have passed. Tickets will be sold at the door, cost $20 and refreshments will be served. Information: http://www.quincyspiritualists.org

The James Library & Center for the Arts 24 West St. (off Rt. 123) Norwell, 781-659-7100 "**Books In Bloom**" Displays of 30 floral arrangements depicting books. Preview Party May 16, 6 to 9 p.m. $20 in advance/$25 at the door. Displays on view May 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. $ 5 at door. Live music, food, raffles and silent auction. 781-659-7100 or www.JamesLibrary.org for information.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight May 16, **The Real Deal.** No cover. 781-740-0688.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 16, **Six Foot Sunday**. 781-829-6999.

The "Pride of Pingree" Relay for Life team is holding a fundraiser on Friday, May 16 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Sons of Italy Hall, 54 Whitman Street in East Weymouth. Entertainment will be: Comedians **Bob Niles and Tom Dunham**, as well as DJ **Manny Mazzola.** There will be dancing and raffles. The cost is $15.00 per person or $25.00 a couple. For tickets please call Nicole Fleming @ 781-337-2932.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 16 **Undaunted Professor Harp** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, May 17

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 17, **Mother Focus Band.** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. May 17 **The Chowda Heads.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

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BEST BET

A young Palestinian girl will do whatever it takes to buy a birthday cake in "Make A Wish" one of the independent films featured at the Lunafest Film Festival.

Seventh Annual Lunafest Film Festival to benefit "The Emancipation Network," "Our Weeping Angel," and "the Breast Cancer Fund" takes place from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, May 15 at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 130 St. George St., Duxbury. Award winning films by, for and about women - a platform for emerging women filmmakers to share their stories. Produced by LUNA the whole nutrition bar and sponsored by Healthy Living Magazine. Film preview at www.HealthyLivingVideo.com Tickets $25 at the door. Information: Candita 781-834-2728.

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Movie review

Kutcher and Diaz play cards in 'Vegas'

What Happens in Vegas (C+)

Film Review
AL ALEXANDER

It's hard to get excited about a film that draws inspiration from an ad slogan, but then those meager expectations just might be why "What Happens in Vegas" seems so much better than it is.

Ditto for Ashton Kutcher and Cameron Diaz, a coupling that sounds like trouble but actually ignites some sparks. They sizzle even when the script by Dana Fox fizzles.

Overindulging in a jumbled mix of battle-of-the-sexes clichés, phony uplift and painful contrivances, Fox spends the first half of the movie making a convincing argument that men and women aren't meant to coexist, then uses the back nine to counter that stance.

Never, though, is sex an issue. Apparently Diaz's joyless Joy McNally and Kutcher's rambling Jack Fuller only indulge in the nasty on their wedding night, which in the film's most glaring machination, transpires only hours after they've met. Yes, an alcoholic binge leads to a wedding chapel, a la Britney Spears and Jason Alexander.

At least the pop tart and her childhood pal knew each other. Joy and Jack are complete strangers.

So imagine how they both feel when they wake up the next morning to the sobering realization that they're man and wife. And imagine how much more sticky the situation gets when Jack wins $3 million later that morning at a slot using Joy's quarter.



Jack (Ashton Kutcher) celebrates a big win.

Can a movie get any more contrived? You bet. The stuff that happens in Vegas seems almost plausible compared to what happens when the newlyweds return to New York (yes, they live in the same city, imagine that) with their respective BFFs (Lake Bell and Weymouth's Rob Corddry) in tow.

They want an annulment, but Joy also wants half of Jack's winnings, leading to an impasse that Dennis Miller, as the unfortunately named Judge Whopper, intends to solve by forcing the couple to serve six months of "hard marriage" to prove they really don't belong together.

Sounds like a sitcom plot, doesn't it? And it plays like it, too, especially early on, as Fox and director Tom Vaughan ("Starter for 10") draw inspiration from "The Break-Up" and "The War of the Roses" in finding not-so-inventive ways for Jack and Joy to wage a war in which no toilet seat is left standing.

It's grating and ridiculous, but Kutcher and Diaz seldom fail to sell it with a combination of quick-witted charm and combustible chemistry that helps distract from the film's rampant predictability.

Vaughn's solid direction also helps, as does a strong supporting cast that includes Treat Williams as Jack's tough-love father, Dennis Farina as Joy's surly Wall Street boss, Queen Latifah as a knowing marriage counselor and Jason Sudeikis as Joy's prissy ex-fiancé.

Most endearing, though, is Corddry as Jack's curmudgeonly pal Hater, a guy so resolutely and unapologetically chauvinistic that you'd probably despise him if the former "Daily Show" regular didn't turn him into such a teddy bear. The actor clearly has unlocked the secret to charming loutishness.

But even he is unable to meet the challenge of wringing laughs out of an unfunny script.

What the movie lacks in humor, though, is offset by its unbridled heart, which it wears on its sleeve. It may miss a few beats and hedge a few bets, but Kutcher and Diaz provide just enough spark to make "Vegas" worth the gamble.

Rated PG-13. "What Happens in Vegas" contains for sexual situations and language.



BEST BET

The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury, 189 Alden St,. Duxbury. A reception for four very different exhibitions: "Rooted In Tradition: Art Quilts from the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum"; "Gen Kozuru"; "Making Their Mark" featuring Rona Conte, Mark Del Guidice and Cui Fei; and "Student Outdoor Sculpture" (SOS) is scheduled for Sunday, May 18, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at. 781-934-6634.

Image: Rona Conti, "Heavenly Fields", 2005, sumi ink on washi (Japanese calligraphy paper), laminated to handmade paper.

In your garden

ABINGTON GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 17, featuring many plants from member's gardens, will be held at the Butterfly Park. The Butterfly Park is behind the Grange Hall, across from Island Grove and near the Abington Police Station. Refrain from parking on the bridge (overpass) near the Butterfly Park. In case of inclement weather, the sale will take place in the Grange Hall. A bake sale table will also be featured.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB OF DUXBURY plant sale is May 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at the First Parish Church, 842 Tremont St, Duxbury. Perennials, annuals, herbs and vegetable plants. All are welcome.

SIXTH ANNUAL WILDFLOWER PLANT SALE AND HORTICULTURAL DAY, The South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Plant sale May 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. Gardening experts will be available to assist and answer questions. This Horticultural Day will also feature **free Wildflower Garden Walks with local experts Winnie Lou Rounds and Val Shute at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.** Learn from the experts as you wander amongst the wildflowers at the Science Center and learn which native plants are most hardy and beneficial to local wildlife.

Gardening experts will also be available to talk about the **Science Center's butterfly garden**. **Help tabulate the State's Biodiversity List of Wildflowers from 11 a.m. to noon with Senior Naturalist, Barbara Devine on a guided walk of the Science Center trails,** which are full of wildflowers. Visit www.ssnsc.org to view some selections of wildflowers, hummingbird and butterfly plantings for sale and a schedule of events. 781-659-2559.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB OF COHASSET PLANT SALE May 17, on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Experienced gardeners will be on hand to answer questions.

MATTAKEESETT GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE Saturday May 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the bandstand on the Pembroke Town Green (Route 14), the garden club will hold a plant sale a variety of annuals; perennials and geraniums will be available. The sale will be held rain or shine.

ROCKLAND GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE May 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town Hall Plaza, Union St., Rockland. 781-878-8629.

THE CHANNING UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, located at 45 Webster St., Rockland, will hold a plant sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17. There will be great bargains on annuals, perennials, herbs and more. For information call Paul at 781-878-1988.

THE PERENNIAL GARDENERS OF THE SOUTH SHORE will hold its ninth annual plant sale May 17 from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 17, at the yard of Dawn Lopes, 78 Main St., (Route 123), Norwell. Perennials, ground covers, herbs and collectors' plants will be offered. Knowledgeable group members will be on hand to help with plant selection and planting and growing tips. Rain or shine. Information, visit www.perennialgardeners.org or contact p.gardeners@perennialgardeners.org.

PLIMOTH PLANTATION'S horticulture department sells a variety of native and heriloom seeds in the museum gift shop, as well as hard to find herbs and plants, including heirloom flowers and vegetables at the museum's annual plant sales. This year the plant sales are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, and June 1 from 9 am, to 3 p.m.

THE PLYMPTON GARDEN CLUB'S annual spring plant sale and fair will be held Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the historic town green, Route 58, Plympton. Interesting and unusual perennials, annuals and herbs, a "Green" Elephant Table and baked goods. Rain or Shine

THE CLIFT RODGERS LIBRARY GARDEN TOUR 540 Pleasant St., Marshfield Hills. Garden Tour on June 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be six Marshfield gardens on the tour. Refreshments and artists will be sprinkled at some gardens along the way. The tickets are $15 in advance, and on the day of the tour, the ticket price is $18. tickets will be available at Marshfield Hills General Store on Prospect Street, Roche Brothers, Nessrella Farm, and Clift Rodgers Library in Marshfield. Information: 781-834-4597, visit www.cliftrodgerslibrary.org, or e-mail the library at cliftrodgerslibrary@comcast.net.

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The NSRWA will hold its **21st Annual River Clean Up Day** on May 17, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers can head out by foot, truck, or boat to remove trash and debris from the rivers, streams, marshes and ponds that make up the watershed. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join the activities. All participants are invited to attend a celebratory cookout, sponsored by Whole Food Market, at the Scituate's Driftway Conservation Area from around noon to 2 p.m. The winner of the NSRWA Kayak Raffle will be announced at this time.

First Parish Church In Norwell is sponsoring its annual **Spring Flea Market And Yard Sale** on May 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m, rain or shine, at 24 River St., (just off Rte. 123 in Norwell Center.) Church and private tables, plants, Red Sox ticket raffle, snack bar, and complimentary coffee. For info, call (781) 659-7122 (mornings).

A Comic Look At Stress Relief For Teens Do you have too much pressure from school and friends and homework? Are you stressed out? Then come get de-stressed and have some fun and relax! Join us at the library as Robert Rivest gives us a humorous look at the many ways we stress ourselves out and shares his tried and true methods of stress reduction. On Saturday afternoon, May 17 at 2 p.m. on the upper level of the library. The Thayer Public Library is located at 798 Washington St., Braintree. Call 781-848-0405, ext. 4417 with questions. This program is for teens age 13 and up and is sponsored by Comcast. Open to non-residents,

The 21st Annual Strawberry Shortcake Road Race will be held in Plympton on Saturday, May 17. The event consists of a 10K (6.2 mile) road race, a 10K walk and a "fun run". This is a USATF sanctioned race and strawberry shortcake will be served after the race! For more information or to sign up for the race please visit www.strawberryshortcakerace.com

Adoption Community of New England, Inc. (ACONE), 45 Lyman St., #2 South Terrace, Westborough, will host a program titled **Attachment and Emotional Health: Children Born in Other Countries** Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. to noon. A Hague Compliant Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents. Presenter: Etta Lappen Davis, MAED. Registration fee includes a certificate of attendance and printed materials. $25 per person ACONE member, $35 per person/non-member. Information: 508-366-6812 info@AdoptionCommunityofNE.org www.AdoptionCommunityofNE.org. Wheelchair accessible. Formerly ODS Adoption Community of New England, Inc. and Open Door Society of MA, Inc.

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Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra Spring Pops: A Tribute to Tony Bennett, May 17, 8 p.m. Steven Karidoyanes, conductor, Guest performers: Vocalist **Steve Marvin,** Master of Ceremonies **Ron Della Chiesa.** Memorial Hall, 83 Court St.,, Plymouth 508.746.8008, www.plymouthphil.org Memorial Hall is fully accessible. Individual ticket prices: $50, $45, $40, $30, $20. Senior, Youth and Group discounts offered. $5 student "rush" tickets sold at the door one hour before performance, as available.

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The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 17 **Jeremy Lyons** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Sunday, May 18

Grand Old Fish Fry sponsored by the Pembroke Historical Society is re-scheduled to May 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Thomas Reading Memorial Herring Run Park on Route 14, Pembroke.

NEHS - New England Herpetological Society. It is the oldest reptile club in the U.S. are having another reptile show and sale from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 18, at the New England Wildlife Center, 500 Columbian St., Weymouth. The show will feature reptile exhibits, tours of the wildlife center, educational materials, book sales, reptile sales and reptile food and supply sales. Information: www.neherp.com or call 617-789-5800.

The Art Complex Musuem, 189 Alden St., Duxbury - **Making Their Mark** exhibit through May 25 featuring Japanese calligraphy by artists **Rona Conte, Mark Del Guidice and Cui Fei** Reception May 18, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. 781-934-6634.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alend St., Duxbury – **Rooted in Tradition:** Art Quilts from the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum will be on display through Sept. 7. Reception, May 18, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Bengtz Gallery. Works by the artists in this collection represent the best in American art quilts today. Well-known quilt artists such as **Phil D. Jones, Yvonne Porcella, Michael James, Joan Schulze, Caryl Bryer Fallert, Jane Dunnewold, Carolyn Mazloomi, Nancy Erickson**, and **M. Joan Lintault** have donated their work to this collection in support of the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum's future and the future of the art quilt. 781-934-6634.

Ventress Memorial Library, Library Plaza, Marshfield presents its final **Sunday Concert Series** of the year May18, at 2 p.m. Mostly Mercer, songs of Johnny Mercer with **Bobbi Carrey**, vocals, **Doug Hammer**, piano. 781-834-5535.

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front Street Scituate. presents Author **Padma Venkatraman**, May 18 at 1 p.m. Free. Books will be for sale. Information, or to reserve a book, call 781-545-5011 or visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset welcomes **Dr. Nancy Carlsson-Paige**, Ed.D. on May 18, 2 p.m. Dr. Nancy will be discussing, "Taking Back Childhood: Helping Your Kids Thrive in a Fast-Paced, Media-Saturated, Violence-Filled World", Free event. If you would like to order a personalized or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

The Friends of Juvenile Justice will hold a **Silent Auction and Wine Tasting** with hors d'oeuvres. May 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham. Chuck McDermott, Mat MacIver, Mark Lynch, Jackie Hartnett and John Kaplan will complement the live performances of the Hull High '8'oclock" Jazz Band and an upcoming rock group from Sharon Massachusetts called "Rough Sketch". admission is $20 per person, $35 per couple and $10 for youth 17 years of age and younger. Children 10 and younger free of charge.

South Shore Conservatory presents Violist **Philip Rush** and Pianist **Mark Goodman** in concert May 18, 6:30 p.m. in Cox Hall, One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. The free concert includes the music of Bach, Schubert and Brahms. For directions to South Shore Conservatory, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or call 781-749-7565, ext. 34.

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Monday, May 19

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, offers a safe place for healing and encouragement as you start a new chapter of your life. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, MA. from 6:30 to 9 p.m. For information, call Peggy Loud at (781) 659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com Our "Growing Thru It" program for May 19 will feature Stephen Brown, talking about "Steps to Happiness." Suggested donation is $5. The Alternate Program is Nancy Daley, Life Coach, discussing women's self help (Free). All are welcome.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Monday night **Free Texas Hold 'Em with Northern Poker League**. 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, May 20

The Mattakeesett Garden Club of Pembroke will hold its monthly meeting on May 20, at 7 p.m. at the Pembroke Public Library. This month's program will be presented by **Suzanne Mahler** and the topic will be "**Theme Gardens**".The public is welcome.

Learning About Sensory, Behavioral Strengths, and Challenges in Autism Spectrum Disorders presented by Community Autism Resources on May 20 at Thayer Public Library 798 Washington St., Braintree. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by Braintree Autism Network for our Daughters and Sons. For information call Michele at 781-848-8963

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Tuesday 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. **wicked trivia** 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, May 21

StoryTime May 21 at 10 to 10:30 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Mary reads age appropriate stories. Good listeners of pre-school and kindergarten age along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

The Dickinson Gallery in Weymouth has designated **James Earl of Hingham** as their "Featured Artist" for May 16-31. A professional who creates illustrations in colored pencil for architects, he does his creative art in finely-detailed colored pencil drawings on vellum, up to 12 by 24 inches. The gallery will show his **World's End collection**, recording the beauties of the famous Hingham landmark, including the Damde Meadows Salt Pond, a sunset over the pond, and a winter scene. review their work at www.dickinsonarrtgallery.com. Gallery hours are Wed. through Sat. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Information, evening appointments 781-331-3384.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 21, **Flydown "Unplugged."** 781-829-6999.



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NEHS - New England Herpetological Society, the oldest reptile club in the U.S., is having another reptile show and sale from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 18, at the New England Wildlife Center, 500 Columbian St., Weymouth. The show will feature reptile exhibits, tours of the wildlife center, educational materials, book sales, reptile sales and reptile food and supply sales. Information: www.neherp.com or call 617-789-5800.

Thursday, May 22

Scituate Town Library hosts Boston Globe reporter **Sean Murphy**. "Rise and Fall of Boston's Big Dig" on May 22, at 7 p.m., for an illustrated presentation on the Big Dig, Boston's $15 billion public works project, featuring 80 slides of archival photographs, maps and other materials. A Q&A session follows the presentation. Information, call 781-545-8727 or visit www.scituatetownlibrary.org.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight May 22, **Aurel D'Agostino/Yasko Kubota.** No cover. 781-740-0688.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 22, **Flip Top Head.** 781-829-6999.

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Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight May 23, **Kevin Norris/Frank Wilkins.** No cover. 781-740-0688.

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Ventress Memorial Library, Library Plaza, Marshfield presents its final Sunday Concert Series of the year May 18, at 2 p.m. Mostly Mercer, songs of Johnny Mercer with Bobbi Carrey, vocals, Doug Hammer, piano. 781-834-5535.



Bobbi Carrey

Auditions

THE PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY THEATRE will hold auditions on May 27 and 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. for Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing,"directed by Dani Duggan and presented at State Park in Plymouth on Aug. 1, 2, 8 and 9. Auditions will be conducted in the PCT space at the Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North Street.

Auditions will be scheduled in 15-minute blocks. Contact Jeannine Washburn, Executive Director of the theatre, at 508-209-0025 or jwashburn29@comcast.net to set up an appointment. Actors need to have a two minute classic (from Shakespeare) monologue prepared. Rehearsals will begin June 22 and run for six weeks.

"Much Ado About Nothing" will be presented as an outside event. It will be free and open to the entire town of Plymouth as well as those in neighboring towns.

Calling all artists

THE SOUTH SHORE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, announced the launch of their fourth annual Juried Art Show and all artists are invited to participate.

The theme is "Beyond the Garden Gate," and all entries must contain an image, representation, or interpretation of a garden theme. Artists may submit two-dimensional framed artwork in the following media: oil, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, acrylic and or pastel. A non-refundable entry fee of $5 per piece for Science Center members and $10 for non-members will be charged. All works must be original, completed within the last three years, and not previously exhibited in a Vine Hall Gallery show.

Fernwood Gallery of Norwell has donated the prizes of gift certificates for framing in denominations of first prize, $100; second prize, $50; and third prize, $25 gift certificate. Submission of artwork is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17 and Wednesday, June 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Science Center. The exhibit will be on display June 21 to August 23, and an opening reception is scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 6 to 8 p.m.

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MBTA pays $1.95M for land

Eminent domain case settled last week

By Nancy White
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In one of the largest eminent domain verdicts in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts this year, the MBTA will pay $1.95 million for nearly nine acres of land off Route 3A. The amount is over three times what the MBTA had determined as the fair market value for the property, which included over three acres of buildable land.

After almost four years of waiting, property owners Judith Salvaggi and Vicky Williams got their resolution from a jury at Norfolk Superior court last week (May 13). The sisters were the owners of an 8.9-acre parcel on Route 3A behind JJ's and the former 3A Carpet.

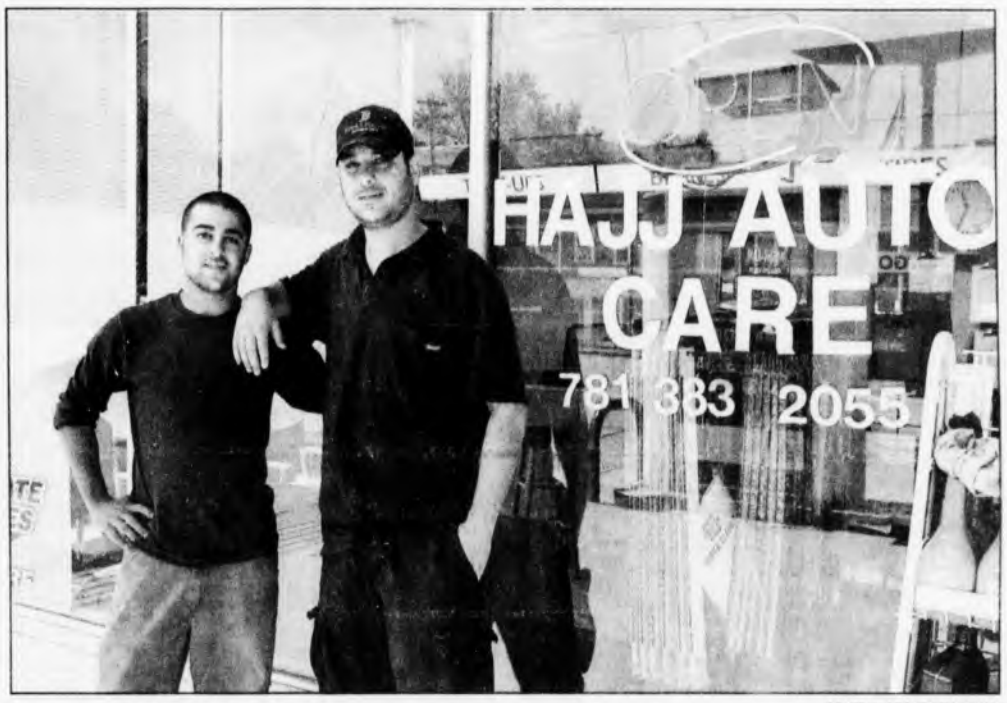
In June 1, 2004, the MBTA took the acreage by eminent domain for the purpose of wetland replication. The restoration of the Greenbush railroad and the building of the Cohasset rail station/parking lot required the disturbance of multiple acres of wetland, which the MBTA had to find some way to replicate. The government has the right to take private land by eminent domain for public use, and there is usually compensation awarded to the owner in return.

By law in an eminent domain case, a land appraisal has to be done. The property was appraised at $620,000 and that amount was paid to the Salvaggi-William families.

"The sisters were horrified at that amount," said the sisters' attorney Peter E.

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Pumped up about business



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Ali Hajj Zaidan, right, and his brother, Mohamed, stand by their family-owned gas station on South Main Street in Cohasset Village.

Hajj family takes over Village station

By Nancy White
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Cohasset is halfway around the world from Lebanon, but the Hajj family feels right at home in Cohasset. On Feb. 1, the Hajj family took over the village gas station and service shop.

The family-owned and operated business now called Hajj Auto Care Foreign and Domestic Auto Repair has all the charm, friendliness and courtesy of a service station of days gone by.

Wearing a t-shirt emblazoned with "USA" and a Boston Red Sox hat, it's clear Ali H. Zaidan, the eldest son of the Hajj family, has adopted the U.S. and Boston as his home.

"This is my hometown, this is my country," he said Monday afternoon with a big smile on his face. Along with the help of his father and brother, Ali has big plans for the newly acquired business, but he's going at it one step at a time.

"We trying to build (a life) here," said Ali, who serves as manager of the sta-

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A day to remember

Healing Field dedication Saturday at 2p.m.

By Nancy White
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In Cohasset, Memorial Day weekend is steeped in tradition and full of meaningful tributes to those who have served our country bravely. Rain or shine hundreds of local citizens will gather at Veterans Memorial Park on Monday for Cohasset's annual Memorial Day observances.

For the second year, the "Healing Field," has been placed at the intersection of Border Street and Summer Street across from Veterans Memorial Park. The striking visual of over 400 waving American flags is meant to honor all service men and women who have served, continue to serve and those who have paid the ultimate price to keep America free.

"The Town of Cohasset really takes the time to remember the veterans who made the supreme sacrifice," said Sons Of The American Legion Commander Tom Wigmore, from the Healing Field to visiting the cemeteries to the red, white and blue decorations throughout town.

The Healing Field will be officially dedicated in a ceremony on Saturday at 2p.m., and will continue to be on display until Saturday, May 31. Lt. Governor Tim Murray and John P. "Jake" Comer will both

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In preparation for Memorial Day, Thomas Wigmore of the Sons of the American Legion secures a new wreath to the post at the Cpl. Lawrence B. Williams Square at South Main and Summer streets on Tuesday evening.

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Name: Frances Frost.

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Most memorable moment: Having my grandchildren is the most memorable moment.

Favorite song: "Georgia" by Ray Charles.

What does Cohasset Elder Affairs mean to you? Interacting with the seniors and helping out in my community.

Best part of Cohasset: Getting to know the wonderful people and a dog named "Buddy."

If you knew what you know now: I wouldn't change a thing!

What have you learned in your life that you would like to share with others? Don't take life for granted.

What is your motto? When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad.



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Fran Frost has volunteered to serve lunches on Wednesdays for many years. During this time she has washed at least a thousand pots and pans. In May, the Mariner is celebrating Older Americans Month with the Council on Elder Affairs by highlighting senior citizens.



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Fri. 23	1:52	9.2	2:33	8.0	8:12	0.5	8:18	1.6
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Sat. 24	2:34	9.1	3:15	8.0	8:53	0.6	9:02	1.7
Sunrise: 5:14 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:07p.m.*			
Sun. 25	3:17	8.9	3:58	8.0	9:36	0.7	9:48	1.7
Sunrise: 5:13 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:08 p.m.*			
Mon. 26	4:03	8.8	4:44	8.1	10:22	0.8	10:38	1.7
Sunrise: 5:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:09 p.m.*			
Tues. 27	4:52	8.7	5:32	8.3	11:10	0.8	11:31	1.5
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Sunrise: 5:11a.m.					*Sunset: 8:10 p.m.*			
Thurs. 29	6:41	8.6	7:13	9.0	12:27	1.2	12:52	0.7
Sunrise: 5:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:11 p.m.*			

Tides between Cohasset and Plymouth are within 10 min.

May is Older Americans Month

"Across the nation May is celebrated as Older Americans Month. President John F. Kennedy designated May 1963 as Senior Citizens Month, asking the nation to pay tribute in some way to older people across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter changed the name to Older Americans Month as a time to celebrate older adults through ceremonies, events and fairs." United States Census Bureau.

Out of Cohasset's 7,588 residents, 1,688 are 60 years or older, and of that number 408 are 80 and above. To find out more about the Senior Center and its events for Older Americans Month, call 781-383-9112.

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Fire Dept. doing more with less

Chief gives Selectmen big picture

By Nancy White
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Cohasset Fire Department has changed over the years. In the 1980s, before Proposition 2-1/2, Cohasset Fire had three stations (Elm Street, Beechwood and West Corner), 29 firefighters and 35 to 40 men on call. Response times were four minutes or less and the budget was 8 percent of the town-wide budget.

In 2008, there are 23 firefighters, less than 10 call firefighters and response time to the end of Beechwood or West Corner on a "blue sky day" is between eight and nine minutes (not including possible impacts of the train). The fire department budget is below 5 percent of the town-wide budget.

"We are doing more with less," said Fire Chief Robert Silvia at Monday night's Board of Selectmen meeting. The Selectmen are meeting each department head over the next two months to report on the trends, major challenges, grant opportunities and generally give a "big picture" perspective of their department.

The Fire Department has four shifts with between four and six firefighters on at any one time.

Silvia said the fire department is dealing with fewer fires in 2008, thanks to increased awareness of fire prevention, but still struggle to keep up with the calls for medical assistance or transport.

The biggest challenge at this point is lengthy response times, said Silvia. With increased development on Route 3A, Silvia said the fire department is doing more medical work at Sunrise Assisted Living, the medical building on 3A and with future 3A development on the horizon — Scituate Hill, a new shopping plaza and Avalon.

The ideal solution, Silvia said, would be another fire station located on 3A (on the other side of the tracks), an idea that was bounced around in the late 1970s.

"We're relying more and more on mutual aid with shrinking resources," said Silvia. While Cohasset Fire used to be able to handle smaller room and contents fires on its own, it typically has to pull the second alarm to call in mutual aid.

Sharing resources and increasing regional communication is vital to the success of the department. When possible, Silvia teams up with other area fire departments for training programs and to share equipment.

Right now, one of the difficulties Silvia is facing is finding employees who live close to Cohasset. Right now, there are employees coming from as far as New Bedford and Marion. In the event of a major emergency, it takes time for those firefighters to make it back to Cohasset.

"We try to hire as close to home as possible," said Silvia, adding in order to be promoted the employee has to live within 15 miles of Cohasset.

Currently, the Fire Department has 14 paramedics on staff and all new employees coming on have the certification.

Aging equipment — and how to pay for new equipment — was also a main concern for Silvia. For the last few Town Meeting cycles he has requested a new Advanced Life Support ambulance to replace a 2001 model with over 132,000 miles on it. It is the Fire Department's only ambulance. Typically, Silvia said, a first-line unit has a life of seven years then continues to be used as a back-up unit for several more years. In the event of two medical emergencies at the same time, the Fire Department has to request mutual aid from nearby community.

One of the goals of the department is to get additional equipment to its lead pumping engines to enable it to be a paramedic engine and provide ALS service even when the ambulance is on a call. The department would like to retire a 1987 pumping engine and replace it with a new pumping engine. The newest is a 2001 model and the oldest a 1987 model.

The Fire Department also wants to create more student awareness of fire safety at all grade levels. In the coming year, Silvia hopes to have presentations at all four schools and introduce a special program for the graduating seniors heading off to college and living on their own.

New traffic signs are pilot program

By Mary Ford
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The traffic signs, which have become a familiar site from Monday to Friday over the past two weeks in the village and other areas of Cohasset could become a regular feature.

The signs, which were paid for through a grant, alert motorists to slow down.

Chief James Hussey said the signs have been placed where police get continual complaints about speeding. For example, there is one in front of the community center on North Main Street, and another in the crosswalk on Depot Court from the Town Parking Lot to the community center nursery school entrance.

"We are getting good feedback," Hussey said. "People are slowing down when they approach these crosswalks."

Hussey said if the positive feedback continues, police will try to make the portable signs a regular feature and will try to obtain grant money to purchase more.

He said the signs have also been used along Lamberts Lane, a winding road where speeding is a problem.

Police have not ruled out asking merchants or residents to "adopt a sign" meaning they would be responsible for taking it in and putting it out each day.

The town has tried temporary pedestrian-warning signs before but they quickly became damaged by vehicles. These signs appear to be more substantial.

Fireworks

A concerned citizen turned over some "jumping jacks" fireworks to police last week. Chief Hussey said the citizen found them on the ground at the Beechwood Ballpark.

According to the Internet, Jumping Jacks are a classic pyrotechnic device that looks like a firecracker, but actually produces wildly spinning assorted color ground effects that go in all directions.

The sale, possession or use of fireworks is illegal in Massachusetts.

Hussey said police were happy the concerned citizen turned the fireworks in.

Erratic operation

A police officer counseled a motorist who had been reported by a concerned caller as driving erratically last Thursday (May 15) along Border Street. The driver of the black pickup told police that he had taken his eyes off the road while talking on his cell phone. The officer stressed that going forward, he should pull over before making a call.

Cars tagged

Police tagged several cars and had another towed from an area near the reservoir on Aaron River Road. A call came into dispatch about a large party and the end of Beechwood Street at 10:48 p.m. on Wed. (May 14). Police found several vehicles with no one inside and could hear the sounds of young people running. Police did not find the youths.

"There was also a little campfire going which the fire department extinguished," Chief Hussey said. The cars were registered to residents of Scituate and Bridgewater. One of the cars was parked in such a way that it had to be towed. Police contacted the vehicle owner.

Pocketbook stolen

Another woman's pocketbook was stolen out of her unlocked car, police said. The woman, who reported the incident at 11:24 a.m. on Thursday (May 15), had parked at CVS and went into the store for just a couple of minutes. When she returned to her vehicle her pocketbook was gone. There have been a rash of similar thefts in Cohasset and other towns. Police urge women to lock their pocketbook in the trunk or take it with them.

A walk-in to the station last week returned a purse that her son had found on Beechwood Street near Hillside Drive. This was not the same purse stolen from the CVS lot. The officer called the owner and the woman said she believed her purse had been taken from her shopping cart at Shaw's earlier that day (May 15). Missing was $60 in cash and a credit card.



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Chief James Hussey says police have been receiving positive feedback about the new portable traffic signs.

Laptop, jacket

Police have custody of a laptop and jacket found floating in the water off the rocks near Elm and Margin streets last Friday (May 16). Police ran the serial number of the laptop through a database that tracks stolen items and it had not been reported as stolen.

Warrant

Police arrested a 32-year-old Quincy man on a warrant after responding to a call about a man who appeared to be intoxicated walking around in a N. Main Street driveway last Friday (May 16) at about 10:40 a.m.

Police identified the man and determined that he was "very much intoxicated". Further investigation revealed he was wanted on a warrant for a 290A (restraining order) violation.

The man was later transported to the Dedham House of Correction where he was held over the weekend.

Traffic stop

While conducting radar patrol last Friday at 2:15 p.m. on Pond Street, police stopped a gray Toyota Solara for speeding. Further investigation revealed the registration had been revoked due to cancellation of insurance. The operator, a 28-year-old Hingham woman, was given a ride to a nearby friend's house and is being summonsed to court on the charges of operating a motor vehicle with revoked registration, operating an uninsured vehicle and speeding. The car was towed.

Vandalism

Police are investigating vehicle vandalism – including a punctured tire and scratch on the passenger side door – that was reported Saturday (May 17). Chief Hussey said the vandalism was done purposely and police are working with the victim to see if they can identify the individual responsible.

Speeding

A 50-year-old Marshfield man is being summonsed on the charges of operating with a suspended license, operating an unregistered and uninsured vehicle, attaching plates and speeding following a traffic stop for speeding at 6:13 p.m. on Saturday (May 17) at 3A and Beechwood Street.

Expired sticker

An officer traveling behind a car with an expired registration sticker on its license plate pulled the vehicle over last Thursday (May 15) at S. Main and Summer streets. The vehicle had to be towed because unregistered vehicles are not allowed in a public way. Tickets for operating with an expired registration are $100. Registration can now be done online.

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MBTA pays $1.95 million in eminent domain case

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Flynn of Saugus. They waited for a year for the MBTA to correct the situation. Then, with no response, they filed the lawsuit requesting damages with the Norfolk County Superior Court in 2005.

Flynn began negotiating with the MBTA to avoid a trial, but a settlement was never offered with authority, Flynn said. After waiting months for a trial date, the complaint was heard by a jury last week.

"My clients are very pleased with the outcome, but certainly they wish it had come sooner," said Flynn, adding they would have accepted a lesser amount to reach a settlement a year ago. "While the process of eminent domain was legal, it is a very upsetting and disconcerting situation to be in. There is a pall of uncertainty."

Flynn said the settlement price would have been considerable less than the trial verdict.

"In the end, the process benefited (my clients) and they were made whole in a long, drawn out process," said Flynn.

After being presented over 30 pieces of evidence, the jury deliberated and came back with the $1.95 million verdict in less than an hour.

"They were pretty confident in what they were doing," said Flynn in a phone interview. The fact there was over 3.67 acres of buildable land most suitable for retail space was an important factor in the determination of the fair market value of the property.

MBTA spokesman Joseph Pesaturo has said in order to build the Greenbush line, the MBTA has taken roughly 90 pieces of property by eminent domain throughout the entire 17-mile Greenbush corridor. The Greenbush line became operational in October 2007.

According to Flynn, there remains one unresolved eminent domain case with the MBTA in conjunction with the Greenbush line. The Davenport property, which abuts the former Salvaggi-Williams property, was partially taken by eminent domain.



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Former property owners Judith Salvaggi and Vicky Williams will receive a $1.95 million settlement for the MBTA's taking of 8.9-acres off Route 3A. The sisters' attorneys Peter E. Flynn (left) and Jason R. Scopa stand beside a trial exhibit showing a map of the property. The property included almost four acres of buildable land. The property was taken by eminent domain by the MBTA for wetlands restoration associated with the restoration of the Greenbush line.

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Committee appointments

The Economic Development Committee and the Board of Elder Affairs got new members on Monday night. Village shop owner and lifelong Cohasset resident Darilynn Evans was appointed to the Economic Development Committee. The Selectmen said a business owner was a missing piece of the committee. Evans is also a part of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and has been a leader in putting together village events like the Holiday Stroll and Night out on Main Street.

Karen Oronte of Boundbrook Lane was appointed to the Board of Elder Affairs. A long-time volunteer at the senior center, Oronte also serves on the board of the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs.

Both appointments were unanimous.

Flooding workshops

As the flood control master plan process enters its final stages, the town has scheduled public hearings to allow residents to hear from engineers and contribute their own information.

On Thursday, May 22 a workshop was held focusing on the Jacobs Meadow/James Brook watershed. On Monday, June 16 the discussion at the Town Hall auditorium will revolve around Atlantic Ave./Treat's Pond. All residents (in and outside the area of interest) are encouraged to attend and participate.

A third night, date to be determined, will be held to hear ongoing flooding issues in other areas of town.

If a resident's property is suffering from flooding issues, Town Manager Bill Griffin encouraged interested citizens to check out the "Flood Control Master Plan Map" linked off the homepage of the town website (www.townofcohasset.org) to see if their neighborhood is highlighted as a flood prone area.

No clear evidence of drinking

The Police Department has followed up on a resident's allegation workers from the Little Harbor water and sewer project have been drinking on the job and found "no clear and convincing evidence."

Paula Becker and James Mahar of 185 Jerusalem Road told the Selectmen at a meeting April 14 she had been picking up an increasing amount of alcohol nip bottles along Nichols Road. Becker presented the Selectmen with a bag of litter, including the bottles, as evidence.

The Board of Selectmen asked Police Chief James Hussey to look into the matter.

On April 17, Hussey met with project supervisors William Needle of Coughlin Environmental Services and Paul Cappelletti, on-site manager from LM Holdings regarding the allegations.

"Both gentlemen understand the seriousness of the allegations and stated they have never seen any indication of alcohol consumption taking place on this project," stated Hussey in a letter to the Selectmen. On April 15, they held a special meeting regarding the use of alcohol and trash pick-up with all employees of the project.

Lieutenant William Quigley met with Becker and Mahar later that week. He reported they had not witnessed any alcohol consumption nor did she have any first hand knowledge of construction workers discarding nip bottles.

"There is no clear and convincing evidence at this time to pursue a criminal investigation," stated Hussey. "The project managers and their supervisors are well aware of the allegations and have stated they will closely monitor the situation."

Hussey said police personnel have been notified of the allegations and will look for any evidence of alcohol consumption on the project.

Facility stickers available June 16

The expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. Stickers will be on sale starting Monday, June 16, during normal business hours at Town Hall, and at the DPW garage on weekends from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sticker prices will remain the same as last year – $50 for residents younger than age 60, and $15 for seniors.

This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility and Sandy Beach, as well as parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the Department of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town.

All commercial contractors and vehicles registered in a business name should pick up stickers at the Department of Public Works. The DPW encourages contractors to purchase stickers through the mail by providing the appropriate fee, a copy of the current registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

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Aquarion seeks 24.8 percent water rate increase

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Aquarion Water Company has filed a several-inch-thick application with the state Department of Public Utilities for a $3.1 million, or an overall 24.8 percent, increase in water service revenues.

Aquarion is also proposing implementing a one-time $2,500 service connection fee to be paid for new hook-ups as well as higher rates for customers who exceed a certain usage threshold, as a water conservation measure.

This means that the average residential customer, (who would experience a 21.4 percent increase) in North Cohasset, Hingham and Hull would pay about 36 cents more a day for water. Businesses pay a higher rate for water than residents do, which accounts for the difference in the requested increase percentages.

"While we recognize that no one is happy when prices increase, to put things into some perspective, a 20-ounce bottle of water at local convenience stores costs between $1.09 and $1.59," said Larry Bingaman, Aquarion senior vice president. He further noted that the proposed increase is in line with the rate of inflation and is requested in part to cover $21.4 million-worth of improvements made within the water system over the past several years, — $7.7 million in Hingham and $500,000 in North Cohasset.

"We will continue our prudent capital investment program and remain committed to operating efficiently to mitigate rate increases," he said. Aquarion services approximately 300 customers in North Cohasset.

At Monday night's Selectmen meeting, Town Manager Bill Griffin informed the board Aquarion was petitioning for a rate increase. In talking with Hingham and Hull town officials, they all agreed the issue needed to be looked at closely.

Griffin said the last time North Cohasset's rates were raised in 2001 a private consultant was hired to look at the proposal. With the consultant's help the towns were able to roughly lower a proposed 20 percent increase to 16 percent.

"We are not simply going to let something like this happen without a detailed analysis," said Griffin.

Filing a formal application is just the beginning of the process, which will involve an extensive DPU review and public hearings that could begin in June or July during which customers will have an opportunity to make comments and ask questions. "This is a very open, transparent process," Bingaman said.

A final ruling is expected by March 2009 at the latest. The new rates would be effective the date approval is granted.

However, "Aquarion is hopeful that the case will be approved and that the new rates will become effective before the end of 2008," said Bingaman. "The rate case is driven primarily by the approximate $21.4 million in system and plant improvements; improved water supplies (working to improve existing well-production capacity); the replacement of aging and undersized transmission and distribution mains; and other needed enhancements made since the last rate increase in 2001." These improvements were geared toward improved service reliability and quality and increased water supply, he noted.

Realizing that such an increase could be burdensome for low-income customers, Aquarion is also proposing the implementation of a pilot customer assistance program. Those who meet the program criteria would be eligible for an annual $50 credit on their water bills.

It was noted that in 2001, the time of the last requested increase, issues and concerns were resolved through negotiation between Massachusetts American Water Company, who owned the plant at that time, and Hingham, Cohasset, and Hull town officials. This resulted in a lower than requested increase. Aquarion acquired the plant in 2002.

Aquarion is taking a "growth paying for growth" approach in seeking approval to implement a new one-time $2,500 system development charge. This fee would be paid by new customers to help cover future capital expenditures linked to finding additional water sources and increasing the size of water mains as needed, in part to accommodate new development. "Charges such as these are common in many town-owned water systems and help mitigate future rate increases on existing customers," Bingaman said.

Aquarion is also seeking approval to implement inclining block rates – a higher rate for customers who exceed a certain threshold of usage – to encourage water conservation. This is consistent with the intent of new conservation standards set forth in 2006 by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Water Resources Commission.

"We're proposing that the first 36,000 gallons of water used per customer (or household in the case of families) per year would be paid at one rate and that a higher rate would apply for the next 36,000 gallons or more," Bingaman said.

Aquarion is also proposing a 13.4 percent increase in the fire service protection charges paid by towns served by Aquarion. This charge, which is determined by an independent consultant, covers the cost of increasing the size of the water system's supply, pumps, tanks, and mains by about 25 percent to enable fire departments to use up to 5,500 gallons per minute to "instantly fight a fire," Bingaman said. Under Aquarion's current rate structure, these towns are allowed to use as much water as needed to fight fires rather than paying a fee based on volume. This means that the total annual fire service charge for Hingham would increase by about $38,000.

Between 2001 and 2007, Aquarion made more than $21 million-worth of system improvements in the towns it serves (Hingham, North Cohasset, Hull, Norwell, Oxford, and Millbury). Aquarion is requesting the rate increase in part to cover these expenditures, as well as to recover an additional $900,000 spent on developing additional water supply.

"The case is also necessitated by cost increases that Aquarion has experienced, such as fuel, electricity, and chemicals," Bingaman said. "We've aggressively sought to control operating, maintenance, and other expenses and as a result have been able to avoid a request for increased rates for about seven years."

The DPU will ultimately determine whether to grant the rate increase based on its review of Aquarion's application, investments, operating expenses, and other considerations. "The DPU will either agree or disagree with Aquarion, but I believe we have a solid case," Bingaman said.

Aquarion serves 12,500 homes and businesses in Hingham, North Cohasset, Hull, and Norwell and 6,000 in Millbury and Oxford.

For further information about Aquarion or the rate case, visit www.aquarion.com and click on the "Massachusetts" link under "Aquarion Water Companies."

Staff reporter Nancy White also contributed to this report.

Water rate hike put into perspective

If Aquarion's proposed 21.4 percent increase for residential customers is approved, the average Hingham, Hull, and North Cohasset customer (based on a family of four using about 175 gals. of water per day, or 64,000 gallons per year) would pay 36 cents more a day for water. This figure includes surcharges that are in place for the Hingham/Hull District Water Treatment Facility.

The average customer currently pays $1.67 per day for water. That figure would increase to $2.03 per day if the new rates are approved.

The average family's annual water bill based on 175 gallons a day is $611. The cost would increase to $742 a year with the increase in place.

For the past several years, Aquarion customers enjoyed $97 a year in surcharge relief, thanks to efforts by local legislators, including Sen. Robert Hedlund. However, that relief measure expired last January. "We're still working on getting that renewed with the help of Senator Hedlund and Rep. Garrett Bradley, but that's a legislative issue separate from the rate case," Aquarion Senior Vice President Larry Bingaman said.

In Jan. 2006, water rates were reduced by 4 percent as a result of Aquarion reducing the debt on its Hingham water treatment plant.

Even with the proposed increase, "the daily cost of Aquarion's water compares favorably with other common daily household expenses in the company's service area," Bingaman said. "$2.03 per day provides water to cover drinking, cooking, bathing, showering, dish-washing, and laundering needs."

The following chart, compiled by Aquarion, shows the daily household average cost for various utilities:

Aquarion Water Co. chart

The daily cost of Aquarion's water compares favorably with other common daily household expenses in the company's service area. Unless specified, the expense is the average in the state.

Utility	Daily Household Average	Source
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Gasoline	$3.50/gal	EOEEA
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Propane	$2.94/gal	EOEEA

Sources based on Web sites and phone calls on May 12.

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Power, 79 North Main St., Unit 4, $120,000, kitchen, master bath remodel, remove wall, install gas fireplace; Brisbane, 15 Holly Lane, $3,240, install 10-foot by 12-foot shed on cement blocks; King, 181 Atlantic Ave., $15,000, replace decking on 40-foot deck on rear of house; Henvey, 39 Elm Ct., $4,000, install 12 squares asphalt roofing; Kent, 31 Old Coach Road, $50,000, 40 squares double-dip white cedar; Hines, 312 Forest Ave., $35,000, remodel two bathrooms; Barrett, 156 Linden Dr., $12,124, install vinyl siding on front, sides and rear; Slanetz, 14 Nichols Road, $25,000, frame weather-tight master bath on second story; Corcoran, 301 King St., $800, replace front door;

Tedeschi, 2 Otis Ave., $4,000, replace rails on deck with composite rails; Glavin, 107 Nichols Road, $25,000, replace deck; Craven, 6 Nichols Road, $45,000, excavate foundation, extend mudroom 3-feet by 16-feet, remodel family room; Krumsiek, 392 Beechwood St., $1,200; replace small back stairwell, railings; Calhoun, 2 Sheldon Road, $41,250, construct 1.5, 2.0 story garage addition, 575 square foot footprint; Wojcieszak, 537 Beechwood St., $7,500, install 8-foot by 10-foot shed on cement blocks; Carroll, 384 Beechwood St., $150,000 construct garage, dining room extension, enlarge two rooms on second floor; Starbucks, 790 CHC Hwy., $4,600, replace existing menu board with new pre-sale menu board; Arruda, 78 Lamberts Lane, $1,500,000, new 6,000 square foot single-family residence.

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Hey Cohasset. How is everyone doing in preparation for this Memorial Day Weekend? It will be warm from what the weather people are saying and a beautiful day on Monday for the Parade. I want to send out a special Birthday wish to our youngest son, **Cody** as he turns 13 tomorrow, May 24! Enjoy your day, Cody. We love you! Also, a special Birthday wish goes out to my walking buddy, **Carla**. Enjoy today to its fullest and thank you for being you! We have a lot of news to share this week so let's get to it...

RED CARPET

Here is a wonderful event piece of news. Cohasset High School Class of 2008 Pre-Prom Red Carpet on the Common is on Friday, May 30 starting at 5:45 p.m.. Come on down and see all of the students dressed in style as the get ready for a fun-filled and memorable night for all.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



COURTESY PHOTO

Jefferson Barrett recently participated in a Providence College community service project.

Jefferson Barrett, a resident of Cohasset, and a member of the class of 2009 at Providence College, recently participated in the PC community service project, "Friars United for Service In Our Neighborhood," or FUSION, at the historic Esek Hopkins Homestead located on Admiral Street in Providence, R.I. Jefferson was one of more than 50 Providence College alumni and students who joined forces with the City of Providence's Parks Department to continue work on the ambitious restoration project. The unique partnership with city officials – developed by the College's President's Council – began last year and is designed to facilitate networking and service opportunities among students, alumni, College neighbors, and members of the greater Providence community. This year's project focused on the restoration of the homestead's adjacent soccer field for use by multiple neighborhood sports leagues. Working with City employees, the volunteers laid sod and completed related tasks. Built in 1754, the house was the residence of Esek Hopkins, first Admiral of the United States Navy and the only naval officer to hold the title of Commander-in-Chief. In addition to its historical significance, the property has the potential to be widely used by the community. Future plans include establishing a research center and museum.

BRICKS

Beechwood Ballpark bricks are still available. If you thought about ordering an engraved brick and thought it was too late here's your last chance. If you would like to order a brick, please contact **Michelle Loughlin** at mloughlin521@hotmail.com for an order form. Orders will be taken until May 31.

SUPER SEASON

Congratulations to the Cohasset Girl's JV Softball Team. With two games left to the season they are 14-1. With great hitting and defense they've stayed at the top of their game all season. **Coach Torren Sweeney**, in his first year as coach, has done a great job coaching these girls into the victory column. It's been great to watch this team play this season.

COLLEGE AWARD

Ashley May Faber, a senior at Connecticut College, was awarded the Psychology Department Prize at the annual Honors and Awards ceremony at Connecticut College on April 30. The honor is awarded to a student for service to the department and dedication to psychology. Ashley, a 2004 graduate of Cohasset High School, is the daughter of **Lesley and Stephen Faber.**

DEAN'S LIST

Super job to **Justin Wood** of Cohasset, who was named to the dean's list at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga. for winter quarter 2008. Full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the quarter receive recognition on the dean's list. Justin is an Interactive Design/Game Development major.

GARDEN CLUB

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 27 at 11 a.m. at the Cohasset Golf Club. The 2008-2009 Executive Board members will be voted on at this meeting. There will also be a presentation by floral designer **Carol Jenkins** of the First Parish Center of Scituate after the luncheon. The cost is $29 per person and tickets are available from **Jeanne Carroll** or **Claire Tinory.** Please plan to join us as we celebrate another year of our club's involvement in so many worthwhile projects.

US MARINE



COURTESY PHOTO

2LT Andrew Musto, US Marine Corps.

Congratulations to **Andrew P. Musto**, a 2004 graduate of CHS, who was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps on May 9, at Virginia Tech where he graduated with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Leadership. Andrew, who participated in the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech for the past four years, was a Platoon Leadership Corp Marine scholarship recipient throughout his years at VT. He will be reporting to Quantico Va., to The Basic School for officers on May 28 for six months, and has a pilot contract with the Marines. God bless you, Andrew, congratulations, and thank you for your willingness to serve!

TONY NOMINEE

Cohasset native and theatre/film producer **Ron Nicynski** was just nominated for his second Tony Award — Best Play, 2008. The production, Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps, garnered 6 Tony nominations. The hit show is currently running on Broadway at the Cort Theatre. The New York Times hailed the show, "Absurdly enjoyable! This gleefully theatrical riff on Hitchcock's film is fast and frothy - a perfect souffle." The New York Post commands it, "The most entertaining show on Broadway!" Whoopi Goldberg hosts the 2008 Tony Awards telecast live on CBS Sunday, June 15 at 8/7c.

FEST VOLS

Planning is now in full swing for the 53rd annual South Shore Art Center Arts Festival on Cohasset Common. Volunteer shifts are typically 2 hours and begin on Friday morning June 13th and run throughout the Festival weekend. If you have volunteered in the past, please consider volunteering again. If you have never volunteered, we hope you'll consider joining us for the South Shore's biggest weekend. Volunteering at the Arts Festival is fun and an opportunity to meet and work with wonderful people—all to support the South Shore Art Center programs. Please contact **Diane Shipp**, festival@ssac.org or 781-383-9198, with any questions or to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

RELAY FOR LIFE

As we get ready for this years Relay For Life being held at the Cohasset High School on June 13 and 14, Team captains looking for Luminaria bags as well as anyone who would like to volunteer should contact Jacqui Goyette-Vitello at 781-383-2668. If any team captains or members have any news to share about the Relay, please make sure to send it in to me.

That is the news for the week. If you have any news to send, make sure to get it in by Tuesdays no later than 5 pm.

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WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. William T. Banning

O'Connell - Banning

Kristen Evans O'Connell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Connell of Cohasset, and William T. Banning, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Banning of Overland Park, Kansas were married on November 24, 2007 at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Father Michael Kennedy officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Michael O'Connell. Serving as Maid of Honor was Kerry Sullivan of Brighton, Mass.

Mark Reismeyer of Chicago, Illinois and Derek Gutierrez of Milwaukee, W.I. served as Best Men.

The bride is a graduate of Noble and Greenough School in Dedham and Boston College Carroll School of Management. She is employed at Kohl's Corporate Headquarters in Milwaukee, W.I.

Her husband's is a graduate of Rookhurst High School in Overland Park, Kansas and Boston College School of Arts and Sciences. He is employed at Sun Life Financial in Milwaukee, W.I.

A reception was held at the Taj Boston in Boston.

After a wedding trip to Anguilla, the couple resides in Shorewood, W.I.

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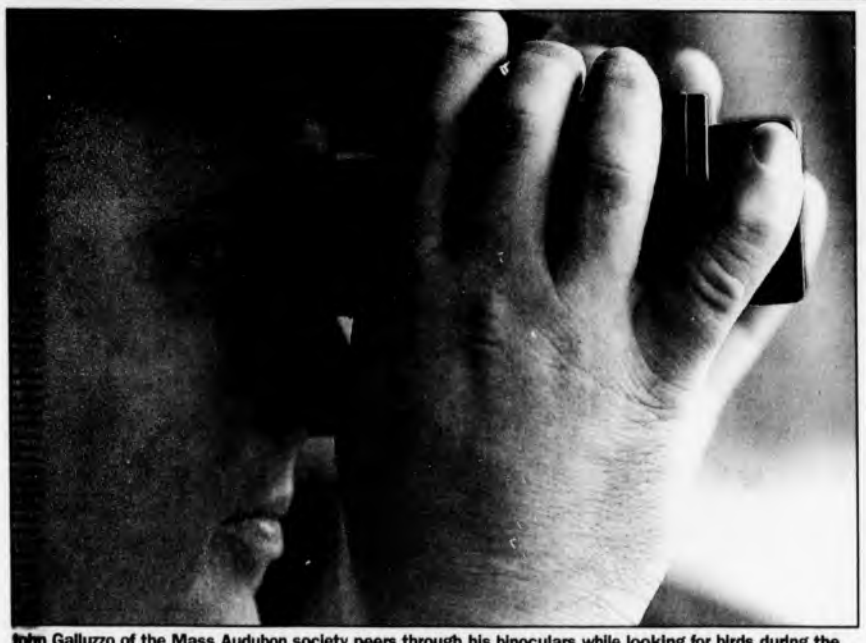
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John Galluzzo of the Mass Audubon society peers through his binoculars while looking for birds during the birdathon on Saturday morning at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary.

Bird is the word

By Nancy White
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As the saying goes, the early bird gets the worm.

On last Saturday morning, some residents took the saying to heart and fanned out across Massachusetts in search of the state's finest feathered residents and visitors. Their efforts were a part of the Mass Audubon Society's 25th Bird-a-thon, a 24-hour hunt to find the most bird species, that took place this past Friday and Saturday.

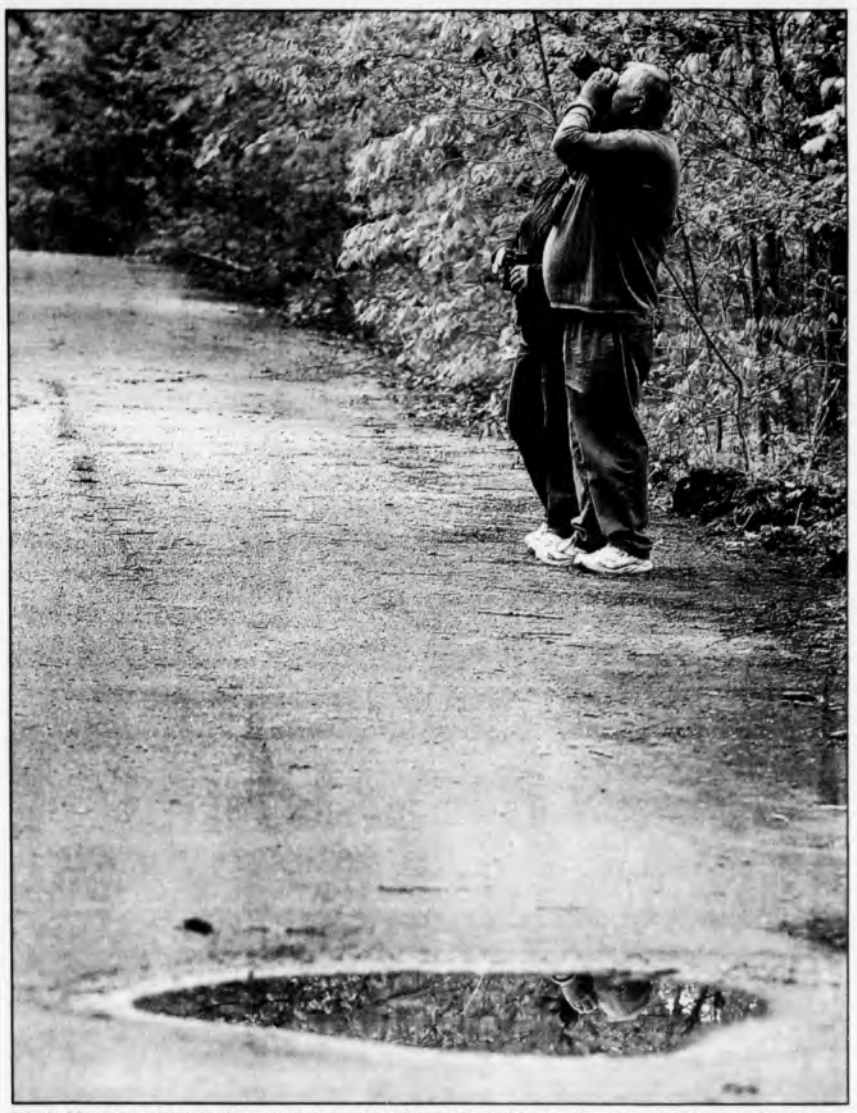
Cohasset resident Sally Avery took part in the event for the third time and her team was able to locate 123 different species of bird in four different bird habitats despite the rainy weather.

"The object is to get as many birds as you can," said Avery. Each team of 'birders' raises money for the Mass Audubon Society.

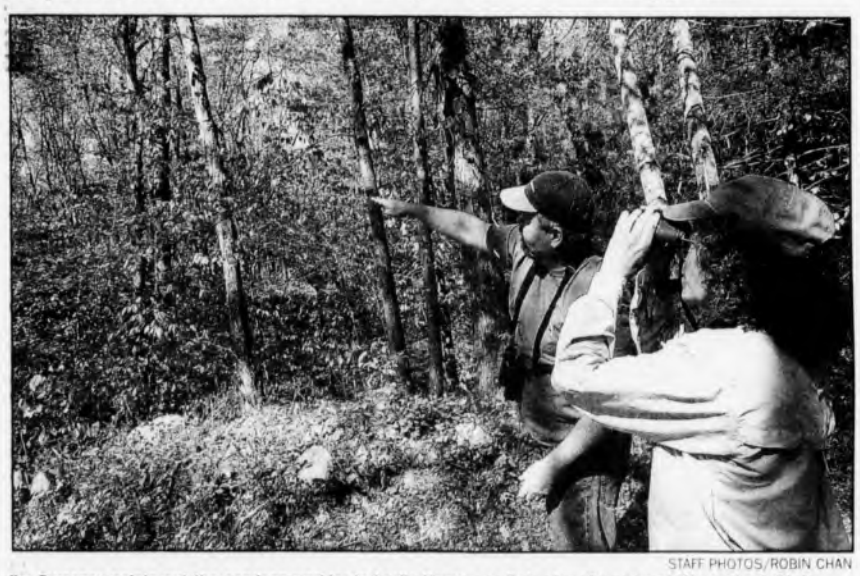
Right now is one of the best times of year for birding because many bird species are migrating across the state starting in late April through May, said Avery.

The competition begins at 6p.m. on Friday and continues to 6p.m. Saturday. While some teams took advantage of the dusk and dawn hours staying out as late as 9p.m. and going out as early as 4a.m., Avery waited until 6a.m. Saturday to begin her hunt.

Spending time in different habitats — wooded, coastal, thickets and grassland — optimizes the amount of species one can see. Avery headed to Wompatuck State Park first and she said they ran into at least 10 different birding teams while there. Then it was on to Third Cliff in Scituate, Marshfield's Ferry Hill thicket and Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary grasslands.



Bernie Macauley photographs a hooded warbler while birding with his wife, Judy, on Saturday afternoon at Wompatuck State Park. Though they weren't participating in the birdathon, they were enjoying the sights and sounds that birds had to offer at the park.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Jim Sweeney points out the cerulean warbler to Leslie Kramer on Saturday afternoon at Wompatuck State Park. Jim has been participating in the birdathon for the past five years. He is part of the IBA team that raises money for the Important Bird Areas program at Mass Audubon. The cerulean warbler is out of its normal southernly range so it is rare to find in southeastern Massachusetts. It was a lifebird for Leslie, which meant that it was the first time Leslie, has ever seen the cerulean warbler.

They were especially on the lookout for migrating warblers of which there are several different species — hooded warbler and the worm-eating warbler, to name a couple. The four-inch birds are hard to locate, but have a distinct call.

The teams keep track of the birds they see on a piece of paper, using either different codes for a certain bird species or checking them off a master list. Although Avery said there have been nearly 490 different species sighted in Massachusetts, the regular visitors and residents hovers around 300.

"I know all the Massachusetts birds by sight, but that doesn't mean they aren't difficult to find on a rainy day" Avery said. Binoculars can fog up, underside and tail patterns can be hard to see and identify, "it can be tricky."

The spring Bird-a-thon is not the only bird counting event Mass Audubon puts on. Every season there is a different counting event. Each one gives Mass Audubon a snapshot of the bird population in Massachusetts and New England. Avery said the efforts are called "citizen science"— not exact, but offers a general sense of the changing bird population. For over 100 years, they have sponsored the Christmas Count where birders look for different species and count the number of each species they see.

According to its website, www.massaudubon.org, since its founding in 1896, Mass Audubon has been a leader of the bird conservation movement. They are dedicated to helping pass bird protection legislation, reducing practices that harm birds, and saving important wildlife habitat.

Avery considers herself a birder, not a bird watcher. It may be a semantic difference to some, but Avery says a birder someone who loves the sport and actively participates. As an example, she says she spent six hours one morning this week looking for birds in the Arnold Arboretum. Bird watchers might look out the window at the bird feeder.

With the height of the spring migrating season coming to a close, mid-June and mid-July is the off-season for avid birders. But, Avery and birders like her have found other pursuits.

"We look for butterflies," she says.

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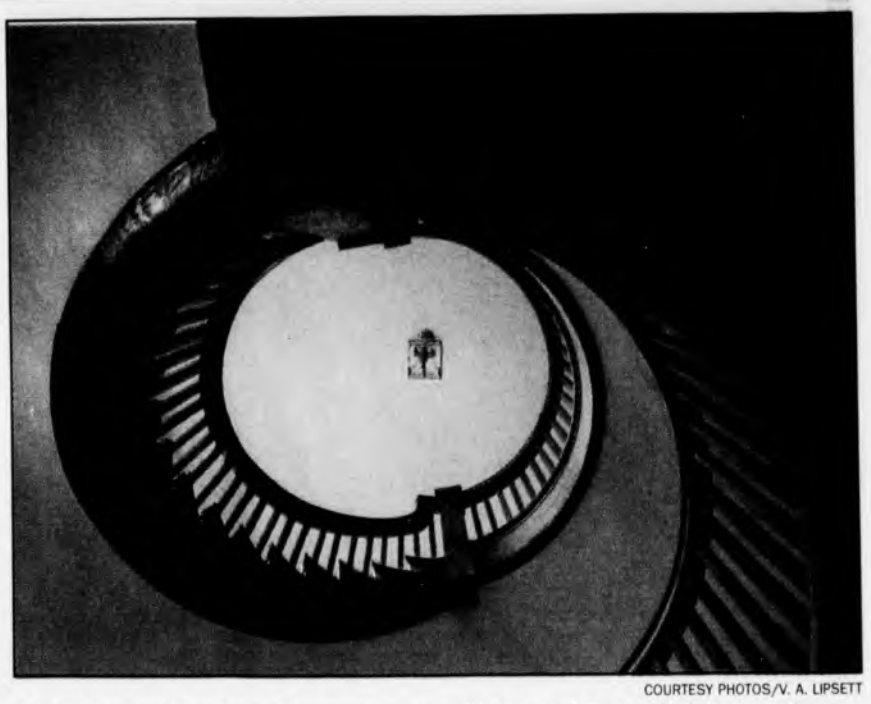
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A spiral staircase is just one of the unique aspects of the Arts and Crafts style Bellarmine House. The Cohasset Historical Society will be hosting tours of the historical mansion with an incredible view of Cohasset Harbor on June 20 and 21.

Bellarmine House is one of a kind

Unique home has rich history

By Nancy White
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Up high on a hill overlooking picturesque Cohasset Harbor is a property and home rich in history, architecturally unique and offers a breathtaking, but rarely seen, view. Next month, the Cohasset Historical Society will host a two-day event at the Bellamine House on Howard Gleason Road.

The normally very private property owned by the Jesuits of Boston College has been used as a retreat home for over 75 years. The Historical Society will put on a wine reception on Friday, June 20 and offer tours of the home on Saturday, June 21 to raise money for the group's year-round efforts.

The estate, which sits on 8.5 acres of nearly unspoiled land, overlooks Cohasset Harbor to Whitehead Island, the Glades, Minot Light is discernable in the distance and then the open sea beyond.

For architectural buffs, the view inside the home might be as good as the view outside of the home. Designed by one of the foremost architects at the turn of the century, Henry Hobson Richardson created a mansion in the Arts and Crafts style he helped develop. Richardson was also the architect for the Trinity Church in Boston, the Crane Library in Quincy and Sever Hall at Harvard University.

"This event could draw from people from all over interested in architecture. Richardson was one of the most famous architects in US in his time," says co-chair of the event, John Connell. With the Bellamine House being one of his not often seen accomplishments, Connell is hoping to draw a good crowd of both Cohasset residents and beyond.

Richardson was commissioned to build the home by Dr. John Bryant and his wife Charlotte on his inherited property on the Cohasset shore. He called the property "Hominy Point."

Bryant came from a long line of Cohasset summer residents. Historical Society President Kathy O'Malley said he was of the fifth generation devoted to Cohasset. His mother and family spent all their summers in Cohasset. When his mother passed away, he inherited the Cohasset property. A yachtsman and a sportsman, Bryant enjoyed the waterfront Hominy Point property immensely. He was one of the founders of the Boston Athletic Association, which began the Boston Marathon, and he enjoyed racing small boats.

The Bellarmine House is a prime example of the Arts and Crafts era in architecture, where architects brought together artists and artisans to work collaboratively to create a truly unique home. The home was built between 1880 and 1881. The interior of the house includes many details associated with the Arts and Crafts movement — exposed oak ceiling beams, raised oak paneling and leaded glass windows.

The house is a large shingled building, with the service wing at the rear projecting at an angle over an arched stone bridge. According to Jeffrey Karl Ochsner's "H.H. Richardson: Complete Architectural Works," the main block of the house is two rooms deep, and the stair hall is separated from the living hall by the central fireplace. All the interior rooms open into each other through large sliding doors. Originally, the profile was varied and some of the exterior trim and decorative detail have been minimized over the years.

Another piece of historical significance is Bryant's father-in-law, Frederick Law Olmsted, a pioneer in landscape architecture, designed the grounds of the property. Olmsted was the mastermind behind the Emerald Necklace in Boston, which begins at the Boston Common and Public Gardens and ends at the Arnold Arboretum.

Bryant leased his home to Thomas Lawson, a sailing friend of his, for several years while Lawson built his Dreamwold estate in Scituate. Lawson built several small houses for the help and a barn, which were later lost to a fire. In the early 1900s, the home was owned by Lewis Crossett, a shoe manufacturer, and then, Adelaide Moors Brown Pratt. Pratt sold the home to the Jesuits of Boston College in 1932.

Bellarmine House is named for a 17th century Italian cardinal, Saint Roberto Bellarmino, who

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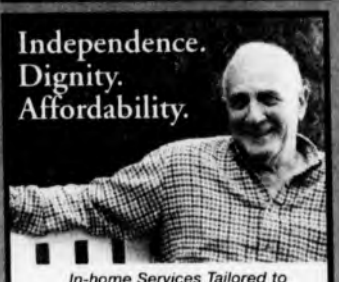
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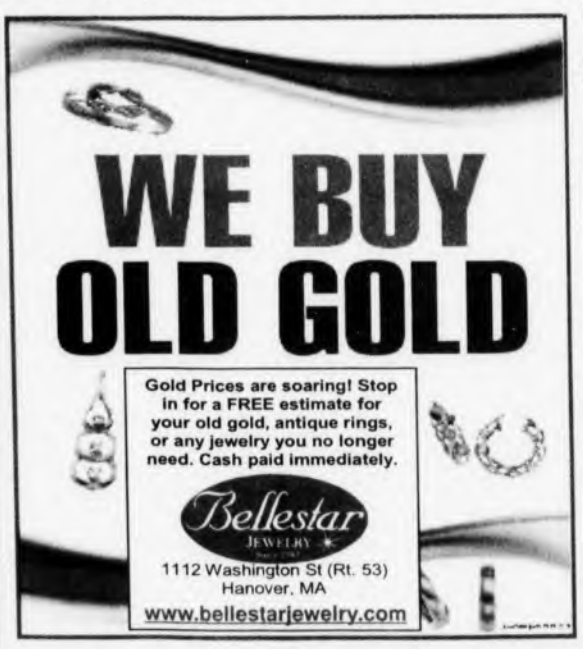
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Unique home has rich history

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was canonized a saint in 1930, just before the property was purchased by the Jesuits in 1932. The estate is now used as a retreat for Jesuit priests and students of the Jesuit colleges, as well as a conference site for members of the Boston College faculty.

The last time the Bellarmine House was opened to the public was 18 years ago at another Cohasset Historical Society event.

"We are very grateful to the Jesuits for opening their home to us. It should be a memorable event for all who attend," said O'Malley.

The event serves as a fundraiser to support all the Historical Society does year-round to preserve Cohasset's rich history. The Society has an extensive collection of textiles from wedding dresses to uniforms to hats. They maintain three buildings, the village museums — the Captain John Wilson House and the Maritime Museum — and the Historical Society Headquarters at the Paul Pratt Building. They put on several exhibits of their collections throughout the year.

The tour will feature a few of the rooms in the mansion. The public will have the rare opportunity afforded by the paralleled vistas of Cohasset's harbor and the shore as well as the beautiful walks and terraces on the eight-acre grounds.

The wine reception in the evening on Friday, June 20 from 6 to 9p.m. The Cohasset High School Jazz ensemble will provide musical ambiance for the event. A silent auction will round out the event. Items donated from the community include a sailing yacht cruise around Boston Harbor, a kayak trip in World's End, a day of thoroughbred racing at Suffolk Downs, original paintings from local artists and themed gift baskets. Tickets are $30 for historical society members and $35 for non-members.

The next day, Saturday, June 21, the public is invited to view the house and enjoy the grounds from 10a.m. to 2p.m. Tickets are $10 for society members, $12 for non-members. During both times, tours of the house and its substantial grounds will be offered. Call the Cohasset Historical Society 781-383-1434 to make reservations.



Exposed oak ceiling beams and leaded glass windows, like the ones in the living room of the Bellarmine House, are hallmarks of the Arts and Crafts architectural style movement. The house is a rarely seen example of architect H.H. Richardson's work. Through the generosity of the Jesuits of Boston College, the Bellarmine House will be open for tours June 20 and 21 for two fundraising events for the Cohasset Historical Society.



COURTESY PHOTOS/V. A. LIPSETT

The interior of the Bellarmine House includes many details associated with the Arts and Crafts movement — exposed oak ceiling beams, raised oak paneling, leaded glass windows and fine woodwork like the banister of the spiral staircase.



When the house was built between 1880 and 1881, Frederick Law Olmsted, a pioneer in landscape architecture, designed the grounds of the property. While few of the original plantings remain, the peaceful paths and rarely seen outlooks of the eight-acre property do.

"We are very grateful to the Jesuits for opening their home to us. It should be a memorable event for all who attend."
— Kathy O'Malley, Cohasset Historical Society

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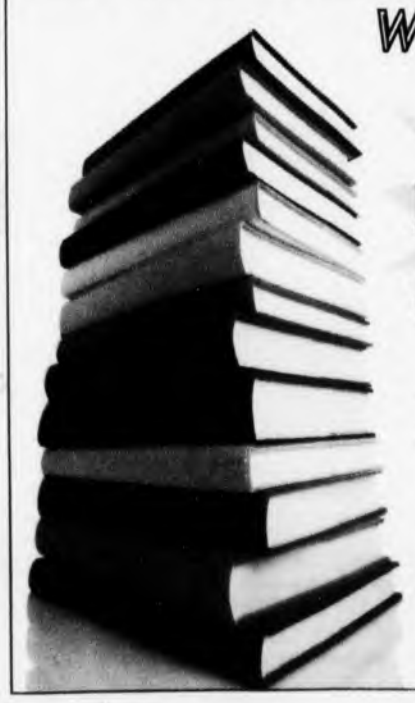
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Sacred words of memorial

When Abraham Lincoln gave his famed Gettysburg Address, he asked how we can possibly honor the brave men and women whose lives in service of our country personify honor itself.

Words and tributes fall terribly short of measuring up to the courage and sacrifice of our military personnel who gave their lives fighting for our freedom.

Yet words and tributes and tears and wreaths are all we have.

All we have to offer are love and prayers and heartfelt gratitude.

We offer our hearts on Memorial Day.

What family has not been touched by the aching loss of a loved one on the battlefield?

On Memorial Day, that love wells up.

Originally Memorial Day, also known as Decoration Day, honored military personnel who died during the Civil War.

The town of Waterloo is credited with being the first to commemorate Memorial Day with observances on May 5, 1866, honoring soldiers killed in the American Civil War.

History recorded that businesses closed and people decorated soldiers' graves and flew flags at half-mast.

A tribute such as Memorial Day was too beautiful and sacred to be limited to one town.

Memorial Day spread across the nation like a rainbow, and that day now honors all Americans who gave their lives for our country.

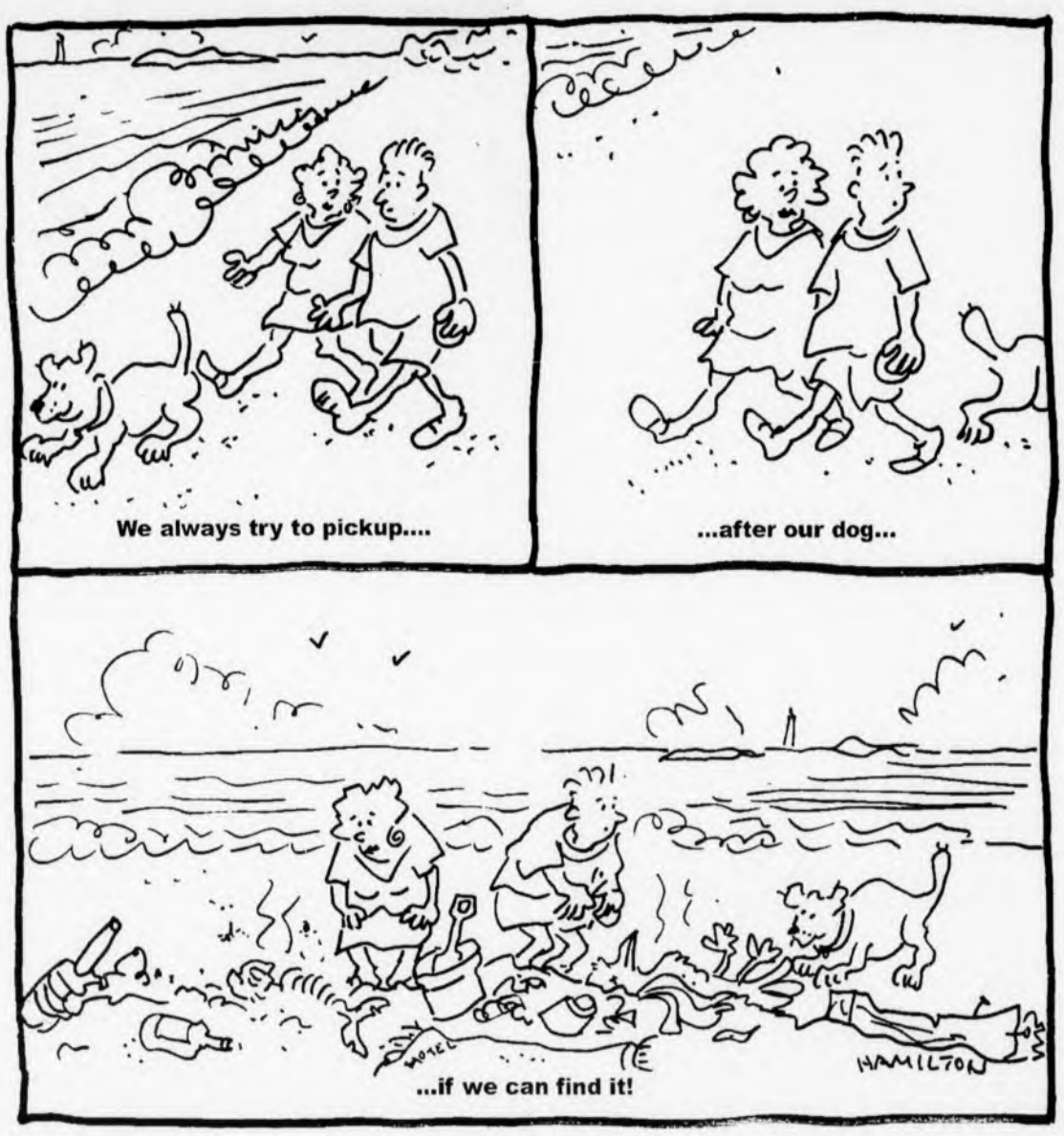
Cohasset will honor all our deceased members of our armed forces on Monday (May 26).

At Veterans Memorial Park at the Harbor, US Navy Lt. Michael L. Fichtner, who grew up in Cohasset graduating from Cohasset High School in 1978 and has served in the US Navy as a pilot on active and reserve duty, is the featured speaker.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, the Healing Field on the island at Summer and Border streets will be officially dedicated.

The Healing Field dedication; Monday's parade, which makes several stops along the way, and the Memorial Day service at the harbor will be inspiring and beautiful, as they always are.

We hope residents will attend and offer their thanks and prayers to the men and women who have given so much to us.



MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, June 10, 7:30 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, May 28, 7:15p.m.
Library Trustees, June 10, 7 p.m. at the library.
Recreation, June 4, 6:30p.m.
Selectmen, June 9 (7p.m.) & 16 (6:30p.m.) & 23 (7:00p.m.)
Sewer Commission, June 3, 6 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, June 3, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions. Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.

LETTER

Heartfelt thank you

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cotter family would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the outpouring of sympathy following the loss of our son and brother, John. Your thoughts, prayers, and acts of kindness have been a constant source of support and will remain with us always. We feel blessed to be members of such a caring community.

The Cotter Family
50 A Jerusalem Road

Lt. Gov. to attend reception

The following is a press release from Kevin R. McCarthy, Chair, Cohasset Town Democratic Committee.

Saturday, May 24, Lt. Gov. Tim Murray will be at a Meet & Greet reception for South Shore Democrats and municipal officials from 3 to 4:30 pm at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road

In 2006, Murray was elected Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, based on a campaign to help cities and towns across the state improve the quality of life for their residents, and to re-position the Massachusetts economy for long-term prosperity. Working side by side with Gov. Deval Patrick, Murray is helping to lead the state administration to better serve the people of Massachusetts.

Throughout his public career, Murray has taken on the tough challenges of economic development, improving public education, protecting the environment and making government more responsive to every citizen.

Land purchase protects Lily Pond

COMMENTARY

JIM HAMILTON

Thursday, May 22, the last parcels of Brass Kettle Conservation Area were purchased by the Town of Cohasset, which completed four years of land purchases that now comprises 120 acres of Lily Pond watershed protection.

At the spring 2004 Town Meeting, the Water Department received voter approval to purchase private woodlands in the watershed of the town's primary drinking water reservoir Lily Pond. Funding initially came from Water Department revenues, state grants, the Cohasset Preservation Commission, and the Cohasset Conservation Trust.

Key pieces of property were purchased along King Street, which essentially locked up the frontage that would prevent potential developers' access to the properties within the Brass Kettle Conservation Area. Many of the properties were landlocked woodland parcels inherited by their owners or purchased as a part of a land swap.

By purchasing the last two pieces of property, the town has permanently set aside significant acreage that serves multiple purposes — a protected watershed, a wildlife refuge, wild flowers and ferns, vernal pools, historic stonewalls, and a recreational trail network that is connected to Wompatuck State Park and Whitney-Thayer Woods. The Trustees of Reservations will hold the conservation restriction on this land and an adjacent seventy acres owned by the Water Department and will be responsible for maintaining the trail system throughout the conservation area.

The final purchases this week were made possible by a unique partnership of public and private contributors all working together to achieve a common goal. $500,000 came from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, the Cohasset Preservation Commission, the Water Department, the Cohasset Conservation Commission, the Trustees of Reservations, the Bates Family Trust, and the Cohasset Conservation Trust.



COURTESY PHOTO

Brass Kettle Conservation Area information kiosk in the King Street parking lot at the head of Great Lot Lane.

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Altogether, $2,500,000 was raised over the four years it took to complete the purchases involving negotiations with the various landowners.

Along with thanks to the major contributors, recognition should go to the Water Department Chairman Glenn Pratt who was the primary negotiator with the landowners and was personally involved in the land transactions from the beginning. He was also responsible for creating the parking lot on King Street that allows access into Great Lot Lane, the historic cart path that dates back to colonial times.

Cohasset, known for its rocky seacoast vistas and picturesque harbors, can also claim the distinction of preserving one of the largest percentages of municipal green space of any South Shore town.

Jim Hamilton lives on King Street.

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Punch list progress on Greenbush

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush – The contractor, Cashman, Balfour, Beatty (CBB), has really made progress cleaning up the punch list of items to be completed on the Greenbush project. Some of the things that have been done or are underway are:

- Completion of the hammerhead turn-around at Spring Street.
- Completion of the turn-around at Lincoln Lane
- Work on adding eight new parking spaces in the Town Parking Lot adjacent to the Teen Center.
- Fix the curbing and step from the Town Parking Lot to the Fix-It Shop, and rework the curbing adjacent to the Fix-It Shop.
- Add a new section of sidewalk at the entrance to the Town Parking Lot on Depot Court across from the South shore Art Center. (This will serve to better define the exit road from the lot and make pedestrian passage substantially safer along Depot Court.)
- Clean up the construction area at the N. Main St. / Forest Ave. / Lower King Street intersection.

CBB has been very helpful and flexible in working with our office in the completion of these smaller lingering tasks.

Important Greenbush safety – This week we had a report of a possible malfunction of a Greenbush crossing warning light at North Main Street. Unfortunately, we did not hear of the report until long after the fact. It is really important, that if you see what you think is a malfunction of any kind, call either 911 or the 800 number posted at each signal bungalow as soon as you possibly can. Notifying the MBTA promptly is really important to get any problems resolved.

Greenbush traffic islands – Some time ago, we mentioned that the Board of Selectmen were looking for volunteers to plant and maintain the traffic islands associated with the Greenbush project at the crossings. In the spirit of Cohasset volunteerism, a number of people and organizations have stepped forward and volunteered to plant and maintain most of the islands. We had to wait until the MBTA released them to us before the volunteers could get to work.



New sidewalk under construction across from the South Shore Arts Center.



COURTESY PHOTOS

New parking area at the Teen Center.

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In casual conversation this past week a representative from the MBTA mentioned to us that it is OK for us to begin planting in the medians at each crossing. In Cohasset this process is controlled by the Selectmen's office. If you or an organization you represent is interested in taking over the planting and maintenance of a median island, please call the Selectmen's office at 781-383-4105 and sign up for one of the remaining areas. Median areas that are currently available are at the Pond Street and Sohier Street railroad crossings. Here's your big chance to help us continue to make Cohasset a show place and to help soften the visual impact of the crossings.

Greenbush sork in Scituate – You may have noticed that Henry Turner Bailey Road is currently closed between Route 3A and Country Way. As a part of the Greenbush project, the MBTA is reconfiguring the intersection of Henry Turner Bailey Rd. and Route 3A. Rather than the current sweeping turn configuration it will be redone into more of a "T" intersection with a median in Henry Turner Bailey Road at the intersection. There will also be an overhead blinking light (red on Henry Turner Bailey Road, amber on Route 3A). The closure of Country Way for the construction of a new bridge over Bound Brook at the N. Scituate Station will not start until Henry Turner Bailey Road is reopened.

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Washington Story Part 3: The girl who cried Rolf

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

I'll try to be discrete here. A member of my family — a junior membe r— a girl, let's say — is a picky eater. When I say picky I mean aside from junk food there are only three items you can find in a grocery store that she will eat. Yes, it's a pain, and I would complain about it in the strongest terms, but then my mother would remind everyone that for two full years I lived on nothing but Honeycomb cereal and cranberry juice. And I wasn't faking it. Short of child abuse there was nothing my parents could have done to force an expansion of my diet.

That happened on its own in my mid-teens and now I eat everything, with two notable exceptions. I don't eat seafood, because I literally can't smell the difference between fresh cod and the dumpster behind Anthony's Pier 4, crustaceans are basically giant underwater insects, and mollusks are self-explanatory. The other thing I don't eat is dried coconut, because I'm against foods you can never fully swallow. You can wash down a Mounds bar with a quart of cranberry juice and I guarantee you'll still be chewing coconut an hour later. Even a Waterpik is powerless against it.

One of the three things my daughter will eat is Gerber pears, which is fortunate, because it's the only thing standing between her and a complete lower GI shutdown. A few days without the pears and we're looking at a 12-hour ordeal negotiating the release of the hostages, as we say. Typical vacation food, whose roughage content is so low it actually sucks fiber from your stomach lining, makes the pears that much more crucial. So when a heavily armed man at the Capitol building in Washington DC ordered me to drop the pears or face the consequences, you can understand why I hesitated.

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As I recounted in Part 2 of this story, choosing the pears over a tour of the Capitol building meant I got separated from my family for several hours. Ordinarily this would be a boon, but there's something about getting left behind in an unfamiliar city that can make a grown man feel like a kid lost at Six Flags. A cast member walked by who looked exactly like Christopher Dodd, and I considered asking him to help me find my family, because if there was no hope I knew he'd tell it to me straight, with no flimflammery, no dealing from the bottom of the deck. But instead I decided to attempt the impossible and call my wife on her cell phone.

If you've ever tried to reach my wife on her cell phone you know how desperate the situation had become. This is a phone that is never charged, let alone on, yet still somehow costs 40 bucks a month. She's more likely to use it as a projectile weapon against an attacker than as a communication device. But it was my last hope, so I ran down Capitol Hill and across Maryland Ave to the Botanical Gardens, which supposedly housed the closest public phone along with the world's largest collection of Eurasian Ghost Orchids or pumpkins or some such garbage.

Every minute I spent away from the Capitol building was a minute in which my family might emerge, glance around halfheartedly and decide to move to California without me. So placing the futile call and returning quickly to the scene was top priority. What I hadn't banked on was the jungle labyrinth design of the building and the number of idiots fascinated by ferns. I was climbing over children, trampling rare and endangered ficus plants, endangering not-so-rare old matrons from every garden club in the country... Eventually I made it to the phone, left a message for my wife, slashed and burned my way back to the entrance and ran up the hill to find her waiting for me near the Capitol steps.

As you would expect we had a happy reunion, assigned blame for the mishap, and then Emily threw up on a tour bus. Actually she threw up on me, the bus, and everyone else unlucky enough to be touring in the vicinity that day.

She had told me several times that she was going to throw up, but I ignored her. You have to understand that Emily is *always* warning she's about to throw up, and only delivers the goods about once a year. She's like a dormant volcano that rumbles harmlessly for decades, so you build your mud hut on the mountainside and refuse to evacuate every time you see a little smoke. You tell everyone it's all part of the Mount Emily lifestyle. Then you find yourself in a taxi with chunks of pasta in your ear and all the windows rolled down.

When we spilled out of the cab in front of our hotel I tipped the driver $5. Where I come from that means you're eternally grateful, but I'm not sure it helped. The windows stayed down as he sped off toward the Potomac River.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, where you may notice there are no Gerber pears left in stores on Tuesday afternoons.

HEALTH NOTES

Barbecuing, ticks and mosquitoes

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Spring is a pentecost of sorts. The world is filled with spirit of new life: buds, baby birds, bothersome insects, deer tick nymphs. And, of course humans, swatting, swearing and sweltering at barbecues. So, it's time to dust off the listing of precautions necessary to survive intact during the change of seasons.

It's cookout and barbecue time. Prepare food safely.

Make the most of the fun by making sure your food remains safe. The following steps are easy, and they'll help protect you and those around you from harmful food borne bacteria.

- **Cook**: Cook meat, poultry and eggs thoroughly.
- **Separate**: Don't cross-contaminate one food with another.
- **Chill**: Refrigerate leftovers promptly.
- **Clean**: Wash produce and hands.
- **Report**: Report suspected food borne illnesses to your local public health department.

Outside? Watch out for Ticks — To investigate specifically what human behavior increases the risk of tick exposure, researchers from the University of California at Berkeley took to the woods. They found that sitting on a log carried with it the greatest risk of picking up a tick. If you sit on a log (at least in Northern California) for only five minutes, you have a 30 percent chance of getting a tick on you! Gathering wood was also cited as a risky activity as well as leaning up against a tree.

Tick Secrets revealed — The reason ticks are hard to remove is that they often secrete "cementum" to more firmly anchor mouthparts and head to the host. Ticks may secrete or regurgitate small amounts of saliva that contain neurotoxins. These nerve poisons cleverly prevent you from feeling the pain and irritation of the bite. You may never notice the tick feeding on you. The saliva may contain a blood thinner to make it easier for the tick to get its blood meal.

Consider keeping it in a tightly closed jar or taped to a piece of paper. You may need to show the tick to the doctor if you become ill from the tick bite.

How to remove a tick — Use a small pair of curved forceps or tweezers. If possible, wear some sort of hand protection such as gloves so you don't spread bacteria from the tick to your hands. Grasp the tick firmly with the tweezers as close to the skin as possible. Apply gentle pulling until the tick comes free. Twisting or turning the tick doesn't seem to help because the mouthparts are barbed.

Once removed, don't crush the tick because you may transmit disease. Rinse it down a sink or flush it down a toilet. Consider keeping it in a tightly closed jar or taped to a piece of paper. You may need to show the tick to the doctor if you become ill from the tick bite. The area of the bite should leave a small crater or indentation where the head and mouthparts were embedded. If significant portions of the head or mouthparts remain, they may need to be removed by a doctor.

Thoroughly cleanse the bite area with soap and water or a mild disinfectant. Observe the area for several days for development of a reaction to the bite, such as a rash or signs of infection. Apply antibiotic cream to the area. Application of an antibiotic to the area may help prevent a local infection but does not affect the diseases transmitted by the tick.

Remember to wash your hands thoroughly after handling any tick or instruments that touched a tick. Clean and disinfect any instruments that were used.

Mosquitoes — Human, bird and equine infections have already been reported to CDC in 2008. Listen for news from your local health department about additional WNV infections. As Spring continues, WNV activity will become more widespread, so protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites. The virus can cause serious, life-altering and even fatal disease.

Use Mosquito Repellent — Of the active ingredients registered with the EPA, the CDC believes that two: DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide) and Picaridin (KBR 3023) have demonstrated a higher degree of efficacy in the peer-reviewed, scientific literature. Products containing these active ingredients typically provide longer-lasting protection than others:

Additional measures to reduce the probability of infection from mosquitoes are:

- Eliminate Mosquito Breeding Sites
- Install or Repair Window and Door Screens
- Support Community-Based Mosquito Control Programs

Cheer up, at least the furnace is off!

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

On the trail of Kennedys

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



It was difficult in the second half of the 20th century to toil in the business of collecting news around Boston and not cross paths with a Kennedy or two.

It seemed like they were always running for office (and winning 10 times out of 10), driving off bridges, surviving plane crashes or dating beautiful women.

I first met Jack, the president, up front and personal in a Springfield hotel when he was running for reelection against some obscure Republican in 1958.

I was working out of New York at the time and, since I was from Boston, I was considered to be just the expert to write about his preparations to run for president in 1960.

I first met Ted, the president's brother, when he was running for the Senate against George Lodge in 1962

I'll never forget his first words to me in that Springfield hotel. "Larry and Kenny are in the bar," he said. Boy, is that personal contact or what!

I first met Ted, the president's brother, when he was running for the Senate against George Lodge in 1962 to fill Jack's old seat, which was once held by George's father, Henry Cabot.

I spent a couple of weeks with the two of them, trailing Ted through the cities and towns of southeastern Massachusetts and George around the suburbs of Boston.

All I remember of George is that he ran a relaxed ship that included a bus with a bed in it and I was once in a car so crowded that the daughter of Robert Choate, publisher of the Herald, had to sit on my lap, a first for my lap.

There were four of us on the trail in Ted's car — Ted, Ed Moss, his chief campaign aide, Doug Wayland, the driver, and me. The campaign was Ted's first and much was expected of him so there was an air of tension around us.

I learned early, while at lunch in a restaurant on the Plymouth waterfront, that a Kennedy never pays. It was Ed Moss who settled up all checks. Ed later died in the 1964 plane crash in which Ted broke his back.

The highlight of the day came around supper time at the Brockton home of State Senator Blackie Burke when we played touch football in the backyard while Blackie's wife, Angela, cooked us a spaghetti dinner.

Much later, sometime in the early '80s, I was working at a weekly paper, the Quincy Sun, when Ted came by on a tour of the boondocks to promote some pet bill. He was preceded by a bevy of Secret Service men.

A few weeks before, I had just finished up a never-ending series on the drug culture in Quincy schools and one of the cops, Don Pearson, had given me as a souvenir a brass pot pipe confiscated from a junior high school dope fiend.

The Secret Service man was going through my desk in search of a bomb or some other infernal device when he came across the pipe. He took it out, stared at it for a moment, looked quizzically at me, shrugged, and put it back.

I got rid of the pipe quickly lest the Secret Service rat me out to the DEA. How do you explain to your friends that Ted Kennedy got you busted for smoking weed?

Is Town Hall haunted?

After months of anticipation, Our Town Special Productions is pleased to bring viewers the one-hour special of the Enfield Paranormal Society's Paranormal Investigation of the Cohasset Town Hall last January.

See for yourself whether the Town Hall is truly haunted while getting to know one of Cohasset's most precious historical assets!

Join Our Town co-host Pat Martin on her 48-hour adventure into every hidden nook and underground cranny of the Town Hall in search of ghosts and paranormal phenomenon! You might want to keep the lights on!

Tune in Monday at 9 p.m. on Comcast channel 10 and then watch for repeats on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 p.m. Stay tuned Cohasset and stay entertained!

RTF news

Paint collection days: Residents can drop off paint at the Recycling Transfer Facility on the last Saturday of the month from April through October. Residents are encouraged to dry out any latex paint using cat litter, sand or paint hardener, which can then be disposed of with regular household trash. Empty cans can then be thrown in the tin can container.

Brush chipping: Residential brush may be dropped off in the Public Works parking area from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the following Saturdays: May 31, June 28, Sept. 27 and Oct. 25. No trees over five inches, no stumps, firewood, briars or weeds allowed.

Memorial Day, Healing Field observances planned

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speak at the ceremony.

Deidre Wigmore, American Legion Auxiliary President, said the Healing Field has brought out families and townspeople to remember, honor and heal over the two-week exhibit, not just on Memorial Day.

"The town really comes together for this week," she said.

On Monday, the annual parade down North Main Street to the Common and onto Elm Street and the harbor is always a draw in this small town that has lost more than of its share of soldiers, sailors and airmen over the years.

The Veterans Memorial stone monument provides the backdrop for the ceremony that will include featured speaker US Navy Lt. Michael L. Fichtner. Fichtner grew up in Cohasset graduating from Cohasset High School in 1978 and has served in the US Navy as a pilot on active and reserve duty. He flew logistics support for combat operations during Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

The parade arrives at the harbor at about 11:45 a.m. but the day's events actually begin the night before. From 8 p.m. Sunday to 6 a.m. Monday, a Legion member will keep vigil at Veterans Park. At 7 a.m. the George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 on Summer Street hosts the annual veterans' breakfast. From the Legion veterans march up to the old Paul Pratt Library building (now the headquarters of the Cohasset Historical Society) where they board buses for the North Cohasset Cemetery and honor roll.



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About 428 American flags are display at the harbor. The Healing Field will be dedicated at 2 p.m., Saturday.

The striking visual of over 400 waving American flags is meant to honor all service men and women who have served, continue to serve and those who have paid the ultimate price to keep America free.

The buses arrive at Woodside at about 9:30 a.m. that includes visiting the Gold Star Mothers Memorial. Then it's on to Beechwood Cemetery. The veterans join the parade that includes local bands, scouts, a contingent from the Daughters of the American Revolution, and veterans at the Music Circus parking lot at about 10:30 a.m. From 10:40 to 11:10a.m. the Cohasset Carillon at St. Stephen's plays patriotic and American folk and show tunes before the parade makes its way to the village. The parade marches to Central Cemetery at Joy Place, then down North Main Street to the Common, the POW/MIA Memorial, and onto Elm Street and the harbor, arriving at about 11:45 a.m.

Deidre Wigmore said her favorite moment of the Memorial Day is when the parade makes its appearance near the common. A slight hill obscures the parade from view and then all of a sudden you see it. "I love that part."

Tom Wigmore may be biased, but he touts Cohasset's Memorial Day events as "the best in the country by far."

Memorial Day schedule

- 7 a.m., veterans breakfast at the Legion
- 8:15 a.m., buses leave old Paul Pratt Library for North Cohasset
- 9:30 a.m., buses arrive at Woodside Cemetery, then on to Beechwood Cemetery
- 10:30 a.m., parade steps off from Music Circus parking lot
- 10:40 to 11:10 a.m., Cohasset Carillon at St. Stephen's plays patriotic and American folk songs
- 11 a.m., ceremony at Central Cemetery at Joy Place
- 11:30 a.m., ceremony at MIA/POW Square at Depot Court
- 11:45 a.m., parade arrives at Veterans Memorial Park. Guest speaker is Michael L. Fichtner



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Debbie Kurtz looks for her mother's flag and her mother-in-law's flag among the 428 American flags in the Healing Field by the Veteran's Memorial.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' votes on two roll calls from the week of May 12-16. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

FOOD ALLERGIES AND RESTAURANTS (S 2701)

Senate 36-3, approved and sent to the House legislation requiring all restaurants to prominently display a poster about food allergy awareness in the staff area and to include on all menus a notice of the customer's obligation to inform the server about any food allergies. Another provision requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to develop a voluntary program that allows restaurants to be designated as "Food Allergy Friendly" by the DPH and posted on the agency's website. The guidelines that restaurants would have to meet for the designation would be developed by the DPH and would include a requirement that a restaurant maintain on the premises a master list of all the ingredients used in the preparation of each food item on the menu. Supporters said that an estimated 11 million Americans suffer from food allergies that result in more than 30,000 emergency room visits and 200 deaths each year. They argued that the bill is a common sense one that would save lives and reduce illnesses. Opponents said that they support doing something about food allergies but argued that the bill would hurt small take out venues that post their food choices on a board and do not have menus. They noted that the measure would require that these mom and pop operations change their operation and incur the costs of printing menus. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill establishing requirements. A "No" vote is against the requirements).

OCEAN MANAGEMENT (S 2690)

Senate 39-0, approved a conference committee version of a bill requiring the state to develop and implement an ocean management plan. The compromise was reached after the House and Senate passed different versions of the bill. The new measure does not include a section from the original House version that critics said would destroy the state's ocean sanctuaries law and allow Jay Cashman, a friend of House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi, to build up to 120 wind turbines in Buzzards Bay. Supporters of the bill said that this landmark legislation would ensure that the state has a statewide and comprehensive plan to balance the commercial and recreational uses of oceans and the protection of their environmental value. They noted that proposals for liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals, gas pipelines, telecommunications cables and wind energy facilities must be carefully considered along with the need to preserve the oceans and the environment. Some noted that it is long past the time to eliminate the current system that spreads out this important responsibility among several government agencies in a piecemeal, confusing and inconsistent manner. The bill needs additional approval by both branches prior to going to the governor. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL:

ABOLISH INCOME TAX AND DECRIMINALIZE MARIJUANA - Supporters of two possible November 2008 ballot questions are hitting the streets again to gather signatures. The Legislature did not act by last week's deadline on initiative petitions abolishing the state's 5.3 percent income tax and replacing the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties. The groups in December had cleared the first hurdle by collecting the 66,593 required signatures to bring the proposals to the Legislature. The House and Senate's inaction on the measures means that supporters need another 11,099 signatures by June 18 in order to get their questions on the 2008 ballot for voter consideration.

Supporters of decriminalizing marijuana say that under current law, offenders can face excessive and unnecessary penalties including up to six months in jail and a fine of up to $500. They argue that states which have approved similar decriminalization law have not seen an increase in marijuana use and noted that the bill would save millions of dollars in law enforcement and court costs. Opponents say that decriminalization sends the wrong message and would increase marijuana use. They also argue that marijuana is a gateway drug that would lead to the use of more dangerous drugs.

Supporters of abolishing the income tax say that abolition would save taxpayers an average of $3,600 per year and force politicians to downsize the budget and eliminate waste and pork. Opponents say that the abolition would cost the state $11 billion and force deep cuts in many essential programs.

PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FROM VERIZON - The Department of Revenue (DOR) released figures indicating how much money local communities would receive if a March 3 Appellate Tax Board ruling holds up. The board ruled that Verizon was required to pay property taxes on its poles and wires on public ways in cities and towns. Verizon is appealing the decision. Under current law, Verizon and other telecommunication companies' poles and wires are exempt from local property taxes while electric companies and wireless companies are required to pay property taxes on poles and wires. According to the DOR, the board's ruling required the state to issue by May 15 the valuation of the poles and wires and an estimate of how much each of the state's 351 communities would receive in new property tax revenue. The total valuation is $1.6 billion and the 351 communities would receive a combined total of $26.1 million. This estimate does not include up to an estimated $50 million in new tax revenue on telephone company machinery including switches.

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Mohamed, who is Ali Hajj Zaidan's brother, wipes down a car after cleaning it on Wednesday. It is another service that they offer at the gas station besides doing inspections and other auto repairs.

Hajj family is pumped up about business

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tion. But, he is not going at it alone--"united we stand" is the family's motto for the business. He learned car repair from his father, an auto mechanic.

"I know I couldn't do this without their help...between all of us we figure it out," he explained.

At 27, he is the oldest of nine children and the youngest is 11. While several of his siblings are already here in America, he's working to bring his entire family to the US.

"We want our family to be a part of the community."
— Ali H. Zaidan

"Whatever is in their mind, I want (my brothers and sisters) to have it," said Ali, adding the education and opportunities here are more than they could have in Lebanon.

His sister has aspirations of being a pharmacist, while his brother is adept at computers, even helping him set up spreadsheets for the business.

Although he currently resides in Hull, he spends most of his time in Cohasset where he's found the community welcoming.

"Cohasset is different. Here it is like a family, I love it. They are all like neighbors," he said.

Customers in the morning often bring him coffee or offer to get him something to eat at French Memories or Atlantic Bagel, he said.

In turn, he and his family try to offer the best service they can. When they took over they made the station open seven-day a week with daily hours of operation from 6a.m. to 8p.m. He plans to be open even more during the summer months — 5a.m. to 10p.m. The longer hours may require him to take a day off, he said with a smile. But, he believes the hard work he is putting in now will pay off in the end.

"In the first year of business I think you have to work hard — get to know the people, the community and the business," Ali said. "We want our family to be a part of the community."

Little things like going out to give a jump for a woman with a dead battery for no charge or repairing something minor for free, he and his family do without a second thought. "We like to help."



Ali Hajj Zaidan fills out an inspection sticker report at Hajj Auto Care.

When Ali arrived in the US in 2004, he said he started working hard, going to school for computers and saving as much money as he could. To learn English, he read the newspaper everyday and circled any words he didn't know. Then, he would ask friends to explain what the word meant.

When the opportunity to become a business owner came up, he thought this would be the way to establish himself in the area.

"If you never try, you never know," said Ali. "I put the goal in my mind and follow it through."

For the village gas station, he is looking to make improvements to the station. He is currently looking at prices for a canopy and new pumps to allow both full service and self-service amenities.

John Steinmetz of 175 Sohier St. has had several positive experiences with the Hajj family car service .

"Instead of dreading having to go to the gas stations as used to be the case, I now actually enjoy going. The members of the Hajj family are all extremely friendly, and go out of their way to be helpful," said Steinmetz. As the father of four children under the age of three and the new dad of six-month old twins, he said he was way behind on car maintenance, inspections and the replacement of a dented bumper up until a few months ago. With the Hajj's extended hours, he was able to bring in the cars late on the weekend and get them inspected and serviced.

"I don't know of any other gas station that offers these hours of operation, and I know that the many other people in town with schedules like mine will greatly appreciated these extended hours," said Steinmetz.

With gas prices on the rise nearly everyday, Ali said it's a struggle for him as well as the customer. This week when he filled his tanks, it cost him $3.70 per gallon. He was charging $3.79. If a customer pays by credit card, it cuts into his profit.

"It affects me a lot, but we always try to stay competitive (with other area gas stations)," said Ali.

Along with his family, Ali has put himself heart and soul into the business and doesn't have much time for anything else.

"I call it my wife," he quipped.

Cape Yachts names Tierney general manager

Cape Yachts announced recently it has appointment William "Bill" Tierney of Cohasset general manager of its Cape Cod operations based in Harwich Port.

"Bill returns to us bringing a perspective of our working history and appreciation of our Cape Cod service operation along with a successful track record in sales and management," said Dave Nolan, president of Cape Yachts. Prior to joining Cape Yachts, Tierney enjoyed a 15-year career in the financial services community after beginning his working career with Cape Yachts while attending college.

Tierney's initial efforts will be to complete Cape Yacht's transition of its Cape Cod operation from its 22-year history of large yacht sales and service that included smaller outboard boats, into a full-service dealership that specializes in the smaller outboard market featuring Robalo Boats powered by Yamaha engines. The Harwich Port location will continue to serve the Cape as Cape Yacht's beach head site for its fine yacht builders. Last summer, Cape Yachts expanded its operation with the addition of a full-service waterfront yacht yard and marina at South Wharf in Padanaram.

Cape Yachts is a full-service dealer and New England distributor for Robalo Boats, True North Power Boats, Alerion Express, Beneteau Yachts, Sabre and Hallberg Rassy Sailboats.

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'Defense and Security' is topic of discussion

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Great Decisions Discussion Group –Great Decisions Discussion Group will meet every Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room. May 27 topic will be "Defense and Security," chapter five in the discussion book.

Wendy Hale Exhibits "Two Solos" – South Shore Art Center will feature an exhibit by Wendy Hale at Paul Pratt Library during May and June. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Library Book Group – Coffee and discussion of "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini will take place at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 28. All are welcome to this free event.

New Service for Cohasset Book Groups – Soon, the library will offer sets of books for use by discussion groups. Cohasset residents may reserve a set for their groups. Ten copies of one title are in each set. Popular reading group titles will be available. Call the reference desk for more information.

Brain Fitness Program – Experience PositScience's Brain Fitness Program, a software-based cognitive training course, now available at the library. Library users may schedule an eight-week timeslot to use the software program in the library. It is not available for home use. Through a series of exercises, one can build and maintain cognitive ability. Not sure you want to commit to eight weeks? Try sample exercises using the demo mode. For more information, call the reference desk at 781-383-1348.

FOR CHILDREN

Here's what's new in the Children's Room at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library:

Discovery Girls, a magazine created by girls, for girls 8-12.

In paperback we have new Hank Zipzer's, The World's Greatest Underachiever, by Henry Winkler. For more go to www.hankzipzer.com.

Also in paperback catch up with Beast Quest by Adam Blade and Secret Agent Jack Stalwart, The Pursuit of the Ivory Poachers, by Elizabeth Singer Hunt. Jack's new destination is Kenya. The Cabin Creek Mysteries is new in paperback. Try, The Secret of Robber's Cave by Kristiana Gregory. Uh-Oh, Cleo, by Jessica Harper and Andy Shane and The Queen of Egypt are new first chapter books found in juvenile fiction. Also new in juvenile fiction is Deep Down Popular by Phoebe Stone, Keeping Score, by Linda Sue Park, Elvis and Olive, by Stephanie Watson, Attack of the Growing Eyeball, Who Shrunk Daniel Funk?, by Lin Oliver, Jimmy's Stars, by Mary Ann Rodman, and Six Innings, by James Preller.

Into poetry? Try Keepers, Treasure-Hunt Poems by John Frank with photographs by Ken Robbins. For more information about these selections and for book summaries go to www.cohassetlibrary.org and click on Catalog.



Collection to benefit service personnel

Members of First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Cohasset have recently learned that military personnel seriously injured in Iraq are airlifted to the Balad Air Base Hospital where they are triaged and stabilized before being sent to Germany and then eventually home. These men and women are picked up from the field without any personal items or civilian clothing. Flight doctors say these soldiers really want to travel and arrive home wearing their own clothing, not military fatigues or hospital pajamas. Church members have been asked if they could supply clothes and personal items that would be distributed to these men and women, injured in the service to the country. Help from the community is being asked to collect clothing to help meet these needs.

The list, for both men and women, include: underwear, bras, socks, flip-flops, shirts, pants, belts, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant.

The clothing should be new, basic and comfortable, and in all sizes. Think loose, cargo-style pants and polo-type shirts. Both winter and summer clothes are needed.

There will be a collection center in the Parish House of First Parish in Cohasset, 23 North Main St., for any items people might want to drop off to help with this effort.

Checks to help with shipping would also be appreciated. Make checks out to First Parish in Cohasset and note Balad Hospital.

Call Pat Baird at 781-383-6997 for more information.

Celebrate May with Sustainable Cohasset

Sustainable Cohasset will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, May 27th in the Bartow Room at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 7:30 p.m.. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Forum on China

"Why is China the Way It Is?," a public forum on China presented by Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, will take place from 7 to 9:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 28, at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Presenter will be Joseph Fewsmith of Cohasset, professor of international relations and political science and director of the East Asia Interdisciplinary Studies Program at Boston University.

Overview and participant introductions will be by Kevin McCarthy, chairman of Cohasset Democratic Committee. The forum will be moderated by Tom Callahan, vice chairman of Cohasset Democratic Committee and former Cohasset Selectman. The overriding purpose of the forum is to educate the public regarding China and to invite public discussion on this public issue.

The forum is free and open to the public. Those attending are invited to bring donations to Cohasset Food Pantry.

Exhibit by Cohasset photographer on view in Quincy

"The Ocean Around Us," a photography exhibition by Cohasset photographer Martin G. Grassie, will be shown at Thomas Crane Library in Quincy during the month of June. An opening reception will take place from 2 to 4 p.m., on June 1, at the library.

Grassie said, " I am drawn to the ocean and the beaches with my camera. I have tried to capture living and non-living segments of the atmosphere that surround all of us 'ocean creatures' that inhabit the coastal communities. When I walk along our beautiful shore I feel one with nature and hope to learn to capture this spirit through my photographs."

Grassie is a former elementary school principal and teacher. After 40 years in the public schools he is retired and enjoying capturing the world through his eyes and camera.

Part of the exhibit features Lucy the harp seal. In February 2008 a harp seal came ashore on the Sandy Beach in Cohasset. Grassie said, "I came across the scene of a large Labrador retriever barking at the seal and many children and their parents gathered around. Many of those that had interacted with the harp seal felt a connection and some communication with Lucy. The children on the beach named the harp seal Lucy. I have tried to convey the stress felt by the seal and some of the communication felt by the bystanders."



COURTESY PHOTO/MARTIN GRASSIE

Lucy, the harp seal, who came ashore in February.

Grassie has photographed as part of his job for years, building Web sites both for his classroom and school. He taught science and math to elementary students using the ocean as a lesson or example for many years. He was given a Kodak camera by his sister, Liz, for Christmas when he was 10-years-old. Part of the thrill of photography is honoring her spirit and love of life through his photographs.

Tennis benefit for Children's Hospital

Save the date for Cohasset's longest-running tennis tradition, which swings into action again this summer to benefit Children's Hospital Boston beginning Friday, July 18th through Sunday, July 20th. The popular weekend tennis tournament dates back to the 1950's, when Cohasset's legendary philanthropist Jesse Cox gathered family and friends for a charitable game of tennis to benefit some of the neediest children and their families at Children's Hospital.

The event was a tremendous success and soon became an annual summer tradition. In the past 10 years alone, more than $100,000 has been raised to benefit patients and their families at the hospital, earning the Cohasset Tennis Benefit a commemorative plaque in the Children's lobby. This year all proceeds will help fund the Pediatric Trauma Program, with 100 percent of the proceeds paying for transportation, lodging and personal care packages for families of trauma patients.

This summer's benefit kicks off with an evening reception on Friday, July 18th at the Lightkeeper's Residence on Cohasset Harbor. On Saturday, July 19, tennis players of all abilities, from beginners to advanced, are evenly matched and play on some of the most spectacular private courts throughout Cohasset. Finals for three levels of play (social, intermediate and advanced) take place on Sunday, July 20th on the grounds of the Roy estate, formerly the home of Cohasset Tennis Benefit founder Jesse Cox.

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Skippers lock up tournament berth

Now look for South Shore League title

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

After numerous years of not fulfilling high expectations set at the start of the season, the Cohasset High baseball team has finally fulfilled their long awaited expectation of the making the state tournament.

With a 3-2 win over Carver last Thursday, the Skippers clinched a playoff spot in the tournament for the first time in nine seasons. Cohasset has only kept the ball rolling from there, as its two following wins against Hull and Mashpee have moved them that much closer to a South Shore League title.

In order to clinch a playoff spot, Cohasset turned to a new starting pitcher, sophomore Brendan Doonan, to try and get the job done.

Doonan did just that.

While pitching the first seven innings of this extra inning game, Doonan struck out six Carver batters, allowed only four hits, and did not allow any earned runs. Senior Dave Snowdale pitched the eighth inning for the save.

Cohasset's offense did little to help the young starter, as they were only able to muster two runs for the regular game before scoring a run with some help in the eighth.

Senior Kyle Pinkus scored the run. That gave the Skippers a 3-2 lead to win the game. After hitting a single, Pinkus stole both second and third base, but while the catcher was attempting to throw Pinkus out at third, the ball went by the third baseman allowing the game-winning run to cross the plate.

Senior's Chris Rose and Sam DeGiacomo had the first two RBI's of the game for Cohasset.

Cohasset insured a spot in the state tournament with the win and could now focus its attention on the league title.

"It was good for the kids, especially for the seniors who have been on the team so long and are very experienced," said Cohasset head coach Al Gallotta. "The senior leadership has been very good."

The Skippers started the week off positive with their 10-2 victory over rival Hull. DeGiacomo bounced back from his tough outing last week and pitched six very strong innings. He allowed only four hits in those six innings and had eight strikeouts.

DeGiacomo also helped himself out with three hits of his own, driving in a run.

The rest of Cohasset's offense bounced back after its poor outing versus Carver. Pinkus once again contributed with a two run single in the game, while both senior Alex Goetz and junior John Sturino also drove in two runs. Both of them had triples in the game, but it was Goetz who had the biggest day adding a round tripper to his awesome day. Senior Pat Doonan also had a good day with three hits and an RBI as well.

With the win over Hull, Cohasset knew that they were now in a virtual tie for first

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Rebounding effort

Win over Hingham excites club before tourney opener

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High boys lacrosse team was "reeling a bit," according to coach Stew Curran, heading into last Thursday's game against Hingham. After losing to Marshfield and Barnstable, two excellent teams, the Skippers needed a reminder, a refresher of sorts, about who they are.

They got it with an 8-7, overtime win against the Harbormen. It has been a long time since Cohasset beat Hingham on its own turf. The Skippers beat Hingham last year, 13-9 at home.

"It was an outstanding win," Curran said. "Hingham is having a difficult season."

The Harbormen have lost six one goal games and two in overtime including the Cohasset game.

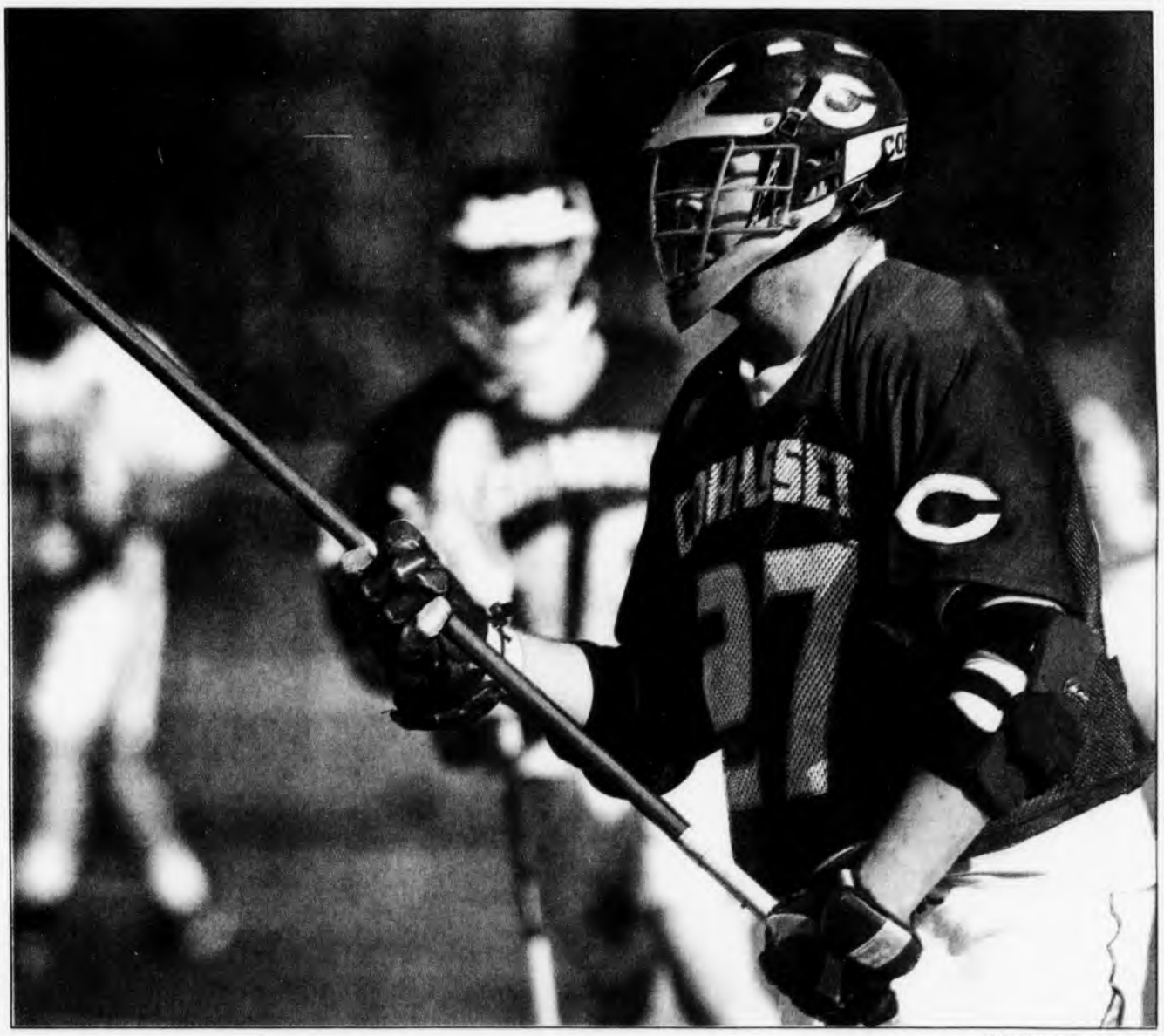
"They have a very talented team, a lot of returnees, but in crunch time they haven't beaten anybody."

Cohasset trailed 3-0 after one period and 5-2 at the half. They kept chipping away. Nate Porter was given a rest in net for Jack Murphy in the second half, and the substitution proved to be a good one.

"He is a good athlete, a hard working kid," Curran said. "We made the change in net. It wasn't so much that Nate is struggling, but the team is in front of him. Jack just went in and played spectacular."

With two minutes to go, Cohasset trailed by one. Murphy made a save

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Cohasset's Jake Cuneo keeps a watchful eye on another Scituate attack. Cuneo and the rest of the two-time Division 3 State champions have their work cut out heading into tourney time.

CHS tennis teams ready for tourney

Boys clinch berth; girls finish unbeaten in league

By Joel Racicot
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A 5-0 win over Mashpee Tuesday, earned the Cohasset High boys tennis team a second place finish in the South Shore League, and qualified them for the south sectional.

Ryan Crough (6-0, 6-0), Dan Brady (6-0, 6-0) and Garrett Canney (4-6, 6-4, 6-2) won at first, second and third singles.

First doubles team of Mike Filby and Luke Brewer won 6-2, 6-0, and second doubles team of Will Choi and Travis Craven won 6-2, 6-1.

The boys lost to Harwich, 4-1, Wednesday and Duxbury, 3-2, Monday. Mike Filby and Ivan Sceery won 7-5, 6-0 at doubles against the Rough Ryders.

Victor Hartman (6-4, 6-3) and Dan Brady (6-4, 6-4) both won at singles against the Green Dragons.

Cohasset coach Paul Carroll doesn't plan on shaking anything up for tournament.

"We'll just stick with the regular lineup," he said. "We should do well, but it all depends on the draw. We've been representative in all of our tough matches but Hingham."

The **Lady Skippers** continued their torrid place through the SSL, and every other league, winning three matches this week: Duxbury 3-2, Monday, Mashpee 4-1, Tuesday, and Rockland 5-0, Wednesday.

The girls finished the regular season as the undefeated (12-0)

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Cohasset boys youth lacrosse notes

The **U13 Black** team traveled to Pembroke to play their first Turf game. Cohasset came home with a 12-3 victory.

Max Montgomery scored four times and had an assist, in the first half. Charlie Steele had two goals and made four assists.

Curtis Golden had two goals and two assists. Mark Brown was undefeated in face offs and scored twice and made a terrific assist.

Zack Coggins showed his wheels with a hard charging score and assist. Cameron Steele had an assist.

Will Golden held the Pembroke offense to a single goal during the first half and made several aggressive clears from net.

Harry Serakias took charge of the net in second half and made six saves as a first time goalie.

Max Montgomery played defense in the second half and showed how effective the long pole can be with several great checks and beautiful clears. Jack Stangelli, Jack Leffel and Dylan Bomeisler shut down the Pembroke offensive charge. Cohasset U13 continues to show great athletic ability and good sportsmanship. Five games, and five wins for Cohasset.

The **U11 White** squad broke through to a higher level of team play to win against Plymouth at their home field, 12-1. The first goal of the game was made by up and comer Jack Speer from a ground ball at the top of the box. Jack showed speed and confidence throughout the game.

After a faceoff win by Graham Blackburn, Cohasset brought it to Plymouth's defense again, and Drew Skolnick fed Conor

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Several students earned medals in their divisions.

In the 6-7 years division for sparring, Aidan Torres of Scituate earned a gold medal, while Justin Sledesky of **Cohasset** won silver, and Brady Conlon, also of Scituate, earned bronze.

In 8-9 year old sparring Liam Conlon of Scituate earned gold, Sam Darby of Hingham won silver, Christian Calnan of Scituate earned bronze, and Paul Rossi-Ormon of Scituate earned 4th place.

Dean Walter of Scituate took the gold medal for 10-12 years boys sparring. Michael Abner of Scituate won 4th place in 14-16 years boys sparring. Also in the 12-14 years division, Jackie Perry of Hanover won the gold medal for Weapons, and took bronze for Hand Forms.

Alex Doe of Rockland took silver in the Short Weapons division, and 4th place for 12-14 years Hand Forms. Sarah Russell of **Cohasset** earned a silver medal in Girls 10-12 year old Sparring. In the girls 10-12 years Form division Gabrielle Samaha of Milton won bronze. Samantha Blumberg of Rockland won two gold medals in Women's Long Weapons and Women's Short Weapons, and also a bronze in Advanced Women's Forms.

Meagen Atkins of Norwell won bronze in Women's Long Weapons and Silver in Women's Forms. Will Kern of Quincy took bronze in Men's Advanced Forms. He also shared bronze, tying for 3rd place, with David Higbee of Hingham in the Men's Advanced Short Weapons division.

Derek Palmer of **Scituate** won 1st place in men's Beginner Weapons and 2nd place in Men's Beginner Forms.

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TOURNAMENT TIME



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Cohasset's Caroline Fein (28) tries to scoop up the bouncing ball. Cohasset 13, Fairhaven 8. Freshman Kaci Kucinski and juniors Lindsay Hill and Caitlin Mahoney all had three goals for the visiting Skippers in a 13-8 win over Fairhaven. With a second place finish in the South Shore League the girls are headed for the tournament, starting next week.

South Shore League girls lacrosse

Games through 5/19/08

Norwell, (4-0, 11-7), **Cohasset**, (3-1, 6-8), Hull, (2-2, 5-4-1), Mashpee, (1-3, 3-11-1), and Abington (0-4, 3-14-1).

Scoring leaders include; Anna Bottary (Jr.) Hull, 59 goals, 7 assists, 63 points; Jill Cammett (Sr.), Norwell, 43-15-58; Lila Mooney (Jr.), Mashpee, 41-17-58; Kate Macdonald, Norwell, 41-14-55; Lexi Giatrelis (Sr.), Mashpee, 36-16-54; Rose O'Connell, Norwell, 43-10-53; Lindsay Hill (Jr.), **Cohasset**, 39-8-47; Catie Furbush (Jr.), Mashpee, 31-11-42; Molly Cox (Fr.), Norwell, 28-12-40; Shannon Sloan (Sr.), Abington, 27-7-34; Megan Russell (Sr.) Hull, 28-4-32; Olivia Galvin (Jr.), Mashpee, 28-3-31; Amy McDonald, (Fr.), Hull, 20-8-28; Lauryl DeGrenier (Jr.), Abington, 18-9-27.

Win over Hingham excites club

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and, 'like Brady to Moss," hit Charlie Czerkawski 60 yards on a break, who then sent the game into overtime with a goal.

Czerkawski won the initial faceoff in OT and did a great job against Hingham's Austin Driscoll all game. Czerkawski hit PJ McCaw on a set play. He then shot the ball of the bar. Hingham got the ball back but the Cohasset defense held strong.

On an ensuing possession, Mark Flibotte beat his man one-on-one for the game winner. He finished the game with 5 goals and 2 assists.

The win improved the Skippers to 13-5 overall, 4-0 in the South Shore League.

They played against Tabor Academy at home for Senior Day, Thursday May 22, passed *Cohasset Mariner* deadline.

Flibotte, Porter, Czerkawski, Will Wise, Dana Valentine, Peter Ernst and Mike Grimm were named to the SSL all-star team.

Up next—the south sectional, stay tuned.

Local Road Race Calendar

Monday, May 26

The 6th Annual Christopher's 5K Run and Walk for Diabetes will take place Monday, May 26, at 11 a.m. in West Bridgewater. For information, contact Frank Nelson at 508-208-5377 or log onto christophersrun@colonialrunners.org.

Monday, May 26

The 5K Your Way Summer Fun Run will take place Monday, May 26, at 7 p.m. in Raynham. For information, contact Jim DuPont at 508-822-0376 or jdupont01@comcast.net.

Tuesday, May 27

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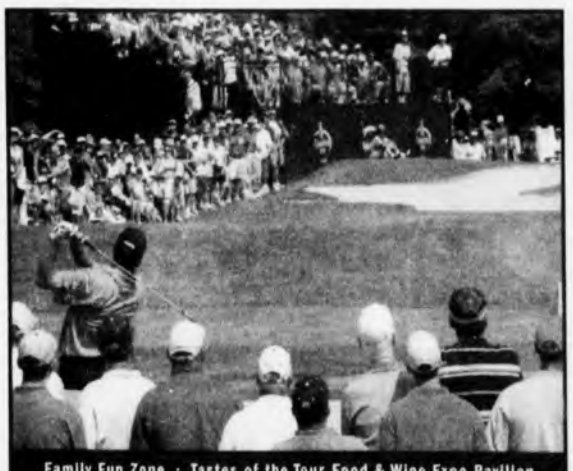
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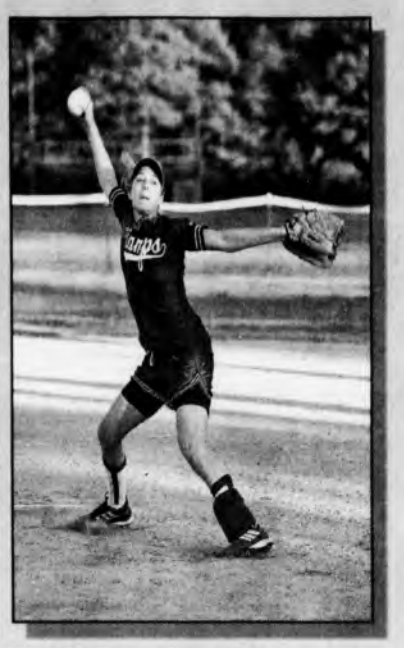
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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

LIZ DIMASCIO
BRAINTREE



Name: Liz DiMascio
Family: father, Paul; mother, Paula; sister, Katherine
Hobbies: Softball, skiing
Favorite Athletic Accomplishment: 12-inning postseason game against Milton in 2005
Favorite Subject: Math
Favorite Teachers: Mr. Dinh, Ms. Forger
Favorite TV Show: CSI Las Vegas
Favorite Food: Pasta
Favorite Movie: National Treasure

Nominees for the South Shore Athlete of the Month are chosen by sports editors from the following towns: Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth. One student-athlete is chosen from the list of nominees as the South Shore Athlete of the Month. Coastal Nissan, sponsor of the South Shore Athlete of the Month, will present a check in the amount of $500 each month to the athletic department from the winning school.

Nominees for the month of April are: Abington: Steve Perakslis; Braintree: Liz DiMascio; Cohasset: Brian Hill; Hanover: Colleen Mulligan; Hingham: Shauna McNiff; Marshfield: Andrew Brown; Norwell: Susan Bitetti; Rockland: Brittany Calderon; Scituate: Blaine O'Brien; Weymouth: Jackie Moscardelli.

The Athlete of the Month for April is Liz DiMascio of Braintree.

Braintree's ace hurler Liz DiMascio picked up from her stellar 2007 season with a no-hitter to start this year against Framingham, registering 10 strikeouts and one walk in the process. The senior tri-captain was once again stellar in her next start against Walpole, where she cruised to the victory by fanning 13 batters on three hits and no earned runs. DiMascio pitched her third straight shutout against Milton, giving up three hits en route to a Braintree 13-0 victory.

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Three Cohasset Little League alumni and current members of Boston College High School's varsity baseball team after a recent game.
From L-R, senior Tommy Chase, sophomore Robby McCunney and senior Cody Morgan. The Eagles are off to an 11-4 record in the Division 1 Catholic Conference.

Skippers lock up tournament berth

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place in the South Shore League with two other teams, but they also knew that they had keep winning if they wanted to maintain a spot at the top of the league.

And that's exactly what they did.

Cohasset's offense was once again on a tear as they tallied seven runs against Mashpee behind a great pitching performance by senior Brian Hill. Hill pitched a complete game, three-hitter, and also struck out five Mashpee batters.

Brendan Doonan went 4-for-4, with three singles and a triple. He also had three RBI's. Chris Rose had two more RBI's for the Skippers with his two-run double. Another run was scored on two sacrifices that Pat Doonan hit in the game, one a sacrifice fly and the other a sacrifice bunt.

Pat Doonan also had a walk, a single, a stolen base, and two-runs scored in the game. Goetz was another leading hitter on the day, with two hits of his own.

Cohasset was once again on fire as they beat Harwich 9-1.

"Everything's really all coming together for us," said Gallotta. "We have lots of confidence and believe we are going to win every game we go into."

In order to insure that the Skippers are at least a co-champion of the league, they will have to run the table with three games left in two days.

The team currently stands at 13-4 on the season, with a 10-3 record in the South Shore League.

CHS tennis teams ready for tourney

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SSL champs and went 16-1 overall.

Meg Anderson, Sally Meehan and Maddy Altholtz all won at singles against the Bulldogs. Danielle Sookiasian and Maggie McGoldrick won at first doubles while Jean Thomae and Laura Allen took second doubles.

Jenny Cahill, Jenny MaGruder and Dina D'antonio all had big wins this week. All seven starters were named to the SSL all-star team.

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Cohasset boys youth lacrosse notes

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Naughton for a goal. Blackburn ended the game with two assists and a goal.

Dan Axelson took another faceoff, taking it right to the crease for a shot and score. Dan has been a major force this year, showing skill and making plays at every corner of the field.

Graham Schwandt is another strong all field player, who followed Dan's example, winning the next faceoff and taking it right to Plymouth for another score.

Plymouth slipped one by Cohasset's rock-hard defense in the second quarter, but we dominated right into halftime. Defensemen, Will Lucier, Jackson Dutton and Jack Osten were too tough for Plymouth, allowing no crease penetration.

Jack Coffman made a number of great saves as goalie throughout the game and he has been showing great skill in and out of the goal all year long.

The second half started with a goal from Sam Arnold, after a ground ball in the crease and a "blue bird" shot to a confused goal tender.

Sam was a force at ground balls throughout the game. The team really settled into a pace of passing across the field to the open teammate, for the first time all year.

Attackmen Chris Norton and Drew Skolnick worked their magic for another goal by Drew from a great feed from Chris. Charlie DeVries had a breakout game of his own as attackman. He made two goals after passes from fast breaking middies, one where he was "mano-o-mano" with the goal tender.

The midfield lines were the backbone of the team all day long. Alex Fusco connected on a number of won ground balls for fast breaks to the attack. He has become a fast, aggressive addition to the midfield line-up.

Like Alex, Gavin Dunkelberger is also stretching his wings and showed confidence ands speed with the ball for a number of great plays across the midfield line.

This was not the team's first win, and even with a closer score, this was the team's best game this season.

Local Road Race

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Sunday, June 1

The 3rd Annual Marshfield High School Track 5K Road Race will take place Sunday, June 1, at 10:15 a.m. in Marshfield. The course is flat. For information, contact Andrew McGillowey at 781-837-2476 or mcgillowey@aol.com.

Sunday, June 1

The Hollis School PTO 12th Annual 5K Road Race will take place Sunday, June 1, at 10:30 a.m. in Braintree. There is a kids fun run at 9:30 a.m. For information, contact Kathy Maguire at 781-848-7348 or kmaguire@beld.net.

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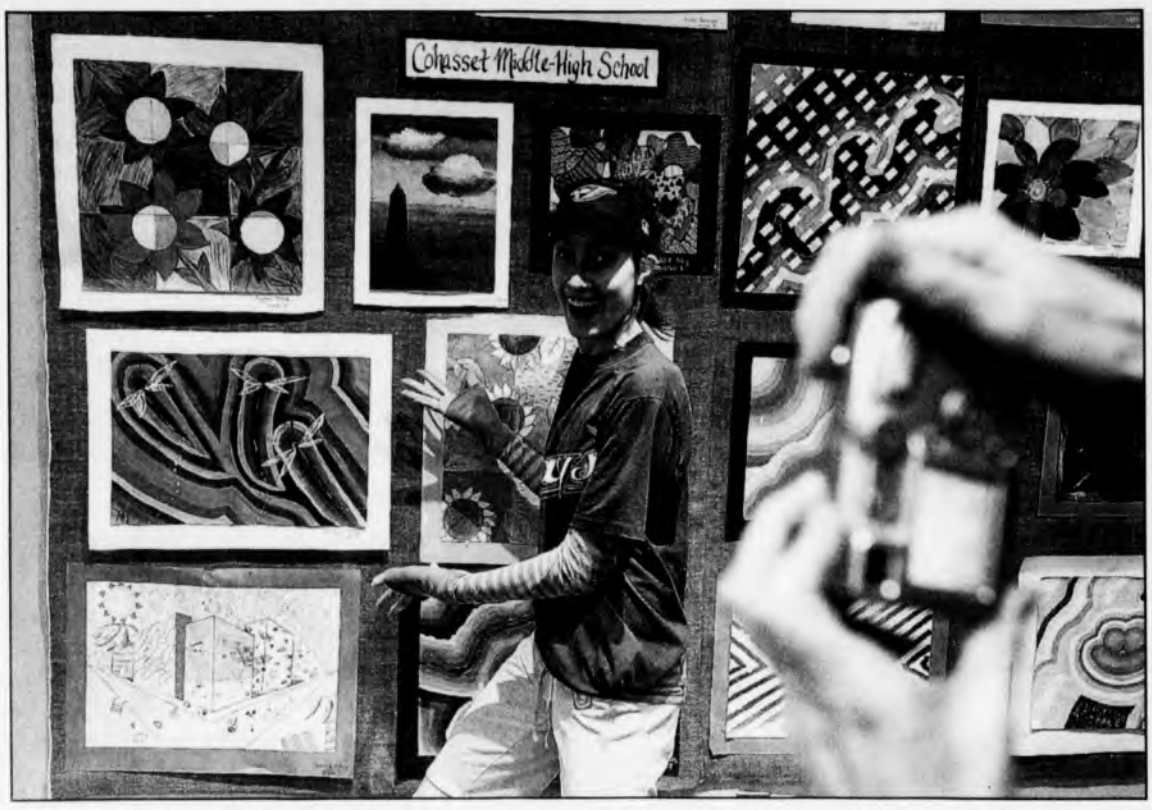
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Liz Gruber of Cohasset photographs her daughter, Anya, 13, next to the drawing she made for "Art Forum" at the South Shore Art Center. Art Forum is an exhibition by Middle School artists from area schools.



Wayne Soucey of Marshfield holds up his daughter, Madison, 5, so she could check out "Olivia's Room" by Lauren Kearns and Olivia Bean of the East Middle School in Braintree during Wednesday night's opening reception at the South Shore Arts Center last Wednesday (May 14).

Young artists

Middle-schoolers show their work

Staff photos by Robin Chan



(Right)
Austin Meyers, 16, of Cohasset strikes the strings of the bass while Whit Durant, 17 right, of Cohasset plays the saxophone while playing with the Cohasset High School's Jazz Club during the May 14 opening reception for "Art Forum" at the South Shore Arts Center.



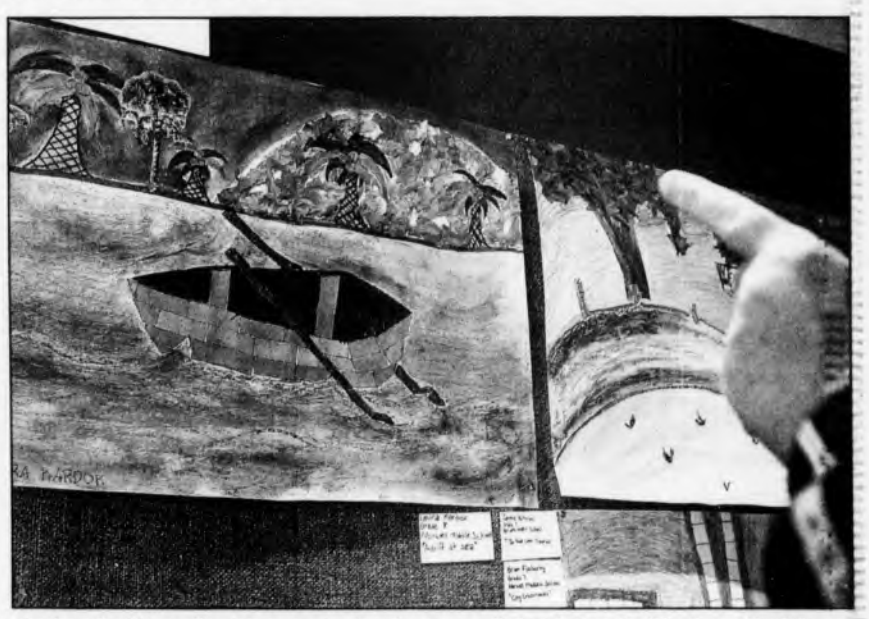
Janet Mahoney, left, of Halifax and her daughter, Lori, 14, of Silver Lake Middle School walks past a likeness of John Lennon which was a group drawing made by the eighth grade at the Frolio Middle School in Abington.



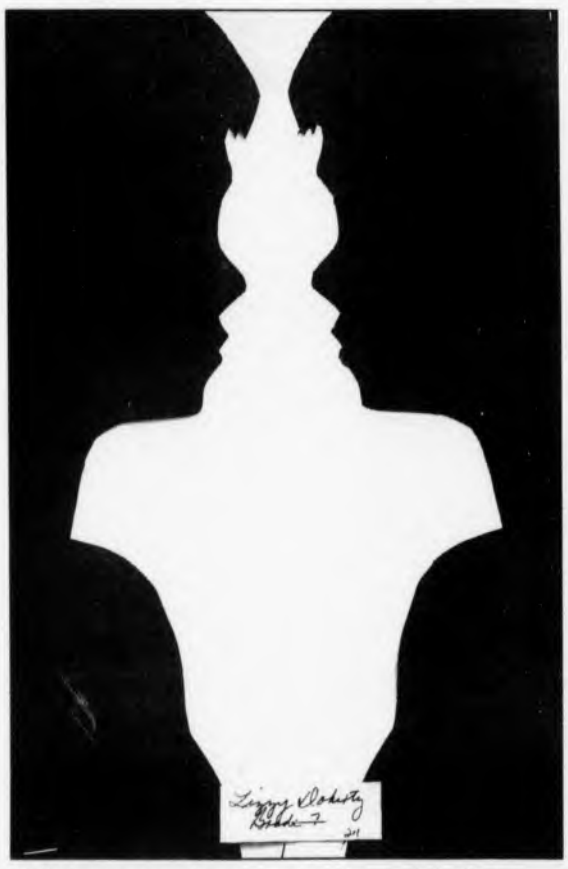
Seventh grade art teacher Kathy Walsh, left, and Silver Lake Middle School art teacher Danna Wadsworth, right, is being watched intently by "Tiger Eye", which was drawn by seventh grader Tara Pierce from the Furnace Brook Middle School in Marshfield. Kathy was explaining her art program to Danna as they share ideas.



Cohasset's Lily McCarthy, 10 left, and her sister May, 18 center, reads the program for the "Art Forum" next to their brother Morgan, 13, who has a piece displayed at the South Shore Arts Center. They are sitting on a bench underneath work from the Inly School in Scituate.



Art Joseph of Norwell points to a mixed media piece called "Adrift at Sea" by Laura Kardok, an eighth grader at the Norwell Middle School. Each picture had to have 5 objects, a foreground, a middleground, and a background.



Multiple images can be scene in this piece made by Lizzy Doherty, a seventh grader at the Gates Middle School in Scituate. The exhibit runs through May 25.



Sue Saunders of Scituate photographs work from the East Middle School in Braintree as she wants to incorporate ideas from other schools for her own class. She was a co-teacher at Norwell Middle School while getting her master's degree at Bridgewater State College.

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Beyond the beach in Puerto Rico

Holly Reich
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

LA PARGUERA, Puerto Rico -

My co-paddler and I were in one of eight kayaks moving through a narrow mangrove lagoon outside the fishing village of La Parguera in southern Puerto Rico. Our destination was the famous bioluminescent bay, a natural phenomenon created by tiny organisms that glow as a protective mechanism -- the better for predators to see other game.

It was so dark on this evening, we kayakers could hardly see our hands holding the oars. A scuffling in the dense bushes startled us. We heard a snort (a wild pig?) and brushed up against something hanging from a tree (a python?). A fish jumped in the water (a piranha?). And then a big crash as we butted up against a fellow kayaker -- who was not amused as we laughed uncontrollably from relief, fear and exhaustion.

We were approaching La Parguera Bay. We could tell by the glowing water that was beginning to dance off our oars.

We were encouraged to play with the water, letting it drip in sparkly puddles in our kayaks and over our bodies.

This was not the Puerto Rico that I knew, the island where I have in the past explored my inner beach gal with windsurfing, snorkeling, sailing, sunning and sipping tropical drinks. But then on this trip, I wanted to see more.

There are 365 beaches in Puerto Rico, or as they say here, one for each day of the year. These are complemented by near perfect weather that swings between 70 and 80 degrees year-round. So the place is a perfect beach destination.

The island also has some of the hottest surfing spots in the Caribbean (particularly in Rincon, site of many world-class surfing competitions). And there are stunning ocean-front golf courses -- including in Dorado.

But the landscape actually ranges from beaches and coral reefs to canyons, caverns, rivers and rain forest. Among the places outdoor types will want to visit is El Yunque, the only tropical rain forest in the United States, located about 45 minutes by car from San Juan. The preserve is protected by the U.S. Forest Service and has 24 miles of hiking trails with waterfalls, birds including parrots and hundreds of species of ferns, trees and flowers.

Puerto Rico is also a history-lover's delight. Old San Juan, surrounded by San Juan Bay on one side, the Atlantic Ocean on the other, is one of the oldest cities in the Caribbean. The walled city has narrow cobblestone streets filled with colorful 16th- and 17th-century buildings and shaded squares, surrounded by four fortresses from the Spanish colonial era.



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Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy kayaking in Puerto Rico.

I headed to the must-see spot, Fort San Felipe del Morro -- also known as El Morro -- which dates to 1539 (it was completed in 1783) and was part of a large defense system constructed by the Spaniards. The structure survived countless attacks including from Sir Francis Drake in 1595 and the Dutch fleet in 1625, and it was fired on by American ships in 1898 during the Spanish-American War.

The fort is the real deal, and exploring you can imagine voices coming out of the dungeon-like rooms. Even on the hottest day, the stone fortress feels chilly.

Views of the bay from El Morro are spectacular.

History buffs will also want to take a guided tour of the El Capitolio de Puerto Rico (the Capitol Building), located just outside the walls of Old San Juan. Built in 1929, the three-story domed building houses the original draft of the constitution of Puerto Rico, and the building's neoclassical architecture and art is luscious. The interior is ringed with pink marble columns and staircases, ceiling frescoes, Venetian mosaics and historical paintings by Puerto Rican artists. (Tours are by appointment only; call 787-724-7171.)

Popular nighttime activities in Puerto Rico include gambling. In fact, Puerto Rico's casinos are highly rated among Caribbean gaming destinations.

My companions and I checked out the San Juan Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino. It was crowded on a weekday night.

The Marriott's big, nonsmoking casino has 470 slot machines, 26 table games, the largest progressive jackpot in Puerto Rican history (over $1.2 million) and the widest variety of penny slot machines on the island.

The casino has a buzz of the good kind. I broke even here and treated myself to a dress at a surprisingly hip boutique, Piada, across the street from the hotel.

In my new duds, like the organisms in La Parguera, I felt luminescent.

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Food, Nightlife and Shopping

Old San Juan serves up history side by side with trendy shops, bistros, nightclubs and funky restaurants. You can tuck into a local place for beans and rice or check out some of the hipper dining venues like the Parrot Club (Calle Fortaleza 363) for new interpretations of Latin Caribbean dishes including ceviche (marinated raw fish) in various forms; the place also serves good martinis. Across the street, Aquaviva (Calle Fortaleza 364) and Dragonfly (which shares the same address) are also both stylish spots serving Nuevo Latin cuisine.

Get into the late-night spirit in San Juan -- and nights here are long -- at places like Club Brava, a popular dance club in the El San Juan Hotel & Casino (Castillo del Mar).

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LIFE AT CHS

CHRISTINE KENT



If people haven't had the beloved English teacher and soon to be retired Mrs. Berman, then this oh so prominent word for getting choked up or emotional is not as entertaining!

Next Wednesday is the final day of high school for the seniors.... which means no more pencils, no more books, no more teacher's dirty looks. Actually, that phrase does not apply at all, as most of the graduates will be moving on to greener pastures as they start from the bottom once again as freshman in college. Too bad, I was just getting used to being a "top dog." Living up to their status, the seniors dominated the clothing drive that recently ended, thus winning an always-delicious Atlantic Bagel Breakfast.

Actually, the true top dogs are the state qualifying teams like the Girls Tennis team, who consistently make the grade. However, the most impressive victories this season belong to the batting boys in blue. Yes, that's right the varsity baseball team. For 45 years, the league title has escaped them but this time the team's chances are looking good, having already made tournament for the first time in 9 years! The Doonan brothers lead the hitting while pitchers Brian Hill, Dave Snowdale, and Sam DeGiacomo successfully take the mound. Good Luck guys!

I have kept my readers on the edge of their seats long enough! The mysterious future Life at CHS writer will now finally be unveiled.... DRUM ROLL PLEASE. Next year's senior replacement will be none other than musician and songbird, Lauren Mack. No doubt, her sweet sound and originality will be prevalent in her writing. With a knack for creative writing (she even writes her own songs), it's safe to say that the readers of this column will be in excellent hands. So, prepare to be entertained and well informed about Life at CHS.

Now for this week's top stories:

- Monday: The last Monday for the graduates of '08!
- Tuesday: The Girls Varsity and JV lacrosse players took the long journey to Bishop Feehan where they dominated the field!
- Wednesday: The MCAS Math Test for Grades 6,7,8, and 10.
- Thursday: Who needed the art museum when there was the Cohasset High School Arts Night? The arrays of interesting and stylish pieces were far more intriguing than any Monet.
- Friday: The Big Playoff game for the Boys Baseball team. Support the guys on their home field as they play against Carver in a playoff game at 3:30. Hopefully, most people will have read this before the exciting competition commences!

With everything else said, I would like to thank everyone who supported me in writing this column and appreciated the thought that was put in weekly.... I would also like to thank the academy! Totally bad joke, but it was just too tempting. On a serious note, thank you Mary Ford, Mrs. Berman, and my mom and dad for their guidance. This was an awesome opportunity and a great learning experience as I move on to university to major in communications. All right, I guess it's time I put away my pencil and move on; it was fun while it lasted! Good luck Lauren, you will do an amazing job. Kids, remember to make good choices and drink chocolate milk! Take care everyone.

Honor roll additions

The following students were mistakenly left off the term III Middle School honor roll that was published last week.

High Honors

Brendan O'Connell and MacKenzie Dickson

Honors

Dean McNary, Liam Burke, Angela Cipolla, Christopher Cohen, Alexandra Weissman, Gabrielle Weissman and Zoe Whilton.

Deer Hill, Osgood menus

MONDAY, MAY 26

Holiday.

TUESDAY, MAY 27

Ham and cheese bagel sandwich, fresh side garden salad, Hoodsie ice cream.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

Spaghetti with marinara sauce, buttered dinner roll, fresh Greek salad, apple slices.

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Taco meat with nacho chips, lettuce, tomato, shredded cheese, steamed white rice, cinnamon applesauce

FRIDAY, MAY 30

French bread crusty pizza, carrot and celery sticks with ranch dressing, fresh strawberries, chocolate chip cookie.

Cohasset students earn honors at BC High

High Honors

Thomas Joseph Chase, Class of 2008; **Eric Peter Vanderpool**, Class of 2009; **Maxwell Otto Shipp**, Class of 2010; **Keegan Robert Flynn**, Class of 2010; **Paul Oliver Forrer**, Class of 2010; **David M. Hernon**, Class of 2010; **John McHugh Kearney**, Class of 2010; **Colin Lewis Quinlan**, Class of 2011; **James Vincent McKelvey**, Class of 2011; **Anthony J Testa**, Class of 2011; and **Scott Franklin Wilson**, Class of 2011, of Cohasset achieved high honors for the third quarter at Boston College High School. For high honors, a student must have at least a 3.80 quality point average.

Honors

Alexander Luis Shipp, Class of 2008; **Kyle Thomas DeSisto**, Class of 2009; **Patrick Evans Hurley**, Class of 2009; **Robert Christopher McCunney**, Class of 2010; **Thomas Joseph Pecca**, Class of 2010; **Charles Dirkson Coffman**, Class of 2011; and **Christopher Franklin Wilson**, Class of 2011, achieved honors, receiving a quality point average of at least 3.2.

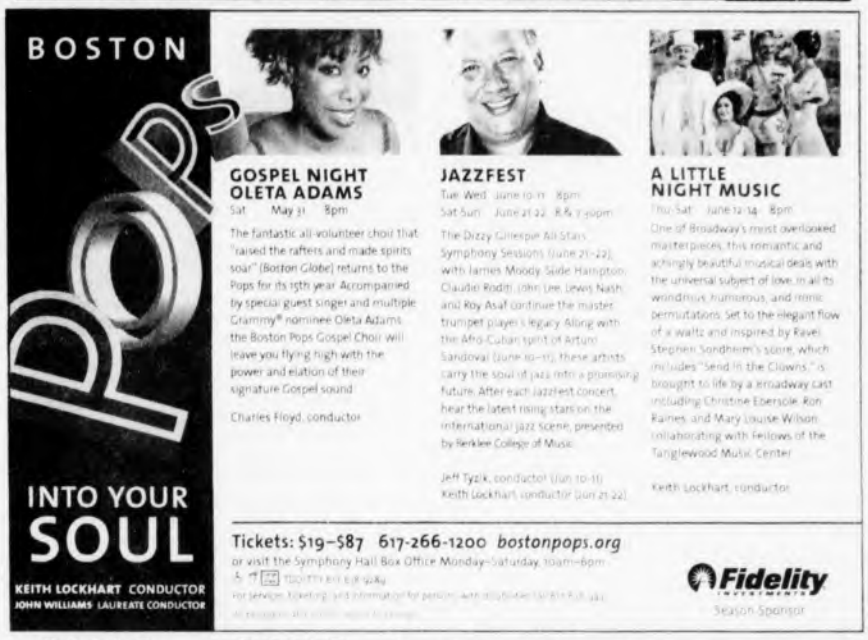
Estate Sale for turf field May 31 & June 1

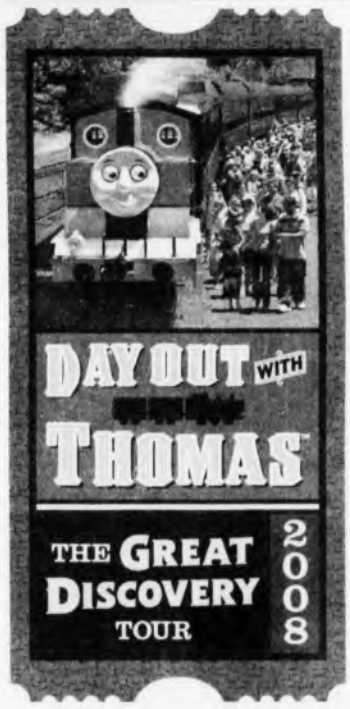
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, MAY 5

2:05 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, officer wanted, area search negative, caller states "there is a kid throwing a ball in the cul de sac behind his house." Caller would like to see an officer.

3:23 p.m. **Ash St.**, animal complaint, services rendered, caller reports a rabid raccoon in a tree in his yard. ACO responding.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

9:01 a.m. **Cedar St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports a car crashed into a tree.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

11:04 a.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a puppy in the middle of the road.

2:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, R3 reports a concerned citizen flagged them down to report a child locked in a vehicle with the windows cracked. Officer reports the child checks out fine mother has been spoken to.

4:35 p.m. **Border St.**, animal complaint, found dog and is taking it home. Dog owner will pick up dog at above address.

5:46 p.m. **Elm St.**, well being check.

10:07 p.m. **South Main St.**, officer wanted, caller returned home to find her door open, she would like an officer to walk through the house and clear it. Reports house clear.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

8:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, investigated/report taken.

2:30 p.m. **Lower King St.**, animal complaint, MBTA reports the train struck a goose in this area and it is still alive and suffering.

5:23 p.m. **Ripely Rd.**, suspicious person, caller reports there is a white male with long gray beard wearing jeans hanging out in the area of the playground.

6:16 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports the RR crossing worked fine, then the lights were flashing and gates went down – no train. The crossing is working fine at this time.

6:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, caller reports motor vehicle crash/unknown injuries.

7:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered), walk in party found an ATM card at the Rockland Trust Bank. Contacted owner of ATM – she will pick it up tomorrow.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

10:34 a.m. **King St.**, well being check.

12:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, area search negative, caller reports a red Chevy Malibu driving erratically, weaving back and forth with his hazards on.

3:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party requests to speak with an officer.

4:49 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a strong outside odor of gas. Keyspan notified, responding. Keyspan has the scene fire units clear.

5:03 p.m. **Elm St.**, Property (lost), walk in party reports he has misplaced his wallet and would like it logged in case if does get turned in. Lt. was made aware of this. No report needed.

6:52 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity, received call from off duty Scituate officer for a 19-year-old male that he just saw putting a 30 pack of beer into his vehicle. Officers notified. Officer reports nothing found at this time.

7:09 p.m. **N. Main St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports go-cart going down the middle of the road. Officer spoke with Mass Bay Railroad and spotted the go-cart heading toward Hingham.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

1:19 a.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, 911 cell caller states "A motor vehicle just smashed into the wall in front of her house." Motor vehicle has left the area. Hull notified. Hingham notified. Police have located the motor vehicle.

2:59 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, vandalism report, caller states "someone has just smashed his window." Rock went through the screen and a pane of glass in the window.

10:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller reports there are two dumpsters that have been dropped on the property without permission and would like them removed. Officer reports these trailers do not belong there, they belong to Waste Management Company and are being moved at this time.

11:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, callers report a motor vehicle crash just occurred at this location and one vehicle has fled. Officer reports no injuries. Vehicle that fled is a green Pontiac Bonneville.

1:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, investigation, Scituate Police report a green Pontiac just involved in an accident and fled 3A North. Cruiser going to Scituate they have 3 of the occupants at the scene. The driver of the vehicle according to the youths that were in the vehicle and that remained on scene the suspect has fled in the vehicle 3A North and does have a suspended license which is confirmed.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

12:49 a.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint, residence for loud music. Adult party, music has been turned down.

12:58 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller states there was a gray Maxima parked in her driveway, when her son came home about 15 minutes ago. Motor vehicle then left, operator described as male, 35-years-old, glasses. Caller requests extra patrols.

7:29 a.m. **Pond St.**, public service, caller states "the gates are down and lights are flashing and the train went by 5 minutes ago." MBTA notified.

7:39 a.m. **Spring St.**, assist citizen, 911 caller states "the lights are flashing and bells are going off." MBTA has been notified.

8:52 a.m. **Spring St.**, public service, caller reports lights and bells are going off but no gate coming down and then caller stated the gates just came down on her vehicle. Sgt. reports the train is coming through and the gates did work properly and nobody is waiting to speak to Sgt. Units clear.

9:04 a.m. **Atlantic Ave., and White Head Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports outside odor of gas. During the response dispatch also received a 911 call for same. Keyspan notified responding. Keyspan on scene.

11:32 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, traffic complaint, caller reports cars speeding on the street during the day and would like increased patrols. Sgt. made aware of this call.

1:24 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, animal bite – (dog with injury), caller reports his dog was just attacked by another dog and the dog now has a punctured lung. The resident did rush the dog to the hospital. Message left for ACO. Officer reports he has spoken to all parties involved and advised the suspect to stay off the callers property until matter is resolved and the suspects dog was off a leash and went into the yard and attacked the other dog.

10:16 p.m. **Spring St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a male party inside a residence that has been abandoned for some time. The party does belong at this residence, everything is ok.

MONDAY, MAY 12

12:28 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop.

12:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:35 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

3:05 a.m. **HQ.**, domestic assault, Hingham, bolo announcement.

7:13 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:37 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:58 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, property (recovered), walk in party turned over some fireworks that he located at the ball park while at the playground with his young son. Fireworks have been placed in the safe small red package of "jumping jacks"

2:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a black Ford Escape just attempted to run him off the road and is traveling very erratically down 3A. Hingham also notified.

7:01 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, disturbance – drunks, received a 911 call from a Cohasset resident reporting his brother is at this location in Hull highly intoxicated and out of control Hull PD notified via radio.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

1:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, animal complaint, caller reports 2 dogs running loose headed towards 3A.

9:21 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:31 a.m. **North Main St.**, assist motorist, officer reports he is standing by with a disabled motor vehicle at this location and owners request for McBrien's Towing.

12:12 p.m. **North Main St.**, notification, caller reports the crossing lights are flashing and the areas are not down. MBTA notified. Transit officer on scene directing traffic.

6:09 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, property (lost), homeowner reports a possible B&E in their home. Discovered wives pocketbook missing.

11:48 p.m. **North Main St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports there are subjects on train tracks. Contacted MBTA they are working on tracks. Officer in charge aware of this traffic.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

1:08 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:08 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, officer reports building appears secured.

7:37 a.m. **Sanctuary Pond Rd.**, dead animal, officer enroute to assist ACO removing dead animal – located at above location.

9:22 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Osgood school check.

1:32 p.m. **Keene Lane**, fire, S1 reports uncovering of live wires, rep from National Grid on scene.

2:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

3:05 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:35 p.m. **White Head Rd.**, notification, caller reports she has no water – caller reports there was a crew working on the water line in the area. Contacted Water Dept. will give her a call.

5:53 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:11 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

6:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property (recovered), walk in party reports vehicle drove off with wallet on roof. Officer spoke to owner of wallet – he will be in to pick it up.

6:51 p.m. **Spring St., Hull**, medical aid, transported QMC/BLS.

7:15 p.m. **Rockland PD.**, bolo announcement, Rockland PD well being check on Cohasset man. Rockland PD cancelled locating subject – he is enroute to hospital.

10:48 p.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports there is a large party at the end of above location at the end of Beechwood near the reservoir. The vehicles are parked at the end of Beechwood. No one inside vehicles. Officer reports tagged vehicles – no one inside vehicles. Officer requesting fire for small bonfire at the end of Beechwood St. Officer out with fire at the Wolf Pit.

THURSDAY, MAY 15

12:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door/window. Door to the sprinkler room. No direct access to the building. Door has been secured.

12:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door/window, sprinkler room door. Access cannot be gained. Door secured. All units clear.

12:50 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, public service. MBTA is doing work in the area.

1:13 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:14 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:15 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:59 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:42 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, public service.

7:50 a.m. **Border St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller states black pick up operating erratically. Motor vehicle pulled into North Main address, officer spoke to the motor vehicle owner.

8:31 a.m. **3A and Arborway**, motor vehicle crash, Rescue 3 responding to Scituate.

9:11 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:56 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Mill Lane**, traffic safety inspection.

11:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny (report), walk in party reports her pocketbook was just stolen out of vehicle at CVS while she was in the store.

11:28 a.m. **Captain Pierce Rd.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS. Scituate Fire requesting R3 for an unknown medical.

11:46 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer requesting tow truck for this vehicle. Vehicle registration expired.

12:34 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, officer reports seeing a large brown and white dog at this location, message left for ACO.

12:39 p.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

3:57 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:28 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, well being check.

4:20 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop.

4:39 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:10 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny (report), walk in party reports her son found a black purse on Beechwood Street just before Hill Side Drive. Owner of purse called – she wanted to report her purse missing.

6:16 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports outside odor of gas at above location. Contacted Gas Company, ETA about 30 minutes.

7:30 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, harassment report, caller reports that someone dumped trash on her lawn. She thinks it has to do with the construction crews working in the area. Caller has notified the Water Commissioner on her own. Patrol request entered for this property.

7:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Hingham PD reports erratic motor vehicle on 3A – all over the road, possibly headed toward Scituate – female driver with 2 kids in the back. Officer reports unable to locate motor vehicle. Area search negative.

10:05 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, accidental 911 call, caller accidentally called 911 – he wanted to report a motor vehicle that is screeching tires up and down Beechwood Street. Officer spoke to driver of motor vehicle.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

1:15 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:15 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

5:16 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, vandalism report, caller states there are window boxes in the street. No damage to the window boxes. Business owner will keep them in front of the shop until an owner claims them.

6:57 p.m. **Beach St.**, hazard, caller reports car stuck in a sinkhole and is blocking the street. 3A Towing and LM Holdings notified.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

12:28 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity.

1:14 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, caller states his motor vehicle was hit by another motor vehicle while he was parked on the street by the Cohasset Harbor Inn. Caller was calling from his residence.

6:50 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, party in HQ to speak to officer.

8:41 a.m. **Elm St., and Margin St.**, suspicious activity, party reports seeing a jacket and a lap top computer on the rocks, nobody around. Cohasset Harbormaster notified responding. Officer reports there is a jacket and a lap top computer in the water. Units are clear detective has taken custody of the items that were located in the water.

10:03 a.m. **Grace Drive**, fire, investigation, caller reports her entire house just shook after the blast went off at the construction site on Lamberts Lane. Fire detail will go and check her residence.

10:42 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious person, caller reports he has a male party in his driveway walking around his vehicles and appears to be extremely intoxicated. Male party is under arrest at this time. Arrest: Darby P. Dolan 32, 61 Grafton St., Quincy. Charges: WMS warrant.

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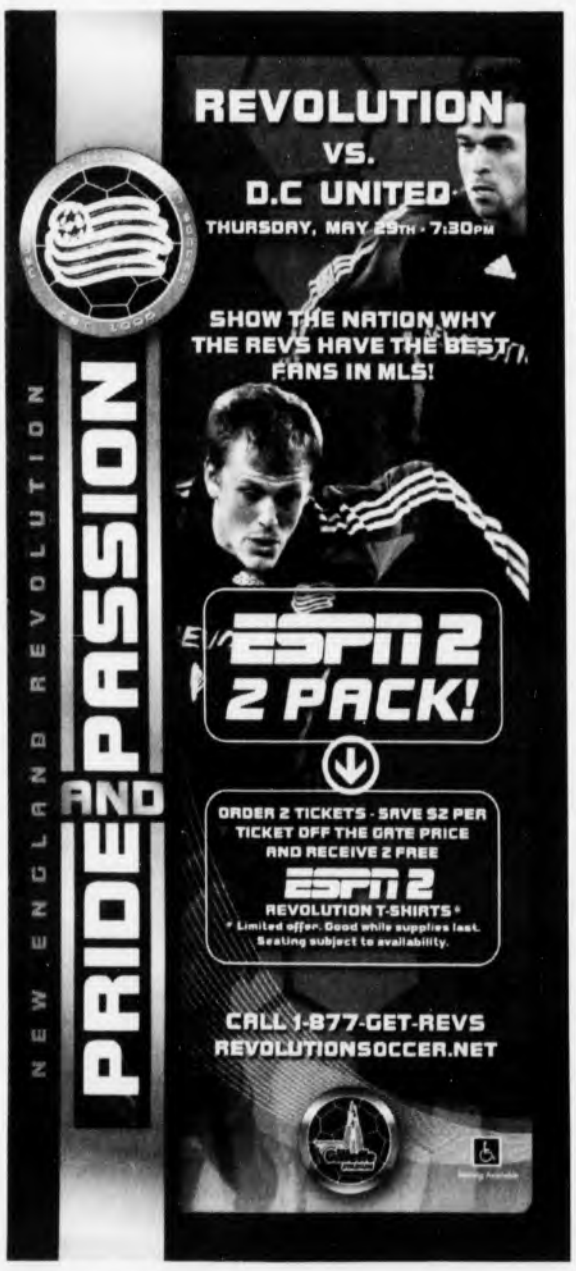


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10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House.

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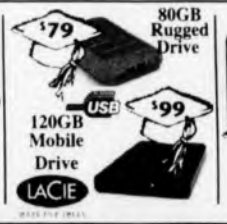
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Shaw's, Roche Bros. and Stop & Shop give vouchers to help cover expenses for the food.

The luncheon will take place at the Lighthouse Keepers Building in Cohasset.

Bike ride for Habitat June 21

South Shore Habitat for Humanity's second Ride for Habitat will take place Saturday, June 21. People can register to ride a 25-mile or 50-mile circuit beginning and ending in Wompatuck State Park. Following the ride, participants can enjoy a barbecue provided by South Shore Habitat for Humanity. The $25 registration fee will be used to help build homes for families in need on the South Shore!

For more information or to register for the ride, visit the Web site at sshabitat.org, call Ed Martin at 781-492-3310 or email ed-martin@comcast.net.

Fiction editor at Buttonwood

Grub Street South at Buttonwood welcomes Agni fiction editor Jessica Keener at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, May 27, at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A. Keener's topic, "Desperately Seeking Stories," will include real editorial responses to stories submitted to Agni, the hunt for a great story and why the majority of submissions are rejected.

Keener is also a writer and her stories have been listed in the Pushcart Prize anthology under 100 outstanding writers. She has published in literary journals as well as online sites. In 2001, she co-wrote a memoir called "Time To Make the Donuts" with the founder of Dunkin' Donuts.

Grub Street South at Buttonwood is a collaboration between Grub Street, Boston's only independent writing center, and Buttonwood Books & Toys. The goal of the program is to get writers writing. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

Visiting Artist Workshops

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, , is a summer destination for artists, art students and cultural enthusiasts. The 2008 Visiting Artist Workshops include six master classes in the visual arts. Instructors are offering an array of workshop topics including landscape and still life painting in oil, collage, printmaking, botanical painting and encaustic painting.

Instructors include: New York artists Josette Urso, Peter Schroth and Rose Pellicano; Boston artist Catherine Kehoe; Maine artist Kim Bernard, and Ron Pokrasso from New Mexico. All participating instructors' work will be on exhibition in the Bancroft Gallery.

"Interludes: Visiting Artists Exhibition" will open Friday, May 30, and continue through July 13.

For more information or to register for any of the workshops call 781-383-ARTS or visit the Web site at ssac.org.

James Library

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you might prefer moving forward at a steady pace, it might be a good idea to stop and reassess your plans. You could find a good reason to make a change at this time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Just when you thought you had everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home and work continue to compete for your attention. But you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it's a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Feeling a bit listless? No wonder. You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting it down could help get your energy levels up.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Taking time out of your busy schedule might be the best way to handle that sensitive private matter. It will help reassure everyone involved about your priorities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing to be part of a "great deal." What you learn should help you decide whether to go with it or not.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But it also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) If you're suddenly a bit unsure about your decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or friends or family members for suggestions that could help resolve your doubts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there's a solution that meets with everyone's approval, and things can finally calm down.

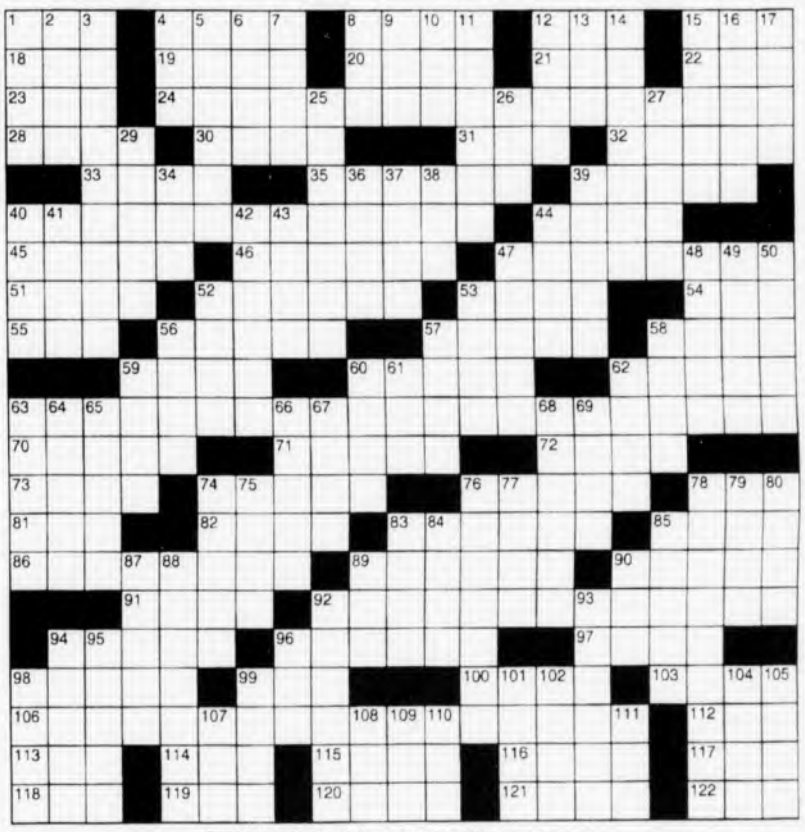
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BORN THIS WEEK: You keep an open mind on most matters, making you the confidante of choice for people who need your honest counsel.

Crossword - Presidential Pretenders

ACROSS
1 Herd word
4 Gator's cousin
8 Forest father
12 Chicken — king
15 Shake-spearean snake
18 Dadaism founder
19 Neighbor of Kentucky
20 Sign of sanctity
21 Postman's Creed word
22 '64 Ronny & the Daytonas hit
23 Mouth piece?
24 HARRISON
28 Beer ingredient
30 Reveal
31 Bargain
32 Former African nation
33 Apiece
35 Pancakes-to-be
39 Shade of green
40 HOOVER
44 Artist Magritte
45 Out of place
46 In addition
47 Rampur royalty
51 Tender
52 PC key
53 Tiberius' threads?
54 '60s chic
55 Symbol of industry
56 Went white
57 Time for chores?
58 Slit on a sunfish
59 "Fatha" Hines
60 Teapot part
62 Ersatz emerald
63 ADAMS
70 Cisco, to Pancho
71 Sudden attacks
72 Something to skip?
73 Campbell of "Party of Five"
74 Doll up
76 "The Jungle Book" character
78 — Na Na
81 Justice Fortas
82 "Death in Venice" author
83 Aromatic plant
85 Court-martial candidate
86 "Corn-huskers" poet
89 Like lava
90 Stage stuff
91 Take a breather
92 JACKSON
94 Wrap
96 Singer Brook
97 Like kids at Christmas
98 Bobbin
99 Sargasso Sea swimmer
100 Humorist Ogden
103 Violin part
106 KENNEDY
112 Comic Charlotte
113 Fido's morsel
114 "Ab —" (from the start)
115 Portent
116 Half-baked?
117 Flub
118 Director Craven
119 Faux —
120 Trick stick
121 Looked at
122 — es Salaam

DOWN
1 Palliative
2 "Turandot" tune
3 Upset entity
4 Dot follower
5 Beat
6 Seine feeder
7 Monastery garb
8 Mother or grandmother
9 Make a doily
10 Herriot title start
11 Peanut
12 Kim or Kaufman
13 — Alamos, NM
14 "Raising —" ('87 film)
15 Certain marble
16 Unyielding
17 Study closely
25 Made a passage
26 Capek play
27 Michael of "Dynasty"
29 Stocking shade
34 Director's cry
36 Without — (daringly)
37 Communi-cations word form
38 — Aviv
39 "Frederica" composer
40 Jet-setter's need
41 Shortly
42 Spanish specialty
43 Land in the sea
44 Sheldon's "— of Angels"
47 State words?
48 Pennsyl-vania sect
49 Nick of "Q&A"
50 Gentleman of leisure?
52 Jeanne —
53 Strained
56 El —, TX
57 "Gigi" author
58 Stare stupidly
59 Brink
60 TV's "— City"
61 Third degree?
62 "Oh My —" ('53 song)
63 Turner and Wood
64 Basic organism
65 David of "The Bishop's Wife"
66 Pitchfork part
67 Bring home the bacon
68 Salad staple
69 Bagel or bialy
74 Cause a chuckle
75 Move like a mouse
76 Aphid apparatus
77 Place for a patch
78 Walked like a buccaneer
79 Nest or burrow
80 Tree spray
83 Baptism site
84 Nevada city
85 Neon relative
87 Salivate
88 Hotel employee
89 "Nowhere —" ('66 hit)
90 Appreciated, in the '50s
92 Cowardly
93 City in Pakistan
94 Fern feature
95 Reggae's — and the Maytals
96 You can retire on it
98 Old tub
99 Baseballer Slaughter
101 4,840 square yards
102 Command to Fido
104 Williams of "Pete and Gladys"
105 Gourmet Graham
107 Clark's "Mogambo" co-star
108 Thurman of "Jennifer 8"
109 He's a doll
110 Gridiron position
111 Florid



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Sudoku

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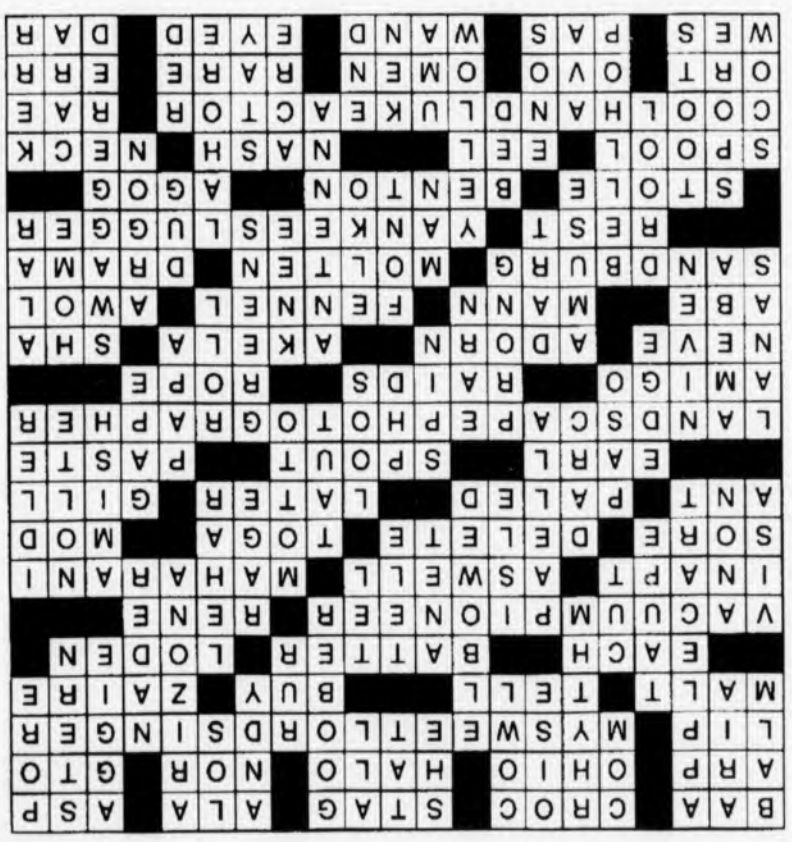
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Crossword Solution - Presidential Pretenders



Magic Maze - Countries of East Africa

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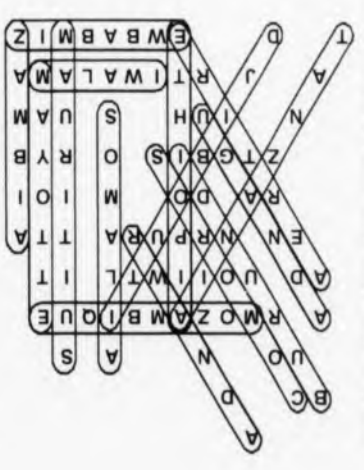
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Magic Solution - Countries of East Africa



Sudoku Solution

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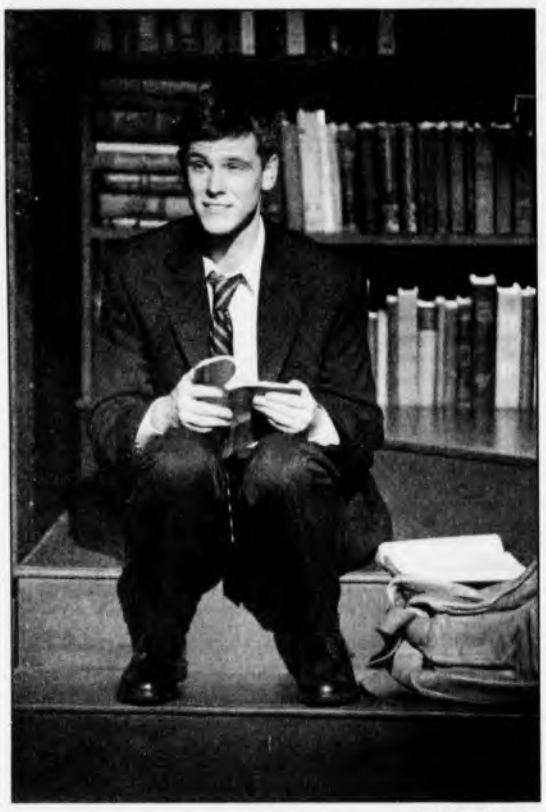
'The History Boys' comes to Boston

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Jared Craig had to look no further than his own history in Middleboro for help understanding Scripps, the high-school boy he is playing in the current SpeakEasy Stage Company mounting of "The History Boys," the Alan Bennett comedy-drama about the struggle for young minds between two teachers at a British high school in 1984.

"In a way, I can really relate to this story," explained Craig, a 2003 graduate of Middleboro High School by cell phone from a bench along Boston's Newbury Street last week. "I had an acting teacher, Timothy Sullivan, at BurtWood School of Performing Arts in Middleboro, who taught me a great deal and made the whole idea of theater as a profession seem real to me. Before I started taking classes with Tim, I didn't even know you could get a degree in it. And it was Tim who helped me apply to college. Tim made it all seem possible."

In the 2006 Tony Award winner for Best Play – which was made into a feature film with the original Broadway cast that same year – being directed in Boston by Elliot Norton Award-winner Scott Edmiston, two teachers take differing approaches with a class of eight boys. The more senior lecturer, Hector, uses unorthodox but often-effective teaching methods. Hector also regularly takes his young charges for rides on his motorcycle during which he engages in unwelcome groping. Irwin's teaching-to-the-test tack also gets the students' attention, however, especially when it earns them admittance to Oxford and Cambridge Universities.



PHOTOS/MIKE LOVETT

Jared Craig as Scripps in a scene from the SpeakEasy Stage Company production of "The History Boys," running now thru June 7, at the Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., in Boston's South End. For tickets and information call 617-933-8600.



PHOTO/MIKE LOVETT

Middleboro native Jared Craig.

"This play takes place at an important turning point in these boys' lives. They'll look back on these events as having made them who they are. And the people behind these events are teachers. The fact that their relationship with one teacher goes beyond what's acceptable speaks to the respect they have for him, and the almost hypnotic power he has over them."

Since he developed his own interest in theater, Craig – a 2007 graduate of Boston University, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in acting, who also spent a semester abroad at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts – has closely followed the work of one particular Tony- and two-time Academy Award-winning actor with whom he once took a Master Class.

"My favorite actor, without question, is Kevin Spacey. I have been following his career since I was a freshman in high school. In our Advanced Performance class at BurtWood when we were asked to write about our favorite actors, I wrote about Kevin Spacey," Craig recalled. "When he was in Boston shooting the film '21' last spring, the production company couldn't get access to a lot of buildings at MIT, where the story takes place. The producers were in a bind so they contacted BU and were given access to certain buildings and facilities in exchange for Spacey's agreeing to teach an acting class. It was literally one of the coolest experiences of my life. We had about two hours with him during which he talked about his career and then let us do monologues for him. I did one from 'Uncle Vanya.' Spacey took a seat in the front row and jotted down notes while I performed which he later read in front of the entire class. I will never forget hearing Kevin Spacey tell me I had done 'great work.' By that point, I had spent nine years of my life watching this man act and here he was in the same room with me watching me act. And he thought my acting was good. It was a mind-blowing experience to have the person I emulate on so many levels pay me that kind of compliment about work that I care very deeply about. The experience was quite literally a dream come true, and I told him so."

Craig's budding acting career has included roles with the area's two regional theaters. For his role as Lucius, a young deaf boy, in an American Repertory Theatre production of "Julius Caesar," Craig studied sign language with his mother, Theresa Craig, who serves as curriculum coordinator for the Middleboro Public School System. Craig was also an understudy in the recent Huntington Theatre Company productions of "The Cherry Orchard," starring Kate Burton and directed by Nicholas Martin, and "Streamers," directed by Scott Ellis. Currently, Craig is the Faye Stone Artistic Intern at the Huntington. Although he now lives in Brighton, Craig will be closer to home this summer when he spends his sixth straight year as a proctor at Bridgewater State College's Project Contemporary Competitiveness, an advanced studies program for high school freshmen and sophomores.

"It is an amazing program that really transforms the students' lives in the course of just six weeks. For me, it is the best job in the world and I'm very proud to be back again this year," said the 23-year-old, who acknowledges that his current acting role has allowed him to see the merit in varying teaching styles. "Five minutes from now, I may change my mind, but I have to say I would probably ascribe to Irwin's theory in 'The History Boys.' What is the point of having all this education if it doesn't lead somewhere?"

The SpeakEasy Stage Company production of "The History Boys" will be at the Nancy & Edward Roberts Studio Theatre in the Stanford Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont Street, Boston, through June 7. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-933-8600 or go online at SpeakEasyStage.com.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dunsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddunsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, May 22

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Scituate Town Library hosts Boston Globe reporter **Sean Murphy**: "Rise and Fall of Boston's Big Dig" on May 22, at 7 p.m., for an illustrated presentation on the Big Dig, Boston's $15 billion public works project, featuring 80 slides of archival photographs, maps and other materials. A Q&A session follows the presentation. Information, call 781-545-8727 or visit www.scituatetownlibrary.org.

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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 22. **Flip Top Head.** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St. Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth. May 22 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **The House Rockers Blues Jam** open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage-cafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Mark your calendar

THE DANIEL WEBSTER ESTATE in Marshfield will welcome Historic re-enactor, Jessa Piaia as she portrays pioneer aviatrix, Amelia Earhart in "Meet Amelia Earhart (1897-1937): First Lady of the Air," on June 4. Doors open at 1:30 p.m., program will begin at 2 p.m. with informative Question and answer session and refreshments to follow. Space is limited. For ticket information call Virginia - 781-837-2403 or Eileen at 781-837-7579.

NSRWA SPONSOR'S ROWER'S ROW ON THE NORTH RIVER, Sunday, June 1, 8:30 a.m. An event for rowers. Discover another great way to enjoy our beautiful rivers, come rowing with NSRWA board member, Roger Crawford. Join in on a pleasant recreational row on the North River and ride the tide up and back from Union Street up to Route 3, stopping at Couch Beach for a picnic and swim on the way back. Meet at the Marshfield Canoe Launch at the Union St. Bridge at 8:30 am. Both fixed and sliding seat boats are welcome. All boats and rowers should be equipped with proper safety gear and PFD's (and lunch) Pre-registration a must , as the number and size of the boats participating is limited, so you must sign up before May 29. To register, contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168 or email paula@nsrwa.org. Suggested donation is $10 per boat.

SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY'S THIRD ANNUAL DUXBURY MUSIC FESTIVAL. Duxbury: The series opening concert will feature the Evenings Under the Stars Festival Orchestra, Nicholas Palmer conducting, with Shijun Wang, 2007 Duxbury Music Festival Solo Competition winner, performing Tchaikovsky's *Piano Concerto No, 1 in B-flat Minor, op 23.* Orchestra selections will include Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake Overture* and *1812 Overture*, Music from the Movies and John Philip Sousa's *Stars & Stripes Forever.* July 11, 7 p.m., Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St. For a complete schedule of events, including free student recitals, and ticket information visit www.duxburymusicfestival.org, or call the Conservatory box office at (781) 749-7565 ext 51.

Friday, May 23

The Dickinson Gallery in Weymouth has designated **James Earl of Hingham** as its featured artist through May 31. A professional who creates illustrations in colored pencil for architects, he does his creative art in finely-detailed colored pencil drawings on vellum, up to 12 by 24 inches. The gallery will show his **World's End collection**, recording the beauties of the famous Hingham landmark, including the Damde Meadows Salt Pond, a sunset over the pond, and a winter scene. review their work at www.dickinsonartgallery.com. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Information, evening appointments 781-331-3384.

The North End Tavern, 550 Standish Avenue, Plymouth, **Driftaway** May 23 from 9:15 p.m.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight May 23. **Kevin Norris/Frank Wilkins.** No cover. 781-740-0688.

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The 32nd Annual Festival of the Arts, sponsored by the North River Arts Society, is a two-day celebration held in historic Marshfield Hills Village during Memorial Day Weekend, May 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featured events at the Festival include Juried Art & Sculpture Exhibit, Juried Photography Exhibit, Festival Art Sale, Artisan's Sale, Festival Feature , Silent Auction, Food Tent, Children's Activities, NRAS Student Exhibit, and a full Entertainment Schedule.

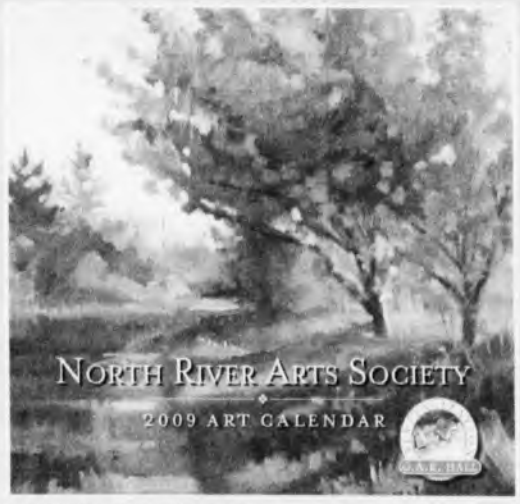
A gala reception opens the Festival on Friday evening, May 23, at 7 p.m. The awards presentation for Juried Photography and Juried Art & Sculpture will begin at 8:00 p.m.

The festival also features the debut of the 2009 NRAS Art Calendar and 2008 art poster by Ted Polomis. The original painting for the poster will be raffled at the festival.

Free shuttle from Eames Way school. For further information, contact the North River Arts Society at 781-837-8091, fax at 781-837-9576, web site at www.northriverarts.org.



Raffle painting and poster art by Ted Polomis



The 2009 NRAS Art Calendar

Entertainment Schedule

FRIDAY

GALA PREVIEW PARTY 7 to 10 p.m. Swing Set, Jazz Duo – Patricia Drain and Paul Kinnear – Inside G.A.R. Hall
Sudbury Valley Music – Seven-piece musical group directed by Mark Bell (outside under the entertainment tent)
Paul F. McCarthy – Emcee

SATURDAY

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Paul F. McCarthy, Emcee
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Gary, The Silent Clown – Street Entertainment
1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Whidden's School of Fitness – Martial Arts (142 Old Main St.)

UNDER THE TENT

11 a.m. Sophie Shrand – National Anthem
11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Cathy Jo Irvine School of Dance
Noon to 12:45 p.m. Northeastern Downbeats - Acapella singers
1 to 1:45 p.m. Fist Full of Funk – Band
2 to 2:45 p.m. Bob Norton & Friends – Guitar and singing
3 to 5 p.m. South Shore Conservatory Jazz

SUNDAY

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Robert Kingan, Emcee
1 to 3:30 p.m. South Shore Writers Association – Poetry & Prose (142 Old Main St.)
Noon to 3 p.m. South Shore Conservatory – Artisan's area

UNDER THE TENT

11 a.m. Madeline Mello – National Anthem
11 to 11:45 a.m. Gary the Silent Clown
Noon to 12:45 p.m. Paul McCarthy – Guitar and singing
1 to 1:45 p.m. Dan McDonald – Irish Band
2 to 2:45 p.m. Dan Grady – Marvelous Marionettes
3 to 5 p.m. CONCERT featuring: MHS and FBMS Jazz Bands

In your garden

PLIMOTH PLANTATION'S horticulture department sells a variety of native and heriloom seeds in the museum gift shop, as well as hard to find herbs and plants, including heirloom flowers and vegetables at the museum's annual plant sales. This year the plant sales are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 24, 25, 31, and June 1 from 9 am, to 3 p.m.

THE CLIFT RODGERS LIBRARY GARDEN TOUR 540 Pleasant St., Marshfield Hills. Garden Tour on June 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be six Marshfield gardens on the tour. Refreshments and artists will be sprinkled at some gardens along the way. The tickets are $15 in advance, and on the day of the tour, the ticket price is $18. tickets will be available at Marshfield Hills General Store on Prospect Street, Roche Brothers, Nessrella Farm, and Clift Rodgers Library in Marshfield. Information: 781-834-4597, visit www.cliftrodgerslibrary.org, or e-mail the library at cliftrodgerslibrary@comcast.net.

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Art on the Avenue, 1037 Nantasket Ave. Hull, a gallery offering paintings, drawings, photography, painted furniture and kid's playbooks, opens for the season Memorial Day weekend. The gallery showcases the varied talents of Brooks Kelly, Theo Page, Julie Schmitt Sullivan, as well as owners Lenore Schneider and Bill Smyth. This year Schneider is emphasizing her special invitation for "en Plein Aire" artists to use the gallery/studio for their "outdoor" excursions. Art on the Avenue is located next to the yacht clubs, and is open from 11 am to 5 pm weekends through the summer, as well as by chance or by appointment. Free admission, free parking, children welcome. For details call 781-925-5619 or www.lenoreschneider.com

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New England Singles Dance May 23, 8 p.m. to midnight. Sheraton Braintree Hotel Grand Ballroom Route I-93 at exit 6, Braintree. DJ $12. . singles-dances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

Single Executives Club singles dance. 7:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Cost is $12. For singles age 35 and older. Proper dress required. Iinformation, call 781-446-0234 or visit www.se-4u.com.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 23, **Too Fast Zero (formerly Clubba Land).** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 23 **Greg MacKenzie & Greenbacks.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday. May 24

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The Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery presents South Shore fine art photographer **Peggy Roth** Major's "The Nature of Water" from May 24 through June 25. The public is invited to an opening reception June 2 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Information: hinghamlibrary.org.

The Beachcomber, Quincy Shore Drive, Quincy 617 479 8989 Band —**The Diamond Dogs** - The David Bowie Tribute Band myspace.com/diamonddogsusa Saturday Night May 24 at 8 p.m. Cover Charge $7.

French Memories Bakery, 60 South Main St., Cohasset **Drift Away** May 24 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight **every Saturday night Karaoke**. No cover. 781-740-0688.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 24, **Chain Drive.** 781-829-6999.

New England Singles Dance, May 23, 8 p.m. to midnight, Sheraton Braintree Hotel Grand Ballroom, Rte. I-93 at Exit 6, DJ $12.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 24 **Beale Street Band** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Sunday, May 25

John Galluzzo will discuss his new book **THE NORTH RIVER: Scenic Waterway of the South Shore** May 25 at 1 p.m. at the Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Information or to reserve a book call 781-545-5011 or visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

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Monday, May 26

Second annual Sherlock Holmes Motorcycle Ride May 26, Sign in from 10 to 11 a.m. Harmony Liquors, Route 58, Monponsett St., Halifax. $15 one rider $25 for two riders. Hot dogs, soda, 50/50 raffles, mileage contest and more. All proceeds to benefit Fourth of July Celebration.

Art on the Avenue, an inspiring gallery offering paintings, drawings, photography, painted furniture and kid's playbooks, opens for the season. This year Lenore is emphasizing her special invitation for "en Plein Aire" artists to use the gallery/studio for their "outdoor" excursions. The gallery showcases the varied talents of Brooks Kelly, Theo Page, Julie Schmitt Sullivan, as well as owners Lenore Schneider and Bill Smyth. Art on the Avenue is located at 1037 Nantasket Avenue, next to the yacht clubs, and is open from 11 am – 5 pm weekends through the summer, as well as by chance or by appointment. Free admission, free parking, children welcome. For details call 781-925-5619 or www.lenoreschneider.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Monday night **Free Texas Hold 'Em with Northern Poker League**. 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, May 27

Mother Goose is making a special visit to the **Hull Lifesaving Museum** for some delightful and fun interactive rhymes (costumes provided or bring your own), some jolly good laughs and a scrumptious snack. May 27, 10 to 11 a.m. Cost: $3 for members; $5 for non- members. Call to reserve your tuffet 781-925-5433, info@hulllifesavingmuseum.org

The Wellness Community at Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St. Hanover. **Newcomers Orientation** - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Adults with cancer, family members and friends are invited to join the one-hour overview of services to learn more about the variety of programs offered free of charge. No appointment necessary. 781-829-4823.

The Wellness Center at Pathways Center for Cancer Support, May 27, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. **Frankly Speaking About New Discoveries in Cancer** – Anne Roberge, MD, from Commonwealth Hematology-Oncology in Weymouth, will provide information on the most advanced and innovative treatments available for people living with cancer, as well as new discoveries about emotional support and stress management. Registration is requested. For more details and to RSVP, call 781-829-4823 or visit www.wellnesscommunity.org

Grub Street South at Buttonwood welcomes "Agni" fiction editor **Jessica Keener** on May 27, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset. Keener's topic is "Desperately Seeking Stories." Discussion will include real editorial responses to stories submitted to "Agni," the elusive hunt for a great story, and why the majority of submissions are rejected.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Tuesday 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. **wicked trivia** 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, May 28

StoryTime May 28 at 10 to 10:30 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St.,, Scituate Harbor. Mary reads age appropriate stories. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Adoption Community of New England, Inc. (ACONE), 45 Lyman St., #2 South Terrace, Westborough, will host a program titled **Adjustment in Intercountry Adoption** May 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. A Hague Compliant Training for Prospective Adoptive Parents. Presenter: Etta Lappen Davis, MAED. Information: 508-366-6812 info@AdoptionCommunityofNE.org www.AdoptionCommunityofNE.org. Wheelchair accessible. Formerly ODS Adoption Community of New England, Inc. and Open Door Society of MA, Inc.

The River Club Pub, 78 Border St., Scituate **Driftaway**, May 28, 8 p.m. 781-545-1330 - No cover. www.riverclubscituate.com

Thursday, May 29

Big Sister Association is looking for women to mentor girls between the ages of 7 to 15. A few hours a week is all it takes. Information: 617-236-8060, email bigsister@bigsister.org or visit www.bigsister.org

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 29 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Medicine Man-Blues Jam** open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight May 29, **Krisanthi Pappas/Yasko Kubota.** No cover. 781-740-0688.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 29, **Flydown.** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Friday, May 30

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree, 9 p.m. May 30 **Comedy Night** featuring **Michael Petite** along with **Jerry Thornton, Jason Marcus** and **Bob Carney**. Information: jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack 781-848-0300.



Annual Spring Planting Moon Pow-Wow and Arts & Crafts Festival takes place Memorial Day weekend Saturday and Sunday May 24-25, (Memorial Day Weekend) Marshfield Fairgrounds, 140 Main St. (Route 3A), Marshfield, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Pow-Wow will feature the Wolf Cry Singers; dance demonstrations; inter-tribal dancing; craft making, educational presentation and visits inside a wickiup and a tipi; storytelling, resource and membership tables, arts, crafts and Native food for sale. (Buffalo, Indian tacos, fried clams, scallops and more.) Adults: $5; Seniors: $4; Children (4-12): $2; 3 and under free. Parking: free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. For information, contact MCNAA at 617-642-1683 or e-mail: mcnaa@aol.com.

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1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, Join **Author Eve LaPlante** May 30 at 7 p.m., for a lecture and book signing of her biography **Salem Witch Judge: The Life and Repentance of Samuel Sewall.** Tickets are $10 each and are available by calling the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or by logging onto the website: www.winslowhouse.org. Light refreshments will be served.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight May 30, **Karen Bell/Yasko Kubota.** No cover. 781-740-0688.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 30, Six Foot Sunday781-829-6999.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles. 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until Sept.

New England Singles Dance, May 30, 8 p.m. to midnight. Sheraton Braintree Hotel Grand Ballroom, Rte. I-93 at Exit 6, DJ $12.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 30 **Lickity Split** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Golf tournaments

CEREBRAL PALSY OF MASSACHUSETTS GOLF CLASSIC May 29, at Pinehills Golf Club, located on Clubhouse Drive in Plymouth. Registration for the golf tournament will take place 10:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.Tickets for the tournament are $175 per person and include 18 holes of golf, as well as a gift, box lunch and sit-down dinner. Make checks payable to Cerebral Palsy of MA and mail them to the agency's office at 43 Old Colony Ave., Quincy, Mass., 02170, Attention: Golf Classic. For more information, call Ann DiMattio of Cerebral Palsy of MA at 617-479-7443, extension 203 or visit www.masscp.org.

ABLE RESTORATION DISASTER RELIEF GOLFTOURNAMENT June 6 at Waverly Oaks Golf Club, 444 Long Pond Road, Plymouth. To benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children, Boston. Registration for the tournament begins 9 a.m., followed by a shotgun start 11 a.m. Tickets are $175 per golfer and $700 for foursomes, and include 18 holes of golf, a box lunch and a New England-style lobster-clambake dinner. Dinner-only reservations are available for $50 per person. Foursomes are encouraged to sign up early by registering online at www.Able911.com. Interested participants and sponsors can contact Jeff Sabel for more information at 888-225-3911 or Jsabel@Able911.com. Make checks payable to "Able Restoration Charitable Giving Account" and mail to Jeff Sabel, Able Restoration, 14 Longwater Drive, Rockland MA, 02370.

SACRED HEART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in Kingston will host its first charity golf tournament on June 2, at Atlantic Country Club in Plymouth. All proceeds from the golf tournament will support the Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center building fund. The tournament kicks off with a 1 p.m. shot gun start in a four-person team scramble format, followed by an awards dinner, raffle and silent auction. The registration fee of $125 per person includes greens fee for 18 holes of golf with a cart, box lunch, dinner, prizes, awards, and complimentary gifts. Advance registration is necessary. . The registration form and sponsorship information may be downloaded from the Sacred Heart Elementary Web site at sacredheart.mec.edu or call the school at 781-585-7530 for information.

HALIFAX IN LIGHTS SECOND ANNUAL GOLFTOURNAMENT, June 9, 7:30 a.m. start, $125 per person, Halifax Country Club, Plymouth St., Halifax. Information visit www.halifaxfireworks.com

THE 24TH ANNUAL CONWAY COUNTRY CHARITY GOLF FOR THE HOMELESS event will take place June 12, at Easton Country Club. It all kicks off with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. using a four-person scramble format. The $125 player fee includes a cart, luncheon buffet and raffles. Sign up for the tournament can be as an individual player or as an entire foursome. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For tickets and more information, call Denis Lilla at 781-871-0080, ext. 327.

A GOLFTOURNAMENTTO BENEFIT HINGHAM FOURTH OF JULY PARADE will take place June 9, at South Shore Country Club in Hingham. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. Cost is $125 per golfer; $500 per foursome. Dinner only is $30. Information, visit mblackmur@comcast.net.

Send your golf tournament listings to ddinsmore@cnc.com

TOWN COMMONS - *SUBMISSIONS*

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. **Deadline is Friday at noon.** *Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.*

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Skippers win league title



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PHOTO/CRAIG SUGGELAT

Cohasset's Memorial Day Parade led by Cmdr. Michael Fichtner (USN, retired), who grew up in town, makes its way along North Main Street on Monday.

Memorial Day brings families together

By Mary Ford
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Family.

In a word, that sums up Cohasset's traditional Memorial Day Observances.

From the keynote speaker, Cmdr. Michael Fichtner (USN, retired), who recalled marching in the parade as a boy with his Dad – to Gold Star Mother, June Simeone, who was assisted by Airman Joanna Hamilton, in placing a wreath on the war memorial at the harbor, Cohasset's observance displayed what makes the town so unique.

A "small town" in the true Norman Rockwell-sense, Cohasset brings families together each May to honor and reflect on the sacrifice that so many of the town's young people have made over the generations serving in the nation's wars.

Simeone's son, Craig M. Simeone, was one of eight Cohasset men killed in Vietnam.

Hamilton's father, Joe Hamilton, who annually reads the WWI poem "In Flanders Field," talked about his pride in marching in the parade over the years first with sons, Sgt. Ed Hamilton and Cpt. Andrew Hamilton – and now, with daughter Joanna, an Airman First Class.

Fichtner said his earliest memories of the parade are of his father marching in his Navy uniform, the bands playing and people waving the flag.

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No discharge zone granted

Boats will have to be pumped shore-side

By Nancy White
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Memorial Day is the unofficial start of summer and the boating season. Fittingly enough, just as the harbor begins to fill with boats, Cohasset Harbor and its outer waters have been officially declared a no discharge area. That means all overboard discharge of all boat sewage, even if treated, is prohibited. In a no discharge area, vessel sewage must be discharged to a shore-side or mobile pumpout facility.

Last Friday, May 23, the federal Environmental Protection Agency published the waters off Cohasset, Marshfield and Scituate as a no discharge area, or NDA.

This result is after a year and a half process that began with the Harbor Health Committee in December 2006. The committee teamed up with similar organizations in Marshfield and Scituate to instate a regional No Discharge Zone for the body of water off the town's shores and the tidal waters of the North and South Rivers.

The Cohasset-Scituate-Marshfield NDA joins a growing number of Massachusetts's coastal waters with the designation. The coastal waters off Plymouth, Kingston, Duxbury, Nantucket Sound as well as all of Buzzards Bay already have the federal NDA designation.

"As exciting as receiving the NDA designation for Cohasset is, it is truly exciting to be a part of the growing commitment by Massachusetts communities to the protection of our coastal waters."
— Karen Quigley

Other communities, from Hull to Cape Ann, are pursuing an NDA designation. The Coastal Zone Management has an aggressive goal to have all Massachusetts water declared an NDA by 2009. Boston Harbor, Cape Cod Bay and Salem Sound have proposed NDA designations for their waters.

Last week, an application for a NDA in Cape Cod Bay was submitted to the EPA. If accepted, the 600-square mile region from Provincetown to

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Flood of solutions

Workshop focused on Jacob's Meadow

By Nancy White
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Flooding is a big problem in Cohasset. It's a problem that pervades property and residences throughout town. In a town where ledge dominates the terrain and increased development (and the impervious surface that goes along with it), the town's flooding troubles have been exacerbated over the years.

To this point, the town has always approached the problem one piece at time, sometimes inadvertently causing more flooding problems elsewhere. Currently, the town is taking a comprehensive approach to the persistent flooding in pockets spread about town with the flood control master plan.

The James Brook/Jacob's Meadow watershed covers over 860 acres of town is one of sections of town suffering the most from flooding issues. With the complexity of the problem, the solution will not be simple.

With the flood control master plan in the draft stage, the engineering firm putting together the plan — Coughlin Environmental Services — held a public workshop just on James Brook/Jacob's Meadow last Thursday. About 30 residents attended the workshop session.

Coughlin Environmental Services proposed several tools the town could implement to begin to alleviate the problem from detention basins to raingardens to a stormwater pumping station.

Each suggestion has its own pros and cons and to implement all the suggested items will cost the town over $4 million according to initial estimates.

"Getting a preliminary analysis of the James Brook watershed was a first priority for the town," said Dan Coughlin, principal engineer for Coughlin Environmental Service. With much of the preliminary analysis and draft recommendations prepared Coughlin gave a close to two-hour presentation along with visuals in a power point slideshow.

Over the past few years, residents have reported increasing frequency and severity of flooding particularly in Jacob's Meadow and the Elm Street homes that abut the meadow.

Coughlin said there are records of flooding occurring in the area that go back over 75 years, "upgrades and improvements (to flood control mitigation) hasn't kept up with development."

The James Brook watershed begins at

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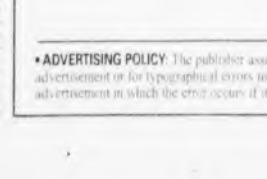
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Mary Gainor is a volunteer receptionist at the Senior Center on Tuesdays and she helps edit their monthly newsletter. In May, the Mariner is celebrating Older Americans Month with the Council on Elder Affairs by highlighting senior citizens.

Name: Mary Gainor.

Former occupation: Professor of English at University of Massachusetts.

Best day of your life or most memorable moment: One occurred when my husband and I attended a ceremony at which our son received an award as the most distinguished alumnus of the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. A second occurred when we were attending a lecture given by our daughter at a theater in New York, where she was discussing the historical background of a period play the theater was presenting. As we mingled with the audience leaving the theater, I heard a woman exclaim about our daughter's talk, "She has all that knowledge, and she's so beautiful I could eat her up!"

Favorite song: "Greensleeves."

What does Cohasset Elder Affairs mean to you?: This organization impresses me tremendously because of the many services it offers to elders in the community. The Director, Linda Elworthy, the Outreach Coordinator, Carol Barrett, the Coordinator of Volunteer Services, Martha Horsefield, and the Coordinator of Medical Transport and Programs, Trudy Salerno, all have such remarkable sensitivity to and sympathy for the needs of the elderly that they make everyone comfortable in receiving the help they offer.

Best part of Cohasset: Its scenic beauty is superb, and the community spirit pervading the town matches its physical beauty.

If you knew what you know now: I would have chosen a risky path with an uncertain future rather than a safer path with a predictable outcome.

What have you learned in your life that you would like to share with others? Do not be fearful of doing what you most aspire to do.

What is your motto? Do your very best at anything you undertake.

Volunteers needed for Triathlon

The second annual Cohasset Triathlon needs help to get the race off without a hitch. The race is set for Sunday, June 29. Volunteers are needed to help with water stations along the route, registration check-in, kayakers for water safety, road closings, post-race party set-up and clean-up. Every volunteer will receive a Nike dry-weave shirt as a thank you. Please contact volunteer coordinator Kari O'Donnell at 781-383-1108 or kariod@comcast.net if interested.

Blood drive scheduled in Cohasset

American Red Cross and the Cohasset community will sponsor a blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m., on Friday, June 6, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 10 Summer St.

All community members who are at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, are in generally good health, have not received a tattoo or piercing in the past year and who have not donated whole blood within the last 56 days are eligible to donate blood.

To make an appointment, call 800-448-3543 or visit the Web site at givelife.org.

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Sunrise: 5:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:11 p.m.*			
Fri. 30	7:38	8.7	8:05	9.5	1:24	0.8	1:45	0.6
Sunrise: 5:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:12 p.m.*			
Sat. 31	8:36	8.9	8:57	10.1	2:22	0.2	2:38	0.4
Sunrise: 5:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:13 p.m.*			
Sun. 1	9:33	9.1	9:50	10.6	3:18	-0.3	3:32	0.2
Sunrise: 5:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:13 p.m.*			
Mon. 2	10:0	9.2	10:43	10.9	4:13	-0.9	4:25	0.0
Sunrise: 5:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:14 p.m.*			
Tues. 3	11:26	9.4	11:37	11.2	5:08	-1.3	5:19	-0.1
Sunrise: 5:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:15 p.m.*			
Wed. 4	—	—	12:21	9.5	6:02	-1.5	6:12	-0.2
Sunrise: 5:08a.m.					*Sunset: 8:16 p.m.*			
Thurs. 5	12:31	11.2	1:16	9.5	6:55	-1.5	7:06	-0.1
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New traffic pattern at Music Circus

By Mary Ford
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Nothing defines summer in Cohasset more than the South Shore Music Circus.

The entertainment it provides coupled with the pristine setting have been ingrained in the town's character for more than 50 years.

However, most would agree that exiting the Music Circus when hundreds of cars are funneled out the parking lot following a show requires patience, concentration and yes, nerves of steel.

While the funneling issue will remain – the traffic pattern on Sohier Street will change this summer now that the train is up and running.

Police Chief James Hussey explained that cars will no longer exit eastbound on Sohier Street toward the tracks because an evening train is scheduled to run about 10 minutes after the end of the shows.

"Our goal is to move traffic as quickly and safely as possible."

— Chief James Hussey

In the past, cars have been directed both east- and westbound on Sohier Street. Hussey said even without the train, this presented problems.

"Some of those who went east eventually found their way back to 3A," Hussey said about out-of-towners. "Sometimes they got lost."

Hussey said after meeting with officials at the Music Circus, it was decided in the interest of public safety not to move cars toward the tracks.

Police will make Sohier Street one-way following the shows and use both lanes to exit the cars toward 3A.

"All traffic from the Music Circus will move toward 3A where they can pull onto the highway in either direction."

Hussey said detail officers would control traffic both on Sohier Street at the Music Circus and on 3A. There would also be cones at Fairoaks Lane alerting those residents about the one-way pattern and not to make a left onto Sohier.

The one-way pattern is expected to last about 15 minutes. Officers will be in radio communication, he said.

"Our goal is to move traffic as quickly and safely as possible," Hussey said.

Hussey said it has been the practice for four or five detail officers to be assigned to Music Circus shows. That will not change but the officers may be deployed differently at the conclusion of the show. The Music Circus covers the cost of the detail officers. The new traffic pattern is not going to add any cost to the police department, he said.

Register of Deeds to provide local office hours

The Register will have information about the Massachusetts Homestead Act as well as an Internet computer and printer that can be used to confirm the status of a mortgage discharge, print out a deed or demonstrate how the Registry's Web site works.

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell will host scheduled office hours in Town Hall, Room 2B, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, from 10 a.m. to noon, on Wednesday, June 18. The Register and his staff will be on hand to answer questions or concerns about any Registry of Deeds matter. The Register will have information about the Massachusetts Homestead Act as well as an Internet computer and printer that can be used to confirm the status of a mortgage discharge, print out a deed or demonstrate how the Registry's Web site works. No appointment is necessary.

This is a community outreach program sponsored by O'Donnell to make it convenient for residents who may have a Registry question, an interest in understanding the recording process or difficulty traveling to the Registry building in Dedham. Although Registry staff cannot provide legal advice, they can provide answers to basic questions, give general information, provide Homestead Declaration forms or confirm that a document has been recorded.

The Registry of Deeds, 649 High St., Dedham, is the principal office for real property in Norfolk County. The Registry is the basic resource for homeowners, title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities and others with a need for secure, accurate, accessible land record information. Hundreds of thousands of Registry land records back to 1793 are already available for online viewing. The Registry's online index is available from 1956 forward and continues to expand to include earlier records. The Registry of Deeds can be contacted via telephone at 781-461-6101, or on the Internet at norfolkdeeds.org.

Police Beat

Cohasset police encourage buckling up

By Mary Ford
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The advice is basic: wearing a seat belt saves lives. Yet more than 30 percent of Massachusetts drivers still fail to buckle up. In their continued effort to increase seat belt use, the Cohasset Police Department joins more than 240 other Massachusetts police departments and the Massachusetts State Police in support of the spring 2008 Click It or Ticket Mobilization. This statewide effort will take place through June 4 and combines extra traffic enforcement, public information and community outreach to reduce motor vehicle-related fatalities, injuries and economic loss.

For the Click It or Ticket Mobilization, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security has provided $1.3 million in federal highway safety funds.

"This Click It or Ticket Mobilization is an opportunity for all of us to remember the importance of buckling up," said Chief James Hussey. "Statistics have proven time and time again that seat belts save lives."

Hussey said often when serious injury or death occurs in an accident, the victims were not wearing seatbelts.

"Motorists should always buckle up," he said. "Parents should encourage their children to do the same."

Since its first Click It or Ticket Mobilization in 2002, Massachusetts has seen its seat belt use increase 18 percent to a record high of 69 percent in 2007. However, Massachusetts still lags behind the 2007 national seat belt use rate of 82 percent.

During this mobilization, Massachusetts State Police and local police departments will strive to encourage voluntary seat belt compliance across the Commonwealth. For more information, go to the Web site at mass.gov/highwaysafety.

MV crash

A 26-year-old Cohasset woman is facing drunk driving charges following an accident at 11:50 p.m. on Saturday. Police said the woman, who was driving a 2000 Jeep Cherokee southbound on Route 3A near Sohier Street, rear-ended a 2005 Lincoln SUV driven by an 18-year-old Cohasset man.

The collision caused her Jeep to go into a spin and take out a telephone pole in the southbound lane across from Mobil Mart.

The pole snapped in two. Both vehicles had to be towed.

The woman, who exhibited signs of intoxication at the scene, was arrested and transported to South Shore Hospital. She was charged with OUI (alcohol), negligent operation, marked lanes violation and following too closely on a state highway.

Police had to shut down the northbound lane of Route 3A following the accident and rerouted traffic down Sohier Street.

Intoxicated

A 72-year-old Cohasset woman was driven home and released into the custody of her husband following calls about erratic driving at about 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Police said the woman was driving a 1998 Volvo. Police found the car unoccupied in the parking lot of a Route 3A business. In talking to the woman, they could smell alcohol. However, police could not prove that she had been driving and the caller did not leave his name.

Warrant

A Scituate man was arrested on Wednesday (May 21) after further investigation revealed he had an outstanding default warrant out of Milton for possession of Class A & D drugs.

Police put out a BOLO for the 37-year-old after the warrant was confirmed.

Earlier that day police said the man left his girlfriend and her dog stranded outside Walgreens. She called police, who gave her a ride home.

Night deposit

Detectives are investigating the apparent theft of a night deposit at a local sandwich shop of more than $900.

The incident was reported on Thursday (May 22) when the manager opened up and discovered the money was missing from the safe.

The corporate owners of the restaurant have been notified. Employees have been interviewed, police said.

The matter has been turned over to detectives.

Minors

The harbormaster contacted police last Friday around 8 p.m. after seeing some alcohol change hands among young adults, police said.

She provided a description of a couple of cars and a police officer recognized one of the vehicle descriptions.

Police went to a home on Hull Street to investigate but were unable to locate anyone.

A & B charges

A 19-year-old Cohasset man is charged with two counts of assault and battery, disorderly conduct, and malicious destruction of property (eyeglasses) following a domestic violence incident last week.

Police restrained the teen after being called to the home. The teen twisted his ankle during a struggle with family members.

Weymouth request

On Saturday, Cohasset police went to a local restaurant on the request of Weymouth police to locate an employee who, Weymouth PD said, was wanted on a warrant and for other crimes. The individual had left work early and was not at the location.

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Quigley wants to set goals

Selectmen to hold future planning meeting

By Nancy White
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The newest Selectman, Karen Quigley, is anxious to give her input on where the efforts of the town's highest ruling board should be focused on.

At the May 19 meeting Quigley requested, for the second time, the Board set a date to have a discussion on town planning and goal setting for both the Board and the town as a whole. Quigley said she had recently spoken to selectmen in both Hingham and Hull who told her they regularly talk about the town's goals.

"My goal in bringing this up was to introduce some of my own goals and respond to comments from residents I've received," said Quigley, adding in the past the tendency of the town is to be reactive and would like to see the Selectmen take a more proactive role.

She suggested an evening meeting be held separate from the Selectmen's normal Monday night meetings for the discussion, adding a facilitator might be helpful to keep the discussion on target.

Second-term Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said fairly recently the Board had created an extensive list of goals and initiatives.

"I think we should see what's on the list and see what has been accomplished," said Dormitzer. When reached this week, Dormitzer said the list he spoke of at the meeting was drafted in late 2006. The last time he had revised his copy was April 2007.

The document covers a wide breadth of Selectmen initiatives from collective bargaining strategies to department organization/structure to financial/budget issues to keeping tabs on Selectmen-appointed committees to new initiatives like energy conservation in schools, additional sport fields and grant writing. Each items is designated a group or person in charge and most have a rough deadline, like Special Town Meeting or fourth quarter 2007. Some initiatives have been completed like the allocation of overhead across departments and allocation of legal costs across departments and boards.

Quigley said she had recently spoken to selectmen in both Hingham and Hull who told her they regularly talk about the town's goals.

Quigley said she wasn't aware of the previous Board of Selectmen goals and asked that the Selectmen be provided a copy to review before their next meeting. Regardless of past goal setting, Quigley said she thought a goal setting process in the public eye, where residents can participate, would be a worthwhile.

There was a brief discussion on the most appropriate forum for the goal setting dialogue. Town Manager Bill Griffin said the summer schedule was fairly full with a different town department, or sometimes two departments, coming before the Board at each meeting to offer a snapshot of their work. Griffin suggested it was typical to have a goal-setting meeting in a more informal, workshop environment on a separate night.

"I think people need to come to the meeting having done their homework," said Dormitzer at the meeting. "We want to do things efficiently."

The Board of Selectmen were not ready to make a decision on what approach they would like to take for the meeting. It will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

"As long as we are still talking about it, it's okay with me," said Quigley.

No discharge zone granted

FROM DISCHARGE, PAGE 1

Marshfield would be the state's largest NDA.

"As exciting as receiving the NDA designation for Cohasset is, it is truly exciting to be a part of the growing commitment by Massachusetts communities to the protection of our coastal waters," said Selectman Karen Quigley, who was chair of the Harbor Health Committee at the time of application. "With our regional designation and the pending applications by North Shore and Cape Cod communities, most of the Massachusetts coast will soon be protected."

The NDA designation is another layer of protection for the water. Under the federal Clean Water Act it's illegal to discharge untreated sewage from a vessel into US waters within three miles of shore. However, boats with certain types of functioning sanitation devices may discharge treated effluent in the coastal waters, harbors and bays, unless an NDA has been established.

The NDA is a step in the right direction for Cohasset, says Quigley, whose harbor has been classified by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection as "impaired water," meaning there is enough pollution in the water to deem it not healthy. Concrete evidence can be found in the Harbor not meeting state water quality standards, beach closures and shellfish bed closures. An NDA is a tool towns can use to protect their waters from increased bacteria in the water.

The town pumpout boat is available to any boater upon request by calling the Harbor Department by phone (781-383-0863) or contacting by VHF radio (channels 10, 16) from 9a.m. to 9p.m. May 1 through Nov. 1.

The process to get an NDA designation is a unique one. Towns are required to request an application from the EPA; the designation is not one that is imposed upon a coastal area. The application is submitted to the Coastal Zone Management

The application had to go through several layers. The town's submitted their application to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs through their office of Coastal Zone Management.

There are 10 pumpout facilities in the area, four fixed shore-based facilities, three portable facilities, and three pumpout boats. In addition, there are two pending pumpout facilities, which should be operational in the summer of 2008.

In its application, Massachusetts provided documentation indicating that the total vessel population is estimated to be 3,000 in the proposed area. It is estimated that 1,363 of the total vessel population may have a Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) of some type. The majority of facilities are connected directly into the local wastewater treatment system.

In 1977, the Department of the Interior designated the North and South Rivers as National Natural Landmarks, and in 1978 the North River received a Protective Order under the state Scenic Rivers Act of 1971.

Wompatuck State Park, the English State Salt Marsh Wildlife Refuge/Management Area, and the Weir River Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) are all located within the proposed boundaries of the petition. There are approximately eight marinas, five public boat ramps, and over a dozen beaches located within the new No Discharge Area.

Both recreational and commercial shell fishermen use the area. There are ten designated Shellfish Growing Areas representing over 49,500 acres of productive shellfish beds in the area supporting soft shell clams, blue mussels, razor clams, quahogs, bay scallops, oysters, and surf clams. The area supports a commercial and recreational fishing fleet. The proposed area has a variety of rich natural habitats, and supports a wide diversity of species.

For more information on No Discharge Areas visit http://mass.gov/czm/nda.htm.

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ages 3-6,
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00-12:00 n., $65 per week
June 17-19
July 1-3
July 15-17
July 29-31
August 12-14
August 26-28
Pre-School Summer Club
ages 3-6,
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00-12:00 n., $65 per week
June 24-26
July 8-10
July 22-24
August 5-7
August 19-21
Wiggles & Giggles - Mom and Me
age walking - 24 months,
Monday, 11:15-12:00 n.
starts April 28-June 23, 8 weeks, $80
Toddlers & Tumblers - Mom and Me
age 2 - 3,
Monday, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
starts April 28-June 23, 8 weeks, $80
Tuesday, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
starts May 27-June 24, 5 weeks, $50
Climbers and Jumpers
age 3 & 4,
Monday, 9:45-10:30 a.m.
starts April 28-June 23, 8 weeks, $80
Tuesday, 11:45-12:30 p.m.
starts May 27-June 24, 5 weeks, $50
Beginner Gymnastics
age 4 - K,
Monday, 12:00-12:45 p.m.
starts April 28-June 23, 8 weeks, $80
Super Sports Class
age 4 - K,
Monday, 9:00-9:45 a.m.
starts April 28-June 23, 8 weeks, $80
Tuesday, 11:00-11:45 a.m.
starts May 27-June 24, 5 weeks, $50
Arts & Crafts for Mom & Me
ages 2-4
Wednesday, 9:15-10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 11:15-12:00 n.
6 weeks, $75, starts May 21-June 25
4 weeks, $50, starts July 9-July 30
4 weeks, $50, starts August 6-August 27
Little Chefs 4 Day Workshop
age 3-5, Monday - Thursday,
9:30-11:30 a.m.
4 days, $100, July 21-24
4 days, $100, July 28-31
Young Chefs 4 Day Workshop
age 6-10, Monday-Thursday,
12:00-2:00 p.m.
4 days, $100, July 21-24
4 days, $100, July 28-31
Snack Making I
age 3-5, Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
1 day, $25, August 20
Snack Making II
age 6-10, Wednesday, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
1 day, $25, August 20
For the Love of Chocolate I
age 3-5, Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
1 day, $30, August 27
For the Love of Chocolate II
age 6-10, Wednesday, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
1 day, $30, August 27

CRAFT CLASSES
Grades K-6
Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9:00-11:00 a.m.
3 days, $60, June 24-26
3 days, $60, July 8-10
3 days, $60, July 15-17
3 days, $60, July 22-24
3 days, $60, July 29-31
3 days, $60, August 5-7
3 days, $60, August 12-14
Children's Performing Arts
Tuesday - Friday,12:30-2:30 p.m.
1 week, $75
July 15-18 - "High School Musical", (age 5-16)
July 29-A 1 - "High School Musil II", (age 5-16)
Aug. 12-15 - "Annie", (age 4-12)
Aug. 26-29 - "The Little Mermaid", (age 4-12)
Baby-sitting Course/ Home Alone Safety
Ages 10 & over, Monday & Tuesday
9:30-11:30
2 days, $35, June 23 & 24
Fashion Focus Modeling & Finishing Program
Maria Wood
Ages 6-9, Young Miss
Ages 10-12, Preteen
Ages 13-18, Teen
1 week, June 23-27, Monday-Friday,
9:00-1:00
Tiger Tots Karate
Ages 4-6
Monday, 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Monday, 3:45-4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 5:45-6:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $70, starts June 16-August 5
8 weeks, $70, starts August 11-September 30
Karate
Ages 6-12
Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Age 9-12, Friday 5:30-6:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $70, starts June 16-August 8
8 weeks, $70, starts August 11-October 3
Intermediate Karate
Ages 7-14
Monday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $70, starts June 16-August 8
8 weeks, $70, starts August 11-October 3
Kapian SAT Review
PSAT Practice Test
Saturday, June 7th , 8:00-11:00 a.m.
PSAT Test Strategies 101
Tuesday, June 17th, 6:30-7:30pm
Baby Ballerinas - Mom & Me
ages 2-3,
Wednesday, 9:15-10:00 a.m.,
May 21-July 9
Thursday, 9:15-10:00 a.m.,
May 29-July 17
8 weeks, $75
Wednesday, 9:15-10:00 a.m.,
July 16-Aug 27
Thursday, 9:15-10:00 a.m.,
July 24-Aug 28
7 weeks, $66
Creative Movement
ages 3-4,
Wednesday, 10:00-10:45 a.m.,
May 28-July 16
Thursday, 10:00-10:45 a.m.,
May 29-July 17
8 weeks, $75
Wednesday10:00-10:45 a.m.,
July 23-Aug 27
Thursday, 10:00-10:45 a.m.,
July 24-Aug 28
6 weeks, $57
Ballet & Tap
ages 4-6,
Wednesday, 10:45-11:45 a.m.,
May 28-July 16
Thursday, 10:45-11:45 a.m.,
May 29-July 17
8 weeks, $75
Wednesday, 10:45-11:45 a.m.,
July 23-Aug 27
Thursday, 10:45-11:45 a.m.,
July 24-Aug 28
6 weeks, $57
National Competetion Street Dance Class
Monday, 3:30-4:50 p.m.
Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Monday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Monday 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Monday 8:30-9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 5:50-6:30 p.m.
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Thursday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Thursday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
4 weeks $75, May 28-June 19 + competition
Uechi-ryu Karate Workshop
ages 6-14, Monday - Friday,
9:00 - 1:00 p.m.
1 week, $175, August 4-9

ADULT & TEEN CLASSES
Pilates
Monday 6:30-7:30 p.m., starts June 9, August 4
Tuesday, 9:00-10:00 a.m., starts June 3, July 29
Thursday, 9:30-10:30 a.m., starts May 15, July 10
8 weeks, $90
Ballroom Dancing - Beginner
Friday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $160/couple, starts June 20 & Sept 12
Ballroom Dancing - Beginner II
Friday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $160/couple starts June 20 & Sept 12
Ballroom Dancing - Intermediate III
Thursday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
8 weeks, $160/couple, starts June 19 & Sept. 11
Ballroom Dancing - Intermediate III
Friday, 8:30-9:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $160/couple, starts June 20 & Sept. 12
Ballroom Dancing - Intermediate II
Thursday, 8:00-9:00 p.m.
8 weeks, $160/couple, starts June 19 & Sept. 11
CPR & First Aid
Monday, 7:00 -10:30 p.m.
2 nights, $65, June 2 & 9
2 nights, $65, September 8 & 15
Digital Photography
Tuesday, 7:00 -8:30 p.m.
2 nights, $49
starts July 22 & 29
Dog Training
Monday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.,
6 weeks, $80, starts June 2-July 7
6 weeks, $80, starts July 14-August 18
Dog Training II
Monday, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
6 weeks, $80, starts June 2-July 7
6 weeks, $80, starts July 14-August 18
Adult Karate
Tuesday, 7:30 -8:30 p.m.
Friday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $70, starts June 16-August 8
8 weeks, $70, starts August 11-October 3
Power 30
Friday 8:30-9:00 a.m.
8 weeks, $45
starts June 6 & August 8
Power Hour
Wednesday 8:30-9:30 a.m.
8 weeks, $80
starts June 25 & August 20
Qi Gong
Friday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
8 weeks, $100, starts May18-July 13
8 weeks, $100, starts August 8
Strength Conditioning
Friday, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
8 weeks, $80, starts June 13-August 8
Beginner Tai Chi
Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $85, starts June 6-July 24
8 weeks, $85, starts June 31 - September 18
Beginning Tap Dancing for Teens & Adults
Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $90, starts May 28-July 16
Intermediate Tap Dancing for Teens & Adults
Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $90, starts May 28-July 16
Hip Hop - Teens & Adult
Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $90, starts May 28-July 16
Yoga - Teens & Adult
Monday, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
8 weeks, $90, drop-in $12 per class starts June 1
starts July 28
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Flooding workshop focused on Jacob's Meadow

FROM FLOOD, PAGE 1

Sanctuary Pond spreads out to the MBTA right of way and the former Edison plant on North Main and ends at Jacob's Meadow, which flows into the harbor. The biggest issue with the watershed currently is the flooding and property damage in the Jacob's Meadow section. In major storm events, the intense flow of stormwater has caused the wastewater treatment plant, located on Jacob's Meadow to overflow. Upgrades to the plant have been made to mitigate this issue in conjunction with this Little Harbor water and sewer project.

The James Brook watershed includes the most urbanized areas of Cohasset and therefore the most impervious surface, said Coughlin. One of the major aspects contributing to the flooding issues in James Meadow, said Coughlin, is the fact the watershed is severely tidally restricted by tide gates creating a bottleneck situation.

Even if all the flood mitigation projects were implemented because of the tidal restriction, it will be impossible to make the watershed flood free, Coughlin said.

"The key is to lengthen the time it takes for water to drain to Jacob's Meadow," said Coughlin. Instead of having the water rush through the watershed in six hours through the installation of detention basins throughout the 860 acres James Brook watershed make the runoff take 12 hours to get to the Meadow.

Coughlin and his engineers have identified over 70 locations for potential detention basins and best management practices like raingardens, swales and other low impact developments, which (if all of them were created) hold up to three million gallons of water during a severe rain event.

The challenge will be many of the potential locations are on private property, which would require cooperation from the property owner or an eminent domain taking. Increasing the storage availability at Sanctuary Pond and having another large detention area at "the Wiggle," an area just below Sanctuary Pond and "the Pickle" located behind the Paul Pratt library.

By implementing control structures in these areas, the flow of water can be slowed down and regulated out of the basin, to ease the current inundation of water on Jacob's Meadow during a rainstorm, said Coughlin.

The detention basins will slow down the flow of water to the harbor and the raingardens and similar structures will allow more water to recharge the ground.

The large detention basin at the Wiggle's estimated cost is $1.4 million. The other smaller detention basins and raingardens have an estimated cost of $1.1 million.

Tied into the discussion was a related project to re-design the tide gates and re-build the channel near the American Legion parking lot. The channel leading up to the tide gate is currently in disrepair and significantly slows down the flow of water out of the meadow. Resident town engineer Tom Gruber said the preliminary designs for a new tide gate are estimated to increase the flow of water by two to 2.5 times.

The new tide gates would provide two benefits, according to Gruber: flood control by allowing more water to empty from Jacob's Meadow and salt marsh restoration by allowing more salt water into the meadow.

In addition, the dam at Sanctuary Pond is currently in disrepair and needs to be fixed as soon as funds are available, said Coughlin.

Treat's Pond/Atlantic Ave. flood workshop

After Town Meeting the status of the Treat's Pond project was left up in the air. Though voters at Town Meeting resolved to support the project in spirit, they also made it clear it needed more review. Two months later, not much has been talked about publicly concerning the controversial project.

On June 14, a second workshop similar to the one held last week on the James Brook Watershed will be held to primarily discuss the flooding problems surrounding Treat's Pond.

Coughlin Environmental Service will present their preliminary findings and recommendations for the Atlantic Ave./Treat's Pond area on Monday, June 16 at 6:30p.m.

Some residents are calling for a firm answer on the legal status of the drainage easement presently used by the town to maintain Treat's Pond and to control flooding in that area of Atlantic Avenue. Jim Drysdale, a member of the Stormwater Committee, sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen stating without that piece of information the workshop on Treat's Pond.

The town has maintained the drain, often clearing its opening on Sandy Cove after storms to allow Treat's Pond to drain, for over four decades.

"I think this controversy must be resolved before the meeting on June 16 so that we can properly assess potential remedies for the flooding problem," stated Drysdale in his letter.

Peter Whittemore of Elm Court seconded Drysdale's sentiments at the May 12 Board of Selectmen's meeting during the public comment time. He said under a conservation restriction and an easement granted by the Bigelow family in the early 60s the town has the right to maintain the drain.

"It is crucial to understand the town's position on the easement," said Whittemore. Board of Selectmen chairman Ted Carr thanked Whittemore for his comments, but did not respond to their content.

Another proposal is to install a stormwater pump station in the American Legion Post parking lot at a cost of $960,000. The pumping station could pump more than 80,000 gallons per minute and provide the only means of conveying water flow out of Jacob's Meadow at high tide.

"There is no single reason for the flooding situation, there are a lot of factors and because of that there is no magic bullet," said Jason Burtner, South Shore regional coordinator for the state department of Coastal Zone Management. "We need a suite of mitigation options."

After the presentation, several residents asked a few questions to clarify some of the information and suggestions proposed. Some of the priorities Coughlin recommended may change between now and the finalized flood control master plan to be presented to the town by the end of the summer.

"There is no single reason for the flooding situation, there are a lot of factors and because of that there is no magic bullet. We need a suite of mitigation options."

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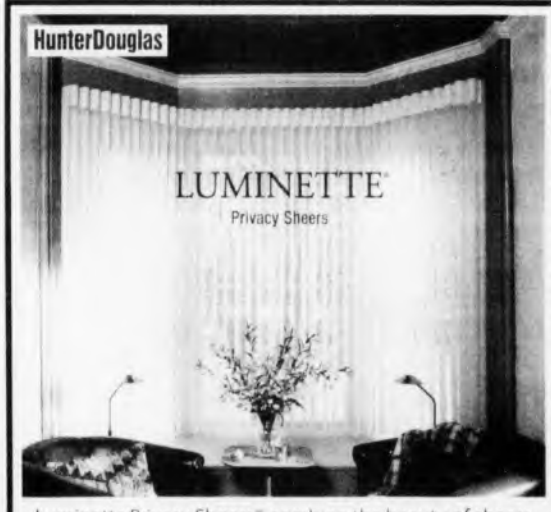
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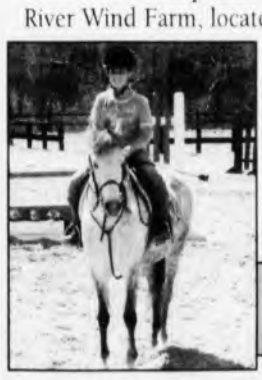
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Memorial Day reunion for Fichtner family

AROUND TOWN



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This is a wonderful Memorial Day photo of family where Michael spoke at the ceremonies held at the Harbor. Across the back are Jeff Pratt, Michael Fichtner, his son, Connor Fichtner and Logan Pratt. In the front are Lisa Pratt, Madison Pratt, Halle Pratt, Michael's mother, JoJo Fichtner, Blakely Fichtner and Micheal's wife, Dawn.

SPRING!

Hello Cohasset and how is everyone this week? The weather is nice, people are out and about all over town, I guess Spring has truly sprung! The Memorial Day Parade on Monday was such a wonderful dedication and honor for all those who have given their time, devotion and lives to our country and the true sense of community was felt by all. As we go into the next few weeks with graduations and ceremonies that are happening all around, we should all be proud of the accomplishments that all have earned. Continue to enjoy the little moments that happen each day as well. Life passes by so quickly that I know I have a hard time stopping to embrace these special moments but I am certainly trying. Easier said than done but please, give it a try. Now, on with the news.

FOR KIDS

If you are looking ahead to Summer and trying to plan a variety of activities for the kiddos along with the beach, pool and cook outs, Cohasset has many options to look at. The Recreation Department has flyers and brochures available in the Foyer of Town Hall and on the website at www.townofcohasset.org, the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum has weekly camps being held for a variety of ages and can be found at www.ourworldchildrensgdm.org or by calling 781-383-3198 and the South Shore Community Center has programs as well that can be found at the Center and questions can be asked at 781-383-0088. A great summer for all indeed!

GOT TURF?

This weekend the Cohasset Sports Partnership is holding a town-wide estate sale at the Cook Estate to benefit the got turf? fundraising campaign for a new turf field at Alumni Field. The dates are Sat., May 31 and Sunday June 1 from 9-3 p.m. They have a lot of great items for sale including antiques, furniture, rugs, sporting goods, power tools and much more. For more information on this, go to: cohassetsportspartnership.org

PRE-PROM

Anyone who is around tonight should try to get down to the Common around 5:45 as the attendees of this year's High School Class of 2008 come out on the Common in all their finery for the Pre-Prom Red Carpet event! Certainly an evening not to forget!

'JUNGLE BOOK'

Hey everyone, the Jungle Book is coming to town and you are all invited to come and enjoy the show! The Deer Hill Gymnasium is where this fantastic show will be held next Thursday, June 5th and Friday, June 6th at 7 pm and will run approximately 45 minutes to an hour long. Tickets for this show are available in the Deer Hill Office and are also available at the door and they are $8 each. Cash or check are fine with checks being made payable to "Cohasset Drama Workshop. All proceeds from the show will be donated to the school to support Deer Hill Curriculum Enrichment programs for next year. Seating is general and a great time will be had by all.

This is the first year that the Cohasset Drama Workshop was held for children in grades 3-5. Lisa Pratt is the director of this show with Mark Bono as the Music Director and JoJo Fichtner leading the choreography. I am a part of the Jungle as well helping in working with the kids as they sing, dance and work on the dialogue all in a joint effort to put on a show filled with musical and theatrical entertainment for all.

BRICKS

If you thought about ordering an engraved brick for the Beechwood Ballpark and thought it was too late here's your last chance. If you would like to order a brick, please contact **Michelle Loughlin** at mloughlin521@hotmail.com for an order form. Orders will be taken until May 31.

should contact **Jacqui Goyette-Vitello** at 781-383-2668.

OFF TO SPAIN

Another great piece of news about a Cohasset student. Miss **Corey Sullivan**, will receive an M.A. in Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages from the City College of New York's (CCNY) School of Education this summer and has received a 2008-2009 Fulbright Scholars Award to teach English in Spain.

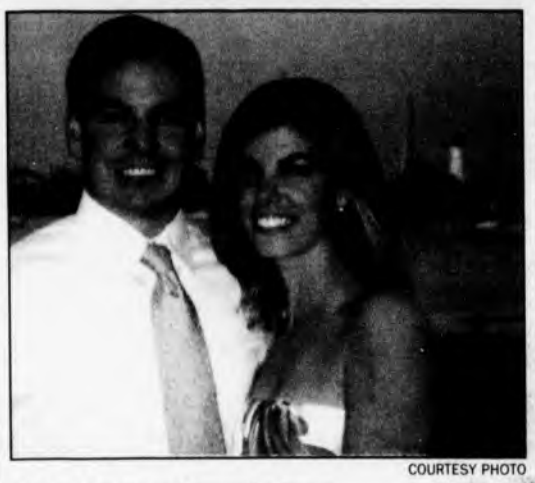
Corey is so happy and honored for this opportunity and loved Madrid when she spent time in the past. Corey's goal is to teach bilingual education and this experience will help her hone her communication skills in the classroom when she returns.

That is it for this week. Send in all your news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm in one of the following ways.

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ENGAGEMENT



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Michael Griffin and Samantha Brown

Brown-Griffin

Ms. Jane Scarry of Kingston is happy to announce the engagement of her daughter, Samantha Elizabeth Brown, to Michael John Griffin, son of James and Lori Griffin of Wethersfield, Conn.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Scituate High School and a 2001 graduate of Saint Michael's College. She works in Corporate Communications at People's United Bank in Bridgeport, Conn. and is a former reporter for the Cohasset Mariner.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Avon Old Farms School and a 2001 graduate of Saint Michael's College. He is employed by Bridgewater Associates in Westport, Conn.

A summer 2008 wedding is planned.

Volunteers are needed!

• **Arts Festival** — Planning is now in full swing for the 53rd annual South Shore Art Center Arts Festival. Volunteer shifts are typically 2 hours and begin on Friday morning June 13th and run throughout the Festival weekend. If you have volunteered in the past, please consider volunteering again. If you have never volunteered, we hope you'll consider joining us for the South Shore's biggest weekend. Volunteering at the Arts Festival is fun and an opportunity to meet and work with wonderful people — all to support the South Shore Art Center programs. Please contact **Diane Shipp**, festival@ssac.org or 781-383-9198, with any questions or to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

• **Relay For Life** — As we get ready for this year's Relay For Life being held at the Cohasset High School on June 13 and 14, Team captains looking for Luminaria bags as well as anyone who would like to volunteer. Email **Jen Piepenbrink** at aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com or **Harry St. Onge** at st.onge@comcast.net

• **Triathlon** — The second annual Cohasset Triathlon needs help to get the race off without a hitch. The race is set for Sunday, June 29. Volunteers are needed to help with water stations along the route, registration check-in, kayakers for water safety, road closings, post-race party set-up and clean-up. Every volunteer will receive a Nike dry-weave shirt as a thank you. Please contact volunteer coordinator **Kari O'Donnell** at 781-383-1108 or kariod@comcast.net if interested.

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From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society



This diorama along with several others is on display at the Cohasset Historical Society, 106 South Main St. It was made and designed by Marion Winsor as part of a historic diorama contest held at the Village Fair circa 1960. Many of the details surrounding this contest have been lost. If any of you remember this contest we would love to hear from you. In the meantime we are holding our own contest to see which diorama today's Cohasset residents think is the best. Our Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have already cast their votes so please stop by and add your vote to the growing pile! We are open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Cohasset Historical Society is grateful to those who remember us with donations of Cohasset photographs, textiles and memorabilia. We would like to take this occasion to thank you for your continued generous support.

If you have enjoyed reading our columns and discovering some of what we hold in our archives, please consider supporting the Historical Society. Your tax-deductible donation can be sent to: Cohasset Historical Society, PO Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025. All donations are gratefully appreciated.

If you have something that you would consider donating to our archives please give us a call at 781-383-1434.

From the Archives is a weekly feature provided by Cohasset Historical Society.

CHS junior wins InvestWrite competition

By Nancy White
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Investing in the stock market can be a wild, wooly world if you don't know what you are doing. The chaos of the New York Stock Exchange trading floor can be a visual for the way many people feel about investing in the stock market. Cohasset High junior Dan Brady is trying to do all he can to learn the ins and outs of investments.

To complement his studies, Dan recently was named the first-place winner in the statewide Massachusetts high school InvestWrite competition. He was honored at a reception at the Boston Globe this past week.

InvestWrite, a national writing competition, produced by The Stock Market Game program and sponsored by the Foundation of Investor Education, adds a critical thinking component to help reinforce concepts learned in the classroom.

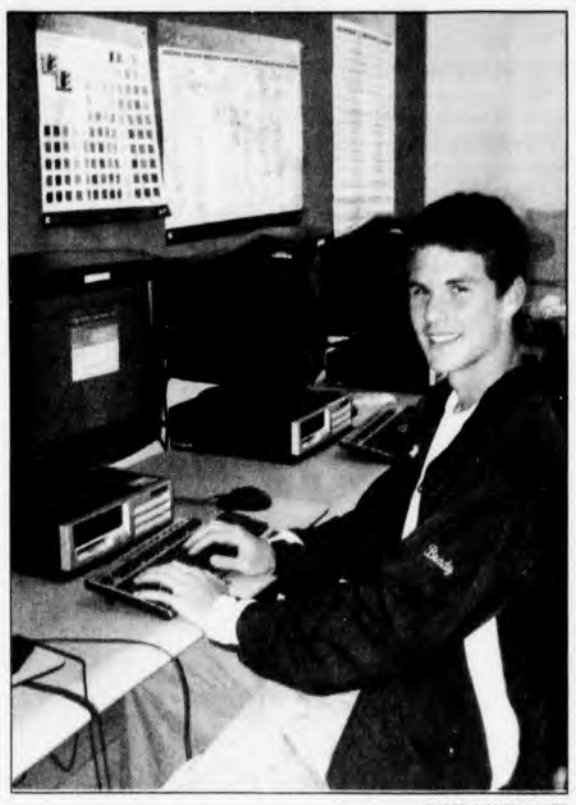
For his essay, Dan researched two companies: Exxon Mobil and Goldcorp, a gold mining company. They were required to explain how they have tried to increase the dividends to stockholders over the last three years. Then, the students were asked to compare and contrast the companies' stock by explaining the advantages and disadvantages of investing in a growth or income stock. The entries had to pick which kind of stock they would have chosen.

The body of the essay could be no more than 700 words.

When his teacher announced someone in the class was a finalist in the contest, his class including himself pointed to someone else in the class as the winner.

"I was really surprised I won," says Dan. Ms. Laura Guiliano and Mrs. Karen Gibbs chose the five best entries to enter into the competition, a per class limit set by InvestWrite.

Leading up to the essay assignment, students in Principles of Finance had been tracking their faux $25,000 investments in each of four different companies. Both Goldcorp and Exxon-Mobil were two of Dan's companies in that portion of the class. In fact, Dan has real money in real stock in Exxon-Mobil. Through his faux investments, Dan has earned over $8000 in just a few months.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Cohasset High School junior Dan Brady recently was awarded first place in the statewide high school InvestWrite competition. Two courses in finance — Principles of Finance and a Virtual High School course, Investing in the Stock Market—have piqued his interest in the field.

In addition to the Principles in Finance class, Dan also took advantage of a Virtual High School course —Investing in the Stock Market. He names the class as his favorite of the year.

Although not sure what route his career path may take, Dan is hopeful to attend Bentley College and do something in business or finance once he graduates.

According to the Invest Write website, the competition offers students a chance to think critically and learn subject matter that easily answers the common question, "How can I use this in the real world?" Along with math, economics, language arts and other disciplines wrapped within the program, the premise of earning and investing money speaks clearly to all ages. Students in grades four to 12 can enter the competition.

Collection to benefit service personnel

The list, for both men and women, include: underwear, bras, socks, flip-flops, shirts, pants, belts, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant.

Members of First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Cohasset have recently learned that military personnel seriously injured in Iraq are airlifted to the Balad Air Base Hospital where they are triaged and stabilized before being sent to Germany and then eventually home. These men and women are picked up from the field without any personal items or civilian clothing. Flight doctors say these soldiers really want to travel and arrive home wearing their own clothing, not military fatigues or hospital pajamas. Church members have been asked if they could supply clothes and personal items that would be distributed to these men and women, injured in the service to the country. Help from the community is being asked to collect clothing to help meet these needs.

The list, for both men and women, include: underwear, bras, socks, flip-flops, shirts, pants, belts, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant.

The clothing should be new, basic and comfortable, and in all sizes. Think loose, cargo-style pants and polo-type shirts. Both winter and summer clothes are needed.

There will be a collection center in the Parish House of First Parish in Cohasset, 23 North Main St., for any items people might want to drop off to help with this effort.

Checks to help with shipping would also be appreciated. Make checks out to First Parish in Cohasset and note Balad Hospital.

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Memorial Day brings families together

FROM MEMORIAL DAY, PAGE 1

"Forty-one years ago, at the age of 7, my parents took me to the Cohasset paper store and bought me some red, white and blue streamers, which I promptly covered my bike in so I could ride along in the parade as well," he said in his address.

"...in 1983, for the first time, I marched in the ranks beside my father, and among the other veterans as a newly commissioned Navy Ensign. It was a proud day for my father and I."

Thomas and Deirdre Wigmore both spoke about their pride in helping to put together this year's observances.

Deirdre, who is president of the Women's Auxiliary at the George H. Mealy American Legion Post, talked about her father's service in World War II and Korea, and her pride in serving as president of the Auxiliary and its work in the community.

Tom, commander of the Cohasset chapter of the Sons of the American Legion, beamed with pride about his Dad, George H. Mealy Post 118 Commander Steve Wigmore, who marched in his 50th parade on Monday. Steve, a Navy veteran, who has helped orchestrate the parade and other Memorial Day activities for 30 years, was presented with a commemorative flag flown recently on the super-carrier, the USS Nimitz during Monday's ceremony.



American Legion Post Commander Steve Wigmore holds the commemorative flag that was flown on the USS Nimitz in his honor. This was Wigmore's 50th parade.



Phil Robey brought his grandchildren to Cohasset's Woodside Cemetery on Memorial Day to plant some red geraniums by his father's grave. Phil Robey Sr. was in World War II. Helping Phil is Molly Connolly, 8; and Megan, 5. At right is Emma, 3, and not pictured, but nearby is Jack, 6.



Five-year-old Allie Olsen holds a handful of red, white and blue carnations and her brother Drew, 2, snacks on a bagel while they await the start of the Memorial Day Parade on South Main St.



Firefighter James Fiori stands at attention during the observances at Woodside Cemetery.



Soldiers and Marines arrive at Cohasset Harbor.

In his welcoming remarks, Steve Wigmore joked that high gas prices may have been the reason behind the huge crowd of spectators this year. He asked for and received a rousing round of applause for the veterans, most of whom were in their military uniforms. "Every year, they don't get older – they just get better and better," Steve quipped.

Fichtner asked the audience not to forget those from Cohasset who paid the ultimate price.

"I travel all over the United States through small towns and large cities and no where is there so much dedication and unselfish effort put forth to honor a town's veterans as here in Cohasset.

"I encourage you to read the names on the wall behind me. You will recognize them. Many of their families still live here. Cogill, Keating, Lyon, Parker, Reardon Simeone and Todd. Without their sacrifice and the sacrifice of thousands more America and Cohasset would surely be a different place."

Rocky Laugelle, a member of the Legion Post and a US Marine, participated in his 62nd annual Memorial Day observance in Cohasset this year.

Laugelle said the event always makes him proud of being from Cohasset. He praised the young veterans who are now part of the parade. "They are doing a great job," he said about their service.

Mike Norton was showing the Veterans Honor Roll to his young son, Luke, before the parade arrived at the harbor.

Norton helped his friend Brendan St. John build the honor roll, which was dedicated on Veterans Day in 2006.

"It is nice to see people checking it out," Norton said. He said it was gratifying to see people stopping by the honor roll not only on Memorial Day, but "all year long."

Paul Rooney, deacon at St. Anthony's, said he attends the Memorial Day observances every year. He said the honor roll "overtakes you."

He noted that three brothers, Brian, Daniel and Tim Curran, who names are on the honor roll, all served in the Gulf War at the same time. They all returned safely but it was agonizing for their mother, he said.

Also the Mahoney brothers of Cohasset, Christopher, Francis (Frank), Philip served in Gulf War.

"I say a prayer for all those in uniform," Rooney said.

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Cmdr. Michael Fichtner (USN, retired) delivers the keynote address at Veterans Memorial Park during Monday's Memorial Day observances.

'A day that celebrates life and remembrance'

By Cmdr. Michael Fichtner (USN, retired)

The following is Cmdr. Fichtner's keynote address, Memorial Day, May 26, 2008.

Veterans, members of the George H. Mealy Post, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for having me here today.

Wow! This is a completely different perspective from where I usually stand during this annual remembrance. I am much more comfortable standing in the ranks, with the people I am most at ease with, my fellow veterans. But here I am, standing at this podium, in this place of honor wondering why it was bestowed upon me and hoping I can do it justice. I find myself between the two groups of people I admire the most in life. Those men and women standing before me who answered their countries call to duty, and those listed on the wall behind me who have answered that call and given the ultimate sacrifice for it.

Growing up in Cohasset, I guess like many people I took it for granted. I was too close to it, too involved, too young to realize what a special place Cohasset is. I thought most towns were like Cohasset, everyone knew each other, you could ride your bike from one end of it to the other, and all high schools included grades 7 through 12. Some kids dads worked for the town, some worked in Boston, and some had a lobster boat and fished for a living. If you got yourself into trouble, the police would take you home to your parents where they would surely provide a more hostile environment than a night spent in the cell at the police station. At high tide, Bassing's Beach or Little Harbor was the perfect place to water ski. When summer turned to fall, you could make some extra money raking leaves and the Common was the perfect place for a pickup football game after school. When the snow fell, you exchanged your rake for a shovel and football gave way to a pickup hockey game on Lily Pond. As winter gave way to spring, plans for jumping off the Border Street Bridge and going swimming before Memorial Day, were urgently being developed. To me, one of Cohasset's most endearing and unique qualities is that very little has changed here.

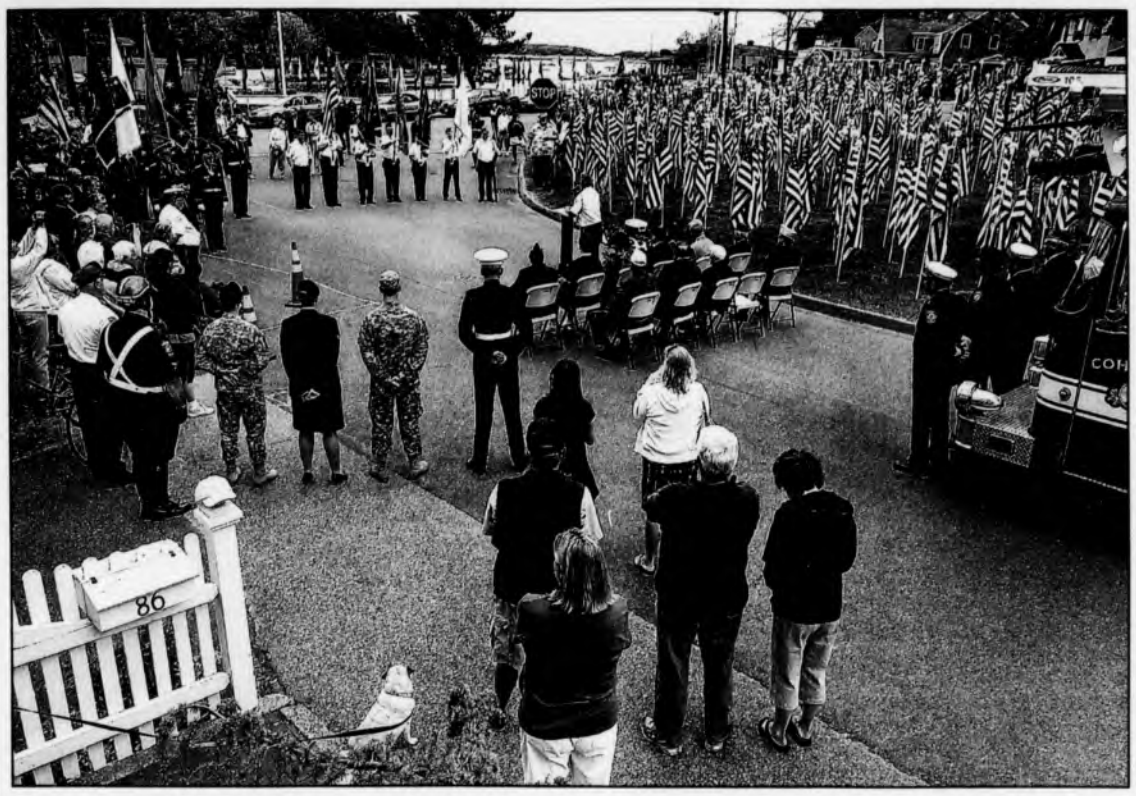
My earliest memories of this parade are of my father marching in his Navy uniform, the bands playing, and people waving the flag. Forty-one years ago at the age of 7 my parents took me to the Cohasset paper store and bought me some red white and blue streamers which I promptly covered my bike in so I could ride along in the parade as well. The Cohasset paper store is still here, it has moved from its original location, but it's still on Main Street. When I was old enough I marched with the Deer Hill School band and then the high school band. The Cohasset High School band once again marched with us today. In 1983, for the first time I marched in the ranks beside my father and among the other veterans as a newly commissioned Navy Ensign. It was a proud day for both my father and I. Over the next 15 years, until his death in 1998, we marched together whenever I was home from deployment. I never felt closer to my father than during those Memorial Day parades. Fathers and sons marching together in this parade is a familiar scene. It's part of what makes it special, what makes it Cohasset's Memorial Day parade. For our family, Memorial Day has always been an acknowledgement of service, sacrifice, and gratitude, a day, which celebrated life and remembrance.

Constant vigilance by another generation of Cohasset's sons and daughters will be required to protect and ensure the sanctity of our town

Memorial Day was first celebrated in the United States just after the Civil War. There are certainly bigger and more elaborate celebrations around the country, but none quite as sincere, heart felt, or patriotic as the one here in Cohasset. I have always felt Cohasset's Memorial Day parade could have jumped off the canvas of a Norman Rockwell painting or maybe a little more contemporary work by Cohasset's own Donna Green. Our parade is unique in its dedication, to a singularly vital concept. That we never forget the sacrifices made by our nation's military and especially by those veterans from Cohasset. The members of the George H. Mealy Post carry out this task with honor and tenacity. I travel all over the United States through small towns and large cities and no where is there so much dedication and unselfish effort put forth to honor a town's veterans as here in Cohasset. I encourage you to read the names on this wall behind me. You will recognize them. Many of their families still live here. Cogill, Keating, Lyon, Parker, Reardon, Simeone and Todd. Without their sacrifices and the sacrifices of thousands more, America and Cohasset would surely be a different place.

During my 20 years in the Navy I traveled across the states and around the world; I served in Somalia during its fall from democracy into anarchy and chaos, in the Persian Gulf War, the Balkans conflict and finally Operation Enduring Freedom, supporting combat operations in Afghanistan. I have seen enough of the ugly and evil side this world has to offer and have sought along with my fellow veterans to keep it as far away from America and ultimately Cohasset as possible. When you serve in harms way your devotion and survival instincts go out to the ones serving along side you. You just want to get through it all in one piece and bring everyone back home alive and well. When I had the opportunity to think past the urgency of that moment, I thought of my family and friends back in Cohasset and how I wanted to spare them from what I had seen. I felt if I could keep these conflicts from reaching the shores of Cohasset then the rest of the country would be safe as well. September 11, 2001, proved that there are a great number of people in the world that do not want us to enjoy our freedoms and the life that we live here in Cohasset. They want America and ultimately Cohasset to be a vastly different place. In particular, a place without the freedoms of speech and religion, equalities and social liberties that we enjoy. Constant vigilance by another generation of Cohasset's sons and daughters will be required to protect and ensure the sanctity of our town. Perhaps one of them stands among us today as a Boy or Girl Scout, or with their instrument in the band.

As I speak our country's veterans are serving in harms way somewhere around the world so that Cohasset can continue to be the town that we know and love. A town that has changed little in my 48 years. Cohasset Harbor is still a safe haven for lobster boats. You can still ride your bike from one end of town to the other, and on a beautiful summer day the Common is still a wonderful place for a pickup game of football or maybe just to relax under a shady tree, have a picnic, walk your dog or read a book. As you enjoy the rest of this holiday, take a moment to remember the names on this wall behind me. The names of the sons of Cohasset who have given their lives in conflicts around the world, so that life here in our hometown can be enjoyed by all, just as we have enjoyed it, for generations to come.



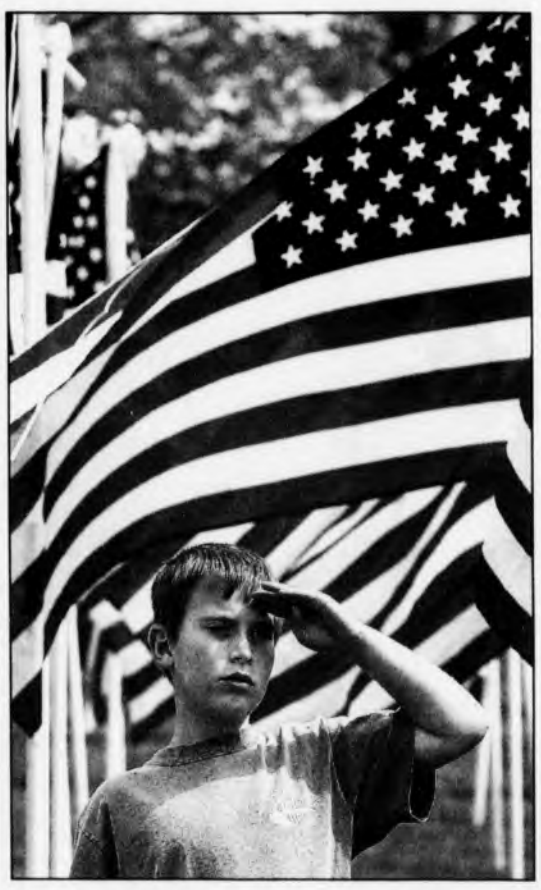
Thomas Wigmore of the Sons of the American Legion addresses the crowd gathered at Summer and Border streets for the Healing Field ceremony. Proceeds from the sale of the flags for the Healing Field go to veterans' projects of the Sons of the American Legion.



Lt. Gov. Tim Murray delivers the keynote address at the Healing Field dedication. Healing Field flags sold for $25 and could be dedicated to anyone.

A time to heal

Flag display dedication held



Matthew Hernan, 8, salutes the flag during the playing of "Taps" during the Healing Field ceremony on Saturday. His grandfather, Tom Hernan, held the flag at Iwo Jima during World War II.



US Navy Commander and Cohasset native, Michael Fichtner, salutes the flag during the playing of "Taps" at the Healing Field on Saturday.



Cohasset native Cpt. Christopher Pratt places the wreath for the Cohasset Veterans Memorial Committee during the Healing Field ceremony. This was the second annual Healing Field display in Cohasset.

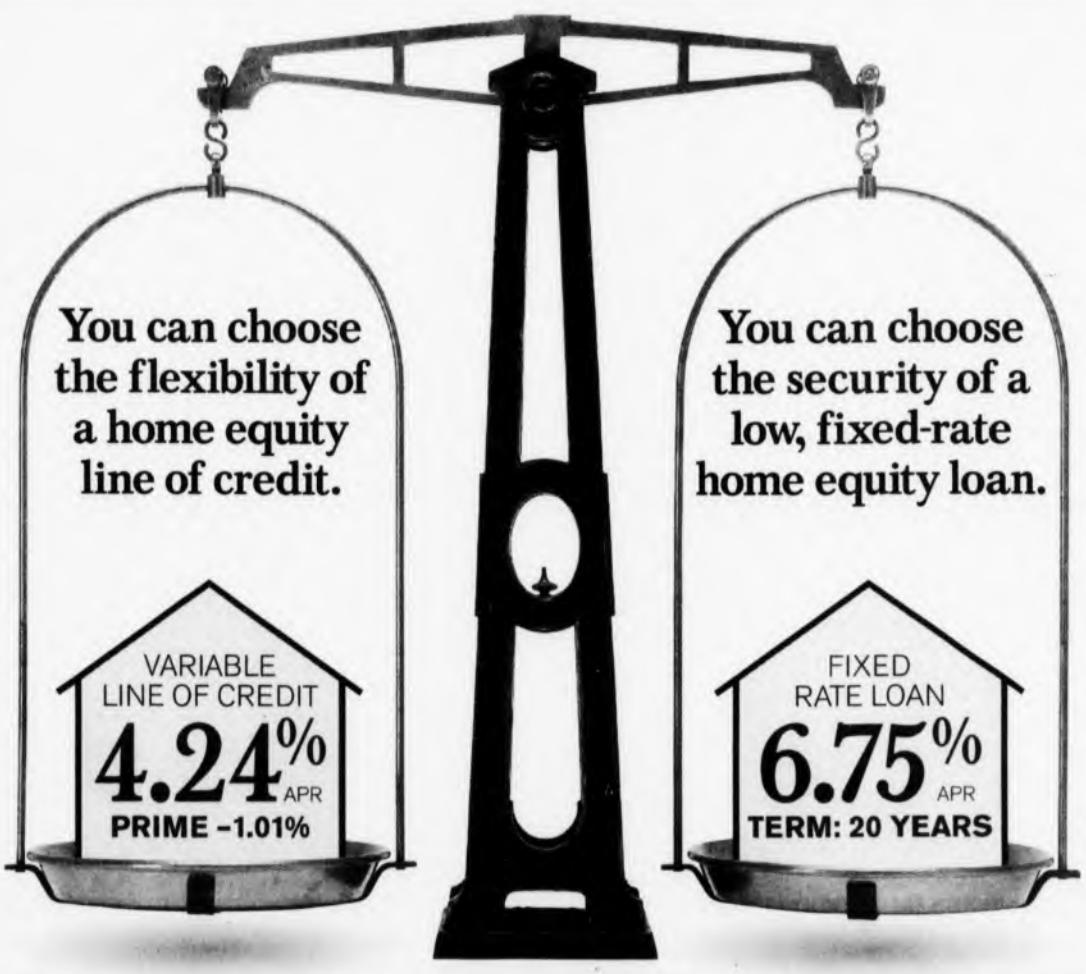


From left, Bob Jackson of the US Navy, Don McCormack of the US Army, Duncan McCormack of the US Army, and Grant Eme of the Marine Corps, fire off rounds over Cohasset Harbor during the Healing Field ceremony.



Cohasset's Coleman Nee, Undersecretary for the state Department Of Veterans' Services, reads a citation during the Healing Field ceremony.

Staff photos by Robin Chan



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Mayberry, no more

There was a time "back in the day" when local residents routinely did not lock their doors and could leave keys in their unlocked cars without fear.

But sadly, those days are long gone.

However, some residents, in our view, naively believe Cohasset is like the small town depicted in the television series "Mayberry RFD" where the worst crime was someone sneaking a piece of Aunt Bee's apple pie without permission.

Why else would Cohasset residents be leaving their keys in unlocked cars that in addition to the vehicle itself, contain valuables — like their wallet or pocketbook? Why else would residents leave their doors and windows unlocked and garages open all night?

We are not trying to point the finger at any one person. At times, in any quiet neighborhood residents are lulled into a false sense of security.

Up until this past weekend, we have had a "cool" spring. Most of us have been keeping our windows and sliding-glass doors closed at night in order to stay warm.

However, warmer days are here and there is nothing nicer than opening the windows to let the outside air and breeze inside.

Unfortunately in this day and age, leaving a first-floor window or door open and/or unlocked is an invitation to a criminal.

In neighboring Hingham, there were three housebreaks in rapid succession on Tuesday in the same general neighborhood. These suspects are brazen. They are entering homes at night when the residents are sleeping.

While Cohasset may have a "geographical advantage" over Hingham because it is more off the beaten track – it is certainly not immune to this type of criminal activity.

We worry that if confronted by a resident who was awoken by suspicious sounds that these perpetrators could turn violent.

It is an awful feeling when a burglar enters your home or car and steals your belongings. However, things can be replaced but life and peace of mind are irreplaceable.

The first line of defense against a burglary is locking up. Police say would-be criminals are opportunists, who will take advantage of a situation.

The second line of defense is helping the police. Police stress that said the public is literally the "eyes and ears" of the police department. People should call if they think they see anything suspicious and not be worried they are bothering the police.

Police urge residents not to make it easy for criminals. Lock up and pay attention to any suspicious activity.



Board of Health? Up the elevator, turn right, then left by Mark and Tom's office. Then go down the hall. It's the last office on the right, just past the ghost.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

Flood Control Workshop, June 16, 6:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, June 10, 7 p.m. at the library.

Recreation, June 4, 6:30p.m.

Selectmen, June 9 (7p.m.) & 16 (6:30p.m.) & 23 (7:00p.m.)

Sewer Commission, June 3, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, June 3, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Flooding workshop is June 16

As the flood control master plan process enters its final stages, the town has scheduled public hearings to allow residents to hear from engineers and contribute their own information.

On Thursday, May 22 a workshop was held focusing on the Jacobs Meadow/James Brook watershed. On Monday, June 16 the discussion at the Town Hall auditorium will revolve around Atlantic Ave./Treat's Pond. All residents (in and outside the area of interest) are encouraged to attend and participate.

A third night, date to be determined, will be held to hear ongoing flooding issues in other areas of town.

If a resident's property is suffering from flooding issues, Town Manager Bill Griffin encouraged interested citizens to check out the "Flood Control Master Plan Map" linked off the homepage of the town website (www.townofcohasset.org) to see if their neighborhood is highlighted as a flood prone area.

Send your news tip to
mford@cnc.com
News hotline -781-741-2933
Fax news of your event to
781-741-2931

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: Salvaggi, et al. v. MBTA article

TO THE EDITOR:

A considerable number of people have called my office about the eminent domain article that was written by Nancy White of your staff. The people who have called my office regarding the article, as well as everyone here at my office, all agree that a big round of applause should go to your staff member Nancy White. We were all impressed with how well she handled a very complex case. The article was written succinctly with such skill and accuracy, yet covered all of the important points.

I had mentioned to Nancy that if she wanted some assistance with the article I could put some information together, but she very quickly asked me the good questions, followed the chronology beautifully, and did a great job on reporting a multi-million dollar case. Her efforts in writing the article so well should be commended.

Peter E. Flynn
78 Essex St.
Saugus

Staging area is necessary

TO THE EDITOR:

For many years we have maintained ground cover and shrubs along our considerable frontage at 217 Jerusalem Road, and have endured a bountiful annual harvest of liquor nips, beer cans, cigarette packages and other detritus tossed from passing vehicles. It has not increased since inception of the Little Harbor project, despite the childish suggestion from an opponent of the staging area that the employees of the sewer and water project are drinking on the job. On the contrary, I have heard several comments about their courtesy and apparent conscientiousness.

The staging area is a necessary component of this extensive project, and has to be endured the same as we have to endure the disruption of our streets.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Water and sewer work disruption

COMMENTARY

JOHN BECK

Everyone involved in this project is doing their level best to finish it on schedule with as few disruptions as humanly possible.

It seems appropriate to praise the incredible patience of most of the residents in Cohasset who have been so assaulted by the water and sewer work in their neighborhoods over the past eight months.

None of us who have been directly involved in this project could have anticipated in our worst nightmares how long and disruptive the work on Nichols Road has become. It is almost like the convergence of the weather that resulted in the "Perfect Storm". First the natural impediment to digging a ditch in granite, then the difficulty in avoiding gas lines (location of the main was frequently not known by the gas company, and whose service connections were seldom precisely located and in some instances "discovered" when the back-hoe ripped it out of the ground), rock conditions so difficult that the owner of the machine to remove the road surface declined any further work in Cohasset unless he could be guaranteed ledge-free conditions (fat chance), an incredibly dilatory decision process by the gas company to replace their porous and leaking gas main.....the list goes on and on.

The one constant has been the aforementioned patience and endurance of most of those directly affected by this project. To paraphrase an old saying, you can please some of the people all the time, all of the people some of the time and some people never. To those of you in the first two categories, bless you all. Everyone involved in this project is doing their level best to finish it on schedule with as few disruptions as humanly possible. Mistakes are made and for those we apologize and ask your forgiveness. For damage done to your property, please file claims to the attention of Glenn Pratt, c/o the Water Department for rapid consideration and compensation.

All of us can take solace in the fact that this too shall pass. We will reach the finish line and be able to enjoy the new water infrastructure and sewer lines. Our environment will benefit and all our lives better as a result of the temporary sacrifices we have made.

John Beck is Chairman, Cohasset Sewer Commission. He lives at 44 Nichols Road.

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911 call gets quick help at crossing

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Railroad Crossings – Last week we mentioned that if anyone sees what they think is a malfunction of a railroad crossing gate they should call 911 or the 800 number posted on the side of each signal bungalow (the small green building at every crossing). But, we suspect that calling 911 is probably easier to remember. Last week a resident did just that. Their prompt call to 911 was able to notify the Cohasset Police that there was a potential problem and the police in turn called the MBTA. This accomplishes three things:

- Cohasset Police dispatch an officer to the crossing site to verify the situation and perform any traffic safety measures that may be needed.
- Puts the MBTA trains on alert at that crossing so trains proceed through the crossing slowly under the manual control of the train crew.
- Calls an MBTA service crew to the crossing to evaluate the situation.

That's a lot of action for one simple 911 phone call. That resident did exactly the right thing. We thank them very much. The quicker this 911 call can be made the greater the chance of the MBTA finding out what may have happened at that crossing.

Greenbush, Why do they do it? – This past week we had a frantic call from a CBB field construction supervisor. CBB had just poured concrete across from the South Shore Art Center at the entrance to the Town Parking Lot and also as replacement for a section of the driveway apron at the James Brook Crossing complex. Someone felt compelled to add numerous handprints and marks to the new concrete at James Brook Crossing. Fortunately, CBB noticed the defacing marks quickly. They were able to have one of their workers return to the scene and smooth over the marks. This caused extra effort for CBB. We thank them for their attentiveness.



Area for widening Route 3A.

Route 3A changes – This summer the MBTA will begin a project to widen Route 3A at Lower King Street. They will be adding a left turn lane so that traffic heading southbound will be able to make a safer left turn into Lower King Street. The acceleration lane for traffic entering Route 3A northbound from King Street will be preserved.

The silt fence that is visible in the photo is used to protect the adjacent wetland. This is a necessary step prior to construction. Since a lane is to be added to Route 3A, the road will need to be widened. The additional width will be created by expanding Route 3A on the side in front of the medical building *(see arrow in photo)*. The construction zone will start at Rose Hill and extend northward to just beyond the Brookside Building.

Little Harbor Project – The Deep Run residents have been quite patient with all of the construction in their street. We have had several inquiries about when paving would be done. The hold-up is two storm drainage projects that need to be completed. One is at the upper portion of Deep Run (away from Jerusalem Rd.). Catch basins will be added in Deep Run to collect storm water and direct it to the Haystack Lane / Jerusalem Rd. Drive area and then across Jerusalem Rd. to the ocean. The other is new drainage at the Jerusalem Rd. end of Deep Run. This section will collect storm water from this end of Deep run and direct it to the storm water system on Jerusalem Road. When these drainage projects are completed paving will be able to be done.



Silt fence on Route 3A.

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Recalling the '68 campaign

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Hillary, the she who hopes to be president, not the he who conquered Mt. Everest, seems to be running a campaign of apology and recantation, not the kind that wins elections or even primaries.

Her latest gaffe from the stump was a rather lame attempt to explain that she would not pull out of the race since things could change in June like they did in 1968 when Bobby Kennedy was assassinated.

There are certain similarities between the 1968 and the 2008 elections, but there are differences, too.

The '68 election began with President Lyndon B. Johnson, or LBJ, as the headline writers had it, an unpopular president thanks to an unpopular war in Vietnam.

Although the 22nd Amendment limits the president to two four year terms, LBJ was eligible for four more years since his first term had been the last year and a half of the Kennedy Administration.

The candidate for the anti-war crowd was Eugene McCarthy, the senator from Minnesota, who nearly upset LBJ in the New Hampshire primary, close enough to expose the president's weakness.

That was enough for Bobby Kennedy, the senator from New York who despised LBJ and who immediately threw his hat into the presidential ring, elbowing McCarthy aside as the anti-war candidate.

That, in turn, was enough for Johnson, who, on March 31, with most of the primaries still ahead, announced that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself.

That opened the door for the vice president, Hubert Humphrey, who had to soft-pedal his anti-war feelings in order to retain the support of the Johnson administration of which he was a part.

It wasn't until June 4, when a victory in the California primary gave Bobby Kennedy 157 delegates and a 3 per cent lead over McCarthy.

Kennedy had just finished speaking to his supporters at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles and was going through the kitchen to the pressroom when a man stepped out of the crowd and shot him three times with a .22-caliber pistol.

The assassin was Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, a 26-year-old Arab émigré from Jordan, who was apparently angered by Kennedy's well known support of Israel. The field was now clear for Humphrey.

While 5,000 anti-war protesters rioted outside the Chicago convention hall, Humphrey was nominated with 1,760-1/4 delegate votes to 601 for McCarthy.

But the Democrats platform committee rejected 65-35 a peace plank and adopted a platform that linked a halt in Vietnam bombing to withdrawal of U. S. troops only if South Vietnamese soldiers were able to replace them.

On the Republican side, Richard Nixon waltzed to the nomination with 692 votes to 227 for Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York and 182 for Gov. Ronald Reagan of California.

In the general election in November, Nixon rolled to a victory, 301 electoral votes to 191 for Humphrey and 46 for George Wallace, still fighting the battle of another day for states rights.

HEALTH NOTES

Red tide and shellfishing ban

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Relatively unknown in Massachusetts before 1972, red tide has occurred throughout history in every ocean and sea throughout the world.

Cohasset along with other areas along the Massachusetts coast are closed to harvesting of certain shellfish. However, state officials have assured us that clams, mussels and scallops for sale in Massachusetts fish markets and restaurants are safe for human consumption despite a recent outbreak of red tide. The result of the ban in our immediate vicinity is a reduction of the availability of shellfish for sale and higher prices in restaurants.

Affecting both the North and South Shores and part of Cape Cod, red tide is a naturally occurring biotoxin that, at certain levels, makes shellfish unsafe to eat. The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) conducts weekly coastline-wide monitoring for red tide – also known as paralytic shellfish poison toxin – from early April until November. Based on levels of the toxin in laboratory results, DMF closes areas to harvesting of affected species until three consecutive subsequent samples result in levels below the National Shellfish Sanitation Program's closure threshold.

This year, DMF first detected elevated levels in the Nauset area of Cape Cod in April, resulting in a prohibition on harvesting certain species in Eastham and Orleans. This month, a large bloom of the algae that causes red tide – Alexandrium fundyense – in the Gulf of Maine triggered DMF shellfishing bans from Nahant to Salisbury and from Hull to Sandwich (excluding the Plymouth/Kingston/Duxbury Bay complex). Species of shellfish prohibited for harvest vary from site to site (for details and a map of closed areas, visit: www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/programsandprojects/psp_notice.htm#psp.

"Shellfish currently available for sale in Massachusetts are safe to eat," said Fish and Game Commissioner Mary Griffin, whose department includes the DMF. "Because protecting public health is our top priority, the Division of Marine Fisheries prohibits the harvest of shellfish before red tide counts in a particular area reach unsafe levels. Taking this cautious approach also protects the livelihood of shellfish harvesters by ensuring consumer confidence in their products."

When red tide triggers shellfish harvesting restrictions in some regions, markets and restaurants offer shellfish products harvested from safe, open Massachusetts shellfishing areas and from outside the Commonwealth.

"The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has contacted the Board of Health to ensure that our wholesale seafood dealers and retail food establishments are buying shellfish from DMF- and federally-approved sources only and maintaining shellfish identification tags in accordance with state regulations.

Relatively unknown in Massachusetts before 1972, red tide has occurred throughout history in every ocean and sea throughout the world. In Massachusetts in 2005, a record-setting outbreak caused shellfish harvesting prohibitions across 1.35 million acres of coast – over 77 percent of the Commonwealth's marine waters. Last summer, DMF distributed $1.9 million in federal disaster assistance to 382 commercial fishermen as partial compensation for lost revenue resulting from 2005 red tide closures.

Taken from a Public announcement from the Mass Dept of Public Healt

LIBRARY CORNER

Hale exhibit during June

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Wendy Hale Exhibits "Two Solos" – South Shore Art Center will feature an exhibit by Wendy Hale at Paul Pratt Library during May and June. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Great Decisions Discussion Group –Great Decisions Discussion Group will meet every Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room. June 3 topic will be "Latin America," chapter six in the discussion book.

Movie Matinee at the Library – Relax and enjoy a free movie at the library at 11 a.m., on Friday, June 6. The Oscar-winning film "Roman Holiday" starring Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn will be shown. Hepburn plays a rebellious, modern-day princess who meets and falls in love with an American newspaperman. Free admission and free refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Movie site license sponsored by Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Town Committee.

Independent Film Night – The independent film "The Violin" will be shown at the library at 6 p.m., on Thursday, June 19. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

FOR CHILDREN

Here's what's new in the Children's Room at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library:

Discovery Girls, a magazine created by girls, for girls 8-12.

In paperback we have new Hank Zipzer's, The World's Greatest Underachiever, by Henry Winkler. For more go to www.hankzipzer.com.

SENIOR SCENE

Pharmacy program offered June 4

- Wed., June 4, 11 a.m. "Pack Your Bag — presented by CVS Pharmacy.

Pharmacists will conduct a 15-minute health and medication management presentation. Following the presentation, pharmacists will hold 15 minute one-on-one sessions to review patient prescription and over-th –counter medications. During the one-on one-sessions, the pharmacist will help to identify and solve medication problems, including but not limited to duplicate therapies.

Please call 781-383-9112 to pre register by Wed. May 28th.

This would also be a great day to join us for a Gourmet Lunch prepared by the Angel Food Project. Cost $2.50.

- Wed., June 11, 10 a.m. "Let's Fly A Kite Day" and an intergenerational picnic with Mrs. Corkum's fourth-grade class from the Deer Hill School and some of Cohasset's Senior Citizens. Picnic prepared by the Angel Food Project. Kites provided by Sea Side Kites from Hull. The Event is being sponsored by the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs. Last Day to sign up is Wed. June 4th.
- Thurs., June 12, noon, Please join us for the Second Annual Cohasset Patrolmen's Association "Father's Day Cookout". Following a delicious meal we will offer a Program with Dave Downs " A Colonial Medicine Show". Please call 781-383-9112 to register before Thurs. June 5th.
- Wed. June 18, 11 a.m. join us for a lunchtime presentation titled "Wellness Strategies," presented by Shirley Stein. Following the presentation, we will offer a gourmet lunch. Cost.$2.50.
- Wednesday Bowling League — day to be determined. We know that many of you bowl at the Community Center and we wish to Invite all to join us here at the Senior Center for a new way of bowling, Wii BOWLING! We have our Wii system in place, all we need are the player to start competing. We are thinking about 1p.m. on Wednesdays, but are very flexible for time and day of the week. Even if you don't bowl presently, this is a great gentle physical and mental exercise. Please stop by the Elder Affairs Office to sign-up. We will limit the sign-up to eight persons.

BRIEFLY

Facility stickers available June 16

The expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. Stickers will be on sale starting Monday, June 16, during normal business hours at Town Hall, and at the DPW garage on weekends from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sticker prices will remain the same as last year – $50 for residents younger than age 60, and $15 for seniors.

This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility and Sandy Beach, as well as parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the Department of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town.

Tobacco compliance check

All 12 tobacco-selling stores in Cohasset passed the most recent Tobacco Compliance check conducted on May 16. Health inspector Tara Tradd reported no Cohasset store sold any tobacco products to a minor. In cooperation, the South Shore Tobacco Collaborative and the Board of Health perform the compliance checks.

The following stores passed with flying colors, according to Tradd: Cohasset Food Mart, Tedeschi's, Cohasset News, Cohasset Mobil Mart, Stop and Shop, Cohasset Plaza Liquors, Shaw's, Leo's Exxon, Walgreen's, Curtis Liquors, CVS and Village Wine and Spirits.

"I want to congratulate all the stores for their outstanding work in protecting our youth from the harm of tobacco consumption," said Tradd.

Is Town Hall haunted?

After months of anticipation, Our Town Special Productions is pleased to bring viewers the one-hour special of the Enfield Paranormal Society's Paranormal Investigation of the Cohasset Town Hall last January.

See for yourself whether the Town Hall is truly haunted while getting to know one of Cohasset's most precious historical assets!

Join Our Town co-host Pat Martin on her 48-hour adventure into every hidden nook and underground cranny of the Town Hall in search of ghosts and paranormal phenomenon! You might want to keep the lights on!

Tune in Monday at 9 p.m. on Comcast channel 10 and then watch for repeats on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 p.m. Stay tuned Cohasset and stay entertained!

RTF news

Paint collection days: Residents can drop off paint at the Recycling Transfer Facility on the last Saturday of the month from April through October. Residents are encouraged to dry out any latex paint using cat litter, sand or paint hardener, which can then be disposed of with regular household trash. Empty cans can then be thrown in the tin can container.

Brush chipping: Residential brush may be dropped off in the Public Works parking area from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the following Saturdays: May 31, June 28, Sept. 27 and Oct. 25. No trees over five inches, no stumps, firewood, briars or weeds allowed.

Row, row, row your boat

Cohasset Maritime Institute begins season

By Nancy White
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On a Sunday morning a group of men and women of all different backgrounds, occupations, size and age arrive at a little piece of Cohasset Harbor waterfront to do something of common interest — get out on the water.

The meeting place is the Cohasset Maritime Institute where the sport of rowing, an activity of long-standing history and tradition in Cohasset, is thriving.

This past Memorial Day weekend was one of the first weekends rowers were able to get out on the harbor in the four-person open water ocean boats. The CMI rowing season typically runs from mid-May to August.

The sun was shining with a light breeze when two crews — one with men and one with women — headed out in two sliding seat ocean rowboats to get exercise, enjoy the water, each other and the views.

"It's a funky old place by the water," says Mike Dick, a member of the CMI Board of Directors. The boathouse is located at the end of Parker Avenue, tucked in between the Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) and the Cohasset Sailing Club.

The building itself dates back to 1855 and its first use was a maritime life saving outpost. The Selectmen designated the Cohasset Maritime Institute as custodian of the boathouse that sits on the Hagerty property back in 1994; a year after the town purchased the building.

Over the last decade the program has grown in numbers, incorporating an adult program and a popular high school program including over 40 students from Cohasset High and Notre Dame Academy.

Unlike rowing programs in other South Shore communities, Dick says Cohasset's user-friendly wide beam boats are suitable for ocean rowing.

"That's the difference between us and everyone else," says Dick. The budding interest in rowing from high school students propelled CMI to purchase a new four-person 28-foot ocean rowboat. They have named the boat in honor of the late Jack Hubbard, a long-time Cohasset resident and ocean environmentalist.



PHOTOS BY LAURA SINCLAIR

A CMI crew makes its way back from rowing out by Minot Lighthouse and into Cohasset Harbor.

"It's something nearly anyone can do to get something out of where you live," says Dick. Although rowing uses the entire body, it is considered a low impact activity. The sport breaks the barriers of age so high school students can enjoy the sport along with their mothers, fathers, even grandparents. Most of CMI's members are from Cohasset, but some do come from neighboring towns.

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Boats, depending on the rowers' skill level, often make their way around Minot Light, head north to Sandy Beach along Cohasset's "gold coast" or south toward Minot Beach in Scituate. If the tide is right, crews sometimes travel into the Gulf under the Border Street bridge or into Little Harbor under Cunningham Bridge. In both cases, there is approximately a 45-minute window for the boat to make it in and out while the tide turns over.

"We all share a love of the water," says CMI board member Lisa Hewitt-Dick. "It's a real cooperative activity."

While many motorboat owners face high gas prices this season in order to get out on the ocean, the boats at CMI are powered by a completely renewable resource: human strength and endurance.

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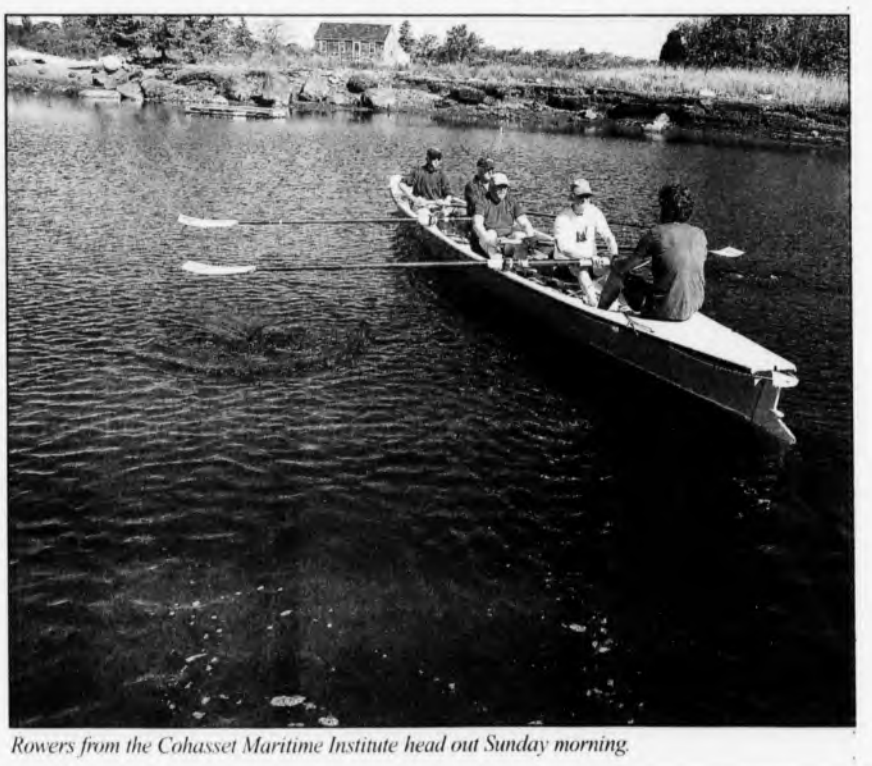
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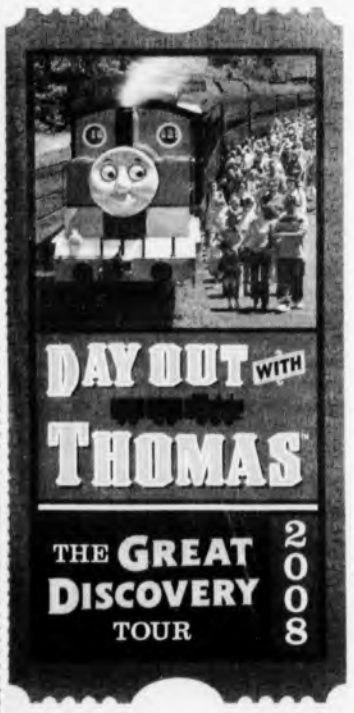
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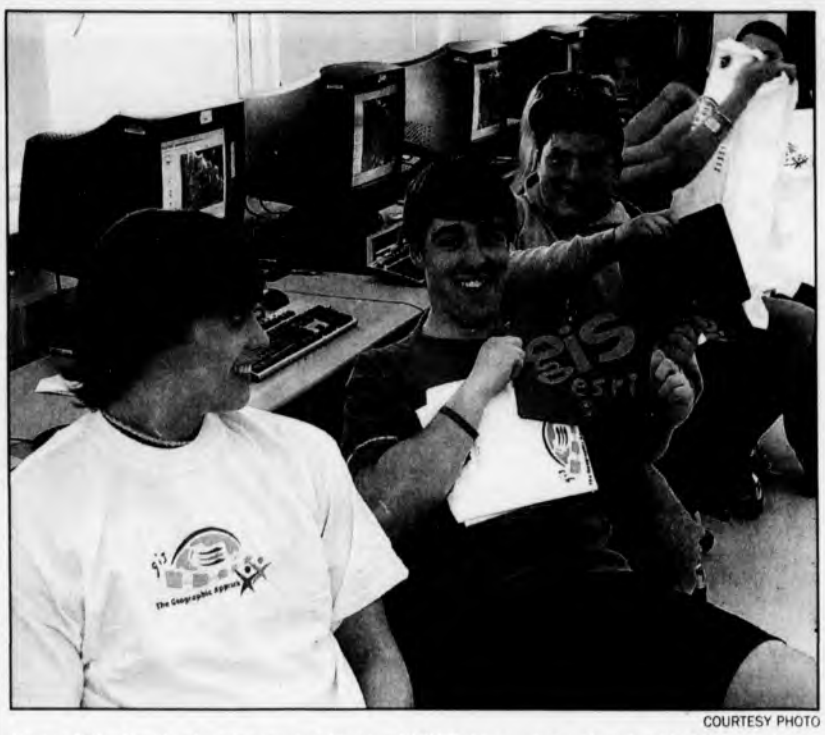
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Pre-ordering is encouraged as it helps planning for the last minute arrival of the freshest possible lobster. Orders can be mailed to the Parish House, 23 North Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025 until Tuesday, June 10, with checks made out to First Parish in Cohasset; or orders may be placed by emailing or calling Penny Myles pmyles74@comcast.net or 781-749-1989. Orders can be picked up at the Parish House on Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a lobster pick-up parking zone in front of the Parish House.

Tennis benefit for Children's Hospital

Save the date for Cohasset's longest-running tennis tradition, which swings into action again this summer to benefit Children's Hospital Boston beginning Friday, July 18th through Sunday, July 20th. The popular weekend tennis tournament dates back to the 1950's, when Cohasset's legendary philanthropist Jesse Cox gathered family and friends for a charitable game of tennis to benefit some of the neediest children and their families at Children's Hospital.

The event was a tremendous success and soon became an annual summer tradition. In the past 10 years alone, more than $100,000 has been raised to benefit patients and their families at the hospital, earning the Cohasset Tennis Benefit a commemorative plaque in the Children's lobby. This year all proceeds will help fund the Pediatric Trauma Program, with 100 percent of the proceeds paying for transportation, lodging and personal care packages for families of trauma patients.

This summer's benefit kicks off with an evening reception on Friday, July 18th at the Lightkeeper's Residence on Cohasset Harbor. On Saturday, July 19, tennis players of all abilities, from beginners to advanced, are evenly matched and play on some of the most spectacular private courts throughout Cohasset. Finals for three levels of play (social, intermediate and advanced) take place on Sunday, July 20th on the grounds of the Roy estate, formerly the home of Cohasset Tennis Benefit founder Jesse Cox.

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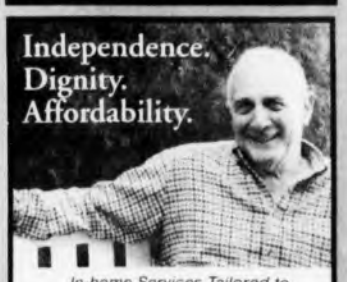
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Cohasset Maritime Institute begins season

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On a Sunday morning a group of men and women of all different backgrounds, occupations, size and age arrive at a little piece of Cohasset Harbor waterfront to do something of common interest — get out on the water.

The meeting place is the Cohasset Maritime Institute where the sport of rowing, an activity of long-standing history and tradition in Cohasset, is thriving.

This past Memorial Day weekend was one of the first weekends rowers were able to get out on the harbor in the four-person open water ocean boats. The CMI rowing season typically runs from mid-May to August.

The sun was shining with a light breeze when two crews — one with men and one with women — headed out in two sliding seat ocean rowboats to get exercise, enjoy the water, each other and the views.

"It's a funky old place by the water," says Mike Dick, a member of the CMI Board of Directors. The boathouse is located at the end of Parker Avenue, tucked in between the Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) and the Cohasset Sailing Club.

The building itself dates back to 1855 and its first use was a maritime life saving outpost. The Selectmen designated the Cohasset Maritime Institute as custodian of the boathouse that sits on the Hagerty property back in 1994; a year after the town purchased the building.

Over the last decade the program has grown in numbers, incorporating an adult program and a popular high school program including over 40 students from Cohasset High and Notre Dame Academy.

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"That's the difference between us and everyone else," says Dick. The budding interest in rowing from high school students propelled CMI to purchase a new four-person 28-foot ocean rowboat. They have named the boat in honor of the late Jack Hubbard, a long-time Cohasset resident and ocean environmentalist.



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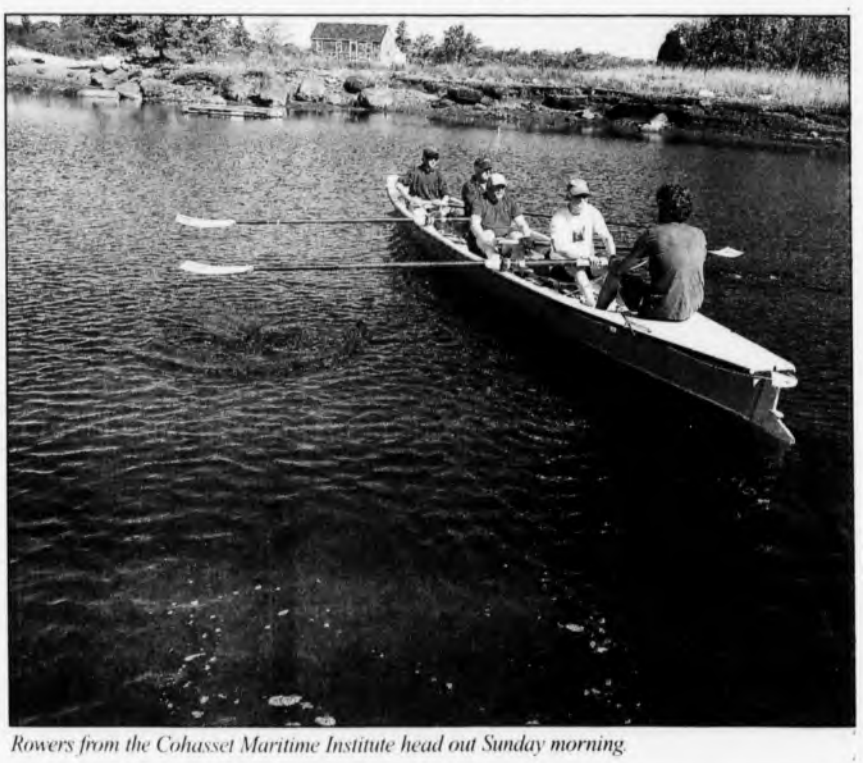
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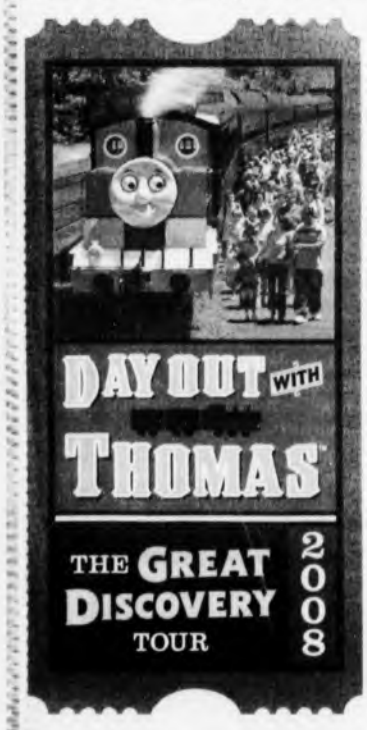
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Pre-ordering is encouraged as it helps planning for the last minute arrival of the freshest possible lobster. Orders can be mailed to the Parish House, 23 North Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025 until Tuesday, June 10, with checks made out to First Parish in Cohasset; or orders may be placed by emailing or calling Penny Myles pmyles74@comcast.net or 781-749-1989. Orders can be picked up at the Parish House on Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a lobster pick-up parking zone in front of the Parish House.

Tennis benefit for Children's Hospital

Save the date for Cohasset's longest-running tennis tradition, which swings into action again this summer to benefit Children's Hospital Boston beginning Friday, July 18th through Sunday, July 20th. The popular weekend tennis tournament dates back to the 1950's, when Cohasset's legendary philanthropist Jesse Cox gathered family and friends for a charitable game of tennis to benefit some of the neediest children and their families at Children's Hospital.

The event was a tremendous success and soon became an annual summer tradition. In the past 10 years alone, more than $100,000 has been raised to benefit patients and their families at the hospital, earning the Cohasset Tennis Benefit a commemorative plaque in the Children's lobby. This year all proceeds will help fund the Pediatric Trauma Program, with 100 percent of the proceeds paying for transportation, lodging and personal care packages for families of trauma patients.

This summer's benefit kicks off with an evening reception on Friday, July 18th at the Lightkeeper's Residence on Cohasset Harbor. On Saturday, July 19, tennis players of all abilities, from beginners to advanced, are evenly matched and play on some of the most spectacular private courts throughout Cohasset. Finals for three levels of play (social, intermediate and advanced) take place on Sunday, July 20th on the grounds of the Roy estate, formerly the home of Cohasset Tennis Benefit founder Jesse Cox.

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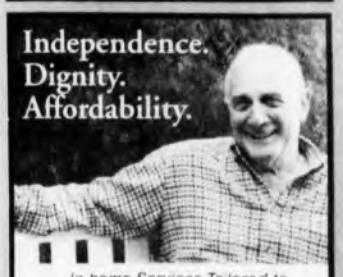
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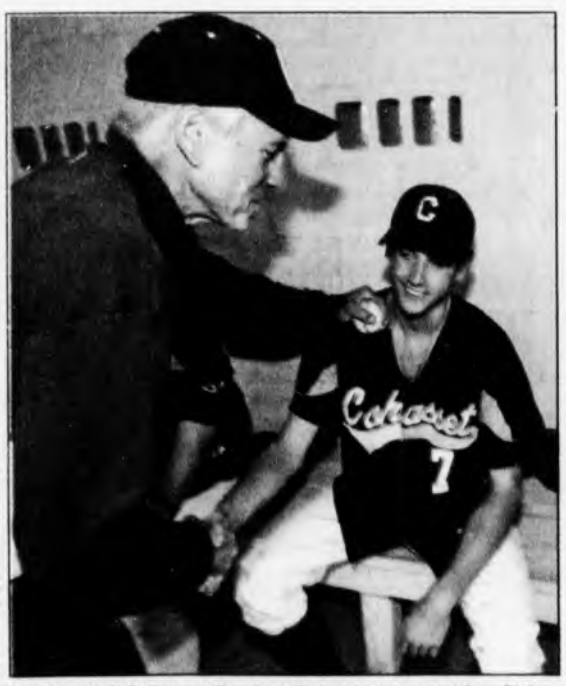


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Cohasset's Ken Muir (17, left) embraces Sam DeGiacomo (2) while he gives a high five to Brian Hill (25) following their 9-4 win over Carver. The win gave Cohasset a share of the South Shore League title.

Skippers win first league title in 49 years

Six wins in five days ends torrid regular season stretch



Head coach Al Gallotta walks along the bench to congratulate Chris Rose and the rest of the Skippers on their league title following their win over Carver.



Cohasset second baseman Pat Doonan tries to track down a grounder in the top of the fourth inning.

By Joel Racicot

Sing it so softly like Sam Cooke, "It's been a long time coming, but a change gonna come." That classic civil rights anthem by the soulful crooner was five years old the last time a Cohasset High School baseball team won a league title, until Friday.

Forty-nine years and running finally sat down and drank a Gatorade with the Skippers defeating Carver, 9-4, to win a co-South Shore League title with Abington. Both Cohasset and Abington split this season.

Cohasset (16-4 overall, 11-3 in the SSL) has not had the most prolific baseball program. A league title was a long time coming, but tournament berths have also been few and far between.

The Skippers have made the postseason three times since 1972, the last time coming in 1999. It took a mammoth effort from a senior-laden squad to win its final eight games of the season.

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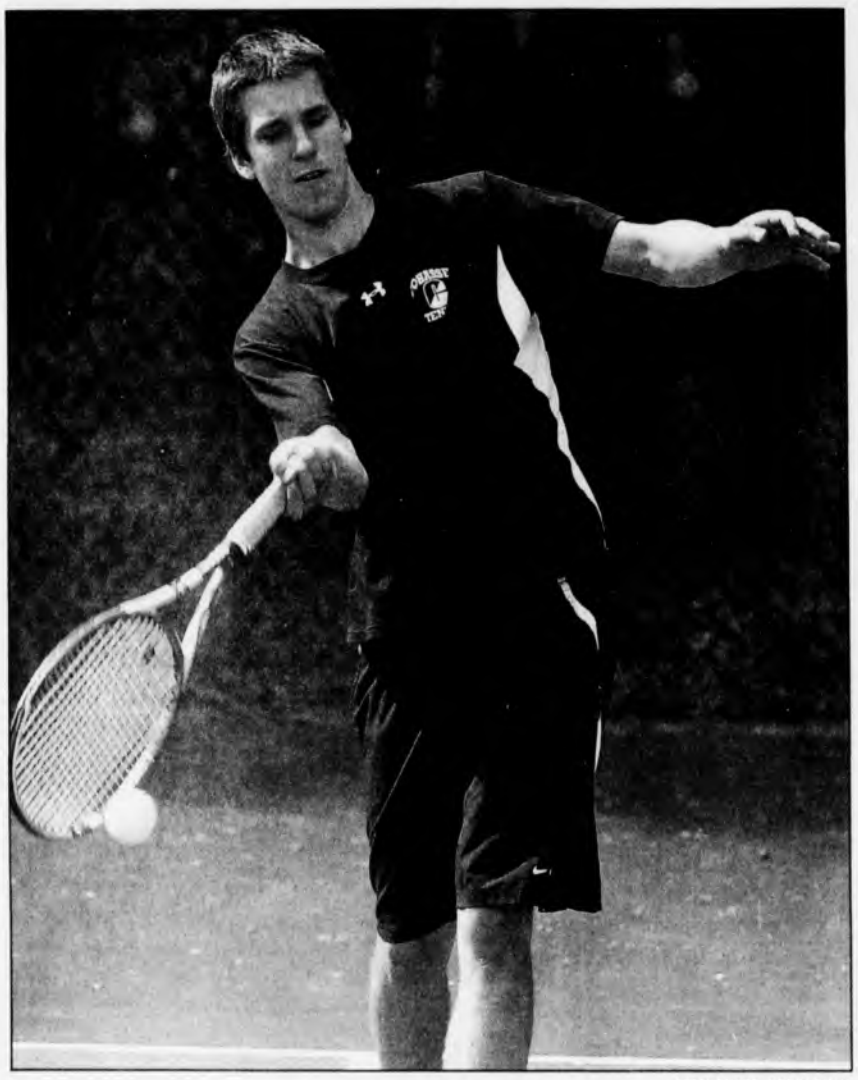
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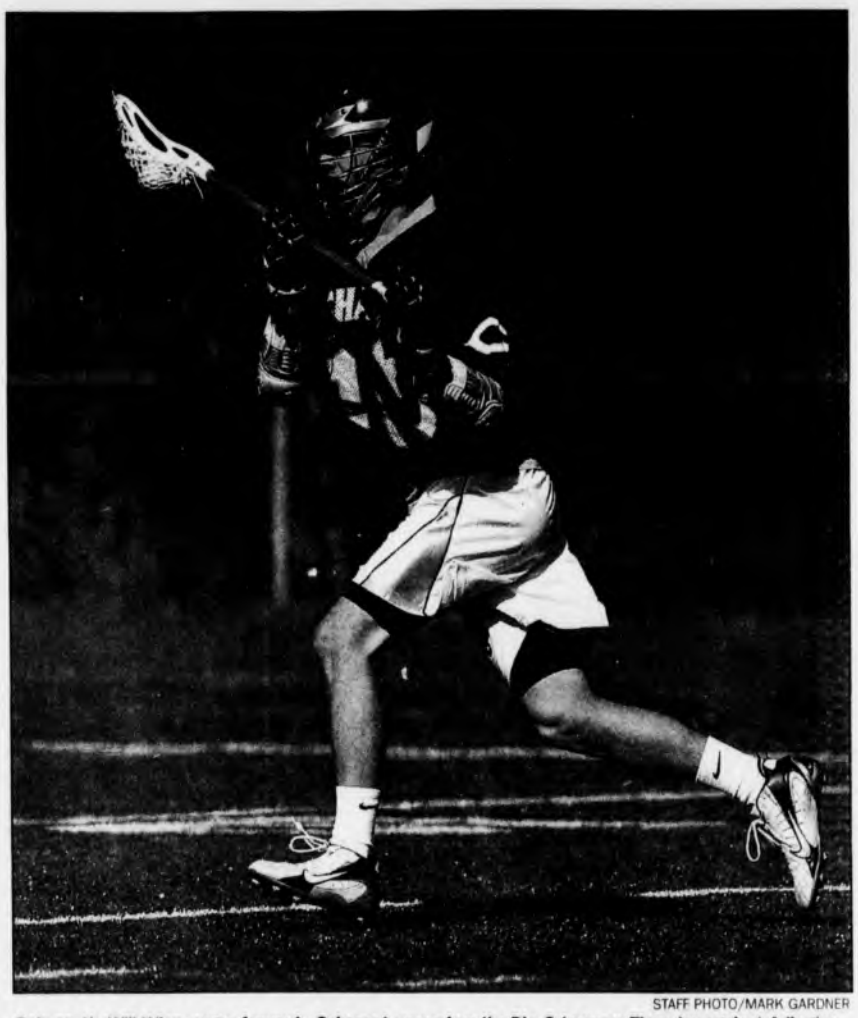
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CHS gears for tourney time



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Cohasset's number one doubles player Ivan Sceery volleys a ball back to his opponent on Friday. Cohasset opens up the tourney at home, Friday, May 30 against Middleboro. It's set to start at 3:30 p.m.



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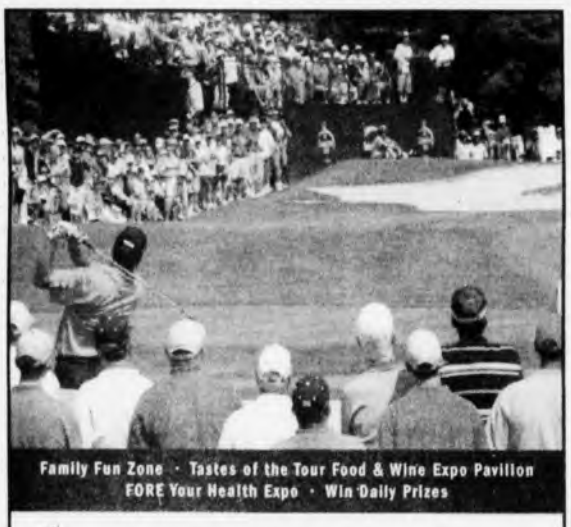
Cohasset's Will Wise surges forward. Cohasset opened up the Div. 3 tourney, Thursday against Arlington Catholic, passed Cohasset Mariner deadline.



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Cohasset's number one singles player Meg Anderson in recent action. Cohasset will play the winner of Mashpee and Holliston in the upcoming tourney.

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Cohasset's Dave Snowdale embraces Brian Hill while the rest of the Skippers celebrate.

Skippers win first league title in 49 years

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including six in five days.

No team has been hotter down the stretch. Cohasset's recent success would make Big Brown blush.

"It's a tribute to the kids for their attitude and effort this year," said Cohasset head coach Al Gallotta. "They put it in their minds they wanted to establish a tradition here. It came down to getting together and having good team chemistry. I give the kids all the credit in the world."

What's more, Cohasset finished dead last in the league last year, going 5-13 overall and 2-12 in the league. For the eight seniors, the collective chip on their shoulder was deeper than a well in a fairy tale.

"There was a whole karma of a team coming together for a determined effort," Gallotta said. "They are a group of athletes that have been playing together since they were five or six years old in Little League. They were determined to reverse (last year)."

Seniors Brian Hill, Sam DeGiacomo, Dave Snowdale, Kyle Pinkus, Kenny Muir, Pat Doonan, Chris Rose and Alex Goetz took it upon themselves, according to Gallotta, to make something out of their pronounced baseball talents.

Gallotta is in his 33rd season of coaching, 27 of which he spent at Archbishop Williams, his last six at Cohasset.

"I had some great teams at Archbishop Williams and I felt close to some of those teams," he said. "When teams do really well you have a bond with them. It takes great kids with great character to be successful. I never thought I'd see this at Cohasset after the first five years and it pleases me to no end. It's an experience I haven't felt in years, it's like the good old days."

Gallotta isn't sure why the baseball program struggled for so long at CHS. He pointed to lacrosse. Over the last two decades or so, it has taken a bite out of baseball's popularity. It has also taken an obvious bite out of the baseball population in Cohasset, as well.

"I've only been here six years, so I'm not able to know the problems through the years," Gallotta said. "As a community, Cohasset just wasn't locked into a baseball situation."

It is now.

Division 3 South Sectional

Cohasset earned a No. 3 seed in the Div. 3 South Sectional. It will play the winner of No. 14 Westwood and No.19 Cardinal Spellman, Saturday, May 31 at home. First pitch is set for 4:30 p.m. Cohasset beat the Cardinals, 6-2, over April vacation week.

From Monday, May 19 to Friday, May 23, the Skippers won six games. They beat Hull 10-2 at home, Monday. Sam DeGiacomo got the win. Tuesday, they knocked off Mashpee 7-1 on the road behind Brian Hill on the mound. Wednesday, it was Harwich, again on the Cape. The Skippers won 9-1. Brendan Doonan got the win.

Thursday, they swept Sacred Heart of Kingston, 6-2 and 6-1. Jeff Cavanaro (Fr.) earned his first varsity win in game one (6-2). Danny Martin (Jr.) earned his first varsity win as well, in the second game.

Friday, Hill came on in relief on two days rest to pitch 4 and 2/3 innings, to preserve the win and the league title. John Sturino went 3-for-4 with four RBI.

Gallotta's expectations heading into the playoffs are the same he has had all season.

"Like it has been every game, just play one at a time," he said. "They played totally relaxed in the Carver game. It was business as usual. There was no nervousness or anxiety. They are a confident group of kids, if they relax, and play the way they are capable of playing, the outcome will hinge of the teams talent level."

And, according to Gallotta, "they certainly have plenty of talent."

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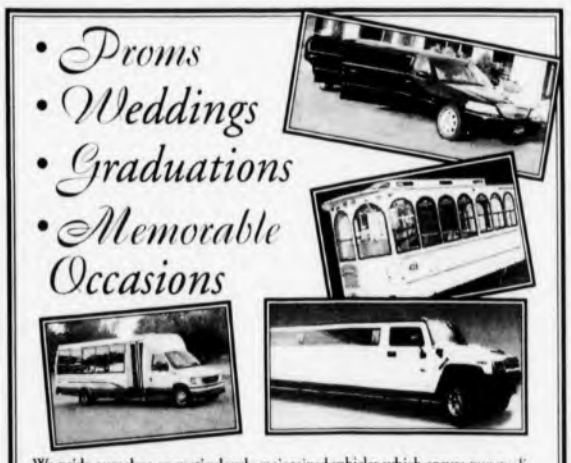
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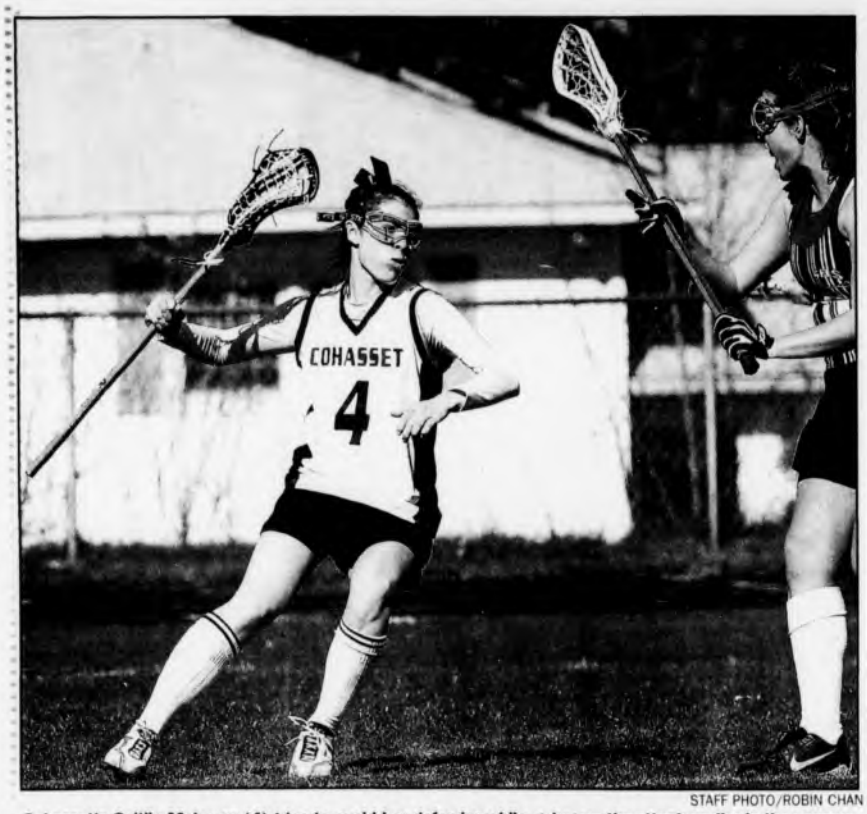


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Cohasset's Caitlin Mahoney (4) tries to avoid her defender while going on the attack earlier in the season. Mahoney made the South Shore League all-star team this season.

Skippers lose in opening round

Milton too much to handle

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High girls lacrosse team is very young. Out of 26 letterwoman, 23 will return next season. It showed Tuesday at Milton High, with the Skippers losing 21-7, in the preliminary round of Div. 2 South.

"We came out flat they came out not flat," said Cohasset head coach Chuck Jaffe. "It was 5-0 before we could catch our breath."

No. 13 Milton (11-9) went up 11-0 halfway through the first half.

"They hit on everything," Jaffe said. "We didn't give ourselves a chance to win. If you can' control draws, you can't win. They were also very efficient. It's difficult to be in a game when you give the ball away and they don't."

Kelsey Erler (Fr.) and Lindsay Hill (Jr.) had a pair of goals each. Caitlin Mahoney (Jr.) played strong at midfield. Milton was hit with four yellow cards for strikes to the head on Mahoney.

Katelyn Ryan (Jr.) held Milton's top scorer, Brittney O'Rourke to one goal before O'Rourke fouled out.

Erler, Hill, Mahoney, Ryan and Madeline Leahy were all named to the South Shore League all-star team for Cohasset (No. 20 seed at 7-9 overall).

"This season is a very good learning experience," Jaffe said. "We are extremely young. There is going to be tremendous competition next year."

Jaffe thinks Tuesday's tournament experience will help his program going forward.

"There is something to be said about reaching a goal and coming away unfulfilled," he said. "This year making the tourney was a goal. Next year we want to make the tourney and make some noise."

Cohasset played a very difficult regular season schedule with top teams like Norwell and Hopkinton on its slate. That attributed to the under .500 record, but Jaffe knew his team had a good shot to qualify for tourney by finishing second in the SSL.

If anything, these Skippers are battle tested. And it looks like it will show next season.

"This team likes playing together," Jaffe said. "They really enjoy each other, and that was one goal, as well as progressing as a team and making the right things happen."

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Adult sailing lessons offered at Hull Yacht Club

Have you always wanted to learn to sail? The Hull Yacht Club is offering evening adult sailing lessons beginning the week of July 7. You will learn everything you need to know to handle a small boat, including principles of sailing, rules of the road, safety on the water, knots and how to read the weather. The classes run for six weeks on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings, 5:30 - approximately 7:30 p.m. Each class has a maximum of three members.

Cost is $250. Lifejackets required. The Hull Yacht Club is located at 5 Fitzpatrick Way, Hull. For more information please contact Debbie Cook 781-383-6313.

Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association

The CYBSA will hold tryouts for a U14 Summer Softball Team on Saturday, May 31 at the Freedom Field from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All interested players should bring a glove. In the event of inclement weather, please check our Web site: CYBSA.net for further details and re-scheduling. We look forward to seeing you!

Summer swim team at the South Shore YMCA

The South Shore YMCA will begin registration for their Summer Strypers swim team (formerly known as The Sharks) on June 10th, 12th (SSYMCA Members) and 17th (non members). There will be a compulsory parents meeting and equipment night (suit and flippers) on Monday 16th June at the Hanover facility.

The Summer Strypers welcomes children ages 5-18 and will offer practice groups at both the Quincy and Hanover/Mill Pond facilities. The team is recreational in focus and has an emphasis on fun, friends and improvement. This provides an excellent introduction to the fundamentals of competitive swimming. It is also a fantastic vehicle for swimmers new to the previous short course season to showcase the things they learned and the improvements they made.

This team attracts current Strypers swimmers but is largely comprised of swimmers new to competitive swimming. All swimmers must be able to swim one length of legal freestyle and backstroke. Swimmers will have practices available Monday through Thursday with meets generally held on Fridays. The program will run from Monday June 23 until Sunday August 9.

For more information please consult the South Shore YMCA Summer Program Guides and contact Strypers Head Coach Tim Mulvihill at 781-829-8585 ext 242.

South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond Women's/Girls Drop-in Basketball

Hey Girls…Gotta Lotta Game?

Calling all girls! Home from college? Want to get back into the game? Come join the fun, see old friends, meet new ones and get a chance to participate in full court recreational games. This is a pick-up league without set teams. Each week, teams are created with players in attendance with an effort to evenly divide skill, speed, and height. There are no officials. It is a very laid back atmosphere where all ages and skill levels are welcome.

This program is open to both YMCA members and non-members ages 15 plus. For more information call 781-829-8585, ext 260 or send an email to lmontoya@ssymca.org. Thursdays 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

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Staff Writer

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McGee offers a simple explanation for this unprecedented sale, "We know people are concerned about the rising cost of gas and that gas prices are impacting vehicle sales. At McGee Pre-Owned Superstore we offer many different fuel efficient models along with over 200 economically priced pre-owned vehicles to choose from." In order to maintain our monthly sales pace, we decided to offer the easiest and most affordable way possible to purchase a vehicle. With prices starting at just $29 down and $99 a month*, and with gas for just .99 cents a gallon for the next year†, it doesn't get any better than this — and the service you can expect is second to none." There will be many vehicles to choose from including recent trade-ins, lease returns, hard-to-find program vehicles, former service loaners and many more. McGee goes on to mention, "Most of the vehicles we're offering will have incredibly low pricing; some at or below wholesale price levels. I can assure you, if you want to get a great deal on the vehicle of your dreams, you won't want to miss this event." During this incredible event every pre-owned vehicle will be available for the low down payment of just $29*. Extended terms and special financing will be available to help reduce monthly payments & obtain credit for those who may have had challenges in the past.

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McGee also reminds customers that the event is first-come, first-served, so it's critical to come early to have the best chance of getting the vehicle of your choice.

The exclusive site for this exciting event is **McGee Pre-Owned Superstore, located on Route 139** in Pembroke for 4-days only, **Thursday, May 29th from 9am-9pm, Friday, May 30th from 9am–9pm, Saturday, May 31st from 9am-8pm & Sunday, June 1st from 10am-6pm.**

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Rec Notes

Fifth-grade class party June 13

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is offering the following programs. For registration forms and information visit www.townofcohasset.org/rec or call 781-383-4109.

Fifth Grade Class Party – There will be a party for everyone who has just finished fifth grade and is about to enter sixth grade at the Teen Garage from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, June 13. Everyone in the new sixth grade is welcome; however, the Garage is closed to all other grades on this night. This is a free event to welcome and introduce the new sixth-graders to the Garage. Refreshments will be for sale. Supervision will include a staff of five-plus chaperones, most of whom are local area teachers. Attendees must be picked up by 10 p.m. This is not a school event. Call Cohasset Recreation Department for more information.

Playground Program – Registration for the Summer Playground Program will take place during the week of Monday, June 9, through Thursday, June 12, at the Town Hall auditorium as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; as well as Tuesday evening, 5 to 7. Registration must be done in person. The seven-week Playground Program is a day camp-like experience inclusive of sports, games, field trips, entertainment, arts and crafts, etc. It starts June 23 and finishes Aug. 9. Children who turned 3 years old as of March 1, 2005, are eligible for the half-day program, specifically designed for 3 fi- to 4-year-olds. Children ages 5 through 12 may register for the full day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., program. Fees for the program are: Full day $385, and half day $310, for the entire seven-week program. There is also a $50 per child activity fee payable by a separate check. Both checks are payable to: Town of Cohasset. Visit the Web site for more information.

CHS Fitness Room – Stay fit this summer. Cohasset Recreation and Cohasset High School announce, thanks to the generosity of the Clark Chatterton Fund, that Cohasset High School Fitness Room will be available free of charge this summer, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, for Cohasset residents grade seven through adult. Children younger than seventh grade must be accompanied by an adult. This free service will be available starting June 23 and continuing for 10 weeks through Aug. 29. Use the front door entrance. The CHS Fitness Room will be closed July 4.

Kitchen Kids Workshop – Kitchen Kids Workshop is a new Recreation program this summer, designed to introduce children to the joys of creative cooking. Kids will be enlivened with the bright colors, wonderful aromas and tantalizing flavors. Even the fussiest eaters will be thrilled to eat something they have made themselves. The hands-on class has step-by-step instructions, in a safe and clean environment. Kitchen Kids offers a real world tool that will leave a lasting impression for years to come. Sandy Trembley is the director. There are two sessions this summer: Tuesday, July 8, through Friday, July 11; and Tuesday, Aug. 12, through Friday, Aug. 15. A morning class from 10:30 a.m. to noon, is offered for children ages 3 through 6, and an afternoon class from 12:30 to 2, is for 7- through 12-year-olds. Price is $130/child for either session. Future workshops will take place throughout the school year; check back periodically on the Web site.

Technology Camp – Technology Camp is a new, one-week camp, from Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 25, presented by Play-Well TEKnologies and Community Camps. Take a crash course in Demolition Derby, enter a Sumo Wrestling Competition, design a Mighty Metropolis, challenge the Battle Track and build and race a locomotive faster than a speeding Worm Drive. Explore concepts in physics, mechanical engineering, structural engineering and architecture while playing with favorite creations. Children will be given instruction, design challenges and competitions appropriate to their facility with LEG Technic and System components. The cost is $140 per participant. Technology Camp will take place at the Recreation Garage, behind the Red Lion Inn. There are two classes by age group: 9 a.m. to noon for 5- to 7-year-olds; and 1 to 4 p.m., for 8-to-12-year-olds. Applications are available at on the Web site.

Intro to Fencing Clinic – "En garde." Hand, eye and foot coordination and dueling skills will be taught in this new Recreation clinic. The program is fun and safe for everyone with all the equipment provided. Sneakers, T-shirts and sweatpants should be worn. Class instructor is Mullarkey, a championship fencer who has been teaching for years throughout the South Shore. The clinic will take place 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 28, through Friday, Aug. 1, at the Rec. Garage, behind Red Lion Inn. Boys and Girls ages 7 and older are encouraged to register. Cost is $120 per student. Further classes will continue throughout the year. For information and/or applications, visit the Web site.

Rock Climbing at Quarry Hills, Quincy – Learn how to rock climb this summer with a Cohasset Recreation group session from 1 to 4 p.m., on Monday Aug. 4, through Wednesday, Aug. 6. Professional guides from the South Shore Center for Outdoor Education will lead the instruction at Quarry Hills in West Quincy. For ages 8 and older. Students will have fun while learning techniques and the equipment necessary to climb and belay. Top-roping allows for a safe climbing experience that builds confidence. All equipment will be provided. Students must provide their own transportation to Quarry Hills. Cost is $95/person for the three-day session. Enrollment is limited and early registration is recommended. For more details, including applications, go to the Web site.



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Cape Breton, Nova Scotia - Golfer meets woman. Golfer marries woman. Woman never again sees golfer on Saturday afternoons.

It's a tale full of woe. How do golfers and their nongolfer spouses find harmony?

My wife and I may have found an answer on Cape Breton, the charming little island northeast of Maine and part of the Canadian province of Nova Scotia.

To picture Cape Breton, imagine what New England may have looked like 100 years ago. Water everywhere: ocean views and lakes and ponds that, when juxtaposed with impressive mountains, provide countless Kodak moments.

Chiseled into these landscapes are some terrific golf courses with reasonable greens fees. But Cape Breton also provides entertainment for the nongolfers.

So while I toiled away on the golf course, my wife enjoyed the spas at several of the resorts we visited - including the AVEDA spa at the Keltic Lodge in Ingonish - irresistibly delicious rhubarb muffins at quaint bayside coffee shops and a guided tour through part of the exquisite and renowned Cabot Trail, a 185-mile trail that loops around the northern tip of Cape Breton. And we shared the experience of going to a barn dance in Cheticamp (home, as well, of Le Portage Golf Club), that reminded us that Cape Breton is famous for its fiddlers.

But my mission was golf. And first stop was the Dundee Golf and Resort in Dundee (greens fees $59 plus tax during high season). Imagine a golf course cut into the side of a mountain. That's Dundee. Architect Robert Moote oriented the fairways vertically so the holes run up and down the mountain. The result is a course that constantly provides stunning water views of Bras d'Or Lake below.



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Famed course architect Stanley Thompson carefully contoured the fairway of the 15th hole at Highlands Links on Cape Breton.

It's also a very playable course if you're not intimidated by uphill and downhill lies. The signature hole is the gorgeous par-3, 153-yard 7th. From the highly elevated tee, it's a steep, 80-foot drop to the inviting green. Joined by club pro Paul Innes, I hit a high-arcing 7-iron that landed with a thud and trickled toward the hole, leaving me 20 feet for birdie. Two putts for par sent me on a little run of good holes.



PHOTO BY CHRIS GALLOW/DUNDEE GOLF COURSE

Many holes at Dundee provide stunning views of Bras d'Or Lake.

The other highlight of the round was the adorable fox we met on hole 15. He cautiously crept out to meet us, getting as close as 15 feet, before settling into a sand trap, where he enjoyed an early morning stretch that reminded me a lot of Beau, our golden retriever back home.

Innes told me they used to have a problem with foxes who would wait for golfers to hit their shots, and then scamper out onto the fairway to steal the balls. Very funny, as long as it's not your $3.75 Titleist Pro V1.

We next hit the road for Highlands Links Golf Course in Ingonish (greens fees $92 plus tax).

Highlands, which keeps popping up on the "Best Of" lists of various golf magazines, runs along Middle Head Peninsula, offering views of rocky headlands, wooded glens and the Atlantic.

Under the watchful eye of designer Stanley Thompson, it was built in 1937, when the work of men was favored over machines. The result is a golf course that's quite literally hand-sculpted. Making our way toward the green on the par-4 4th hole, my playing partner, head pro Joe Robinson, pointed out that the manmade mounds on the back of the green re-create the shape of the mountains behind them.

It's hard to get a flat lie on the 16th because Thompson carefully molded the fairway with strategically placed bumps of rock and dirt that cast mysterious shadows in the horizontal light of a sunset. The holes at Highlands have been given Gaelic names, and 16 is called "Sair Fecht," which translates as "hard work."

Our final stop was at Bell Bay Golf Club in Baddeck (greens fees $65 plus tax). And if Dundee is cut vertically into a mountain, then imagine Bell Bay as being cut horizontally -- golfers slowly zigzag their way up the hillside until they top out at hole 18.

The signature hole -- the 144-yard par-3 17th -- is a glorious example of the way a hole can be designed with minimal impact to the environment: just a tee box and green, with lots of trees and brush in between. At 17, my partner, head pro Ted Stonehouse, hit a shot that landed just 10 feet from the pin. I felt confident standing on the tee with a 7-iron in my hand. And confidence, as golfers know, often yields results -- I hit it to about 6 feet from the flag.

The 17th hole may be the signature hole, but 18 provides such gorgeous views of Bell Bay (home of Alexander Graham Bell) that a big white tent was erected on the 18th tee to accommodate all the weddings held there.

Weddings -- some of them no doubt between golfers and their nongolfer spouses.

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SCHOOLS

Newly minted senior takes over column

LIFE AT CHS

LAUREN MACK



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Hello everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend! Allow me to introduce myself: my name is Lauren Mack and as I'm sure most of you have heard by now, I'm taking over for the lovely Christine Kent next year in fulfilling the weekly "Life at CHS" column and giving a day to day synopsis of the happenings at the high school, and this is my first ever column. I know the shoes of my priors will be hard to fill but hopefully I will live up to all expectations set forth!

Anyways, this week has been crazy and action-packed for everyone. If the halls seem quieter and the underclassmen appear to have come out from their hiding places, it's probably because the Senior's last day was on Wednesday, thus officially making me a Cohasset High School Senior! In addition to finishing school, the Seniors also have prom this Friday night so everyone "com-mon" over to the common beforehand and see all the beautiful couples walk the red carpet! As for the highlights of the week:

- Monday was Memorial Day, I hope everyone enjoyed their day off from school and indulged in some hamburgers or hot dogs.
- Tuesday and Wednesday was back to school as the Junior class took the US History MCAS
- Wednesday was also the Seniors last day
- Saturday afternoon (4:30 p.m.) is the big Boy's Varsity baseball tournament game, come watch another one of our teams make history!

And so there you have it, everyone, my first post as your new columnist! So see you all next week!

Registration ongoing for Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration for the 2008-2009 school year has begun. Registration will be at Osgood School, daily, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents will be asked to indicate interest in full-day kindergarten or half-time kindergarten at the time or registration. Parents are also encouraged to register early to facilitate planning for programs.

Children who turn 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2008, are eligible to attend kindergarten. A birth certificate and proof of residency are required in order to register.

For more information, call Osgood School at 781-383-6117.

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Penne pasta with meat sauce, buttered dinner roll, fresh side salad, chocolate pudding with whipped cream.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

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Cheese pizza, fresh carrot and celery sticks with ranch dressing, fresh strawberries, chocolate chip cookie.

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Lifeguard, water safety training offered

If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor.

Cohasset Swim Center is offering Lifeguard Training courses. For lifeguards needing to update their certification, a Lifeguard RE-Certification Course will be offered on June 16, 17 and 18. Monday from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Lifeguard Training Course will run on June 19, 20, 21 and 22, from 9 to 5:30. Registration deadline is June 6.

If you enjoy swimming and working with children, become a certified Water Safety Instructor. Water Safety Instructor Training Course will run on June 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Water Safety Instructor applicants must be 16 years of age by the last day of class. Registration deadline is June 14.

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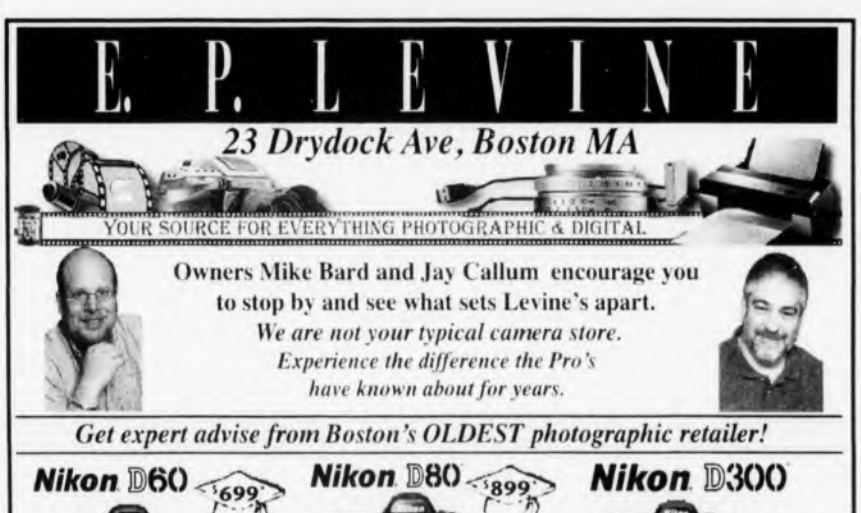
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Volunteers needed for Triathlon

The second annual Cohasset Triathlon needs help to get the race off without a hitch. The race is set for Sunday, June 29. Volunteers are needed to help with water stations along the route, registration check-in, kayakers for water safety, road closings, post-race party set-up and clean-up. Every volunteer will receive a Nike dry-weave shirt as a thank you. Please contact volunteer coordinator Kari O'Donnell at 781-383-1108 or kariod@comcast.net if interested.

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. **Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague.** Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, June 1:

8 a.m. - Circle Ministry (group led by Joan Kovach & Susan Meikleham and meeting for their final session of the season)

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – Rites of Passage Sunday – "Gifts Given and Received"

At this intergenerational service, we will honor our Religious Education teachers and doorkeepers and one-room schoolhouse leaders, our RE Committee, our 6th grade graduates, our OWL graduates, and our graduating seniors. We will celebrate the milestones, those of you who mark them and those of you who make them possible!

Toddler care for our youngest begins at 10 AM in the Parish House. Children and youth, come join your parents and caregivers for worship in the Meeting House.

A celebratory sweet treat and fellowship directly follow the service.

Beginning at noon, join us for lunch, followed by Soul Work: Cross-Congregational Conversations on the Spirtiual Work of Anti-Racism

First Parish UU in Cohasset hosts June's gathering of members and friends from three South Shore Unitarian Universalist congregations to discuss and discern Soul Work: anti-racist theologies in dialogue. Our focus will be the essay, "Not Somewhere Else, but Here: The Struggle for Racil Justice as a Struggle to Inhabit My Country," by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker, President and Professor of Theology at Starr King School for the Ministry. These monthly gatherings are a collaborative venture of First Parish UU in Cohasset, First Parish (Old Ship) in Hingham and Second Parish UU in Hingham. All are welcome!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project. The following special events will be happening in June:

- June 8th FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY (10am youth lead service) followed by a Potluck Luncheon and Congo Olympics from 11:00 - 12:30 am. Activities are designed for all ages and include tug-of-war, relay races, water balloons and an obstacle course.
- June 13th-15th STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL runs in conjunction with the So. Shore Arts Festival. Fabulous shortcakes will be served along with grilled hamburgers and chicken sandwiches.
- June 22nd 8am WORSHIP AT THE SAILING CLUB begins in addition to the traditional 10:00am service which is held in the CHAPEL located at the rear of the church building.
- SAVE THE DATE of Saturday, July 26th for an all church PROGRESSIVE BARBEQUE with cocktails 5:30 –7 pm and dinner 7:15 -8:30pm.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the Reverend Margot Critchfield,

If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. If you are searching for a faith community, please feel free to pay us a visit; you can learn about us and the Episcopal faith by visiting our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village, "on the rock." To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083. Our parish priest is Rev. Margot Critchfield; the assistant is Colette Wood.

Areas of ministry at St. Stephen's include outreach locally and globally, youth group work, environmental advocacy, meditation, worship, Bible study, book groups, prayer groups, and fellowship.

Going on at St. Stephen's this week

- Saturday, May 31st: 7 am Bible Fellowship; 10 a.m. "Reception" service at St. Chrysostom's in Wallaston.
- Sunday, June 1: Services at 8 am and 10 am; picnic for Godly Play

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

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James H. Maloney

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James H. Maloney, 68, of Cohasset, died Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at the Brigham and Women's Hospital.

He was a graduate of Christopher Columbus High School, Class of 1957 and went on to graduate from Boston College, Class of 1969.

He worked as an insurance executive for 35 years with Prudential Insurance and 10 years with Sun Life Financial before his retirement.

Mr. Maloney leaves his wife Patricia M.; a son Matthew J. Maloney and his wife, Stephanie M. of Topsfield; two grandchildren, Colin and Grace. He also leaves a brother, John E. and his wife, Marie of Randolph and a sister, Maureen Doherty and her husband, John of Braintree and eight nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Visiting hours Friday 4 to 8 p.m. McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St. (across from St. Anthony's Church), Cohasset. Interment Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset. For an online guestbook, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, Ma. 02115 or to the Monastery of St. Clare, 920 Centre St., Jamaica Plain, Ma. 02130-3099.

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Jean M. Martell

Former office manager at Eye Health Services and South Shore Medical Center

Jean M. (Vickerson) Martell, 75, a Hingham resident for the past 53 years, died May 25, 2008, at her home.

"Jean left her family and her many lifelong friends far too soon. All of us who love her know that Jean and Ernie raised Linda, Chuck and Dave to value the truly important things in life. Family always came first. Jean has bestowed those same core values, and her sense of wonder and adventure, on the next generation of Martell's as the caretaker for two (or more) days each week of David's and Robin's two sons, Turner and Stephen. "The boys" will surely miss "Nana" not only as a constant influence in their lives but also as a fixture at their baseball and soccer games and guitar and ukulele recitals. Linda will miss her closest confidante and Dave his strongest supporter. Their only solace is knowing that Jean lived all her days filled with joy and love, and that she will now be reunited with Ernie and Chuck. We also know that Jean will live on as essential parts of Linda and Dave and the boys and future generations of Martell's."

Mrs. Martell traveled extensively and shared the world with family and friends. She and her husband took the kids on summer trips, including a cross-country camping "adventure" in 1973, which continues to be the source of family lore and legend. They also loved traveling with Jean's cousins, the Matheson's, and visited countries throughout Europe and elsewhere. Linda was travel guide when Jean and Linda toured Ireland, the place Jean "most wanted to visit," in 2006. Unknown to Linda, her mother kept a journal of their Irish trip, which enlivened her photo album – a memento Linda will always cherish.

Mrs. Martell's friends are legion. Throughout her life, Jean and Ernie looked forward to get-togethers with "the crowd" from Milton and Quincy. Mrs. Martell was born and raised in Milton and was an active member of Milton High School class reunion committees. Since her retirement, she enjoyed keeping in touch with her many colleagues at South Shore Medical Center in Norwell and Eye Health Services where she was office manager of the main office in Weymouth.

In addition to her family and friends, many in the Town of Hingham will miss Mrs. Martell. In 1955, Mr. and Mrs. Martell moved into the home that Jean's father, "Bumpa," and Ernie designed and constructed. She enjoyed her home her entire adult life.

She loved bridge and looked forward to regular bridge club meetings. Mrs. Martell will be missed by the members of Hingham Ladies Club, her co-volunteers at Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry, the choir and congregation at Old Hingham Methodist Church, and the congregation at St. Paul Catholic Church in Hingham, where Ernie served as a deacon.

Mrs. Martell loved life, her garden and knitting. Although in recent years arthritis slowed her down a bit and forced her to give up her daily morning walks with friends, nothing stopped her from going to Red Sox spring training each year with Linda's and David's families and completely enjoying the abundance of cultural, entertainment and sporting events in Boston and the South Shore. She was always "up for anything."

Wife of the late Ernest W. Martell Jr., she leaves her children, Linda Felter and her husband, John Kenneth Felter, of Cambridge and David Martell and his wife, Robin, of Cohasset; her grandsons, Turner and Stephen Martell of Cohasset; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was the mother of the late Charles E. Martell, and sister of the late Helen Gulla.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., on Friday, May 30, at St. Paul Church, 147 North St., Hingham Square. Arrangements by Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, Hingham. Interment in Milton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Chuck Martell Scholarship Fund, c/o Town of Hingham-Treasurer's Office, 210 Central St., Hingham, MA 02043.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.downingchapel.com.

Leonard R. Ricketson

Special Olympics ribbon winner

Leonard P. Ricketson of Pembroke died May 26, 2008, at Jordan Hospital after a brief illness, while surrounded by his family and friends.

Son of the late Leonard and Mary Ricketson, Leonard loved family vacations, especially to Rockport, the ocean and all kinds of music. He was an enthusiastic singer who never missed the words in a song.

He was a winner of many ribbons for his participation in the Special Olympics.

He leaves his sisters, Laura Doherty, and her husband, John, of Duxbury, and Stephanie Mendelson of Lewisburg, W. V.; his nieces and nephew, Laura Taberner and Alison Estabrooks, both of Duxbury, Heather Comerford of Cohasset, Jessica Magnerella of Georgia and Noah Mendelson of Mexico.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., on Friday, May 30, at St. Thecla Church, 145 Washington St., Pembroke. Interment in Forrest Hills Cemetery in Boston. Arrangements by Shepherd Funeral Home, Pembroke.

Memorial donations may be made to Seven Hills Foundation, 81 Hope Ave., Worcester, MA 01603 or Road to Responsibility, 84 South Main St., Middleboro, MA 02346.

To sign the online gust book, visit www.shepherdfuneralhome.com.

Beverly R. Quilty-Tinkham

Registered nurse

Beverly R. Quilty-Tinkham, 75, of Cohasset and Bonita Springs, Fla., died at her daughter's home in Hingham on Sunday, May 25, 2008.

Born in Bridgeport, Conn., Mrs. Quilty-Tinkham was raised in Fairfield, Conn., and was a graduate of Lauralton Hall in Connecticut and St. Vincent's School of Nursing in Bridgeport, Conn.

She was a member of Hatherly Country Club in Scituate and Pelican Nest Golf Club in Bonita Springs, Fla.

She leaves her husband, Howard Tinkham; her children, Jay Quilty of Yardley, Pa., Chris Quilty of Mechanicsburg, Pa., Peter Quilty of Sheffield, Susan Quilty Roy and Kevin Quilty, both of Hingham; her stepdaughter, Andrea Tinkham of Hookset, N.H.; her brothers, William Bonney Jr. of South Carolina and Richard Bonney of North Carolina; and 13 grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., on Friday, May 30, at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment private. Arrangements are by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02115.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

The Mariner welcomes photos of your loved ones to accompany obituaries by e-mail to mford@cnc.com or by mail to 73 South Street, Hingham, MA 02043

Voice of Faithful panel discussion June 4

Compassionate people inside and outside the Catholic Church are extending a hand to those hurt and abused by the Church. The truth about damaged lives is being told and the experiences and struggles of those trying to overcome their abuse are being brought to light. Who are these people reaching out to others during troubled times and what do their ministries entail? What are the biggest obstacles to their work? How can others help in reaching out to those in need of compassion and understanding? Come hear three panelists address these questions and speak about their outreach work on Wednesday, June 4th at 7:30pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate.

The panel will consist of Father Robert Bowers, June Chin, and Marjorie Bean, representatives from three different outreach ministries who have worked with disaffected Catholics and survivors of sexual abuse by clergy. Father Robert Bowers is a Consultant for the Paulist Fathers' Initiative for Outreach and Reconciliation. The Initiative helps alienated and disenfranchised Catholics and others experience reconciliation and healing. June Chin, MSW with a Masters in Pastoral Counseling, works for the Boston Archdiocesan Office for Pastoral Support and Outreach (OPSO). OPSO assists those who have been sexually abused by clergy and offers outreach services to family members of survivors. Marjorie Bean, Co-Chair of Voice of the Faithful's Survivor Support Working Group, is a founding member of the Truth and Recognition Coalition. The Coalition is a non-profit partnership of survivors and supporters who are videotaping the experiences of survivors in order to create a historical document and develop resources for education and prevention. Panelists will discuss their ministries, challenges, and vision for a more compassionate and understanding world.

Questions and answers will follow the panel discussion and refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, June4th at 7:30pm should be an inspiring and thought-provoking evening. Questions and answers will follow the panel discussion and refreshments will be served. The evening is hosted by the Scituate Affiliate of Voice of the Faithful.

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The Town of Cohasset invites sealed price proposals for the following equipment declared surplus by the Board of Selectmen:

1995 GMC 3500 Sierra 4X4 dump truck (minimum $200 bid required)
1995 GMC 2500 Sierra 4X4 utility truck (minimum $150 bid required)
1986 Chevrolet 4x4 military pickup truck (minimum $125 bid required)
1987 45' flatbed trailer (minimum $100 bid required)
1978 40' flatbed trailer (minimum $75 bid)

All equipment shall be sold "as is." Equipment may be inspected at the Department of Public Works facility on Cedar Street during normal business hours. Any party interested in submitting a written bid shall place that bid in writing and in a sealed envelope with the description of the equipment as stated above entered on the outside of the envelope. Sealed bids are shall be submitted to William R. Griffin, Town Manager, Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025 no later than 12:00 Noon, Friday, June 13, 2008.

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SEL/VACANCY

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NOTICE OF VACANCY
COHASSET MEMBER OF THE
SOUTH SHORE VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Board of Selectmen hereby gives notice that it is seeking residents interested in being appointed to a three year term to serve as Cohasset's member on the School Committee for the South Shore Vocational Technical High School. The member shall represent the Town of Cohasset in establishing policy and determining budget requirements for the school in accordance with Chapter 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Those interested in being considered for this appointment are asked to submit a resume and letter of interest by Friday, June 13, 2008 to William R. Griffin. Town Manager, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025 or by e-mail to wgriffin@townofcohasset.org

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SEL/RFQS

LEGAL NOTICE
Town of Cohasset
Public Notice
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
STORMWATER AGENT

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Cohasset has issued a request for qualifications for individuals or firms to serve as the Stormwater Agent for the Conservation Commission. The Stormwater Agent will assist the Conservation Commission in the review of Administrative Approval and Stormwater Permit Applications as outlined in the Cohasset Stormwater Management Bylaw and Stormwater Management Regulation. The RFQ may be obtained at the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025 or by e-mail at wgriffin@townofcohasset.org. The deadline to submit a response to the RFQ is Friday, June 13, 2008at 12:00 Noon at the above address.

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FIGUEIREDO ESTATE

LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P1157EP

In the Estate of JANET L. FIGUEIREDO
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death March 16, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that KATHY M. TANGHERLINI of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK and MICHAEL A. FIGUEIREDO of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JUNE 25, 2008**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, May 12, 2008.

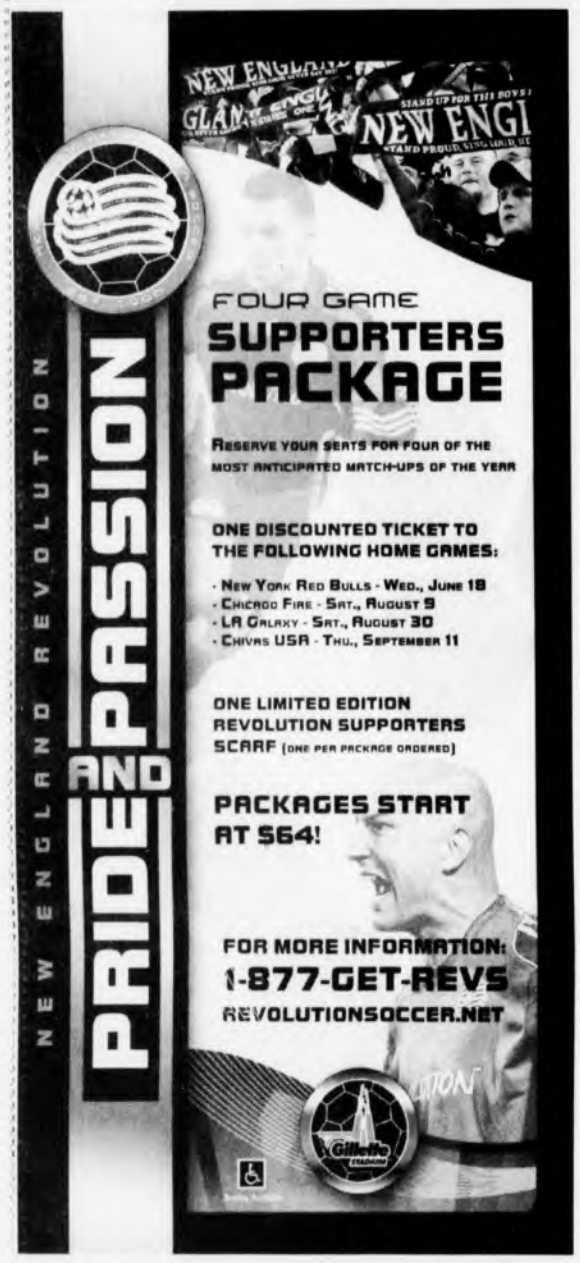
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, MAY 17

11:18 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, notification, speed board is on location.

12:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, road rage. Hingham PD reports a road rage incident that just occurred in their town, vehicles are heading towards 3A into Cohasset. Officer has vehicle stopped. Hingham PD has spoken to all parties involved. Hingham PD to handle.

12:39 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, investigated/report taken.

1:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

1:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:58 p.m. **Pond St., and Lantern Lane**, traffic enforcement.

2 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports a sick raccoon in the yard.

2:01 p.m. **Summer St., and South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:15 p.m. **South Main St., and Spring St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued. Vehicle is revoked for failure to pay insurance. Owner being summoned. Speeding in violation of special regulations.

2:58 p.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:59 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, animal complaint, officer responding to assist Hingham ACO with a sick raccoon.

3:10 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity, caller would like to speak to an officer to get advice on a suspicious phone call she received. Officer clear, resident satisfied with advice given.

3:14 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, hazard (traffic), callers reporting the train crossing lights and bells are going off but the gates are not coming down. Problem has been rectified, units clear, traffic is moving. T Safety Division has been notified of this ongoing problem and will tend to it at their earliest convenience.

10:30 a.m. **South Main St.**, parking violation, caller reports she needs a handicap parking spot and there are two people parked in both spots without a placard or special license plate. She would like to see an officer. Situation has been handled, caller satisfied.

10:55 a.m. **Elm St.**, prisoner transport, officer is enroute to Dedham House of Corrections with male prisoner.

11:14 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Osgood school check.

11:38 a.m. **Bancroft Way**, parking complaint, caller reports several cars parked illegally. Officer has tagged 3 vehicles.

12:14 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, public service, officer has done a drive through of the parking lot at this location.

1:30 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, fire, investigation, 911 cell phone caller reports a lot of smoke coming from the ground and a broken pipe sticking out of the ground. Officer reports lots of smoke showing from the pipe. Police units are closing 3A in the area for safety reasons until the cause is determined. Property manager notified. Spoke to property manager and everything is ok they are treating the pipes underground and were advised that smoke would show, no problems.

4:24 p.m. Noise complaint, caller requests an officer to see that the music is turned down at this location.

4:42 p.m. Officer wanted, caller reports he noticed his glass back door has been broken and isn't sure if someone was trying to break in. Officer reports no forced entry, caller thinks it may have been the landscapers, he is requesting extra patrols at this time.

5:01 p.m. Vandalism report, caller reports someone has vandalized his vehicle while he was working.

5:33 p.m. Traffic enforcement.

6:13 p.m. Motor vehicle stop. Operator being summoned on charges: Operating motor vehicle with suspended license, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, number plate violation to conceal ID, speeding in violation special regulation.

6:53 p.m. Suspicious activity, Mercury Grand Marquis sitting in the empty parking lot with someone in the passenger seat. Officer reports vehicle GOA, officer reports he will be checking the building. Building secure.

7:46 p.m. Public service, walk in party reports near the boy scout camp are 3 boys who looked like they were trying to camp there for the night, they did start a small fire that the reporting party made them put out. Officer reports they have checked the park and spoken to troop leaders.

9:25 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS, allergic reaction to food.

11:12 p.m. Suspicious activity.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

12:21 a.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint, caller states the MBTA is working on the tracks. MBTA is allowed to work on the tracks, as necessary.

12:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:02 a.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, walk in party states "there is a mangled bicycle in the roadway by the stairs." Bicycle appears to be trash. Bicycle to be placed on the sidewalk until later in the a.m.

11:53 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports cars parked in no parking zones. Officer reports vehicles have been moved.

MONDAY, MAY 19

12:56 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:55 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

10:35 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued, stationary radar, one citation issued.

12:10 p.m. **Hull St.**, warrant services, wanted party is not there at this time.

1:33 p.m. **Bates Lane and Doane St.**, animal complaint, callers report a raccoon walking around the area.

2:02 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood school check.

2:07 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:40 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:10 p.m. **Forestside Drive**, abandoned/hang-up 911 (home), received hang-up 911 call from this location received answering machine on call back. 911 caller called back from his cell phone stating he is on his way to bring his father to the hospital because of chest pain, but his condition seems to be worsening. They were advised to pull over at the Sunrise to meet Cohasset Fire Department.

4:14 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

6:49 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports she is having a problem with her neighbor, this has been an ongoing land dispute and the caller states he is acting up again and would like something done. This is a civil matter.

6:56 p.m. **King St.**, downed tree, 911 caller reports a large tree just came down on top of the wires. Units report this is not a safety hazard at this time. Units will be clearing shortly. Verizon has been notified and will respond.

9:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, Hingham, assist other police department, officer responding to assist a Hingham officer on a traffic stop, requesting back up. Hingham officer was able to get the male in custody.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

3:14 a.m. Medical aid.

9:03 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:44 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood school check.

9:53 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:01 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

10:07 a.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement. At 9 a.m. today Weymouth PD had a larceny of a diamond ring at Delgreco's Jewelers located on Route 53. Possible suspect motor vehicle is a black Nexus or Lincoln. Suspect is described as a white male, approximately 20-years-old, 6 ft. tall, with curly medium length hair, wearing a red long sleeve shirt.

10:25 a.m. **Elm St.**, public service, party in HQ seeking officer's advice.

12:24 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

3:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, caller reports he thinks someone may have hit his car while he was in the store. Officer reports after further investigation, it was found that the car was damaged in his own driveway on an unrelated incident.

7:19 p.m. **King St.**, assist citizen, 911 caller called stating she needs help but there was a language barrier while speaking to her, unable to determine the problem. Officer was able to determine after speaking to the female, this is not an emergency and it is a motor vehicle lockout. 3A Towing notified.

9:22 p.m. **North Main St.**, hazard (traffic), officer reports gates down and lights flashing with no train in sight. Contacted the MBTA.

9:50 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

12:48 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:52 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

2:44 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, assist other police department, meet Hull for a transport to Nichols Rd.

6:14 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:03 a.m. **North Main St., and Joy Pl.**, animal complaint, caller states "she hit a raccoon." The raccoon fled to the cemetery. Animal was seen headed towards the woods.

7:15 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

8:42 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:03 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop.

9:25 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:48 a.m. **King St., and Rose Hill Lane**, hazard (traffic), callers reporting something fell off the back of a truck and shattered all over 3A. Officer reports this is a large amount of glass, Mass Highway notified.

10:53 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports her boyfriend just left her on the sidewalk at this location with her dog and drove off. Caller was very upset on the phone. Officer out with female party at this location, there has been no physical abuse, officers still speaking to female. Officer is going to transport female to a friend's house in Scituate.

11:57 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement.

12:30 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, property damage, caller reports the construction company at this location just damaged his fence and would like to see an officer.

12:49 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, officer wanted, caller requesting to speak to an officer regarding an issue that occurred yesterday.

2:11 p.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Richard Paul Shutte, 8 11th Ave., Scituate. Charges: WMS warrant (default).

4:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

7:42 p.m. **South Main St.**, accidental 911 call, caller reports he was trying to get an outside line, caller is located in the kitchen. Officer confirmed accidental.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

12:59 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:59 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:04 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, public service, the trench has sunk. Left message for project superintendent.

6:31 a.m. **King St., and Schofield Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:07 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, female party requesting info on male party, who had been in custody. Female party requested daytime dispatcher. She was advised of his next availability.

7:12 a.m. **Cedar St.**, public service, damage done to the stonewall. Scrap marks and several stones dislodged.

7:19 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal – speeding.

12:02 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny (report), caller reports a deposit has gone missing with over $800 in it.

11:17 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, animal complaint, party reports lost dog Chocolate Lab 12-years-old.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

1:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:21 a.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:25 a.m. **King St., and Schofield Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

6:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:20 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood school checks.

3:18 p.m. **Doane St.**, motor vehicle crash, officer reports he has on sighted a very minor motor vehicle accident and is just assisting in exchanging papers. Officer clear and parties involved have cleared, no report needed.

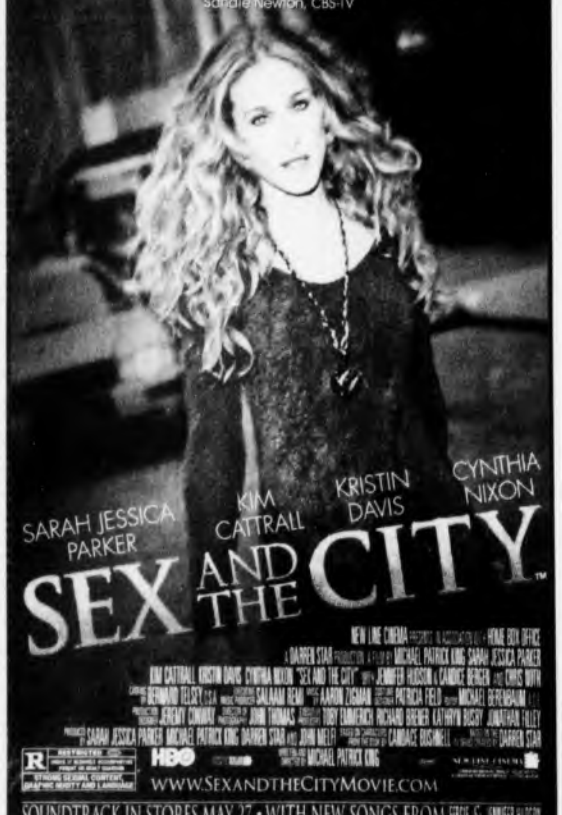
5:02 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint.

5:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a back Crown Victoria swerving on the road and crossing the median. Officer is off with the vehicles. Officer reports the driver checks out ok.

8 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, officer wanted, harbormaster requests to see an officer regarding possible underage drinking. Officer has description of vehicle that may contain youths and liquor.

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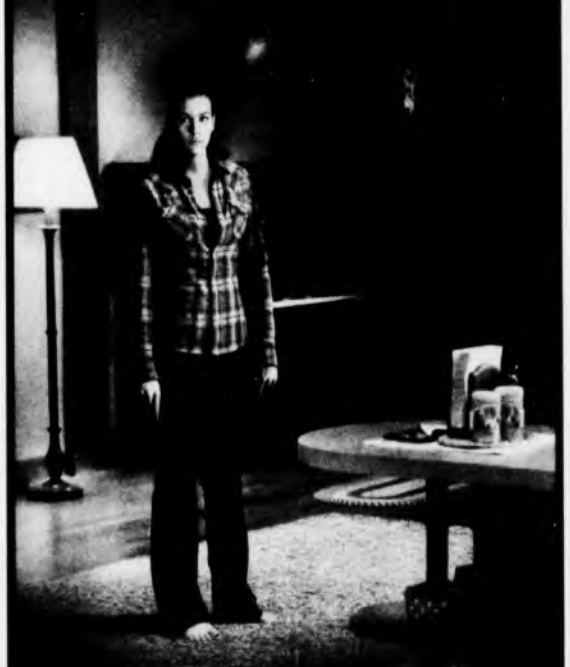
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Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS FOR RELEASE WEEK OF MAY 26, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others. But wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bravo to the determined Bovine. While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Taurean tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be done.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your keen Cancerian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there waiting for you to find them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Being ignored is difficult for any proud Leo or Leona. But pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is ill-advised. Control your curiosity to avoid raising resentment in the workplace.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in his or her way.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.

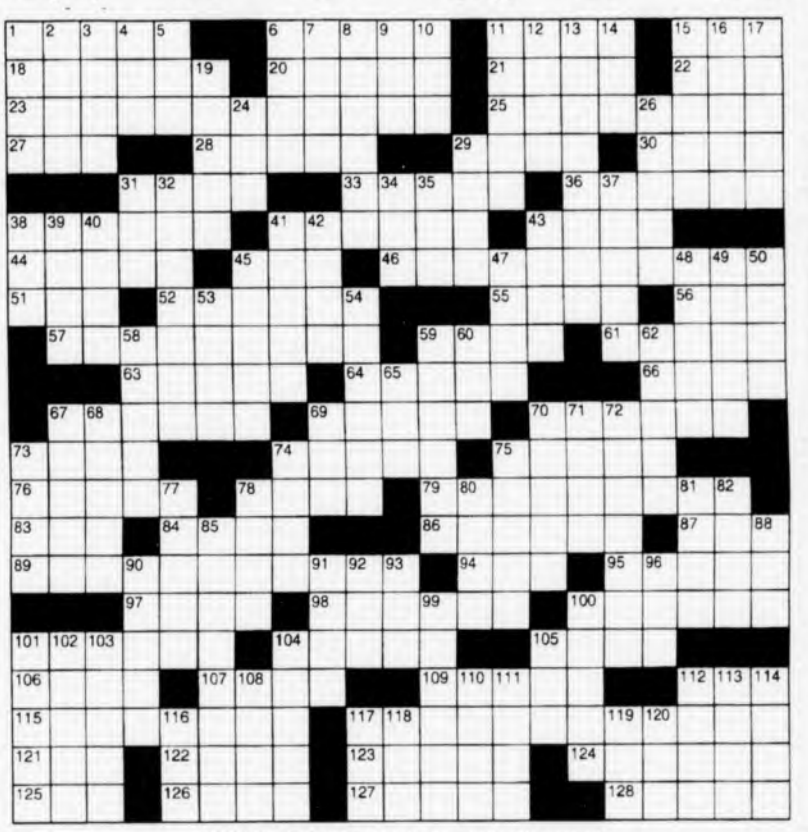
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BORN THIS WEEK: You have an extraordinary ability to rally people to do their best. You would be a treasure as a teacher.

Crossword - Hog Wash

ACROSS
1 Off-the-wall
6 Ukrainian city
11 Peepers, to Pope
15 Arrange type
18 Repeated
20 French spa
21 Rain heavily
22 Gob
23 Start of a remark
25 Earmark
27 Asian holiday
28 Annual award?
29 Shake — (hurry)
30 Hurries
31 Depraved
33 Pile up
36 Squirrel's stash
38 Snake-charmer's crew
41 Outcast
43 Globule
44 Riyadh religion
45 Damone or Dana
46 Part 2 of remark
51 Neighbor of Fla.
52 Rice dish
55 Waikiki wing-ding
56 Salute for Caesar
57 Unaware
59 Wee serving
61 Poe crow
63 Ain't right?
64 Type of cabbage
66 Part of NB
67 High-rise building?
69 Part 3 of remark
70 Know-it-all
73 Semester
74 Prickly plant
75 Hellman's "The Little —"
76 Marsh sight
78 It should be square
79 Put an end to
83 Carnival site
84 Dentist's directive
86 "The — Kid" ('84 film)
87 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
89 Part 4 of remark
94 Corn portion
95 Broadcast in July
97 Bates or Rickman
98 Cheerless
100 One of the Waughs
101 Elegant
104 — terrier
105 Salchow kin
106 Sludge
107 Bloomsbury buggy
109 Bookstore section
112 Actress Cassidy
115 Managers
117 End of remark
121 Be human
122 MD's area
123 Riser's relative
124 Home on the range?
125 "So there!"
126 Man, for one
127 At daybreak
128 Gushes

DOWN
1 "Miss Lonely-hearts" writer
2 Dull pain
3 Atkins or Huntley
4 Holyfield stats
5 "Definitely!"
6 He's abominable
7 Rara —
8 One-dimensional
9 Label
10 Whichever
11 Iridescent stones
12 Hamlet or Herman Munster
13 Where to spend leva
14 Smash letters
15 Flight segment
16 Consumed
17 Lock
19 Name of a Day
24 "My Gal —" (1905 tune)
26 Butcher-shop display
29 '75 Wimbledon winner
31 Age
32 Garlic hater
34 Bad start
35 Contented sigh
37 — d'Alene, ID
38 Spy org.
39 '52 Winter Olympics site
40 Spill the beans
41 Navigate
42 Bill of Rights grp.
43 — major
45 Like some leaves
47 Chew out
48 Sheltered spot
49 Happening
50 Russo of "Get Shorty"
53 Maintain
54 Beset
58 Delibes opera
59 "Rusalka" composer
60 Ely or Darling
62 Disconcert
65 "Stroker —" ('83 film)
67 Get cracking
68 It's kept in a quiver
69 Bikini part
70 Opposite
71 Way out
72 Merit
73 Hatcher of "Lois & Clark"
74 Crooked
75 Raid
77 Adz and awl
78 Chow —
80 Actor Parley
81 Viscount's better
82 Cart
85 Nursery items
88 Hotel
90 Desert refuges
91 Dutch town
92 — Lanka
93 "— the fields we go . . ."
96 Smoked delicacy
99 Response
100 Be
101 Sheep sheds
102 "M" man
103 Blue hue
104 Social group
105 Sternward
108 TV's "— People"
110 Barbecue fuel
111 The — 500
112 Mature
113 From the top
114 Gets by (with "out")
116 Mai —
117 Ideologue's suffix
118 Singer's syllable
119 Cock and bull
120 Dem.'s opponent



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Sudoku

		4		7				8
	2				6		5	9
9			5			7		
	8				5	1		3
6		1		3		2		
		3	1				8	
	9	5		2		3		
	3		9					4
7					1		6	

Level: Hoo Boy

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Magic Maze - Market

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W T Q N A K I F C Z W U U E R
P M J H E L C Z N X U P N I S
Q N L J G E B C S O E O Z T X
V T R P N L J H E R M M E I C
A Y W V T R P N R L E M K R K
I G E C B D T N U A Z L O U C
X W U S R P O W T O E B L C O
M L J I G E P O U D A B B E T
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Commodities
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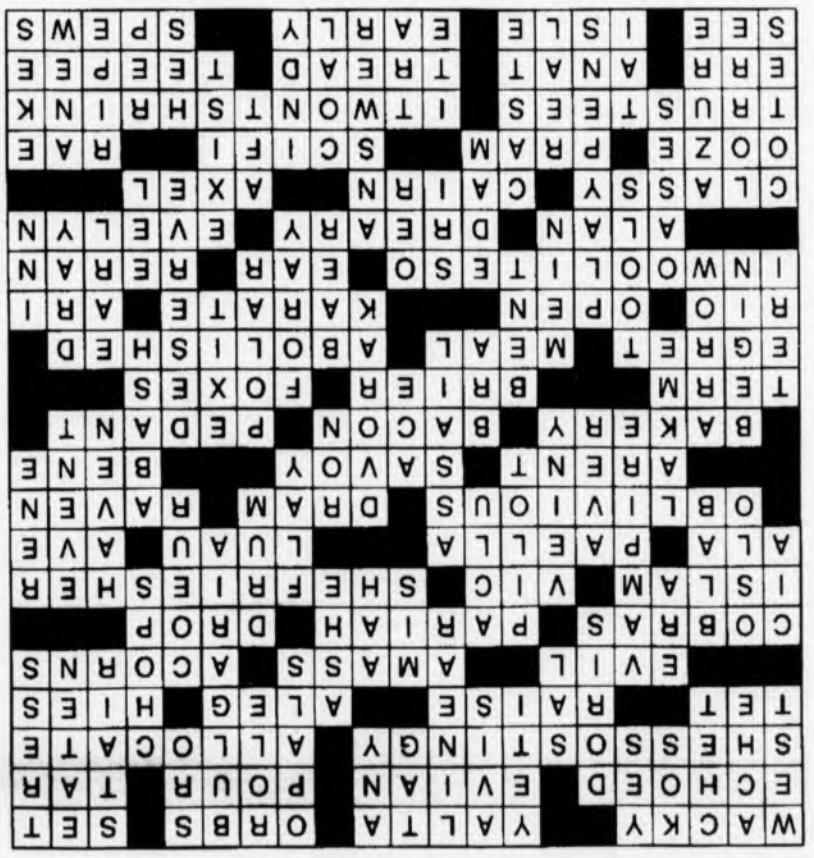
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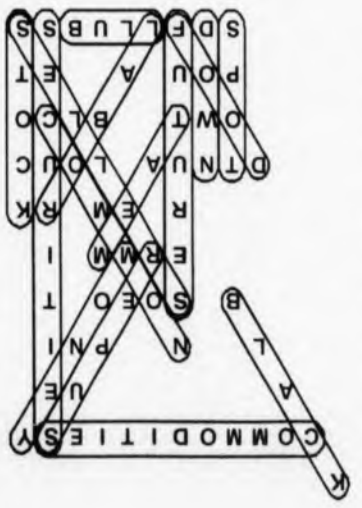
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Crossword Solution - Hog Wash



Magic Solution - Market



Sudoku Solution

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4	2	8	7	5	9	6	3	1
1	7	3	4	2	6	5	9	8
6	8	5	2	9	1	3	7	4
7	9	2	8	3	4	1	5	6
3	4	1	5	6	7	9	8	2
2	1	7	3	4	5	8	6	9
9	5	4	6	1	8	7	2	3
8	3	6	9	7	2	4	1	5

TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

MAY 29 - JUNE 6, 2008

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, May 29

Big Sister Association is looking for women to mentor girls between the ages of 7 to 15. A few hours a week is all it takes. Information: 617-236-8060, email bigsister@bigsister.org or visit www.bigsister.org

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 29 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Medicine Man-Blues Jam** open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight May 29, **Krisanthi Pappas/Yasko Kubota.** No cover. 781-740-0688.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 29, **Flydown.** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Friday, May 30

Oceanside 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland St., Hull. **At Home in My Life: New Paintings by Franny Andahazy.** A solo exhibition of new work by artist and gallery-owner Franny Andahazy. **Opening Reception:** Friday, May 30, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Also showing works by South Shore artists: **Nancy Colella, Jeanne MacFarland, Ros Farbush, Page Railsback, Conny Hatch and Kate Ryan**. Hours: Thursday – Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. Accessible to all, no admission 781-773-1563.

1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. Join **Author Eve LaPlante** May 30 at 7 p.m., for a lecture and book signing of her biography **Salem Witch Judge: The Life and Repentance of Samuel Sewall.** Tickets are $10 each and are available by calling the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or by logging onto the website: www.winslowhouse.org. Light refreshments will be served.

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree, 9 p.m. May 30 **Comedy Night** featuring **Michael Petite** along with **Jerry Thornton, Jason Marcus** and **Bob Carney**. Information: jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack 781-848-0300.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight May 30, **Karen Bell/Yasko Kubota.** No cover. 781-740-0688.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. May 30, Six Foot Sunday781-829-6999.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until Sept.

New England Singles Dance, May 30, 8 p.m. to midnight, Sheraton Braintree Hotel Grand Ballroom, Rte. I-93 at Exit 6, DJ $12.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 30 **Lickity Split** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. May 30, **The Loco Locals** 781-849-7007.

Saturday, May 31

Free Family Fun Day May 31, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Norwell High School Athletic Fields, 18 South St., (rain date June 1). Festivities include the Mamas' Olympics, the South Shore's largest outdoor zumba class, an obstacle course for families and kids, a bouncy house, face painting, a raffle and more. Bring gently used or new children's items to donate at the event. Entry is free with some activities requiring the purchase of tickets. Donations and proceeds go to Cradles to Crayons to help support local children in need. Information: 781-616-6244 or visit www.mamas-move.com.







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The South Street Gallery, 149 South St, Hingham, announces an upcoming exhibit featuring various portraits by South Shore artists. This unique exhibit will start on May 31, with the reception from 4 to 7 p.m. View the variety of portraits done by local artists. There will be examples of portraits of houses, portraits of pets, and portraits of people. There will be a wide variety of painting styles, sizes and mediums to choose from.. This exhibit will end on June 20. Artists participating in this show are Robert Beaulieu, Joan Brancale, Eli Cedrone, Cheryl Dunlap, Mary Felton, Lisa Johnson, Priscilla Levesque, Jeanne MacFarland, Dianne Panarelli Miller, Karl Nestelberger, Vcevy Strekalovsky and

Storybook Cove, Merchants Row, 2053 Washington St., Routes 53 and 123 Hanover. Meet local artist/illustrator and long-time Plymouth art teacher, **Christine Sykes** as she gives a presentation of the latest book she has illustrated, ***I'm Nocturnal, How About You?***, a picture book by Jennifer Sy Heger filled with the animals of the night. There will be a fun activity for children as well as a reading and signing of the book. For more information call **781-871-7801** or see www.storybookcove.com.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are sponsoring a trip to **Great Brewster Island** on May 31. The boat will depart from Rowes Wharf at noon, arriving back at 5 p.m. Rowes Wharf is in downtown Boston (by the Boston Harbor Hotel, Atlantic Avenue). The closest T station is South Station (Red Line). Rain or shine. The trip goes regardless of the weather, with no rain date. Space is limited, advance paid reservations are strongly recommended. Any tickets still available on the day will be sold from 11am at Rowes Wharf, first come first served, cash only please. The cost is $25 for adults, $22 for seniors (65+) and FRIENDS members, $17 for children (4 – 12), $15 for FBHI member children, and free for babies three or under. For more information about FRIENDS activities visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St, Hingham, announces an upcoming exhibit featuring various portraits by South Shore artists. This unique exhibit will start on May 31, with the reception from 4 to 7 p.m. where interested parties may view and purchase exhibited artwork or inquire about possible commissions. Everyone is encouraged to view the variety of portraits done by local artists. There will be examples of portraits of houses, portraits of pets, and portraits of people. There will be a wide variety of painting styles, sizes and mediums to choose from. This exhibit will end on June 20. Artists participating in this show are **Robert Beaulieu, Joan Brancale, Eli Cedrone, Cheryl Dunlap, Mary Felton, Lisa Johnson, Priscilla Levesque, Jeanne MacFarland, Dianne Panarelli Miller, Karl Nestelberger, Vcevy Strekalovsky and Marjorie Whorf**. 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

Congregation Shirat Hayam located at 185 Plain St. (Route. 139) in Marshfield. **A special free night at the movies, featuring HINEINI – "Here I Am** The movie begins at 7 p.m. May 31. Free event. Information contact Rabbi Rachel Schoenfeld at rabbi@shirathayam.net or 781-582-2700, or visit Web site www.shirathayam.net

The Hingham Newcomers Club is hosting its annual **Spring Welcoming Party** on Saturday evening May 31st. If you are new to Hingham or just want to meet new people and get more involved with your town please join us! Call Ellen Rogers at (781)749-1889 for questions or more information.

Scituate Beautification Commission and the Scituate Department of Public Works are launching Ship Shape 2008 Day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 31. For information, call Donna Bangert at 781-545-2620 or Melissa Boynton at 781-545-7663, or send an e-mail to scituatebeautification@live.com. People may also stop by town hall between 8 and 10 a.m. on May 31 to get trash bags.

All Season's Restaurant, Plymouth St. Halifax, **Blind Ambition**, May 31. 781-293-4135.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight **every Saturday night Karaoke**. No cover. 781-740-0688.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. May 31 **Deepwater Blues** 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, May 31 **John The Conquerer.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Sunday, June 1

Cornerstone Lodge, 585 Washington St., Duxbury. **All you can eat breakfast buffet**, from 8 to 11:30 a.m., **June 1.** Menu: scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, toast, English muffins, baked beans, juice and coffee. Pancakes and French toast cooked to order. Adults $7, seniors $6, children age 12 and under $5. **Open to the public.**

First Annual Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth Poker Run" June 1. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at Wal-Mart in Halifax. This ride will take you through most of the towns served by HFHGP (Plymouth, Kingston, Carver, Plympton, Middleboro and Lakeville) and by some of the homes we have built, including our newest Women Build project in Kingston. Following the event, there will be food and festivities at the Upland Sportsman Club in Plympton where riders can take chances on great raffle prizes and have a complimentary massage from therapists at "Soft Touch To Go". Local favorites, "The Chowda Heads", will provide Classic Rock and Blues music. Entry cost is $15 per person. Both motorcycles and cars are welcome to enter. For more information or to buy tickets, call 508 866-4188 or visit www.hfhplymouth.org.

NRC Family Network will host a **Touch A Truck program** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on June 1, at Rockland High School, 52 MacKinlay Way, Rockland. Children are invited to come check out the big rigs. Kids of all ages can do more than just touch the trucks at this event - they can climb on them, sit in them and blow the horns. Food and raffles will also be featured. Cost is $5 per child; adults admitted free. For more information or to register, call 781-681-9736.

The Dickinson Gallery Route 18 in Weymouth has designated **Stephen Boczanowski** of Norwell as their featured artist June 1 through June 14. Gallery hours are Wed. through Sat. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sundays noon to 5 p.m. For information and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384.

NSRWA sponsor's rower's row on the North River, Sunday, June 1, 8:30 a.m. Row with NSRWA board member, Roger Crawford. Join in on a pleasant recreational row on the North River and ride the tide up and back from Union Street up to Route 3, stopping at Couch Beach for a picnic and swim on the way back. Meet at the Marshfield Canoe Launch at the Union St. Bridge at 8:30 am. Both fixed and sliding seat boats are welcome. All boats and rowers should be equipped with proper safety gear and PFD's (and lunch) Pre-registration a must, as the number and size of the boats participating is limited, so you **must sign up before May 29.** To register, contact the NSRWA at 781-659-8168 or email paula@nsrwa.org. Suggested donation is $10 per boat.

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate, presents Children's Picture Book Author **Stephen Krensky,** author of **Sisters of Scituate Light** June 1 at 1 p.m. This event is for all ages. For information or to reserve a book call 781-545-5011 or www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

CALENDAR, see next page

Tops in Pops contest

South Shore students selected to compete in June 2 sing-off quarterfinals

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Students from Braintree, Duxbury, Norwell and North Quincy high schools are among the 20 performers selected for the Boston Pops' first-ever musical theater competition for Massachusetts high school students. The Boston Pops High School Sing-Off quarterfinalists will participate in the first live round of the competition on the stage of Symphony Hall on June 2, overseen by Boston Pops Conductor Keith Lockhart.

More than 200 students from 120 towns throughout Massachusetts, from Martha's Vineyard to the Berkshires, sent in audition tapes for the chance to sing with the Boston Pops, conducted by Keith Lockhart, on the Fourth of July on Boston's Charles River Esplanade.

Singing out from the South Shore will be soloists Caroline Cronin, 16, from Norwell, who



Mariah MacFarlane of Duxbury



Meghan Ryan of Braintree



Brianna Shetler of North Quincy

sang "Astonishing" from "Little Women" on her audition tape, and Mariah MacFarlane, 16, from Duxbury, a student at Duxbury High School, who performed "With One Look" from "Sunset Boulevard."

In addition, three Braintree High School students, Adam Randall, 17, Meghan Ryan, 15, and Michael Ryan, 17 joined with Brianna Shetler, 15, and Kirsten Shetler, 17, students at North Quincy High School, to sing "One Day More" from "Les Misérables," for the audition tape that gained them each a spot in the quarterfinals.

Six semi-finalists will be selected from the group of 20 on stage at Symphony Hall on June 2. Those six will perform in two groups of three during Boston Pops concerts at Symphony Hall on June 17 and 18, at 8 p.m. One performer from each group will then move on to the finals, which will take place at a Pops concert at Symphony Hall on July 1, at which time a winner will be selected. The winner of the High School Sing-Off will then perform on the Boston Pops Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops on the Charles River Esplanade on July 3 and 4.

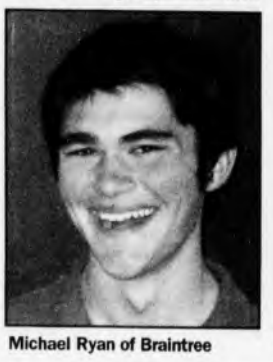
For more information, go online at bostonpops.org.



Caroline Cronin of Norwell



Adam Randall of Braintree



Michael Ryan of Braintree



Kirsten Shetler of North Quincy

Call for entries

THE SCITUATE ARTS ASSOCIATION invites artists of all ages—youths to seniors—and skills—novice to professional—to experience Plein Air Painting during **Scituate Arts Association's *Arts Alive! Weekend* Plein Air Event, June 28.** Painting times: Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; added time in case of rain, Sunday, June 29 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (must complete application on Saturday; Gallery will be open regular hours on Sunday). Wet Paint Show & Sale at Front St. Gallery, Sunday, June 29, 1:30 to 5 p.m.; People's Choice Award at 4:30 p.m. Advance registration is requested of participants. Applications and additional information are available online at www.scituateart.com by e-mail to jcornacch@aol.com and phone 781-545-7613 - or stop by Front Street Gallery, 124 Front St., Unit #8 to pick up an application.

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Pembroke High School students C.J. Gallopo, Sarah Leary, Nick McKinney, Mary Rose Blandino, Jordan Ennis (lying down) perform in "Once on This Island" nominated for seven North Shore Music Theatre Spotlight Awards.

Spotlight shines brightly on Pembroke

High School drama club nominated for several NSMT awards

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Pembroke High School has been nominated for seven North Shore Music Theatre (NSMT) Spotlight Awards. The awards, modeled after Broadway's Tony Awards, recognize excellence in musical theater among high school students and teachers. This year's program involves 24 high schools and over 1,000 students, and will culminate in an awards ceremony on June 2 on the NSMT main stage in Beverly.

"North Shore Music Theatre is committed to education and to the art of musical theater, and the Spotlight Awards program is a unique opportunity for us to reach into local communities and recognize the brightest stars of high school musical theater," said Barry Ivan, NSMT's Artistic Director and Executive Producer, in a prepared statement. "The awards have become a wonderful and exciting tradition at NSMT and a perfect way to celebrate and showcase the immense talent and enthusiasm of all the students and teachers."

Fifteen awards will be presented, including Best Leading Actor/Actress, Best Supporting Actor/Actress, Best Featured Performer, Best Ensemble/Chorus, Best Direction, Best Musical Direction, Best Choreography, Best Orchestra, Best Technical Crew/Execution, Best Scenic Design, Best Costume Design, Best Lighting Design, and the evening's final award for Best Musical.

Pembroke High School's production of "Once on This Island" has been nominated for Best Direction (Marcie Clough), Best Choreography (Marcie Clough), Best Lighting Design (Drew Hebert), Best Supporting Actress (Sarah Long as Erzulie), Best Featured Performer (Jordan Ennis as Ti Moune), Best Technical Crew and Execution, and Best Musical.

"North Shore Music Theatre's Spotlight Awards are an inspiration for young performers," said Joyce Kulhawik, former WBZ-TV arts and entertainment reporter and host of the 2007 ceremony, in a prepared statement. "It is an honor to be in the presence of all that young talent on one stage for one magical night."

Although budget cuts led to her recent departure from WBZ-TV, Kulhawik will be returning as a presenter for this year's ceremony, where she will be joined by this year's hosts, David Nathan Perlow and Addi McDaniel, best known to NSMT audiences as Troy Bolton and Gabriella Montez from the theater's 2007 production of "Disney's High School Musical." Other presenters will include NSMT's Artistic Director Emeritus Jon Kimbell, State Representative Mary Grant, Beverly Mayor William Scanlon, Massachusetts Film Office Executive Director Nick Paleologos, and cast members from NSMT's upcoming production of "Contact."

According to Ivan, strong interest and participation in the NSMT Spotlight Awards program has made for a lasting bond with local communities. "The awards are an opportunity to applaud students and high schools from all over Massachusetts and New Hampshire for their dedication, hard work, and passion. These students are our future and as theater educators and enthusiasts, it is our privilege to honor them and encourage their growth."

The ceremony will include an opening number showcasing two students from each of the participating schools. In addition, musical numbers from each of the 10 productions nominated for Best Musical will be performed throughout the ceremony, including a scene from Pembroke High School's production of "Once on This Island." In addition to Pembroke High School, the following schools will be represented: Andover High School, Beverly High School, Bishop-Fenwick High School, Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, Danvers High School, Dracut High School, Framingham High School, Ipswich High School, Lynnfield High School, Marblehead High School, Masconomet High School, Natick High School, Newburyport High School, Pentucket Regional High School, Pope John XXIII High School, Reading Memorial High School, Salem High School (MA), Salem High School (NH), St. Thomas Aquinas High School, The Governor's Academy, Tyngsborough High School, Westford Academy, and Silver Lake Regional High School in Kingston.

The Spotlight Awards will take place at the North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road (Route 128, Exit 19), Beverly, on June 2. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 978-232-7200 or go online at nsmt.org.

In your garden

PLIMOTH PLANTATION'S horticulture department sells a variety of native and heriloom seeds in the museum gift shop, as well as hard to find herbs and plants, including heirloom flowers and vegetables at the museum's annual plant sales. This year the plant sales are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 31, and June 1 from 9 am, to 3 p.m.

WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB 2008 PLANT SALE, June 7,9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Weymouth DPW, 120 Winter St., Weymouth.

THE CLIFT RODGERS LIBRARY GARDEN TOUR 540 Pleasant St., Marshfield Hills. Garden Tour on June 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be six Marshfield gardens on the tour. Refreshments and artists will be sprinkled at some gardens along the way. The tickets are $15 in advance, day of the tour, $18. Tickets will be available at Marshfield Hills General Store on Prospect Street, Roche Brothers, Nessrella Farm, and Clift Rodgers Library in Marshfield. Information: 781-834-4597, visit www.cliftrodgerslibrary.org, or e-mail the library at cliftrodgerslibrary@comcast.net.

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Monday, June 2

Exploring the Landscape: Paintings by Kathleen Dunn of Scituate will be on display at Tufts Street Community Gallery, 41 Foster St., Arlington, June 2 to July 18. Reception: Friday, June 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **www.acarts.org**

The Scituate Animal Shelter will offer a new **Pet Loss Support Group** free to the public. It will take place from 7 to 8 p.m., the first Monday of the month, at Scituate Public Library, 85 Branch St. For information, call the shelter at 781-545-8703.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. No appointment is necessary. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com All are welcome.

DivorceCare for Kids support group meetings on Mondays. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vineyard Community Church, 8 Hilltop Ave., Kingston. A 13-week self-contained revolving sessions for kids ages 5 to 12. Information, contact Rosalie 781-585-4776 or rosalie@thevineyardkingston.org.

Hanover Toastmasters meets from 5:45 to 7 p.m. every first and third Monday, each month, at the Rockland Trust building, 2036 Washington Street, Hanover. Information contact Stacey Shipman-Stacey@letitflowfitness.com

Wednesday, June 4

The Daniel Webster Estate in Marshfield will welcome Historic re-enactor, **Jessa Piaia** as she portrays pioneer aviatrix, Amelia Earhart in **"Meet Amelia Earhart (1897-1937): First Lady of the Air",** on June 4. Doors open at 1:30 p.m., program will begin at 2 p.m. with informative Q&A session and refreshments to follow. Space is limited. For ticket information call Virginia 781-837-2403 or Eileen at 781-837-7579.

The Scituate Affiliate of Voice of the Faithful will host ***Listening With Compassion: Perspectives on Outreach and Understanding.*** The panel will consist of Father Robert Bowers, June Chin Marjorie Bean, on Wednesday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Scituate. Questions and answers will follow the discussion and refreshments will be served.

Thursday, June 5

Natural Health Care Practitioner Mark Mincolla June 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Company Theatre in Norwell Tickets $35. Mincolla Sound & Light. Register Now!-PP or mail payments to: Healthy Living Magazine, P.O. Box 357 Marshfield Hills. 781-834-2728.

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local businesses in the South Shore area. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at our new meeting location at Advanced Mortgage in 335 Washington St. (Rte. 53) in Norwell from 5 to 6 p.m., and on the third Thursday of each month at Halifax Country Club from noon to 1:30 p.m., lunch is extra. For information, email info@network4success.org or visit http://www.network4success.org for meeting information, news on our membership, and our upcoming events.

The Alzheimer's Care Partner Group will be meeting on June 5, at 10:30 a.m. in the John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., (Route 139) Hanover. Call Penny Peterson, LCSW at 781.544.4571 for more information.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St. Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

Friday, June 6

Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate. Two new artists are being introduced to the public by the Front Street Art Gallery, through June 27 with a reception on Friday, June 6 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Monoprintist **Joan Appel** defines her medium as "... a painting done on a printing plate, then applied to paper. Jody Regan **enjoys painting outdoors, and in her studio; is drawn to the brilliant light of the New England coast.** The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on Monday.

James Library & Center for the Arts, Norwell Center presents "Barns, Rivers, & Dories: Into the Light" The watercolors of **Priscilla Sands Jevne** from June 6 - June 30. The show will include 25 "hidden treasures" that were recently discovered in a box in the artist's studio. This exhibit may be viewed Tuesday 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be no public opening and the pieces will not be for sale. Information: call 781.659.7100 or visit the web at www.jameslibrary.org

A lecture on Normandy Invasion and the role of the Enigma Machine takes place June 6, at 7 p.m., the historic Winslow House in Marshfield. Tickets are $ 10 apiece and are available by calling the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or by ordering online at the website: www.winslow-house.org. Light refreshments will be served.

New England Singles Dance, June 6, 8 p.m. to midnight, Mosley on the Charles DJ $12. 617-325-4900 www.singles-dances-newengland.com

Single Executives Club Singles Dance. June 6, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. Dancing with music by Award-winning DJ from 8:30 p.m. to midnight Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples. 35+ years old. Cost is $12. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended. Information: 781-446-0234, www.se-4u.com.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until Sept.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St. Braintree. June 6, **Tommy Baker** 781-849-7007.



Oceanside 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland St., Hull, At Home in My Life: New Paintings by Franny Andahazy. A solo exhibition of new work by artist and gallery-owner Franny Andahazy. Opening Reception: Friday, May 30, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Also showing works by South Shore artists: Nancy Colella, Jeanne MacFarland, Ros Farbush, Page Railsback, Conny Hatch and Kate Ryan. Hours: Thursday – Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. Accessible to all, no admission 781-773-1563.

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THE RED-CARPET TREATMENT



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Senior Cliff Musto escorts his date senior, Anna Haggerty, down the red carpet amidst a throng of adoring friends and family during the annual pre-prom gala on the town common last Friday evening. For more photos see pages 22 & 23. For a slide show of all the photos, visit www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

Diploma day is Saturday

79 CHS seniors to graduate

By Nancy White
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Cohasset Public Schools will send another class on their way to the world beyond the town's outer limits this Saturday. Decked out in blue and white, a total of 79 students cross the stage at the South Shore Music Circus stage to be handed their diplomas.

With cameras and proud smiles, parents and family members will certainly be on hand to cheer on the graduates as they pass this milestone. Commencement exercises will begin at 1:30p.m., Saturday, under the green and yellow big top. Members of the administration, as well as valedictorian Sarah Brown, salutatorian Alexandra Laas and class president, Kenny Muir, will address the Class of 2008 with a few inspiring words.

"We're a tight knit group of kids," said Kenny Muir, President of the Class of 2008. With such a small class, the majority of whom have been together since kindergarten, he says the group has bonded immensely.

Valedictorian Sarah Brown says the fact the class is so tiny, even by Cohasset standards, has made for close friendships and a friendly atmosphere.

"Everybody has been together forever and we all get along," said Brown,

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Award winning artists enjoy creative camaraderie

53rd annual Festival starts June 13

By Bonnie Jernigan
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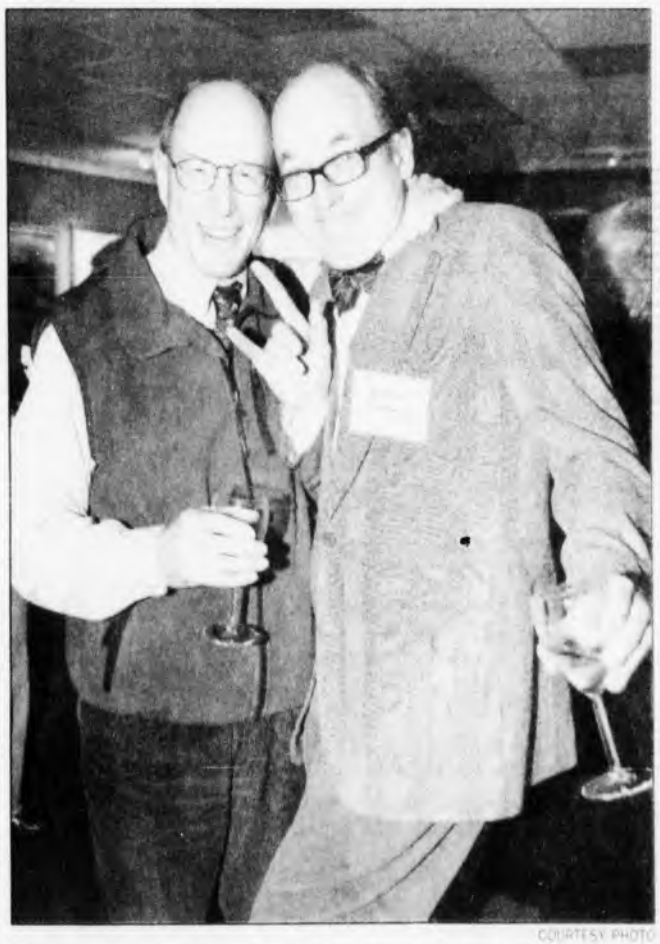
A good-natured rivalry continues within the local fraternity of notable painters.

Michael Weymouth won first prize for oil and acrylics in the South Shore Art Center's prestigious juried exhibition, and his pal Vcevy Strekalovsky placed second. On the other hand, Strekalovsky had three paintings accepted into the highly selective show. This year, more than 400 works were entered, and only 94 were chosen to be exhibited in the big white tent on Cohasset Common — the centerpiece of South Shore Art Center's annual arts festival, held every Father's Day weekend.

Weymouth and Strekalovsky, both Hingham residents, have each become serious painters after first establishing themselves in another profession. Strekalovsky is an architect, and Weymouth founded and developed a Boston design agency with an international client base. The two men are longtime friends who enjoy a back-and-forth game of facetious one-upmanship. Two years ago they showed together in a gallery exhibit titled "45 Years Later," celebrating their newfound pursuit of painting.

While a gallery show was satisfying, Weymouth and Strekalovsky say they enjoy the broader crowd appeal of the festival.

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Long-time friends, Vcevy Strekalovsky, left, and Michael Weymouth, ham it up at a recent opening at the South Shore Art Center. Both men became painters after establishing themselves in another profession.

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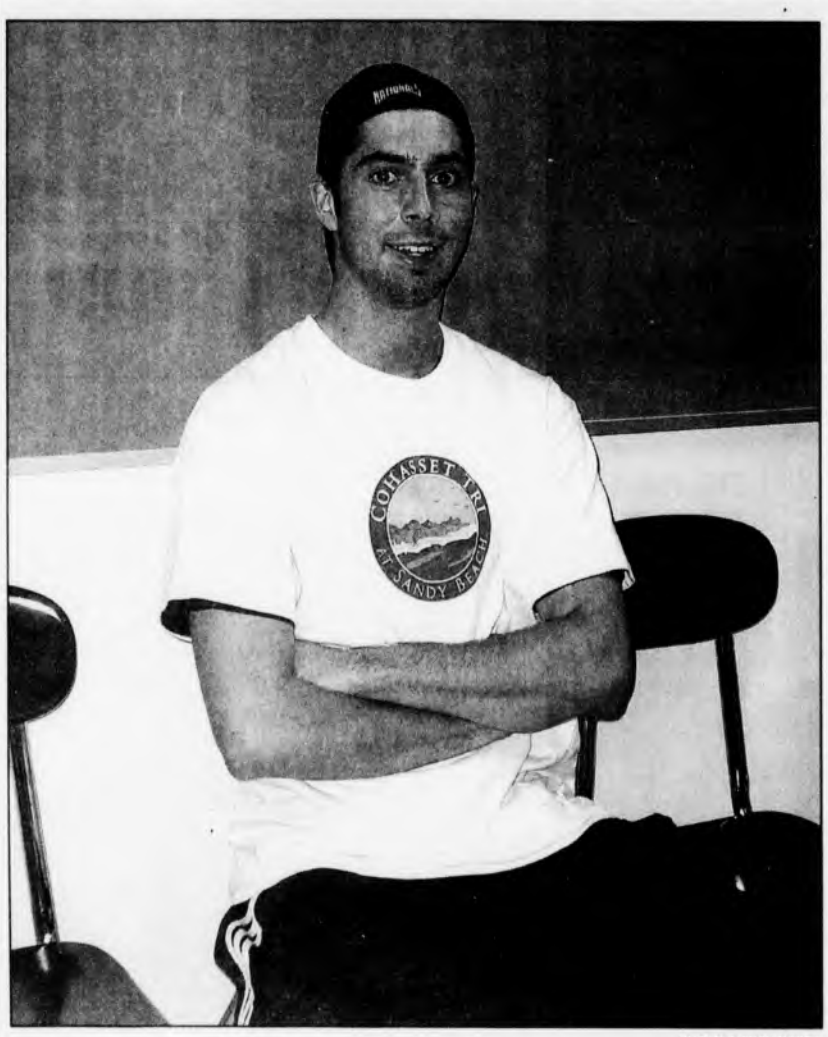
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Kenny Muir, President of the Class of 2008, will graduate Saturday with his 79 classmates.

Name: Kenny Muir.

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Best day of your life: The day I got into Fairfield University.

Best vacation: Aruba with my family.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite meal: Ribs and mashed potatoes.

Best book: "Othello," by William Shakespeare.

Best movie: "Office Space."

Best TV show: "The Shield."

Most memorable moment: Winning the South Shore League title in baseball for the first time in 49 years.

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Person you'd most like to meet: Jimi Hendrix.

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Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:18 p.m.*			
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Market troubles are delaying Cedarmere

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The slow housing market and the challenges of building on ledge-filled Cohasset are the primary reasons there has been no action on the Cedarmere property off Route 3A.

The developers for the Cedarmere site, which is currently approved to build 104 housing units designated for seniors on the 41-acre site, came before the Planning Board Monday night to offer an update. There has been little to no action on the site for over a year.

Mahmood Malihi representing Leggat McCall, the developer of the site, explained they have explored different options in order to make the project feasible in the current economic conditions, but none work. They have looked at pursuing a cluster development approach versus sticking with the age-restriction development, "in either case given the current market conditions, neither works," said Malihi.

"We as a town have an interest to see things move forward," said Planning Board Vice Chairman Stuart Ivimey, adding it would be disappointing to see the affordability element changed. "The town has made some decisions thinking the affordable units (would be coming online.)"

Cedarmere has plans for 27 units of affordable ownership housing.

But, when exactly Cedarmere construction will begin in earnest is up in the air.

"A combination of the ledge and sewer makes the upfront infrastructure cost much higher than a flat site," said Malihi. Although the developers said they knew of the site's inherent challenges going into the project, the market conditions have changed considerably since the project received a special permit in January 2004. If built as approved, the project would be the first under the town's Senior Overlay District bylaw.

"When the market tells us, we will come forward," said Malihi. Some preliminary site work has been done, but the developers' best guess it is only about 10 percent complete. Malihi said the site has been stabilized for safety reasons, but if there were concerns they would deal with them.

When the market will rebound is anybody's guess and the Cedarmere developers weren't ready to predict when they could resume building.

"If you asked me last fall, I would have said in about six months (the market) would pick up," said Marty Standiford of ING Clarion, a partner in the development. "I was confident in saying in May or June we'd be coming before you saying we're ready to begin… at this point I'm a little gun shy about making predictions."

Standiford said the Boston-area is better off than other parts of the country, "it's not all doom and gloom."

While the developers wait to see what will happen with the real estate market over the next six months, Ivimey suggested additional screening be installed for the abutters, "it's clear it could be some time (before construction begins)."

The Board suggested additional screening be installed for the abutting houses on Beechwood Street. "It would go a long way to generate some good will with the abutters."

The Planning Board members were grateful to have an update from the Cedarmere developers.

"People ask us questions, everybody wants to know what's going on," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore. The Planning Board requested the Cedarmere developers come before them quarterly to give an update even if the message is still the same.

Barrow charged in fatal accident

Arraigned on charges Thursday

By Nancy White
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Christopher Barrow, the driver of the car that crashed taking the life of 16-year-old Timothy Mahoney of Scituate, has been arraigned on charges of motor vehicle homicide by negligent operation as well as five other misdemeanor charges relating to the fatal accident.

The car accident happened shortly before 1a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, on Route 3A near Pond Street in Cohasset. Barrow suffered serious injuries in the accident and is now paralyzed.

Barrow, 18 years-old and a Scituate High student, faces six charges: motor vehicle homicide by negligent operation, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, speeding, failure to wear a seatbelt, minor in possession of alcohol and minor transporting alcohol.

A probable cause hearing held two weeks ago where Barrow's attorney Robert Jubinville waived his client's right to a hearing. Phone calls to Jubinville's Milton office were not immediately answered.

Barrow's arraignment was scheduled at the Quincy District Court on Thursday morning and a further court date was set for July 30.

Although there was evidence of alcohol found at the accident scene, Barrow is not being charged with operating under the influence. Because the blood alcohol test results were not used as supportive evidence for a charge, David Traub, spokesman for the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office said he could not release the results.

The maximum sentence for the misdemeanor charge of vehicle homicide is imprisonment for 30 days to two and one-half years or a fine of $300 to $3,000, or both.

When a defendant is convicted of motor vehicle homicide, either the felony or the misdemeanor, his driver's license is revoked for a period of 10 years; upon a subsequent conviction, it is revoked for life.

POLICE BEAT

Cyclist injured in fall at crossing

By Mary Ford
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Last Friday a man riding a bicycle fell at the North Main Street grade crossing injuring his arm. The MBTA was contacted and the incoming train was stopped.

The incident that occurred at 2:16 p.m. is one in a series of mishaps involving bicycles at that grade crossing where the tracks cross North Main Street at about a 45-degree angle and can trap the bike's front tire.

The MBTA has posted signs warning cyclists to walk their bikes across the tracks. There are plans to create a path encouraging cyclists to swing to the right where they will cross the tracks at a 90-degree angle. Warning marks alerting cyclists could also be painted on the road itself, Chief James Hussey said.

"Until these changes happen we will continue to see these accidents," Hussey said.

The man involved in this accident was transported to the hospital.

Stolen car

A 2002 gray Nissan Maxima stolen from a Cohasset residence last week was located in Hull. Earlier, Weymouth police located some items that belonged to the car's owner in their town. The theft is under investigation.

Evaluation

Last Wednesday (May 28) a car backed into another vehicle in the Stop & Shop parking lot as the operator, an elderly woman, was trying to park.

Those who witnessed the accident expressed concern to police about the woman's ability to drive. The woman, who apparently did not realize she had hit another car, drove away. However, police were able to get a plate number. Based on witness information, police have asked the registry to do a medical evaluation to determine if the woman, who is in her 80s, should be driving, Chief Hussey said.

Baseball

A homeowner notified police after finding a baseball lodged between the window and the indoor shutter. The baseball smashed the window into the living room sometime overnight May 25 between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The Rustic Drive resident notified police on Monday (May 26). Police are processing the baseball as evidence. They do not think the vandalism involved kids throwing a ball around because of the time it occurred. "We are investigating to determine who might be responsible," Chief Hussey said.

Gas theft

Police believe that someone tried to steal gas from the tank of a car parked in the Town Parking Lot on Thursday (May 29) around 10 p.m. The caller reported when he returned to his car someone had cut a hole in the gas tank and gas was covering the ground around the car and there was gas in a plastic container under the car.

"We are not sure if this subject was scared off and did not finish what he started," Hussey said. He explained the car had close to a full tank and most of the gas ended up spilling on the ground.

The fire department helped with the cleanup and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was called.

Chief Hussey said in the 70s it was not uncommon for thieves to siphon gasoline from cars.

"This is the first I have heard of drilling a hole to get gasoline but I understand it has happened in other towns," he said.

Rolled back

A woman parked in the driveway, got out, and did not put the vehicle in park so it rolled back and struck her. The vehicle came to rest next to some shrubs. The woman was knocked to the ground and had minor injuries. The incident occurred at about 11:45 p.m. on Friday (May 30) on Flintlocke Ridge Road.

Pedestrian hit

A motorist who was backing out of a space at Shaw's struck a pedestrian who was walking behind and knocked him to the ground. The man who was hit is elderly and lives in Scituate. The driver is a man in his 50s from Hull. The Scituate man was transported with non-life threatening injuries, Chief Hussey said. The accident occurred at 10:10 a.m. on Sunday (June 1). The accident is still under review. At this time the Hull man, who said he did not see the pedestrian, has not been cited.

Reservoir report

Chief Hussey said police would be patrolling the reservoir off Aaron River Road where groups of young people have been partying. Police are running the plates and tagging the cars, which are illegally parked, but the teens disperse and take off into the woods. There have been several reports in recent weeks about underage drinking in the wooded area. Last Tuesday (May 27) a caller reported a party at the reservoir at about 9:40 p.m.

Mail scam

A resident went to the police station last week to report a potential mail scam. Chief Hussey said the resident had received a letter with a check asking that the check be deposited and a personal check be sent to the person in the letter.

"The resident realized that this did not sound right and came in," Hussey said. Hussey said the matter is under investigation. Having the actual letter is very helpful, he said. "The physical evidence gives us something to work with," he said.

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Planning Board to initiate Greenway workshop

By Nancy White
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Preliminary plans are in the works to create a "South Shore Greenway" to connect five towns with bike paths that highlight points of interest in the towns. Roads and sites in Hull, Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate and Norwell are involved in the project.

There are plenty of reasons to bike instead of drive. There's the physical benefit of the exercise. There's the benefit to the environment and lowering carbon emissions. And with gas prices averaging $4 a gallon and showing no sign of stopping, there's an economic benefit too.

But, in Cohasset, the winding roads and many sidewalkless narrow streets sometimes make biking dangerous. Preliminary plans are in the works to create a "South Shore Greenway" to connect five towns with bike paths that highlight points of interest in the towns. Roads and sites in Hull, Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate and Norwell are involved in the project.

Planning Board member Clark Brewer initiated a discussion to introduce the idea and gather input. He said a free walkable workshop put on by the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) was available and Cohasset could host it.

Sustainable South Shore has been heading up the project so far. Sustainable South Shore president Judeth Van Hamm came before the Selectmen to introduce the idea and request a contribution of $400 for the project. With the funds, students from the Conway School of Landscape Design drew up a preliminary design for the greenway.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore was hesitant for Planning Board to be the entity to be the lead on the project. "I don't see it as the Planning Board's project."

While member Mike Westcott agreed it would be difficult for the Planning Board to lead on the multi-community project, "we should encourage it."

How the greenway would actually be delineated and what would be the design implications of the greenway were questions on the mind of the Planning Board.

Cohasset has already implemented pieces of the "greenway" through various infrastructure projects. Recent efforts include the completion of the Forest Avenue sidewalk and a bike path connection to Wompatuck State Park beginning across from the train station.

Generally speaking, the Cohasset portion of the South Shore Greenway begins at the bike path to Wompatuck State Park across from the train station then will connect with the to-be-built sidewalk on Route 3A and King Street then pedestrians could have the option to continue to the waterfront and Hull via Forest Avenue or down North Main Street to the Village. Sidewalk connection then can take pedestrians or bike riders to the harbor or down South Main Street to the Cohasset/Scituate town line.

"I think it's useful for us just to generate a response to the plans," said Brewer. "For the Cohasset portion, I think we should see what's being proposed and review it very carefully."

All seemed to agree looking at alternatives to driving and creating a means for more people to bike or walk safely was important.

"We've been talking about walking and biking to the train since it first tooted," said Vice Chairman Stuart Ivimey.

At the end of the discussion, the Planning Board was in support of hosting the workshop in the coming months because Cohasset was a central location for all towns involved.

'Tight knit' class graduating Saturday

FROM GRADUATION, PAGE 1

Along with the graduating seniors, three retiring teachers will "graduate" with the Class of 2008: guidance counselor Ed Leonard, science department chair David Magnussen and English teacher Christine Berman.

who is one of the few latecomers to the class transferring from Thayer Academy for her sophomore year.

Despite being few in number, the Class of 2008 is has plenty of heart, intelligence and talent — all attributes they put to good use during their time at Cohasset High School.

"They're a bright class," said Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini. As an example, 100 percent of the students passed their MCAS on the first try. "It was an accomplishment for all of them."

Among the adjectives he uses to describe the Class of 2008 are conscientious and fun-loving.

The students have been a part of league championship and state championship teams. Across all athletic teams the students showed talent on the field or on the court, twice during their high school years the school was honored with the Boston Globe Ames Award, which is given to the school with the best overall winning varsity percentage in all the sports offered.

Antolini said there is a segment of the class talented in the arts, both performing and visual.

"We're a small group, but we have a diversity of interests. We're a well-rounded group of kids," said Muir.

Many of the students have achieved accolades individually. Two seniors were named to the All-American lacrosse team: Mark Flibotte and Charlie Czerkawski. Evan Deutsch was named a Henry David Thoreau scholar, Sarah Brown was given the Presidential award for academic excellence and Cameron Cope earned the Rensselaer award. Four members of the CHS Class of 2008 were awarded National Merit Commendations for scoring in the top fiver percent on their PSAT scores.

Muir names things the class was able to do together, like Spirit Week and the countdown to the end of the year, as some of his most memorable times at CHS.

"This class is a good group of kids and it's been a pleasure working with them," said Antolini.

Along with the graduating seniors, three retiring teachers will "graduate" with the Class of 2008: guidance counselor Ed Leonard, science department chair David Magnussen and English teacher Christine Berman.

Graduation means the students must say goodbye to lifelong friends and the safe harbors of Cohasset as they head off to colleges and elsewhere. But, Muir said his education and experience at Cohasset schools has left him and his classmates prepared for whatever comes next.

"Ever since kindergarten they kept on preparing us for the next level, so we're ready," said Muir.

The Class of 2008 commencement ceremonies will be held at the South Shore Music Circus on Sohier St. on Saturday, June 7 at 1:30p.m.

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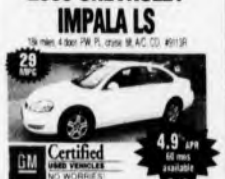
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Coastal waters named no-discharge zone

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Designating the coastal waters off Scituate, Marshfield and Cohasset as a No Discharge Area (NDA) is a big step in the right direction for the people involved.

To Scituate Harbormaster Mark Patterson, who was one of people who initiated the NDA application process, it is a step toward ensuring the quality of waterways near his town.

To Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator Bob Varney, it is a step closer to creating NDAs that stretch across the developed New England coast. According to Varney, the EPA expects to announce three more Massachusetts NDAs — in Salem Sound, Cape Cod Bay and Boston Harbor — by the end of July.

"We're working to achieve our goal: a continuous No Discharge Area from Portland, Maine, to New York," he said.

"I'm pleased that we're coming up with regional solutions to regional problems."
Scituate Harbormaster Mark Patterson



Samantha Woods, executive director of the North and South Rivers Watershed Association, speaks during Monday's press conference officially announcing the designation of the coastal waters off Scituate, Marshfield and Cohasset as a No Discharge Area.



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Bob Varney, Environmental Protection Agency regional administrator, speaks during Monday's press conference officially announcing the designation of the coastal waters off Scituate, Marshfield and Cohasset as a No Discharge Area.

To Samantha Woods, executive director of the North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the Marshfield-Scituate-Cohasset NDA is a step closer to leaving cleaner waters to future generations.

"I wouldn't be doing my job if I said we were finished," she said.

Patterson, Woods, and Varney — along with Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management Director Leslie-Ann McGee, Marshfield Selectman Michael Maresco and Cohasset Selectman Karen Quigley — spoke Monday at a ceremony to officially announce the designation, which took effect May 23.

The ceremony was held outside the Scituate harbormaster's office, and Quigley joked that she would be the first person to break the rule if notes from her speech were blown into the harbor.

"I don't know if it counts as boat sewage, but if it goes in, I'll take the fine," she said.

In a No Discharge Area, all overboard discharge of boat sewage, even if treated, is prohibited. Vessel sewage must be discharged to a shoreside or mobile pumpout facility.

The Marshfield-Scituate-Cohasset NDA covers waters off the 17-mile coastline of all three towns and tidal areas of the North and South rivers. The three towns have been working since last summer to earn the designation. The application was officially turned in to the EPA in April 2007, and provided documentation indicating that the total vessel population in the proposed area is estimated at 3,000 — 1,363 of which are large enough to have a toilet on board.

To qualify for the designation, an applicant must show there are enough pumpout facilities to accommodate boats in the area. In approving the NDA designation, the EPA pointed out the towns have 10 pumpout facilities, with plans to add two more by the end of the year. Most of the facilities are connected directly into the local wastewater treatment system.

Many of the speeches made at Monday's ceremony focused on the fact that the designation was the result of the towns working together, taking a regional approach to clean water.

"I'm pleased that we're coming up with regional solutions to regional problems," Patterson said.

Wompatuck State Park, the English State Salt Marsh Wildlife Refuge/Management Area and the Weir River Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) are all located within the boundaries of the NDA, along with approximately eight marinas, five public boat ramps and more than a dozen beaches.

Both recreational and commercial shellfishermen use the area. There are 10 designated shellfish growing areas representing more than 49,500 acres of productive shellfish beds in the area supporting soft shell clams, blue mussels, razor clams, quahogs, bay scallops, oysters and surf clams.

The area also supports a commercial and recreational fishing fleet.

For more information on No Discharge Areas, visit mass.gov/czm/nda/index.htm.

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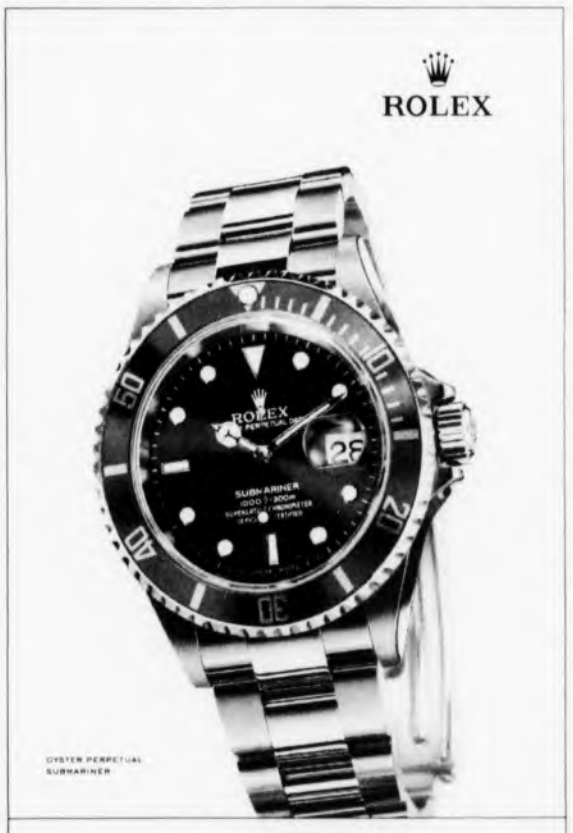
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CRAZY WEEK

Hello Cohasset and how are you? This is the crazy, hectic but fun-filled time of the year for us all.

Graduations, end of preschool, parties and more make it a bit busier but so much fun. As parents, we are all so proud I know of all the accomplishments that our children have. Enjoy the time, take those deep breaths and let everyone know how proud we are!

I know that we are so proud, happy and yes, a bit sad that my oldest son, **Daniel** is graduating tonight from South Shore Votech and turning 18 all within one week.

Daniel, we are so proud of all that you have done and the dreams that have had that you can now follow.

Congratulations from all of your family and friends, you are headed into a wonderful time of the year.

Tomorrow is the day for CHS graduates of 2008 and I want to send all of you a giant bouquet of well wishes and congratulations, as you get ready to head into your next piece of your lives. Enjoy the celebrations in a safe, happy manner and enjoy the summer as you prepare for college and/or work. You all deserve the best as do all the graduates from preschool to college.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

A very special Birthday Wish is being sent out to **Davey Marks**, a well-known member of our town, as he hits the double nickel age of 55 today! Your family and friends from all around want you to know how special you are. Happy Birthday, David!

SMITH GRAD

Congratulations to **Carrie Pierson**, daugher of **Wigmore Pierson** of Cohasset and **Janet Pierson** of Tucson, Ariz., who received a bachelor's degree from Smith College, Northampton, on Sunday, May 18. She was one of 710 seniors who graduated during the college's 130th commencement exercises, at which Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Margaret Edson was the featured speaker.

A 2003 graduate of Miss Porter's School, Carrie majored in Sociology at Smith. Her undergraduate activities included peer sex education, work with the Resource Center for Sexuality and Gender, and family diversity projects in Amherst, Mass. Her long-term goal is to become a family therapist.

HAVERFORD

Paul Francis Digan, son of **Mary Ann and Thomas A. Digan Jr.** of Cohasset, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Haverford College. Nice news Paul, best of luck.

NEW M.D.

Kathleen Townes (formerly Kathleen Buckley, CHS Class of 1998) of Worcester, Mass., received a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Massachusetts Medical School on Sunday, June 1, 2008, at ceremonies held at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. She is the daughter of **Charles and Barbara Buckley** of Cohasset. Kathleen earned her undergraduate degree from Harvard College in 2002. Following graduation, Kathleen will serve her residency in combined Internal Medicine-Pediatrics at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester.

This was great news to receive Kathleen, everyone wishes you all the best.

FESTIVAL KICKOFF

A kick-off party to the Arts Festival will be held on Friday evening, June 13 at the South Shore Art Center. The Pan Loco Steel Drum band will provide entertainment at the Festival offCommon party, which also features sumptuous hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction of art and craft. The auction is available for advance bidding at www.southshoreartcenter.cmarket.com. Tickets for the offCommon party are $35 (Art Center members); $45 (non-members) and can be reserved by calling 781-383-2787 or purchased online. For more information and to see a preview of the art and craft exhibited visit www.ssac.org.

TASTE OF RELAY

Celebrating 12 years of fun by the spoonful the 2008 Relay For Life's "Taste of the Relay" will be held on June 13th starting at 6 p.m. at Cohasset High School.

The Taste of the Relay is one of the Relay events attracting more than 300 people and features the best chowder and bisque from Atlantica, Bia's Bistro, Bob's Clambakes, Jakes's Seafood, Mill Wharf, Mullaney's Seafood, Red Lion, Red Parrot, Schooners, Silent Chef, Weinberg's Bakery, desserts from Barker Tavern, French Memories, Morning Glories, Nona's Ice Cream, Sunrise Assisted Living, White's Pastry, and coffee and tea from Starbucks and the Windsor Tea Shop. Admission is free with The Relay For Life starting unofficially at 3 pm on Friday, June 13th. Kids events will be taking place with the official start of this event happening at 6:00 pm. The Taste begins at 6:45 and a recommended $2 donation is wonderful for a bowl of chowder and $1 for desserts. Warning: Experiencing the Taste of the Relay will be beneficial to your health and well-being. Please be aware of any euphoria lasting more than 4 hours. If this happens contact your local Relay Team Captain for help or write a check to the American Cancer Society to obtain relief.

As we get ready for The Relay For Life, team captains who may be looking for Luminaria bags or who may want more information on the event may contact **Jacqui Goyette-Vitello** at 781-383-2668. You may also come down to the Our World Children's Global Museum with your kiddos to decorate bags that will be on display at the Relay and can be in honor or memory of any loved ones. The museum is open on Wed-Fri from 10-5.

SAILING

Here is a nice event to "Sail Into" this summer.

Please join friends on July 12th for the annual Cohasset Sailing Club Summer Launch Party. All adult family and friends of the sailing club are invited to a lobster and chicken feast and a silent auction to benefit the club. The party will be held from 6pm till 11pm rain or shine. Dinner will be served between 6:30 and 8:30; BYOB. Tickets are $50 pp payable to the Cohasset Sailing Club and are available by calling **Joyce Driscoll** @ 781-383-0122 or **Claudia McKeon** 781-383-6125. Donations for auction items are welcome — please contact **Jim Porter** 781-383-2029. See you on the 12th — SAVE THE DATE!

ROWING

CMI will hold sign-ups for Middle and High School students in its summer rowing programs on June 14 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Boat House, behind 40 Parker Ave. Registration will also be accepted by mail at Cohasset Maritime Institute, Summer Rowing Programs, 40 Parker Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025. Applications will be available on the web site: www.rowcmi.com

The cost per session is $200 per student for both programs. Additional details may be found on the website: www.rowcmi.com. Should you have questions, please e-mail **Lisa Hewitt Dick** @lmhewitt@comcast.net or call 781-383-0204

That is it for this very busy week. Make sure to send in all of your news and information no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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ON STAGE



COURTESY PHOTO/JERI HERMAN

The Cohasset Drama Workshop, a program brought to students in Grades 3-5, has come to life with enthusiasm and pride. "The Jungle Book" has one remaining show this evening, Friday, June 6 at 7 pm at the Deer Hill School Gymatorium. Tickets are $8 per person with all proceeds going back to the school. Here, the entire cast poses for a group photo.

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Get your engines going

Bob Butman has had lifelong love for fixing motors

By Nancy White
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Not many people say their lifelong passion began with a lawnmower found in a junkyard, but that's what just happened to Bob Butman.

He found the lawnmower in a pile of junk behind the former gas station on Depot Court. After asking for permission to take the lawnmower, he brought it home, took it a part and within two days had it running again.

That was his first brush with an engine, but certainly not his last.

"I've been around engines all my life," says Butman. "What makes them work is fascinating."

Engines (especially diesel), water and boats have defined the majority of 57-year old's life. With the exception of when he served in the Vietnam War, Butman has never lived outside of Cohasset or off his property at Spring Street. The property has been owned by his family for four generations.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

The many faces of Bob Butman include being a lobsterman and a mechanic.



Bob Butman stands in the doorway of his workshop, which was built by his father when he was born 57 years ago.

It's at the Butman's Spring Street property where wooden lobster boats, pleasure boats and Cohasset's first steam tugboat were built. His family has seen the train come, go and come once again — right in their backyard.

Butman's father, Charles Butman Jr., was a capable woodcraftsman who learned his craft making wooden minesweepers during World War II at the Quincy Adams boatyard.

While his father was always the craftsman, Butman was always the go-to guy for mechanical malfunctions. Now, Butman who has spent the last decade of his career maintaining the engines of heavy construction machinery is trying to bring his skills closer to home by fixing engines, both big and small, in Cohasset and beyond.

Before he started fixing engines full-time, Butman was a lobsterman and a fisherman for nearly 40 years. Together with his father, Butman started lobstering when he was seven-years-old.

"My father said 'when you can swim you could start lobstering,'" says Butman. As the lobstering bounty began to trickle off, he and his father began dragger fishing for fin fish — cod, haddock, flounder — out of Scituate Harbor. Later, Butman started fishing out of the Boston Fish Pier on an 85-foot dragger boat named 'Captain Sam.'

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All the while Butman did some of the maintenance on the boats' engines where his true passion was.

After deciding 40 years as a fisherman was enough, Butman got a job maintaining the commuter boat engines for the Boston Harbor Cruises. From there he did stints at various large construction firms keeping everything from backhoes to excavators to mining equipment running day in and day out.

Working on large engines and projects is when Butman is most in love with his job.

"The greasier he is the happier he is," attests his wife, Jody. She also says his time around engines has diminished his hearing, but he can still diagnose an engine's problem by the noise it is making.

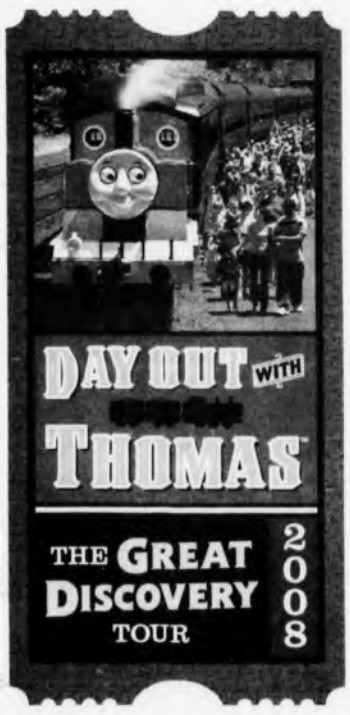
Over the years, he has helped out Cohasset mariners both native and visiting. When the Coast Guard hired a New York based contractor to refurbish Minot Light and paint the inside staircase, the boat they were using was trailing black smoke wherever it went. He fixed the engine and the contractor was able to finish their work. Although Butman says the boat itself was worse than its motor.

In 2003, a Cohasset-based lobster boat "the Margie" owned by the Figueiredo family hit a rock usually covered, even at low tide. The boat had to be taken out of the water and Butman was called to fix the engine. The boat is still operating today.

As the MBTA commuter train chugs past his Spring Street house his eyes light up at the thought of getting greasy inside of the train's electric diesel engine.

"I'd love to get into that engine," he says with a big smile on his face.

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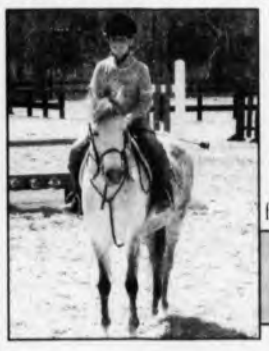
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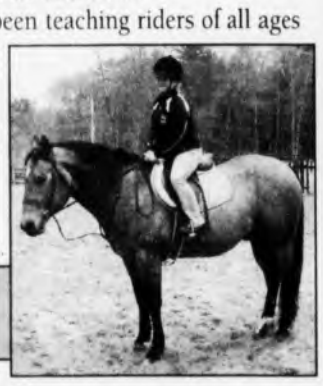
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Award winning artists enjoy creative camaraderie

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"It is the biggest local arts event of the year," explains Weymouth.

"The juried show is selective, but there is fried dough and lobster rolls and music and things for kids to do," says Strekalovsky. He explains that having something for everyone, including people who don't typically spend time looking at art, makes the paintings and sculpture more accessible.

Strekalovsky believes some people find it helpful to have a way of connecting with art. Although he isn't a huge sports fan, he has chosen baseball as a subject for several recent paintings His second-place award winner, "Josh and Jason," shows Red Sox players Beckett and Varitek in conference.

"There is an element of gesture that makes paintings come alive, and baseball is full of gesture and attitude," he says, explaining the artistic appeal. If the figure in the painting is familiar to a 13-year-old, and that leads him to look closely at a work of art, Strekalovsky is pleased.

Art was a part of Strekalovsky's own childhood; his grandfather, father and two uncles were painters, so picking up a brush came naturally. He studied art at Middlebury College before earning his master's degree in architecture from the University of Pennsylvania.

"I had to make a living," he says, and for decades he concentrated on designing homes and commercial buildings.

While Weymouth recalls his own rural Maine background as a "cultural wasteland," he remembers being singled out by grade school teachers for his artistic ability.

"But my last official art class was in the eighth grade," he says wistfully. "I didn't know that there were advertising agencies and creative directors and graphic designers. I thought you grew up and went to work as a game warden."

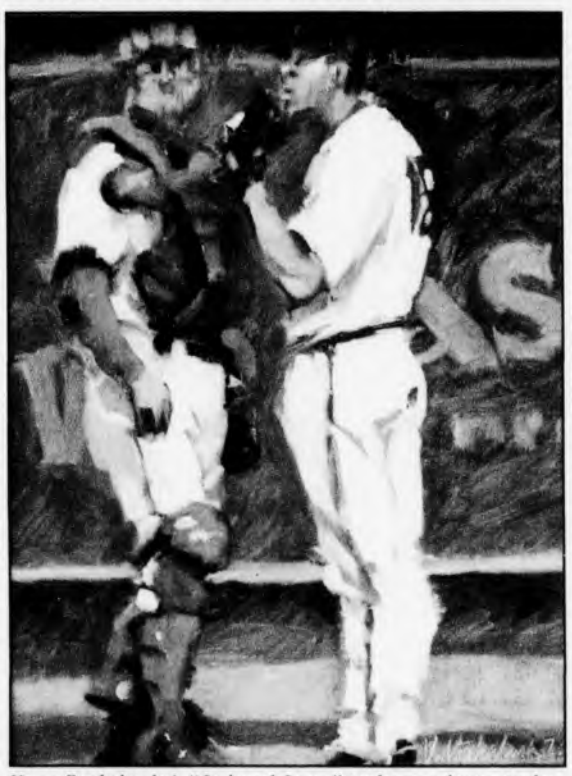
Nonetheless, Weymouth graduated from New England School of Art, and when he was 22 years old his painting of his grandfather was accepted into the Boston Arts Festival, judged by Robert Motherwell. He was recognized in the Boston press as an "up and coming" artist, but he soon left the world of fine arts to establish one of the country's top-ranked graphic design firms. His skill as a conceptual photographer and his work for corporate clients has taken him around the world.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Michael Weymouth's "Big House Wheelbarrow" won first place for oil and acrylics in this year's juried show.

In recent years, however, Weymouth has begun to pull away from all of that. He spends most days painting in the studio he built beside his home. He says that he had completed only about 10 paintings, "between kids and responsibilities," in the 30 years before he built his studio.



Vcevy Strekalovsky's "Josh and Jason" took second prize in the oil and acrylics category.

"But I didn't have to paint every week to mature as a painter," he adds. As I matured in a creative profession, I was maturing as a painter."

Last year, Weymouth won the best-in-show prize at the Art Center juried show, and this year's first-prize acrylic is a painting with a story. It shows his wife Peggy in a wheelbarrow — but not just any wheelbarrow.

For several summers, Weymouth has made a painting pilgrimage to Great Spruce Head Island in Maine's Penobscot Bay. The island belonged to the family of artists Fairfield and Eliot Porter, and Weymouth painted Peggy as she sat in the wheelbarrow Fairfield Porter used to carry his paints.

Strekalovsky's paintings sometimes have stories too. His office is across the street from Caffé Tosca, and as he gazed out the window one lovely afternoon, he was captivated by the scene of bistro umbrellas and outdoor diners.

"I love to paint figures in relationship to the spaces around them," he explains. "So I asked the hostess if I could sit down to paint."

Perhaps because Strekalovsky paints in a more spontaneous style, he is able to remain involved with his architecture practice, even as he takes a more serious approach to his easel.

"Of course Vcevy has more work accepted in the show," says Weymouth. "He paints faster."

There's the competition again. All in fun, of course.

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The Cohasset Middle School Jazz Ensemble entertains the crowd during last year's South Shore Arts Festival.

Don't miss the Arts Festival!

The three-day entertainment roster features Celtic, jazz and light classical music, as well as bluegrass and traditional Americana.

The 53rd annual South Shore Arts Center Arts Festival, scheduled for June 13 through 15 on Cohasset Common, includes the juried exhibition, as well as a sale of gallery-quality crafts, a kid's activities tent, artist demonstrations and food vendors. The three-day entertainment roster features Celtic, jazz and light classical music, as well as bluegrass and traditional Americana. Cohasset Middle School's jazz ensemble takes the stage on Friday, at 5. Jazz saxophonist Nat Seelen, originally from Hingham, and now a frequent player on stages and clubs throughout the region, performs on Saturday afternoon at 4. The O'Reilly's play on Sunday at 1.

Festival hours are Friday, June 13, 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, June 15, noon to 5 p.m. A free trolley shuttles visitors from nearby parking in Sohier Street lots. A $5 entrance donation is requested. For more information and directions, visit www.ssac.org or phone 781-383-2787.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Future dawns for Class of 2008

Graduation day is here.

Graduation day is the culmination, the pinnacle, of hundreds of childhood school days.

This is the day our seniors have been striving toward since they first dabbled in finger paints in preschool.

As toddlers, as they smeared aimless daubs of color over the paper, splotches that might have represented a flower, a puppy, or a space ship. The little students were beginning to create a design for their education.

Years passed, skills developed.

Not everyone emerged as a gifted artist, yet as the years passed, the Class of 2008 distinguished itself with a rainbow of achievements.

Everyone has his or her own talent. Everyone has his or her own dream.

Each senior will call on his or her talents and dreams and all the accumulated learning that coveted diploma represents to enter the future.

In many ways, the world is more challenging and dangerous than ever before.

Our graduating seniors face frontiers the world has never yet encountered: global warming; the destruction of the rain forests that generate much of our air; the wiping out of some species of animals and the threatened extinction of others; taking diminishing oil out of the energy equation; saving the ocean that nurtures the first link in the food chain; diseases such as AIDS, cancer, Avian flu, a feared global pandemic; genetic research… the list trails off into an uncharted tomorrow.

There is the old joke urging commencement speakers not to frighten the graduates by telling them that the world is theirs, but the world is theirs.

We are confident that the Class of 2008 is up to the challenge.

H.G. Wells once said that the future is "the shape of things to come."

Each senior has the future in his or her hands, a future to shape much in the same way a skillful artist sculpts raw clay into a masterpiece.

This is the dawn of the future of the Class of 2008.

This is the dawn of the future of our world.

Congratulations, Class of 2008.

Great job.

And good luck!

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, June 10, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, June 18, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, June 19, 7 p.m.
Flood Control Workshop, June 16, 6:30 p.m.
Library Trustees, June 10, 7 p.m. at the library.
Selectmen, June 9 (7p.m.) & 16 (6:30p.m.) & 23 (7 p.m.)
School Committee, June 18, 7 p.m., at the high school.
Stormwater Committee, June 12, 7 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Town Hall offices will be closed all day Friday, July 4.

Facility stickers go on sale June 16

Expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. Stickers will be on sale starting Monday, June 16, during normal business hours at Town Hall, and at the DPW garage on weekends, starting June 21, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sticker prices will remain the same as last year: $50 for residents under the age of 60, and $15 for seniors. This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, Sandy Beach, as well as, parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the Department of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town.

All commercial contractors and vehicles registered in a business name should pick up stickers at the Department of Public Works. Contractors are encouraged to purchase stickers through the mail by providing the appropriate fee, a copy of the current registration and a self-addressed return envelope.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Buddy Poppies celebrate, help veterans

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset VFW Post 9146 would like to thank everyone who assisted our local efforts with their very generous donations and their support of all Veterans by displaying a "Buddy Poppy".

For more than 75 years, the Veterans of Foreign Wars' "Buddy Poppy" Program has raised millions of dollars in support of veterans' welfare and the well being of their dependants.

From its inception, the "Buddy Poppy" Program has helped the VFW live up to its motto, "to honor the dead by helping the living."

The "Buddy Poppy" — a small red flower symbolic of the bloodshed in World War I by millions of Allied soldiers in defense of freedom — was originally sold to provide relief for the people of war-devastated France. Later, its sale directly benefited thousands of disabled and down-and-out American veterans.

Disabled, needy and aging veterans in VA Hospitals and domiciliary across the country assemble VFW Buddy Poppies. The name just "grew" out of the disabled poppy makers' remembrances of their "buddies who never came back" from war. The little red flower became known as the "Buddy Poppy."

These Cohasset businesses were especially helpful and supportive: Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Goodwin Graphics, Curtis Liquors, Cohasset Pizza, Leo's Exxon and Dragonfly Embroidery.

We would also like to thank and recognize the following volunteers who gave so generously of their time: the "80Club:" Louie Longo, Gordon Flint, Ralph Hill, Marie & Ralph Perroncello, Grace Tuckerman, Kevin McArdle, George Haley, Tony Muzzi, Betty Brooks, Tom Healy; also helping were James Lagotteria, Paul St John, Dr. Joe Godzik, Bill Higgins, Brad Goodwin, Kathy Bailey, Joe McElroy, Gareth & Joslin Thomas and Ron Goodwin. Long-time volunteers Bud Ahern, Cliff Jones, Ira & Peg Stoughton, Emilio Conte and Whitey Dunn were unable to help this year and we hope they will all be in better health next year, as their efforts were missed.

Thank you again to everyone for their support and appreciation of our Veterans.

Joe Laugelle
Service Officer
Cohasset VFW Post 9146

Turkey fails to master riding the train

TO THE EDITOR:

On a recent morning I was surprised to discover, along with all of the other commuters awaiting the 7:17 train to Boston, a recently deceased wild tom turkey lying on the platform. One woman commented that he probably didn't stay behind the yellow line as a train approached. My guess is that he was sleeping on the track bed and was hit as he took flight. Though they are often seen in flocks, I didn't see any other such birds nearby. Perhaps they learned a painful lesson about the consequences of trespassing on the MBTA's right-of-way.

James P. Cope
380 Beechwood St.

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Reflections on the Rusty Skippers

COMMENTARY

BETTS MURRAY

In this season filled with many emotional and often momentous events, such as graduations, reunions, festivals, holidays and the like, I often find myself taking stock of my life, and being sentimental. At last night's Rusty Skipper rehearsal, as the music filled the room, several times I wanted to cry with happiness and appreciation for being part of such a wonderful group. I felt prompted to submit something to the Mariner about something very special we have here in one truly community band.

The Rusty Skippers Band made its debut in 1995 as part of the Cohasset Harborfest, at the enthusiastic suggestion of the late Rev. Ed Atkinson of First Parish in Cohasset. Fourteen adults marched in the parade that first year, and we were a ragtag group. Despite Rev. Atkinson's sudden death that summer, or perhaps in his honor, the band continued, and since 1996, the Rusty Skippers Band has grown steadily, in numbers of musicians and performances, as well as in scope and difficulty of music and quality of musicianship. Yet we remain a quintessential community band. Membership is open to any instrumental player of high school age and up. While many are from Cohasset, band members come from several other towns of the South Shore. Currently we have about 40 musicians in the band. FORTY! Thanks to the generosity of our director, Steve Biagini, who donates his time and expertise, we practice weekly for much of the year at Deer Hill School, where Steve is the director of instrumental music.

One of the distinctive features of the band is the varied professional and vocational background of its members, including a Cohasset postal worker, regional bank CEO and president, Stop & Shop clerk, a few lawyers, retired and current teachers, a data analyst, one minister, full-time mothers, service station owner, hospital administrator, timber investment manager and so on. The current age range is high school to 80-something. Although individuals may fret about their ability, the band remains a warm and welcoming organization, where politics, competition and other stresses stay outside the practice room. We simply love to play. If you have not heard the band lately, I dare say you will be impressed by the music we make. While we started as a marching band, and you may have heard the Band at

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Paving preparation and paving!

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush – The MBTA and CBB continue work on Cohasset's list of open items. Most recently they have completed the new section of sidewalk on Depot Court opposite the South Shore Art Center. This small section was a bit difficult for us to get since we had to through the Dispute Resolution process to get the MBTA to agree to build it. We now have a safe pedestrian path from the Boys of Summer food stand to the main portion of the Village. We believe this to be a very necessary and worthwhile addition to the Town. CBB continues to be very helpful in completing most of the remaining items.

Little Harbor Water Sewer Drainage Project – The Contractor, LM Holdings, LLC, (LMH) has released a new short-term look-ahead schedule. And, we'd like to call your attention to a very important new task that will be undertaken by LMH around the end of this month – paving preparation and paving! This means the end of the dust is in sight for some roads. Which ones you ask? … Whitehead Road, Deep Run and Rust Way, for example. The work preparing these roads for paving should start around the end of June and, weather permitting should be complete by the end of July.

Whitehead Road has been a special case because it is such a small, winding and long (nearly a half mile) road. The work necessitated by the project has widened the road a bit in some places. We have gotten some feedback that some residents want to keep the small "country lane" feel that the road had pre-construction. To make sure that the paving work is done to meet the expectations of the residents the Cohasset Water Department is hosting a meeting for the Whitehead Road residents at the Water Plant on King Street at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 19th. In preparation for this meeting we have had the Fire Chief and the DPW review the road from one end to the other. Their input is critical to assure the safety of the residents as the final road configuration is determined.



Fire Chief Robert Silvia inspects Whitehead Road.

The DPW is concerned about their ability to get snowplows down the road and that they can safely remove the snow from the road. The Fire Chief has a similar concern. He needs to make sure that he is able to maneuver his large trucks the entire length of the road to fight a fire at any of the homes. And, of course, the larger the home, the more equipment required to fight a serious fire. The accompanying photo shows the Fire Chief examining a portion of the road.

Short Term Project Schedule – As mentioned above a new short-term schedule has been submitted by LMH. We offer it here for your reading enjoyment. As always, all schedules are approximate and are subject to weather delays and unforeseen events.

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Mark Brennan, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Engineering, Email: cgbengineering@townofcohasset.org
Phone: 781-383-3094

Location	Work to be Done	Week Starting 6/02/08	Week Starting 6/09/08	Week Starting 6/16/08	Week Starting 6/23/08	Week Starting 6/30/08
Jerusalem Rd Atlantic to N Main St	Sewer Mainline					
Rust Way	Water Mainline					
Deep Run	Storm Drain 2 Locations					
Jerusalem Rd Atlantic to Jerusalem Rd Drive	Sewer, Water & Storm Drain					
Sandy Cove, Caravel & Keene Way	Clean-up and Prep for Trench Paving					
Orchard Cove	Water & Sewer Mainline					
Nichols Rd	Water Mainline					
Simalrt Lane	Sewer & Water Mainline					
29 to 71 Nichols Rd	Sewer & Water Mainline, Stub to for Hydrant					

Location	Work to be Done	Week Starting 5/5/08	Week Starting 6/9/08	Week Starting 6/16/08	Week Starting 6/23/08	Week Starting 6/30/08
Little Harbor Road	Sewer & Water Mainline					
Deep Run, Rust Way & Jerusalem Rd	Sewer Testing					
Jerusalem Rd from Atlantic to Jerusalem Rd. Drive	Water Bypass					
Little Harbor Road	Water Bypass					
Whitehead	Sewer Testing					
Jerusalem Rd., Whitehead, Nichols, Atlantic, Beach	Sewer Services					
Nichols, Keene Way, Orchard, Caravel	Water Services					
Deep Run	Paving Prep. & Paving					
Rust Way	Paving Prep. & Paving					
Whitehead Rd	Paving Prep. & Paving					

***Sewer or Water Mainline**: Installation of the main sewer or water line in the roadway.*
***Sewer or Water Services:** Installation of the stub pipe that will connect the main line to the edge of private property.*
***Water Bypass:** Reinstating existing temporary water lines or adding new temporary water lines (includes pressure testing and chlorinating).*
***Trench Paving:** Adding a temporary asphalt patch to trenches that will serve until final paving.*

Disputes over dog custody

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The last time a dog was featured in this space, we were trying to decide whether to get our dog, Jedi, a $14.95 At Home Doggy & Kittycat Daycare DVD for Christmas.

Then, if we went out for any length of time, we could just pop it in the TV and Jedi could watch the Puppy Cup, a soccer match with two teams of Yorkshire puppies.

I thought that was pretty far out.

But now I learn that the big issue is no longer puppy-sitting, it's who gets custody of the dog when two dog lovers, one male and one female, break up their happy living arrangement.

A survey by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers — geez, there's an association for everybody, isn't there! — reported a 25 per cent increase in pet custody cases, nine out of 10 of them dogs.

It's such a big issue that it calls for a new book, "We Can't Stay Together for the Dogs: Doing the Best for Your Dog When Your Relationship Breaks Up."

In it, author Jennifer Keene explains what to do if your prenuptial agreement didn't include the dog along with the house, the children, the bank account, and the Patriots tickets.

Usually pet custody cases are settled fairly amicably early in the game, but sometimes it goes to court, where there is a "best interest of the children" standard but no "best interest of the dog."

Keene discovered that there was no guide to determining the best interest of the dog when she split from her husband, taking with her Moxee, an Australian cattle dog, and her ex taking Sixxy, a pointer.

Fortunately, Moxee and Sixxy, while they were friendly, were not strongly bonded enough to create problems by splitting up, leading Keene to advise: "Consider the individual characteristics of the dog."

As for custody, her advice is eerily similar to that a child specialist would give to Ma and Pa as they broke the bands of holy matrimony and parenthood:

Never give the dog to someone who likes the idea but doesn't have time to see to it or has anger problems or likes to do the fun things with Fido but doesn't like to clean up afterward.

Amelia Glynn, who writes a pet column for the San Francisco Chronicle's dot-com, even worked out a shared custody arrangement with her boyfriend when they split up.

"It's just not weird," she told USA Today. Oh, yeah.

I don't know about you, but I rank it right up there with the $349 cell phone called Petcell or the $50 aromatherapy bath with a $29 terry cloth robe we were thinking of getting for Jedi last Christmas.

Or the "22-carat, gold-plated IDs, aromatherapy cost spritzes, hand-painted ceramic dinnerware, quilted travel mats, and Burbery pet raincoats" that are available for VIP (Very Important Pooches) at the Ritz Carlton in Manhattan.

And, oh, yes, Jedi is no longer our family dog. She's our companion.

Go for your dreams!

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

In the event I do get the call this Saturday I have the following commencement speech primed and ready to go.

I have lived in Cohasset for eight years, and in all that time no one has asked me to speak at the high school commencement ceremony. While this is disappointing to some of us, I intend to take the high road and not openly criticize this year's chosen speaker. That said, I think we'd all agree privately that Father Mulvehill is not the snappiest dresser and tends to lace his speeches with a lot of overly religious imagery.

In the event I do get the call this Saturday I have the following commencement speech primed and ready to go.

Men and women of the Class of '08,

For 12 years you've been crammed into a brick building with hundreds of volatile people who couldn't stand to be there. This experience has convinced you that everyone is cranky, the world is insane and that life is a series of private torments and public humiliations, with orthodontist appointments providing the only regular relief. You are dying to get out of here and frankly I don't blame you, so I'll be brief.

With the compulsory part of your education over we can finally let you in on a secret. To this point the only useful thing you've learned is how to learn. That was the one purpose of all those classes, projects, and tests. The whole thing was staged, like Capricorn One. We didn't tell you until today because we knew you'd kill us. None of the information you've memorized about crayfish mandibles and Euclidean geometry will be of any help to you going forward except during games of Trivial Pursuit. Please put those awful things out of your minds now and focus on getting enough sleep.

Yes, that's it. To be happy and successful between today and your 10-year reunion all you need are sleep, and the ability to learn in two situations. The first is when you accidentally stumble onto something interesting, and the second is after you make your latest idiotic mistake.

I can't predict what will be interesting to you — we all have different tastes. Some people love crayfish mandibles and I say more power to them, because crayfish could use all the lovin' they can get. But I *can* pass along some common lessons I learned the hard way in hopes they'll save you a headache or two.

The first thing you should never do is follow your girlfriend to Seattle, especially when she isn't all that interested in you to begin with. Seattle will not increase her level of interest. In fact the weather in the Pacific Northwest is famous for decreasing people's interest in everything from sunlight to life itself. Ten minutes after arriving there I was ready to jump in front of a bus, but it was raining so hard I was forced to stay inside until I left the state about 18 months later.

During that time I made another mistake you should avoid. I was living alone in a small rented cabin and, like most single guys, fried myself a hamburger every evening. I knew enough not to pour the melted beef fat down the sink drain but I didn't know what I was supposed to do with it. So I would crank open my kitchen window and pour the hot grease onto a shrub. Plants don't thrive under those conditions, and degreasing a shrub is much trickier than you'd think. Liposuction isn't an option with bushes. Eventually I had to buy my landlord another shrub and burned the first one in my wood stove. That thing went up like a truck tire soaked in gasoline.

Never attempt to ride a bike while intoxicated, no matter how skilled you are at riding a bike. It will not work. The bike will fall over because you are laughing.

Here's something I did correctly that I'll pass along. Always buy a car with a manual transmission. This way when you run out of gas within sight of a Shell station just over a small hill you can put the car in gear, turn the key and actually drive the car on battery power using the starter motor.

A related lesson just occurred to me. If you invent something as important as the first gas/electric hybrid car, try to recognize it in time to patent the idea and reap untold millions of dollars for you and your descendants, rather than just fill up with gas and continue on to Seattle.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, where every day he reaches for the stars. Then he touches his toes. It's kind of a rush.

LIBRARY CORNER

Kids: Sign up for 'Wild Reads'

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Wendy Hale Exhibits "Two Solos" – South Shore Art Center will feature an exhibit by Wendy Hale at Paul Pratt Library through June. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Great Decisions Discussion Group –Great Decisions Discussion Group will meet every Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room. June 9 topic will be "China," chapter seven in the discussion book.

Independent Film Night – The independent film "The Violin" will be shown at the library at 6 p.m., on Thursday, June 19. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of Isabel Fonseca's book "Bury Me Standing: The Gypsies and Their Journey" at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 25, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

WILD READS at your library
MRLS/JanMax © 2008

FOR CHILDREN

Wild Reads @ Your Library – Registration begins at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 25, in the Story Room and will continue throughout the early summer for Wild Reads @ Your Library, the Massachusetts summer reading adventure. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Cohasset Library, MRLS, and MBLC. Join others for free Tuesday evening family performances and more. Go to the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on Calendar for a complete list of events and activities.

Story & Craft Registration – Online registration will begin June 25 for Story & Craft. This program is for Cohasset residents ages 3 through 6, is a four-week commitment and requires pre-registration. Each week a theme is explored through literature, music and craft. Story & Craft will take place in the Story Room on Thursdays July 10, 17, 24, and 31. Sign up for either the 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. session or the 1 to 2 p.m. session. To sign up online, go to cohassetlibrary.org, click on calendar, go to July 10 and select either the morning or the afternoon session, click on register and fill out the form using the child's name. Include the child's age along with his/her name.

Send your news tip to mford@cnc.com

Is Town Hall haunted?

After months of anticipation, Our Town Special Productions is pleased to bring viewers the one-hour special of the Enfield Paranormal Society's Paranormal Investigation of the Cohasset Town Hall last January.

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See for yourself whether the Town Hall is truly haunted while getting to know one of Cohasset's most precious historical assets!

Join Our Town co-host Pat Martin on her 48-hour adventure into every hidden nook and underground cranny of the Town Hall in search of ghosts and paranormal phenomenon! You might want to keep the lights on!

Tune in Monday at 9 p.m. on Comcast channel 10 and then watch for repeats on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 p.m. Stay tuned Cohasset and stay entertained!

Bradley holds office hours

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley (D–Hingham) will hold district office hours on Monday, June 9th, at the Sons of Italy Hall in Hingham, from 6-7pm. Please enter through the Route 3A side entrance of the building into his district office. If you are unable to attend scheduled office hours, but would like to meet with Bradley, call (617) 722-2460 to schedule an appointment.

HEALTH NOTES

The sneezing season is upon us

It's spring and your nose takes a maulin'.
From an illness you think you're a fallin'.
Your breath makes a wheese
Like a roomful of bees
It's pollin my dahlin', it's pollen.

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Every year, thousands of people suffer from allergies, a condition known as seasonal allergic rhinitis. Most allergy sufferers attribute their discomfort to plant pollen; however not all pollen causes seasonal reactions and no steadfast rule exists as to what plants are producers of allergens. Sometimes, it's not the obvious plant causing the allergic reaction. Thus, when ragweed pollen is dispersed, many people have a reaction, but since they don't see the tiny flowers on the ragweed, they assume it's the pollen from the larger flowered goldenrod, which blooms at the same time.

Allergy suffers often consider that wind pollinated plants which produce huge amounts of small, very fine pollen to cause the greatest problem. Probably not so, since plants like pines and true grasses depend on wind for pollination and produce great amounts of waxy-coated pollen, but they do not stimulate a reaction. Plants with colorful or fragrant flowers, usually insect pollinated, are considered "safe" non-allergenic plants because they produce their large, heavy pollen grains in relatively small amounts. The pollen is covered with a sticky substance and is not usually carried by wind. Some insect-pollinated plants do, however, produce pollen in amounts large enough to cause allergic reactions, such as Russian Olives and Willows.

Plant pollens are not the only allergens causing severe reactions. Many molds and mildews are a large source of spores that affect people all year round. Other factors, such as air pollution and dry windy conditions, accentuate allergic reactions. The individual's environment also influences hypersensitivity to allergens (substances causing a reaction) — the greater the exposure, the greater incidence and degree of illness.

To avoid acute allergy problems in the home, individuals suffering from allergies can make informed decisions about plant materials least likely to cause attack, choosing "safe" plants that have large or sticky pollen grains not likely to be transported by wind and female cultivars which do not produce pollen at all. Keeping grasses mowed to appropriate heights decreases their pollen production. Weeds, molds and mildews should also be controlled. If there is an existing pollen problem in your landscape, replace that plant with a less allergenic selection.

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Asthma can be broken down into two groups based on the causes of an attack: extrinsic (allergic) and intrinsic (nonallergic). Most people with asthma do not fall neatly into either type, but somewhere in between, displaying characteristics of both classifications. Extrinsic asthma has a known cause, such as allergies to dust mites, various pollens, grass, weeds or pet dander. Individuals with extrinsic asthma produce an excess amount of antibodies when exposed to triggers. Intrinsic asthma has a known cause, but the connection between the cause and the symptoms is not clearly understood. There is no antibody hypersensitivity in intrinsic asthma. Intrinsic asthma usually starts in adulthood without a strong family history of asthma. Some of the known triggers of intrinsic asthma are infections, such as cold and flu viruses, exercise and cold air, industrial and occupational pollutants, food additives and preservatives, drugs such as aspirin, and emotional stress. Asthma is more common in children than in adults, with nearly 1 of every 13 school-age children having asthma. *Taken from Diane Relf, 1996 National Agricultural Data Base*

We all face a variety of risks to our health as we go about our day-to-day lives. However, indoor air pollution and exposure to hazardous substances in the home are risks we can do something about. In the last several years, a growing body of scientific evidence has indicated that the air within homes and other buildings can be more seriously polluted than the outdoor air in even the largest and most industrialized areas. Since studies indicate that people spend approximately 90 percent of their time indoors, for many people, the risks to health from exposure to indoor air pollution may be greater than risks outdoors.

Although pollen allergies can be bothersome, asthmatic responses to pollutants can be life threatening. Asthma is a chronic disease of the airways that causes recurrent and distressing episodes of wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness, and coughing. Other indoor environmental asthma triggers include rodents, cockroaches, mites and mold. Humid homes have more mites and, subsequently, more allergens. Also, vacuuming and dusting can disturb fecal pellets deposited and be inhaled.

If your condition becomes intolerable, call your doctor or see the BoH nurse, Mary Goodwin.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

BRIEFLY

Middle school rowing signups

CMI will hold sign ups for Middle and High School students in its summer rowing programs on June 14 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Boat House, behind 40 Parker Ave.. CMI welcomes new and experienced rowers to participate. Registration will also be accepted by mail at Cohasset Maritime Institute, Summer Rowing Programs, 40 Parker Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025. Applications will be available on the web site, www.rowcmi.com.

The Middle School program will run in two time slots 9-10:30 a// and 10:30 to noon, three times a week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students participating in the middle school must be entering the seventh grade or older. The dates of the program are July 8 through July 31.

Summer rowing for high school rowers will run in two time slots from 3-5 p.m. or 5-6:30 p.m. twice a week. Sessions will be run Monday through Thursday. Boat designation will be based on coach assessment of ability and student's schedules. The dates of this program are July 8 through August 7.

The cost per session is $200 per student for both programs. Additional details may be found on the website: www.rowcmi.com. Should you have questions, please e-mail Lisa Hewitt Dick @lmhewitt@comcast.net or call 781-383-0204

Hope to "sea" you there!

DTC to host movie night

Cohasset Democratic Town Committee continues its educational and informational objectives with movie night several times throughout the year on topics of local and national interest. At the next movie night, 7 p.m., on Thursday, June 12, the documentary, "Time Bomb, America's Debt Crisis: Causes, Consequences and Solutions" will be presented. The movie will be shown at Paul Pratt Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset.

"Time Bomb" is a new documentary that puts the spotlight on America's national debt and the fact that leaders are risking the country's economic future through shortsighted fiscal policies. "Time Bomb" shows why the assets of all Americans are at risk and why Democracy itself is threatened. In this documentary an array of economic experts, activists, statesmen and business executives show why that threat is more real to the nation than most of us have imagined.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Attendees are encouraged to bring food donations for Cohasset Food Pantry.

Truly touched by a beautiful gift

COMMENTARY

STEVE BOBO



COURTESY PHOTO

This beautiful refectory table made in shop classes at the high school was presented to Steve Bobo as a gift.

The High School Public Service program taught by Jack Buckley for which I have been working with three students, Mike Grim, Sam Roth, both seniors, and Tom Lemaire, a junior, has taken some consolidating steps. The boys are proficient in woodworking and are now applying that to boatbuilding, which is my hobby. Initially, we were helping Mike McNabb, a master boatwright and artist, in restoring a World War II Coast Guard surfboat for use as a research vessel by the Cohasset Maritime Institute, but we also did some work for the Yacht Club in designing and building some fixtures for the club for which the institute will receive a gift. In the course of this work the Yacht Club gave the boys a 30s vintage racing kayak in need of restoration. This boat would add to the CMI fleet and be used for recreation and exercise by its members.

Restoration by the boys is now nearing completion. The design, origin, history and eventual disposition of the racing kayak are a matter for still another story. As of this writing, the two seniors have finished classes, but are still interested in the project and have presented me with one of the most touching gifts I've ever been given, a beautiful refectory table made in shop classes at the high school. This table embodies features I, as a rough and tumble boat builder, would never attempt, such as an inlaid compass rose of oak and walnut, and a vine scroll edge border, hidden fasteners, etc.

But the best thing these young men have built is a mountain of gratitude for the opportunity to work with such active, intelligent and innovative young men. My hearty thanks to all of them. They are a tribute to the school they attend and the system, which supports it and nourishes it.

The kayak will be finished in a week or so and will be the subject of a launching ceremony at the Center for Student Coastal Research. And because of its historical value with the provenance attached to it, when not being used by the students and other members of the CMI, the antique racing kayak will probably be stored at the Maritime Museum of the Cohasset Historical Society.

Stephen N. Bobo lives at 292 Jerusalem Road.

Reflections on the Rusty Skippers

COMMENTARY

BETTS MURRAY

FROM SKIPPERS, PAGE 10

Memorial Day, you should know that we have become much more of a concert band with a series of concerts with a large repertoire, again thanks to Steve.

You will be able to hear this program of music as we start our spring season with a concert at Linden Ponds on June 10, followed by an appearance at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life on June 13, South Shore Arts Festival (11:30, Saturday June 14), We will also play at the Gulf River Association Annual Meeting, and at the Hanover Bandstand in July. We will be featuring Lily Sestito and her brother Tony Carbone as guest vocalists.

In December we play for the Cohasset Jingle Bell Walk and Tree-Lighting, and at area nursing homes. Certainly the highlight of this season is the Holiday Pops concert offered in conjunction with the Cohasset Village Fair. The band plays for free (once a nursing home gave us a donation for some music). We like to support community activities, such as the Relay For Life and the Arts Festival. At the annual Holiday Pops concert, we have a free will gathering for the Cohasset Food Pantry. We were delighted last year that the offering came to $500! We have had grants from the Cohasset Cultural Council, and band members who wish to may contribute for new music. Recently two of our members purchased and donated music folders for the band. We don't have by-laws or officers or anything corporate, at least not yet. We come from the community; therefore we are a community band and we are a band, which is itself a community.

I wish I was articulate enough to express how it feels when we play a Benny Goodman swing tune and Eric Oddleifson *is* Benny Goodman, or how the two piccolo players do that part in Stars and Stripes Forever, so familiar to us from the Boston Pops. I look around the room and see the most wonderful collection of people, playing because they love music. Call me sentimental, but I cherish my association with this organization.

Betts Murray lives at 8 Westgate Lane.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM LETTERS, PAGE 10

Estate Sale support appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Sports Partnership would like to thank the following people for their tremendous help and contributions to make our Estate Sale a rousing success.

First, to all the generous people of Cohasset who donated their gently used treasures, we thank you. Your generosity filled a three-bay garage and 11 rooms with merchandise.

Secondly, to our volunteers, Gayle Dignam, Molly McGowan, Mal McCunney, Judy Collins, Leila Hill, Colette McElhinney, Cindy Cavanaro and Bridget O'Brien, your help was invaluable in keeping the customers happy and the cash register ringing! A special thanks to Chris Lund and Chris Haggerty who donated time to help board members Kevin Dooley, George McGoldrick and Doug McNary pick up merchandise all over town. Your trucks, your muscle and your time are most appreciated.

Thirdly, to our fellow CSP board members who rolled up their sleeves and worked relentlessly we would like to thank you; Lorraine Tarpey, Bill Cavanaro, Doug McNary, Carol Davis, Suellen Durkin and Kevin Dooley.

We would like to thank our CMHS student athletes who donated their time to assist us; Johnny Maher, Colin Tarpey, Jenny Cahill, Maggie McGoldrick, Sarah Coggins, Caitlen Mahoney, Vinny Curran, Marcus Charles, Ian Lyster, Ian Quinlan, Will Wise, Sam Leahy, Sam Richardson, Dan Sullivan, Nick Lieberman, Andrew McKenna, Ian Porter, John McGoldrick, Will Lynner, Dean McNary, Mitchell McNary and Conor Dooley.

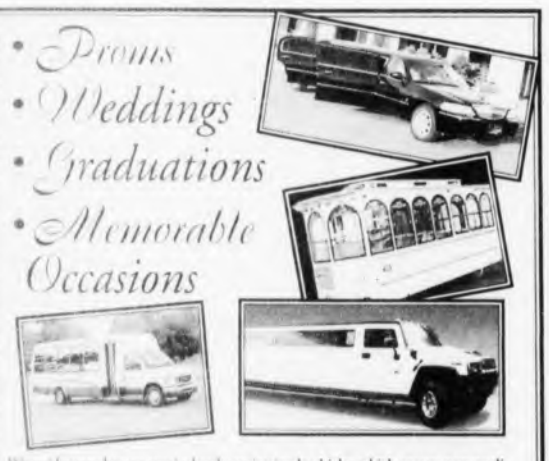
Not to be outdone by the older kids, Emmy McGoldrick, Chris Lund and Matthew Lund all pitched in and helped and we thank them as well.

And finally, our special thanks and gratitude go out to Cheryl Lund. Without her vision, her leadership and her passion, this event never would have happened.

Cheryl led by example, and worked night and day to make this estate sale the success that it was.

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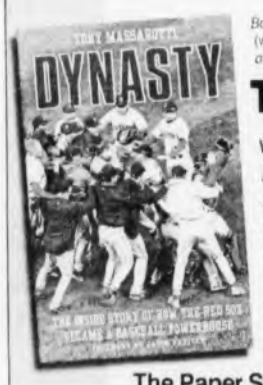
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These Notre Dame Academy graduating seniors pose for the photographer before Sunday's Commencement. Pictured from left are: Lauren Czorniak of Hingham, McKenna Teague of Cohasset, Katy Nolan of Hanover, Kristin Griffin of Hingham. Emily Glynn of Hanover, and Joanna Timmons of Norwell.

NDA grads are ready to fly

155th class graduates

By Mary Ford
MFORD@CNC.COM

"Your teachers and families have held you in the palm of their hands – now it is time to push you out of your nest and let you fly."
— Sr. Barbara A. Barry, NDA president

This year, 132 red, long-stemmed roses were tossed up into a bright-blue sky at the end of Notre Dame Academy's commencement on Sunday

Despite a clap of thunder at precisely one minute to 1 p.m., when the graduation exercises were due to begin, the clouds moved away and sunshine reigned supreme.

A sunny graduation on the athletic fields in the pristine setting of the Catholic girls school off Main Street in Hingham meant that all family members – parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and so on – could witness their graduate receive her diploma first-hand.

Like many schools, when graduation is moved inside the seating is limited.

The crowd took advantage of the opportunity. Although implored not to applaud until all girls had received their diplomas – many could not contain their enthusiasm. Shouts, cheers, and applause were the order of the day.

"It's been a long time since we've been able to be outside," said Sr. Barbara A. Barry, NDA president, in her welcoming remarks. She added the thunder was an indication that it was going to be a "great day."

"This morning I observed a little bird fly away," she said. "I was thinking about how much you are like little birds in a good sense."

Sr. Barbara said the graduates had been nurtured and it was time for "a little shove out of the nest."

"You are on your own," she said. "Your teachers and families have held you in the palm of their hands – now it is time to push you out of your nest and let your fly.

"Now let's start flying!"

Keynote speaker, alumna, Judge Terry M. Craven (NDA Class of 1969) told the graduates to savor the moment.

"Remember how timid and shy each of you were when you walked through the door in 2004. Before me sits the women you are today," she said.

Craven said NDA provided the foundation for the values she would carry into college and throughout her life: "The values of faith in God, love of family, respect for all no matter what their education or status in life, compassion, loyalty and responsibility to the community in which we live."

Valedictorian Tracy Catherine Jasper of Rockland and Salutatorian Brittany Ann Concannon of Quincy were recognized and introduced to the audience. Jasper will attend Harvard and Concannon is headed to Yale.

Nichole M. Wojner of Rockland was awarded the St. Julie Award for most epitomizing the selflessness and other fine qualities of St. Julie Billiart, who established the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Wojner is headed to Salve Regina University where she will pursue nursing.

Caroline R. Lockett of Manoment was introduced by Lt. Cmdr. James McLaughlin. Lockett has been accepted to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Class president Hilary Ippolito of Hingham, vice president Victoria Ahl of Weymouth, secretary Margaret Maguire of Hingham, and treasurer Joanna Timmons of Norwell announced the class gift: a CPR practice mannequin and addition gym equipment for the fitness room.

Elizabeth V. Esborn of East Sandwich was chosen, via an anonymous essay contest,to be the student graduation speaker.

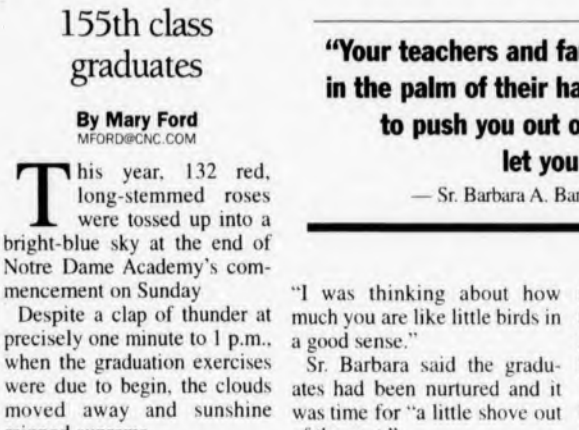
She used her experiences of puddle jumping while growing up as a metaphor about life.

"Jump in with both feet and give your all to everything you do," Esborn told her classmates. "Don't be afraid to get wet – make waves – and never forget your youth."

"Identities are built drop by drop," she said.

The graduates, who hailed from 28 communities, were accepted to 177 different colleges across the country and abroad.

Cohasset NDA graduates include: Ellie D. Casey, Elizabeth J. Fegreus, Samantha M. Fortin, and McKenna K. Teague.



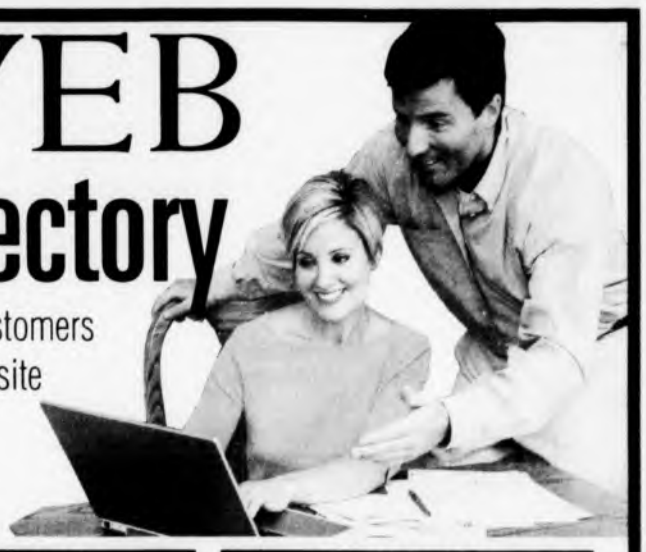
Notre Dame Academy graduates walk to the stage to receive their diplomas during last Sunday's graduation exercises.



NDA graduates throw their roses into the air following their commencement.

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A mother swan is surrounded by her five new cygnets along the shores of Treat's Pond. The cygnets hatched around Mother's Day.

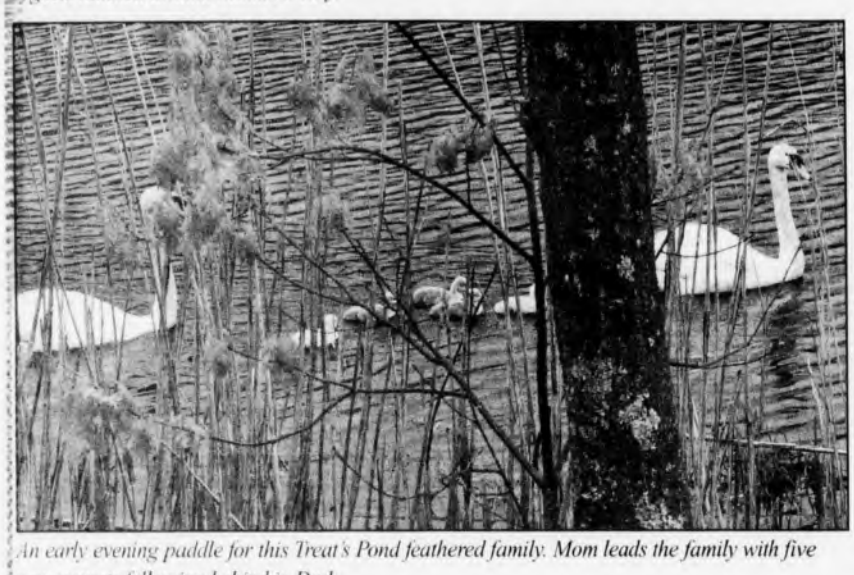


Mom and Dad hold an early swimming class for five of their new cygnets which hatched around Mother's Day.

Swan Lake

Up-close view of new Treat's Pond residents

Photos by Craig Goedecke



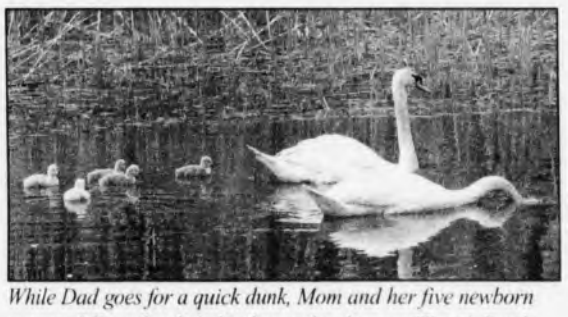
An early evening paddle for this Treat's Pond feathered family. Mom leads the family with five new cygnets following behind is Dad.



A baby cygnet watches Mom bathe after returning to their large nest in Treat's Pond. Five cygnets were born last month.



The mother and father swan lead the way into a secluded area of Treat's Pond.



While Dad goes for a quick dunk, Mom and her five newborn cygnets follow closely behind near the shores of Treat's Pond.



After an hour nap and bath, the mother swan returns to the waters of Treat's Pond with her five cygnets.



The mother swan leads her five new cygnets through the marsh grass in Cohasset's Treat's Pond. The father swan was not far from the pack.



The mother swan admires her five newborn cygnets in a large nest at Treat's Pond.

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"When we launched the Wicked Local network last fall, we wanted to combine professional journalism, lots of community information, and lots of opportunities for residents to interact with us and with each other," said Kirk Davis, president of GateHouse Media New England. "Working with TownConnect allows us to take that interaction to the next level."

You can find Wicked Local People on our site, **WickedLocalCohasset.com**, at the "people tab" on the navigation bar next to "town info." It's been on the site for about a month in "beta" – testing – mode. After a few tests and tweaks, we're now ready to tell you about it and to urge you to sign up and start building your own personalized online community!

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As part of the GateHouse arrangement, the Eastern Massachusetts TownConnect sites now live exclusively on the GateHouse

Lobster roll sale returns to Arts Festival!

Lobster rolls, a tradition at the South Shore Arts Festival, will once again be on sale at the Parish House of First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset, 23 North Main St., on June 13, 14 and 15. Lobster lovers will be glad to hear that the all-meat, fresh lobster rolls, with no filler, will remain at last year's size and price of $13 including a bag of Cape Cod potato chips. "The rolls are so good that quite a few buyers return the next day for yet another taste of summer," said Art Myles, co-chairman of the sale with his wife, Penny Myles. They suggests getting co-workers together at lunchtime on Friday, or bringing lobster rolls home for dinner with family and friends on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, which is Father's Day.

Pre-ordering is encouraged as it helps planning for the last minute arrival of the freshest possible lobster. Orders can be mailed to the Parish House, 23 North Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025 until Tuesday, June 10, with checks made out to First Parish in Cohasset; or orders may be placed by emailing or calling Penny Myles pmyles74@comcast.net or 781-749-1989. Orders can be picked up at the Parish House on Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a lobster pick-up parking zone in front of the Parish House.



Diana Kornet prepares lobster rolls for First Parish's sale during the SSAC Arts Festival. Working behind her are Marilyn Hobson and Pat Baird.

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Skippers put in post-season work

CHS boys bounce Middleboro; fall to Dover Sherborn in tourney

After completing another successful regular season, the Cohasset High boys tennis team came into the state tournament seeded 15th. They finished the regular season with a winning record of 10-7. The regular season losses were to perennial powerhouses Hingham, Norwell, Duxbury, and Scituate.

Cohasset's bid for the league title with the revamped lineup created by coaches Paul Carroll and Brian Hill came up just short against Norwell late in the season.

The final regular season lineup included junior Victor Hartmann at first singles, sophomore Mike Filbey at second singles, and newcomer junior Dan Brady at third singles. Senior captain Ryan Crough and junior Ivan Sceery combined for a powerful first doubles team while freshman Robbie Hill and senior Marc D'antonio teamed up for a hard hitting combination at second doubles.

Also earning letters and getting lots of varsity playing time in singles and doubles were junior Luke Brewer, senior Cam Cunningham, freshman Garret Canney, freshman Travers Craven and freshman Will Choi.

Playing at home at Milliken Field last Friday, the Skippers trounced Middleboro 4-1 in the opening round of the state tourney. Hartman and Brady notched victories in the singles. Crough, Sceery and Hill, Craven wrapped things up for the Skipper in doubles.

Next up for the Skippers was the undefeated heavyweight team of Dover Sherborn led by top singles player Matt Chase, Grandson of John and Patsy Chase of Red Gate Lane.

Matt's father David grew up in Cohasset and said he was "unsure which team to root for."

Victor Hartmann played the best match of his varsity career and tried valiantly to throw a monkey wrench into DS's plans.

Victor led in the first set 5-4 and it looked like there was an upset in the making. Two very close points at the end of the set went against Cohasset and Matt stole the first set. Down 3-4 in the second, Victor rallied and forced a tiebreaker before falling 5-7, 6-7. Both players in the match displayed scintillating play.

Dan Brady played steadily and improved as the match progressed before falling to the polished James Martin at second singles.

Cam Cunningham found his new power serves and athleticism would not be enough to overcome the experienced play of Andy Docherty and fell 1-6, 1-6.

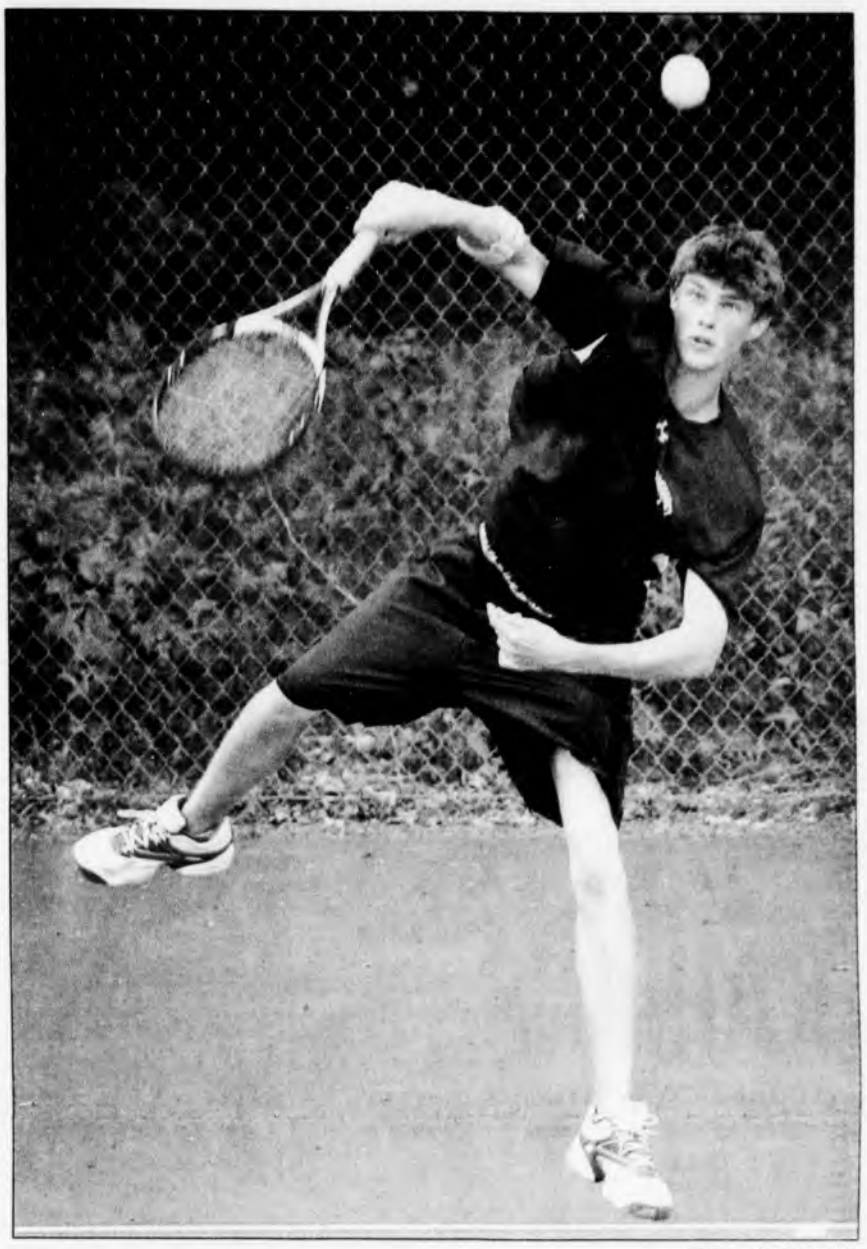
Ryan Crough and Ivan Sceery started slowly against Jake Hershey and Jake Tweed and lost the first set 1-6. The overall match was still in the balance when they knotted the score at 3-3 in the second, before falling 6-3.

Robbie Hill and Travers Craven played very solid against seniors Matt Storer and Nate Saletin dropping the first set 6-4, and leading 3-0 in the second before falling 6-4, 6-4.

Will Choi played his best tennis of the season losing to Roddy Andick, 8-4, in the exhibition.

Coach Carroll predicts Dover Sherborn will win the state title.

Season highlights included individual victories by Ryan Crough over James Foster of Harwich, victories in the state individual tournament by Victor Hartman, Ivan Sceery, and Mike Filbey, team 5-0 victory over Harwich, strong play by Travers Craven in the state individual tourney against semifinalist Duncan Farworth, and strong play by the doubles team of Robbie Hill and Garret Canney against Newton North in the state individual tourney.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Ryan Crough watches his serve during a recent match.

Semi-finally here

Girls head to Old Rochester today for sectional title shot

By Joel Racicot
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STAFF PHOTO/DAVE NEAULT

Cohasset's Sally Meehan does her part in a 5-0 win against Dedham in the South Sectional.

It took a while for the Cohasset High girls tennis team to finally get on the court. Proms, graduation and rain kept the Skippers away from the game. Now they have returned and the world is in working order.

The No. 4 seeded Skippers defeated Holliston and Dedham, Monday and Tuesday, by 5-0 scores.

Now they will face No. 1 seed Old Rochester on the road, Friday, June 6 at 3:00 p.m. The match was originally scheduled for Thursday, June 5, but has since been changed. The winner faces either Dover Sherborn or Scituate in the Div. 2 South Sectional final.

Holliston came to Cohasset after beating Mashpee 5-0 in the opening round. Cohasset had a bye.

"They had a solid 5-0 win over Mashpee, and coming in I didn't know too much about what to expect from Holliston," said Cohasset coach Gigi Meehan.

Maddy Altholtz won 6-0, 6-1

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COHASSET HIGH BOYS LACROSSE NOTEBOOK

Cohasset 19 – Archbishop Williams 7

The Cohasset High boys lacrosse team dominated Archbishop Williams in state tournament quarterfinal action on Monday evening at Alumni Field. The Skippers raced out to a 13-2 halftime lead and never looked back. The Cohasset starters again, rested for the entire second half as the reserves kept overmatched Archies at bay.

Cohasset featured a balanced scoring attack led by the Flibotte brothers. Twelve Skipper players scored points during the rout. Freshman Thomas Flibotte led all scorers with 2 goals and 4 assists. Senior Mark Flibotte had 3 goals and an assist. Sophomore Will Wise had a hat trick. Freshman Alex Kinnealey, junior Jonny Wade and seniors Mike Grimm and Chuck Czerkawski each had 2 goals and 1 assist.

Mark Flibotte opened the scoring after a nifty spin and inside flip pass from Czerkawski. PJ McCaw followed quickly with a laser to the corner after a bull dodge. Nate Porter made a terrific stop in goal at point blank range to keep the Archies off the board. Mark Flibotte found Wade alone on the crease for a fast break goal and Flibotte scored again unassisted less than a minute later. After an Archbishop Williams goal, Thomas Flibotte hit a streaking Will Wise for the tally after a terrific steal at midfield by Czerkawski. Wise closed out the first period scoring with a sidearm rip to the top corner.

Wise scored again to start the second period, this time dodging from behind. Mike Grimm followed with a quick release goal after a big face dodge from up top. Grimm then found Czerkawski for a bullet from the side. Junior Owen Landon assisted to Thomas Flibotte on a nice no-look pass on the inside. Czerkawski won the ensuing face-off cleanly and stormed in alone for still another top shelf tally. Alex Kinnealey popped up with the next face-off, raced downfield and found Mark Flibotte alone on the crease. Grimm scored with an underhanded shot assisted by Thomas Flibotte to close out the half.



Archies fought back in the second half scoring five goals in the third period. However, the Cohasset underclassmen more than held their own. Wade scored after a beautiful inside feed from Andrew DiPaulo. Wade found sophomore Dean Driscoll for a quick goal on the fast break. Sophomore Ian Quinlan found Driscoll with a clever inside pass as Driscoll cut from behind. Kinnealey then scored with a left-handed bounce shot assisted by Thomas Flibotte with the man advantage. Quinlan got his second assist after picking up a loose ball on a scramble in front and flipping it to Thomas Flibotte on the crease for the score. The younger Flibotte completed his break-out game assisting on Kinnealey's second goal of the game.

Cohasset coach Stew Curran was happy with the balance in the Skippers' offensive explosion.

"It was good to see so many of our players, and particularly some of our younger players, involved in the offense," Curran said. "We moved the ball well and unselfishly, and found the open looks. We had assists on thirteen of our goals which is outstanding. We will need to keep up the offensive pressure to continue our advance to a third title."

Curran also lauded the play of his senior goaltender.

"Nate Porter was terrific in goal tonight and very active in the

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COASTAL NISSAN salutes the South Shore Athlete of the Month

Marshfield senior Chris Walker is one of the most feared attackmen on the South Shore lax scene and for good reason. Already the owner of Marshfield High's single-game (14) scoring record, Walker broke the MHS single season scoring mark this month with an eight-point (five goal, three assist) performance against Whitman/Hanson. The lax captain compiled 119 points in the regular season this spring, besting the previous record of 113 set by 2000 MHS grad Sean Morris. Walker's play helped guide his Rams lax squad to an Atlantic Coast League North Div. title (11-1) and berth in the Div. 1 East Tourney.

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Season ends earlier than hoped

Skippers lose in tourney opener

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

A week after winning a share of the South Shore League title, the Cohasset High baseball team hit a wall, losing its first game of the state tournament. The team's 15-9 loss against Westwood Saturday ended their historic season in which they became the first Cohasset baseball team to win the league championship in 49 years, and was one of only three CHS teams in the last 36 years to even make the state tournament.

"We shot ourselves in the foot" said Cohasset coach Al Gallotta about the team's overall pitching performance.

A pitching staff that put together a team earned run average of only 2.57 the entire season, and was truly the backbone of this historic team, was disappointing in the tourney opener.

Four different Cohasset pitchers allowed a combined 12 walks and hit three Westwood batters; and of those 15 free passes, eight of the men came around and scored.

Westwood took full advantage of players constantly being on base by compiling 10 hits, four of which were for extra bases.

"You have to give Westwood credit," stated Gallotta, "They played a little bit better than we did and deserved to win the game."

The Skippers compiled eight hits of their own, and their nine total runs were something Gallotta was very pleased about.

"Anytime you score nine runs in a game you expect to win, that's usually enough," he said.

The major difference between the two team's hitting performances is the fact that of Cohasset's eight hits, only one of them was an extra bases compared to Westwood's four extra base hits.

The lone extra base hit for Cohasset came in the early innings by senior Kenny Muir on a solo home run.

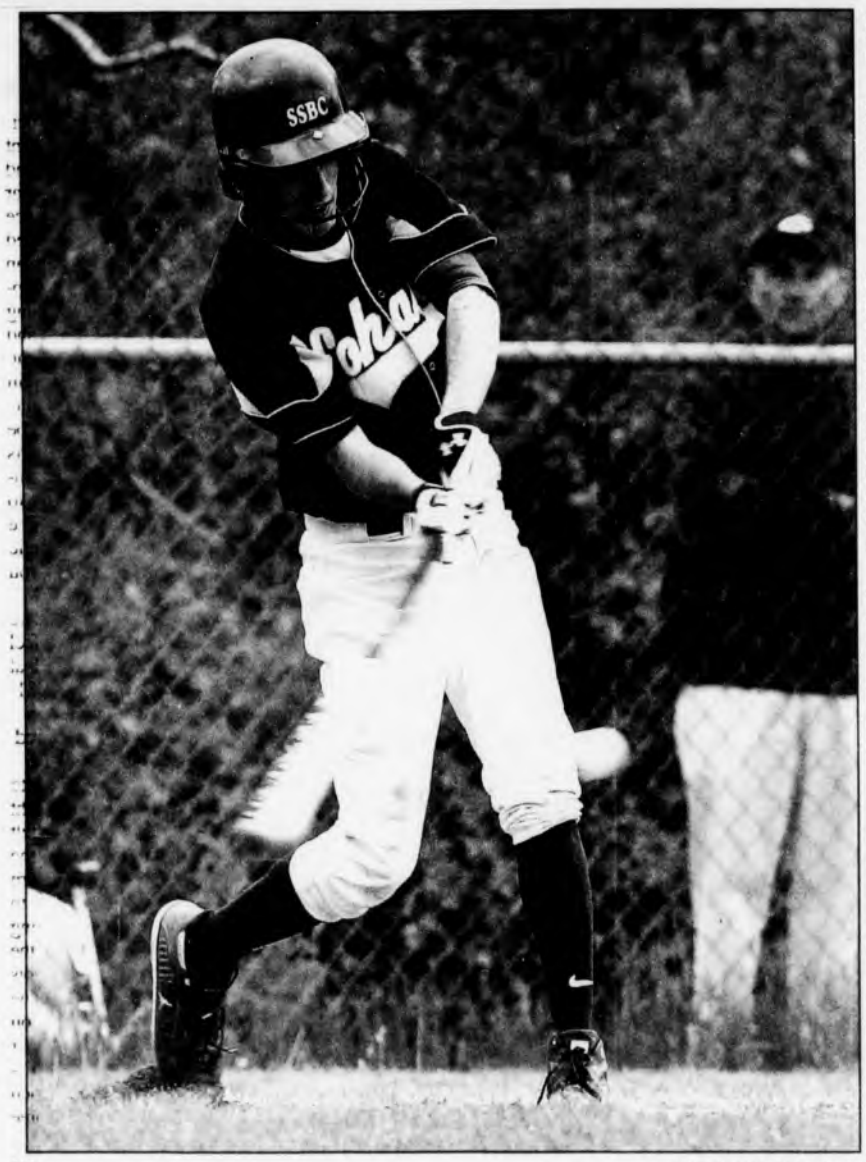
Other than Muir, only four other hitters got a hit, and all four were the only players to have an RBI.

Seniors Pat Doonan and Chris Rose, as well sophomore Brendan Doonan all had two hits in the game, all singles, and each had at least one run batted in. Rose had two RBI. Both Doonan's were great on the basepaths as Pat Doonan had two stolen bases and Brendan Doonan had one.

The only other Skipper to get a hit and RBI was senior Alex Goetz, who had a single, but also drove in a run on a sacrifice fly.

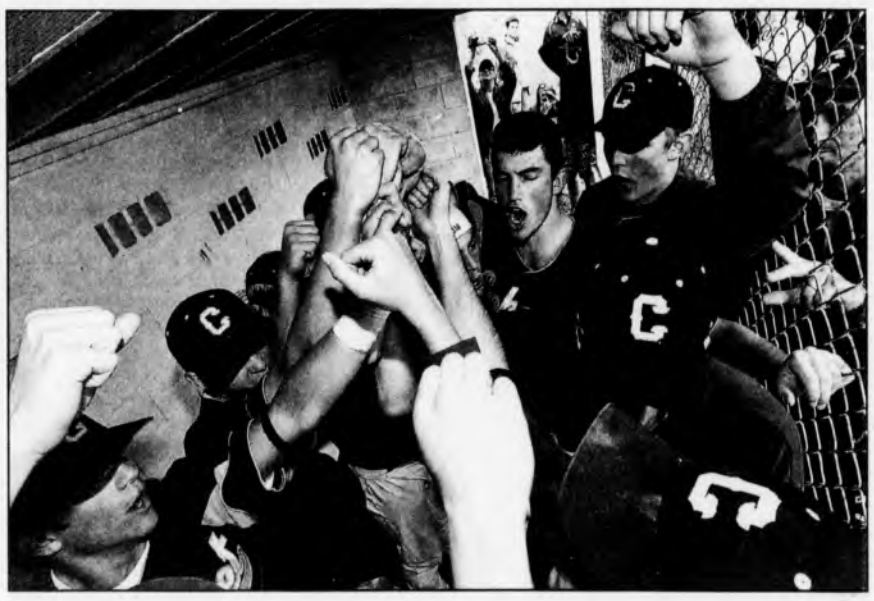
Despite the fact that the team didn't advance further into the state tournament, Cohasset's achievements cannot be denied.

On road to their first league championship the Skippers also clinched a bye in the first round of the tournament meaning that they lost in the second round.



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Cohasset's John Sturino (14) drives in two runs with a single in the bottom of the fifth against Carver during the last game of the regular season.



(Right)
The CHS baseball team readies for a recent game.

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entire defensive effort. His aggressive play was key when the Archies tried to make a run in the third period."

Porter finished with 10 saves. Cohasset will play Norwell, Thursday night at 5 p.m. at Alumni Field with a berth in the state championship game on the line. It will be the Skippers' last home game of 2008 since the state championship will be played this year at a neutral site.

Cohasset 13 – Arlington Catholic 2

The Cohasset High boys lacrosse team, two-time defending Division 3 state champions, opened their quest for a "threepeat" with a convincing 13-2 blowout of Arlington Catholic on Thursday. The Skippers raced off to an 11-0 first half lead and Cohasset coach Stew Curran rested his starters for the entire second half.

"Arlington Catholic is a relatively young program," Curran said. "It was a good warm-up for the tougher games to come in the tournament. Our younger players were able to get some tournament action under their belt which is always a positive."

Mark Flibotte opened the first half scoring onslaught for Cohasset with a man-up goal on a nice feed from Chuck Czerkawski. A minute later, Mike Grimm stripped the ball from the Cougars' defender with an aggressive check at midfield, and found Thomas Flibotte in the middle of the field who hit his older brother streaking toward the goal for the second tally.

Andrew DiPaulo scored unassisted with a nifty left-handed shot after dodging from behind. In a textbook fast break, Peter Ernst passed to Grimm who assisted on Dean Driscoll's shot that beat the Arlington Catholic goalie to the short side. Goalie Nate Porter kept the shutout alive with a very tough-minded, bulldoze check of an open Cougar attackman on the crease just before the buzzer sounded.

At the start of the second quarter, Grimm found PJ McCaw alone up top he then fired a rocket to the top corner. Ernst saw Grimm cutting back door and Grimm buried the shot with a quick release on the run. On the next Arlington Catholic possession, senior defenseman Cliff Musto stripped the ball from his attackman, picked up the ground ball and raced the length of the field on the clear.

Musto quickly passed to Flibotte who found Grimm alone on the crease for still another Cohasset goal. Grimm then threaded a pass thru traffic to an open Driscoll who found the bottom corner. Flibotte scored unassisted after a loose ball scramble in front of the cage. Flibotte scored again less than a minute later on a face dodge assisted by Driscoll. After an aggressive ride by Driscoll, Czerkawski scored unassisted on a cannon to the top shelf.

The Skippers swarming zone defense was equally effective as its offense. Jake Cuneo, Dana Valentine, Anderson Lynner, Vin Curran, Nick Lieberman, Cliff Musto and Jake Kissick all combined to shut down any goal scoring opportunities for the Cougars.

The Cohasset goalies were rarely tested throughout the game.

After a scoreless and sometimes sloppy third period, Arlington Catholic finally got on the board on a left-handed snipe by Joe Pendenza. Junior Charlie Mushin got that goal back for Cohasset on a beautiful roll dodge from behind, a quick spin by another defender and a perfect shot to the low post. After a second Arlington Catholic tally, Freshman Alex Kinnealey closed out the Cohasset scoring with a bull dodge through traffic and a high to low shot, which beat the Cougar goalie to the stick side.

Mark Flibotte led Cohasset scorers with 4 goals and 1 assist. Mike Grimm added 2 goals and 3 assists and Dean Driscoll had 2 goals and 1 assist. Goalies Nate Porter and Jack Murphy combined for 9 saves.



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Stew Curran and the gang look on during recent Skippers action. The boys play next against Norwell with a shot at a state title on the line.

Sports Notes

Clark Road Race

Saturday, June 14, 2008 the seventh annual "Clark's Fun Run" will take place at The South Shore Music Circus. The days events include a one mile kids run (family run) at 9 a.m. with each participant receiving a medal and a t-shirt.

At 9:30 a.m. the 3.5 mile walk goes off and at 10 a.m. the 3.5 mile road race starts. Each participant will receive a t-shirt with their registration. The 3.5 mile course is scenic but challenging including the town common and Sandy Beach. Over the past seven years the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund has donated over $100,000 dollars to the community.

Some of our projects include the purchase of two AED's for the middle high school, the construction of a new basketball court outside the Deer Hill Elementary School, the purchase of new athletic benches for the Clark Chatterton Athletic Complex at the middle high school, funding provided for the post prom activities for the senior class at the high school, bus transportation for Cohasset Metco athletes, funding for The Presidential Classroom, and funding for the Cohasset Scituate Swim Program.

Last year's race proceeds went to the purchase of a new electronic scoreboard at the Beechwood Baseball Field in Cohasset. The mission statement of the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund is to provide educational and recreational opportunities for the children and families in Cohasset.

The road race is an opportunity for families to enjoy the beautiful town of Cohasset and to participate in an organized fun event promoting physical fitness and community support. This year Cohasset Triathlon Race Director Bill Burnett has offered his assistance in helping to plan for the day and providing support to the committee by raising the awareness of the race and drawing participants to the event, we do appreciate his help in making this a community event.

All of the race proceeds will be donated to the Cohasset Sports Partnerships "Got Turf" campaign which is raising funds to replace Alumni Field at The Clark Chatterton Athletic Complex with a turf field. If you have any questions or would like a registration form or would like to make a donation please feel free to contact Debbie Beal at dbeal@cohassetk12.org or 781-383-6100 ext 148.

Adult sailing lessons offered at Hull Yacht Club

Have you always wanted to learn to sail? The Hull Yacht Club is offering evening adult sailing lessons beginning the week of July 7. You will learn everything you need to know to handle a small boat, including principles of sailing, rules of the road, safety on the water, knots and how to read the weather. The classes run for six weeks on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings, 5:30 - approximately 7:30 p.m. Each class has a maximum of three members.

Cost is $250. Lifejackets required. The Hull Yacht Club is located at 5 Fitzpatrick Way, Hull. For more information please contact Debbie Cook 781-383-6313.

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to grab the first point.

"She played out of her mind," Meehan said. "And this girls was good that she was playing, we thought Maddy was in this huge battle."

Sally Meehan was next to finish. She won 6-2, 6-1.

"She played great and was very determined," Meehan said. "That's what I'm seeing this year from my team, especially my seniors, they want to win really big. They really want this."

Maggie McGoldrick and Danielle Sookiasian faced a very good team at first doubles, according to Meehan, "one of the best I've seen." They had a big 6-1, 7-5 win.

Meg Anderson took her match 6-3, 6-3, and as usual, shined under the first singles pressure.

The second doubles team of Laura Allen and Jean Thomae started slow, losing the first set 0-6.

"I started thinking I made this huge coaching mistake and taken these two great players and just created a bond of no chemistry," Meehan said, "but they dug so deep."

The girls came back, changed strategy and won the next two sets, 6-4, 6-1.

"That was an awesome match for them."

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Pre- through post-prom was perfect

LIFE AT CHS



LAUREN MACK

...new this year, every week in my column I'm going to post the "teacher quote of the week" so that parents and townsfolk can get to know some of our beloved CHS teachers a little bit better.

Welcome back, everyone! In case you happened to miss it, the Cohasset prom was a success, pre through post. Everyone looked absolutely beautiful, chaperones and spectators included. I'm also very proud to say that there were no unexpected problems along the way either. Congratulations to the boys' baseball and tennis teams who made it all the way to the first round of the tournament. Also good luck to girls' tennis who have made it all the way to the Semi-finals! In other news this week:

• Boys varsity lacrosse played in the Division three Quarterfinals on Monday at Alumni Field against Archbishop Williams and won 19-7.

• Tuesday and Wednesday the Freshman had their Science MCAS that I'm confident

• Yesterday, some Spanish students in Senora Jordan's class took a field trip to the Museum of Fine Arts and then Spanish restaurant called *El Sarape* to study and embrace the Spanish culture.

• Graduation rehearsal was also held yesterday in preparation for the big day at 1:30 tomorrow!

• And good luck to anyone taking the SATs at CHS this Saturday!

And new this year, every week in my column I'm going to post the "teacher quote of the week" so that parents and townsfolk can get to know some of our beloved CHS teachers a little bit better. This week features Mr. Nathaniel Duncan, part time history teacher, part time Peace Corps volunteer, and full-time explorer. When asked why he chose teaching as a profession, he replied: "Well, Indiana Jones inspired me to get into teaching, yet no one has kidnapped me in the school parking lot or kept me from grading papers to send me on a quest."

So there you have it, everyone. Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the hot weather. See you all next week!

Lauren Mack is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly in the Mariner.

LUNCH MENUS

MONDAY, JUNE 9

Chicken cutlet sandwich, buttered whipped potatoes, crisp green beans, sweet red grapes.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

Meatball hoagies with grated Parmesan cheese, fresh side salad, juicy cantaloupe slices.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Taco meat over nacho chips with lettuce, tomato and shredded cheese, steamed white rice, vanilla pudding.

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Chicken nuggets, baked potatoes, fresh carrot and celery sticks with ranch dressing, fruit cup.

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CORRECTION





STAFF PHOTOS/DAVE NEAULT

Caroline Cooper, left, and Lindsey Beiche, right, were incorrectly identified in the May 16 edition of the Cohasset Mariner while editor Mary Ford was on vacation. Caroline and Lindsey are busy checking out the books at the Osgood Book Fair. The Mariner apologies to Caroline and Lindsey for the mix-up.

Giving Extra Credit to Cohasset teachers

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Looking for the perfect gift to thank a teacher or school secretary? Cohasset Education Foundation offers a solution with a tax-deductible donation to the CEF's Teacher Appreciation Program, in which parents can send any Cohasset teacher, administrator or school staff member Extra Credit.

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With each Extra Credit donation, CEF will mail an acknowledgement card to the teacher or other recipient in the Cohasset schools. Cards are available with a suggested minimum donation of $15 each, $50 for five cards; larger donations are always appreciated. All proceeds of the Extra Credit program go toward funding professional development in Cohasset schools. CEF accepts donations for the Teacher Appreciation Program, Extra Credit throughout the school year.

Donations may be made in honor of relatives, friends, coaches, grandparents and any other special people or as a memorial remembrance. Checks should be made payable to: Cohasset Education Foundation and mailed to: Cohasset Education Foundation, P.O Box 309, Cohasset, MA 02025. For more information, contact sarah.murphy@comcast.net or visit the Web site at cohassetedu cation.org.

Deer Hill raises money for heart association

Led by physical education teacher Michael Weydt, the third, fourth and fifth grade classes of Deer Hill Elementary School participated in the Hoops for Heart program to raise money for the American Heart Association. Students collected more than $5,000 in donations to help fight heart disease and stroke. In 2006, the first year that the school participated in the program, students raised more than $7,600 for the Heart Association.

About 12 million, 17.1 percent, of kids in the United States are overweight. An additional 12 million are at risk of being overweight, and a recent national study from the Journal of School Health reports that only 8 percent of elementary schools, 6.4 percent of middle/junior high schools, and 5.8 percent of senior high schools, provide daily physical education or its equivalent for the entire school year. Teaching children about good health starts at home, but having physical education programs in school helps reinforce the message.

Jump Rope For Heart and Hoops for Heart are national educational fundraising programs sponsored by the American Heart Association and American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. The programs engage students in a physical activity, such as jumping rope, basketball skill games or tournaments, while raising funds to support heart and stroke research. Students ask friends and family for donations and receive thank-you gifts based on the money they raise. Participants enjoy a fun physical activity, raise money for a good cause and learn about heart health and volunteer service by participating.

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RECREATION NOTES

Summer dog training begins June 23

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is offering the following programs. For registration forms and information visit www.townofcohasset.org/rec or call 781-383-4109.

Summer dog training — Cohasset Recreation Center is offering dog obedience classes on Cohasset Common on Monday, June 23. Beginners obedience will be at 6 p.m.; obedience with distractions at 7 p.m.

Beginners obedience class is open to puppies at least 12 weeks old to dogs of any age who are seeking a beginner's level understanding of all obedience commands, including sit, down, stay, watch me, come, leave it, drop it and walking on a leash. The class will also give assistance to those seeking help with problems such as jumping, mouthing and chewing. Adult dogs and recently adopted dogs who are looking to get off to the right start are welcome in this class in addition to young and adolescent puppies.

Obedience with distractions is for dogs that understand basic concepts such as sit, stay, come and down, but who have trouble being consistent. The class will teach the dog to listen with greater distractions each week, less and less leash control and with the owner further and further away.

Classes meet once a week for five weeks and cost $110. For more information, call the Recreation Center at 781-383-4109 or the trainer at 781-878-4343.

Fifth Grade Class Party – There will be a party for everyone who has just finished fifth grade and is about to enter sixth grade at the Teen Garage from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, June 13. Everyone in the new sixth grade is welcome; however, the Garage is closed to all other grades on this night. This is a free event to welcome and introduce the new sixth-graders to the Garage. Refreshments will be for sale. Supervision will include a staff of five-plus chaperones, most of whom are local area teachers. Attendees must be picked up by 10 p.m. This is not a school event. Call Cohasset Recreation Department for more information.

Playground Program – Registration for the Summer Playground Program will take place during the week of Monday, June 9, through Thursday, June 12, at the Town Hall auditorium as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; as well as Tuesday evening, 5 to 7. Registration must be done in person. The seven-week Playground Program is a day camp-like experience inclusive of sports, games, field trips, entertainment, arts and crafts, etc. It starts June 23 and finishes Aug. 9. Children who turned 3 years old as of March 1, 2005, are eligible for the half-day program, specifically designed for 3 fi- to 4-year-olds. Children ages 5 through 12 may register for the full day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., program. Fees for the program are: Full day $385, and half day $310, for the entire seven-week program. There is also a $50 per child activity fee payable by a separate check. Both checks are payable to: Town of Cohasset. Visit the Web site for more information.

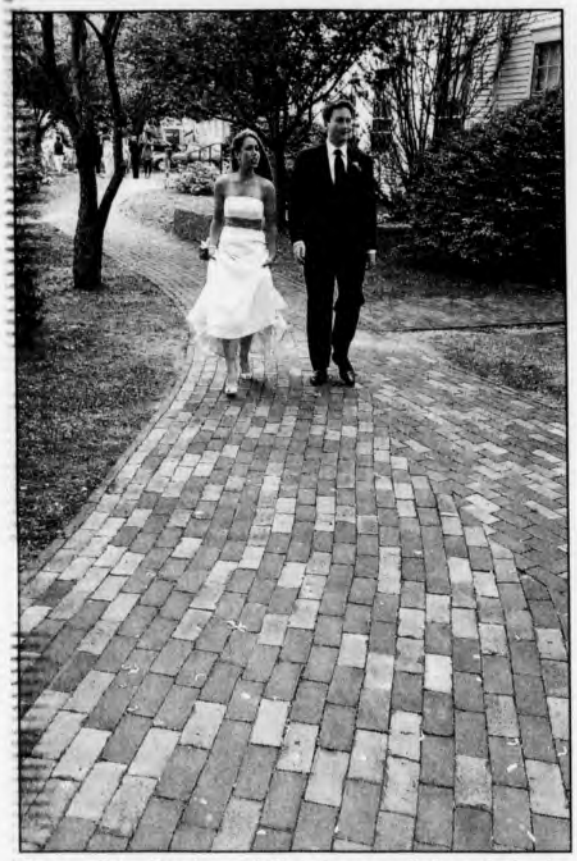
CHS Fitness Room – Stay fit this summer. Cohasset Recreation and Cohasset High School announce, thanks to the generosity of the Clark Chatterton Fund, that Cohasset High School Fitness Room will be available free of charge this summer, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, for Cohasset residents grade seven through adult. Children younger than seventh grade must be accompanied by an adult. This free service will be available starting June 23 and continuing for 10 weeks through Aug. 29. Use the front door entrance. The CHS Fitness Room will be closed July 4.

Kitchen Kids Workshop – Kitchen Kids Workshop is a new Recreation program this summer, designed to introduce children to the joys of creative cooking. Kids will be enlivened with the bright colors, wonderful aromas and tantalizing flavors. Even the fussiest eaters will be thrilled to eat something they have made themselves. The hands-on class has step-by-step instructions, in a safe and clean environment. Kitchen Kids offers a real world tool that will leave a lasting impression for years to come. Sandy Trembley is the director. There are two sessions this summer: Tuesday, July 8, through Friday, July 11; and Tuesday, Aug. 12, through Friday, Aug. 15. A morning class from 10:30 a.m. to noon, is offered for children ages 3 through 6, and an afternoon class from 12:30 to 2, is for 7- through 12-year-olds. Price is $130/child for either session. Future workshops will take place throughout the school year; check back periodically on the Web site.

Technology Camp – Technology Camp is a new, one-week camp, from Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 25, presented by Play-Well TEKnologies and Community Camps. Take a crash course in Demolition Derby, enter a Sumo Wrestling Competition, design a Mighty Metropolis, challenge the Battle Track and build and race a locomotive faster than a speeding Worm Drive. Explore concepts in physics, mechanical engineering, structural engineering and architecture while playing with favorite creations. Children will be given instruction, design challenges and competitions appropriate to their facility with LEG Technic and System components. The cost is $140 per participant. Technology Camp will take place at the Recreation Garage, behind the Red Lion Inn. There are two classes by age group: 9 a.m. to noon for 5- to 7-year-olds; and 1 to 4 p.m., for 8-to-12-year-olds. Applications are available at on the Web site.

Intro to Fencing Clinic – "En garde." Hand, eye and foot coordination and dueling skills will be taught in this new Recreation clinic. The program is fun and safe for everyone with all the equipment provided. Sneakers, T-shirts and sweatpants should be worn. Class instructor is Mullarkey, a championship fencer who has been teaching for years throughout the South Shore. The clinic will take place 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 28, through Friday, Aug. 1, at the Rec. Garage, behind Red Lion Inn. Boys and Girls ages 7 and older are encouraged to register. Cost is $120 per student. Further classes will continue throughout the year. For information and/or applications, visit the Web site.





Seniors, Paige Strecker, and Chris Asmar, walk down the brick pathway between Second Congregational Church and Town Hall.



Senior, Cameron Cope, escorts junior Elena Williams down a narrow human made corridor on Friday.



Maggie McGoldrick and Pat Doonan pause underneath the front of the town hall for a photo during the pre-prom presentation on Friday.

Rolling out the red carpet

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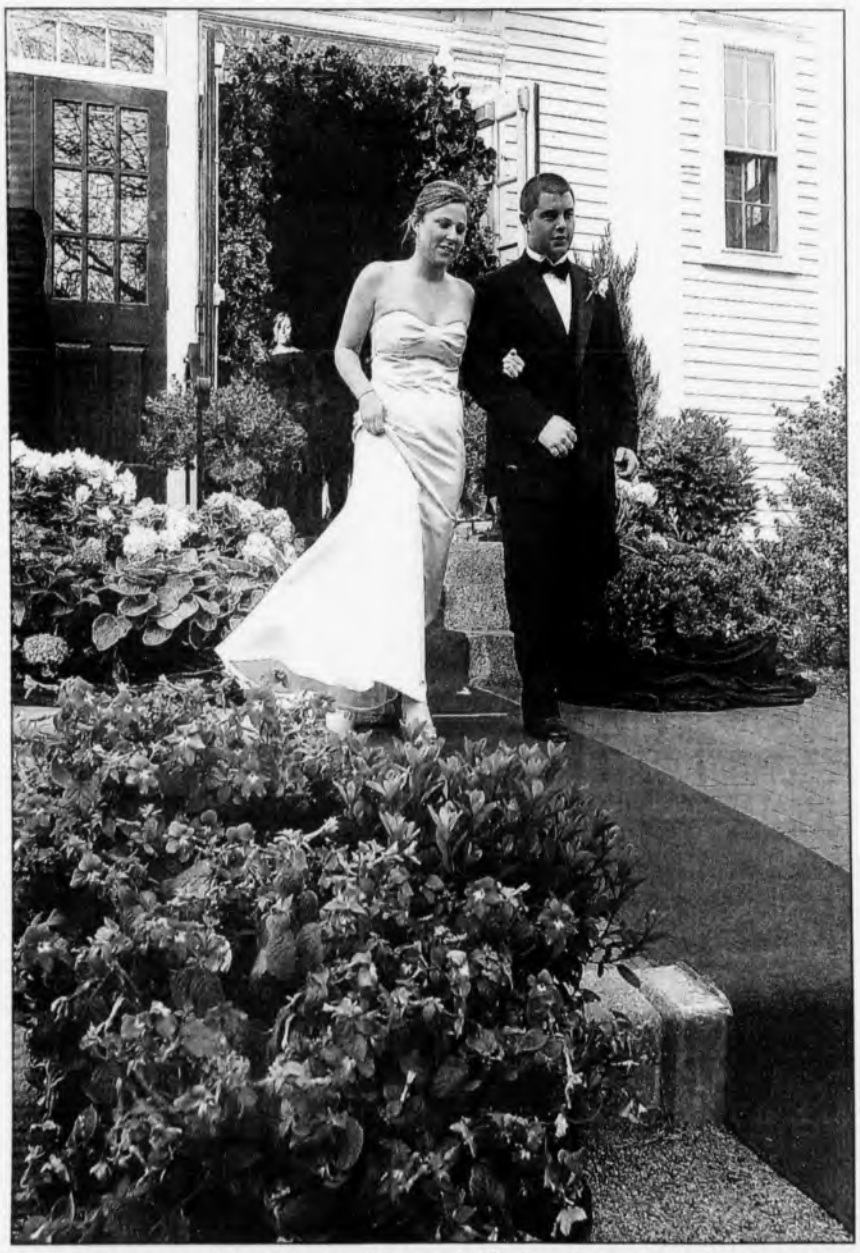
Senior, Penisha Daniel, right, buttons up the jacket of Luis Jaime of West Roxbury while they were waiting for the trolley to arrive on Friday.



Senior, Samantha Williams, adjusts the dress of her best friend, Christine Kent, while standing in line as they were preparing to be presented to the crowd on Friday evening.



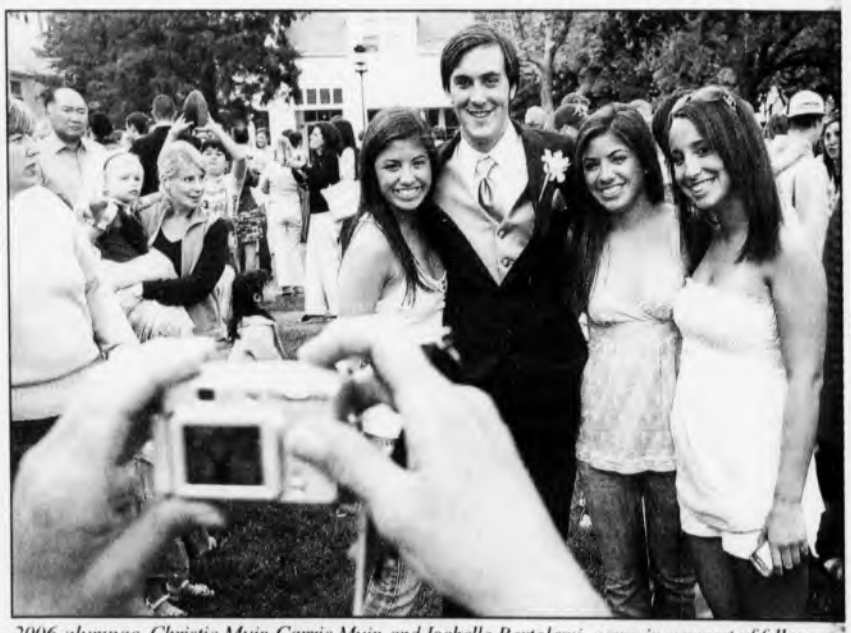
Tina D'Antonio, 16, gives a big hug to her brother Marc, 18, after the pre-prom presentation on the Common on Friday.



Grace Steele is escorted down the steps of the town hall by Sam Gacicia during the pre-prom presentation on Friday evening.



Kenny Muir escorts Mimi Mahoney down the red carpet on Friday evening.



2006 alumnae, Christie Muir, Carrie Muir, and Isabelle Bertolami, come in support of fellow 2006 alum Ben Bolster who was going to the prom with Amanda Hurd on Friday evening. They are being photographed by Ben's mom, Linda.



Seniors, Mike Kusek, Nate Porter, Evan Deutsch, Cam Cunningham, Matt Burgess, Chris Rose, Ryan Crough, Conor Michauld, Colin Dignam, Jonny Drybanski, Emerson Oronte, and Alex Goetz pose for a group photo on the Common.



Senior, Mike Kusek, and junior, Carley Zappolo, head to the back of the line as they wait for the trolleys to arrive on Friday evening.



Brodie Jackisch, 12, congratulates Evan Deutsch while he was escorting Mackenzie Hart down the red carpet on Friday evening. Brodie knows Evan from sailing class.

Prom-goers presented to family and friends

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Cohasset High students sit in their trolley before heading off to their prom on Friday.



Cohasset High students line up to enter the trolleys to take them to the prom on Friday.

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A family cruise to Caribbean from New York

Kim Foley MacKinnon
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

As we slowly passed the Statue of Liberty, crowds of adults and kids alike pressed against the ship's railing and cheered. Meanwhile, a conga line snaked around the main pool to the strains of a live Caribbean band. We were cruising from New York, but we were heading to the Caribbean. And everyone was getting in the mood.

The nine-day cruise on the Crown Princess would take us to Bermuda, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Grand Turk and back to New York, with four full days at sea and four days in ports. This was my family's first cruise. And while I liked the idea of leaving from a city I could drive to, and getting to all those destinations, I was worried the extra time at sea would mean boredom, especially for my 8-year-old. I was glad to be proven wrong.

The first day at sea we busied ourselves with getting oriented. When daughter Sadie visited the "Fun Zone" kids' club for the first time, she was promptly sent on a scavenger hunt. From then on, she was our guide, navigating the 3,080-passenger ship, while my husband, Rob, and I followed her.

The kids' program is divided by age, and before being introduced to the center for the 8- to 12-year-old group, Sadie wasn't sure she would want to spend much time there. But she ended up rarely wanting to leave, and she wasn't alone in that -- most of the families we chatted with during the cruise confided their kids were more keen on hanging at the center than hanging with their parents.

Sadie participated in craft activities, such as stringing bead necklaces and painting T-shirts, but she also enjoyed reading the books available at the center. A "High School Musical" karaoke contest one night was a big hit. Younger kids did crafts and coloring and their playroom was filled with blocks and Legos. Older kids seemed to gravitate to PlayStation 2 games and lounging around the Teen Center. All the counselors I met were enthusiastic and cheerful and genuinely seemed to have a great time with the kids.

At an afternoon talent show, Sadie did gymnastics tricks, making the audience of kids and parents cringe when she did her pretzel move, with her feet behind her head.

Princess has all sorts of classes for adults too through their Scholarship@Sea program. Some are also open to kids. And so Sadie and I both made take-home dishes in a ceramics class.

With the sun shining, we all spent lots of time at the ship's pools. And choosing from the large roster of daytime activities, one afternoon Rob and I teamed up with another couple to play TV theme-music trivia against fellow passengers. PG movies shown on a giant screen poolside proved a popular attraction with everyone.

Princess ships offer the option of "anytime" dining, allowing families to eat when the kids get hungry -- just arrive at the dining room and get seated at a table (traditional seating at set times is also offered). A kids' menu is available and requests (sauce on the side, etc.) were handled with aplomb. Room service, including pizzas, is also on offer.

Few kids attended the ship's two formal nights -- most staying instead in the kids' program -- but we wanted Sadie to have the chance to dress up, and she enjoyed the extra attention in the dining room.

Nighttime activities are more adult-oriented: time in the casino, Vegas-style shows, sitting in bars and listening to lounge singers or dancing in the disco. But all three of us were impressed with mentalist/illusionist Wayne Hoffman, who seemed to read people's minds.

When we booked our trip, Princess sent us packets of information detailing shore excursion offerings. They recommended reserving well before the voyage, and I highly recommend this -- we booked early but still didn't get all of our first choices.

But we opted for a catamaran trip in Bermuda, a nighttime bioluminescence kayaking trip in Puerto Rico, and an excursion visiting Turtle Cove in St. Thomas -- where sea turtles thrillingly swam right next to us as we snorkeled. All were impressively operated.

On a horseback excursion on the beach in Grand Turk, the guide urged our horses to run faster and deeper into the surf. I was already somewhat nervous, and that didn't help matters. I couldn't turn around to see if Sadie was OK, because it was all I could do to stay astride my horse. But I could hear her laughing, and I knew she was having the time of her life.

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Sandy Beach to open June 14

Association awards first scholarship

Sandy Beach Association asks that people respect the rules of the beach. Alcohol, fires, fishing, or flotation devices are prohibited anywhere on the beach.

Every year in early June the annual Sandy Beach clean-up begins in preparation for the official opening of the beach. The clean up began June 2 and should last for a week. People are warned to be careful on the beach during this clean up period. When Rosano-Davis is done with the clean-up the seaweed will be buried, garbage will be removed and the beach will be ready for summer.

The beach will officially open for the summer Saturday, June 14. Lifeguards will be on duty from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., daily through Labor Day weekend. The head guard may look familiar to students of Cohasset Middle and High School. Jennifer DiSabatino, a science teacher from the middle and high school, will be the head summer guard. She will be in charge of scheduling and guard procedures for the staff of 13 summer lifeguards and 14 beach maintenance workers. She has 28 years of lifeguard experience and is certified in advanced ocean rescue and safety.

Sandy Beach Association is a group of eight volunteer residents from Cohasset. This year they have announced the first scholarship to a high school senior. This $1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a high school senior who has demonstrated a passion for marine biology and environmental studies. The first recipient of this scholarship is Mike Kusek. Mike has completed 11 science courses while attending Cohasset High School and plans on majoring in marine biology at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C. Robin Lawrence, president of Sandy Beach Association, said, "For years the town has been generous in supporting Sandy Beach and its operation. Consequently, the association decided this scholarship is an opportunity to express our gratitude to the community and further the dreams of one of our graduates."

All facilities stickers will be available for sale starting the week of June 16 in Town Hall. This all-facilities sticker gives residents access not only to the recycling center but also to the beach parking lot. Stickers are required for all cars to park at Sandy Beach.

The second Cohasset Triathlon will be run through the town of Cohasset on Sunday, June 29, starting at 8 a.m. A portion of the beach parking lot will be closed at 2 p.m., on Saturday June 28. The entire parking lot will be closed until noon on Sunday June 29. Lifeguards will be on duty until 7 p.m., on June 28. Lifeguards will not be on the beach until noon on June 29.

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This week, residents will receive the Sandy Beach Association annual fundraising letter. This mailing is the only source of fundraising for the Sandy Beach Association. These funds are used to clean the beach, staff it throughout the summer and now support the annual scholarship. Kari O'Donnell, who manages the fundraising program said, "The beach can't operate as it does without the generous support of Cohasset residents. Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 285, Cohasset. Thank you for your help and we'll see you at the beach."

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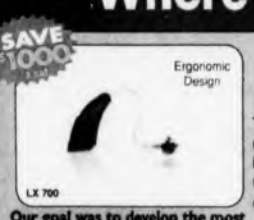
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FRIDAY, MAY 23

1:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:21 a.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:25 a.m. **King St., and Schofield Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

6:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:20 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood school checks.

3:18 p.m. **Doane St.**, motor vehicle crash, officer reports he has on sighted a very minor motor vehicle accident and is just assisting in exchanging papers. Officer clear and parties involved have cleared, no report needed.

5:02 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint.

5:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

7:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a back Crown Victoria swerving on the road and crossing the median. Officer is off with the vehicles. Officer reports the driver checks out ok.

8 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, officer wanted, harbormaster requests to see an officer regarding possible underage drinking. Officer has description of vehicle that may contain youths and liquor.

8:19 p.m. **Hull St.**, investigation, following up on call from harbormaster. Officer reports that there is no answer at the door. Clearing for now. Units will continue to check the area and attempt to notify an adult.

9:30 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

11:19 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, noise complaint, caller reports a group of kids in the ball field making a lot of noise. Officer reports the kids are finishing up a game and will be leaving within the next five minutes.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

12:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:35 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

1:07 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

2:29 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance, one in custody. Arrest: Christopher T. Riihimake, 19, 130 Atlantic Ave., Cohasset. Charges: A&B (2 counts), disorderly conduct, malicious destruction of property more than $250.

3:38 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, investigation.

5:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:38 a.m. **HQ.**, medical aid, prisoner has a leg injury.

9:29 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, hazard, caller reports a paving truck blocking the street, officer reports a worker is directing the traffic and the truck is going to be moved off the roadway.

9:35 a.m. **Doane St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

11:06 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, civil matter, walk in party reports items of his have been stolen. Sgt. has spoken to the party, this is an ongoing civil matter, no report needed.

12:07 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports the temporary water main just burst in the middle of the street. Water Dept. notified and responding. Fire Lt. reports this is the temp. water pipe into the residence and is flooding the house, it is not a break in the street. Water Dept. on scene.

2:46 p.m. **Hull St.**, warrant services, Weymouth PD requesting units go to this location and attempt to arrest male party on a warrant and possible other crimes. Male party was let go from work early and is not at this location.

5:45 p.m. **Schofield Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:14 p.m. **Schofield Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports his oven was sparking.

7:55 p.m. **Doane St.**, animal complaint, caller reports that she can hear a dog barking across the street from her house. Sounds like the dog is in trouble or stuck.

9:14 p.m. **Hill St.**, well being check, caller reports he cannot get a hold of his girlfriend and would like someone to check on her to make sure everything is ok. Officer reports the female at this location is fine, she had the ringer on the phone turned off.

11:20 p.m. **North Main St.**, vandalism report, caller reports a small black compact car drove by and egged his car.

11:50 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports a motor vehicle accident – vehicle vs. telephone pole. Arrest: Danielle M. Heggie, 26, 159 Sohier St., Cohasset. Charges: OUI of liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, following too close on state highway.

SUNDAY, MAY 25

12:01 a.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, officer wanted, all units tied-up on Route 3A with an accident.

2:30 a.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, mutual aid, Lt. requests that SP Norwell provide a detail officer for pole with high-tension lines that is snapped on Route 3A.

5:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports an intoxicated female drove into the parking lot and had a hard time parking her vehicle. Officer transporting one female to her residence. The female party is now in the custody of her husband and the vehicle will spend the night at the above location.

7:11 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, caller reports her neighbors' dog will not stop barking. Officer reports no one is home at the residence at this time.

MONDAY, MAY 26

12:02 a.m. **Hatherly Rd.**, erratic operation, Scituate PD reports vehicle was coming from their town going to Hingham.

12:50 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:16 a.m. **J St.**, medical aid, Hull Fire requesting R3 to above location laceration to head.

5:30 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, officer wanted, officer spoke to both parties involved, officer is giving male a ride to Mobile Station where he is waiting for a ride.

6:38 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, assist boater, caller reports his boat's motor quit, he is in a 20' blue scooter, his last location was above location, caller called back the motor has started – everything is fine.

7:42 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, caller reports there is a bike rider that has fallen off bike.

9:23 a.m. **Elm St.**, walk in party reports she has locked herself out of her apartment.

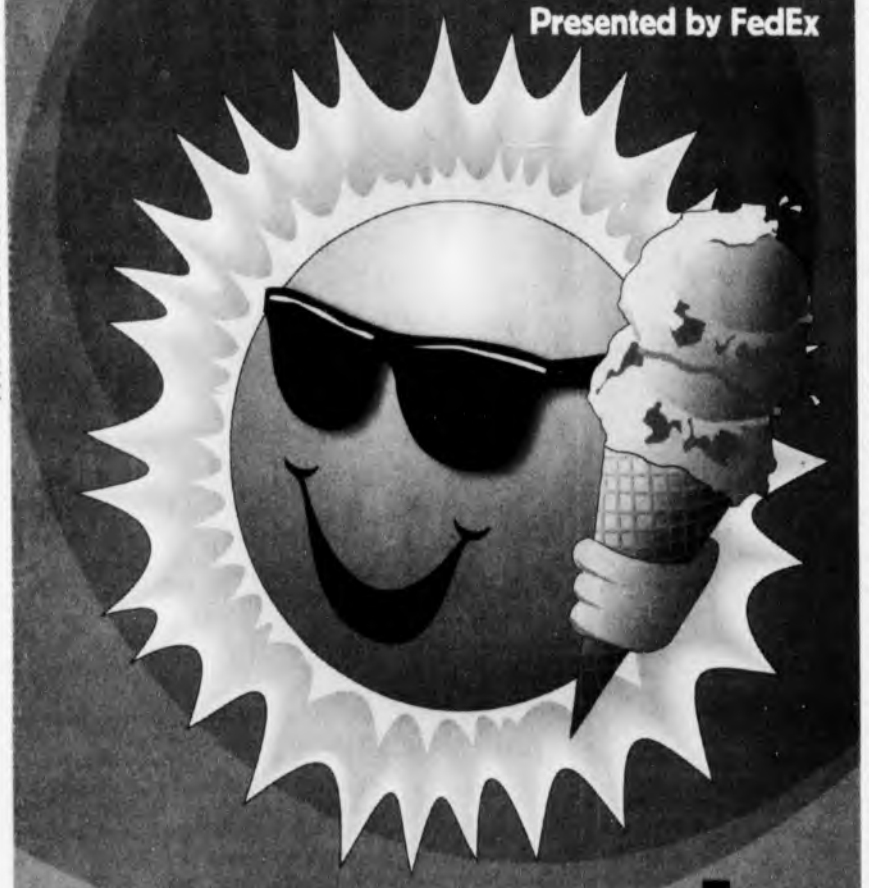
9:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a live deer stuck between the tracks and chained link fence. Officer reports no sing of any deer, it must have freed itself.

9:52 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

3:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing**

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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Highway, fire, outside, caller reports a mulch fire. A small area to the back of the building has been extinguished, companies to quarters.

3:14 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, public service, caller would like to speak with an officer about vandalism.

4:43 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, officer reports – he injured his knee.

7:42 p.m. **Border St.**, downed tree, caller reports there is a big tree down in the middle of the road – near the curve and big gray barn, given to Cohasset Shore Unit – he reports it is in Scituate given to Scituate PD.

9:27 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:34 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:31 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a raccoon on her deck, it looks like it has an injury to its leg.

TUESDAY, MAY 27

12:05 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, noise complaint, caller states "there is a group of kids making noise."

12:25 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, public service.

12:27 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service.

12:28 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service.

1:03 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

4:59 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the gate is open.

7:33 a.m. **HQ.**, bolo announcement, bolo from Hingham. At about 6 p.m. this date, caller reported that their house was broken into, lap top taken also their car 2003 BMW X5, color black, if vehicle is found hold for prints please and notify detective for processing."

9:15 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

10:27 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, animal compliant, caller stated that there is an injured bird in her yard.

1:40 p.m. Medical aid, services rendered.

4:56 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports a baby bird in on the ground.

9:37 p.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports there is a party at the reservoir. Officer checking area. Officer has tagged 2 vehicles.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

1:22 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, area checks secure.

1:23 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, area checks secure.

1:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, area checks secure.

1:29 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, area checks secure.

4:41 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:42 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

4:54 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the gate is open.

6:29 a.m. **King St., and Schofield Rd.**, traffic enforcement, no violations.

6:46 a.m. **Border St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:01 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, fire, (misc.), 5 minutes to first blast, 5 minutes to second blast, 5 minutes to third blast, 5 minutes to fourth blast, clear.

9:14 a.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, traffic safety inspection.

9:21 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:54 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

3:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports someone just hit his car and left the scene.

3:39 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, mail scam, forward to CID.

5:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, caller reports heavy smoke from chimney at above location, officer on scene reports heavy black smoke from chimney. Problem with old burner.

6:05 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:23 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:25 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:34 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen, caller reports she was attempting to contact the above location – no one is answering the phone. Officer reports all set – staff is on the phone with caller.

10:48 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, noise complaint, caller reports kids are playing basketball, officer report there are 4 vehicles parked, no one is playing basketball.

10:56 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service.

10:59 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, noise complaint, caller reports loud music – in the pond area. Officer reports music is from South Main Street. Officer spoke to party – they will turn down music.

11:20 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious person, caller reports a white male walked up to the door stating he was lost – looking for the Cohasset Village, he is tall, gray hair, wearing blue jacket and blue shorts. Officer reports – out with subject on lower King Street.

THURSDAY, MAY 29

12:34 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:55 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, area checks secure.

12:56 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, area checks secure.

4:56 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the gate is open.

6:30 a.m. **Border St.**, vandalism report, 911 caller states "someone threw a baseball through his window."

6:48 a.m. **King St., and Schofield Rd.**, traffic enforcement, no violations.

10:24 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood school check.

10:49 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, investigation, detective meeting a Hingham unit and a caller at this location for suspicious activity. Detective reports it appears that someone has discarded some articles of clothing.

4:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, outside, caller reports a mulch fire in the parking lot.

5:43 p.m. **Bayberry Lane**, officer wanted.

5:56 p.m. **Grace Drive**, motor vehicle theft, walk in party reports his car was stolen from his driveway. Stolen vehicle reports entered into leaps.

6:22 p.m. **King St.**, medical aid, investigated/report taken.

7:38 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a small compact car, color green, that has been in the area for about a half hour now. A male sitting inside the vehicle. Officer reports party checks out, he is meeting another party who will be renting to him.

8:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports intoxicated driver heading south on 3A. Scituate notified.

10:54 p.m. **South Main St.**, vandalism report, caller reports he has come out to find someone has cut a hole in the gas tank of his vehicle. There is gas covering the ground around the vehicle and a plastic container underneath.

11:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller states while in the parking lot, a male party approached her. The male party had a propane tank and may have had a weapon. Male party was an overnight worker at the store. Male party was wearing shorts, a green T-shirt, operating a green Mazda or Civic.

FRIDAY, MAY 30

12:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, area checks secure.

12:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, area checks secure.

1:03 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:47 a.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious person, male party riding a bicycle, male party wearing jeans, a hoodie, stocking cap. Hull Police are familiar with the party. No problems.

1:50 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, motor vehicle parked in front of the business. Motor vehicle belongs to an employee.

1:57 a.m. **King St.**, dead animal, dead fox in the middle of the road. Left message for the DPW.

4:56 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the gate is open.

6:35 a.m. **North Main St., and Rocky Lane**, traffic enforcement.

6:36 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:52 a.m. **Border St., and Parker Ave.**, traffic complaint, anonymous caller states "a green Volvo parks on the corner of the roadway every night." Caller states "motor vehicle is a hazard and would like it ticketed or something." Motor vehicle gone on arrival.

7:40 a.m. **Pond St.**, animal complaint, caller states "a male party has been on the field with his dogs." Dogs are not allowed on the field. Male party had been spoken to by town employee.

10:54 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:07 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:34 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:25 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, harassment report, callers reporting a blonde female in a Maxima is harassing workers at their residence. Note: There was more than one complaint regarding this female from different locations in town.

1:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking. Caller reports a truck has been parked in front of the delivery entrance for about two hours. Officer will be following up with this incident. Vehicle in question has a license plate on it that is not an active registration, owner of business has been advised to contact HQ if male party returns.

2:05 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement, bolo put out for Hull PD for a silver BMW with 4 youths in the car wanted for A&B with dangerous weapon on a male party.

2:16 p.m. **North Main St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS. 911 caller reporting a male party down on the tracks with a broken arm. Transit Police notified via radio to stop all in coming trains. Transit PD reports via radio there is an in coming train and it has been stopped at this time. Units report this is a bicycle accident.

2:39 p.m. **Nantasket Ave., and Atlantic Ave.**, Hull, motor vehicle stop, officer is following a vehicle wanted by Hull PD. Hull has requested they pull the vehicle over at this time. Officer has vehicle stopped in Hull and Hull PD was notified via radio. Cohasset units clearing Hull PD to handle. Males have been arrested.

3:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid.

4:37 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, (misc.), reported outside gas leak. Keyspan notified, ETA 30/45 minutes.



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The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Cohasset in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, according to the lists committed to me as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Cohasset, by the Board of Assessors of said Cohasset, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the said Town of Cohasset, on Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at 9:00 A.M. for the non-payment of said taxes and interest, if any, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

Krikor O. Baytarian and Peter J. Baytarian, Trustees of Ox Pasture Lane Trust. Land in said Cohasset at 17 Ox Pasture Lane, shown as Parcel 23 on Assessors' Map 49, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 18637, P. 204.
2007 tax $5,889.45 2007 CPA tax $72.59

Krikor O. Baytarian and Peter J. Baytarian, Trustees of Ox Pasture Lane Trust. Land in said Cohasset at 51 Ox Pasture Lane, shown as Parcel 61 on Assessors' Map 50, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 18637, P. 204.
2007 tax (bal) $1,196.78 2007 CPA tax (bal) $14.22

Krikor O. Baytarian and Peter J. Baytarian, Trustees of Ox Pasture Lane Trust. Land in said Cohasset at 6 Ox Pasture Lane, shown as Parcel 60 on Assessors' Map 50, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 18637, P. 204.
2007 tax (bal) $1,407.02 2007 CPA tax (bal) $17.37

John P. Carr and Susan E. Carr. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 36 Jerusalem Road, shown as Parcel 59 on Assessors' Map 15, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 9305, P. 560.
2006 tax $6,949.52 2006 CPA tax $87.98
2006 water lien $810.16 2006 water lien penalty $50.00

James P. Dignam and Gayle S. Dignam. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 16 Virginia Lane, shown as Parcel 39 on Assessors' Map 48, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 21503, P. 307.
2007 tax $6,205.50 2007 CPA tax $77.33
2007 sewer bet. $755.80 2007 sewer bet. int. $105.81
2007 water lien $1,372.91 2007 sewer lien $1,993.45
2007 water lien penalty $50.00

Karin N. W. Hall-Gorman. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 808 Jerusalem Road, shown as Parcel 30 on Assessors' Map 2, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 10741, P. 236.
2007 tax (bal) $5,901.62 2007 CPA tax (bal) $59.23
2007 sewer bet. (bal) $181.73
2007 sewer lien $503.07 2007 sewer lien penalty $50.00

Rhonda W. Hinman. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 5 Red Gate Lane, shown as Parcel 38 on Assessors' Map 15, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 20268, P. 551.
2007 tax (bal) $5,175.47 2007 CPA tax (bal) $66.03

Kathryn C. Lydon and James F. Lydon. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 23 Forest Ave., shown as Parcel 30 on Assessors' Map 14, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 22740, P. 401.
2007 tax (bal) $4,741.93 2007 CPA tax (bal) $59.52

Donna M. O'Brien. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 8 Brewster Road, shown as Parcel 85 on Assessors' Map 45, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 20497, P. 364.
2006 tax (bal) $4,779.07 2006 CPA tax (bal) $47.16
2006 water lien (bal) $65.80 2006 water lien penalty $50.00
2007 tax $4,992.75 2007 CPA $59.14
2007 water lien $325.77 2007 water lien penalty $50.00

Michael E. Reilly and Kimberly A. Reilly. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 32 Elm Court, shown as Parcel 52 on Assessors' Map 27, being Lot 7 on Ld. Ct. Pl. 1924-6, described in Norfolk Reg. Dist Cert. of Title 169533.
2007 tax (bal) $1,345.75 2007 CPA tax (bal) $16.46

Kevin M. Sargent, Richard J. Sargent, Jr., Dennis J. Sargent and William D. Sargent. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 31A Mill Lane, shown as Parcel 58 on Assessors' Map 53, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 10474, P. 336.
2007 tax $5,053.65 2007 CPA tax $60.05
2007 water lien $483.05 2007 water lien penalty $50.00

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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. **Music** Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, June 8

8a.m. - Circle Ministry (group led by Bill Baird & Kirk Jackisch and meeting for their final session of the season)

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Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project. The following special events will be happening in June:

• June 8th FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY (10am youth lead service) followed by a Potluck Luncheon and Congo Olympics from 11:00 -12:30 am. Activities are designed for all ages and include tug-of-war, relay races, water balloons and an obstacle course.

• June 13th-15th STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL runs in conjunction with the So. Shore Arts Festival. Fabulous shortcakes will be served along with grilled hamburgers and chicken sandwiches.

• June 22nd 8am WORSHIP AT THE SAILING CLUB begins in addition to the traditional 10:00am service which is held in the CHAPEL located at the rear of the church building.

• SAVE THE DATE of Saturday, July 26th for an all church PROGRESSIVE BARBEQUE with cocktails 5:30 –7 pm and dinner 7:15 -8:30pm.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Rector, the **Reverend Margot Critchfield,**

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church!

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Areas of ministry at St. Stephen's include outreach locally and globally, youth group work, environmental advocacy, meditation, worship, Bible study, book groups, prayer groups, and fellowship.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham. Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

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Horoscope

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An apparent act of injustice might turn out to be either an error in judgment or just plain stupidity. So calm down and cool off, and let the explanations roll out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's upsetting when someone you trusted might have failed you. But with new opportunities ahead, you'll soon be too busy to feel even a wee bit sorry for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A sense of uncertainty could be a good reason to change your position on an important matter. Someone close might try to talk you out of it, but it's your decision to make.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Being too zealous in pursuing your goal could create some resistance. Try to be more mindful of what you ask people to do, and they'll be more likely to do it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Things change as you go from being ignored to being Lionized once again. This is a good time to reintroduce those previously rejected ideas to a more receptive audience.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone new in your life creates both anticipation as well as anxiety. Avoid the potential for misunderstandings by watching what you say and how you say it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch your budget so that you don't overspend now and have less to invest when the time is right later on. Arrange to share your weekend with someone special.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The temptation to involve yourself in a friend's or family member's personal problems is laudable. But get the facts before you make a firm commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to keep the faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You've reached an important point in your ongoing pursuit of your goals. You might now want to consider letting someone you trust join you on your journey.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You've been going through a spate of uncertainty involving people you care for. But it might be time to take a stand on a position you feel sure you can defend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Treading water keeps you busy, but it won't get you where you need to go. Time to stop making excuses and to start moving ahead toward your goals.

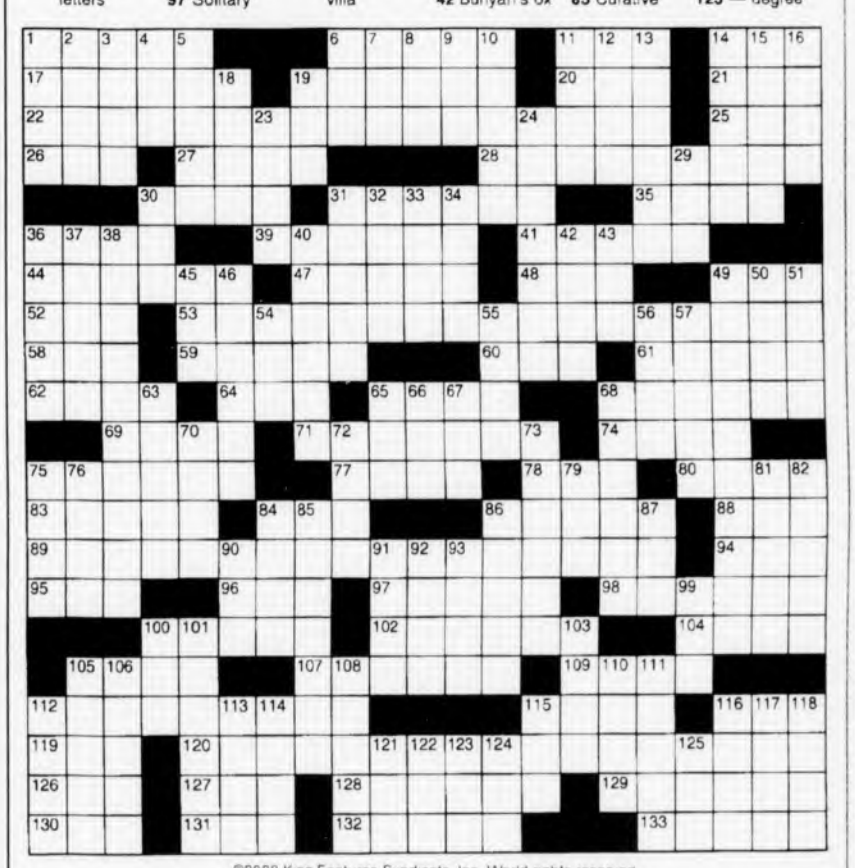
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BORN THIS WEEK: You see life as both creative and pragmatic. You would not only be a fine artist, but also a successful one.

Crossword - Add-ons

ACROSS
1 Two-legged stand
6 Palindromic pirogue
11 Mortarboard
14 Make a muumuu
17 Genesis peak
19 Salad veggie
20 Be obligated
21 Literary collection
22 FILE FILE
25 Diagnostic instr.
26 Bray beginning
27 Luau entertainment
28 Kind of mushroom
30 — Hari
31 Ecclesiastic
35 Evangelist Roberts
36 Mathematician Khayyam
39 '62 Tommy Roe hit
41 Hard wood
44 Injured party
47 Zeal
48 Drink like a Dandie Dinmont
49 Heredity letters
52 SASE, e.g.
53 STRING STRING
58 Antique auto
59 Disinfectant target
60 Compete
61 Quick-footed
62 Pyramid, e.g.
64 — kwon do
65 Gumbo thickener
68 Stephen King book
69 Brazilian kicker
71 Glowing
74 Congregational comeback
75 The Fresh Prince's place
77 Rope fiber
78 Possessed
80 Goblet part
83 Soporific substance
84 "I — Rock" ('66 song)
86 — cotta
88 Exist
89 TRAIL TRAIL
94 New Deal agcy.
95 City in Kyrgyzstan
96 Baby butter
97 Solitary
98 Priest-to-be
100 Mirella of the Met
102 Trustworthy
104 Hide
105 Geometric calculation
107 Red —
109 Throw a party
112 Fleeting
115 Christmas visitors
116 Slangy suffix
119 Yesterday's your
120 CHAIN CHAIN
126 Cratchit kid
127 Bartok or Peron
128 Irregular
129 I specialist?
130 Humorist George
131 Costa — Sol
132 The Brainy Bunch?
133 Greases the wheels

DOWN
1 Fugue composer
2 "Dies —"
3 Unwind a rind
4 Chicago airport abbr.
5 Russian villa
6 Norton or Olin
7 Ginger —
8 Still
9 Word from a Weimaraner
10 Former Japanese capital
11 Musical finale
12 Blew away
13 Non-sexist suffix
14 Pacific islands
15 Register
16 Keen
18 Like some nerves
19 Security grp.
23 Lesage's "Gil —"
24 Rhine siren
29 Attempt
30 Clubber Lang's portrayer
31 — Amboy, NJ
32 General's helper
33 Job opening
34 Biting
36 Public
37 Sal of "Giant"
38 Pull off
40 Novelist Lee
42 Bunyan's ox
43 — -Locka, FL
45 132 Across stats
46 Grumble
49 Contrition
50 Director Mira
51 He's Devine
54 Battery size
55 A Karamazov brother
56 Dire
57 Diamond features
63 Bridges and Brummell
65 Lyric poem
66 Kipling novel
67 Knock
68 Domingo's birthplace
70 Wing or flipper
72 Melville mono-maniac
73 "— a Kind of Hush" ('67 hit)
75 '67 Peter Sellers film, with "The"
76 Homer's field
79 Prepare for combat
81 Comic Leon
82 Had in mind
84 Related
85 Curative
86 Article of faith
87 Bunyan's whacker
90 Tina's ex
91 Actor Bert
92 Crooked
93 Torrid or Frigid
99 Prone
100 Charge
101 Pounded a portcullis
103 Defrost
105 Plant pest
106 Versify
108 It may be platinum
110 Inspect too closely?
111 Castle campaign
112 Singer James
113 Roof edge
114 100 dinars
115 Staff
116 Young of "The Last Detail"
117 — majesty
118 Part of M.A.
121 Chemical ending
122 Ford of football
123 Common appliances
124 Swell place?
125 — degree



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Sudoku

	2		5					3
		7	9		6	2		
8				4			1	
1			3			8		
4		2		7			6	
	5				1			9
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Level: Moderate

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Magic Maze - Shades of Yellow

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U	S	R	N	P	D	E	K	O	O	M	I	A	L	J
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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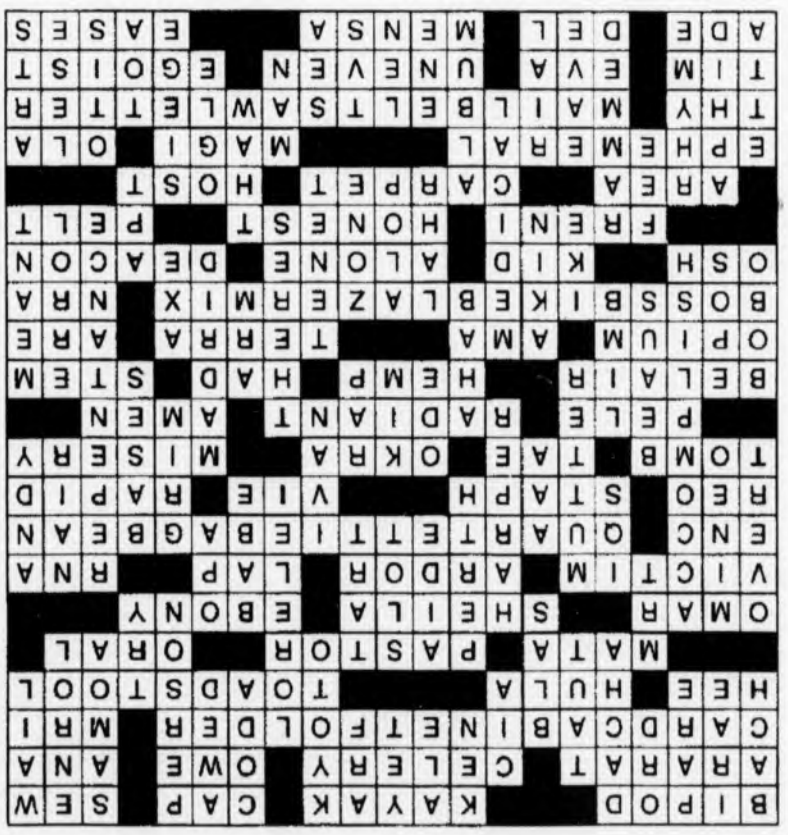
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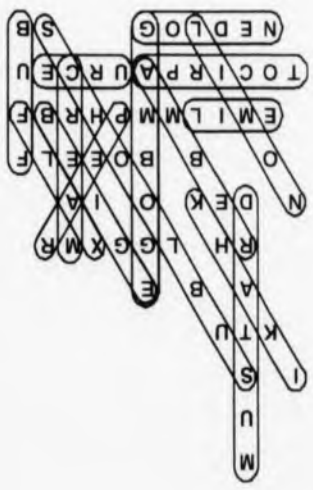
Mustard
Pear
School bus

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Crossword Solution - Add-ons



Magic Solution - Shades of Yellow



Sudoku Solution

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7	4	3	2	9	1	6	8	5
8	2	1	5	6	4	3	7	9
9	3	4	1	2	6	8	5	7
1	6	5	9	7	8	2	3	4
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6	1	7	3	4	2	5	9	8
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3	8	9	7	1	5	4	2	6

TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

JUNE 5-13, 2008



Edaville Railroad, Route 58, Carver Day Out With Thomas Friday through Sunday, June 13 and 15 and Friday through Monday, June 20-23. For more information visit www.edaville.com.

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Calendar of events

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Thursday, June 5

The Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Avenue in Hull, presents its first Thursday Lecture Series featuring **Sally Snowman, Keeper of Boston Light** on June 5, 7 p.m. $3 members, $5 nonmembers. 781-925-5433

Natural Health Care Practitioner Mark Mincolla June 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. Mincolla Sound & Light, at The Company Theatre in Norwell. Tickets $35. Register now or mail payments to: Healthy Living Magazine, PO. Box 357 Marshfield Hills. 781-834-2728.

Network4Success a Business to Business Networking Group meets the first Thursday of the month at Spillane Law Offices, Hanover, from 5 to 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at the Halifax Country Club, Halifax from noon to 1:30 p.m. Information e-mail info@network4success.org or visit http://www.network4success.org. Guest speaker on Thursday June 5, **Attorney Alessi** who will discuss on a round table format Business Law & Taxation as well as the importance of Incorporation. Everyone is welcome, RSVP

Starcreations Theater presents **Big Bad Musical** at 5 p.m. at the Reed Community House, 33A Summer St., Kingston. General admission is $3. For information and reservations, call 508-747-1234, or e-mail info@starcreations.org.

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2008 season. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following **Tuesday. June 5, Don Besegais Big Band.**

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 5, **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Alzheimer's Care Partner Group will be meeting on June 5, at 10:30 a.m. in the John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., (Route 139) Hanover. Call Penny Peterson, LCSW at 781.544.4571 for more information.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 5 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Undaunted Professor Harp Blues Jam** open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, June 6

Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate. Two new artists are being introduced to the public by the Front Street Art Gallery, through June 27 with a reception on Friday, June 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. onoprintist **Joan Appel** defines her medium as "... a painting done on a printing plate, then applied to paper. Jody Regan **enjoys painting outdoors, and in her studio; is drawn to the brilliant light of the New England coast.** The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on Monday.

James Library & Center for the Arts, Norwell Center presents "**Barns, Rivers, & Dories: Into the Light**" The watercolors of **Priscilla Sands Jevne** from June 6 - June 30. The show will include 25 "hidden treasures" that were recently discovered in a box in the artist's studio. This exhibit may be viewed Tuesday 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be no public opening and the pieces will not be for sale. 781-659-7100 or www.jameslibrary.org

Mark Schmidt will discuss **The Enigma Machine and Its Role at the Normandy Invasion**, the story of the D-Day invasion and the Allied landing at Normandy is one that has stirred the imagination of the Western world since 1944. June 6 at 7 p.m. at the **Winslow House**, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. But how were the troops able to successfully complete this mission, and how did the Allies break the code of the infamous Enigma code machine used by the Nazis? Schmidt, former director of the Museum of World War II, will talk regarding this aspect of the invasion will be remembered and chronicled on the 64th anniversary of the Normandy landing. For information, call 781-837-5753 or visit www.Marshfield.net/winslow or e-mail info@winslowhouse.org. Season pass: members, $65; nonmembers, $80. Individual events: members, $8, nonmembers, $10.

The second annual beer festival will be held June 6 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Empire Wine & Spirits, Stop & Shop Plaza, Kingston, with more than 75 different types of beer to try. Free of charge, just stop in. There will be food, fun, giveaways and raffle items. Call 781-422-9999 for details.

New England Singles Dance, June 6, 8 p.m. to midnight, Mosley on the Charles DJ $12. 617-325-4900 www.singlesdances-newengland.com

Single Executives Club Singles Dance. June 6, at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte. 3. Dancing with music by Award-winning DJ from 8:30 p.m. to midnight Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $12. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended. Information: 781-446-0234, www.se-4u.com.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles. 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until Sept.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 6, **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. June 6, **Tommy Baker** 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 6, **Cindy Daley Band.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, June 7

Dispose of your unwanted electronic equipment while helping to fight **Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy**. On Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., the Kingston Town Hall parking lot will become a drop off center for used electronics, including televisions, computers and monitors, cell phones, washers, driers, refrigerators and much more. A fee will be charged for disposals, ranging from $1-$30, depending on the size of the item. Community Recyclers of Electronic Waste (CREW) will donate half of the proceeds to the **Jett Foundation**, a Pembroke-based non-profit dedicated to finding treatments and a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a common and lethal childhood genetic disorder. 781-834-9606.

Volunteer on National Trails Day with The Trustees of Reservations Come celebrate this day dedicated to outdoor volunteerism by helping us create a new trail from Turkey Hill to Weir River Farm June 7, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at the Weir River Farm parking lot on Turkey Hill Lane in Hingham. Snacks and tools will be provided.

Storybook Cove, Merchants Row, 2053 Washington St., Routes 53 and 123, Hanover. On June 7, at 11: a.m. meet Braintree teacher/local author at Linda Clarke Sheehan, who will be reading and signing her latest books, ***Dani's Dance*** (a book about the love of dancing and perseverance) and **The Chronicles of Mr. Kitty** (the story of a butterscotch kitten who loves to eat). 781-871-7801 or www.storybookcove.com.

The Plymouth Lodge of Elks, 15 Long Pond Road, Plymouth, will host a **Hypnosis Comedy Night**. Proceeds will benefit Homes For Our Troops. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle at the end of the show. Tickets are $15 per person or $25 per couple. Call George Martin at 508-888-9486 for tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at the lodge after 2 p.m.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 7, **Who's 1st** (Who Tribute) 781-829-6999.

Great Chow, 497 Bedford St., Route 18, Abington, Saturday, June 9 p.m. **Bag Full of Blues** 781-871-8832 great-chow.com http://myspace.com/bagfullofblues

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. June 7, **Jesse and the Ripper** 781-849-7007.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

ANIMAL PLANET EXPO IN MARSHFIELD June 14 and 15 With new attractions and pet welfare at the forefront, Animal Planet Expo rolls into Marshfield on June 14 and15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Marshfield Fairgrounds, 140 Main St. Animal Planet and Comcast, plus the makers of Fresh Step litter, invite Boston-area residents to bring their families – and even their "fur" children – to the event to celebrate the wonder of wildlife, the companionship of pets and the important role animals play on this planet.

SOUTH SHORE ARTS CENTER ARTS FESTIVAL Cohasset Town Common, June 13-15. This year's festival will include dog portraits for people who bring their pets. The main exhibition tent will showcase hundreds of artists in a juried exhibition and members' show. Nearly 100 juried crafts artists offer unique handmade jewelry, ceramics, clothing, fine art and photography. Information: ssac.org or 781-383-2787.

Boz Scaggs graces the Music Circus

Opens summer season with June 13 concert

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



Boz Scaggs will perform at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, on June 13.

These days, when people say they enjoy the work of Boz Scaggs they may be referring not only to his music, but also to his wine. The Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter and northern California resident — who opens the season at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset next Friday and plays the Cape Cod Melody Tent on July 5 — recently added vintner to his resume.

"I got involved in the wine business a few years back when my wife and I moved up to a small place in Napa. It was almost a requirement that we plant a few grape vines. One thing led to another, our yields steadily increased, and we found ourselves needing to sell some of it," explained Scaggs by telephone recently. "We live in a foodie culture in San Francisco so it seemed to make sense that we go in this new direction. Before long, what had been a hobby became a business for us.

We learned pretty quickly, however, that the wine business is not child's play. There are lots of regulations that have to be followed. This year, we're releasing our first wine — a 2006 Rose — from the Scaggs Vineyard. Initially, it will be sold in restaurants in San Francisco and then we will see where it goes from there."

Where Scaggs himself goes next is on his annual summer concert tour with a show that features some of the biggest hits in the singer's more than four decade-long career, including "Lido Shuffle," "Look What You've Done to Me," "Heart of Mine," "Lowdown," and "We're All Alone."

Born in Ohio, as William Royce Scaggs, but raised in Texas, Scaggs' earliest musical influences included rhythm and blues, soul music, early rock and roll and raw Delta and Chicago blues — the music he recalls hearing on the radio in Texas, but from places as far away as Nashville. In high school, he provided lead vocals for a band led by classmate Steve Miller. By 1965, he found himself in London and then spent the next couple of years traveling around Europe, playing everything from small clubs to sidewalk cafes before making his first record and establishing a home base in Stockholm.



In 1967, Scaggs headed to San Francisco (via India and Nepal), where he reunited with his friend and classmate, joining the Steve Miller Blues Band to take part in the now legendary Bay Area scene that was revolutionizing American rock and roll.

After two albums with Miller, Scaggs made his U.S. solo debut for Atlantic Records with the self-titled "Boz Scaggs." The release led Columbia Records to sign Scaggs, where he released a series of top-selling albums including "Moments," "Boz Scaggs & Band," and "My Time."

It was in 1976, however, that Scaggs really broke big with the release of "Silk Degrees," which he recorded with drummer Jeff Porcaro, keyboardist and arranger David Paich, bassist David Ungate, and guitarists Louie Shelton and Fred Tackett. The album was his commercial and artistic breakthrough into the mainstream. After its release, "Silk Degrees" remained on the Billboard album charts for 115 weeks, posting three chart-topping singles and becoming one of the signature albums of the 1970s. When the single "Love Look What You've Done To Me" was included on the soundtrack of the 1980 feature film "Urban Cowboy," Scaggs' soaring popularity only went higher.

Scaggs made a few more albums—including the 1980s top-selling "Middle Man"—before taking a hiatus from the road and the pressures of stardom.

Scaggs spent a good part of the 1980s in retirement, owning and operating the San Francisco nightclub Slim's, and limiting his performances primarily to the club's annual black-tie New Year's Eve concerts. He resurfaced in 1988 with the album "Other Roads," and three years later resumed regular touring. In recent years, Scaggs has released "Greatest Hits Live," a two-disc live collection that spans his entire career. He also made "But Beautiful," in which he tackled the Great American Songbook accompanied by a jazz quartet. Later this year, Scaggs will release a second volume of standards, entitled "Speak Low," on his own Gray Cat record label. Scaggs acknowledges that recording new versions of standards associated with people like Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Nat King Cole has been an interesting process even for an accomplished performer.

"It opened up a whole new set of challenges for me," he says. "It's sacred ground, as far as I'm concerned, and the more I got into it, the more I realized how little I know."

What Scaggs — who will turn 64 on Sunday — does know is that, wine-making aside, performing will always have a unique place in his life.

"I'm a professional musician. It pays the bills and it satisfies the itch I've had to perform since I was 10 years old. There are very few people that I'd rather be around than musicians. When you work live, it's never the same experience twice. If it becomes boring, then you've done something wrong. Now, if I were doing this 10 or even 12 months a year, then I might feel very differently, but I love going on the road in the summer."

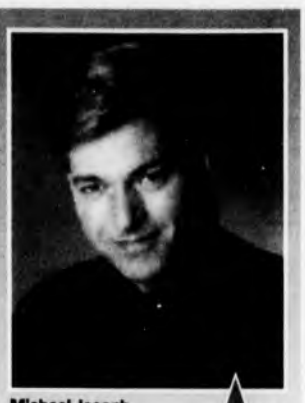
Boz Scaggs will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, on June 13. For tickets and information, visit the box office or call 617-931-2787. Scaggs will be at the Melody Tent, 21 West Main St., Hyannis, on July 5. For tickets and information, visit the box office or call 1-800-347-0808.

Call for entries

THE SCITUATE ARTS ASSOCIATION invites artists of all ages—youths to seniors—and skills—novice to professional—to experience Plein Air Painting during **Scituate Arts Association's *Arts Alive! Weekend* Plein Air Event, June 28.** Painting times: Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; added time in case of rain, Sunday, June 29 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (must complete application on Saturday; Gallery will be open regular hours on Sunday). Wet Paint Show & Sale at Front St. Gallery, Sunday, June 29, 1:30 to 5 p.m.; People's Choice Award at 4:30 p.m. Advance registration is requested of participants. Applications and additional information are available online at www.scituateart.com by e-mail to jcornacch@aol.com and phone 781-545-7613 - or stop by Front Street Gallery, 124 Front St., Unit #8 to pick up an application.

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Michael Joseph

The Company Theatre music director Michael Joseph will be celebrating 25 years with the Company in a special benefit concert to be held on June 10 at 7:30 p.m. More than 60 of the best singers and actors from the past 25 years of Company Theatre shows— such as "Jesus Christ Superstar," "A Chorus Line," "Miss Saigon," "Anything Goes" and more will be on stage for this musical extravaganza, many traveling from far and wide to celebrate with The Maestro. All of the ticket proceeds will be split and donated that evening to Father Bill's Place and Breast Cancer Research. Representatives will be on hand that evening to accept the checks. Tickets are priced at $25 and are on sale at The Company Theatre box-office, 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com.

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Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight **every Saturday night Karaoke**. No cover. 781-740-0688.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 7 **Sweet Melissa with Chris Stovall Brown**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

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Sunday, June 8

The Dickinson Gallery in Weymouth has designated **Stephen Boczanowski** of Norwell as "Featured Artist" through Sunday, June 15. A lifelong artist and educator, he was the art director of the Marshfield public schools from 1976 to 2003. He paints familiar New England scenes — busy downtown locations and buildings, like "Resident Parking Only," and shoreline scenes — boats, docks, and cottages — like "The Last Cottage," a pale gray house with faded blue shutters high up on dark stilts. He paints medium size works, around 24x36 inches, in acrylics, which he says give an exaggerated richness of color to the paintings. Concurrently, the gallery will show the work of 15 other Massachusetts artists. Preview their work at www.dickinsonarrtgallery.com. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. For information, and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384.

National bestselling author, Claire Cook, will celebrate the release of her new novel, **Summer Blowout**, at Charles David Salon, 222 Webster St., Hanover, June 8 from 3 to 7 p.m. Tickets are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Cook is the author of five novels, including "Life's a Beach" and "Must Love Dogs," which was adapted into a Hollywood movie starring John Cusack and Diane Lane . A $40 ticket includes an autographed first edition collector's copy of "Summer Blowout" a chance to hear Cook speak; a complimentary goodie bag; free salon services including color consult, blow dry and manicure; Redken and Repechage giveaways; raffles; cocktails and hors d'oevres. Call Charles David Salon at 781-982-1224 or Front Street Book Shop (781-545-5011) to reserve a ticket.

Join the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NECWA) and OceanQuest Hands-on Marine Education (OQ) for a marine wildlife cruise on June 8, to support local marine education. Wildlife experts Wayne Petersen (Massachusetts Audubon), David Clapp (Natural History Services) and Dr. John C. Jahoda (Bridgewater State College) lead this informative excursion to view coastal marine wildlife off New England. The cruise is from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and leaves from the Plymouth Town Pier. Visit www.OceanQuest.org or www.NECWA.org to learn more or to download the registration form. Or call 508-385-7656 to book your reservation today. Pre-sale tickets are $95 for this all day event. After May 1, the ticket price increases to $110. Reserve your ticket today for space is limited to ensure a comfortable ride offshore. To check our past sightings as well as view photographs, go to www.necwa.org/trips.html. For more trip information, contact Krill Carson at 508-946-4345 or krillcarson@mac.com or call OceanQuest at 508-385-7656.

The Gathering For Teens with free food and fun Sundays June 8 and 15 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Pottle Street Fields in Kingston. Gather with your friends for Ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, food, and music. 781-585-4776 or blackie_ptl@yahoo.com

Monday, June 9

The Pipeline Salon and Buttonwood Books & Toys are celebrating the publication of Claire Cook's new book, **"Summer Blowout"** with a grand party on June 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Pipeline Salon, 375 Gannet Road, Scituate. Festivities include complimentary beauty treatments, tasty hors d'oeuvres, summer libations and door prizes. Ticket price includes a copy of "Summer Blowout" nestled in a summer tote bag filled with beauty and beach items. Reservations and tickets ($30 per person) are a must. Call Pipeline Salon at 1-781-545-9918 or Buttonwood Books & Toys at 1-781-383-2665 to reserve your place.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. No appointment is necessary. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwell MA@aol.com All are welcome.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Monday, **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, June 10

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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. **Every Tuesday, Wicked Trivia** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, June 11

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center of Norwell will present the New England premiere of the magical fable **Emma and the Lost Unicorn** by Trisha Sugarek. A final dress rehearsal will be held on June 11 at 4 p.m. to which senior citizens and teachers are invited free of charge. Dreamchaserstheatre.org 508-224-4548.

The Seaside Mothers of Multiples Group meets the second Wednesday evening of each month at St. Luke's Church in Scituate to provide support for parents of twins, triplets and more. The club is affiliated with the National Mothers of Twins Club. Charlotte Sturdy at 781-545-8055.

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower St., Duxbury, (Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont Street, (Route 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 7 p.m. No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630 for information.

Wingate at Silver Lake will hold a seminar by **Dr. Michael C. Young**, author of **The Peanut Allergy Answer Book,** June 11, at 6 p.m. at The Residences at Silver Lake, 19 Chipman Way, Kingston (around the corner from Silver Lake High School.) The seminar is free of charge and a light supper will be served. Space is limited and preregistration is required. To register, call 781-585-4101.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. **Every Wednesday DJ Big Daddy Ray** 781-829-6999.

Thursday, June 12

Southeastern Massachusetts Mineral Club, next meeting of the will be held June 12, at 7:30 p.m. The biannual auction will take place at this time. The auction will be held at South Shore Natural Science Center at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. The public is invited. Free admission. Refreshments will be served.

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Front Street Book Shop Book Club Meeting, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. June 12, 6 to 8 p.m. The fiction title for June is **Kabul Beauty School by Deborah Rodriguez.** Front Street Book Shop book group meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone welcome to attend. Free. 781-545-5011.

A reenactment of the life and times of American entrepreneur Andrew Carnegie will be presented at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., June 12, at 1 p.m. in the Merry Room. Actor Richard W. Clark will bring to life the man who rose from humble beginnings to become "King of Steel." Although Carnegie gave away billions of dollars to build public libraries across America, he was also known for his inhumane labor practices. Learn more about this intriguing man of contradictions. Free tickets for the performance are available at the library. 781-934-2721, ext. 108 or 109 or visit www.duxburyfreelibrary.org.

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2008 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following **Tuesday. June 12, Legion Bud Band.**

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 12 **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.



Scott Higgins



Annette Pollack



Tony V



Jon Pierce

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove Street (Route 28) Middleboro. Comedy and Dinner Show 7 p.m. June 13, featuring: the One & Only Tony V, other comics Annette Pollack, Mike Hanley, Rick Sinnott, Jon Pierce, and hosted Scott Higgins. Dinner/Show Package $34.95 Ticket price for comedy show only is $20. Advance reservations required 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833.

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Java Friday at Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, 7 p.m. June 13, featuring **Bruce Watson**, author of **Sacco & Vanzetti.** In the first full-length narrative of the case in 30 years, Watson unwinds a gripping tale of the trial and execution that mines new archival sources to discuss a case that still haunts the American imagination. Information, call 781-837-5753 or visit www.Marshfield.net/winslow or e-mail info@winslowhouse.org. Season pass: members, $65; nonmembers, $80. Individual events: members, $8, nonmembers, $10.

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The Priscilla Beach Theatre, Rocky Hill Road, Plymouth presents The Jetsons, a comedy loosely based on the cartoon, featuring The Dramatic School Players, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $12. For reservations call PBT at 508-224-4888., Visit PBT online at thinkTheatre.org.

Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth. **Enjoy a Night at the Rock Opera** at 8 p.m., **The Ultrasonic Rock Orchestra**, 21 musicians and singers, present songs by Queen, the Beatles, David Bowie, The Who and more. Tickets are $15-$50. Visit www.memorial-hall.com for details.

Helen's Café, Weymouth landing, June 13, 9 p.m. **Bag Full of Blues**. No cover.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 13 **Dirty Water** 781-829-6999.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until Sept.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. June 13, **Friends of Harvey** 781-849-7007.

In your garden

THE GARDEN CLUB OF HINGHAM will be holding its annual plant sale on Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Hingham Common. This is the place to find your favorite stand-bys as well as some unique plants from the club members' gardens. The plants this year will all be perennials, so your selections will last for years to come. Be sure to get there early because this is always a sell-out. 781-741-5557.

WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB 2008 PLANT SALE, June 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Weymouth DPW, 120 Winter St., Weymouth.

THE WALNUT HILL GARDEN CLUB will host a spectacular plant sale June 14, at the Congregational Church Hall, Route. 139, Hanover Center, from 9 a.m. to noon. A huge selection of choice plants from members' gardens will be available.

THE CLIFT RODGERS LIBRARY GARDEN TOUR 540 Pleasant St., Marshfield Hills. Garden Tour on June 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be six Marshfield gardens on the tour. Refreshments and artists will be sprinkled at some gardens along the way. The tickets are $15 in advance, day of the tour, $18. Tickets will be available at Marshfield Hills General Store on Prospect Street, Roche Brothers, Nessrella Farm, and Clift Rodgers Library in Marshfield. Information: 781-834-4597, visit www.cliftrodgerslibrary.org, or e-mail the library at cliftrodgerslibrary@comcast.net.



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Spirited class leaves CHS

By Nancy White
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Even by Cohasset standards, at 79 graduating seniors the Cohasset High Class of 2008 was small in number. But, it's clear the community, parents, teachers, administrators and the students themselves don't expect anything less than great things from the class.

Donning the traditional blue and white cap and gowns the graduates made their way into the green and yellow South Shore Music Circus tent to the familiar chords of "Pomp and Circumstance." The over 90-degree heat prompted many to turn their programs into fans, but did not dampen the spirit of the day.

Armed with camcorders, digital cameras and proud smiles, parents, family members and friends watched their loved one accomplish this significant milestone.

The ceremony was marked with encouraging and celebratory speeches of days gone by, the bonds cemented along the way and the wide-open future ahead.

Class President Kenny Muir recounted fond memories of the journey the majority of the class has taken together since kindergarten. Muir got a few laughs when he listed off some of his fondest memories he shared with his classmates from their Osgood and Deer Hill days.

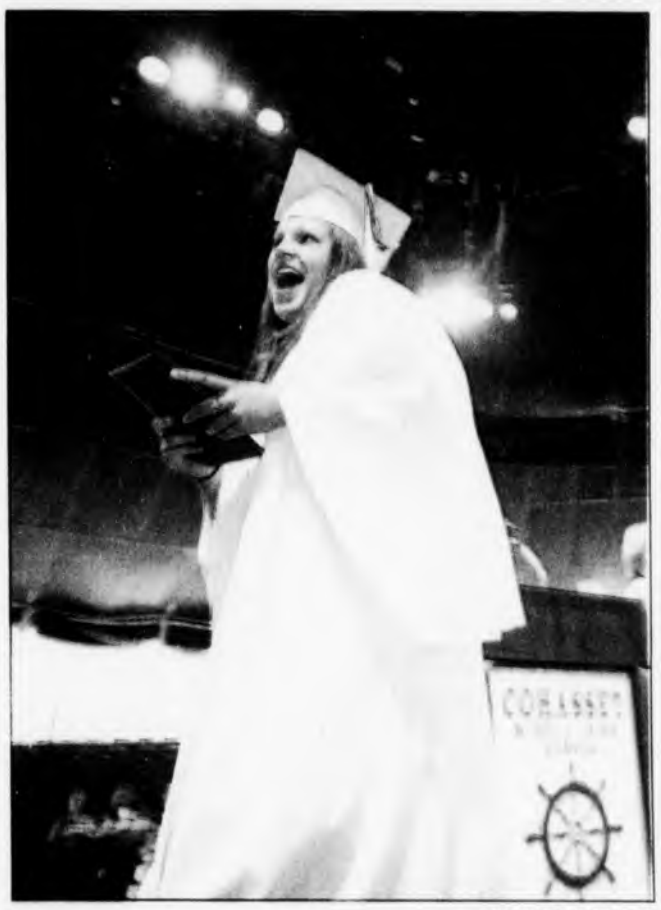
"Through situations of happiness, excitement, or embarrassment, we stuck together," said Muir. "For the class of '08 it will be hard to forget our past."

As he looked out at the audience of his 78 peers, he commented this would likely be the last time the group would be together.

"As we part ways today, I have confidence in each one of you that you will be able to give back to the world, change society, and in turn affect the lives of others down the road," said Muir. "Congratulations again to you guys. It's been real."

The Class of 2008 had many individual and group accomplishments, which serves as evidence of the very

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Amanda Hurd strikes a pose for the cameras in the audience right after being awarded her diploma on Saturday. For more photos, see pages 24 & 25. For a slide show of graduation please visit: www.wickedlocal.com/cohasset

Pondering problem

Treat's has another wrinkle

By Nancy White
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Everything to do with Treat's Pond is complicated and usually contentious. Monday night's discussion of the town's easement to the pond and associated drainage pipe at the Selectmen's meeting was no exception.

The pond, located off of Atlantic Avenue near the intersection of Whitehead Road, has been the subject of much discussion since last summer.

Now, the town's valid easement, not used in many years, is overgrown with vegetation and is home to wildlife.

On the table with Selectmen was the town easement to the pond and its associated drainage pipe that ends at Sandy Cove. The Selectmen's meeting room was packed with residents from the Atlantic Avenue area most of whom contributed to the discussion.

There is a valid easement to the town to the pond and drainage pipe, but for what purpose can the town use the easement? That's the blurry question Town Counsel attorney Louis M. Ross of Deutsch Williams posed to the Selectmen.

"The root of the whole problem is the deed of easement is not well drafted," Ross said.

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Cancer research fundraiser starts today

Relay is a family affair

By Nancy White
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From Friday afternoon to Saturday morning Alumni Stadium at Cohasset High School will be transformed from a football field into a makeshift campsite full of community spirit, hope and inspiration. Today (Friday) at 3p.m. the 13th annual American Cancer Society's Cohasset Relay For Life will begin.

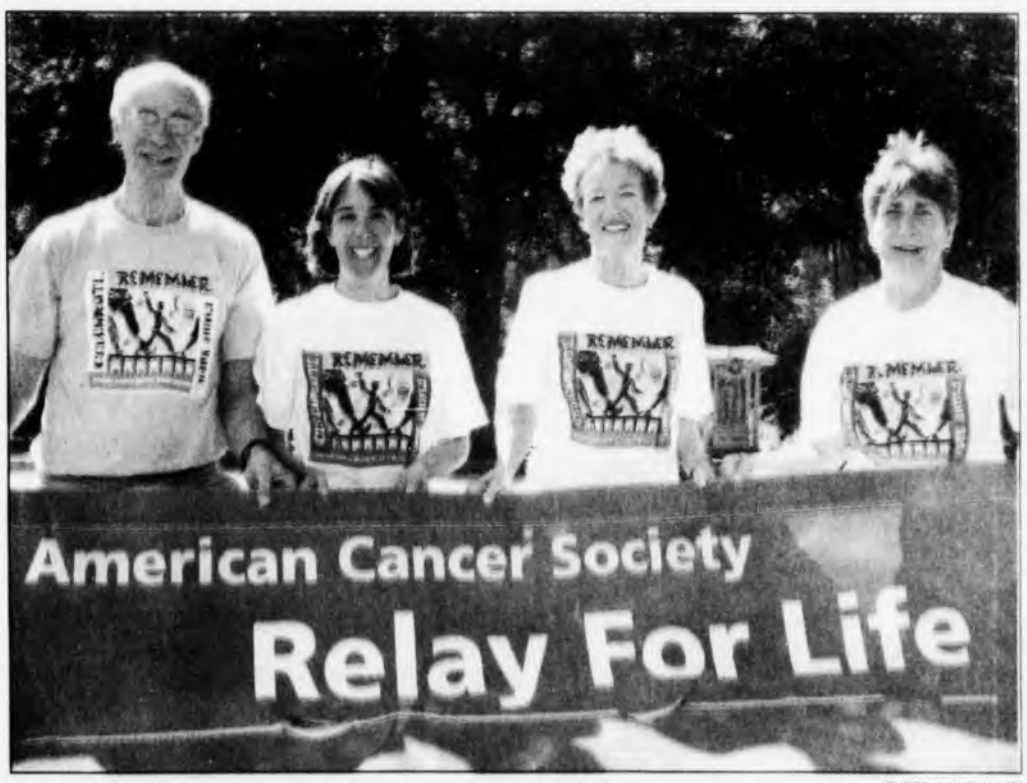
Relay For Life chairman Harry St. Onge expects 500 people will attend the overnight benefit to raise money to find a cure for cancer and the number can only increase since the weather outlook is excellent.

For the St. Onges the Relay for Life is a family affair. Although St. Onge's family members have walked in the Relay for a number of years both his wife, Kathy, and daughter, Heather Nicholls, decided to strike out on their own this year and head up their own teams. Both decided to tap into groups of individuals who were a part of their daily life. Their efforts will bring new people to the event and experience of the Relay.

Both Kathy and Nicholls have gotten involved in the Relay because of their husband and father who is a three-time cancer survivor.

"He puts so much work into it. It's a very special event," said Nicholls.

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Relay For Life Chairman Harry St. Onge, his daughter Heather Nicholls, wife Kathy St. Onge and BayStaters team co-captain Anna Abbruzzese. Nicholls, along with co-captain Lyn Previte (not pictured) and Kathy and Abbruzzese have started their own team this year bringing new participants to the Relay. Over 30 teams are involved in the annual Relay for the American Cancer Society in Cohasset.

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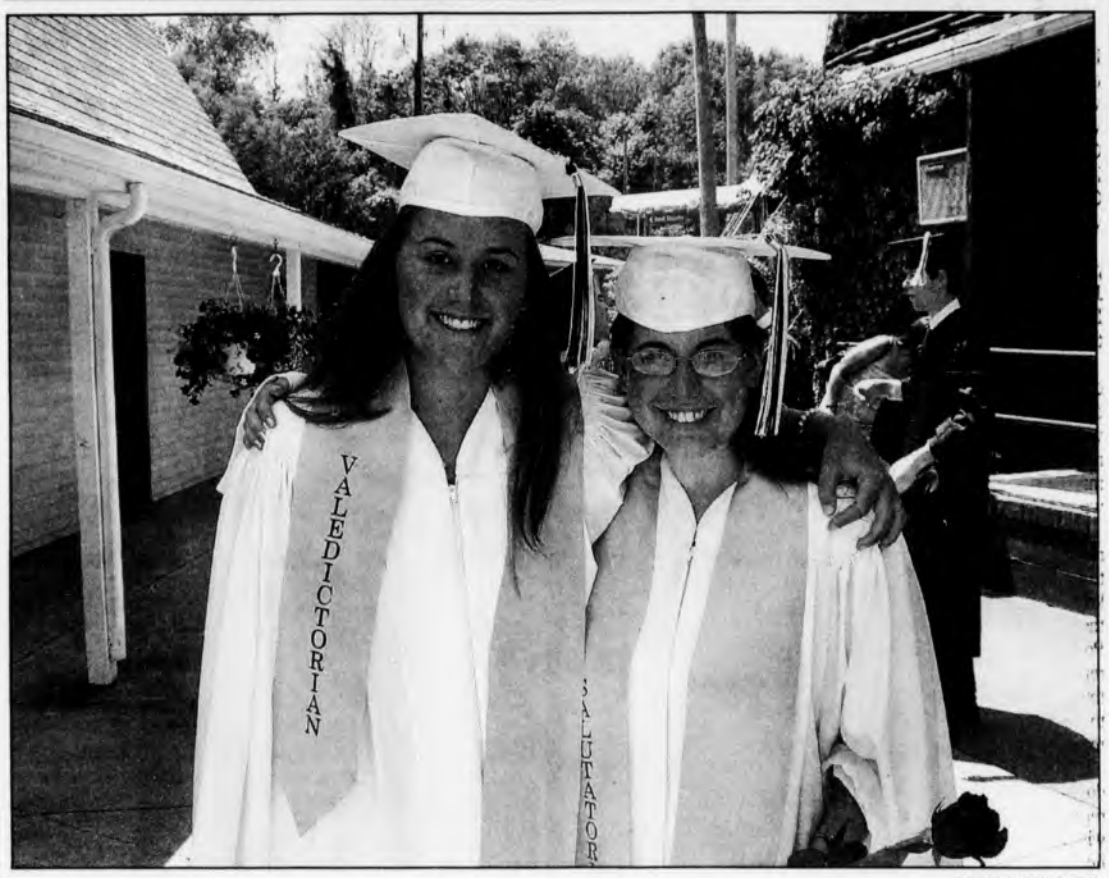
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The Mariner caught up with valedictorian Sarah Brown and salutatorian Alex Laas outside the Big Top at the Music Circus before graduation got under way.

Names: Sarah Brown and Alex Laas.

Occupation: CHS Valedictorian (Sarah). Student and CHS Salutatorian; I have a part time job at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library (Alex).

Best day of your life: Graduation day! (Sarah). Me and my best friend's joint birthday party where everyone dressed up as their favorite animal (Alex).

Best vacation: Sailing around the British Virgin Islands with my family and friends (Sarah). Climbing mountains in Switzerland (Alex).

Favorite season: Summer (Sarah). Spring (Alex).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Sarah). National Left-Hander's Day (Alex).

Favorite junk food: Marylou's Almond Joy with cream, sugar, and a shot of coconut (Sarah). Swiss Cake Rolls (Alex).

Best book: "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck (Sarah). "The Picture of Dorian Gray" by Oscar Wilde (Alex).

Best movie: "Almost Famous" (Sarah). "The Lion King" (Alex).

Best TV show: A tie between "The Office" and "Grey's Anatomy" (Sarah). "Battlestar Galactica" (Alex).

Most embarrassing moment: For the girls basketball State Championship game, a friend dressed me up as a Skipper, with a bright yellow rain suit and a blue painted chest. I had to ride the T and walk around Boston with him. We got the meanest looks. That was pretty embarrassing (Sarah).

Most memorable moment: Sailing on the Sea Griffin and getting lost (Alex).

Pet peeve: Messes (Sarah). Worrying (Alex).

Goal: To be able to dress my kids in crewcuts — a super cute kids' clothing line from J. Crew (Sarah). Create rainbows around the world (Alex).

Person you'd most like to meet: Kanye West (Sarah). Prince (Alex).

Biggest worry: That my college roommate will be a weirdo (Sarah). That I'll fall asleep before finishing what I'm supposed to (Alex).

Best part of Cohasset: The Harbor (Sarah). The sunsets (Alex).

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June	HIGH				LOW			
	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 12	7:16	8.3	7:44	8.9	12:56	1.1	1:15	1.2
	Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.				*Sunset: 8:20 p.m.*			
Fri. 13	8:15	8.1	8:35	8.9	1:56	1.1	2:08	1.4
	Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.				*Sunset: 8:21 p.m.*			
Sat. 14	9:10	7.9	9:22	9.0	2:51	1.6	5:06	8:21
	Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.				*Sunset: 8:21 p.m.*			
Sun. 15	10:01	7.9	10:07	9.1	3:42	0.9	3:44	1.7
	Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.				*Sunset: 8:22 p.m.*			
Mon. 16	10:48	7.9	10:49	9.1	4:28	0.7	4:28	1.7
	Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.				*Sunset: 8:22 p.m.*			
Tues. 17	11:31	7.9	11:31	9.2	5:10	0.6	5:10	1.6
	Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.				*Sunset: 8:22 p.m.*			
Wed. 18	—	—	12:12	8.0	5:51	0.5	5:51	1.5
	Sunrise: 5:06a.m.				*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Thurs. 19	12:11	9.3	12:52	8.0	6:30	0.4	6:32	1.5
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Town bylaw on door-to-door solicitors enforced

By Mary Ford
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Police received several complaints from residents on Jerusalem Road, Black Rock Road and Linden Drive, about the door-to-door solicitors.

Solicitors selling magazines had not realized they had crossed over from Hull into Cohasset last week. Police talked with the individual in charge who knew about Cohasset's bylaw requiring solicitors to register with the police. Chief Hussey said police dealt with the same group last year.

Police received several complaints from residents on Jerusalem Road, Black Rock Road and Linden Drive, about the door-to-door solicitors.

In responding to one of the calls, police ran a check on one of the solicitors, who was on his way to West Corner to wait for a ride. The 45-year-old California man had two warrants and he was arrested.

Hussey said police encourage residents to call if they see door-to-door solicitors. Police will know "right then and there" if the individual has registered. Police will also go out to the reported location, explain the town bylaw, and tell the person to stop soliciting until he or she registers.

Under the town bylaw, door-to-door solicitors are required to register at the police station where they can apply for a $25 license. They are required to wear a badge issued by the police that includes their name and photograph. The badge should be worn and be clearly visible.

Solicitors have to provide police with their name, address, date of birth and height, weight and eye color, Social Security number; dates and times of canvassing activities; name and address of employer; and a brief description of the purposes of the solicitation.

Exceptions to the bylaw are town, state or federal officers or employees on official business; minors under 18 unless in connection with a commercial activity; candidates for public office or campaign workers; those promoting political causes and those soliciting for charitable organizations unless those solicitors are paid.

Open container

Two Cohasset girls, 18 and 17, were arrested at 11:15 p.m. on Thursday (June 5) following a traffic stop on Border Street near Parker Avenue for failure to stay in marked lanes.

The officer saw the blue jeep driving a little fast on Elm Street and then onto Border Street and then saw it cross over the centerline and pulled it over.

The officer could smell alcohol from the vehicle and further investigation revealed an open container of beer and an open container of a mixed alcoholic beverage in the vehicle.

The operator passed field sobriety tests.

The 18-year-old was charged with minor transporting liquor, driving with an open container of alcohol, and marked lanes violation. The 17-year-old was charged with minor transporting liquor.

Teens charged

At 10 p.m. on Saturday (June 7) an officer on patrol checked out a car parked behind the Deer Hill School. As the officer approached a young female entered the woods near the school and did not return to the car, police said. The officer saw three passengers and observed the front seat passenger bend down to the floor as if to hide something. As the officer approached the driver quickly got out of the car and walked toward the officer; he was told to return to the car. Police could smell alcohol in the car. Further investigation revealed an orange soda bottle filled with a clear liquid determined to be gin; a water bottle that appeared to contain vodka; and several seltzer bottles containing liquor.

The three occupants, all 18-year-old males, were arrested for being minors in possession of alcohol.

Car break-ins

The individual responsible for car break-ins on Sanctuary Pond Road overnight Tuesday (June 3) to Wednesday (June 4) may have been arrested in Hingham. The man arrested had been using a stolen credit card belonging to a Cohasset resident whose car had been broken into. Chief Hussey said several cars on the road were broken into and it appeared the suspect just went along and checked to see if cars were unlocked.

On Sunday morning (June 8) several callers from Deep Run reported their cars had been broken into. In most cases the center consoles and glove boxes had been rifled through.

One of the cars was stolen and later found by police in South Boston. The owner had left the keys in the car because it was going to be picked up by a garage. Police hope to obtain evidence after processing the car.

Chief Hussey urges all residents to lock their cars and not to leave any valuables inside them.

Kayak stolen

Cohasset police gave a Scituate kayaker a ride back to her home after her kayak was stolen last week on Bassing Beach. The woman had gone for a walk and when she returned her kayak was gone. A search did not turn up the kayak however, police have a good description of it and detectives are investigating the apparent theft. The incident occurred on Monday (June 2) at around 3:15 p.m.

Lost in woods

A husband called for help after his wife called him from her cell phone saying she was lost in the woods and was on a trail with an "N". Hingham's K-9 unit was called but before the search was launched, the husband called back to say a good Samaritan on a walk escorted his wife out of Wompatuck State Park. The incident occurred at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday (June 3).

Fender-bender

At 11:44 a.m. on Wednesday (June 4), a 1998 Subaru, owned and operated by a Cohasset resident, was headed east on Beechwood Street and had just gone through the light at 3A when it stopped because the road was closed due to another accident. A 2008 Acura, owned and operated by a Cohasset resident, hit the rear of the Subaru. There were no injuries and both cars were Ok to drive.

Windshield wipers

Last Wednesday (June 4) at 11:07 a.m. 1998 Lincoln, owned and operated by an elderly Cohasset man, was eastbound on Norman Todd Road approaching Beechwood Street without windshield wipers during a heavy rain. The Lincoln crossed over into the path of a 2005 Ford that was traveling westbound. The collision caused the Ford, which was owned and operated by a Cohasset resident, to go off the road, strike some ledge and a DPW sign, near 25 Beechwood St.

Police were concerned about the Lincoln operator's ability to drive. Police have asked the registry to do a medical evaluation to determine if the individual should be driving, Chief Hussey said.

The operator was cited for failure to yield the right of way, having an expired inspection sticker, and for defective equipment (windshield wipers).

Bridge jumpers

When the temperature rises, so does the number of jumpers at the Border Street bridge. There were several entries in this week's police log about kids jumping off the bridge. Chief Hussey said officers check the bridge periodically during the day and send the kids on their way. He is encouraging parents not to allow their children to participate in this activity because it can be dangerous. He said some parents are actually dropping their children off. If they see "repeat offenders" police may issue a no-trespass order and they could be subject to criminal complaint if they return.



COURTESY PHOTO

New Police Officer Patrick Reardon with his father Tim Reardon (a sergeant with the State Police) after Patrick's academy graduation ceremony in Plymouth on May 30th.

Cohasset's newest police officer starts

Chief James Hussey introduced the Cohasset Police Department's newest member, Officer Patrick Reardon, to the Board of Selectmen on Monday night. Reardon, 23, recently graduated from the Police Academy and started work on May 30.

Hussey said Reardon grew up in Cohasset, graduated from Cohasset High, and then UMASS Boston where he majored in criminal justice. After graduation he worked as a part-time dispatcher at the Cohasset station. He self-applied to the academy with sponsorship from the Cohasset PD. In the meantime, a position opened up on the Cohasset force and Reardon was hired.

"Ever since I was younger I wanted to be in law enforcement. I'm excited for the job," said Reardon, who will finish his in-house training this week.

"It's always great to have someone with strong ties to the community," said Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr.

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Dispatch Supervisor Wigmore earns Community Service Award

Tom Wigmore is the 2008 recipient of the Cohasset Police Department's Community Service Award.

"Tom is 'Cohasset home grown' and has never forgotten the Cohasset community," said Police Chief James Hussey. "This award is to recognize the efforts of the police department to give back to the town by volunteering time and efforts to make for a better community."

Through his service with the Sons of the American Legion, Tom has taken ownership of a few activities in town. Every year Tom takes it upon himself to ensure every veteran memorial and gravesite is decorated with the American flag for Memorial Day. In 2007 he initiated the "Healing Field" event at the harbor in honor of our war veterans. This while preparing for Memorial Day activities of visiting the grave sites, the parade and culminating with the ceremony at the veteran memorial on the harbor.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Dispatch Supervisor Tom Wigmore (center) was awarded the Police Department's Community Service Award for his valued work in the community at Monday night's Board of Selectmen meeting. Selectmen chairman Ted Carr and Police Chief James Hussey congratulate him.

Hussey said Tom has also taken on community activities with his position in the police department. Tom supervises youthful offenders who owe community service through the Quincy District Court Probation Department. Tom, in conjunction with Teacher Jack Buckley, works with high school students who have chosen the police department to do their community service project. These and many other tasks have been added to his workload.

"The police department appreciates all Tom has taken on and accomplished," said Hussey.

Lt. Lennon and Det. Hunt receive Excellence Award

On Oct. 13, 2007, the Cohasset Branch of the Sovereign Bank, located in the Cohasset Plaza, was robbed by a lone female who threatened to kill the teller, stating that "she was going to shoot her." After robbing the bank, the female robber fled the scene on foot, disappearing near the rear of the bank.

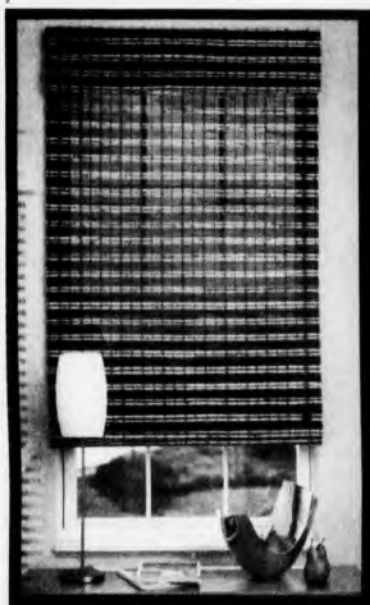
Cohasset Police Patrol Officers arrived on scene and determined that the culprit was gone from the area. The crime scene was secured and witnesses were separated for interview. Cohasset Police Detectives Lt. Gregory Lennon and Detective Garrett Hunt then conducted a methodical crime scene search and lengthy witness interviews, during which valuable evidence was recovered.

As a direct result of Lt. Lennon and Detective Hunt's outstanding job performance, attention to detail, immediate use of the "Mass Most Wanted" Web site, networking with other detective units, and excellent report writing, the robber was identified, arrested, and indicted for the following offenses: armed robbery and threatening to commit a crime.



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Detective Garrett Hunt (center) and Lt. Gregory Lennon (not pictured) were awared the Police Department's Excellence Award for their work in quick and detail-oriented work following a bank robbery. Selectmen chairman Ted Carr and Police Chief James Hussey congratulate Hunt.



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The end of an era

Carousel Antiques closes; All the Best to move in

By Nancy White
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After 32 years of business in Cohasset Carousel Antiques has closed the doors of its Ripley Road storefront. Antique aficionados will still be able to find Carousel Antiques on the internet. It's the beginning of new chapter for the mother and daughter owners who have worked side by side for over three decades.

"We ran it together all those years," said daughter and co-owner Mandy Burgoon, but she said it was time for some changes. "It was time for mom to enjoy some retirement."

Carousel Antiques opened its doors on Labor Day 1976. For the duo, Burgoon and her mother, Norma Kravette, said they never thought of running the store as work and very quickly customers became part of an extended family.

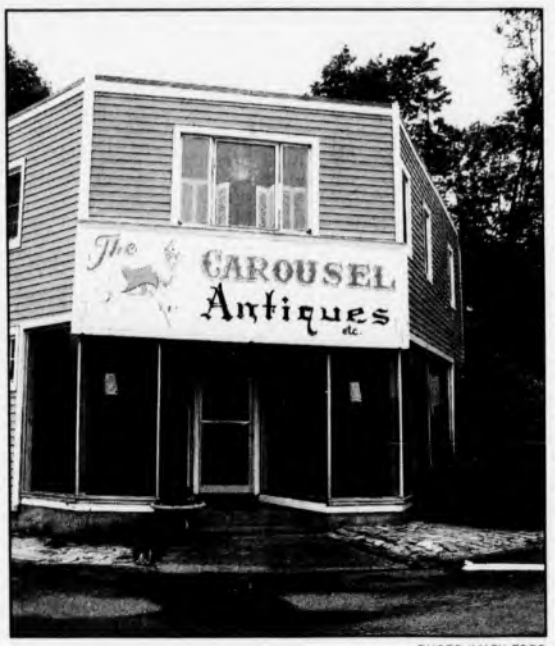
"We've had some very loyal customers and we appreciate their support through the years," said Burgoon. "It's been a fun experience and we have a lot of happy memories of the business."

Many times people would come in, sit down and have a cup of coffee and just chat. Losing the face-to-face time with customers will be the hardest part to leave behind for both her and her mother, she said.

With the growing popularity of online antiquing using services like ebay, Carousel Antiques had been expanding its business to the virtual world recently. Although selling antiques on the computer was not something Burgoon had ever imagined, it does has its advantages.

"We can reach a lot of collectors not normally in our neck of the woods," said Burgoon. She is in the process of creating a home website, but for now she is just selling through ebay.

Over the years they've had many high-profile customers come into the store, particularly visiting acts from the Music Circus. Liberace would stop in every time he came to town and amazingly, Burgoon says, he always called them by name. Bob Hope, Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash also did some antiquing at Carousel.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

After 32 years Carousel Antiques has closed its doors but is still open on ebay. All the Best, a health foods store, is planning on relocating into the space.

"Most importantly, I want to thank all our loyal customers for their support and friendship over the years. We're still around, we still live here so we'll see everybody around town!"

— Mandy Burgoon, owner Carousel Antiques

"They all came back more than once," said Burgoon. "A lot of times if you are into antiquing you go back to a place where you found things you enjoy."

Talking to people through a keyboard will not be the same as talking to them face to face, but Burgoon is looking ahead to this new phase.

"Carousel Antiques will keep going — just in a different form," said Burgoon. "It's been such a way of life for us for such a long time.

"Most importantly, I want to thank all our loyal customers for their support and friendship over the years. We're still around, we still live here so we'll see everybody around town!"

The Carousel Antique building will continue to be owned by the family and they have already found a tenant to succeed them — All the Best Natural Foods owned by David Bigley.

Bigley is thrilled to have the new space more prominently located than his current location in James Brook Crossing, but he said it is sad to see such a long-standing business close.

"That's 32 years they've been there. It's another icon, like the Cohasset Hardware store, gone. These are things that have been in town for a long time," said Bigley, a Cohasset resident.

Burgoon came to Bigley before advertising the building's vacancy.

"We hope it turns out to be just as good a spot for him as it was for us. He's a familiar face, local to the town, which is great. It's nice to see another local person running a business and making a go at it."

Bigley, too, was happy to be approached about the space.

"I thought it was very nice. It's one of the benefits of living in a small town. They saw me struggling in the back here and realized it would be better for me to be out of a main street," said Bigley.

For Bigley, he is looking forward to the move. He got his keys to the building last week and his lease will begin July 1. If the move wasn't stressful enough, Bigley plans to head out of town on July 5 as a volunteer for the Appalachia Service Project. He said he's done it for eight years and made the commitment months ago so doesn't want to back out.

For right now, Bigley is taking measurements and making layout maps. While his current space and new space are roughly the same square footage, the shape of the two spaces is very different. He's looking forward to decorating the two display windows, "I'm going to have a lot of fun with it."

"I wish him 32 years of success in the building," said Burgoon.

Brief history of Carousel Antiques building

According to Cohasset Historical Society records, the 93 Ripley building was built in 1951. It was one of the earliest post-World War II commercial buildings built in the vicinity of the village. It housed a plumbing business then a paint store before ultimately becoming Carousel Antiques. Apartments were always on the second floor of the building.

Although not confirmed, the building is said to be constructed on pilings left from the Hanlon Brothers Theatre that was demolished circa 1915. The Hanlon Brothers were famous acrobats. Like many other buildings in town, Clarence Patrolia constructed the Carousel Antiques building.

Briefly

Open Meeting Law workshop planned

The town will take advantage of a Norfolk County District Attorney's Office Open Meeting Law workshop in the coming months. The Board of Selectmen voted to bring the workshop to the town so its officials could better understand the ins and outs of the Open Meeting Law.

Selectman Karen Quigley brought up the idea and said she would find the workshop helpful to clear up some of the more vague areas of the law.

The workshop comes on the heels of two District Attorney decisions that ruled town boards violated or could have violated the Open Meeting Law. In January, the School Committee violated the Open Meeting Law by improperly going into executive session. Last month, the District Attorney ruled a planned meeting of two Selectmen to discuss issues relating to Treat's Pond with others would have constituted a violation of the Open Meeting Law.

Selectman Paul Carlson offered to look into how to set up a meeting; he will report back at an upcoming meeting. A date should be set for sometime this summer.

Logo contest for mosquito control

As part of National Mosquito Control Awareness Week (June 22 – 28), the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project is sponsoring an art contest that is open to all elementary school and middle school students in Plymouth County, and in Cohasset, which is in Norfolk County. The Project is asking students to help redesign its logo and bring it into the 21st century. The current logo, designed in the 1950s, can be found on the Project's web site, www.plymouthmosquito.com.

There will be an elementary school and a middle school winner. The winning designs will appear on the Project's web-site and will be used on our educational materials. Additionally, each winner will receive a $100 United States Savings Bond.

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Hello, Cohasset. After this week and some pretty sticky, hot weather, it looks like summer has arrived and is here to stay. Enjoy it each and every day. We have a lot to talk about this week between all the celebrations that are happening as well as the fun events coming up.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthday wishes go out to many this week from family and friends all around. **Dagny Nies** turned 9 years old this past week and everyone wishes her the best in the upcoming year as a 9-year-old! Happy Birthday, Dagny.

Also celebrating this weekend is my son, **Daniel** who turns 18 on Sunday. Happy Birthday, Daniel from all of your family and friends and we wish you all the best as you move forward in the next phase of your life. We love you honey.

Here is another birthday wish to two wonderful people around our town. **Polly Litchfield** and her twin brother, **Peter Laugelle**, will celebrate birthday #?? Tuesday, June 17. Please make sure to give them a birthday wish when you see them here and there around town.

PRE-PROM DVDS

DVD's of the 2008 CHS Pre Prom Reception From Friday May 30th are now Available to purchase for $20 each. To order your copy please call **Shaun Galvin** at 781-424-2197 or email your requests to shaun_galvin@yahoo.com The request can also be mailed with a check for $20 per DVD to Shaun Galvin P.O. Box 526 Hingham, MA 02043.

COLLEGE GRADS

• Congratulations are being sent out to a number of graduates from town. First of all, **Lindy Morde** graduated Coastal Carolina University's spring commencement ceremony May 10 at Brooks Stadium. Nice job Lindy and best of luck.

• Graduating from Fitchburg State College this spring is **Kristen James**. Kristen earned her Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. Nice news to hear Kristen.

• Two Cohasset students graduated from the University of Vermont recently. **Matthew Meikleham** received a BSBA degree. Matthew was a Business Administration major in the School of Business Administration. Great accomplishments, Matthew.

• **Brenna O'Donnell** received a BSED degree *Cum Laude*. Brenna was a Secondary Education English major in the College of Education and Social Services. Good luck with all you do, Brenna!

• Congratulations go out to **Laura Marks**, who recently graduated from Emmanuel College with *Magna Cum Laude* and *Distinction* in the field of Elementary Education. She was also inducted into Pi Lambda Theta, the International Honor Society for Teachers. Her family and friends are so proud of all of her accomplishments and know that she will make an incredible teacher!

TREE PLANTED

Each year, the Community Garden Club of Cohasset marks Arbor Day by having a tree planted at one of the schools in Cohasset. It is an attempt to fulfill our mission as a chapter of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts and the National Garden Clubs, Inc, the mission being to educate about and promote interest in the environment. This year, our tree was one of two October Glory red maples planted in the traffic circle at Joseph Osgood School. Therefore, representatives from the garden club were invited to be part of the annual Arbor Day celebration that was held the afternoon of June 6 at the Osgood School. The concert took place in the auditorium since the weather was inclement. The performers were the students of the kindergarten, first and second grades. Each group sang two very appropriate songs. **Lee Jenkins**, the club president, was unable to attend, so remarks to the students were delivered by **Diane Dutton**. She explained that October Glory red maple was aptly named since some portion of it is red in every season — buds in the winter, flowers in the spring, leaf stalks in the summer, and brilliant leaves in the fall. It will grow at a rate of 18 inches a year to the height of 40 to 50 feet. This is wonderful to hear about and is a nice piece of community spirit that is happening in our town.

OUR WORLD

The Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum has a variety of summertime programs and camps being offered throughout the summer for ages 3-10. For more information, call 781-383-3198.

WINNERS

"The Dude" by Nathalie Rattner of Cohasset is winner of the first prize for drawing and pastels in the South Shore Art Center juried exhibition. Cohasset artist Patricia Benube won second prize in the printmaking category in the South Shore Arts Festival. The juried exhibition is the centerpiece of this weekend's Festival, and with winners having been selected, the countdown to the Festival is officially underway. For more information, visit www.ssac.org, or phone 781-383-2787.

LAUNCH PARTY

Mark your calendars for July 12th, the date of the annual Cohasset Sailing Club Summer Launch Party. All adult family and friends of the sailing club are invited to a lobster and chicken feast and a silent auction to benefit the club. The party will be held from 6pm till 11pm rain or shine. Dinner will be served between 6:30 and 8:30; BYOB. Tickets are $50 pp payable to the Cohasset Sailing Club and are available by calling **Joyce Driscoll** at 781-383-0122 or **Claudia McKeon** at 781-383-6125. Donations for auction items are welcome — please contact **Jim Porter** at 781- 383-2029.

SHORTCAKE!

While you are out at the Art Festival this weekend, make sure to stop over at the Second Congregational Church for a hamburger or hotdog and then, you can top it all off with some delicious Strawberry Shortcake which is sure to please so many! YUM, YUM, YUM!

That is all for this week. Send in all of your news, event information and photos no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesdays. EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com



COURTESY PHOTOS

Scouts, Alec Hurd (with wheelbarrow), Derek Benson and Blake Erler rake debris, then ferry by wheelbarrow to the DPW truck.

Scouts get pond ready for Festival

On Saturday, Cohasset Boy Scouts cleaned the pond on the common in advance of the South Shore Arts Festival. Cohasset Citizen of the Year, Merle Brown, spearheaded the effort along with scout parent Tim O'Brien. Scouts earned service hours for participating in the project.

The Cohasset DPW drained the pond and lent a truck and tools so the many years of debris could be removed from the pond. Many passers-by voiced their appreciation.

Some of the items found in the pond besides the obvious leaves, muck and sticks were: one car tire, 4 baseballs, 3 hockey pucks, 5 lacrosse balls, 1/2 a hockey stick, 2 binkies, and an umbrella.



From left, Ross Erler, Blake Erler, Merle Brown, and Derek Benson take a minute to pose for the camera.

The 53rd annual South Shore Arts Center Arts Festival, scheduled for June 13 through 15 on Cohasset Common, includes the juried exhibition, as well as a sale of gallery-quality crafts, a kid's activities tent, artist demonstrations and food vendors. The three-day entertainment roster features Celtic, jazz and light classical music, as well as bluegrass and traditional Americana. Cohasset Middle School's jazz ensemble takes the stage on Friday, at 5. Jazz saxophonist Nat Seelen, originally from Hingham, and now a frequent player on stages and clubs throughout the region, performs on Saturday afternoon at 4. The O'Reilly's play on Sunday at 1.

Festival hours are Friday, June 13, 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, June 15, noon to 5 p.m. A free trolley shuttles visitors from nearby parking in Sohier Street lots. A $5 entrance donation is requested. For more information and directions, visit www.ssac.org or phone 781-383-2787.

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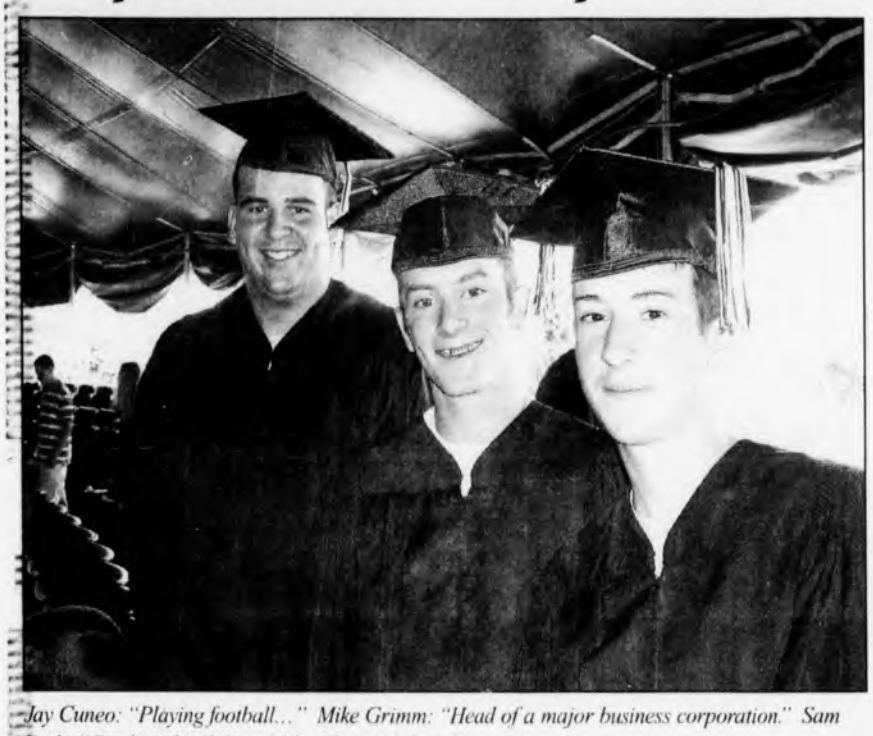
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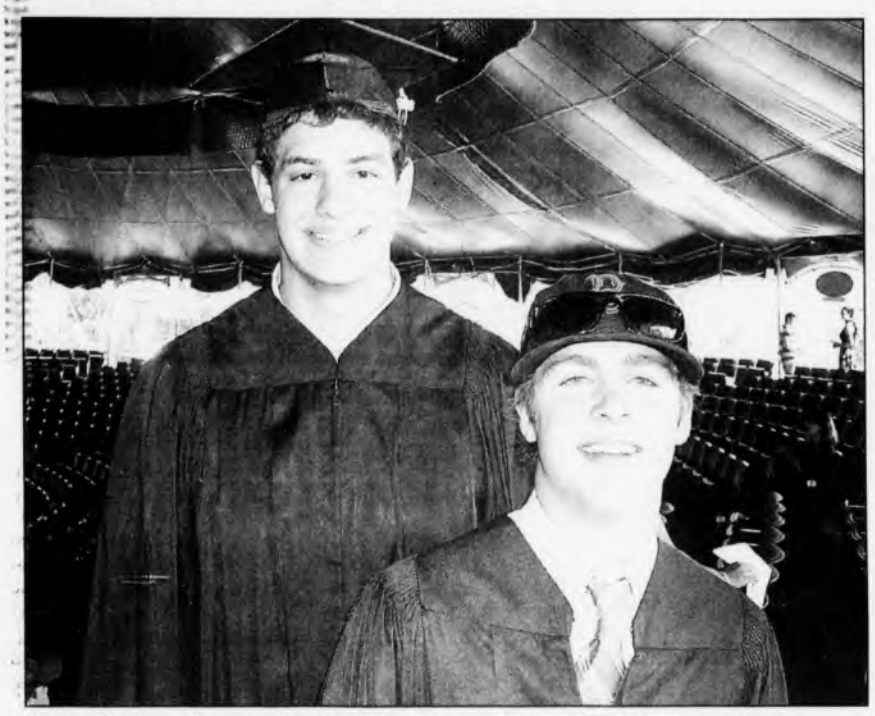
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Stephen Hurlbut: "On a beach in Cancun." Pete Ernst: "On a mountain snowboarding."

Hats off to the graduates!

LIFE AT CHS

LAUREN MACK

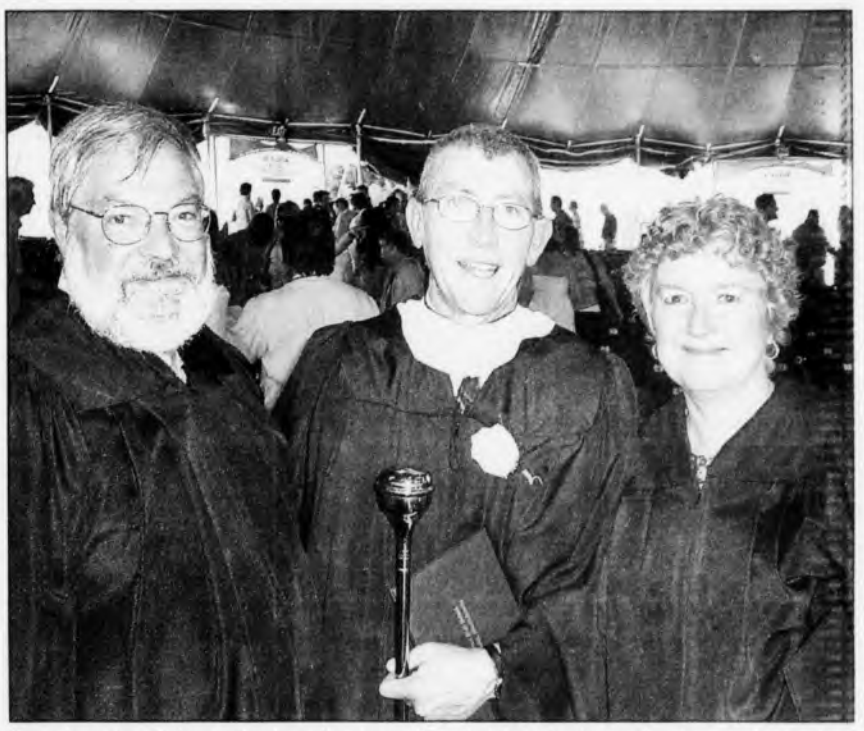


Hello everyone! First, let me congratulate all those seniors who graduated high school this past weekend, you made it! As for the rest of us in school though, the year has finally started to wind down this week as the weather gets warm and the ominous final exam approaches. Also congratulations again to the tennis and lacrosse teams that competed in the state tournament and in hopes for being the next state champs. In other news this week:

- There was a fire drill on Monday, let me be the first to assure you that the alarms are working fine and sounding louder than ever.
- Tuesday was dreadfully hot, but lucky for the AP and CP Chemistry class, ice cream was made in class in order to understand freezing point depression.
- Congratulations to our newly elected school official for next year, Anna Roberts as President and Jonny Wade as Vice President, Maggie McGoldrick as Secretary, and Kristin Monaco as Treasurer.
- I'm also very delighted to say that this is the last Friday of the '07-'08 school year!

This week's Teacher Quote of the Week comes from a very experienced professional who spends just as much time meddling through wetlands as she does teaching Chemistry, Bio, and Envi-Sci at CHS. Her name is Ms. Patty McGrail, and on the topic of solvents and solutes, she stated: "You know, when Dorothy throws the water at the Wicked Witch she really isn't melting — she's actually dissolving. Otherwise there would be a gross, green puddle of witch and that would just be a big mess. It's always bugged me..." See you all next week!

Lauren Mack is a senior at Cohasset High. Her column appears weekly during the school year.



Three long-time Cohasset faculty will retire at the end of the school year, thereby "graduating" with the Class of 2008. Where will they be in 10 years? Science Department head David Magnussen: "On a beach in Costa Rica with my wife, (retiring teacher Nancy Magnussen)" Guidance counselor Ed Leonard: "Playing golf with the senior tour." Sixth grade teacher Nancy Magnussen: "Painting in Vermont."

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A refreshing business

Del's Lemonade opens on Route 3A

By Nancy White
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If this week's heat wave is any indication, summer has arrived. As if on cue, Del's Lemonade, a new business made to cool down summer's long hot days, opened this past weekend in Jonathan Livingstone Plaza.

With a bit of nostalgia and an entrepreneurial spirit Cohasset resident Susan Franklin has opened the Del's storefront and will be operating two pushcarts this summer in Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate.

A summer institution in the state of Rhode Island, Del's Lemonade is found throughout the state. For Franklin, Del's Lemonade is an icon from her childhood that reminds her of the summer days where if you had a bike you had freedom.

"Summer to me is Del's Lemonade," says Franklin. During her childhood in East Greenwich, R.I. she would ride her bike to the local Del's to get a soft frozen lemon drink from the local Del's.

"When I'm hot I'd rather have this than anything else," says Franklin. "It has a nice flavor and is really refreshing."

With the slogan "it's refreshing different," Del's is out to change the way people look at lemonade. It's not quite slush (it's more solid) but not quite Italian ice (it's not that hard). It's "soft frozen," made with real chunks of lemon and it is a Del's tradition not to eat it with any utensils.

"You're supposed to fold the cup and shake it," says Franklin, who attests she has never used a straw or spoon to drink her Del's. For newcomers to Del's, she is happy to provide utensils.

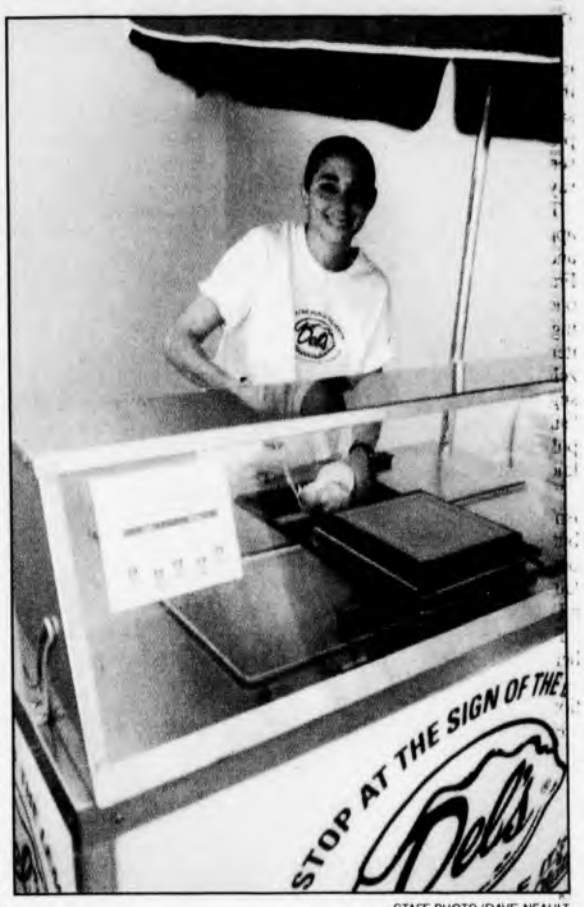
Although lemon is the trademark flavor, Del's offers other flavors as well. Franklin will offer lemon and watermelon on a daily basis. For the adventurous palate blueberry, peach mango, cherry and pomegranate will be offered on rotating basis.

The ingredients going into the product are 100 percent natural and the water used to make the product has a sophisticated filtration system. Sizes vary from nine ounces to a 128-ounce party size to take in a cooler to boat or picnic.

The idea for opening a Del's Lemonade in an area where the business is not a household name came to her in a moment of epiphany. She has spent nearly her entire professional career working in commercial finance, the last 12 as a consultant working for herself. But, the industry sector she had been working in was changing and in the next few years work would dry up completely.

"You get used to working for yourself," says Franklin and with three kids she liked to be close to home and in the community. After doing initial research, she jumped head first into the business.

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Service with a smile as Susan Franklin of Cohasset scoops out some Del's Lemonade out of one of her new carts. Franklin will offer lemon and watermelon flavors on a daily basis.

"When I'm hot I'd rather have this than anything else."
— Susan Franklin, Del's Lemonade

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"I thought wouldn't it be great to see people everyday rather than a computer screen?" she says with a laugh. "I love the product. It's nice to be able to serve a product you really love," says Franklin.

The store has a whimsical appeal with green-striped walls and a bright yellow countertop. Franklin hopes to make it the one-stop summer place by offering her other favorite summer items: penny candy, soft pretzels, popcorn, fried dough with sugar as well as what she calls "summer merchandise," like puka bead necklaces and sailor knot bracelets.

"The Del's Lemonade name isn't really known in this area, but Rhode Islanders are coming out of the woodwork," she says laughing. "Everyone of them has a Del's story to share."

Franklin hopes to quickly make her Del's Lemonade a Cohasset — and South Shore — institution.

Her business philosophy centers around customer service — "this is entirely a service business, it's all about the customer experience."

She hopes to provide great, friendly service of a quality product. "I want people to feel the same passion I have for Del's."

Right now, Franklin holds the franchise rights for Cohasset, Scituate and Hingham, with the option to expand to two more. In addition to the Jonathan Livingston Plaza storefront, the Del's Lemonade pushcarts will be at the Cohasset Common, Sandy Beach, ballfields and special events like the Cohasset Triathlon. Franklin has worked it out with many of the youth sports to share a portion of the proceeds earned at games with the organizations.

Outside of town, you can see the sign of the lemon at Hingham Farmer's Market, Hingham's Fourth of July festivities, Scituate Heritage Days.

"We have a lot of room to grow," said Franklin.



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Susan Franklin dishes out some delicious Del's Lemonade. For Franklin, Del's Lemonade is an icon from her childhood that reminds her of the summer days where if you had a bike you had freedom.

Del's Lemonade has long history

Del's Lemonade has always been and remains a family-owned business. Great-grandfather DeLucia made the earliest Del's Frozen Lemonade in 1840, in Naples, Italy. During the winter he carried snow into nearby caves and insulated it with straw. When summer arrived and the local lemons were ripe and flavorful, he mixed their juice with just the right amount of sugar and snow. Thus making a refreshing drink, which he sold at the local market.

Grandfather Franco DeLucia brought his father's frozen lemonade recipe to America at the turn of the century. Angelo DeLucia, his son, began work on a machine to produce the frozen lemonade, and on a method of making it a consistently excellent product. In 1948, Del's Frozen Lemonade acquired it's name and became the sole product sold at a little stand in Cranston, R.I.. Soon, Angelo had designed the first mobile units in order to serve anywhere in the state.

When Angelo's son, Bruce, entered the family business there were five franchises in Rhode Island. Since then, Bruce has made the franchise business flourish and grow. Now, there are many Del's franchises worldwide providing the refreshing, all natural treat to everyone, anywhere, anytime.

Bruce's daughter, Stephanie is now in the family business. She is president of Del's Lemonade's sister company, Francesca Enterprises International. Stephanie also works directly with web sales, promotions and marketing.

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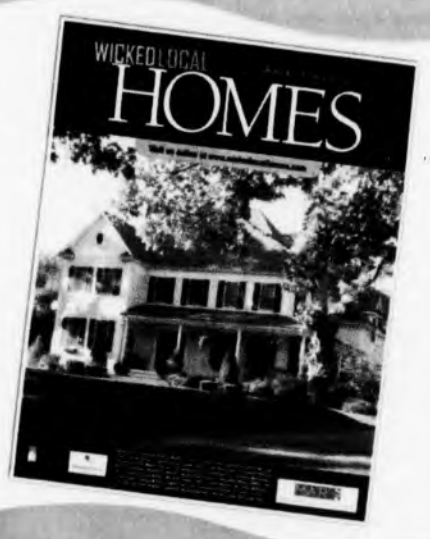
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Spirited class leaves CHS

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talented group of kids.

Superintendent Denise Walsh said 90 percent of the class would be going on to four-year universities, five percent to two-year programs and the rest will join the workforce. She named prestigious colleges the student would be attending like Yale, Cornell, University of Vermont, Boston University, Carnegie Mellon and Virginia Tech.

"How exciting the next chapter will be," she said. In the future that lay ahead for the graduates, she told them to focus on three words, inspired by the back of Nike t-shirt: pride, purpose and passion.

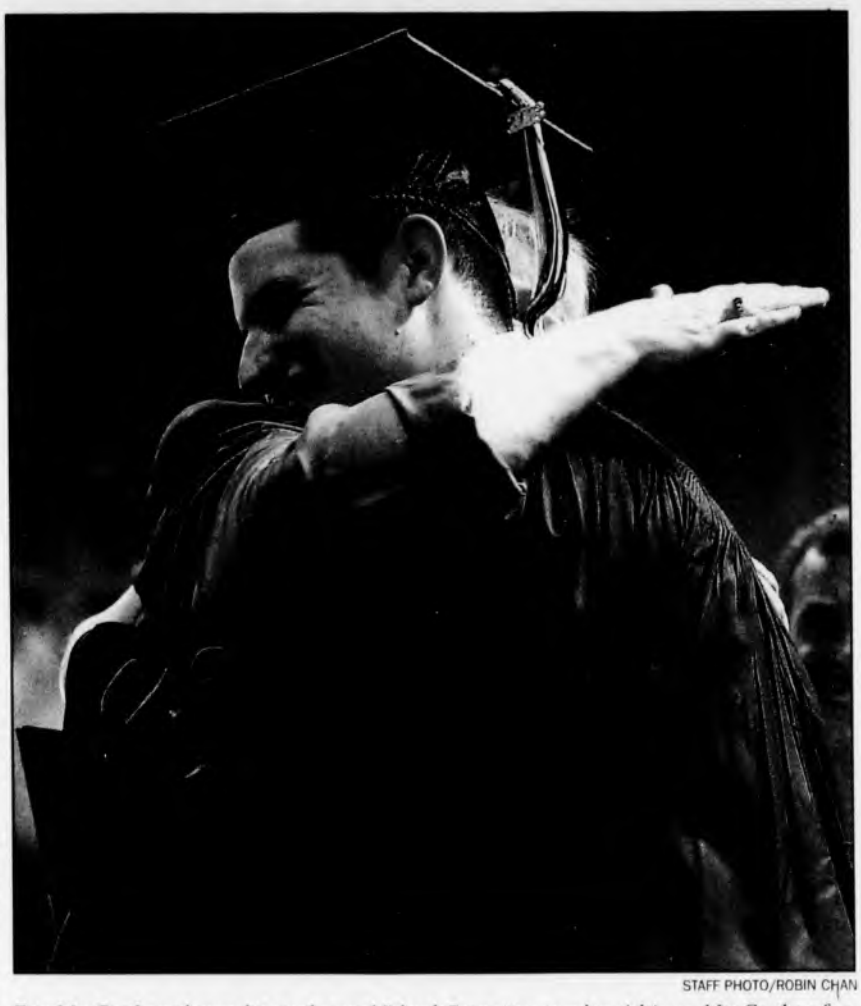
"Who you will be will be up to you," said Walsh. She told the students about the oft-asked question, especially at this point in their lives: what do you want to be when you grow up? She told the class that they shouldn't focus on the 'who' rather than the 'what.'

"The question 'what do you want to be when you grow up' focuses on the destination rather than the journey," she said, offering character trait examples to strive for like integrity, loyalty and leadership. "We're all a work in progress… We each start out fresh everyday."

She told the students to find something worth all their work, wit and life. "Care about something more than yourself…You can change the world, but enjoy the journey along the way."

Next up to the microphone was the salutatorian, Alexandra Lesniewski-Laas, who spoke about the bonds the class all share and the hometown that will always hold their childhood memories.

"We've grown up together as brothers and sisters: sometimes we may push each other off of bicycles and trick each other into believing in the boogie man, but we're there for each other when we need to be taught that the world revolves around the sun, not ourselves," said Laas.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Eric MacCarthy embraces his mother and School Committee member, Adrienne MacCarthy, after receiving his diploma from her on Saturday.

"I've known most of you longer than I've known anyone else and I can honestly say I'll miss every single one of you," she said.

Valedictorian Sarah Brown recounted the difficulty she had in finding the right words and focus for her speech. Wanting to be "profound," she found herself at a loss of words. Under the pressure, she said she did what anyone would do — procrastinated.

The next day, true to her title, she began to research quotes, watch valedictorian speeches on You Tube, and spent two days in the library with her nose in a book. Somewhere in the middle she found her inspiration: "no one is older than a high school senior, yet no one is younger than a college freshman."

"Right now, we believe that anything is possible."
— Sarah Brown, valedictorian

The senior, she said, were to be envied to be teetering on the edge of a pivotal moment, "the metaphorical precipice of life."

"People admire high school seniors because of their attitude, the unique and powerfully hopeful perspective we have towards our future. Right now, we believe that anything is possible," said Brown. She wished her classmates to "remain perpetual high school seniors."

Cohasset Middle-High Principal Joel Antolini said the class met and exceeded the very high standards set for them academically. More than that, they had spirit. When the deejay lost power at the prom, the students began an impromptu sing-a-long. When the senior girls were down at the end of the Powder Puff game, they kicked a field goal for the win.

"I wish you well as you share with the world your extraordinary skills and talents," said Antolini.

After all the diplomas had been transferred, Antolini gave the class one final order —"Class of 2008, you are dismissed!"

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Cancer research fundraiser starts today

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Kathy, along with co-captain Anna Abbruzzese, decided to call on their fellow gym goers at the Scituate BayState Athletic Club. Appropriately, their team name is the BayStaters. Many wanted to get involved as a show of support to the BayState Athletic Club's owner Susan Sieminski who recently won her battle with cancer.

"We thought it would be a good place to tap into some people who may not have been exposed to the Relay," said Kathy. They placed a sign-up sheet with balloons and information at the athletic club.

"We met a lot of people who were happy to do something like the Relay. It really brought an awareness of the event to those in Scituate," said Kathy. Despite being based in Cohasset, the Relay For Life draws from four South Shore towns including Hingham, Hull and Scituate.

For Kathy, being a part of the Relay For Life is about hope.

"We know so many people who have struggled with cancer and survived," said Kathy. "We've seen the research is slowing making progress and realize the need for more research.

"There are too many tragic stories. On the other hand, there is such hope and you can see that the night of the Relay," said Kathy. To her, the Survivors' Walk is a powerful and memorable experience. "I have the utmost respect for those that are brave enough to walk and bring that kind of hope to people."

For this year, Kathy is hoping to get as many new faces to the Relay as possible. "We wanted to get people involved and let them know what the Relay is all about," and when they come back next year she will focus on more fundraising.

Nicholls used a similar plan to establish her team, Sweet Relief. Along with co-captain Lyn Previte who is a cancer survivor, Nicholls has put together a team of mostly mothers from her Cohasset-based daycare, Sweet Relief.

"I usually am on a team with my dad, but this year I thought I know all these moms, why don't we do something other than see each other at pick-up and drop-off," said Nicholls, who expects the other moms to bring their kids along to the family-oriented event.

"So many more people are diagnosed with cancer every year. This is the small part I can do," said Nicholls.

She has built a team of over 20, many of whom this will be their first Relay.

"I didn't know what to expect with this being the first year (having a team). I just wanted to encourage people to participate. I'd rather just have people come than be stressed out about raising money."

Although raising money for the American Cancer Society is the Relay's primary goal, St. Onge says raising awareness of cancer and the support and information available through the American Cancer Society is a secondary goal.

"We want to have a Relay event that all can come to, participate in, feel good about and celebrate life and hope for all," said St. Onge.

The Relay begins today, Friday, June 13 at 3p.m. and continues until tomorrow morning, Saturday, June 14 at 10a.m. The Relay is a team-oriented event and each team should have one member walking the track at all times. This year, there are over 30 teams involved in the Relay. Organizers have set a goal of raising $130,000 through individual supporters of the cause and business sponsors.

"We want to have a Relay event that all can come to, participate in, feel good about and celebrate life and hope for all."

— Harry St. Onge, Relay chairman

The Relay is marked with several inspirational and emotional ceremonies including the Survivors' Lap around 6:45p.m. and the Luminaria Ceremony at 9p.m. During the opening ceremonies beginning at 6p.m., breast cancer survivor Kathy Brooks will speak to participants.

The Taste of the Relay with chowder, desserts, coffee and tea will begin at 6:45p.m., with entertainment provided by the Rusty Skippers. At 9 p.m. all of the luminary bags have been lit and there is a luminary lap where all walk in silence remembering those who have cancer or who have died from cancer. During this emotional lap a bagpiper plays.

Relay at a glance

- **Time:** Friday, 3 p.m. to Saturday, 10a.m.
- **Place:** Cohasset High School Alumni Stadium
- **Opening ceremony,** Friday, 6p.m.
- **Survivor's Walk,** Friday, 6:30p.m.
- **Taste of the Relay**, Friday, 6:45p.m.
- **Luminaria Ceremony**, Friday, 9p.m.

Bird walk at Straits Pond June 14

Strait Pond Watershed Association will host a Straits Pond Bird Walk led by Sally Avery, a local Audubon expert. The walk will take place from 8 to 10 a.m., on Saturday, June 14, at Straits Pond. Participants should meet at the Black Rock Beach end of the pond by Summit and Atlantic avenues. The walk starts there and goes around Straits Pond. People can join the group anywhere along the way or join in for just part of the walk.

The walk is free and open to the public. For more information, call Sue Lofchie at 781.925.0535.



OPINION

EDITORIAL

Star struck town

In reading Mandy Burgoon's memories of Carousel Antiques in today's paper and finding out that Liberace and Bob Hope, and Johnny and June Carter Cash did some "antiquing" there in years past got us to thinking.

Many of you have heard the expression: "only in Cohasset" – which sometimes explains a lot about this unique community!

As we dive into summer, it is fun to recall that Cohasset has been home on a temporary basis to a lot of stars over the years.

Edwin Booth, brother of John Wilkes Booth and a noted Shakespearean actor in his day, spent time in Cohasset.

World famous acrobats, the Hanlon Brothers, used Cohasset as their summer base from the late 1800s to early 1900s.

In 1934, Humphrey Bogart and Broderick Crawford performed on the Town Hall stage all summer. At the time, Bogie was married to Mary Philips, an actress. The trio got arrested for drunk driving in Hingham, causing quite a ruckus. Crawford was driving.

Of course, we can thank the Music Circus for so many memories. We remember bumping into Jerry Lewis at Gates clothing store in North Scituate and getting his autograph (he is known for not signing them!).

Heartthrob, Tab Hunter's arrival at the Music Circus nearly caused a stampede of high school girls.

We also recall meeting Anita Bryant on Minot Beach. She was at the Music Circus performing in "Annie Get Your Gun."

Zsa Zsa Gabor had her own room at the Cliff Hotel in Minot, complete with a pink phone.

Then there was the "Summer of 1986" when Cohasset became "Eastwick." Jack Nicholson, Susan Sarandon, Michelle Pfeiffer and Cher were all here.

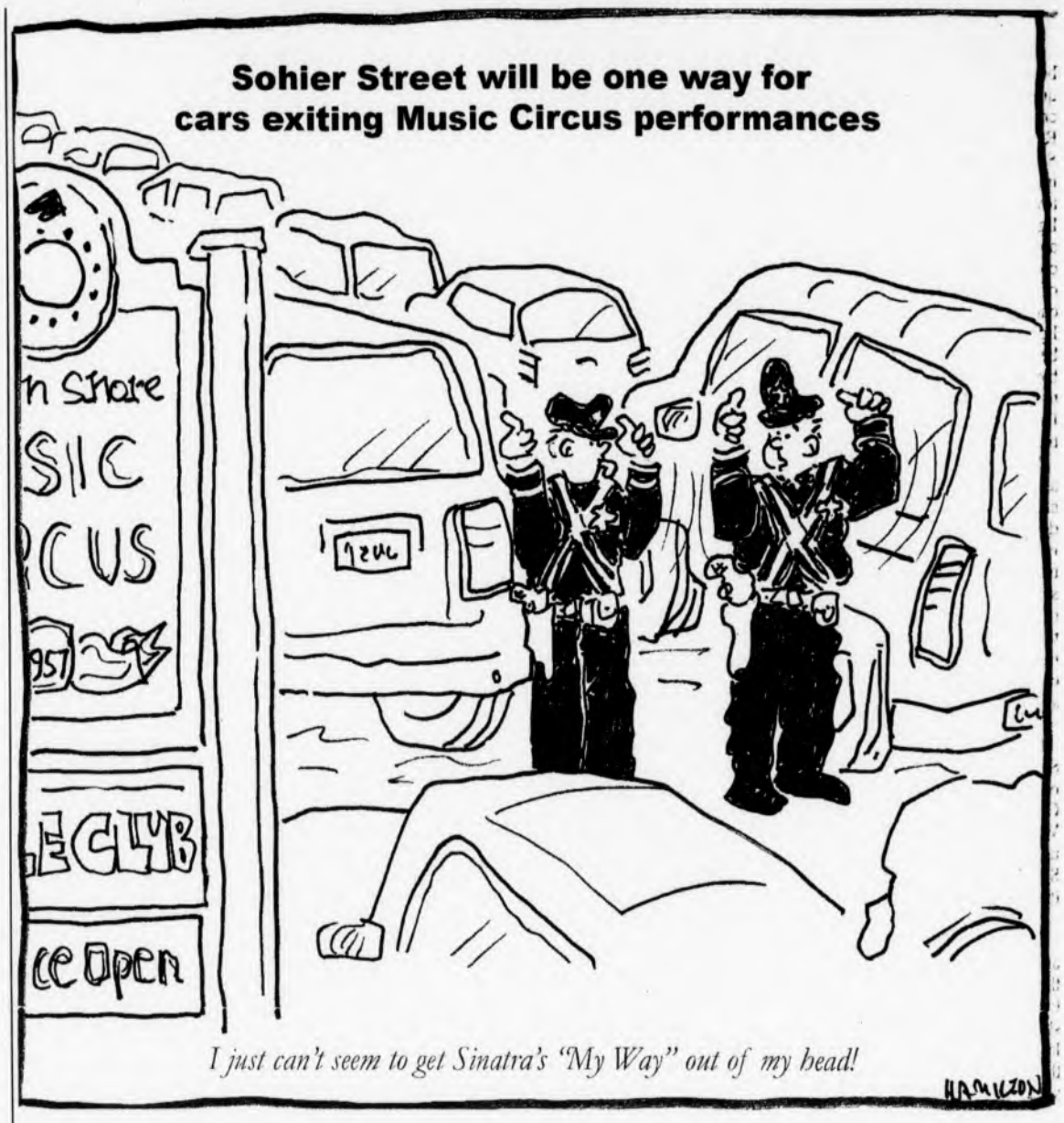
A few years later in 1991, Goldie Hawn stepped off a bus at the Common Pond in the movie "Housesitter."

Today, of course, Cohasset is the hometown of Hollywood A-list star, Kate Bosworth.

If you have any memories of brushes with the stars and would like to share them, please email us at:

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We would love to hear them.



MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Board of Health, June 18, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, June 19, 7 p.m.
Flood Control Workshop, June 16, 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board, June 16, 7 p.m.
Recreation Commission, June 18, 6:30 p.m.
Selectmen, June 9 16 (6:30p.m.) & 23 (7 p.m.)
Sewer Commission, June 24, 6 p.m.
School Committee, June 18, 7 p.m., at the high school.
Zoning Board of Appeals, July 1, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Town Hall offices will be closed all day Friday, July 4.

Music Circus traffic plan meeting

Police, the fire department, and officials from the Music Circus will hold a meeting at 11 a.m. Wednesday (June 18) at Town Hall to talk about the proposed new traffic exit plan following evening shows.

Police Chief James Hussey explained that plans on the table mean cars will no longer exit eastbound on Sohier Street toward the tracks because an evening train is scheduled to run about 10 minutes after the end of the shows.

However, implementing the plan has been put on hold until neighbors and other citizens can air concerns.

"My hope is that we would not discover anything that would prevent this change from happening," Hussey said.

In the past, cars have been directed both east- and westbound on Sohier Street.

Police plan to make Sohier Street one-way following the shows and use both lanes to exit the cars toward 3A.

All traffic from the Music Circus will move toward 3A where they can pull onto the highway in either direction.

Hussey said detail officers would control traffic both on Sohier Street at the Music Circus and on 3A. There would also be cones at Fairoaks Lane alerting those residents about the one-way pattern and not to make a left onto Sohier.

The one-way pattern is expected to last about 15 minutes. Officers will be in radio communication, he said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Summer memories kindled at Pat's

TO THE EDITOR:

To all the boys of summer, and my brother Bill:

My summers started with a pick up game of baseball in the turnaround, the name for the cul-de-sac down the street. There were lots of neighborhood kids playing until dark, self-umpiring, one base on an overthrow, invisible man on second when the teams thin. The homeruns were either through the Scott's windows or long enough to make it to the road that ran down the hill behind the Evans' house. Dinner was at dark, and the amount of dirt on your feet was the clue to get a bath. Walking home wading in the stream to rinse off the dirt never seemed to be good enough to not have my mother demand a bath nearly every night.

The other rite of passage for the summer was the end of school haircut. My father was bald. His idea of a haircut was a high and tight and a shaved neck and scalp. He would take all five boys down to the barber and we would each get a boy's regular. My brothers and I thought our hair was always too short when we left. With this as a motivation my brother Bill had an ingenious idea. What if he learned to cut hair, could we then wear our hair a little longer since a trim could be done whenever, and for free? He made the summer of my fourth grade.

Summer memories return to me around this time of year, kindled by my own haircut at Pat's this weekend. I sat across from a young boy probably 10 or 11 with thick, black, wavy and slightly long hair. It certainly was not in the eyes or over the collar or even uncombed, just long. It wasn't rock star length, just long. It wasn't tangled or dirty, just long. On his face he had the look of defeat, downcast, emotionless and resigned to his fate. His battle was lost. His arrows spent his shield at his side. He fought a good fight against overwhelming odds, but he did lose. The rational discussion, likely the night before, included the need and ease of care a haircut would entail, but not the severe end result that was upon him.

I heard his mother say, "Well, it is the summer, and it's time to shave it." His stoic face changed little as the razor turned on with a click and a buzz. The beautiful long locks fell away as each pass went from neck to scalp. In three minutes, the hair was scattered on the floor, to be swept up later. He still remained silent. He was waiting for the day his brother Bill comes up with a spectacular plan.

Paul J. Schubert
155 Sohier St.
A fan of summer

Being safe on the water

TO THE EDITOR:

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-3, would like to thank Gail Walsh and the Cohasset Public Library, as well as David Wadsworth and the Cohasset Historical Society-Maritime Museum, for allowing the United States Coast Guard the space in their respective buildings for promoting boating safety-paddle smart, suddenly in command.

The program is inaugurated every May by the Coast Guard and presented to the community by volunteer members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary at the start of the boating season to promote safety, educate the boating public, encourage vigilance in homeland security and help protect the marine environment of our coasts and waterways. We are very grateful for all the help in our mission.

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Choosing what to drive and when

TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JOANN MIRISE

Regularly, friends ask me what kind of car they should get. Knowing that I steep myself in all things energy and environmental, I am assumed to have some insight on these types of concerns. The truth is, I have had no easy answer to this inquiry.

With gas more than $4/gallon and diesel more than $5 (and climbing) the cash that supports our sprawling lifestyle is evaporating. Given that our entire country's infrastructure depends on oil, we have seen the hit everywhere from food, to services, to airline travel.

Scores of environmentally minded folks have been sounding the alarm bell for years regarding our abysmal national fuel economy standards, lack of public transportation, near zero support for bicycle travel, and almost non-existent alternative fuel options, especially in the U.S. But most of the impetus thus far has been in the name of carbon emissions and global warming, issues that have been easily overlooked since there is little daily evidence, barring of course, the occasional news byte or fluke warm spell in January. Now that the crunch is starting to hit our wallets, however, mainstream USA is taking notice, and perking up a bit to the idea of having to make some changes.

Choosing what to drive, when to drive and even if we should drive at all, is one facet that each of us can control right now.

I drove a wagon. That is until recently. Since the Brady Bunch Dodge Monaco, I have always loved these slightly funny-looking but wildly utilitarian vehicles. And I certainly got some serious utility out of my wagon. But no matter, my suped-up, twin turbo wagon was a gas hog. I tried to tell myself that at least it wasn't an SUV. And I thought about waiting it out to get something new, hoping that in the next couple of years

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Confusing lights in North Scituate

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush Information — Since the train began operation last October, we have had several questions about the traffic lights at the railroad crossing at the intersection of Country Way, Gannett Road and Henry Turner Bailey Road in North Scituate. There are actually two sets of lights at the intersection as you come from Cohasset heading toward Scituate. One set is a regular set of traffic lights slightly before the intersection. These lights are easily visible from your car as you approach the crossing. The other set of lights is overhead inside of the intersection (*see arrows in photo*). When a car approaches the intersection this second set of lights can be seen but the red/green/yellow cannot be seen. All that can be seen looks like an inoperable set of traffic lights. However, as you get closer to the track the signal colors become visible. Drivers find this to be disconcerting and ask why the second set is not visible. Well, here's the story:

The outside set of traffic lights is designed to act as any traffic light that controls traffic flow through an intersection act. The inside set of lights are designed so that they will not be visible unless a car is in close proximity to the tracks. They only control cars in the track area. Consequently, the inside set may change colors differently from the outer set of lights. If they were both visible at the same time that would really be upsetting. So, the next time you travel through this intersection don't worry that you can't see the inside set of lights while you are outside of the intersection.

Important Detour – Speaking of North Scituate, keep in mind that work has started on the new bridge over Bound Brook at the North Scituate Greenbush Station. This work will close Country Way all summer. The detour for Country Way will use Beechwood Street to get to and from North Scituate. Keep this in mind if you patronize any of the North Scituate businesses.

Greenbush Ridership — As you can see, the average ridership is still increasing a bit. We think that the price of gas will probably cause this upward trend to continue. It is our understanding that ridership on all of the MBTA lines has increased in the last six months. It is interesting to note that four of the "cars" above are actually bicycles. But, in the spirit of "full disclosure," we counted them as cars.



Tom Keeffe inspects water valves at the storage yard.

People You Might Meet on the Little Harbor Project – This week we'd like to highlight one of the key people behind the scenes of the Project, Thomas Keeffe. Tom is an engineer with Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc. and is the engineering resource for the Water Department's work on the Little Harbor Project. Tom is a civil engineering graduate of UMass Lowell. He has been with Tutela for 20 years and is a Project Manager reporting directly to the Water Commission. He has worked on projects within the Town of Cohasset for about 15 years.

When we caught up with Tom last week, we learned some very interesting things about him. His experience covers a wide range of civil engineering design projects from environmental, storm water, wastewater treatment, and potable water systems to the construction of such systems. He did discuss one of the more unique projects he has worked on. His firm had a town, other than Cohasset, as a client that had a problem with an illicit sanitary source somehow getting into the storm water drainage system. The way they found they found the illicit connection to the storm drains was to track caffeine in the storm water to its source. (Apparently minute traces of caffeine are a significant marker for residential waste. Who would have thought?) An interesting aspect of this test was that the workers had to avoid caffeine during the testing to avoid cross-contamination that would skew the test results.

In recent years Tom and his firm have provided the engineering resources for the Water Department as they upgrade their facilities throughout the Town, both in the Little Harbor area and elsewhere. Although it is out of our normal line of vision, they worked to completely upgrade the instrumentation and controls in the plant to improve the supply and quality of the water system. We have found Tom to be an excellent engineering resource, easy to work with and very diligent in the quality of his work.

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Arrows denoting second set of traffic lights.

Sample Date	# of Cars
Opening Day Oct. 31, 2007	75
Nov. 20, 2007	130
Dec. 4, 2007	152
Dec. 11, 2007	169
Jan 7, 2008	165
Feb 14, 2008	164
April 15, 2008	***183***

Car counting in the Cohasset Station parking lot.

Those early Celtics

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see where the latest meeting between the Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA finals has tapped into a pool of nostalgia and spilled out such names as Kareem, Magic, and Larry Bird.

They don't go back far enough.

In my day, the Lakers were from Minneapolis — which makes more sense since Minnesota is known as the Land of Lakes — and the names were George Mikan, Bill Russell, and the Couse.

I saw my first Celtics games as a Patriot Ledger office boy in the '40s. I covered them occasionally as an AP staffer in the '50s. I covered them extensively as an AP stringer in the '60s and '70s.

One of their stars was Chuck Connors, who hung up his jock strap to become TV's "Rifleman."

They were a pretty shaggy dog outfit, those early Celtics.

One of their stars was Chuck Connors, who hung up his jock strap to become TV's "Rifleman." Another was Tony Lavelli of Somerville and Yale, who used to entertain the fans on the accordion at half time, an opportunity that was written into his contract.

The Ledger had a guy named Red Caulfield covering them for a while. Every now and then, the Celts would come up a man short for a practice scrimmage and Coach Honey Russell would suit up.

Once they were two men short and the coach inserted Caulfield, who came back to regale us with stories of how he made a fool out of Dutch Garfinkle, the Celtics star, if there was one.

The reigning marquee star of the Basketball Association of America (as the NBA was known then), the Kobe Bryant or Kevin Garnett of his time, was George Mikan, the center for the Minneapolis Lakers. He stood 6-foot-10 or 11. In today's game, he'd probably be a small forward.

George's favorite move was to set up in the pivot with his back to the basket and either dish off to a teammate or score himself with a devastating hook shot. He led the league in scoring three times as Minneapolis won five titles in six years.

The bane of George's existence, if there was one, was a Celtic named George Nostrand, who used to beat the Laker George back to his favorite spot and deny it to him, leaving George so frustrated that he would score only 29 instead of his usual 30 points.

The star of one of those early Celtics teams was a large, lumbering center and prolific scorer named Ed Sadowski, or Big Ed as he preferred to be called.

It's a shame that basketball is played with only one ball because when Big Ed was on the court, his teammates rarely saw it.

The story is told that the Celts were once in the midst of a rally in which everyone was handling the ball except Big Ed, who called a time out and summoned his lesser teammates around him.

"All those people come to see Big Ed score," he said. "Big Ed can't score without the ball. Give Big Ed the ball."

They did and the rally died.

Or so the story goes.

Surviving suburbia, happily so

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



Yet, no matter how much I cling to my urban roots, whether I like it or not, I've become a suburbanite.

When the *Sex and the City* movie opened last month, I was surprised to have only a passing interest. After all, I'd spent six years of Sunday nights sipping Chardonnay and navigating the single life along with Carrie and Co. Perhaps my lack of interest had something to do with my two-year anniversary in suburbia. As Carrie might ponder, "If you take the girl out of the city, can you ever really take the city out of the girl?"

This is exactly what crossed my mind when I first realized that city life was no longer working for me and my son. My friends, however, were much more concerned with whether there was takeout sushi and Starbucks in the suburbs. I assured them that I would still be able to get all four of my favorite food groups, the other two being wine and ice cream. Yet, they had even more worries. It seems they believed in a "suburban legend" where my moving to the burbs would result in a sudden desire to "Lily-Pulverize" my mostly black and grey wardrobe; trade in my car for an SUV; and adopt a bleached-blonde bob haircut, which they fondly refer to as the "Hingham Helmet."

It turns out that they had little to fear because the handful of colorful clothes purchased in an early attempt to blend in with the natives had long ago been relegated to my golf wardrobe (for me, black is always going to be the new black). And gas prices, along with a disdain for car salesmen, have squelched any passing thoughts of an upgrade. To top it off, I ended up dying my dark-blonde hair even darker to better match not only my low-key life style but also my natural hair color, which hadn't been seen in well over 25 years. *(Note to self: If Sarah Jessica Parker couldn't even pull off dark roots, what the heck was I thinking?)*

Yet, no matter how much I cling to my urban roots, whether I like it or not, I've become a suburbanite. I finally understood this when planning a recent girls' night out. As the conference calls, emails, and rapid-fire text messages circulated, my recommendations were all being talked and/or texted over. It wasn't until we (or I should say "they") made a decision, that I realized they were applying an urban rule of thumb: By the time a suburbanite had heard of a restaurant or night spot, then it's definitely not the place to see or be seen.

While I felt bad for the restaurants I had accidentally relegated to the "so last year" list, I knew that my friends had a point. Date night for me these days seems to always involve a trip to Home Depot; and most of my weekends are spent driving through Dunkin' Donuts rather than brunching and strolling on Newbury Street. In retrospect, I never really had time for Newbury Street. As for taking advantage of the city's shops and cultural events, I'm a reluctant shopper at best; and, I'll let you in on an urban secret: People who live right down the street from museums never actually go to them.

So here I am, two years later, happily ensconced in suburbia. I've discovered that I like running into someone I know every time I leave my house, and don't mind that my social life revolves around soccer and baseball games. I also enjoy the little things, like not having to parallel park. Or, when you're having trouble turning left into oncoming traffic, people actually stop to let you go. The icing on the cake though is that when they signal you to take that left, it's with a friendly wave and not their middle finger.

Nevertheless, there is still some urbanity left in this gal because while my car may eventually turn up in a "suspicious vehicle" report (too old and too small to be indigenous), at least I'll avoid the whole stolen pocketbook from the unlocked car bit. Obsessively locking my house and car is one city habit this former downtown gal has yet to break.

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset convert who has noticed in recent months that her initially skeptical city pals keep hopping into their hybrids and Zipcars to come to the South Shore and visit.

LIBRARY CORNER

Great discussion on 'philanthropy'

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Wendy Hale Exhibits "Two Solos" – South Shore Art Center will feature an exhibit by Wendy Hale at Paul Pratt Library through June. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Great Decisions Discussion Group –Great Decisions Discussion Group will meet every Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting Room. June 17 topic will be "Philanthropy," chapter eight in the discussion book.

Independent Film Night – The independent film "The Violin" will be shown at the library at 6 p.m., on Thursday, June 19. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of Isabel Fonseca's book "Bury Me Standing: The Gypsies and Their Journey" at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 25, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

Reading Group Book Sets – The library now offers sets of book group titles to local book groups. These sets, called Ready Reads, are available for local book groups to reserve. Each set consists of 10 paperback books of the same title, a reading discussion guide and information about the author. Titles include "The Gathering" by Anne Enright; "Half of a Yellow Sun" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie; "The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox" by Maggie O'Farrell; and more. Call the reference librarian at 383-1348 for more information.

Brain Fitness – PositScience brain development software is now available for use on a library computer. Some people may have seen the PBS special, "The Brian Fitness Program," which explores the brain's ability to change throughout a person's life. This is called neuroplasticity and is the science behind brain fitness. Speak with a librarian to sign up.

FOR CHILDREN

Wild Reads @ Your Library – Registration begins at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 25, in the Story Room and will continue throughout the early summer for Wild Reads @ Your Library, the Massachusetts summer reading adventure. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Cohasset Library, MRLS, and MBLC. Join others for free Tuesday evening family performances and more. Go to the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on Calendar for a complete list of events and activities.

Story & Craft Registration – Online registration will begin June 25 for Story & Craft. This program is for Cohasset residents ages 3 through 6, is a four-week commitment and requires pre-registration. Each week a theme is explored through literature, music and craft. Story & Craft will take place in the Story Room on Thursdays July 10, 17, 24, and 31. Sign up for either the 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. session or the 1 to 2 p.m. session. To sign up online, go to cohassetlibrary.org, click on calendar, go to July 10 and select either the morning or the afternoon session, click on register and fill out the form using the child's name. Include the child's age along with his/her name.

Drawbridge Puppet Theater – On Tuesday, July 1, 6 p.m., in the Meeting Room, Drawbridge Puppet Theater will present "Sleeping Beauty" performed by marionettes. This is the first of six Wild Reads at Your Library free Tuesday evening family programs. This presentation is very dark and is suggested for ages 4 and older. Free tickets will be available at 10 a.m., on June 25. Space is limited. For more information and the full summer schedule, go the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on calendar. Sponsored by Friends of Cohasset Library.

Is Town Hall haunted?

After months of anticipation, Our Town Special Productions is pleased to bring viewers the one-hour special of the Enfield Paranormal Society's Paranormal Investigation of the Cohasset Town Hall last January.

See for yourself whether the Town Hall is truly haunted while getting to know one of Cohasset's most precious historical assets!

Join Our Town co-host Pat Martin on her 48-hour adventure into every hidden nook and underground cranny of the Town Hall in search of ghosts and paranormal phenomenon! You might want to keep the lights on!

Tune in Monday at 9 p.m. on Comcast channel 10 and then watch for repeats on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 p.m. Stay tuned Cohasset and stay entertained!

Department of Corrections

Last week's article "Get your engines going" about Bob Butman gave an incorrect contact number. If you have an engine that needs fixing, call Bob Butman at 781-383-0851.

Happy Father's Day from Mrs. Cook's class

The following Father's Day essays were written by Lauren Cook's second-graders at the Osgood School.

My dad is great! My dad is tall and skinny. His hair is thick and it's as black as my cat, Spooky. He is a hard worker and he's very friendly and helpful. My dad owns Milton South Shore Landscaping Company. The company mows lawns, trims bushes and puts leaves in the leaf machine. At home he pays the bills and sometimes he cooks. When I have a fever my dad puts an ice pack on my head. He helps me with my homework and he gives me advice. If I have a problem he makes me feel better. I feel special when my dad picks me up at school and when he tells me "Good job!" He makes me feel loved when he first sees me because he gives me a kiss and a big hug. Before I go to sleep he gives me a kiss and says, "Goodnight." I know my dad loves me. I love my dad!

Domenic Albanese

I have the best dad. He has black spiky hair and the color of his eyes, are like mine – they look like fudge. My dad looks friendly and he looks nice. He is fun, enjoyable and very loving. He works for Collection Company of America with computers. For fun my dad is an actor and sometimes he's in plays. He's very good at it. At home my dad cleans the kitchen, sometimes does the dishes, and he makes everyone happy! He helps me with my homework books if I'm falling asleep and enjoying life. I enjoy swimming, gardening, and snuggling with him. My dad makes me feel special and loved when he calls me "G-race" and when he gives me a super-deluxe hug, and when he kisses me goodnight. I love my dad!

Grace Alves

My dad is awesome! My dad has hazel hair, blue eyes and he is tall. My dad is kindhearted, funny, peaceful and a little weird sometimes…but not usually in public. My dad works for a company called John Hancock. He works in real estate. Sometimes he takes us with him to different places on his business trips. At home he keeps me and my sister entertained by acting like a comedian. I love when he makes us breakfast in the morning – it tastes gourmet. He helps me with math when I need it, and helps me when I'm researching on the computer. I enjoy going on trips, playing games and having fun playing basketball with my dad. My dad makes me feel loved and special by hugging me and kissing me before bed, and he smiles at me – 'A LOT.' He is the greatest man on earth! Well, that's my opinion.

Owen Bleicken

My dad is the best dad that you could ever have. When you just meet my dad you will notice how tall he is. I'm pretty sure he is 6 feet tall. He also has really big muscles; they make him look like Kevin Garnett. His hair is as blonde as the sun in the middle of summer. His hair is pretty long and he really wants to get it cut short like me, but my mom won't let him. My dad is very bright because he went to the Naval Academy and he served in the navy. He is also very athletic and he never gives up. My dad is a hard, hard, worker. He is very well known because his work has to do with many different people. My dad works in the city of Boston and he takes the train to get to work. He works in a big building called 2 International Place. At home my dad helps by mowing the lawn and he takes the garbage cans down the driveway. He helps me in many different ways. He takes me to almost all of my baseball, basketball, soccer, lacrosse and football games. I really appreciate all the tips he gives me. Some of the things I enjoy doing with my dad are playing basketball and lacrosse with him in the backyard, and going to Morning Glories after my dad plays basketball on Sunday mornings. He makes me feel loved and special when he should be working…but instead, comes outside and plays fun games with me. "See, I told you my dad is the best dad on earth!"

Will Bowen

I have the best dad! He has dark brown hair and green eyes that glow like an emerald. He is funny, nice, sweet and awesome! For work my dad trades stocks in Boston. At home he fixes things, pays the bills and helps put away dishes. My dad helps me by teaching me new things. He taught me how to ride a bike and how to rollerblade. I love when he gives me advice. I love when we go skiing in the winter. Sometimes we sneak away from my little brother so we can ski together. I like when my dad plays baseball with us and I like when he takes us to Wilbur's for ice cream. My dad makes me feel loved and special when he calls me "Liv" and when he kisses me goodnight. I know that there is no better dad in the world!

Olivia Coveney

My dad is awesome! When you first see him he looks very friendly. His eyes are as blue as the Greek God of the Sea, Poseidon. To me he is as tall as Zeus, the tallest of the Greek Gods. My dad is nice to everyone. He likes to go out for a run after work. He loves to read. My dad works in Boston as a lawyer for Citizens Bank. My dad cooks my family breakfast on the weekends. My dad teaches me to cook. He also helps me do chores. I enjoy reading and playing football and lacrosse with my dad. He never forgets to hug me before he leaves for work. He also teaches me to sail his 210. I like 210 racing with him. One time he let me tell him which way to steer and we came in first place. I love my dad!

Matthew Dickey

My dad is the best dad. He has brown hair, blue eyes and big muscles. My dad is really strong. He is as strong as an ox! He is nice and friendly and really funny. He cares about me and my family. My dad helps people pay for their taxes and he works at Key Bank. At home he cooks, cleans, and mows the lawn. My dad helps me do my homework. He helps me clean the dishes and he helps me learn sports. I enjoy playing baseball with him and I enjoy sleeping with him. I feel special when he lets me stay up and watch the Red Sox with him. I feel loved when he says, "Good job!" and "I'm proud of you!" My dad is my favorite dad.

Ryan Donovan

My dad is great! His hair is short and brown. My dad's eyes are brown like brownies. He is smart and funny too. He is also a very hard worker. For work my dad builds houses. At home he cleans the dishes when my mom goes out to dinner. He helps me with homework and reading. I enjoy when he reads with me. My dad makes me feel loved and special when he snuggles with me and kisses me goodnight. My dad is awesome!

Brooke Driscoll

My dad is the best dad in the universe! He is very tall and his hair is as short as the grass when you cut it. He has blue eyes and a big nose. My dad looks very friendly. He is smart, nice, and fun to play with. My dad works for the military. He works in an office in Hingham. What he does to help out at home is he goes to the dump with me. He helps me with my homework and helps me set up really cool stuff. I enjoy going places with him…like the dump, and out for ice cream. I like when my dad takes me kayaking and biking, and when he plays baseball with me. My dad is as loving as cupid!

Danny Driscoll

My dad is the best dad ever! My dad's eyes are a unique brown color, like mine. My dad's hair is nice and short. When he doesn't shave his face it feels like sandpaper. My dad's very funny and smart and loving. My dad is a hard worker. His job is to take care of me and my twin sister and my brother. That keeps him busy! My dad does the dishes and he works on our cabin he built in our backyard. My dad helps me with my homework and when I don't know how to do something, he teaches me. He taught me how to sail and I love it. I love sailing with him. My dad makes me feel loved and special when he kisses me and hugs me at night. My dad is the best dad in the whole entire world!

Sophie Gilliatt

My dad is awesome! He has gray hair and he is tall. His smile is as shiny as the sun. My dad is smart and funny. My dad stays home and does work and he takes care of us. My dad does the laundry, makes all of our lunches, and cooks our meals. My dad helps me do my homework. He gives me math quizzes and for reading he first gives me an easy book and then he gives me hard books. I enjoy playing miniature golf with my dad in Maine. I enjoy playing football with my dad and I like when we ride our bikes to the harbor and beach. When I had to stay at the hospital my dad made me feel safe because he didn't leave me alone. He stayed with me and slept in a chair next to my bed. My dad makes me feel special and loved when he says, "Good job on your math and spelling test" and when he gives me a hug goodnight and says, "I love you." I know I have the best dad in the world!

Thomas Guinee

My dad has a huge heart. His eyes are brown and they twinkle like stars. He looks like a baseball player. He has peach light skin. He likes to read newspapers when he's home. He likes to travel. He sounds strict when he says, "Brush your teeth young lady!" He goes to work in Boston and earns money from doing chores. When he's home he makes breakfast and mows the lawn. He takes the garbage to the dump. My dad helps me do my homework. When the TV goes crazy he helps me get the right channel. I enjoy watching the Boston Red Sox with him. I love it when he takes me to see the Boston Red Sox. I like skiing with him. Sometimes he carries me to bed… I love that! I love my dad.

Caroline Hillier

My dad is super! He has gray hair and blue eyes like me and he has muscles like a football player. My dad is smart, funny and he is very nice. He is as lovable as my dog. My dad does trading for work. He has to go to Boston. My dad helps at home when he makes dinner and does the laundry. My dad helps me do sports and my homework and reading. I like when my dad plays football with me and tackles me. I feel loved when he hugs me and I feel special when he says, "Good job!" I love my dad.

J.P. Johnston

My dad is awesome! He has long hair and his eyes are as blue as the sky. He is caring, funny and nice. He is a very good carpenter. At home he does the dishes and feeds the dogs. He helps me with my homework and he helps me read. I love watching movies with my dad and I love building stuff in the garage with him. My dad makes me feel special and loved when he gives me giant hugs. I love my dad!

Joshua Liberty

My dad is the best! He is very, very tall. He has brownish grayish hair. His eyes are as brown as a tree trunk. He's a business guy and he's really, really smart. He's a blast, too! He's as lovable as a teddy bear. My dad is a lawyer like my mom and works in Plymouth. My dad makes us dinner and does laundry and helps me with my homework. He makes everything a game, so things that aren't fun, like getting ready for bed and being on time for school are a blast at my house! When I get hurt he always comforts me. I enjoy snuggling with my dad and I love going to the playground with him! My dad makes me feel loved and special when he calls me, "Sweetie Pie" and when he hugs and kisses me when I come home from school – or just anytime. My dad is the best in the world!

Lilly Patsos

Do you want to know about my dad? My dad has dark black hair and brown eyes that shine like crystals when the sun reflects on them. He has a face with a smile that brightens every room he walks into. My dad is kindhearted, honest and has a great sense of humor. My dad works as a lawyer so he goes on a lot of business trips. At home my dad manages the bills and if you get lucky…he washes the dishes. My dad helps me by coaching my softball team and he helps me with math. I enjoy playing softball with him, telling jokes with him, and spending time with him. My dad makes me feel loved and special by saying, "Goodnight Sunshine!" My dad's the best! Don't you think so?

Caroline Patterson

There are a zillion things I love about my dad! My dad is funny, short, and very charming. He is as handsome as a boy model. He has chocolate candy eyes and his hair is as gray as an elephant. My dad works for a faucet company and he goes away for work. At home he helps when he makes dinner and when he times me on my math facts quizzes. He helps me by reading me stories when I can't sleep (I love that) and by saying goodnight. I enjoy snuggling, playing and having my dad for a softball coach. I feel loved and special when he calls me, 'Boo-Boo' and 'Princess.' I love my dad!

Halle Pratt

I have an awesome dad! He is very handsome and looks nice. He has silky beautiful black hair and he combs it a lot. My dad loves doing things with me. He is very sweet and active. He's wonderful – just like the perfect wave! My dad sells roofing shingles. He loves his job and he is the president of his company. He is really good at his job. At home he helps by mowing the lawn and sometimes he goes to the dump. My dad helps me wax my surfboard and he helps me learn how to skim-board. I love when he helps me with my homework and when he checks my homework. My dad helps me get stronger by teaching me lots of sports. I enjoy surfing with my dad and having dinner with him. My dad makes me feel loved and special when he reads me a bedtime story. My dad makes me feel happy…Every second of my life!

Sam Sullivan

My dad is very special. He has gray hair and eyes as brown as chocolate batter. He is very smart and funny. My dad is a teacher at Arch Bishop Williams in Braintree. He helps out at home by taking the trash to the dump. He helps me when I am stuck on some of my homework. I like to go up to his school and see him and the students. My dad makes me feel special and loved when he calls me "Pie-Pie" all the time. My dad is a great dad!

Mary Tarpey

My dad is great! He is tall and strong like a tree, and as confident as the God Zephyr, who controls the north wind. He's as alert as an awakened tiger. My dad is also nice, calm, full of fun, and thoughtful. My dad sells stocks for Eaton Vance. He has to travel a lot and I always miss him when he's gone. When he has to leave early and can't say goodbye to me, he leaves me a stuffed green spider…that makes me feel like he's missing me too. When he's home he helps organize things and he helps do chores around the house. I enjoy being with him as much as Pan, the Greek God of Nature, enjoys sleeping. My dad makes me feel loved and special by calling me "Bome-blerome," and by giving me hugs. I love my dad!

Jerome Vainisi

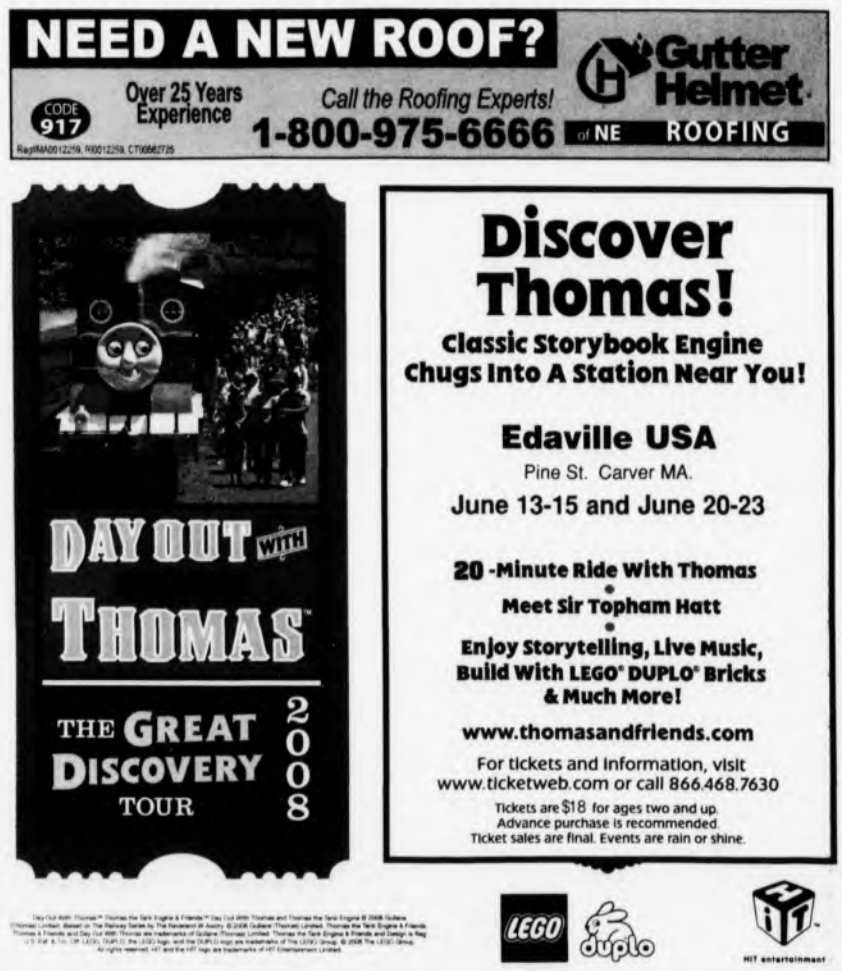
There are many things about my dad that I love. He's not that short and he's as strong as an ox. He also has black hair just like my backpack. He's so smart that I sometimes think he has a calculator in his brain. He is also tough and really funny like a comedian. My dad sells metal buildings at a business called USA. He lets me and my brother Danny, go on business trips with him. Sometimes he let's me drive our boat, but only a little. At home he does the laundry, gets the groceries, and drives me and Danny to school. He helps me with sports so I can get better and with math, too. I love it when he hits balls to me one-handed and plays football with me. I love it when we go to the sandbar in our dinghy and catch fish. When my dad calls me "Frog-Dog," that makes me think that he cares. My dad is as cool as ice cream!

Deven Varney

I love my dad. My dad has pale blue eyes – like a ripe blueberry, brown hair, and he is very tall. He is funny, smart and a great person. My dad makes software and he works on the computer. He does a lot of math, and because of his job, he can help me with hard math homework. At home my dad mows the lawn and he goes to the store if we are out of food. I like to go swimming in the ocean with my dad and play checkers with him. I usually win. When my brother was little he couldn't say my name – he said, "Nen." Now my dad is the only one in the family who calls me that. It makes me feel loved and special. I have the best dad in the world!

Jane Wrenn





HEALTH NOTES

Senior Center has outgrown its space

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

" We speak of an idea or process that we're impatient with in terms of its "getting old." Such is exactly the connotation that's applied to many of our elders. We tend to be impatient with their slow walk, their deliberate speech, etc. Well, cheer up; it's going to happen to you. And not only that, the ranks are swelling, relatively. In 1960 the population of Massachusetts was about 5 million Today, it's nearly 7.5 million. And the numbers of people over the age of 50 has grown. Now about a third of the people in Massachusetts are 50 years of age or older.

That's why the Massachusetts office of Elder Affairs is so important. In Cohasset anyone above 50 is covered by the Elder Affairs blanket. They receive a monthly newsletter designed to assist elders and their families with answers to questions about services and opportunities available to seniors and their caregivers in Massachusetts. You can obtain information on caring for an aging parent, securing help for an elderly neighbor, getting nutritious meals delivered to a senior's home, getting help parenting a grandchild, or learning more about prescription drug programs for elders and dozens of other necessary services.

Through the statewide elder network, the Executive Office of Elder Affairs provides services locally via the Cohasset Elder Affairs (CEA) office at the Community Center at 3 North Main St. This network reaches out to elders in need of homecare and caregiver support, nutrition programs, protective services, health and wellness services, housing options, health information, counseling and a host of other services.

The building is too small to house both Community center activities and Elder Affairs.

With two full-time staffers and three part-time staffers, the CEA manages 156 volunteers who provide service to more than 450 Cohasset elders, most of whom use the services more than once a week. Few organizations provide as much support directly to their clients as Elder Affairs.

Any elder person in Town contacting CEA can expect to receive correct answers to his or her questions be they tax questions, legal assistance, health benefit counseling, finding the right service provider from minor home repair, to help getting to their doctor's appointment.

A major problem with increased numbers of seniors receiving services, meals both at the Community Center building and at their homes, is the lack of space. It's time now to consider finding another place. The Community Center has its own clientele, serving the needs of children, daycare, and other youth services in addition to numerous programs for young, and middle adult parents and no longer has sufficient room. The building is too small to house both Community center activities and Elder Affairs.

The Town needs a better place for its seniors. Many towns have dedicated buildings for the purpose. Scituate has voted big bucks for a center for their elders. But in Cohasset, little has been done for a segment of our population that in size is now larger than our school population. Last year, elders were served 3,360 meals that they had to eat off paper plates.

It's time now for needy elders in Cohasset to have a place of their own and stop being treated like somebody else's problem. In a few short years, *the Baby Boomers* will enter the elder population. It is important to be equipped for the influx of this new wave.

But even more important is the fact that in the future, new science is being used to deal with problems of the elderly such as senile dementia. We'll speak of these developments in a future article because they affect more people at younger ages than we realize.

The Board of Health would like to hear from folks who have ideas about a new facility for elder affairs. Give us your thoughts.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Choosing what to drive and when

TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JoAnn Mirise

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huge strides would be made in the availability of zero-emissions vehicles. But in the end, it was time to make a change.

Determining what vehicle to get has been a long, arduous process. Part of the issue is that there aren't a whole lot of appealing alternatives. Hybrid electric, diesel/biodiesel, ethanol and natural gas are the technologies that exist on the market, but all have pretty significant disadvantages. One issue is practicality. The closest filling station for E85 (ethanol) or B20 (biodiesel) is 30 miles from Cohasset. Another issue is availability. To get one of the small, clean diesels in the U.S. is almost impossible (while they are readily available in Europe), and waiting lists still exist for hybrids. And all technologies still have serious environmental (e.g. hybrid battery disposal) and societal (e.g. food supply/pricing issues related to ethanol production) ramifications.

Given what is available, we have the responsibility to weigh all of the options and make our own choices. My best advice is to research and filter the information, much of which is oftentimes contradictory. A fine place to start is Yahoo! Auto Green Center. There is a nifty mileage and emissions calculator that allows you to compare makes and models.

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I have come to realize that the flip side to the hassle of not having an easy way out with a clearly superior alternative fuel automobile could be a good thing. Instead of continuing on as happy motoring Americans, feeling entitled as we always do, we will be forced to take pause and make some deeper, more thoughtful behavioral changes.

With head spinning, I finally decided my best short-term, stopgap solution was to simply downsize. I chose a Volkswagen GTI. My requirements were simple: better gas mileage, improved emissions ratings, excellent safety features, room for three booster/car seats and a trunk that will hold a decent size dump run. But no doubt, it's a small car compared to what we had. We will be forced to edit. But this is precisely how I am trying to live my life anyway, so now my vehicle is more in alignment with my life vision.

Am I satisfied with my car buying decision. Well, no, not really. I would like a zero emissions vehicle. I would like the entire country's train and public transportation system to be revamped. Locally, I would like safe bike lanes on all major thoroughfares through town. I would like bike racks throughout town. I would like to car share. I can go on.

After I got home from the dealer, admired the car in the driveway, got a little giddy from the consumer high (no, I am not immune), I pumped up the tires in my bike. And the tires in my jog stroller. Between these three sets of wheels and my determination to alter my driving behaviors, I continue on the journey of facing the challenges of our rapidly changing world.

JoAnn Mirise lives and works in Cohasset.

Sustainable Cohasset to meet

Sustainable Cohasset will meet at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 24, in the Bartow Room at St. Stephen's Church. A light supper will be served. A one hour documentary, "Kilowatt Ours," will be shown and followed by discussion and project planning for the following year. Regular monthly meetings will resume in September on the last Tuesday of each month.

During the summer months, Sustainable Cohasset members will be available at the Farmer's Market table every Thursday afternoon selling reusable cloth bags and Mrs. McCarthy's eggs. Members will also be in attendance at Holly Hill Summer Film Festival. All are welcome.

Rare chance to tour the Bellarmine House

On June 20 and 21, the Cohasset Historical Society will host a rare opportunity to tour the Bellarmine House, located at the end of Howard Gleason Road. In architecture, in local history and in panoramic views, the Bellarmine House, owned by the Jesuits of Boston College, is one of a kind.

The home was designed and built in 1880 by well-known architect Henry Hobson Richardson, who helped develop the Arts and Crafts architectural style. The estate, which sits on 8.5 acres of nearly unspoiled land originally landscaped by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, overlooks Cohasset Harbor to Whitehead Island, the Glades, Minot Light is discernable in the distance and then the open sea beyond.

A wine reception will be held in the evening of Friday, June 20 from 6 to 9p.m. The Cohasset High School Jazz ensemble will provide musical ambiance for the event. A silent auction will round out the event. Tickets are $30 for historical society members and $35 for non-members.

The next day, Saturday, June 21, the public is invited to view the house and enjoy the grounds from 10a.m. to 2p.m. Tickets are $10 for society members, $12 for non-members.

The tour will feature a few of the rooms in the mansion. Attendees can drink in the paralleled vistas of Cohasset's harbor and the shore as well as the beautiful walks and terraces on the eight-acre grounds.

During both times, tours of the house and its substantial grounds will be offered. Call the Cohasset Historical Society 781-383-1434 to make reservations.

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Treat's Pond easement's purpose in question

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To understand the issue at hand a bit of history is required. In 1964, the former property owner Elizabeth Bigelow granted the town an easement to Treat's Pond and its drainage pipe. In its simplest terms, the town was given the right and responsibility to maintain Treat's Pond as a marsh pond. The easement granted to the town is vague, but it does include the pond itself and the associated drainage pipe that runs from Treat's Pond to Sandy Cove.

"The easement and restriction is given for the promotion and development of the natural resources and open spaces (in the town) for conservation purposes," states the deed of easement.

In the late 70's the Bigelow property was subdivided into several lots; each lot the drainage pipe went through noted the drainage ditch and pipe in its deed.

For decades, the Department of Public Works with a backhoe has accessed Sandy Cove to clear the pipe on an occasional basis (usually after a significant rainfall or storm) via Lothrop Road, a paved private road. The clearing of the pipe allows the pond to drain and, according to residents, is effective in alleviating flooding.

But, the town does not have an easement to traverse Lothrop Road to gain access to the Sandy Cove and the pipe's outfall. Except in emergency circumstances, Charlie Higginson, owner of a Lothrop Road property, has requested the town cease using the private way and begin using their valid easement, roughly located off an Atlantic Avenue private driveway. He placed a chain across the access point to deny access.

Now, the town's valid easement, not used in many years, is overgrown with vegetation and is home to wildlife. At least one of the property owners the easement crosses, John Connolly of 85 Atlantic Ave., does not want to see the town utilize the easement for the purpose of clearing the drainage pipe.

"I would not look favorably on cutting back of any vegetation," said Connolly, citing drawback on appearance and wildlife in the area. He stated he believed the town's easement pertained to the pond, but not the pipe.

"There is a pattern of access that has been successful for the last 30 years," Connolly said, referring to Lothrop Road.

Despite the presence of a valid easement to the town, it's less clear what rights the easement grants to the town. Attorney Ross said the deed is vague, so it could be interpreted in many different ways.

"The question is how did (Mrs. Bigelow) want (Treat's Pond) to be maintained," said Selectman Fred Koed. "At a minimum, it seems for years the intent has been interpreted to keep the pipe clear."

Ross suggested the town work with the property owners the easement falls on to clarify what the deed means.

Mindy Evans of Sohier Street was concerned if the town sought another access point/easement and did not use the easement granted by Bigelow it could set a precedent in subsequent town/resident easement issues.

Ross said no legal precedent would be set, it would only be a question of town policy.

In the background of all this discussion is an ongoing and long-standing flooding issue affecting several houses on Atlantic Avenue and an Army Corps of Engineers proposed project to "restore the marsh to a saltwater ecosystem." The town has received federal funding support for the project, but Town Meeting ruled not to obligate the town financially just yet. A resolution of support, but need for more information and review, was determined at Annual Town Meeting in March.

Yet, in the Army Corps of Engineers proposed project, the Treat's Pond/Sandy Cove easement is not recommended to be utilized. Instead, the engineers recommended installing an outlet pipe over Whitehead Road properties or to the harbor.

On Monday night (June 16) a meeting will be held to discuss the flooding issues and possible solutions at Treat's Pond/Atlantic Avenue in conjunction with the flood control master plan.

The ability to clean the drainage pipe could be critical to the resolution of the flooding issues depending on how the town chooses to deal with both the proposed Army Corps project and the stormwater problems plaguing the area.

Despite lengthy discussion, no clear solution was forthcoming.

"I think we have a little more homework to do, but I learned a lot tonight," said Selectmen chairman Ted Carr.

Treat's Pond/Atlantic Ave. flood control meeting

As the flood control master plan process enters its final stages, the town has scheduled public hearings to allow residents to hear from engineers and contribute their own information.

On Monday, June 16 at 6:30p.m. at the Town Hall auditorium the discussion will focus on Atlantic Ave./Treat's Pond flood issues. All residents (in and outside the area of interest) are encouraged to attend and participate.

A third night, date to be determined, will be held to hear ongoing flooding issues in other areas of town.

If a resident's property is suffering from flooding issues, Town Manager Bill Griffin encouraged interested citizens to check out the "Flood Control Master Plan Map" linked off the homepage of the town website (www.townofcohasset.org) to see if their neighborhood is highlighted as a flood prone area.

Treat's Pond/Sandy Cove water sampling

During the course of Monday night's discussion, Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer, who had recused himself from the discussion because his residence is in close proximity to Treat's Pond, spoke several times from the audience as a private citizen. At one point he referenced recent water sampling done at the pond and Sandy Cove.

The Board of Health sampled the water in Treat's Pond and near the drainage pipe outfall during the week of May 19 at Dormitzer's request.

"If the pipe is left open on a regular basis, the beach will continually be polluted," said Dormitzer. He said the enterococci results were all over the state swimming standard of 104 colony forming units per 100 milliliters (cfu/100 ml) of bathing water or below.

When reached on Tuesday, Health Inspector Tara Tradd said the results did not rise to the point of a public health concern, or lead to a beach closing.

"Treat's Pond is not a public health concern because it is not a recreational water body," meaning it is not used for swimming or boating, said Tradd. She attributes the stagnant nature of the pond and the presence of water fowl as contributing factors to the high enterococci results. On May 19, a water sample was taken before the drainage pipe was opened. The enterococci levels were 2400 cfu/100 ml.

Subsequent samples taken near the drainage pipe outfall over the next few days fell between 160 and 290 cfu/100 ml. Although the results are over the state swimming standard, Tradd said there was no reason for beach-goers to be concerned.

"Once the water from the pipe hits the ocean the dilution rate is so great there is no longer a threat to swimmers," said Tradd. "The numbers don't always tell the whole story."

Tradd did caution Sandy Cove beach users to stay out of the trench where the pipe is located and may suggest to the Board of Health that caution tape or some other kind of warning be posted near the outfall.

Enterococci results taken from Treat's Pond after the pipe was open were significantly lower—340 and 290 cfu/100ml.

"Historically, Sandy Cove consistently has clean water" said Tradd, adding she recalls only one time in recent memory when the beach was closed and that was a case when a good portion of the state's beaches were closed.

"The beaches look great," said Tradd. The sample taken on the Sandy Cove this Tuesday, June 10 (not near the pipe outfall) was a nearly perfect 2 cfu/100ml.

Reaching a consensus on Common curbing

With the Little Harbor water and sewer project making its way to the streets surrounding the Common in the late summer, the town will need to make a determination on how to re-curb the area. Although initially discussed in early May, there hasn't been any more said about it since. At the initial meeting it was discussed the Selectmen would have to come to a consensus by mid-June.

New water and sewer lines will be installed on North Main Street and new water lines on Highland Avenue. After the new piping is put in, the roadway will be reclaimed and paved with a new asphalt base and topcoat. Over the years, the roads surrounding the common have been paved over and over; this process will remove all the asphalt that has built up over the years.

With the asphalt built up, the streets are approximately the same level as the curbs and the land on the Common side of the curb making it very easy — and welcoming — for cars to park. When the paving is reclaimed, the road could be as much as one foot lower than it is now.

Town engineers Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan offered the Selectmen several options for the curbing that may make the area safer, more aesthetically pleasing while maintaining parking.

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Treat's Pond easement's purpose in question

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To understand the issue at hand a bit of history is required. In 1964, the former property owner Elizabeth Bigelow granted the town an easement to Treat's Pond and its drainage pipe. In its simplest terms, the town was given the right and responsibility to maintain Treat's Pond as a marsh pond. The easement granted to the town is vague, but it does include the pond itself and the associated drainage pipe that runs from Treat's Pond to Sandy Cove.

"The easement and restriction is given for the promotion and development of the natural resources and open spaces (in the town) for conservation purposes," states the deed of easement.

In the late 70's the Bigelow property was subdivided into several lots; each lot the drainage pipe went through noted the drainage ditch and pipe in its deed.

For decades, the Department of Public Works with a backhoe has accessed Sandy Cove to clear the pipe on an occasional basis (usually after a significant rainfall or storm) via Lothrop Road, a paved private road. The clearing of the pipe allows the pond to drain and, according to residents, is effective in alleviating flooding.

But, the town does not have an easement to traverse Lothrop Road to gain access to the Sandy Cove and the pipe's outfall. Except in emergency circumstances, Charlie Higginson, owner of a Lothrop Road property, has requested the town cease using the private way and begin using their valid easement, roughly located off an Atlantic Avenue private driveway. He placed a chain across the access point to deny access.

Now, the town's valid easement, not used in many years, is overgrown with vegetation and is home to wildlife. At least one of the property owners the easement crosses, John Connolly of 85 Atlantic Ave., does not want to see the town utilize the easement for the purpose of clearing the drainage pipe.

"I would not look favorably on cutting back of any vegetation," said Connolly, citing drawback on appearance and wildlife in the area. He stated he believed the town's easement pertained to the pond, but not the pipe.

"There is a pattern of access that has been successful for the last 30 years," Connolly said, referring to Lothrop Road.

Despite the presence of a valid easement to the town, it's less clear what rights the easement grants to the town. Attorney Ross said the deed is vague, so it could be interpreted in many different ways.

"The question is how did (Mrs. Bigelow) want (Treat's Pond) to be maintained," said Selectman Fred Koed. "At a minimum, it seems for years the intent has been interpreted to keep the pipe clear."

Ross suggested the town work with the property owners the easement falls on to clarify what the deed means.

Mindy Evans of Sohier Street was concerned if the town sought another access point/easement and did not use the easement granted by Bigelow it could set a precedent in subsequent town/resident easement issues.

Ross said no legal precedent would be set, it would only be a question of town policy.

In the background of all this discussion is an ongoing and long-standing flooding issue affecting several houses on Atlantic Avenue and an Army Corps of Engineers proposed project to "restore the marsh to a saltwater ecosystem." The town has received federal funding support for the project, but Town Meeting ruled not to obligate the town financially just yet. A resolution of support, but need for more information and review, was determined at Annual Town Meeting in March.

Yet, in the Army Corps of Engineers proposed project, the Treat's Pond/Sandy Cove easement is not recommended to be utilized. Instead, the engineers recommended installing an outlet pipe over Whitehead Road properties or to the harbor.

On Monday night (June 16) a meeting will be held to discuss the flooding issues and possible solutions at Treat's Pond/Atlantic Avenue in conjunction with the flood control master plan.

The ability to clean the drainage pipe could be critical to the resolution of the flooding issues depending on how the town chooses to deal with both the proposed Army Corps project and the stormwater problems plaguing the area.

Despite lengthy discussion, no clear solution was forthcoming.

"I think we have a little more homework to do, but I learned a lot tonight," said Selectmen chairman Ted Carr.

Treat's Pond/Atlantic Ave. flood control meeting

As the flood control master plan process enters its final stages, the town has scheduled public hearings to allow residents to hear from engineers and contribute their own information.

On Monday, June 16 at 6:30p.m. at the Town Hall auditorium the discussion will focus on Atlantic Ave./Treat's Pond flood issues. All residents (in and outside the area of interest) are encouraged to attend and participate.

A third night, date to be determined, will be held to hear ongoing flooding issues in other areas of town.

If a resident's property is suffering from flooding issues, Town Manager Bill Griffin encouraged interested citizens to check out the "Flood Control Master Plan Map" linked off the homepage of the town website (www.townofcohasset.org) to see if their neighborhood is highlighted as a flood prone area.

Treat's Pond/Sandy Cove water sampling

During the course of Monday night's discussion, Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer, who had recused himself from the discussion because his residence is in close proximity to Treat's Pond, spoke several times from the audience as a private citizen. At one point he referenced recent water sampling done at the pond and Sandy Cove.

The Board of Health sampled the water in Treat's Pond and near the drainage pipe outfall during the week of May 19 at Dormitzer's request.

"If the pipe is left open on a regular basis, the beach will continually be polluted," said Dormitzer. He said the enterococci results were all over the state swimming standard of 104 colony forming units per 100 milliliters (cfu/100 ml) of bathing water or below.

When reached on Tuesday, Health Inspector Tara Tradd said the results did not rise to the point of a public health concern, or lead to a beach closing.

"Treat's Pond is not a public health concern because it is not a recreational water body," meaning it is not used for swimming or boating, said Tradd. She attributes the stagnant nature of the pond and the presence of water fowl as contributing factors to the high enterococci results. On May 19, a water sample was taken before the drainage pipe was opened. The enterococci levels were 2400 cfu/100 ml.

Subsequent samples taken near the drainage pipe outfall over the next few days fell between 160 and 290 cfu/100 ml. Although the results are over the state swimming standard, Tradd said there was no reason for beach-goers to be concerned.

"Once the water from the pipe hits the ocean the dilution rate is so great there is no longer a threat to swimmers," said Tradd. "The numbers don't always tell the whole story."

Tradd did caution Sandy Cove beach users to stay out of the trench where the pipe is located and may suggest to the Board of Health that caution tape or some other kind of warning be posted near the outfall.

Enterococci results taken from Treat's Pond after the pipe was open were significantly lower—340 and 290 cfu/100ml.

"Historically, Sandy Cove consistently has clean water" said Tradd, adding she recalls only one time in recent memory when the beach was closed and that was a case when a good portion of the state's beaches were closed.

"The beaches look great," said Tradd. The sample taken on the Sandy Cove this Tuesday, June 10 (not near the pipe outfall) was a nearly perfect 2 cfu/100ml.

Reaching a consensus on Common curbing

With the Little Harbor water and sewer project making its way to the streets surrounding the Common in the late summer, the town will need to make a determination on how to re-curb the area. Although initially discussed in early May, there hasn't been any more said about it since. At the initial meeting it was discussed the Selectmen would have to come to a consensus by mid-June.

New water and sewer lines will be installed on North Main Street and new water lines on Highland Avenue. After the new piping is put in, the roadway will be reclaimed and paved with a new asphalt base and topcoat. Over the years, the roads surrounding the common have been paved over and over; this process will remove all the asphalt that has built up over the years.

With the asphalt built up, the streets are approximately the same level as the curbs and the land on the Common side of the curb making it very easy — and welcoming — for cars to park. When the paving is reclaimed, the road could be as much as one foot lower than it is now.

Town engineers Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan offered the Selectmen several options for the curbing that may make the area safer, more aesthetically pleasing while maintaining parking.

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Third time no charm

Skippers lose shot at third straight state championship to top rival

By Joel Racicot
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"Those were two back breaking goals at the end of the second period."
— Cohasset head coach Stew Curran

The Cohasset High boys lacrosse legacy is already etched in stone. Over the last four seasons the Skippers have made a remarkable four state title appearances, winning two. But Wednesday wasn't the Skippers day. Instead, their natural rivals to the south, from Minot Beach, Greenbush and the Harba', finally got King Kong off their back.

It wasn't even close, as the Sailors took the first minutes of the game and never looked back, during a 17-5 win in the Division 3 state championship at Veterans Stadium in Quincy.

"At halftime, when we were winding down the darn clock, I said this game was won in the first ten minutes when [Jake] Gray made four or five lights out saves," said Cohasset head coach Stew Curran. "It's the difference of being up 4-0 or being down 5-1, and it makes a big difference. It's a game of momentum and once they put the pedal to the medal in the second half they continued to execute."

Gray played twice his size in net with 17 saves, and Scituate junior Greg Reynolds was electric on offense scoring seven goals.

"The monkeys gone," said Scituate coach Rick Bagby. "They deserve it, all these seniors and four year players. They sacrificed what could be their glory for the sake of the team. I ask them to do certain roles and they just do it."

Scituate undoubtedly had more motivation heading into the final. They lost to Cohasset the last two years, in the state semifinals in 2006 (13-11) and in the state championship in 2007 (15-14).

The loss of Tim Mahoney, a teammate, classmate and good friend, who was killed in a car accident in Cohasset back in February, also ignited their fire.

"I know they had a lot of spiritual support from the Mahoney brother, Timmy," Curran said. "He was missed by these guys and they played from the outset, they really played for Tim."

When asked about his team's energy in the opening minutes, Bagby simply replied, "We're playing for Tim."

Cohasset got on the board first on a Mike Grimm goal at 8:28 in the first period. But, Scituate struck back seconds later, as Pat Mahoney, Tim's older brother scored at 8:15, tying the game 1-1.

Scituate went on to score five of the next six goals to take a 6-2 advantage late in the half. A Mark Flibotte goal with 1:42 cut the Sailors lead to 6-3.

Scituate stunned the Skippers before halftime netting a pair of goals in the last 30 seconds.

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Cohasset's Charlie Czerkawski (16, C) reaches up to his head in frustration after Scituate's Jake Gray made another save during third quarter action of their 17-5 loss to Scituate in the Division 3 East state title match in Quincy on Wednesday.

South sectional champs



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The Cohasset High girls tennis team, along with coach Gigi Meehan (center with baseball cap) holds, the Division 2 South Sectional trophy after winning the match against Scituate of 3-2 Sunday afternoon at Hingham High. The girls lost to Winchester, 3-2, in the state semifinals.



Cohasset's Maddy Alholtz makes a play on the ball against Scituate.

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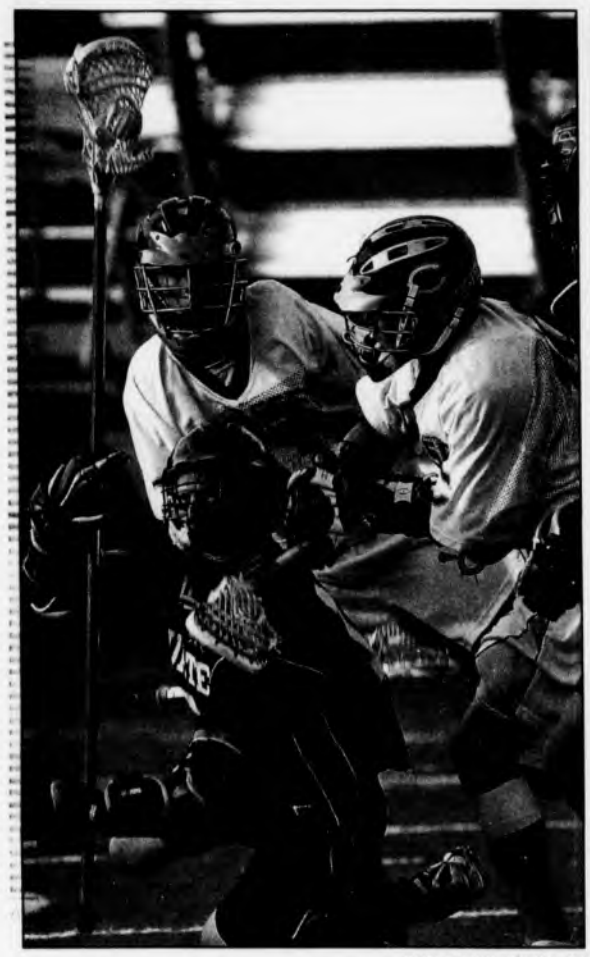
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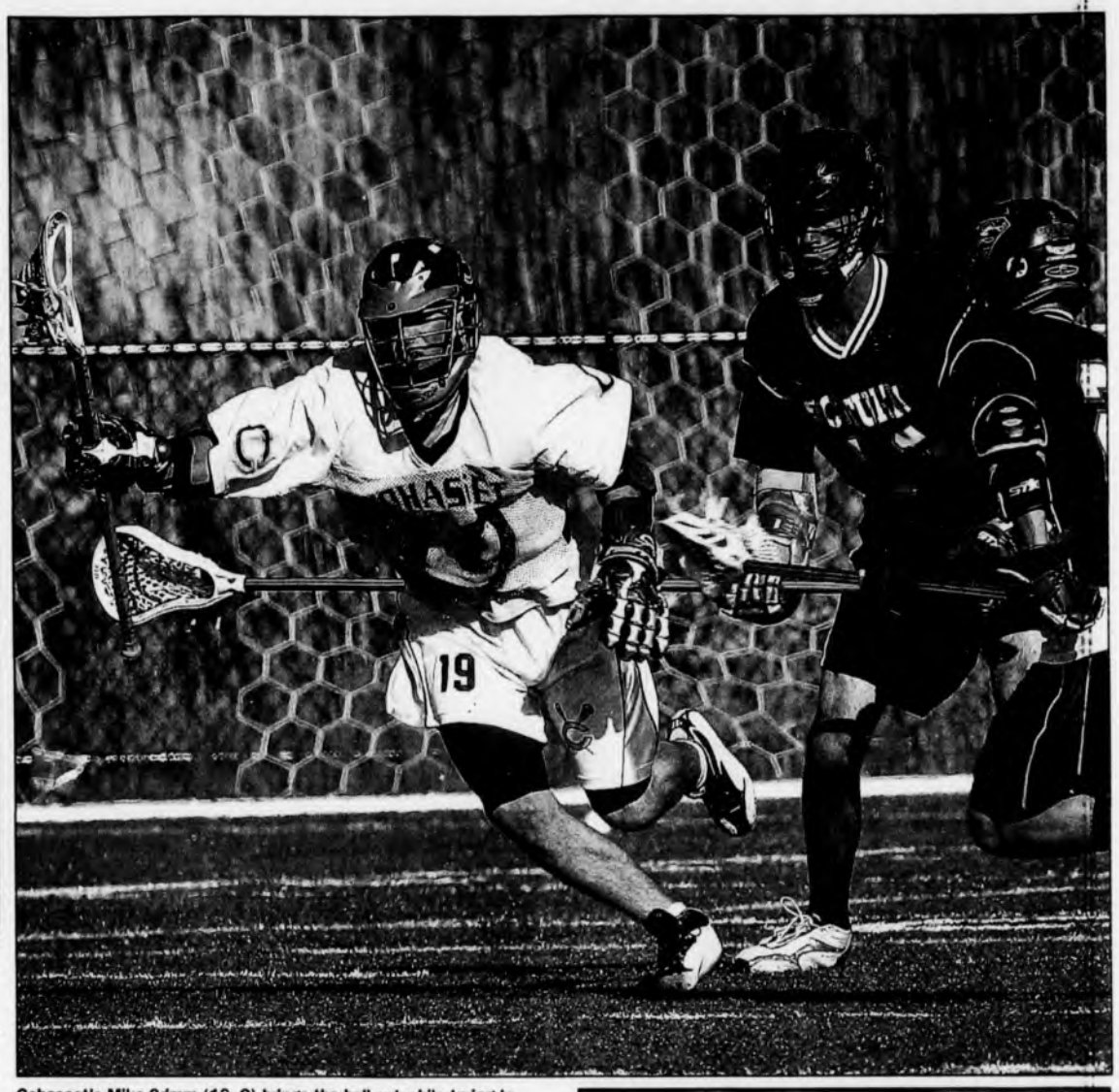
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Pete Ernst (right) and Mike Grimm (back) converge on Scituate's Ryan Woodford (16) during fourth quarter action.

Cohasset's Mike Grimm (19, C) brings the ball out while trying to avoid the double team during second quarter action.

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The first was on a man up goal by Kyle Crowley and the second a fast break goal by Alex Ferris, with just 14 second left in the half.

"Those were two back breaking goals at the end of the second period, one was a man up, one was a fast break, and your going into the halftime break really doubting what you can do," Curran said. "Take those two away, it's really a big difference."

The Scituate tiger zone defense proved very effective on Grimm and Flibotte. After the first meeting of the year, when Cohasset won 12-10, and Scituate couldn't contain either player, Bagby adjusted. The next time the two teams played, in the First Annual Chowda Cup, Scituate won 10-6.

Containing both players was key.

"They played their hearts out (Flibotte and Grim) but they were drawing so much attention and double teams that it really slowed them down," Curran said. "They were less than effective today because of it. Rick does a good job getting his defenders ready to go."

"It frustrated them last time," Bagby said about his team's defense. "We knew we would score goals, it was a matter of shutting them down."

Scituate carried the second quarter momentum into the second half, outscoring Cohasset 4-1 in the period, to take a 12-4 advantage into the final frame.

"The first four, five minutes of the second half were critical," Bagby said. "We came out very strong. That sort of dictates the half and we rolled from there."

It was a perfect end for many of the Scituate players, some of who had lost in the state title game in hockey and basketball during the winter season.

"I mean, not a day goes by I don't think about blowing the chance we had in hockey," said Scituate's Pat Mahoney. "So it feels really good to bring it home in lacrosse."

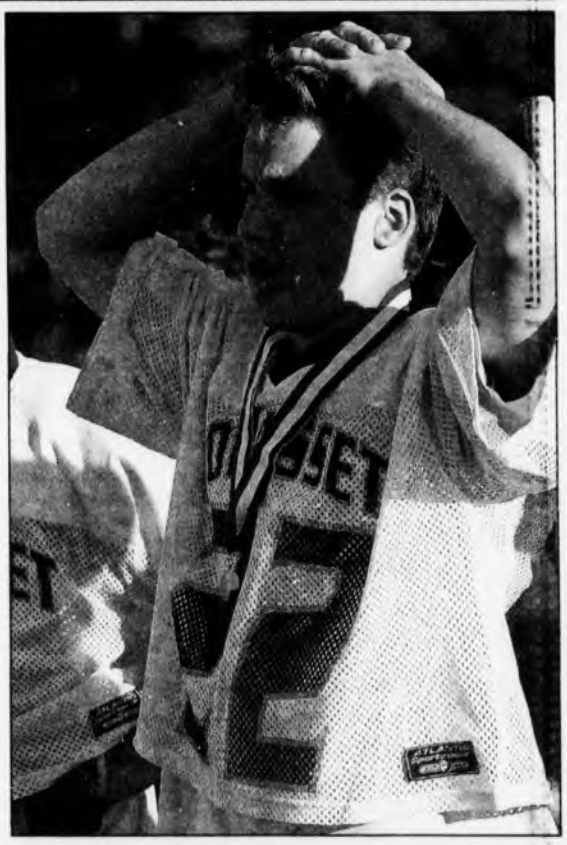
For first year-lacrosse player, and Scituate senior Steven Ferriter, this win wasn't about redemption from last year, or missed opportunities in the winter. He was just pumped to end his high school career as a winner.

"It feels pretty good," he said. "We were just really motivated to win."

As the Cohasset players filed on the bus, Curran shed some light on what has been an incredible run.

"It's unprecedented," he said about what the program has accomplished over the last four years. "We really wanted to win it though. Since we've been practicing back on March 17, we have been thinking, threepeat. We didn't put it on the jersey because it was in the back of our head."

When asked what he would say to his guys on the bus, Curran replied with, "Enjoy the day, tomorrow is a new day. We have a lot to be proud about and again, this is the best run of four years Cohasset has had in any sport."



(Right)
Cohasset's Owen Landon (22) is at a loss while watching Scituate get their medals for being state champs.

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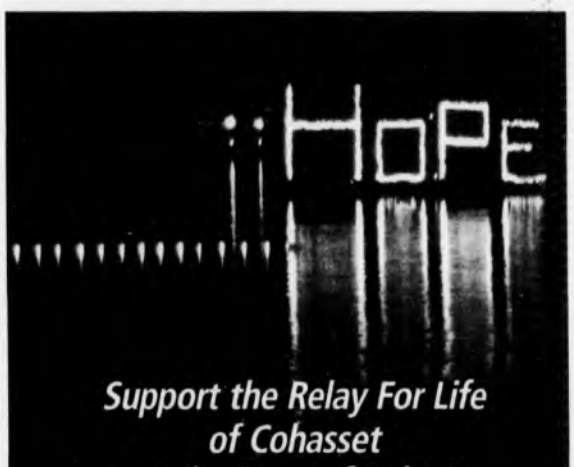
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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

CHRIS WALKER
MARSHFIELD



Name: Chris Walker
Family: mom, Janis; dad, Dennis; brothers, Dennis and Brian
Hobbies: Student government, youth lacrosse
Favorite Athlete: Mike Powell
Favorite Athletic Accomplishment: Breaking the single-season scoring record at MHS
Favorite Subject: Math
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Sangster
Favorite TV Show: SportsCenter
Favorite Food: Pizza
Favorite Movie: Superbad
Most Underrated Teammate:

Nominees for the month of May are: Abington: Kelsea Cheney; Braintree: Lindsay Troy ; Cohasset: Meg Anderson; Hanover: Mike Murphy; Hingham: Molly O'Dea; Marshfield: Chris Walker; Norwell: Cody Cavicchi, Rockland: Mike Mahoney; Scituate: Greg Reynolds; Weymouth: Brett Julian. The Athlete of the Month for May is Chris Walker of Marshfield.

South Shore Athlete of the Month for May:
Marshfield senior Chris Walker is one of the most feared attackmen on the South Shore lax scene and for good reason. Already the owner of Marshfield High's single-game (14) scoring record, Walker broke the MHS single-season scoring mark this month with an eight-point (five goal, three assist) performance against Whitman/Hanson. The lax captain compiled 119 points in the regular season this spring, besting the previous record of 113 set by 2000 MHS grad Sean Morris. Walker's play helped guide his Rams lax squad to an Atlantic Coast League North Div. title (11-1) and berth in the Div. 1 East Tourney.

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Connecticut College Spring All-Academic Team

Cohasset's Faber among elite 48



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Cohasset native Ashley Faber.

The New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) has announced its 2008 Spring All-Academic Team Selections. 48 Connecticut College student-athletes have been recognized for their performance in the classroom. To be honored, a student-athlete must have reached junior academic standing and be a varsity letter winner with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.35. A transfer student must have completed one year of study at the institution.

Tri-captain Matt Flanagan and each of the five senior members of the 10-6 Camel men's lacrosse team were named to the All-Academic team. Elizabeth Hawkins, an All-New England Crewmember for the Connecticut College sailing team that has qualified for the National Fleet Racing Championship, was one of six sailors named to the squad. Senior women's tennis captain Danielle Coleman (Westfield, N.J.), a prominent contributor to what has arguably been the most successful era of Camel women's tennis, is making her second consecutive appearance on the team.

Women's rowing co-captain Jess LeClair (Windsor Locks, Conn.) was joined by seven of her teammates on the All-Academic team. The Camels enjoyed another productive season on the water, winning a bronze medal in the varsity four at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championship. Keith Drake, a three-time national qualifier between the Camel cross country and track and field program, was selected to the squad.

Women's Lacrosse tri-captain Lindsey Coit (South Portland, Maine), a two-time All-NESCAC performer and Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Association (IWLCA) All-Region standout, was joined by five of her teammates on the All-Academic team. Lauren Brug (Ventura, Calif.), the leading scorer for the Camel women's water polo team and a campus Housefellow, was named to the squad. Brug exploded with 64 goals in her senior season, earning her second consecutive appearance on the Northern Division All-Conference squad.

Fran Shields, the Katherine Wenk Christoffers '45 Director of Athletics and Chair of Physical Education was impressed with the academic performance of the Camel student athletes.

"We are very proud of these students' accomplishments," Shields stated. "On the field and in the classroom, it was a successful season for our programs and student athletes."

Ashley Faber, Women's Lacrosse, Sr., **Cohasset**, Mass.

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Sally Meehan accepts the hardware from Faith Heneghan, Tournament Director, Sunday afternoon.

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Clark Road Race

Saturday, June 14, 2008 the seventh annual "Clark's Fun Run" will take place at The South Shore Music Circus. The days events include a one mile kids run (family run) at 9 a.m. with each participant receiving a medal and a t-shirt.

At 9:30 a.m. the 3.5 mile walk goes off and at 10 a.m. the 3.5 mile road race starts. Each participant will receive a t-shirt with their registration. The 3.5 mile course is scenic but challenging including the town common and Sandy Beach. Over the past seven years the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund has donated over $100,000 dollars to the community.

Some of our projects include the purchase of two AED's for the middle high school, the construction of a new basketball court outside the Deer Hill Elementary School, the purchase of new athletic benches for the Clark Chatterton Athletic Complex at the middle high school, funding provided for the post prom activities for the senior class at the high school, bus transportation for Cohasset Metco athletes, funding for The Presidential Classroom, and funding for the Cohasset Scituate Swim Program.

Last year's race proceeds went to the purchase of a new electronic scoreboard at the Beechwood Baseball Field in Cohasset. The mission statement of the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund is to provide educational and recreational opportunities for the children and families in Cohasset.

The road race is an opportunity for families to enjoy the beautiful town of Cohasset and to participate in an organized fun event promoting physical fitness and community support. This year Cohasset Triathlon Race Director Bill Burnett has offered his assistance in helping to plan for the day and providing support to the committee by raising the awareness of the race and drawing participants to the event, we do appreciate his help in making this a community event.

All of the race proceeds will be donated to the Cohasset Sports Partnerships "Got Turf" campaign which is raising funds to replace Alumni Field at The Clark Chatterton Athletic Complex with a turf field. If you have any questions or would like a registration form or would like to make a donation please feel free to contact Debbie Beal at dbeal@cohassetk12.org or 781-383-6100 ext 148.

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Summer swim team at the South Shore YMCA

The South Shore YMCA will begin registration for their Summer Strypers swim team (formerly known as The Sharks) on June 10th, 12th (SSYMCA Members) and 17th (non members). There will be a compulsory parents meeting and equipment night (suit and flippers) on Monday June 16th at the Hanover facility.

The Summer Strypers welcomes children ages 5-18 and will offer practice groups at both the Quincy and Hanover/Mill Pond facilities. The team is recreational in focus and has an emphasis on fun, friends and improvement. This provides an excellent introduction to the fundamentals of competitive swimming. It is also a fantastic vehicle for swimmers new to the previous short course season to showcase the things they learned and the improvements they made.

This team attracts current Strypers swimmers but is largely comprised of swimmers new to competitive swimming. All swimmers must be able to swim one length of legal freestyle and backstroke. Swimmers will have practices available Monday through Thursday with meets generally held on Fridays. The program will run from Monday June 23 until Sunday August 9.

For more information please consult the South Shore YMCA Summer Program Guides and contact Strypers Head Coach Tim Mulvihill at 781-829-8585 ext 242.

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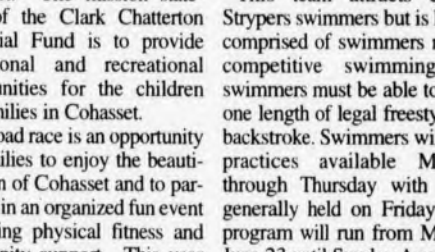
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Jean F. Higgins Community Service Award: Evan Duetsch.

Democratic Town Committee: Mark Flibotte and Jessee Meade.

Republican Town Committee: Matthew Blaze, Tyler Kelly, Chloe Koines, Katina Martone and Kenneth Muir.

C.P. Harvey Memorial Scholarship: Whit Durant.

Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters Scholarship: Charles Czerkawski and Nathan Porter.

Nichols Fund: Sarah Brown.

Barbara Pape Memorial Scholarship Troop 28 Boy Scouts of America: Richard Quebec.

Robert S. Pape Charitable Trust: Anna Haggerty, Christopher Rose and David Snowdale.

Burtram J. Pratt Memorial: The Cohasset Historical Society: Anna Haggerty.

Rotary Club of Cohasset: Samantha Burgoon, Jacqueline Cahill, Ryan Crough, Lydia Delaney, Colin Dignam, Evan Duetsch, Anna Haggerty, Chloe Koines, Alexandra Lesniewski-Laas, Eric MacCarthy, May McCarthy, Jesse Meade, Nate Porter, Richard Quebec, David Snowdale and Samantha Williams.

Valedictorian Award: Sarah Brown.

Salutatorian Award: Alexandra Lesniewski.

Stanton Family Scholarship: Jesse Meade.

Mary E. (Beth) Goff Memorial Scholarship: Ryan Crough, Nathan Porter.

Barbara Elizabeth Gurnis Memorial Scholarship: Kenneth Muir

Justin Langham Memorial Scholarship: Meghan Anderson and Alex Goetz.

Cohasset Education Foundation Award: Sarah Brown.

Pilgrim Bank Scholarship: Emerson Oronte.

Fred Troy Memorial Scholarship: Meghan Anderson and Mark Flibotte.

Kurt Gritzen Memorial Scholarship: Alexander Goetz.

Spinnaker Scholarships: Sarah Brown, Sam DeGiacomo, Abbey Foley, Christine Kent, P.J. McCaw, David Snowdale, Grace Steele, Jenna VanEtten and Samantha Williams.

Teen Ink Awards: Jacqueline Cahill, Sondra Hart, Jesse Meade, Cliff Musto and Faith O'Driscoll.

English Acheivment Awards: Meagan Coakley, Andrew Devitre and Alexandra Lesniewski-Laas.

The Henry David Thoreau Scholarship: Evan Duetsch.

Science Achievement Awards: Alexandra Lesniewski-Laas, Evan Duetsch, Sondra Hart, Meagan Coakley, Colin Dignam, Alexander Goetz, Charles Czerkawski, Emerson Oronte, Christiane Leger, Oliver Brennan, Matthew Burgess, Patrick Doonan, Marc D'Antonio, Katinia Martone, Camerson Cope, Whit Durant, Nathan Porter and Conor Michaud.

MAFLA Award: Sarah Brown and Juliette Karp.

Principal's Volunteer Service Award: Amanda Simpson.

Jennifer Wing Baird Citizenship Award: Paige Strecker.

Cohasset Mariner Scholarship: Eric MacCarthy.

Major William Arthur Scholarship: Mark D.Antonio.

Noel Ripley Scholarship: Penisha Daniel.

The William Ripley Scholarship: Jennifer Silvia.

M.S.S.A.A. Certificate Of Academic Achievement: Meghan Anderson.

Principal Leadership Award: Sarah Brown.

President's Award for Educational Excellence: Sarah Brown.

National Merit Letter of Commendation: Samantha Burgoon Jacqueline Cahill, Cameron Cope and Alexandra Lesnniewski-Laas.

Principal's Perfect Attendance Award: Andrew Chang and Christiane Leger.

Class of 2009:

Bausch & Lomb Science Award: Lennart Brown.

Dartmouth Book Award: David Oddliefson.

Harvard Book Award: Jessica Fitts.

Holy Cross Book Award: Kristin Monaco.

Rensselaer Award: Jonathan Choi.

Smith Club Book Award: Fiona McBride.

Wellesley Book Award: Rachel McMorrisd.

Williams Book Award: Graham Sinclaire.

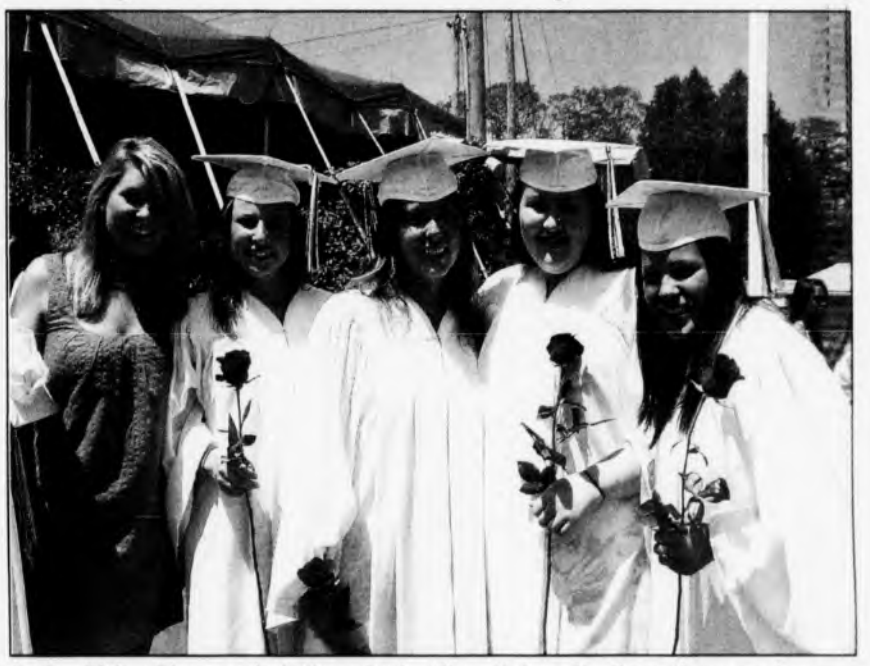
The Golden Apple Award: Dave Magnussen.



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Kenny Muir, President of the Class of 2008: "On a boat in the Mediterranean." Pat Doonan and Mark Flibotte will be living in Boston in a nice apartment "enjoying the nightlife." Chris Mills: "In Cali surfing."

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?



Lindsay Blake: "I have no idea." Grace Steele: "Happy." Jenna Van Etten: "Laying out by a pool." Abby Foley: "Working at Marshalls." Amanda Hurd: "In the city."

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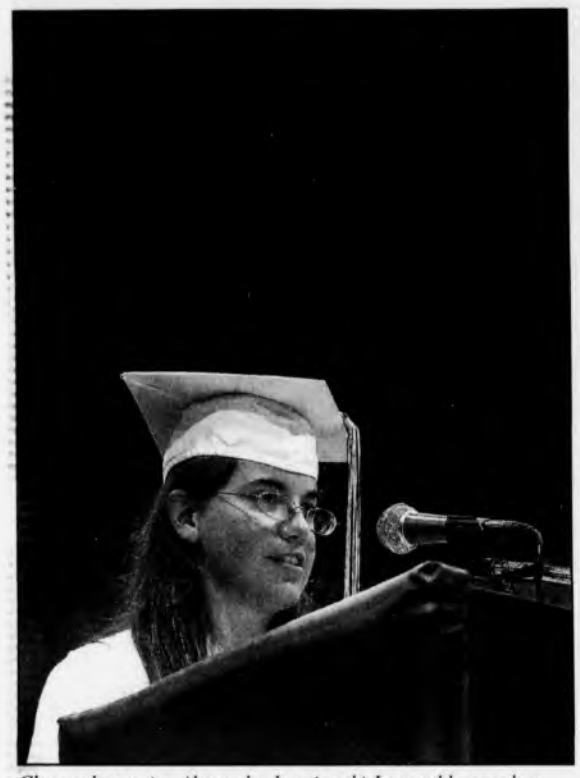


Newly minted graduates are ecstatic that they have finally completed their high school careers on Saturday afternoon after they had received their diplomas at the South Shore Music Circus.
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THE COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2008

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Graduation Day: Seniors put



Class salutatorian Alexandra Lesniewski-Laas addresses her classmates during her speech.



Maura Regan smiles while walking towards the center stage as the seniors make their way to their seats at the Music Circus.



Frank Wheelwright, left, helps fix the zipper on Sally Meehan's gown while Meg Anderson, right, looks on before the start of their graduation on Saturday.



Class president Ken Muir addresses his classmates at the start of their graduation ceremony while Assistant Principal Dr. Mike Gill, Principal Joel Antolini, Supt. Dr. Denise Walsh, and School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn listens from the wings.



Sondra Hart smiles while hanging out with her classmates before the start of their graduation on Saturday.



Class valedictorian Sarah Brown addresses her classmates, friends, and family on Saturday.



Newly minted graduate Mike Grimm is photographed by Jack Seaver with his family: mother Deborah Shadd, father William, older brother Jon '05, and older sister Kate '02.



Cam Cunningham studies his diploma after he received it on Saturday afternoon.



Samantha Williams, Christine Kent, and Meagan Coakley pose for a picturer before the start of their graduation on Saturday.

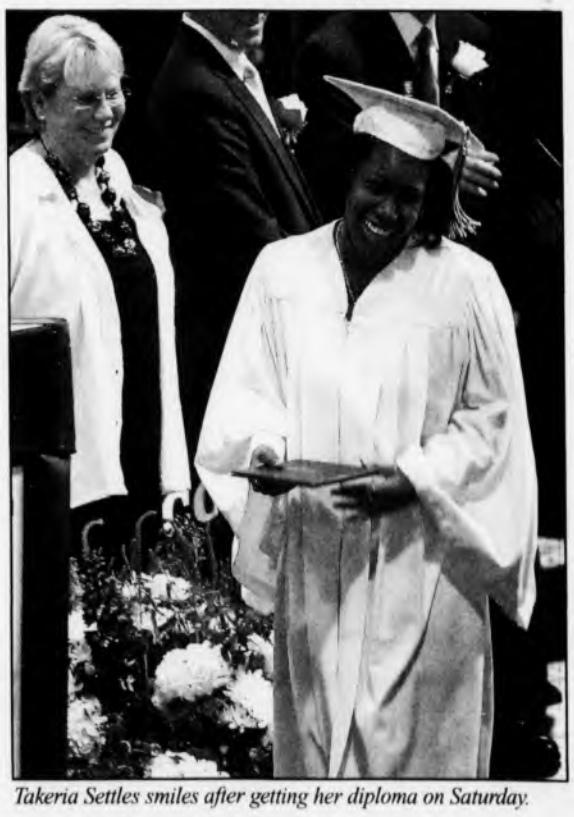


Retiring science teacher Mr. David Magnussen gives a high five to Oliver Brennan after he received his diploma.



Chloe Koines embraces her grandfather Ralph Hill of Cohasset before the start of her graduation on Saturday.

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Takeria Settles smiles after getting her diploma on Saturday.

cap on high school career



Cameron Cope tries to keep himself hydrated with some water during their hot graduation ceremony.



Junior Fiona McBride, left, and freshman Rhiana Fitts, right, walk back to the parking lot after performing with the rest of the Cohasset Concert Band during Saturday's graduation.



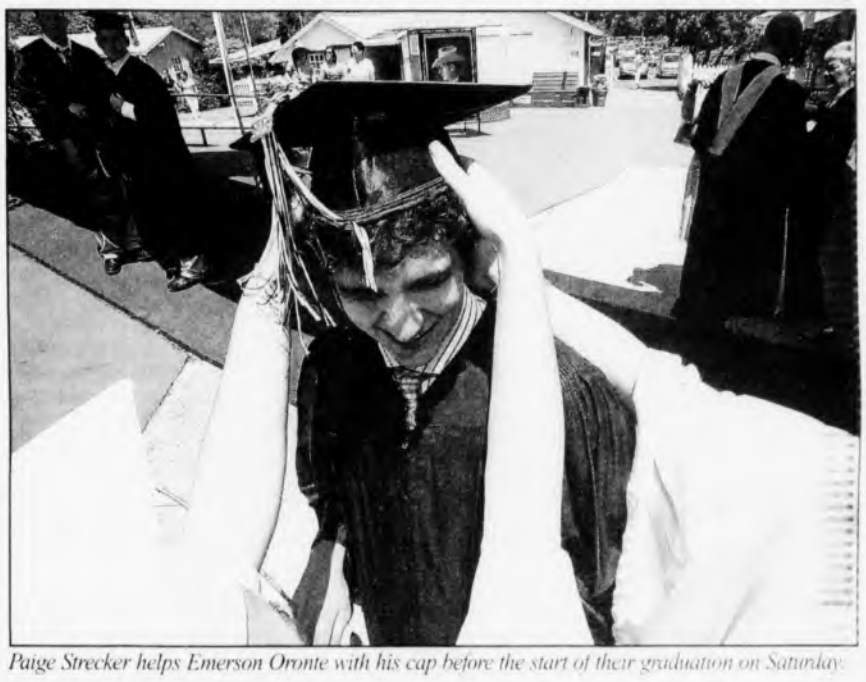
Sarah Brown, left, and Matt Burgess, right, stand at attention during the playing of the National Anthem.



Evan Deutsch is congratulated by Principal Joel Antolini after he received his National Honor Society cords on Saturday. Also pictured is National Honor Society advisor Amy Trask.



From left to right, Cliff Musto, Sam DeGiacomo, Kyle Pinkus, and PJ McCaw try to stay cool in the shade before the start of their graduation.



Paige Strecker helps Emerson Oronte with his cap before the start of their graduation on Saturday.



Jacqueline Cahill smiles while receiving her diploma on Saturday from School Committee Chairman Rick Flnn.



Brian Hill embraces May McCarthy as they were getting ready for their graduation ceremony on Saturday.



Juliette Karp, left, and Katina Martone, right, put on their caps before the start of their graduation ceremony.



Conor Michaud is a blur of motion as he heads back to his seat after getting his diploma.



Guidance Counselor Edward Leonard proudly shows off his certificate of appreciation that he received after retiring from Cohasset High School.

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Utah spa serves up scenery, hiking and relaxing treatments

Fran Golden
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

St. George, Utah -

It's the red that really gets you, as in the red rock mountains and canyons and formations of the Mojave Desert landscape.

The setting of the Red Mountain Spa in St. George, Utah, about a two-hour drive through the desert from Las Vegas, is simply spectacular.

New arrivals at the spa may find themselves standing with their jaws open as they take in the red mountains reaching into blue sky.

Some of the surrounding terrain may look familiar. Many a Western movie was filmed in these parts -- the spa is adjacent to Snow Canyon State Park, where they shot the final scenes of "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

Given the scenery, it is not surprising that Red Mountain, as a destination spa, is known foremost for its comprehensive hiking program, which includes daily hikes at three experience levels -- from beginner to advanced -- to explore the red limestone rocks and spires, lava flows, caves and desert flora of Snow Canyon.

There are also excursions to hike or mountain bike to see the amazing towering cliffs of Zion National Park and the stunning sandstone pinnacles of Bryce Canyon National Park -- both parks are within an hour's drive of the spa.

You can hike and bike and do other outdoor adventure activities such as horseback riding in Snow Canyon, kayaking and rock climbing. Or you can choose to spend your time relaxing your mind, body and spirit at the 55-acre resort.

In fact, Red Mountain began in 1983 as a few rustic huts designed for hikers who wanted to tackle the desert landscape. It expanded in 1999 into a destination spa and more recently (in 2006) into a fancier destination spa combining outdoor adventure and luxury pampering -- with the addition of a gorgeous facility, Sagestone, located in a striking three-story geodesic dome.

The property adopted the slogan, "Find yourself between a Rock and a Soft Place," which is just about right.



Cycling enthusiasts will find plenty of challenges in the terrain near Red Mountain Spa.



PHOTOS BY RED MOUNTAIN SPA

Sunset at Red Mountain Spa.

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The Native American Card Reading ($150) caught my eye on the extensive menu of daily activities. And so I found myself in a small room outfitted with feathers and other American Indian tokens.

The blonde and brassy reader started our session by lighting pungent cedarwood and performing a short ceremony where she brushed me with an eagle feather to rid me of bad spirits. She drummed and chanted -- she said she learned all this from American Indians.

Once the cards came out, she urged me to hush so she could "intuit." Her reading included my love life, and even if she seemed to offer more talk about my inner spirit than practical advise, the session was at least entertaining.

But I preferred my second American Indian-inspired choice: the Four Directions Body Treatment, delivered again by a tall, blonde woman, this time at the Sagestone spa.

The treatment (75 minutes for $160) embraces the four directions of the Medicine Wheel, and began with a "smudging," again with a feather, to get rid of my negative energy. Then I was rubbed with cornmeal and tobacco for exfoliating, rinsed in a shower, had a full body massage using cedarwood oil and a sweetgrass herbal wrap "to bring peace and good spirits to the healing."

I reflected on little of this as I relaxed post treatment, pleasingly empty-minded on a chaise lounge, staring at the breathtaking red scenery through the floor-to-ceiling windows of the spa's relaxation room.

The Sagestone spa's menu of more than 50 beauty and relaxation treatments also has offerings inspired by Asia and India. Separate men's and women's locker facilities are outfitted with steam rooms.

Fitness seekers at Red Mountain Spa will find a menu of more than 50 complimentary classes weekly, including such fun offerings as Blast from the Past, a retro aerobics class modeled on the Jane Fonda era. There are aqua classes including Off the Deep End, an invigorating deep-water workout. And there are strength classes, a variety of yoga classes and Power Pilates.

In Kundalini Yoga, I tried to "find the primordial energy at the base of the spine." And I learned to breathe and chant "Raa Maa Daa Saa," which means "sun, moon, earth, infinity." It was relaxing if not involving much effort.

The spa also offers a selection of healthy living sessions -- for $70, for instance, you can visit with a motivation coach to get you started on a fitness path.

In addition to the adventure-oriented outdoor program, there are cerebral offerings such as geology and archeology walks, stargazing and

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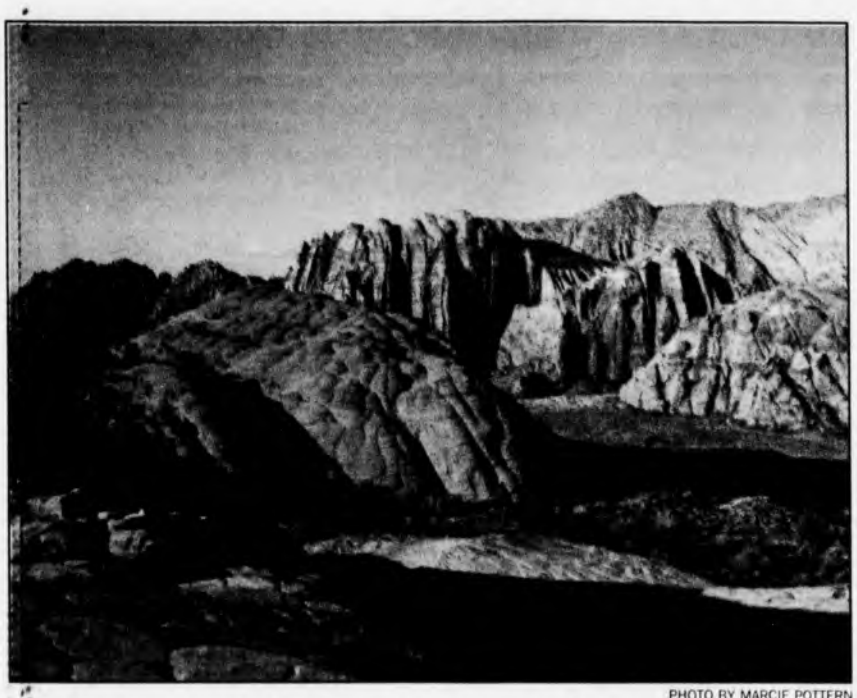


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Head from Red Mountain Spa to the adjacent Snow Canyon State Park to hike the red rock.

Utah spa serves up scenery, hiking and relaxing treatments

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Tai Chi on the Rocks, staged at sunset at Snow Canyon and accompanied by American Indian music.

"Successful Meditation" is among the enrichment lectures offered after dinner. For me, Texas hold 'em poker one night (for gifts, not money) was more exciting.

Desert-style Luxury

Red Mountain Spa accommodates up to 210 guests in 82 guestrooms and 24 new luxury villas, all done up in earth-tones and contemporary furnishings with big bathrooms.

The resort boasts indoor and outdoor pools, a fitness center where the classes and health consultations are held, a training center with Cybex strength equipment, cardio machines and free weights, and the Canyon Breeze Restaurant and Canyon Cafe for meals and culinary classes.

All this is located in a series of small terra cotta-colored buildings connected by paths and lava bed gardens with indigenous plants. You may see a rabbit cross your path. Newbies will need a map to get around.

Food at Red Mountain Spa is simply fantastic. Chef Chad Luethje, who was raised by vegetarian parents and has cooked twice at the James Beard House in New York, has developed Adventure Cuisine menus that include herbs from the resort's organic gardens and wild game. It is healthy food with a Southwest slant, though you would never know it. The dishes range from hearty offerings like beef tenderloin with sweet potato pancake to green cuisine like roasted Japanese eggplant filled with squash and garbanzo beans. Breakfast and lunch are buffet style and include hot and cold selections. Dinner is sit-down with a full menu and accompanying salad bar.

Single travelers can sit at a communal table in the dining room. Couples, of which there are many at this spa, will have no problem finding a table for two.

No roughing it at this spa.

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Kayaking is among the activities offered by the spa, for an extra fee.



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Red Mountain Spa's Chef Chad Luethje has developed Adventure Cuisine menus, with unusual offerings including buffalo.

IF YOU go...

The daily rate at Red Mountain Spa is $259 to $709 per person, per night and includes all meals, bike rental, in-room Internet, morning hikes, a full menu of fitness classes and healthy-living lectures. Treatments at the spa are all a la carte, as are adventure activities, though some are included in package specials. For reservations, call 877-246-HIKE or visit www.redmountainspa.com.

Whaling history comes alive at Mystic Seaport

Mystic, Conn. -

"Thar she blows! Thar she blows!" was the cry from Captain Ahab. "Man the boats," he yelled. I jumped to my feet, ready to do battle with the Great White, but the rest of my hapless crew just sat there. It was then I remembered that I was not aboard the Pequod, and that Captain Ahab was actually an actor reading from Herman Melville's epic, "Moby Dick," in a 24-hour readathon.

The readathon is held annually near the author's birthday (this year July 31 to Aug. 1) on the Charles W. Morgan at Connecticut's Mystic Seaport (888-9SEA-PORT; www.mysticseaport.org).



PHOTO BY MYSTIC SEAPORT

Get onboard the Charles W. Morgan at Mystic Seaport.

Folks are still intrigued with a profession where men would be at sea for two to five years, filling oak casks with oil from their latest whale kill. And, fortunately, Mystic is home to the Charles W. Morgan, the only remaining American whaler. Since the whaler will be undergoing a three-year overhaul beginning in November, now is the time to get onboard.

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Built in 1841, the Morgan worked a remarkable 80 years when most ships had a sea life of 20 years. About 100 feet long, she had the capacity to hold 3,000 barrels of oil from 50 to 70 whales. Docked on the Mystic River, the Morgan's black hull and white sails still look strong enough to navigate the open waters - instead she is open to visitors daily and occasionally does sunset cruises.

Below deck, between the spacious captain's quarters in the back of boat and the crew's cramped bunks in the fo'c'sle, is the blubber room. Blubber was cut and stacked in 4-foot-long pieces, waiting to be thrown into an oven on the upper deck called the tryworks. This brick fireplace burned night and day until every drop of oil was rendered ("trying out"), covering the ship and all the sailors in a thick black cloud of oily, acrid smoke.

With these facts told to me in lurid detail by a Morgan guide as we rested against the boat's tryworks, I was beginning to feel a little clammy. Fortunately, on terra firma you can visit Mystic Seaport's recreation of a working 19th century sailing village with all the requisite shops, and an opportunity to cool off with an old-fashioned root beer, no blubber in sight.

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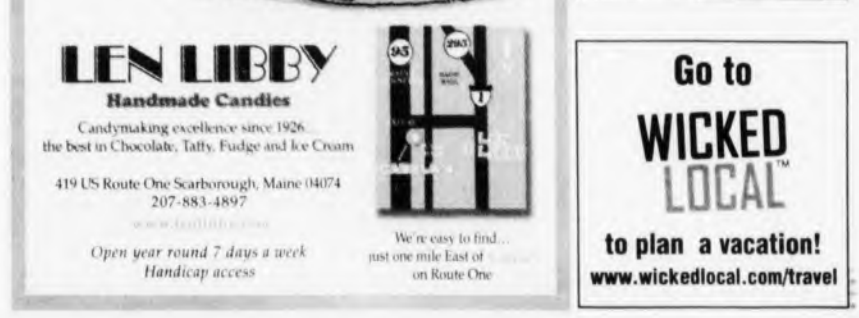
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CEF funds interactive white boards

By Catherine O'Callaghan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

"The community's support behind the Cohasset Education Foundation, has enabled us to fund programs that enhance our schools and provide the necessary tools and programs our students need."
— Chris Oddleifson, president of CEF

Cohasset is joining the move of schools around the country by investing in interactive learning tools. Cohasset Education Foundation recently announced the approval of their largest grant to date to purchase 12 Promethean White Boards for Cohasset Middle High School. Students at Cohasset Middle/High School will be able to put down their pencils and interact in their classrooms using a computer stylus or pointer. The white boards will be connected to a computer and a projector and enable teachers to utilize Web sites, shared class lessons and video libraries like Safari Montage Video, funded by the CEF in 2007, among other resources. The white boards will be installed in an English classroom, two mathematics classrooms, an art room, two foreign language classrooms, three social studies classrooms, two science classrooms and the library in Cohasset Middle High School. They will allow teachers to present lessons that utilize a variety of resources increasing student motivation and learning in all content areas. CEF will present a check to Cohasset Public Schools this month for $54,320, which covers the purchase of the 12 Promethean White Boards, their installation and staff training.

Schools nationwide are endorsing this type of interactive learning, bridging the gap caused by the advent of technology. These white boards provide the interaction that is a necessary part of the learning process. Students are becoming more involved in the classrooms and teachers are able to access additional materials to enrich the curriculum with the interactive white boards. Students and teachers can draw, write, answer questions or make a selection from their desks. The information is then projected on a large screen, similar to a blackboard. The students and teachers can work together on lessons, assignments and projects. Most of the things that can be done on a desktop can be done using the white boards. Students no longer need to sit by themselves in front of a computer. They can now use the computer in a classroom setting, working and learning with other students and instructors.

The CEF awarded a grant to the Deer Hill School for a Promethean White Board in January 2007. Cassandra O'Brien, instructional technology teacher at Deer Hill School said, "The Promethean White Board has revolutionized the way I teach my computer classes. The students even beg to take quizzes with the 'activotes'."

Schools in the area are taking up fundraising programs to purchase white boards similar to the ones funded by the CEF. Hingham Education Foundation recently started a campaign to "Get Smart" to purchase white boards for their public schools. Wayland Public Schools Foundation recently purchased electronic white boards for the high school's math and English classrooms. Cohasset Education Foundation noted the success of the pilot Promethean White Board installed at Deer Hill last year and approved the grant for additional white boards for Cohasset Middle/High School.

"The community's support behind the Cohasset Education Foundation, has enabled us to fund programs that enhance our schools and provide the necessary tools and programs our students need," said Chris Oddleifson, president of CEF.

White boards are becoming a staple teaching tool in public and private schools. Since 2000, the sale of white boards has increased, with more than 148,000 boards sold nationwide this year

Cohasset Education Foundation has raised $680,000 over the past two years. The foundation has awarded more than $209,000 in grants benefiting Osgood School, Deer Hill School and Cohasset Middle/High School. Its endowment fund is currently valued at over $300,000.

2006-2008 Summary of Grants Funded by the Cohasset Education Foundation

Computer Lab – Osgood School	$25,000	394 Students
Promethean White Board – Deer Hill School	$7,000	350 Students
Safari Montage Video-on-Demand – All Schools	$7,000	1,550 Students .40 Staff
Engineering Lab – Middle School	$37,500	350 Students
Cohasset Center for Student Council Research (CSCR)	$2,700	40 Students
IDLPortal – All Schools	$5,885	.40 Staff
Virtual High School – High School	$16,500	400 Students
Classroom Capacity – Deer Hill School	$5,000	350 Students
LCD Projectors – Osgood School	$12,800	360 Students
Digital Presenters – Deer Hill School	$5,124	.. Staff
LCD Projectors – Middle School	$9,000	350 Students
Music Department Keyboards – Middle High School	$5,000	75 Students
Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Laboratory – Deer Hill School	$28,000	350 Students .. Staff
Promethean Active Boards – Middle High School	$54,320	790 Students .. Staff

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Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr (left) and Police Chief James Hussey flank Officer Regan Steverman upon her receipt of the Police Department Meritorious Award. Hussey said Steverman showed presence of mind and professionalism in apprehending a fleeing criminal in January.

Officer Regen Steverman receives Meritorious Award

On Jan. 23, 2008, Cohasset Police Officers were involved in a manhunt in the area of Jerusalem Road and Forest Avenue. Officers were attempting to locate a male who had fled from a motor vehicle after committing an unarmed robbery. This male was also wanted on four outstanding arrest warrants, including warrants for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (baseball bat), Home Invasion, Resisting Arrest, and other crimes of extreme violence.

During the search for this male, Cohasset Police Officer Regen Steverman was positioned on Old Coach Road. The suspect was flushed out of the woods by police K-9 officers. As officers were closing in on the suspect, he stole a vehicle from a driveway. Now even more desperate, and behind the wheel of a stolen vehicle, the suspect sped directly at approaching officers, including Steverman. A quick thinking Scituate Police Detective Lieutenant rammed the stolen car off the road and disabled it, preventing officers from being struck by the car. Officer Steverman drew her firearm and ordered the suspect from the stolen vehicle. The suspect refused to exit the car. Officer's broke the driver's window of the car and pulled the suspect from behind the wheel. The suspect violently resisted arrest, but was subsequently placed into custody by Officer Steverman and others.

Officer Steverman charged the suspect with Assault with the Intent to Murder, Assault by means of a Dangerous Weapon (a motor vehicle), and a host of other crimes. The suspect was indicted by a Norfolk County Grand Jury and remains in custody awaiting trial.

"Officer Steverman displayed a high degree of professionalism, proficiency, and ability, during an extremely critical situation," said Police Chief James Hussey.



Sergeant John Conte and Officer Frank Yannizzi were awarded the Cohasset Police Department's Excellence Award. Selectmen chairman Ted Carr (left) and Police Chief James Hussey thanked them for their good work in apprehending three career criminals.

CPD confers Excellence Awards

On Feb. 10, 2008, the Cohasset Police Department received a report of a commercial burglar alarm at a local liquor store. The first officer to arrive at the liquor store was able to broadcast that witnesses were reporting that three males had broken into the rear of the store and attempted to steal a safe. The suspects were scared off by the audible alarm and subsequently fled the scene in two separate vehicles, northbound on Route 3A.

Sergeant John Conte observed the vehicles pass him on Route 3A near the intersection of Lower King Street. Sgt. Conte, with the help of Police Officer Yannizzi attempted to stop the breaking and entering suspects. Two male suspects in a single car were successfully stopped by Officer Yannizzi at the intersection of Route 3A and 228 in Hingham. Officer Yannizzi arrested the two without incident. The third male suspect, who was driving a stolen cargo van, refused to stop for Sgt. Conte, and a pursuit was initiated. Sgt. Conte pursued the stolen van through Hingham, Weymouth, Quincy, Dorchester, and South Boston. During the pursuit, the suspect rammed a Quincy Police cruiser. The pursuit ended with the operator of the van crashing into a telephone pole near Day Blvd. in South Boston.

With help from Boston Police, Massachusetts State Police, Weymouth Police, Hingham Police, and Quincy Police, the driver of the stolen van was apprehended after a foot chase. He was charged with multiple motor vehicle crimes and breaking and entering.

When looking over the officers' report, Hussey recognized one of the names from his time in youth service in the 1970s. One of the suspects has over 100 entries for breaking and entering, he said.

"These were career robbers, three very serious criminals," said Hussey. "As a result of the outstanding work by Sgt. Conte and Police Officer Yannizzi, three career criminals were taken off of the street."

POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, MAY 30

5:14 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:18 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:28 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:18 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, lost property, lost wallet.

7:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, well being check.

7:39 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

9:02 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a vehicle speeding. Area search negative.

9:08 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, found a Chocolate Lab.

9:18 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:46 p.m. **Flintlock Ridge Rd.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports a motor vehicle accident in front of this location. Officer on scene report minor personal injury.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

1:02 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:27 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, trespassing, officer reports male attempted to enter the post prom event – detail officer stopped male from entering – male ran into the woods. No further information or contact with male.

4:16 a.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, recovered motor vehicle, Hull PD reports they're out with motor vehicle that was reported stolen on May 29 from Cohasset. No one around vehicle. Officer reports Hull PD will have vehicle towed to Thomas Auto Body. Vehicle has been taken out of leaps – stolen motor vehicle record cancelled.

10:03 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic complaint, caller reports traffic problem at estate sale. Person in charge will monitor situation.

10:09 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:10 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood school check.

11:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash, callers report a motor vehicle crash at this location.

1:22 p.m. **Samoset Ave.**, Hull, medical aid.

1:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, well being check, caller reports a vehicle parked in front of the liquor store with the windows up and two young children sleeping in the backseat. Caller reports the owner of the vehicle has come out to the vehicle and left the area.

1:40 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:15 p.m. **Howard Gleason RD.**, property (recovered), walk in party reports finding a pair of prescription glasses in a case at this location, they have been turned over to the CPD and are being held for safekeeping.

2:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party would like to see an officer regarding some issues she is having with her downstairs neighbors. Officer will follow up on this issue.

2:30 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle crash, 911 cell caller reports motor vehicle crash at this location, unknown injuries.

4:23 p.m. **King St.**, assist citizen, caller reports he has no water – water dept. replaced water meter today. Contacted water dept. they will call above location.

4:53 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer wanted, caller would like to make a report – possible 209A violation.

6:56 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports at the RR tracks – bells are ringing and lights are flashing, gates are down, no train. Contacted MBTA – this is an ongoing problem. Officer reports everything is working now. He pushed gate back into place.

11:02 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, officer reports the gates are locked at above location.

11:05 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports a Black Lab followed him home. Owner of dog identified. Put in touch with person, holding the dog.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

1:03 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:18 a.m. Medical aid, patient sign-off.

10:02 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, transported SSH/ALS.

10:34 a.m. **Linden Drive**, down power lines.

10:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks. Deerhill/Osgood school check.Nancy

MONDAY, JUNE 2

12:38 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service.

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12:40 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:41 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:36 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:54 a.m. **Hammond Ave.**, fire, investigation. 911 caller states "her oil tank is leaking and the Oil Company advised her to contact the Fire Dept." Oil tank is located in the basement. Command reports they are clear and returning, oil company taking over the scene and this was not a leak from the oil tank, it was from the oil filter.

8:32 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

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POLICE LOG

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11:53 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

12 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, suspicious person, 911 caller reports "she has trespassers" and would like them removed. This is a property dispute, officer clear no problems.

12:46 p.m. **Hull St.**, warrant services, units to this location to serve two warrants of apprehension from the court. Both females are in custody and going voluntarily at this time and will be transported directly to Quincy District Court.

3:17 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, larceny, 911 caller reports her kayak and her paddles were just stolen while she was out on the beach. Cohasset harbormaster notified and responding out to the island.

4:12 p.m. **Border St.**, larceny, caller is out at the dock – in reference to missing kayak – officer reports this occurred at 2 p.m. this date.

4:19 p.m. **Ann Vinal Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, transported QMC/ALS.

6:13 p.m. **Linden Drive**, suspicious person, caller reports a tall man in the area going door to door. Officer transporting male to Exxon Station – he is waiting for his ride. Officer spoke to male about by laws.

7:51 p.m. **Black Rock Rd.**, suspicious activity of person, caller reports a man knocked on her door. Also at 482 Jericho Road – going door to door. Officer spoke to caller on Jericho Road – subject were in the area of Linden Drive. Officers checking area. Officer located male – enroute to West Corner, male is waiting for ride. Officer has one male in custody. Arrest: Brian C. Neal, 9710 Crenshaw BLVD., Inglewood, CA. Charges: WMS warrant.

8:56 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid.

9:57 p.m. **Beach St.**, medical aid, transported QMC/BLS, caller reports out of control female.

10:56 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, officer reports the gates are secured.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

1:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service.

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1:09 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service.

1:10 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service.

1:11 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

4:59 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the gate is open.

6:53 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:35 a.m. **Elm St.**, prisoner transport, prosecutor transporting 1 male prisoner to Quincy District Court.

9:02 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:10 a.m. **Lower King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued. Trailer being towed for expired registration.

9:32 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller would like to speak to an officer regarding suspicious activity that occurred yesterday with solicitors at her residence. Officer reports resident has been advised of the by law of solicitors, officer clear.

10:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen, caller reports his wife went for a hike and is now lost in the woods and cannot find her way out. She states she is on a trail that starts with "N" and then a number which matches trails in Wompatuck State Park in Hingham. Hingham PD notified. Hingham K9 responding. Hingham K9 cancelled at this time, husband called on 911 stating a male party will be escorting the lost female out of the woods to Beechwood Street where her husband will meet her. Female has been located and is reunited with her husband at this time.

10:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:05 a.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:42 a.m. Medical aid.

2:12 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Heather Drive**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:53 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire, outside, caller reports there is an outside fire at this location.

3:22 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist other Police Department. Scituate PD has pulled over a vehicle for erratic operation on 3A at the Cohasset line dispatch notified sector car to respond for back up. Scituate officer is now requesting back up. Cohasset unit is arriving on scene with Scituate at this time. Cohasset unit clear, Scituate to handle.

5:19 p.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:29 p.m. Medical aid, transporting SSH/ALS.

7:41 p.m. **Whitney Woods Lane**, disturbance, caller reports sounds of gunshots behind her house. Contacted Environmental Police. Officer spoke with two hikers in the area and they did not hear anything. Area search negative.

10:27 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Howe Rd.**, disturbance, caller stated that his car was hit by an egg. Area search negative.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

12:44 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service.

12:44 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service.

12:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:55 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:57 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service.

5:57 a.m. **Sanctuary Pond Rd.**, assist other Police Dept., check motor vehicles for B&E damage, have resident contact Hingham Police.

6:27 a.m. **Margin St.**, assist citizen, overturned boat, harbormaster notified. It's has been determined that the boat was caught under the runway during high tide and then filled with water and overturned. Nobody was on it.

6:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:55 a.m. **Bancroft Rd., and Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:27 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, walk in party to pick up his license plate.

7:32 a.m. **HQ.**, larceny, male party in HQ to report a stolen wallet.

7:33 a.m. **Cedar St.**, traffic complaint, resident states the line to the landfill is a traffic hazard. Reports no problem now, gate has been opened.

7:43 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, public service, Nichols Road at #109 is impassable. Lower #'s accessible from Jerusalem Road. Higher #'s accessible from Atlantic Ave.

8:09 a.m. **Sanctuary Pond Rd.**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports her daughter's vehicle was broken into last night and her wallet was stolen and other items.

8:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:12 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:36 a.m. **Wood Way**, annoying phone calls, caller would like to speak to an officer regarding harassing phone calls. Officer will follow up with a report.

10:19 a.m. **Hugh Strain Rd.**, fire – public assist.

10:45 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

11:07 a.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle crash, several 911 callers reporting a motor vehicle crash. Police on scene report injuries.

11:44 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash.

3:26 p.m. **King St., and Sohier St.**, hazardous materials, several callers reporting several used syringes at this location on the ground. Officer reports items have been picked up and being dropped off at Fire HQ to dispose of properly.

11:13 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

12:52 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:59 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the beach is open.

1:03 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, public service, the roadway is flooded, due to the tide.

6:32 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:37 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, public service, Nichols Road at 488 is impassable. Access to Lower #'s is Jerusalem Road. Access to higher #'s is Atlantic Ave.

2:27 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, fire, investigation, received hang up 911 call from this location, line is busy on call back. On call back male party states smoke in the basement and a strange odor. Fire Capt. reports a 15x40 wooden frame, one story, investigating smoke in the basement. Command reports this is a misfire in the oil burner, building manager notified, units clear.



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Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death February 14, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that DONNA E. FLYNN of MILTON in the County of NORFOLK and JOHN JEFFREY LENGEL of PITTSBURGH in the State of PENNSYLVANIA or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 9, 2008**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, May 29, 2008.

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WILLIAMS ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
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The Trial Court
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Docket No. 08P1300EP

In the Estate of ELEANOR C. WILLIAMS, A/K/A ELEANOR CLAFLIN WILLIAMS, A/K/A ELEANOR WILLIAMS LADD
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death April 19, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will and first codicil of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that THOMAS B. WILLIAMS, JR. of WARREN in the State of VERMONT or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, May 30, 2008.

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MARTIN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P1330EP

In the Estate of WILLIAM MORTON
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 6, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that WILLIAM J.E. MORTON of SAUSALITO in the State of CALIFORNIA and SARAH E. MORTON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, June 3, 2008.

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Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE WEEK OF
JUNE 9, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Cheer up, Lamb. Your emotional impasse will lift once you allow your highly tuned sense of justice to guide you on what to do about an associate's questionable behavior.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) News about a project you hoped to work on might need more clarification. Take nothing just on faith. Draw up a list of questions, and insist on each being fully answered.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Giving your time to help others is fine. But don't lose sight of your own needs. Make plans for an energy-restoring getaway with that very special person in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulate yourself on getting that difficult job done to everyone's satisfaction. This could be the first of many such challenges you might be offered down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With your enthusiasm soaring again, you feel ready to tackle a tough new assignment. Good for you! And remember: Don't be too proud to accept help when it's offered.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Cupid rules the week for single Virgos eager to make a romantic connection. Meanwhile, Virgo couples experience renewed commitment in their relationships.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Home and work issues vie for your attention through early next week. Rely on your Libran sense of balance to keep you from being overwhelmed by either side.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creative projects might have to go on standby as you tackle other matters making demands on your time and energy. Things should ease by the middle of next week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your energies are high, and so are your aspirations. But be careful not to let work dominate the week. It's also important to spend time with family and friends.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a good time to set aside your pride and stop nursing those hurt feelings. Instead, consider restoring relationships you want to have back in your life.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might be miffed at not being shown more appreciation for your hard work. But don't brood over it. Recognition comes in its own time and in its own way.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With your inner creative juices starting to boil and bubble, this is a good time to launch a new arts-related project, or go back and restart the one you had set aside.

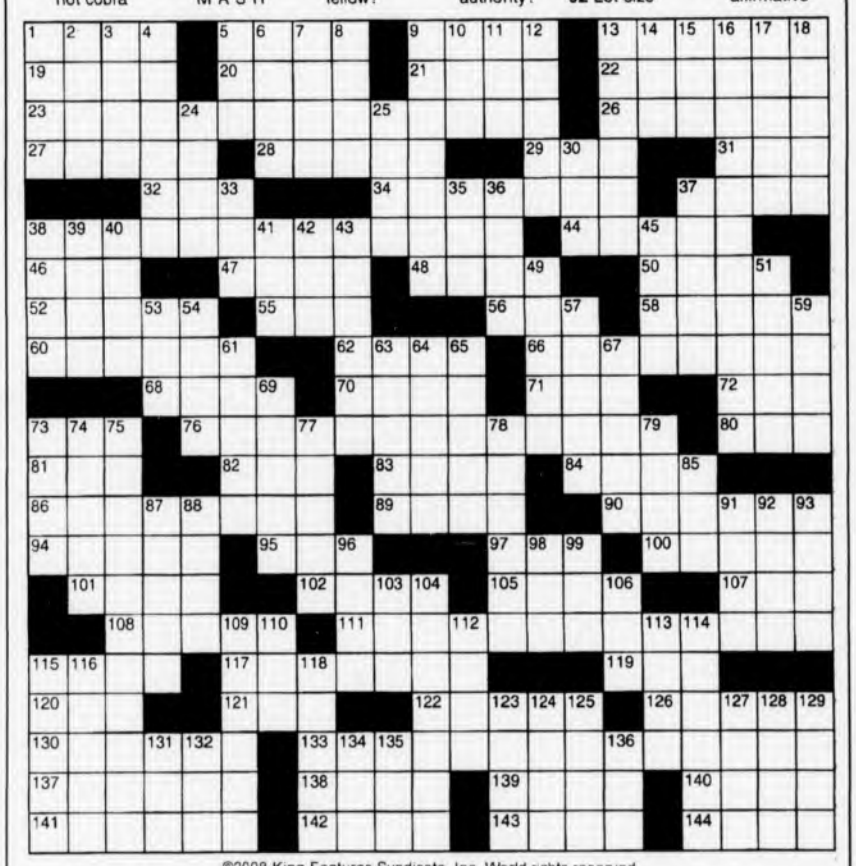
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BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of seeing the best in people, which helps encourage them to live up to your perceptions.

Crossword - Shock treatment

ACROSS
1 Not quite closed
5 Doris Day refrain
9 Junket
13 Significance
19 Prepare a pear
20 Author Murdoch
21 Run the show
22 Five iron
23 Electrician's favorite rockers?
26 Shorthand inventor
27 Periwinkle, e.g.
28 Primeval upheaval
29 See 14 Down
31 Mil. policy
32 Lassie's mother
34 Puzzled
37 Word with song or dive
38 Question for a tardy electrician?
44 Figure
46 Nice time of year
47 Genesis name
48 Wordy Webster
50 Eloquent equine
52 Boa, but not cobra
55 Raven maven?
56 Dandy
58 Quick snacks
60 Roller-coaster feeling
62 Apparel
66 Alaric, for one
68 Buddies
70 South Seas novel
71 — Marie Saint
72 TV's "— Haw"
73 Part of USSR
76 Electrician's theme song?
80 "— Parkington" ('44 film)
81 GI's address
82 — down (destroy)
83 Melodious McEntire
84 Galba's garment
86 First state
89 Paradise
90 Sleeve type
94 — nous
95 Cen. segments
97 "— -Tiki"
100 Clear the windshield
101 Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
102 Cuban currency
105 Ladies of the lea
107 Hosp. areas
108 "— luego"
111 Electrician's teatime treats?
115 Wading bird
117 '65 Righteous Brothers hit
119 Capote, on stage
120 "Unforgettable" name
121 Born
122 "— Gay"
126 One of the Titans
130 Fleet
133 Electrician's favorite history subject?
137 Tidy up
138 Relate
139 "So — You" ('77 song)
140 — -friendly
141 Borgnine or Gallo
142 Award for 101 Across
143 Chore
144 Work in the lab

DOWN
1 Feigns
2 Dear fellow?
3 Surface measurement
4 Dwell
5 "— vous plait"
6 Skater Heiden
7 Loaded
8 Sailing
9 Wagner hero
10 Capek drama
11 Unwell
12 Italian specialty
13 Mischievous
14 With 29 Across, rum cocktail
15 Washington hrs.
16 Words on an electrician's sampler?
17 Lasso
18 Mortise's mate
24 Wilde work
25 Aim
30 Burro
33 Herd word
35 From — Z
36 Page
37 Bit of parsley
38 Singer Dottie
39 Craving
40 Parent
41 Diamond authority?
42 — Paulo, Brazil
43 Sally Struthers' birthplace
45 Both: prefix
49 Humble house
51 Prevent
53 Torn or Taylor
54 Defect
57 Perform a pirouette
59 "— a Lady" ('71 hit)
61 Andes animal
63 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'—"
64 Got a galley going
65 Fancy dessert
67 Relish
69 Bedtime reading
73 Mean Marquis
74 Removes the cork
75 Poet turned electrician?
77 Nebbish
78 Maris or Mattingly
79 "My word!"
85 Generation
87 La Scala songs
88 Moistens
91 Pride papa
92 Lot size
93 Stack role
96 Splinter group
98 Hold the deed
99 Safety —
103 "— generis"
104 Hospital worker
106 Fast way to the UK
109 Lodger
110 Lincoln or Lyman
112 Betting setting
113 Learn fast?
114 End product
115 Cockamamie
116 Less adorned
118 Ms. Midler
123 Leave out
124 Turner of "Peyton Place"
125 Hill dwellers
127 — majesty
128 Belligerent deity
129 Spanish artist
131 Enjoyed Thanksgiving
132 — Plaines, IL
134 Clear one's throat
135 Common street name
136 NASA affirmative



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P N M K J O S E H F A P E I E
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V U T D N I M O O R D E B Y T
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Bedroom
Copy
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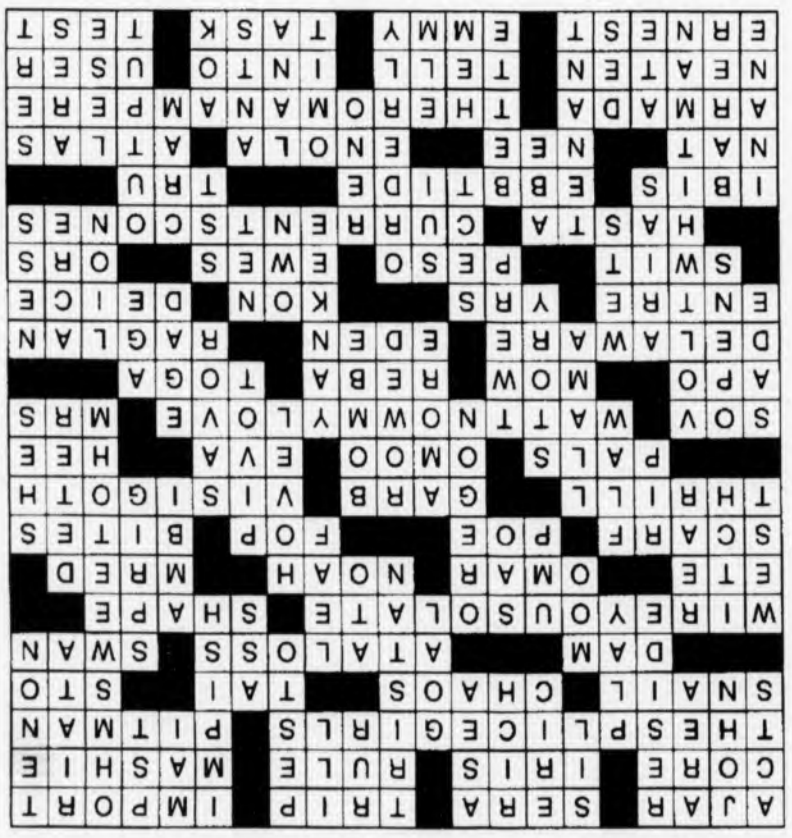
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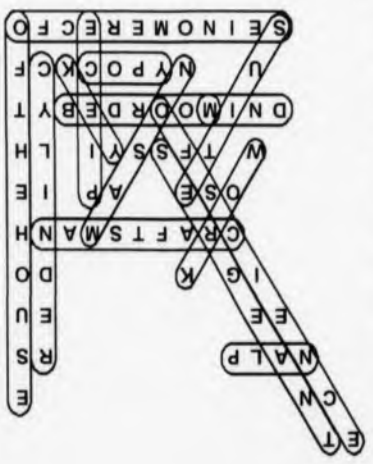
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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Bible Study series continues on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Practical Christianity. Some Christians commonly view the Old Testament as a storybook-full of fascinating tales, yet ancient and irrelevant to modern reality. This exceptional 10-week study from *Insight For Living* with *Chuck Swindoll* will help you blow the dust off these timeworn chronicles and discover enduring truths that relate directly to you, while translating into reliable patterns for godly living. Experience familiar passages as never before, and find fresh inspiration in the memorable scenes revisited. Follow the examples of faithful Old Testament heroes such as Abraham, Joseph, David, and many others as you learn to apply timeless biblical principles to your everyday life. Please join us.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, June 15, Father's Day Sunday

8 a.m. - Circle Ministry (group led by Bill Baird & Kirk Jackisch and meeting this morning rather than last Sunday for their final session of the season)

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – "Dads Are Different"

A celebration of Father's Day and more!

Come join us as we worship together, celebrate our fathers and stepfathers and grandfathers and other male caregivers, and discover who those secret grandparents are who have been pen pals for some of our RE youngsters!

Toddler care for our youngest begins at 10 AM in the Parish House. Children and youth, come join your parents and caregivers for worship in the Meeting House.

Lobster Roll Sale at First Parish - Friday-Sunday, June 13-15

Be sure to come by the Parish House at 23 Main St.to place your orders for lobster rolls! We're committed to serving the exact recipe for which we're famous: absolutely fresh (not frozen) lobster with no fillers, and for last year's bargain price of $13 including chips.

First Parish is grateful once again to participate in this year's Relay for Life. We join with the Springtime for Shelly team in supporting the American Cancer Society and its lifesaving mission to find a cure.

All are welcome to join the many citizens and friends of Massachusetts who will march in Saturday's Pride Parade in Boston. A celebratory worship service begins at 11 a.m. at Boston's Arlington Street Church/Unitarian Universalist. A festive banner parade follows—all honoring those among us who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project. The following special events will be happening in June:

- June 13th-15th Strawberry Festival runs in conjunction with the So. Shore Arts Festival. Fabulous shortcakes will be served along with grilled hamburgers and chicken sandwiches.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the Reverend Margot Critchfield.

This Sunday when we switch to our summer worship schedule, now through Aug. 24:

Sundays: 6:45 am at Sandy Beach (bring a lawn chair, no parking sticker needed) and at our Cohasset Village church at 8:00 am and 9:30 am.

Wednesdays: Eucharist with healing at 9:30 am.

If you are searching for a faith community, please feel free to pay us a visit; you can learn about us and the Episcopal faith by visiting our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village, "on the rock." To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083. Our parish priest is Rev. Margot Critchfield; the assistant is Rev. Colette Wood.

Also Going on at St. Stephen's this week

Monday: June 16: Christian meditation, 3: pm

Wednesday: June 18: 9:30 Eucharist with healing; 6:30 pm Boston Duck Tour

Thursday: June 19: Book group, 7:30 pm.

Friday: June 20, Yoga 9:30 am

Saturday: June 21, Bible Fellowship 7 am

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Obituary

Jean Thompson

53-year resident of Cohasset

Jean (Johnson) Thompson, 79, of Cohasset died June 3, 2008, from complications of leukemia.

A 53-year resident of Cohasset, Mrs. Thompson graduated from New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in 1950. She worked 15 years as the office nurse for pediatrician Dr. Robert T. Sceery, something she often described as "a dream job." For 10 years prior, she served as the nurse at Cohasset High School, assisting students with all manner of medical issues. She had a special affection for babies. "My greatest joy in life," she once remarked, "is children – my own and everyone else's."

Particularly after retirement, she was an active member of Second Congregational Church and devoted much energy to volunteer efforts including at the Cohasset Food Pantry, the Consignment Shop and serving on the Board of Elder Affairs. She also served as a town election worker.



Jean Thompson

Part of her courtship with her husband took place at Fenway Park, and she became a dedicated Red Sox fan and, some years later, a follower of the New England Patriots. Other interests included flower gardening, reading, playing Scrabble and keeping up with the news.

Her kindness, concern for others and gentleness of heart will be missed.

Wife of more than 50 years of the late Robert M. "Bob" Thompson, a Cohasset High School science teacher who died in 2002, she leaves two sons, Robert Thompson Jr. of Westborough and Douglas Thompson of Ashland; four grandchildren, Matthew of Arlington, Va., Ethan of Ashland, Shaun of Westborough and Alea of Ashland; and many friends.

A memorial service was held at Second Congregational Church of Cohasset.

Memorial contributions may be made to Second Congregational Church Memorial Fund, 43 Highland St., Cohasset, MA 02025; Cohasset Food Pantry c/o St. Anthony Parish, 129 South Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025; or Friends of Cohasset Elders, 3 Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

Cohasset tennis benefit for Children's Hospital

Save the date for Cohasset's longest-running tennis tradition, which swings into action again this summer to benefit Children's Hospital Boston beginning Friday, July 18th through Sunday, July 20th. The popular weekend tennis tournament dates back to the 1950's, when Cohasset's legendary philanthropist Jesse Cox gathered family and friends for a charitable game of tennis to benefit some of the neediest children and their families at Children's Hospital.

The event was a tremendous success and soon became an annual summer tradition. In the past 10 years alone, more than $100,000 has been raised to benefit patients and their families at the hospital, earning the Cohasset Tennis Benefit a commemorative plaque in the Children's lobby. This year all proceeds will help fund the Pediatric Trauma Program, with 100 percent of the proceeds paying for transportation, lodging and personal care packages for families of trauma patients.

This summer's benefit kicks off with an evening reception on Friday, July 18th at the Lightkeeper's Residence on Cohasset Harbor. On Saturday, July 19, tennis players of all abilities, from beginners to advanced, are evenly matched and play on some of the most spectacular private courts throughout Cohasset. Finals for three levels of play (social, intermediate and advanced) take place on Sunday, July 20th on the grounds of the Roy estate, formerly the home of Cohasset Tennis Benefit founder Jesse Cox.

For reception, tennis and registration information, or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, log on to www.cohassettennisbenefit.org.

The Mariner welcomes photos of your loved ones to accompany obituaries by e-mail to mford@cnc.com or by mail to 73 South Street, Hingham, MA 02043



Celebrate Life

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a community gathering where everyone can join in the fight against cancer. We invite all cancer survivors in our community to celebrate life with friends and family at the Relay For Life of Cohasset.

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Enter for a Chance to WIN a Walk Inside the Ropes with the Greats of Golf at the Bank of America Championship!

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- Walk inside the ropes with the legends of golf during Tournament play.
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One winner will be selected at random from all eligible entries.

To enter go to: wickedlocalcontests.com.
Deadline for entries is Tuesday, June 17, 2008.

Contest Rules: No purchase necessary. Only one entry per person. Must be 18 years or older to enter and claim prize. Entries must be received by midnight Eastern Standard Time, Tuesday, June 17, 2008. Winner will be selected at random from all eligible entries and notified by e-mail.

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What's happening on the South Shore

JUNE 12-20, 2008

A little magic, 'A Little Night Music'

Christine Ebersole to join Boston Pops for Sondheim revival

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Later this week, Christine Ebersole will be on stage with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops in a concert version of Stephen Sondheim's "A Little Night Music," but the two-time Tony Award winner also has her mind on this year's Tony Awards Sunday night at New York's Radio City Music Hall. After all, it was just last year that Ebersole won her most recent statuette for "Grey Gardens," and she has some favorites this year.

"I haven't seen a lot of shows this season, but I'm rooting for 'August: Osage County' for Best New Play. It is simply brilliant and I also love that the cast, many of whom are nominees, is from Steppenwolf in Chicago and not made up of stars," said Ebersole last week by telephone from her home in Maplewood, N.J. "I'm also hoping that Patti Lupone gets this year's award for Best Actress in a Musical for 'Gypsy.' I haven't seen her in that show yet, but she's the hardest working woman in show business."

Some might say the same of the 55-year-old Ebersole, a mother of three children — ages 11, 12, and 15 — whose credits include 11 Broadway shows, movies like "Tootsie," "Richie Rich" and "Amadeus," and even a season as a regular on "Saturday Night Live." Between 2005 and 2007, first off-Broadway and then in a rare Broadway transfer, Ebersole earned universal acclaim for the dual role of the eccentric mother-and-daughter pair Edie Beale and Little Edie Beale in the musical stage adaptation "Grey Gardens," based on the 1976 documentary of the same name.

"It was the greatest event of my career. I believed in the project from the very beginning at the Sundance Institute where we did the first workshop. It touched people's hearts and really moved them. It was one of the rare instances of something that transcended art and became something spiritual. When I was playing Little Edie (a cousin of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis), I really felt like I was being aided by her spirit."

Ebersole was also aided in "Grey Gardens" by co-star



Christine Ebersole

Mary Louise Wilson, who took home her own 2007 Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Musical, and who is also appearing this week in "A Little Night Music," along with soap opera actor Ron Raines ("Guiding Light") and the Fellows of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus, at Boston's Symphony Hall.

"Working with the Boston Pops is just gigantic," says Ebersole, who previously appeared in a Pops tribute to Leonard Bernstein two years ago. "The whole experience is crazy. I was cast first, but when I heard that Mary Louise and I would be working together again I was very happy."

The material pleased the performer as well. "I will do anything that involves Stephen Sondheim's music. I'm playing Desiree Armfeldt, which is a part written for Glynis Johns, who is not really a singer. I have only one solo, 'Send in the Clowns,' but that's fine with me. The whole score is so sumptuous and rich," says Ebersole. "This show has never been revived on Broadway since 1973, when it won the Tony Award for Best Musical, so I turned down movie and television offers to do it with the Boston Pops this week in Boston and later this summer at Tanglewood.

"To be a part of a project like this is something very special."

Christine Ebersole will appear with The Boston Pops in a concert version of "A Little Night Music," June 12-14, at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 888-266-1200, or go online at boston-pops.org.

South Shore Art Center Arts Festival back for its 53rd year



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Every Father's Day weekend, a sprawling eight-pole tent, hundreds of artists and a hive of activity transform the pristine town common in Cohasset into a prestigious arts festival. After 53 years, South Shore Art Center's Summer Arts Festival has become a highly anticipated three-day event, greeting summer with something for everyone — art exhibitions, handmade crafts, and performances — and something to appeal to all the senses.

This year's festival will include dog portraits for people who bring their pets. At the center of the Arts Festival is the main exhibition tent, showcasing hundreds of artists in a juried exhibition and a Members' Show. In addition, nearly 100 juried craft artists offer unique handmade jewelry, ceramics, clothing, fine art and photography, and home and garden products unique handmade jewelry, ceramics, clothing, fine art and photography, and home and garden products. Art comes to life as ceramicists, wood carvers and painters demonstrate their work. The popular Kids Tent offers children the opportunity for hands-on creativity. Musical entertainment ranges from singer-songwriters to bluegrass and Big Band. Fresh lobster rolls and homemade strawberry shortcake sold at the churches on the Common are part of the Festival tradition.

Festival hours are Friday, June 13, from 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, June 15, from noon to 5 pm. A free trolley shuttles visitors from nearby parking. A $5 entrance donation is requested.

For information visit www.ssac.org or phone 781-383-2787.

Performance schedule

Friday, June 13

4 to 4:45 p.m.	Colby Smalzel & Jim Armstong
5 p.m.	Cohasset Middle/High School Jazz Ensemble
5:30 p.m.	South Shore Art Center Arts Festival awards ceremony
6 p.m.	Cohasset Middle/High School Jazz Ensemble

Saturday, June 14

10 a.m.	Cohasset High School Jazz Combo
11:30 a.m.	Rusty Skippers (community concert band)
1 p.m.	Ann Buckley & The Armstrong Brothers
2:30 p.m.	Harvest (bluegrass)
4 p.m.	Nat Seelen Jazz

Sunday, June 15

Noon	St. Stephen's Carillon
1 p.m.	The O'Reillys (Irish band)
3:30 p.m.	South Shore Bay Band

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. ***For a complete list of calendar events,*** *visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.*

Thursday, June 12

Southeastern Massachusetts Mineral Club, next meeting of the will be held June 12, at 7:30 p.m. The biannual auction will take place at this time. The auction will be held at South Shore Natural Science Center at 48 Jacobs Lane in Norwell. The public is invited. Free admission. Refreshments will be served.

Dreamchasers Theatre Arts Center of Norwell will present the New England premiere of the magical fable **Emma and the Lost Unicorn** by Trisha Sugarek. Performances are June 12, at 4 p.m. June 13, at 7 p.m. and June 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $8 for senior citizens and students and $5 for Dreamchasers students. Information: Dreamchaserstheatre.org 508-224-4548.

Front Street Book Shop Book Club Meeting, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. June 12, 6 to 8 p.m. The fiction title for June is **Kabul Beauty School by Deborah Rodriguez.** Front Street Book Shop book group meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone welcome to attend. Free. 781-545-5011.

A reenactment of the life and times of American entrepreneur Andrew Carnegie will be presented at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., June 12, at 1 p.m. in the Merry Room. Actor Richard W. Clark will bring to life the man who rose from humble beginnings to become "King of Steel. Free tickets for the performance are available at the library. 781-934-2721, ext. 108 or 109 or visit www.duxburyfreelibrary.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 12 **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 12 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Rocking George Leh Blues Jam** open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, June 13

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove Street (Route 28) Middleboro. **Comedy and Dinner Show** 7 p.m. June 13, featuring: **the One & Only Tony V,** other comics **Annette Pollack Mike Hanley, Rick Sinnott Jon Pierce**, and hosted **Scott Higgins.** Dinner/Show Package $34.95 Ticket price for comedy show only is $20. Advance reservations required 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833.

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Helen's Café, Weymouth landing, June 13, 9 p.m. **Bag Full of Blues**. No cover.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 13 **Dirty Water** 781-829-6999.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until Sept.

Edaville Railroad, 5 Pine St. Route 58, Carver **Day Out With Thomas** Friday through Sunday, June 13-15 and Friday through Monday, June 20 – 23. www.edaville.com

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St. Braintree. June 13, **Friends of Harvey** 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 13, **Drivin' Blind** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, June 14

The Walnut Hill Garden Club will host a **plant sale** Saturday, June 14, at the Congregational Church Hall, Route. 139, Hanover Center, from 9 a.m. to noon. A huge selection of choice plants from members' gardens will be available.

Edaville Railroad, 5 Pine St. Route 58, Carver **Day Out With Thomas** Friday through Sunday, June 13-15 and Friday through Monday, June 20 – 23. www.edaville.com

South Shore Dancers will hold their annual meeting at 7 p.m. on June 14, at the Cushing Center on Route 123 in Norwell. There is no charge for the meeting and all are invited to attend. A summer garden party with a lesson follows the meeting at 7:30 p.m.. Dancing will be from 8-11 pm. $9 for members and $10 for non-members. Call Tom Osterland for reservations at 781 659-4703 or email him through the Web site: SouthShoreDancers.org.

Appraisal Day by Skinner Appraisals - United Church of Christ in Abington, Norma Kent Pastoral Counseling Center, 10 Bedford St. Abington, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. $10/item, $25/three items. Refreshments will be served. Silent auction. No coins, stamps, jewelry and musical instruments. Any questions call 781-871-2051 ext. 108.

Church of the Holy Nativity Episcopal, 8 Nevin Road, South Weymouth. **English Flower Festival** featuring its choir and others, June 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Flowers can be viewed at the church from 2 p.m. A reception in the Asher-Stoddard Hall will follow the concert. Everyone welcome. Information, call 781-335-2030 or visit www.holynativity-weymouth.org

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Country Line and Couples Dance at Taunton Elks, 119 High St., Taunton, June 14, Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. with DJ and instructor, Dave Pytka. Dance 8 to 11:30 p.m. Refreshments, cash bar. $7. 508-653-7937; 508-695-4548. downeastdancers.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 14 **Mother Focus Party Band** 781-829-6999.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight **every Saturday night Karaoke**. No cover. 781-740-0688.

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Sunday, June 15

Boston Harbor Island Alliance presents a **Father's Day Extravaganza at Georges Island** with the ...POP Stars in Concert and Vintage Base Ball Sunday, June 15, on Georges Island in Boston Harbor Islands Pop Stars in concerts at 12:15 p.m. and 2 p.m. Vintage Baseball Games in the Parade Grounds at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Boats leave from Long Wharf every hour on the hour starting at 10 a.m. and cost $14 adults, $10 seniors, $8 children ages 3 – 11, under age 3 ride. Free. Family four-packs for $42. Information, call 617-223-8666 or visit Bostonharborislands.org.

Edaville Railroad, 5 Pine St. Route 58, Carver **Day Out With Thomas** Friday through Sunday, June 13-15 and Friday through Monday, June 20 to 23. www.edaville.com

Animal Planet Expo rolls into Marshfield June 14 to 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Marshfield Fairgrounds, 140 Main St. Area residents are invited to bring their families and even their "fur" children to celebrate the wonder of wildlife, the companionship of pets and the important role animals play on this planet. Pet adoption opportunities and helpful information on how to find the perfect pet for your family will be available. Dr. Amy Marder will offer free one-on-one consultations to current – and potential – pet owners.

The Dickinson Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth will open its "Summer Festival: New England Scenes" on June 15, works by eight Massachusetts artists, **Stephen Boczanowksi, Donald Dickinson, James Earl, Vincent Elliot, Roger Gill, Stephen H. Holland, Sally J. McCarthy and Isabel Shamitz**, who paint familiar urban scenes and shoreline landmarks in rich detail. Information: 781-331-3384 or www.dickinsonartgallery.com.

Monday, June 16

Norwell photographer Susan White will display her photographic art during the month of June at the meeting room gallery at the Pembroke Library at 142 Center St. Pembroke. For information visit www.whiteoconnellphoto.com

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Information: call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com All are welcome.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Monday, **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, June 17

The Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield hosts an ongoing book discussion group. The next session will meet on Tuesday, June 17, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the library's Historical Room. This month's choice is "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Harlem Renaissance author Zora Neale Hurston. Free and open to the public. New members welcome. Light refreshments Information call 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. **Every Tuesday, Wicked Trivia** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, June 18

Market for the "New" Millennium seminar. Get a marketing jumpstart by joining Scott Ayers, Jack Crowley, and Joe Savino of Crowley Marketing, Inc. at the Holiday Inn, Randolph, June 18-19. Four sessions are available with two sessions held each day. Register by June 10, to receive a $50 discount on the normal $150 registration or take advantage of the two-for-one early-bird registration special. Visit www.marketingseminars.biz for free information and to register.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands is sponsoring a sunset cruise to Lovells Island June 18. The boat leaves at 6 p.m. from Rowes Wharf Water Transport in downtown Boston (behind the Boston Harbor Hotel) and returns there at 9 p.m. Tickets can be bought at Rowes Wharf Water Transport on the day from 5 p.m. (cash only, please) and cost $20 for adults, $18 for seniors and Friends of the Boston Harbor Island members, $16 for children (3 – 12), and babies travel for free. Information visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Golden Age Entertainment presents **My Time My Story**, June 18, 3:30 p.m. at the Senior Center at the Hingham Senior Center featuring inspirational and award-winning speaker **Mary LoVerde.** Pre-registration is required. To register, call the Senior Center at 781-741-1458.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. **Every Wednesday DJ Big Daddy Ray** 781-829-6999.

Thursday, June 19

Norwell Chamber of Commerce, Meet and Greet Networking event. Thursday, June 19. from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the South

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South Shore students advance to semi-finals in Pops' Sing-Off

Six students from Braintree, Norwell and North Quincy High Schools have advanced to the semi-finals in the Boston Pops' first High School Sing-Off: A Best of Broadway Challenge.

The students were among 22 contestants who performed songs from musical theater June 2 in Boston's Symphony Hall in hopes of ultimately performing with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops on the Charles River Esplanade July 3rd and 4th.

Soloist Caroline Cronin, 16, from Norwell, a student at Norwell High School, sang "Astonishing" from "Little Women." A quintet comprised of Adam Randall, 17, siblings Meghan Ryan, 15, and Michael Ryan, 17, all from Braintree, along with sisters Brianna Shetler, 15, and Kirsten Shetler, 17, of Quincy, students at North Quincy High School, sang "One Day More" from "Les Misérables."

The six semi-finalists will perform with the Boston Pops June 17 and 18 — three each evening. Three of them will move forward to the final round.

Two finalists will perform with the Pops July 1, and the High School Sing-Off winner will perform during the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular on July 4 on Boston's Esplanade.

For information, go to www.bostonpops.org

— *R. Scott Reedy*

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Goodbye, Boston

'She Loves Me' is Nicholas Martin's parting gift

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Local theater lovers may be forlorn that Nicholas Martin is ending his 8-year run as artistic director at the Huntington Theatre to take the same post at the Williamstown Theatre Festival, but perhaps they should take some solace in his farewell production — the gorgeously rendered "She Loves Me," a musical comedy about anonymous pen pals and a love letter for Boston with no "Dear John" overtones anywhere to be found. That is, unless you want to read something into the fact that Martin's final Boston production is transferring intact to the Berkshires only days after it closes at the Boston University Theatre. No need to fret, however — Martin isn't a two-timer. He's just a gifted, and efficient, director who got the Huntington and Williamstown to share expenses for James Noone's beautiful sets and Robert Morgan's brightly stylish costumes.

The Nicholas Martin era at the Huntington won't soon be forgotten. His direction of Kate Burton in the classics "Hedda Gabler" and "The Cherry Orchard;" a pre-Broadway revival of "Butley," starring Nathan Lane; the wildly different, but equally worthwhile "Betty's Summer Vacation" and "The Rose Tattoo," both with Andrea Martin; and Christopher Durang and Debra Monk in Durang's own "Laughing Wild" are but a few of the unforgettable theater memories Martin has given Boston audiences.

His latest, the wonderfully entertaining 1963 musical comedy from the legendary team of Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick ("Fiddler on the Roof"), with a book by Joe Masteroff, is in league with Martin's best work and features a talented cast led by Brooks Ashmanskas, who was a memorable comic foil for Victor Garber in last season's splendid "Present Laughter." This time around, Ashmanskas has the lead as Georg Howack, a perfume counter professional in 1934 Budapest, and runs with it all the way to a near-perfect take on the show's bouncy and winning Act II title song.

Based on the play "Parfumerie" by Miklos Laszlo, which was adapted into not one, but two feature films — 1940s "The Shop around the Corner," starring Jimmy Stewart and Margaret Sullavan, and 1998's "You've Got Mail," with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan — the musical centers on the unlikely correspondence-based romance between co-workers who can't stand each other when they're on the clock.

In the role of Amalia Balash, originated on Broadway by Barbara Cook, Kate Baldwin has an acting style that is well-matched to Ashmanskas and a voice that, while not quite the equal of the crystalline Cook, is well-suited to classic show tunes like "I Don't Know His Name," "Will He Like Me," and "Vanilla Ice Cream." A 13-piece orchestra, led by Charlie Alterman, hovers over the proceedings on a second tier of the set, providing first-rate accompaniment.

The rest of the cast is top-notch, too, including Tony Award-winner Dick Latessa ("Hairspray") as the curmudgeonly store owner; Mark Nelson as the longtime employee just looking to hang on until the end; and Jeremy Beck as the delivery boy hoping to change careers without changing companies. Two stand-outs among the supporting players are Jessica Stone as Ilona Ritter, the store clerk who is in the market for a man but isn't always the wisest shopper; and Troy Britton Johnson as suave ladies' man Steven Kodaly, whose slick veneer is often transparent. Stone is delightful and touching on "A Trip to the Library," which finds Ilona explaining the improbable route that finally led her to the man of her dreams. And Johnson, in a role created by quintessential Broadway leading man Jack Cassidy, turns a firing into a fanciful farewell in Act II's "Grand Knowing You."

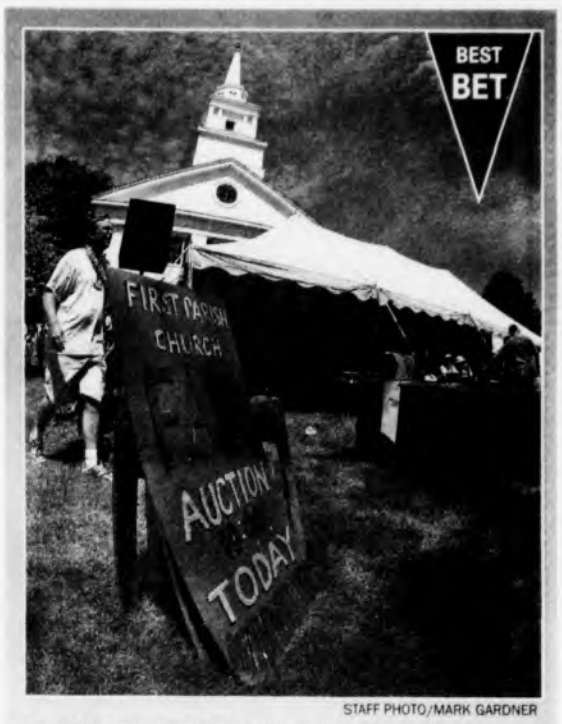
With "She Loves Me," Martin bids his own fanciful farewell to Boston. He will be missed.

The Huntington Theatre production of "She Loves Me" will be at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston, through June 15. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-266-0800 or go online at huntingtontheatre.org.



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Jessica Stone as Ilona Ritter and Troy Britton Johnson as Steven Kodaly in the Huntington Theatre Company's revival of "She Loves Me," running May 16 - June 15 at the Huntington's main stage, the B.U. Theatre.



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The 158th annual First Parish Church Fair will take place on Saturday, June 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church 842 Tremont St., Route 3A next to Town Hall in Duxbury.
Food, games, and thousands of items at bargain prices provide something of interest for all ages. Highlights include an auction (at 10 a.m.), thousands of books, antiques and collectibles, children's activities such as face painting and a clown (at 11 a.m.), musical entertainment, plus Father's Day gifts, hundreds of children's toys and games, crafts, plants, white elephants, snacks, baked goods, and strawberry shortcake.
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L. W. Pingree School, 1250 Commercial St., in East Weymouth, will be having a reception in the School Library on Thursday, June 19, from 3:15 to 6:30 p.m. for current and former students and parents wishing to congratulate Mrs. Legan, Principal, on her retirement. Refreshments will be served.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 19, **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 19 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Bluesfires Blues Jam** open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, June 20

Java Friday at Winslow House at 7 p.m. June 20, **Christopher Price,** author of **The Blueprint: A Study of the New England Patriots,** will be atThe Winslow House, located at 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. For information, call 781-837-5753 or visit www.Marshfield.net/winslow or e-mail info@winslowhouse.org. Season pass: members, $65; nonmembers, $80. Individual events: members, $8, nonmembers, $10.

Walter 'Bear' Zaremba will be performing with the **BearBones Band** at Chester's, upstairs in the Mill Wharf, Scituate Harbor on Friday June 20, 9 p.m. to midnight.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 20, **Chain Drive** 781-829-6999.

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree, 9 p.m. June 20, **Comedy Night** featuring **Paul Keenan, Alicia Love, Tim Grassey, Annette Pollack, Leigh McConnell, Mike bobek, Richie Bouzan**. Host: **Jeff Meisler.** Admission: $15 dinner and appetizers available jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack 781-848-0300.

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Surviving and thriving

Cohasset native pens book on overcoming tragedy

By Nancy White
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When Jerry White, then a college junior, stepped on a landmine in Israel, he lost a part of his right leg. But, what he gained was a life's purpose and the strength to help others.

White, a Cohasset native, has harnessed his life experience as a survivor of a landmine explosion and the stories of hundreds of other survivors of all different types of tragedy around the world to write a book, "I Will Not Be Broken: Five Steps to Overcoming a Life Crisis."

"I have met so many victims of tragedy who not only survive, but grow stronger and thrive," said White. His book is a recipe for overcoming adversity in one's life — no matter what form it takes. Through his work with Survivor Corps he has found the keys to living well after tragedy to be similar across borders, cultures and no matter if the tragedy was a cancer diagnosis or war.

In his book, he shows there is a way back to hope and fulfillment after tragedy.

"The power of the human spirit is the most inspiring," said White.

Back in his hometown to visit his mother Mimi White of Sheldon Road, White signed books and talked to residents at an event this past weekend.

The book goes hand in hand with White's ongoing and tireless efforts to unite survivors around the world through Survivor Corps, an organization he founded and serves as executive director. The net proceeds of the book will go to Survivor Corps efforts around the globe.

White said "life is a landmine," it is impossible to predict when or what life will throw at us.

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Jerry White lost his leg to a landmine in 1984 when, as a junior at Brown University, he was studying archaeology, biblical studies, and Hebrew in Israel.

Coming soon!

Old Colony Square is on the horizon

By Nancy White
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Worried they had seen little action as to the construction of the shopping plaza in the Transit-Oriented District, the Planning Board asked the developers to come before them to give an update.

According to Planning Board Chairman Al Moore, the report was positive and the developers plan to begin work on the site this summer. The currently barren five-acre site, adjacent to the MBTA station right over the Hingham line, will be transformed into a flourishing mixed-use development with restaurants, shops and apartments.

The developer, Connell Cohasset Greenbush LLC, an affiliate of New Jersey-based Connell Real Estate & Development Co., brought forth plans for the town's first — and only — transit oriented overlay district, or TOD. The mixed-use project received site plan approval from the Planning Board in the fall.

The complex will create a new entrance gate to the Cohasset community. The shopping plaza, dubbed "Old Colony Square," will be a two-story complex with 33,000 square feet of first floor retail/commercial space in conjunction and 22,000 square feet of residential space on the second floor.

The project site was formerly housed a boat storage yard and a small retail center.

Architectural renderings of the project show varying roof heights, different storefront façades, cupolas and a clock tower centerpiece. During the site plan review, the developers indicated they would look for smaller retailers, not big

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Cohasset Carillon in a class by itself

Summer concert series begins June 29

By Nancy White
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During eight Sundays of the summer, the Cohasset Common and village is turned into a concert hall where the sounds of 57 bells high above the village play some of the most beautiful music anywhere.

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St. Stephen's Assistant Carillonneur Mary Kennedy hugs her granddaughter, Elle Kennedy, age 5, from the Osgood School. Elle was one of the students who came to get an up-close look at St. Stephen's Carillon on a recent Thursday. To Kennedy's left is Kevin Wrenn, age 4.

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Name: Jennifer DiSabatino.

Occupation: Spanish Teacher at Cohasset Middle School and Manager/Senior Lifeguard at Sandy Beach.

Best day of your life: Any day at the beach.

Best vacation: A week on the Mayan Riviera in Akumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico. The most relaxed I've ever been in my life.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving and Christmas; I love being around family — in short bursts.

Favorite or meal: Macaroni and cheese.

Best book: Anything by Umberto Eco or Jorge Luis Borges.

Best movie: "Amelie."

Favorite music: It changes often, but anything except popular Country, Emo Rock or Nu metal. Johnny Cash, yes. Big & Rich, no.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Mariner caught up with manager/ senior lifeguard, Jennifer DiSabatino, last Sunday at Sandy Beach.

Best TV show: "Brotherhood" on Showtime, but I'm biased because my cousin works in production on the show.

Pet peeve: Intellectual laziness and pettiness of spirit are a tie.

Most embarrassing moment: There are so many, I don't know if one wins. Good thing I have a sense of humor.

Goal: I just try to keep improving the little things.

Person you'd most like to meet: Christine de Pisan.

Biggest worry: Having too much to do and not enough time to do it. I'm always over committing myself.

Best part of Cohasset: The water.

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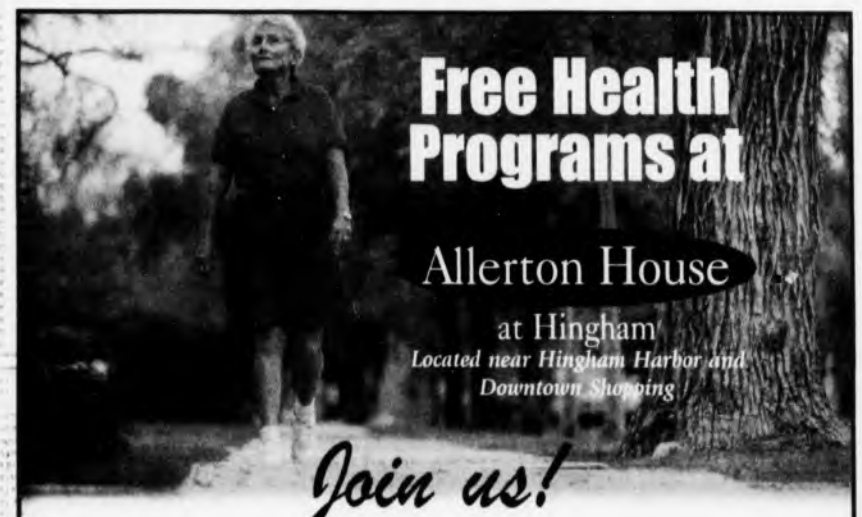
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Police address Music Circus concerns

New exit strategy to be piloted this weekend

By Nancy White
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Each year, the South Shore Music Circus brings thousands of people to Cohasset. At every show, it is always an adventure getting those patrons out of the parking lot.

With the start up of the Greenbush train, the Police Department and the Music Circus staff got together to talk about potential issues with the train and how to maintain safety standards with hundreds of cars exiting at the end of the night. A MBTA train crosses the Sohier Street grade crossing at approximately 10:40p.m., about 10 minutes after shows let out.

In the past, cars have been directed both east- and westbound on Sohier Street.

"We'd sending a lot of cars over the railroad tracks," said Police Chief James Hussey, then most cars heading to Route 3A would need to cross the tracks again to get to where they want to go.

A new exit strategy was proposed to make Sohier Street a one-way street, directing all traffic toward Route 3A using both lanes of Sohier Street.

However, at least one Sohier Street resident, is concerned about fire and police response times in the event of an emergency on Sohier or the Fairoaks neighborhood. Bill White of 162 Sohier St. directly adjacent to the Music Circus, expressed concern about fire trucks or ambulances getting through the traffic after the show in a timely manner.

"It is an increase in risk for me for ambulance or fire trucks to get to my house. Sometimes a couple of minutes makes a difference," said White. "I'm not saying it can't be done, I would just like to see a plan to ease my mind."

Hussey invited White and any other interested residents to a meeting at the Town Hall on Wednesday morning at 11a.m. White was the only resident to attend. South Shore Music Circus General Manager Vince Longo also attended.

Hussey said White's concerns were well taken and would look into developing a clear response plan in conjunction with the fire department in case of an emergency following the Music Circus show.

However, Hussey said he believed the medical or fire response teams would not be delayed. If a call for a medical emergency came in, the police details on Sohier Street would know about it almost immediately. The three-to-four minutes before the fire department arrives on Sohier Street would give the officers the lead time they would need to clear a path for the ambulance and fire truck on the street.

Longo estimates it would typically take less than 15 minutes to clear the parking lot after a show. There would also be cones at Fairoaks Lane alerting those residents about the one-way pattern and not to make a left onto Sohier.

Hussey said the police department planned to run their first pilot test of the new traffic pattern at this weekend's Music Circus show.

"The idea is to keep everyone safe," said Hussey. "We'll test it and see what happens. Let's see if it works the way we think it's going to work."

Hussey said if the traffic pattern tests go well, they could run a response time test to make sure a fire truck or ambulance could respond in a timely manner to Sohier Street in the event of an emergency.

Hussey thanked White for sharing his concerns; "it makes us to our job better."

Hussey said it has been the practice for four or five detail officers to be assigned to Music Circus shows. That will not change but the officers may be deployed differently at the conclusion of the show. The Music Circus covers the cost of the detail officers. The new traffic pattern is not going to add any cost to the police department, he said.

Signs will be posted inside the Music Circus to alert patrons of the new traffic patterns. The signs will encourage drivers to use the left hand lane if they want to head toward Scituate and the right hand lane to head toward Hingham.

School Committee gets homework

The School Committee was given some summer reading of their own on Wednesday night. Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh handed two documents for the School Committee to peruse —"Understanding the Open Meeting Law" and guide to the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

In January, the School Committee violated the Open Meeting Law by improperly going into executive session. There reasons for going into executive session are few and narrowly defined and the reason(s) for going into executive session must be enumerated and voted on before going into executive session.

The document about the Public Records Law, Walsh said, answers the basic question what is a public record and what are the exemptions for public records. Walsh said it would provide the information the committee members may need to answer questions from the public about records.

"The business of education is much different than what's required for a corporation," said Walsh, adding it may provide an understanding and it may raise more questions, either way "it will be helpful."

POLICE BEAT

Teen arrested after party broken up

By Mary Ford
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A 19-year-old Cohasset woman was arrested after police arrived at her Nichols Road home finding more than two dozen other teens and young adults, all who had been drinking.

Police were responding to a caller who said there was a large party "getting out of control" at 3 a.m. on Saturday (June 14). When the officer arrived some of the partygoers ran off in different directions. About one-half dozen were standing or sitting in the driveway, one of whom was the host, who told police her mother was away on a business trip, Chief James Hussey said.

There were beer cans and bottles strewn inside the house and in the yard.

Hull, Scituate and Weymouth police provided mutual aid. Fifteen of the partygoers were released to their parents or a responsible adult; 12 were taken into protective custody and brought to the station. All had been drinking and were in varying states of intoxication, police said. Ages ranged from 19-21.

The 19-year-old party host was charged with providing liquor to minors, being a minor in possession of alcohol and keeping a noisy and disorderly house.

The party host is a former Hingham resident. Most of those in attendance were from Hingham, police said.

Altercation

On Tuesday (June 10) a verbal altercation occurred on Deep Run between a resident and a construction worker after the resident's cable service was torn up by the construction crew. Police restored the peace and the supervisor was called down to work out an agreement with the homeowner to resolve the problem and get the service restored.

Motorcycle

An officer was on patrol on Hull Street on Tuesday (June 10) when at about 1:30 p.m. he saw a motorcycle approach without an inspection sticker. The officer pulled the motorcycle over by Lamberts Lane and found out that while the operator had a valid driver's license, he did not have a license to operate a motorcycle. The motorcycle was properly registered, police said. The Westport man is being summonsed to court on the charge of being an unlicensed operator; the motorcycle had to be towed.

Car breaks

Cohasset police are seeking criminal complaints against a 22-year-old Quincy man arrested June 4 in Hingham on charges of breaking and entering a motor vehicle, larceny from a motor vehicle and receiving stolen property. Cohasset police followed up with Hingham detectives after items allegedly found in the suspect's possession belonged to a Cohasset resident whose car had been broken into. The man will face the Cohasset charges of breaking and entering a motor vehicle and larceny under $250.

Suspended license

A 24-year-old Scituate man, stopped for speeding, was arrested for driving on a suspended license and on an outstanding warrant, police said.

On Friday (June 13), at 8:45 p.m., Cohasset police stopped the vehicle for speeding on Route 3A by Coastal Cleaners. A computer check revealed the driver had a suspended license and also had an active warrant on a similar charge.

Ride home

Police gave an intoxicated man that was parked in the Music Circus lot following Friday's show a ride home.

Police said the man was parked the wrong way. Because the motor vehicle was parked, he was not charged with operating under the influence. The Cohasset man was driven home. His car was moved to Ripley Road so it did not interfere with post-show traffic and it was later towed, police said.

Motel party

Police were called to break up a party with about 15 people at a local motel on Sunday (June 15) at 1:15 a.m. Police said the noise was bothering a hotel guest. Police advised the attendees to return to their own rooms for the night.

Larcenies

A walk-in to the police station reported her jacket that had been hanging in her car had been stolen sometime between Saturday and Monday morning when she went out to the car and saw that it was missing. There was no forced entry and police believe at least one of the car doors was unlocked.

Another woman had her pocketbook stolen from her unlocked car. She parked on Ripley Road near Depot Court on June 12 and said the theft occurred between 8:40 and 9:15 a.m. Her license, credit cards and personal papers were all taken.

An iPod and CDs were reported taken from a car on Deep Run last week. The theft appears to be another in a series of car break-ins on that street.

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Straits Pond Watershed Association presents new video at annual meeting

The annual meeting that follows is when friends and neighbors from Hull, Cohasset and Hingham, come together to hear what has been going on in regard to the Pond over the past 12 months.

The Straits Pond Watershed Association (SPWA) announces the world premiere of their video "Straits Pond Through The Years And Seasons" which will be viewed at their annual meeting (which will be open to the public). From 7 to 9 p.m. June 25 at Cohasset Town Hall (Basement Meeting ROOM) 41 Highland Ave.

The video (which was funded by a grant from the Hull Cultural Council) represents a year's worth of work by many individuals. It shows/tells about the geology that caused what we now know as Straits Pond and traces its uses and issues to today.

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This year the special guest will be Cohasset Town Manager, Bill Griffin. He will respond to questions asked by SPWA and the audience. He will also talk about how he expects the West Corner bridge/culvert replacement project to be managed and more specifically how he expects traffic to be directed during construction.

Visitors and new members are invited to share their thoughts and opinions about the Pond. Merle Graham, treasurer, will be at the meeting and will gladly answer your questions about membership.

For further information contact Sue Lofchie, Corresponding Secretary SPWA at 781-925-0535.

Old Colony Square is on the horizon

FROM COMING, PAGE 1

The shopping plaza, dubbed "Old Colony Square," will be a two-story complex with 33,000 square feet of first floor retail/commercial space in conjunction and 22,000 square feet of residential space on the second floor.

box stores, to occupy the storefronts. Coffee shops, drycleaners, small restaurant chains, a fitness center and other independent retailers were offered as examples during the site plan review process.

A separate building situated closer to Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) is slated for a 3,400 square foot bank with a drive-thru.

Negotiations with the MBTA for an easement between the two plots of land have delayed the project, said Moore in a phone interview. With that behind them, the developers plan to begin construction as early as this summer. Along with the shopping plaza, there will be an addition of a traffic light on Route 3A.

The project will be the town's first and only transit-oriented district project. The development has done its best to comply with the spirit of the TOD bylaw, as defined in the town's zoning bylaws and as encouraged by the state's "smart growth" initiative. The intent of TOD developments is to encourage sustainable living by locating a high-density, mixed-use center near public transportation. The idea is to take cars off the road and create pedestrian friendly living.

Above the first floor retail in the main building will be 14 to 18 apartments, a combination of one- and two-bedroom units. Two of the apartment units will be qualify as affordable under the state's Chapter 40B to comply with the town's inclusionary bylaw.

On site, the plans call for roughly 200 parking spots.

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Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Fri. 20	12:51	9.3	1:31	8.1	7:09	0.4	7:13	1.4
Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Sat. 21	1:30	9.3	2:10	8.2	7:48	0.4	7:55	1.4
Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Sun. 22	2:11	9.3	2:49	8.3	8:28	0.3	8:38	1.3
Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Mon. 23	2:53	9.2	3:30	8.4	9:09	0.4	9:23	1.2
Sunrise: 5:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:24 p.m.*			
Tues. 24	3:37	9.1	4:13	8.6	9:51	0.4	10:11	1.1
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Sunrise: 5:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:24 p.m.*			

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Police Beat

FROM BEAT, PAGE 3

Bike found

A Jerusalem Road resident found at blue Trek youth mountain bike in the woods on Saturday. Police retrieved the bike and hope the rightful owner will claim it.

Bike accident

A 14-year-old boy riding his bike down the hill on the sidewalk on Sohier Street apparently ran into the passenger side of a car that was backing out of a driveway on Saturday (June 14) at about 10:54 a.m.. The boy was thrown off his bike and suffered minor injuries. The operator of the car was cited for operating after license suspension.

Trailer mishap

A trailer being pulled by a landscaping truck hit another truck doing minor damage on Tuesday (June 10). It did not appear that the operator knew about the mishap but was called back to the scene and the incident was resolved.

Minor MVA

At 5 p.m. on Thursday (June 12), a Scituate resident in a 1998 Peugeot that was parked in a southerly direction on N. Main Street just before the Senior Center opened the passenger door, which was then hit by a 2002 Audi passing by.

There was minor damage to the Peugeot, police said. No citations were issued.

Signs found

Multiple signs – including real estate signs, a police crosswalk sign, landscaping signs and more – were located at Gammons Road and Joy Place where they had apparently been dumped. Police are trying to contact the owners of the signs. A concerned caller reported a bunch of signs at the end of the road at 7:25 a.m. on Friday (June 13).

Bridge jumping

Police officers are being proactive and are checking out the Border Street bridge when the temperature rises. They are dispersing the groups gathering there. Chief Hussey said repeat offenders could face criminal action.

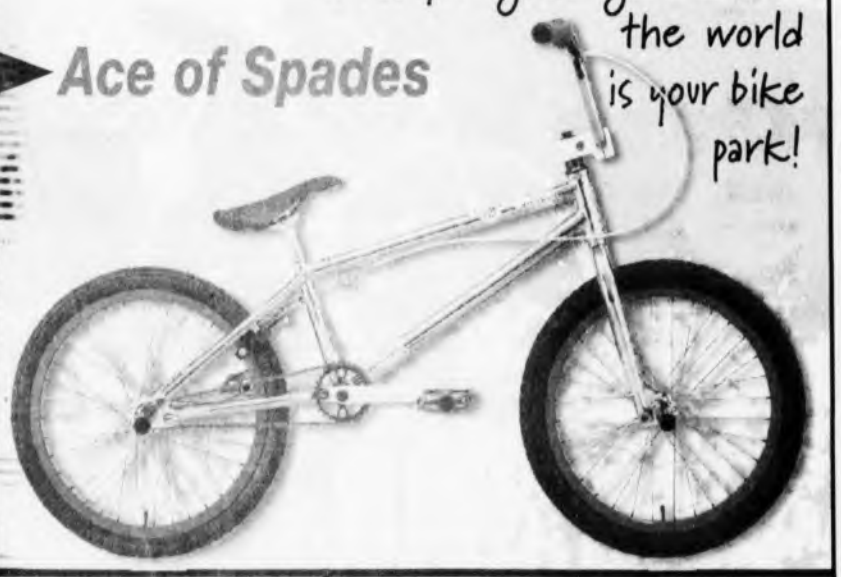
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An eye for art. Nicole Turgiss, 22, of Cohasset eyes artwork in the festival juried art exhibition with her mother during the South Shore Arts Center Arts Festival on Saturday. The painting on the right was down by Cindy Horigan of Norwell High School, and it received the Tom Lucas Award.



Noah Simone, 2, of Cohasset washes his brush with water while painting his own masterpiece on Saturday.

Arts Festival is a draw

Crowds flock to showcase event



Amy Cohen of Hull tries on a necklace made by Marj Bates of Scituate who had a booth at the Arts Festival on Saturday.



An unidentified husband and wife peruse "Interludes: Visiting Artists of 2008" on display at the South Shore Arts Center during the arts festival on Saturday. The artwork on the wall is by Kim Bernard while a vase with an orchard from Friday's Opening Reception rests on a table in the gallery.



Diane Shipp of Cohasset and a volunteer at the Arts Festival applies eye makeup to her daughter, Kiki, 13, who had a ballet performance on Saturday afternoon to go to.



Saturday was a perfect day for Dominic Janssens of Cohasset to take in the sun and good music provided by Ana Buckley and the Armstrong Brothers.



Kelsey Poole, 13, of Scituate and Patti Knowles, front hands, of Sarasota, FL helps make strawberry shortcake for the Strawberry Festival on Saturday.

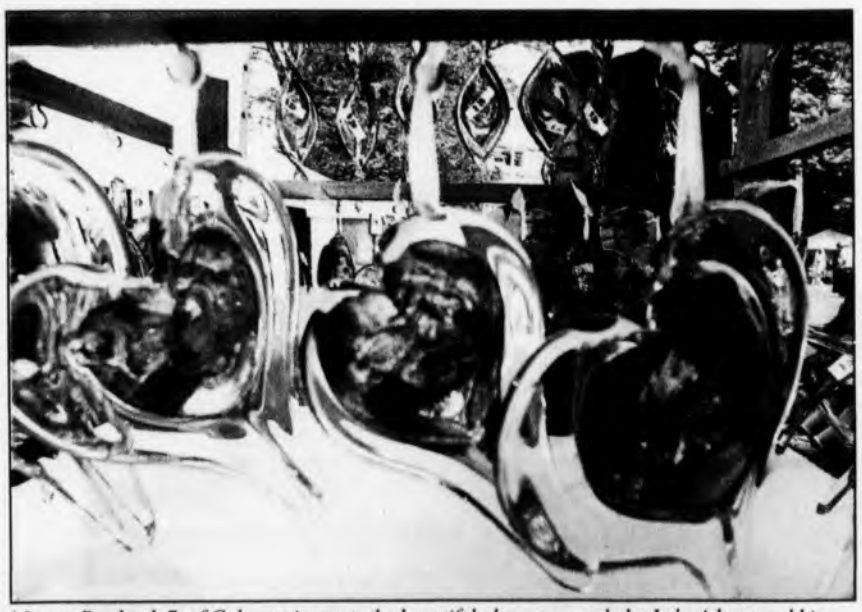


Amy Martin tries to bring people to the First Parish House for some fresh seafood on Saturday.

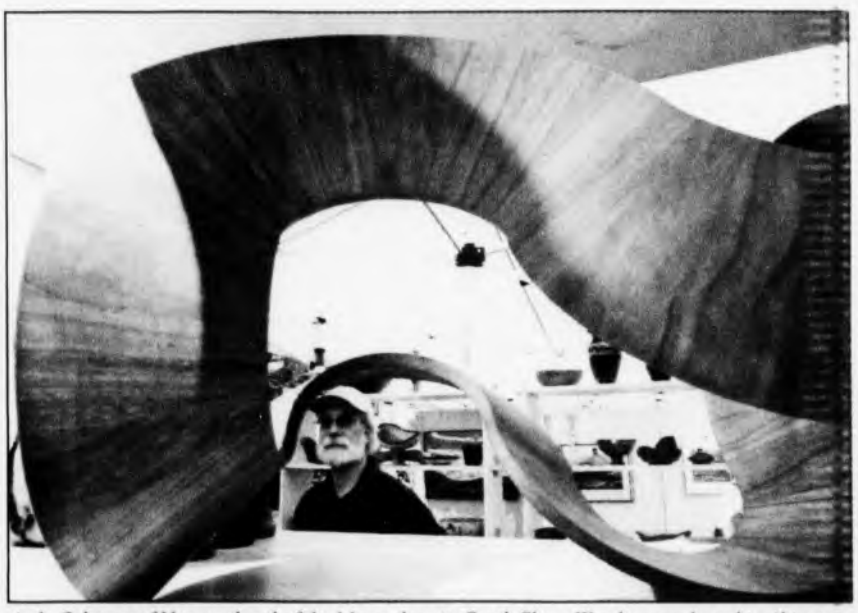


Nancy Howell of Scituate and a South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist works on a watercolor painting of the vendors on Saturday.

Staff photos by Robin Chan
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Marcus Rowland, 7, of Cohasset inspects the beautiful glassware made by Luke Adams and his crew in Norwood.



Andy Osborne of Norwood and of the Massachusetts South Shore Woodturners based in Abington is framed by a piece made by one of the 12 artists who had works on display and on sale during the arts festival on Saturday.

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Hello Cohasset and congratulations to all of the students who finished another year of school. The summer is here and it is sure to be a fun and rewarding one for all. Whether you are going to camp, the beach, the Town pool or just hanging at home, make sure to wear your sunscreen, follow the rules and most of all, HAVE FUN!

TOP GRAD

Congratulations are in order for the following Cohasset student. On Friday, May 30, **Peter Sanchez** graduated from Lawrence Academy during the school's 215th commencement exercises in Groton, Mass. In addition to his academic efforts, which earned him a commendation as a freshman and high-honors grades in Anatomy and Physiology, as well as in Choreography — as a senior, Peter was a four-year member of the school's wrestling team, serving this year as a captain. He also played for three years on the football team and participated in dance classes for which he both choreographed and performed original pieces.

During his first Winterim, a two-week experiential learning session in March, Peter observed the social behavior of the wolf packs in Yellowstone National Park. In following years, he kayaked, bicycled, and hiked from coast to coast in Baja, Mexico, learning about the local environment and culture, and he kayaked in Yucatan, Mexico, studying the ecology with local naturalists, learning about the area's history, and interacting with the local Mexican communities. The son of **Janet O'Donnell and Israel Sanchez** of Cohasset, Peter will attend Roanoke College in the fall. Wow to all of your accomplishments Peter, everyone is proud of you, that is for sure!



Danielle Mahar completed her sixth grade year at Thayer Academy Middle School with academic achievement high honors and effort honors.



Cassandra Mahar graduated from Thayer Academy Middle School with yearlong academic achievement high honors and effort high honors.



Peter Sanchez is a top Lawrence Academy graduate.



Here is a special photo that was taken at the Joseph Osgood School Arbor Day celebration. The children are "good citizens" of Osgood according to Bob LeCount and were chosen to represent the school. They are standing in front of the tree donated by the Community Garden Club of Cohasset.



Anya Gruber, left, and Isabel Robinson were honored at the Eighth Annual Scholar Leader Award dinner.

DAFFODILS!

The Scituate Garden Club wants to make Scituate a "lovely yellow town" next Spring and in doing so, also wanted to extend the offer to all of us here in Cohasset. They want daffodils to sprout everywhere.

The Club is selling daffodil bulbs at the bargain price of $28/bag of 100. It is their hope that our citizens will buy a bag and then plant a few bulbs just about everywhere. People are encouraged to buy a bag then plant some on their property and then donate some to their school, their church, their neighborhood association and then plant some at the nearby corner or along the street at the edge of their property.

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OUR WORLD

For anyone out there looking for some fun time summer camps to sign your child(ren) up for, check out the website for the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum (www.ourworldcgdm.org) or come on in for a schedule. Here, there are many weeks of fun, themed camps for ages 2-1/2-10 with smiles all around.

THAYER

Cassandra Mahar graduated from Thayer Academy Middle School on June 5, with yearlong academic achievement high honors and effort high honors. Cassandra was awarded the Thayer Academy Middle School Faculty Prize for the student exhibiting superior attitude, courtesy, citizenship and who has made an outstanding contribution to the spirit of Thayer Academy; the Tiger's Tale Prize for Journalism for focus, independence, creativity and strength of written and artistic contributions; and a Finalist Declamation Prize. Cassandra will continue on to Thayer Academy High School in the fall. She is the daughter of **Paula Becker and James Mahar** of Jerusalem Road, Cohasset.

Danielle Mahar completed her sixth grade year at Thayer Academy Middle School on June 5. Danielle finished with academic achievement high honors and effort honors. She also achieved year-long academic achievement high honors. Danielle is the daughter of **Paula Becker and James Mahar** of Jerusalem Road, Cohasset.

HONORED

Anya Gruber and **Isabel Robinson**, eighth graders at Cohasset Middle School, were honored at the Eighth Annual Scholar Leader Award dinner, held at the DCU Center in Worcester, on May 29, 2008. The Scholar Leader Award is organized annually by the New England League of Middle Schools and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middle Level Educators. Anya and Isabel were presented with the award to recognize their academic achievement, providing service to classmates and their school, exemplifying positive attitudes and demonstrating honesty, integrity and leadership in the classroom and in school activities. Nearly 700 hundred guests attended the event, including 128 eighth-grade students representing 64 schools all over Massachusetts. Robert Spear, Executive Director of the New England League of Middle Schools, praised the students for their willingness to help others and for choosing to aspire to excellence in their personal and school lives. Congratulations to both of you, your family and friends are all so proud of you.

That is it for this week. Send in all of your news no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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FROM CARILLON, PAGE 1

"It's really a world class instrument," says Assistant Carillonneur and Cohasset resident Mary Kennedy.

Carillonneur Sally Slade Warner, who has played at carillons all over North America and Europe, attests the Cohasset Carillon is one of the best in the world.

"Carillonneurs fight to come play in Cohasset," says Warner with a laugh. "It is one of the best carillons anywhere."

Part of the reason, she says, is the bells are high quality to begin with and have (and continue to be) well maintained with annual service. A grant from Jane Cook, the original donor's daughter, has enabled the carillon to stay in top-notch condition. The instrument itself has extensive range and the entire catalog of carillon music can be played on it.

"Many people don't realize there is absolutely no electricity in the carillon," says Warner. The carillonneur plays the instrument in a room on the four flights up, with the bell tower directly above. The instrument is entirely mechanical, with each pedal or key attached to a corresponding bell.

The keyboard, which consists of small, rounded manual levers as well as larger pedal keys. Both rows are arranged in the same order as piano or organ keys. Single keys are typically played with a loose fist, with the side of the little finger resting on the key. Chords are played with an open hand.

Warner says it takes skill and practice to make multiple bells sound well together. The reason is each bell of the carillon has five distinct partial tones. A sensitive player can control the tone and volume of each bell to an almost infinitesimal degree with each stroke of the hand or foot, she says.

Neither Warner nor Kennedy can simply pinpoint one type of music they enjoy playing most which speaks to the endless versatility of the instrument. Everything from classical to show tunes to folk music to the Beatles can and is played on the bells.

The carillon can play lively — and well-known — music. Kennedy plays "Zippity do dah" to the delight of her granddaughter. Patriotic songs, songs from the "Sound of Music," Beethoven, "Ave Maria" are just a few of the artists/songs in the carillon's repertoire.

The large openings in the bell tower allow the sound to carry well throughout the village.

"The best place to listen to the carillon is where the listener can see the openings of the tower (without tree or building obstruction)," says Warner. However, depending on wind and weather conditions the music can carry far. How far? Some people have told her they have listened to the bells from the harbor.

Because the carillon is the most public of instruments, teaching and practicing is done on a separate practice keyboard, matching the tower keyboard in size and configuration. It is located in a studio in the parish house. The keys are connected to small hammers, which strike metal tone bars. The sound is much more tinny, but the practice room affords the carillonneur and students the necessary privacy required for the mastery of an instrument that can be heard all over the center of town.

"One of the first things I learned was if I make a mistake, just keep playing," says Kennedy. Both Warner and Kennedy learned to play the carillon from the late Earl Chamberlain, who served as the Cohasset carillonneur from 1938 to 1985.

After four year training under the Chamberlain, Warner spent a year at the Royal Carillon School in Mechelen, Belgium, the original and largest European carillon school. At the close of her studies, she earned her carillonneur certificate. She is a full-fledged carillonneur member of the Guild of Carillonneurs of North America.

Warner inherited the Cohasset Carillon post from Chamberlain in 1985.

The Carillon Summer Concert series will begin its 84th season on Sunday, June 29 from 6 to 7p.m. and continue every Sunday for seven more weeks. The first recital will feature a visiting carillonneur from Denmark, Ulla Laage.

The Cohasset Carillon summer series claims the oldest continuing annual carillon recital series in North America, having begun with the installation of the first bells in 1924. Guest carillonneurs from around the world, as well as Warner, play each Sunday.

Kennedy would like to see the carillon become more of a community asset. Although housed in St. Stephen's because that was the most logical place for it, Kennedy is quick to say the carillon belongs to the town.

"It's the Cohasset Carillon at St. Stephen's," says Kennedy. Currently, the carillon is played on major holidays and special village events, but would like to have more people aware of the unique instrument.

"It is truly one of the finest instruments in the world, we're so lucky to have it," says Kennedy.

To find out more about the Cohasset Carillon summer recital series, please call St. Stephen's at 781-383-1083.

Cohasset Carillon fun facts

- It is the largest by number of bells in New England (57).
- It has a range sufficient to permit the performance of every piece composed for carillon.
- The lowest and largest bell weighs 11,280 pounds and sounds the note 'G.'
- The smallest bell sounds the note 'E' and weighs 29 pounds.
- President Calvin Coolidge came to Cohasset to hear the bell in 1925.

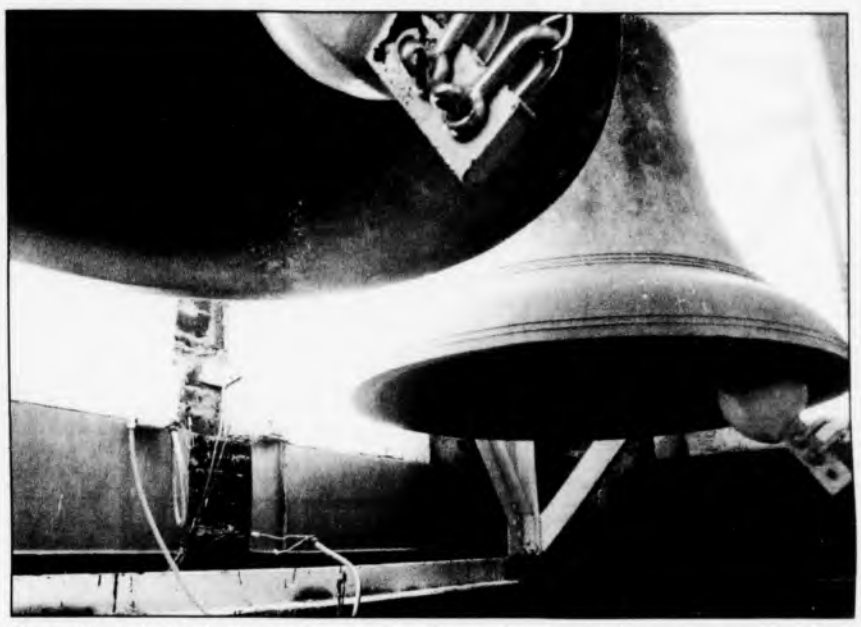


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Sally Slade Warner, head Carillonneur, says the 57-bell carillon is "world class."



Carillonneur Mary Kennedy's left foot works quickly on the music peddles of the church's Carillon.

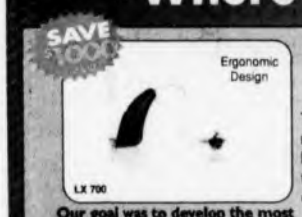


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Surviving and thriving

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"Everyone has an explosive moment," said White, a moment where everything changes and it could happen at any time. For some, it's the day they learn they can't have children. For others, it is the moment the war begins. Or the hurricane hits. For White, it was the second a landmine ripped through his leg while hiking through Israel with college friends.

White's "'I Will Not Be Broken' weaves in his own story of survivorship with true stories of survivors from across the world.

"It's the survivor wisdom for everyday America," he said. "It captures the survivor strength, wisdom and hope."

He hopes readers will take in the stories and be inspired by them. "I want them to think, if these survivors can do what they are doing, perhaps I, too, can overcome my particular problem."

White said the survivors' stories he talked to for the book all have some distance from their tragedy allowing them to have a perspective on the "explosive moment" that changed their lives. White says the years between gives survivors a sense of where they were and how they have gotten to right now.

"In your victimized moment, your whole life is turned upside down," said White.

Although White does not make light of the survivors' worst time, he chooses to focus on what happens after the very worst.

"Violence and war don't seem to be abating, the question always is how do we respond," said White, offering staggering statistics including there has been 250 major conflicts since World War II, 40 wars are raging right now and more than 80 million in 80 countries have been victims of armed conflict, genocide, torture and terror.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset native Jerry White, middle, and his brother, Rick White, left, of Boulder, Co., stand with their mother Mimi White, right, at her home in Cohasset. Rick is a cofounder of Survivor Corps.

Despite the terrible events, refusing to stay a victim is essential, White says.

"The Survivor's Pledge is 'I will not be a victim, I will rise above, I will give back to the community and I will change the world, including my own,'" said White. Victims of the Holocaust, genocide, systematic rape, refugees are among those who have taken the pledge and followed through.

The essence of "I Will Not Be Broken" coincides with White's on-going work with Survivor Corps.

"It's how to teach people not to get stuck in the past, but to look to the future and lead happy and peaceful lives," said White. By sharing stories of survivorship in his book, White hopes to further the global network of survivors.

The vision of Survivor Corps is to enable a victim-free world where survivors of inhumanity and violence triumph over

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tragedy. To enable a world where thousands and then millions of injured people are rebuilding their lives and thriving as leaders in their own communities, raising their voices for peace.

Survivor Corps has created a global network of people helping each other to overcome war and violence. By working together they aim to rise above injuries and give back to the community. They have trained survivor leaders in more than 40 war-torn countries.

What started in the mid-1990s as Landmine Survivors Network has grown and made great strides toward a landmine-free world. The group worked with the late Princess Diana and shared in the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize awarded to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. Stockpiled landmines in the tens of millions have been destroyed. The landmine casualty rate has gone down dramatically since the 1990s from an annual death toll of 30,000 deaths to a number between 5,000 and 10,000. A total of 150 countries, notably not the United States, have signed a treaty to ban anti-personnel landmines.

"Our first vision was to enable a mine-free world and we are on our way," said White.

Along the way the common thread in talking to landmine survivors was losing a limb was not the hardest struggle; it was losing their place in the world. Over 650 million people around the world have a disability, 500 million of those have no legal rights — the majority end up abused and living in poverty.

Survivor Corps was born to promote a barrier-free world. On that front, they have made significant strides, said White. Last month the Rights of People with Disabilities — the most comprehensive human rights treaty ever negotiated was entered into international law by the United Nations.

In the US, Survivor Corps is beginning a new effort to help veterans coming home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan struggling to re-integrate into society. Some war wounds are visible, like the 30,000 physically wounded, but many of the soldiers' wounds are invisible. Survivor Corps is creating a national network of veterans to connect people to each other and to the professional help they need.

"I like to think this is one of Cohasset's reaches into the world. I've always been grateful for the hometown support and I encourage people to get involved," said White.

To find out more about Survivor Corps, visit www.survivorcorps.org. To find out more about "I Will Not Be Broken," visit www.iwillnotbebroken.com.

Jerry White's five steps to overcoming a life crisis:

Face Facts: However difficult, accept the harsh reality about suffering and loss.
Choose life: Hope for a better future.
Reach out: It takes a village to recover.
Get moving: We are required to act. It's about movement, and nothing gets done without it.
Give back: The secret ingredient. Find meaning in service.

Hanna Somantics class offered

Pain & Mobility Clinic at Jade Forest will offer a learning event in Hanna Somatics designed for athletes and those seeking to improve organization and control of their bodies. The clinic will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., on Monday, June 23.

The workshop will be led by John Loupos, certified. Hanna Somatic educator and founder of the Pain & Mobility Clinic at Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi on Route 3A, Cohasset. Fee to attend is $30. Attendees should wear loose comfortable clothing. Call ahead to pre-register at 781-383-6822 or visit the Web site at painandmobility.com.

Hanna Somatics represents an approach to neuromuscular intelligence in that it fosters improved body control and proprioceptive efficiency. Hanna Somatics accomplishes this either directly via one-on-one clinical sessions, or through simple movement patterns that are designed to improve or restore sensorimotor communications pathways that may have become compromised via trauma, stress or overwork.

The class will focus on learning to control the core. Sensing and controlling one's core is key both to optimal body performance and to the avoidance of injuries. This learning event will not entail fitness or conditioning workout-type exercises. Instead, participants will learn to incrementally increase their sense of voluntary control of muscles comprising the core by following along with a series of movement sequences.


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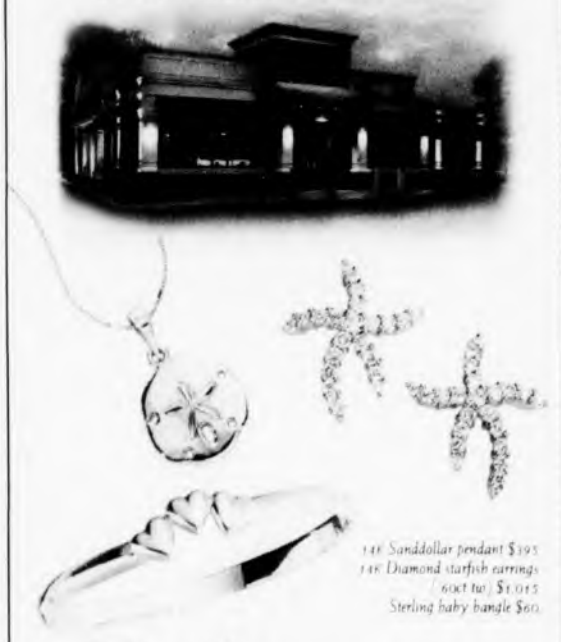
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

'Tis the Season

Graduations from high school and college. Warm weather. Sunshine. Summer vacation.

There is a lot to celebrate this time of year.

But some teenagers and young adults think that celebrating is a synonym for partying with alcohol.

The police log over the past couple of weeks has been reflecting that fact. Some Cohasset teens have been following this all-too-familiar pattern.

For the record, all arrests of anyone aged 17 or older are printed in the police log that runs in the paper every week.

In recent years, we have not been repeating the names of those arrested in the "police beat" on page 3 that provides a narrative synopsis of arrests and other police incidents over the past week. We think, unless it is a felony arrest or major accident or incident, then having one's name appear in the paper twice for the same thing is not necessary.

Over the weekend during a single incident, police took 12 people ages 19-21 into protective custody. Another 15 were released to a parent or responsible adult. The party-host, who is 19, is facing several charges. In this case, most of those in attendance were from Hingham, which only demonstrates the issue of minors partying with alcohol knows no residential boundaries.

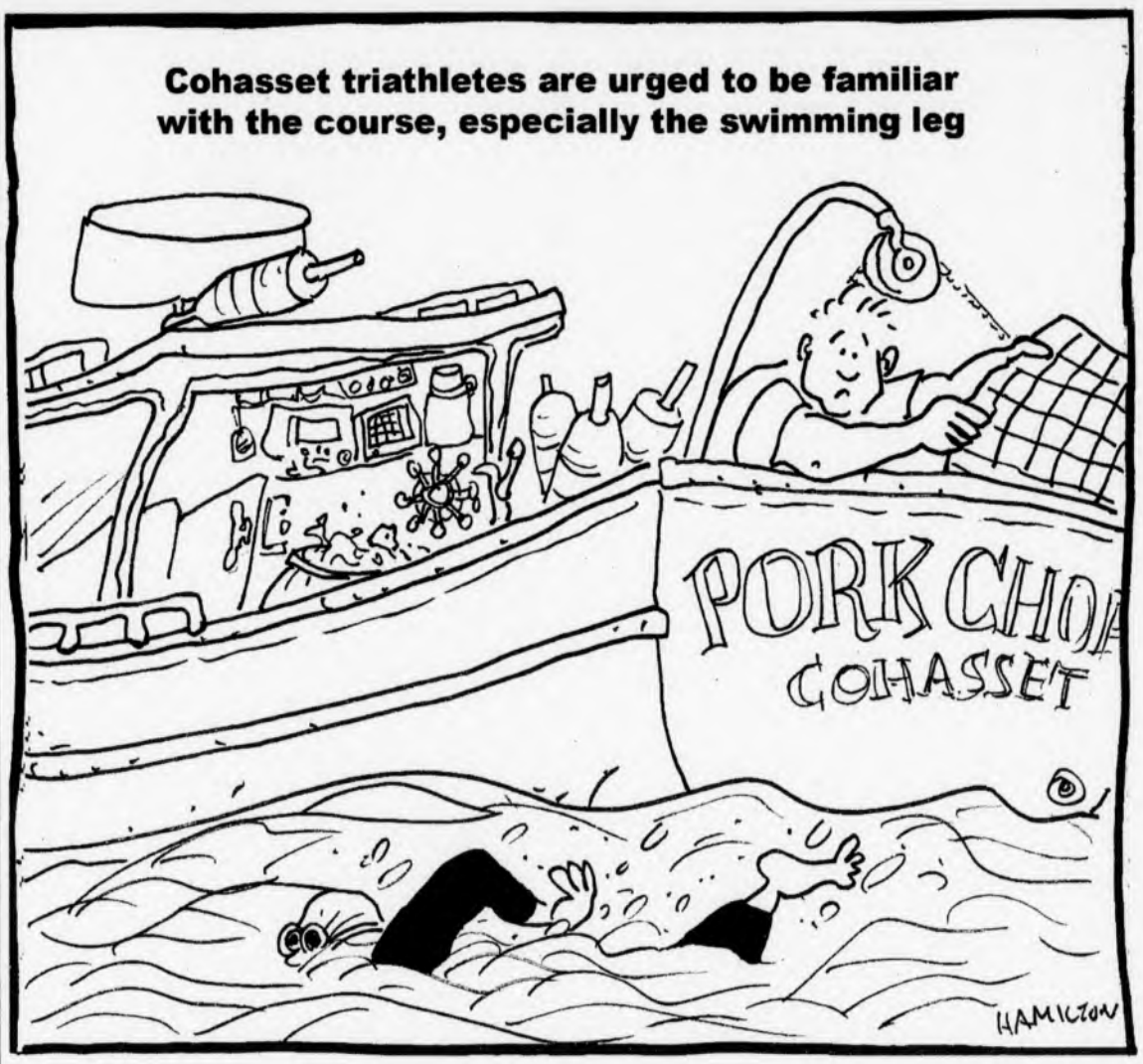
Cohasset police are taking a tough stance when young people mix alcohol with automobiles. Those "kids" are very likely to face arrest and criminal proceedings.

We can only hope that parents are having some tough talks with their children.

Many parents remember drinking as teens and some may consider it as a foregone conclusion that "kids will be kids" when it comes to alcohol.

It is sad but they may be right in many cases. However, we can only hope that as adults, if we keep harping on the dangers and tragedy that could result from underage drinking – that some of the warnings will sink in. The heartache that can result from mixing alcohol with minors is beyond words.

Let's face it: alcohol is a major problem in our society for nearly all ages. What a shame that so many start so young.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Heartfelt thanks for Relay support

TO THE EDITOR:

To all Relay For Life volunteers, participants and supporters

This past weekend the 12th successful Relay for Life, the signature fundraiser of the American Cancer Society, took place at Cohasset High School. This event brings together participants from Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Scituate and inspires a sense of community, camaraderie and hope always permeates the event from start to finish. Hope is the catchword of Relay, because hope is what it's all about; the hope that one day we will be free from the fear of this terrible disease, that our children will grow up in a world where cancer is no longer fatal.

I would like to thank the many volunteers who contributed to this event. As always I am grateful for the commitment of the team captains who provided enthusiastic leadership and their team members whose hard work raised thousands of dollars from our generous supporters. Thanks also to our local business sponsors who go above and beyond to support this event, the local restaurants that provided chowder, desserts, coffee and tea to the Taste of the Relay, and the Cohasset Football Team and the Hull Girl Scouts who helped with organization and set-up. The Town of Cohasset was exceptional in providing its facilities for the event and their employees who helped make it a safe event for all who attended, and the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset who generously provided the use of the church meeting rooms for our team captain meetings.

Finally, my sincere gratitude to the superb planning committee, without which this event would never have been possible. Their incredible effort, loyalty and passion for the cause goes beyond words.

Harry St.Onge
Chairperson

Matt Deveney Memorial Concert, a hit!

To the Editor:

I just wanted to take a moment to thank each and every person who helped to make our first annual Matt Deveney Memorial Concert a smashing success.

For those of you who were unable to attend, let me paint a little picture. On Saturday, June 7th, guests enjoyed a peaceful and picturesque summer night on the Charles, watched the sunset as they visited with friends, listened to an outstanding performance by Grateful Dead cover band Playin' Dead, and gave generously by purchasing balloons or bidding on some of our awesome silent auction items. We chilled and jammed at the best outdoor venue on the Charles River, the Museum of Science Washburn Pavilion.

We received $26,723 from over 300 individual donors. Special thanks to everyone for your kind and extremely generous donations. Thanks to our corporate donors who contributed items for our silent auction and raffle.

Sincerest thanks for your support of our family and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Matt would have been floored by this incredible show of support. Thanks for helping us to remember a wonderful guy with a big heart.

If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to the Matt Deveney Memorial Fund and mail c/o Elizabeth Deveney, 664 Gallivan Blvd, Dorchester, MA 02124.

We are penciled in for next year. Hope to see you there.

Elizabeth Deveney
Dorchester
(Formerly of Cohasset)

Collection to benefit service personnel

Members of First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Cohasset have recently learned that military personnel seriously injured in Iraq are airlifted to the Balad Air Base Hospital where they are triaged and stabilized before being sent to Germany and then eventually home. These men and women are picked up from the field without any personal items or civilian clothing. Flight doctors say these soldiers really want to travel and arrive home wearing their own clothing, not military fatigues or hospital pajamas. Church members have been asked if they could supply clothes and personal items that would be distributed to these men and women, injured in the service to the country. Help from the community is being asked to collect clothing to help meet these needs.

The list, for both men and women, include: underwear, bras, socks, flip-flops, shirts, pants, belts, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant.

The clothing should be new, basic and comfortable, and in all sizes. Think loose, cargo-style pants and polo-type shirts. Both winter and summer clothes are needed.

There will be a collection center in the Parish House of First Parish in Cohasset, 23 North Main St., for any items people might want to drop off to help with this effort.

Checks to help with shipping would also be appreciated. Make checks out to First Parish in Cohasset and note Balad Hospital.

Call Pat Baird at 781-383-6997 for more information.

MEETINGS

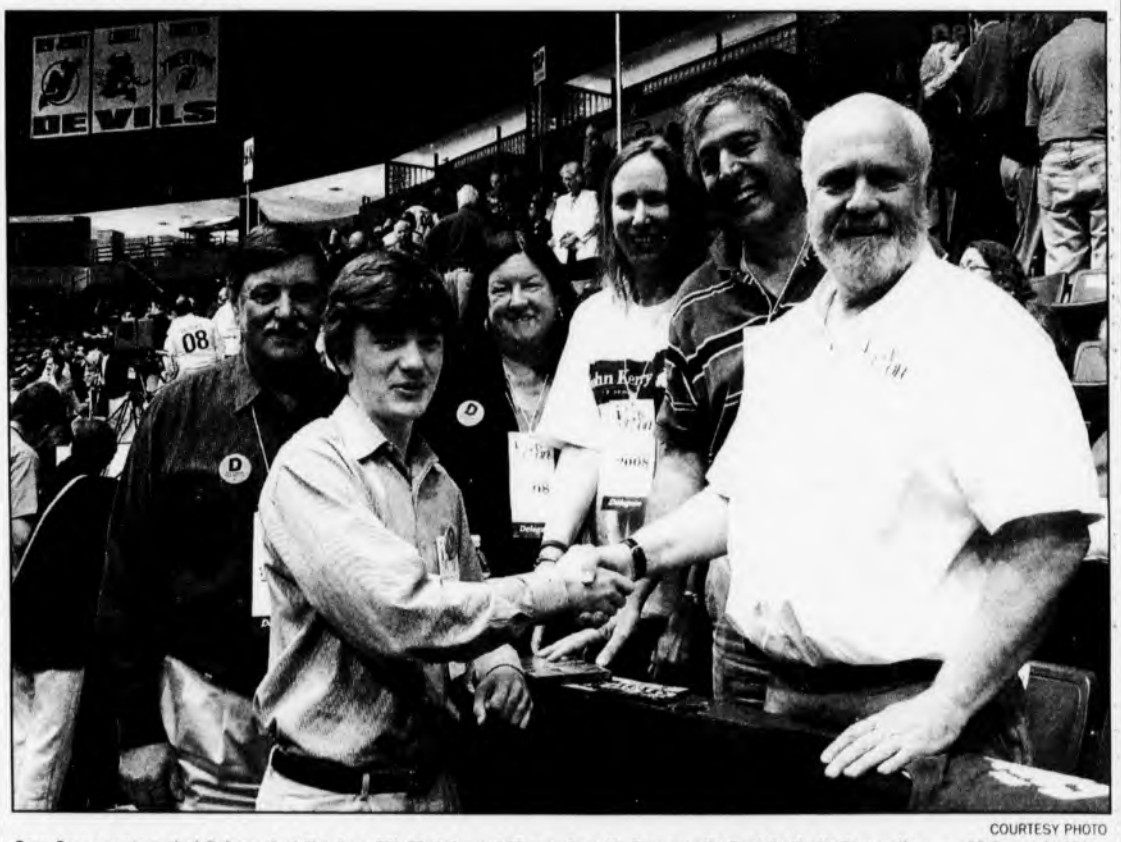
The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, July 15 and August 19 at 7:30 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee, July 10, 8 p.m.
Library Trustees, July 8, 7 p.m. at the Library.
Selectmen, June 23 (7 p.m.)
Sewer Commission, June 24, 6 p.m.
Troika, June 25, 6:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals, July 1, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Town Hall offices will be closed all day Friday, July 4.

POLITICAL NOTES



COURTESY PHOTO

Sam Game represented Cohasset at the June 7th First Annual Massachusetts Democratic Party's Youth Convention — which was held in Lowell, Mass. In conjunction with the 2008 Annual State Democratic Party Convention. From left to right, congratulating Sam, are Cohasset Convention Delegates Peter Pescatore, Betsy Connolly, Helen Lieb, Ed Lappen and Kevin McCarthy.

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Crossing controls, gate arms adjusted

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush hot off the press — This week we had a conversation with an MBTA representative about their ongoing work to fine-tune their crossing controls. Our emergency forces have complained about long delays at the North Main Street crossing (near the Cohasset Golf Club). The MBTA has recently adjusted the computer control system for the crossing gates to reduce the "gate down" time a bit. From our standpoint, every second that we can reduce the gate-down time is important when, potentially, a life hangs in the balance of an emergency vehicle run.

Another spot where the police have had numerous calls regarding apparent gate equipment problems is at the Pleasant Street crossing. The situation has been that the gates appear to be in the "up" position, but the bells and lights sometimes are still active. Actually, what happens is quite simple. When the gates are in the "up" position they activate a small switch that confirms that the gate is "up" and tells the crossing computer to shut off the bells and lights. If for some reason, the gate arm does not activate the switch, the bells and lights will continue until the gate is manually pushed into its final upright position, which operates the switch.

Not only is this an inconvenience for everyone waiting at the crossing and for the police, but it detains a police cruiser from its regular duty until the MBTA arrives to check out the system. Fortunately, this week the MBTA mentioned that they are replacing the switch contacts at this crossing, which hopefully will reduce these incidents.

Greenbush article error — Last week your Greenbush scribe, in his haste to email his article to the Mariner, inadvertently published an old ridership survey.

Please keep in mind that the 178 count includes four bicycles. (A great thing to see!)

Other Greenbush Project Information — This week, Cashman, Balfour, Beatty (CBB) had their fence subcontractor add a small section of fence that was missing at the Scituate end of the Town Parking Lot. This fence connects the fence up on the ledge above the parking lot to the decorative picket fence along the railroad tracks.

Lower King Street/Route 3A update — The MBTA's contractor will begin the project to widen Route 3A at Lower King Street next week. In fact, we noticed CBB adding Jersey barriers this week in preparation for the construction. This part of the Greenbush Project will add a right turn lane into Lower King Street for northbound traffic and a left turn lane for southbound traffic. We'll keep you posted as this work progresses.

North Scituate update — We received the following bulletin from the Town of Scituate on Wednesday, June 18th. We thought we'd pass it on to you… Henry Turner Bailey will reopen after final paving and line stripping on Friday morning (the 20th). All detour signs will be removed to redirect traffic. Some construction barriers will remain in place to protect a utility pole that National Grid has yet to remove.

Country Way will be closed shortly after HTB is opened. Barriers will be placed just north of Wilder Brothers entrance and south of the driveway belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Ford. Detour signs will direct traffic to go around the site via HTB to 3A to Beechwood. Mordecai Lincoln will be used by local residents and emergency vehicles only.

Little Harbor Project — The Little Harbor Project continues with pressure testing of the newly installed sewer lines. This is a very important step that verifies the integrity of the lines. Obviously, this testing must be completed before paving can begin. Originally, testing was to be done with air under pressure. (Water cannot be used for pressure testing due to the fact that these lines do not have a uniform slope that would allow them to completely fill with water. If they can't be completely filled with water, they will contain air, which will compress and give incorrect pressure testing results.) We have just learned in cases when the location of the air leakage can't be easily determined, trace elements can be introduced into the air. These trace elements are chosen such that can they easily be detected by sensitive above ground measuring equipment. Once the location of the leak is found, the culprit can be found and fixed.

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Phone: 781-383-3094



New connecting fence.

Sample Date	# of Cars
Opening Day Oct. 31, 2007	75
Nov. 20, 2007	130
Dec. 4, 2007	152
Dec. 11, 2007	169
Jan 7, 2008	165
Feb 14, 2008	164
April 15, 2008	183
June 10, 2008	178

Corrected ridership survey data.



Gate arm switch contacts replaced.

Hot dogs, peanuts and…

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Here's a baseball statistic I'll bet even Steve Buckley doesn't know.

A man named Myron O'Brisky once estimated that he sold 15 million hot dogs and 10 million bags of peanuts to fans of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers in 50 years at the concession stand.

And he did it without resorting to steroids, too.

O'Brisky's mark will probably stand longer than Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak since hot dogs, peanuts and Cracker Jacks are being crowded out of a lot of ball parks by an assortment of foods that would make P. J.'s Country House jealous.

How can a mere hot dog, even one doused with mustard, relish and onions, compete with the Schmitter — a sandwich of fried salami, steak, three slices of cheese, fried onions, tomatoes and a special sauce — a staple served at Citizens Bank Park, home of the Philadelphia Phillies?

Or the Cha Cha Bowl served in the center field promenade at AT&T Park, where the San Francisco Giants play and the fans apparently lust for blackened chicken, pineapple salsa, rice and beans. At least in the centerfield promenade they do.

The ball park menu has come a long way since that historic day in 1901 when Harry Stevens, the concessionaire in New York's Polo Grounds, decided it was too cold for ice cream, so he boiled some sausages, put them into rolls and sent them into battle.

They were called "tube steak" at first, but Tad Dorgan, a cartoonist for the New York Journal, coined the derisive term "hot dog" and it stuck.

Perhaps the most unusual ball park menu, detailed in Dan Schlossberg's "The Baseball Catalogue," was that offered by the Hawaii Islanders, a Triple A club in Honolulu, where haloes alohas were often outnumbered by fans of Japanese descent. Perhaps the most unusual ball park menu, detailed in Dan Schlossberg's "The Baseball Catalogue," was that offered the Hawaii Islanders, a Triple A club in Honolulu, where haoles were often outnumbered by fans of Japanese descent.

They could sample the "saimin," a noodle cooked in shrimp broth and topped with slices of Chinese barbequed pork and green onions, or "manpua," a steamed yeast dough stuffed with sweet pork and onions and eaten like a hamburger.

Safeco Field in Seattle, home of the original Japanese all star Ichiro Suzuki, hasn't gone that far yet, but you can get sushi in the form of a spicy tuna roll called an "ichi-roll" at Mariner games.

With Dice-K Matsuzaka on the mound, can Fenway Park be far behind?

Not surprisingly, the food served at ball parks often reflects the ethnic makeup of the city or region, like the pierogies, those potato- and cheese-filled dumplings of Eastern European origin, that are available at Jacobs Field, where the Cleveland Indians play.

Or the Rocky Mountain oysters served to gourmets at Coors Field in Denver, home of the Colorado Rockies. All I can say about them is that they are cut in half and deep-fried and they're not like our oysters at all.

Whatever, how long will it be before the lines of baseball's anthem that urge you to "buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks" will be replaced with "buy me some pierogies and a Cha Cha Bowl … ?"

HEALTH NOTES

Treats Pond, a new outlook

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On Monday night, yet again, Treats Pond was discussed at a flood control workshop and the meeting revealed an interesting variation of existing prevailing opinion on the entire Treats Pond issue. The moderator was Dan Coughlin, the CEO of the Town's contractor for its Flood Control Master Plan. Dan presented a comprehensive plan for uplands mitigation projects as well as a drainage plan for reducing the impact of flooding from so called 10-year rain events like the 2006 Mothers Day storm, of which the Town has endured three in the past six years. The drainage plan included practices like holding ponds, rain gardens and other measures aimed at slowing the passage of stormwater to its eventual destination, the wetlands on the North side of Atlantic Avenue, Treats Pond and finally Sandy Cove through a 100-year-old drainage pipe, access and maintenance of which has been recently been blocked by land owners claiming that easements for maintenance by the Town in effect since the 1970's were no longer valid. According to Sam Wakeman, Chairman of the Cohasset Advisory Committee, the bill to the Town for this plan covering the watershed of which Atlantic Avenue is a part would be in the range of $3 million. Lack of the ability for the Town to conduct routine maintenance of the Treats Pond drainage has caused flooding of houses and inundated yards and driveways in the Whitehead area at intervals over the past several years.

In addition to uplands mitigation and the creation of several holding ponds, as well as improved drainage, Dan's comprehensive and well detailed plan involved discharging treated stormwater through a saltwater marsh into a culvert entering Cohasset's harbor at the intersection of Howard Gleason Road, Atlantic Avenue and Margin Street. This element of the plan was strenuously attacked by the owner of the marsh, Harbor Health Committee members and others including a delegation representing the lobstermen in Town on the basis that the harbor is rapidly being ruined by excessive stormwater. To add yet another source would be wrong.

Dan's presentation was followed by a talk by one of those phenomena, which only a small town can grow. A private citizen, a maverick with no particular reason to get involved but love of the Town and a willingness to spend endless hours in working for it, Jim Drysdale made a half hour Power Point presentation summarizing the results of his research on Treats Pond substantiated by documentation never heretofore brought to light, and which pointed to a much less costly and equally viable solution to the Treats Pond problem at a greatly reduced cost to the Town. Moreover, the solution involved discussions with Representative Delahunt that may eventually result in some State or Federal support for the stormwater mitigation efforts going on in the Atlantic Avenue watershed. I have no way to confirm the accuracy of Drysdale's data, other than to report that it seems correct; adequately and accurately portraying the current situation with respect to Treats Pond. Jim's entire presentation and its supporting data was left with the Town manager, and so, is in official hands and in the public domain.

The present information seems sufficient for the Town to make an informed decision about Treats Pond and supply those implementing the Town's flood control master plan with appropriate instructions.

What is somewhat disturbing is the apparent secrecy and lack of information in the possession of the public and responsible Town officials about the full range of reasonable options for stormwater mitigation in the Atlantic Avenue watershed. The fact that a citizen had to go to the trouble and effort to piece together a full picture of the situation, something for which the Town was paying its own legal staff a not insignificant sum of money with few results should bother us voters and we should make our displeasure known at the next opportunity.

Correction: Last week, Health Notes incorrectly indicated that the South Shore Community Center offered day care. The Center offers nursery school for children age's three to five. For questions regarding this service, call Director Ann Madden at 781-383-0036.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Heart of a Lion

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

The past year may go down as the greatest ever for New England sports fans — an embarrassment of riches our children will view through a nostalgic haze the way we remember the first moon walk. For those of you currently being raised by coyotes who may not be aware, the Sox won the World Series, the Celtics won the NBA Championship, and the Patriots capped off a perfect season with another incredible last-second Superbowl win. (It's okay to fudge a little when you're talking to coyote people.)

And it's not over yet. Another dramatic and unforgettable sports moment will happen a little after 8 am on Sunday, June 29th, right here in Cohasset. A woman in a wetsuit will look out at the ocean off Sandy Beach, think of the husband she lost in that water last year, then somehow find the will to run forward, dive in, and swim the same course in her first triathlon.

It's moments of courage like these that elevate athletics to a window into the divine. The starting leg of Karen Lyons' race, and the sight of her running across the finish line an hour or so later, are two you will not want to miss.

If you would like to get to know Karen and her son Sam before the race you're in luck. Boston.tv has produced a video series on this story, which you can watch on your computer by visiting http://www.cohassettri.com.

See you at the beach, Karen. I'll be one of the thousands of people behind you.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset.

BRIEFLY

Is Town Hall haunted?

After months of anticipation, Our Town Special Productions is pleased to bring viewers the one-hour special of the Enfield Paranormal Society's Paranormal Investigation of the Cohasset Town Hall last January.

See for yourself whether the Town Hall is truly haunted while getting to know one of Cohasset's most precious historical assets!

Join Our Town co-host Pat Martin on her 48-hour adventure into every hidden nook and underground cranny of the Town Hall in search of ghosts and paranormal phenomenon! You might want to keep the lights on!

Tune in Monday at 9 p.m. on Comcast channel 10 and then watch for repeats on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 p.m. Stay tuned Cohasset and stay entertained!

LIBRARY

Book group discusses 'Gypsies and their Journey'

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of Isabel Fonseca's book "Bury Me Standing: The Gypsies and Their Journey" at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 25, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

Reading Group Book Sets – The library now offers sets of book group titles to local book groups. These sets, called Ready Reads, are available for local book groups to reserve. Each set consists of 10 paperback books of the same title, a reading discussion guide and information about the author. Titles include "The Gathering" by Anne Enright; "Half of a Yellow Sun" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie; "The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox" by Maggie O'Farrell; and more. Call the reference librarian at 383-1348 for more information.

Brain Fitness – PositScience brain development software is now available for use on a library computer. Some people may have seen the PBS special, "The Brian Fitness Program," which explores the brain's ability to change throughout a person's life. This is called neuroplasticity and is the science behind brain fitness. Speak with a librarian to sign up.

New Titles – New summer reads are here. Check out Claire Cook's new book "Summer Blowout" or Johanna Lindsey's "No Choice but Seduction." New on audio book: "Nothing to Lose" by Lee Child; "Plague Ship" by Clive Cussler; "Resolution" by Robert Parker; and "Sail" by James Patterson.

FOR CHILDREN

Online Wild Reads – A new online version of Wild Reads @ Your Library is now available. Got to cohassetlibrary.org and click on Wild Reads online to register. Time and titles can be logged on online and book reviews can be submitted.

Wild Reads @ Your Library – Registration begins at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 25, in the Story Room and will continue throughout the early summer for Wild Reads @ Your Library, the Massachusetts summer reading adventure. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Cohasset Library, MRLS, and MBLC. Join others for free Tuesday evening family performances and more. Go to the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on Calendar for a complete list of events and activities.

Story & Craft Registration – Online registration will begin June 25 for Story & Craft. This program is for Cohasset residents ages 3 through 6, is a four-week commitment and requires pre-registration. Each week a theme is explored through literature, music and craft. Story & Craft will take place in the Story Room on Thursdays July 10, 17, 24, and 31. Sign up for either the 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. session or the 1 to 2 p.m. session. To sign up online, go to cohassetlibrary.org, click on calendar, go to July 10 and select either the morning or the afternoon session, click on register and fill out the form using the child's name. Include the child's age along with his/her name.

Drawbridge Puppet Theater – On Tuesday, July 1, 6 p.m., in the Meeting Room, Drawbridge Puppet Theater will present "Sleeping Beauty" performed by marionettes. This is the first of six Wild Reads at Your Library free Tuesday evening family programs. This presentation is very dark and is suggested for ages 4 and older. Free tickets will be available at 10 a.m., on June 25. Space is limited. For more information and the full summer schedule, go the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on calendar. Sponsored by Friends of Cohasset Library.

Treat of solutions

Townwide plan addresses Atlantic Ave. flooding

By Nancy White
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Town Meeting said it needed more information, more data, more review into the Treat's Pond flooding problem and the Army Corps of Engineers proposed solution.

On Monday night, over 30 residents came out to hear a second opinion on the Treat's Pond/Atlantic Avenue flooding problem — and hear what another engineering firm believed could solve them. As part of the town-wide flood control master plan, Dan Coughlin, principal engineer for Coughlin Environmental Services, gave his preliminary findings and proposed solutions.

Coughlin made clear right away his primary purpose was not to reclaim Treat's Pond as a saltmarsh, unlike the Army Corps of Engineers proposed project, nor did his project scope allow him to evaluate the engineering behind the Army Corps' proposed project.

Coughlin said there were significant issues in addressing the Treat's Pond flooding — access limitation, private property issues and severe tidal restrictions on the outfall. Although it has been said the Treat's Pond issue is a private property issue, Coughlin said the town has to play a role in the solution.

"It is the town's obligation to provide access for health and safety vehicles in the event of an emergency," said Coughlin.

Relative to the other major flooding area the Jacob's Meadow watershed, which is 860 acres, the Treat's Pond watershed is estimated at 69 acres. It includes the lower part of Beach Street (excluding Mohawk Way), Atlantic Avenue both on the Sandy Cove and Meadow Lane sides extending down to Whitehead Road.

Right now, Treat's Pond is used to capture all the water coming from the watershed. In a significant rainstorm, the pond fills up quickly and, with nowhere else to go, the water floods neighboring properties and Atlantic Avenue. The situation is further exacerbated if the sole drainage outlet (to Sandy Cove) is blocked by sand.

"(Right now), it doesn't take much of storm to start generating flooding," said Coughlin.

At some points the terrain has a steep slope and stormwater on those portions of the watershed goes to the lower system. To further aggravate the situation is Cohasset's infamous ledge.

In order to begin to address the problems, Coughlin is proposing a multi-pronged approach. Although he said his methods would not eradicate the flooding, his proposed solutions would make their occurrence less often and less severe. A stormwater interceptor pipe, the creation of two larger detention basins, the installation of 32 best management practices (raingardens, swales, small detention basins) are some of the options he proposed.

First, Coughlin is proposing the installation of a stormwater interceptor pipe to run along Atlantic Avenue, beginning just north of Treat's Pond and ending at the head of the "Pocket Marsh" near the intersection of Howard Gleason Road and Atlantic Avenue. The interceptor pipe will capture roughly half the water (approximately 500,000 gallons) in a major rainstorm (normally headed to Treat's Pond) and divert it to this pipe.

A detention pond at the outfall would allow for water storage and infiltration, then a dike would meter out the water.

"The utilization of (best management practices) and metering out the water through existing saltmarsh should enhance pollution attenuation prior to harbor discharge," said Coughlin. A culvert at Margin Street, which connects the harbor to the pocket marsh, is in bad shape and Coughlin advised it should be replaced.

The estimated cost to install the pipe is $1.1 million. Drawbacks include an elaborate permitting process, some freshwater flow into the Cove (*see related sidebar*) and private property access issues.

Two larger detention basins are proposed in wooded areas near Beach Street. Together, Coughlin believes the town could gain 360,000 cubic feet of water storage.

In addition, Coughlin suggested implementing 32 best management practices throughout the watershed to improve infiltration and ground water recharge as well as cleaning the water. Estimated cost is $380,000.

As a final suggestion, but not one of high priority, was the installation of small stormwater pumping station near Treat's Pond.

During the discussion portion of the night, several expressed they were concerned the use of the Sandy Cove drainage outlet was not mentioned as a possible solution to alleviate the flooding. Sam Wakeman, current chairman of the Advisory Committee, said he was surprised the existing outfall was not talked about.

Coughlin said he did recommend the continued maintenance and regular clearing of the drain, but did not see the Sandy Cove outlet as a lasting solution.

"From my perspective, I'm trying to find a solution to the flooding problems that will always be there," said Coughlin. Utilizing the pipe on Sandy Cove runs the constant risk of being plugged by sand, seaweed or other debris, "it is not a reliable solution for flood prevention."

In the short term, Coughlin recommended the town have more data collected on the pollution levels of Treat's Pond to be used as baseline data. Very little water quality testing has been done on the pond, Coughlin said just one wet weather sample was taken by the Army Corps. He suggested seasonal, wet weather and dry weather samples be taken over a period of months.

"There is a very limited amount of data and it is hard to make a professional opinion with such a small sampling data set," said Coughlin.

The information may be useful for comparison purposed once the area is on town sewer and/or flooding solutions and BMPs are implemented, said Coughlin.

In light of suggestions outlined in Coughlin's flood control master plan study, he suggested the town go back to the Army Corps of Engineers and ask them to re-assess their proposed project.

The Flood Control Master Plan is still being drafted. Another workshop yet to be schedules is expected to address other areas suffering from flooding. In the next two months, Coughlin expects to finish his draft master plan and submit it to the town. A final plan is expected by the end of the summer.

Freshwater would hurt harbor, citizens say

By Nancy White
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Following the nearly two-hour presentation by Dan Coughlin, the floor was opened to questions and answers from the audience.

Concerns were raised about allowing more freshwater to entire the already struggling harbor ecosystem, as well as a fully functioning saltmarsh environment in a pocket marsh off of Border Street.

Charles Humphreys of 24 Atlantic Ave. and owner of the pocket marsh spoke vehemently against bringing any freshwater into the marsh or the harbor.

"It's an impossible thought," said Humphreys, adding it couldn't be right to move thousands of gallons of freshwater into a saltmarsh. "This full flush everyday saltmarsh can't be eaten up in a drainage project."

Coughlin said the project was a balancing act and although some freshwater flows may be added, the benefit for public health and safety may outweigh the detriments.

Others, like Peter Whittemore of Elm Court, Paul Pattison of Elm Street and Selectman Karen Quigley (speaking as a private citizen) agreed with Humphreys that more freshwater to the harbor could be disastrous.

"To switch watersheds is unnatural," said Whittemore.

"It is unconscionable to even consider putting freshwater into the harbor. We need to stop thinking of the harbor as just a dumping ground for freshwater, right now when we don't know what to do with it we put it in the once thriving, beautiful harbor," said Pattison, a lifelong resident, lobstermen and shellfish constable for the town.

Quigley said she along with the Harbor Health Committee and the harbor lobstermen are vehemently opposed to adding more freshwater — and stormwater pollution — to the harbor.

Jacqueline Dormitzer of 111 Atlantic Ave. said there needed to be some hard data to show what effect the additional influx of freshwater would have on the harbor's health and marine life.

Resident has own Treat's Pond solutions

By Nancy White
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It has been evident throughout the Treat's Pond saga that not all town residents are on the same page when it comes to the solutions for restoring the pond and the flooding. That was very clear on Monday night when a private citizen and vocal opponent of the Army Corps of Engineers Treat's Pond project proposal, Jim Drysdale, was given the floor.

Armed with a PowerPoint presentation, Drysdale proposed his own alternative solutions to the Treat's Pond flooding issue.

Drysdale was upfront about his lack of professional credentials when it came to hydrology; his career was spent as a medical school professor with little background in hydrology. However, he said he has gathered hundreds of pages of data and information concerning the Army Corps of Engineers Treat's Pond project through a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Drysdale said the project for Treat's Pond got its start in 2003. An open meeting was held with a half a dozen interested town and community groups to introduce the Army Corps project. Representatives from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Army Corps offered simple solutions to the flooding problem: clean out the culverts that run along Atlantic Avenue, retrofit the existing pipe with a septic system type pipe to allow water infiltration and cleaning before reaching the outfall, get rid of the pipe altogether to create a stream, or extend pipe 50 feet down beach or below low water mark.

After that, the project fell off the town's radar a bit, but several meetings were held between the Army Corps and the residents of the Sandy Cove Association. In one of the documents he got through the information act, a Sandy Cove resident listed as an unacceptable option as a "visible manmade structure on the beach."

He said the meetings were "secret" and done out of the public's eye.

Drysdale talked a bit about the town's easement to Treat's Pond and the drainage pipe granted by Elizabeth Bigelow in 1964. Currently, a wooden gate blocks the town's legal easement access to Sandy Cove. In his review of the deeds, he believed the town did have the legal right to Sandy Cove via a private drive off Atlantic Avenue.

"It seems to be the town has the easement and the easement is referred to in each of the property's deed and the (Sandy Cove South) Association's deed," said Drysdale.

Drysdale offered two options for the town to consider, both involving the existing pipe.

The first suggestion was to raise and/or extend the existing drainage pipe, fit it with a flapper or cap, conceal it with rocks for aesthetic reasons and maintain it with a shovel.

The second option he proposed was to shorten the pipe to above the high tide mark, stabilize the streambed, conceal the pipe outfall in grass and maintain it with a rake.

"This beach has always had a pipe," said Drysdale. "It doesn't have to be a hideous structure."

To implement these solutions, Drysdale said the town would need to enforce its deeded easement to Treat's Pond and the drainage pipe on Sandy Cove. Cleaning the culverts and modifying the existing drain Drysdale estimated to cost $5,000. Then, once the flooding issues have subsided he claimed a state agency would be willing to rent the town equipment to significantly rid Treat's Pond of phragmites.

"If we get town and stormwater agencies to work together, I think we can find a solution beneficial to all," said Drysdale. He suggested perhaps the federal money could be re-appropriated to the Jacob's Meadow flooding problem.

Although a portion of the audience left following Coughlin's presentation and discussion session, supporters gave a round of applause following Drysdale's presentation.

Everything you need to know about the Tri!

The final preparations are being made for the second annual Cohasset Triathlon to be held Sunday, June 29. The start and transitions area will be at Sandy Beach.

Below is some important information about what you can expect on race day. Any race related questions contact Race Director Bill Burnett at burnett22@gmail.com. Questions about road closures and parking restrictions should be directed to the Cohasset Police at trafficquestions@cohassetpolice.com.

For information, visit www.cohassettri.com.

The Swim – The race begins with a 1/4-mile ocean swim off Sandy Beach.

The Bike – A 12.2 mile bike will follow the swim. The course will begin at the beach and will head down Atlantic Avenue to Border Street. Riders will continue down Border to Gannett Road. In North Scituate, the course makes a right on Mordecai Lincoln Road, then right Main Street towards the Cohasset Town Common and continues to Cedar Street. Turn right on Route 228 to Jerusalem Road. The final stretch will take riders onto Jerusalem Road then Atlantic Avenue and finally back to the transition area at Sandy Beach.

The Run – The 3.2 mile clockwise run will loop around Little Harbor. Runners will follow Atlantic Avenue and turn right on Beach Street. At Main Street head right. Runners will follow Main Street to Jerusalem Road. Follow Jerusalem Road to Atlantic Avenue turn right with a photo finish just a short distance from the transition area.

Race Weekend Timeline

Saturday, June 28

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Packet Pick Up – Cohasset Town Hall

2 p.m. – Cars parked on the west side of the parking lot will be asked to move to the east side (the lifeguard shack side)

5 p.m. – Sandy Beach parking lot closed

Sunday, June 29

5:45 a.m. – Transition area and registration opens. Bike drop off begins.

6:45 a.m. – Bike drop off ends. After 6:45 am, all racers must park first at the Music Circus, then bike to Sandy Beach.

7:45 a.m. – Last shuttle to Sandy Beach for Spectators leaves the Cohasset train station (see below)

7:50 a.m. – National Anthem

8 a.m. – Race starts. Racers will enter the water in eight separate waves, or heats, with the first wave at 8a.m. and the last at 8:26 a.m.

10:45 to 11:05 a.m. – Post Race Ceremony

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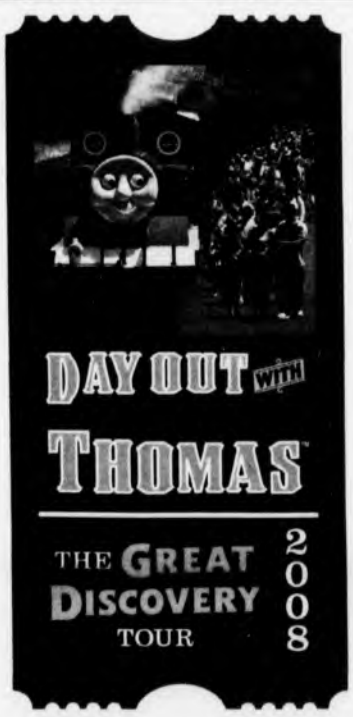
12:30 p.m. – Beach open for regular use

Important parking logistics – All racers should park at the Music Circus. Four shuttle buses will transport racers and their families from the Music Circus to Sandy Beach. The shuttle buses will run this route from 5:45 to 7:45 a.m. and then from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

All spectators coming in to town for the event should park at the Cohasset Train Station. Four shuttle buses will transport spectators from the Train Station to Sandy Beach. The last shuttle bus to Sandy Beach will be at 7:45 a.m. After 7:45 a.m., the shuttle buses will transport all spectators to the Town Commons for ideal viewing of the bike and run legs of the triathlon. Shuttle buses will be on hand following the even to take spectators back to the Train Station.

Note: there will be no parking allowed at the Sandy Beach parking lot or the perimeter streets from 5 p.m. Saturday the June 28 to 12:30 p.m. Sunday June 29. This will be strictly enforced.

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Road closings for Cohasset Triathlon

The following temporary road closures are part of the overall traffic safety plan for the Cohasset Triathlon at Sandy Beach on Sunday morning, June 29. These closures are necessary to provide safety for race participants and spectators as well as providing an orderly flow of vehicle traffic around the race route. Although residents impacted by these closures will be allowed access to and from their properties when necessary, everyone is encouraged to plan ahead and avoid using vehicles in the race area. Check the times and locations of closures to see how they may impact travel plans the morning of Sunday, June 29.

During road closures, the best route to take to go to Scituate would be Route 3A. Access 3A by way of Route 228, Hull Street; Forest Avenue/Lower King Street, where there will be a police officer present to assist at 3A; Sohier Street and Pond Street. This is best because Border Street will close temporarily outbound toward Scituate, and both North and South Main streets will only be open for one way traffic from the Scituate line to the Hingham line during race time.

Those attending church services during race time should allow a little extra time. If traveling to St. Stephen's Church or Second Congregational Church from the north side of town, access to the common will be from Depot Court. Access to Depot Court is Ripley Road by way of Jerusalem Road/North Main Street or 3A/Sohier Street. Ripley Road can also be accessed from Pleasant Street. Those traveling from the south side of town will be able to use North and South Main streets. Those traveling to St. Anthony Church can take Summer Street from the harbor, Spring Street from Pond Street/Cushing Road, or South Main Street from the Scituate line.

Contact Cohasset Police Department at trafficquestions@cohassetpolice.com for any assistance with travel plans.

No parking zones:

Cohasset Village: South Main Street, between Brook Street and Elm Street, even numbered side of the road, from 7 to 10 a.m.

Cohasset Common: North Main Street, between Depot Court and Highland Avenue, even numbered side of the road, from 7 to 10 a.m.

Road Closures:

Street Name	Range	Time Closed	Time Open*
Atlantic Avenue	Between Jerusalem Road and Beach Street	7:00am	11:00am
Atlantic Avenue	Between Beach Street and Howard Gleason Rd.	7:00am	11:00am
Beach Street	Between Highland Ave. and Atlantic Ave.	7:00am	11:00am
Border Street	Outbound from Summer St to Scituate line	8:00am	9:15am
Brook Street	Between Elm Street and South Main Street	8:00am	10:00am
Cedar Street	Between North Main Street and Hull Street	8:00am	10:00am
Depot Court (Church traffic only)	Between Main Street and Ripley Road/Pleasant Street	8:00am	10:00am
Green Street	Between Sohier Street and North Main Street	8:00am	10:00am
Jason Road (Church traffic only)	Between North Main Street and Highland Ave.	8:00am	10:00am
Jerusalem Road	Between Forest Ave and Atlantic Ave.	8:00am	10:00am
Long Road	Between North Main Street and Highland Ave.	8:00am	10:00am
Nichols Road	Between Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Ave.	8:00am	11:00am
Margin Street	Between Elm Street and Howard Gleason	7:30am	9:15am
North Main Street	**ONE WAY ONLY** from Depot Court to Hingham Line –	8:00am	10:00am
Sohier Street	Between Ripley Road and North Main Street	8:00am	10:00am
South Main Street	**ONE WAY ONLY** from Depot Court to Scituate line	8:00am	10:00am

Hearing slated on Aquarion water rate hike

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Aquarion Water Company has filed an application with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities requesting an approximate $3.1 million, or an overall 24.8 percent, increase in water service revenues.

Customers in Hingham, Hull, North Cohasset, and Norwell will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed rate increase at a public hearing in July.

The Hingham selectmen voted recently to intervene in the case – that is, "to get involved and present legal arguments as to why the rate hike is not justified," said Selectman Laura Burns.

It has been seven years since the Company last increased its water rates, stated Aquarion Sr. Vice President of Operations Larry Bingaman in a letter the company is sending to all of its customers. "When the proposed rates are expected to go into effect, investments totaling $21.4 million will have been made for water utility infrastructure improvements since 2001 in such areas as increased water supply and replacement of aging and undersized pipes, as well as other needed water system enhancements."

The MA DPU will hold a public hearing for Aquarion customers in all four towns on Wed., July 16, at 7 p.m. in the Hull High School auditorium at 180 Main St. Directions to Hull High School are included with the letter.

"We recognize there is never a good time to raise water rates, and no one is happy when prices do increase. We held off as long as possible."
— Larry Bingaman, Aquarion

Aquarion's request for a rate increase will be thoroughly reviewed by the MA DPU. No change in water rates can be made within the Department's approval.

Bingaman is hopeful that the process will be completed and the new rates effective before the end of this year.

If the proposed rates are approved by the MA DPU, the average residential water bill for customers in all four towns, using an average of 175 gallons daily, would increase from $1.67 to $2.03 per day.

"We recognize there is never a good time to raise water rates, and no one is happy when prices do increase. We held off as long as possible," Bingaman said. "But to put things in perspective, a 20-ounce bottle of water at a local convenience story costs between $1.19 and $1.29."

Customers are invited to provide comments at the hearing or in writing via email to the MA DPU by 5 p.m. Fri., July 18, addressed to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and the hearing officer, carol.pieper@state.ma.us. Written comments may be sent to: Carol Pieper, Hearing Officer, Dept. of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110. (Telephone number: (617) 305-3500.) Refer to Docket D.P.U. 08-27 in all correspondence. For further information about the hearing or approval process, contact Pieper.

Information pertaining to the subject docket is posted on the MA DPU's website:

http://db.state.ma.us/dpu/qorders/frmDocketFind.asp.

More information about the rate application is posted on Aquarion's website:

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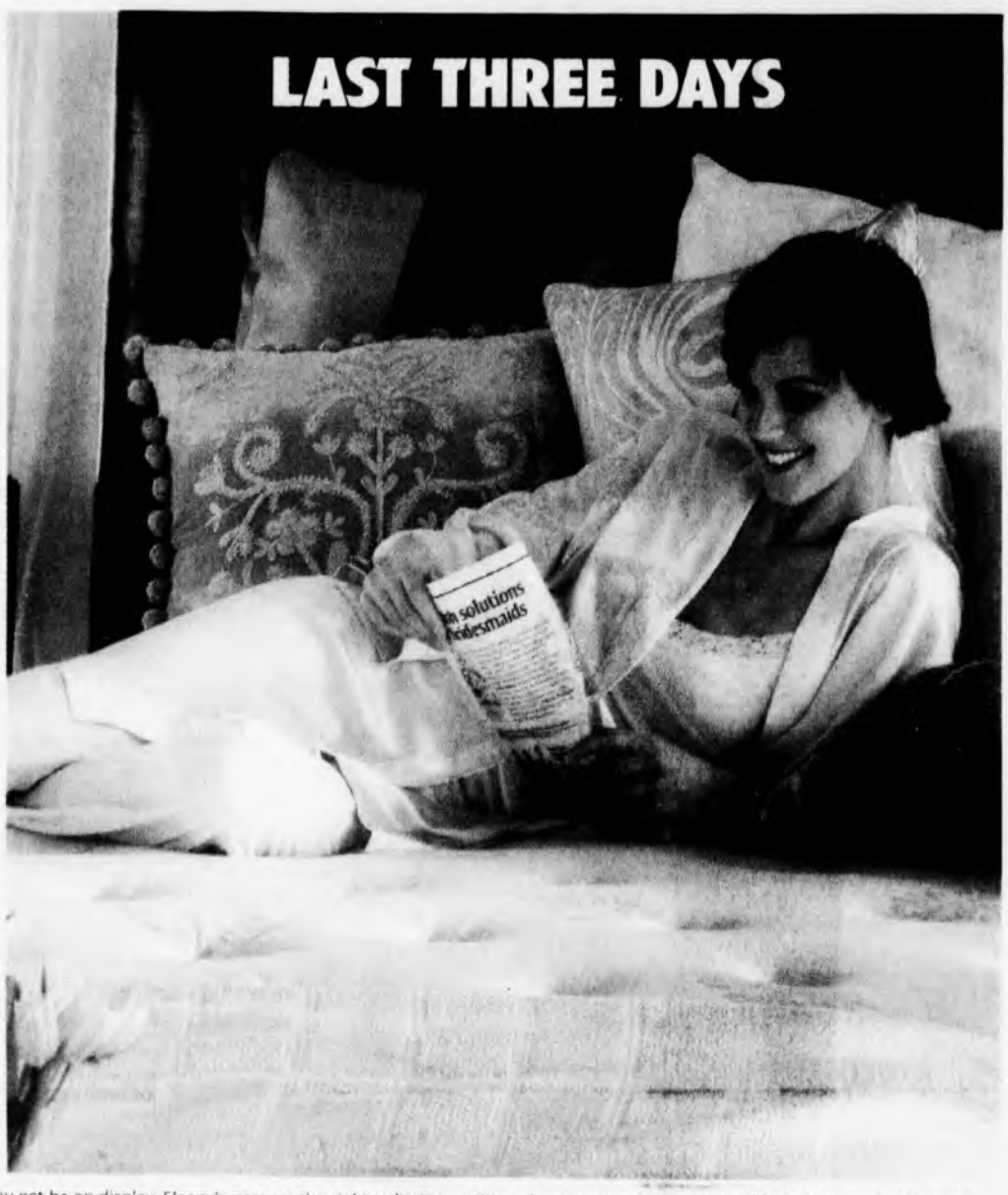
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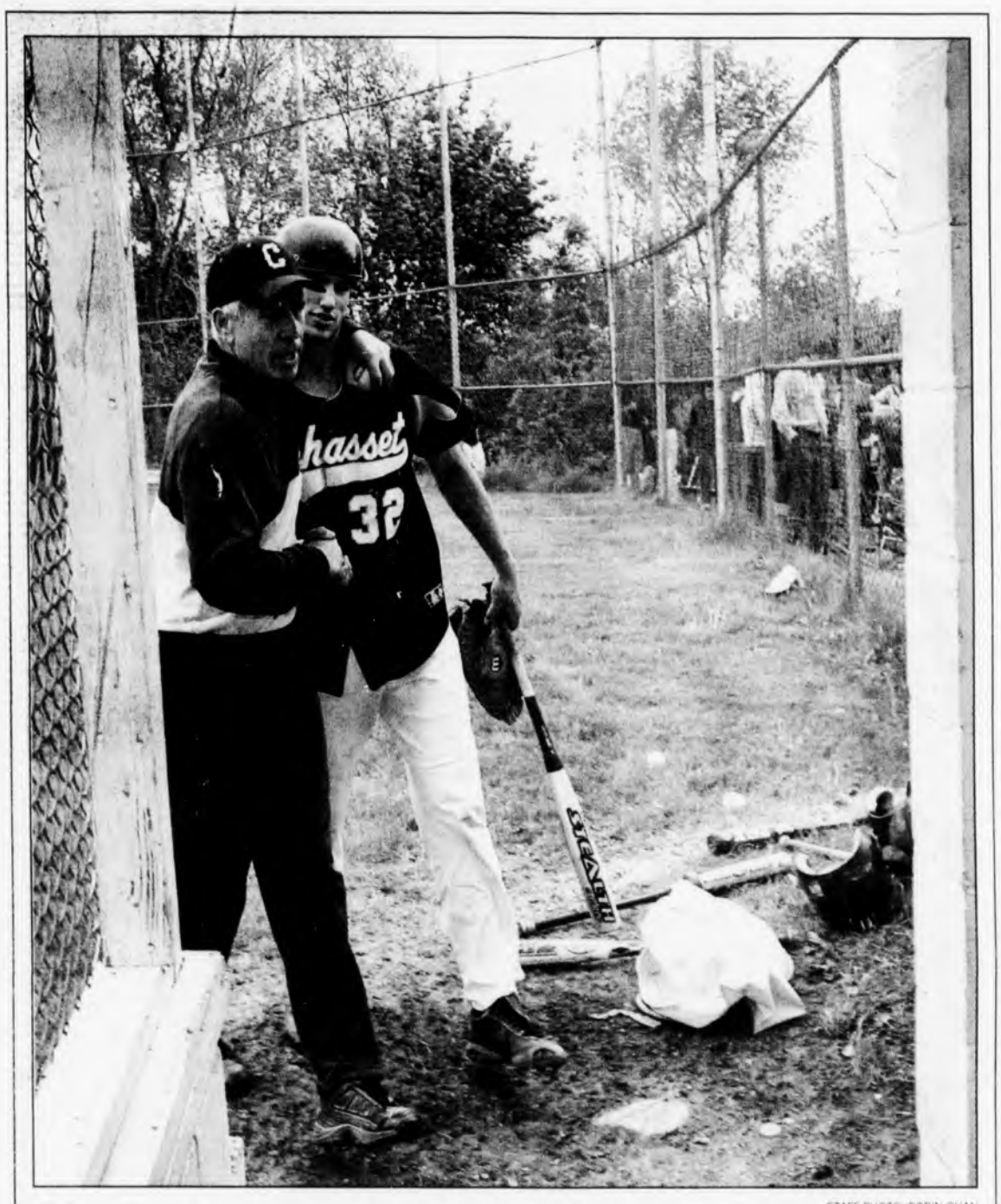
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Head coach Al Gallotta embraces Kyle Pinkus (32) as he heads into the dugout following their 8-4 win over Carver to clinch the South Shore League Title. They went from last place to first in one year.

Cohasset girls youth lax teams beat the heat

Big wins over Braintree and Norwell highlight week

The heat was brutal, but the Cohasset youth girls lacrosse teams worked through it on June 8, fighting for wins in Braintree and Norwell.

At the **15-and-Under level** (grades 7 and 8), Cohasset White had its unbeaten season on the line against Braintree on the steamy turf of Thayer Academy. Whitney Jaffe scored the game's first two goals on penalty shots, only to see Braintree come right back to tie the score. Jenna Reece, who arrived late to give Cohasset its one and only substitute, came off the bench to spark the team, scoring two goals to break the deadlock and give the White team a lead it would never relinquish. Nicole Farren finished the first-half scoring, controlling the draw after Reece's second score and driving all the way to the net for the score.

Cohasset extended a 5-2 halftime lead to 8-2 thanks to Jaffe and Sarah Evans. First, Evans assisted Jaffe, then Evans knocked down the goalie's pass after Braintree had stopped her shot, scooped up the loose ball and fired it home, and then Jaffe netted her fourth goal of the game. A three-goal Braintree run made it look like this game might get close, but Evans fed Reece to stop the momentum. Jaffe converted a slick pass from Nicole Farren and then scored an unassisted goal to put the game out of reach. Two late Braintree goals made the final 11-7, but Cohasset escaped the heat with its undefeated record intact.

Anna Seraikas, Eloise Lucas and Julia Canney played every minute of this scorcher on defense, and did a great job sparking the transition game. Kylie Coffman, Amanda Farren and Abby Carrier ran the midfield and came up with solid plays at both ends of the field to allow Cohasset to play the controlled, slow style necessary to win a game when badly outnumbered in such heat.

In Norwell, the **Cohasset Blue** team showed up light for the game, which was bad news on a day of such unrelenting heat. It didn't seem to matter much early in the first half; after trading the first four goals of the game, Cohasset scored three in a row to take control of the contest, and should have extended its lead, but for some savvy goalkeeping by Norwell. The home team, however, scored three of the half's final four goals to make it 6-5 at the break.

Whitney Jaffe scored five of the Blue team's first-half goals, with Danielle Frederick netting her very first career goal. Isabella Flibotte picked up an assist on a long feed to Jaffe.

In the second half, the teams took the goalies out of the net to beat the heat, and switched to shooting nets – with cutout tar-

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Historic season for baseball team in the books

Four Skippers named to all-star team during tourney bound 2008

"I'm extremely pleased with the season. We really had a strong commitment from everyone on the team."
–Cohasset baseball coach Al Gallotta

By Eric MacCarthy
CORRESPONDENT

A year combined with great pitching and fantastic hitting led the way for the local nine to make history. The Cohasset varsity baseball team became the first team to win the South Shore League title in 49 years, and one of only three teams in the last 36 years to make the tournament for Cohasset.

Eight returning seniors, three of whom made up the team's pitching staff, led the 2008 Skippers. Cohasset High head coach Al Gallotta spoke highly of his seven seniors saying that the, "senior leadership was excellent."

Brian Hill, Dave Snowdale, and Sam DeGiacomo were Cohasset's three main starters, and sometimes relief pitchers. Hill led all pitchers with 58 and 2/3 innings, 6 wins, 68 strikeouts, and compiled a 2.51 earned run average as the ace of the team. Snowdale led the team in ERA, by pitchers with over twenty innings thrown, with a 2.27 ERA. Both he and DeGiacomo had three wins on the season.

The pitching staff also got some much needed help from sophomore Brendan Doonan when Cohasset had stretches of multiple games in a row. Doonan allowed only nine hits in 16 innings pitched and had a superb 2.19 ERA. As a whole, Cohasset had an amazing team ERA of only 2.97, one of the best in the league.

The remaining five seniors on the team were key components to the team's overall performance.

Kyle Pinkus played all but one game and was the team's starting catcher. He did most of his damage on the base paths where he tallied 11 total steals. Kenny Muir played every game at first base for Cohasset and went on to score 14 runs on the season. Left fielder Alex Goetz led the team with two home runs and four triples, and also missed only one game the whole season.

Seniors Chris Rose, at shortstop, and Pat Doonan, at second base, were not only a fantastic middle infield duo, but also were the top two senior hitters on the team.

Rose Hit .333 while racking up 13 runs batted in. He also drew a team leading 14 walks on the year and was third on the team in hits with 22. Pat Doonan led the team in at bats with 74 and was second on the team in almost every offensive category. He had 27 hits, batted .365, had 14 RBI's, stole 16

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Weymouth Club to hold wooden racket round-robin

To be held in conjunction with opening weekend of Wimbledon

Fans of the "Good Old days of tennis" will have a chance to turn back the pages on June 27th when the Weymouth Club hosts a Wooden Racquet Round-Robin Tournament.

Not only must participants use wooden racquets but they are encouraged to wear the traditional whites. That means white shirts, white shorts, white socks, and white sneakers. Players may wear their regular tennis attire, but those who wear the traditional whites will receive a $5.00 coupon that can be used toward the next round robin in which they compete.

Players will be divided by tiers based on their skill level from a 2.5 to a 4.5 rating. The competition will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. During this two-hour period, there will be 20-minute matches as each player is virtually guaranteed four matches.

Then, at 9:00 p.m., there will be a fish and chips dinner for all players. During the dinner, players will be able to watch on TV, the highlights of that day's play at Wimbledon.

The competition is open to both Weymouth Club members and non-members, and the cost is $30.00 per person. For those interested, please contact Jennifer Brams at the Weymouth Club (781-682-5859). Deadline for sign-up is June 25th.

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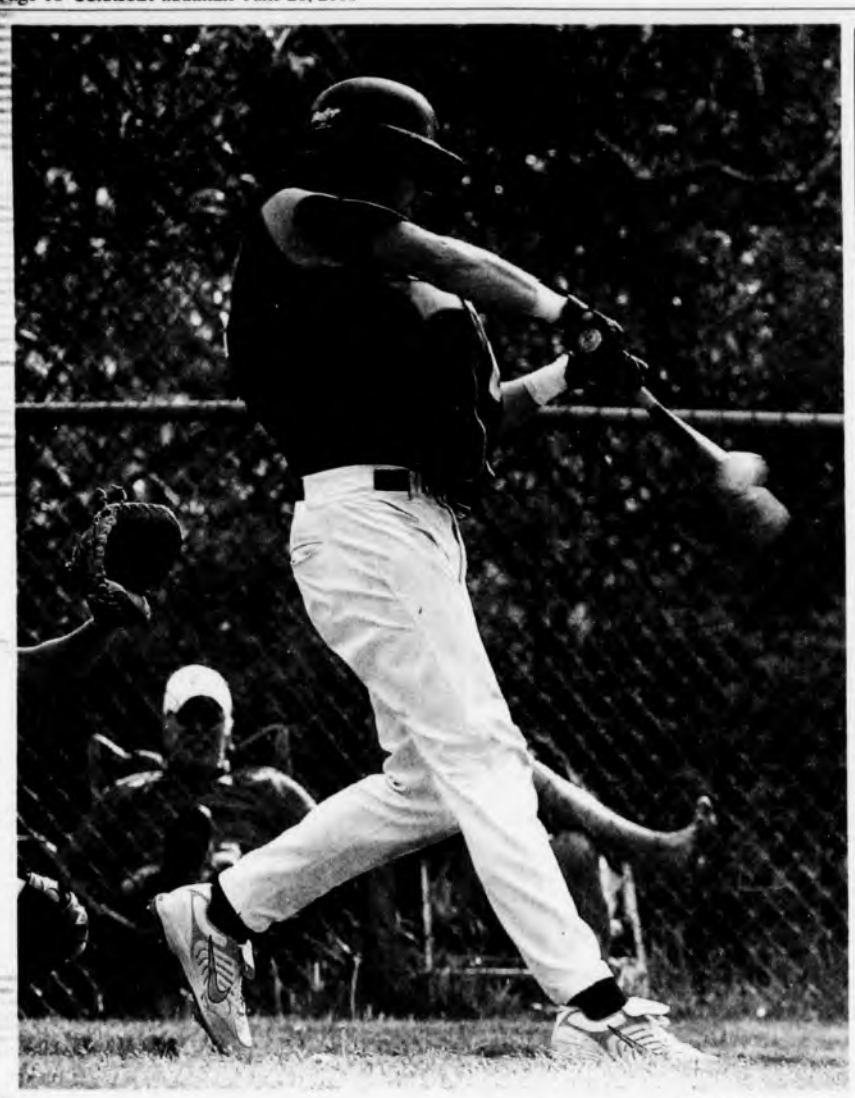
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Ken Muir (17) lines a single to help continue the rally in the bottom of the fifth inning against Carver.

Historic season for baseball team in the books

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bases, and scored 21 runs, and also had a home run.

Despite these already great offensive numbers by these seniors, the most valuable player of the team may just have been sophomore Brendan Doonan, who just happens to take after his older brother Pat. Brendan led the team in five major offensive categories.

He drove in 19 runs, compiled 31 hits, hit and an amazing .470, stole 17 bases, scored 22 runs, hit three triples and one round tripper. Brendan appears to be the future of the team over the next two years.

Cohasset's offense is truly what fueled this Skipper ship.

Seven total batters had at least 10 runs batted in, and four batters hit over the .300 average mark. Also, seven different batters hit home runs for the team. Although the team's pitching was great, this potent Skipper line-up really steered the way.

Although Cohasset's season ended a bit earlier than hoped after losing its first game in the state tournament, Gallotta was proud of the boys.

"I'm extremely pleased with the season," he said. "We really had a strong commitment from everyone on the team."

He also wanted to give special thanks due to the great success the team had and the league championship.

"I just want to give credit to anyone over the years who worked with these players," Gallotta said. "All the way back to little league for instilling the love of the game into these kids."

On a special note, this 16-5 Cohasset team had four Skippers named to the South Shore League All-Star team: Senior Pat Doonan, senior Kyle Pinkus, senior Brian Hill, and sophomore Brendan Doonan.

Cohasset girls youth lax teams beat the heat

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gets – which seemed to favor the home team, as it recognized the benefits of shooting low and aiming under the target rather than trying to squeeze theball through the holes. Despite dominating play, Cohasset had a tough time scoring. Jaffe added two more goals, but Norwell went on a run to take a 9-8 lead before Kristen Alexander – frustrated all day by the heat, the goaltending and the target net – broke free and tied the game with under a minute remaining. The goal allowed the game to end in a tie, which was important to the Cohasset coaches; in their last year at the helm of the youth teams, Chuck Jaffe and Jennifer Palmer had never lost to a team from Norwell, and were happy to escape with a lifetime record of 19-0-1 against Norwell teams.

At the **13-U level** (grades 5 and 6), the White team enjoyed its sweltering day on the Braintree turf, against a home team that never gave up despite field conditions that reportedly recorded the field temperature at 120 degrees. The girls broke out quickly from the first draw, with Mackenzie Axelson assisting Maddie Curley's first of four goals on the day playing at both attack and middie. Soon others got into the act with Isabelle Dunne having her biggest outing of the season with four goals and several key clears from the defensive end.

The Braintree girls never backed down and stayed within two goals throughout the first half. With slightly less than a full compliment of players, the attack and defensive sides essentially played the entire game with substitutions limited to the midfield positions. On defense, Maggie Littlejohn made several important clears and Cassandra Lieberman and Caroline Prescott worked coverage and ground balls very tenaciously.

Goalie Taylor Frederick earned her stripes just for putting on the pads and risking heat stroke, and made six saves and several excellent clearing passes while playing the entire game in net. At attack, Alison Bodner had several nice passes and Allie O'Callaghan had her first shot of the season, nearly sneaking it past the Braintree goalie.

There was spirited play from Charlotte Allard, who shelled the goal with four shots and one goal in addition to keeping the pace of play very high the entire game. Erin Driscoll scored one goal on her two shots. In addition to bearing the brunt of the draw duties, Mackenzie Axelson was a reliable defensive player and with her stick skills even served us in attack for a period of time. Also in the midfield Katie McCabe, Lilly McCarthy, Isabelle McCarthy, Caroline and Valerie Farren, Hanna Cooper and Meredith Corry all ran their hearts out, scooped and fought for ground balls and helped make the last regular season game the best one of the season.

The **13-U Blue** team played late in the day in Norwell, which was not much relief from the heat, but neither the weather nor Norwell could stop the Cohasset girls from picking up their seventh consecutive win. Cohasset jumped out to an early lead, as Molly Fitzgerald ripped two quick ones into the cage and Lexa Grasz scored her first of the day to make it 3-1. Several of the Blue players had already played multiple games at a tournament earlier in the day, and the fatigue started to show, as Norwell tied the game at three just before halftime.

The game went back and forth for the first fifteen minutes of the second half until Cohasset took control and scored the last four goals of the game to make the final 9-6. During that scoring burst, Grasz scored three more times, with great passes from Emily Robbins and Eliza Murphy making two of those goals possible. Kathryn Dunn picked up two scores in the second half, one coming on a great feed from Grasz. Annie McElgunn rounded out the scoring with a single marker and Shannon McGowan was her usual dominating force on defense.

The Blue team finished the regular season with a 7-1 record and takes its winning streak into the first ever Girls South Shore Lax Jam on Saturday, June 14th.

In **11-and-Under** action (grades 3 and 4), the White team got to enjoy the blistering heat on the turf at Braintree, where they faced a team with a formidable goalie, good speed and solid ground-ball skills. The home team led Cohasset by one throughout the half and moved ahead with a 5 – 2 lead by the end of the third quarter; the teams played quarters, instead of the regular halves, to get some respite from the weather. However, in the fourth quarter, the White girls, more comfortable with the heat and playing surface, were determined to turn things around, and scored three times in the last two minutes of play to escape with a 5-5 tie.

Midfielder Alexandra Leahy, had her best game of the season. Leahy won five face-offs in the first half (8 total in the game); turning one of them into a quick goal after a rapid passing series with fellow middie, Corey Golden, who scored. The duo had several other nice series and two shots on goal which were thwarted by Braintree's goalie. Cohasset's second goal was scored after Kara Nelson had a nice ground ball pick, passed smoothly to Emma Humphrey, who passed to Olivia Gomez behind the net who, although frustrated three times by a wall of Braintree players, forcing whistles, finally connected with the back of the net on a swift, low shot. As the girls got used to the turf, ground balls began to go more in their favor as they were scooped up by Nonie Thomas, Kaitlan McGovern, Humphrey and Leahy. Gomez had a nice interception shortly after her goal and Madeline Littlejohn and Julia Richardson led the charge on defense. Goalie Katie McKeon made several key saves to keep the score close at the half.

Leahy started the late rally for Cohasset with a rush to the net after passes from Madelyn Schwandt, another interception by an alert Gomez and an extended scuffle in which Vivien Littlejohn came up with a key ground ball which she swiftly sent to Leahy who beat the goalie with a bouncing shot to make the score 5-3. Quickly thereafter, Humphrey scored on a high shot just inside the post and cut the deficit to 5-4 with under a minute to play in the contest. Ginny Alex and Leahy recorded assists on the play. With time against them, White won the draw again and promptly set up in the Braintree zone for one last chance. Leahy found McGovern who raced to the net, shooting a laser right past the goalie to tie the game as time expired. Thomas deserves kudos for volunteer goaltending in the second half. She had to withstand the heat even if there wasn't much action on her end of the field.

South Shore League tennis all-stars

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League Champion: Norwell

Sportsmanship Award, Abington, Mashpee and Cohasset.

2008 South Shore League Girls Tennis Team, **Singles,** Norwell, Susan Bizetti, Katherine Kelley, **Cohasset**, Meg Anderson, Sally Meehan, Maddy Altholtz, Abington, Becky DiSieno, E. Bridgewater, Samantha Hines, **Doubles, Cohasset**, Maggie McGoldrick, Jean Thomae, Lauren Allen, Danielle Sookiasian, Norwell, Meghan Logue, Aliza Ritsko, E. Bridgewater, Gina Demaio and Stephanie Perez.

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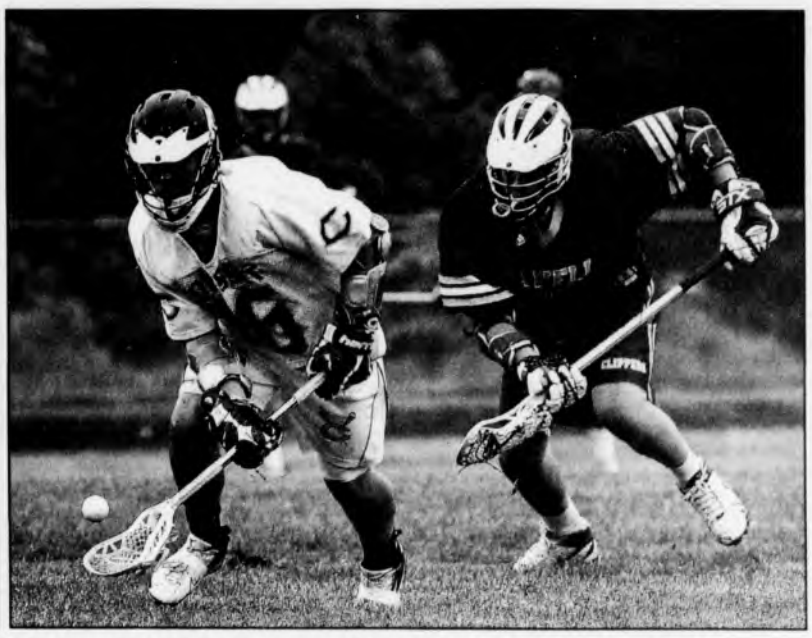
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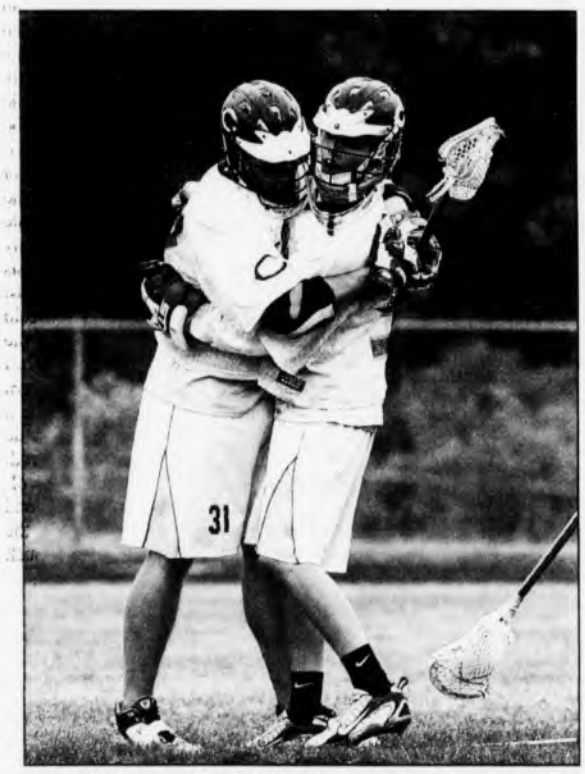
Cohasset's Charlie Czerkawski (16) picks up the loose ball after a faceoff with Norwell's Brad Prouty (9) during first quarter action.



Cohasset's Mark Flibotte (14, C) tries to push Norwell's Kevin Helm (10) off the ball during first quarter action.



Cohasset's Mike Grimm (19, C) sprints past Norwell's Kevin Helm (10) while going on the attack late in the third quarter.



Cohasset's Anderson Lynner (31) embraces goalie and senior captain Nate Porter, right, following their 10-6 win over Norwell in the Division 3 East Semifinal game.



Cohasset's Nate Porter (9, C) makes one of his 18 saves during the fourth quarter of their win over Norwell.

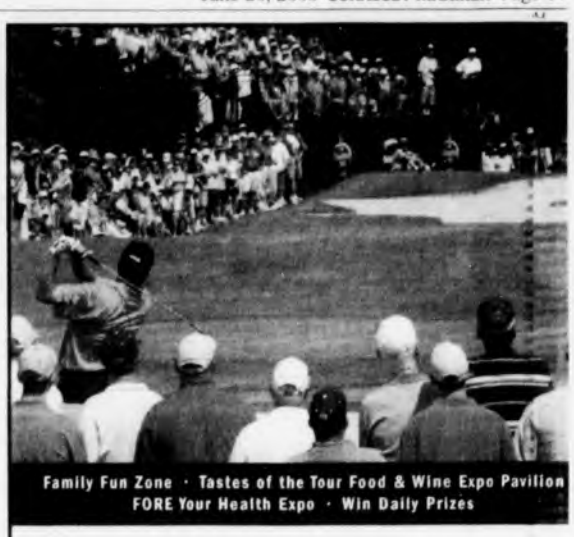


Cohasset's co-captain Mike Grimm (19) finds the back of the net on this strike with 10:11 left in the first quarter to put the Skippers up 2-0 in their win over Norwell.



Cohasset's Mike Grimm (19, left) jumps in the arms of Will Wise (10) following Will's goal with 3:45 left in the first half pushed the Skippers lead to 8-3 over Norwell.

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LIFE AT CHS

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Mrs. Berman has definitely a presence at the school that will be missed.

As the messenger of all things good and exciting at CHS, I'm extremely delighted to say that at long last, it's finally summer vacation! Sports are all finished, as are all finals and report cards are due out in the near future. There wasn't a whole lot of news this week, seeing as it was a very short one.

Monday and Tuesday were full of finals, celebration, and movies as students returned their books and got ready to close out the year. And Wednesday the 18th was an early dismissal due to it being the last day of the year.

For my last teacher quote of the '07-'08 school year, it is my pleasure to place the spotlight on a CHS favorite who will unfortunately be retiring after this year. Known by her journalism expertise and exceptionally thick Boston accent, Mrs. Berman has definitely a presence at the school that will be missed. When asked what advice she could give to any upcoming students in the future years, she replied "They gottah have alottah chutzpah…yah know, CHUTZPAH. Itz'a Yiddish word, in the dictionary it probably says bold, but I think it means GUTS. Except yah don't wanna have too much chutzpah, cause then that'za little pushy." Mrs Berman will be genuinely missed.

In other news, this will be my last article until September rolls around again. So until September, everyone have a safe and fun summer! And remember, as Mrs. Berman would say, "Don't drink and drive or get in cahz with people who do!" See you in the fall!

Lauren Mack is a senior at Cohasset High. Her column appears weekly during the school year.

Giving Extra Credit to Cohasset teachers

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Cohasset tennis benefit for Children's Hospital

Save the date for Cohasset's longest-running tennis tradition, which swings into action again this summer to benefit Children's Hospital Boston beginning Friday, July 18th through Sunday, July 20th. The popular weekend tennis tournament dates back to the 1950's, when Cohasset's legendary philanthropist Jesse Cox gathered family and friends for a charitable game of tennis to benefit some of the neediest children and their families at Children's Hospital.

This year all proceeds will help fund the Pediatric Trauma Program, with 100 percent of the proceeds paying for transportation, lodging and personal care packages for families of trauma patients.

This summer's benefit kicks off with an evening reception on Friday, July 18th at the Lightkeeper's Residence on Cohasset Harbor.

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OBITUARIES

Grethe Jones Fesler

Formerly of Cohasset

Grethe Jones Fesler, 91, of Scituate, died at her home on June 12, 2008.

She was born in Fargo, N.D., where she was a high-diving champion in high school. After spending her first two years of college at North Dakota State University, she went to Northwestern University, where she graduated from the School of Speech. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert H. Fesler.

A resident of Cohasset for more than 25 years before moving to Scituate, Mrs. Fesler was a past-president of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset, a hard-working supporter of the Cohasset Community Center, and a long-time member of the Cohasset Golf Club. She was also an active member of the Professional Women's Club of Boston. A talented portrait artist, Mrs. Fesler enjoyed art, reading, skiing, golf, bowling, gardening, and her family. She was an adventurous traveler, including camping in Alaska's Denali National Park and spending her 85th birthday in her grandfather's native Norway.



Grethe Jones Fesler

She leaves behind a brother, William Jones of California, sons Robert Fesler, Jr. of Dresden, Maine and Douglas Fesler of Anchorage, Alaska, and daughter Laurie Sherman of Anacortes, Washington. She also leaves six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday June 22, at 2 p.m. at the Congregational Church in Cohasset.

There are no visiting hours.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Margaret Ann Soltesz

Avid gardener

Margaret Ann Soltesz, 62, of Cohasset, died June 17, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Soltesz was a 40-year resident of Cohasset. She was a graduate of Hingham High School and attended Marrietta College in Ohio. She was an avid gardener and a long-time member of Cohasset Golf Club.

Wife of the late James A. Soltesz, she leaves her children, Jeff J. Soltesz and his wife, Liesel Pollvogt, of Scituate, and Deborah Novelline and her husband, Tom, of Scituate; her siblings, Rick, Peter, David, Bob and Nancy Schuchard; and her grandchildren, Lucie and Benjamin Novelline and Alex and Anja Soltesz.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., on Friday, June 20, at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Arrangements are by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset. Private interment in Woodside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 11115 West Chestnut St., Brockton, MA 02301.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

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Sunday, June 22

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Summer services are informal, child-friendly, lay-led, and followed by refreshments in the back of the Meeting House. We hope you'll join us!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project. The following special events will be happening in June:

• June 22nd 8am WORSHIP AT THE SAILING CLUB begins in addition to the traditional 10:00am service, which is held in the CHAPEL located at the rear of the church building.

• SAVE THE DATE of Saturday, July 26th for an all church PROGRESSIVE BARBEQUE with cocktails 5:30 –7 pm and dinner 7:15 - 8:30pm.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the **Reverend Margot Critchfield,**

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Wednesdays: Eucharist with healing at 9:30 am.

If you are searching for a faith community, please feel free to pay us a visit; you can learn about us and the Episcopal faith by visiting our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village, "on the rock." To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083. Our parish priest is Rev. Margot Critchfield; the assistant is Rev. Colette Wood.

Areas of ministry at St. Stephen's include outreach locally and globally, youth group work, environmental advocacy, meditation, worship, Bible study, book groups, prayer groups, and fellowship.

Saturday: June 21, Bible Fellowship 7 am

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

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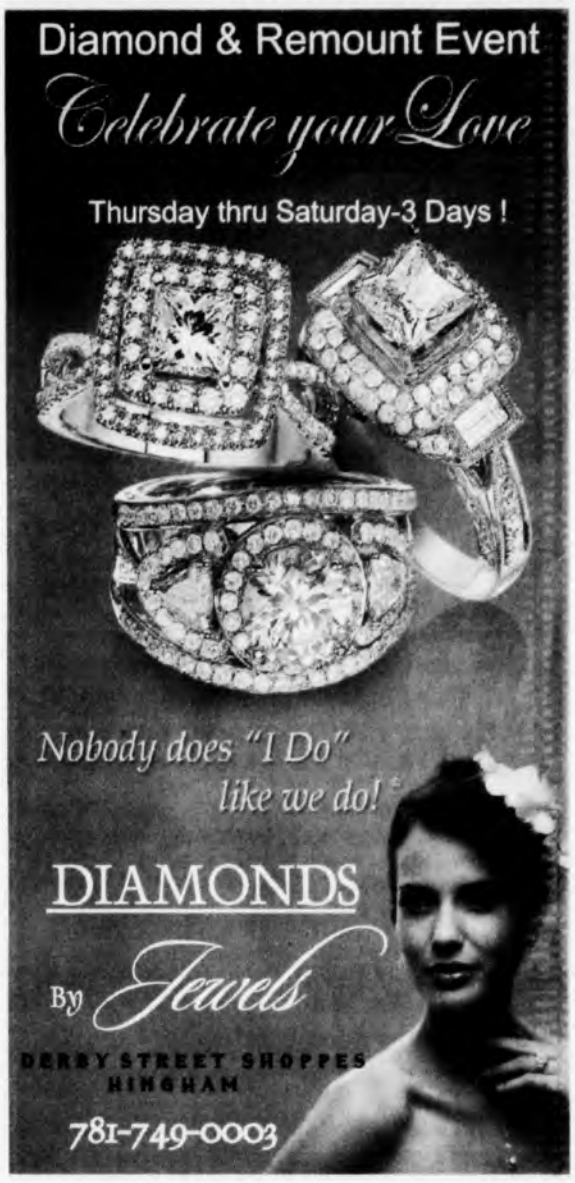
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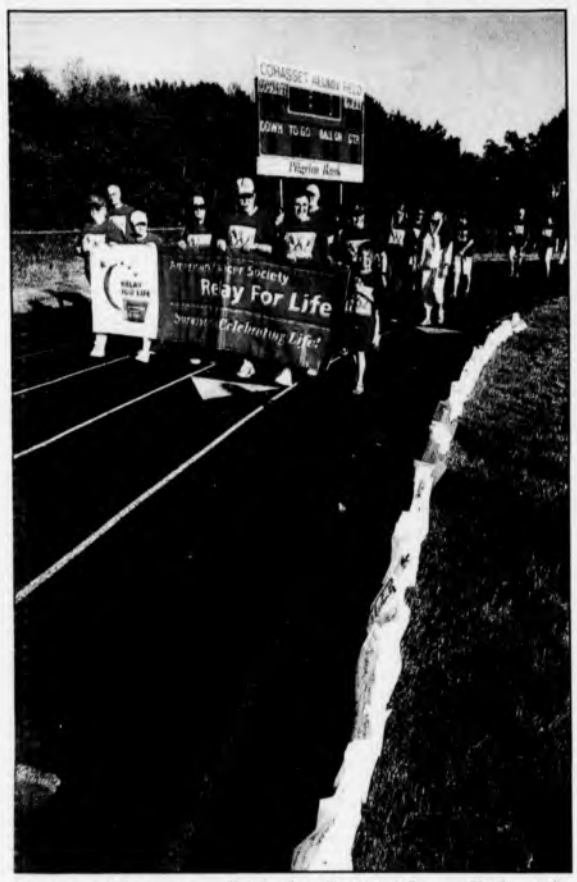
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Dylan Coffey, 4 1/2, of Cohasset looks up and tries to catch a Frisbee thrown by his dad, Craig, while enjoying the weather during the Relay for Life on Friday night at Cohasset High School.

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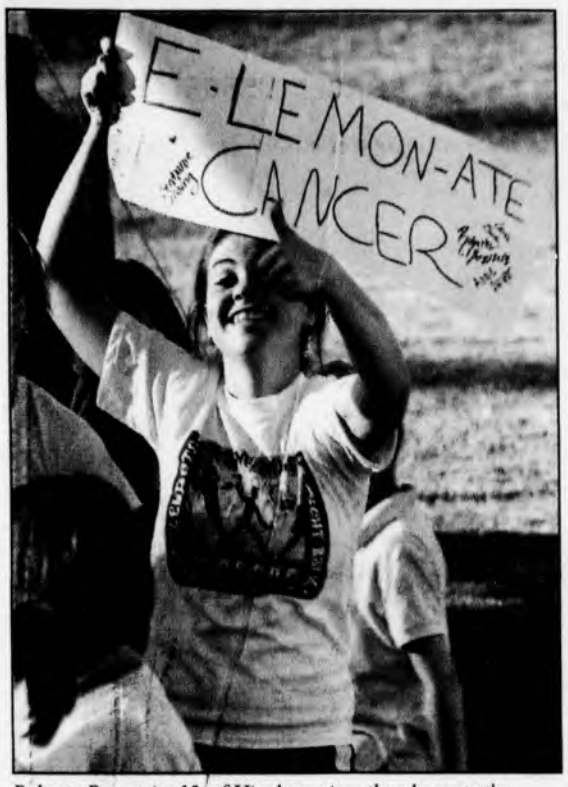
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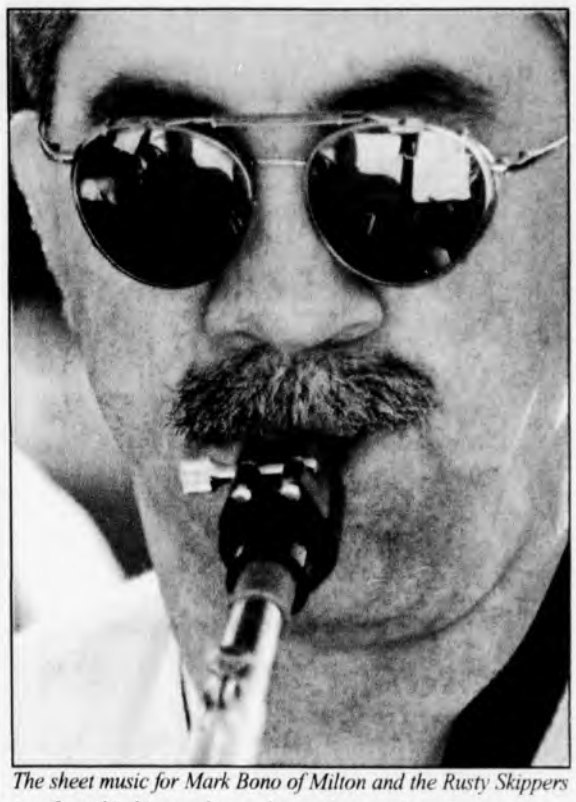
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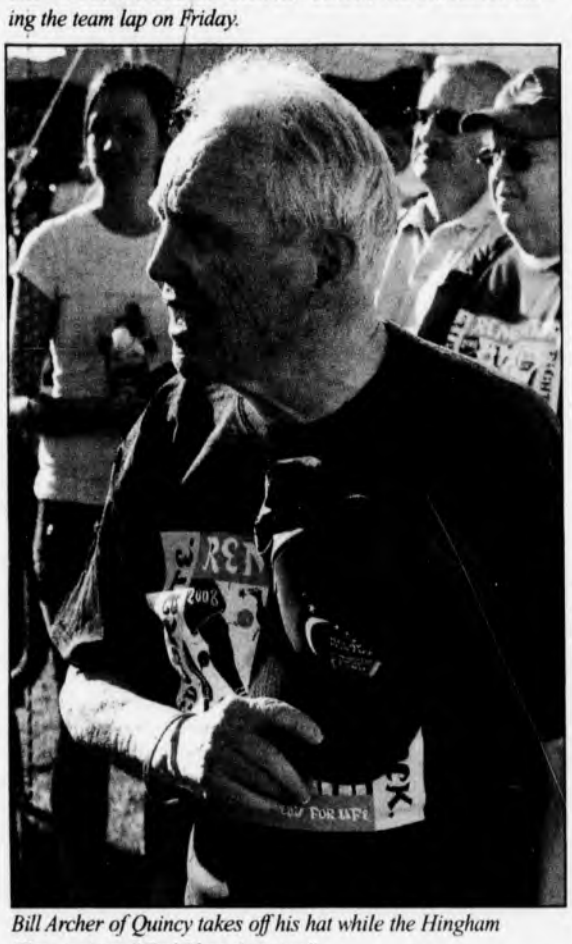
Roberta Bergstein, 15, of Hingham gives thumbs up to the emcee as their team, E-Lemon-Ate Cancer, was introduced during the team lap on Friday.



Hannah Laugelle, 7 left, of Cohasset and her cousin Taylor Litchfield, 12 right, of Marshfield are all dressed up for the Children's Lap during the Relay For Life on Friday.



The sheet music for Mark Bono of Milton and the Rusty Skippers is reflected in his sunglasses during their performance on the high school track.



Bill Archer of Quincy takes off his hat while the Hingham Chorus sings "God Bless America."



Bobby Fry photographs Roger Wade of Cohasset for the wall of survivors. Roger has been cancer free for 15 years.



Peter McGee of Cohasset pulls his daughter, Kelly Rose, 2, while walking with his mother, Donna, as part of the Mighty Energizers team.



Head coach Pete Afanasiw, whose parents succumbed to cancer, stands with his football players who volunteered some of their time at the Relay For Life. For the second year in a row, 25 football players volunteered four hours each to help out with the relay.



David Lord of Cohasset gives his daughter, Peyton, 3, a spin.



Steven Gilbert, left, and Lisa Battista sing a rendition of "Up Where We Belong" during the Relay on Friday evening.



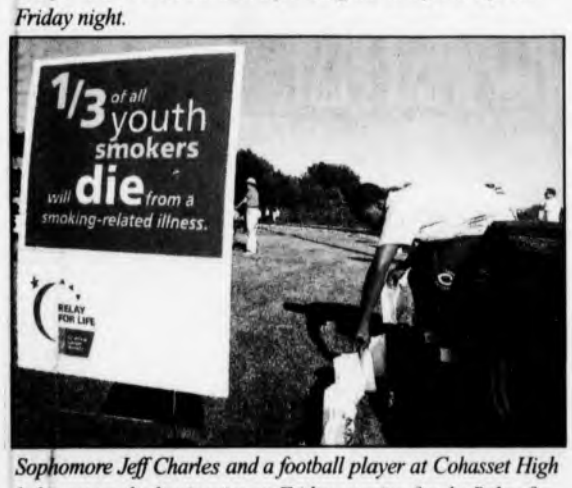
Amanda Vitello, 9, of Cohasset, sits in the middle of the "O" in Hope during the Relay For Life.



Kathy Brooks of Scituate talks about her experience with cancer as the keynote speaker at the Relay for Life in Cohasset on Friday.



Cohasset High juniors Fiona McBride, 16, Jessie Fitts, 17, and Torey Hart, 17 lead the kids lap during the Relay For Life on Friday night.



Sophomore Jeff Charles and a football player at Cohasset High helps set up the luminaries on Friday evening for the Relay for Life. Approximately 25 football players volunteered 4 hours each to help out the Relay for Life for the second year in a row.



Lydia Guild of Cohasset of Sweet Relief organizes the luminaries while getting them ready for Friday night's lighting.



Bethany Dobyna of Cohasset writes down names on luminaries for her family and others from her group, Bay State, on Friday night.

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Evan Deutsch, of Cohasset, displays a Senate citation he received as a winner of The Best & The Brightest recognition program. Pictured with Deutsch are Community Newspaper Co. Publisher Mark Olivieri, left;, Community Newspaper Co. Special Sections Editor Beth Doyle; and Boston media personality Scott Wahle, who delivered the keynote address to the winners at an award ceremony held at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell last week.

Best & Brightest take home awards

12 winners chosen by community leaders

By Beth Doyle
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NORWELL –Community Newspaper Company honored 12 local students as The Best & The Brightest in an award ceremony last week.

The Best & The Brightest is a recognition program designed to spotlight outstanding young adults in communities covered by CNC's local newspapers. Readers were invited to nominate individuals between the ages of 16 and 21 who deserved to be honored, whether for academic achievement, volunteerism, athletic prowess, artistic acumen or the pursuit of excellence in another field. The program was sponsored this year by Derby Street Shoppes.

The 12 winners, chosen by a selection committee of community leaders, were featured in a special section that was published the last week of May.

The winners are: Ryan Brenner, of Hanover; Matthew Carleton, of Scituate; Evan Deutsch, of Cohasset; Samuel Goldman, of Weymouth; Alicia Gratta, of Kingston; Lauren Maloney, of Plymouth; Anthony Melchionda, of Braintree; Prashanth Rau, of Hingham; Kristin Schreiber, of Pembroke; Todd Selby, of Norwell; Jillian Smith, of Duxbury; and Erin White, of Marshfield.

Boston media personality Scott Wahle was the keynote speaker at the ceremony, held at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell.

"Growing up isn't easy," Wahle told the students in his address. "It's tough to be a teenager – so much change, happening so fast. And young adults today are looking at a world that has become very complicated and stressful. But the people we honor this evening have navigated those waters successfully to this point, and have made a mark they can be proud of.

"You may never know how the example you are setting by your achievements will ripple out to touch others, but they will. It's like the rock you throw in the pond, and the water just ripples on and on without end. I'm sure you've all heard this before, maybe as recently as your high school commencement exercises: you – individually and collectively – can make a difference. And it's true! But I'll take that one step further: You HAVE to make a difference!"

Wahle encouraged the students to embrace new experiences and not to be afraid of failure.

"I can only encourage you to continue down the paths you have set for yourselves, be it service, or volunteerism, or research or adventure, or whatever it is that brings you here today," he said.

The students received gifts from CNC and Derby Street Shoppes and a citation of recognition from the Massachusetts Senate.

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It hit me on the shuttle bus from the airport in Manchester: This wasn't the England I knew. Absent were the red double-decker buses, Big Ben and the robotic female voice on the Tube (subway) telling me to "mind the gap."

Instead, I was seeing trees -- endless miles of trees.

I was learning England is more than just bustling London. This felt like Vermont, but with an English accent -- we were driving on the left on roads with strange names like "M62." And in a week of touring, I would discover there is much of interest in the north, in the smaller, historic cities of Chester, Durham and York.

Chester is a mere 30 minutes from Manchester Airport. The first things a city tour guide pointed out were the medieval walls that surround it and that Chester was originally built by the Romans.

In fact, Roman history is scattered all around, including Britain's largest Roman amphitheatre on the edge of town. The other big attraction is Chester's famous 13th-century "Rows," a seemingly never-ending line of connected black and white buildings. Today they house the main shopping district.

I was told that one particular fast-food chain, called Spud-u-Like, has an ancient Roman bathhouse in the back. That is the charm of Chester, blurring the lines between the historical with the commercial to a point where it is one seamless experience to the next.

Located high above Eastgate Street, the elaborately decorated Eastgate Clock towers over the whole scene. It was built in 1897 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Today it celebrates the fact that it's the second-most photographed clock in England.

That's one of the many odd facts Chester locals volunteer. Ask for more and you are likely to get a story about the city's rivalry with nearby Wales: Residents are quick to cite a city bylaw that allows them to shoot a Welsh person with a crossbow if they are seen within the city walls after sunset.

"And you see that clock tower?" said a man on the street pointing to the Victorian Town Hall. "It's only got three sides. The side facing Wales is blank because Chester won't give the Welsh the time of day!"

This was just like small-town American rivalries. And that thought stayed with me during the three-hour ride north to Durham, a quaint, hilly city close to the border with Scotland, where the massive Durham Cathedral is visible wherever you walk.

I found no Scot-bashing here, but I did hear plenty about local hero St. Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, while exploring the cathedral.

Still a house of worship, the cathedral dates to 1093, and is home to a shrine to the 7th century Anglo-Saxon monk and bishop, whose remains also lie here. There are stories of St. Cuthbert as a miracle worker to the sick, giving him the nickname "Wonder Worker of Britain." It was made clear he is still adored by locals.

There was one subject my tour guide was rather mum about: the cathedral's appearance in the first two Harry Potter movies -- where it doubled as a classroom at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry (only the cloisters area that appeared briefly in the films is visible on the tour).

Only about an hour south of Durham is the bigger historic walled city of York, home to York Minster, the largest Gothic cathedral in northern Europe.

Walk up to the top of the Central Tower and you can see all of York, the narrow streets, the surrounding wall, and the countryside off in the distance.

For more views, I strolled along the path on the city wall, from the Minster to the opposite end of the city, bringing me to the Micklegate



PHOTO BY FRANCIS MA

Nighttime in historic York.

Bar Museum (the word "bar" in York means "gateway into a city").

The museum is at the gate where kings and queens of the past first entered the city, and also where the heads of traitors were put on pikes and displayed on the roof, left for crows to pick at. Yuck. Needless to say, there's a certain haunting feeling there, but the museum staff is quick to make you laugh with comments like, "Take care on the stairs. We have enough ghosts here."

Another York attraction, touristy yet intriguing, is the Jorvik Viking Centre, a museum dedicated to the city's Viking past -- Jorvik was York's original name. There's a mechanical ride that takes you through an imagined Viking settlement (showing the everyday life of its inhabitants), and there's a computer in the main gallery that can determine if you have any Viking blood -- I disappointingly don't.

After finding out this fact, I wandered over to the Shambles, known as one of Europe's best-preserved medieval streets, now bustling with shoppers and bookshops.

I made my way over to the Ye Old Pub, a couple of blocks away from the Minster, and sat to have a pint, reflecting on my whirlwind week as I listened to a local band covering the Rolling Stones. I don't have any British blood either, but I still somehow felt right at home.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 5

4:47 p.m. **Pond St., and Clay Spring Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:17 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:35 p.m. **Cedar St., and Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:53 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, larceny, caller reports a sign he had in his front yard has been taken. He has looked around the neighborhood and hasn't come up with anything, he values the sign at $600. The sign read: Dana Cushing Painting.

9:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:36 p.m. **Ash St.**, officer wanted, caller would like to speak with an officer.

11:13 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, gate locked.

11:15 p.m. **Border St., and Parker Ave.**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Stephanie C. Belz, 18, 88 Forest Ave., Cohasset. Charges: Minor transporting liquor, possession of open container of alcohol in motor vehicle, marked lanes violation. Arrest: Natalie Belle-Beukers, 17, 65 Pond St., Cohasset. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

5:03 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, gate open.

7:02 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:26 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports there is an 18 wheeler broken down at above location. Officer reports truck is unable to be moved – mechanic is on his way to fix the truck.

7:36 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, investigation, Construction Company reports small gas leak at above location.

9:51 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, illegal dumping, caller reports someone has dumped a bunch of cardboard into the dumpster at her place of business.

3:58 p.m. **White Head Rd.**, fire, (misc.), carbon monoxide alarm activated.

5:06 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:50 p.m. **Pratt Ct.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports minor motor vehicle accident, no injuries.

9:10 p.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:40 p.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:49 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

12:48 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:49 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

5 a.m. Atlantic Ave., public service, officer reports the gates are open.

6:55 a.m. **Pond St.**, power outage, caller reports they have no power, contacted electric company, they report crew enroute – they have received couple of calls – no power in the area.

9:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:35 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Howe Rd.**, warrant services, one male in custody. Arrest: Michael D. Bonomi, 55, 7 Old Plain St., Marshfield. Charges: WMS warrant.

9:47 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, hazard (traffic), multiple callers report one of the train gates is stuck and the lights and bells are still going off, the train has passed through at this time. MBTA has been notified and is responding. MBTA reports the next train is due to come through at 10:25. Officer reports he was able to reset the gate arm at this time. MBTA notified of this.

10:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deer Hill/Osgood schools check.

10:56 a.m. **Bancroft Way**, parking complaint, caller reports there are cars parked all over the street making it hard for him to get out of his driveway. Officer reports all violators have been tagged. There are no blocked driveways.

11:20 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, public service, officer standing by while the train passes through the intersection. Officer reports the gates are working fine at this time. There is also an MBTA worker in on the scene. MBTA worker will be standing by for one more train passing to ensure proper function of the gates.

11:49 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, public service, officer standing by waiting for the train to pass. Officer and MBTA worker are clear, gates are working property at this time.

12:12 p.m. **Deep Run**, notification, caller reports at the end of Deep Run are metal plates covering the road when he drove over one, the other lifted up ripping the under carriage of his vehicle. LM Holdings has been contacted, they are sending a crew out to fix the problem.

1:12 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports cars parked illegally on the bridge.

1:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard, multiple callers reports a box of nails or screws have been dumped all over 3A between the Good Sport and Dunkin Donuts. Mass Highway notified and responding. Officer reports he has swept up most of the screws in the road.

5:43 p.m. **Border St.**, fire, auto, caller reports her vehicle is smoking – she pulled over on the side of the road.

6:16 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, animal complaint.

8:39 p.m. **Diab Lane**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller is having a problem with neighbor – this is on going and a civil matter. No police service.

8:48 p.m. **Kilby St., Hingham**, medical aid.

9:29 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:37 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:58 p.m. **Border St.**, parking enforcement, officer reports out tagging vehicles near the bridge at above location.

1:58 p.m. **Hanover Police**, bolo announcement.

2:26 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint.

3:09 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer removed a group from the bridge.

3:44 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, public service, officer reports the train gates are functioning properly.

4:01 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

4:32 p.m. **S. Main St.**, assist other Police Dept. Bourne PD requesting to respond to above location attempt to make contact with subject – have him contact Bourne PD – reference they found his wallet. Officer has made contact with male – he will call Bourne PD.

5:25 p.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports 3 teenagers just went into above residence with a 30 pack. This address is on the Hingham side of Hull Street. Cohasset unit advised to disregard call, Hingham PD will handle.

10:07 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious vehicle, officer out with vehicle behind the school. Officer reports 3 males in custody. Arrest: Kyle Steven Pinkus, 18, 475 Beechwood St., Cohasset. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor. Arrest: Samuel H. DeGiacomo, 18, 59 Beach St., Cohasset. Charges: Minor transporting liquor. Arrest: Kenneth P. Muir, 18, 42 Old Pasture Rd., Cohasset. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

10:12 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports possible subjects that are outside drinking in the above area. Officer reports kids jumping from bridge – they have been sent on their way.

10:29 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Mill Lane**, fire, investigation, caller reports strong odor of smoke at above location. Unable to locate anything.

10:45 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, barking dog, officer reports there is no one home where the dog is barking. Contacted residence – no answer – left message.

11:02 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, suspicious activity, caller reports the park is starting to get loud, lots of vehicles. Officer reports there were 2 car loads of locals, they are on their way. Officer reports no drinking involved.

11:45 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious vehicle, officer reports vehicle was parked behind above location. Officer reports building appears secured.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

1:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:05 a.m. **Deep Run**, larceny (report), caller reports someone broke into his car overnight. Officer reports cars have all been gone through.

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Date of Death May 6, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that WILLIAM J.E. MORTON of SAUSALITO in the State of CALIFORNIA and SARAH E. MORTON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 16, 2008.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. DAVID H. KOPELMAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, June 3, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11701192
Cohasset Mariner 6/20/08

OFF KING ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Cohasset ("Town") has applied for the approval by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") of the Town's acquisition, pursuant to G.L. c. 79 and Article 13 of the Town's 2004 Annual Town Meeting, of that property located southwesterly off King Street in Cohasset and known as Town Assessor Map 66, Parcel 7 for public water supply protection purposes.

In response to that application, the Department, acting under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 39B and Section 41, as amended and each and every other act thereto enabling, will hold at the Department of Environmental Protection, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347, 2nd Floor in Conference Room #3 on July 2, 2008. The hearing will begin at 10:00 A.M.

The plan showing the land in question is on file with the Department at the above address, and in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Cohasset. Said plan is entitled "Y08 Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant Program BRP 2007-03," dated September 2007 and on file with the Town's Board of Water Commissioners.

Comments pertaining to this matter may be made orally at the time of the hearing or submitted in writing to the MassDEP/SERO address at any time before 3:00 P.M. on July 9, 2008.

By Order of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Richard J. Rondeau, Chief
Drinking Water Program
Bureau of Resource Protection

AD#11700697
Cohasset Mariner 6/20/08

CHRISTIANSON ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P1422EP

In the Estate of CARL L. CHRISTIANSON
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 1, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JOHN J. ROGERS, JR. of NORTH SCITUATE in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 23, 2008.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, June 10, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11698214
Cohasset Mariner 6/20/08

To Place A Legal Ad Call Mary (781) 433-7902

PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS FOR RELEASE WEEK OF JUNE 16, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your creative side is enhanced by indulging yourself in as much artistic inspiration (music, art, dance, etc.) as you can fit into your schedule. Take someone special with you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Take a little restorative time out of your busy life. Go somewhere quiet this weekend. Or just close the door, turn on the answering machine and pretend you're away.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your advice might be much in demand by family and friends this week. But reserve time for yourself to investigate a project that could have some unexpected potential.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Work-related issues demand your attention in the early part of the week. Family matters dominate Thursday and Friday. But the weekend is yours to spend as you please.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Try to keep your temper in check as you deal with someone who seems to enjoy showing disrespect. Losing your Le onine cool might be just what the goader hopes to see.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A heated confrontation needs some cool-off time before it boils over. Better to step away than to try to win an argument where emotions overrule the facts.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone very special in your life finally sends that reassuring message you've been hoping for. You can now devote more time to the tasks you had put aside.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Job pressures begin to ease by the week's end, leaving you time to relax and restore your energy levels before you face next week's emerging challenges.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your spiritual strength helps calm a friend who might be facing an unsettling change in his or her life. An offer to help comes from a surprising source.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) By midweek you could learn some surprising facts about an associate that might cause you to reconsider a long-held view about someone in your past.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) One of those rare-for-you darker moods sets in in the early part of the week. But by Thursday, the clouds lift and you're back doing nice things for people in need.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Use that sharp Piscean perceptiveness to reel in more information about a promising offer so that you have the facts to back up whatever decision you make.

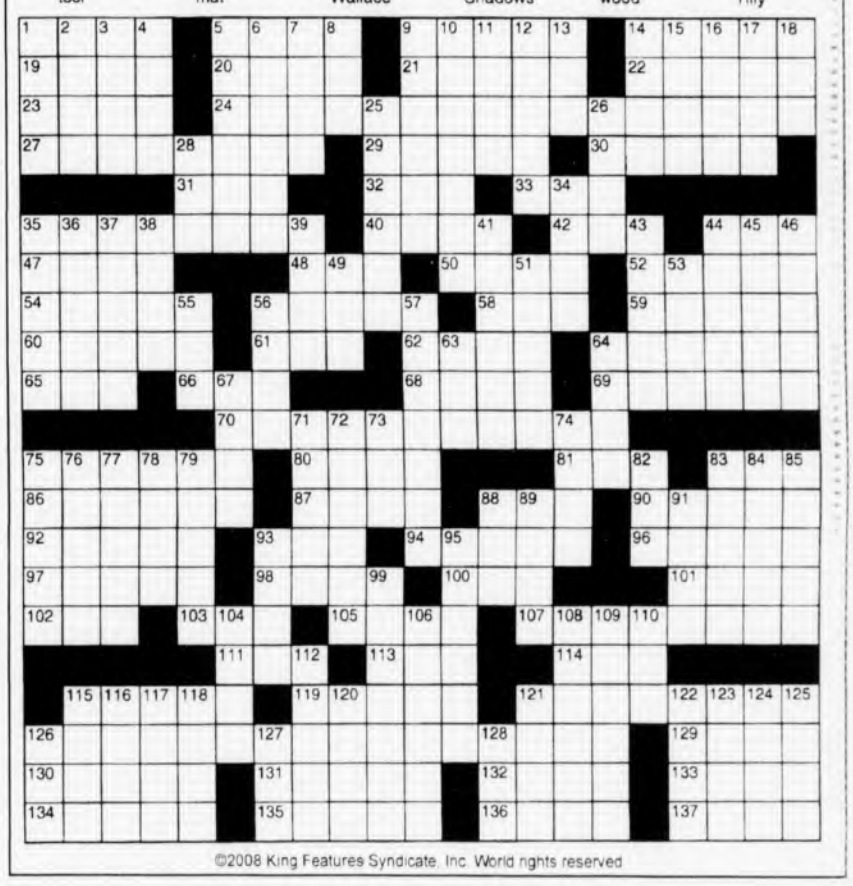
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BORN THIS WEEK: Although you prefer the status quo, you easily can adapt to change when it's called for.

Crossword - Waist of Money

ACROSS
1 Meat cut
5 "— You Babe" ('65 song)
9 Skimmer material
14 Chauvinist
19 Othello's ensign
20 — con-tendere
21 What the nose knows
22 Greene or Michaels
23 Be a black-smith
24 Start of a remark by James Dent
27 Appropriates
29 Dutch artist Jan
30 Let up
31 Rep.
32 Speakeasy patron
33 Hoover, for one
35 Part 2 of remark
40 Beginning on
42 '72 Michael Jackson smash
44 Impact sound
47 Downey of "Touched by an Angel"
48 Woodworking tool
50 New York university
52 "Butterfield 8" author
54 Rouse
56 Singer Payne
58 Plant disease
59 Ponti's partner
60 Become a prune
61 Islands instrument
62 Baby — Hercules
64 Like
65 "Malcolm X" director
66 — Mahal
68 Widespread
69 Shed
70 Part 3 of remark
75 Ambush man
80 Ripped
81 Periodon-tists' org.
83 Bud
86 Tweety Pie, e.g.
87 Highlands tongue
88 Nobelist Octavio
90 Man from Malmo
92 Hersey setting
93 They may be personal
94 Ornamental mat
96 "Salome" character
97 Like some paper
98 Covenant
100 Opie's aunt
101 Unit of area
102 Archaic preposition
103 Conductor Queler
105 Snake sound
107 Part 4 of remark
111 Slalom curve
113 Ruby of "A Raisin in the Sun"
114 Limit
115 Sink
119 Dust busters
121 — squash
126 End of remark
129 Peace of mind
130 Soviet cooperative
131 "He's making — . . ."
132 Buffalo waterfront
133 Jocular Johnson
134 Director Sergio
135 "Beau —" ('39 film)
136 Equipment
137 Actor Wallace

DOWN
1 Speech problem
2 Neighbor of Molokai
3 Violinist Oistrakh
4 Playwright Coward
5 Spectrum shade
6 Discuss
7 Auto pioneer
8 Petite pooch
9 Prepares onions
10 ". . . baby on the —"
11 Emulate Sinbad
12 Improve
13 Violent card game?
14 Hunk of gunk
15 Pindaric character
16 Pluck
17 Fairy-tale start
18 Golfer's gadget
25 Disney rabbit
26 Tom, Dick, or Harry
28 No Einstein
34 Encourage a culprit
35 Go fishing
36 Long of football
37 Stun
38 Daily receipts
39 TV's "— Shadows"
41 Remote
43 Nick of "I Love Trouble"
44 Strauss aristocrat
45 Common contraction
46 Chutney ingredient
49 Minuscule
51 Reindeer name
53 Israeli dance
55 Tolkien creation
56 Japanese volcano
57 Rubbed the wrong way
63 Garage supply
64 Runners carry it
67 Crooked
71 Bara of the silents
72 Judd of "George & Leo"
73 "— a Rebel" ('62 hit)
74 Unclear
75 It'll give you a weigh
76 Lowest point
77 Absurd
78 Sheet of stamps
79 Carve a canyon
82 Furniture wood
83 "Thanks, Robes-pierre!"
84 Idolize
85 Surrenders
88 In-your-face item
89 Guinness or Baldwin
91 Sport
93 Does Little work
95 Preoccupy
99 Most methodical
104 Jacket feature
106 Hardly hyper
108 Small shrub
109 Foam
110 Choose, with "for"
112 Face lift?
115 Wet blanket
116 Concerning
117 WWII gun
118 Tropical spot
120 Handel's "— and Galatea"
121 Spotless
122 "— of the Cat" ('77 hit)
123 Reduce, with "down"
124 — Spumante
125 Poverty
126 Baseball's Ripken
127 Witty one
128 Foster or Tilly



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Sudoku

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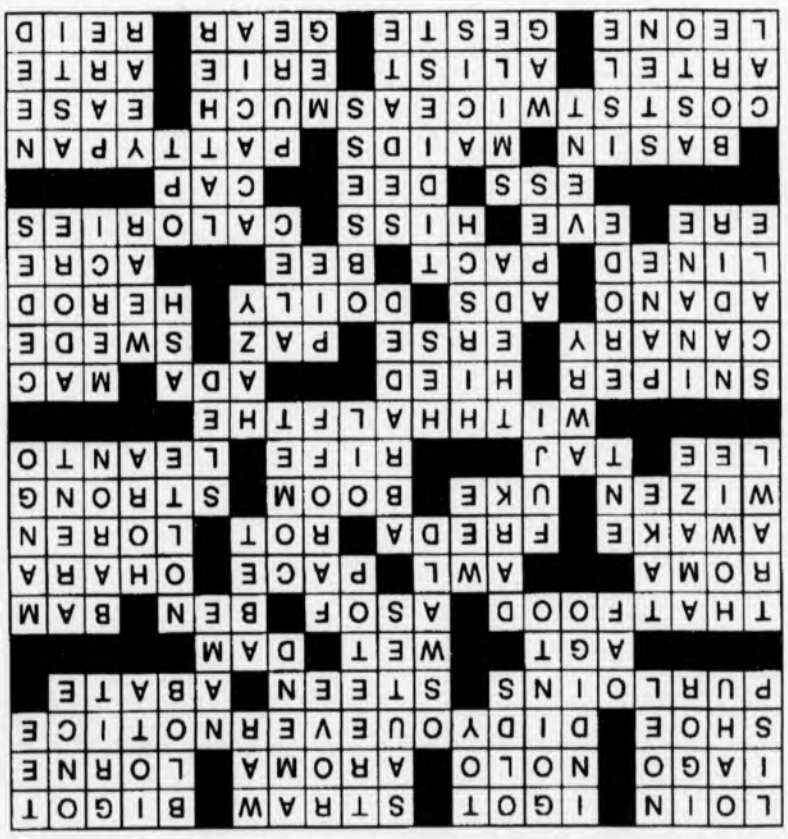
Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Crossword Solution - Waist of Money



Magic Maze - Serif Typefaces

C W I N D S O R U A T N E C E
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F A S D B Y X V S H L T R P O
M K M U I G A U Q I T N A E R
D B Z O D X W I B U L A T R I
Q O N L R L J Y G I G A E F N
D C N O L S A C A R Y X C H E
W V T S L L E W K C O R R P V
O S I H P M E M O B M E B N U
L B A S K E R V I L L E G K O
J I G F T H G I L T O O F E S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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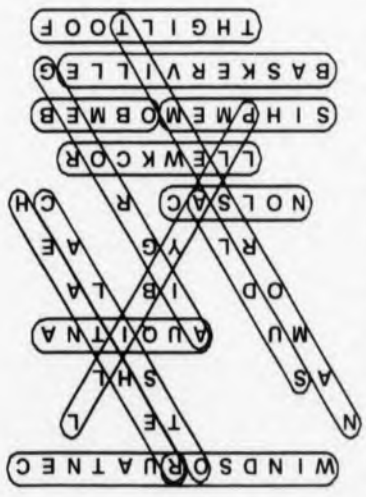
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Footlight

Georgia
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Memphis
Playbill

Rockwell
Times Roman
Windsor

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Magic Solution - Serif Typefaces



Sudoku Solution

4	5	1	9	7	3	6	8	2
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6	7	3	8	1	2	5	9	4
5	1	4	2	9	8	7	6	3
9	6	8	7	3	4	2	5	1
7	3	2	6	5	1	8	4	9
2	9	7	1	8	6	4	3	5
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1	8	5	3	4	7	9	2	6

TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

JUNE 19-27, 2008

Calendar of events



Alice Means - *Little White Duck Quilt*, fabric and thread.

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Complex Conversations with Joan Paley and Alice Means, a new exhibit at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St,. Duxbury. Alice Means' quilts have appeared in national magazines as well as the 2008 American Quilt Society calendar. Joan Paley has illustrated nine children's books including "Little White Duck" listed on Oprah Winfrey's website. When Joan gave Alice a gift of her illustrated children's books, Alice made a quilt and that became the connector of their work. The exhibit will run through Aug. 17, with a reception, 1:30 to 3:30 on June 22.

Thursday, June 19

Bride and Soul Wedding Expo, June 19, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club of Quincy, Every guest enters the raffles. Free to the public. Pre-registration is required by calling 781-834-2728.

Norwell Chamber of Commerce, Meet and Greet Networking event. Thursday, June 19. from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacob's Lane. Norwell. $10 per person. Cash bar. Catering by On Rye Deli of Norwell. Meet and mingle with new members of the Chamber of Commerce. RSVP to www.norwellchamberofcommerce.com

L. W. Pingree School, 1250 Commercial St., in East Weymouth, will be having a reception in the school library on Thursday, June 19, from 3:15 to 6:30 p.m. for current and former students and parents wishing to congratulate Mrs. Legan, principal, on her retirement. Refreshments will be served.

American Sign Language Classes, a six week ASL program will begin Thursday June 19 at the Cardinal Cushing School in Hanover. The beginner class is from 5 to 6:30 and the voice off advanced class will run from from 6:30-8:00. This highly regarded program will prepare the learners for conversational sign as cultural deafness is introduced. Those working in our communities as first responders and those needing ASL instruction due to Autism, Downs Syndrome or Deafness will not be put on a waiting list. To register, please contact Marianne Molinari 1-781-447-2470 or manny66@msn.com

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2008 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following **Tuesday. June 19, Lenny Vaz German Band.**

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 19, **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 19, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Charles Vaughn & Bluesfire Blues Jam** open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, June 20

Edaville Railroad, 5 Pine St. Route 58, Carver **Day Out With Thomas** Friday through Monday, June 20 to 23. www.edaville.com

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles. 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until Sept.

New England Singles Dances June 20 from 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Sandwich bar and hors d'oeuvres $10.

Java Friday at Winslow House at 7 p.m. June 20, **Christopher Price,** author of **The Blueprint: A Study of the New England Patriots,** will be atThe Winslow House, located at 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. For years, the New England Patriots were the laughingstock of the National Football League. But in the spring of 2000, their fortunes changed. Their non-traditional approach to building a team led to three Super Bowl titles in four years. Price will chronicle how the team became the gold standard for professional sports franchises everywhere. For information, call 781-837-5753 or visit www.Marshfield.net/winslow or e-mail info@winslow-house.org. Season pass: members, $65; nonmembers, $80. Individual events: members, $8, nonmembers, $10.

Priscilla Beach Theatre, Rocky Hill Road, Plymouth, presents **The Jetsons,** a comedy loosely based on the cartoon, featuring The Dramatic School Players, will be performed at Priscilla Beach Theatre on Rocky Hill Road in Plymouth at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $12. For reservations call PBT at 508-224-4888. Visit PBT online at thinkTheatre.org.

Girl of many talents

Wrentham teen, American Idol contestant puts basketball career on hold for 'Joseph' performance

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Making it to the semi-finals of Fox-TVs "American Idol" two years ago was a life-changing experience for singer and athlete Ayla Brown. The Wrentham teenager interrupted a burgeoning NCAA basketball career to appear on the Fox reality show, however, so being sent home before the talent competition's final round wasn't as bad as it might sound.

"I really wanted to keep going and be in the top 12. At the same time, I knew if I made it to the finals it would mean I would have to postpone my first year in the basketball program at Boston College," explained Brown during a recent rehearsal break from Reagle Players' production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," which opens next week in Waltham. "Even after I was eliminated, I was almost 'redshirted' and made to sit out the season because the coach wasn't sure I was ready to play. We had no height on the team that year, though, so she put me in as a forward. 'Idol' was an amazing experience and it has given me many, many wonderful opportunities. Right now in my life, however, I just want to play basketball."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF REAGLE PLAYERS

Ayla Brown, of Wrentham, will perform in Waltham's Reagle Player's presentation of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at Waltham's Reagle Players.

At 6 feet, Brown may not be the tallest of the Boston College Lady Eagles, but she just may be one of the more experienced team members. Brown dribbled her first basketball down the court when she was in fifth grade and went on to complete her high school career as one of the top female basketball players in Massachusetts history, scoring 2,358 career points to make her the sixth place all-time leading scorer in Massachusetts basketball history, male or female. She is also a two-time Gatorade Player of the Year as the top female basketball player in Massachusetts. The daughter of State Senator Scott P. Brown (R-Wrentham) and WCVB-TV reporter Gail Huff, Brown finished her senior year in high school as captain of the girls' basketball team at Dedham's Noble and Greenough School — missing her last few games to compete on the fifth season of "Idol."

Scouted by Boston College, beginning when she was just 15 years old, Brown now attends the college on a full athletic scholarship. Just finishing her sophomore year, she plays the guard position.

Brown is taking some time this summer to once again pursue her performing career by playing the narrator in the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical for Reagle Players.

"This is my first musical theater project. Bob Eagle, Reagle's founder and artistic director, directed my mother in a Waltham High School production of 'Mame' many years ago and she still talks about that experience all the time. When he made the connection with my mom and me, from seeing me on 'Idol,' he got in touch and asked me to do something with them. I had wanted to do my high school production of 'Chicago,' but basketball got in the way, so when this professional opportunity came along I couldn't say no."

For her musical theater debut, Brown has chosen to tackle a large role in one of Lloyd Webber's earliest shows which sets the biblical tale of Joseph and his coat of many colors to music. The show was first produced on Broadway in 1982 and revived 11 years later with soap star Michael Damian ("The Young and the Restless") in the title role. In recent years, touring productions of the show, first starring Donny Osmond and later Patrick Cassidy, have played Boston. In Waltham, the role of Joseph will be played by Broadway veteran Eric Kunze, last seen at Boston's Wang Theatre this past season in the ill-fated national tour of Lloyd Webber's "Whistle Down the Wind."



Boston's own American Idol semi-finalist Ayla Brown (center) appears opposite Broadway's Eric Kunze (standing) in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at Waltham's Reagle Players. With them are some members of the 50 strong children's chorus. Opening the group's 40th anniversary season, the theatrical Andrew Lloyd Webber Biblical romp plays June 12 to 21.

"My character, the narrator, is the bible studies teacher about to tell the story of Joseph to a group of young children," says Brown. "I knew it would be hard to learn a script, but this show is sung-through which makes it a little bit easier. I'm in 16 songs in the show, which has been a lot to learn, but it gets easier every day that we rehearse it. I've come to really love the show. It is so weird, but I can't stop thinking about the songs. I even hear them in my head when I'm asleep."

That shouldn't be too much of a problem for the young performer who may not be getting much sleep while she is doing "Joseph" and also continuing with rigorous daily workouts to get her ready for the upcoming basketball season. Brown's debut album, "Forward," on the Double Deal label, was recorded in August 2006, before Brown started her studies at Boston College, to ensure that she was in compliance with NCAA regulations. The completed CD was released in October of that year. Although her college basketball career precludes another recording project, the idea remains on Brown's mind.

"I'm restricted right now by NCAA rules about what I can do, but later I definitely want to sing. I'm almost 20 now and my music is definitely changing. My first CD was recorded when I was just 17. It was a very pop-oriented project with plenty of dance songs and a few ballads."

A communications major, Brown says she also is attracted to the work her mother does, but less to her father's chosen profession.

"I'm intrigued by television and television production, but with an emphasis on sports and entertainment reporting. I am not intrigued by politics in the slightest. My sister, Arianna, is completely the opposite. She is 17 and will debate anyone at any time. My dad calls her his Young Republican."

Ayla Brown will appear in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Robinson Theatre, 617 Lexington St., Waltham, June 12 to 21. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-891-5600 or visit www.reagleplayers.com

Walter 'Bear' Zaremba will be performing with the **BearBones Band** at Chester's, upstairs in the Mill Wharf, Scituate Harbor on Friday June 20, 9 p.m. to midnight. This will be an evening of blues and rock with guest appearances by other local musicians.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 20, **Chain Drive** 781-829-6999.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance. Friday June 20, The Lantana, 43 Scanlon Dr., Randolph, www.se-4u.com. Dancing with music by award-winning DJ from 8:30 to midnight. Free door prizes, and Match Game prizes. Hundreds of singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $12 all night. Free dance lessons from 7:30-8:30. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended , collared dress shirt & slacks acceptable. 781-446-0234.

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree, 9 p.m. June 20, **Comedy Night** featuring **Paul Keenan, Alicia Love, Tim Grassey, Annette Pollack, Leigh McConnell, Mike Bobek, Richie Bouzan**. Host: **Jeff Meisler.** Admission: $15 dinner and appetizers available jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack 781-848-0300.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 20, **Satch and The Mightyhouserockers.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage cafe.com myspace.com/satchsnew-bluesrevue



***Mystic River* by Vincent Elliot**

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The Dickinson Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth opened its "Summer Festival: New England Scenes" on June 15, works by eight Massachusetts artists, Stephen Boczanowksi, Donald Dickinson, James Earl, Vincent Elliot, Roger Gill, Stephen H. Holland, Sally J. McCarthy and Isabel Shamitz, who paint familiar urban scenes and shoreline landmarks in rich detail. Gallery hours are Wednesday. through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Information: 781-331-3384 or www.dickinsonartgallery.com.

Saturday, June 21

Edaville Railroad, 5 Pine St. Route 58, Carver **Day Out With Thomas** Friday through Monday, June 20 to 23. www.edaville.com

24th Foyer Family Fair and Yard Sale will be held on June 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Foyer of Charity, 74 Hollett St., Scituate. Donations of quality new and used household items are needed and may be dropped at the Foyer barn from May 31 to June 8, weekends 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and weekdays 10 a.m. to noon and 6 to 8 p.m. This year's grand raffle prize is a trip for two including air fare to a Bahamas' resort. Call the Foyer for further information 781-545-1080.

Yard Sale/Bake Sale/Fundraiser on June 21, at the Amvets on 1591 Central St. Stoughton. Craft tables will also be available for a $30 donation. We look forward to seeing you there. Contact the following people if you wish to purchase a craft table Ron Adie 508-404-4204. Michelle McGrath 781-341-1859.

Summer Solstice Lawn Party on the Harbor, June 21, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. John Joseph Moakley Courthouse, Boston. Sumptuous Seasonal Cuisine Jazz and Island Rhythms by Calypso Hurricane Dress-Casual Elegance Bocce on the green. Tickets and Transportation Lawn Party on the Harbor $100 per ticket Ferry $20 per ticket round trip A special Harbor Express Ferry will leave Pemberton Pier, Hull at 6:15, conveying guests directly to the Courthouse Pier. Return trip ferry will leave the Courthouse at 10:45. Tickets are available by phone, 781-925-5433, or online at the museum web site. Cash bar Courthouse Security requires that all guests bring two forms of identification The Courthouse is at Fan Pier, 1 Courthouse Way, Boston. For directions visit www.bostoncourthousemanagement.com or call the Courthouse at 617-261-2440. Parking lots are adjacent to the Courthouse. Fee $13 per day.

World's End Summer Solstice Celebration, Saturday, June 21 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Bring your family and a picnic and share in our annual 'Thank You' celebration complete with blue grass music, drinks, dessert and a breathtaking sunset. Admission: Trustees of Reservations members $5 Nonmembers $10; Children 12 and under free. Call 781-740-6665 for more information or www.thetrustees.org

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

THE SCITUATE ARTS ASSOCIATION "ARTS ALIVE WEEKEND' June 28 and 29. Plans include Plein Aire painting around Scituate Harbor, a Wet Paint Show, a Front Street Art Gallery New Members Show and children's activities. Artists, amateur and professional, youths to seniors, are encouraged to participate. Demonstrations and activities for families as part of this event. Applications for the Plein Aire event may be downloaded at www.scituateart.com or for further details, questions or to have an application mailed to you contact Janet Cornacchio at jcornacch@aol.com (preferred) or call 781-545-7613 or stop by Front Street Gallery, 124 Front St. for an application.

Town Commons

JUNE 19-27, 2008



Emerging Pastel artists exhibit at Sotheby's International Realty, One Main St., Cohasset. Show runs through July 30. The works will be on display daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Opening Reception to be held Thursday night, June 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. This is a diverse group of 12 women artists from the South Shore and Boston. What the artists share in common is they have all studied with pastel painter Donna Rossetti-Bailey. The exhibiting artists are: Marion Atkinson, Lauren Bass, Barbara Chaisson, Carol Golemme, Luella Harlos, Rosemary Kennedy, Judith Keller, Patricia L. Laliberte, Corliss Primavera, Susan Rogers, Maureen D. Spinale and Polly Ulichny.



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Celebrate nature, Free Bioblitz Program, Saturday June 21 from 10 a.m. to -11:30 a.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell is an ideal program for individuals and families who want to discover and appreciate the varieties of wildlife and vegetation that exist in their backyards and local natural areas. Join a naturalist at the Science Center for a free-guided walk on the Science Center trails to help inventory and record the different kinds of plants and animals found. This is a free program with no pre-registration necessary. Meet at the Science Center at 10 a.m. and dress comfortably for the weather. Information contact the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or view www.ssnsc.org

Plympton Old Home Day 2008, from 1 to 11 p.m. June 21, at Plympton Town Green, Route 58, Plympton-Championship softball game; 2 to 4 p.m. contests, games, etc. Apple pie baking contest. 3:30 PAYS Baseball and Softball awards ceremony; 4 to 6 p.m. Chicken BBQ; 7 to 11 p.m. live entertainment

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, June 21, **Blondie Parallel Lines 30th Anniversary Tour** with Special Guest **Miss Derringer.** 781-383-9850 phone or visit themusiccircus.org

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JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree.. June 21, **The Dons** 781-849-7007.

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The Weymouth Energy Efficiency Expo will be held Sunday June 22, 1 to 5 p.m. on the grounds of the Wessagusset School, 75 Pilgrim Road, (North) Weymouth 02191, in an area right next to the school building. Admission and parking are free, and there is access to bathrooms. Sustainable Weymouth's Expo is a major participant this year in the Weymouth Recreation Department's host event, the Summer Sizzle. The Summer Sizzle offers a wealth of family fun, food, entertainment, and try-outs for kids of the Department's summer recreation programs. So you can bring the whole family when you come to the Expo. In case of rain, everything will move inside the school building.

Complex Conversations with Joan Paley and Alice Means, a new exhibit at **The Art Complex Museum**, 189 Alden St,. Duxbury. Alice Means' quilts have appeared in national magazines as well as the 2008 American Quilt Society calendar. Joan Paley has illustrated nine children's books including "Little White Duck" listed on Oprah Winfrey's website. When Joan gave Alice a gift of her illustrated children's books, Alice made a quilt and that became the connector of their work. The exhibit will run through Aug. 17, with a reception, 1:30 to 3:30 on June 22.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, June 22, 7:30 p.m. **Little Feat and Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes,** 781-383-9850 phone or visit themusiccircus.org

Monday, June 23

Plimoth Plantation's Wampanoag Indigenous Program (WIP) hosts the **10th annual Patuxet Strawberry Thanksgiving** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Plimoth Plantation, 137 Warren Ave., Plymouth, at the Wampanoag Homesite. Strawberries are the first fruit of the new growing season, and were honored in the 17th century with ceremony, singing, dancing, feasting and games. Visitors will participate with WIP staff, as well as many Native community members, as they reenact this daylong celebration of thanks with 17th century football games, mishoon (canoe) races, feasting and Eastern social songs and dances. Free with admission. Visit www.Plimoth.org or call, 508-746-1622 for details.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,400 south shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. We offer a safe place for healing and encouragement as you start a new chapter of your life. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by a short business meeting and social time prior to the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. No appointment is necessary. Information: call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com All are welcome.

Celtic harpist Aine Minogue will perform at the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This is a free program. No registration is required.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Monday, **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, June 24

The Dickinson Gallery, 1132 Main St, Route 18, Weymouth will continue its "Summer Festival: New England Scenes" through June 30. Eight Massachusetts artists paint familiar New England urban scenes and shoreline landmarks in rich detail. Highlights of the exhibit include "Scituate Town Harbor" by Stephen Boczanowksi; "Fiddle Grove Marina" and "Lake on Cape Cod" by Donald Dickinson; four serene World's End landscapes, including "World's End in Winter" by James Earl; "Guilford Harbor" and "Mystic River" by Vincent Elliot; "Eastern Point Lighthouse" and "Cohasset Harbor" by Roger Gill; "Cambridge Scene" and "A House in Maine" by Stephen H. Holland; "Boston Memories" by Sally J. McCarthy; and eight vivid cityscapes including "Park Street Promenade" and "Downtown Crossing" by Isabel Shamitz. Information and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384. Preview Dickinson artists' work at www.dickinsonartgallery.com.

The Tuesday morning Coffee Hour Series at the Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, begins at 10 a.m. June 24, featuring **Eric Jay Dolin**, author of "Leviathan: The History of Whaling in America." Massachusetts historian Dolin chronicles the rise of a burgeoning New England industry, from its brutal struggles during the Revolutionary War era to the golden age in the mid-1800s when more than 700 ships hunted the seas and American whale oil lit the world, to its decline as the 20th century dawned. Season pass is $20 for members; $30 for nonmembers. Individual lectures are $5 for members, $7 for nonmembers. Information, call 781-837-5753 or visit www.Marshfield.net/winslow or e-mail info@winslowhouse.org.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County presents a free legal clinic from 6 to 8 p.m. June 24 at Quincy District Court. A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For information contact Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. **every Tuesday, Wicked Trivia** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, June 25

The Soul City Band will open the **2008 Project Arts River Run free Concert Series Concert** on the historic Plymouth waterfront Pilgrim Memorial Park, Water St., Plymouth from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25. On clear nights Bill Luzader from the Plymouth Planetarium sets up a telescope for stargazers. Families and children are welcome to attend and are encouraged to take a blanket and/or lawn chairs. Information: Mike Landers, Nightlife Music Company, 508-747-7727 nightmusicco@verizon.net or visit: www.projectarts.com

Wes Osborne, Norwell resident and former Norwell Tree Warden, leads a Wednesday Walk, June 25, 9:30 a.m. to noon at **Black Pond Reservation**. Wes Osborne is the authority on Black Pond and has been the Nature Conservancy Steward of the site for more than 40 years. Black Pond, Norwell is one of the few remaining glacial kettle-hole ponds in the state. An interesting and unique place, Black Pond Bog, is known for its rare plants and insects. Sponsored by the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, the cost is $5 members, $8 nonmembers and a portion of admission will be donated to the Black Pond Reservation. Pre-registration is requested. Parking at the site is limited; meet at the Science Center at 9: 15 a.m. to carpool.

Melissa Schorr will be signing her young adult novel **Goy Crazy** at **Storybook Cove**, Merchants Row, 2053 Washington St., Routes 53 and 123, Hanover, Wednesday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m. Information: call 781-871-7801 or visit www.storybookcove.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every **Wednesday DJ Big Daddy Ray** 781-829-6999.

Thursday, June 26

The Hingham Historical Society welcomes family history buffs to a basic genealogy skills workshop on June 26, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Old Derby Academy, 34 Main St., in Hingham. In this three-hour workshop, Historical Society Archivist, **Valerie Thomas** will show participants how to begin research in their family histories and how to avoid common dead-ends that frustrate so many people attempting to trace their family tree. The fee for the workshop is $30; $25 for Historical Society members. Checks can be made payable to the Hingham Historical Society. Call 781-749-7721 for details.

Children's Book Sale, from 3 to 7 p.m. June 26, **Scituate Town Library**, 85 Branch St., Scituate, 781-545-8727.

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L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2008 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. **June 26, Don Besegais Big Band.** All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 26 **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 26 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Morgan Davis Blues Jam** open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage cafe.com myspace.com/satchsnew-bluesrevue

Friday, June 27

New England Singles Dances June 27, 8 p.m. to midnight. Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Rd., Braintree, Sandwich bar and hors d'oeuvres. $10.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart, (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until Sept.

South Shore Singles will sponsor its bi-monthly dance June 27 featuring DJ Dave Becker and his keyboard from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St. Abington. Doors open 7:15 p.m. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8 p.m. Fine dancing, music, refreshments, door prize, cash bar. 781-331-0021. southshoresingles.org

Big Ryan will be at **Winslow House**, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, June 27. 10 a.m. to approximately 11 a.m. Children are invited to enjoy original stories, puppet play, a bit of music and fun. Programs are appropriate for preschool all the way to fifth grade. Cost is $5 per child. For information, call 781-837-5753 or visit www.Marshfield.net/winslow or e-mail info@winslowhouse.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 27, **Six Foot Sunday** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 27, **Jenny & The Ripchordz** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

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Auditions

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Novel idea about interfaith dating

Local author pens young adult book

By Nancy White
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Growing up in New York City, Melissa Schorr was a typical rebellious teenager. Her Jewish parents told her to date nice Jewish boys so, of course, she did the exact opposite.

Little did she know two decades later her humorous and enlightening escapades with interfaith dating would be the building blocks to her first published novel.

"Goy Crazy," a young adult book, is the story of a fictionalized version of Schorr teenage self — 15-year-old Rachel Lowenstein — a she falls for and dates Luke Christiansen, the star of a Catholic high School basketball team.

"This is one girl's story. I never want to tell people what is the right thing to do," says Schorr, a Cohasset resident. "The larger story is about a universal issue of wanting to date someone your parents don't approve of."

In the end, she said individuals have to figure out what is right for them. The title "Goy Crazy" is a play on words for "boy crazy," a "goy" is a term used to describe anybody who's not Jewish.

Schorr, 36, comes from a

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The idea for the book was born many years ago when Melissa Schorr was working at GQ magazine in New York and wrote an article called "The Joys of Goys," a non-fiction account of her experiences as a Jewish woman dating non-Jewish men.

Tri time Sunday

Second annual event is June 29

By Nancy White
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About 950 athletes will descend on Sandy Beach on Sunday morning, each one with drive, endurance and a goal to complete the race. While the athletes have been swimming, biking and running to prepare their minds and bodies, the town of Cohasset has been preparing for the event in a much different way.

With the second triathlon, Race Director Bill Burnett is out to prove his race is one of the premiere triathlon in the area and cement its place on the town and triathlon community's calendar. In just a year's time, the Triathlon has grown by leaps and bounds — and Burnett is quick to recognize the community effort it has taken to get to this point.

"It's all a tribute to Cohasset. It's been a true community effort," said Burnett. "Almost everything I've asked for I've received."

More than an athletic event, the Cohasset Triathlon is a fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). As the Mariner went to press, the Triathlon has raised $198,420 and is on track to raise well

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Village design

Workshop slated for Monday

By Nancy White
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Last summer, there was much debate on how to best tailor the town's zoning bylaws to create the opportunities for appropriate mixed-use development and re-development in th· village. A year later the project still is on-going as the Planning Board, with the help of its consultant, is developing design guidelines to complement the recent bylaw amendments.

Angus Jennings of Concord Square Development, the town planning consulting firm that helped draft the village zoning bylaw amendments, has been working on a draft of design guidelines for the village business district.

"The design guidelines intend to give applicants a clear understanding of the design objectives of new development or renovation of existing property," said Jennings. A workshop will be held to discuss the design guidelines on Monday, June 30 at 7p.m., at Town Hall.

The village business district roughly includes the former Carousel Antique building, Smith Place, Depot Court and Main Street down to the Red Lion Inn. It is home to roughly 50 businesses.

The vision that came along with the village bylaw amendments, which passed muster with voters at the 2007 Special Town Meeting, was to create a framework where a mixed-use (retail and residential), pedestrian friendly and economically stable business center. The Planning Board wanted to encour-

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Local man hit by lightning

O'Day sustains minor injuries

By Brian P. Nanos
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Now that Scott O'Day has survived being stuck by lightning June 20, with long-term effects limited to sore muscles and a bruised face, he and his wife hope others will learn from what he called "my moment of enlightenment."

The Cohasset resident was struck by lightning while walking along the Scituate coastline with his wife Tucker and their two dogs.

"You see a lot of soccer games and other games where people stay out there when the weather's getting inclement," O'Day said. "I think there's a lot of, 'It won't happen to me.'"

Last Friday, O'Day's 49th birthday, he and his wife were walking near the Spit, a Scituate sandbar in the mouth of the North River, when they noticed that the rain was picking up and decided to head home. Friends would later tell O'Day that from Peggotty Beach they saw a single bolt of lightning strike near the shore.

The next thing O'Day remembers is waking up on the ground, his head in his wife's lap. He had been knocked out of his shoes and onto the rocks five or six feet away.

"I said, 'I can't feel my legs, I can't feel my legs,'" he recalled.

The storm that struck O'Day also hit husband and wife Ralph Potter and Kimmarie Roy of Methuen. Potter, 47, was killed.

With the help of some local boaters, who refused to give their names, rescuers from the Scituate harbormaster's

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Scott O'Day pets his Australian shepherds Allie, bottom, and Zoe, who were with Scott and his wife Tucker on the beach in North Scituate when Scott was struck by lightning.

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Best TV show: "Family Guy."

Pet peeve: Soggy socks.

Most embarrassing moment: Showing up to Day 1 of the police academy with the wrong color PT uniform.

Goal: To live a happy and successful life.

Person you'd most like to meet: Will Ferrell.

Biggest worry: Health.

Best part of Cohasset: Beechwood.

South Shore Tide Chart
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June-July	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 26	5:15	8.8	5:46	9.2	11:25	0.5	11:58	0.7
Sunrise: 5:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:24 p.m.*			
Fri. 27	6:11	8.6	6:38	9.5	—	—	12:17	0.6
Sunrise: 5:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:24 p.m.*			
Sat. 28	7:09	8.6	7:32	9.8	12:56	0.4	1:12	0.6
Sunrise: 5:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:24 p.m.*			
Sun. 29	8:09	8.6	8:28	10.2	1:56	0.1	2:09	0.6
Sunrise: 5:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:24 p.m.*			
Mon. 30	9:10	8.7	9:26	10.5	2:55	-0.3	3:06	0.4
Sunrise: 5:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Tues. 1	10:11	8.8	10:24	10.8	3:54	-0.7	4:04	0.3
Sunrise: 5:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Wed. 2	11:10	9.0	11:21	11.0	4:51	-1.0	5:00	0.1
Sunrise: 5:11a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			
Thurs. 3	—	—	12:06	9.2	5:46	-1.2	5:56	-0.1
Sunrise: 5:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:23 p.m.*			

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Paint collection

Paint collection days: Residents can drop off paint at the Recycling Transfer Facility on the last Saturday of the month from April through October. Residents are encouraged to dry out any latex paint using cat litter, sand or paint hardener, which can then be disposed of with regular household trash. Empty cans can then be thrown in the tin can container.

Brush chipping

Residential brush may be dropped off in the Public Works parking area from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the following Saturdays: June 28, Sept. 27 and Oct. 25. No trees over five inches, no stumps, firewood, briars or weeds allowed.

Planning Board re-organizes

Long-time Planning Board member Al Moore will once again serve as chairman for the five-man board. Moore is nearing two decades as chairman of the Planning Board; he is currently serving his fifth term as a Planning Board member.

Stuart Ivimey was appointed to serve as vice chair and recently elected member Charles Samuelson will serve as clerk. All appointments were accepted unanimously. The Planning Board had delayed reorganizing after the April elections until all members were present.

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Police Beat

Traffic plan still in 'pilot' stage

By Mary Ford
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Police Chief James Hussey is pleased with the way the new traffic plan following the Music Circus shows worked last weekend. However, he is hesitant to dub the plan "final" until it is tried following a sell-out performance.

"We were generally pleased and we are going to continue with it – but I am still calling it a 'pilot' plan," Hussey said. He explained that the shows over the past weekend were not at full capacity.

Police also learned that most of the traffic, all of which was directed westbound on Sohier Street toward Route 3A, headed north once it reached 3A.

Along Sohier Street, which was made one-way temporarily until the traffic cleared, police put up signs asking motorists to stay in the right lane if they intended to turn north (making a right) onto Route 3A and the left lane if they were turning south.

"Less than 20 percent made a left onto 3A," Hussey said, explaining that scenario makes it easier for emergency vehicles should the need arise.

In the event of an emergency, police can also hold traffic inside the parking lot to allow vehicles to pass.

"But it gives us more of a comfort level, knowing the left lane is used much less," he said.

Hussey expects to make a final determination on the traffic exit plan in the next few weeks.

The reason for the plan is to prevent cars exiting the Music Circus from turning right toward the railroad tracks. Commuter trains run about 10 minutes after the evening shows.

Car break-ins

Police are investigating a host of car break-ins reported over the past week along the 700 block of Jerusalem Road, Tad Lane and Howe Road. In all cases, the vehicles were left unlocked.

Chief Hussey urges residents to lock their cars but also take valuables such as iPods and GPS devices out of the vehicle or put them out of view or lock them in the trunk. In several of the cases, the cars were rifled through but nothing was taken.

In one case, a woman's brown leather bag was taken and later found in the area. The woman's checkbook and sunglasses were missing.

Courtesy booking

Cohasset police took a Cohasset resident into custody after she was allegedly hit an ex-boyfriend with a bottle in Marshfield last week. Cohasset police booked her on probable cause and then Marshfield police took her into custody. She was charged with assault and battery.

Speeder

A Mill Lane resident has complained to police about a motor vehicle that continues to speed down the street.

The resident was able to provide a plate number and police spoke with the motorist about slowing down. Chief Hussey said the motorist was warned that police could seek civil citations if the speeding continues.

No detail

A group of workers painting lines on the road was warned to hire a detail officer if the road is blocked again. Several callers complained to police that the crew had one side of Beechwood Street closed. Cashman, which is the MBTA contractor, said the crew was not working for them. An officer went to the scene while the crew was finishing up, Chief Hussey said.

Accident

On Saturday (June 21) at 8:45 a.m., police responded to a motor vehicle accident at West Corner.

The victim, who is a Hingham resident, told police her vehicle was hit from behind while she was waiting to turn left off Hull Street. The investigating officer saw damage to the rear of the vehicle on the driver's side. The woman was not injured. The motorist who hit her vehicle was described as being in his 50s and not being able to speak English. Apparently he got out of his older model red Ford Ranger but got back into the vehicle and left without providing any information. The victim and witnesses did not get the Ford's plate number. The man drove toward Hull and Cohasset police have contacted Hull police with a description of the motorist and the Ford Ranger.

Paintballs

Police spoke to some teens with paintball guns in the reservoir area after receiving a complaint last week. Police said the boys would have to stay on their own property or get permission to use the paintball guns on private property but they could not shoot them off on town property.

Stolen purse

An employee in a business on Route 3A called police to report that her wallet had been taken from an office. She had taken her wallet out of her pocketbook and put it back and an hour later noticed that her wallet was taken. The incident is under investigation. The victim suspects another employee might have taken her wallet.

Suspended license

A 24-year-old Cohasset man was arrested for operating after license revocation following a traffic stop at about 5:43 p.m. on Sohier Street. An officer was monitoring traffic near the Deer Hill School when he saw a man, who is known to police, drive by in a motor vehicle with New Hampshire plates. The officer knew that his license had been revoked for being an "immediate threat." He pulled the vehicle over, confirmed that the operator's license had been revoked, and placed him under arrest.

Solicitors

Another group of solicitors came to town Saturday and after being informed by police about the town bylaw requiring registration, left town, police said. Multiple callers along Beechwood Street complained to police.

Police arrest suspect in car theft

On June 20, detectives assigned to the Cohasset Police Criminal Investigation Division (CID), assisted by officers from the Patrol Division, executed a search warrant at 3 Grace Drive in furtherance of an investigation into the larceny of a motor vehicle from Grace Drive on May 29. During the search, evidence related to the on-going investigation was seized. Simultaneous with the execution of the search warrant, James N. Reichardt, age 17, of 3 Grace Drive was arrested near his residence and was subsequently charged with larceny of a motor vehicle, malicious damage to a motor vehicle and larceny under $250. Cohasset Police CID continues to investigate this case and expects to file additional charges against other subjects involved in this larceny in the near future.

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The Cohasset Police Department is aggressively investigating the series of motor vehicle breaks and larcenies that have occurred in the north Cohasset area over the course of the last few weeks. Residents are also requested to call the police department at any time if they observe any individuals behaving suspiciously in their neighborhood. Anyone with information concerning the motor vehicle breaks is asked to call Cohasset Police CID at (781) 383-1055 extension 1047.

"The Cohasset Police Department continues to investigate the rash of cars breaks during the past couple of weeks," Chief James Hussey said. "We are gathering information that will eventually lead to suspects being charged for these crimes. We encourage all residents to safeguard their property and lock their car doors."

Stormwater Committee in flux

THE PAST
-Established in Fall 2006 as a Selectmen-appointed advisory board.
-Worked to draft and gain public support for a Stormwater Management bylaw.
-The Stormwater Management bylaw passed at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting. The bylaw creates a framework of regulations and permitting process to control the town-wide issue of flooding and stormwater runoff for the future.
-The Conservation Commission is the stormwater permit granting authority.
-With the support of stormwater consultant and other committees, the Stormwater Committee was the leader in getting five stormwater project related grants for the town.

THE PRESENT
-Members of the Stormwater Committee feel they have accomplished their initial objectives given by the Selectmen and are looking for new direction and possibly a new member composition.
-Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said he would like to see the committee work on very specific, fact-finding efforts and not politicize the issue.
-Some of the charges discussed at Monday night's Selectmen's meeting were to lead public outreach and education as well as be a place where the public can come and air their stormwater issues.

THE FUTURE
-Several proposals were given to re-populate the committee.
-The Selectmen seemed to favor the approach of having five citizen volunteers as the core of the committee with liaisons from elected boards, like the Board of Health and Planning Board. Citizens with specific knowledge on the issue would be valuable.
-The Stormwater Committee would be completely advisory in nature and not be a decision-making body.
-Members of the Stormwater Committee will draft a new charge and return to the Selectmen for approval.

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Treat's Pond gets personal

Dormitzer accused of disturbing plover habitat

By Nancy White
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The controversial issue of Treat's Pond has gotten overtly personal.

At Monday night's Selectmen meeting, the public comment heated up when resident Jim Drysdale made some pointed accusations at Selectman Ralph Dormitzer.

Both Dormitzer and Drysdale have been prominent voices weighing in on the Treat's Pond issue, their opinions often falling on opposite ends of the spectrum.

Dormitzer, who lives on Sandy Cove where a drainage pipe from Treat's Pond outfalls, has recused himself from participating in the Selectmen's discussions on Treat's Pond, but has often spoke as a private citizen on the matter. He has supported the Army Corps proposed Treat's Pond salt marsh restoration project.

Drysdale, a member of the Stormwater Committee, has repeatedly said there is a cheaper and more effective solution to Treat's Pond and Atlantic Avenue flooding.

At the previous meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on June 9 there was extensive discussion on the town's deeded easement to Treat's Pond and its related drainage pipe.

During that meeting John Connolly, a Sandy Cove resident, stated he was concerned if the town utilized their easement it would disturb wildlife, including piping plovers, a threatened bird species.

Currently, a gate is placed on Connolly's property to prevent the town, or other cars, from accessing the beach over his property. Near the gate, the pathway to the beach is overgrown with vegetation.

Reading from a written copy, Drysdale said while he was on a tour of Sandy Cove, the drainage easement and Treat's Pond, where the Mariner and other town officials were present, he observed Dormitzer and Connolly driving a tractor on the beach where he believed the plovers nested.

"It is deplorable that individuals [Dormitzer and Connolly] who profess to be concerned with protecting wildlife should show such callous disregard for these delightful, but very vulnerable birds," said Drysdale. "It is particularly disturbing that a selectman should set such a poor example."

He requested the Board of Selectmen demand Dormitzer and Connolly desist immediately from driving the tractor over the beach until the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can identify and fence off the plover nesting areas.

When asked by Selectman Karen Quigley if he had contacted the EPA concerning the matter Drysdale said he had not.

In addition, Drysdale requested the town enforce its existing easement rights to maintain the drainage pipe. "It's long past time to stop the silly games," said Drysdale.

Dormitzer chose not to respond to Drysdale's comments at the meeting.

"I will not comment on something so outrageous," said Dormitzer. With the exception of Quigley's question, none of the Selectmen responded.

When reached by phone on Tuesday, Dormitzer said he did not feel it was appropriate for him to get into an argument with Drysdale at a public meeting.

"I don't think the Board of Selectmen should allow personal attacks to be heard," said Dormitzer, adding the chairman should have stopped Drysdale from continuing his comment once it was clear the comment was personal in nature.

Dormitzer said Drysdale's comments were off base.

"The residents of Sandy Cove are in fact very good stewards of the beach," said Dormitzer. The tractor Drysdale referred to is used to routinely pick up debris, planks, seaweed and other objects washed ashore. "We do everything by hand. It's a remarkably natural and productive area."

Dormitzer said the nesting place for the piping plovers is located to the right of the town's easement if facing the ocean. Sandy Cove is one of the few places in Cohasset where piping plovers are nesting.

"We're successful…we get [piping plover] chicks every spring," said Dormitzer. "This was a personal attack, no more, no less."



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

As the exterior work is completed on the Depot Court building, the contractors are turning to major interior work and landscaping.

New owner, new shops for Depot Court building

September opening planned

By Nancy White
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Residents have likely noticed the flurry of work being done on the building at the corner of Depot Court and Ripley Road. A new owner and new tenants are hoping to be ready for business by September 1.

Sean Cunning, a village business and property owner, has recently purchased the 22 Depot Court building with construction under way. Cunning operates Sullivan, Garrity and Donnelly Insurance Agency out of the 21B South Main Street.

"The majority of the building is already leased up," said Cunning in a phone interview. Both new and familiar faces will find their home in the new building.

"Right now, it's really a shell," said Cunning. In finishing the building Cunning is using local contractors and making the building as environmental friendly as possible.

"Everything will be new and not drafty," said Cunning. Making the building as energy efficient as possible from the lighting to heat to insulation is one of his central concern. On a community level, Cunning hopes to provide more options for location shopping.

"With the price of fuel rising, I think more people are going to start shopping more locally," said Cunning.

The building, formerly owned by Richard Brown for more than 25 years, suffered a two-alarm fire in February 2007. The fire, water and smoke damage were too much and subsequently, the building was torn down and a new building rose from the ashes.

Pink Tulip, a new women's clothing store owned by a Scituate woman, will be leasing space on the first floor of the building. The Focus Gallery, currently housed at 115 Ripley Road, is moving over to the Depot Court building.

"This space is two times what they have now," said Cunning, adding the Focus Gallery owners plan to use the space to host parties.

Cunning's insurance business will occupy a first-floor space on the left hand side. The space is bigger and he is hiring more employees.

Upstairs Cohasset resident Kelly Lynch will open a yoga and pilates studio complete with facilities for hot yoga. On the third floor, there will an apartment and 600 square feet of office space.

His building will make two choices for women's clothing — Ports & Company and Pink Tulip.

In addition to offering more shopping choices in the village, the opening of the building will fill a hole currently in the village. Cunning hopes the building will connect the North Main Street portion of the village to the shops on Ripley Road and James Brook Crossing — one of the central goals of the village bylaw revisions passed at last year's Special Town Meeting.

Although Cunning owns the building, SG&D Insurance Agency currently occupies, this is his first foray into construction.

As the exterior work is completed on the building, the contractors are turning to major interior work and landscaping. The lot which currently looks a construction site, will have a lot of landscaping done before the building opens for business.

The building will be fully handicap accessible with an elevator and a fire sprinkler system. A horseshoe shaped lot will be in front of the building with parking and five additional parking spaces will be located to the right of the building.

Cunning is hoping to have a big grand opening in conjunction with "Cohasset Day" planned for Saturday, Sept. 20.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

McCarron, 22 Mohawk Way, $75,000, kitchen remodel; Cohasset Harbor Inn, 124 Elm St., $1,056, 30-foot by 40-foot tent on May 16 and 17; Blanchard, 4 Pine Ridge Road, $4,110, install Jotul wood stove; Russell, 15 Forest Notch, $20,000, new kitchen cabinets, raise living room ceiling, refinish floors, plaster walls; Kaufman, 11 Spindrift Lane, $750,000, demolish and rebuild new 3,400 square foot single-family residence; Berube, 3 Windy Hill, $6,500, five squares clapboard, replace four window casings, door trim;

Barrett, 417 Jerusalem Road, $12,000, replace existing deck; Chase, 91 Pleasant St., $3,000, build basement playroom, complete bathroom; Suddath, 3 Spindrift Lane, $39,000, 40 squares cedar side-walling; Global Signal, 1 Turkey Hill Road, $25,000, add antenna and related equipment to relay tower; Walgreen's, 767 CJC Hwy., $100,000, interior remodel to install Take Care Center.

Dickson, 468 King St., $5,800, remove and replace existing 12-foot 6-inch by 25-foot deck, add roof; Quigley, 27 Clayspring Road, $1,000, build cedar pergola on right front of house; Lawrence, 15 Beach St., $17,500, replace damaged garage

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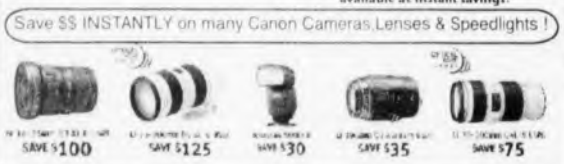
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Sunlight power for Deer Hill School

Grant to purchase daylight pipes

By Nancy White
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School's out and Cohasset students will spend the summer drinking in the sun (hopefully with sunblock) at the beach, ballpark and pool. When students return in the fall, at least one school building will be harnessing the power of the sun to light the learning environment.

In a slight change of plans, a $17,050 municipal sustainability grant will be used to install several "daylight pipes" at Deer Hill School. The daylight pipes were originally slated to be installed at the DPW garage, but Facilities Manager Brian Adams said more daylight pipes than the grant allowed would be needed for the town to see cost savings.

The Alternative Energy Committee (AEC) applied for the grant with the help of its professional consultants. The committee is focused on investigating and implementing alternative energy sources that can be used by throughout the municipality.

Daylight pipes are stainless steel tubes, with an acrylic dome cap placed in the roof to allow sunlight into the room below, much light a skylight but more energy efficient.

"The daylight pipes, or sunpipes, capture a lot of light and spread it out" more efficiently than a sky light, said Alternative Energy Committee consultant Judeth Van Hamm.

"On a cloudy day or at nighttime, these aren't going to do anything," said Adams, so there is still a need for traditional lights. But, if it is sunny, there will be enough light generated to leave the lights off hopefully leading to a cost saving on the school's electric bill.

The daylight pipes will be installed in the Deer Hill cafeteria near the small stage area. If Adams is happy with the daylight pipes, it could lead to the installation of more in school buildings. Another prime place for the daylight pipes is the currently dark high school cafeteria, Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh said.

Adams visited a bank in Newton who had installed the pipes to see firsthand what they looked like.

"I was impressed with how they looked," said Adams. His only concern was opening up the possibility for roof leaks, but he said that issue goes with any type of roof penetration. With proper installation and flashing, he said the potential problem would be minimized.

"I am so pleased it's going to happen in a school," said Van Hamm. The location will allow for more visibility of the technology than there might have been at the DPW garage.

Cohasset was one out of only six towns in the state to receive the grant, said Van Hamm. The grant will cover the purchase and installation of the daylight pipes.

The School Committee accepted the grant and supported the project in a unanimous vote.

A call for policy

Schools revamp cell phone guidelines for classroom

By Nancy White
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Phones much be kept in a place where they are not visible and be turned off.

When students return to the Middle-High School in the fall, a new cell phone policy will be in place. As a sign of the pervasiveness of cell phones in our culture, the school handbook will allow cell phones into the classroom, but require them to be out of sight and turned off. As a trade-off for the privilege, the consequences for cell phone use has increased.

The issue of cell phones in the classroom is facing schools everywhere. As technology gets more advanced, schools have to worry about the use of internet access on the phone to cheat. But, in the same token, cell phones could be used a learning tool or as a means of communication in the event of an emergency.

High School Assistant Principal Mike Gill said the current policy instituted in September 2007 on cell phones requires student to store the phones in their lockers. However, Gill said in the day-to-day practice, the vast majority of kids carry their phone — turned off — in their backpacks.

The issue came up as the School Committee reviewed proposed school handbook amendments and additions at their meeting on Wednesday, June 18.

In discussions with the faculty, Gill said many teachers found the current policy of no cell phones difficult to enforce. He said the teachers would prefer to have the authority to allow cell phone use on an individual classroom basis. Phones much be kept in a place where they are not visible and be turned off.

"Many of the students use calculators and other functions of their cell phone in the classroom," said Gill.

If a student is caught using his/her cell phone during school hours or if the phone rings during class disciplinary action will be taken on the first time — the phone will be confiscated and turned in to the main office, a detention served and the phone will be returned. On the second offense, a detention and a parent must pick up the device. The third offense will be a office detention and a parent meeting with an administrator.

"We know that there is no reason at anytime for a phone in the classroom, but this new rule will reflect what is already going on," said Gill and give the teachers the flexibility to establish cell phone rules on a classroom basis.

For example, one of the problems Gill has seen with the cell phone is students asking to use the bathroom and instead "giving a scenic tour around the building while talking on the phone."

If a teacher or administrator sees this, the phone will be confiscated and considered to be cutting class.

In this day in age, having a cell phone can also give students and their parents some piece of mind.

"Ever since Columbine, parents really want their child to have a means of communication to the outside world," said Gill.

Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini said there was a growing trend in education to include the use of everyday technology, like cell phones, into the classroom.

"It's part of our world and it's not going away. It's part of the global perspective," said Antolini. "It could be used as a learning tool."

Although some members of the School Committee didn't see the need to have the cell phones in the learning environment at all, they deferred to the school administrators and approved the changes proposed for the cell phone policy.

Clarification on Carillon story

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Last week's article on the Cohasset Carillon "Cohasset Carillon in a class by itself" incorrect information was included indicating the carillon belonged to the town, not St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

According to historical record, the Cohasset Carillon was given to St Stephen's Church in 1923 by Mrs. Hugh ("Jane") Bancroft, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Clarence W. ("Jessie") Barron.

As recorded in the vestry minutes of St Stephen's dated Sunday, August 12, 1923: "The Rector stated that he had called the Vestry together to inform them of a very princely gift which Mrs. Bancroft had offered to make to the church in memory of her mother, Mrs. Barron, of a set of chimes, of English manufacture, consisting of thirty-one bells, together with whatever it would cost to install them in the tower…After discussion it was voted: That the church accept Mrs. Bancroft's very generous offer and gift, and that the Rector be requested to write a letter to Mrs. Bancroft appropriately expressing to her the deep appreciation of the Vestry."

Two years later, in honor of her mother's birthday, Mrs. Bancroft wrote to the church offering a gift of 16 more bells, which the Vestry voted to accept on January 11th, 1925. Four more bells were added between 1925 and 1928, bringing the total to 51 bells. By 1989, the carillon had a total of 57 bells.

"While St. Stephen's shares [Assistant Carillonneur] Mary Kennedy's belief that in spirit the carillon belongs to the whole town of Cohasset (and we're grateful for the town's support over the years) we do need to be clear for the historical record that technically, the Carillon is the property of St Stephen's Church," said Margot Critchfield, rector of St. Stephen's.

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Guests enjoy socializing outside the Bellarmine House last week.

Bellarmine House tour a hit!

On Friday June 20th and Saturday, June 21st the Cohasset Historical Society had a most enjoyable fundraising event including a Silent Auction at Bellarmine House at Hominy Point in Cohasset. The house is now owned by the Jesuit Community at Boston College who purchased it in 1932 from Adelaide M. Brown, later Adelaide Brown Pratt. It is the second time that the Society has been invited to hold an event there, the last in 1990. This time by invitation of Fr. William C. Russell, S.J. of Boston College, a most gracious host.

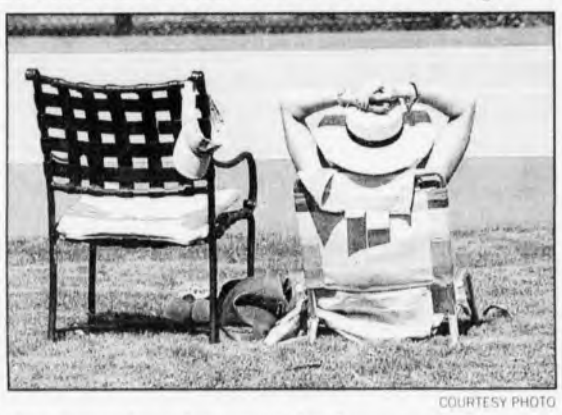
One of the guests who attended was Ginny Gray whose parents Adelaide Brown and Louis Stoughton Bell were married there and where she was born.

The Cohasset Jazz Combo, comprised of Cohasset school students and graduates, provided entertainment.

Tennis anyone? Event benefits Children's Hospital

Limited spaces are available for the annual Cohasset Tennis Benefit, scheduled for July 18-20. The weekend includes a summer reception at the Lightkeeper's Friday, July 18, followed by mixed-doubles tennis Saturday and Sunday on private courts throughout Cohasset. Players of all levels and abilities are evenly matched.

Tournament proceeds this summer will help fund the Pediatric Trauma Program at Children's Hospital. In addition to unsurpassed urgent care, the Children's staff go to great lengths to accommodate the unimaginable needs of immediate family members of trauma patients. Yet often these people need a support system themselves. The funds will pay for transportation, lodging and other expenses for friends and extended family members, who go to Children's to help care for the parents and guardians of patients.



COURTESY PHOTO

A spectator relaxes during a match at last summer's Cohasset Tennis Benefit.

Enjoy a beautiful summer evening on Friday, July 18 at the Lightkeeper's Residence, grab a tennis partner for the weekend, or watch some great tennis.

The Cohasset Tennis Benefit began in the 1950s, when the legendary Jesse Cox gathered family and friends for a weekend of tennis to benefit Children's.

For information or to register for the reception or tournament, log on to cohassettennisbenefit .org.

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FUN RUN

Cohasset's inner harbor will be the star of the first Jack Hubbard Memorial Fun Run on Saturday, July 19th. All ages and skills, walkers and runners, are welcome to join the fun. Entry fee of $25 includes tee shirts. All proceeds and donations will be benefiting the Cohasset Maritime Institute's (CMI) mission to provide a Cohasset community rowing program with access to the water for all. **Jack Hubbard** was a founding member of CMI and an avid rower.

The morning's festivities will include an awards ceremony and christening of the "Jack Hubbard" 28' ocean gig that will become part of the CMI fleet. The run begins at the flagpole on Cohasset Common, continues to the Village, to Elm Street, to Margin — along the harbor, along Atlantic to Beach Street, past the Common to Sohier Street, then Ripley Road back to the Common. The schedule of activities is as follows: registration is from 7:30 am-8:15 am, the race starts at 8:30 am and the Awards Ceremony & Christening of the "Jack Hubbard" is at 10:15 am. Participants are encouraged to pre-register by printing and mailing the race application along with entry fee of $25 by July 7th. Additional information and registration forms are available at www.rowcmi.com



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Joanna Hamilton, an Airman First Class, and Ann Marie Goff, stand by the Healing Field on Memorial Day.

BIG THANK YOU!

Joanna Hamilton, USAF, CHS 2006, was home on leave recently. She wants to thank all the people of her hometown for the prayers and the many packages she received while deployed to Afghanistan last winter. She is particularly grateful to **Ann Marie Goff** for her tireless effort on behalf of all local service personnel.

NEW PHD

Ryan McWilliams of Cohasset has just completed his Ph.D. in Geophysics at University of California Berkeley. During his time in the Bay Area he also worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory conducting research for the US Department of Energy. He is now headed to Washington State University in Pullman, Washington to conduct post-doctoral research in "shock-wave physics." Ryan is a 1997 graduate of Cohasset High School and a 2001 graduate of University of Massachusetts Amherst.

LEADERSHIP

On May 30-June 1, the Massachusetts Leadership Association sponsored its annual massSTAR Citizenship Conference held this year at Lasell College in Newton.

More than 100 high school sophomores were nominated to represent their high school and Cohasset's own **Dominique Rioux** earned the recognition to represent Cohasset Middle High School. Super news to hear Dominique, congratulations.

B.U. NEWS

Boston University awarded academic degrees in May 2008. Receiving degrees were **Gillian R. Weber**, Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Analysis and Policy, and **Malcolm J. Stansell**, Bachelor of Arts in International Relations. Both graduates are from Cohasset. Nice work to you both.

Boston University also named two Cohasset residents to the dean's list 1 for the Spring semester. **Chelsea Grossman** and **Caroline Steele** received this honor and congratulations to you both come from your families and friends.

LAUNCH PARTY

July 12th is the annual Cohasset Sailing Club Summer Launch Party. All adult family and friends of the sailing club are invited to a lobster and chicken feast and a silent auction to benefit the club. The party will be held from 6pm till 11pm rain or shine. Dinner will be served between 6:30 and 8:30; BYOB. Tickets are $50 pp payable to the Cohasset Sailing Club and are available by calling **Joyce Driscoll** at 781-383-0122 or **Claudia McKeon** at 781-383-6125. Donations for auction items are welcome — please contact **Jim Porter** at 781-383-2029.

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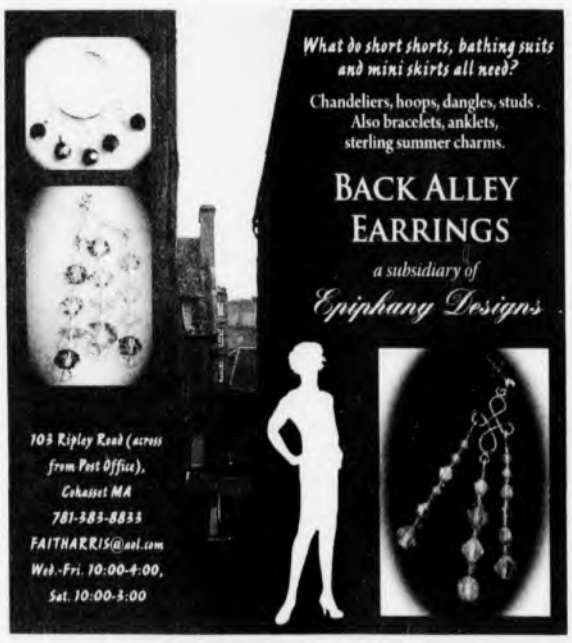
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Cohasset author pens young adult book on interfaith dating

FROM DATING, PAGE 1

background of non-fiction writing, having worked as a journalist in magazines and newspapers and until "Goy Crazy" she had never ventured into fiction writing. Having been a voracious reader of young adult literature as a teenager, writing and publishing the book was a dream come true for her.

"I think the voice really works for me," says Schorr.

Friends and former classmates often ask her "how do you remember all that stuff from high school?" But, Schorr asks them "how can you not?"

"I think high school experiences are imprinted in you," says Schorr. If she does needs help remembering the raw emotion of her teenage years, she turns to her primary source material — a collection of five diaries from those influential years. Some of Schorr's dating experiences are directly lifted from her teenage diaries and into the book.

"The bands and brands change, but the feelings and emotions don't," says Schorr, who relies on current teenagers to ensure her characters live in today's world.

The idea for the book was born many years ago when Schorr was working at GQ magazine in New York and wrote an article called "The Joys of Goys," a non-fiction account of her experiences as a Jewish woman dating non-Jewish men.

Following its publication, a literary agent contacted her about writing a non-fiction book drawing on her experiences. "It was going to be sort of a Jewish version of 'Sex in the City,' " she jokes. As luck would have it, the very same month she met a nice Jewish guy and fell in love. Since she was no longer dating, she felt she couldn't write the book. Later, that nice Jewish guy became her husband.

"I think high school experiences are imprinted in you."

— Melissa Schorr, author

"I joke with him now that he killed my first book," says Schorr with a laugh. Nearly 10 years later, her agent suggested she try the book again, except as fiction. Like a Cinderella story, she sold the idea for her book quickly and was given nine months to finish it.

Around the same time, she found out she was pregnant. Up against two looming deadlines, Schorr wrote the book as her stomach grew bigger and bigger. She was able to pass in the book on a Friday afternoon and then, two days later, her daughter, Alexa, was born.

"Goy Crazy" came out as a hardcover in 2006, then in paperback just this month.

With the novel, she hopes the book will help parents and kids communicate about interfaith dating. She says the book addresses the issue with humor and doesn't preach one way or the other.

"Things are changing, the world is getting a little bit more accepting [of interfaith dating," says Schorr. But, she can see why some in the Jewish community is worried about the children of interfaith marriages not having a Jewish identity.

"It's a tough questions each person has to ask themselves," says Schorr.

With the wisdom that comes with age, Schorr now sees the point her parents and other family members were trying to impress upon her growing up. During a wedding ceremony and certain times of the year, a marriage of different faith traditions can make things a little more difficult, she says.

"There is a value in dating someone with a different background, it can really expand your world view," says Schorr. "Teens are smart these days, they know the person they are dating in high school is likely not going to be the person they will marry. The book lets teenagers know they are not the only one going through this struggle."



Melissa Schorr's first book, "Goy Crazy," was inspired by her own experience growing up in a Jewish family in New York. Goy is Hebrew/Yiddish slang for someone who is non Jewish.

Currently, Schorr is working on a second young adult novel during her daughter's nap times.

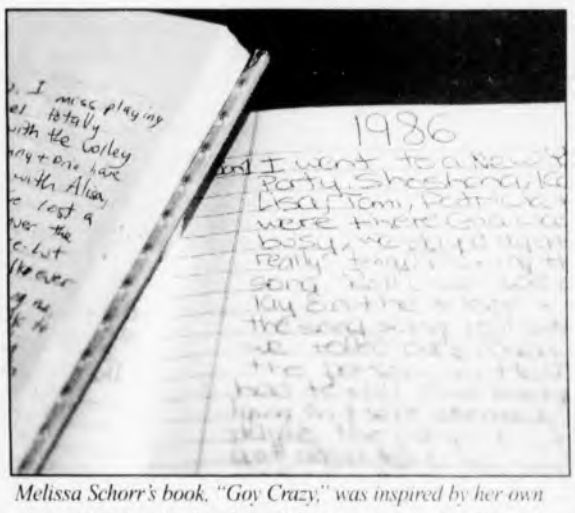
"Goy Crazy" is available at Storybook Cove in Hanover, Barnes &Nobles at Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham and Amazon.com. To find out more about "Goy Crazy" visit, www.goycrazy.com.



Melissa Schorr sits with her dog, Bailey, on her porch in her Cohasset home.



Melissa Schorr, 36, comes from a background of non-fiction writing, having worked as a journalist in magazines and newspapers and until "Goy Crazy" she had never ventured into fiction writing.



Melissa Schorr's book, "Goy Crazy," was inspired by her own diaries that date back to her adolescent years in the 80's and her own experience of wanting to date non Jewish boys despite her parents' wishes.

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Everything you need to know about the Tri!

The final preparations are being made for the second annual Cohasset Triathlon to be held Sunday, June 29. The start and transitions area will be at Sandy Beach.

Below is some important information about what you can expect on race day. Any race related questions contact Race Director Bill Burnett at burnett22@gmail.com. Questions about road closures and parking restrictions should be directed to the Cohasset Police at traffic-questions@cohassetpolice.com.

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The Swim – The race begins with a 1/4-mile ocean swim off Sandy Beach.

The Bike – A 12.2 mile bike will follow the swim. The course will begin at the beach and will head down Atlantic Avenue to Border Street. Riders will continue down Border to Gannett Road. In North Scituate, the course makes a right on Mordecai Lincoln Road, then right Main Street towards the Cohasset Town Common and continues to Cedar Street. Turn right on Route 228 to Jerusalem Road. The final stretch will take riders onto Jerusalem Road then Atlantic Avenue and finally back to the transition area at Sandy Beach.

The Run – The 3.2 mile clockwise run will loop around Little Harbor. Runners will follow Atlantic Avenue and turn right on Beach Street. At Main Street head right. Runners will follow Main Street to Jerusalem Road. Follow Jerusalem Road to Atlantic Avenue turn right with a photo finish just a short distance from the transition area.

Race Weekend Timeline

Saturday, June 28

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Packet Pick Up – Cohasset Town Hall

2 p.m. – Cars parked on the west side of the parking lot will be asked to move to the east side (the lifeguard shack side)

5 p.m. – Sandy Beach parking lot closed

Sunday, June 29

5:45 a.m. – Transition area and registration opens. Bike drop off begins.

6:45 a.m. – Bike drop off ends. After 6:45 am, all racers must park first at the Music Circus, then bike to Sandy Beach.

7:45 a.m. – Last shuttle to Sandy Beach for Spectators leaves the Cohasset train station (see below)

7:50 a.m. – National Anthem

8 a.m. – Race starts. Racers will enter the water in eight separate waves, or heats, with the first wave at 8a.m. and the last at 8:26 a.m.

10:45 to 11:05 a.m. – Post Race Ceremony

Host: Anthony Everett, co-anchor WCVB-TV Channel 5's nightly newsmagazine "Chronicle"

Featuring:

- Top three male and female age group finishers
- Top three male and female elite finishers
- Live interviews with elite winners, including Jarrod Shoemaker, US 2008 Olympic Team Member
- Karen Lyons, a tribute to her late husband Joe Lyons

12:30 p.m. – Beach open for regular use

Important parking logistics – All racers should park at the Music Circus. Four shuttle buses will transport racers and their families from the Music Circus to Sandy Beach. The shuttle buses will run this route from 5:45 to 7:45 a.m. and then from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

All spectators coming in to town for the event should park at the Cohasset Train Station. Four shuttle buses will transport spectators from the Train Station to Sandy Beach. The last shuttle bus to Sandy Beach will be at 7:45 a.m. After 7:45 a.m., the shuttle buses will transport all spectators to the Town Commons for ideal viewing of the bike and run legs of the triathlon. Shuttle buses will be on hand following the event to take spectators back to the Train Station.

Note: there will be no parking allowed at the Sandy Beach parking lot or the perimeter streets from 5 p.m. Saturday the June 28 to 12:30 p.m. Sunday June 29. This will be strictly enforced.

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Town is ready for second annual triathlon

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over $200,000 for the cause. Donations will be accepted for 30 days after the race.

The number alone is indicative of how big the Triathlon has become — the donation is over four times more than what the event raised last year (just over $50,000). The Cohasset Triathlon is one of the largest JDRF third-party events in New England.

Before 2008 even began the Cohasset Triathlon reached its participant capacity and despite being able to get over 100 athletes off the waiting list, there are still more people who want to race, said Burnett.

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is making efforts to ensure the village looks its best and athletes feel welcomed to town.

The success of the inaugural triathlon was tempered by the death of one of its participants, Joe Lyons of Newton, who suffered a fatal heart attack during the swim portion of the race. In tribute to him Team Lyons — 52 family members, friends and co-workers of Joe's, including his wife, Karen Lyons — will finish the race in his honor. Together Team Lyons has raised over $58,000 for JDRF. Joe and Karen's son, Sam, will start the first wave of the Triathlon.

Town agencies like the police, fire and harbormaster departments have traded thousands of e-mails with race organizers in an effort to make the race as safe as possible for the athletes and spectators and be as considerate as possible to the greater community. Scores of residents have lent particular skills and time to the Triathlon.

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is making efforts to ensure the village looks its best and athletes feel welcomed to town. A sign is up on the former Cohasset Hardware building welcoming triathletes and the Chamber will have a table with information about Cohasset at racer registration on Saturday. Planters were filled with flowers donated by the Village Greenery.

"Over 950 racers and their families are going to be in Cohasset and they might want to take advantage of the restaurants, shops and charm in Cohasset," said Darilynn Evans, owner of Darilynn's and secretary for the chamber. "We wanted to partner with the Triathlon and get people to take advantage of what Cohasset has to offer."

The Sandy Beach Association is delighted to be host to the event once again.

"We look at it as a community affair, so, as a community beach, it was a natural for us," said Robin Lawrence, president of the Sandy Beach Association, adding after 12 noon the beach will be available for regular beach goers.

Burnett said over 125 people have volunteered to help in making the race a smooth one.

"Last year because no one knew what the triathlon was all about we were clawing for people to help at the last minute," said Burnett. This year, he and his team are finding new jobs for volunteers to do.

"What gives me great satisfaction is people want to be a part of this event. That's something I never imagined. People are proud to be a part of the triathlon and that just blows me away," says Burnett.

The event has gone outside town borders and attracted big name national sponsors like Dunkin' Donuts and Nike. Athletes are coming from 15 states and three different countries, but many are from right here in Cohasset. Wide receiver for the Arizona Cardinals Sean Morey, who is a Marshfield native, will be participating in the event.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Race Director Bill Burnett is counting on his team of Cohasset residents to pull off a successful triathlon Sunday morning. In the bottom row (left to right), Donald St. Sauveur, entertainment coordinator; Matt Herndon, parking coordinator; Des Havlicek, Parking Coordinator; Bill Burnett, Race Director; Steve Upson, transition coordinator; and Joe Mahoney, logistics coordinator. In the top row, Suzy Doherty, JDRF liaison; Kari O'Donnell, volunteer coordinator; Sigrid Burnett, registration coordinator; Kate Simmons, run coordinator; and Deb Thomas, swim coordinator.

Thirty-five ranked elite triathletes, including Jarrod Shoemaker, a member of the 2008 USA Olympic Team, will fall into the ranks with local athletes.

"We really have the cream of the crop as far as triathletes," says Burnett, adding with a smile the inclusion of Team Psycho, a group of elite athletes, gives the Cohasset Triathlon 'street credit' with the triathlon community across the country.

"I am excited to race the Cohasset Triathlon. I enjoy racing local races and meeting local athletes. Bill [Burnett] puts on a great race and it should be a fun day for all racers," says Shoemaker, a Sudbury native.

Safety is foremost

From almost the minute the Triathlon finished (or maybe even before) Burnett has been tweaking the race logistics in his mind. With the help of police and fire officials as well as members of the community, a revised safety plan has been put together for the second annual Cohasset Triathlon.

"We reviewed the safety plan after last year's event and tried to improve upon it and bring in additional resources we thought were necessary," said Fire Chief Robert Silvia.

Silvia has coordinated with Plymouth County and the state to have additional assets on the beach and in the parking lot. Plymouth County rescue swimmer/divers will be on hand in two boats, over and above the boats the Harbormaster is providing. The Massachusetts Emergency Mobile Emergency Operations Center will be in the parking lot to help coordinate all the equipment and personnel the town has on the course. South Shore Hospital is providing resources an ambulance.

While the Fire Department is focused on providing the medical support needed for the race, the Police Department play a major role in keeping the roads safe for racers, spectators and the general public.

"We wanted to create a safe environment for the bike and run while maintaining a safe pathway for cars to get about town," said Police Chief James Hussey. A total of 25 detail officers will be on hand to handle the traffic and answer driver concerns.

"The town agencies really worked together to put on a pretty awesome event," said Hussey. "Cohasset's name is attached to this race and it will bring over a thousand athletes and spectators to town. Once people discover Cohasset, it has the potential to bring people back to town...it's an opportunity to start a great tradition in Cohasset."

Although the breadth of the Triathlon makes for a significant amount of planning and stress on town resources, Silvia said the planned event is an exercise in action for an unplanned disaster event.

"Coordinating with state and county agencies benefits the department. It's nice to have a planned event to get familiar with the resources out there," said Silvia.

Although Burnett said the town has been more than supportive of the event, he has a final request to make of the community come Sunday morning.

"I want everyone in Cohasset to enjoy the race and cheer the athletes on — that would mean the most," says Burnett, who envisions families gathering in lawn chairs lining the racecourse. Last year, he heard from some racers that the roar of the crowd was on par with the Boston Marathon.

"I think the community spirit around this race is what really makes it."

For more information on the Cohasset Triathlon, visit www.cohassettri.com.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A good bylaw

When daylight saving time and long summer evenings return so do the door-to-door solicitors.

Ranking at the top of most people's "pet peeves" right along with unsolicited telephone sales calls has got to be strangers coming to your door selling something.

Two years ago, Cohasset voters approved a new bylaw modeled after one in the town of Duxbury requiring solicitors to register with the Cohasset Police Department.

Under the bylaw, solicitors are required to register with the police where they apply for a $25 license. They are required to wear a badge issued by the police that includes their name and photograph. In addition solicitors have to provide police with their name, address, date of birth and height, weight and eye color, social security number; dates and times of canvassing activities; name and address of employer; and a brief description of the purposes of the solicitation.

Violators of any provision of the bylaw could be subject to loss of solicitation license and fines.

Exceptions to the bylaw are town, state or federal officers or employees on official business; minors under 18 unless in connection with a commercial activity; candidates for public office or campaign workers; those promoting political causes and those soliciting for charitable organizations unless those solicitors are paid.

Police have said once they issue licenses that will have a photo ID, residents should have a better sense of security that the solicitors have been checked out.

The bylaw that went into effect in July 2006 has definitely had an effect but perhaps not the one that was anticipated.

The bylaw appears to have had a chilling effect on door-to-door solicitation in town. Rather than go through the registration process, the salespeople are avoiding Cohasset completely.

Solicitation complaints are way down. In years past, the only thing that rivaled the number of complaints about door-to-door solicitors in the weekly police log was the number of bridge jumpers in the harbor.

In fact, a recent complaint to police involved a group selling magazines that had mistakenly crossed the border from Hull into Cohasset. They did not register and were sent on their way.

Tune in

Those of you who might be "pack rats" out there might pull out a Cohasset Mariner from years ago and see that we looked quite different. For example, we were a "tab" not a broadsheet and there were no color photographs.

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Today we are also "on line." Our "on line" presence is evolving. We want our print readers (people who get the paper) and our web readers (people who read on line) to be one and the same. In other words, we want our audience to have a different experience with the paper and on line, so they will read the paper *and* visit our web site.

The really great part of the Internet is that we can get "breaking news" to you right away and follow up with more complete coverage in the paper.

We are also putting slide shows, photo galleries and videos "on line."

We are hoping to take videos of local people to enhance our newspaper coverage.

Please tune in starting Monday to www.wickedlocal.com/cohasset for our first local video. You can watch Chief James Hussey explain why police are trying to deter kids and young adults from jumping off the Border Street bridge.

We are open to suggestions for more video ideas. We want the paper and our on-line web site to be a true reflection of Cohasset.

We are open to feedback and suggestions. Contact: Mary Ford by email at mford@cnc.com



MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, July 22, 7 p.m.

Alternative Energy Committee, July 15 and Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Cable Advisory Committee, July 10, 8 p.m.

Housing Partnership, July 17, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, July 8, 7 p.m. at the Library.

Planning Board, June 30, 7 p.m.

School Committee, July 23 and Aug. 20, 7 p.m. at the high school

Village Design Workshop, June 30, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, July 1, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Town Hall offices will be closed all day Friday, July 4.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Selectman Quigley faulted for Treat's Pond 'bias'

TO THE EDITOR:

On June 13, 2008 Selectman Karen Quigley, in company with a private citizen subgroup and a reporter form the Mariner, entered onto our property, acknowledging she ignored No Trespassing signs to hold an unannounced meeting on private property. Ms. Quigley has allied herself with this subgroup to advance her long-standing, publicly articulated personal agenda to extend the Treat's Pond drainage pipe onto Sandy Cove. This subgroup has rejected the recommendations of the Army Corps of Engineers and Coughlin Engineering which have proposed other solutions based on sound, unbiased environmental and engineering standards.

Ms. Quigley certainly has a right as a citizen to express her views, but it is inappropriate now as a Selectman that she continue her alliance with the subgroup. Moreover, while professing to advocate openness and transparency at Selectmen's meetings she has met privately as a Selectman with this special interest group to advance her views. She has clearly exercised extremely poor and biased judgment in partaking in the private meeting on June 13, 2008 and, in particular in bringing along a Cohasset Mariner reporter to promote her views. It is very clear that Ms. Quigley is using her influence inappropriately to advance her longstanding position on the matter.

On June 10, 2008 at a Selectmen's meeting, Atty. Lou Ross, representing Town Counsel, reviewed the various deeds and easements associated with the Bigelow property and its subdivisions. He rightly concluded that neither the deeds, nor the easements granted access rights for the town to Sandy Cove for any purpose and he recommended that the town work with the property owners for access to the pipe to facilitate drainage. Incidentally, Sandy Cove is accessible via Lothrop Lane, while a private lane it is also noted to be a Right of Way on town maps and has been used by town trucks for the past 30 years to access Sandy Cove to dig out the drainage pipe as required with heavy rainfall. I believe Ms. Quigley's inappropriate actions are in direct contradiction to Town Counsel's recommendations to work with property owners and clearly indicates the extent for which she will go to advance her personal agenda. I ask that Selectman Quigley cease abusing her position on the Board of Selectmen and recuse herself from any further discussions and votes on the Sandy Cove and Treat's Pond issue.

John Connolly 85 Atlantic Ave (Treat's Pond joint property owner)

Fantastic season for Cohasset Lacrosse

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters, I want to thank everyone in our community who helped make our third annual South Shore Lax Jam another tremendous success and showcase for Cohasset Youth Lacrosse. On June 14 and June 15, we hosted one of the largest girls and boys youth lacrosse events ever seen on the South Shore on Milliken and Alumni fields. Two days of nonstop action featured over 60 teams from a dozen different towns and over 1,200 players and their families. We had equipment vendors from the top companies in the sport, skills contests and raffles, summer camp sponsors, local merchants, and of course, some of the best youth lacrosse in the area to wrap up our spring season.

As you know, a two-day event like this takes a lot of planning and a lot of community support to have it run as well as it did. This year we would especially like to thank the following groups for their continued support of our efforts: Shaw's Supermarkets, Del's Lemonade, SportsStop, Kinneally Meats, Millennium Printing, Good Sport and Atlantic Bagel whose generous donations made it all possible. We would like to thank Cohasset Youth Baseball, Cohasset Youth Soccer, Cohasset Middle High School, the DPW and the Cohasset Police whose support and cooperation in coordinating the event were greatly appreciated.

We also wish to recognize all of our parent and high school volunteers from the "grill masters" to the "apparel sales group" to the "clean-up crew" that took time out of their Father's Day weekend to make sure that the kids had as much fun on the fields as off. Special thanks are owed to Maria and Curt Mills, Kirk Bukowski, and Joe Fitzgerald for their outstanding planning efforts and tireless work during the jamboree. Lastly, we want to thank all of our youth coaches (and their spouses) for the countless hours that they put in throughout the season to provide the kids with a positive team and athletic experience week in and week out.

It has been another fantastic season for Cohasset Lacrosse and we wish everyone a great summer and look forward to seeing those lacrosse sticks out on the beach and all of you back out on the fields next year. Thank you!

William R. Grimm, President
Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters

Arts Festival is a community effort

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of South Shore Art Center, we'd like to thank the entire community of Cohasset for its support of the 53rd annual Arts Festival. We could not pull off such an undertaking without truly extraordinary support from the town and its residents: special thanks to Bob Egan, Jennifer Oram, Bill Griffin, Carl Sestito, Sgt. Quigley and everyone at the Town Hall, DPW and Police and Fire departments who help to make our jobs easier.

Shining thanks to our Gold Sponsors: Image Resolutions and BMW Gallery; Silver Sponsors: Adrian Morris Salon, Renewal by Andersen; and Bronze Sponsors: Boston Private Bank & Trust Company, Tanglewood, South Shore Music Circus, Dean & Hamilton Realtors, Roomscapes & Kitchen Concepts, and Owens Corning Basement Finishing Systems.

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We are grateful for the support of the local cultural councils of Abington, Braintree, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland and Scituate. The cultural councils are all local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Finally, thank you to the many volunteers and amazing youth crew who kept things running smoothly throughout the weekend. The pride everyone shares in this special event is remarkable and allows us to enjoy every minute of Festival weekend. Save the dates for 2009 – June 19 through 21.

Diane Kennedy and Diane Shipp
South Shore Art Center

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Route 3A project begins in earnest

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush Work on Route 3A – As we mentioned last week the construction has started for the Greenbush widening project on Route 3A. The jersey barriers are up on the side of Route 3A from Rose Hill to the Brass Kettle Building. At present, the work consists of ripping up the old pavement edge behind the barriers to prepare a base for constructing a wider road with turning lanes.

This widening project will extend approximately from Rose Hill to Hingham Lumber. Almost all of the construction will take place on the "west" side of 3A. So the question is: What does this mean to you? First of all, as you can see now, the traffic is constricted in the 3A roadway to two narrow lanes, one in each direction. But an important consideration will be that each of the driveways and roads from the Brass Kettle Building to the Hingham Lumber building will be under construction at some point. We are in communication with the CBB superintendent for this part of the work and they will let us know how they plan to deal with each of these roads and driveways. When the plans are developed, we will be in touch with the building and business owners and bring them up to date as construction progresses.

The largest impacts will be at Crocker Lane, which serves several high traffic installations on Crocker Lane, including the medical office building, the State Highway garage and the Graham Waste garage facility. Another high traffic area is the Hingham Lumber facility. Again, when the plans and time tables are known better we will be in contact with these businesses.

Little Harbor Project- Whitehead Road — Last week a meeting was held for the Whitehead Residents at the Water Facility offices to discuss the reconstruction of their roadway. Prior to construction Whitehead Road was a narrow road varying from a little over eight feet in width to a maximum of just over 14 feet wide. The meeting was very well attended and the residents shared their thoughts about the reconstruction. The safety offices of the Town were aptly represented by Fire Chief, Bob Silvia, since his equipment has the most demanding requirements for roadway access.

It was generally agreed at the meeting that the roadway would end up being 12 feet wide, since that was the minimum width that the Fire Chief felt comfortable with for reasonable access, especially in the winter with snow piles to contend with. The DPW had also reviewed the roadway from one end to the other and felt that this width would enable them to plow the road in the winter

At the meeting another topic came up that was actually unrelated to the Little Harbor Project; gas leaks along Whitehead Road. There was very spirited discussion in that the residents felt that the gas company was unresponsive in fixing the leaks. (Actually, the gas company does have a database of known leaks in Town and ranks them in order of severity. Their repair schedule is based on this overall list. However, when the whole line has leaks, they generally only repair the leaks as required rather than replace the whole line.)

Fire Chief Silvia said he had some contact at the gas company that had been quite responsive and would exercise those contacts to see if perhaps, from an overall standpoint, would they consider line replacement while the road is under construction and before paving is done. This really makes a lot of sense if it could happen. Well, this week we got the news. The gas company will do some pipe replacement. We don't have any idea of schedule or project details to share with you, yet. The downside is that it will be a while longer before we will be able to pave the road. Of course, the upside is that the gas leak situation will be considerably better.



COURTESY PHOTO

Route 3A work is under way on the right side of Route 3A from Rose Hill to the Brass Kettle office building.

Other Little Harbor Project info – Pressure testing of both the water and sewer lines is still in progress. All of the new water lines have successfully passed their pressure tests. The new water lines are presently being flushed and chlorinated. After this, the new lines are ready for service and can be cut over to individual homes.

The sewer pressure testing is ongoing. As of this past Wednesday afternoon, all of Deep Run, except for a small portion of sewer line in front of 6 Deep Run has passed the pressure test. Sewer lines in Rust Way and Jerusalem Road from Rust Way to Deep Run have also passed the pressure test.

A grader is due this Thursday to grade Deep Run ion preparation for paving.

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Topping the tank at $3.99

HENSHAW



TOM HENSHAW

We were driving to Holbrook, my friend and I, to catch the late lunch or early bird dinner at Smith's Restaurant when my friend spotted something that sent shivers and tingles up her shapely spine.

It was gas at $3.99 a gallon.

I won't mention the name of the station to avoid causing a traffic jam on Franklin Street and, besides, this was last Friday so by the time you read this the price may be nudging $5 a gallon for all I know.

Whatever, of course, we stopped to "top off the tank," a phrase I hadn't heard since the good old days of the '70s when Jimmy Carter was getting yelled at for the long lines that formed to fill'r up at 75 cents a gallon.

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth, I could pretty near fill the tank of the old '37 Ford for $3.99, a difficult task sometimes when you're making 50 cents for a morning or $1 for a full day of picking beans on Old Man Arnold's Farm.

The price of gas made little difference after Pearl Harbor since just to get as little as 3 gallons also required little bits of paper marked A, B, C or T. Of course, upgrading your A ration book to a T required a little cash outlay, too.

I can recall skipping school and driving to New York with Gordon Stovall and Holly Black and being stopped by the cops in Providence. Our main concern was hiding our T stamps so we wouldn't have to explain what three high school kids were doing with a ration book restricted to truckers.

But I digress . . .

Now that gas has topped the $4 a gallon mark, what do we do about it?

For one thing, we can apologize to the caribou and the polar bears and open the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge to drilling for oil. The problem with that is that gas from ANWR won't reach the pumps for 10 years and the motor car may have joined the horse and wagon in the museum by then.

For another thing, we can drill off the coast of Florida and California, but that would spoil the view for the tourists who go there for the scenery, little realizing that unless a few oil rigs are added, they may not be able to get there in the first place.

We could turn to corn-based ethanol, which, when mixed with gas, forms a biofuel that's cheaper. But every farm acre devoted to ethanol takes an acre out of food production, so you will be told that every time you drive to Humarock you deprive a Third World kid of his breakfast.

And then there's the Jatropha bean ... huh?

I'm not sure what the Arabs and their cohorts in OPEC are getting for a barrel of oil right now but the last time I looked it was around $130 a barrel, which is enough to keep the sheik's whole harem in breakfasts.

In 1901, according to the People's Almanac, "a major oil discovery in Beaumont, Texas, pushed oil prices down to about 5 cents a barrel."

No kidding!

HEALTH NOTES

Thunderstorms can be dangerous

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

This spring the Nation has been exposed to unusually harsh weather and it looks like we're in for an unusual summer weather-wise. Recently, we've seen some particularly violent thunderstorms and despite their small size, in comparison to hurricanes and blizzards, all thunderstorms are potentially dangerous.

According to Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Director Don Boyce, "Every thunderstorm produces lightning and has the potential to produce associated dangers such as tornadoes, destructive winds, hail and flash flooding. Lightning strikes throughout Massachusetts have proven deadly, reinforcing the fact that the threat of a thunderstorm must be taken seriously."

Of the estimated 100,000 thunderstorms each year in the U.S., about 10 percent are classified as severe, meaning they produce hail, at leas3/4 ins. in diameter, have winds of 58mph or higher, or produce a tornado.

Before the Thunderstorm

Know the terms used by weather forecasters:

Severe Thunderstorm Watch — Tells where and when severe thunderstorms are likely to occur. Watch the sky and stay tuned to the Media.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning – Issued when severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated on radar. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property to those in the path of the storm.

Before a thunderstorm strikes, keep an eye on the sky. Look for darkening skies, flashes of light or increasing wind. If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be affected by lightning and should go inside to safe shelter immediately. Thunderstorms can occur singly, in clusters or in lines. The typical thunderstorm is 15 miles in diameter, producing heavy rain for a brief period from 30 to 60 minutes. When a thunderstorm approaches, secure outdoor objects that could be blown away or cause damage. Shutter windows, if possible, and secure outside doors. Remember that lightning can strike up to 10 miles ahead of or after the arrival of the storm. In general, lightning will travel the easiest route from the clouds to the ground, which means it often strikes the tallest object.

Listen to weather forecasts on NOAA Weather Radio or to local radio and television stations for the latest information. The Weather Channel Desktop is a free downloadable application one can find on the web. It provides substantially the same hourly weather information the news media provide, but in a more timely manner..

During this season people are taking part in activities that place them in locations most vulnerable to being struck by lightning, such as on golf courses, ball fields, beaches and large bodies of water. In the U.S., an average of 300 people are injured and 80 killed each year by lightning, which is more than tornadoes or hurricanes.

During the Thunderstorm

If you are caught outside during a thunderstorm, you should protect yourself from lightning by going to a low-lying, open place away from trees, poles or metal objects, which can serve as a natural lightning rod. (Make sure the place you pick is not subject to flooding).

Make yourself the smallest target possible by squatting low to the ground and by placing your hands on your knees with your head between them. Be as low to the ground as possible, with as little of your body touching the ground as possible. (Don't lie flat; this will make you a larger target!).

• Do not stand on a hilltop, in an open field, on a beach or in a boat on the water.

• If boating or swimming, get to land immediately.

• Avoid isolated sheds or small structures in open areas.

• Get away from anything metal such as tractors, farm equipment, motorcycles, golf carts, golf clubs, bicycles, wire fences, clotheslines, metal pipes, rails and other metallic paths that could carry lightning to you from a distance.

• In a forest, seek shelter in a low area under a growth of smaller trees.

• If indoors, avoid metallic objects and fixtures.

• Avoid showering or bathing. Plumbing and bathroom fixtures can conduct electricity.

• Avoid using a corded telephone, except for emergencies. Cordless or cellular telephones are safe to use.

• Unplug appliances and other electrical items such as computers. Turn off air conditioners. Power surges from lightning can cause serious damage.

• Use your battery operated NOAA Weather Radio for updates from local officials.

Note that rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide NO protection from lightning. However, the steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection, if you are not touching metal. Although you may be injured if lightning strikes you car, you are much safer inside a vehicle than outside.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

Sign up for brain fitness to exercise your mind

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Reading Group Book Sets – The library now offers sets of book group titles to local book groups. These sets, called Ready Reads, are available for local book groups to reserve. Each set consists of 10 paperback books of the same title, a reading discussion guide and information about the author. Titles include "The Gathering" by Anne Enright; "Half of a Yellow Sun" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie; "The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox" by Maggie O'Farrell; and more. Call the reference librarian at 383-1348 for more information.

Brain Fitness – PositScience brain development software is now available for use on a library computer. Some people may have seen the PBS special, "The Brian Fitness Program," which explores the brain's ability to change throughout a person's life. This is called neuroplasticity and is the science behind brain fitness. Speak with a librarian to sign up.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "August the First" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, July 17. Free admission and free refreshments courtesy of Friends of the Library.

Elderhostel's Adventure in Lifelong Learning – Discover the travel experiences available with Elderhostel at 7 p.m., on Thursday, July 31, during a discussion at the library of the different programs offered including the new Road Scholar program, geared toward travelers older than 21. The program is free.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center will present an exhibit of oil pastels by Patricia Isaac at Paul Pratt Library July 1 through Aug. 28. An opening reception will take place from 6 to 8 p.m., on July 11. Isaac is best known for her oil pastel still life, portraits and florals. Once an oil painter, she now finds oil pastel gives her the best of both words – drawing and painting. Gallery hours at the library are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Wednesday and Friday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday. Free. To see Isaac's work, visit her Web site at fineartbypatricia.com.

Staff Training – The library will be closed from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Monday, July 7, for staff training. An upgrade in the library's software will enable staff to provide patrons with better, more efficient service.

Online Wild Reads – A new online version of Wild Reads @ Your Library is now available. Got to cohassetlibrary.org and click on Wild Reads online to register. Time and titles can be logged on online and book reviews can be submitted.

Wild Reads @ Your Library – Registration continues throughout the early summer for Wild Reads @ Your Library, the Massachusetts summer reading adventure. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Cohasset Library, MRLS, and MBLC. Join others for free Tuesday evening family performances and more. Go to the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on Calendar for a complete list of events and activities.

Story & Craft Registration – Online registration has begun for Story & Craft. This program is for Cohasset residents ages 3 through 6, is a four-week commitment and requires pre-registration. Each week a theme is explored through literature, music and craft. Story & Craft will take place in the Story Room on Thursdays July 10, 17, 24, and 31. Sign up for either the 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. session or the 1 to 2 p.m. session. To sign up online, go to cohassetlibrary.org, click on calendar, go to July 10 and select either the morning or the afternoon session, click on register and fill out the form using the child's name. Include the child's age along with his/her name.

Drawbridge Puppet Theater – On Tuesday, July 1, 6 p.m., in the Meeting Room, Drawbridge Puppet Theater will present "Sleeping Beauty" performed by marionettes. This is the first of six Wild Reads at Your Library free Tuesday evening family programs. This presentation is very dark and is suggested for ages 4 and older. Free tickets will be available at 10 a.m., on June 25. Space is limited. For more information and the full summer schedule, go the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on calendar. Sponsored by Friends of Cohasset Library.

BRIEFLY

Is Town Hall haunted?

After months of anticipation, Our Town Special Productions is pleased to bring viewers the one-hour special of the Enfield Paranormal Society's Paranormal Investigation of the Cohasset Town Hall last January.

See for yourself whether the Town Hall is truly haunted while getting to know one of Cohasset's most precious historical assets!

Join Our Town co-host Pat Martin on her 48-hour adventure into every hidden nook and underground cranny of the Town Hall in search of ghosts and paranormal phenomenon! You might want to keep the lights on!

Tune in Monday at 9 p.m. on Comcast channel 10 and then watch for repeats on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 p.m. Stay tuned Cohasset and stay entertained!

Stickers on sale

Expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. Stickers are on sale during normal business hours at Town Hall, and at the DPW garage on weekends, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sticker prices will remain the same as last year: $50 for residents under the age of 60, and $15 for seniors. This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, Sandy Beach, as well as, parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the Department of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town.

Library stretches resources

Keeping up with technology a challenge

By Nancy White
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The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is a hub of activity all year long — and each year it gets busier. While the library lends out more materials annually, the library is operating with a lower percentage of the town's operating budget. In 1988, the library budget was 2.2 percent of the operation budget, last year it was 1.5 percent.

Library Director Jackie Rafferty and Library Trustee Stacey Weaver met with the Selectmen to give an overview of their department. The presentation is part of an on-going effort to have the Selectmen meet with each department head over the next two months to report on the trends, major challenges, grant opportunities and generally give a "big picture" perspective of their department.

"A significant point is we are doing a lot more with the same staffing levels as the old library. It's not a complaint, it's a fact," said Rafferty. The library moved out of their former home on South Main Street into the former Osgood School in 2003.

The town library operating budget is supplemented by grants, fundraising by the Friends of the Library and other library advocates, "they all chip in to keep up with the demand of our department," said Rafferty.

Like other town service budgets, keeping up with the cost of doing business is a constant challenge.

Many residents rely on the library services for computer and internet access and keeping up with the constant technological advancements is a struggle.

"The more [computers] we get, the more people use them," said Weaver. The number one use for the library computers is to access the internet.

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The staff also relies heavily on computers to communicate with area libraries and share materials. In the fall, Town Meeting allocated $15,000 for the purchase of 11 staff computers. Without the new computers, the library would have been unable to handle an upgrade to the Old Colony Library Network.

Weaver said the library is looking and implementing ways to extend services and save the town money. Over the past four years, they have received over $65,000 in grant money and returned over $60,000 from fees and fines to the town's general fund in the last four years.

The library changed its schedule to operate more days without adding additional hours.

As far as the book and materials, Rafferty said Cohasset has a heavily used collection. In fact, they lend out more books to other communities than they borrow for their own residents.

"Obviously, our collection is at the core of what we do," said Rafferty, but the book and material budget has decreased over the years. Despite being in a much bigger building, the library staff has had to begin weeding their collection to make room for new books.

"We've grown into the new library," said Weaver.

Selectman Karen Quigley said she was most impressed with the efforts the library makes to work with the schools and the outreach program to the homebound.

Rafferty said the volunteer coordinator for the outreach program, Marjorie Murphy, has taken a typical outreach program to great heights. She runs book discussion groups with the elderly in the community as well as home visits.

"She is a lifeline [for the homebound], it has changed lives," said Rafferty.

Rafferty said they hope to expand the library's connection with the schools by creating a "homework center" staffed by high school honor students in the fall.

"You continually do a lot with what you have," said Quigley.

Service statistics at a glance*

- 139,551 items loaned out
- 4,110 reference questions answered
- 128,415 visitors to the library
- 84% of Cohasset residents have an active library card
- 1,096,652 hits to the library's website
- 15,600 public computer sessions for adults (youth statistics not tracked)
- 150 children's programs presented to 4,304 participants
- 56 adult programs presented to 609 participants
- 1,497 reservations of library meeting room space

**Numbers compiled from July 2006 to June 2007.*



COURTESY PHOTO

Vincent Longo, chief operating officer and executive producer of the Music Circus; Bruce Cameron, president of the South Shore Playhouse Associates; Jackie Rafferty, library director; Jane Goedecke, president of the Cohasset Library Trust; and Stacy Weaver, chairman of the library trustees, at the check presentation Wednesday.

South Shore Playhouse Associates donates $100K to Cohasset Library Trust

At a special awards ceremony recently at Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset, South Shore Playhouse Associates and South Shore Music Circus, represented by Bruce T. Cameron, president of the South Shore Playhouse Associates, and Vincent G. Longo, chief operating officer and executive producer for the South Shore Music Circus and Cape Cod Melody Tent, presented a check for $100,000 to Cohasset Library Trust. The grant money will benefit the library's endowment as well as fund a new Music Circus lecture at the library, which will feature a nationally recognized speaker.

"The South Shore Playhouse Associates is delighted to award this grant to the Cohasset Library Trust. We are proud to be able to support arts and education in Southeastern Massachusetts, as we have done for nearly 60 years," said Cameron. "Especially in these tough economic times, it is incumbent upon organizations such as the SSPA to provide financial support to organizations in need."

Jane Goedecke, president of the Cohasset Library Trust, accepted the award on behalf of the Library Trust. "We are extremely grateful for this very generous gift from the South Shore Playhouse Associates and the South Shore Music Circus. It will provide the Library Trust with a larger endowment to improve and expand the library's services and horizons."

Cohasset Library Trust was established in 2006 in response to declining tax support for the library. Its mission is to increase and prudently manage the library's endowment.

"As one of Cohasset's longstanding businesses, the South Shore Music Circus is thrilled to help support our neighbor, the Cohasset Library, " said Longo. "Our mission is to support the arts and education, and what better way to inspire interest in the arts and encourage education than to support the library by a gift to the Library Trust."

South Shore Playhouse Associates, a nonprofit organization, owns and operates South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset and Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis. A portion of both theater's ticket sales are reinvested into the communities served by the theatres, through grants and donations to other nonprofit groups to promote cultural activities, arts and education. The SSPA has donated more than $2.5 million over the past 10 years.

Cohasset Library Trust was established in 2006 in response to declining tax support for the library. Its mission is to increase and prudently manage the library's endowment. The Music Circus grant represents the beginning of this fundraising effort. The trust's board members include Linda Litchfield, Bernadette Faulkner, Brian Murphy, Chris Oddleifson, Debbie Shadd, Patience Towle, Sarah Pease, Sheila Evans, Rod Hobson, Sally Morton, Bob Riley, John Flanagan, Jim McKenna and Jack Reardon.

An Endowment Donor Wall in the library's entrance honors those who have, over more than 100 years, made significant gifts to the library. These gifts, made through bequests in a donor's will or through gifts to memorialize and honor individuals, have funded the library's endowment. SSPA's gift to the Cohasset Library Trust will be added to the Donor Wall.

Hingham boat ridership down 14 percent

From the State House News Service

Eleven MBTA commuter boats are now equipped with free wireless service, a new option that Lt. Gov. Tim Murray says will enable those riding to and from the city to "make the most of their commute." About 4,500 individuals commute daily to Boston from Hingham, Hull and Quincy, with ridership on the rise on two of those three lines.

According to an MBTA press release, overall MBTA ridership is up 6.2 percent this year and ridership to Boston is up 9 percent from Hull and 3 percent from Quincy. Ridership trends on one of the most heavily used water routes – Hingham to Boston – were not mentioned in the release, but in an interview, MBTA General Manager Daniel Grabauskas said ridership was down 14 percent this year. Grabauskas said South Shore commuters are "experimenting" with the new Greenbush line commuter rail option.

"The promise of having seats available, whether it's the boat or train, from the South Shore to Boston, that's being realized, which is great."
— MBTA General Manager Daniel Grabauskas

"There's period where people are adjusting to and changing patterns. It's not a bad thing," Grabauskas said. "The promise of having seats available, whether it's the boat or train, from the South Shore to Boston, that's being realized, which is great."

Greenbush ridership has grown from the "hundreds" to nearly 2,000 riders daily, Grabauskas said. High gas prices are prompting more individuals to consider public transportation and both Grabauskas and Murray said wi-fi access facilitates productivity and represents an enticement that those who drive to work should consider. The commuter boats also feature other enticements like snacks and beverages, including beer and wine, Grabauskas noted.

Both Murray and Grabauskas said they hoped to eventually see wi-fi across the system, but neither warmed to the idea of adding refreshments, including beer and wine, on commuter rail cars. "I've never heard it being discussed for commuter trains," Grabauskas said. Murray said the focus is on wi-fi first. "As a state that's known for innovation and high tech, connectivity is increasingly important. It adds to productivity. That's what we're working towards."

Open house for parents and kids at Jade Forest Kung Fu

Jade Forest Kung Fu, 130 King St., Route 3A, Cohasset, will offer a free introductory class, along with a kung fu demonstration for children ages 4 through 12 and their parents, from 1 to 2 p.m., on Saturday, July 12. Join longtime kung fu instructor John Loupos as he guides visiting parents and kids through the kid-friendly nuances of this Chinese martial art. Previous experience is not necessary.

Registration is limited, so call 781-383-6822 or visit the Web site at jfkungfu.com for availability. Those attending should wear sneakers and comfortable workout clothes.

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Road closings for Cohasset Triathlon

The following temporary road closures are part of the overall traffic safety plan for the Cohasset Triathlon at Sandy Beach on Sunday morning, June 29. These closures are necessary to provide safety for race participants and spectators as well as providing an orderly flow of vehicle traffic around the race route. Although residents impacted by these closures will be allowed access to and from their properties when necessary, everyone is encouraged to plan ahead and avoid using vehicles in the race area. Check the times and locations of closures to see how they may impact travel plans the morning of Sunday, June 29.

During road closures, the best route to take to go to Scituate would be Route 3A. Access 3A by way of Route 228, Hull Street; Forest Avenue/Lower King Street, where there will be a police officer present to assist at 3A; Sohier Street and Pond Street. This is best because Border Street will close temporarily outbound toward Scituate, and both North and South Main streets will only be open for one way traffic from the Scituate line to the Hingham line during race time.

Those attending church services during race time should allow a little extra time. If traveling to St. Stephen's Church or Second Congregational Church from the north side of town, access to the common will be from Depot Court. Access to Depot Court is Ripley Road by way of Jerusalem Road/North Main Street or 3A/Sohier Street. Ripley Road can also be accessed from Pleasant Street. Those traveling from the south side of town will be able to use North and South Main streets. Those traveling to St. Anthony Church can take Summer Street from the harbor, Spring Street from Pond Street/Cushing Road, or South Main Street from the Scituate line.

Contact Cohasset Police Department at trafficquestions@cohassetpolice.com for any assistance with travel plans.

No parking zones:

- Cohasset Village: South Main Street, between Brook Street and Elm Street, even numbered side of the road, from 7 to 10 a.m.
- Cohasset Common: North Main Street, between Depot Court and Highland Avenue, even numbered side of the road, from 7 to 10 a.m.

Road Closures:

Street Name	Range	Time Closed	Time Open*
Atlantic Avenue	Between Jerusalem Road and Beach Street	7:00am	11:00am
Atlantic Avenue	Between Beach Street and Howard Gleason Rd.	7:00am	11:00am
Beach Street	Between Highland Ave. and Atlantic Ave.	7:00am	11:00am
Border Street	Outbound from Summer St to Scituate line	8:00am	9:15am
Brook Street	Between Elm Street and South Main Street	8:00am	10:00am
Cedar Street	Between North Main Street and Hull Street	8:00am	10:00am
Depot Court (Church traffic only)	Between Main Street and Ripley Road/Pleasant Street	8:00am	10:00am
Green Street	Between Sohier Street and North Main Street	8:00am	10:00am
Jason Road (Church traffic only)	Between North Main Street and Highland Ave.	8:00am	10:00am
Jerusalem Road	Between Forest Ave and Atlantic Ave.	8:00am	10:00am
Long Road	Between North Main Street and Highland Ave.	8:00am	10:00am
Nichols Road	Between Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Ave.	8:00am	11:00am
Margin Street	Between Elm Street and Howard Gleason	7:30am	9:15am
North Main Street	**ONE WAY ONLY** from Depot Court to Hingham Line –	8:00am	10:00am
Sohier Street	Between Ripley Road and North Main Street	8:00am	10:00am
South Main Street	**ONE WAY ONLY** from Depot Court to Scituate line	8:00am	10:00am

Letter to the Editor

Museums open for the summer

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Cohasset Historical Society, I wish to thank Stuart Ivimey, Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee, and its members as well as the residents of the town of Cohasset for continuing to support projects that restore, protect and preserve Cohasset's historic buildings and artifacts.

To date with CPC funding the Society has been able to restore our two museums, the Captain John Wilson House and the Bates' Ship Chandlery (Maritime Museum), both of which are centrally located on Elm Street in the Village. These facilities are now open for the summer, Tuesday through Friday from 1 until 4:30 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. or by appointment. The Pratt Building at 106 South Main St., our headquarters, is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Here we have changing exhibits and house our extensive archives of Cohasset history.

We are proud of our buildings and exhibits and invite you to visit.

These buildings belong to everyone. We are only the stewards.

Kathleen L. O'Malley
President
Cohasset Historical Society

Healing Field flags may be picked up

Thomas Wigmore of the Sons of the American Legion announces that those who purchased flags for the 2008 Healing Field on display last month as part of Cohasset's Memorial Day observances may pick them up from 8 to 11 a.m., Saturday (July 12) behind the Paul Pratt Library. Please pull into the parking lot off Sohier Street.



This was the second year, the "Healing Field," was installed at the intersection of Border Street and Summer Street across from Veterans Memorial Park. The striking visual of over 400 waving American flags was meant to honor all servicemen and women who have served, continue to serve and those who have paid the ultimate price to keep America free.

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Animal magnetism

Our World has creature feature

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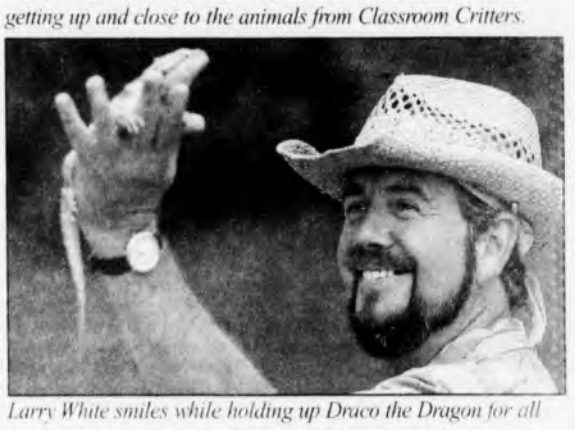
Liv Garlick, 5 left, of Cohasset laughs while her friend Emma Thomas, 5 right, feeds A.J. a dwarf rabbit, saying that, "it tickles" during Classroom Critters at Our World on Friday (June 13).



Ellery Sledesky, 5, of Cohasset feels the skin of a gecko while getting up and close to the animals from Classroom Critters.



Bennett Donahue, 6, of Hingham decorates his gecko at Our World on Friday (June 13).



Larry White smiles while holding up Draco the Dragon for all the children to admire at the start of his program, Classroom Critters.



Julie McGoldrick of Hingham helps her son, Sean, 3, pet Draco the Dragon while it was being shown around during Classroom Critters.



Sam Morris, 3, of Hingham looks at Draco the Dragon while his grandmother Tricia Morris of Hingham pets it during Classroom Critters.



Catherine Elliott, right 11 months, of Duxbury isn't too happy to be up close to a gecko while her brother, Sam, left 3 1/2, tentatively pets it during Classroom Critters at Our World. Their nanny Emily Cheverie, middle, looks on.



Logan Finn, 3, of Cohasset feeds Miss Lily some lettuce during Classroom Critters on Friday.



Nicholas Hale, 7, of Marshfield offers some lettuce to AJ, a dwarf rabbit, during Classroom Critters led by Larry White of Rockland at Our World in Cohasset.



A number of hands and arms stretch out to touch and feed Daisy, an albino guinea pig, during Classroom Critters.



Jason Dernier, 4 right, of Marshfield reacts to a shedding gecko named, Newton, during the Classroom Critters show led by Larry White of Rockland at Our World.

Local man hit by lightning

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office and emergency responders, O'Day was rushed first by boat to Mary's Landing, and then by ambulance to South Shore Hospital, where it was determined his heart and brain had not been seriously damaged.

By Monday, O'Day had regained feeling in his legs and was home from the hospital. At that point, he said, the worst injuries were strained muscles and bruises from being thrown into the rocks. Since he said every muscle in his body contracted when he was struck, every muscle was sore.

"I'll be forever grateful for (the actions of) those boaters and my wife," O'Day said.

O'Day is keeping an eye out for unusual side effects; reading material he was given at the hospital told him to watch for a change in personality. Aside from that, he said he was doing well.

"I'm better, every day is better," he said Monday. "I'm not as achy today as I was yesterday."

As it has become clearer to O'Day that he may not experience long-term effects from being struck, he and his wife have even started to joke about the event.

"She calls me Sparky," he said.

The O'Days are counting their blessings and focusing on warning others to stay out of storms.

"We're trying to pull something positive out of a bad scenario," he said. "(My wife) hopes that people will learn from this. We both do."

In the meantime, he said, he'll continue to keep an eye out for any long-term side effects.

"I don't think I'm going to develop 100 extra points on my I.Q," he said.

Gatehouse News Service contributed to this story.

Be safe during storms

In the wake of recent storms, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency released a list of lightning safety guidelines.

"Every thunderstorm produces lightning and has the potential to produce associated dangers such as tornadoes, destructive winds, hail and flash flooding," MEMA director Don Boyce wrote in the release. "As we have witnessed, lightning strikes throughout Massachusetts have proved deadly, reinforcing the fact that the threat of a thunderstorm must be taken seriously."

During the spring and summer, major seasons for storms, many people take part in activities that place them in vulnerable locations — golf courses, ball fields, beaches and large bodies of water, according to MEMA.

The agency suggested residents practice to the following precautions.

Before the thunderstorm:

- Know terms known by weather forecasters. "Severe Thunderstorm Watch" indicates where the thunderstorms are likely to occur. "Severe Thunderstorm Warning" is used when the storm has already been reported or spotted.
- Look for darkening skies, flashes of light or increasing wind.
- If you can hear thunder, you are within the range of lightning.
- The typical thunderstorm is 15 miles in diameter and produces heavy rain for 30 to 60 minutes.
- When the storm approaches, secure outdoor objects that could be blown away or cause damage. Shutter windows, if possible, and secure outside doors.
- Remember that lightning can strike up to 10 miles ahead of or after the storm.

During the thunderstorm:

- If you are caught outside, protect yourself by going to a low-lying, open place away from trees, metal objects or poles.
- Make yourself a small target. Squat low to the ground and place your hands on your knees with your head between them. Don't lie flat on the ground.
- Do not stand in an open field, on a hilltop, on a beach, in a boat. Do not stay in water.
- Avoid small structures in open areas.
- Get away from anything metal
- In a forest, go to a low area under a growth of smaller trees.
- Indoors, avoid metal objects.
- Avoid showering or bathing
- Unplug appliances and electrical items.
- Note that rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide no protection from lightning. If lightning strikes your car, however, you are safer inside it than outside.

Village design guidelines ready for workshop

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age growth and development in a good way by keeping the charm of the village while maximizing its potential.

Unlike the zoning bylaws, which can only be amended by a vote at Town Meeting, the design guidelines are adopted and changed by the Planning Board. The design guidelines are referred within the village zoning bylaw amendments, but are not described in detail.

The to-be-approved design guidelines will work together with the zoning bylaws and Jennings said will give a clear picture to potential applicants what is expected out of a project. A set of guiding principles, much like vision statements, guide the much more specific requirements on structure and landscaping. The guidelines cover items such as rooflines, building materials, textures and colors, sidewalks, lighting, parking, screening and signage, to name a few.

"They are pretty specific in nature so during the permitting process, the Planning Board can say it either meets or doesn't meet the guideline," says Jennings. "I think the town will end up with a higher quality plan than what they might have had without the guidelines."

"The design guidelines intend to give applicants a clear understanding of the design objectives of new development or renovation of existing property."

— Angus Jennings of Concord Square Development

The village inherently posed a challenge in drafting the design guidelines because one end of the village is drastically different than the other. As a result, the design guidelines will address different areas of the village to ensure new development and redevelopment adheres to the broader vision for the business district.

"We carved out specific planning areas within the village," said Jennings. For example, lots fronting on South Main Street and parking way are asked to ensure the building has good visibility on both sides.

"We really want that location to activate the town parking lot and create a main street façade," said Jennings. "That same principle is not going to apply to Depot Court or Smith Place."

Part of the reason the design guidelines are separated out of the zoning bylaws was because of their length, "they would have added a lot of text to the bylaws," said Jennings, adding it is typical for zoning to be accompanied by regulations like the design guidelines because it gives the ruling board a little more flexibility.

With zoning, there is a high legal threshold to both change the bylaw or for an applicant to get a variance.

"The design guidelines are very detailed and by their nature are very subjective," said Jennings. "We don't want to impede creativity by being too prescriptive, [with the design guidelines] we want to give enough latitude for to allow for creativity in development."

Draft copies of the design guidelines will be available at the meeting.

If you plan on attending the June 30 workshop, please contact Jo-Ann Pilczak in the Planning Board office, 781-383-3517.

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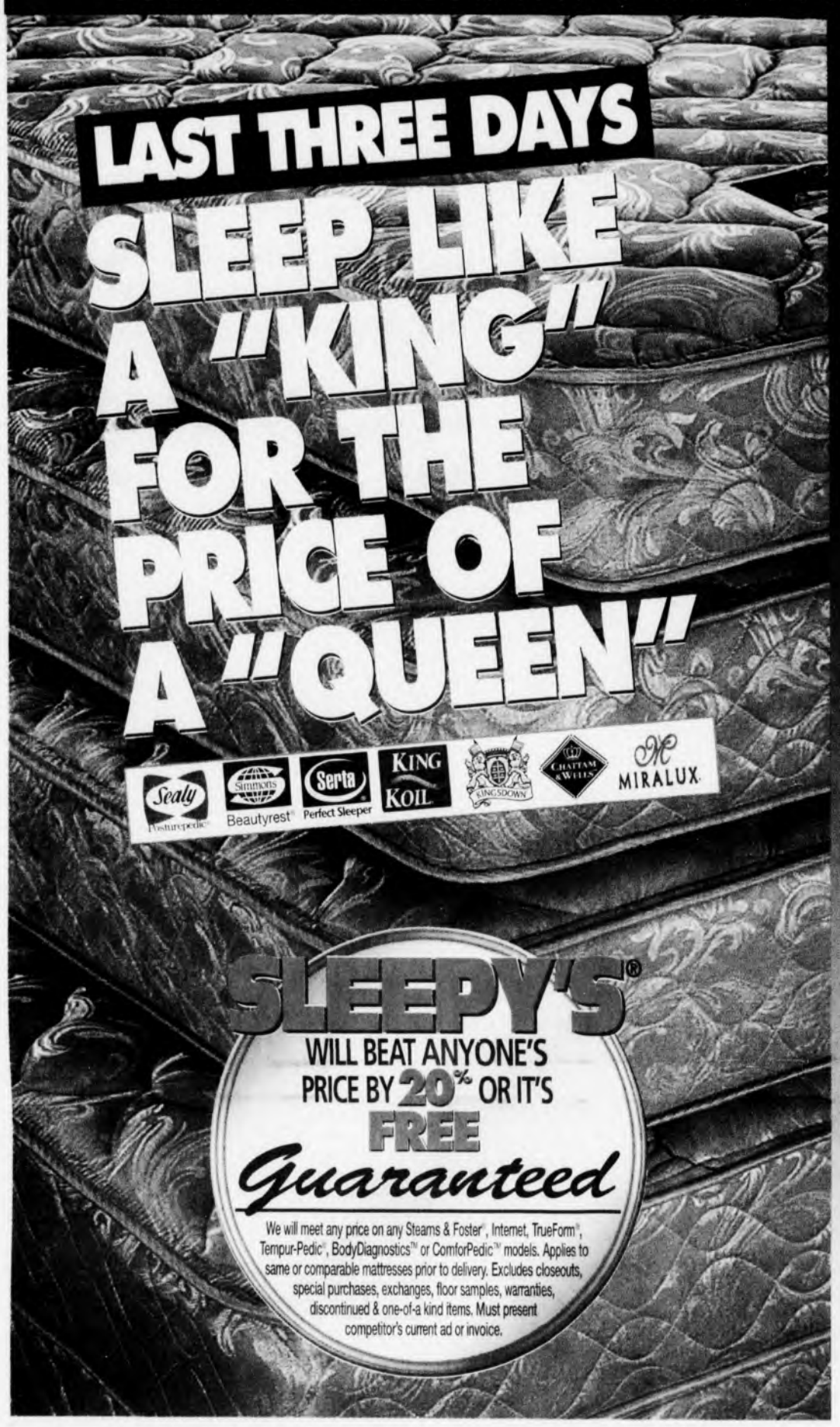
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Softball team hit mark in second half

Young Skippers will return a strong core next season

By Joel Racicot
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It was a tale of two seasons for the Cohasset High softball team during 2008. After starting the year with a tough-luck 1-10 record, the Skippers managed to win five of their last nine games to finish with a 6-14 record.

That second half performance should be a precursor for success next season. Cohasset is young and only lost one senior to graduation, Anna Haggerty, although her presence will be missed greatly.

Haggerty batted .387, slugged .500 and had a .472 on base percentage. She came through with some of the biggest hits of the season and played excellent at third base.

First-year Cohasset head coach Rob Spofford was grateful for what Haggerty brought on and off the softball field.

"She will be sorely missed," Spofford said. "You can't replace senior leadership. She brought a maturity level, an effort and an understanding of the game, everyday."

Spofford acknowledged it is hard for any senior to go through the rebuilding process and tipped his hat to Haggerty for the class she showed all season. During her first three years of varsity softball, Haggerty played on tournament teams.

"For her to say, 'I'm going to sacrifice' and step up like she did will show in years to come," Spofford said. "If this program takes off she will be a big part of that."

"There was truly excitement at the end of the year. We were wishing we could play more games."
— Cohasset softball coach Rob Spofford

Other key players this season included South Shore League all-stars Meredith Kelly and Carly Salerno.

Kelly batted .565, slugged 1.032, had six homeruns, 3 triples, 8 doubles and 17 singles. The sophomore played first base and provided great power from the corner infield.

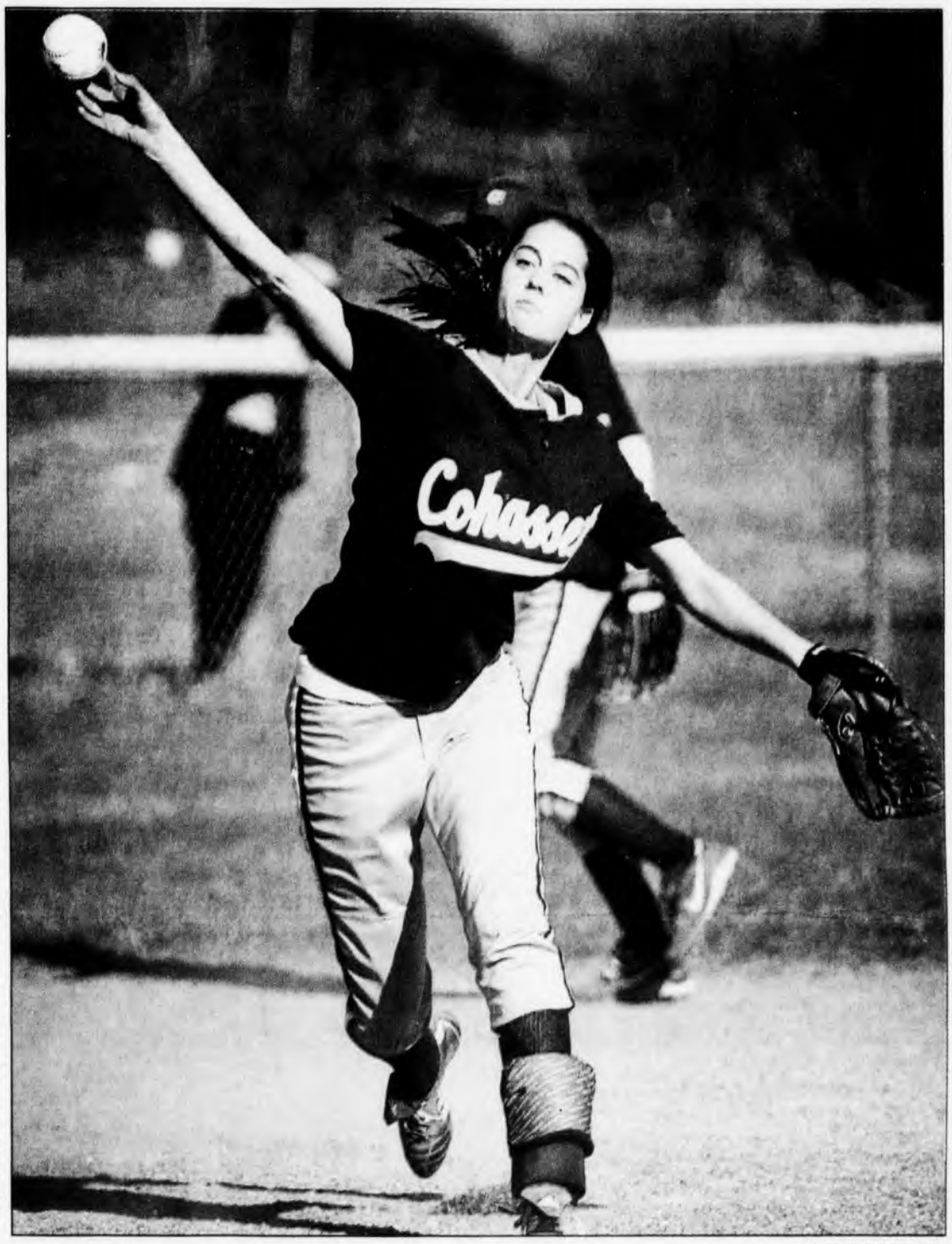
"The future is only going to get brighter for her," Spofford said. "She embraced the new hitting concepts and is a very athletic young lady. There is nothing harder than hitting a moving ball and her [success] was due in part that Anna [Haggerty] hit behind her."

Kelly also finished with 28 RBI, 24 runs, a .625 OBP and struck out only five times in 72 at bats.

Salerno batted .267 and slugged .500 but was chosen as an all-star mainly for her great defense at shortstop. With two young pitchers starting for the Skippers, a lot of balls were hit Salerno's way.

"She made a ton of spectacular

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STAFF PHOTO/MIKE COHEA

Anna Haggerty, Cohasset's graduating senior, makes a play from third base. The Skippers caught fire towards the end of the regular season and look poised to make some damage next season.

Cohasset U15 laxers capture championship

June 19, 2008

In a rematch of the recent state high school final, the 7th/8th grade boys lacrosse teams from Cohasset and Scituate battled it out last Thursday for the Town Tournament League Championship (TTL). In it's second year, the TTL is a regional select lacrosse program that features the best lacrosse players at a U13 and U15 level from South Shore towns playing in an eight game season throughout the spring as a compliment to their regular town lacrosse programs.

This year, the Cohasset U15 TTL Team dominated the regional competition and after an undefeated regular season, they defeated Marshfield in the semifinals for a chance to play in the title game versus perennial archrival, Scituate.

In a much anticipated title game that was made even more electrifying being played on Scituate's new turf field and under the lights, the Cohasset crew brought their "A" game to the field and quickly set the tone for the night's success by putting on a college-level "clinic" on how to play this great American game.

The first half looked like an ESPN highlight reel with the hometown laxers dominating every facet of the game from faceoff to ground balls, defensive strips, and picture-perfect offensive execution that put this game out of reach by the first intermission with the score 7 – 0 after the first quarter.

A few of the highlights from the game included: 17 saves by Willy Brown that stifled every offensive charge; multiple rocket-snipes by Kyle Livingstone, Danny Czerkawski, and Robbie Mahoney; a behind the back flip-shot by John Collins; a full field clear and score by Dean McNary; ankle- breaking deeks and laser-like feeds from Mitch McNary and Charlie Neaves; and Alex Evans picking a shot's rebound "out of the air" and stuffing it back where it belonged.

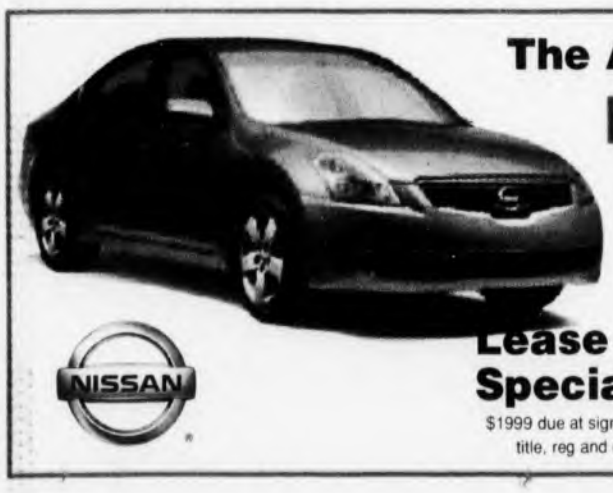
Derek Froio and Geoff Swain anchored an unbeatable defensive corps while underclassmen, Ryan McGovern, Teddy Patsos, and Nick Tangherlini kept Scituate under wraps defensively with John Mills and Andrew Fontaine adding to the point tally to insure that the victory was preserved.

In the end, Cohasset posted a very impressive 15-5 victory that provided the perfect ending to a perfect season (9-0) as the Cohasset kids hosted their trophies in celebration and socked away some great memories for the future.



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Top Row: Nick Tangherlini, Andrew Fontaine, Ryan McGovern, John Collins, Charlie Neaves, Willy Brown, Alex Evans, Dean McNary, Danny Czerkawski, Teddy Patsos, Geoff Swain. Bottom Row: John Mills, Kyle Livingstone, Mitch McNary, Robbie Mahoney, Derek Froio. Coach – Curt Mills



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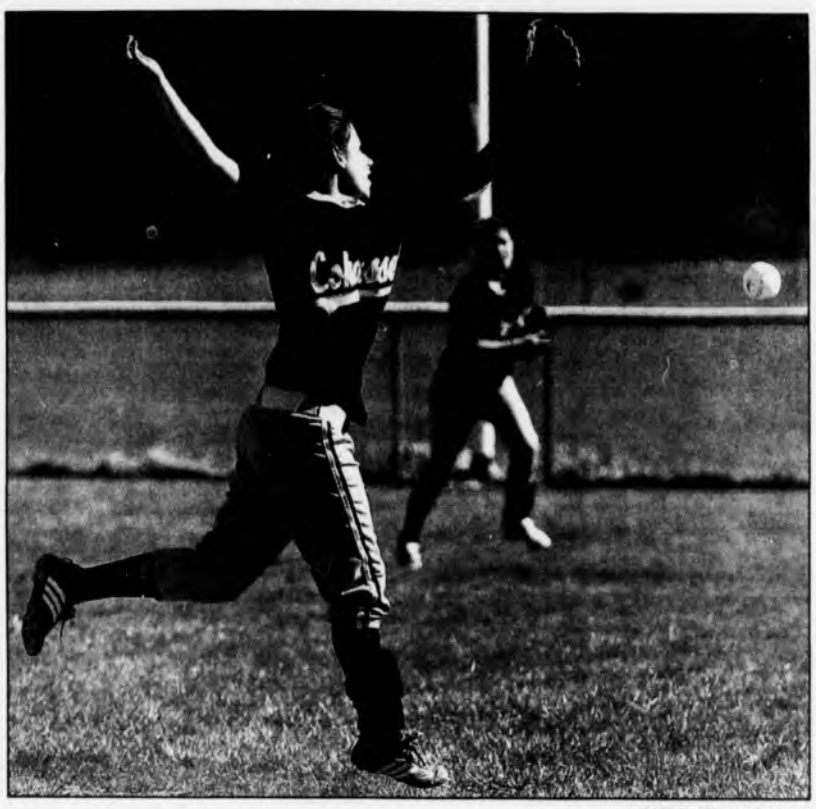
plays," Spofford said. "Shortstop is usually the hardest position to make an all-star team because there are so many good players there."

Prior to this season only two home runs had been hit out of Freedom Field, according to Spofford. Six girls went yard in 2008, including, Kelly, Salerno, Marissa Tangherlini, Christine Conor, Kristin Monaco and Carley Zappolo. A new hitting style helped. Cohasset also tweaked its defense, playing much more aggressive this year. The changes caused some growing pains, but if the second half of the season is any indicator, the sky is the limit for this team next year.

"The future looks bright," Spofford said.

With Brittney Pinkus, Haley Wheelwright and Conor getting more and more mound experience the pitching should really improve next year. Wheelwright helped the junior varsity team go 15-1 this year.

"There was truly excitement at the end of the year," Spofford said. "We were wishing we could play more games."



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Cohasset's Carley Zappolo, left, leaps but can't reach a hit during early season action.

Pierce-d through the heart

ABOVE THE RIM

JOEL RACICOT



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Here goes nothing. You can have Larry Bird. I'm just fine with Paul Pierce (as the Steinway delicately hangs over my head, one fiber of the already thinning rope coils violently upward).

It is what it is.

Ten years ago I sat in the Fleet Center during the 1998 Draft Party and watched the draft board with disbelief. Guys like Raef LaFrentz, Jason Williams and Robert Traylor were going before our beloved Pierce at the 10th pick. We all now know about those guys. We saw the LaFrentz bore-fest in first person; J-Dub belongs in the D-League and Traylor made enough rounds at the buffet table to make Takeru Kobayashi jealous.

We watched aghast as the unconventional Kansas star was passed over time and again. When Rick Pitino (the guy with the pasta sauce) came to the podium and announced that, with the 10th pick we were getting Paul Pierce, we were all thrilled.

At the very least, everyone there had heard of Paul Pierce. We were getting the most NBA ready guy in the draft. There was some hope for the Celtics now just a year removed from the 1997 Draft Party, and the backcourt of the future debacle that was Ron Mercer and Chauncey Billups.

Since the Celtics drafted his rights, Pierce has taken his fans on an odyssey that would make Lewis and Clark take pause. We loved him, hated him, wanted him to go and wanted him to stay. He was riveting against the Nets in the 2002 playoffs and equally as despicable and unwatchable against the Pacers in the 2005 playoffs.

He never carried the aura from the old Celtics teams of the past, because he never won. To mention Bird and Pierce in the same breath was blasphemy.

His talent is undeniable. An awkward mix of ying and yang that is Pierce's game has kept the points coming through the years. There was never any doubt about his scoring abilities. Both he and Bird have that scoring touch in common. That's about it, most would argue.

The pictures hanging on the kitchen walls in Boston are of Jesus Christ, John F. Kennedy and Larry Bird. Paul Pierce? C'mon. Really? I mean, Larry Bird is the best Celtic ever, right?

Yeah, probably, I'm certainly no judge; I wasn't even born when Bird had his rookie camp in Marshfield in 1979.

But here is The Truth. My life as an NBA fan started with an old blond haired, stiff backed icon, doing double pumped three pointers against Jerome Kersey and Chuck Person. My buddy's older brother had a Bird rookie card, the tri-perforated Topps edition with Magic Johnson and Julius Erving on it. I stared at the French Lick Hick until I went blind one afternoon, wondering, where is that guy?

I watched highlights of the 1981 Eastern Conference finals like Frank Sinatra sings "My Way." Full of purpose, full of meaning, but it all meant nothing for me. Bird wasn't mine, never was.

Watching Bird choke out Dr. J in 1984 was like watching highlight videos of Ben Hur taking on Messala in a chariot race in 26 AD.

Even now, I have a picture of LB hanging in my cubicle. I'm not even sure why. The last time I checked in with ol' Larry he was being dispatched by Mark Price and Brad Doherty. Sorry, but those mythic performances from Bird in the early 1990s are all I had. At that point, another Boston icon, "Woody" Boyd, the assistant bartender in Cheers, could have taken Bird off the dribble.

It wasn't until an unforgettable Tuesday night in the middle of June that I fully realized I didn't need Larry Bird anymore.

Clutching my ticket to game six, I remembered walking up the stairs to the Wal-Mart arena that is the TD Banknorth Garden 10 years earlier. All the hope from the 1998 draft night was coming to fruition. It wasn't an old highlight video with Dan Patrick hosting alongside Cedric Maxwell or Gerald Henderson.

Instead of second hand visions of Bird vanquishing Magic, Isaiah or Nique' on grainy VHS, I had a clear view of a latter day Celtics saint. A new legend, one that had already dispatched Johnson and James, had Bryant on his radar.

With a firm grasp on the finals MVP trophy, the longest road out became the shortest road home for Mr. Pierce. And for a newer generation of Celtics fan, the traffic jam on Larry Bird Boulevard, full of Ghosts of Celtics past, finally cleared up.

South Shore League softball all-stars

Abington, Kelsey Cheney, SS, 11, Kerri McDonough, P, 10, Sabrina Thompson, 1B, 12, Carver, Chrissy, Burns, 2B, 12, Liz Mastera, SS, 12, Kelsie Walker, C/1B, 12, Rachael Shimkus, OF, 12, Cohasset, Carly Salerno, SS/P, 11, Meredith Kelly, 1B, 10, East Bridgewater, Nicole Eisenmann, P, 11, Laikyn Nadolny, CF, 12, Jordan McDermott, 1B, 12, Kyla Palaschak, C, 11, Hull, Rachel Allen, P, 11, Kelly Sheehan, SS, 11, Harwich, Nell O'Connor, P, 10, Mashpee, Lilli Frye, P/OF, 12, Kerri Bergquist, P/OF/C/SS, 11 and Lauren Chagnon, SS, 12

Sportsmanship Award : Cohasset High School.

SPORTS NOTES

Summer Xtreme 2008

The Cohasset Rec. Dept. is offering a new program this summer called 'Summer Xtreme 2008', specifically designed for students entering grades 6-9, offering seven one-week sessions, at $99.00 per child, per session. Participants may register for any number of weeks they wish.

The program will be conducted by a four to five member staff and features a variety of field trips, games, sports, crafts, and a pizza day each week.

For full program details, please call Cohasset Recreation at 781-383-4109 or email SummerXtreme@gmail.com. Registration form and more information can also be found by visiting us online at: www.townofcohasset.org/rec. Applications are now being accepted for all sessions. The program is offered up to non-residents.

Adult sailing lessons offered at Hull Yacht Club

Have you always wanted to learn to sail? The Hull Yacht Club is offering evening adult sailing lessons beginning the week of July 7. You will learn everything you need to know to handle a small boat, including principles of sailing, rules of the road, safety on the water, knots and how to read the weather. The classes run for six weeks on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings, 5:30 - approximately 7:30 p.m. Each class has a maximum of three members.

Cost is $250. Lifejackets required. The Hull Yacht Club is located at 5 Fitzpatrick Way, Hull. For more information please contact Debbie Cook 781-383-6313.

South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond Women's/Girls Drop-in Basketball

Hey Girls…Gotta Lotta Game?

Calling all girls! Home from college? Want to get back into the game? Come join the fun, see old friends, meet new ones and get a chance to participate in full court recreational games. This is a pick-up league without set teams. Each week, teams are created with players in attendance with an effort to evenly divide skill, speed, and height. There are no officials. It is a very laid back atmosphere where all ages and skill levels are welcome.

This program is open to both YMCA members and non-members ages 15 plus. For more information call 781-829-8585, ext 260 or send an email to lmontoya@ssymca.org. Thursdays 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

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5K Fun Run to support Cohasset Maritime Institute

July 19, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

Cohasset's inner harbor will be the star of the first Jack Hubbard Memorial Fun Run on Saturday, July 19th. All ages and skills, walkers and runners, are welcome to join the fun. Entry fee of $25 and includes tee shirts. All proceeds and donations will be benefiting the Cohasset Maritime Institute's (CMI) mission to provide a Cohasset community-rowing program with access to the water for all.

Jack Hubbard was a founding member of CMI and an avid rower. The morning's festivities will include an awards ceremony and christening of the "Jack Hubbard" 28' ocean gig that will become part of the CMI fleet.

The run begins at the flagpole on Cohasset Common, continues to the Village, to Elm Street, to Margin—along the harbor, along Atlantic to Beach Street, past the Common to Sohier Street, then Ripley Road back to the Common.

Schedule of Activities:
Registration: 7:30 a.m.-8:15 a.m.
Race Starts: 8:30 a.m.
Awards Ceremony & Christening of the "Jack Hubbard": 10:15 a.m.

Participants are encouraged to pre-register by printing and mailing the race application along with entry fee of $25 by July 7th. Additional information and registration forms are available at www.rowcmi.com

Local Road Race

Saturday, June 28
The 4th Annual Marshfield Roadrunners Club Challenge Cup Marathon Relay will take place Saturday, June 28, at 8 a.m. in Marshfield. For information, contact Steven Lanzillotta at 781-826-4074 or stevelanzi@comcast.net.

Saturday, June 28
The Hanover 5K Road Race will take place Saturday, June 28, at 9 a.m. in Hanover. The course is flat and fast, and it's ideal for runners and walkers. For information, contact Brian Cassidy at 781-826-1300 or bcassidy@healthtrax.net.

Saturday, June 28
The Marion Village 5K will take place Saturday, June 28, at 9 a.m. in Marion. For information, contact Chris Adams at 508-748-9905 or cjdamstaxe@comcast.net.

Monday, June 30
The 5K Your Way Summer Fun Run will take place Monday, June 30, at 7 p.m. in Raynham. For information, contact Jim DuPont at 508-822-0376 or jdupont01@comcast.net.

Tuesday, July 1
The CPR Tuesday Night Summer Fun Run will take place Tuesday, July 1, at 7 p.m. in Abington. For information, contact Al Donaghy at 781-878-8622 or donaghy@aol.com.

Friday, July 4
The Duxbury 4th of July Road Race will take place Friday, July 4, at 9 a.m. in Duxbury. Runners will travel near the ocean and over wooden bridges through historic Duxbury over this 4.25-mile course. For information, contact Beth Kenney at 781-934-9252 or bak5557@aol.com.

Monday, July 7
The 5K Your Way Summer Fun Run will take place Monday, July 7, at 7 p.m. in Raynham. For information, contact Jim DuPont at 508-822-0376 or jdupont01@comcast.net.

Tuesday, July 8
The CPR Tuesday Night Summer Fun Run will take place Tuesday, July 8, at 7 p.m. in Abington. For information, contact Al Donaghy at 781-878-8622 or donaghy@aol.com.

Monday, July 14
The 5K Your Way Summer Fun Run will take place Monday, July 14, at 7 p.m. in Raynham. For information, contact Jim DuPont at 508-822-0376 or jdupont01@comcast.net.

Tuesday, July 15
The CPR Tuesday Night Summer Fun Run will take place Tuesday, July 15, at 7 p.m. in Abington. For information, contact Al Donaghy at 781-878-8622 or donaghy@aol.com.

Monday, July 21
The 5K Your Way Summer Fun Run will take place Monday, July 21, at 7 p.m. in Raynham. For information, contact Jim DuPont at 508-822-0376 or jdupont01@comcast.net.

Tuesday, July 22
The CPR Tuesday Night Summer Fun Run will take place Tuesday, July 22, at 7 p.m. in Abington. For information, contact Al Donaghy at 781-878-8622 or donaghy@aol.com.

Monday, July 28
The 5K Your Way Summer Fun Run will take place Monday, July 28, at 7 p.m. in Raynham. For information, contact Jim DuPont at 508-822-0376 or jdupont01@comcast.net.

Tuesday, July 29
The CPR Tuesday Night Summer Fun Run will take place Tuesday, July 29, at 7 p.m. in Abington. For information, contact Al Donaghy at 781-878-8622 or donaghy@aol.com.

Monday, Aug. 4
The 5K Your Way Summer Fun Run will take place Monday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m. in Raynham. For information, contact Jim DuPont at 508-822-0376 or jdupont01@comcast.net.

Tuesday, Aug. 5
The CPR Tuesday Night Summer Fun Run will take place Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. in Abington. For information, contact Al Donaghy at 781-878-8622 or donaghy@aol.com.

Monday, Aug. 11
The 5K Your Way Summer Fun Run will take place Monday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. in Raynham. For information, contact Jim DuPont at 508-822-0376 or jdupont01@comcast.net.

Tuesday, Aug. 12
The CPR Tuesday Night Summer Fun Run will take place Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. in Abington. For information, contact Al Donaghy at 781-878-8622 or donaghy@aol.com.

Saturday, Aug. 16
The 3rd Annual Rochester Road Race will take place Saturday, Aug. 16, at 9 a.m. in Rochester. For information, contact Scott Muller at 508-295-7805 or rochesterroadrace@comcast.net.

Monday, Aug. 18
The 5K Your Way Summer Fun Run will take place Monday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. in Raynham. For information, contact Jim DuPont at 508-822-0376 or jdupont01@comcast.net.

Tuesday, Aug. 19
The CPR Tuesday Night Summer Fun Run will take place Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m. in Abington. For information, contact Al Donaghy at 781-878-8622 or donaghy@aol.com.

Sunday, Aug. 24
The Marshfield Roadrunners 20K will take place Sunday, Aug. 24, at 9 a.m. in Marshfield. For information, contact Marianne Withington at 508-746-1462 or binglw3@comcast.net.

Monday, Aug. 25
The 5K Your Way Summer Fun Run will take place Monday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. in Raynham. For information, contact Jim DuPont at 508-822-0376 or jdupont01@comcast.net.

Tuesday, Aug. 26
The CPR Tuesday Night Summer Fun Run will take place Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m. in Abington. For information, contact Al Donaghy at 781-878-8622 or donaghy@aol.com.

Tuesday, Sept. 2
The CPR Tuesday Night Summer Fun Run will take place Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. in Abington. For information, contact Al Donaghy at 781-878-8622 or donaghy@aol.com.

Saturday, Sept. 6
The Boys and Girls Club of Plymouth 14th Annual Run to the Rock 5K, 10K and 1/2 Marathon will take place Saturday, Sept. 6, at 9a .m. in Plymouth. For information, contact Anne Marie Winchester at 508-746-6070 or runtotherock@gmail.com.

Sunday, Sept. 14
The 5th Annual Johns Race will take place Sunday, Sept. 14, at 10 a.m. in Halifax. For information, contact Kaitlyn Bergin at 617-529-5232 or kaitlynbergin@verizon.net.

Saturday, Sept. 27
The Redbok Homecoming Road Race will take place Saturday Sept 27 at 8:30 a.m. in Canton. There will be a one mile fun run, 5K race, 10K race, 5K wheelchair division and corporate challenge. For information, contact Alexis Parker at 781-821-9876 or aparker@cantonclub.com.

Saturday, Oct. 18
The Kaylas Beat Goes On 5K Walk/Run to benefit Cardiovascular Disease at Jordan Hospital will take place Saturday, Oct. 18, at 10 a.m. in Plymouth. For information, contact Marielle Gillard at 508-746-7434 or mariellerne@comcast.net.

HEAVY HITTER



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Jake Cuneo (27) lays down a heavy hit on Norwell's Dodger Scheller (18) who was trying to go on the attack in the fourth quarter of their playoff game. See next week's *Cohasset Mariner* for a full season recap.





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CHS honor rolls for terms three and four

Editor's note: The high school honor roll for terms three and four will appear next week.

Term three
HIGH HONORS
GRADE SIX

Madeline Ally, Melissa Alves, Sophie Arnold, Madeline Blackburn, Henry Brown, Victoria Bryan, John Buckley, Timothy Cavanaro, Hana Childs, Zachary Coggins, Brianne Crough, Madeline Curley, Alexandros Deligiannidis, Sofia Deligiannidis, Terence Doonan, Kathryn Dunn, Caroline Evans, Julien Geyer, Alyssa Golz, Alexandra Grasz, Christopher Haggerty, Clarke Indek, Margaret Littlejohn, Jessica Lyons, Matthew MacCormack, Steven Maher, Katherine McCabe, John McElgunn, Zoe Meyers, Mats Nelson, Hannah Piasecki, Faith Porter, Thomas Powers, Alexia Ritz, Nicholas Schubert, Joseph Sestito, Callie Shanley, Jack Stanganelli, Emily Swanborg, Daniel Tangherlini, Christina Tedeschi and Reed Westcott.

GRADE SEVEN

Gregory Berube, Maria Buckley, Sara Campedelli, Mollie Chipman, Kylie Coffman, Sara Corry, Jessica Costello, Craig Davis, Melinda Dignam, Nicole Farren, Sarah Fredey, Marissa Gildea, Connor Goetz, Matthew Gregory, Giselle Hart, Robert Hillman, Meghan Kearney, John Leahy, Brittany Leger, Caroline Lengyel, Rachel Littauer, Whitney Malone, Mary McKelvey, Andrew Nahill, Anthony Nahill, Robert Nahill, Caroline Neaves, Julia Noble, Michael O'Brien, Catherine Pitts, Grace Pozniak, Gabrielle Rioux, Annie Robinson, Thomas Ryan, Trevor Schramn, Axel Seppala and Emma Smith.

GRADE EIGHT

Julia Canney, Emily Castro, Caitlin DeAngelis, Emily Dormitzer, Adrian Dunne, Amanda Farren, Olivia Franklin, Danielle Frederick, Aniko Haber, Elizabeth Hagearty, Gus Helbock, Whitney Jaffe, Letra Kimla, Eloise Lucas, Kathryn Mastromarino, Madeline O'Grady, Carly Oddleifson, Tucker Oddleifson, Isabel Robinson, Colleen Ryan, Jay Salerno, Christina Secatore and Kaye Slamp.

HONOR ROLL
GRADE SIX

Mackenzie Axelson, Michael Barry, Derek Benson, Olivia Blackburn, Kathleen Broderick, Isabella Cannon, Rosemary Cipolla, Daniel Cronin, Samuel Curatola, Isabelle Dunne, Harrison Durant, Micaela Durkin, Douglas Fitzgerald, Molly Fitzgerald, Willem Golden, Connor Green, Kyle Gundersen, Cailey Hart, Harry Helbock, Luke Johnston, Carly Kinscherf, Coleman Kissick, Rocco Laugelle, Christopher Lund, Anna McCarthy, Ryan McKeon, Taylor Murphy, Katherine Naughton, John O'Brien, Thomas O'Brien, Mark Rattenbury, James Redfield, Liza Riedel, Alexandra Russell, Chandler Skolnick, Trevor Tedeschi, Arianna Tosi and Sarah Whilton.

GRADE SEVEN

Evan Ackley, Kristin Alexander, Samuel Asnault, Maria Campedelli, Abigail Carrier, Justin Cobin, Jenna Conte, Brooke Cummings, Conor Dooley, Blake Erler, Colin Gideon-Murphy, Thomas Gilliatt, Shane Haggerty, Alfred Herth, Melinda Kissick, Caitlin Mavilia, Ryan McGovern, Lauren McLellan, Nathaniel Morse, Mackenzie Nolan, Connor O'Brien, William Patsos, Brendan Queenan, Sarah Russell, Alexandra Sookiasian, Meredith Spofford and Brittany Tedeschi.

GRADE EIGHT

Brittany Avila, Abigail Ayers, Chase Baldwin, Ruthann Barry, Emily Baumgarten, Stephanie Brierley, Michaela Brophy, Meghan Burke, John Collins, Edward Culhane, Moira Donohue, Alexander Evans, Christen Fitzgerald, Graden Foley, Derek Froio, Marie Gilman, Megan Green, Anya Gruber, Nicole Hajjar, Christina Healy, Danielle Healy, Kyle Healy, Kimberly Higgins, Brendan Kearney, Taylor Kennedy, Catharine Leffel, Elizabeth Leong, Morgan McCarthy, Sean McKenna, Mitchell McNary, Jennifer Mullin, Charles Neaves, Michaela Rattenbury, Anna Seraikas, Amber Silvia, Sage Stebbins, Elisa Tedeschi, Sydney Waters and Alison Whelan.

Term four
GRADE SIX
HIGH HONORS

Madeline Ally, Sophie Arnold, Derek Benson, Madeline Blackburn, Kathleen Broderick, Henry Brown, Victoria Bryan, John Buckley, Timothy Cavanaro, Hana Childs, Zachary Coggins, Brianne Crough, Samuel Curatola, Alexandros Deligiannidis, Sofia Deligiannidis, Terence Doonan, Caroline Evans, Julien Geyer, Alyssa Golz, Alexandra Grasz, Harry Helbock, Clarke Indek, Luke Johnston, Margaret Littlejohn, Jessica Lyons, Matthew MacCormack, Steven Maher, Katherine McCabe, John McElgunn, Zoe Meyers, Taylor Murphy, Mats Nelson, Thomas O'Brien, Hannah Piasecki, Faith Porter, Liza Riedel, Alexandra Russell, Jack Stanganelli, Christina Tedeschi, Reed Westcott and Colin Whelan.

GRADE SIX
HONORS

Dakota Achin, Melissa Alves, Matthew Arnold, Bryce Avila, Mackenzie Axelson, Michael Barry, Dianna Bestick, Olivia Blackburn, Dylan Bomeisler, Isabella Cannon, Rosemary Cipolla, Christopher Cohen, Daniel Cronin, Madeline Curley, Mackenzie Dickson, Kathryn Dunn, Isabelle Dunne, Harrison Durant, Micaela Durkin, Douglas Fitzgerald, Ryan Gillis, Willem Golden, Connor Green, Kyle Gundersen, Christopher Haggerty, Cailey Hart, Broderic Jackisch, Coleman Kissick, Christopher Lund, Ryan McKeon, John O'Brien, Brendan O'Connell, Bridget O'Grady, Elijah Pontes, Thomas Powers, Mark Rattenbury, Alexia Ritz, Nicholas Schubert, Joseph Sestito, Callie Shanley, Chandler Skolnick, Emily Swanborg, Daniel Tangherlini, Trevor Tedeschi, Chloe Tolman, Arianna Tosi, Eric Weinstein and Gabrielle Weissman.

GRADE SEVEN
HIGH HONORS

Kristin Alexander, Charlotte Barszewski, Maria Buckley, Sara Campedelli, Abigail Carrier, Mollie Chipman, Kylie Coffman, Sara Corry, Jessica Costello, Melinda Dignam, Sarah Fredey, Marissa Gildea, Connor Goetz, Matthew Gregory, Giselle Hart, Robert Hillman, Meghan Kearney, Brittany Leger, Caroline Lengyel, Rachel Littauer, Whitney Malone, Ryan McGovern, Andrew Nahill, Anthony Nahill, Robert Nahill, Caroline Neaves, Julia Noble, Catherine Pitts, Grace Pozniak, Gabrielle Rioux, Annie Robinson and Thomas Ryan.

GRADE SEVEN
HONORS

Samuel Asnault, Gregory Berube, Maria Campedelli, Justin Cobin, Brooke Cummings, Craig Davis, Conor Dooley, Blake Erler, Nicole Farren, Isabella Flibotte, Thomas Gilliatt, Shane Haggerty, Melinda Kissick, John Leahy, Michael Livingstone, Caitlin Mavilia, Kelsey McCunney, Mary McKelvey, Lauren McLellan, Mackenzie Nolan, Michael O'Brien, William Patsos, Brendan Queenan, Sarah Russell, Trevor Schramn, Axel Seppala, Emma Smith, Meredith Spofford and Bryanna Valentine.

GRADE EIGHT
HIGH HONORS

Stephanie Brierley, Julia Canney, Edward Culhane, Caitlin DeAngelis, Amanda Farren, Olivia Franklin, Danielle Frederick, Anya Gruber, Aniko Haber, Elizabeth Hagearty, Gus Helbock, Letra Kimla, Catharine Leffel, Elizabeth Leong, Kathryn Mastromarino, Charles Neaves, Carly Oddleifson, Tucker Oddleifson, Isabel Robinson, Colleen Ryan, Jay Salerno, Christina Secatore, Kaye Slamp and Elisa Tedeschi

GRADE EIGHT
HONORS

Jonah Adkins, Abigail Ayers, Emily Baumgarten, William Brown, Meghan Burke, Emily Castro, Angela Cipolla, John Collins, Moira Donohue, Adrian Dunne, Alexander Evans, Christen Fitzgerald, Marie Gilman, Nicole Hajjar, Kimani Hale-Sadru, Christina Healy, Danielle Healy, Kyle Healy, Kimberly Higgins, Whitney Jaffe, Kyle Livingstone, Eloise Lucas, Patrick MacCormack, Morgan McCarthy, Dean McNary, Mitchell McNary, Anna Seraikas, Alison Whelan and Zoe Whilton.

Area sophomores attend leadership program

Christine Coner and **Lucy Noble** recently attended the Massachusetts Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar. Christine and Lucy joined more than 171 other young leaders representing 140 high schools from throughout Massachusetts, June 6 through 8 at Bentley College in Waltham.

Representing Cohasset High School, Christine is the daughter of Eileen and Joseph Coner, and Lucy is the daughter of Stephanie and Howard Noble.

HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores to interact with groups of leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues. The goal is to provide youth with a stimulating forum for learning about issues while broadening understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self-development. HOBY leaders are also challenged to return to their communities to perform at least 100 hours of community service within 12 months following the seminar.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership was established in 1958 by actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

"One of the things Schweitzer said to me was that the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves," O'Brian said. "From that inspiration, and with the support of others who believe in youth and the American dream, I started HOBY to seek out, recognize and develop outstanding leadership potential among our nation's youth."

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Olympic talent

Local athletes receive awards

Team **Scituate Special Olympics** and the **South Shore Mariners** Team celebrated a year of successful competitions with the 28th Annual Awards and Reunion Banquet in Cohasset on June 20th. Sixty athletes ranging in age from 8 to 55 were honored with certificates and trophies for training and competing at the Section or State level in one or more of the following fifteen sports: Bowling, Alpine Skiing, Basketball, Golf, Aquatics, Power Lifting, Sailing, Soccer, Softball, Track & Field, Equestrian, Volleyball, Tennis, Roller Skating, and Senior Sports.

Twelve athletes who participated in the Passion Plunge fundraiser for Special Olympics Massachusetts in February received team photos, along with a standing ovation they shared with several parents and friends who also took the Plunge.

Three new Track & Field athletes received Scituate jackets for their efforts. They were **Athena Avallone** from the Wampatuck School and **Audrie Grandmont** and **Kylie McCue** from Scituate high School.

The awarding of special perpetual trophies was a highlight of the evening. Chris and Rose Kierce were present to award The "Rosemarie Kierce Spirit Award" to Scituate athlete **Chris Walsh**. The Captain's Trophy in memory of Sean Powell was passed from last year's leader Scott Merrill of Scituate to the new Captain **Billy Harris** of Duxbury. Cliff Ryan and DeeDee Ryan Nickerson awarded the Senior Sports Award in memory of their sister Teri Ryan to this year's outstanding athlete over 35, **Ricky Pyne** of Scituate. The last award was the Flynn Trophy given to the Team Scituate Outstanding Athlete of 2008. This year's winner, an athlete in Bowling, Aquatics, Softball, Volleyball, and Tennis, was **Michael Goodhue** of Norwell and Hingham.

Team Scituate and The South Shore Mariners include youth and adults from all over the South Shore in its programs. **Cohasset** athletes include: Jay Nothnagle, Jessica MacDonald, Nick Sida, Kenny Sargent, Brook Miele, Matt Grassey, and Dan Patrolia. **Hingham**: Matt Kardok, **Michelle** Benard, Kyle Early, Kelly Leary, and Martha Willson. **Hull**: Michael Kennedy, Rebecca Lehane, Audrie Grandmont, Kylie McCue, Kym Lalama, Martin Mullen, and Jon Mello. **Scituate**: Mark Adams, Athena Avallone, Mary Bradley, James Breen, Linda Fisher, Matthew Flanagan, Paul Guerriero, Mark Hodgkins, Rick Hopkins, Peter Johnson, Jody Laughlin, Joey Librizzo, Scott Merrill, Edmond Nolan, Lee Anne O'Donoghue, Ricky Pyne, Hannah Reale, Gerald Scheele, David Turgeon, Chris Walsh, and Caroline Wells. **Norwell**: Stanley Bates, Amy Chicko, Michael Goodhue, Andrew Lawson, Mary Anne Lyons, Steve Slack, and Joe Viola. **Duxbury**: Brian Cahill and Billy Harris. **Hanover**: Emily Buskey, Maureen Clark, and Marjorie Hoffman. **Milton**: Michael Jaxtimer-Barry, Matthew Folsom, and Patrick Whelen. **Weymouth**: David Legere. **Braintree**: Billy Robinson and Sarah Kelly. **Attleboro**: Alex Salazar.

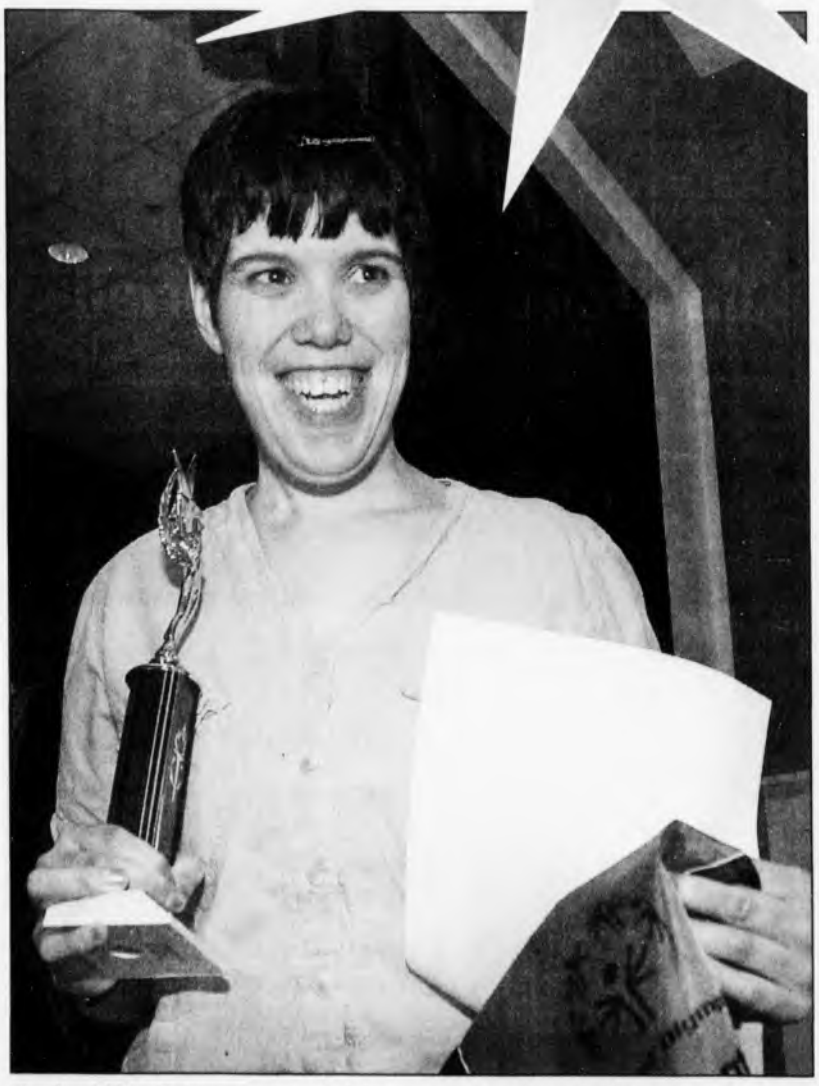
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If you or someone you know would like to join us, call Taffy Nothnagle at 781 383-0895 for information.



Nick Sida of Cohasset is the proud recipient of his Special Olympics award for Outstanding Performance in Sportsmanship.

Staff photos by Craig Goedecke



Caroline Wells of Scituate was awarded the trophy and certificate for Outstanding Performance in Sportsmanship during the Scituate Special Olympics Awards and Reunion Banquet.





(Above) Michael Goodhue of Norwell was awarded the Flynn Memorial Trophy during the Scituate Special Olympics Awards and Reunion Banquet.



(Above) Jay Nothnagle of Cohasset accepted his Sportsmanship award from Bob Johnson, President of Special Olympics for Massachusetts and Judy Norton, Director of Special Services for Scituate.

The Scituate Special Olympics Awards and Reunion Banquet was held at St. Anthony's Church Hall in Cohasset.



Bob Johnson, President of Special Olympics Massachusetts, Taffy Nothnagle, Jeff Nothnagle, Chairman of the Massachusetts Special Olympics, and their son Jay Nothnagle enjoy a moment following the Scituate Special Olympics Awards and Reunion Banquet.

OBITUARIES

George Edward Casey

Former Cohasset Fire Department captain

George Edward Casey, 89, of Hingham, formerly of Cohasset, died June 24, 2008.

Mr. Casey was born in Malden and was a graduate of Melrose High School, Class of 1938. After working in Peru, Vt., where he served in the Civilian Conservation Corps building the Hapgood Pond Recreation area, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1941, where he served as a cook on the battleship USS Texas and the USS Alchiba, an attack cargo ship. He served in the invasion of Guadalcanal in August 1942. On July 4, 1944, he married Dorothea Oliver, daughter of Cohasset Fire Chief Joseph Oliver and his wife, Catherine. Mr. Casey was later honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy and returned home, where he worked as the chef at the Scituate Cabin and Kimball's Restaurant before his appointment to Cohasset Fire Department in February 1950. Mr. Casey was named captain in June 1957, and served until his retirement in 1980.

He oversaw the Dorothea O. Casey Memorial Scholarship Fund at Cohasset High School after Dorothea's death in 1986. After his retirement, he enjoyed traveling to his seasonal home in Spring Hill, Fla., and a return to trip to Guadalcanal. During his retirement, Mr. Casey met Carol Meaney of Hingham and the two married on July 15, 1989. He was a member of the American Legion George H. Mealy Post 118, as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9146, the Alchiba Veterans and the Guadalcanal Veterans.

He leaves his wife, Carol Meaney Casey; his children, George E. Casey Jr. of Paradise Valley, Ariz., and Debora A. Casey of Hingham; his stepchildren, Andrea Gaudette of Natick, Mark Gaudette of Pembroke and Alan Gaudette of Marshfield; his brother, Robert Casey of Melrose; his grandchildren, Peter B. Casey of Atlanta, Ga., and Matthew R. Casey of New York, N.Y.; and his step-grandchildren, Errol and Renee Gaudette, both of Pembroke, and Brian and Joel Gaudette, both of Marshfield.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., on Friday, June 27, at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

Kathleen T. Moriarty

Co-founder Boston Chapter of Women in Construction

Kathleen T. (Happenny) Moriarty, 75, of Naples, Fla., formerly of Cohasset, died June 23, 2008.

A daughter of the late Katherine (Lenane) and James Happenny, she was born and raised in Cohasset, and a graduate of Cohasset High School. She worked for many years as the executive administrative assistant at W. Chester Browne Architecture in Boston.

Mrs. Moriarty was the co-founder of the Boston Chapter of Women in Construction, which she helped establish more than 50 years ago. She acted as both president and secretary during her involvement with the Boston Chapter.

Wife of the late John Moriarty, she leaves her cousins, Ian, Olivere and Norah Walsh, all of Ireland; and close friends, the Lagrotteria's of Cohasset.

She was the sister of the late Leo Happenny and Elizabeth Eager.

Her funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m., on Saturday, June 28, at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Visiting hours will be from 4 to 7 p.m., on Friday, June 27, at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset. Interment in St. Paul's Cemetery, Hingham.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

6:27 a.m. **Deep Run**, larceny (report), car broken into.

7:36 a.m. **Deep Run**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports his car was broken into.

8:28 a.m. **Deep Run**, motor vehicle theft, caller reports her vehicle has been stolen sometime overnight. Dispatch contacted Boston PD. The vehicle was located in South Boston last night and male parties ran from the vehicle as Boston PD approached late last night. Detectives notified and responding to HQ. Vehicle is being towed to HQ from Boston for processing.

8:51 a.m. **Deep Run**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports his vehicle was broken into overnight.

1:14 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., Cunningham Bridge**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicles parked all over the place at this location. 5 courtesy parking tickets issued at this location.

4:59 p.m. **Church St.**, power outage, caller reports power just went out. Caller reports he spoke to electric company, they report they were having trouble with overhead lines. The power will be back in service around 7:30.

6:25 p.m. **S. Main St.**, assist other Police Dept.

6:34 p.m. **Ermine Rd., Scituate**, medical aid, Scituate Fire requesting R3 to above location – dog bite. Scituate Fire has cancelled R3.

7:30 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports cleared the bridge.

8:05 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, medical aid, called in by Life Line – check on male at above location, history is high blood pressure and stroke. Officer on scene reports male in fine.

10:10 p.m. **Hull St.**, assist other Police Dept., Hingham Pd reports they had a motor vehicle accident – vehicle vs. pole on Canterbury Street – no one in vehicle – they wanted Cohasset PD to check above area for anyone.

10:42 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, officer wanted, walk in party would like to speak to officer – reference to male that is on property.

11:13 p.m. **Hull St.**, assist other Police Dept., Hingham requesting to check above location for male – reference to earlier traffic.

MONDAY, JUNE 9

1:03 a.m. **Wheelwright Park**, public service, officer reports area checks out ok.

1:04 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, officer reports area checks ok, nobody around.

1:10 a.m. **School Buildings**, building checks, officer reports all school buildings check ok, all secure.

4:57 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, beach is open.

6:52 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:07 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, motor vehicle crash, detail officer reports very minor accident at this location, no injuries.

9:25 a.m. **Sohier St.**, public service, Sgt. is on portable at this location for a training drill.

10:38 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports she just filled her vehicle with gas and the gasoline is now coming out of the bottom of her vehicle.

11:19 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:31 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Surry Drive**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:51 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:13 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:21 p.m. **Powers Lane**, well being check. Caller reports his sister left his house yesterday for NY at approximately 11:30 a.m. and should have arrived at 7:30 p.m. and has yet to arrive at her house. Females mother has stated she called the Starbucks near her residence in NY and they just saw the female and she checks ok and it's believed that her cell phone has died and there are no issues at this time.

12:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:35 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:05 p.m. **Elm St.**, bolo announcement. Hull PD looking for a Ford Windstar, color gray, female operating the vehicle left Hull Medical Center against medical advice, may possibly be on drugs and alcohol at this time and does have her 3-year-old daughter in the vehicle and the female is pregnant.

2:07 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire, investigation, Fire Dept. to Police HQ parking lot for large antifreeze spill.

2:39 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, callers complaint about the kids jumping off the bridge.

2:57 p.m. **Logan Airport**, property (lost), walk in party reports losing her wallet, not within this jurisdiction. She lost it while on a Delta Airlines flight from Oregon to Boston to visit her cousin who lives in Cohasset. She was referred to the State Police Logan.

3:24 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer has removed a group of youths from the bridge.

4:29 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, walk in medical patient was hit in the leg by a rock.

5:32 p.m. **Deep Run**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports smoke in the chimney.

5:36 p.m. **Mill Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:15 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, 911 caller reports kids jumping off the bridge.

7:17 p.m. **Border St.**, parking complaint, caller reports illegal parking on Border Street.

10:42 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, attempted to lock the gate, but there is a new lock.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

12:39 a.m. **King St.**, medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

12:54 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:55 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

5 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service,

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PEMBROKE, MA —Mr. Rob McGee, Owner of **McGee Pre-Owned Superstore on Route 139,** stunned the competition and area residents today by announcing a 99¢ per gallon gas† offer for anyone who purchases a vehicle this **Thursday, June 26th through Sunday, June 29th.** "People are currently driving cars, trucks & SUVs that are not as fuel efficient as those we offer at McGee Pre-Owned Superstore. To encourage people to turn in their gas guzzlers and purchase a more fuel efficient vehicle I am offering them the opportunity to purchase vehicles for just **$29 down & $99 per month* PLUS they'll pay just 99¢ per gallon of gas for the next year†.**" Response to this unprecedented offer is expected to be huge over the 4-day period. McGee wants people to know that the event must take place regardless of any weather issue that may arise.

McGee offers a simple explanation for this unprecedented sale, "We know people are concerned about the rising cost of gas and that gas prices are impacting vehicle sales. At McGee Pre-Owned Superstore we offer many different fuel efficient models along with over 200 economically priced, pre-owned vehicles to choose from." In order to maintain our monthly sales pace, we decided to offer the easiest and most affordable way possible to purchase a vehicle. With prices starting at just $29 down and $99 a month*, and with gas for just 99¢ a gallon for the next year†, it doesn't get any better than this — and the service you can expect is second to none." There will be many vehicles to choose from including recent trade-ins, lease returns, hard-to-find program vehicles, former service loaners and many more. McGee goes on to mention, "Most of the vehicles we're offering will have incredibly low pricing; some at or below wholesale price levels. I can assure you, if you want to get a great deal on the vehicle of your dreams, you won't want to miss this event." During this incredible event, every pre-owned vehicle will be available for the low down payment of just $29*. Extended terms and special financing will be available to help reduce monthly payments & obtain credit for those who may have had challenges in the past.

"Vehicles to sell for $29 Down and $99 Per Month* with Gas for Just 99¢ a gallon for the next year†."

Rob McGee - Owner

Many of the pre-owned vehicles offered are late model vehicles with low miles and the balance of their factory warranty remaining. Auto shoppers can choose from many makes and models including: Chevrolet, Toyota, Honda, Jeep, Chrysler, Nissan, Ford, GMC, Pontiac and more. There will be vehicles available with easy low monthly payments. Payments will be clearly marked. All you'll need to do is pick a vehicle. It's that simple.

McGee cites an example, "We have a 2001 Ford Focus with A/C and power steering for only $29 down and $99 a month*. Add gas for only 99¢ a gallon for the next year† and that's an unbeatable deal!"

During this event all trades are welcome, paid off or not. No matter how much you owe on your trade, McGee Pre-Owned Superstore will pay it off†! You won't want to miss this unique opportunity to obtain a pre-owned car, truck, van or sport-utility vehicle with an unbelievably low down payment of just twenty-nine* dollars!

McGee also reminds customers that the event is first-come, first-served, so it's critical to come early to have the best chance of getting the vehicle of your choice.

The exclusive site for this exciting event is **McGee Pre-Owned Superstore, located on Route 139** in Pembroke for 4-days only, **Thursday, June 26th from 9am-9pm, Friday, June 27th from 9am–9pm, Saturday, June 28th from 9am-8pm & Sunday, June 29th from 10am-6pm.**

Hurry for the best selection. For further information on this Exclusive Sales Event please call:

McGEE PRE-OWNED SUPERSTORE 781.829.4494

*$29 denotes down payment, subject to lender approval, and credit worthiness. Exact rate and term varies by vehicle. All sales taxes, tags and fees are extra. Example: 2001 Ford Focus, stk#8P19919A, $29 down and $99 per month for 48 months at 8.99% APR. Cash price $3,979.

†Based on 1250 miles driven per month at an avg. 24MPG/$4.00 per Gallon. Customer to pay $.99 cents per gallon dealer to pay balance. Total dealer contribution equals $1881.25

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Felicity Long
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Sunscreen, check. Revealing/camouflaging (pick one) bathing suit, check. Beach toys for the kids, check. Trashy novel for you, check.

With summer at our doorstep, it's time to hit the beach. All these options are within reasonable driving distance of Boston. Book a hotel and make a weekend of it.

Cape Cod

Trying to single out one great beach on the Cape is like trying to decide between fried clams, pizza and ice cream: they're all good. Locals have their favorites and will argue their merits for hours, but you can't go wrong on the 40-plus-mile-long Cape Cod National Seashore, extending roughly from Chatham to Provincetown. The area is packed with sand dunes, biking trails and, of course, plenty of swimming beaches along the way. If you have little kids in tow, consider spending the day at Skaket Beach in Orleans, which has gentle waves, shallow water and some of the best sunsets around.

Martha's Vineyard

Choose your beach by your energy level. State Beach (known as Bend in the Road Beach to locals) is calm and gentle, making it a great choice for young families. Older kids and adults who want a more high adrenaline experience head to the Pease's Point end of South Beach for wave action and kite flying. For a change of pace, make your way to Aquinnah (formerly known as Gay Head), where you will not only find some of the island's nicest beaches, but also shops run by the Wampanoag Tribe where you can pick up a souvenir or two.

Nantucket

Got kids? Take them to Children's Beach, where the waves are gentle and the services include a playground and picnic tables. Special summer fun includes tie-dying T-shirts and Friday night movies, as well as evening Children's Concerts in July and August. You can also hop on a town shuttle to Jetties Beach, which offers a playground and changing rooms, but be sure to time your visit to coincide with the blowout annual Sandcastle and Sculpture Day in mid-August.



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Beach play in Nantucket.

Kennebunk Beach, Maine

When it comes to rating beaches, Maine doesn't always get the respect it deserves. Sure, some of the coastline is rocky, but there are plenty of inviting, sandy beaches along the south coast, some of which also offer picturesque towns full of little shops and hole-in-the-wall seafood restaurants. Kennebunk Beach is technically three beaches and attracts surfers and hardy swimmers, but also offers plenty of room for those who just want to snooze in the sun.

Old Orchard Beach, Maine

OK, it's a little honky-tonk, but who doesn't love this beach/boardwalk combo for a throwback to the simpler days of childhood? Brave the Drop Zone or the Galaxy Roller Coaster at the beachfront Palace Playland, where you can also catch the view from the giant Ferris wheel, or relive your childhood on the carousel. Then wander along the pier, where dozens of fish and snack shacks vie for your attention. Did we also mention there is a beach? Sunbathe, enjoy a dip and settle in for a weekly fireworks display in season.

Connecticut shore

The Constitution State's largest, the two-mile Hammonasset Beach State Park along Long Island Sound, offers sun and sand as well as a boardwalk and places to picnic and camp. You can rent a bicycle, fish or check out the exhibits at the nature center. Or spend the day at Ocean Beach Park in New London, where facilities include a water slide, food outlets, mini-golf and a swimming pool.

Block Island, R.I.

With more than a dozen beaches to choose from, this popular island just 12 miles off the coast of Rhode Island draws repeat visitors and newbies alike. The island is small enough that you can get around by rental moped or bicycle or even on foot from the ferry dock. Crescent Beach is the easiest to walk to and, at two-plus miles, offers some of the nicest beachcombing around.

Cape May, N.J.

New Yorkers know the charms of the Jersey shore, but for many New Englanders, Cape May is a pleasant surprise. The architecture is Victorian and there is so much to do here, from parasailing and whale watching to ghost tours and wine tastings, you may forget to go to the beach at all. Boating is very popular, and exploring the cute little shops and restaurants is half the fun.

Rehoboth Beach, Del.

This Delaware beach area draws visitors in droves, thanks to its lively atmosphere and inviting beach. Walk off lunch on the boardwalk or stake out a spot on the sand, knowing you are within easy walking distance from stores and eateries. Water sports fanatics can try Dewey Beach nearby, where windsurfing and jet skiing are among the popular activities. Or hop on a free loaner bike to explore Cape Henlopen State Park, where there's a beach and interactive Nature Center.

Road Trip Tips

Remember when family travel was synonymous with road trips? Fast forward to today's kids, and you will find that many of them have already been to the Caribbean or Florida before they hit middle school. Will high fuel surcharges, flight cancellations and fewer frills on air travel drive us back into the days of "Are we there yet?" car trips? If so, a little planning can make the difference between a fun outing and torture on wheels.

* Consider renting a car for the trip. Rental companies run specials all the time, and if you factor in wear and tear on your own car, it might be worth it. Be sure to fill up the car yourself before returning it, though, or the company will charge you a higher per gallon rate.

* Pack a picnic. Highway fast food options are limited, and if you're driving with a car full, they can be expensive. Resist the temptation to eat while you're driving, though. Rest areas often have picnic tables where you can get fresh air and stretch your legs.

* Make sure your beach is pet friendly. In season, some beaches have rules about letting dogs on the beach except after hours. Check first, and if you do bring Spot, bring plenty of water for the car ride.

* Bring sunscreen. Beach area convenience stores are on to you, so expect the prices to spike up the closer you are to the beach. Check out the new broad-spectrum sunscreens for the best protection, and try spray-ons especially if you have wiggly kids.

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings. Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project. The following special events will be happening in June:

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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the Reverend Margot Critchfield,

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If you are searching for a faith community, please feel free to pay us a visit; you can learn about us and the Episcopal faith by visiting our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village, "on the rock." To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083. Our parish priest is Rev. Margot Critchfield; the assistant is Rev. Colette Wood.

Areas of ministry at St. Stephen's include outreach locally and globally, youth group work, environmental advocacy, meditation, worship, Bible study, book groups, prayer groups, and fellowship.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

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Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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officer reports gates are open – there is a problem with the key to the lock.

6:51 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:52 a.m. **North Main St., and Depot Ct.**, traffic enforcement.

7:12 a.m. **North Main St., and Depot Ct.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:30 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a vehicle parked in front of his house and would like the male party in the vehicle checked out. Officer reports male party checks ok he is parked there while he walks.

8:33 a.m. **Deep Run**, disturbance, caller reports he needs the police right away, he stated he almost just got into a physical fight with the construction workers at this location. Units on scene are reporting this has started because of property damage done to the caller's property by the contractor. Units remaining on scene. Peace has been restored for the time being. This was verbal only, because of a cable service that was torn up by the construction crew. LM Holdings supervisor notified and responding to the scene. Peace restored.

8:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:36 a.m. **Pond St.**, lockout/lock-in, caller reports his two-year-old daughter is locked in the vehicle, windows up and vehicle is off.

10:05 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash, detail officer reports a landscaping truck just came by with a spreader on the back and hit one of the construction company trucks, doing very minor damage, but did not stop. Attempting to contact the landscape company to have them respond back to the scene to meet officers. Operator of the truck has been contacted and is responding back to the scene.

11:34 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, checks of schools.

1:02 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:08 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:17 p.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:27 p.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop. 19-year-old Westport man summoned on charges: Unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

1:36 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer has cleared a group from the bridge.

2:11 p.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:16 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports clearing a group from the bridge.

3:38 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports clearing a group from the bridge.

4:54 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

8:04 p.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, power outage, caller reports a power outage, she will be contacting her electric company.

10:59 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, gate has been locked.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

12:46 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, officer reports 2 vehicles parked out front of above location.

1:09 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports motor vehicle all over the road – blue Chevy Cavalier. Caller reports they were headed towards Hull Nantasket Beach, also given to Hull PD.

1:20 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious person, caller reports there is a man wearing dark clothes on a bike in the area of above location.

1:25 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

5:16 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, officer reports the gates are open.

6:07 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:29 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:35 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, public service, Sgt. on portable at this location for a training drill.

9:27 a.m. **King St.**, check well being, caller requests a well being check on her elderly friend at this residence. Entry has been made to the house, female is not at the residence, she was transported two days ago to SSH. Dispatch has confirmed female is still admitted to the hospital.

10:24 a.m. **Elm St.**, investigation. 22-year-old Quincy man summoned on charges: B&E of motor vehicle, larceny under $250.

1:50 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:53 p.m. **Pond St.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking, officer reports about 20 vehicles parked in the fire lane at this location, he will be attempting to find owners and have vehicles moved.

2:02 p.m. Officer reports all school buildings check ok.

3 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:47 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, gate is locked.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

12:14 a.m. Medical aid, services rendered.

12:37 a.m. **Elm St.**, assist citizen, caller reports elderly female – her bathroom door fell – she needs assistance moving the door, it is blocking bathroom.

1:02 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:03 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:32 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:01 a.m. **Margin St.**, larceny (report).

9:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:01 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Depot Ct.**, larceny (report).

1:43 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a motor vehicle parked for several hours at the ball park.

1:55 p.m. **North Main St.**, notification, Jason Road is very congested, fire notified.

2:06 p.m. **Beach St.**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a snake in the toilet inside the residence.

2:27 p.m. **King St.**, assist citizen, caller reports her motor vehicle is out of gas.

4:46 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle crash, minor motor vehicle accident.

6:33 p.m. **Hull St.**, officer wanted.

11:12 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

12:32 a.m. **Ash St.**, noise complaint, caller reports there is a loud party in the area of above location. Officer reports there is a loud radio playing, contacted homeowner she is going to close windows.

12:35 a.m. **North Main St.**, noise complaint, caller reports there is noise from the RR tracks. Officer reports MBTA crew just left. Officer reports – MBTA crew will be working on Sohier Street for about 15 minutes.

12:52 a.m. **Church St.**, assist other Police Dept., Scituate Police requesting check above address for male – Scituate PD had a single car motor vehicle accident – driver flew the scene. Officer contacted Scituate PD with information.

1:40 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:41 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:38 a.m. **Wood Way**, assist other Police Dept., officer reports out with Scituate PD at above location.

7:25 a.m. **Gammons Rd., and Joy Pl.**, suspicious activity, caller reports there are several signs at the end of the road. Dispatch supervisor is out putting signs up. He is going to check location for the signs. Requesting sector car to respond to view the signs.

8:25 a.m. **Elm St.**, prisoner transport.

8:35 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid, walk in medical.

10:05 a.m. **Beechwood St., and South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash, officer reports parties have already exchanged information, Minor damage.

10:33 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, animal complaint, raccoon running around at this location.

11:13 a.m. **Deep Run**, larceny (report).

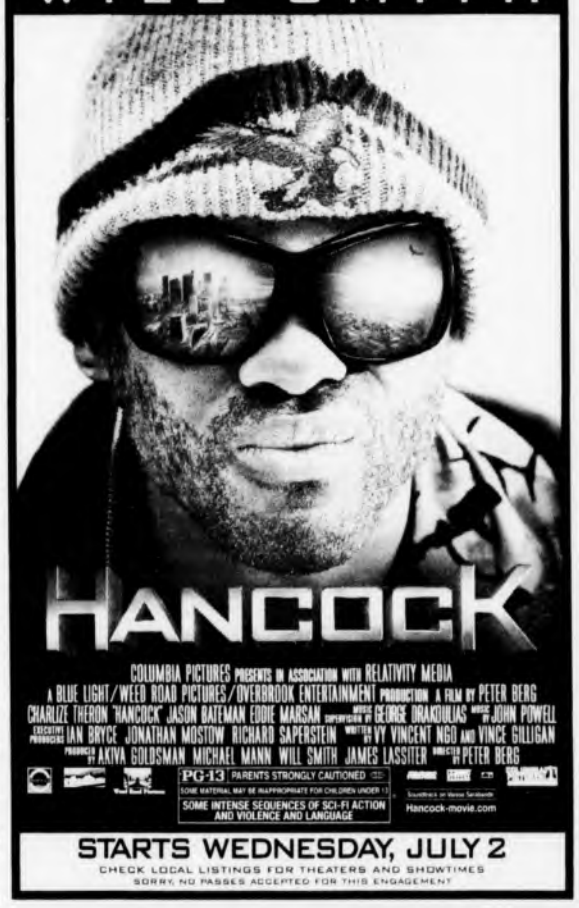
11:56 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer wanted, caller reports a woman has backed into her and the party does not have any identification. No report needed at this time.

12:30 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicles parking all over the area.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing Notice
Pole Hearings

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 7, 2008 at 7:10PM in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, to consider the installation of a new pole #8S near 51 Deep Run. Pole #8S is proposed to be installed approximately 30' from existing pole #8. This is a joint pole location as requested from the Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England , Inc. The pole installation is necessary to replace a pole to a tree guy. The public is invited to offer public input on this proposal in writing in advance of the public hearing or in person at the hearing.

Board of Selectmen

AD#11706225
Cohasset Mariner 6/27/08

NADLER ESTATE

LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P1468EP

In the Estate of
JANE D. NADLER
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 11, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JONATHAN H. NADLER of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK and ALEXANDER C. NADLER of NEW ROCHELLE in the State of NEW YORK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 23, 2008.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, June 13, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11702464
Cohasset Mariner 6/27/08

BEACH STREET

LEGAL NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of Permit Application Pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 91
Waterways Permit Application Number W08-2282
Town of Cohasset

NOTIFICATION DATE: June 28, 2008

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by the Town of Cohasset to reconstruct and maintain a culvert at Beach Street, in the municipality of Cohasset, in and over flowed tidelands of Little Harbor. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (508) 946-2748. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

Written comments must be addressed to: David E. Hill, Environmental Engineer, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347.

AD#11702062
Cohasset Mariner 6/27/08

WOODS GUARDIANSHIP

LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P1463GR

In the Matter of LELA WOODS
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

To LELA WOODS of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, her spouse, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said LELA WOODS of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK is a mentally retarded person to the degree that she is incapable of making informed decisions with respect to the conduct of her personal and/or financial affairs and praying that MALIK WINDER of BROOKLINE in the County of NORFOLK and MIKA WINDER of BROOKLINE in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety.

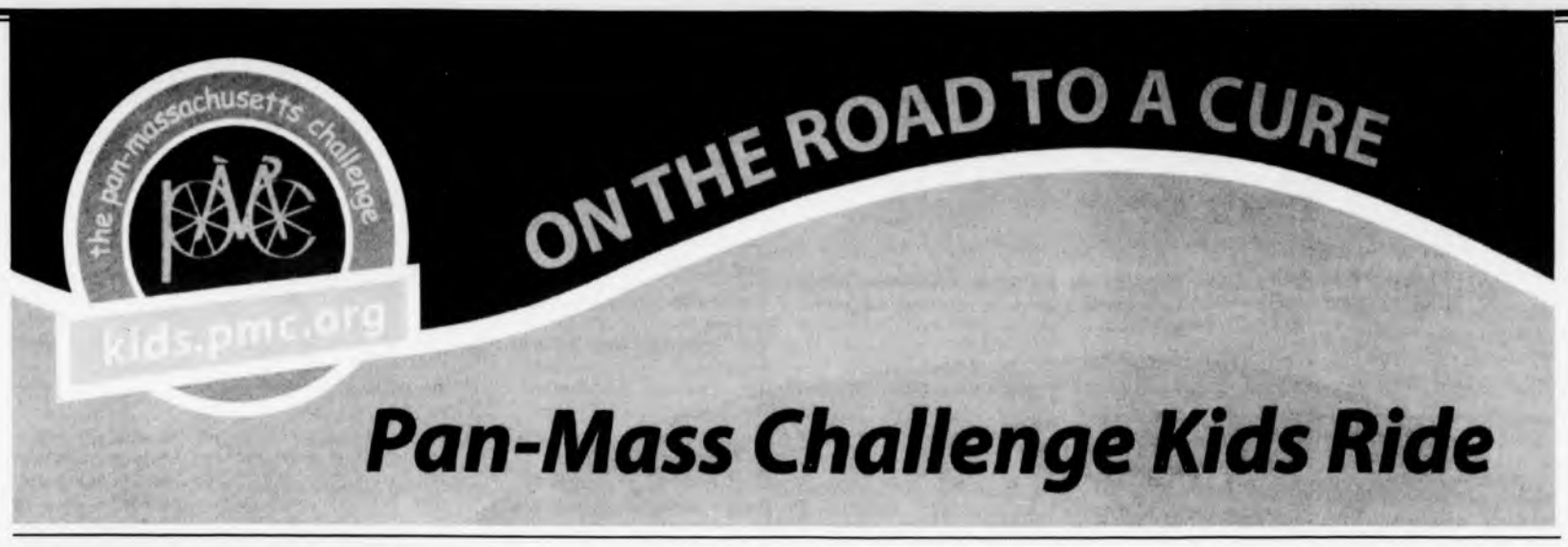
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JULY 22, 2008.**

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, June 12, 2008.

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PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE WEEK OF
JUNE 23, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Count to 10 if you must, but don't lose your temper, despite that person's (you know who!) efforts to goad you into reacting. Your restraint will pay off in a big way.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This week finds you in a sociable mood, ready and eager to enjoy the company of family and friends. It's also a good time to seek out and renew old friendships.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Patience is called for as you await a decision about that project you're eager to launch. Meanwhile, try to set aside more time to share with that special person in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Avoid becoming involved in a workplace dispute early in the week by insisting both sides submit their stands to a neutral arbitrator. Things begin to cool off by Thursday.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It promises to be a busy but productive week for the Big Cat. The pace slows by Friday, allowing you to catch up on matters you put aside but that now need your attention.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A suddenly disruptive family situation is best handled with a cool, calm and collected response. Wait until things settle to let off all that pent-up emotional steam.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your practical side dominates the week as you reassess your finances to make some sensible adjustments in what you plan to spend and what you expect to save.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An unexpected meeting with a former colleague opens some interesting possibilities. But you need to press for full disclosure before making a decision.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A recent flurry of activity eases by midweek, giving you time to readjust your disrupted schedule and make new plans for a weekend getaway.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're usually the one who gives advice. But now it's time to open yourself up to counsel from friends who have your best interests at heart.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might find resistance to your call for a full inquiry into a workplace problem. But by week's end even the most rigid naysayers begin to come around.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A recurring problem surfaces once again. Maybe it's time you used your creative talents to help you find a new approach to resolving it once and for all.

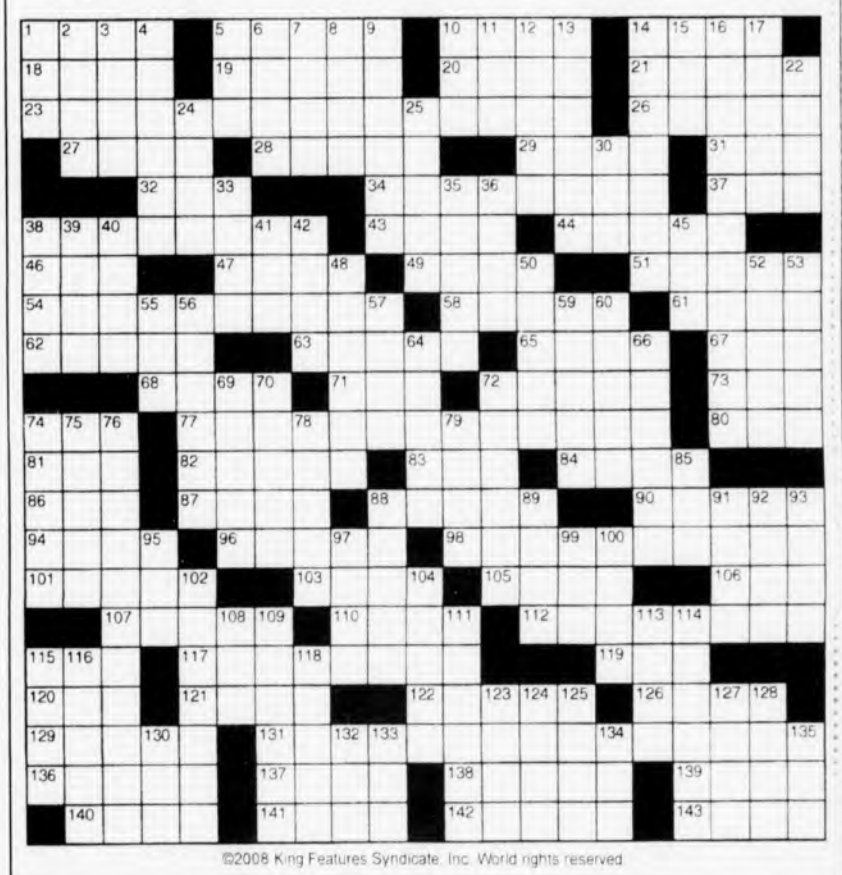
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BORN THIS WEEK: You are guided in what you do both by your intelligence and your emotions. An acting career would suit you quite well.

Crossword - Rose Garden

ACROSS
1 "— it the truth?"
5 Restrain
10 Conduit fittings
14 Active volcano
18 "The Green —" ('56 hit)
19 Victorian ornament
20 Rachel's sister
21 TV's "The Wonder —"
23 Guns n' Roses hit
26 — nous
27 Soprano Gluck
28 "— a day's work"
29 Sleuth Nancy
31 Herriman's "Krazy —"
32 Mythical monster
34 In flight
37 Adjective suffix
38 One of "The Three Tenors"
43 Rock's — & the Gang
44 Pine
46 Kimono cummerbund
47 Interrogates
49 Cranny's companion
51 Toomey or Philbin
54 Rose Nylund's portrayer
58 Okefenokee, for one
61 Skin problem
62 Irwin of "The Crocodile Hunter"
63 '78 Peace Nobelist
65 Pestiferous person
67 Unmatched
68 Went like hotcakes
71 Apprehend
72 Cumin or coriander
73 Stretch the truth
74 Health concern
77 Billy Rose song
80 Organ of equilibrium
81 Poetic pot
82 Reference volume
83 Patriotic org.
84 Prepare prunes
86 Bar supply
87 Linguist Chomsky
88 Scope
90 Unbroken
94 "Divine Comedy" figure
96 Caroline, to Ted
98 "The Name of the Rose" author
101 Send the money
103 Salt serving
105 — Alto, CA
106 Dover's st.
107 Fight site
110 Temporary wealth?
112 Butcher's offering
115 "The — and I" ('47 film)
117 "Fait —"
119 Ending for "auction"
120 Sought office
121 Penny or peseta
122 Wrong
126 Architect Saarinen
129 Conductor Seiji
131 Rose McGowan movie
136 Murcia mister
137 Take — the chin
138 Spring for
139 Actress Ward
140 Live on lettuce
141 Bean on the bean
142 Hope's "The Prisoner of —"
143 North Carolina campus

DOWN
1 Pitches
2 Where the tall corn grows
3 Gallagher of Oasis
4 Aftershock
5 New Deal agcy.
6 "Very funny!"
7 Runner Zatopek
8 Room without a view?
9 Alaskan bear
10 Shady character?
11 Wahine's wreath
12 Joe of "Dr. Quinn"
13 '62 Four Seasons hit
14 Glasses
15 Dress size
16 "Ramblin' Rose" singer
17 Stage backdrop
22 Clockmaker Thomas
24 Grocer's measure
25 Tearjerker?
30 Vane letters
33 Gullet
35 Perch
36 Run through
38 Male swans
39 Help a hood
40 Formal ceremony
41 — blond
42 Goes downhill fast?
45 Stephen of "Interview with the Vampire"
48 Loses a lap
50 Phi Beta —
52 79 Down's homeland
53 Passover meal
55 Watching machines?
56 Petty officer
57 Dairy-case purchase
59 "Upstairs, Downstairs" extras
60 Ornamental loop
64 Gulf
66 Most revolutionary
69 Divulge
70 — Lama
72 Cocktail ingredient
74 It makes candy dandy
75 Austen title start
76 "The Rose Tattoo" actress
78 Christened
79 "Elephant Boy" star
85 Wine and dine
88 Moral man?
89 Stowe sight
91 A swan was her swain
92 Summertime treats
93 Lamebrain
95 Russian space station
97 Tranquil
99 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
100 Morning wear
102 4 p.m. vehicle?
104 Muslim dietary term
108 Sgt. or cpl.
109 Like lemons
111 WWII admiral
113 Shorten a sail
114 Threat words
115 Desire deified
116 Looked longingly
118 — a customer
123 Concerning
124 Lightweight gun
125 Large herring
127 Whirl
128 Christiania, today
130 Affliction
132 Wolfram — Eschenbach
133 Squid's squirt
134 "Wings" abbr.
135 Solo of "Star Wars"



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Sudoku

		7		9			4	
3	2		5					6
5					7	8		
		3		1			7	
	7		2			1		3
4					6		5	
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Level: Challenging

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Magic Maze - American Indian Terms

A	S	Q	N	L	J	G	E	C	Z	X	V	O	T	R
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions – forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Calumet
Comanchero
Cradle board

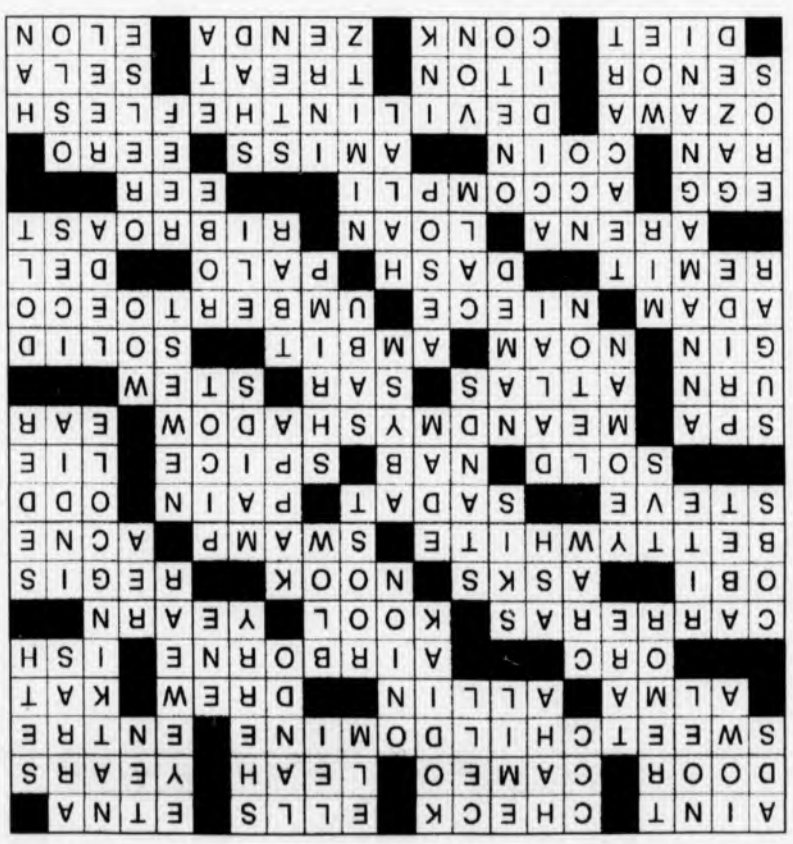
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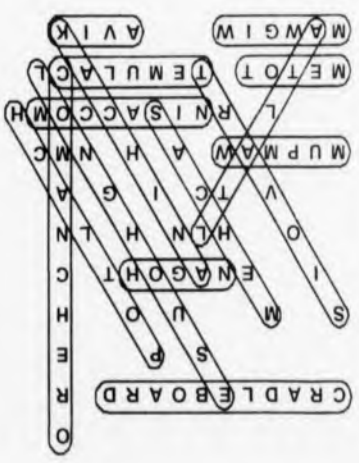
Travois
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Crossword Solution - Rose Garden



Magic Solution - American Indian Terms



Sudoku Solution

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8	9	3	2	7	4	5	6	1
9	5	2	6	3	7	8	1	4
3	8	1	5	4	2	6	7	9
4	7	6	8	1	9	3	5	2
1	3	8	7	2	6	9	4	5
6	4	7	9	8	5	1	2	3
2	6	5	1	6	3	7	9	8

TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

JUNE 26 - JULY 4, 2008



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Bob Beaulieu, SAA President Emeritus

Scituate Arts Association celebrates 'Arts Alive!' June 28 and 29

Celebrate the arts with the Scituate Arts Association. Plans include Plein Aire painting around Scituate Harbor, a Wet Paint Show, a Front Street Art Gallery new members show and children's activities. Artists, amateur and professional, youths to seniors, are encouraged to participate. Demonstrations and activities for families will be organized as part of this event. Children will enjoy mural painting and sidewalk chalk drawing, glass blowing demonstrations plus artists painting. Pick up a schedule at the Front Street Art Gallery or visit www.scituateart.com.

Plein Air painting is planned for Saturday, June 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a rain date on Sunday, June 29 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Artists are asked to register and to share their works with the public at a Wet Paint Show to be held at the Front Street Art Gallery. Art completed "enPlein aire" should be delivered to the Front Street Art Gallery on Saturday, June 28 by 5 p.m. or immediately on opening on Sunday June 29 at 1:30 p.m. the public is invited to take part "the People's Choice Awards" at the Front Street Art Gallery on Sunday afternoon. Vote for your favorite. The winner will be announced at the end of the day on Sunday.

Applications for the Plein Aire event may be downloaded from the Association Web site at www.scituateart.com or for further details, questions or to have an application mailed to you contact Janet Comacchio at jcomacch@aol.com (preferred) or call 781-545-7613 or stop by Front Street Gallery, 124 Front St. for an application.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. ***Due to holiday there will be an early deadline of Thursday at noon.*** *Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.*

Thursday, June 26

Norwell photographer Susan White will display her photographic art during the month of June at the meeting room gallery at the Pembroke Library at 142 Center St. Pembroke. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Included in the show are many images of Tuscany and Venice, along with some of her favorite local portrait subjects. www.whiteoconnellphoto.com

Monster Movie Night - Students going into grades seven through 12 are invited to kick off the summer with a showing of **Young Frankenstein** on Thursday the 26 at 7 p.m. at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. 781-848-0405, ext. 4417.

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2008 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following **Tuesday, June 26, Don Besegais Big Band.**

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 26 **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 26 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Morgan Davis Blues Jam** open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, June 27

New England Wild West Fest, Marshfield Fairgrounds, Friday June 27 to Sunday, June 29. Visit www.cowboyspirit.org for information.

Yoko Ono presents **Power to the People,** the artwork of John Lennon June 27-29 at Hotel Indigo, 399 Grove St (exit 22 on Route 95) Newton. June 27, 5 to 9 p.m.; June 28, 11 to 7 p.m.; June 29, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Big Ryan will be at **Winslow House**, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, June 27, 10 to 11 a.m. Children are invited to enjoy original stories, puppet play, a bit of music and fun. Programs are appropriate for preschool all the way to fifth grade. Cost is $5 per child. 781-837-5753 or www.Marshfield.net/winslow or e-mail info@winslowhouse.org.

The Jesus Project, a popular local Christian band, will be at the Abington United Church of Christ, on Route 139 in Abington, for a free coffee-house, beginning at 7 p.m. Coffee, tea, soft drinks, and snacks will be sold at that time. For information, contact Bill Taylor bill62851@comcast.net.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 27, **Six Foot Sunday** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 27, **Dave and The Goliaths.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday June 28

35th annual Flea Market and Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Braintree High School. The **parade** will step off at 11:45 a.m. from Hollis Elementary School and will end at the high school. The opening ceremony, "Happy Birthday, America," will begin at noon. From noon on, there will be **amusement rides** and **game booths, DJ Ed Kelley** (noon-6 p.m.), **touch-a-truck** (noon-4 p.m.) and the **Kids' Fest** (noon-4 p.m.). **The Red Sox World Series trophy viewing** will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. **The Woods Tea Company** will entertain from 6-9:40 p.m. A cash raffle prize drawing will take place at 9:40 p.m., followed by the **lighting of Sunset Lake** at 9:45 p.m. A salute to veterans returning from the Middle East will take place from 9:45-10 p.m., followed by a **fireworks** display.

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Weymouth Fireworks Saturday, June 28, dusk, George Lane Beach



Some of the Derbys who will play in the Hingham Historical Society's First Annual Summer Vintage Classic baseball game on July 5: Clockwise from the back George "Spooky" Salem, Brian "Philly" Hill, Gary "Dots" Nisbet, Mark "No Name" Murphy, "Pistol" Pete Dickason, Dana "Salt" Baxter, Bob "Mad Dog" Madden, Joe "Chips" Lindsay. Bat Boy: Cooper "Coops" Nisbet. Flag boy: Joe "Junior" Lindsay, Junior.

'Take me out to the ball game'

Hingham Historical Society's first-annual Summer Vintage Base Ball Exhibition game takes place July 5 at Derby Academy's Talbot Field. The Hingham Coopers and the Hingham Derbys will reprise their epic battle of last September when the mighty Derbys drove the brave Coopers to humbling defeat, scoring 10 runs against the Coopers hard-won 5. The game starts at 5 p.m. and ends around 7 p.m., giving fans plenty of time to take the short walk from Derby Academy to the beach in time for the Hingham fireworks at 9 p.m.

The game will be played 1880s-style in reproduction uniforms. Back then, there was only one umpire who officiated from behind the pitcher. What's more, fans, or cranks as they were called, could sometimes help resolve disputed calls umpire if asked by the umpire. The umpire didn't lack authority, however. He commanded respect at all times, and cranks and ballists (players) alike had to refer to him as "Sir", or risk being tossed out of the game. Cranks cheered on their favorite strikers, or batters, with rousing "Huzzahs!" and prayed for the other team to commit as many muffs, or errors, as possible. Cranks watched from the bullpen, a name now used for the area where pitchers, warm up. Back then, pitchers were called hurlers, and warmed up wherever they could find an open spot.

The game is free to the public, and refreshments and food will be available for purchase.

Selectman Bruce Rabuffo will emcee the July 5 game via a 21st century public address system. Historical Society President Bill Salisbury will throw out the first pitch, and Vice President Michael Studley will umpire, while Historical Society board members and volunteers will be on hand to serve beer, soda and water.

This family event is a collaborative community-wide effort made possible by in-kind and cash donations from Andrew Zona, Baxter Mooring & Launch Service, Brian Hill, Brian Lenihan, Citibank, Derby Academy, DOT Gallery, Eastern Bank, Enterprise Equipment Co., Inc., Glenn Vinton, Hannaford Supermarkets, Hingham Liquors, Jeff Keller, Joe Lindsay, Pete Dickason, Selene Achille.

For information, contact Suzanne Buchanan, Director of the Hingham Historical Society at 30 North St. Hingham, MA 02043, 781-749-7721, director@hinghamhistorical.org.



Some of the Coopers who will entertain fans at the Hingham Historical Society's First Annual Summer Vintage Classic base ball game on July 5. Clockwise from the back, Jim "Magpie" MacAllen, Jeff "Splinters" Keller, Dave "Babe" Green, Brian "Biscuits" Lenihan, Matt "MayDay" MacIver, Artie "Rambo" Melia, Bob "Stretch" Glynn, Mike "The Ripper" Raso. Batboy, Joe "Junior" Lindsay, Jr.

Quick Flix



Members of a Mongol tribe make their way across rough terrain in "Mongol."

ALEXANDRA (Not rated) Director Aleksandr Sokurov's "Alexandra" is a war film without bullets, bloodshed or battles, yet replete with casualties. An exquisitely acted, uplifting anti-war war story. (A)

THE ANIMATION SHOW 4 (Not rated) A collection of independent, animated short films from around the world, intended for a mature audience. (Not reviewed)

BABY MAMA (PG-13) Tina Fey ("30 Rock") plays a busy career woman who hires a surrogate mother (Amy Poehler) so she can avoid maternity leave and stay on the corporate fast track. (B)

BRA BOYS (R) Russell Crowe narrates the story of the Bra Boys, a group of poor, mostly fatherless children with chips on their shoulders and surfboards under their feet. A sad, exhilarating film. (B)

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG-13) The Pevensie kids return to Narnia to find a new tyrannical leader whom they attempt to unseat, assisted by the chatty critters that helped make the first film so enchanting. (B)

THE FALL (R) An injured girl (Catinca Untaru) is befriended by another hospital patient who is bedridden and (Lee Pace) enchants her with a story that takes her to colorful, imaginative places. (B)

THE FOOT FIST WAY (R) A Napoleon Dynamite-like send up about an egotistical suburban Tae Kwon Do instructor who challenges his former hero, a martial arts star, after he finds him in bed with his wife. (C-)

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) Jason Segel is an insecure loser whose girlfriend (Kristen Bell) leaves him. A raucous, raunchy and sweet film that veers between dizzying happiness and lovelorn sadness. (B)

THE HAPPENING (R) M. Night Shyamalan's latest effort about a deadly, unseen monster terrorizing a small town is really bad. Mark Wahlberg and Zooey Deschanel star. (D-)

THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13) Sequel to the 2003 film "Hulk." Edward Norton stars as that mutating scientist Bruce Banner. Much better writing than the first film, with lots of action and special effects. (B)

INDIANA JONES...KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG-13) Long on action, short on story, and it's hard to believe that Harrison Ford at age 65 can leap off waterfalls or hop from a speeding car. It's the worst one of the franchise. (D)

IRON MAN (PG-13) Robert Downey Jr. stars as a billionaire industrialist and genius inventor who builds a high-tech suit of armor to escape captivity. It's mostly bad. (C)

KUNG FU PANDA (PG) Dustin Hoffman and Jack Black lead the voice talent in an animated tale about a panda bear who learns martial arts from a wise old wolf. Nice to look at, but not much else. (C-)

THE LOVE GURU (PG-13) Mike Myers plays an Indian guru who's hired to straighten out a hockey player's troubled marriage, which the guru hopes will land him a spot on Oprah. Sophomoric bathroom humor, but undeniably funny, in fits and starts. (B-)

MONGOL (R) An epic telling of the early years of the man who was to become Genghis Khan. Spectacular photography, thrilling and violent battle scenes, and a love story in the middle of it all. In Mongolian with English subtitles. (B+)

THE PROMOTION (R) John C. Reilly and Seann William Scott play rivals battling for the same job with a grocery chain. Woefully lacking in cleverness and humor. Jenna Fischer and Lili Taylor co-star. (C-)

REPRISE (R) Two friends and aspiring novelists send off their first manuscripts. Six months later, one manuscript has proven successful and one a failure. A lame, predictable story. (D)

SAVAGE GRACE (Not Rated) Julianne Moore stars in the tawdry true story of the murder of Barbara Baekeland, wife of the heir to the Bakelite plastics fortune. The film rambles and is confusing. (C)

SEX AND THE CITY (R) If you miss the frank sexual talk between Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda, you're about to get a big fix. The trio proves to single gals that there's a happy ending after 40. (B+)

THE STRANGERS (R) A trio of masked intruders terrorize a couple (Liv Tyler, Scott Speedman) while they cower in fear inside an isolated cabin. A good, scary horror flick. (B+)

THE VISITOR (PG-13) A serio-comedy about a directionless professor (Richard Jenkins) who finds a new appreciation for life after becoming closely attached to a trio of illegal immigrants. (B)

WAR, INC. (R) Satire about the war in Iraq with John Cusack as a hit man torn between two women (Marisa Tomei and Hilary Duff) after he's sent to Turaqistan to take out an oil minister. (C+)

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13) Ashton Kutcher, wins $3 million in Vegas, marries Cameron Diaz then wants a divorce. But divorce judge Dennis Miller orders them to live together for six months as husband and wife. (C+)

WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR FATHER (PG-13) A man (Colin Firth) struggles to reconcile with his father (Oscar-winner Jim Broadbent) after learning the old man has a terminal illness. (Not reviewed)

YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAN (PG-13) Adam Sandler plays an Israeli commando who fakes his death so he can move to New York and become a hairdresser Steady flow of raunchy, off-color humor, reminiscent of SNL. (C)

The FOCUS Gallery, 115 Ripley Road, Cohasset Village, is featuring recent work by award-winning Marshfield photographer, Mike Sleeper, through Aug. 15. The exhibit includes 40 panoramic and square format photographs by Sleeper, including new additions to his popular Fenway Park series. Gallery hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by appointment: www.thefocusgallery.com or 781.383.0663.

Colin & Mari's Annual Barbecue & Seaside Fireworks Display Extravaganza 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. June 28. Fireworks on the bay at 10 p.m. 94 Bridge Street, Rt. 3A, N. Weymouth, adjacent to the Fore River Bridge Come celebrate with us for the Weymouth Fireworks and 4th of July Blues on the bay blowout! Live entertainment and blues jam hosted by **Satch Romano with The New Blue Revue Blues Jam** 3 p.m. Kickoff. Acoustic performers and bagpipe Major, Tim MacMasters during the fireworks. Funded by all day raffles for all kinds of great prizes which will be help after the fireworks by 11 p.m. Cash donations are also welcome to help with costs.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. June 28 **Too fast Zero** (formerly Clubba Lang) 781-829-6999.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight **every Saturday night Karaoke**. No cover. 781-740-0688.

Frankie D's, 164H Summer Hill Plaza, Kingston. June 28 **Bag Full of Blues** 10 p.m. 781-582-8226.

Sunday, June 29

The first in a series of four public Japanese tea ceremonies will be offered by the **Art Complex Museum** at 2 p.m., on Sunday, June 29, in the tea hut on the museum grounds, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. **Aiko Rogers**, who was trained by the Urasenke School of Tea, was given her tea name, Somi, in honor of her years of study. She is head of the Boston branch of the school and will be assisted by students. Admission is free, but seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Guests are advised to dress for the weather. In case of rain, the presentation will take place inside the museum.

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TOWN COMMONS

JUNE 26 - JULY 4, 2008

New England Wild West Fest takes place this weekend

The 2008 New England Wild West Fest, a one of a kind western themed festival, full of great food, family fun, and world class rodeo action, is the signature fundraising event of the Spirit of the American Cowboy Foundation, a Boston, based non-profit organization dedicated to raising money for children's cancer research. The festival takes place June 27-29, at the Marshfield Fairgrounds (Route 3A) in Marshfield. Beneficiaries from the event include: Jimmy Fund/Dana Farber Cancer Institute, The Magic Water Project, The Boston Children's Hospital, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

General admission tickets for adults are $10 and kids 12 and under (ages 3 and under are free) are just $5. Parking is free. Tickets for preferred seating for all ages (includes preferred parking) are available for $25. Preferred tickets will be sold only in advance and will not be available at the gate. General Admission tickets will be available at the gate. Tickets are available online at TicketWeb.com or by calling 866-468-7619. www.cowboyspirit.org



PHOTO COURTESY OF NICOLE LOGAN

Bull riding is one of the events taking place Friday, June 27 through Sunday, June 29, at the New England Wild West Fest at the Marshfield Fairgrounds.

The Spirit of the American Cowboy Foundation wishes to say "Thank You!" to all active duty military personnel and their immediate families by offering free admission to the Fest (bring your valid military ID card for admittance).

Schedule of events

Friday, June 27

3 p.m. Gates Open - Welcome to Family Night at the Rodeo. Chuck Wagon-palooza, Coors Cantina, Hay Rides, Pony Rides, fun for the kids, horseshoe tournament, and much more.
4 p.m. – live country music with Jonathan Scott and the Blazing Hearts
6 p.m. – Lil' Buckaroos Rodeo: stick horse races, calf scramble, and more!
7 p.m. – Professional Rodeo Performance begins bull riding, bronc riding, barrel racing, and more.
9:30 p.m.– Gates close.
Following the rodeo performances at the New England Wild West Fest the fun continues at the after party at Venus II in Brant Rock, just five miles from the Marshfield Fairgrounds.

Saturday, June 28

11a.m. – Gates Open People's Choice best of the fest Chili Cook-off Chuck Wagon-palooza, Coors Cantina, Hay Rides, Pony Rides, Fun for the kids, Horseshoe Tournament and much more.
Noon – Massachusetts Team Penning Competition
4 p.m. – LIVE Country Music with Jonathan Scott and the Blazing Hearts
6 p.m. – Lil' Buckaroos Rodeo: Stick Horse Races, Calf Scramble, and more!
7 p.m. – Professional Rodeo performance begins bull riding, bronc riding, barrel racing, and more.
9:30 p.m. – Gates close
Following the rodeo performances at the New England Wild West Fest the fun continues at the after party at Venus II in Brant Rock, just five miles from the Marshfield Fairgrounds.

Sunday, June 29

11 a.m. – Gates Open People's Choice BEST OF THE FEST BBQ Contest Chuck Wagon-palooza, Coors Cantina, Hay Rides, Pony Rides, Fun for the kids, Horseshoe Tournament and much more!
11:30 a.m. – Cowboy Church Service featuring Dr. Terry Chance
Noon – Massachusetts Mounted Six Shooters Demonstration
2 p.m. – Lil' Buckaroos Rodeo: Stick Horse Races, Calf Scramble, and more!
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USS Salem and U.S. Naval Shipbuilding Museum, 739 Washington St., Quincy. The museum is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 617-479-7900 www.USS-salem.org

New England Wild West Fest, Marshfield Fairgrounds, Friday June 27 to Sunday, June 29. Visit www.cowboyspirit.org for information.

Monday, June 30

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. No appointment is necessary. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com All are welcome.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Monday, **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, July 1

The Dickinson Gallery, at 1132 Main St., in Weymouth, has designated **George Murray** of Weymouth as their "featured artist" for July 1 through July 15. In addition to George Murray's work, the gallery will show the work of 15 other Massachusetts artists, including **Stephen Boczanowski, Edwina Caci, Donald Dickinson, Kathy Ferrara, Roger Gill, George Hartley, Stephen H. Holland, Sally J. McCarthy, Diane Panerelli Miller, George Murray, Christopher Myers, Daniel Myers, Anet Paglierani, and Isabel Shamitz.** Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. 781-331-3384, www.dickinsonarrt-gallery.com.

The Wellness Community at Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St. Hanover. **Newcomers Orientation** - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Adults with cancer, family members and friends are invited to join the one-hour overview of services to learn more about the variety of programs offered free of charge. No appointment necessary. 781-829-4823.

Photographs by Paul Cary Goldberg will be featured at the **Helen Bumpus Gallery,** located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury during July and August. A reception to meet the artist will be held at the Gallery on Saturday, July 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. 781-934-2721.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. **Every Tuesday, Wicked Trivia** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 781-829-6999.

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Ave., Hull July 1, at 7:30 p.m. **Drift Away**. 781-383-2001.

Wednesday, July 2

Hingham artist **Morgan Russell** will exhibit **"Landscape Becoming,"** a collection of his recent oil paintings, in the Dolphin Gallery June 28 through July 31. His paintings may be viewed during library hours. The public is invited to Morgan's artist reception on Wednesday evening, July 2 at 7 p.m. in the Dolphin Gallery. Light refreshments will be available.

The Brockton Fair returns for its 134th year July 2-13. Lively and exciting entertainment for all ages. In addition to the midway full of rides, other featured entertainment will include a **magic show, demolition derby** and **fireworks** displays. For information, visit www.brocktonfair.com.

Project Arts of Plymouth Inc. Wednesday night free summer concert series July 2, **D.B.s Orchestra** at 6:30 p.m. and **Dale & the Duds** at 8 p.m. in Pilgrim Memorial Park (South Park location), on the Plymouth waterfront at the intersection of Water and Leyden streets. On clear nights Bill Luzader from the Plymouth Planetarium sets up a telescope for stargazers. Families and children are welcome to attend and are encouraged to bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs. www.projectarts.com.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. **Every Wednesday DJ Big Daddy Ray** 781-829-6999.

Thursday, July 3

Susan Willey, a Quincy, based bookkeeper and Quick Books expert, will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), July 3 at 7 a.m. The President's Club Chapter of BNI is comprised of leading business people The group meets weekly on Thursday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Grove Manor, 160 Grove St. Braintree. Visitors are welcome. Information, contact Club President Larry Czech at 781-356-1440 or by email at lczech@czechcpa.com.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 3, **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 3, **Dave and The Goliaths.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage-cafe.com myspace.com/satch-snewbluesrevue

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2008 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. **July 3, Legion Bud Band**

Friday, July 4

New England Singles Dance Friday, July 4, 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington, MA. Sandwich and Salad Bar. $10.

Abigail Adams Birthplace 180 Norton St., North Weymouth opens for the season Friday, July 4 through Labor Day Saturday and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment $5 per adult/$1 for children under 12. 781-335-4205.



BEST BET

"Fancee Panties" is a hilarious new two-woman show starring Mary Callanan of Weymouth and Carolynne Warren. The show will make its world premiere at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St. at The Radisson Boston, on Friday June 27, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25 and are available at the box office or by calling 1-800-447-7400 or online at www.telecharge.com.

Hingham's July Fourth parade Everyone is invited to the First Baptist Church's front lawn at 85 Main St., You will also appreciate the choice of tents, sunshine or shade trees, church supplied chairs, the sociality of a continental breakfast in the downstairs Memorial Hall, and several restrooms All are welcome.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until September.

Halifax in Lights, fireworks behind Halifax Elementary School, Route 106, at 9:15 p.m.

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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 4 **Apex Groove** 781-829-6999.

Fourth of July events

ABINGTON – Abington Night Before the Fourth Celebration July 3. Rain date - Sunday July 6. Fireworks held at Memorial Field. Located on Ralph Hamlin Way and Washington Street just off Route 18 behind the Charles M Frolio Junior High School. www.abington4th.com/

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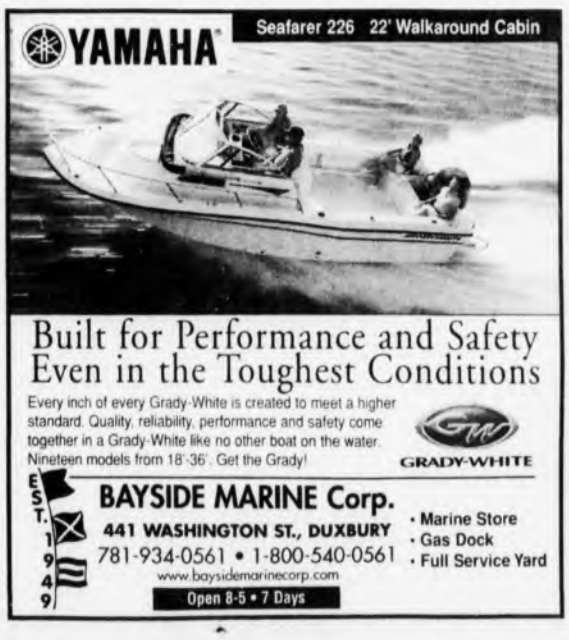
HALIFAX IN LIGHTS – Celebration starts at 10 a.m. Events to be held all day into the evening. Fireworks display, at 9:15 p.m. July 4, behind Halifax Elementary School, Route 106, Halifax. www.town.halifax.ma.us/halifaxinlights.html

HINGHAM –Fireworks will be on July 5 at about 9 p.m. at the Hingham Bathing Beach (rain date July 6). **The Hingham Historical Society's Old Time Base Ball Game** July 5. at Derby Academy's Talbot Field the Hingham Coopers and the Hingham Derbys will reprise their epic battle of last September when the mighty Derbys drove the brave Coopers to humbling defeat, scoring 10 runs against the Coopers hard-won 5. The game starts at 5 p.m. and ends around 7 p.m., giving fans plenty of time to take the short walk from Derby Academy to the beach in time for the Hingham fireworks at 9 p.m.

PLYMOUTH – The annual celebration will begin at 9 a.m. on July 4, with the parade from Hedge Road to Court Street, Main Street, Main Street Extension, Water Street to Memorial Hall. At 7:30 p.m., the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra will perform at Plymouth Memorial State Park, followed by fireworks at 9 p.m. www.july4thplymouth.org.

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Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. ***Due to holiday, there will be an early deadline of Thursday at noon.*** Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.







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A Patriot sees one not many.

Above all, Patriots love their country as they do their own family, friends and selves.

Kevin R. McCarthy

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Eagles win state title



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Keeping the beat at Deer Hill



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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Sam Lyons holds the Stars and Stripes above his head as the National Anthem is played to the gathered crowd before the start of the second annual Cohasset Triathlon on Sunday. Sam has juvenile diabetes and money raised Sunday will go toward finding a cure.

'A great day for Cohasset'

Tri raises more than $265K for JDRF

By Nancy White
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Inspiration was the prevailing sentiment at the Cohasset Triathlon this past Sunday morning. Hundreds of athletes took in the Cohasset scenery and make their way around the challenging 15-mile course despite a dense morning fog.

Hundreds gathered at Sandy Beach to cheer on their favorite triathlete and even more hundreds lined the course in support of the race and its participants.

"I was so amazed at the community support of the race. Athletes from (Olympic triathlete and race winner) Jarrod Shoemaker on down told me how many people were on the course cheering and clapping," said Race Director Bill Burnett. "It was a great day for Cohasset."

While last year, tragedy took center stage following the inaugural Cohasset Triathlon, the post-race was marked with celebration and optimism. In addition, Burnett was happy to report that with the exception of a band-aid, no medical aid was necessary during the course of the race.

Beyond the feat of athleticism a triathlon involves, the participants racing also were champions for a cause — the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). On race day, Burnett presented a $229,000 check to JDRF and by Wednesday he said more donations had come in to increase that number to over $265,000. Burnett will continue to accept donations for 30 days.

Heidi Daniels, executive director of JDRF New England, proclaimed the Triathlon the largest volunteer-driven

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A sign of the times

Mariner's Landing commemorated

By Nancy White
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On July 1, 1912, the town was given a parcel of land on the waterfront for the price of $1. Ninety-six years later — to the day — a ceremony was held to celebrate the installation of a sign naming the area "Mariner's Landing."

The property, which is now home to the Center for Coastal Student Research (CSCR) and the Cohasset Maritime Institute as well as the only boat-launching ramp in town, is now properly marked with a wooden sign at the boat ramp.

Members of Hagerty Committee have worked for 15 years, often amid controversy, to see the park come to fruition.

"They are a small, but mighty band," said Selectman Karen Quigley to members of the Hagerty Committee at a ceremony held on Tuesday morning. "The sign is long overdue and I'd like to express the thanks and appreciation to those citizens who sat on the Hagerty Committee for their work in creating this harborside park."

The land comes with a long history, beginning in the early 1900s when original owner Edmund Parker sold the land to Manuel Salvador in November 1902. Ten years later, Salvador conveyed the property to the town for $1 but kept his right of way in order to off load his fishing ships coming into the harbor.

Because of this history as a fisherman's landing spot, Hagerty Committee member Paul Pattison came up with the name "Mariner's Landing." In addition to the boat ramp, a small town pier is a part of the park to continue this offloading tradition.

In 1938 the town inked a 50-year lease with Francis Hagerty for the parcel at a cost of $50 per year. In 1944, the town

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Village design options open

By Nancy White
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Should a terra cotta building be encouraged in village? Should the town develop a plan for a sidewalk for parking way? Should flat roofed buildings be allowed?

These are just some of the questions the Planning Board began to grapple with as they develop design guidelines for the Village Business District. On the heels of fall Special Town Meeting's approval of village zoning bylaw amendments, the Planning Board is creating a complementary document to aid both the board and the applicants in the permitting process.

The Planning Board took a first crack at the design guidelines draft prepared by their consulting Concord Square Development Company led by principal planner Angus Jennings.

"We're taking a 10-foot view of this. This is a work in progress."
— Stuart Ivimey, Planning Board

"We're taking a 10-foot view of this," said Planning Board Vice Chairman Stuart Ivimey. "This is a work in progress."

The design guidelines are divided into two sections: guiding principles and more specific design guidelines.

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PICTURE THIS/Mike Barra

Name: Mike Barra.

Occupation: Student at Plymouth State University, NH and Program Coordinator for Cohasset Recreation's Summer Xtreme.

Best Day of Your Life: The first time I finished the 100 mile canoe trip down the Allagash River in Maine. I was 7, and I didn't do a lot of the work on my own, but it has kept me coming back every August since then.

Worst Vacation: Last year we went up to Maine for our annual paddling trip. All went well until the drive home when my brakes gave out. It was a Sunday so no stores were open to sell us the parts, and no mechanics were available to fix it for us. I had to drive 15 hours from the tip of Maine back to the South Shore with absolutely no brakes. It's an 8 hour drive when the brakes work. I would say that trip was the best vacation and the worst vacation combined.

Favorite Season: Definitely Summer. I love kayaking, hiking, walking my golden retriever, bicycling, and Summer Xtreme!

Best Book: "The Dark Tower" series by Stephen King is one of my favorites.

Favorite Movie: "There's Something about Mary." I've seen it countless times and it just never gets old to me.

Best TV Show: "The Office."



PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Mariner caught up with Mike Barra at the Recreation Department office this week. Mike is coordinator for Summer Xtreme, which is, designed for middle school students entering the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. There are seven one-week sessions. Call the Rec at 781-383-4109 for more information.

Favorite Artist: Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Favorite Junk Food: Home made nachos with way too much cheese.

Dumbest Thing You Have Ever Done: The dumbest thing I have ever done was to commute on my bicycle without a helmet. I took one bad fall coming down a hill on Route 228 in Hingham and I'm lucky to be alive. I went right over the handlebars and landed face first in the middle of the street. I was all scraped up; I still have a couple scars from the accident. I won't get on the bike without a helmet again.

Pet Peeve: People who don't consider how their actions are affecting others.

Biggest Worry: My puppy has a potentially fatal heart murmur and right now I'm really worried about his health.

Goal: To do something new every day of my life.

Person You Would Most Like To Meet: Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Best Part Of Cohasset: Cohasset Recreation and Summer Xtreme of course!

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Hearing slated on water rate hike

Aquarion Water Company has filed an application with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities requesting an approximate $3.1 million, or an overall 24.8 percent, increase in water service revenues.

Customers in Hingham, Hull, North Cohasset, and Norwell will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed rate increase at a public hearing July 16.

It has been seven years since the Company last increased its water rates, stated Aquarion Sr. Vice President of Operations Larry Bingaman in a letter the company is sending to all of its customers. "When the proposed rates are expected to go into effect, investments totaling $21.4 million will have been made for water utility infrastructure improvements since 2001 in such areas as increased water supply and replacement of aging and undersized pipes, as well as other needed water system enhancements."

The MA DPU will hold a public hearing for Aquarion customers in all four towns on Wed., July 16, at 7 p.m. in the Hull High School auditorium at 180 Main St. Directions to Hull High School are included with the letter.

Aquarion's request for a rate increase will be thoroughly reviewed by the MA DPU. No change in water rates can be made within the Department's approval.

Bingaman is hopeful that the process will be completed and the new rates effective before the end of this year.

If the proposed rates are approved by the MA DPU, the average residential water bill for customers in all four towns, using an average of 175 gallons daily, would increase from $1.67 to $2.03 per day.

Customers are invited to provide comments at the hearing or in writing via email to the MA DPU by 5 p.m. Fri., July 18, addressed to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and the hearing officer, carol.pieper@state.ma.us. Written comments may be sent to: Carol Pieper, Hearing Officer, Dept. of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110. (Telephone number: (617) 305-3500.) Refer to Docket D.P.U. 08-27 in all correspondence. For further information about the hearing or approval process, contact Pieper.

Wind public forum July 16

On Wednesday, July 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library the Cohasset Alternative Energy Committee will be co-hosting a public forum to present the first commercial sized wind generation project to be submitted to the Planning Board under the new wind energy by-law.

This first project is for the installation of two 1.6 - 2MW (mega watt) sized wind turbines on land surrounding Cohasset Height landfill (Graham Waste). These turbines will be on same size scale as Hull Wind 2. The Graham Waste project is a joint venture of CCI-Energy, Palmer Capital, Lumus Construction, and Emergent Energy.

This presentation will the first opportunity for town residents to see the plans and begin to understand the scope of the project prior to the Planning Board Presentation. Some of what will be discussed and presented include: turbine placement, on-going site evaluation including avian, shadow/flicker and noise studies, a report outlining the recent wind study performed on site and energy production estimates. The presentation will also include computer simulation images of the turbines in place and what they will look like from various locations around town. Residents will be welcome and encouraged to ask questions.

See next week's Mariner for more details.

POLICE BEAT

Trio arrested this week for car break-in

By Mary Ford
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Two juveniles and one minor are facing charges of breaking and entering into a motor vehicle after police responded to a car alarm on Surry Drive at about 2 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

The juveniles, meaning they are both under 16, are former residents of Cohasset. One now lives in South Boston and the other in Quincy, police said. The third is a 17-year-old minor, Michael Levesque of Queen's Brook Road, in Pembroke.

Officers believed the car on Surry Drive had just been broken into and requested assistance in the search from the Hingham K-9 unit. Later Hull and the State Police also assisted with the search.

Some property has been recovered, including a laptop and cell phone.

At 4 a.m., one of the 16 year olds was spotted coming out the woods; he wrestled with the officer and took off back into the woods. A short time later he was observed climbing into a window in a house on Hull Street and he was taken into custody. He did not live in the house, police said.

Police continued to maintain a perimeter in the area, Chief James Hussey said. Later Wednesday morning the other two subjects were "flushed out" and brought into custody after 8 a.m.

The three are facing charges of breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and larceny under $250. The 16 year old that was caught climbing into the window was also charged with breaking and entering into a dwelling. Hussey said the investigation is continuing and the suspects could be facing more charges.

MV B&Es

Police are investigating more car break-ins that occurred over the past week. I

• At about 7 a.m. on Tuesday (June 24), a break-in to a Volvo owned by a 49-year-old Windy Hill resident was reported. The vehicle had been left unlocked. Taken were a laptop, digital camera and GPS unit for a total loss of $3,000. The theft occurred sometime between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.

• Two cars at a home on Lamberts Lane were broken into overnight Friday (June 27) to Saturday (June 28). The cars, which were left unlocked, were a 1999 Toyota Landcruiser and a 2001 Honda Accord. Missing was a digital camera.

Marijuana arrests

Two Cohasset men were arrested and charged with possession of Class D (marijuana) last Thursday (June 26) at about 8:20 p.m. A Cohasset police officer went over to talk to the men who were inside a parked gray Kia at Cohasset Plaza.

The men in the Kia appeared to be hanging around doing nothing, police said. One of the young men appeared to be trying to conceal something. Further investigation revealed the men had a bag of marijuana in the car.

Alcohol possession

Two Cohasset teens, ages 16 and 17, were arrested after they were found with a pack of beer at 12:55 a.m. on Wednesday (June 25). The teens, who were carrying the beer and allegedly tried to discard it, were walking along Grace Drive near Hull Street when an officer stopped them.

MV accidents

• At 8:02 a.m. on Monday (June 23), a 2008 Ford pickup was struck by a 2004 Jeep exiting the train station on Route 3A. The pickup which was owned and operated by a 54-year-old Scituate man, was headed northbound when the accident occurred. The 19-year-old West Hartford, Conn. woman driving the Jeep was cited for failure to yield the right of way. Neither vehicle had to be towed and there were no injuries.

• On Tuesday (June 24) at 12:49 p.m., a 2001 Toyota RAV4, driven by a 69 year-old Scituate woman, was slowing down to take a left into the post office on Ripley Road when a 1997 Toyota Camry, drive by a 61-year-old Cohasset woman, tried to pass and cut it too close, sideswiping the RAV4. There were no injuries, no tows and no citations, police said.

• A 2003 Hyundai Elantra, drive by a 73-year-old Pembroke woman, pulled off the side of Route 3A southbound (across from Dunkin' Donuts) and got stuck in the drainage ditch. She was unable to drive out and required a tow, police said.

BB gun

Police confiscated a BB gun that was later picked up by a boy's parents after a complaint that the boy was shooting the gun out the window of his home. The boy's 18-year-old brother was watching him when the complaint came in. Reports that the boy was shooting the BB gun out the window and at geese were unfounded, although the boy was playing with the gun.

The incident was reported last Monday (June 23) at 2:45 p.m.

Bike taken

Hingham police are investigating the apparent theft of a bike from Victoria's in West Corner. A girl's mother called Cohasset after her daughter discovered her bike was gone after she went into the sub shop. The bicycle is a woman's trek bike. Cohasset logged the incident. Victoria's is in Hingham. There has been no sign of the bike yet, police said.

No-trespass

An Atlantic Avenue resident complained to police about two men trespassing on his property. The trespassing incident occurred on June 13 and the resident came to the station on June 24.

He claimed the subjects ignored his requests to stay off his property and that the easement can only be used by the town. Police do not get involved in boundary disputes and he was advised that it was a civil matter but he could ask the men be served with no trespass orders. The two men were served with no-trespass orders and advised not to trespass or they could be subject to arrest.

Solicitors

A Margin Street caller complained about a door-to-door solicitor last Friday at 7 p.m. The man was selling magazines and was advised that he had to register with the police before soliciting. The town bylaw requires that door-to-door solicitors, with certain exceptions, register with the police department.

Road rage

A woman, who was driving in a funeral procession, was yelled at by another motorist and her husband reported the road rage incident to police. The call came in at 1:53 p.m. on Saturday (June 28). The woman stopped short and put her brakes on apparently infuriating another motorist.

Police advise in road rage incidents to pull into a plaza parking lot where there are other people and use a cell phone to call police.

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Mariner's Landing commemorated

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sold the property to the Hagerty Company for $1500. The land was used first as to make parts for PT boats during World War II, then to make rowing shells and, before vacating in the early 90s, furniture kits. Cohasset Colonials occupied the property for much of the later twentieth century. When Cohasset Colonials re-located to Hingham in 1993, they sold the 2.5 acre land back to the town for $470,000. By purchasing the land, the town prevented another industrial use there and opened the possibilities of a public park at the waterfront.

Quigley thanked the individual members of the Hagerty Committee for lending their expertise and passion to the harborside park. The committee was at one time constituted with 15 people.

Those in attendance helped to reminisce about the struggles and triumphs of the project.

Vee Roebuck was noted to have coordinated (and spent hundreds of hours doing it) with the "alphabet soup" of environmental agencies.

Hamilton Tewksbury diligently took the minutes of what was said to be often contentious, confusing contents of the Hagerty Committee meetings.

Joe Migliaccio lent his expertise in designing the parking lot and boat ramp.

Russ Bonetti, once the chairman of the committee, was perhaps the most passionate for the project.

Al Moore was the first chair of the committee and helped steer the project through the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

With a daily afternoon walk, Paul Pattison ensured the public had continued access to the land. The land has a special place for him because he grew up on Parker Ave. He said he used to cross the property on wooden planks across what was mostly wetland to get to school on Ripley Road.

The late Richard "Dickie" Barrow was recognized for his contributions to the project and for continually adding a "local" perspective to the issue at hand.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Remaining members of the Hagerty Committee and town officials gathered for a ceremony to commemorate the installation of a sign naming the area "Mariner's Landing." From left, Town Finance Director Mike Buckley, Al Moore, Selectman Karen Quigley, Joe Migliaccio, Vee Roebuck, Town Manager Bill Griffin, Paul Pattison, Hamilton Tewksbury and Russ Bonetti.

Town Manager Bill Griffin and Finance Director Mike Buckley attended the ceremony as well.

"It was a good project, we tried to get something for everyone," said Bonetti, adding when they first began he recalls Moore saying the project could take 10 years to complete. He was right — and then some.

"It was one of those rare opportunities," said Moore and the town had a small window in which to act. "The other alternative would have been industrial in nature and would not have been an asset to the town."

Despite the time and energy, the members of the Hagerty Committee seemed glad to have this final piece in place at the end of a long road.

"It's amazing we had the perseverance to keep it, there were pressures to sell it to private entity," said Pattison, adding with a laugh, "it was really due to old yankee stubbornness the town was allowed to keep it as it is."

Hagerty Property timeline

- 1902: Edmund Parker (creator of Parker Ave.) sells the land to Manuel Salvador.
- 1912: Salvador sells property to the town for $1, but keeps a right of way so he can offload his fishing boats.
- 1938: Town inks a 50-year lease with Francis Hagerty for the parcel at a cost of $50 per year.
- 1944: Town sells the property to Hagerty Company for $1500. The land was used first as to make parts for PT boats during World War II, then to make rowing shells and, for decades Cohasset Colonial furniture kits.
- 1993: Town buys the 2.5-acre land from Cohasset Colonials for $470,000. After tearing down the warehouse buildings, the town was left with two buildings on the property: the boathouse and the Hagerty House.
- 1994: The Cohasset Maritime Institute is charged as custodian for the boathouse.
- 1998: The town leases the Hagerty House to the Lobster Lab.
- 2002: Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research opens at the Hagerty House.
- 2008: Town places a sign naming the park "Mariner's Landing."



COURTESY PHOTO

What is now the Cohasset Maritime Institute boathouse has been a fixture on the property for years. But, the land around it has changed. This week, members of the Hagerty Committee completed their 15-year work with the installation of a sign naming the area "Mariner's Park."



COURTESY PHOTO

The Mariner's Landing park at the end of Parker Avenue has changed dramatically over the last 15 years, as seen from this photo taken in 1993. Where once corrugated metal warehouse occupied the land is now a waterfront park, with parking, a boat ramp, and pier.

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Planning Board takes first crack at village design

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Jennings said well-stated guiding principles — essentially a vision statement for village design — would make it easier to develop the design guidelines. The final draft of the design guidelines will include both text and graphics to illustrate what the town is looking for in design. Both building structure and site considerations are addressed.

Planning Board member Clark Brewer would like to see specific examples of the design the board is looking for illustrated, even if the examples aren't pulled from Cohasset.

"I think we need to be very specific on what we expect or want to change on a small scale," said Brewer citing façade improvements, interior lighting and awnings as examples. "(As well as) show examples of what are considered successful large projects in similar communities and explain why they are successful."

Ivimey asked the board if there was a clearly articulated vision for the village, although the board or its individual members might know what they want to see, they would need to convey that to the applicants without being too restrictive.

"Are we looking for a continuation of different architectural styles?" said Ivimey.

"Each building in a sense has its own personality," said Brewer, adding he would like to see where the buildings reflect each other's architecture, but don't match. Brewer cited Boston's Newbury Street as an example where brick is used as a basic building material but in many different ways.

Former Planning Board member Bill Good said sometimes one common theme tying the district together can make different architectures look uniform, offering a tree-lined brick sidewalk as an example.

"What is uniform in a New England village is there is no uniformity," said Jennings. That being said, he advised the board to try to be as clear as possible in the document to allow the board to point to specific design issues if an applicant comes forth with something that doesn't fit.

The vision that came along with the village bylaw amendments was to create a framework for a mixed-use (retail and residential), pedestrian friendly and economically stable business center. The Planning Board wanted to encourage growth and development in a "good way" in order to keep the charm of the village while maximizing its potential.

Unlike the zoning bylaws, which can only be amended by a vote at Town Meeting, the design guidelines are adopted and changed by the Planning Board. The design guidelines complement the zoning bylaw with a regulatory framework to define the public objectives for site and building design. The document is only applicable to property within the Village Business District.

Property owners weigh in

Property owners in the audience weighed in on some aspects of the draft design guidelines from minor language tweaks to suggestions on creating a "second Main Street" on Parking Way.

Property owners on Parking Way indicated they would like to see the town come forth with an infrastructure plan for sidewalks, lighting and other considerations for what is envisioned to become a pedestrian friendly second Main Street façade.

"Without (a plan) we are going at it on our own. There is no guidance as to what would work and be good for that area," said Wayne Sawchuk, owner of 35-39 South Main Street.

Good agreed, "I don't think it is something you can leave to chance," and hope the property owners cooperate.

The Planning Board is encouraging developers to come before them for preliminary and informal discussions on their plans as they draft them.

"Our door is open," said Ivimey, adding the re-constituted Design Review Board should serve as an asset to both the Planning Board and the applicants.

"It's a nice opportunity for the Design Review Board, now especially, to have some input and opportunity to offer constructive suggestions to (village) projects. We want the developers to get us involved early," said Bill Good, a former Planning Board member who by speaking at Town Meeting helped to save the Design Review Board from extinction. In the past, Good said the Design Review Board was invaluable to the board and town to help make project throughout town better. "Now more than ever we can be of service."

Ivimey said he appreciated the property owners and developer input as they move through the process.

The design guidelines will be discussed again at a Planning Board meeting in August. Call the Planning Board office at 781-383-3517 for date and time.

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Juliette Karp honored as leader, achiever

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HAPPY FOURTH

Happy 4th of July Cohasset! I hope that everyone has some fun-filled plans for the weekend. Make sure to make some smart, safe choices with all that you do and enjoy all of the moments of the weekend whether big or small.

TOPS AT NDA

Ed and Janeen Culhane wanted us to know how proud (and rightfully so) they are of their daughter, Courtney.

Courtney finished out all four semesters of her sophomore year at Notre Dame Academy on the President's List, which is the highest academic honors you can achieve at NDA, while taking all Honors classes. She received the Coaches Award for Cross Country and the History Award for the highest average in her Modern European History class. She enjoyed playing JV Ice Hockey for NDA as well. Courtney will be traveling through Ireland this summer — visiting Trinity University in Dublin.

Courtney, these are all wonderful accomplishments and what a great summer you will have. Please let us know when you come home all about it. Congratulations!

AUSTRALIA

Charlotte Sida (CHS class '06), a student at Fairfield University, will be bidding farewell to sunny Cohasset to spend a semester at the University of Melbourne in Australia. She will be studying Environmental Sciences as well as Economics.

Charlotte will miss all her friends and family, but is excited about her new adventure! It will be winter down-under, so not much time to work on her tan as she leaves on Sunday 13th July and won't be back until December first...wish her Luck if you see her before she leaves!

BELT BUCKLE

Here is some fun news to write about and share with our community. **Nicholas Ryan** walked away with a belt buckle this past Saturday night for winning the calf scramble at the New England Wild West Fest that featured the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association competition (PRCA) and the Spirit of the American Cowboy Foundation. The Foundation helps in the fight of childhood cancer. The 3-day event was held at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. Nicholas is a member of the Weir River Farm 4-H club. Nice work Nicholas, this must have been a super event to attend and have so much fun.

ITALY

Ciao! **Adam Yeager** is in Florence, Italy for the summer taking an Acting for Film class with The New York Film Academy. **Doug and Kathy Yeager** are so proud and excited. And we, as a community, cannot wait to hear all about this learning, educational and fun summer, let us know all about it, Adam!

ACHIEVER

At a special ceremony held last week at the Massachusetts State House, Comcast honored 121 graduating high school seniors from across the Commonwealth who have won a helping hand for college in the form of $1,000 scholarships from the Comcast Foundation. Local Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship winners included Cohasset Middle High School student **Juliette Karp**.

The Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program, one of the Comcast Foundation's signature community investment programs, annually recognizes students who have demonstrated leadership skills, academic achievement and a commitment to community service.

"As the cost of college continues to rise, Comcast is proud to honor Juliette and her fellow recipients with the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship in recognition of their hard work, leadership and commitment to their communities," said Tom Coughlin, Vice President of Comcast in Southeastern Massachusetts. "These students represent our future leaders and they embody Comcast's belief in giving back to the communities where we live and work."

A commitment to community service is an essential component in the selection of Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship recipients. This year's honorees have participated in a wide variety of community service activities, such as helping to revitalize communities as part of mission work, mentoring and coaching younger students, volunteering at hospitals and participating in local blood, food and clothing drives. Community organizations throughout Massachusetts, including Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, Project Bread's Walk for Hunger and Rosie's Place, have benefited from the service and leadership of this year's recipients.

Each year, Comcast works with high school principals, guidance counselors and school administrators to select the scholarship recipients.

FITCHBURG STATE

President Robert V. Antonucci of Fitchburg State College has announced the names of area students included on the dean's list for the spring semester. **Jeremy R. Simms** from Cohasset was placed on the list for the Spring semester of 2008. Congratulations.

GORDON COLLEGE

Amanda C. Thompson, daughter of **Raymond and Susanne Thompson**, and **Jessica Wheelwright**, daughter of **Caren and Frank Wheelwright**, were honored at the Spring 2008 Honors Convocation at Gordon College for making the dean's list. To qualify for the dean's list at Gordon a student must carry at least 12 credits for the term and have a grade-point average of 3.50 to 3.74 – with no grade below C.

Amanda is majoring in communication arts at Gordon. In addition to academics, Amanda worked with Young Life, played Ultimate Frisbee with the REC-IM program, and published her second teen lit novel, "Season." She graduated from Cohasset High School in 2007.

Jessica is majoring in youth ministry and French at Gordon. In addition to academics, Jessica plays lacrosse and will be traveling to Senegal on a short-term missions trip this summer. Jessica graduated from Cohasset High School in 2006.



COURTESY PHOTO

Juliette Karp receiving her certificate from Tom Coughlin, Vice President of Comcast in Southeastern Massachusetts.

FUN RUN

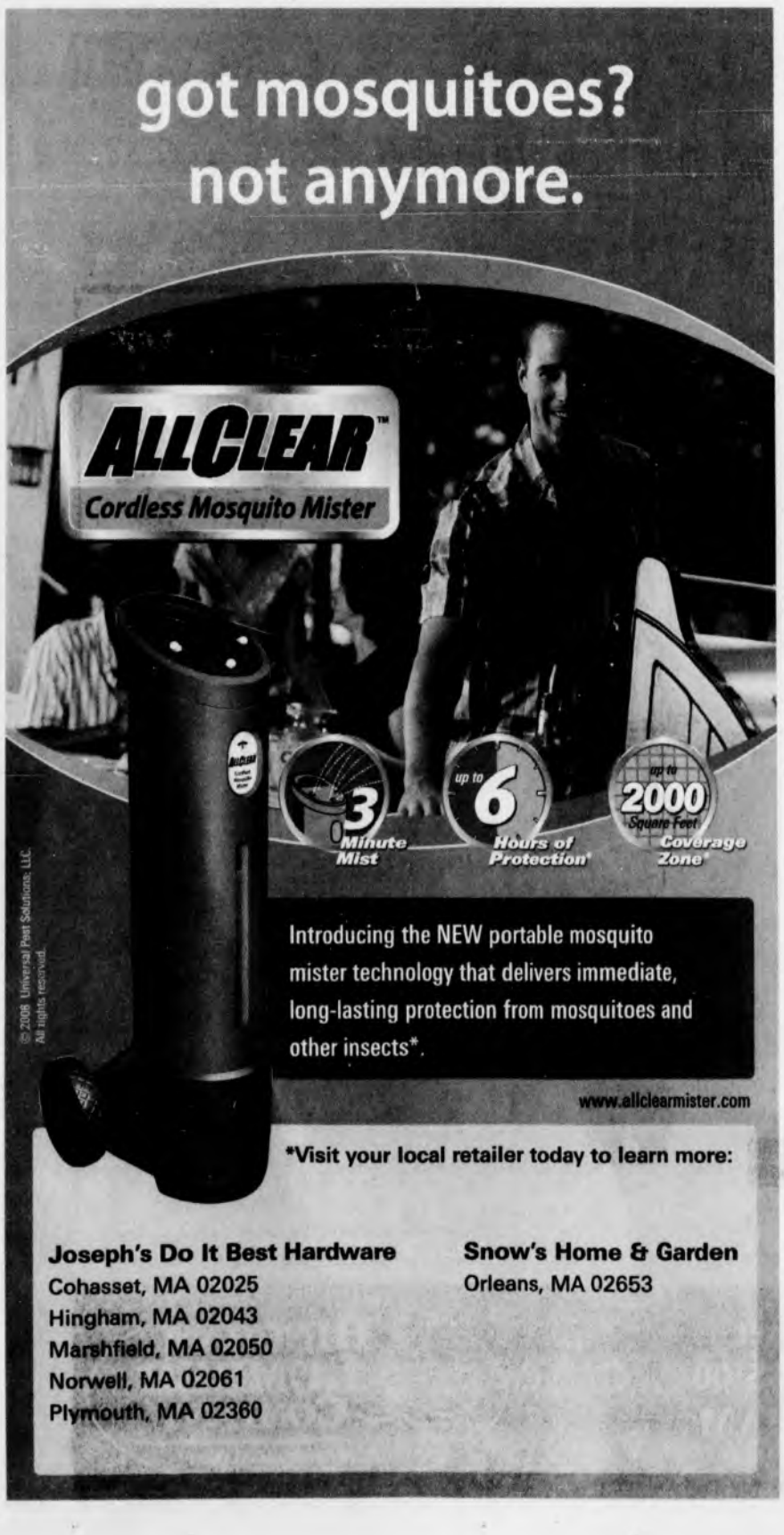
On Saturday July 19th, Cohasset Maritime Institute will hold a 5K Fun Run. CMI is excited about involving the entire community, friends and family in its' first Jack Hubbard Memorial Fun Run. The Fun Run, can be a run, a walk, a jog or stroll. Registration is available online at rowcmi.com or on race day beginning at 7:30am at the flagpole on the Common. The race will start at 8:30am from the flagpole side of Cohasset Common. Entry fee is $25 per person and includes a commemorative tee shirt. CMI is looking to raise funds to retire the cost of its third 28 foot, sliding seat four, ocean going gig. CMI offers Middle and High School as well as adult rowing programs and invites the community to visit with us on the water.

CMI is also seeking corporate and private sponsors to help defray the overhead associated with putting on the Fun Run. Should you have additional questions, please contact Ed Baldry, 781.383.8555 or via email at Ed.baldry@icdfunds.com, Lisa Hewitt Dick, 781.801.0501 or Susan Galligan, 781.383.0765. Participants are encouraged to pre-register by printing and mailing the race application along with entry fee of $25 by July 7th. Additional information and registration forms are available at www.rowcmi.com

That is all the news for this week. Make sure to send in all of your photos, news and event information no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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Antique kayak finds new life

CHS students restore boat

By Nancy White
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From the shelves of Abercrombie and Fitch to a lake in North Germany to the rafters of the Cohasset Yacht Club, it is fair to say a kayak, which now calls Cohasset Maritime Institute its home, is well traveled. A circa 1930s kayak has recently been restored by three Cohasset High students as part of their community service class.

Steve Bobo, a member of the Board of Directors for the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research, supervised the group of young boat builders as they restored the kayak to its former luster.

The story of the kayak involves the Red Lion Inn, the Yacht Club, and noted architects Bulfinch and Shepley.

According to Bobo, work for architects during the Depression of the 1930s was hard to come by and as a result, Boston-based architects Bulfinch and Shepley built kayaks and sold them to the then-sporting goods store Abercrombie and Fitch. The owner of the Red Lion Inn Gerd Ordelheide's father purchased one of those kayaks. The kayak was used in the pre-World War II era at a boat club on a lake in North Germany.

Much later in the kayak's life it was given to the yacht club by Ordelheide, but the kayak was stowed in the rafters unused for about six years.

Bobo was able to discover the boat's history and origins through conversation with Ordelheide and a former employee of Bulfinch Shepley, who had some of the old kayak design plans.

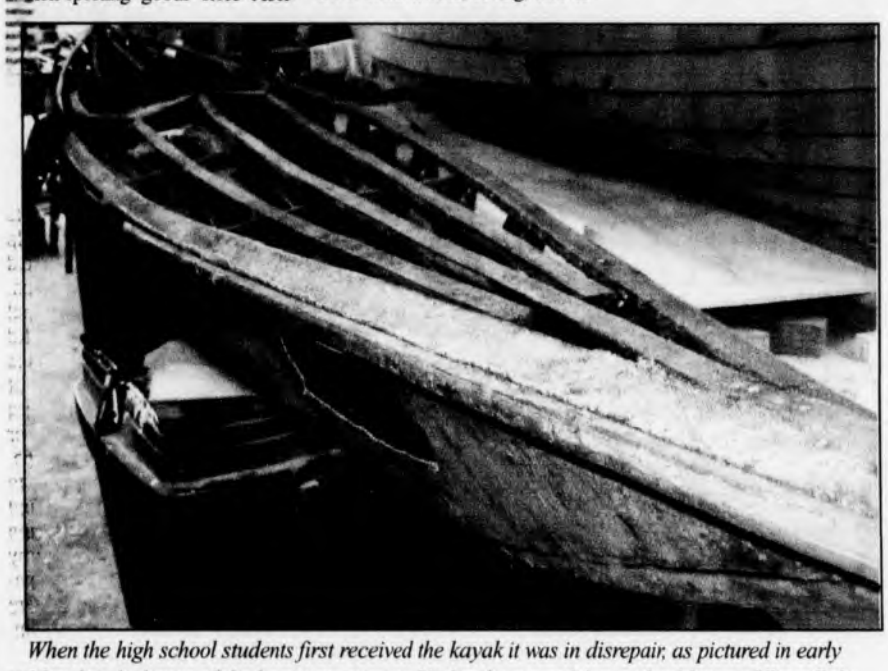
A member of the yacht club cleaning out the club attic put the boat in Bobo's car and it subsequently became the boat restoration project for three high school students — Mike Grimm, Tom Lemaire and Sam Roth.

"It's 80 years old and still in perfect condition, it is as solid as a rock," said Bobo. Although the bones of the boat were solid, it did need some tender, loving, care to make it sea-worthy again.



COURTESY PHOTOS

After weeks of work, the restored antique kayak was launched into the harbor on June 19. CHS graduated seniors Mike Grimm and Sam Roth push off from shore in the yellow and blue kayak christened "Zapp."



When the high school students first received the kayak it was in disrepair, as pictured in early May, but the bones of the boat were strong. Under the supervision and guidance of Steve Bobo the students replaced a few of the wooden planks from the frame that were beyond repair, put a new canvas seal over the kayak and fresh paint on the hull.

As part of their community service class, the students agreed to restore the kayak. When they first got a look at it was just a wooden frame, said Grimm. By the end, the kayak was ready for action on the water.

The three-man crew led by Bobo worked on the kayak three to four times a week during the spring about an hour each time (the length of a class). The students were also working on a restoring a 26-ft World War II Monomoy lifeboat at the Cohasset Maritime Institute building.

Bobo, who had experience in restoring boats and boatbuilding, lent his knowledge and his boathouse to the project.

They replaced a few of the wooden planks from the frame that were beyond repair, put a new canvas seal over the kayak and fresh paint on the hull. The kayak was restored to its original luster, right down to the bold original colors of yellow and blue. At 40 pounds, the kayak is lighter than many modern models.

For Grimm, who graduated from Cohasset High last month, the project was an extension on previous courses he took on furniture design and woodworking.

"It's not something you typically get in a high school class. It was nice to get away from books and work with my hands for a little bit," said Grimm.

The name of the boat is Zapp, also the name of other Ordelheide boats. The official launch of the kayak took place on June 19 at the Parker Avenue boat ramp. The students, as well as Bobo, tried out the kayak in the harbor.

"It floated," said Grimm.

With such a history, Bobo is hoping the boat will be used throughout the summer and then placed on display at the Cohasset Maritime Museum.

Where has the kayak been?

- Built in Boston by architects Bulfinch and Shepley.
- Sold to New York-based sporting goods store Abercrombie & Fitch.
- Bought by owner of the Red Lion Inn Gerd Ordelheide's father in the 1930s.
- Used at a lake boat club in North Germany before WWII.
- Decades later, it was given to the Cohasset Yacht Club where it sat in the rafters for years.
- Discovered by Cohasset High students this spring and restored to its original condition.
- Now housed at the Cohasset Maritime Institute for the summer.
- After the summer, it will be stored at the Cohasset Maritime Museum.

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Sandy Beach open for summer

Summer has arrived, school is out and Sandy Beach officially opened for the 2007 summer season on Saturday June 14. Lifeguards will be on duty 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Labor Day (Sept. 3). Bathhouse facilities are available for use during the same hours.

The following rules are issued to assure the safety of beach visitors and to protect the environment:

Prohibited: alcoholic beverages, dogs between 8:30 a.m. and sunset, flotation devices, glass containers, open fires, rock climbing, walking on dunes, water craft in marked swim area, fishing, launching boats, canoes, kayaks, scuba diving and metal shovels.

Also, no shoveling deeper than waist-high of the shortest person in the group and fill in holes dug in sand before leaving.

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Allowed – only in orange cone marked area: Frisbees, hard balls, kites, "skimmers."

Beach visitors are invited to enjoy many days at the "Jewel of Cohasset" in a safe and environment-friendly manner.

Cohasset Stop & Shop raises funds to help kids fight cancer

Just one month after launching the Triple Winner Game, Stop & Shop's annual campaign to raise funds for research and treatment of pediatric cancer at the Stop & Shop Family Pediatric Brain Tumor Clinic at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, the Cohasset Stop & Shop store has already raised $7,627 to support this effort. This contributes to the $1.4 million the chain has already collected in this year's campaign.

Triple Winner is a scratch card promotion in which every ticket could be an instant winner, offering prizes of a free product, gift certificate or cash prize up to $10,000. Throughout the summer, customers who donate $1 to fight pediatric cancer will receive a Triple Winner Game ticket at the checkout.

The Triple Winner Game has raised more than $43 million to fight pediatric cancer at The Jimmy Fund, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and the Children's Cancer Foundation. This is the 18th year of Stop & Shop's support for Triple Winner.

Working together, Stop & Shop associates hope to raise $2.5 million for the Stop & Shop Family Pediatric Brain Tumor Clinic at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and won't rest until a cure for childhood cancer is found. Store associates in Cohasset are still taking donations and have more Triple Winner Game tickets to give to customers.

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fundraiser for JDRF in the nation.

"You have moved us closer to the finish line of finding a cure for juvenile diabetes," said Daniels.

With the poor sight conditions on Sandy Beach Sunday morning, race organizers and safety personnel had to alter the swim course.

"The fog presented a bit of a challenge," said Burnett for both race organizers and swimmers. When it was clear the fog wasn't going to dissipate any time soon, the race organizers along with public safety officials, made the decision to shorten the swim leg by moving the swim buoys closer to shore to ensure the swimmers could be seen from the beach. However, with the buoys set just beyond the breaking waves, swimmers had to contend with more cross currents as well as rolling and breaking waves.

Adjustments were also made to the timing where athletes entered the water. The water start was staggered in eight waves, or heats, each with about 100 participants. Each wave was scheduled to be about five minutes apart. Due to the fog, Burnett stayed in communication with others along the beach, waited until nearly all the swimmers passed the second buoy of the course before starting the next wave.

"I told the athletes it was like an airport delay due to fog," said Burnett. Kayakers and powerboats monitored the swim course while lifeguards stood watch from the shore.

An elite field of triathletes competed in the event of competition. Destined for Beijing this August, Jarrod Shoemaker easily finished the race well ahead of the competition with a time of 50 minutes and 43 seconds.

He thanked the volunteers, Burnett and race organizers for what he called an "awesome course." His only complaint?

"I wish the fog could have moved out a little bit so we could have had a longer swim," said Shoemaker at the post-race ceremony.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

The red group athletes enter the ocean for the first time as their triathlon gets under way. For more photos, see page 14.

Burnett said his e-mail inbox was flooded with messages this week from race participants from both elite triathletes and those who successfully competed in their first (but not last) triathlon.

Burnett found it difficult to put into words what he felt when he looked out from the stage at the hundreds who had stuck around for the post-race ceremony.

"That was the point when all the hard work, all the passion, all the details just came together," said Burnett. "It was so cool from my vantage point...that was the point where I was most proud of the event."

And plans for the third annual Cohasset Triathlon?

"It's already started," said Burnett with a laugh.

For race results, see this week's sports section.

Team Lyons

Each athlete was inspiring in his or her own way, each one out to challenge his or her physical limitations and endurance. But, one in particular, showed extraordinary strength and courage when she crossed the finish line. Karen Lyons, the widow of Joe Lyons who died competing in the triathlon last year, not only completed the race in honor of him, but also raised more than $60,000 for the JDRF.

Team Lyons, a group of 52 family members and friends, completed the race in tribute to Joe. At the post-race ceremony, clad in matching green t-shirts with the phrase, "we will finish what you started," Team Lyons stood on stage.

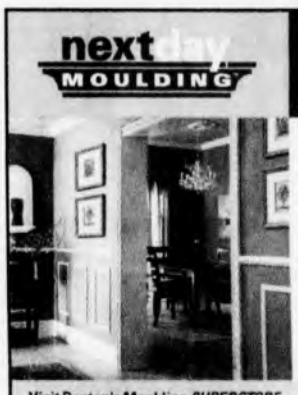
"We finished the race today, but I don't think we ever really finish what anybody starts. I think we just keep walking the path," said Lyons, calling Joe "her partner in life and her inspiration forever."

"We've turned something that was really a tragic event to something that's really great," said Lyons. Over the past year, she has turned to her team for support over. In an emotional moment, she thanked her eight-year-old son, Sam, who has juvenile diabetes, for his strength.

When Lyons crossed the finish line, she was met with a roaring cheer from bystanders, and greeted foremost by Sam. With a smile on her face, she received congratulatory hugs and posed for photos.

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As we approach the Fourth of July, this red, white, and blue day of sparklers, field days, and cookouts, let's celebrate the day by celebrating the principles of democracy and freedom on which our country was founded.

These are the principles, stated in the Declaration of Independence, that make this country great.

Historians have said we are the only nation ever founded on a creed.

Back in the 1800s, when the United States was a political novelty on the world scene, a brilliant French historian and statesman, Alexis de Tocqueville, toured this country to find out what this young democracy was all about.

In 1831 and 1832, he visited factories, schools, stores, prisons, and farms, seeking the secret of the fledgling democracy's success. And he visited our places of worship.

It was there in the sanctuary he realized that the spiritual values reflected in the founding of our country were the source of America's greatness.

It wasn't the busy factories or the expansion toward the fertile West Coast that made the country great.

"America is great because it is good," de Tocqueville wrote in "Democracy in America." His opus became a world classic.

Over the decades, American has always stood tallest when standing up for liberty and justice.

Over the decades, we pondered just what freedom meant.

It didn't mean the right to do anything one pleased. Liberty is not license, it is not acting without restraint, one writer penned. As the old saying goes, "You're right to swing ends where my nose begins."

Freedom means the right to free speech and your own opinion. It is certainly not a following-the-herd mentality.

Howard Fineman, an award-winning reporter, writer, and news analyst, says in his book, "The Thirteen American Arguments," that it is actually the ongoing disagreement over basic issues that fuels our democracy.

"We are the Arguing Country, born in, and born to, debate. The habit of doing so – the urgent, almost neurotic need to do so – makes us unique and gives us our freedom, creativity, and strength," Fineman wrote.

Fineman identifies 13 issues that have kept us arguing for 400 years, including the issues of who is a person (What about human embryos and "unlawful enemy combatants?"), who is an American ("Terrorists are at large in the world and twelve million 'undocumented' aliens are in the country"), the role of faith ("Where does God fit in government?"), presidential power ("How much power should a president have?"), and our role in the world (Do we have "a moral obligation to change the world?").

There is a banner caveat flying over these debates:

Freedom makes the distinction between how we choose to think and how we choose to act.

"Freedom is the right to be wrong, not to do wrong," advised John Diefenbaker, Canadian prime minister from 1957 to 1963.

When we consider doing right as we consider Independence Day, we need to always keep in mind that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance. We need to always remember our servicemen and servicewomen who are eternally on guard to fend off attacks on our freedom.

We need to do right by our troops who are at this moment fighting, putting their lives on the line, to defend our country.

As we ooh and ahh over fireworks splashing against a velvet night sky, they fight under the rocket's red glare.

Former President Woodrow Wilson's once said: "Our flag is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation."

Our unity comes from dedication to the principles of democracy, justice, and freedom.

Our power lies in holding true to the creed on which our nation was founded.

Our thought, the conscientious deliberations of a mind that chooses to educate itself, is the fuel that keeps our democracy going. Recall that democracy depends on 51 percent of the people being right 51 percent of the time.

Our purpose as a nation?

That's up to you.

If we base our purpose on the desire to do right by our country and by our world, guided by the principles laid out by our Founding Fathers, we will be navigating our Ship of State on the right course.

This is what makes us great.

Let freedom ring.



Thornton thinks the Cohasset Tri is nine holes in the morning, lunch with the Old Goats and sitting on the yacht club porch rocker in the afternoon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Quigley responds to Connolly's letter

TO THE EDITOR:

To the Citizens of Cohasset:

The charges made against me by John Connolly in a letter to the editor published in last week's Mariner are blatantly untrue and unworthy of further mention except to note Mr. Connolly's personal and vested interest in the outcome of the Sandy Cove/Treat's Pond issue which may very well have served as motivation for his transparent attempt to silence and remove an opposing view from the Board of Selectmen.

Rather than ask you to rely on my protestation, below is Town Counsel's ruling on the merits, or rather the lack thereof, of Mr. Connolly's demand for my recusal. That having been said, both my detailed response to Mr. Connolly's formal complaint and Town Counsel's ruling are public documents. I urge interested individuals to obtain copies either from the Town Manager's Office or from me.

"We have reviewed that complaint...from the perspective of whether the complaint when viewed against the General Laws of the Commonwealth require you to recuse yourself as a Selectman for the Sandy Cove/Treat's Pond matter. We answer that question in the negative, NO."

"The...standards of conduct do not prohibit a selectman from advocating for longstanding positions...the Complaint alleges that your longstanding beliefs are similarly held by...a group of other Cohasset residents who have views...with which views the author disagrees...This aspect of the Complaint...is also insufficient to establish a legal requirement for you to recuse yourself.

We don't see anything undue or improper for you to have views that are similar to other like minded citizens...Indeed, part of the function of a Selectman is to have views and to represent on the Board of Selectmen the views of other residents of the town, particularly in this general policy type of issue..."

Contrary to Mr. Connolly's claim, my sole agenda in this matter is to identify an effective solution to the Atlantic Avenue stormwater flooding that does not negatively and/or unduly impact the environment, private-property owners, and the Town's limited financial resources.

It is unfortunate that such self-serving and misguided attacks divert the Selectmen's attention from focusing on the many important issues facing Cohasset.

Please contact me with any questions, concerns and comments you may have in regard to this matter.

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Dismayed by level of acrimony

TO THE EDITOR:

The juxtaposition of Ms. White's article "Treats Pond Gets Personal" on Jim Drysdale's "personal attack" on Ralph Dormitzer at last weeks Selectman's meeting and Mr. Connolly's letter to the editor excoriating Karen Quigley for possessing a "long-standing agenda" is ironic on a few levels. First, the personal attack in this instance must be defined as a verbal inquisition that resulted in an uncomfortable irritation. If, as the article states, the preservation of wildlife is of extreme importance to the neighbors, then it seems a perfectly logical question to be raised.

On the other hand, Mr. Connolly's written references to Ms. Quigley's "using her influence inappropriately to advance her long-standing position" and calling on Ms. Quigley to "cease abusing her position" must not rise to the level of personal attack because it rests comfortably, in print, on the Opinion page of this newspaper. Ms. Quigley's actions, that dare to question the financial wisdom of spending millions when spending thousands may be better for the pond, the neighborhood flooding problem, and the town, have been politically branded an "agenda" by those who refuse to consider more than one solution to the Treat's Pond issue. Had those who attended the Treats Pond meeting a few weeks ago stayed long enough to listen to Mr. Drysdale's presentation, instead of leaving as he approached the podium, they might have seen the merits of such a plan or at the very least participated in an informed debate. Is this open mindedness also part of Ms. Quigley's agenda?

Although, I have not agreed with Karen Quigley on all topics, I do not question her integrity. If forced to reduce her public service to an "agenda," I would do so as follows.

Karen Quigley values and works tirelessly:

• Protecting the Harbor, the wetlands, and open space; three of the most valuable natural resources in the town of Cohasset.

• Representing the townspeople whose voices are lost or opinions dismissed in the political conversation.

• To promote fiscal responsibility and eliminate wasteful spending.

• To re-instate long lost transparency to Cohasset politics.

I believe fixing the flooding issues on Atlantic Avenue is as important as those in other neighborhoods around Cohasset. I also believe that we must protect the environment as we address these problems and minimize the town's financial burden wherever and whenever possible. I am dismayed by the increasing level of acrimony that shifts the focus away from the core issues, delaying their resolution.

Joe Coggins
57 Elm St.

JDRF grateful to triathlon

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank Bill Burnett, his amazing team, and every volunteer who worked so hard to make the Cohasset Triathlon a huge success again this year. We and the families of kids all over who live with Type 1 diabetes are especially grateful for the huge heart that Bill and the team showed in making the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation such a focus of this year's event.

At every turn, Bill made JDRF the main focus of all PR and advertising for the Tri, he worked tirelessly to secure sponsors like Dunkin' Donuts and Nike, and pushed all triathletes to raise money for JDRF through their fundraising pages.

Bill set the extraordinary goal of raising $100,000 for JDRF this year, and at the time of this printing, the total raised is $260,000 and still climbing! It is a true testament to the power of one person to make a difference and an enormous impact on peoples' lives. It also says a tremendous amount about the character and commitment of the people of this town that so many chose to help make it happen by donating their time and effort to this event for Bill and for JDRF.

Bill, Sigrid, Cohasset Tri team, and volunteers, we thank you and we are proud to know such an amazing group of people.

Suzy and Sean Doherty
and JDRF of New England
50 Atlantic Ave.

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Route 3A, Greenbush, Little Harbor updates

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

More Greenbush work on Route 3A — We had a chance to speak with CBB's superintendent for this part of the Greenbush Project. The contractor is excavating along the side of Route 3A in preparation for constructing a sub-base for the added roadway lanes. Shortly they will begin to add drainage pipes that will be used to gather storm water along the new edge of the road. Some of these pipes will need to be laid across existing driveways and Crocker Lane. As a result, there will be some interruption on these side ways. We conveyed to CBB that our major concern is Crocker Lane that services the medical building, Graham Waste commercial vehicles, the State Highway Garage and a diesel repair facility. Crocker Lane can get very busy at times. They will probably close one half of Crocker Lane at a time so that vehicles can still have full access.

The new drainage in the street should be completed around the week of July 16th.

Cohasset's newest bike path — Projects make strange bedfellows. We've mentioned this before, but it bears repeating. The Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) had title to a small section of the Greenbush right of way that included a spur that used to run from the main line across Route 3A into Wompatuck Park. The MBTA needed a part of this right of way for its project. As a quid pro quo, the DCR essentially gave the spur to the MBTA in exchange for the MBTA constructing a bike/walking path from the station, across Route 3A 1.5 miles into Wompatuck park.

Recently, CBB has nearly completed the pathway. The only item remaining is a removable bollard at the entranceway that will bloc vehicles from the path. Only emergency vehicles will have keys to unlock and remove the bollard for access to the path.

Other Greenbush stuff – Hallelujah! We have just heard that the MBTA will start work on the reconfiguration of the North Main Street crossing will start around the end of July and be complete near Labor Day. This work will consist of extending the traffic island beyond the Woodside Cemetery entrance, which will require N. Main Street to be widened and some of the railroad signals will be relocated. The entrance to Woodside will be reconfigured. And lastly, jug handle shaped bike paths will be constructed so that bikes can cross the tracks at a better angle. We still are getting reports of bike accidents at this treacherous crossing. Hopefully, these should disappear after this construction is complete.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Route 3A Construction.

Little Harbor Project – As we mentioned, paving is just around the corner for some streets in the Little Harbor Project area. One of the first streets on the list is Deep Run. This should start in the next two weeks. The reason that the schedule is not precise is that there is a small leak in the new sewer line that has been very pesky to find. We mentioned last week that they have been using helium to trace the leaks. As of Tuesday, noon, this leak had not been precisely located. Further some new catch basins need to be completed. We expect this work to be completed in the next few days so that base paving can commence. We'll keep you posted.

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Deep Run pressure testing helium injection.



Entrance to the Wompatuck bike path.

Declaring independence

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The Declaration of Independence may have been written by a Virginian in Philadelphia, but it has the fingerprints of Massachusetts all over it, particularly those from the South Shore of Massachusetts.

Delegates from the towns and districts of Suffolk County met in Woodward's Tavern in Dedham as early as Sept. 9, 1774, to pass a series of resolutions which became known as the Suffolk Resolves.

No, they didn't declare Suffolk County independent, but they did the next best thing.

"That it be recommended," said the key article, "to the collector of taxes, constables, and all other officers, who have public monies in their hands, to retain the same, and not to make any payment thereof to the provincial county treasurer until the civil government of the province is placed upon a constitutional foundation, or until it should be otherwise ordered by the proposed provincial Congress."

Paul Revere, that tireless messenger of revolution, was summoned to carry the Resolves to Philadelphia where the first Continental Congress endorsed them.

"This was one of the happiest days of my life," wrote John Adams, the delegate from Braintree. "In Congress we had generous, noble sentiments, and manly eloquence. This day convinced me that America will support Massachusetts or perish with her."

Nearly two years later, when Congress was again in heated debate over independence, Massachusetts stepped in once more, asking each Town Meeting for a vote to tell the Continental Congress to quit fooling around and declare the colonies independent.

The Freemen of Scituate responded on June 4, 1776, instructing Nathan Cushing, their representative in the General Assembly, to inform Congress that "should (it) think fit to declare the Colonies Independent of Great Britain, of our readiness and determination to assist with our Lives and Fortunes in Support of that, we apprehend, necessary measure."

The Freemen waxed eloquent in their declaration.

"The Ministry of that Kingdom (Britain), having formed a design of Subjecting the Colonies to a distant, external and absolute power in all Cases whatsoever, wherein the Colonies have not, nor in the nature of things can have any share by Representation, have, for a course of years past, exerted their utmost Arts and Endeavours to put the same plan, so destructive to both Countries, into Execution.

"But finding it, through the noble and virtuous opposition of the Sons of Freedom, impracticable by means of mere political Artifice and Corruption, they have at length had a fatal Recourse to a Standing Army, so repugnant to the nature of a free Government, to fire and Sword, to Bloodshed and Devastation, calling on the aid of foreign Troops, as well as endeavouring to stir up the Savages of the wilderness to exercise their barbarities upon us, being determined, by all appearances, if practical, to extirpate the Americans from the face of the Earth. Unless they tamely resign the Rights of humanity, and to repeople this once happy Country with the ready Sons of Vassalage, if such can be found."

Only Thomas Jefferson could have put it better.

Just as the book was getting good...

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

I've got an early submission deadline this week and no ideas, as usual, but as I was walking along Atlantic Avenue this morning I happened to find a few loose pages from one of those "beach novels" that looked interesting. I'll just type them in here verbatim and see if anyone notices.

had taken the kids to Maine for the weekend and left me in charge of our sickly walnut tree behind the garden shed. It was planted by the original owners of our property and had grown purposefully for more than a hundred years before being cursed by our mere presence. Since moving in three years ago we had lost countless trees — old, thick fixtures of beech and elm that seemed to fall into a deep depression the minute we arrived. We watered and fertilized and sang to them for weeks through the autumn but they refused to wake up the next spring, having heard quite enough evidently.

I was determined not to lose our last walnut, if only to prevent the neighbors from considering our family a new strain of blight, so I did what Andrew wouldn't: I broke down and called three arborists. I wanted to interview several candidates and choose the best qualified, just like the old days. Ten years out of the executive pool will do that to you.

The first appointment was at 10 am. At 10:25 a beat-up grey truck rolled into the driveway and a young man got out. Sprang out, I should say, his long, flowing blond hair hurrying to keep up.

"You're Joan." he said, and presented a muscular hand.

"Yes, but you can call me Mrs. Clark," I said. "I hope you're better with trees than you are with clocks."

He looked confused for a moment, recovered quickly and smiled.

"Okay Mrs. Clark, I'm Mr. Williams. But you can call me Benjamin."

"Mr. Williams, are you familiar with nectria canker?"

"Wait, hold on," he said, shaking his head. "Have I got the wrong address? Isn't this one of those paperbacks with a backlit, windswept, half-dressed couple embossed on the cover?"

"No, this book is in the Suburban Mom-Lit section. It's called *A Living Room of One's Own*."

He stared at me dumbly.

"Anyway," I said, "I'm really just looking for an ISA certified arborist. A competent, reasonably priced professional."

He glanced back at his truck anxiously.

"I bet I could be... more than competent..."

"You know what? The Harlequins live in the faux Victorian across the street. You want to try there?"

"Oh! Yes," he said with enormous relief. "Thank you Joan!" He bounded to his truck and drove off.

"Mrs. Clark," I muttered to myself as a dark-haired gentleman in a cobalt blue Mercedes pulled up and stopped in front of me, right on time for his 10:30 appointment. He smiled and glided out, friendly and cool. His door closed with a "shooomp" sound, like the hatch on a submarine.

"Mrs. Clark," he said, "I have impeccable manners and I'm English, as you can probably tell from my accent."

"Oh, yes," I said. "I figured either English or Scottish."

He coughed quietly and continued.

"I should tell you that I'm not an arborist, but I own an estate in Worcestershire that employs many servants, and I can call my personal arborist here on a moment's notice."

"What!? No, I'm looking for someone local—"

"Rest assured I would cover all of his carriage and boiled meat expenses."

"Why on earth would you do that? It's completely impractical."

"Joan, you're somewhere in the range of 35 to 45, attractive, intelligent. Your life is fulfilling but unromantic. Outwardly you seem to have it all, but in your heart, I am what you want."

"Oh for god's sake, all I want is a tree specialist! Someone who knows about maple decline and verticillium wilt."

"Uh, I know those names are a huge turn-off," he offered.

"Thanks for dropping by," I said.

He sealed himself back inside his sedan, and as he drove off a tap on my shoulder made me jump straight out of my flip-flops. A man in a red helmet stood behind me.

"Sorry to startle you Ms. Clark," he said. "I was a little early, so I looked at your walnut back there, and it's just a bad case of Leaf Blotch. I can clear it up with a Bordeaux mixture."

"At last," I said. "It's you."

I ripped off my bodice as he carried me into the woods, his carabiners and steel core flipline jangling on his climbing harness, the musky smell of the fallen leaves mingling with my Samsara

That's as much as I was able to save from the rising tide. I think the book was just about to get good, though, so if anyone finds the rest of that chapter can they contact me? Thanks.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. Remember that he did mention something about an early submission deadline.

LIBRARY CORNER

Book sets available for reading groups

Reading Group Book Sets — The library now offers sets of popular book group titles to local book groups. These sets, called *Ready Reads*, are available for local book groups to reserve. Each set consists of 10 paperback books of the same title, a reading discussion guide, and information about the author. Titles include *The Gathering* by Anne Enright, *Half of a Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, *The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox* by Maggie O'Farrell, and more. Call the Reference Librarian at 383-1348 for more information.

Brain Fitness Program — Would you like to think faster, focus better and remember more? PositScience brain development software is now available for use on a library computer. Perhaps you have seen the PBS special, The Brain Fitness Program, which explores the brain's amazing ability to change throughout a person's life. This is called "neuroplasticity" and is the science behind brain fitness. Speak with a librarian to sign up!

Independent Film Night — The library will show the independent film "August the First" on Thursday, July 17th at 6 pm. Free admission and free refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Elderhostel's Adventure in Lifelong Learning — Discover the unique traveling experiences you can have with Elderhostel. Join us Thursday, July 31st at 7 pm for an informative discussion of the different programs Elderhostel offers including their new program, Road Scholar, geared towards travelers over 21. Free.

Art Exhibit — The South Shore Art Center will feature an exhibit of oil pastels by Patricia Isaac at the Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset, July 1 through Aug. 28, with an opening reception July 11 from 6 – 8 pm. Patricia is best known for her oil pastel still life, portraits and florals. Once an oil painter she now finds oil pastel gives her the best of both worlds – drawing and painting. You can see her work at www.fineartbypatricia.com. Gallery hours at the library: Mon., Tues., Thurs. 10am-8pm, Wed., & Fri. 10am-5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm. Free.

Staff training — The library will be closed Monday, July 7th 10am-1pm for staff training. An upgrade in the library's software will enable staff to provide you with better, more efficient service.

FOR CHILDREN

Bates and Ticknell Stories and Songs – Tuesday, July 8 at 6 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell will perform stories and songs for everyone. Bates and Tincknell have been entertaining audiences for decades with their warm participatory program. Davis and Roger have both received Parents' Choice awards for their recent recordings. Free tickets will be available beginning Wednesday, July 2 at 10 a.m. Space is limited. For further information and the full summer schedule go to cohassetlibrary.org and click on Calendar. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Online Wild Reads – A new online version of Wild Reads @ your library is now available. Go to cohassetlibrary.org and click on Wild Reads online to register. You can log your time and titles online and you can submit book reviews. Check out this new option. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Cohasset Library, the MRLS, and the MBLC. Click on Calendar for a complete list of events and activities. Families that read together provide the strongest model for future readers.

Decorating Contest – Create a unique giraffe or elephant by decorating the templates found on Mrs. Moody's desk. You can use markers, glitter, beads, pipe cleaners, tissue paper, and things found in nature to create a totally new animal that reflects your personality. Be creative! Winners will be chosen in all age groups. This contest ends on Friday, July 25 at 4 p.m. All winners will be called.

BRIEFLY

Check out the Web

Check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

- Video of Police Chief James Hussey talking about the dangers of bridge jumping.
- Slideshow of the Cohasset Tri.
- Pet of the Week Video: meet Princess, a 1-year-old female tortoise-shell cat.
- Updates and photo galleries throughout the week

Stickers on sale

Expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. Stickers are on sale during normal business hours at Town Hall, and at the DPW garage on weekends, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sticker prices will remain the same as last year: $50 for residents under the age of 60, and $15 for seniors. This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, Sandy Beach, as well as, parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the Department of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town.

WHAT DEFINES A PATRIOT IN TODAY'S SOCIETY?

Lincoln

Patriot: "one who loves his or her country and supports its authority and interests." *Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Eleventh Edition*

On Dec. 1, 1862, one month to the day before his publication of The Emancipation Proclamation, President Abraham Lincoln presented his Annual Address to the U.S. Congress. I have always considered that speech to be a distillation of Lincoln's tough, idealistic patriotism.

"Fellow-citizens", he said, "we cannot escape history . . . No personal significance, or insignificance, can spare one or another of us. . . . We know how to save the Union . . . We shall nobly save, or meanly lose, the last best hope of earth . . . The way is plain, peaceful, generous".

On that day, Lincoln spoke of preserving the Union through abolishing the national shame of slavery. Eleven months later, on the battlefield at Gettysburg, he continued the theme of preservation by declaring that, "we here highly resolve . . . that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth".

These familiar words, like flags on the Fourth of July, produce the "tingle up the spine" of patriotism. We have identified with them since childhood. They feel good. Yet perhaps the least-remembered phrase among them is, "plain, peaceful, generous".

At this point in our history we are not "plain", which I also read as "clear". We quibble about such items of "Patriotism" as which public figure does or does not wear American flag jewelry on his/her pantsuit, whether or not our children pledge allegiance to "The Flag" before beginning their school day, or what sort of public displays are patriotically, or politically, correct.

Where did the lines of patriotism, culture, and partisan politics become so muddled? How are we to "love and support" an authority whose interests, unlike Lincoln's, do not align themselves with clarity, peace and generosity?

On this Fourth, I'm having difficulty in defining a personal patriotism.

— Nancy Garrison

Constitution

I believe the core definition of today's Patriot would be someone who defends the constitution of our country, fights for individual rights, and is against government interference in all its forms. A contemporary definition should include anyone who works to make their community, town, or city a better place to live.

— Steve Fusco

Unity

Patriots see their nation as a people and not a place.

When asked to serve, a Patriot asks for whom and not for what.

Patriots seek unity when others hide behind division.

A Patriot sees one not many.

Above all, Patriots love their country as they do their own family, friends and selves.

— Kevin R. McCarthy

Our nation

A patriot puts the well being of our nation ahead of that of other nations. This means that patriots are willing to give of themselves to make our nation better. Patriotism extends far beyond a feeling of love of country to proactively improving our future safety, economy and happiness.

Thanks to the past and present patriots who made life so good for us today.

— Lou Harvey

Unanswerable

It's one of those unanswerable questions. But it reminds us that if Tom Brady could go back in time and date Betsy Ross, that would be so awesome.

— John Lengyel

All patriots

As a kid growing up in Brockton, I was surrounded by aunts and uncles who literally served our Country with commendation literally around the globe in World War II. Each and every one of them never spoke of their experiences. I learned of their contributions from others who served with them. They are all patriots.

Today, while it includes first and foremost the members of our military serving bravely and faithfully around the globe, a patriot for me is *someone who selflessly devotes themselves to protecting and improving the welfare of others.*

That definition includes those who instruct our children whether in the classroom or the athletic field. It includes our civic leaders, regardless of political affiliation, and our emergency response personnel, police, fire and ambulance. It includes members of clergy, regardless of religious denomination, as they continuously attempt to reset the moral compass in all of us. And it most certainly includes all selfless volunteers, regardless of age, from youth sports coaches to Cohasset High School students who travel to Appalachia to rebuild homes and lives or the BC High students who travel to one of our Nation's poorest/crime ridden cities, Camden, N.J. to work in soup kitchens and food banks and comfort the destitute. These are all patriots in my book.

— Mike Kearney

A vote, a voice

A patriot is guided by conscience. Conscientious objectors who accept roles in combat units as medical corpsman are great examples. Although willingly answering the call to serve in the armed services is our most prevalent image of a patriot; it is not the only way to serve our country. If you believe our country's policies are wrong, it is your patriotic duty to dissent and offer better alternatives.

I believe that all Americans should participate in some form of voluntary service to better the welfare of our citizenry. There are many ways to do this and being a service member is only one of them. To willingly sacrifice your body and/or life to save a fellow human being is the ultimate act of patriotism.

I absolutely reject persons such as Jane Fonda and Joan Baez cavorting and giving aid and comfort to the enemy, demoralizing both prisoners of war and citizens at home. I do accept "my country right or wrong, my country," so long as the citizen(s) actively try to steer the country in the right direction. We all have a vote and a voice

— Joe McElroy, Lt. Col., U.S. Army (Retired)

Teddy Roosevelt

What Teddy Roosevelt said a century ago, is my answer as to what makes a patriot today: "Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the President or any other public official save exactly to the degree in which he himself stands by the country. It is patriotic to support him insofar as he efficiently serves the country. It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiency or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by the country."

— Joe Stanganelli

Mankind

I do not limit the definition of a patriot as one who does something good for one's country. I consider someone a patriot who goes beyond normal measures to do something good for mankind without financial or political gain for him or herself.

— Roger Crafts

Selfless

A patriot is someone who selflessly supports their country and seeks for new ways to contribute to its culture and society.

— Emily Toomey

Honor

A patriot is not only a soldier who dies for his country but one who exemplifies honor – honor for his family as well as for his country.

— Riley Calhoun

Work in progress

A Patriot is someone who both cares about his/her country and tries to improve it. We need less saber rattling and flag waving and more self-examination to make this country as good as it can be. The founding fathers understood that our country is a work in progress that often needs refining and redefining.

— Jim Mitterando

Principles

I believe that a Patriot in the United States is a person that firmly stands by the founding principles of our country. "All men are created equal ...endowed with certain unalienable rights to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" And..."with Liberty and Justice to all."

— David Replogle

Military

A Patriot is anyone who serves our country in the military, without them we would all be speaking a foreign language!

— Bob Fournier

Freedom

For me personally a Patriot means loving our country and giving tribute to all the people that gave and continue to give their lives in pursuit of establishing freedom for our future.

— Patricia Ashe

Better place

A patriot is someone who not only loves their country but chooses to make it a better place.

— Doyle Calhoun

Duty

A patriot recognizes that it often is the duty of every citizen to make sacrifices for the greater good.

— Andrew Quigley

Greatest good

In today's society I believe that a true patriot must view their love of our country and our countless blessings within the context of our global society. While working to serve and protect our United States of America and its people, I believe that a genuine patriot should strive to lead our country into seeking the highest and greatest good for all countries and all nationalities. We are all brothers and sisters around the globe and a true patriot believes that and his/her actions would demonstrate that belief.

— Susi Coley

Proud

Realizing that — despite all the carping and complaining and politics — there's no better place in the world to live and grow and take a shot at life. Knowing that the baby who is laughing and smiling at you will have opportunities to make the most out of life. Feeling proud that you are part of a place where freedom is more than a word...and protecting it is worth standing up for.

— Guy Conrad

Pearl Harbor

My wife and I were married on the very day of the Pearl Harbor disaster on Dec. 7, 1941. Eleven months later our first son was born, and a month after that, in December 1942, I volunteered to join the Air Force. I never felt like a "patriot" then nor do I now.

I am willing to answer your question to define a "patriot"

- A patriot is *born* and not *made*.
- A patriot accepts *and executes* his/her total jobs when offered or asked.
- A patriot doesn't need nor does he or she wait to be a hailed as a "hero".
- A patriot accepts service to his or her country and performing the responsibility at war as needed.
- A patriot, if in the service, he or she simply executes action as required and when asked.
- A patriot is proud of any contributions that he or she might have made but happier that there is no longer any need for their services in any war situation.

— Lee Cisneros

Values, principles

An American Patriot is someone who understands and respects the values and principles upon which this nation was founded. The patriot realizes that the freedoms we so freely enjoy are not "free" but require responsibility and sometimes the ultimate sacrifice to protect our way of life and continue it for future generations. Today's patriots, like their predecessors, believe in America, have the courage of their convictions and are outraged by the pandering politicians, the educators and the media who are steering our nation off course.

— L. C. Jenkins

Celebrate the good

Mahatma Gandhi was a patriot. But so was Slobodan Milosevic. Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee were both patriots. Nelson Mandela, Adolph Hitler and Martin Luther King all devoted themselves to country. Support and defense of one's country may be expressed in many ways. Some are thin and hollow, others truly evil.

The best expressions of patriotism are constructive and uplifting. Patriotism at its best celebrates what is good in one's country and sacrifices to protect it, but also acknowledges the country's flaws and strives to perfect it. Like a member of a loving family, the good patriot extends love to other countries, both wishing them well, striving to resolve conflict amicably and seeking to share what is good in each. Patriotism is American, but not just American. Patriotism is motherhood and apple pie ... and pizza... and tacos ... and bagels... and sushi...

— John Chapman

Defended

A patriot is a person who defended his or her country in the armed forces.

— Peter Guild

Love of country

A patriot is someone who loves his or her country enough to do what Jefferson prescribed for good citizenship, namely getting educated with the facts. Enough to praise its policy actions when they deserve praise and to criticize them when they don't live up to proclaimed ideals. Enough to accept the play on a familiar slogan: "my country, right or left". And enough not to need to wear a lapel flag to prove it, or a uniform on state holidays (mine fits me, but not the hat, doubtless signifying a swelled head).

— Linc Bloomfield

TAKE PART

The Cohasset Mariner is building a Readers Advisory Network of e-mail addresses so we can more frequently involve our readers in the content of the newspaper.

Readers, who join the network, may be asked for reactions to stories, ideas for stories or follow-ups, for a digital "person on the street" interview, or for a community commentary.

For this week's paper, readers were asked: "What defines a patriot in today's society?"

If you are interested in becoming a member of the network, email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. She will answer any questions that you may have. The Mariner promises to remove you immediately from the Readers Advisory Network if you request that we do.



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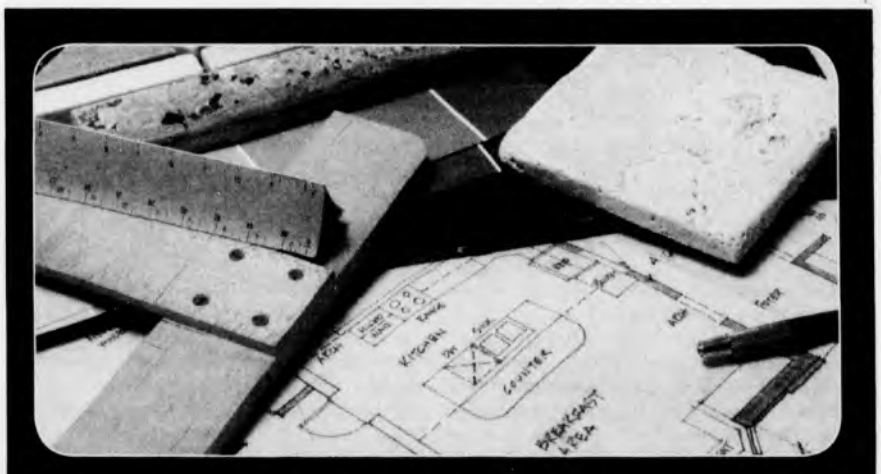
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HEALTH NOTES

Money sought for brain exercise software

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The software records and saves your results, reporting at intervals on what improvements in brain function you've made.

It seems this is the time for fundraising. We just completed Cohasset's second triathlon with reportedly great success. The Stately Homes tour is in the cards for the Historical society and several other planned events. The Board of Health is also considering a somewhat different type of fundraising campaign. The object of the campaign will be to enable the acquisition of brain exercise software for the Paul Pratt Library and hopefully, at some time in the future, similar programs for the Cohasset Elder Affairs Program.

The BoH already has a small stash of cash from unused payments for inoculations when those who obtain flu shots leave small sums of money to enable us to purchase sufficient vaccines to offer shots to everyone in Town. But this fund is small, in the neighborhood of hundreds of dollars. For the brain exercise evaluation we're going to need in the range of upwards of $10,000 and perhaps, if things work out in the future, more.

The memory programs now being evaluated by the Library have been installed on one of their laptops and are intended to be loaned out to Library patrons like books. The laptop with the brain fitness software has to be "checked-out" and used within the library. Details of the program are now in the planning stage and Library trustees are uncertain about exactly how they would be handled. The programs work as follows: An individual takes out a laptop, which has a Demo program using a sampling of the five or so exercises on the full program. The exercises are similar to those sometimes found in TV or computer action games but provide continuity from session to session. You try an exercise and the Demo keeps score, telling you how well you did on the individual exercises, but it doesn't keep a full record of your performance. The full-scale program requires a commitment of about 40 sessions of about 45 minutes each.

The software records and saves your results, reporting at intervals on what improvements in brain function you've made. Two programs being evaluated are each designed to train different parts of the brain. One emphasizes word and event sounds detected during the process of listening and remembering what was heard. The other deals with what and how rapidly events are recorded and remembered visually. A major benefit from this latter program is for drivers, since it avers to improve rapid recognition skills during driving.

The programs can be likened to the games now invading computers and TVs but with one important difference – they keep meticulous score over many hours of your performance and the improvement of the accuracy and reliability of your brain's behavior. Basically, three trends are measured which, during aging, begin to affect brain function which, over time, affect our memory, thinking and focus. They include: Speed: Over time, the brain begins to miss details, making it more difficult to react to and remember what you saw or heard. Accuracy: The brain's neural pathways often become distorted. When the brain records the static along with the important sensory information, memories are fuzzier and more difficult to process in higher cognitive functions. Recording: The brain uses chemicals called neuromodulators to determine what information is important. A deficit of neuromodulators hinders the ability to learn and remember. The brain fitness program collects, analyzes and stores data from up to 40 sessions and reports back to the user his progress in achieving better brain function.

Among all the fundraising activities might there even be someone who could offer a sum of money directed to the Paul Pratt Library for brain fitness exercises which would match equal contributions of the less well-fixed donors? The sum would go to paying for the sustaining use of brain exercise programs, scientifically proved to improve the memory of individuals from 30 to the age of senescence. It should be emphasized that although cognitive brain function therapy is a new field, the potential benefits are enormous considering the increasing size of the aging population.

It's certain that of those attending the various fundraising events, many would have welcomed a better command of memory of the guests names they were called to remember.

Steve Bobo is a long time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Bringing the community together

TO THE EDITOR:

What a day! Our town played host to a remarkable event this weekend. I am so proud of our town and everyone who helped make this a first class event. From the 150 volunteers who helped on race day to the hundreds residents cheering on the streets, we have collectively made the Cohasset Triathlon a premier sprint triathlon in the region. As Kim Webster, third place finisher among the female elites put it: "(The Cohasset Triathlon) will be the most competitive New England race I will compete in all season." Janda Ricci-Munn, ranked nationally in the sport wrote in an email yesterday, "that was, hands down, the best short course event that I've ever been to." It's exciting to see that in just two short years, we, as a community, have put the Cohasset Triathlon on the race circuit map.

We can also be proud that the Triathlon has become the number one volunteer driven fundraising event for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) in the country! With $265,000 delivered (at press time) to JDRF we can feel a strong sense of giving back to an organization that is working to find a cure for Type 1 juvenile diabetes. On the local level, the Triathlon team plans to financially support the Cohasset Educational Foundation and Sandy Beach Association this year.

There are countless number of people to thank for their time and commitment to ensure that we pull this event off in top notch form. Huge kudos goes to my team: Sigrid Burnett, Bill Burnett Sr, Suzy Doherty, Des Havlicek, Matthew Herndon, Mike Hughes, Joe Mahoney, Catherine O'Callaghan, Kari O'Donnell, Donald St. Sauveur, Kate Simmons, Deb Thomas, and Steve Upson. I am particularly thankful for the incredible work of Chief Silvia, Chief Hussey, Lt. Quigley, Lt. Dockray, and Harbormaster Gibbons who spent hours designing the medical/safety plan. A big thanks to various town organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, the Sandy Beach Association, the Music Circus, and the MBTA for their support in the race. Thanks to the Department of Public Works and the Little Harbor road crews who did a phenomenal job to ensure the roads were patched and clear of construction materials. And, finally special thanks to Deb Donahue, Siobhan Lynch, Anthony Everett, and Cal O'Callaghan for their help on race day.

This race is an example of how a simple idea – with some effort and passion behind it – can bring people and a community together to do an incredible thing. I believe each of us has it in us to do the same – try to find it!

Bill Burnett
11 Linden Drive

Tough to top this year's Tri!

TO THE EDITOR:

This is my first letter to the editor and in the spirit of a triathlon, I thought it would be most appropriate to write from *three* perspectives: triathlete (never thought I"d write that in my entire life!); resident of Cohasset; and as someone who has been in the sporting event business for the past 15-plus+ years. First and foremost, I want to congratulate Bill Burnett and his entire team on a great race. I will even go out on a limb and call it ""flawless""!

I"ll start with the triathlete perspective…from registration all the way through to the finish on Sunday the whole process was seamless and professionally done. It was organized, the volunteers were terrific and informed…there appeared to be an army of people taking care of everything. Everything was in abundance including the signage, food, water…and the process of dropping off our gear was so smooth, the sponsors were unbelievable….and the pre and post race ceremonies were terrific. Most importantly, there were no surprises even when the weather called for a last minute change to the swim course. There were so many kayaks in the water at the beach, and police on the roads, and directional volunteers. It was as good as it gets as a participant…all we, the participants, had to do was think about our own individual swim, bike and run. And to know that a record amount of money was raised for Juvenile Diabetes made the whole thing even sweeter…

As a resident of Cohasset, I"m going to speak for all Cohasset athletes, when I say how much we appreciated the support of all those standing in their driveways, along the road, at water stops, at the beach and the finish. You might wonder if a few hands clapping on Jerusalem Road can make a difference and I want to make it perfectly clear that they did help!! The cheering, the shouts of encouragement, and most especially, getting sprayed with the garden hose at exactly the time when we were all so ready for some cooling off, was most appreciated. It was a town-wide effort from the volunteers to Cohasset"s own Anthony Everett, who not only emceed, but ran 20ran 20 feet alongside me to help send me off on my run (at a time when I could not actually feel my legs).

Finally, as someone who worked behind the scenes on a triathlon for 5 years I know first hand that putting on a tri is the most complicated process of any sporting event. It takes a huge, coordinated effort of the race director, his Organizing Committee, and the local police, fire, volunteers, residents, sponsors, businesses…it"s the biggest challenge there is in the world of race directing. Bill, his wife Sigrid, and all who played a part in this are to be congratulated. It truly takes a village…

I don"t know how 09 can be better than this…but I"m excited to find out!

Thanks again to all and congratulations to all the athletes…

Linda Fechter
Bib 44
Age 41 (no secret since it was written on my leg)
14 Westgate Lane

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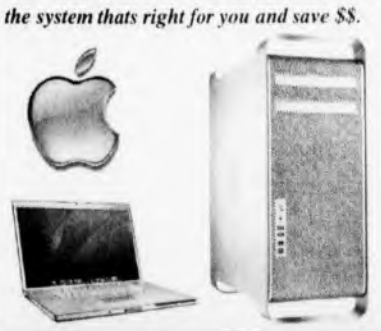
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Racers in the third wave head off. The water start was staggered in eight waves, or heats, each with about 100 participants.



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Spectators provide the backdrop for the bicycles which the athletes would use for the second leg of the triathlon.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Husband and wife elite team racers Alicia Kaye and Jarrod Shoemaker prepare for the 2008 Cohasset Triathlon. They were the overall male and female winners.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Scituate's John Casey finished 40th at the Cohasset Triathlon on Sunday in a time of 1:02:05. Casey was competing with over 900 other racers at the second annual triathlon.



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Race Director Bill Burnett gets the athletes revved up for the start of the second annual Cohasset Triathlon as he introduces Sam Lyons. This year's event raised more than $265,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Terrific Tri!

Raises $265K for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation



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Frank Benham of Hingham rounds the corner ready to head into the transition area.



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The swimmers approach the first turn of the swimming leg at a foggy Sandy Beach.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Sam Lyons greets his mother, Karen, at the finish line as she is hugged by Cohasset resident Jenifer Hoffman. Teams Lyons raised $60,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Robert Feldman holds the t-shirt aloft with the words, "we will finish what you started." Team Lyons, a group of 52 family members and friends, completed the race in tribute to Joe Lyons.

Letters to the Editor

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Upsetting moments on June 29

To the Editor:

June 29 gave me some very upsetting moments. When I attempted to return home after 7 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony's, I went a very roundabout way to get to Linden Drive. My route was 3A, Hull Street, Jerusalem Road. At the corner of Forest Avenue and Jerusalem Road I was told that I could not go the extra 100 yards until 10:30 a.m. Furthermore when I started out of my car to explain I was rudely told to get back in my car and go up Forest Avenue. The officer was very threatening.

Sooo – back up to 3A, down Sohier with the thought of asking at the police station. As it turned out I could not get through to the Police Station. I called instead and explained the situation. The officer in charge said he would call the officer at the intersection to let me through.

Back up to 3A, Hull Street and Jerusalem Road. I was going about 18 miles per hour in order to be careful of the bikers when one flew by me and told me to get the——off the road. Lovely guest to our town!

At the intersection, the same officer asked if I was a resident. When I said "yes" and that was what I had tried to explain to him previously. He said "Are you trying to threaten me?"

All in all, the situation was very upsetting. A little courtesy from the officer and the participants would have made me think this was a nice event but it may be just too big for Cohasset.

Margy Charles
85 Linden Dr.

Three acts of kindness

To the Editor:

Last Sunday, when the bikers participating in the Cohasset Triathlon passed my home, I had the pleasure of witnessing three heart-warming events.

At the corner of South Main Street and Mordecai Lincoln Road stood a police officer and a staff member of the race committee directing traffic. When I reached the corner to view the race, about 30 Canada geese suddenly arrived from the marsh and were agitating to cross the road to reach Hunters Pond. The bikers were suddenly approaching. I called to the police officer and his aide: "Quickly – move the geese across the road!" Without hesitation, they did just that. The birds were not hurt and the bikers fortunately were spared a disaster.

Also, standing at the corner was a family – father, mother and two little girls. A biker suddenly approached with a flat tire. The father, observing the problem, offered the competitor his own bike to complete the race. They quickly agreed to meet-up later and the biker happily rode off.

And lastly, I was particularly pleased by the number of bikers who cried out "thank you" to those directing and helping them on their way.

Genevieve Good
430 South Main St.

Small town, big hearts

To the Editor:

As I am writing this letter my heart is filled with gratitude for this wonderful and giving community.

On Wednesday, June 11th, we celebrated the first Annual—"Let's Fly A Kite Day." Suzi Corkum's fourth-grade glass from the Deer Hill School joined the seniors for a wonderful intergenerational celebration. (These were the same students who participated in April). Under the guidance of Greg Lamoureau of Sea Side Kites in Nantasket, the students and seniors made kites and then flew them on the Cohasset Common. One 83-year-old senior said in awe —"this was the first time I ever flew a Kite". The kite flying was followed by a delightful picnic for all prepared by Patty Johnson and the Angels. The Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs sponsored this awesome event.

On Thursday, June 12th, the Cohasset Policemen's Association arrived in full force for the second Annual Father's Day Cookout. Early in the morning the police arrived with grills, an abundance of food and smiles that lit up the world. They cooked and served seventy seniors with humor and good will. A highlight of the day was when Chief Hussey introduced all of the officers and told what their job is on the police force. Special thanks go to Cohasset Prosecutor Lisa Matos for organizing this special day. Following lunch, all we treated to a performance of Dave Down, "A Colonial Medicine Show". The seniors love the Cohasset Policemen's Association Cookout.

On June 19th, we received a generous donation from Selectman Karen Quigley, from her campaign account. This money will be used to enable some seniors to participate in fun events

On June 23rd we received a grant of $1000 from the South Shore Play House Associates. This was a wonderful gift and will be used to help us offer a modest stipend to our invaluable Escort Shopping Van Drivers.

On June 25th CEA Board Chairperson Anna Abbruzzese, and myself went to the offices of the Social Service League of Cohasset, where the President of the Social Service League, Marita Carpenter, presented us with a check for $5000 that has been put in a special fund for renovations of a new space. I was thrilled that the League Vice President, Sandy Halverson, was also present. Sandy is the Social Service League liaison to the Board of Cohasset Elder Affairs. She is a wonderful advocate for seniors.

The Director of Marketing for the Golden Living Center of Cohasset, Colleen Kissell, wrote a grant and on July 14th the Administrator, Robert Rego, and Colleen will visit The Senior Center and present us with a check for $1000 to help defray the costs of gas for Senior Transport FY 2009. (New fiscal year 2009 will begin July 1, 2008.)

My heart is filled with gratitude for all of the gifts given to the seniors, and I will end with my favorite thought — Cohasset is a small Town filled with people with very big hearts.

Linda Elworthy
Director of Cohasset Elder Affairs

Healing Field flags may be picked up

Thomas Wigmore of the Sons of the American Legion announces that those who purchased flags for the 2008 Healing Field on display as part of Cohasset's Memorial Day observances may pick them up from 8 to 11 a.m., Saturday (July 12) behind the Paul Pratt Library. Please pull into the parking lot off Sohier Street.

This was the second year, the "Healing Field," was installed at the intersection of Border Street and Summer Street across from Veterans Memorial Park. The striking visual of over 400 waving American flags was meant to honor all servicemen and women who have served, continue to serve and those who have paid the ultimate price to keep America free.



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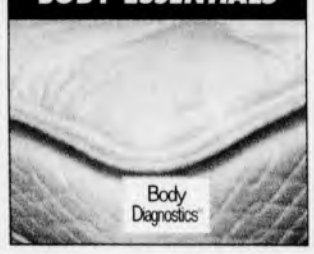
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John Flanagan is Cohasset's highest placed finisher, in 17th place at the Cohasset Triathlon.



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The top three female finishers in the Cohasset Triathlon, from left, Amy Farber, Jen Lankow and Judy Stavis.

COHASSET TRIATHLON, JUNE 29, 2008

Top 10 finishers

1—Jarrod Shoemaker, Maynard, MA, 2—Andrew Noble, Weymouth, MA, 3—Janda Ricci-Munn, Gloucester, MA, 4—David Dornaus, Hingham, MA, 5—Scott Colton, Riviera Beach, FL, 6—Peter Abdinoor, North Andover, MA, 7—Carmen Monks, Belmont, MA, 8—Matt Nuffort, Sudbury, MA, 9—Raymond Botelho, Sandwich, MA, 10—Alicia Kaye, Maynard, MA

Cohasset finishers

John Flanagan, 57:40
Rob Simms, 1:00:13
Kevin Norgeot, 1:03:58
Al Stefan, 1:04:10
Andrew Corry, 1:04:32
Dale Haver, 1:05:17
Jim Mitterando, 1:05:19
Kevin Wrenn, 1:07:45
Gregory Weissman, 1:08:00
Judy Stavis, 1:08:19
Jennifer Lankow, 1:09:09
Ted Webster, 1:09:56
Amy Farber, 1:10:11
Jeff Dimodica, 1:10:49
Bill Mattey, 1:11:13
Stephen Casey, 1:11:56
Doug Yeager, 1:11:56
Willy Fox, 1:12:10
Terry Green, 1:12:12
Michael Krumsiek, 1:12:32
Anthony Miller, 1:12:42
Barbara Wipf, 1:12:52
Sarah Charron, 1:12:53
Tom Spicer, 1:13:38
Kim Spicer, 1:13:46
Gregory Wipf, 1:14:07
Mattthew Steele, 1:14:27
Jeannie Demurias, 1:14:44
Carolyn Coffey, 1:14:51
Bradford Thomas, 1:15:19
Linda Simms, 1:16:07
Gabriel Gomez, 1:16:13
Mike Kearney, 1:16:21
Michael Fechter, 1:16:32
Ron Norton, 1:16:34
Paul Appleton, 1:16:48
Daniel McCarron, 1:17:00
Patrick Waters, 1:17:14
Aaron Albright, 1:17:23
Courtney Craft-Finn, 1:17:51
David Frederick, 1:18:01
Cathy Forest, 1:18:02
Caitlin Appleton, 1:18:10
Timothy Stanton, 1:18:15
Jennifer Gallagher, 1:18:44
John McCarthy Sr., 1:18:52
Stephen O'Duggan, 1:18:55
Debra Bowen, 1:19:37
George Baumgarten, 1:19:44
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Vaughn Littlejohn, 1:20:00
Jenifer Hoffman, 1:20:03
Ethan Meyers, 1:20:20
Andrew Quigley, 1:20:27
David McKenna1, :20:46
Craig Coffey, 1:20:59
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Chelsea Grossman, 1:21:48
Stephen Hines, 1:22:23
Connor Green, 1:22:30
Gwen Fitzgerald, 1:22:53
Joe Ryan, 1:23:00
Douglas McLellan, 1:23:06
John Morgan, 1:23:10
Mary Sheridan, 1:23:17
Jeffrey Bernier, 1:23:25
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Todd Brown, 1:24:32
Laura Stone, 1:25:19
Chris Herman, 1:25:23
Ken Greer, 1:25:26
Susan Franklin, 1:25:56
John Dunn, 1:25:56
Marcia Comeau, 1:26:19
Andrew Willard, 1:26:54
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Linda Sable, 1:27:29
Barbara Stefan, 1:27:29
Michael Galvin, 1:27:42
Philip Faulkner, 1:27:59
Linda Fechter, 1:28:09
Richard Griffin, 1:28:21
Stephen Whetstone, 1:28:58
Deborah Donahue, 1:30:05
Jeri Herman, 1:30:08
Kim Alemian, 1:30:32
Tiffany Nichols, 1:30:34
Tim Cavanaro, 1:30:54

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South Shore lacrosse girls jamboree

Blue and White teams end season on high note; Jaffe steps down after successful youth coaching career

The South Shore Lacrosse League brought its girls' jamboree to Cohasset on June 14 and, at all levels, the hometown teams were the squads to beat. In most games on the day, however, the visitors went home unhappy.

At the 15-and-Under level (grades 7 and 8) it was a day of records, superlatives and finales, particularly with the coaching duo of Chuck Jaffe and Jen Palmer – the only coaches to have run teams at this level in the program's seven years – stepping down with the conclusion of the season.

With an unbeaten day, the coaches went out on a high note.

The action started with the Cohasset **Blue** team – starting a bit shorthanded – facing off against Marshfield. After Marshfield opened the game with two goals, Alison Whelan keyed a Cohasset comeback. First, she and Whitney Jaffe – whose uniforms this season did not have numbers, but rather were the $ (Jaffe) and ¢ (Whelan) signs – got together to make change, working a give-and-go with Whelan finishing the play with her first goal of the game. Whelan then fed Hope Kissick to tie the score, only to see Marshfield answer with two more goals.

Cohasset then took control of the game, with Nicole Hajjar netting a penalty shot, Jaffe scoring her first of the game and then feeding Kissick to give Cohasset a 5-4 lead just before the half.

Jaffe's penalty shot opened the second half scoring and, after two quick Marshfield goals, she gave the home team the lead again. Kissick finished her hat trick to make it a two-goal lead and Whelan disappointed a fired-up Marshfield team when she answered its final goal, ending any comeback hopes. Ellie Tedeschi and Julia Canney led an aggressive defense, Caitlin Mavilia and Isabella Flibotte made key scoops to key the transition, and Stephanie Brierley made five saves in net.

Next it was the **White** team's chance to play Marshfield; a few of the White team members had helped the Blue team in the first game, but now they had a bigger challenge, in that Marshfield was fired up and the White squad had its unbeaten record to protect.

While Marshfield double-teamed Whitney Jaffe throughout the game – as they had in the first contest – Hope Kissick's strong drive to the net drew a slide, and she slipped a slick pass to Jaffe for an easy opening goal. Angela Cipolla's penalty shot and a Kissick goal that was set up by Maria Buckley made the score 3-0. While Marshfield loudly plotted how it would recover from a 3-1 halftime deficit, the Cohasset girls were determined never to let the visitors back in the game. Cipolla combined an aggressive cut and a slick stick fake to convert a feed from Jaffe, and Jaffe scored Cohasset's next two goals, interrupting a Marshfield scoring run each time. When Marshfield drew to within one in the last two minutes, Maria Buckley's dash-and-shoot from behind the net gave Cohasset a two-goal edge; midfielder Kyle Coffman intercepted Marshfield's final possession and made a brilliant play carrying up field and tiptoeing the sideline to kill most of the clock. Stephanie Brierley made five saves to preserve the 7-5 win.

The White team next put its unbeaten season on the line in the first ever girls youth game between Cohasset and Weymouth. The Weymouth Gold team was mostly 7th graders, and while the visitors were game, they were never in the contest.

Cohasset jumped out to a 4-0 then put it on cruise control and eased to a 6-3 lead at the half.

The second-half opened with two milestones in the Cohasset Girls Lacrosse program. Whitney Jaffe scored her 150th career goal – second only to Gabriella Flibotte – and Stephanie Brierley made her 150th career save in the goal, second only to Thomson Jaffe. While the game got a bit scrappy, the Weymouth squad could never get into it, thanks to Brierley's 10-save performance, along with strong defensive help from Eloise Lucas. The half also saw the first lacrosse goal-assist connection by the Farren sisters, with Nicole feeding Amanda for a score; both sisters scored again during the game.

Jaffe led the team with five goals, Kissick added two with an assist, Cipolla continued her career-best day with two goals, Maria Buckley and Jenna Reece had solo markers and Abby Carrier and Cassedy Gwynn notched assists, as Cohasset blew the game open for a 14-5 win.

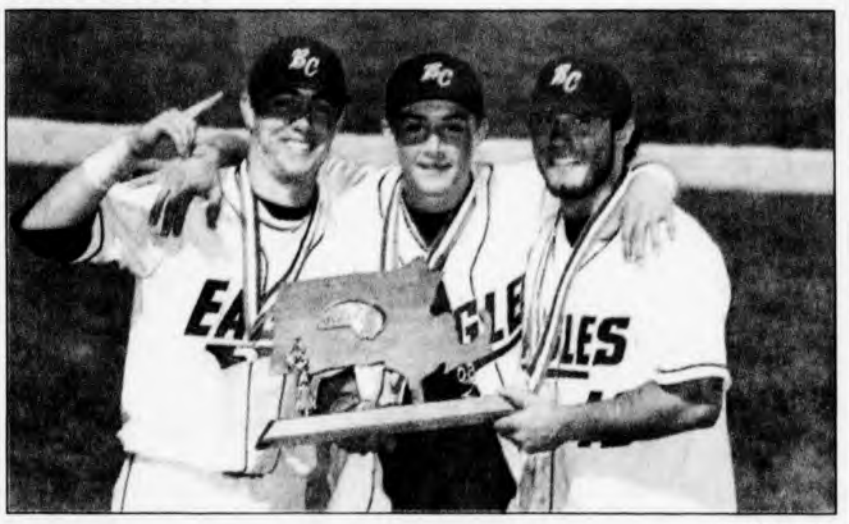
The Blue team – aided by some sixth-graders who stayed around to flesh out the roster – took on Sandwich in a seesaw affair. Alison Whelan led the way with a hat trick and strong midfield play, Marie Gilman, Nicole Hajjar and sixth-grader Lexa Grasz – playing in her fifth game of the day – had single markers in a back-and-forth affair. Danielle Healy tied the score for Cohasset near the end of the game, and the contest ended in a 7-7 tie.

Hanna Cooper – a 13-and-under playing up due to the absence of Sarah Evans, the Blue team's stalwart goaltending starter – overcame a rocky start to make 6 saves and keep the game close.

The White team's final game of the day and the season was against Weymouth Maroon, a much more physical team than its younger counterparts, and a squad dominated by 8th graders. It didn't make much difference, as the White team was deter-

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STATE CHAMPS



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Former Cohasset Little Leaguers and current BC High varsity baseball players celebrate winning the Division 1 state championship game, held at the Lowell Spinners field, June 15. L-R: Tommy Chase, Rob McCunney, Cody Morgan.

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Norwell High School senior Susan Bitetti, the four-time south sectional girls tennis champion, had made one state individual final, but never won the whole thing. That all changed for the Norwell High senior as she defeated Longmeadow's Rebecca Kimmel in the final, 6-0, 6-0, Saturday, June 14, at Clark University in Worcester. Bitetti ended her NHS career with an impressive 98-4 overall mark.

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One last game

Cohasset's Jake Cuneo represents South squad in 30th Annual Shriners Football Classic

By Michael Mancinelli
CORRESPONDENT

For anyone who played high school football in Massachusetts, you know that most football careers end Thanksgiving morning of senior year. If you weren't lucky enough to be on a playoff bound team, what happened on the field that morning stays with you for the rest of your life. If you were one of the lucky kids going to the playoffs, you were probably more concerned with eating turkey than playing football - you just wanted to win the playoff game and advance to the Super Bowl. Many kids who played in the Super Bowl went on to try their luck in college football, but never represented their high school on the gridiron again. If you were one of the most talented players in Massachusetts in your graduating class during the last thirty years, this was not the case. You were blessed and had one last game to finish your high school career.

The 30th Annual Shriners Football Classic was held Friday, June 20 at Bentley College. Every year since 1978, the Aleppo Shriners of Wilmington have given the elite football talent of eastern Massachusetts one last chance to represent their high schools in a North-South all-star game. The Shriners host the game as a very important fundraiser for their care of children in need of orthopedic and burn care.

This year's game saw the North squad break their five-year losing streak to the South with a convincing 19-13 victory.

Early in the game, with 8:09 remaining in the first quarter, defensive back Darren Thellan of Brockton High returned an interception 42 yards for a touchdown to give the South squad a 6-0 lead. Thellan will attend UMass-Amherst in the fall. Duke bound West Bridgewater native Paul Asack of Xaverian Brothers missed the point after touchdown kick. Asack missed a field goal from the 28-yard line later in the quarter.

The North squad took a 7-6 lead with 7:45 remaining in the second quarter after a 72-yard touchdown reception by Northeastern bound Jesse Sparks of Cambridge Rindge & Latin from quarterback Tim Rich of Chelmsford. Sparks caught another long pass for a 62-yard touchdown, (only this pass was from quarterback Mike Pierce of Andover), to give the North a 13-6 lead.

The South showed some life with 57.5 seconds remaining in the first half when defensive back Ed Asaley of Newton North High intercepted a North squad pass to end zone. At this point, quarterback Mark Gilson of Mansfield entered the game and broke off a 12-yard run to advance the South to their own 32-yard line. Gilson then completed an eight yard throw to Vaughn Askew of Brockton but was sacked on the next play and fumbled the ball out of bounds to end the first half.

The South kicked off to the North to start the second half. After a three and out series that included an eleven-yard sack, the North was forced to punt. During the south's ensuing drive, Joe Jeudy of Stoughton had a one-yard carry with 9:05 remaining in the third quarter. Jeudy was stuffed at the line of scrimmage on the following play and the South was forced to punt at midfield. On the fourth down punt play, it looked like punter/kicker Paul Asack was going to attempt a fake when he took the long snap and ran towards right tackle with the ball, but decided to perform a quick kick before he crossed the line of scrimmage.

During their next possession, the North continued their aerial attack of the South's secondary and took a 19-6 lead after a Tim Morrison of Billerica touchdown throw to Mark Dwyer of Woburn. Dwyer and Morrison could not hook up for the following two-point conversion.

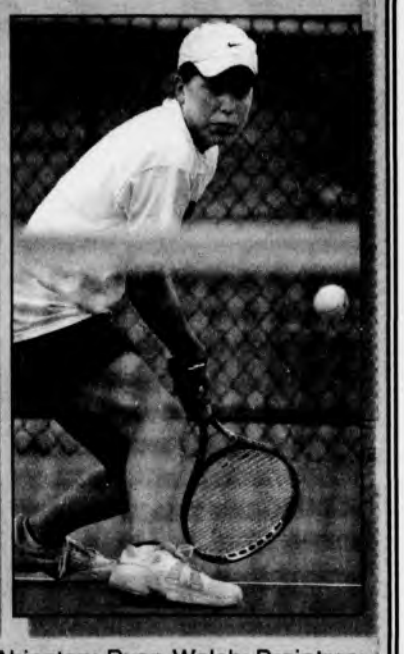
Bridgewater-Raynham High School's Brett Wyman (attending Brown this fall) returned the North kickoff to 34-yard line setting up the only South scoring drive of the game. The South scored on a 14-yard play action pass from quarterback Tyler Dow of Franklin to Peter Bobseine (south offensive MVP) of Duxbury with 10:52 remaining in the game. The South narrowed their deficit to 19-13 after a Paul Asack extra point. Asack then booted a kickoff deep to the 13-yard line and Elijah Harris of North Attleboro tackled the kick returner. The North and South exchanged possessions until the South intercepted a North pass with 2:22 remaining in the game. The South was unable to capitalize on the turnover however and fumbled on the next play.

The game featured several nationally ranked high school football prospects. North running back Isaac Johnson of Everett will be attending Boston College. North defensive end Nick Halloran of Buckingham Brown & Nicholls will be attending Boston College as well. South tight end Mike Stone of Holliston will also be attending Boston College. Receiver Matt Edwards of Holliston will be attending the University of Connecticut.

Brockton head coach Peter Colombo was the head coach for the South Squad. Dave Woods (the head coach of Bishop Fenwick High School) coached the North. Bridgewater-Raynham athletic director and head football coach Dan Buron was an assistant to South head coach Peter Colombo.

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

SUSAN BITETTI
NORWELL



Name: Susan Bitetti
Family: mom, Mary; dad, Sam; brother, Sam; sister Sara
Hobbies: Skiing, Scimboarding, painting, boating
Favorite Athlete: Brother Sam, Andre Agassi
Favorite Athletic Accomplishment: Winning the 2008 individual state title
Favorite Subject: Math
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Souther, Ms. Sharpe
Favorite TV Show: "The OC"
Favorite Food: Cheese sandwiches, any Italian
Favorite Movie: "Happy Gilmore"
Most Underrated Teammate: Alyssa Gunville

Nominees for the month of June are: Abington: Ryan Walsh; Braintree: Mike Buckley; Cohasset: Sally Meehan; Hanover: Craig Gattereau; Hingham: Ben Lincoln; Marshfield: Peter Jusseaume; Rockland: Josh Sullivan; Scituate: Jake Gray; Weymouth: Carolyn Connolly

South Shore Athlete of the Month of June

Norwell High School senior Susan Bitetti, the four-time south sectional girls tennis champion, had made one state individual final, but never won the whole thing. That all changed for the Norwell High senior as she defeated Longmeadow's Rebecca Kimmel in the final, 6-0, 6-0, Saturday, June 14 at Clark University in Worcester. Bitetti ended her NHS career with an impressive 98-4 overall mark.

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Swimmers come running from the ocean following the first leg of the Cohasset Triathlon.



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Marleigh Brown is greeted home by onlookers and staff at this year's Cohasset Triathlon.

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US Olympian Jarrod Shoemaker comes in a comfortable first place at this year's Cohasset Triathlon.

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South Shore lacrosse girls jamboree

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mined to close out the year unbeaten.

Jaffe scored all four Cohasset goals in the first half – one assisted by Kissick – as the team raced to a 4-1 lead. When Jaffe left shortly after halftime to aid the Blue team in its final game, Kissick, Cipolla and Gwynn took over the offense; Cipolla scored two goals, and Kissick and Gwynn each notched a solo goal plus an assist. Brierley's 6 saves quashed all Weymouth hopes in an 8-4 final.

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At the same time, the Blue team was one field away struggling with a tough Braintree squad and giving fans a look at the future.

Nicole Hajjar opened the scoring and Alison Whelan had a solo marker, but then it was the six-graders – Lexa Grasz with two scores and Molly Fitzgerald with one – who kept the team in the game. Whitney Jaffe arrived from the White team game midway through the second half and finished a Whelan feed to tie the game, and then ended her high-scoring youth lacrosse career by netting the game-winner with just seconds left in the contest.

Sixth-grader Hanna Cooper made 10 saves to preserve the 7-6 win.

The five wins in six games gave coaches Chuck Jaffe and Jennifer Palmer 100 more career wins than losses over the seven seasons since Cohasset girls first fielded teams. In all, they coached 21 different youth teams – coaching as many as four spread over two age levels in a single year – and finished 142-40-16. Jaffe's coaching tenure – including his six years running the boys program – included 210 wins and 21 ties in more than 300 games.

Whitney Jaffe finished the season with 76 points on 67 goals and 9 assists, breaking the single-season points record of Gabriella Flibotte. That prodigious output left her just shy of the all-time points lead; her 158 career goals and 25 assists left her with 183 points, six behind Flibotte (who notched 175 goals and 14 assists). The 25 helpers is tops in program history. Jaffe also scored 60 points playing on the Cohasset High School junior varsity team this year.

Hope Kissick – who has one more season left as a youth player – ended the year in fifth place on the all-time scoring list, with 64 goals and 18 assists for 82 points. Alison Whelan was just behind her on the all-time list, finishing her youth career in 6th place on the all-time records with 60 goals and 11 assists for 71 points. Whelan also scored 35 goals for Cohasset High School's junior varsity team this spring.

Little Leaguers beat Rockland 12-2

Cohasset's Little League Williamsport team opened play in Little League's annual Williamsport Tournament in Sharon on Sunday night. Matched against a tough squad from Rockland, the Cohasset boys in blue opened the tournament in grand style, with a five-inning 12-2 slaughter rule victory.

Cohasset next plays Canton, this Saturday, July 5, at noon in Stoughton.

Rockland took an early 1-0 lead in the first, but Cohasset Ace Mickey Barry shut the door with the help of a great stab of a hard grounder at first by Liam Burke, and a throw home to Max Montgomery at the plate, whose sweeping tag nailed a sliding Rockland runner. Cohasset answered in the bottom of the first with a run of its own, keyed by Jack Kuppens line double down the third base line. After one, the score stood at 1-1.

Barry retired the Rockland hitters in the top of the second, and the Cohasset bats came alive in the bottom of the frame. With two outs, Tommy O'Brien took one for the team and was hit in the back by Rockland's big hard throwing ace. Ryan McKeon followed with a great hustle play, as he legged out an infield hit, with O'Brien sliding into second just ahead of the throw. Terrence Doonan followed with a hard grounder that was too hot for the Rockland infield to handle – O'Brien scored, and McKeon moved to third. Brendan O'Connell then delivered with a huge three run dinger over the center field fence. Cohasset led 5-1 after two innings.

Rockland scratched out a run in the top of the third to narrow Cohasset's lead to 5-2, but Tommy Ryan's stab and throw from third got Cohasset out of the inning with no further damage. In the bottom of the third, Burke lead off with a blast over the centerfield fence to put Cohasset up 6-2, and chase the Rockland starter. After three, Cohasset led 6-2.

In the fourth, Barry retired the Rockland side with no score, and Cohasset blew the game wide open in the bottom of the frame. With one out, Cohasset's Doonan, O'Connell, Kuppens and Burke smacked back to back to back to back singles to plate one run. Barry then strode to the plate with the bases loaded, and after falling behind 0-2, blasted a grand slam to left to plate four, and expanded Cohasset's lead to 11-2. Cohasset nearly plated another run, as Max Montgomery doubled off the centerfield fence, Tommy Powers worked a walk to keep the rally alive, and Chris Cohen and Chris Haggerty both laced liners just foul. Rockland escaped the frame with Cohasset up by nine.

In the fifth, Barry again retired the side without a score, keyed by Doonan's stab of a hard shot at short, and gun from deep in the hole to nail the Rockland runner at first. In the bottom of the fifth, Doonan led off, and blasted Cohasset's fourth home run, and the boys in blue were slaughter rule winners, 12-2.

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From 7-9:45 a.m. or until the pancakes run out, stop by the 38th annual **Hingham-Weymouth Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast** on Hingham Common at Middle and Main Streets, where flapjacks will be flipped rain or shine and served with sausages, orange juice, coffee, and milk;

9 a.m. - **Open House at the Old Ship Meeting House** in downtown Hingham for an hour before and after the parade. See and learn more about this historic building and national treasure and ask questions about the four-volume Historic Structure Report that the Friends of the Old Ship Meeting House presented recently to the Hingham Public Library and the Community Preservation Committee. CPC funds paid for the report.

At 10 a.m. the **parade**, featuring Uncle Sam, bands, floats, antique cars, and more steps out from Hingham High School, traveling down historic Main Street and arriving at Station Street at about noontime. Prizes are awarded for different categories of floats.

The new **Little League memorial** will be dedicated at Haley Field at 1:30 p.m.

The **Satuit Band** will present a concert at the Hingham Harbor Bandstand at 7:30 p.m., hosted by the parade committee.

Sat., July 5

Further extending the July 4 festivities, **fireworks** are scheduled for Sat., July 5 (rain date is Sun., July 6), a gift to the community from the Hingham Lions Club. The United States Marine Corps Color Guard will play the National Anthem at 7 p.m. to kick off the event. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. Vendors will offer fried dough, lemonade, sausages, and other food items. There will also be face painting and T-shirt decorating for kids.

Don't miss "the best fireworks display on the South Shore" beginning at about 9 p.m. at the Bathing Beach and a performance by the "Undaunted" Professor Harp, a Boston-born Louisiana-style rhythm and blues harmonica player and vocalist, from 7 to 9 p.m. All boats must be anchored in the Harbor by 8 p.m. Donations to support the fireworks may be mailed to: Hingham Lions Club, P.O. Box 153, Hingham, MA 02043.

Don't miss the **Vintage Baseball Game** at Derby Academy from 5 to 7 p.m., hosted by the Hingham Historical Society. The Hingham Coopers and the Hingham Derbys will reprise their epic battle of last September. This will allow fans plenty of time to take the short walk from Derby Academy to the Bathing Beach to view the fireworks display, which begins at about 9 p.m.

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If you are interested in helping out on the day of the parade, please contact committee chairman Mary Ann Blackmur at mblackmur@comcast.net.

For further information about Hingham's Fourth of July celebration, its history, the parade committee, detours, parking restrictions, and a parade map, visit www.hinghamjuly4th.org.

Cohasset tennis benefit for Children's Hospital

Save the date for Cohasset's longest-running tennis tradition, which swings into action again this summer to benefit Children's Hospital Boston beginning Friday, July 18th through Sunday, July 20th. The popular weekend tennis tournament dates back to the 1950's, when Cohasset's legendary philanthropist Jesse Cox gathered family and friends for a charitable game of tennis to benefit some of the neediest children and their families at Children's Hospital.

The event was a tremendous success and soon became an annual summer tradition. In the past 10 years alone, more than $100,000 has been raised to benefit patients and their families at the hospital, earning the Cohasset Tennis Benefit a commemorative plaque in the Children's lobby. This year all proceeds will help fund the Pediatric Trauma Program, with 100 percent of the proceeds paying for transportation, lodging and personal care packages for families of trauma patients.

This summer's benefit kicks off with an evening reception on Friday, July 18th at the Lightkeeper's Residence on Cohasset Harbor. On Saturday, July 19, tennis players of all abilities, from beginners to advanced, are evenly matched and play on some of the most spectacular private courts throughout Cohasset. Finals for three levels of play (social, intermediate and advanced) take place on Sunday, July 20th on the grounds of the Roy estate, formerly the home of Cohasset Tennis Benefit founder Jesse Cox.

For reception, tennis and registration information, or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, lob on to www.cohassettennisbenefit.org.

Author to speak at Hingham Shipyard Marinas

Christopher Klein, author of the new guide, "Discovering the Boston Harbor Islands," will sign books and talk about the history of the Boston Harbor Islands at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, July 16.

South Shore residents are invited to the Hingham Shipyard Marinas, 24 Shipyard Dr., Hingham, to learn about the maritime history of these nearby islands. The public is welcome to attend.

For more information, call Hingham Shipyard Marinas at 781-749-6647 or visit the Web site at hinghamshipyardmarinas.com.





Cole Morrison demonstrates his drumming skills on an African drum during the Drum Circle.



Ed Surrentino of the South Shore Conservatory inspired members of the Deer Hill Fifth grade band during the Drum Circle. There were over forty students playing wood blocks, cowbells and a variety of drums all at the same time.

Keeping the beat at Deer Hill

Fifth grade band in drum circle

Photos by Laura Sinclair



Doing his part in the Drum Circle, Harry Seraikas plays a flat hand drum.



Christian Cunnie keeps the beat on the main drum while Ed Surrentino conducts the other members of the Drum Circle at Deer Hill this past spring.



Fifth grade band member, Chris Lydon, keeps a steady beat for all of the members of the Drum Circle.



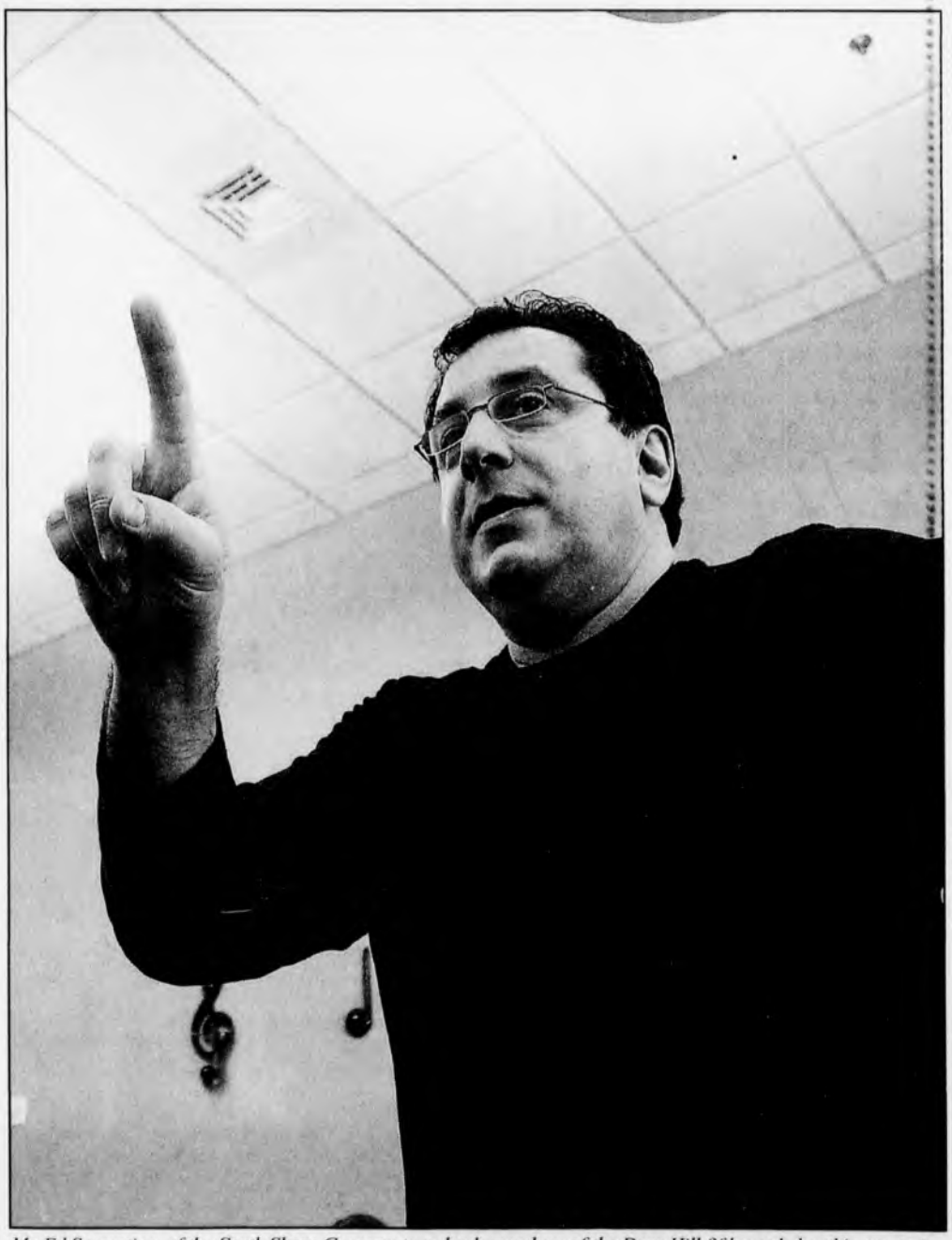
Patrick Federle plays the tambourine in the Drum Circle this past spring.



Clara Baumgarten looks to Mr. Ed Surrentino of the South Shore Conservatory for direction during the Drum Circle that took place for the grade five band at the Deer Hill School.



Miles Morin easily adjusts to using the cowbell in the Drum Circle. Fifth grade band students switched instruments at different intervals through out the class.



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Hit the road with the Red Sox

Stephen Jermanok
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

BOSTON - Red Sox Nation knows how hard and expensive it can be to snag tickets to a home game at Fenway, let alone coveted seats when we're up against the deaded Yankees.

All you have to do is turn on the tube and see Remdawg (Jerry Remy) and fellow announcer Don Orsillo cheered on by a strong legion of Sox fans in places like Baltimore's Camden Yards to realize it might be easier to see the team away from Kenmore Square. Join in the on-the-road fun with the Sox this summer as they head west, north and south.



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See the Sox play at ballparks including Baltimore's Camden Yards.

L.A. Angels, July 18-20

Anaheim Stadium in Orange County (not L.A.) is one of the most user-friendly ballparks you'll ever experience, with easy parking off the highway, a vast selection of food (this was the first stadium to introduce sushi), and mellow fans who won't spill beer on you after you jump up and high-five the family following a Sox homer. The game is just icing on the cake to the great times you can have in SoCal during the summer.

Cruise over to Laguna Beach for sun, sand and art. The city's art festival, Pageant of the Masters, is in full swing this month. Huntington Beach is known for its waves, a good place to watch surfers or try your luck at the sport. And did we mention nearby Disneyland?

Chicago White Sox, Aug. 8-11

Access to U.S. Cellular Field (the former Comiskey Park) is also easy, right off the Dan Ryan Expressway. The place gets a bad rap because it has to compete with the quasi-religious experience of going to a Cubs game at Wrigley Field. U.S. Cellular is not nearly as intimate or historic as Wrigley, yet it's still a great place to see the darker-colored Sox win. After all, how bad can it be if they serve Chicago-style deep-dish pizza? One caveat: White Sox fans are more fanatical than Yankees devotees. So wear your red with pride, but get ready for a good ribbing.

On the waters of Lake Michigan, Chitown is a great place to take in a game. Rent a bike and ride along the waters, backed by the formidable skyline, and take a breather on the sands of Oak Street Beach. Also check out the Ape House at the free Lincoln Park Zoo, and the fountains and silver Bean sculpture at downtown's Millennium Park.

Baltimore Orioles, Aug. 18-20

Making its debut in 1992, Camden Yards really set the standard for building a park for baseball games only, going against the horrible trend of building one stadium for both baseball and football teams. Its retro appeal succeeds in giving fans a close-up view of the field, much like Fenway, Wrigley and other parks of yesteryear. Grab some barbecue from Boog's, owned by former Orioles slugger, Boog Powell, and watch the Sox Cowboy Up and give (former Sox player) Kevin Millar and friends a good ole whoppin'.

In your downtime, head to Babe Ruth's birthplace and the National Aquarium.

Toronto Blue Jays, Aug. 22-24

After watching the Sox play the Twins in Minnesota's bubble of a stadium, the Metrodome, I vowed never to see a baseball game in a dome again. But Toronto's Skydome (now named the Rogers Centre) does have the luxury of opening the roof during good weather, so it doesn't feel like a behemoth. The best seats are arguably at the Renaissance Toronto Hotel (www.marriott.com), where you can watch an entire baseball game from inside your room. Seventy of the 348 rooms overlook the playing field of the Toronto Blue Jays. Sure, there's no one selling hot dogs here, but if Junior gets bored, he can run to the hotel's Kids Room, where free popcorn, movies, games and crafts are there for the offering.

Families will also enjoy walking through the secret passageways of the Medieval-style palace, Casa Loma, taking the elevator to the top of CN Tower, biking along the Harbourfront, and checking out the outdoor concerts at the Yo-Yo Ma-designed Toronto Music Garden.

New York Yankees, Aug. 26-28

This is your last chance to see Yankee Stadium, circa 1975, since the new ballpark is set to open next season. You know, the site where there's a second David Ortiz jersey still hidden in the concrete... hopefully (the first one sold for $175,000 at a charity event). Yankees fans are notorious for booing everything and everyone, including you once you jump up and start screaming Youk after a grand slam.

Since you're in Da Bronx, you might as well check out the reptile house at the Bronx Zoo, a good primer to understanding the reptilian side of Yankees fans. Also visit the Italian hub of Arthur Avenue for a great after-game meal. The waiters at Dominick's (2335 Arthur Ave.) belt out the days menu, family-style pastas loaded with seafood, stuffed veal or baked ziti. All washed down with a glass jar of red wine. There's no better way to celebrate another Sox victory!

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Committee Co-chairs Eleanor Bleakie (right front) and Nancy Garrison with Committee Members Annette Sawchuk(back left) and Patsy Rabstejnek are preparing for the "More Stately Mansions" House Tour to be held on Thursday, July 31 from 10am until 2 pm where five Cohasset houses can be visited. This event will benefit the Cohasset Historical Society 781-383-1434.

Your chance to see More Stately Mansions

The More Stately Mansions House Tour to Benefit the Cohasset Historical Society is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 31 Eleanor Bleakie and Nancy Garrison are serving as co-chairs. The cost is $30 for CHS Members and $35 for non-Members for more visit: www.cohassethistory.org or email: cohassethistory@yahoo.com

The beautiful program book, which serves as the ticket to the houses on tour, is now available. The tour "More Stately Mansions" includes five fabulous waterfront homes and gardens not usually available to the public. A Georgian house commands Cohasset Harbor and occupies the site of a former house owned by Clarence W. Barron, founder of Barron's Financial Weekly and owner of the Wall Street Journal; one house is a French Chateau on the Gulf River; a Victorian house built in 1891 for a wealthy Boston resident was used for coot shooting and where stars performing at the Music Circus often stayed; a Tudor Mansion that has been beautifully restored. The formal gardens have been uncovered and a pool added and Cary Point overlooking a private beach is the site of a Mediterranean stucco house recently restored and decorated in a most imaginative way.

The Cohasset Historical Society maintains three buildings in Cohasset, each building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places: The Captain John Wilson House and Samuel Bates Ships Chandlery (Maritime Museum) located in the Village and the Pratt Building, formally the Paul Pratt Memorial Library and now the headquarters of the Society. All three buildings will be open.

High Tea, compliments of Arthur Roebuck, will be served at the Pratt Building from 2-4 p.m.

Tickets are available at the following Cohasset locations:

- Cohasset Historical Society-106 South Main Street
- Buttonwood Books and Toys-Shaw's Plaza
- Darilynn's-64 South Main Street
- Fleming's-24 Elm Street

Newcomers Club summer events

SCNC has had a wonderful year filled with charity events, Ladies Nights Out, Men's Group and children's playgroups and parties. The 2007-2008 season is coming to a close, but due to popular demand some of the club's groups will continue to meet during the summer months including the Book Club and Walking Club.

The Book Club meets monthly for drinks, appetizers and conversation about the latest books or anything else that strikes your fancy! The club continues to have a great turnout and always welcomes new members. *For July, they'll be reading Free Food for Millionaires by Min Jin Lee. They will meet on Tuesday, July 8 at 7:30pm at the home of one of the members. Please contact bookclub@scnewcomers.com for more information.*

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

12:16 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, noise complaint, caller reports a loud party going at the house next to her.

12:45 a.m. Building checks, officer reports all schools check ok.

12:46 a.m. **King St.**, building checks, officer reports gates are open property checks secure.

12:59 a.m. **Wheelwright Park**, building checks.

12:59 a.m. **North Main St.**, building checks, officer reports all check ok, nobody in the area.

1:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door/window, officer reports the drive through window at this location is wide open. Key holder notified and responding.

2:26 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, public service, officer reports area checks ok.

3 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, disturbance – drunks, caller reports a large party is ending and it is "getting messy." Officer reports youths are running from officers. Same caller called again stating there was a physical fight at this location and the vehicle involved in fleeing towards Hingham, older model Camry calling party would not leave his information. Officers requesting a Hull unit to assist breaking up the house party. Scituate cruiser to the scene as well. Weymouth PD also responding a wagon to this location. Units beginning to transport to HQ. Cruiser enroute to HQ with one female under arrest. 12 youths have been place in protective custody. A 21-year-old male in protective custody. A 20-year-old male in protective custody. A 19-year-old in protective custody. A 19-year-old male in protective custody. A 20-year-old male in protective custody. A 19-year-old male in protective custody. A 20-year-old male in protective custody. A 20-year-old male in protective custody. A 20-year-old male in protective custody. A 19-year-old male in protective custody. A 19-year-old male in protective custody. A 21-year-old male in protective custody. Arrest: Samantha Wie Zildjian, 19, 127 Nichols Rd., Cohasset. Charges: Selling/delivering liquor to person under 21, person under 21 in possession of liquor, keeping a noisy and disorderly house.

5:45 a.m. a.m. **Lantern Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:24 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, larceny (report), caller reports he would like to see an officer regarding some very expensive property of his that was stolen by youths that were at a party next to his house last night.

9:57 a.m. **Bancroft Way**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicles parking all over the place and would like them tagged. Officer clearing the area multiple vehicles tagged.

10:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle crash, 911 callers reporting a young child has been struck by a pick up truck. Childs parents are on scene and child has been treated by paramedics. Parents will seek further treatment.

11:15 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking, employee from this location called reporting vehicles are parking and walking over to the festival and they are blocking the mail trucks from coming in and out.

11:28 a.m. Assault and battery, walk in party reports he was just assaulted by his ex-wife and has visible injuries. Male is requesting an emergency restraining order. Female is in custody. On-call judge has been paged for emergency order. Cohasset woman arrested on assault and battery charge of A&B.

11:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

1:05 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, parking complaint, caller reports she would like vehicles removed from her property that she asked people not to park there and they did anyway.

3:01 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

3:20 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid.

4:26 p.m. Keep the peace, DSS requesting officer to respond.

5:05 p.m. Medical aid.

5:39 p.m. **North Main St., and Joy Pl.**, property (recovered), walk in party found set of keys on stone post in front of Joy Place Cemetery.

8:24 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, property (recovered), caller reports he found a blue child's bike.

8:46 p.m. **Border St.**, animal complaint, caller reports her dog is missing. Golden Retriever – male.

9:02 p.m. Keep the peace, DSS requesting officer to assist.

9:21 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

9:36 p.m. **Sheldon Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports his dog is missing – black German Shepard male with orange collar.

11:01 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, disturbance, caller reports kids are playing basketball. Officer reports no one at above location – no violation of the law.

11:39 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, officer reports the gates are locked.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

12:37 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, public service, officer reports area all quiet.

12:42 a.m. **Wheelwright Park**, suspicious vehicle, officer reports vehicle and occupants check out ok, they will be leaving the area.

12:47 a.m. **Wheelwright Park**, public service, all quiet.

12:49 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, all quiet.

12:51 a.m. Officer reports all schools check ok all secure.

1:15 a.m. **Elm St.**, disturbance – drunks, caller reports an out of control party at this location, about 15-20 people in the room. Scituate cruiser on scene to assist. All parties have been advised to return to their own rooms for the night. Units clear.

2:57 a.m. **Stanton Rd.**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports a water main break in his yard. Fire Capt. reports this is a major water main break. Water Dept. notified and responding. Fire Capt. requests police to the scene in fear of the ground giving in due to the severity of the break. Water Dept. taking the scene gathering a crew, power has been shut off to the residence and hydrants on this street, will be out of service.

9:28 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic complaint, 911 caller reports lights staying red at intersection.

1:36 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party looking for advise.

2:08 p.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

2:41 p.m. **Bancroft Way**, parking complaint.

3:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard (traffic), 911 caller reports the crossing gates turning into the station parking lot from North Main Street did not go down when the train just came through. MBTA notified and will respond.

4:50 p.m. **South Main St.**, well being check, caller reported elderly males condition should be checked.

6:53 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:52 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:53 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:57 p.m. **Sandy Beach**, building checks.

MONDAY, JUNE 16

12:29 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, caller stated "there is someone at the front door" caller then stated the person was known to them.

12:53 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

4:15 a.m. **Hull St.**, assist other Police Department, Marshfield Police want female party for A&B. Female party hit an ex-boyfriend with a bottle. Female party is in custody. Marshfield Police have the female party. Courtesy booking of Cohasset woman.

6:28 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:37 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, property (recovered), walk in party turned in 2 pieces of ID found in front of the restaurant, ID owner notified, he will be picking them up.

6:45 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

9:38 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:46 a.m. **Red Fox Lane**, hazard (traffic), caller reports someone has tied an extension cord across the street and is concerned someone will get hurt. Officer reports to notify the DPW to remove it, it is up about 15 feet and there is no criminal intent. DPW notified, responding.

1:16 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, large brown and white dog has come into the police station through the back door. ACO notified and is responding.

2:33 p.m. **Elm St.**, parking enforcement, officer to this location to tag vehicles parked on the sidewalk.

4:48 p.m. **Summer St., and South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:43 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, medical aid, transported SSH/ALS.

5:50 p.m. **Mill Lane**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller would like to report motor vehicle always speeding down the street. This party has been asked more than once to slow down. Officer to follow up with the involved party

5:58 p.m. **Sohier St, and Ripley Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports a loose rabbit.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

1:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:06 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

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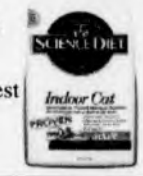
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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6:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:55 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:59 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:23 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:05 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, hazard (traffic), several callers reporting a crew working in the middle of the road painting lines with no detail and they have one side of Beechwood Street closed. Contacted MBTA Police and they do not have any record of this crew calling for a detail and the foreman for Cashman was notified and stated that this crew is not working for them. Sgt. on scene.

11:25 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, hazardous materials, officer on detail reports a hazmat incident, a large truck has blown a hydraulic line and there is fluid all over the road.

1:03 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:11 p.m. **School Buildings**, building checks, officer reports all school buildings check ok.

5:13 p.m. **Pond St.**, animal complaint, caller reports there has been a raccoon the size of a dog in her yard.

5:23 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, minor motor vehicle accident at this location.

8:48 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer wanted, caller reports two men with BB guns at the reservoir shooting at everything. Officer reports there are two teens at this location with a paintball gun and they have been sent on their way.

9:14 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:19 p.m. **Linden Drive**, suspicious activity, caller reports what looks like college kids running up and down the street in and out of people's yards and ringing door bells. Area search negative, spoke to neighbors walking their dogs. Both stated they have not seen or hear anything.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

1:40 a.m. **Grace Drive and Hull St.**, noise complaint, caller reports kids are going in and out of residence making lots of noise.

8:03 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, fire – public service, E1 transporting a group of kids from Lamberts Lane to the Deer Hill School.

9:54 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:06 a.m. Medical aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:21 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, walk in party would like to speak with an officer regarding a stolen check. Officer reports after speaking with the reporting party, the Abington Police are already investigating this. Reported for the log.

12:36 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered), walk in party reports she found a cell phone in the area of Pond Street at Spring Street while walking.

1:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:53 p.m. **James Lane**, fire, investigation, caller reports outside smell of oil, caller also states that construction is being done at the gas station behind her house.

5:16 p.m. **Elm St.**, parking complaint, caller reports cars parked blocking the sidewalks on both sides of Elm Street. Officer reports cars being moved.

5:32 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, child in need of services, caller reports 6-7 year-old boy wearing a blue shirt is darting in and out of traffic. Area search negative.

5:36 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, traffic complaint, 911 caller reports lights and sound are activated but gate is not down. MBTA notified. MBTA states trains at 5:33 and 5:38 were on time. MBTA will inspect gates ASAP.

5:57 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports sick looking raccoon in her driveway.

6:21 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint. Second caller reporting about sick raccoon. Officer on scene to look at the animal.

8:26 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:45 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

1:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:12 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:41 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:14 a.m. **Bayberry Lane**, officer wanted, caller reports she thinks someone may have tried getting into her house last night.

10:45 a.m. **King St., and Rose Hill Lane**, fire, E3 reports a kerosene spill at this location. State Highway notified, E3 requests a truck full of sand.

10:50 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

11:02 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:33 p.m. **Linden Drive**, littering, caller reports there is a large bag of trash – beer bottles in the roadway at above location. Officer reports there is a small bag with broken glass on the side of the road. Contacted DPW.

6:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller reports there is a vehicle parked near the ATM, white male sitting inside the vehicle, caller didn't feel comfortable using the ATM – caller has red hair waiting for officer to arrive. Officer made contact with caller – everything is fine.

5:16 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports his dog ran off, white Lab, male - received another call, dog has been found.

5:55 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:19 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

7:099 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports 8-10 kids carrying beer, walking through the field. Officer reports no one in the area of Wheelwright Park. Officer reports unable to locate any kids in the area.

7:47 p.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports – near the Girl Scout cabin there is a radio and caller saw 2 kids with backpacks go into the woods. Officer reports need to check property through the night.

8:22 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, caller reports there is a vehicle parked in her space. Officer reports caller knows who owns the vehicle – she is going to take car of it.

9:35 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, walk in party reports her dog is missing – a yellow Lab.

10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle all over the road, small pick up truck. Officer checked area – unable to locate.

10:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:04 p.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

1:07 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:07 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:08 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Wheelwright Farm**, dead animal, expired cat. Left message for DPW.

6:39 a.m. **Pine Ridge Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:26 a.m. **North Main St.**, dead animal, dead raccoon.

8:23 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, B&E to motor vehicle, caller reports his vehicle was broken into sometime overnight and several items taken. Vehicle is not at the residence, the owner took the vehicle to work but items have been recovered.

8:41 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, B&E, caller reports the business was broken into overnight and "the place is trashed." Officer requesting a detective to the scene.

9:22 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports both of her vehicles were broken into overnight, one vehicle is still there and her husband had to take the other to work. Stolen out of her vehicle was a GPS and IPod.

10:15 a.m. **Tad Lane**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle was broken into overnight.

12:15 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement, caller reports several vehicles without permits and would like them tagged. 6 vehicles ticketed.

1:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:35 p.m. **North Main St.**, property (recovered), caller reports there is a blue bag at the end of his driveway. Unknown who it belongs to. Bag has shorts and bottle of alcohol in it. Will be held for safekeeping at HQ.

5:47 p.m. **Grace Drive**, warrant services, all units out at above location serving a search warrant for the residence. Arrest: James N. Reichardt, 17, 3 Grace Drive, Cohasset. Charges: Larceny of motor vehicle, malicious damage to motor vehicle, larceny under $250.

6:09 p.m. **Grace Drive**, mutual aid, officer requesting mutual aid from Hull PD. Hull PD enroute to above location to assist with holding a perimeter.

6:45 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, B&E to motor vehicle, caller reports her vehicle was broken into last night. Officer reports nothing taken from vehicle – items were moved around inside vehicle.

7:09 p.m. **Pond St.**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a raccoon up his tree, it has been there for 48 hours, it is not aggressive.

7:11 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a raccoon in her garage.

8:13 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, animal complaint, caller reports a dog followed him home.

8:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller reports her purse was taken from inside above location. She is an employee and feels that another employee stole it.

8:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, caller reports they do not have any electricity – they have to notify PD and Fire – there is no problem at this location. Officer on scene reports – the lights are on – the generator is now working.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

12:10 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious activity, motor vehicle has a group of kids in it, female party screaming, motor vehicle taking right onto Sohier Street, motor vehicle onto Green Street, back to North Main Street, kids enjoying the summer, will be leaving the area.

12:41 a.m. **Jerusalem Road Drive**, motor vehicle stop, male party was lost, gave him directions.

1 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, assist citizen, caller states there is a "young boy hitchhiking" male party is headed from the ball field towards Shaw's. No one in the area now.

1:26 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:26 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:11 a.m. **Bow St.**, suspicious person.

6:12 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:54 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:45 a.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports he witnessed a minor motor vehicle accident at above location. Officer on scene reports property damage – one vehicle left scene – vehicle is an older model red pick up Ford Ranger, headed towards Hull. Given to Hull PD.

11:03 a.m. **Tad Lane**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports items were moved inside his truck – nothing was taken – occurred last night.

11:29 a.m. **Howe Rd.**, B&E of motor vehicle, officer reports – vehicle was broken into on Friday morning, they are reporting it now – nothing was taken from vehicle.

12:57 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports there are several vehicles with no sticker parked at above location.

1:25 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking complaint, made contact with owner of vehicle – he will have vehicle removed.

3:33 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

5:43 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, one in custody. Arrest: Jason P. Moore, 24, 193 Sohier St., Cohasset. Charges: Operating motor vehicle with revoked license.

6:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, walk in party reports a black 4 door motor vehicle operated by a teen cut him off on Route 3A. Area search negative, no matching RMV.

8:05 p.m. **Hull St.**, child in need of services, well being check of a child.

8:28 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious person, multiple callers reporting male knocking on doors soliciting. Officer informed solicitor of the by laws for soliciting.

8:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, parking ticket issued.

9:57 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, services rendered.

10:11 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, motor vehicle stop.

10:31 p.m. **Elm St.**, noise complaint, caller reports loud music, officer reports the concert at the Music Circus will be letting out by 10:30 p.m.





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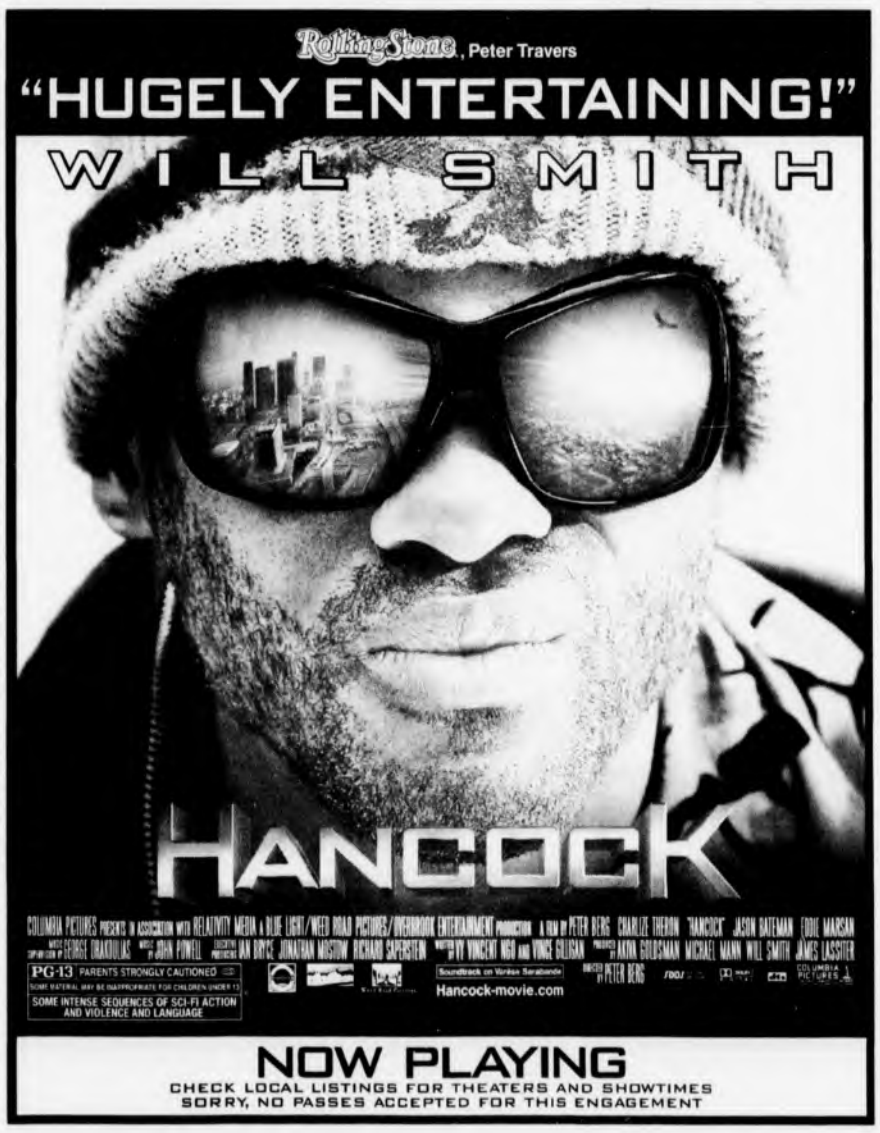
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WORSHIP GUIDE

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

WORSHIP NEWS

Rabbi Joseph in annual Shabbaton

The Synagogue Council of Massachusetts has announced that Rabbi Shira Joseph, who serves as spiritual leader of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham, will be a faculty member of the 11th annual Shabbaton, Wednesday, July 25 through Friday, July 27, at the Holiday Inn in Peabody.

The Shabbaton is an opportunity to study with one of the areas most engaging rabbis. Ordained by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Joseph has co-authored a women's Haggadah, is deeply involved with special needs issues, and was instrumental in the building of one of the few mikvaot located in a Reform synagogue in her former congregation.

Upcoming events at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main Street in Hingham, is offering the following programs.

Hebrew in a Hurry – Learn Hebrew letters in a hurry with instructor Rabbi Shira Joseph. Two sessions: July 14, 21, 28 and Aug. 4, at 11 a.m. or Tuesday July 15, 22, 29, and Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

In four short sessions, you will be able to read basic words and prayers. No prior knowledge of Hebrew is required.

The Crypto Jews of Portugal – Two sessions: Monday, July 14, 21, 28, and Aug. 4, at noon or Tuesday July 15, 22. 28, and Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Study the history of the Secret Jews of Portugal from the 15th century until today. Learn how several hundred survived over the centuries and how they maintained their Jewish traditions while outwardly living a Catholic life. Rabbi Joseph had the privilege of meeting such Jews and she will share their personal accounts, as well as a photo show about the history of the Jewish community, past and present.

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PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS FOR RELEASE WEEK OF JUNE 30, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Before you adventurous Arians charge right into those new projects, take a little time to learn where you'll be going so you can avoid getting lost before you get there.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your time is devoted to career demands through much of the week. But Venus, who rules your sign, might be planning how (and with whom) you'll spend your weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't be put off by the surprising turn in the way your project is developing. You've invested enough time in it to know how to make all the necessary adjustments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The work week goes smoothly for the most part. But a weekend visit to a place in your past could hold surprises for your future, especially where romance is involved.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A sudden attack of shyness for the usually loquacious Lion could be a sign that deep down you're not sure enough about what (or whom) you had planned to talk up in public.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Deal with that job-related problem on-site — that is, at the workplace. Avoid taking it home, where it can spoil those important personal plans you've made.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's a good time to let those favorable comments about your business dealings be known to those in a position to be helpful. Don't hide your light; let it shine.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Avoid added pressure to finish a project on deadline by steering clear of distractions. To put it somewhat poetically: Time for fun — when your tasks are done.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be uneasy about an offer from a longtime colleague. But before you reject it, study it. You might be surprised at what it actually contains.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Deal firmly with a difficult family matter. It's your strength they need right now. You can show your emotions when the situation begins to ease up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A recent dispute with some co-workers might not have been completely resolved. But other colleagues will be only too happy to offer support of your actions.

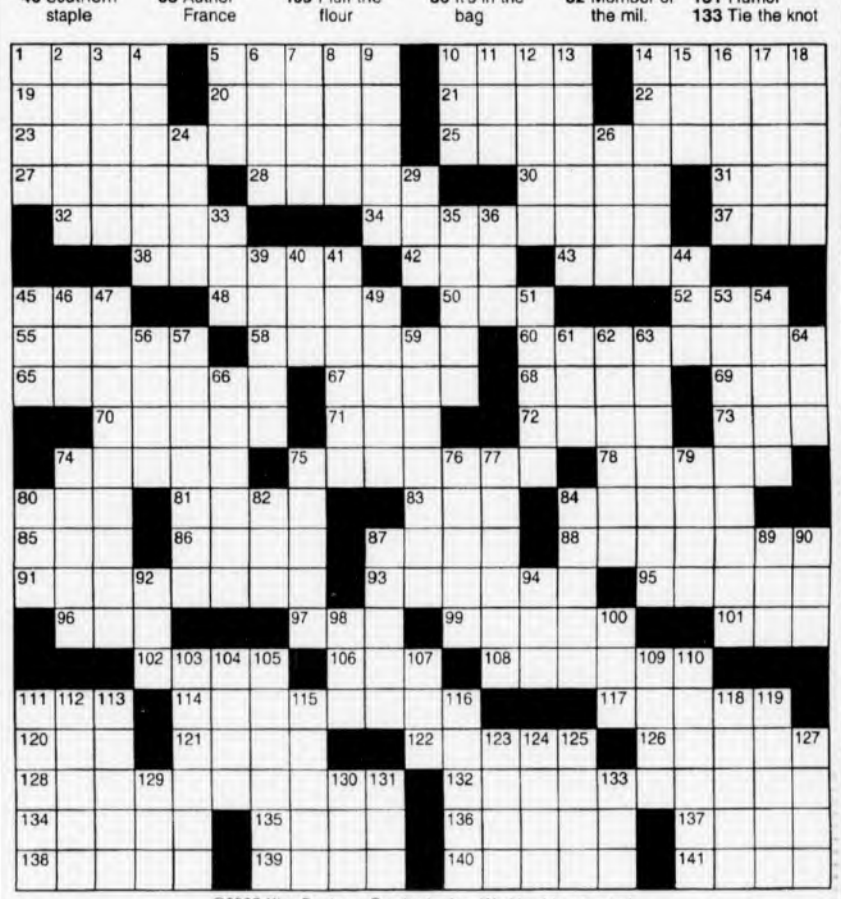
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Let go of that Piscean pride long enough to allow someone to help you with a surprising development. That could make it easier for you to adjust to the change.(c) 2008 King Features Syndicate

BORN THIS WEEK: Your willingness to open up to possibilities is why people like you are often among our most popular political leaders.

Crossword - Cool characters

ACROSS
1 Composer Schifrin
5 Nom de crime?
10 Theatrical Joseph
14 Exclude
19 Way off base?
20 Mete out the minestrone
21 "God's Little —" ('58 film)
22 Lose one's tail?
23 English talk-show host
25 "The Alamo" actor
27 Kitchen utensil
28 Arboreal animal
30 Jai —
31 Trombonist Winding
32 Took a shot at
34 Salve
37 Chinese principle
38 Fit for farming
42 "Ligeia" author
43 Conductor Jeffrey
45 Thurman of "Final Analysis"
48 Southern staple
50 PC key
52 Make wine divine
55 Drives and drives?
58 '87 Warren Beatty film
60 Word game
65 Ol' Blue Eyes' birthplace
67 Church area
68 Apple variety
69 Mauna —
70 Coeur d'—, ID
71 Skater Midori
72 Actress Nell
73 "The King and I" refrain
74 Subordinate to
75 "It Was a Good Day" rapper
78 Pithy
80 Hazel's boss
81 Add color
83 Quiet — mouse
84 Jeweler's weight
85 Novelist Kobo
86 "— homo"
87 Neighbor of Neb.
88 Author France
91 Film site
93 Forceful
95 Neiman or Anderson
96 — Dinh Diem
97 Broadway letters
99 Director von Stroheim
101 Curly poker?
102 Singer Wooley
106 TV's "My — Dads"
107 Swift savages
111 — Cob, CT
114 Strauss opera
117 Japanese porcelain
120 Recite a soliloquy
121 Pants measurement
122 Addis —
126 Mythical weeper
128 "Poetry Man" singer
132 "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" star
134 A Muse
135 California resort
136 Become boring
137 Warty one
138 Talk out of
139 Fluff the flour
140 Used a whetstone
141 Humorist Bombeck

DOWN
1 The Four —
2 Expect
3 Sweetheart
4 "Twelfth Night" role
5 Landon or Kjellin
6 Ulrich of Metallica
7 Matinee —
8 As well
9 Brief brawl
10 Part of PST
11 Cologne cry
12 Paris' pop
13 Small shot
14 One of the Clintons
15 Yalie
16 Like some sweaters
17 Dwight's competition
18 Varnish ingredient
24 Mailer's "The — Park"
26 Natalie's sister
29 With-it
33 Mr. Hammarskjold
35 — Dame
36 It's in the bag
39 Feta marinade
40 Fleur-de- —
41 Racial
44 Jug part
45 "Gross!"
46 Bovine bellow
47 "Wozzeck" composer
49 Chihuahua or Tabasco
51 Freighter
53 "My Little Margie" star
54 Ham up "Hamlet"
56 Pleat
57 Singer Davis
59 Guacamole base
61 This instant
62 "The Kitchen God's Wife" author
63 Common
64 Cul-de- —
66 Physicist Fermi
74 Metropolitan
75 Stuff
76 Grammarian's concern
77 High-rise building?
79 Be important
80 Irate
82 Member of the mil.
84 Snag
87 Crab's expression
89 Card game
90 Spud bud
92 Ring stats
94 Long or Peeples
98 Hwy.
100 — polloi
103 Port
104 New York county
105 Met men
107 Slangy suffix
109 Word form for "all"
110 Sault — Marie, MI
111 Like Batman
112 Paint pigment
113 Summer ermine
115 Dog star
116 Humiliate
118 Turbine part
119 Steel support
123 Palo —, CA
124 Comic Orson
125 Ferris-wheel feature
127 The Valkyries' mom
129 When Satie sweltered
130 Klutz
131 Humor
133 Tie the knot



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Sudoku

	4		5		9		6	
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	2			8		6		
		7	3				5	
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Level: Hoo Boy

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Magic Maze - Brainy Words

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S E B O L M K U I F D B E S Y
W U L U S A K Q O M K I T E E
F D I C D S T H G U O H T V H
B Z X N I X W N L A I N A R C
U S I C E R E B E L L U M E Y
Q M O T N G T L J M H F Y N S
D C R G N I K N I H T A E Y P
W O V T L A R B E R E C R S Q
C P N L K I H F E V C B G Z Y

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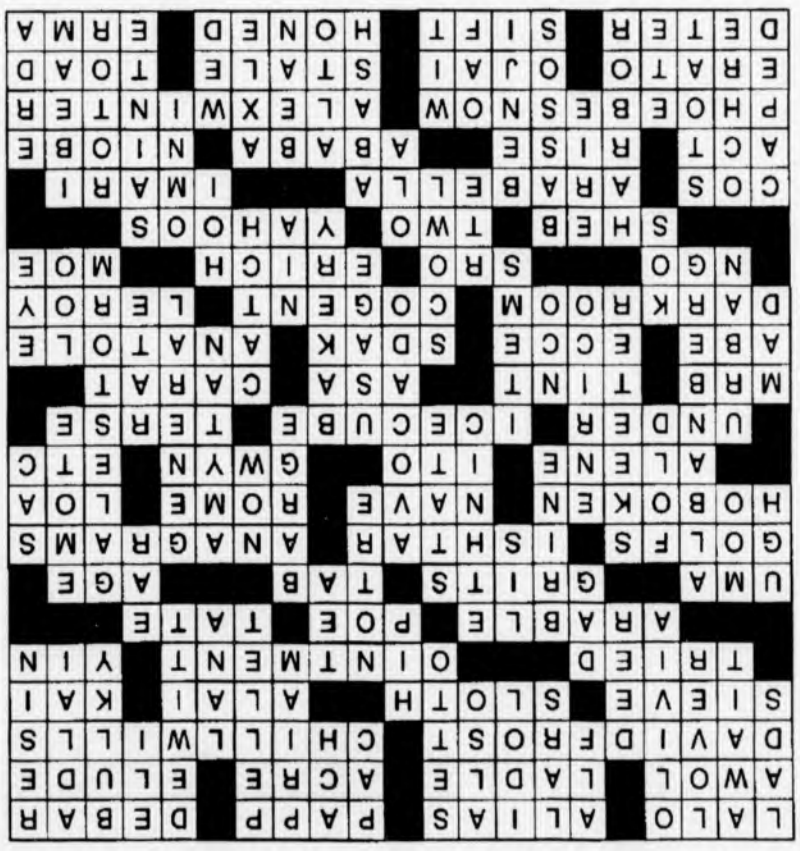
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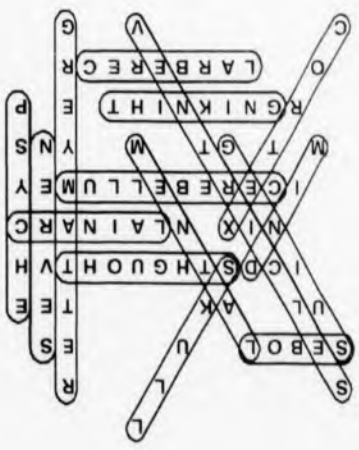
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Crossword Solution - Cool characters



Magic Solution - Brainy Words



Sudoku Solution

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2	5	1	6	4	3	7	9	8
9	7	6	5	1	8	4	2	3
3	1	9	4	7	2	6	5	8
7	4	5	3	8	1	9	6	2
8	6	2	9	6	5	3	4	7

TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

JULY 3-11, 2008



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BEST BET

Cohasset Garden overlooks the ocean. One of the gardens on the 27th Annual Garden tour, South Shore Natural Science Center, July 9

The 27th Annual South Shore Natural Science Center Garden Tour "Through the Garden Gate" will be held on Wednesday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and features eight gardens in Norwell, Scituate, North Marshfield and in Cohasset. Meander among a Cohasset garden overlooking the ocean, the wonderful wildflower garden maintained by the Scituate Garden Club at the historic Mann House in Scituate, a garden with a pond full of more than 20 fish and an English knot garden hidden from busy Route 123. It is a self-guided tour. Advance tickets cost $18 members, $20 non-members and $25 tickets day of the tour. To purchase tickets contact the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, July 3

The **Abigail Adams Birthplace Museum,** 180 Norton St., N. Weymouth is open for the summer season through Labor Day (Sept. 1) - Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon to 3 p.m. Admission: $5 per adult/$1.for children under 12 For further information or to make an appointment for a tour not within the regularly schedule times, please call 781-335-4205 or email aahs1947@yahoo.com.

Susan Willey, a Quincy, based bookkeeper and Quick Books expert, will be the featured speaker at the weekly breakfast meeting of **The President's Club Chapter of Business Network International** (BNI), July 3 at 7 a.m. The President's Club Chapter of BNI is comprised of leading business people The group meets weekly on Thursday mornings from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Grove Manor, 160 Grove St. Braintree. Visitors are welcome. Information, contact Club President Larry Czech at 781-356-1440 or by email at lczech@czechcpa.com.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 3, **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 3, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage cafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2008 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. **July 3, Legion Bud Band**

Friday, July 4

Hingham's July Fourth parade Everyone is invited to the First Baptist Church's front lawn at 85 Main St., You will also appreciate the choice of tents, sunshine or shade trees, church supplied chairs, the sociality of a continental breakfast in the downstairs Memorial Hall, and several restrooms All are welcome.

New England Singles Dance Friday, July 4, 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington, MA. Sandwich and Salad Bar. $10.

Abigail Adams Birthplace 180 Norton St., North Weymouth opens for the season Friday, July 4 through Labor Day Saturday and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment $5 per adult/$1 for children under 12. 781-335-4205.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 4 **Apex Groove** 781-829-6999.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles. 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until September.

Halifax in Lights, fireworks behind Halifax Elementary School, Route 106 at 9:15 p.m.

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Saturday, July 5

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Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight **every Saturday night Karaoke**. No cover. 781-740-0688.

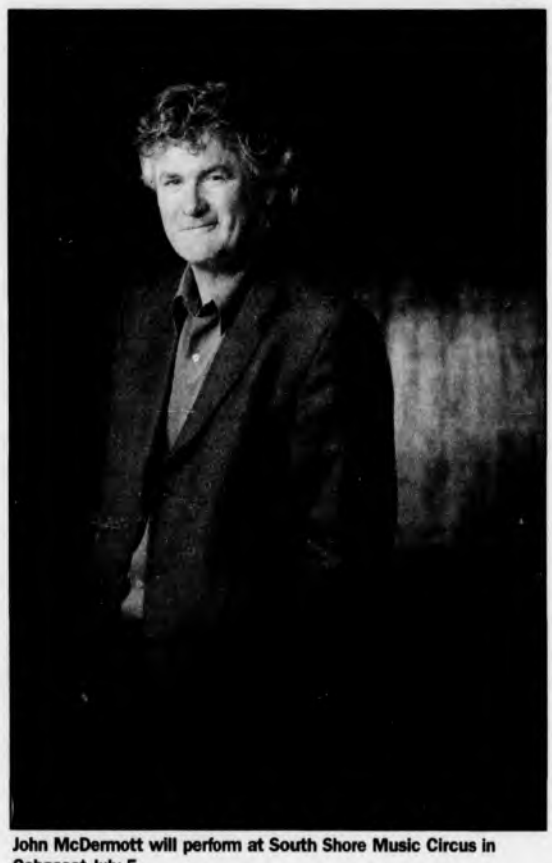
South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset July 5, 8 p.m. **An evening with John McDermott.** Ticket information 617-931-2787 www.themusic-circus.org

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Born to sing

John McDermott coming to the Music Circus

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



John McDermott will perform at South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset July 5.

Growing up in Toronto as one of the 12 children of Peter and Hope McDermott, John McDermott performed at many Saturday night house parties hosted by his parents for family and any neighbors who stopped by. When the Scottish-born singer takes the stage this Saturday at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset and Sunday at the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis, he expects a bigger audience, but a similarly comfortable experience.

"There doesn't seem to be any border or a stage when I'm singing for an audience. It's like being in the basement again and singing together with the family," explained McDermott by telephone last week from Toronto. "I grew up singing and, for a long time, I thought everybody did. We emigrated from Glasgow, but wherever we lived, Saturday nights were always about singing. My mom and dad introduced us to music early, so all of us kids could sing a verse or two of 'Scotland the Brave' or 'Green Isle.' My song was usually 'Danny Boy" and I sang it with pride, because even as a kid I knew what a powerful song it was."

Powerful enough that "Danny Boy" became the title song on McDermott's 1992 debut album, which went double platinum and began his transformation from circulation sales representative at the Toronto Sun newspaper to international recording artist.

"In 1991, I recorded 12 songs for the 12 kids in my family as a 50th anniversary present for my parents. The tape was made up of 12 songs that my brothers and sisters and I had sung on Saturday nights at home. The tape sat on the shelf for a year, before finally ending up at EMI Music Canada, thanks to Billy Cole, a guitarist friend of mine who has worked with The Rolling Stones. The label liked the music and released the album on November 10, 1992, which just happened to be the Marine Corps birthday."

The coincidence proved fateful for McDermott, 53, who has worked on behalf of veterans throughout his career, and whose extended family has a long history of military service.

"My father was a veteran and two of my cousins were killed in Vietnam, so I feel a great deal of respect for the men and women who put their lives on the line for the sake of their country. I have always dedicated a significant portion of my shows to veterans, and much of the music I sing really speaks to the veterans' experience," said McDermott.

He is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's Bob Hope Award; an honorary member of The War Amps, a Canadian organization that helps amputees; and a longtime supporter of the Boston-based New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans.

"When you perform you're looking into the faces of men and women who have been affected by one or more of the wars over the last 50 years. The music we do, and the way we do it, is a simple matter of respect to these people," he said.

McDermott began to gain a following when he opened for The Chieftains, and before long was headlining his own concerts in Canada and the United States. In the late 1990s, McDermott joined Anthony Kearns and Ronan Tynan to form "The Irish Tenors." The trio, who gained prominence when PBS aired a 1998 Dublin concert, toured Ireland and the U.S., and earned a gold record in the process. Although the group now features different members, McDermott and Tynan have begun to appear together again.

For his local concerts this week, McDermott, who divides his time between Toronto and Boston, will be joined by fiddler Rosie McKenzie, formerly of Cape Breton's The Cotters, and Belfast's Eammon Dillon on the Irish pipes.

McDermott is hoping his Hyannis stop might reunite him with a good friend who lives in the area.

"I had been hoping to see Senator Kennedy when we played the Melody Tent. He's been wonderful to me over the years. Knowing what I do for veterans, Teddy has invited me many times to sing at the Kennedy Library in Boston and also at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

"Were he well, I would have expected to see him on the Cape. And perhaps I still will."

John McDermott will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier Street, Cohasset, on July 5. For tickets and information, visit the box office or call 617-931-2787. McDermott will be at the Melody Tent, 21 West Main St., Hyannis, on July 6. For tickets and information, visit the box office or call 1-800-347-0808.

Movie review

A doll of fame performance

Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (B+)

Film Review
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The Kittredge family (Abigail Breslin, Julia Ormond, Chris O'Donnell) share some sad-happy times during the Depression.

Abigail Breslin is a living doll in "Kit Kittredge: An American Girl," but her character is nothing to toy with.

Rather, she's to be feared, especially if you're a petty criminal or Dakota Fanning, whose reign as America's No. 1 tweener is officially usurped by the precocious Breslin, spectacular as a Depression-Era Mother Teresa tending to the poor and disadvantaged of Cincinnati.

So what if Kit's based on something made of crude oil-based synthetics and comes prepackaged with a smarmy back story courtesy of the folks at Mattel; on celluloid, this doll is keeping it real.

The big winners, though, are the ticket buyers, most likely girls between the ages of 8 and 13 and their relieved mothers, who can enter a theater confident their impressionable daughters won't be exposed to, mayhem and naughty bits.

This baby is as G as G can get, and it's still, pardon the vulgarity, pretty damn entertaining, thanks to a script by Ann Peacock ("Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," aka the good "Narnia") that's unabashedly old-fashioned, yet tremendously affecting.

Peacock pulls no punches in depicting the harsh realities of the Depression, a time, like now, in which millions lost jobs, homes, savings and dignity.

Familiar fodder to be sure, but other than "Paper Moon," I can't think of another film that so effectively captures the era from a child's perspective; nor one that so appreciates the unbridled optimism of youth.

Breslin's Kit sees despair everywhere she looks, including school, where the 10-year-old's far less sensitive peers mock and tease classmates whose families have fallen on hard times. Yet, the girl never loses her smile or her gumption, especially when it comes to fulfilling her dream of becoming a reporter for the Cincinnati Register.

If only she could get the paper's snooty editor (Wallace Shawn) to take her seriously. She's written enterprising articles about the downtrodden inhabiting the "Hobo Jungle," a community she and her jobless parents (Chris O'Donnell and Julia Ormond) soon may be calling home if Dad, a car dealer, can't find work in Chicago.

True to her love of reporting, Kit has developed a sharply observant eye, which might come in handy in solving a crime wave being blamed on a couple of vagabond kids (Max Thieriot and Willow Smith, daughter of Will) her mother hired to do odd chores around their makeshift rooming house.

Among the borders are a loopy librarian (Joan Cusack), a suave magician (Stanley Tucci), a husband-hunting dancer (Jane Krakowski) and a snobby neighbor (Glenne Headly) forced to eat crow and move in with the Kittredges with her big-eared son, Stirling (Zach Mills).

Might one of them be the thief who's been pilfering heirlooms and mortgage payments? Or is it one of the hobos? Kit, Stirling and Kit's best pal, Ruthi (Madison Davenport) are determined to find out. And as they sleuth, director Patricia Rozema ("Mansfield Park") presents a touching portrait of families torn apart by an economy in free fall.

Rozema makes no bones about tugging on the old heartstrings, either, putting a very human face on a time most kids know only through boring history books.

It's Breslin, though, who sells it best with her dynamite mix of pixie dust and intelligence, creating a heroine for the ages. And all ages.

Rated G. "Kit Kittredge: An American Girl" contains no objectionable material.



BEST BET

Photographs by Paul Cary Goldberg will be featured at the Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury during July and August. A reception to meet the artist will be held at the Gallery on Saturday, July 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. 781-934-2721.

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Sunday, July 6

The 75th Pilgrim Breakfast sponsored by the **Plymouth Antiquarian Society** will take place at the 1677 Harlow Old Fort House in Plymouth on Sunday, July 6, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Costumed servers dish out piping hot fishcakes, scrambled eggs, baked beans, old-fashioned spider cake (cornbread), muffins, relishes and other tasty fare, while strolling singers share songs, riddles and 17th century cheer. There also will be demonstrations of spinning, children's activities for ages 4 and up, and free tours of the Harlow House, featuring the newly restored cooper's shop. **Local artisan Gil Burns** will demonstrate the traditional craft of chair caning. Tickets are a donation of $10 per person but only $9 for members. Family discounts are available. For information or directions, call 508-746-0012.

Cornerstone Lodge, 585 Washington St., Duxbury. **All you can eat breakfast buffet**, from 8 to 11:30 a.m., **July 6.** Menu: scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, toast, English muffins, baked beans, juice and coffee. Pancakes and French toast cooked to order. Adults $7, seniors $6, children age 12 and under $5. **Open to the public.**

Sunday night concerts at the Hanover Bandstand, B. Everett Hall Field, Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover. Every Sunday night 7 to 8:30 p.m. **July 6, The O'Reilly's** will perform.

Monday, July 7

North River Arts Society presents an exhibit of oil paintings by **Kelley Carey MacDonald** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Marshfield through Aug. 15.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,400 south shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. We offer a safe place for healing and encouragement as you start a new chapter of your life. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by a short business meeting and social time prior to the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. Information: call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com All are welcome.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Monday, **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, July 8

La Leche League Meeting provides information, encouragement and support. Mothers and mothers-to-be who would like to learn more about the normal course of breastfeeding are invited to attend this month's meeting on Tuesday, July 8 at 7 p.m. at Mamas Move Wellness and Fitness Center, 45 Pond St., (Route 228), Norwell. Babies are welcome. Other LLL services include a lending library and 24-hour telephone help. For information, call Christie 781-740-7808, Kathleen 781-749-2404, or Heather 781-544-9230.

The Wellness Community at Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St. Hanover. **Newcomers Orientation** - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Adults with cancer, family members and friends are invited to join the one-hour overview of services to learn more about the variety of programs offered free of charge. No appointment necessary. 781-829-4823.

The Buttonwood Book Group for Adults will meet on July 8, at 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "Cat's Eye" by Margaret Atwood. The facilitator is Ms. Sarah Duffield. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. Call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 if you have any questions.

Photographs by Paul Cary Goldberg will be featured at the **Helen Bumpus Gallery,** located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury during July and August. A reception to meet the artist will be held at the Gallery on Saturday, July 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. 781-934-2721.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County presents a **free legal clinic** from 6 to 8 p.m. July 8 at Quincy District Court. A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For information contact Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. **Every Tuesday, Wicked Trivia** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 781-829-6999.

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, out on the deck (weather permitting) July 8, 7:30 p.m. **Drift Away**, 781-925-1115.

Wednesday, July 9

The 27th Annual South Shore Natural Science Center Garden Tour "Through the Garden Gate" will be held on Wednesday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and features eight gardens in Norwell, Scituate, North Marshfield and in Cohasset. Meander among a Cohasset garden overlooking the ocean, the wonderful wildflower garden maintained by the Scituate Garden Club at the historic Mann House in Scituate, a garden with a pond full of over 20 fish and an English knot garden hidden from busy Route 123. It is a self-guided tour. Advance tickets cost $18 members, $20 non-members and $25 tickets day of the tour. To purchase tickets contact the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands is sponsoring four Wednesday sunset cruises throughout the summer: Grape Island on July 9; Bumpkin Island on July 23; Peddocks Island on Aug. 6; and Lovells Island on Aug. 20. On each evening the boat leaves at 6pm from Rowes Wharf Water Transport in downtown Boston (behind the Boston Harbor Hotel) and returns there at 9 p.m. Visitors may either explore on their own, or take a guided tour. Bring a picnic supper; there is no food sold on the boat or the island. Restroom facilities are available on each island and on the boat. Information about Friends activities visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290. The cost is $20 for adults, $18 for seniors and Friends of the Boston Harbor Island members, $16 for children (3 to 12), and babies travel for free. Advance purchase recommended.

Abington Summer Concert Series at the Catherine and Joseph Nisby Bandstand July 9, at 7 p.m. **Abington Community Band.** In the event of rain, concerts will be held at the Abington Senior Center, 441 Summer St.

River Run Concert Series Wednesday night free summer concert series July 9, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., **2 Chix & A Drum** in Pilgrim Memorial Park (South Park location), on the Plymouth waterfront at the intersection of Water and Leyden streets. On clear nights Bill Luzader from the Plymouth Planetarium sets up a telescope for stargazers. Families and children are welcome to attend and are encouraged to tbring a blanket and/or lawn chairs. www.projectarts.com. 508-747-7727.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. **Every Wednesday DJ Big Daddy Ray** 781-829-6999.

The Snug Pub, 114 North St., Hingham. July 9, at 8:30 p.m. **Drift Away.** 781-749-9744.

Thursday, July 10

The Dickinson Gallery, at 1132 Main St., in Weymouth, has designated **George Murray** of Weymouth as their "featured artist" for July 1 through July 15. In addition to George Murray's work, the gallery will show the work of 15 other Massachusetts artists, including **Stephen Boczanowski, Edwina Caci, Donald Dickinson, Kathy Ferrara, Roger Gill, George Hartley, Stephen H. Holland, Sally J. McCarthy, Diane Panerelli Miller, George Murray, Christopher Myers, Daniel Myers, Anet Paglierani, and Isabel Shamitz.** Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. 781-331-3384, www.dickinsonarrt-gallery.com.

The Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will meet July 10, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "The Time Travelers" by Linda Buckley-Archer. This book was previously published as "Gideon The Cutpurse." The facilitator is Ms. Shelley Sommer. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. Please join us. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 if you have questions.

Borders, 255 Grossman Drive, Braintree, Author **Jennifer Haigh**, reading and signing of "The Condition," July 10, 7 p.m. 781-356-5111.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 10 **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St. Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.



Members of the quintet competing in the Boston Pops 2008 High School sing-off are Brianna Shetler, Meghan Ryan, Michael Ryan, Adam Randall and Kirsten Shetler.

Pops High School Sing Off competition narrowed to three

Winner to perform with Boston Pops on Fourth of July

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

A quintet of students from Braintree and North Quincy High School is among the three finalists in the first ever Boston Pops High School Sing Off: A Best of Broadway Challenge.

The quintet is comprised of Adam Randall, Meghan Ryan, and Michael Ryan, all from Braintree High School, and Brianna Shetler and Kirsten Shetler, from North Quincy High School. Their winning performance was "One Day More" from "Les Misérables."

They will compete against Katie Mayhew, from Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, who sang "Being Alive" from "Company;" Samara Oster, from Milton Academy, who sang "Your Daddy's Son" from "Ragtime" at a July 1 Boston Pops concert, under the direction of Conductor Keith Lockhart.

The High School Sing Off winner will perform July 3 and 4 as part of the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular.

The three finalists were chosen from six semi-finalists who performed with The Boston Pops June 17 and 18. The Boston Pops High School Sing-Off invited vocalists from across Massachusetts to submit audition tapes of their performances of pieces from the musical theater repertoire. Approximately 250 entries were received, and the field was narrowed to the top 22 soloists and ensembles, who then performed live in Symphony Hall June 2. From those 22, the six semi-finalists were selected.

The Boston Pops High School Sing-Off is sponsored by Fidelity Investments.

For more information, go online at bostonpops.org.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 10, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Hoodoo Revelator Blues Jam** open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage-cafe.com myspace.com/satch-snewbluesrevue

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2008 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. July 10, **Don Besegais Big Band.**

Friday, July 11

Evenings Under the Stars Festival Orchestra, opening concert **Nicholas Palmer** conducting. The concert will feature Shijun Wang, 2007 Duxbury Music Festival solo competition winner, performing Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-flat Minor, op 23. Orchestra selections will include Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake Overture and 1812 Overture, Music from the Movies, Pops Classics and John Philip Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever. Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St., Duxbury. **July 11 at 7 p.m.** Tickets $25 available online at www.duxburymusicfestival.org or at 781-749-7565 ext. 51 and at the South Shore Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles. 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until September.

New England Singles Dance, July 11, 8 p.m. to midnight Sheraton Braintree Hotel Grand Ballroom, Route. I-93 at Exit 6, Braintree, DJ. $12.

Asian C Restaurant & Lounge, Hingham July 11, Trina Aitken-ron Bosse Duo.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 11 **Six Foot Sunday** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 11. **The Mudskippers**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage-cafe.com myspace.com/satch-snewbluesrevue

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. July 11, 8 p.m. **comedian Brad Garrett.** Ticket information: 617-931-2787 or www.themusiccircus.org

The Sharp Cats perform at The Pub in the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor on Friday and Saturday, July 11 and 12, at 8:30 p.m. featuring **Yury and Sharon Shenkar,** the duo plays a variety of popular music, including rock and roll, blues, jazz and dance tunes. For details, call The Pub at 508-591-5036.

Fourth of July events

THE BROCKTON FAIR – returns for its 134th year July 2-13. Lively and exciting entertainment for all ages. In addition to the midway full of rides, other featured entertainment will include a magic show, demolition derby and fireworks displays. For information, visit www.brocktonfair.com.

HALIFAX IN LIGHTS – Celebration starts at 10 a.m. Events to be held all day into the evening. **Fireworks** display, at 9:15 p.m. July 4, behind Halifax Elementary School, Route 106, Halifax. www.town.halifax.ma.us/halifaxinlights.html

HINGHAM – Roadrace, 7 a.m. **Parade** July 4, 10 a.m. **Fireworks** on July 5 at about 9 p.m. at the Hingham Bathing Beach (rain date July 6). **The Hingham Historical Society's Old Time Base Ball Game** July 5. at Derby Academy's Talbot Field the Hingham Coopers and the Hingham Derbys will reprise their epic battle of last September when the mighty Derbys drove the brave Coopers to humbling defeat, scoring 10 runs against the Coopers hard-won 5. The game starts at 5 p.m. and ends around 7 p.m., giving fans plenty of time to take the short walk from Derby Academy to the beach in time for the Hingham fireworks at 9 p.m.

PLYMOUTH – The annual celebration will begin at 9 a.m. on July 4, with the parade from Hedge Road to Court Street, Main Street, Main Street Extension, Water Street to Memorial Hall. At 7:30 p.m., the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra will perform at Plymouth Memorial State Park, followed by fireworks at 9 p.m. www.july4thplymouth.org.

Send your calendar news to ddinsmore@cnc.com



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The 75th Pilgrim Breakfast sponsored by the Plymouth Antiquarian Society will take place at the 1677 Harlow Old Fort House in Plymouth on Sunday, July 6, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Costumed servers dish out piping hot fishcakes, scrambled eggs, baked beans, old-fashioned spider cake (cornbread), muffins, relishes and other tasty fare, while strolling singers share songs, riddles and 17th century cheer. There also will be demonstrations of spinning, children's activities for ages 4 and up, and free tours of the Harlow House, featuring the newly restored cooper's shop. Local artisan Gil Burns will demonstrate the traditional craft of chair caning. Tickets are a donation of $10 per person but only $9 for members. Family discounts are available. For information or directions, call 508-746-0012.

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Legion team fights for playoff spot



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Rec offers summer fun



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'Grease' is the word!

CDC production on stage next weekend

By Nancy White
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Poodle skirts. Leather jackets. Slicked back hair. The jive. Young love.

This summer, "Grease" is the word.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club is bringing back a taste of the 1950s with its summer production of the enduring musical now enjoying a revival on Broadway, "Grease."

"This is our biggest show ever," says director Lisa Pratt. Following last summer's monster success of "High School Musical On Stage" more kids than ever wanted to get involved in the CDC's summer program. When the cast number reached 65 they had to start turning people away.

For five years running, the CDC has put on a summer drama program in conjunction with Cohasset Recreation and each year it has gotten bigger and bigger. What started with 20 kids putting on "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" has turned into a powerhouse summer production — and this year will be no exception.

The cast has been working hard to put on a polished show when the curtain goes up next Friday, July 18. The lead

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Andrew Devitre, 18 left, takes Rebecca Dickinson, 16 (back seat of car), for a ride while the "greasers" and Pink Ladies stand by a 1957 Chevy. Front row from left are: Ian Porter, 16, Logan Pratt, 15, and Madison Rockwell, 16. Back row from left are: Ryan Barrow, 19, Miranda Rich, 16, Mark Seraikas, 16, McCauley Braun, 15, Charlie Morse, 15, and Will McDonald, 15.

Wind turbines on the horizon

Public forum Wednesday, July 16

By Nancy White
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Is Cohasset ready for a wind turbine?

All indications are pointing to yes.

In the next year, whether ready or not, a wind turbine in Cohasset is a distinct possibility.

Town Meeting set the stage for commercial sized wind turbines with the unanimous passing of a zoning bylaw regulating the renewable energy technology. Preliminary data collected over the last year on Turkey Hill indicates Cohasset has "good wind." On a broader scale,

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New face for old place

Stoneworks by CCNightscape uses 'magic concrete'

By Nancy White
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The gray expanse of aging concrete can be an eyesore whether it is at a pool, a walkway, stairs or a retaining wall. When people think concrete, they usually think boring.

But, when Charlie Callahan sees concrete all he notices are the possibilities. That's because Callahan is the owner of Stoneworks by CCNightscape based in Cohasset can transform aging concrete into what he calls a masterpiece. Using what can only he terms as "magic concrete" Callahan is giving old places, new faces all over the South Shore.

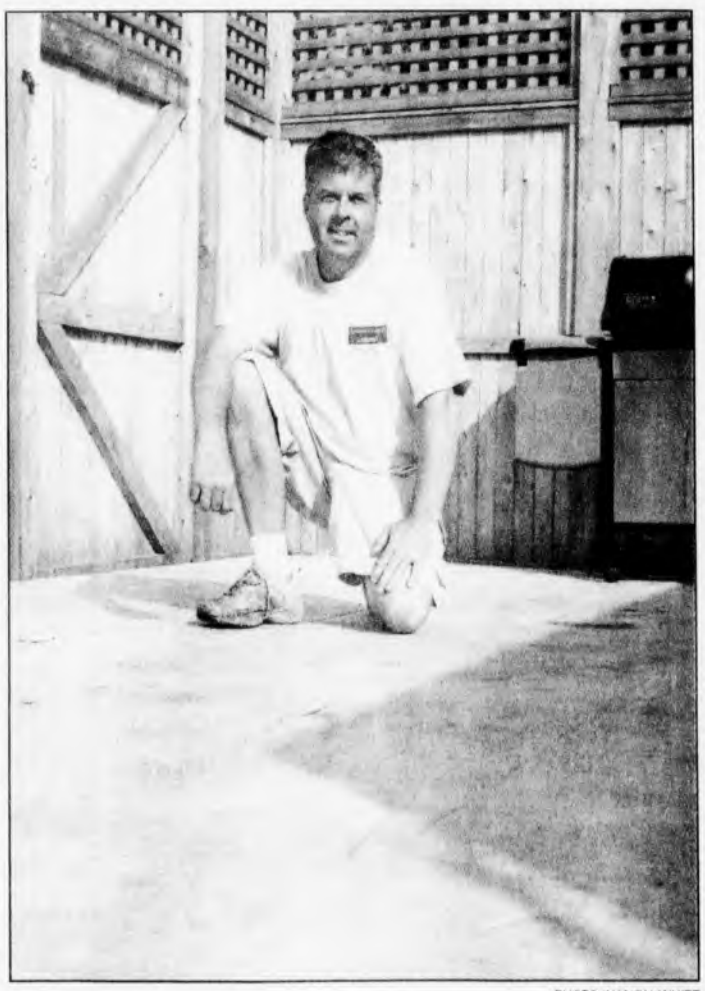
Last week, Callahan created a new look for one corner of the Cohasset Swim Center. Using a polymer and resin enhanced product that bonds to concrete, Callahan can transform the bland gray of concrete to a space with an "old world" feel.

At the swim center, Callahan was hired to re-surface the outdoor shower as well a new patio space created when a new fence was installed last year.

Board of Managers member TJ O'Brien said the surface of the shower has worn away around the pebbles of the concrete so it actually was painful for the kids to stand on.

Now, the shower stall surface is smooth to the touch and, with the use of faux finishing, has a rich brown color. Behind the shower, where

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Charlie Callahan, owner of Stoneworks by CCNightscape, shows off the recently completed patio space at the Cohasset Swim Center. Using a polymer and resin enhanced product, Callahan can turn the bland gray of concrete into something really special.

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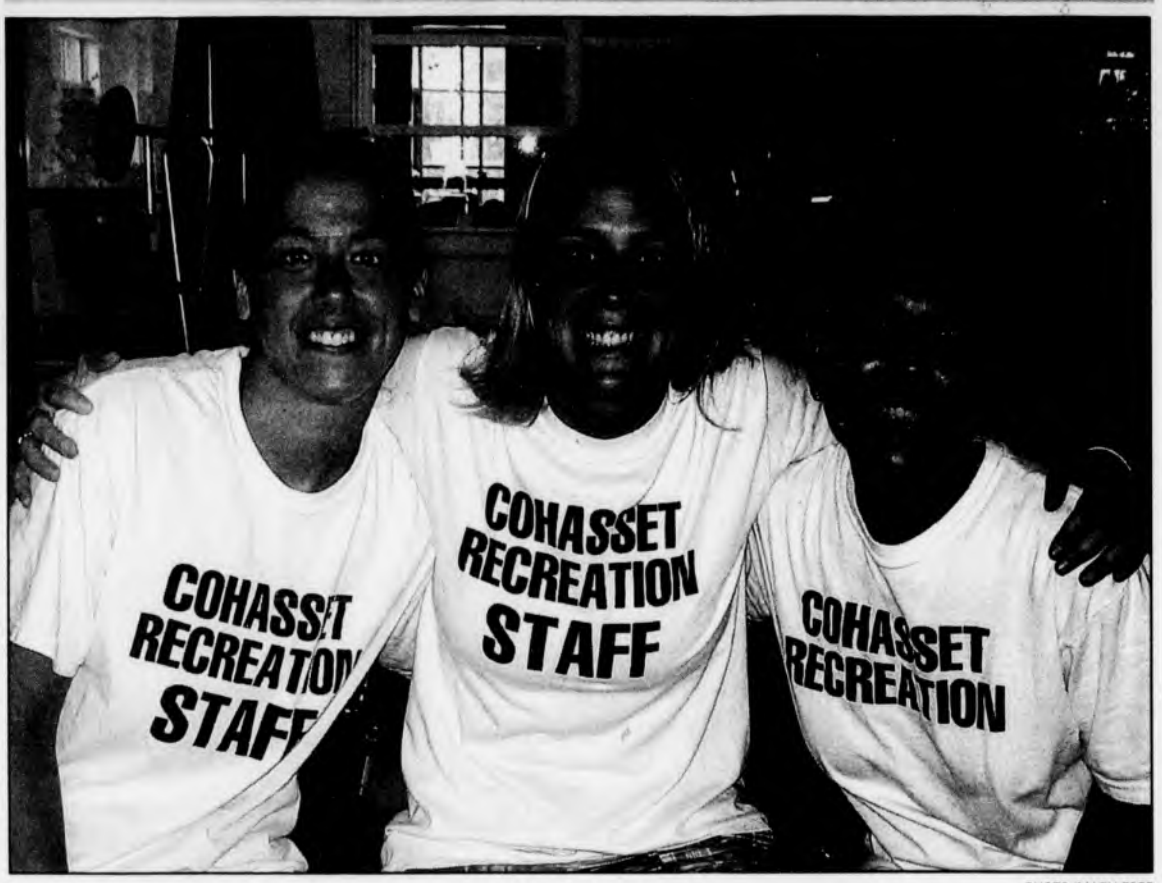
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PICTURE THIS/Lindsey McDonald, Kim Bonner & Paulina McDonald



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The Mariner caught up with Cohasset Recreation Department Summer Playground camp coordinators, Lindsey McDonald, Kim Bonner, and Paulina McDonald at the Deer Hill School this week. For summer camp photos, see page 22.

Names: Lindsey McDonald, Kim Bonner and Paulina McDonald.

Occupation: Guidance counselor (Lindsey). Fifth-grade teacher (Kim). Substitute teacher and Mom (Paulina).

Best day of your life: The day I was hired as a guidance counselor, the hard work of taking all those classes had finally paid off (Lindsey). This past birthday (Kim). The days that John, Hope, Christopher and Rose were born (Paulina).

Best vacation: Cruise to Bermuda. My entire family went, and it was a great time (Lindsey). Weekends with my family at our summerhouse in Maine (Kim).

Worst vacation: Last summer, Old Orchard Beach (not a place for children!) (Paulina).

Favorite season: Summer followed closely by fall (Lindsey). Summer (Kim). Fall (Paulina).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Lindsey and Kim). Halloween (Paulina).

Favorite junk food or meal: Pringles (Lindsey). Nachos (Kim). My favorite meal is anything my mother cooks at our weekly Sunday lunch (Paulina).

Favorite artist/group or music: I love all music! (Lindsey). Country (Kim). Queen (Paulina).

Best book: "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult and all of the Harry Potters (Lindsey). "All Souls" by Michael Patrick Macdonald (Kim). "The Giving Tree." by Shel Silverstein (Paulina).

Best movie: "Crash" (Lindsey). "Grease" (Kim). "Pirates of the Caribbean" (Paulina).

Best TV show: "The Office" (Lindsey). "Wipeout" (Kim). Anything on the cooking network (Paulina).

Pet peeve: Habitually late people (Kim). Children whining (Paulina).

Fun Fact: I'm an identical twin; she used to work at Cohasset Rec, too (Lindsey).

Dumbest thing you've ever done: Tripping on the cobblestones in Faneuil Hall while wearing high heels and knocking my tooth out! (Kim). I have done so many dumb and embarrassing things that my husband has a nickname for me which is too embarrassing to repeat. I am an accident waiting to happen, but in a good way (Paulina).

Goal: Eventually to open my own summer sports camp (Lindsey). To have a former student approach me years from now and tell me how I made a difference in their life (Kim). My goal right now is to keep my children safe and happy. I also hope that I will be able to see them all graduate from college and have children of their own (Paulina).

Person you'd most like to meet: Ellen DeGeneres, she's hysterical! (Lindsey). Princess Di (Kim). I'd like to meet President Bush and just ask him "Why?" (Paulina).

Biggest worry: Currently, my car breaking down at an inopportune time (Lindsey). Not achieving my goals (Kim). The rising cost of oil and how people are going to be able to keep warm this winter, it really scares me (Paulina).

Best part of Cohasset: Cohasset recreation! (Lindsey and Kim). J J's Ice cream. My sister and I do a count down every year waiting for them to open (Paulina).

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

July	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 10	5:42	8.4	6:09	8.9	11:41	1.0	—	—
Sunrise: 5:16 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:20 p.m.*			
Fri. 11	6:38	8.0	7:00	8.7	12:20	1.1	12:33	1.5
Sunrise: 5:17 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:20 p.m.*			
Sat. 12	7:36	7.7	7:52	8.7	1:18	1.3	1:25	1.8
Sunrise: 5:18 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:19 p.m.*			
Sun. 13	8:33	7.5	8:44	8.7	2:14	1.3	2:18	1.9
Sunrise: 5:19 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:19 p.m.*			
Mon. 14	9:27	7.5	9:33	8.8	3:08	1.2	3:08	1.9
Sunrise: 5:20 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:18 p.m.*			
Tues. 15	10:17	7.6	10:20	8.9	3:58	1.0	3:57	1.8
Sunrise: 5:20 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:18 p.m.*			
Wed. 16	11:03	7.7	11:05	9.1	4:43	0.8	4:42	1.7
Sunrise: 5:21a.m.					*Sunset: 8:17 p.m.*			
Thurs. 17	11:46	7.9	11:47	9.3	5:25	0.6	5:25	1.5
Sunrise: 5:22 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:16 p.m.*			

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Police seize evidence from car break-ins at Hull Street house

By Mary Ford
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About 18 homeowners in the north Cohasset area woke up on July 2 to find that their cars had been "entered."

A car alarm alerted police to a residence on Surry Drive early that morning. One of the suspects spotted during the search was seen climbing into the window at 203 Hull St. He was arrested along with two other suspects who were later "flushed out" of the area and brought to the station.

The two 16 year olds, who are both former Cohasset residents, and a 17-year-old minor, Michael Levesque of Pembroke, are all facing numerous charges of breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and larceny.

Cohasset detectives and patrol officers executed a search warrant at 203 Hull St. the evening of July 2 during which evidence related to the ongoing investigation was seized.

Chief James Hussey said police found cell phones, ipods and GPS units at the home.

Hussey said police continue to aggressively investigate the series of motor vehicle breaks and larcenies that have occurred in the north Cohasset area over the course of the last few weeks.

"In these cases, a car alarm helped us and we were able to get to the scene quickly," Hussey said. "However, we want to remind all residents to lock their cars and remove any valuable property.

"If you leave something valuable in plain sight – there is a chance it won't be there when you wake up in the morning."

Residents are also requested to call the police department at any time if they observe any individuals behaving suspiciously in their neighborhood.

Anyone with information concerning the motor vehicle breaks is asked to call Cohasset Police CID at 781-383-1055, ext. 1047.

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— Chief James Hussey



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Cohasset Police Sergeant David Cogill, left, Lt. William Quigley, center, and Cohasset Police Officer Pat Reardon, along with detectives and other officers enter 203 Hull St. in Cohasset with an executed search warrant last Wednesday (July 2). There were at least 18 car break-ins over night. Police seized some evidence from this house.

MV crashes

• At 11:20 a.m. on Wednesday (July 2) there was a three-car, "1-2-3 pancake-like" accident at Route 3A and lower King Street, Chief Hussey said. A 2002 Mercury operated by a Pembroke woman slowed down near the jersey barriers near the highway construction work. The 1998 Ford, operated by a Hull man, that was traveling behind the Mercury also slowed down. A 2005 Honda, operated by a Cohasset woman, rear-ended the Ford pushing it into the Mercury.

The cars were all traveling south on 3A.

The Ford had to be towed and one of the drivers did complain of back pain. There were no citations issued, Hussey said.

• A 59-year-old Scituate woman is facing drunk driving charges following an accident at 3A and lower King Street at about 10:47 p.m. on Friday (July 4). Police said witnesses reported she crossed into the northbound lane striking an oncoming car, causing it to go into the jersey barrier.

The woman told police that her dog may have distracted her but police could smell alcohol on her breath and she was taken into custody. Based on their investigation and observations she was charged with OUI (liquor), negligent operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation and unsafe operation of a motor vehicle.

Both cars were towed, no one was taken to the hospital, police said. The woman was driving a 2005 Toyota. The other car was a 1992 Volvo, operated by a Quincy man, whose passenger was from Ohio.

• A man whose 2002 Porsche was hit while it was parked on Jerusalem Road, was able to provide police with a plate number of the other vehicle, a 2006 Ford.

Police went to the home of the owner of the Ford and the resident admitted he had hit the Porsche and told police he intended to notify police about the incident which took place Saturday (July 5) after 10 p.m. Both cars were drivable and there were no injuries, police said. The operator of the Ford will be cited for leaving the scene after causing property damage.

• The operator of a motorcycle traveling along Atlantic Avenue near Lothrop Lane at about 10:30 a.m. on Sunday (July 6) lost control when a car pulled out of Lothrop Lane. The driver of the car apparently did not see the motorcycle that went into an embankment on the right side of the road. There was minor damage to the motorcycle, which did not make contact with the car. The motorcycle operator was transported to the hospital.

Hull fight

Two Cohasset officers responded to a call for help from Hull police who were trying to get a large fight on the beach at Beach Avenue and L Street under control. Two people were down and had been hit by rocks thrown by the out-of-control group, police said. The call came in at about 10:27 p.m. on Friday (July 4) and Cohasset officers cleared the scene at 11:45 p.m. There were multiple arrests.

Chief Hussey said Cohasset has mutual aid agreements with neighboring towns. Based on the amount of people involved, Cohasset sent two officers over to assist, he said. If there had been an incident in Cohasset occurring at that time, the officers would have been called back, he said.

Unlicensed

An officer on patrol on Beechwood Street near Mill Lane saw a black Honda that was traveling east and was speeding in excess of 40 mph. The officer pulled the Honda over near the 300 block of Beechwood Street. The 24-year-old operator handed the officer a valid registration but he had a Brazilian license. The officer explained he needed a valid Massachusetts license; the Honda was towed and the man is being summonsed to court for unlicensed operation and speeding.

Queried the VIN

An officer in an unmarked vehicle saw a 1997 green Chevy Impala traveling north on Route 3A near Stop & Shop that did not have a Mass. inspection sticker; had no front plate; and had a Florida rear plate. The vehicle was pulled over and the operator, who spoke broken English, provided the officer with an ID card. A computer check did not find any matching information based on the name provided and he operator provided no proof of ownership of the vehicle or registration. Police queried the VIN (vehicle identification number) that showed the car was out of South Boston.

Police could not make a positive identification of the man and he was arrested for unlicensed operation, having an unregistered motor vehicle, exhibiting another plate, and giving a false name to a police officer. Police later determined his identity through his fingerprints.

Warrant

A 49-year-old Cohasset man with a warrant for his arrest on motor vehicle violations turned himself in last week.

Sugar in tank

Police are waiting to hear back from a walk-in who reported last week that someone might have put sugar in his gas tank. Police were not able to find evidence of sugar near the car, however the car would not start and had to be towed. If the garage determines there was sugar in the tank, police will investigate, Chief Hussey said. "We do not want to spend hours investigating if we are not sure," he said.

Rock thrown

A painter working in a Jerusalem Road house called police after hearing a window break and seeing three boys running away. Police confirmed the window had been broken by a rock about the size of a baseball that had landed inside the house. Officers spoke with other workers in the area and with an officer working a detail but they had not seen the boys. The incident remains under investigation.

Real estate signs

A Rustic Drive caller reported finding real estate signs in his yard last Thursday (July 3) that were apparently taken from other locations and put in his yard. An officer brought the signs to the police station and the incident is under investigation.

Bike found

A resident reported a blue mountain bike has been left in front of his house for two days. Police have the bicycle, along with other lost or abandoned bicycles, at the station. If anyone is missing a bike, they should stop by the station, police said.

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Grim outlook for fiscal 2010

By Nancy White
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Finance Director Mike Buckley painted a bleak picture for fiscal 2010 at Monday night's Selectmen's meeting.

With the real estate market down, this year's property assessments are going to be declining, which will directly affect the property tax levy.

"If the values don't go up, the tax revenue doesn't go up," said Buckley. Right now, the property tax levy is based on sales data from 2007 where in Cohasset home values stayed relatively steady. In 2008, while high-end homes have held steady, mid- and lower-end properties' values have dropped.

Buckley met with Selectmen to give an overview of the finance department, which includes the accounting, assessors, treasurer, collector and payroll services. The presentation is part of an on-going effort to have the Selectmen meet with each department head over the last few months to report on the trends, major challenges, grant opportunities and generally give a "big picture" perspective of their department.

One of the problem trends Buckley is seeing is the current pace is slowing in new growth. Building permits are declining and some of the larger projects the town was expecting to come online are held up for one reason or another. The mixed-use development in the transit-oriented district hasn't filed for a building permit. The 200-apartment Avalon project approved by the Zoning Board four years ago is stuck in appeals. The Cook Estate, a 27-single family home development, is also under appeal. The upscale senior housing development, Cedarmere, is stalled due to a slow real estate market.

The slow down in building permits could affect next year's budget because the town counts on a certain amount of "new growth" each year to factor in to the budget. While Proposition 2-1/2 doesn't allow the tax levy to increase over 2.5 percent from year to year without an override vote, new growth is not included in that limitation. What that amounts to is the budget is typically increased between four and 4.5 percent each year. The average budget gain over the past few years due to new growth has been about $500,000.

Other factors will and already are affecting the budget. Energy costs, electricity, heat and motor fuel, are rising and the budget will be strained, said Buckley. In the current fiscal year, $963,000 is budgeted for energy costs, nearly two-thirds of the cost is part of the school budget. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said while energy is a large portion of the budget, it also holds the most promise for finding ways to save.

As far as capital budget, there is a pent-up demand for purchases. Police need new patrol cars. Fire needs a new ambulance. Schools need buses and the technology purchased as part of the new school buildings will need to be replaced in the coming years.

"There's a backlog of capital items," said Buckley.

Buckley is also predicting a smaller increase in the excise tax revenues for fiscal 2010, which normally increase 10 percent from year to year.

"What it all amounts to is a really tough year in fiscal 2010," said Buckley.

Outside of the town budget, Buckley said the town was in a lot better shape in terms of debt. Both non-excluded debt and total debt service are nearing the percentage goals the town has set. For Fiscal 2009, non-excluded debt service is 3.35 percent of the general government operating budget; the goal is three percent. While total debt service (non-excluded and excluded) is 10.81 percent of the total budget; goal is 10 percent. In fiscal 2010, both percentages will drop below their respective goals of three and ten percent.

Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr asked Buckley to keep the Selectmen apprised on budget developments as it gets closer to budget season.

"Let's figure that out early and prepare for it. Let's get ahead of the game on (fiscal 2010)," said Carr.

Recreation Department

Recreation Director Ted Carroll presented an overview of his department on Monday night. Still relatively new on the job, Carroll said he has been working to re-acquaint himself with the department. Carroll worked for Cohasset Rec as a counselor and summer program director in the past and in May succeeded long-time rec director Jack Worley.

One of the first initiatives Carroll has been working on is bringing the department into the technology age. The department now has its own website (www.cohassetrec.com), which will have the capability for online program registration.

Carroll is working to establish a field use policy and has been meeting with the school department to work out a fee structure.

Another focus is to fully utilize the Teen Center, or "The Garage," more frequently.

"I'd like to use it year round," said Carroll. Plans are also being discussed to share the space with the Senior Center with the seniors using it in the morning/early afternoon hours and kids and teens in the afternoon/evening.

Briefly

Ground rules for Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen is setting some rules. At recent meetings, Chairman Ted Carr has expressed the need for some ground rules at the meetings to govern discussion especially when audience members are participating. Some of the language in the Selectmen's meeting protocol is taken from the Town Meeting procedures included in each warrant.

The protocol is as follows:

"Discussion during Board meetings should always be courteous and respectful, and should be confined to the subject under consideration. Sarcasm is generally not respectful, and the subject under consideration does not include the individuals involved in the debate. All statements and questions should be directed to the Chairman, who will ask the appropriate person to respond."

The Selectmen approved the language drafted by Carr and Town Manager Bill Griffin in a unanimous vote. The protocol will be included at the bottom of each Selectmen agenda.

"It's good to just let people know ahead of time," said Carr.

Airplanes over Cohasset

The Board of Selectmen is requesting the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) take a look at what's been happening high above Cohasset. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who is Cohasset's representative to the Community Advisory Committee that worked with the FAA to help improve the noise pollution in communities surrounding Logan, said the new flight plans that should have reduced the amount of airplane noise over Cohasset are not being appropriately implemented.

"The improved flight routes are no where near the altitudes they need to be," said Dormitzer. The new flight plans are designed to keep planes at higher altitudes and further off the coast before making their descent into Logan Airport. Dormitzer drafted a letter to request the FAA look at the flight pattern data over the last few months to figure out why the new flight plan isn't being implemented. He said Hingham Selectmen have sent a similar letter to the FAA.

To report airplane noise, call 617-561-3333.

Goal setting meeting

Selectman Karen Quigley received unanimous support from the board recently to schedule a night for a goal setting and future planning workshop. The Board decided to wait until Town Manager Bill Griffin was present to set a date for the discussion.

Housing Partnership

Mary Grayken of 49 Highland Ave. was appointed to the Housing Partnership Committee on Monday night. Her interest in the issue of affordable housing and her willingness to get involved propelled her to seek the position. Grayken received the appointment with a unanimous vote of the Board of Selectmen.

Troika meets and appoints

The Troika met last week to appoint several citizens to town boards. Chartis Tebbetts and Sam Wakeman were re-appointed to another three-year term on the Advisory Committee. At a previous Troika meeting, Tom Reardon was appointed to a seat vacated by Jamie Gilman. Steve Gaumer was re-appointed to the Capital Budget Committee. The several members of the Alternative Energy Committee were re-appointed, including Andrew Willard, Marie Caristi-McDonald, Mimi White, Rod Hobson, Mike Bliss and Sally Ayers.

The Troika is a three-person committee consisting of the chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the chairman of the Advisory Committee and the Town Moderator. Ted Carr, Sam Wakeman and Dan Evans are currently members of the Troika.

The role of the Troika is mainly to appoint citizens to be members of various boards. According to the latest Town Report, members of the Advisory Board, the Capital Budget Committee, the Bylaw Committee, the Design Review Board and the Alternative Energy Committee are all appointed by the Troika.

AEC to try for federal grant

The Alternative Energy Committee will be applying for a federal grant to place a demonstration solar powered LED streetlight in the village. The grant is estimated to be between $5,000 and $10,000. AEC member Mike Bliss came before the Planning Board to seek their guidance and go-ahead to seek the grant.

"We thought the village would be a good place," said Bliss because of the high visibility of the technology.

The Planning Board agreed.

"Any kind of high visibility example of sustainability is a good idea," said Planning Board member Clark Brewer.

They suggested a model that adheres to "dark skies" initiative, meaning the light only shines downward.

The Planning Board voted 3-0 (Chairman Al Moore and member Mike Westcott were absent) to support the grant application.

"Let's give it a shot," said Vice Chairman Stuart Ivimey.

Easement still in question

Several residents of Lothrop Lane sent letters to the Selectmen asking them to pursue other options for access to Sandy Cove and the Treat's Pond outlet pipe. For many years, the Department of Public Works has used Lothrop Lane, a private way, to drive a backhoe onto the beach to clear the pipe.

Their sentiments echoed those of Charlie Higginson, owner of Lothrop Lane property, expressed at a recent Selectmen's meeting about his desire for the town to stop using Lothrop Lane and enforce their legal easement on a private driveway at the other end of the beach. Three letters from residents of Lothrop Lane wrote to the Board of Selectmen to support Higginson's view.

On the other side of the beach, although there is a legal easement, it is currently unclear to what purpose the town can utilize the easement. Town Counsel advised the town and the Selectmen to work with the property owners the easement crossed to reach some sort of resolution.

In an effort to resolve the issue, Priscilla Dewey Houghton of 91 Atlantic Ave. wrote to formally offer her property for the DPW to traverse when they need to gain access to the pipe.

"As nearest neighbors to the pipe, we would like to offer a route through our property. We depend on the kindness of the DPW who have diligently responded to the needs of the pipe in preventing neighborhood flooding," Houghton stated. "We hope this direct route will facilitate their work, and relieve the worries of other residents who do not want the equipment crossing their property, until such time as this dilemma is resolved."

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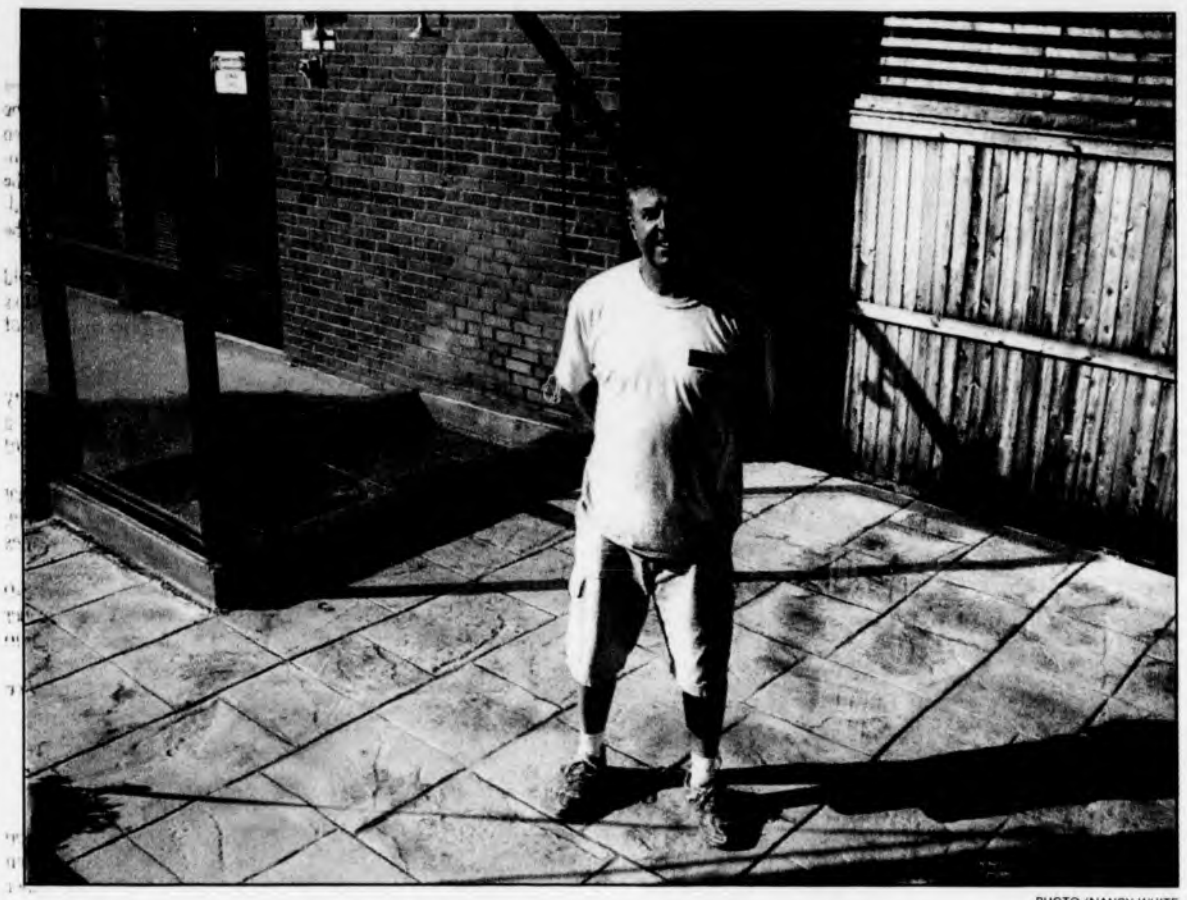
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Last week, Charlie Callahan of Stoneworks by CCNightscape gave a new face to a corner of the Cohasset Swim Center. The outdoor shower stall, once a rough surface tough on bare feet, is now a smooth surface with a rich brown color. A faux tile patio in earth tones gives the swim center a new gathering place.

'Magic concrete' installed at Cohasset Swim Center

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there was only dirt and grass before, there is now a faux tile patio, complete with small seahorse (the symbol of the Swim Center) stamp.

"I think it has a kind of old world Tuscany feel to it," said Callahan, who is passionate about his work and the endless opportunities it holds. "It's only limited by your imagination."

"We've gotten a lot of good feedback on it," said O'Brien. "It was exactly what we had in mind."

The new concrete space is part of an on-going effort to give the 1973 pool a facelift. Last year, a new fence was installed, the parking lot was re-surfaced before the 2008 season and other landscape improvements. O'Brien said long-term, the entire pool area could be re-surfaced using Callahan's system.

"We got a sample of what it would be like, it's the first step toward a bigger plan," said O'Brien.

Callahan, who for 20 years has been specializing in landscaping, masonry and outdoor gathering spaces, discovered the concrete re-surfacing product about six years ago.

"Now, it's probably 80 percent of my business," said Callahan. His interest in the product began when a customer asked if there was a way he could fix the cracks his concrete. Callahan told him that the concrete would have to be removed and set again. Traditional cement will not bond to already set cement.

With his curiosity piqued, he began to look into the possibility. He attended seminars, explored several different product lines and even participated in an internship to learn about the process and the product.

"Once I opened the door, there was really endless possibilities," said Callahan. Now, he used the product on both indoor and outdoor spaces from basements to garages to patios.

For small spaces, the process also called "stamped concrete" can take less than a day. Entire pool surfaces can be done in as little as three days. First, the area needs to be scrubbed clean. Then, the product is placed on the concrete.

"It can go down as thin as paper or as thick as two inches," said Callahan.

Lastly, what Callahan calls the fun part is the faux finishing. The concrete can be colored in earth tones, blues, greens or combination. Then, grinded in order to make it look more like stone. Depending on the desired look, the final design can resembles brick, slate, flagstone, stone, tile and even wood.

The end product has many names: stamped concrete, patterned concrete, imprinted concrete, or if a more intricate motif architectural concrete.

"You can go from grey concrete to French countryside in a few days," said Callahan, adding the process is more affordable than traditional masonry.

The magic cement has complemented his specialty of creating outdoor spaces, particularly for nighttime use. Designing lighting, firepits and outdoor kitchens is all part of greater scheme for Callahan.

"My goal is to get people off the couch, stay outside and hug their kids," said Callahan with a smile.

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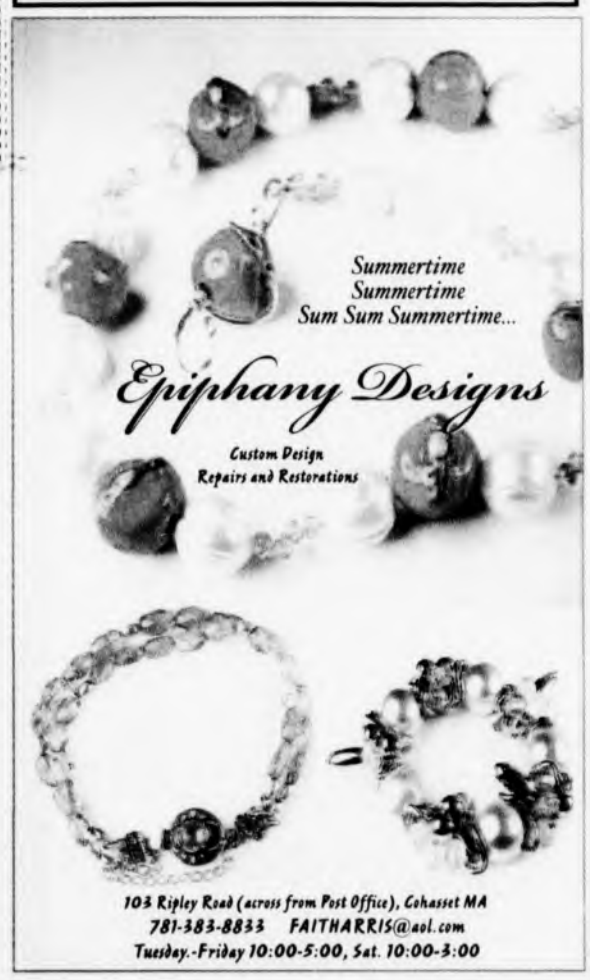
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ENJOY SUMMER

Hello Cohasset. Oh my gosh, I cannot believe I am writing this column and it is already July 11! It always seems that after the 4th, the summer goes by so fast. Please make sure to enjoy it even during the hot spells that we have had and take advantage of all the little pieces in your days that make you smile.

Just the other day, I was watching a group of kids out on the playground and decided just to listen as they played. It was so sweet to hear them chatting to each other in a "household" manner with one being Dad, one being Mom and one being the baby. Dad said, "Hurry up, the train is coming for work" and the little girl who was pretending to be Mom said, "But Daddy, you can't go to work yet, Baby Sara needs a jelly belly laugh with you!" They did the giant laugh, looked at the dog named Roger, (another little boy) and said, "too bad you can't laugh too, it is so much fun!"

Then, Dad went to work. I guess we all need to stop at times and enjoy those small moments that mean so much. How was everyone's Fourth of July celebrations?

If you have any stories or photos to share, please send them in. On with the news of the town for this week.

MEDALISTS

Four Cohasset athletes were among the 1,500 who competed at the State Special Olympics Summer Games at Harvard University in June. **Kenny Sargent** and **Jessica MacDonald** competed in tennis, both for the first time. Kenny won a Gold medal in singles and a Silver medal in doubles play, and Jessica won a Gold medal in singles. They train at the South Shore YMCA in Hanover with the Special Olympics Lob-Stars.

Also at Harvard, **Jay Nothnagle** who trains with Team Scituate, won a Gold medal in the 100M dash.

Unfortunately his premier event, the shot put was rained out. **Nick Sida** who competes with the Special Olympics SSHARCS, training at the Weymouth Club, won a Gold medal in the 4X50 freestyle relay.

Congratulations — you all trained hard and competed well.

On Sunday morning Special Olympics hosted its first ever Cruiser Convoy. Thank you to **Chief Jim Hussey** who brought in a Cohasset cruiser and joined over 100 other law enforcement officers who showed their specialized vehicles, greeted the athletes and awarded medals at several venues. This is wonderful for us all to read about. Congratulations to all of you in your accomplishments.



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Kelsey Bell has joined Swim Across America to make a splash for pediatric cancer survivorship programs.

MAKING A SPLASH

Cohasset swimmer **Kelsey Bell** has joined Swim Across America to make a splash for pediatric cancer survivorship programs at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Kelsey will take part in the 10th annual Nantasket Beach half-mile swim on Saturday, July 12. Kesley, who will be a junior at Tufts University and is a member of the Tufts Diving Team, is a springboard diver. She is swimming in memory of her friend Lindsay Gardel's father who passed away from cancer last December.

Bill Burnett, also of Cohasset, will dive into the ocean for the 13th annual Boston Harbor 22-mile relay swim today (Friday, July 11).

OUR WORLD

The Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum is holding several more weeks of fun-filled camps with a variety of themes like Kitchen Kids, Beach Blanket Bingo, Under The Sea and more. If you are interested in these programs or, finding out about a party or September classes, send an email to info@ourworldcgdm.org, go to the website at www.ourworldcgdm.org or call 781-383-3198.



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PAIR OF ACES — Doug McNary of Cohasset brings his playing partners to bended knee after notching his second hole-in-one in three weeks. The first was on Cohasset Golf Club's second hole, the next at Boston Golf Club's 6th hole. From left, Cohasset residents, Joe Carrabes, Jeff Schwartz and Ed Maher.

FUN RUN

On Saturday July 19th, Cohasset Maritime Institute will hold the first 5K Jack Hubbard Memorial Fun Run.. Registration is available online at rowcmi.com or on race day beginning at 7:30am at the flagpole on the Common. The race will start at 8:30am from the flagpole side of Cohasset Common. Entry fee is $25 per person and includes a commemorative tee shirt. CMI is looking to raise funds to retire the cost of its third 28-foot, sliding seat four, ocean going gig. Contacts are **Ed Baldry**, 781.383.8555 or via email at Ed.baldry@icdfunds.com, **Lisa Hewitt Dick**, 781.801.0501 or **Susan Galligan,** 781.383.0765.

Hope to sea you there!

That is all for this week. Please send in all of your news no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES



Our beloved Around Town columnist, **Jen Piepenbrink** is turning 39 (again) next Thursday July 17th. Jen has many family, friends, students, and readers, who all wish her a Happy Birthday! So if you see her Around Town, be sure to tell her how much she is appreciated. – *Mary Ford, editor*

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Cohasset Dramatic Club puts 'Grease' on stage

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characters — the "Pink Ladies" and the "Greasers" — have been rehearsing at least five days a week to ensure they have their parts down pat.

In just six and a half weeks, the cast has been transformed into 1950s teenagers.

"As far as the musical numbers and the choreography, they are way ahead," said Pratt as she watched the cast rehearse the opening number "Grease is the word" on Tuesday.

Pratt says they definitely feel pressure to deliver after last summer's four sold out shows of "High School Musical On Stage." Luckily, the CDC has a lot of talent to draw from. The cast is made up of 65 kids, ages 8 to 18, from Cohasset and other South Shore towns. The annual summer program brings many repeat participants who share a flair for the dramatic.

"Everyone from 'High School Musical' returned," said Andrew DeVitre, a recent Cohasset High grad, who plays the part of Danny Zuko, the character John Travolta made famous in the movie version of "Grease." Other cast members are participating for the first time after being recruited by friends and have never looked back.

"The show is very well cast and we've really bonded over the last few weeks," says Will McDonald, who plays the part of Doody. He says the song "We go together" aptly describes the close-knit cast.

Even with a decade separating some of the cast members, Pratt says she's been really impressed at how well the group meshes.

"They all help each other and learn from each other," says Pratt.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Spray!! Ian Porter, 16, covers his eyes while McCauley Braun, 15, sprays his hair with hairspray while they were getting ready for their rehearsal of "Grease."

The girls who play the "Pink Ladies" are equally excited about the production and the bonds they share with their fellow cast members. They describe the group as a family and off stage many of them are best friends.

"We're all friends in real life so on stage it makes it more believable," says Madison Rockwell who plays Rizzo in the stage production.

Even in the heat of the Town Hall auditorium on Tuesday night couldn't quell the excitement exuding from the cast members who can't wait for the curtain to go up next Friday.

"The show is so full of energy. If we don't have rehearsal, we make one up. This cast has so much chemistry," says Miranda Rich, who plays Marty. Even when laughing, which is something they do easily when together, their laughs are sometimes harmonized. They talk quickly about their favorite parts of the show commenting on the dancing, the costumes and the music.

"We know a lot of people are going to be singing along next weekend. I can't wait!" says Rebecca Dickinson, who plays the sweet and innocent female lead, Sandy.

Logan Pratt, whose on stage persona is Jan, sums it up succinctly, "I love this cast!"

A production of "Grease" wouldn't be complete without extensive costuming and set designs. Parents have been working to create dozens of poodle skirts, scouring consignment shops for prom dresses, and even purchasing the Pink Ladies jacket on ebay then matching it all up to outfit the 65-member cast. Even the ensemble members require two costumes and some with parts change costumes three or four times.

The sets are elaborate and will even include a beat up car (a dressed-up golf cart) for the greasers to transform during the iconic song "Greased Lightning." Pratt and musical director Mark Bono designed the sets and Bono is making Rydell High come to life.

Audiences can expect big musical numbers, complete with 1950s dance moves and modern attitude choreographed by Tina Fabrizio.

"We try to get the entire cast on stage as often as we can," says Pratt. The stage version is different from the movie version, altered to make it appropriate for kids, but still includes the music "Grease" fans know and love.

The cast knows expections are high and are ready to deliver a top-notch performance.

The only thing the cast isn't looking forward to? The final curtain call.

"We need a week of recovery to get over the show ending," says McCauley Braun, who plays beauty school dropout, Frenchy.

But, even when the show is over the friendships made endure, "we keep in touch during the school year and get together."



Mark Bono plays the piano while the cast of "Grease" warms up by going through their scale before their rehearsal Tuesday.

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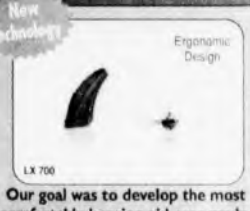
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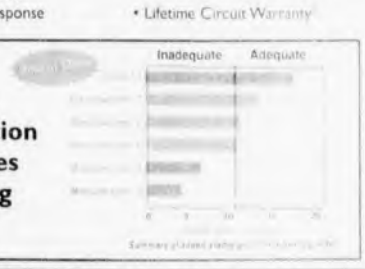


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Public forum on wind turbines is July 16

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Massachusetts just passed the Green Communities Act encouraging the creation of renewable energy sources.

In the next year, whether ready or not, a wind turbine in Cohasset is a distinct possibility. Plans are in motion for the construction of two wind turbines on Graham Waste Services site off of Route 3A.

Next Wednesday, July 16, the Alternative Energy Committee (AEC) will co-host a wind public forum at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 7p.m. The AEC has been communicating with the companies involved in the Graham Waste wind turbine project and have known it was coming down the pipeline for some time.

"We think it's a good project and we've done a lot of work to make wind turbines viable in town" said AEC Chairman Andrew Willard referring to the recently passed wind bylaw. "We hope to see some good things come out of the meeting."

The private project on the Graham Waste site is a joint venture between CCI-Energy, Palmer Capital, Lumus Construction and Emergent Energy. Graham Waste business and landowner, Paul Barry, has leased the land to the developers.



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The wind turbine public forum will feature photographic simulations of what the turbines will look like from different locations in town. It is expected one of the Graham Waste turbines will be seen from Deer Hill School on Sohier Street.

The wind turbine project proposal will be the first commercial sized wind generation project to be submitted to the Planning Board for a special permit under the new wind energy bylaw.

The current proposal is for the installation of two 1.6 to 2 million megawatt sized wind turbines on land surrounding the Cohasset Height landfill (Graham Waste). These proposed turbines will be approximately the same size as Hull Wind II located near the Weir River. The developers are expecting the turbines to produce more than seven million kilowatt hours of energy per year.

Although the project is currently proposing two turbines, there is a possibility of a third turbine down the line to be sited on top of the landfill.

As with any large project, residents want to know the impacts of the development and if there will be any benefits.

The forum will be residents' first chance to see the plans and begin to understand the scope of the project prior to the formal Planning Board proceedings. Emergent Energy has completed multiple studies to determine the feasibility, impacts and benefits of the project. They will present their findings of noise, shadow/flicker and impacts on bird populations.

The presentation will also include computer simulation images of the turbines in place and what they will look like from various locations around town. Because of proposed siting location — tucked on the hill behind Hingham Lumber and the Cohasset Family Medical building — the devel-

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Benefits

One of the benefits the AEC is particularly excited about is the prospect of using the wind energy purchased at a reduced rate to power municipal buildings. Terms would still need to be negotiated, but both Willard and Sweeney said they are interested in coming to an energy service agreement.

The proposed wind turbines will easily produce more energy than the property needs. Each of the wind turbines will produce over three million kilowatt hours of electricity a year — much more than the buildings and operations on the Graham Waste site need. To put the number in prospective, Willard said the town's largest energy consumer, the Middle-High School, uses 1.3 million kilowatt hours each year.

Willard is hoping between 40 and 50 residents will come out to participate in the forum.

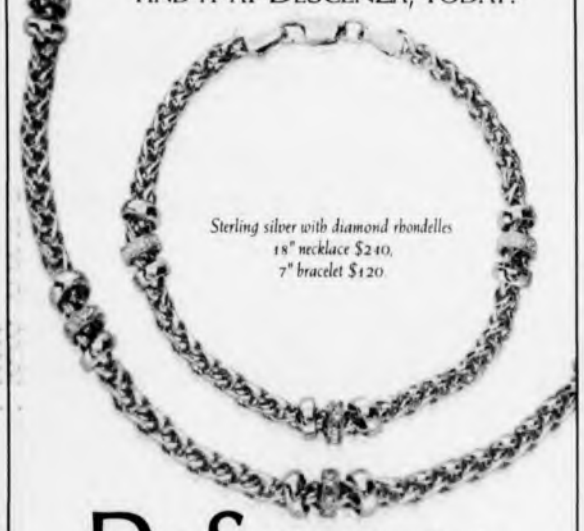
"Residents will really be able to see what we are trying to accomplish," and not only from the AEC but also from professionals in the industry, Willard said.

"We think it's a good project and we've done a lot of work to make wind turbines viable in town"

— AEC Chairman Andrew Willard

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Wind turbine at Transfer Facility

If the project is approved, the installation of two privately funded wind turbines could be the beginning of more renewable energy initiatives in Cohasset. With the final data report from the meteorological experimental test, or MET, tower nearly complete, the AEC plans to make a wind turbine at the Transfer Facility their primary focus over the next year.

The middle-high school was considered the ideal location for a turbine because the energy produced could be pumped directly into the school building; however, with the recently passed Green Communities Act where ever the wind turbine is sited, the energy produced can be applied to any municipal building.

In May 2007, the Alternative Energy Committee oversaw the installation of the MET tower on Turkey Hill to gather information about the kind of wind conditions there is in Cohasset. The tower collected a whole year's worth of data and all indications are pointing to good wind. The committee expects to have the final report by the end of the month.

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative will be working on a more detailed site plan for a wind turbine at the transfer facility on Cedar Street. Willard said it could be as early as the 2009 Annual Town Meeting that they could be coming before residents talking about funding options.

Cohasset isn't the only town on the South Shore looking to harness the wind. Hull already has two wind turbines and is actively pursuing offshore turbines at Harding's Ledge. Scituate is a year ahead of Cohasset in its pursuit of a turbine at the wastewater treatment plant off the Driftway.

"We know the wind is really good south of us in Scituate. We know the wind is really good north of us in Hull. We're certain the wind is good in the middle," said Willard. "I think everyone in town is looking for this to happen."

Right now, wind is so in demand there is a waitlist of nearly a year to get a turbine. "The demand outstrips the ability to make them," said Willard.

The AEC has been working on finding renewable resources to heat, light and fuel the town for three years.

"We don't really see an end in sight. We just take a little bit everyday, but we have a big plans."

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opers say there will be little impact on residential property.

"With all big development projects it is important to have education and community outreach so residents know what they can expect and what they should demand from the project," said Jared Rodriguez of Emergent Energy. "We want to walk away with a good sense of where the community stands."

Jim Sweeney of CCI-Energy, the owner of the project, has been in the energy industry for the last 30 years.

"Right now, wind is the most emerging technology. It has the best potential to have a pay back and wind has been free for many years and we hope it continue to be free," Sweeney said of the renewable resource. His company is currently working on installing two turbines in Fair Haven, Mass. as well as projects in Maine and Rhode Island.

Sweeney said a forum like the one next week is an essential step to the project.

"We want to make the community a part of the same team. It's a good thing for the society, the environment and the town," said Sweeney.

Wind at a glance

The Past

• The AEC erected a MET tower on Turkey Hill to collect wind data for a year in May 2007. After multiple drafts and revisions, the 2008 Annual Town Meeting approved a zoning bylaw amendment creating a framework of regulations for turbines greater than 500 kilowatts, or about the size of Hull Wind I located near the Hull High. The projects will be required to go through a special permit process overseen by the Planning Board. The bylaw creates uniform setback, noise and siting requirements.

The Present

• A private developer is looking to site two, or perhaps three, wind turbines on the Graham Waste site located off Route 3A. The project will be the first wind turbine for Cohasset. The AEC and the turbine developers are co-hosting a public forum at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Wednesday, July 16 at 7p.m. The impacts and benefits of the large structure will be discussed in depth. The developers plan to file their special permit application after the public forum.

The Future

• The Graham Waste wind turbines will have to go through the permitting process with the Planning Board. If approved, the site could have turbines up and running within the next year. The AEC is also working toward a erecting a town-owned wind turbine at the Transfer Facility. Their hope is to come forth with specific plans to next year's annual Town Meeting. The AEC is considering multiple ideas on how to use the wind energy, in addition to powering buildings. It's possible electric buses could be purchased down the line and be re-charged each night by the wind turbine.

BRIEFLY

Films on the Farm to be shown

Holly Hill Farm will host its second year of films about food and agriculture screened outside on the side of the Tomato Barn. Get a babysitter, bring a blanket or lawn chair and come check out these award-winning films. Donations will be accepted to benefit Friends of Holly Hill Farm. Indoor venue is available in the event of rain. Screenings begin at 8 p.m., but come early with a picnic. The farm is at 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-1455 for more information.

July 16: Another double feature. Fridays at the Farm screens with "The Greening of Cuba."

Aug. 13: Series finale - "Asparagus: Stalking the American Life."

Open house for parents and kids at Jade Forest

Jade Forest Kung Fu, 130 King St., Route 3A, Cohasset, will offer a free introductory class, along with a kung fu demonstration for children ages 4 through 12 and their parents, from 1 to 2 p.m., on Saturday, July 12. Join longtime kung fu instructor John Loupos as he guides visiting parents and kids through the kid-friendly nuances of this Chinese martial art. Previous experience is not necessary.

Registration is limited, so call 781-383-6822 or visit the Web site at jfkungfu.com for availability. Those attending should wear sneakers and comfortable workout clothes.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Remember to lock up

When we were growing up next door in Scituate, our house did not even have a key.

At one point, it must have – but it was an old Victorian farmhouse and no one had seen a key in years.

Thinking back, it was probably not a good idea even then to leave a house unlocked.

But in those days our towns seemed smaller and more insulated from crime that had always been synonymous with city living.

Police point out that many criminals and would-be criminals are opportunists. That means they have not necessarily planned to burglarize your particular car or home, but finding them unlocked with valuables in plain sight — provides them with an opportunity that they cannot pass up.

Clearly, we could curb the recent rash of car break-ins in town by taking two simple steps: locking our cars and removing our valuables.

Hingham, which is right next-door, has been plagued with home break-ins. In the warmer months, often homeowners will leave downstairs windows unlocked and open. Thieves have entered these homes and taken digital cameras, pocketbooks and other valuables.

A really disturbing trend has been break-ins at night while residents in Hingham have been asleep in their beds. Again, the criminal usually enters through an unlocked door or window. This type of brazen behavior has police in Hingham worried that about a potential confrontation between a sleepy, frightened homeowner and a criminal most likely looking for valuables that can be easily sold for money to get drugs.

Our purpose here is not to frighten Cohasseters, who still seem to be further away from the amount of crime happening in Hingham and other towns. But the fact is, it could happen here and we need to be vigilant and smart.

Hingham has had 90 car break-ins, 23 daytime burglaries, and at least 10 home invasions at night, just in the past 12 months.

Police there are working with residents to establish neighborhood watch groups. There is also an EMAS (E-mail alert system) where police can send out announcements and alerts to those who sign up.

It may not be time for these programs here in Cohasset but at the very least, we all need to keep our eyes open and report any suspicious activity or cars in our neighborhoods to the police. We also need to lock up.

Interestingly at a recent crime-stoppers meeting in Hingham, which has also had the same rash of pocketbook thefts from unlocked cars as Cohasset, police talked about catching a female suspect on videotape outside Tedeschi's.

She sat in the back seat of her vehicle and did not look suspicious. When a car pulled up next to hers and the woman got out to run into the convenience store leaving her pocketbook behind – the female thief hopped out, grabbed the woman's pocketbook from the front seat, got back into her car and drove off. It all happened in a matter of seconds.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, July 22, 7 p.m.

Alternative Energy Committee, July 15 and Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Also public forum on wind turbines, 7 p.m, July 16 at the library.

Cable Advisory Committee, July 10, 8 p.m.

Housing Partnership, July 17, 7 p.m.

Library Trustees, Aug. 12, 7 p.m. at the Library.

Selectmen, July 21 & Aug. 4 at 7 p.m., also 7 p.m. July 16 at Library for wind turbine forum and 7 p.m., July 16 at Hull High School for Aquarion water rate hike hearing.

School Committee, July 23 and Aug. 20, 7 p.m. at the high school

ZBA, Aug. 5, 7 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Summer launch party is Saturday

Cohasset's traditional kick-off of the summer season will be on the harbor at the Cohasset Sailing Club and it's open again this year to all the friends of the Club. Join your neighbors, fellow boaters, young sailor parents and Sailing Club members for the annual Cohasset Sailing Club Summer Launch Party from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, July 12.

One of the features of the event—in addition to the beautiful setting and fun attendees—is the fabulous fresh lobster. The clam chowder is fantastic and there is delicious barbeque chicken as an alternative.

Adding to the night, there is a silent auction to benefit the club. You'll have a shot at enormously attractive items – Red Sox ticket, sailing cruises, artwork, jewelry and crafts from local talent are usually part on the tables.

The party is from 6 to 11 p.m. rain or shine. Dinner is served between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Important note: BYOB – bring a cooler.

Ticket reservations are available by calling Joyce Driscoll at 781-383-0122 or Claudia McKeon at 781-383-6125 and are $50 per person payable to the Cohasset Sailing Club.

Donations for auction items are welcome. Contact Jim Porter 781-383-2029.



Forget the special and get up here for the pepperoni-anchovie combo!

HAMILTON

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Music Circus grant appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the students, faculty, administration and parents of Cohasset Middle High School, the Arts Boosters would like to acknowledge the South Shore Playhouse Associates (Music Circus) for so generously supporting a grant for the 2008-2009 school year. This contribution will allow the Arts Departments to further enrich the creative studies of our students. We look forward to another successful year with several new initiatives possible in no small measure due to this support.

Visit our Web site at www.cohassetarts-boosters.com to see this and other contributors proudly displayed on our sponsor page.

Once again, thank you for giving the Arts a Boost!

Elaine Breslow
Barbara Baumgarten
Carol Meyers
Beth Seraikas
Janet Robinson

Thank you from Post-Prom Committee

TO THE EDITOR:

The Post-Prom Party celebrating Cohasset High School Class of 2008 was a success in large measure due to the generosity and financial support of our senior class families, our Cohasset high school families, and many of our residents and local businesses.

We would like to thank and recognize the following individuals and businesses for their support, donations and financial contributions to the event: W.B. Mason, Bare Cove Catering, Cohasset Pizza House, Atlantic Bagel, Shaw's Supermarket, Kathy Prevett of Carousel Creamery, Justin at Cohasset Village Greenery, Noble's Camera, Dan Leahy, Pat Martin, David Hill and Cabot Creamery, CYBSA, EK Designs, Wrist Candy, Above All Other Salon, Circe's Grotto, J.J's Dairy Hut, Wilbur's, Upper Crust Pizza, Cosmos Pizza, Adrian Morris Salon, Hingham Car Wash, Starbucks, Stars on Hingham Harbor, Adamo Day Spa, Victoria's Pizza, French Memories, Crow Point Pizza, Cohasset News/Village Deli, Joseph's Hardware, CVS, Lowe's, Matthew Salerno Company, Henderson & Henderson PC, MRK Building, Darilynn's, Good Sport, Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, Buttonwood Books and Toys, Neil J. Murphy & Assoc., Cohasset Collision, South Shore Community Center, our volunteer chaperones, decorators and clean-up crew, the Cohasset PSO, Thomas Dental Associates, and from Jack Conway & Company, Chris Bombace, Chris D'Alessandro and Caren Wheelwright.

In addition, the cooperation and assistance we received from the Cohasset School Committee, the Board of Selectman, the School Department, the Police Department and the Fire Department were invaluable to the success of our parent-sponsored event.

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of many, we were able to provide our seniors and their guests a first-class, Red Carpet send-off and a safe, all-night party celebrating the Class of 2008!

The 2008 Post-Prom Committee
Ann Kelly, Co-Chairwoman
Babette Strecker, Co-Chairwoman

Sun tube placement questioned

COMMENTARY

LEE JENKINS

The most efficient use of the sun tube is in a windowless room, closet or hallway.

They're easy as PIE.

Sun tubes are Practical, Inexpensive and Energy efficient and a great way to fill an area with natural lighting. The tube has a dome-like lens jutting out from the roof that is connected to a reflective tube that funnels light through the building and then diffuses the light into the room below, magnifying the light so that the fixture in the ceiling looks like there is actually a bulb inside. There is even an optional light kit that can be inserted so that it can be 'put on' at night.

The sun tube is much smaller and less expensive than a skylight and can also be installed through an attic to provide light in a closet, windowless room or hallway. The cost typically ranges from $200 - $600 for residential and commercial installations and can even be installed by a do-it-yourselfer in a few hours.

Being so much smaller than a skylight, the tubes don't have the problems associated with traditional skylights because their small, round shape doesn't collect water and debris.

The concept of the sun tube aka sun pipe, sun tunnel, daylight pipe, has U.S. Patents dating back to the 1890's. This idea has a much longer history going all the way back to the time of the Pharaohs. Back then gold lined shafts were designed into the massive stone structures of ancient Egypt. They worked fairly well but were out of the price range of all but a select few.

The sunlight pipe used today is a result of a retired interior decorator tinkering in the late 1980s with different reflective materials in his attempt to pipe daylight through his attic into his kitchen. Thus was born this current breed of energy efficient products known as tubular daylighting devices (TDD's).



COURTESY PHOTO

Sun tubes in Lee Jenkins' daughter's condo.

I have seen this technology in practice for years (see photo from my daughter's condo) and it is virtually the difference between night and day. During the day (sunny or overcast) it looks just like a light

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Sidewalks need to be kept clear

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Along the sidewalks of Cohasset – As you may have gathered, we are staunch supporters of adding sidewalks to our Town and we love to see them being used. The new sidewalk on Forest Avenue is a case in point. We are constantly amazed at the number of people we see enjoying the new sidewalk on Forest Avenue from North Main Street to Black Rock Beach. It is really great to see people enjoying them.

We occasionally get questions about when the new sidewalk will be finished along Route 3A from Lower King Street to the Greenbush Station. (Keep in mind, this sidewalk will now link to the new path into Wompatuck Park which starts at the station.) Actually, we are waiting for the MBTA to complete their road widening work on Route 3A before we begin. So, construction could start as early as this fall.

Another sidewalk issue that bears mentioning… Where we are fortunate enough to have sidewalks already in place, it is important for property owners to keep their walks clear. In some places, the sidewalks are nearly impassable due to untrimmed bushes and overgrown shrubs. Mothers with carriages and children on their bikes are forced into the street or on sometimes uneven ground to get around the bushes. Please take a look at your sidewalk adjacent to your property and do your part to assure safe passage for all.

Bike path into Wompatuck – We have spoken about the new walk/bike path from the Cohasset Greenbush Station to Wompatuck Park. This past week, we learned that the new path will stay under the control of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation when it is complete. They will have the responsibility for maintenance and oversight.

Little Harbor project – Last week we mentioned that there was an elusive leak in the new sewer line on Deep Run. Fortunately, that leak was found and corrected, so paving can commence. Consequently, this week will set a giant milestone for the Little Harbor Project. Deep Run will be the first road on the project that will have the new base coat of asphalt laid down. This was scheduled to happen on Thursday, July 10th. So, by the time you read this, dust will just be a memory on Deep Run. We might mention that this is only the base coat of asphalt. The base coat will be left to over-winter and settle, as all construction work inevitably does. Next year, the settling will be filled in and the top-



Ground penetrating radar in use.

coat of asphalt will be laid. This will create the final smooth road surface.

But, there turned out to be one other last-minute problem that cropped up. There was a spot on Deep Run where ground water routinely went over the roadway, causing an icy slippery road in the winter. Fortunately, we caught the situation, thanks to the input from a group of neighbors, and were able to take corrective action. A new catch basin was designed and installed on several days notice. This new catch basin should take most of the water that previously flowed onto the roadway and direct it into storm drains on Jerusalem Road.

Another very difficult aspect of the Little Harbor Road has been the process of roadway reclamation. First, let's explain what "reclamation" means. When a roadway is "reclaimed" the old asphalt is ground up by a giant toothed machine that finely pulverizes the old asphalt. This is done down through the asphalt to bare earth. The pulverized asphalt is mixed with some of the ground-up earth and graded and rolled to a smooth surface. It turns out that this makes an excellent and stable base for new paving. However, some of the old material may be removed to lower the road height a bit. The reason some material may be removed is so that the road will be at the correct height. When roads are paved without reclaiming, the finished road just gets higher and higher.

The reclamation process has been a sticky problem on some of our roads. I'll bet you're wondering why? Well, the answer lies in one word, "ledge." It seems that when the giant teeth on the reclaimer come in contact with beautiful durable Cohasset ledge, lying just below the road surface, the granite ledge wins every time. The teeth on the grinder break off as if they were made of brittle plastic. For some unknown reason, this did not please the contractor doing the reclaiming. In fact, it pleased him so little; he stopped working and asked for technical assistance.



COURTESY PHOTOS

New Deep Run catch basin construction.

So what to do? The technical wizards with our principal engineering firm came up with a very interesting potential solution. They hired a vendor with a "ground penetrating radar" machine. This machine is manually pushed over a road way and senses dramatic changes in the density of the material under the roadway. This density change is indicative of ledge. If this device does what the engineers hope, we will be able guide the reclaimer around the areas containing serious sub-surface ledge. This will save his machine from breaking teeth, and work can continue.

MBTA Greenbush – The work progresses on Route 3A widening. As you drive through this area please be careful. There are lots of trucks and construction machines in a very congested area.

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A hundred years of local baseball

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Is anyone aware that the Braintree White Sox, currently one of the powers in the semi-pro Cranberry League, played their first baseball game as a team 100 years ago?

I came across that item a few years ago one rainy afternoon while winding my way though the microfilm at the Thayer Public Library in search of something else that I never found.

The March 28, 1908, edition of the Braintree Observer reported:

"The White Sox held their monthly meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Joe Drinkwater. And to say that there was something doing would be putting it mild.

"The principal talk of the evening was the raising of the sum of one hundred dollars.

"The White Sox baseball association has gotten a team together, strictly of Braintree ball tossers, which they expect will be able to represent our town in a way that there can be no kick from anyone."

The first game was scheduled with the Commercials of Weymouth on April 19 but there is no indication the game was played.

Then, the June 27, 1908, edition of the Braintree Bee reported:

"At the game last Saturday noon on French's Common, the Royal White Sox defeated the strong Hyde Park aggregation by a score of 4 to 0."

The lineup for that first White Sox team included Newcomb rf, Joe Drinkwater 1b, Chubby Coose 2b, Levangie 3b, Weston p, DeYoung ss, DeCoste lf, Captain Perry cf, Mahar c.

Two others who played for the early day White Sox were a catcher named Walter "Beak" Delorey, who later gained fame as an umpire, and a pitcher, Holly Morales, who some said might have made the majors if he weren't black.

The 1930s was the heyday of the White Sox, indeed, the heyday of all semi-pro baseball. Who could afford the Red Sox when all you had to do was drop a quarter in a hat and watch a good game in your hometown?

Every town on the South Shore had a team of its own — the Copelands and the Brooksides of Quincy, the Cunningham AC of Milton, Taunton Lumber, Plymouth Cordage, the Hull Baysides and the Weymouth Pals.

The Pals, who played in North Weymouth on a field behind the Bicknell School, were the class of the local semi-pros, featuring an underhand pitcher named Charlie Bird, another whose race kept him out of the Big Show.

Braintree had three teams in those days, the White Sox, the Town Team and the Kenesaw AC, who used to pack 'em into French's Common for the annual year-ending series for the town championship.

The Common was a special place for baseball, with the town hall jutting out into right field about a hundred feet behind first base. Pop flies hit over the building were a ground rule double.

The Braintree White Sox of the 30s had a national reputation, too, when Charlie Abell was catching and Walter "Sugar" Cain pitching and Bob "Believe it or Not" Ripley discovered that Cain and Abell were a battery for the Sox.

There is a Mouse who Lives in our House

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



By Diane K. Danielson, with a little help from her son

There is a mouse who lives in our house.
He scurries around in the walls.
I heard him one night, after twilight
and thought ghosts might be haunting our halls.

Our house is quite old and down by the sea,
in a quaint fishing town called Cohasset.
The town is so small, in the blink of an eye
you could easily drive right on past it.

The rocks and the cliffs that grow out of the sea,
make even a stormy day pretty.
But sometimes it's strange to be here on the coast
with none of the noise of the city.

My Mom bought this house on top of a hill,
with a yard and green grass where I play.
And an office for her on the first floor,
where she works at her desk most the day.

The house is much bigger than our old apartment,
and nighttime is much darker too.
There aren't any streetlights to brighten the night,
like the ones in the city would do.

When outside my window, I hear scary noises,
I'm glad to be safe in my bed.
Mom says the noises are raccoon and deer,
all looking to get themselves fed.

Once I heard scratching from inside the house.
That night I did not sleep a wink.
No raccoon or deer that I'm likely to hear
makes noises like that I would think.

I pulled all the covers up over my head,
and tried to stay very still.
The scratching kept coming and going all night.
I thought ghosts had now climbed up our hill.

And decided to join us in our brand new home.
But wait! We were the ones who joined them.
We've only been here for less than a year,
and the house for one-hundred and ten.

The ghosts had more years to settle in here;
and what if they did not like me?
Maybe I am the stranger, who poses some danger
and they were just looking to flee.

Whatever it was, my thoughts were abuzz
when I came down for breakfast that morning.
Mom did not know of my fright in the night,
and I wanted to give her some warning.

For she is the one, who works all alone,
in the house after I go to school.
I thought once or twice, maybe ghosts can be nice?
And perhaps she would think that they're cool.

But some can be scary, and she should be wary.
I hope she knows just what to do.
To ghosts who are bad, I'd give all I had,
and scream them away with a "Boo!"

Even as hosts to the nicest of ghosts,
they might give us a fright in the day.
And I did not want Mom to take them all on,
by herself, when I was away.

So I told of the haunting all through the night.
And she laughed and said she'd be fine.
If she ran into ghosts or even a goblin,
she'd ask them to stay and to dine.

Perhaps over dinner, they'd tell us the stories
of people who lived here before.
I wanted to stay and talk more about ghosts,
but she hustled me out of the door.

"Now go catch your bus, and stop all this fuss,"
she said as she gave me my lunch.
I then spent my day, plotting away
about how to beat ghosts by the bunch.

I imagined myself wearing a sheet
and acting like one of the gang.
Then tricking them all into leaving the house,
and shutting the door with a bang.

Or maybe I'd mention, I have an invention
that I use to make ghosts disappear.
And with one little blast, I'd wipe them out fast
"Leave now and have nothing to fear!"

I'd just have to corner them all in one place
Preferably up in my room.
Then with a roar, I'd make it my chore
to suck them all up with our vacuum.

But, maybe it's better to use my new wand
And zap them away with a spell.
For Harry at Hogwarts who does this quite often
It seems to work out very well.

I figured it out, so without a doubt
I knew I would come out the winner.
But I started to wonder, if I'd made a blunder,
as darkness fell right after dinner.

Later that night, Mom tucked me in tight,
and I asked her to stay for a bit.
So we curled up together, safe in my bed
except this time the night light was lit.

We waited in silence for ghosts to arrive,
and just when I felt kind of silly
We heard a faint scratching from out in the hall.
Like feet running all willy nilly.

Mom told me "Quick! Put your ear to the wall."
And we heard the small footsteps grow near.
We listened some more, then she let out a roar,
as she knew we had nothing to fear.

For there is a mouse, who lives in our house.
He scurries around in the walls.
Now late at night, I don't get such a fright,
when I hear our "ghost" haunting our halls.

Diane K. Danielson and her son are pleased to report that they have both adjusted to life in Cohasset – wildlife, ghosts and all.



Illustration by Diane's neice, Ayanna LaSalle, age 15, of Marshfield.

BRIEFLY

Check out the Web

Check out:
www.wickedlocal.com/ Cohasset

- Video of Police Chief James Hussey talking about the dangers of bridge jumping.
- Slideshow of the Cohasset Tri.
- Pet of the Week Video: meet Rosie, a three-year-old, energetic beagle.
- Updates and photo galleries throughout the week

Stickers on sale

Expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. Stickers are on sale during normal business hours at Town Hall, and at the DPW garage on weekends, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sticker prices will remain the same as last year: $50 for residents under the age of 60, and $15 for seniors. This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, Sandy Beach, as well as, parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the Department of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town.

Town Hall plans envision former glory

Renovation plans are laid out

By Nancy White
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Anyone that has been in the old portion of Town Hall lately knows the building needs a little facelift.

The upstairs offices are cramped. The windows are hard to open and drafty. The basement leaks.

The building is old — and it looks old.

The once glorious mid-19th century building — and a central part of the town's infrastructure — hasn't had any significant improvements since 1928.

Now, plans are on the table to return the building to its original and historic form, but with the modern amenities a town building demands. With the support of Town Meeting, the Town Hall Restoration and Renovation Committee has been working alongside architectural consultant Carr, Lynch and Sandell to devise a comprehensive plan to update the antique building.

To understand the proposal, a bit of history is necessary. In 1928, the then 71-year-old building got a major overhaul and reconfiguration. The auditorium, originally situated on the second floor, was moved to the first floor and town offices were adapted to the second floor.

The Town Hall Restoration and Renovation Committee and the architects are recommending unanimously returning the Town Hall not only to its original glory, but also to its original configuration —essentially flip-flopping the auditorium and town offices. The other option would be to leave the configuration relatively the same and make modern improvements.

The most striking difference between the two possible schemes is the estimates are separated by $1.2 million. Preliminary estimates for the two designs are $3.2 million to leave the general building configuration the same (scheme A) and $4.4 million to change it (scheme B).

"The whole idea is to do it once and do it right," said David Farrag, chairman of the Town Hall Committee. "We want to recapture the history."

John Hecker of Carr, Lynch and Sandell described the current state of the Town Hall as a "death by a thousand cuts." Many makeshift and Band-Aid approaches have been made over the years to further complicate the renovation, said Hecker. There are temperature fluxuations that make for an uncomfortable workplace environment, multiple fire code violations and an overloading of filing cabinets on the second floor.

Despite the numerous problems, Hecker said generally speaking the building envelope was in good condition, but not being used to optimize space, efficiency and access.

In "scheme A" (where the auditorium remains on the first floor), Hecker said there were advantages to the familiarity of the layout. The plan proposed improved building systems (lighting, heat, fire sprinkler system), handicap accessibility, interior improvement and more public space.

However, there were disadvantages. Hecker said the layout of the town offices would remain the same with no flexibility for future changes, extensive demolition would be required for systems upgrade, physical and technical limitations of auditorium/stage and the obscuring of the building's historic identity.

Scheme B, Hecker said, accomplished all of the project goals (*see sidebar*). It created the most efficient use of space, increasing the useable square footage in nearly all the town hall's many functions. The scheme simplified the construction process as far as system improvements because the current auditorium ceiling will have to be removed.

"This scheme improves access and makes the town offices the primary focus," while also enabling more flexible office layout, said Hecker. "It restores the historical integrity of the building and allows better spatial function.

In addition, the hope is the second floor auditorium and meeting hall could become a rentable — and income producing — location for the town.

"The main focus is to maximize and enhance the utilization of the Town Hall's current space," said Farrag, adding he wants the renovation to make the building ready for use now and for future generations.

The Board of Selectmen weren't ready to offer up its collective (or individual) opinion on which option to pursue.

"There's no question people are going to blanche at $4.4 million," said Selectman Ralph Dormitzer. He pressed the architects and committee to think about how to justify the additional million-dollar cost. Farrag said there were some state and federal programs that offer reimbursement (up to 20 percent of the cost) if a town creates an income-producing venue. The new auditorium would be a community space that could be used by various groups in and out of town from weddings to banquets.

"We want to achieve this without a heavy tax burden," said Jim Sandell, a Cohasset resident and consulting architect. Through fundraising, future revenues and tax credits, "there are ways we can make it viable and make it reasonable. But, we want to design it in a way people will want to use it."

The cost estimates do not include the soft costs associated with the construction, which includes re-locating town offices for likely what will be a year. The cost also does not include the $300,000 of Community Preservation funds already authorized by Town Meeting to restore the windows and complete other exterior work.

"We're not omniscient on this one. If we hear what other people think, that would be good," said Dormitzer. The Committee plans to visit with other town committees and groups to gather input in the coming weeks.

"At the end of the day, the decision is going to rest with the citizenry," said Farrag as the project will need to go before Town Meeting to get funding and approval.

The Town Hall Restoration and Renovation Committee will report back to the Selectmen the feedback they receive.

The Town Hall Restoration and Renovation Committee advised the Selectmen they would need to know which of the schemes the town would like to move forward with before the end of this month. Applications for a state grant opportunity are due by the end of August. The topic will be up for discussion again at the July 21 Selectmen's meeting.

Project goals

- Re-establish historic integrity of the building.
- Create a better work environment for town employees.
- Improve energy efficiency.
- Update and modernize theatre and auditorium capabilities.
- Undertake space utilization analysis to determine the best use of existing space.
- Improve handicapped accessibility.

Town Hall history in brief

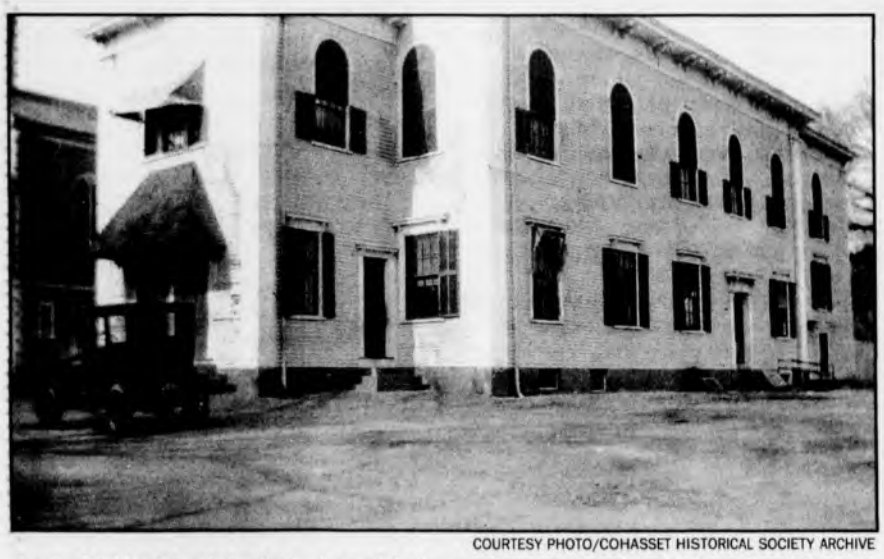
- Built in 1857.
- The building has been used primarily to house town offices, but also myriad activities and functions. It's been the host for the town library, the high school, dancing classes, minstrel shows, movies, plays, fancy dress balls, recitals, lectures, just to name a few.
- In 1880, the front section which now houses the auditorium foyer and the accounting offices was added.
- In 1928, the Town Hall configuration was changed giving the auditorium the first floor and moving town offices to the second floor. A gabled roof was added to the front part of the building.
- In 1933, the South Shore Players took up shop at the Cohasset Town Hall and put on summer theatre productions.
- In 1988, instead of transforming the auditorium space into town offices, an addition was built to the Town Hall to accommodate the growing needs of town offices.

"The whole idea is to do it once and do it right. We want to recapture the history."
— David Farrag, Town Hall Restoration Committee



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On March 4, 1889 Cohasset men and boys gathered at Town Hall to participate in Town Meeting. By 1889, the front section of the building housing the Selectmen's office (now, the finance office) and the foyer has been added. The auditorium remained on the second floor



COURTESY PHOTO/COHASSET HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVE

A quiet Highland Ave. is in the forefront of the front and south sides of the building circa 1910. This photo was the appearance of the building from 1880 until 1928 when major renovations moved the town offices to the second floor and the auditorium to the first floor



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Dated 1876, this is the Town Hall (building at right) in its original condition and as it was between 1857 and 1880. This is the only photo the Historical Society has of the Town Hall as it was before a foyer was added in 1880.

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Health Notes

Bracing for the hurricane season

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As of last Monday, Hurricane Bertha, with winds at 90 mph, was centered about 720 miles east northeast of the northern Leeward Islands in the eastern Atlantic and moving west northwest at 12 mph. However, the National Weather Service says that there is no threat to land at this time.

Nevertheless, it's time to review the things we must think about in these tricky weather times. During this year's Atlantic Hurricane Season – June 1 through Nov. 30 – the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency urges homeowners to protect their property from strong winds, damaging rains and flooding that hurricanes or tropical storms can bring to New England. Your home is subject to storm surge or inland flooding if it is near the waterfront and at an elevation less than 10 feet above sea level. MEMA instructions cover preparation before a hurricane, and also when it is time to consider evacuation or other extreme measures.

Preparation

•Make a record of your personal property. Keep an itemized list of your furniture, clothing and valuables to assist adjusters in case of a claim. Back it up with photographs or video. Protect your insurance policies, hopefully including flood insurance, and other important documents in a secure place like a safe deposit box or a watertight box.

• Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed. Remove diseased or damaged tree limbs that could be blown down during a storm.

• Clear clogged rain gutters. Providing clear drainage will help prevent misdirected flooding.

• Make sure storage sheds or other outbuildings are securely anchored, either to a permanent foundation or with straps and ground anchors.

• Make temporary plywood covers to protect windows and sliding doors. Drill holes for screws or lag bolts in each cover and around each window. Use a numbering or lettering system that shows which cover goes with which window. Store the mounting screws or lag bolts with the covers in a place where they are readily accessible. Note: Taping of windows does not prevent them from breaking.

• Make a list of outdoor items to bring inside in case of a storm, such as lawn furniture, trash barrels, hanging plants, toys and awnings. A list will help you remember anything that can be broken or picked up by strong winds and used as a missile.

• Learn to safely shut off utilities and where gas pilots and water mains are located.

Shelter-in-Place

If it looks like you're in for a "big one," MEMA instructions cover "Sheltering-in-Place," a standard protective action utilized in emergency management. Used more often during an accident or a hazardous material spill, it's also invoked during a severe storm or hurricane when conditions warrant indoor shelter. Local public safety officials may instruct you to Shelter-in-Place. As with evacuations, the town would use a number of alerting methods: The Emergency Alert System – information provided on the radio and television; National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Weather Alert Radio; All Call, Reverse 911 or Code Red – one of a number of automated telephoning systems for sending recorded messages. The town has several up-to-date systems. Be alert for outdoor sirens or horns, Residential Route Alerting, which dispatches Public Safety vehicles through neighborhoods announcing messages with public address systems or literally knocking on doors, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Broadcast, Teletypewriters.

When you hear Shelter-in-Place, carry out the following MEMA instructions:

• If told to do so, immediately go indoors. Close and lock all doors and windows. Locking is preferred since it generally ensures that the door or window is shut tight. Close drapes, blinds and window shades.

• Protect windows with predrilled plywood sheets; which you were supposed to have made during the above preparation phase.

• Go to a room in the center of your home with the fewest windows and doors. It is ideal to have a hard-wired telephone in the room you select. Cellular telephone equipment may be overwhelmed during an emergency. Do not call your local fire or police departments for information. Emergency workers will need their lines for emergency use. If necessary, call your local emergency management office. Unless given another number to call, use Police 383-1212 or Fire 383-0616. Use 911 only in an emergency. Use the State 211 line to obtain the answers to routine questions.

• Take your Family Disaster Kit to your in-place shelter location.

• Keep pets indoors. Make sure you have additional food and water supplies for them. If you have livestock, shelter them, also. Provide them with stored feed and water.

• Continue to monitor radios, TV, etc.

• Stay inside until officials say otherwise.

• If in your vehicle and you're advised to Shelter-in-Place seek nearby shelter immediately.

For additional information, consult the MEMA Web page at www.mass.gov/mema.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Sun tube placement questioned

COMMENTARY

LEE JENKINS

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fixture and you have to do a double take to make sure that you haven't turned on the lights. Even on cloudy days and nights with a full moon, the tube will deliver every bit of light the sky has to offer.

Cohasset with the assistance of our paid energy consultant has received a sustainability grant of $17,050 of which $16,000 is being used to purchase and install only 8 sun tubes or $2,000 per tube. Having investigated the per cost of the all inclusive tube kits Cohasset is installing ($416.60) and the estimated time for installation (4 man hours) this price appears unusually high. Inquiries to people in power haven't yielded answers by deadline.

The tubes were originally slated for the DPW garage but are to be installed in the Deer Hill Cafeteria instead. In a recent article, it was stated that the consultant is pleased with them going to a school as the location will allow for more visibility of the technology. The town facilities manager, Brian Adams, stated in the same article that "on a cloudy day they won't do anything". These statements indicate a lack of understanding of the technology and the priorities.

The most efficient use of the sun tube is in a windowless room, closet or hallway. In the revised proposed application the taxpayers' money is being spent on an energy saving retrofit in a new renovation to try them out in a room that has an entire wall of windows which has the shades lowered most of the time.

Cohasset unfortunately does have the reputation of putting aesthetics and politics before practicality. Through our recent $52 million school renovations we have seen energy and maintenance savings suggestions totally disregarded.

It already cost us millions to renovate. It will cost us thousands more for excess energy usage and to maintain, repair and retrofit the results of giving in to consultants rather than using common sense. Let's not do it again. From now on let's make sure we get the full value of tax dollars.

With the limited amount of funds available and in the interests of public safety in the event of an emergency or a major power outage, providing daylight illumination for dark areas in the high school (our emergency shelter) and in the DPW garage should be the highest priority.

Leonora "Lee" Jenkins lives at 198 Jerusalem Road.

Business Notes

McNabb attends IT conference

John McNabb, President of South Shore PC Services, attended the annual Microsoft TechEd conference for IT professionals held from June 10-13 in Orlando, Florida. Over 9,500 IT professionals from all over North America attended TechEd.

"At TechEd," said McNabb, "I received much valuable training in computer troubleshooting techniques, as well as education in the latest Microsoft software and methods to protect online privacy and computer security."

South Shore PC Services provides PC troubleshooting, repair, and service for homeowners and small businesses on the South Shore.

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Beale, 31 Brewster Road, $20,000, front porch; Cantillion, 794 Jerusalem Road, $1,000, relocate barn on same property; Hall, 313 No. Main St., $1,000, demolish detached 20 foot by 17 foot out building; Filbey, 134 No. Main St., $20,000, second floor bathroom remodel; Farber, 34 Fernway, $47,000, finish basement, third floor finish – floors, walls, ceiling and plaster; Slanetz, 14 Nichols Road, $25,000, install 12 foot by 16 phase II addition tight to weather; Appleton, 231 King St., $8,000, mudroom renovation, enlarge window and new floor; Witkos, 69 Elm St., $190,000, two-car garage addition with master bedroom on second floor; Hall, 313 No. Main St., $3,150, install 15 squares roofing; Herzfelder, 133 Beach St., $5,000, demolish existing barn/garage; Conte, 117 Pleasant St., $4,100, install 10 squares asphalt roofing shingles; Deutsch/Maurer, 100 Elm St., $1,000, tent at sailing club June 5-9 for party on June 7; Reed, 258 So. Main St., $60,000 kitchen addition; McNary, 355 Atlantic Ave., $80,000, construct detached garage and relocate driveway; Driscoll, 515 CJC Hwy., $30,000, extend existing kitchen 16 feet; and Wyatt, 113 Border St., $10,000, remove kitchen cabinets and replace with new.

Also: Lieberman, 7 Woodland Dr., $40,000, demolish and rebuild existing bathroom, remodel two existing bathrooms, install eight new windows; Cumberland Farms, 734 CJC Hwy., $2,000, reface existing pylon, square footage to remain the same; Cumberland Farms, 734 CJC Hwy., $850, reface existing wall sign; Bell, 75 Elm St., $500, replace joists and studs in half bath, build closet; Steele, 134 So. Main St., $204,000, new family room, deck, expand master bedroom suite, new full bath, remodel foyer and den, expand kitchen; A Taste for Wine Inc., 380 CJC Hwy., $2,500, remove non-bearing walls and window for additional retail space.

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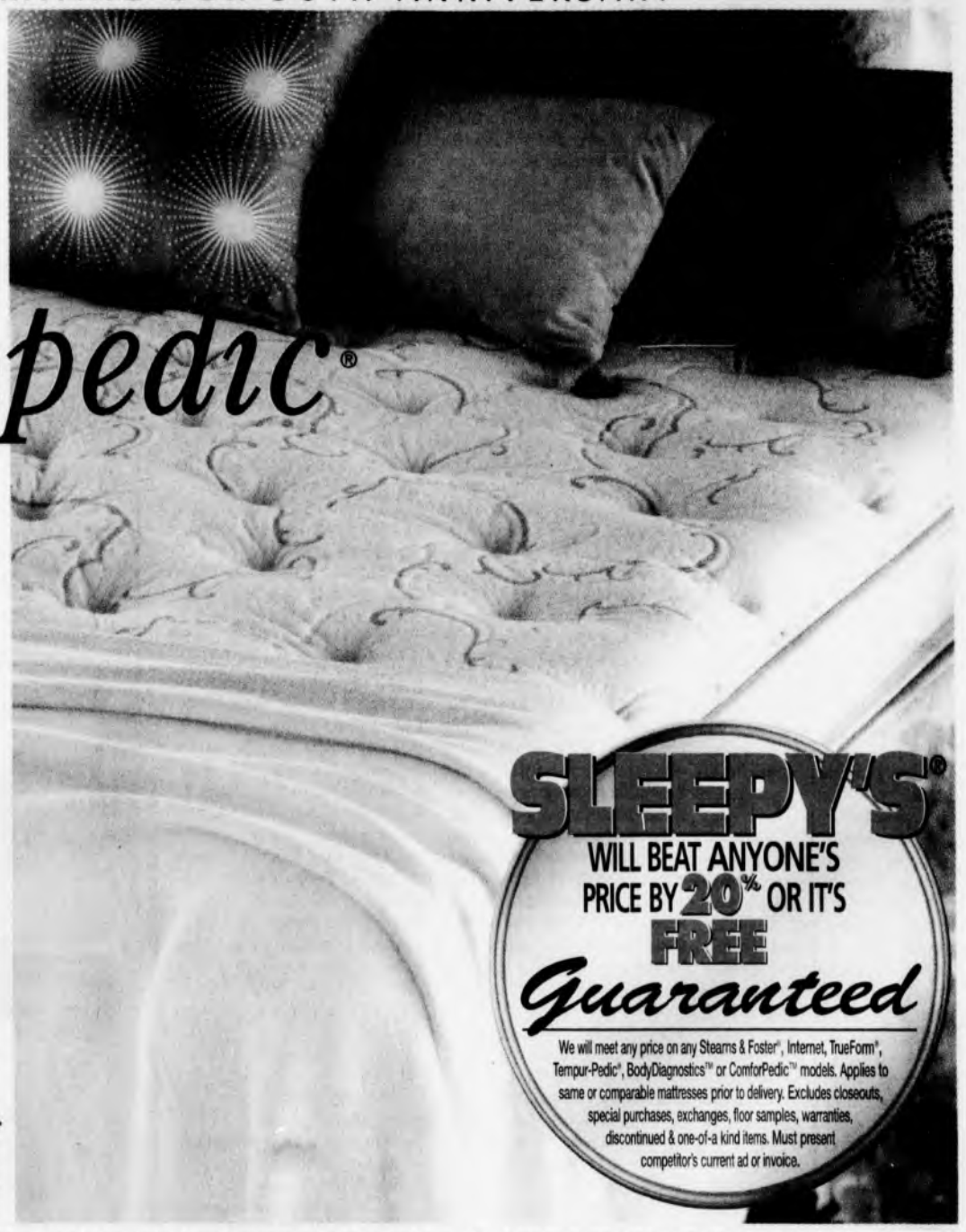
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Post 118 fights for playoff spot

Scituate/Cohasset crushes Morrisette at home Monday night; loses heartbreaker Wednesday against Milton

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset/Scituate Post 118 baseball team is working its way back into playoff contention and took a big step in that direction with a dominating 15-3 victory over Morrisette, Monday night at Scituate High School. It followed up with a tough-luck 5-4 loss against Milton, Wednesday. Post 118 is 5-9 overall, leaving them a game out of the final playoff spot with four games left to play.

Post 118 will play at Holbrook, Thursday, July 10 past *Cohasset Mariner* deadline. Cohasset/Scituate wraps the season up with games against Holbrook at home Monday, Weymouth at home Tuesday and at Catholic Memorial against West Roxbury, Wednesday.

Post 118 head coach Scott Arnold hopes his guys can win three-out-of four and end up in the fifth spot in District 6 East.

Sam DeGiacomo was the loser on the mound, Wednesday, despite pitching well-enough to win. Tommy Chase and Jordan Berry both had nice days at the dish.

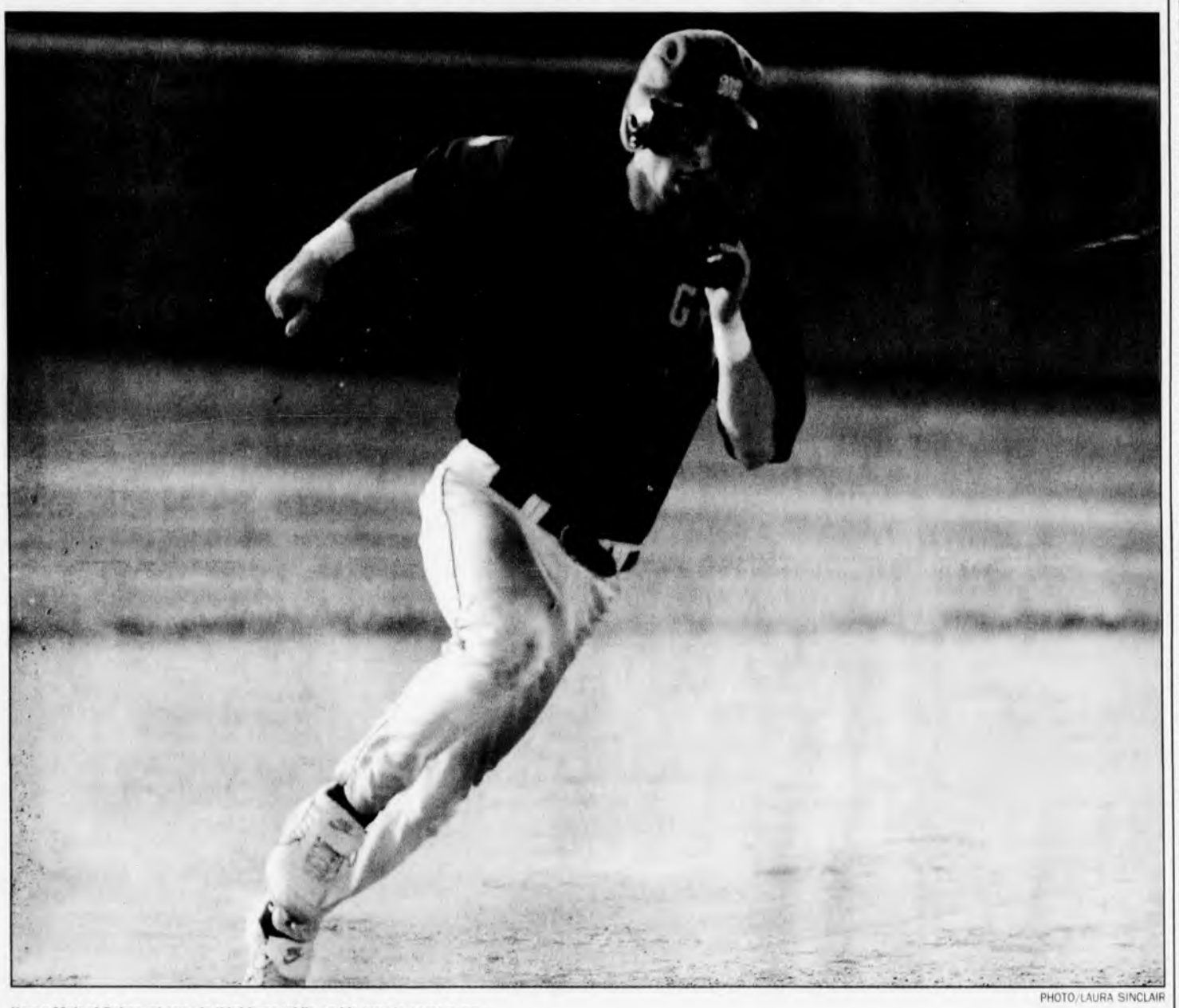
After surrendering three runs in the top of the first against Morrisette on Monday, Post 118's Brian Hill settled down and allowed no hits and just two base runners the rest of the game. He finished with five strikeouts. Hill is scheduled to pitch the first of a two game set against Holbrook, Thursday.

Arnold wasn't worried about Hill after his shaky start.

"He's always been a gamer," Arnold said. "He pitched his heart out [today]."

Post 118 continues to mash. Ken Muir (RBI walk), Mike Signorelli (two RBI double) and

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PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Kenny Muir of Cohasset rounds third base while on his way to score a run.

Williamsport team rolls

Shutout previously unbeaten Canton

Cohasset's Little League Williamsport team remained undefeated in Little League's annual Williamsport Tournament with a 5-0 win against previously undefeated Canton, Saturday afternoon.

Jack Kuppens hurled a masterpiece, as he shut down a Canton squad that had scored 15 runs in its first two games. Kuppens went five innings for the boys in Blue, scattering three hits, striking out five, and walking only two.

Kuppens escaped his only scare in the first inning. Cohasset's big right-hander walked the first Canton batter, and hit the second. A passed ball placed runners on second and third with no outs. With the Canton faithful on their feet, a Kuppens' fastball bounced to the backstop and Cohasset's catcher Max Montgomery scooted after the ball, and threw a strike to the charging Kuppens, as he beat the Canton runner to the plate.

Kuppens then wheeled, and fired a laser to Tommy Ryan at third, nailing the Canton runner trying to advance from second, completing the double play.

Kuppens settled into his rhythm, and never allowed the Canton Green back in. The Cohasset bats did their part in the bottom of the first. Terrence Doonan led off with a walk, and Brendan O'Connell followed with a line single up the middle.

After Canton recorded an out, Doonan and O'Connell advanced on a wild pitch. Liam Burke then lined a single to plate the two, and Cohasset grabbed an early 2-0 lead.

In the bottom of the second, Cohasset scored a third run, keyed by hits from Tommy Powers, Tommy O'Brien, Doonan, O'Connell and Burke again.

Both teams went down without a score in the third, with Canton's centerfielder robbing Cohasset's Chris Cohen of an extra base hit. But in the fourth, after Kuppens retired Canton without a run, Cohasset rallied

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(Above) The Cohasset Little League champion Cardinals. (Right) The Cardinals celebrate after their 13-11 win over the Pirates at Barnes Field in Cohasset.



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Girls U18 soccer team repeats as Coastal League champions

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The Cohasset Soccer Club's Girls Under 18 soccer team recently completed its spring season repeating as the Coastal Youth Soccer League champion for the second straight year. The team finished with a 7-2-1 record and clinched the number one spot in both the Under 18 and Under 19 age categories. Composed of players from Cohasset High School, Notre Dame Academy and Hingham High School the team combined a strong offense with an aggressive defense scoring 28 goals while allowing only 12 goals during the spring season.

As League champions the Cohasset team also represented the Coastal League in the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions held at Massachusetts Youth Soccer's new Lancaster complex. Playing against the best Under 18 teams from throughout the state, Cohasset played well, allowing a total of only four goals throughout the tournament, but did not advance to the playoffs for the weekend.



COURTESY PHOTO

The MTOC players following their rain-shortened game versus Milton from Friday afternoon, June 27. Front row, Christine Coner, Michelle Berube, Rhiana Fitts, Charlotte Malone and Danielle Sooklasian. Back row, Melissa Campedelli, Lindsey Davis, Megan Richardson, Katie Tomsho, Kerry McCabe, Olivia Adkins, Rachel Fredey and Samantha Sears.

Williamsport team rolls

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for two more runs, as O'Brien lined his second hit of the day, Doonan and O'Connell drew walks, Kuppens got an RBI the hard way – plunked in the side – and Mickey Barry lined a base hit for an RBI.

Cohasset led 5-0 heading into the fifth.

Kuppens retired the Canton nine in the fifth, completing his masterpiece with strike outs of the last two batters he faced. Tom Gilliatt took the hill in the sixth, and made like Cohasset's own Pappy, as he slammed the door on Canton, with the help of a nice scoop and throw by Tommy Ryan at third.

Cohasset now sits as one of only four undefeated teams in district play, and moves on to face Milton American on Tuesday evening, July 8, at 6 p.m. in Stoughton, passed *Cohasset Mariner* deadline.

Sports Notes

Summer Xtreme 2008

The Cohasset Rec. Dept. is offering a new program this summer called 'Summer Xtreme 2008', specifically designed for students entering grades 6-9, offering seven one-week sessions, at $99.00 per child, per session. Participants may register for any number of weeks they wish.

The program will be conducted by a four to five member staff and features a variety of field trips, games, sports, crafts, and a pizza day each week.

For full program details, please call Cohasset Recreation at 781-383-4109 or email SummerXtreme@gmail.com. Registration form and more information can also be found by visiting us online at: www.townofcohasset.org/rec. Applications are now being accepted for all sessions. The program is offered up to non-residents.

Cohasset Recreation Department Youth Lacrosse Clinic

This one-week clinic is for boys and girls entering grades 3 thru 6 in the fall. While the program is run by the Cohasset Recreation Department, it's open to players from other communities. The Buick brothers will be directing the program this year.

The clinic is held the week of July 21-25, from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m., at Milliken Field, Cohasset. Sessions are held rain or shine –in all conditions except lightning. Players need full equipment. For girls, this means a stick, goggles and a mouth guard. For boys, it means a helmet (including mouthpiece,) gloves, arm and shoulder pads and a stick.

Players should also bring their own water, juice or sports drink to each day's sessions.

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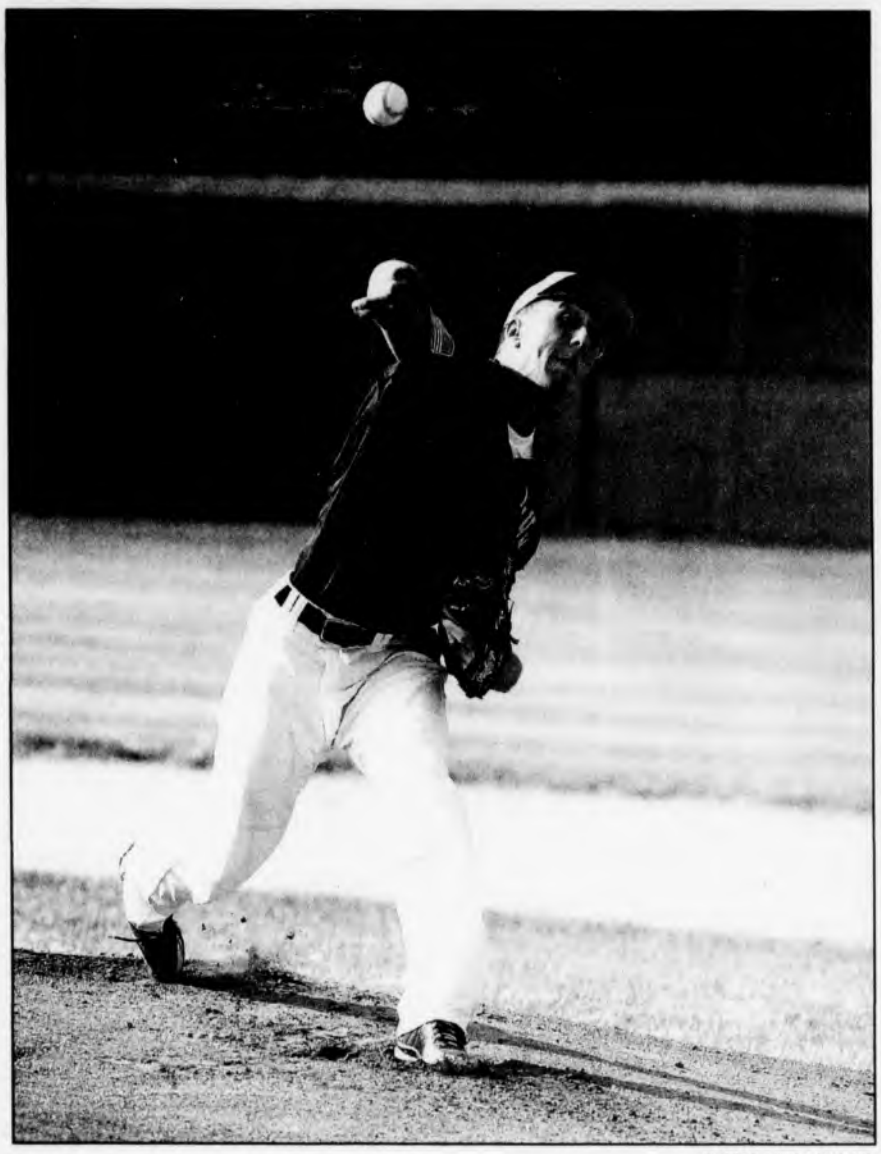
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Post 118 fights for playoff spot

"When our starting nine is together we can play with anyone."
Post 118 coach Scott Arnold



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Cohasset's Brian Hill threw a strong game for the Cohasset/Scituate Legion baseball team, Monday afternoon.

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Time McGrath (two RBI double) got Cohasset/Scituate on the board producing five runs in the bottom of the first inning. Home runs by DeGiacomo and McGrath and RBI doubles by Chase and Brendan Doonan helped Post 118 pull away.

"One thing about amateur baseball like this is there are a lot of runs," Arnold said.

"We got a really good shot now [at getting in the playoffs]," Arnold said after Monday's win. "All the top teams are behind us. Our goal is to win out. We have seen everybody [so far]."

Post 118 notes

New players this year include Brendan Doonan out of Cohasset (third base), Jordan Berry from Milton Academy (right field), John Giuggio from Choate Rosemary Hall Prep (catcher), Jeff Cavanaro out of Cohasset (pitcher), John Kearney out of Cohasset and Rob McCunney from Boston College High School.

Other key players include Sam DeGiacomo, Mike Signorelli, Pat Doonan, Tommy Chase and Brian Hill.

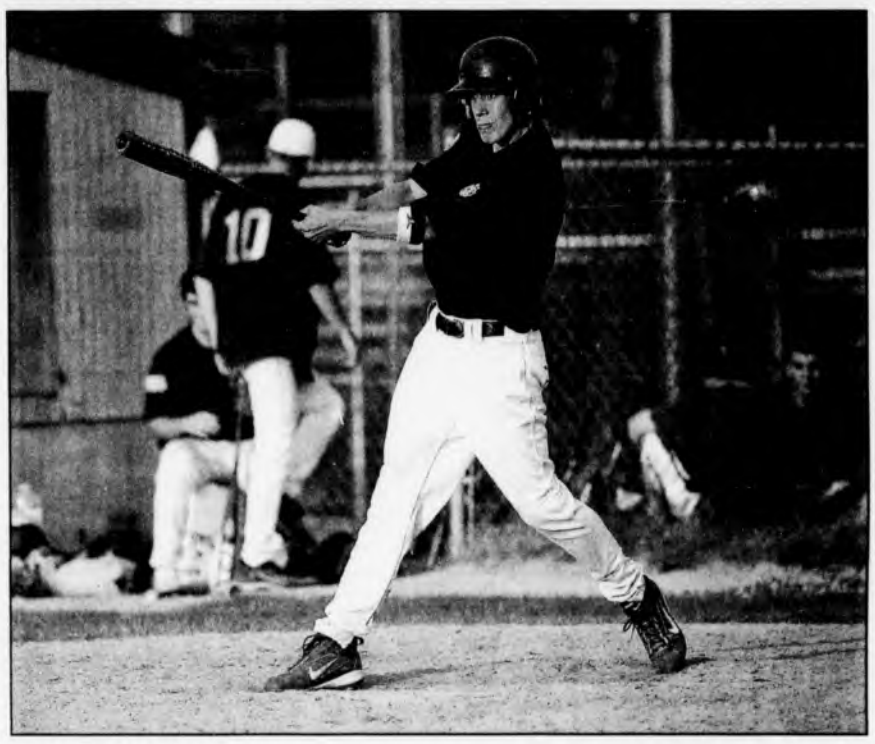
Brendan Doonan has done well from leadoff with Berry driving in the runs from cleanup. McCunney, the team's future shortstop, filled in and did a great job when Notre Dame bound Tommy Chase was playing for the state champion BC High Eagles.

DeGiacomo continues to play well in the outfield and on the mound, where he beat West Roxbury last Wednesday.

Chase continues to "be a role model for the younger kids," according to Arnold. Pat Doonan is giving Post 118 great defense at second, and Hill, Doonan's CHS teammate is 3-1 on the mound.

"When our starting nine is together we can play with anyone," Arnold said. "We have had a tough start due to players missing and other players out of position but we plan on ending the season strong. We are all together for the rest of the season and we will step up. It should be fun to watch."

Coaches Bob Barrow and Greg Taylor have also made a big impact this season.



Tim McGrath of Scituate hits a home run for Post 118.

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The Yankees, Cohasset's 2008 American League Champions. Ground (L-R) - AJ Kucinski and Timmy Chase. Standing (L-R) - Brian Counihan, Owen Bemsee, John Harzich, Alec Norton, Alex Norton, Michael Connolly, Will Broderick, Andrew Rosano, Sam Pitts, Greg Geddes and Andrew Kuppens. Coaches (L-R) - Mark Norton, Matt Broderick and Brice Bemsee.

13-AND-UNDER GIRLS LACROSSE NOTEBOOK

At the season-ending South Shore Lacrosse Jam, it was another great day for the 13-and-Under girls lacrosse teams.

The 13-U Blue team (grades 5 and 6) finished the season on a 10-game winning streak, culminated by a sweep of the jamboree games against Braintree, Plymouth and Sandwich. The team was a bit sluggish in the first half of the opener against Braintree, but pulled together nicely in the second stanza.

Braintree was strong on the draw and Cohasset made some adjustments that featured Annie McElgunn muscling her way to several draw controls with outstanding second effort. After a few quick Braintree goals, Molly Fitzgerald moved from attack to defense and teamed with Emily Robbins to shut down the fast breaks and help the squad close out a 10-8 win.

The second game saw Plymouth hang tough in the first half, allowing the Blue to get out to just a one-goal lead at the break. The second half was a different story, as Olivia Blackburn returned to form in the cage and turned away all but one shot. Cohasset also got its passing game in gear as Jackie Driscoll found Victoria Bryan just outside the crease for a quick goal.

Christina Tedeschi — playing her best games of the season at the Lax Jam — controlled the middle of the field with great speed, strong checking and was a vacuum on the ground balls. Lexa Grasz displayed her smooth moves with outstanding face dodges and pinpoint shooting. Kathryn Dunn showed great control around the cage, moving from the crease to the X position and finding open teammates and the back of the net often, as the Blue squad pulled away for a 9-3 win.

The final game against Sandwich saw some great firsts, as goalie Olivia Blackburn stepped onto the field as a middie and attack player for the first time this season and made a strong move to score her first career goal. Her sister, Madeline, ran like a deer all over the field for ground balls and just missed her first career goal as she bounced one off the pipe.

Robbins was a stalwart on defense all season and got a chance to taste the glory of scoring as she flew down the left wing and fired home her first career goal. Team MVP Maggie Ernst kept everyone smiling as she showed her love of the game and hustled all over the field. Elizabeth Baker and Rebecca Brown played strong defense and helped hold Sandwich to only three goals as the final score was 10-3.

The end of the season showed just how much promise this group has for the future; Lexa Grasz moved into the top 15 in career scoring for the girls youth program with 54 career points, while Kathryn Dunn stands 20th on the all-time list with 33 career points. Olivia Blackburn is likely to cross the 100-save mark for her career in the first game next year, which would make her just the fifth Cohasset youth goaltender to break the century mark.

The 13-U White team won two of its three games — against Sandwich, Scituate and Norwell — at the Lax Jam. Goalie Hanna Cooper continued to show great improvement and stamina by playing all three games between the pipes and making 15 saves over the course of the games; she went on to finish the day playing in the cage for one of the 15-and-Under teams.

Maddie Curley, Peyton MacNaught, Isabelle Dunne, Charlotte Allard, Katie McCabe and Mackenzie Axelson led the offensive charge and all had multiple goals and assists on the day.

Maggie Littlejohn was a defensive force all day and Alison Bodner notched her first goal of the season. Caroline Prescott, Morgen Montgomery, Erin Driscoll and Cassandra Lieberman all made contributions with great hustle and determination.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse holds its annual registration for the spring season beginning in November and is always on the lookout for more volunteer coaches. For more information, go to cohassetlacrosse.com.

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HIGH HONORS

Colette Altholtz, Jack Carrier, William Craven, Rhiana Fitts, Rachel Fredey, Samuel Green, Carli Haggerty, Ashley Howard, Jay Monaco, Greta Shwachman, Danielle Sookiasian, Emily Toomey and Alice Williams.

GRADE NINE
FIRST HONORS

Michelle Berube, Andrew Burnett, William Choi, Meaghan Costello, Natalie Dignam, Matthew Durant, Anders Goetz, Tara Goodwin, Lauren Hayes, Robert Jones, Elizabeth Kinnealey, Sarah Mavilia, Caroline Meade, Mollie Sinclaire, Imani White-Barboza and Olivia Yerardi.

GRADE NINE
SECOND HONORS

Dylanne Axelson, Eric Bartucca, Dominic Brennan, Drew Cobin, Caroline Collins, Patrick Dunn, Kelsey Erler, Mia Furtado, Alexander Kinnealey, Samuel Leahy, Maxwell MacCleave, John McGoldrick, Emma Musto, Jack Nelson, Kelby Pontes, Meghann Salerno and Colby Smalzel.

GRADE 10
HIGH HONORS

Melissa Campedelli, Christine Coner, Margaux Donze, James Earle, Jennifer Magruder, Johanna Regan, Megan Richardson and Dominique Rioux.

GRADE 10
FIRST HONORS

Emily Bertovich, Logan Breslow, Hannah Burgess, Jamie Canavan, Paige Collins, Elizabeth Crawford, Grace Curry, Tyler Durant, Geoffrey Evans, Michael Filbey, Hilary Gaumer, Meredith Kelly, Andrew Littauer, Terrence MacCormack, Meaghan Mahoney, Charlotte Malone, Amy Meikleham, Austin Meyers, Jack Murphy, Lucy Noble, Kevin O'Connell, Ian Porter, Angela Sestito and William Wise.

GRADE 10
SECOND HONORS

Madeline Altholtz, Jeffrey Charles, Harry Cipolla, Kelsey Coughlin, Samantha Crough, Jackson Dean, Taryn Donohue, Katherine Durant, Isabelle Franklin, Christopher Hayes, Kelsea Hindley, Victoria Lehr, Christian Lemaire, Sarah Libby, Nicholas Lieberman, Sean MacCarthy, Chase Manifase, Andrew McKenna, Tatyana Nakashima, Ian Quinlan, Mark Seraikas, Sarah Trahon and Cameron Washak.

GRADE 11
HIGH HONORS

Jessica Fitts, Fiona McBride, Rachel McMorris, Kristin Monaco, David Oddleifson, Anna Roberts, Graham Sinclaire and David Toomey.

GRADE 11
FIRST HONORS

Lauren Allen, Alicia Asnault, Eleanor Baumgarten, Adam Berger, Johanna Brophy, Lennart Brown, Jennifer Cahill, Andrew DiPaolo, Brittany Dunn, Molly Gilbert, Margaret Goodwin, Lesen Haracz, Daniel Martin, Amanda Masotta, Margaret McGoldrick, Alyssa Mullin, Erika Reardon, Charles Sceery, Stephanie Smith, Timothy Treese, Zachary Troupe, Vittoria Veltroni, Jonathan Wade and Tyler Wood.

GRADE 11
SECOND HONORS

Luke Brewer, Melissa Castro, Widmaier Charles, Jonathan Choi, Sarah Coggins, Vincent Curran, Victor Hartmann, Lauren Johnson, Aisling Kearns, Samantha Lehr, Alexander Livingstone, Caitlin Mahoney, Wesley Medwid, Conor Murphy, Kate O'Callaghan, Timothy O'Leary, Conor Ofsthun, Erika Orner, Carly Salerno, Lily Simon, Andrew Smith, Gordon Smith, John Sturino, Katherine Sullivan, Marissa Tangherlini, Ashley Thompson and Carley Zappolo.

GRADE 12
HIGH HONORS

Sarah Brown, Jesse Meade and Faith O'Driscoll.

GRADE 12
FIRST HONORS

Samantha Burgoon, Cameron Cunningham, Lydia Delaney, Evan Deutsch, Kali Devaney, Tyler Kelly, Olivia Kimla, Michael Kusek, Sara Meehan, Conor Michaud, Maura Regan, Nicholas Secatore and Paige Strecker.

GRADE 12
SECOND HONORS

Meghan Anderson, Oliver Brennan, Jacqueline Cahill, Meagan Coakley, Ryan Crough, Charles Czerkawski, Marc D'Antonio, Andrew DeVitre, Jonathan Drybanski, Whit Durant, Mark Flibotte, Anna Haggerty, Brian Hill, Stephen Hurlbut, Chloe Koines, Alexandra Lesniewski-Laas, May McCarthy, Paul McCaw, Jennifer Silvia and David Snowdale.

TERM FOUR

The following students were named to the term four honor roll at Cohasset High School.

GRADE NINE
HIGH HONORS

Meaghan Costello, Rhiana Fitts, Rachel Fredey, Samuel Green, Carli Haggerty, Ashley Howard, Jay Monaco, Greta Shwachman, Danielle Sookiasian, Emily Toomey and Alice Williams.

GRADE NINE
FIRST HONORS

Colette Altholtz, Jack Carrier, William Choi, Caroline Collins, William Craven, Natalie Dignam, Matthew Durant, Morgan Grasz, Alexander Kinnealey, Elizabeth Kinnealey, Sarah Mavilia, John McGoldrick, Elise Quebec and Meghann Salerno.

GRADE NINE
SECOND HONORS

Dylanne Axelson, Michelle Berube, Matthew Brooks, Andrew Burnett, Lindsey Davis, Kelsey Erler, Andrew Fewsmith, Thomas Flibotte, Tara Goodwin, Lauren Hayes, Robert Hill, Jack Nelson, Kelby Pontes, Michael Reel, Mollie Sinclaire and Colby Smalzel.

GRADE 10
HIGH HONORS

Melissa Campedelli, James Earle, Cameron Lucitt and Jennifer Magruder.

GRADE 10
FIRST HONORS

Emily Bertovich, Hannah Burgess, Paige Collins, Margaux Donze, Katherine Durant, Tyler Durant, Michael Filbey, Isabelle Franklin, Hilary Gaumer, Meredith Kelly, Andrew Littauer, Meaghan Mahoney, Charlotte Malone, Andrew McKenna, Amy Meikleham, Austin Meyers, Tatyana Nakashima, Lucy Noble, Ian Porter, Johanna Regan, Megan Richardson, Dominique Rioux, and William Wise.

GRADE 10
SECOND HONORS

Madeline Altholtz, Logan Breslow, Jamie Canavan, Elizabeth Crawford, Grace Curry, Kristina D'Antonio, Taryn Donohue, Sarah Libby, Sean MacCarthy, John Maher, Chase Manifase, Kevin O'Connell, Mark Seraikas, Angela Sestito and Graham Stevenson.

GRADE 11
HIGH HONORS

Jessica Fitts, Amanda Masotta, Fiona McBride, Kristin Monaco, David Oddleifson, Anna Roberts, Graham Sinclaire and David Toomey.

GRADE 11
FIRST HONORS

Lauren Allen, Adam Berger, Luke Brewer, Lennart Brown, Widmaier Charles, Jonathan Choi, Andrew DiPaolo, Brittany Dunn, Kathryne Gaumer, Margaret Goodwin, Lesen Haracz, Victor Hartmann, Lauren Johnson, Margaret McGoldrick, Rachel McMorris, Conor Murphy, Conor Ofsthun, Erika Orner, Katelyn Ryan, Carly Salerno, Charles Sceery, Stephanie Smith, Ashley Thompson, Jonathan Wade, and Tyler Wood.

GRADE 11
SECOND HONORS

Natalie Beukers, Johanna Brophy, Jennifer Cahill, Melissa Castro, Sarah Coggins, Michael Fithian, Johanna Fortunato, Molly Gilbert, Rudy Helbock, Lindsay Hill, Samantha Lehr, Ian Lyster, Lauren Mack, Caitlin Mahoney, Daniel Martin, Wesley Medwid, Alyssa Mullin, Kate O'Callaghan, Timothy O'Leary, Erika Reardon, Nicholas Savage, John Sturino, Timothy Treese, Zachary Troupe, Vittoria Veltroni and Carley Zappolo.

GRADE 12
HIGH HONORS

Sarah Brown, Samantha Burgoon, Olivia Kimla, Jesse Meade and Nicholas Secatore.

GRADE 12
FIRST HONORS

Meghan Anderson, Oliver Brennan, Jacqueline Cahill, Meagan Coakley, Cameron Cope, Ryan Crough, Charles Czerkawski, Evan Deutsch, Andrew DeVitre, Whit Durant, Abby Foley, Anna Haggerty, Juliette Karp, Tyler Kelly, Katina Martone, Paul McCaw, Maura Regan, Takeria Settles and Jennifer Silvia.

GRADE 12
SECOND HONORS

Cameron Cunningham, Lydia Delaney, Colin Dignam, Mark Flibotte, Sondra Hart, Brian Hill, Christine Kent, Chloe Koines, Michael Kusek, Alexandra Lesniewski-Laas, Sara Meehan, Christopher Mills, John Nee, Faith O'Driscoll, Richard Quebec, Amanda Simpson, Grace Steele and Paige Strecker.

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New England is flush with indoor attractions

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BOSTON -Ahh, New England. The granite peaks of the White Mountains that top out at 6,000 feet. Vermont's bucolic countryside, where the farmland is so lush you feel like jumping out of your car and digging your hands in the soil. The shallow shores of Connecticut's Long Island Sound; the dunes of Cape Cod National Seashore and Martha's Vineyard; and the rocky coast of Maine Winslow Homer captured so magnificently.

Yet, what happens when Mother Nature fails to cooperate and we're forced to retreat from the great outdoors? No problem. New England offers a slew of interesting places to escape inclement weather.



PHOTO BY WHALING MUSEUM, NEW BEDFORD

Learn about whales and whaling at New Bedford's Whaling Museum.



PHOTO BY OWL'S HEAD TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

Take a ride in a Model T at the Owl's Head Transportation Museum in Rockland, Maine, where you'll find plenty of inside attractions too.

New Bedford National Historic Park

The 13-block radius of the New Bedford National Historic Park (the Visitor Center is located at 33 Williams St.) speaks of a time in America when whale oil was worth its weight in gold. At the Whaling Museum (18 Johnny Cake Hill; www.whalingmuseum.org), a 65-foot-long skeleton of a blue whale hangs from the ceiling, but the museum's centerpiece is a half-scale replica of the whaleboat, Lagoda, built in 1916 and still the largest ship model in existence. The original Lagoda was built in 1826 and sailed the seas for more than 60 years.

Across the street from the museum is the white steepled chapel known as Seamen's Bethel (15 Johnny Cake Hill). Herman Melville came to this small church and was so amazed by the chaplain of the time, the passionate Rev. Enoch Mudge, that he created a character based on him in "Moby Dick."www.nps.gov/nebe/-index.htm

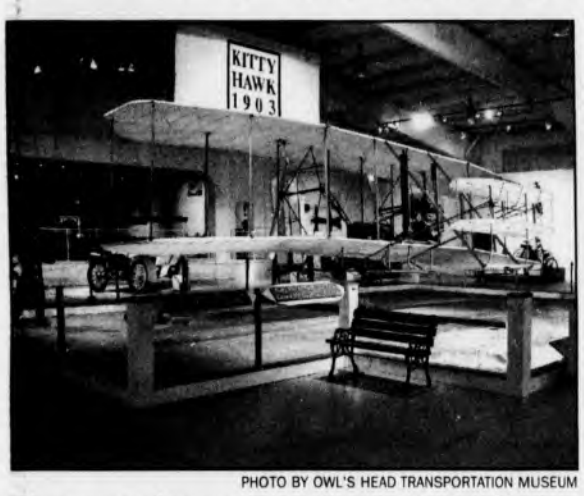


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Planes, cars and motorcycles are featured at the Owl's Head Transportation Museum in Rockland, Maine.

Shelburne Museum, South Burlington, Vt.

In the Burlington area, take comfort in the vast confines of the Shelburne Museum, seven miles south of town off Route 7. Both kids and their parents will love the mind-boggling collection of 150,000 objects collected by Electra Havemeyer (1888-1960) and housed in 37 buildings. The buildings themselves are museum pieces, having been moved here from other parts of New England to save them from the bulldozer. Highlights include a sawmill (1786); covered bridge (1845); lighthouse (1871); a luxury private rail coach (1890); historic round barn (1901); an authentic Lake Champlain side-wheeler steamboat, the SS Ticonderoga (1906); even a railroad station complete with locomotive (1915). Art exhibitions include works by renowned 19th and early 20th century painters Claude Monet, Mary Cassatt, Edgar Degas, Winslow Homer, and Grandma Moses. www.shelburnemuseum.org

Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge

Artist Norman Rockwell (1894-1978) lived and worked in Stockbridge for the last 50 years of his life. During that time, he would create 321 covers for the Saturday Evening Post, as well as illustrations for books, posters and many other magazines, easily becoming the most popular illustrator in American history. The Norman Rockwell Museum houses more than 200 of his best-known works. www.nrm.org

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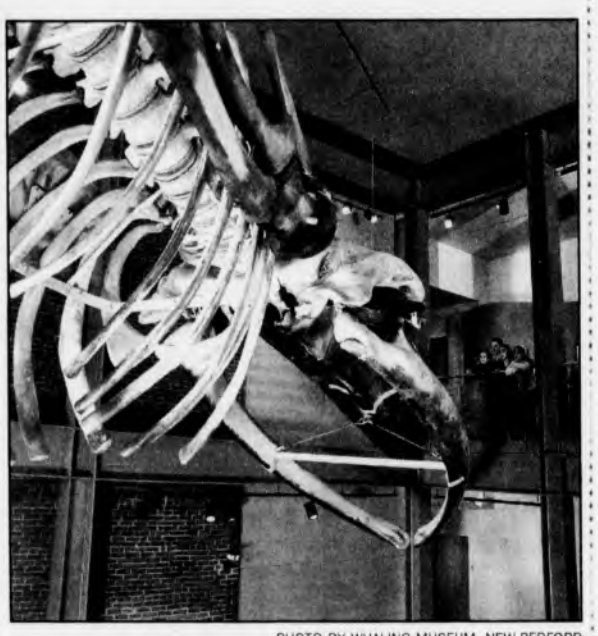


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Check out the blue whale skeleton at New Bedford's Whaling Museum.

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ORLEANS - Who would suspect that Cape Cod's sleepy shores were once a communications hub for the entire nation, pioneering the technologies that today power cell phones, TV and the Internet? A century ago, the Cape's arm reaching toward Europe made it a trailblazer in cable and wireless exchanges. At two sites, visitors can learn more about where technology history happened.

The French Cable Station Museum in Orleans looks like an unassuming four-room cottage shaded by lazy linden trees but was for decades a beehive of action, receiving dots and dashes flying along the first uninterrupted transatlantic cable. Unreeled from Europe (Brest, France) to Orleans in 1898 by a French company, Le Direct (as the cable was named), stretched an astonishing 3,173 nautical miles underwater. It relayed to America, via Orleans, such historical mega-news as Lindbergh's landing in Paris, and served as the primary link with our nation's World War I forces in France.

The telegraphic instruments remain, and at today's museum you can try out such curiosities as the Siphon Recorder that used glass pens dipped in ink to record incoming Morse code as peaks and valleys on a running tape; or the Automatic Message Sender that transmitted dots and dashes as key-punched holes.

A short drive up the coast to South Wellfleet brings more technology history as you visit a site made famous by an all-time-great techie: physicist Guglielmo Marconi.

Standing on Wellfleet's spectacular beach bluff with an ocean-to-bay panorama, you'll understand why Marconi - dubbed "the father of the radio" - chose this spot for his audacious 1903 attempt to jump a wireless signal across the Atlantic. He accomplished it by erecting four colossal radio towers, persuading President Theodore Roosevelt to compose a greeting to Britain's King Edward VII, and transmitting the message to England in a shower of primitive sparks. Telegraph keys soon clacked a royal reply, and the wireless era was born.

Today at the Marconi Site the station is gone, but an oceanside scale-model exhibit offers perspective on the exhilaration the inventor surely felt standing there 105 years ago, poised to make history. Gazing out toward Europe and musing on such wizardry, you might be startled by the chirping of your own cell phone - Marconi's stunning legacy.

For more information on the French Cable Station Museum, call 508-240-1735 or visit www.frenchcablestation-museum.org. For more on the Marconi Site visit www.nps.gov/caco/planyourvisit/marconi-beach.htm.

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New England is flush with indoor attractions

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Owl's Head Transportation Museum, Rockland, Maine

On the coast of Maine, just south of Rockland, stands one of New England's finest collections of antique automobiles, planes and motorcycles. In the large exhibition hall, you'll find a 1901 Oldsmobile, World War I fighter planes and an old Indian motorcycle. And they all still work. Some days you can even ride in their freshly polished Model T. That's a thrill for all ages. www.ohtm.org

Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth, N.H.

Back in its heyday in the mid-18th century, Strawbery Banke was the place for sailors and whalers to find a good pint of grog. Today, the collection of 40 antique buildings on 10 downtown acres showcases the lives of sea captains, wealthy merchants and the working families who've called this place on the Piscataqua River home. If the weather lightens up, check out the new Victorian Children's Garden, where kids can view carnivorous plants such as Venus fly traps and pitcher plants and observe hummingbirds and butterflies. www.strawberybanke-.org

International Tennis Hall of Fame, Newport, R.I.

Just down the road from the famous Bellevue Avenue mansions, The International Tennis Hall of Fame is the only Hall of Fame venue where the public can actually play the sport on its grounds - the legendary grass courts, where the first U.S. National Tennis Championships were held in 1881. When it's raining outdoors, they also offer three indoor award-winning hard courts. Trophies, old racquets and tennis garb can also be seen in the dozen or so rooms. www.tennis-fame.com

Mr. Bean

Sixteen miles north of Portland is Freeport, Maine, the town where Leon Leonwood Bean opened a shop to sell equipment and provisions to hunters and fishermen over a century ago. Today, L.L. Bean's mammoth store is open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, and sells almost any gear and clothing you would possibly need to enjoy Maine's great outdoors. Even if you're not in a buying mood it's fun to check out the scene and see the latest in equipment offerings - kids may especially enjoy the tent displays. www.llbean.com.

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In Vermont, the Shelburne Museum's Round Barn serves as both a visitor center and unique gallery space. The rare barn was built in 1901 and moved to the museum, where it was reconstructed.

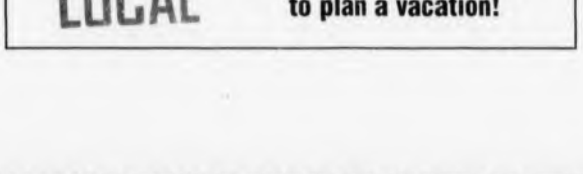
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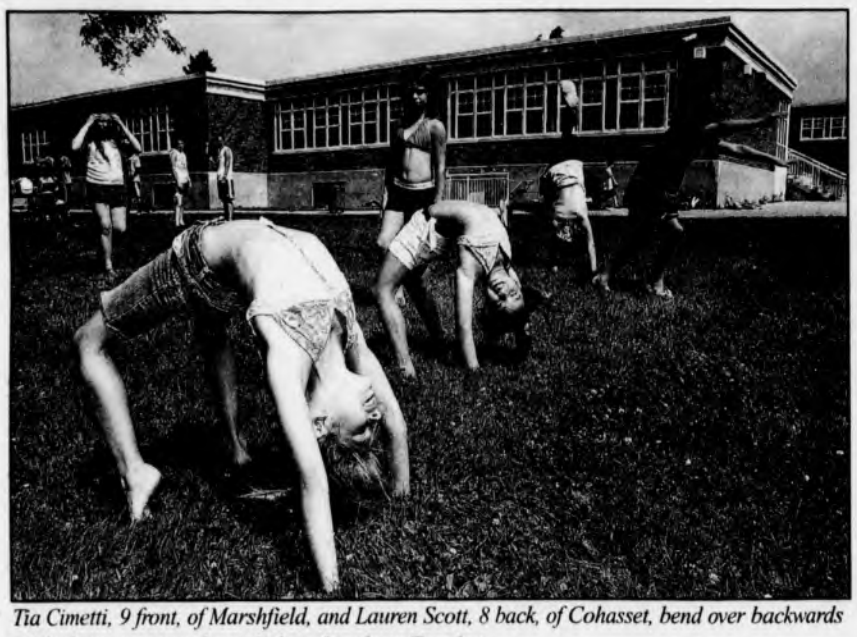
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Tia Cimetti, 9 front, of Marshfield, and Lauren Scott, 8 back, of Cohasset, bend over backwards while doing somersaults with their friends on Tuesday.



Camp counselor Evan Richardson, 17, gives Danny Talacci, 4, tips before their game of duck duck goose at Summer Playground on Tuesday.



Julliana Gong, 8, of Hingham leans back to get the most out of the swing during summer playground on Tuesday.



Camp counselor Natalie Hunt, 17, acts as a mattress for Misty Milner, center, and her sister Quinn during a presentation by the Cohasset Fire Department.

Camping out

Kids love Summer Playground program

Staff photos/Robin Chan



John Burke, 4, of Cohasset laughs while putting on two caps during lunch.



Anthony Graziano, 3, smiles while running around the circle while playing duck duck goose during Summer Playground on Tuesday.



Chris Karalekas, 6 left, of Cohasset gets a shot off while counselor Matt O'Connell, 20 right, looks on during their game of Around the World.



Margaret Curley, 6 right, of Cohasset hides underneath her towel while Laney Hixson, left 7, of Cohasset cools off with some water during lunch time.



Margot Robbins, 9, of Cohasset was just hanging around during the Rec Department Summer Playground at the Deer Hill School on Tuesday.



From left: Cal Robbins, 10, of Cohasset, Megan Rosano, 10, of Cohasset, and her twin sister Emily, 10, jump off the swing at the same time while playing around during snack time.



FF/ EMT-P Kevin Duurette shows the 3-5 year olds the universal key that they use to open doors.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, July 13
Summer Services
9 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – Led by Beverley Burgess

Summer services are informal, child-friendly, lay-led, and followed by refreshments in the back of the Meeting House. We hope you'll join us!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

Our summer schedule differs from our September through mid June schedule that is outlined below.

SUMMER WORSHIP (through Aug. 31st) 8 am informal service at the Sailing Club. 10 am traditional service in the Chapel located at the rear of the building.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

SAVE THE DATE of Saturday, July 26th for an all church PROGRESSIVE BARBEQUE with cocktails 5:30 –7 pm and dinner 7:15 -8:30pm.

FALL BOOK STUDY Wednesday, Oct. 1st: We will discuss A New Earth *Awakening to Your Life's Purpose* by Eckhart Tolle.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the **Reverend Margot Critchfield,**

Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church!

If you are visiting from out of town or here for the summer, you are most welcome to join us this Sunday when we switch to our summer worship schedule, now through August 24:

Sundays: 6:45 am at Sandy Beach (bring a lawn chair, no parking sticker needed) and at our Cohasset Village church at 8 am and 9:30 am.

Wednesdays: Eucharist with healing at 9:30 am.

If you are searching for a faith community, please feel free to pay us a visit; you can learn about us and the Episcopal faith by visiting our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village, "on the rock." To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083. Our parish priest is Rev. Margot Critchfield; the assistant is Rev. Colette Wood.

Areas of ministry at St. Stephen's include outreach locally and globally, youth group work, environmental advocacy, meditation, worship, Bible study, book groups, prayer groups, and fellowship.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

Please join us this Sunday June 8 at 4 p.m. in Scituate (on the Cohasset line) for a pot luck dinner followed by a discussion on "The Immortality of the Soul". Members of all faith traditions are welcome. Please call (781) 545-0721 or email b19moshfegh@comcast.net for directions.

"The earth is but one country and mankind it's citizens" 1(800)22-UNITE www.bahai.us

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Upcoming events at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, 1112 Main Street in Hingham, is offering the following programs.

Hebrew in a Hurry – Learn Hebrew letters in a hurry with instructor Rabbi Shira Joseph. Two sessions: July 14, 21, 28 and Aug. 4, at 11 a.m. or Tuesday July 15, 22, 29, and Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

In four short sessions, you will be able to read basic words and prayers. No prior knowledge of Hebrew is required.

The Crypto Jews of Portugal – Two sessions: Monday, July 14, 21, 28, and Aug. 4, at noon or Tuesday July 15, 22. 28, and Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Study the history of the Secret Jews of Portugal from the 15th century until today. Learn how several hundred survived over the centuries and how they maintained their Jewish traditions while outwardly living a Catholic life. Rabbi Joseph had the privilege of meeting such Jews and she will share their personal accounts, as well as a photo show about the history of the Jewish community, past and present.

For information, and to register, call 781-749-8103, or visit shaaray.org.

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NOTICE OF TAKING

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 79, Section 7C, you are hereby notified of a taking by eminent domain of land shown on a plan consisting of one (1) sheet and entitled "Land Ownership – Peppermint Brook Drainage Area," dated September 2003, prepared by Norfolk Ram Group for and on file with the Cohasset Board of Water Commissioners ("Plan").

Said Order of Taking by the Town of Cohasset ("Town"), acting through its Board of Selectmen, was recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds on June 13, 2008 in Book 25837, Page 251, at which time the right to damages vested. The Town has awarded the sum set forth in a resolution adopted June 9, 2008. The Town reserves the right to amend any such award of damages at any time prior to the payment thereof for a good cause shown. The Order of Taking and Damage Resolution may be examined at the office of the Town, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, Massachusetts, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 79, Section 7D, the Town has determined that the entire award of damages for all of the parcels taken shall be made payable to the Treasurer of the Town of Cohasset for deposit in an interest-bearing account. If you claim entitlement to an award, or any portion thereof, you shall provide an attorney's certification of title and a title abstract of the property to our attorney:

Paul R. DeRensis, Esq.
Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis & Holland, P.C.
One Design Center Place, Suite 600
Boston, Massachusetts 02210

The certification and abstract shall evidence an examination of title covering a period of at least 60 years, the starting point of which shall be a warranty, quitclaim, or duly authorized or empowered fiduciary's deed, which on its face does not suggest any defects. If more than one party appears to be entitled to receive damages allocated for any parcel, it shall be a further requirement that each party having or appearing to have an entitlement to the award jointly direct and authorize the Town Treasurer to disburse the award. In the event that less than all the ownership interests in any parcel have been taken, the Town reserves the right to withhold payment from any claimant who cannot establish ownership of the whole title to any parcel to the Town's satisfaction or to impose additional conditions prior to a partial payment. The foregoing requirements shall constitute conditions precedent to making a valid claim to the award.

If you satisfy all conditions precedent to a valid claim, payment has been and will be made available to you in the Town Treasurer's Office at 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, Massachusetts, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. You are further notified that if you establish a valid claim to the award, you may accept the offer as a payment pro tanto without prejudice to claim a larger sum by proceeding before the Superior Court within three (3) years. You must request payment in writing and must specify whether you are accepting the award as a pro tanto award payment of the damages pursuant to Section 8A of Chapter 79, or in settlement of all damages for the Taking under Section 39 of Chapter 79.

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MALONEY ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P1625EP

In the Estate of JAMES H. MALONEY A/K/A JAMES MALONEY
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death May 27, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that PATRICIA M. MALONEY of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **AUGUST 13, 2008.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, July 3, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11717347
Cohasset Mariner 7/11/08

JASON ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No.06P2676EP
Notice of Fiduciary's Account

To the persons interested in the estate of Margaret Dunn Jason late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk .

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 1st and final account (s) of Kathleen C. Mansfield as executor (the fiduciary) of said estate has been presented to this Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account (s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before **the 30th day of July, 2008** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney of the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, Robert W. Langlois, ESQUIRE, FIRST JUSTICE of said Court at Canton this 20th day of June, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

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Police/Fire Log

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

10:36 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:22 p.m. **Hull St.**, officer wanted.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

12:54 a.m. **North Main St.**, assist citizen, caller states the gates are down and the lights are flashing at the tracks. While on the phone, the caller stated a train went by. He wanted the incident logged.

1:06 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen, 911 cell caller states he is at the Cohasset Train Station and has been waiting for a cab for 2 hours. Officer on scene reports a taxi has just arrived.

1:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, cell caller states "an SUV in front of her has been operating erratically since Hingham. SUV has just turned onto Pond Street."

2:23 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

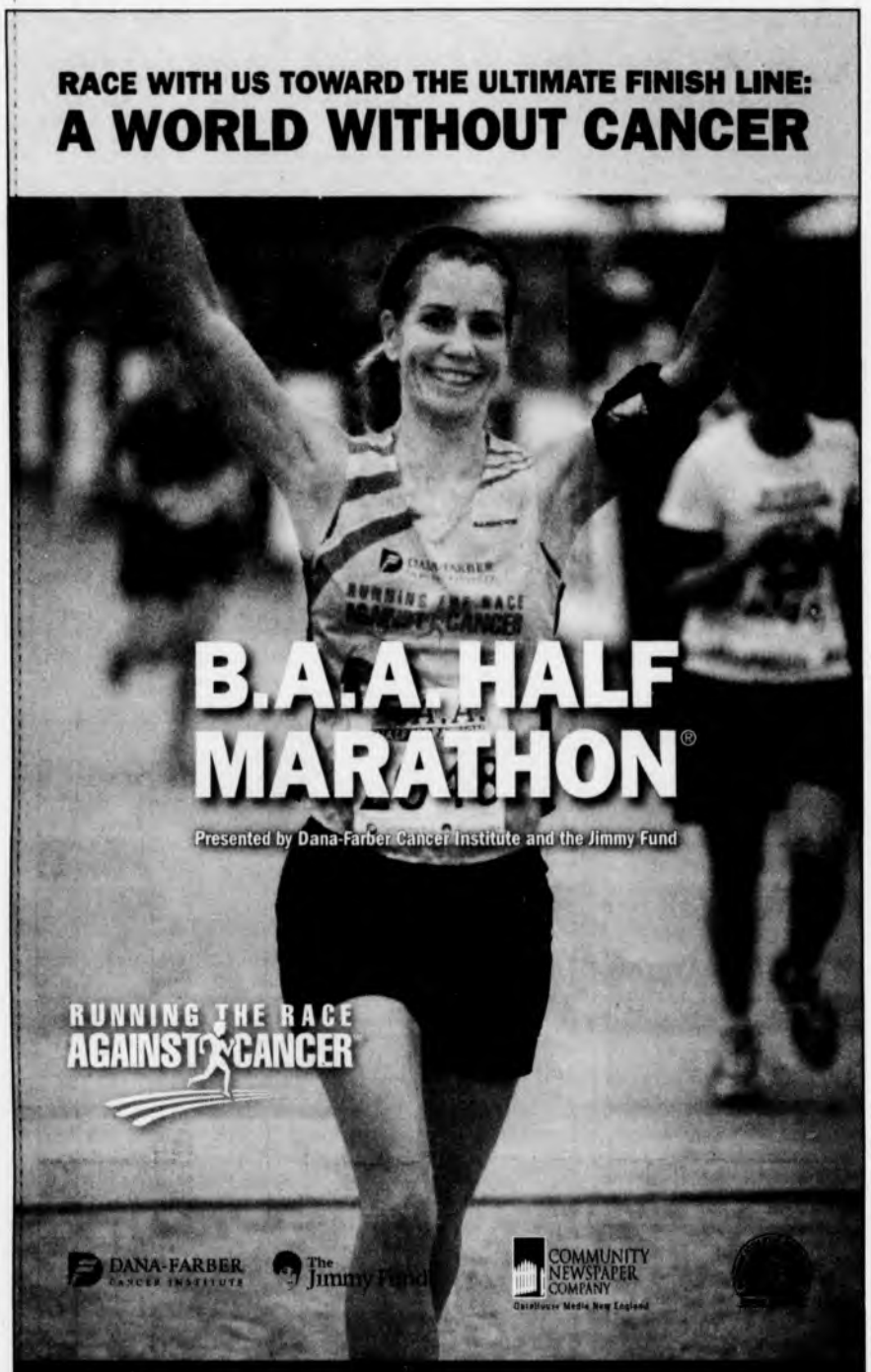
2:24 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:36 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party reports someone has messed around with the ropes on his boat and they are now all tangled.

12:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, outside, multiple callers are reporting a small mulch fire in the parking lot.

7:21 p.m. **Tupelo Rd.**, suspicious activity, 911 caller reports a group of youths just went into the wooded area at this location and she would like them checked out.

9:38 p.m. **Elm St.**, fire, investigation, Fire Capt. reports units to this location to check on a light odor of smoke.



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MONDAY, JUNE 23

12:32 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

5:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:06 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:14 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:34 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:45 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:26 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Caller states "a school bus just passed him on the right hand side. The operator needs a talking to." Bus was headed towards South Main Street. Bus may belong to South Shore Votech. Scituate Police notified. Bus back on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Scituate updated.

8:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, 911 caller reports motor vehicle accident with no apparent injuries.

11:41 a.m. **Pond St.**, assist citizen, caller reports woman locked out of house.

12:08 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

12:19 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:45 p.m. **Stockbridge St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a kid shooting a BB gun out the window of his home. Officer returning to station with the BB gun.

3:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, 911 caller reports light blew and smoke is showing, command reports power shut off to that fixture, company will notify their electrician.

6:08 p.m. Public service, caller reports she and her parents were involved in an argument last night, she would like to speak with an officer regarding getting her belongings back.

8:36 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, barking dog, caller reports her neighbor's dog has been outside all day barking. Caller would like an officer to speak with the owner. Officer reports the area is quiet at this time.

9:32 p.m. **Hugh Strain Rd.**, fire, caller reports she was cleaning her oven and there are flames coming from inside. Officer on scene reports the fire appears to be out at this time. Command reports this was a problem with a self- cleaning oven, the unit has been unplugged and pulled away from the stove.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

1:19 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:58 a.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller report her husband's vehicle was broken into last night – laptop and GPS were taken.

9 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, animal complaint, caller reports she has an injured bird in her yard.

11:10 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

12:16 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Forest Notch**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:49 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle crash, caller is requesting an officer for a minor motor vehicle accident, paper exchange.

12:57 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, the Fire Chief is reporting a bird on the sidewalk.

1 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, traffic complaint, officer reports traffic was backed up to the railroad tracks, due to construction.

1:15 p.m. **Grace Drive**, suspicious activity, caller reports two youths came out of the trees and left the area when she drove by, officer reports these parties are from Coughlin Environmental. There are no problems at this time.

1:20 p.m. **Stonleigh Rd.**, officer wanted, caller reports his car is stuck up on a rock.

1:54 p.m. **South Main St.**, threats, caller reports an employee she has fired called back making threats towards her.

2:56 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, hazard, caller reports the train gates coming down and going up twice without a train passing. MBTA notified of this.

3:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, caller reports smoke coming from the woods behind this location. Caller thinks a tree may have been struck by lightening.

6:31 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:16 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking.

8:58 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, trespassing, caller stated that he thinks he saw someone walking on the tracks. Area search negative. Advised Scituate PD.

9:09 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:17 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:57 p.m. **Pond St., and Bancroft Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:32 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

12:55 a.m. **Grace Drive and Hull St.**, suspicious activity. Arrest: Logan J. Chase, 17 Highland Ct., Cohasset. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor. Juvenile arrest. Age: 16. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

3:03 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

7:11 a.m. **King St.**, larceny, caller reports vehicle just left headed 3A North $30.00 worth of gas. Given to Hingham PD. Hingham PD reports they have the vehicle. Party is going to return to above location – rescan his card.

9:05 a.m. **Ripley Rd., and North Main St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a male in a red truck swerved to the other side of the street to pass her.

11:42 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, lost property, caller reports on Monday, June 23, her daughter rode her bicycle to Victoria's Sub Shop in West Corner, when she came out her bicycle was gone. The bicycle is described as a woman's Trek bike, color brown with a brown leather seat.

1:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle violations, Scituate PD reports two motor vehicles all over the road with youths hanging out the window. Area search negative.

5:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:37 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party would like to see an officer regarding 2 males that have been trespassing on his property. No trespass order has been served to both males involved and advised they will be arrested if they go on the callers property.

8:21 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, parking complaint, officer reports a vehicle parked on the sidewalk.

9:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:49 p.m. **Forest St., and Surry Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

12:44 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:54 a.m. **Hull St.**, assist other Police Department, Quincy Police report a male party ran away from his guardian. They believe he may be at his mother's residence. Mother states male party may be at a friend's house. Quincy Police notified.

1:11 a.m. **Black Horse Lane**, assist other Police Department, mother states male party may be at friend's house. Quincy Police notified. Male party is being entered as a runaway. Male party entered as missing person, juvenile, by Quincy Police.

5 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, gate was not locked, as there were multiple motor vehicles parked in the lot at that time.

5:40 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, assist boater, caller reports her 17' Boston Whaler ran out of gas, contacted harbormaster – they are enroute to assist. Caller reports the boater is on land, they will return to boat with gas later this evening. Contacted harbormaster advised her of this.

6:40 p.m. **Gammons Rd.**, animal complaint, walk in party reports her horses are running loose, officer reports the horses have been located.

8:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious activity. Arrest: Michael Huntington, 19, of 15 Bancroft Way, Cohasset. Poss. of Class 'D' and Christopher Putt, 26, of 150 No. Main St., Cohasset. Poss. of Class 'D.'

9:50 p.m. **3A North,** erratic operation of motor vehicle, Scituate PD reports motor vehicle on 3A North given to Cohasset units.

10:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

12:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:48 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:59 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious vehicle, motor vehicle has the passenger door open. No one in the area.

1:32 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, building checks.

5:18 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, caller stated "he was getting annoying phone calls." When advised that he would have to speak to an office he stated "never mind" and hung up.

5:58 a.m. **Border St.**, noise complaint, 911 cell caller states "they pick up the trash at the Atlantica Restaurant too early in the a.m." He has "complained before, but nothing has been done." He states "they will be gone, before you get there." Truck is not in the area now.

9:42 a.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious vehicle.

11:02 a.m. **Beach St.**, fire, restore power. National Grid on scene restoring power.

11:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, check of schools.

12:30 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

12:46 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:11 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports 10 kids removed from the bridge.

1:29 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports a "defective truck" emitting a lot of black smoke from the exhaust. Officer reports vehicle checks out ok.

2:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, walk in party reports lost or stolen dealer plate. Plate entered into leaps and report taken.

2:36 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, downed tree.

2:40 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, downed tree, caller reports tree down blocking the road.

2:41 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, downed tree.

2:43 p.m. **Jerusalem Lane**, fire, outside, caller reports wire smoking. Fire CP requests National Grid to the scene.

2:49 p.m. **Linden Drive**, downed tree.

2:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports a vehicle has driven into a ditch at this location, no injuries but cannot get out of the ditch.

3:09 p.m. Weather: Box 3 struck for station coverage per car 20 due to weather.

4:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Lt reports vehicle failed to stop for traffic device during call.

4:05 p.m. **Hill St.**, downed tree, caller reports there is a medium limb hanging on the power line. National Grid notified, will call back with ETA. E3 reports they have removed the limb.

4:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, downed power lines, caller reports low hanging wires.

4:36 p.m. **Beach St.**, downed power lines, walk in party reports tree down in her yard.

5:14 p.m. **Pond St.**, parking complaint, caller reports that a trailer is blocking the sidewalk.

6:59 p.m. **Margin St.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller stated that a man came to his door soliciting. Officer reports male is selling magazines and has been advised of proper procedure for soliciting in town.

7:34 p.m. **Sohier St., and Green St.**, animal complaint, caller reports an injured rabbit.

11:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

12:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

7:25 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire alarm activation, 911 caller states "her smoke detectors have been going off for 10 minutes." "Breakfast was burned on the stove." "The smoke detectors are hardwired and resident cannot shut them off.







PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE WEEK OF
JULY 7, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't be Sheepish about asking questions and demanding answers. You not only gain needed information, but also respect for your steadfast search for the truth.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A money problem that shows up early in the week is expeditiously resolved by savvy Bovines who know how to turn a momentary financial lapse into a monetary gain.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to shed negative energy-draining forces and develop a positive approach to handling current, as well as upcoming, personal and/or professional situations.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your urge to do your best on a current task is commendable. But don't let it become all-consuming. Spend some spiritually restorative time with those who love you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This could be a good time for all you Leos and Leonas to take your bows for your recent achievements and then go off to enjoy some fun times with your prides and joys.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A negative response to a well-intentioned suggestion could communicate a sense of distrust you might later find hard to refute. Think carefully before reacting.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your loving attention comforts a family member who is feeling a bit out of sorts. But be careful to prioritize your time so you don't neglect your work duties.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your curiosity might be resented by some. But those who know you will support your penchant for never settling for less than the truth. So stay with it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A pesky situation from the past recurs, albeit in an altered form. Deal with it promptly before it can go from merely irksome to decidedly troublesome.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't wait too long to submit your proposals after giving them a last look-over. If necessary, you should be able to defend any portion called into question.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A bid to use your workplace dispute-settling skills in another situation is tempting. But be careful: You might not have all the facts you'll need if you agree to do it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That sense of self-doubt is so untypical of you, you should have no qualms in shaking it off. Remind yourself of all you've done and can do, and then do it again.

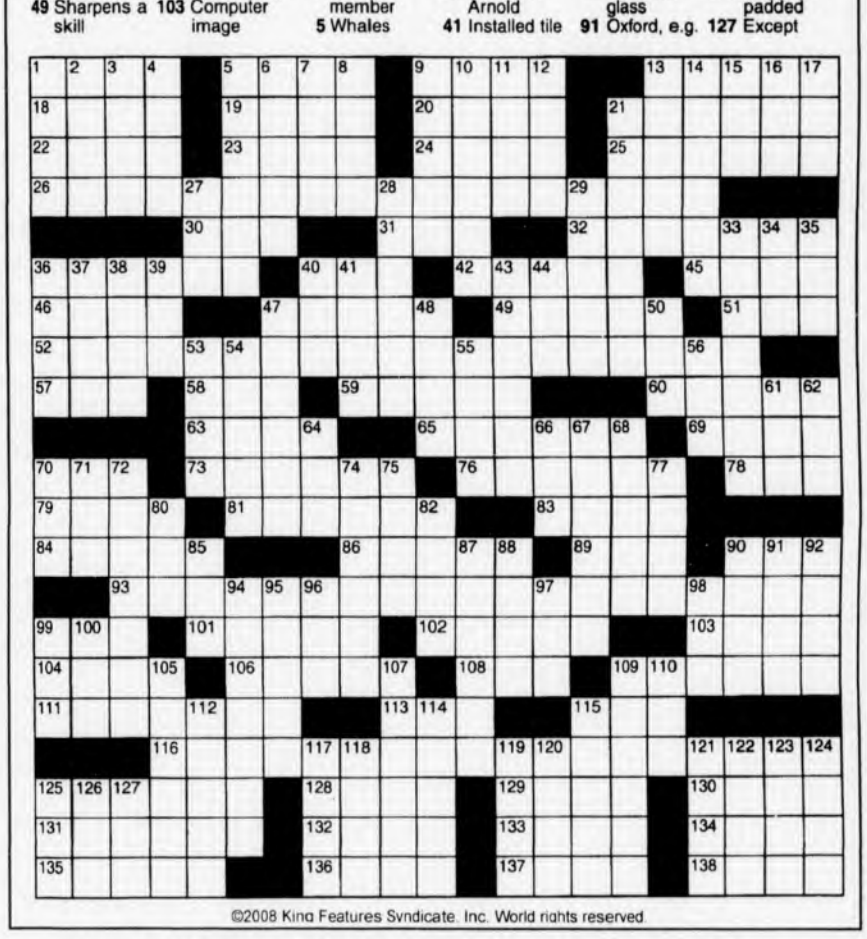
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BORN THIS WEEK: Your ability to charm others without sacrificing sincerity is what makes people want to follow your leadership.

Crossword - Gift rap

ACROSS
1 Forum wear
5 Wolf gang?
9 Drive the getaway car
13 Positive thinker
18 Lipinski leap
19 Deejay Freed
20 Interoffice communique
21 Hickman or Strawberry
22 Canadian coin
23 Ordinary
24 "Trinity" author
25 Kind of paint
26 Start of a remark by Don Marquis
30 Narcs' org.
31 "Agnus —"
32 Cinema sled
36 Lineman's tool
40 Seville shout
42 Renown
45 Debut recording
46 Atmosphere
47 Discontinue
49 Sharpens a skill
51 Choose, with "for"
52 Part 2 of remark
57 Cartoon canine
58 Part 3 of remark
59 Delany and Wynter
60 Time of your life
63 Head line?
65 Susann or Shakespeare
69 Entreaty
70 Mrs. Eddie Cantor
73 Prom date
76 Gulliver's first name
78 Portly
79 Wattle's partner
81 Speculation
83 Conductor Klemperer
84 Gold brick?
86 Pageant prop
89 Part 4 of remark
90 Sixth sense
93 Part 5 of remark
99 Mellow
101 Studio sign
102 "— Breath You Take" ('83 smash)
103 Computer image
104 Man the bar
106 Belarusian city
108 Cote cutie
109 Bantered
111 November 11th honoree
113 Stirrup site
115 Create a chemise
116 End of remark
125 Monastery bigwigs
128 Tivoli's Villa d'—
129 Neighbor of Can.
130 Concept
131 He had things done by Friday
132 — breve
133 Unusual
134 It's nothing
135 Off the plate
136 Basketball's Willis
137 Black
138 Seth's son

DOWN
1 Baja bite
2 The yoke's on them
3 Passed-on item
4 Choir member
5 Whales
6 Maui greeting
7 Poirot's concern
8 Handle
9 Tickle
10 Wodehouse's Wooster
11 Send out
12 Peter of reggae
13 Dieter's discomfort
14 Cleared the slate
15 Cardigan part
16 Pipe cleaner?
17 Building wing
21 Signifies
27 HST's predecessor
28 Crusader kingdom
29 Persian, presently
33 Early epic
34 Ref
35 Speck
36 Talk-show pioneer
37 Mechanic's offering
38 Pressing need
39 — de Cologne
40 Above, to Arnold
41 Installed tile
43 Unsullied
44 — Gatos, CA
47 Basilica
48 Italian rumbler
50 Diffident
53 Kind
54 Use a toboggan
55 Handle harshly
56 "Alley —"
61 Indian export
62 Toque or topee
64 Piggy
66 Medical grp.
67 Uproar
68 Price twice
70 Infamous Amin
71 Singer Seals
72 Enhance
74 Generator parts
75 Stumble
77 Isolated
80 Tropical snake
82 Connecticut campus
85 Spinks stat
87 Go back
88 "— Good Men" ('92 film)
90 Decorate glass
91 Oxford, e.g.
92 Await judgment
94 As a group
95 Canvas cover?
96 Nuremberg numeral
97 Cinnabar, for instance
98 "— the season . . ."
99 Wilderness trans.
100 "Holy smoke!"
105 Unseat
107 Pot
109 Dairy cow
110 Be obligated
112 Boca —, FL
114 Winning
115 Burning bit
117 Have on
118 Presque —, ME
119 Mata —
120 Dash
121 — up (evaluate)
122 Actress Barbara
123 Sleuth Wolfe
124 New Mexico resort
125 Parker of football
126 It may be padded
127 Except



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Sudoku

4			8					9
		8		3		4		
	2			7	5		1	
	9				1		4	
		7		2		5		
1			7			3		6
		9			6		7	
6				4				3
2	7		9			8		

Level: Moderate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Magic Maze - Tributaries of the Mississippi River

N R W O R C P M J G D A X V S
Q A H N S K U N K K I F D A X
A V I I A A C T Q S O M J H F
Y W I K L T S A E C A Y W U R
A D E K S L E N L P N L J H F
Z D D P B A I K A B Z X V T R
O Q O U P O K N O K G M K I H
O F D B M I S S O U R I Z Y W
V T R S Q G H H A I Q A B O N
L K E I H F I C D K S A C A Z
X D W K C O R B V U S R M Q O

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Big Black
Big Muddy
Chippewa

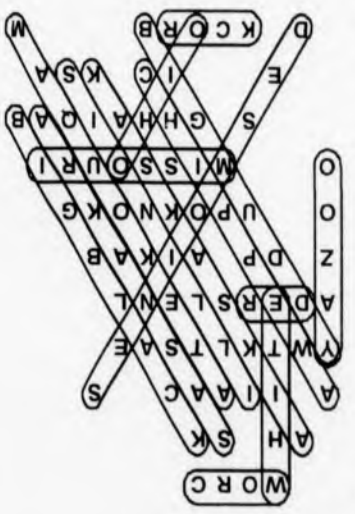
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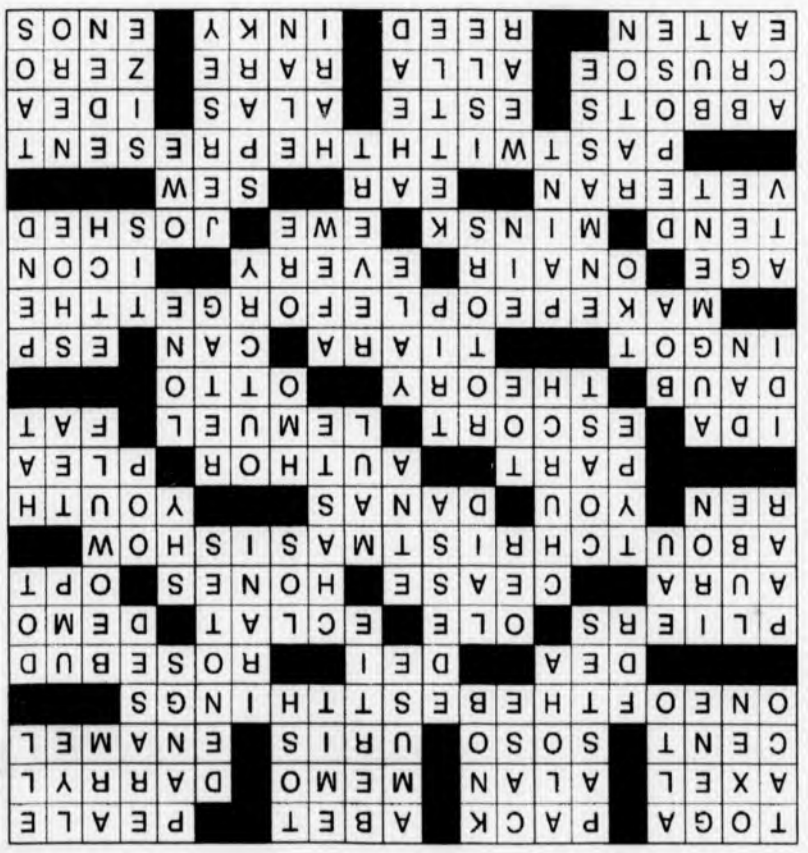
Magic Solution - Tributaries of the Mississippi



Sudoku Solution

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6	8	3	4	9	7	2	5	1
1	9	5	8	5	6	7	4	3
7	4	2	1	5	3	6	9	8
8	1	6	5	7	4	3	2	9
2	5	4	9	3	1	8	6	7
9	3	7	2	6	8	5	1	4

Crossword Solution - Gift rap



TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

JULY 10-18, 2008

Midsummer night dreamy

Shakespeare's back on Boston Common

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

When Greg Ferrisi takes the stage July 18 in "As You Like It" at the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common, he won't be worried about the forecast. Playing drums in the concert and marching bands at Plymouth Community Intermediate School, Plymouth South High School and Boston University prepared Ferrisi to be ready to perform in all kinds of weather.

"I'll play in the rain. I don't care as long as I can keep my drums dry," said Ferrisi, with a laugh,. "There are microphones, speakers and other electronics used in this production, however, so we can't go on in a rainstorm."



COURTESY PHOTO

Musician Greg Ferrisi will perform in the Shakespeare comedy "As You Like It" on Boston Common July 18-Aug. 3.



COURTESY PHOTO

Free Shakespeare on Boston Common attracts a crowd on warm summer evenings.

"As You Like It" is this year's "Free Shakespeare" offering, presented by Citi Performing Arts July 18 through Aug. 3 on Boston Common. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7 p.m.

Ferrisi, born in Weymouth, raised in Plymouth and now a resident of Jamaica Plain, was cast in the comedy because of his background as a musician.

"This is one of the few things I've done musically since graduating from college in 2000. I've been focusing on my acting, but having musical experience is what got me this show. There are a couple of spots in 'As You Like It' where Shakespeare has written songs that comment on the action. Our music director, J Hagenbuckle, has taken Shakespeare's text and put it to music," explained Ferrisi.

"I'm the percussionist in an ensemble that includes accordion, violin, guitar, and vocals. I'll be playing a djembe, which is an African drum, as well as tambourine and maracas. I haven't played in a while, and my drumming had been all but dormant, but fortunately it has come back quickly."

Widely regarded as one of Shakespeare's greatest comedies, "As You Like It" explores status, power and the magical mystery of love through the romantic adventures of Rosalind. The play mixes sorrow and laughter with romance and slapstick comedy to tell a story of life and finding true love.

A story that is new to Ferrisi, who freely acknowledges that "As You Like It" was not Shakespeare he read in high school.

"I hadn't read this one before I was cast. Shakespeare is not always easy, but we've got some real Shakespeare veterans in our cast, so I've been learning an awful lot from them. It has also been great to work with our director, Steven Maler, who is also the founding artistic director of Commonwealth Shakespeare Company," said the performer, who spends his days as a proofreader for a financial printing company. "This is my first Shakespeare production, but I would love to play a bigger role next summer."

"As You Like It" will be performed free on Boston Common, July 18-Aug. 3, with performances Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. The production will also be presented Aug. 8-10 at Forest Park in Springfield. For further information, call 617-482-9393 or go online at citicenter.org.



COURTESY PHOTO

Faculty members of the Quincy Musical Summer Camp are (left to right), Rebecca Kasper, Jesse Nager, Q Smith, Kanova Johnson, and Maurice Murphy. The teachers will perform with their students July 18 in "You You Can't Stop the Beat!" Proceeds from the performance will go to the VH1 Save the Music Foundation.

This way to center stage

Quincy performance camp will untangle the show-biz ropes

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

The strong showing of a quintet of performers from Braintree and North Quincy High Schools in the recent Broadway-themed "Boston Pops High School Sing-Off" may have made some local theater fans sit and up and take notice that, just possibly, the next Bernadette Peters and Brian Stokes Mitchell may be living among them on the South Shore.

To help prepare students in grades three to 12 for careers in the theater, Quincy-based producer and entertainment presenter John F. McDonald Jr., founder of JM Productions, has assembled a "faculty" of six seasoned performers from Broadway and national touring shows — including "Mamma Mia!" "Les Miserables," and "Mary Poppins" — to teach a Quincy Musical Summer Camp July 7-19 at North Quincy High School.

The non-audition camp is presented by Children's Corner, a drama, dance and voice studio in Quincy, and JM Productions. The grand finale is July 18, when students and teachers will present the original musical production "You Can't Stop the Beat!" Proceeds from the North Quincy High performance will go to the VH1 Save the Music Foundation.

The entire experience will be chronicled by Boston-based documentary filmmaker Giacomo LaRosa.

In addition, the sextet of Broadway professionals will be performing at the Inn at Bay Pointe in Quincy on July 10 and 15.

"What we are really looking for is a way to provide a summer program for young people from the South Shore that will nurture their interest in music and theater," said McDonald by telephone from his Quincy home last week. "So many students from my Children's Corner program — and other students throughout the South Shore — have a real interest in musical theater and Broadway. We want to foster that interest and we believe this is a great way to do it.

"Our teachers — Jesse Nager, Quiana Smith, Rebecca Kasper, Danny Calvert, Maurice Murphy, and Tara Siesener — will be able to give our students a clear sense of what it takes to sing, dance, and act and really be a Broadway triple threat. We'll cover more than just performing. We'll also get into how to audition, what to wear when you audition, and what it really takes to break into show business."

This is the first year of the partnership between Children's Corner and the VH1 Save the Music Foundation, but the two organizations share similar goals, McDonald said. Save the Music is a nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring instrumental music education in America's schools and raising awareness about the importance of music as a part of each child's complete education. Since 1997, the foundation has provided nearly $40 million worth of new musical instruments to 1,500 schools in more than 100 cities around the country.

Quincy Mayor Thomas P. Koch praised the partnership that will be bringing Broadway to his city.

"I was very excited to learn of this terrific opportunity for Quincy families." said Koch. "Not only is this a great way to provide some valuable musical instruction to our youth, but it also has the added bonus of potentially returning some resources to our schools. This definitely seems like a win-win."

To learn more about the 2008 Quincy Musical Summer Camp, July 7-18, and "You Can't Stop the Beat," July 18, both at North Quincy High School, 316 Hancock St., Quincy, and the Broadway Cabaret Nights, July 10 and 15, at the Inn at Bay Pointe, 64 Washington Court, Quincy, call 617-786-7469 or go online to jmproductionspresents.com

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, July 10

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate **July Book Club Meeting,** July 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. The fiction title for July is Friday Night Knitting Club **by Kate Jacobs.** Front Street Book Shop book group meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. 781-545-5011.

Annual Plymouth Merchants Sidewalk Sale July 10-13 Downtown/ Shirley Square/ Village Landing and Waterfront. Free concerts farmer's Market at Stephens Field, Plymouth. The Plymouth Farmers' market at Stephens Field is from **2:30 to 6:30 p.m**. Check www.plymouthfarmersmarket.org for details. Performing easy listening **July 10, is** Ray Papile.

The historic Daniel Webster House at 238 Webster St., Marshfield will be open to the public on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through September. Marshfield is "The Home of Daniel Webster," and this lovely Victorian house is a tribute to him. The houseis air conditioned; admission is free. For information call 781-834-6241 or visit www.danielwebsterestate.org.

A Texas Hold-Em poker tournament will be held Thursday, July 10 at Venus II Restaurant and Sports Bar, 277 Ocean St., Marshfield, beginning at 7 p.m. sharp. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. All proceeds to from the tournament will **benefit the Marshfield Rams Football** program's "Heading for the Hills" team trip to Beverly Hills in September. Information contact Dorothy Steele 781-834-1079 or ssbeachbums@verizon.net

The Dickinson Gallery, at 1132 Main St., in Weymouth, has designated **George Murray** of Weymouth as their featured artist through July 19. In addition to George Murray's work, the gallery will show the work of 15 other Massachusetts artists, including **Stephen Boczanowski, Edwina Caci, Donald Dickinson, Kathy Ferrara, Roger Gill, George Hartley, Stephen H. Holland, Sally J. McCarthy, Diane Panerelli Miller, George Murray, Christopher Myers, Daniel Myers, Anet Paglierani, and Isabel Shamitz.** Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. 781-331-3384, www.dickinsonarrtgallery.com.

The Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will meet July 10, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is **The Time Travelers** by Linda Buckley-Archer. This book was previously published as "Gideon The Cutpurse." The facilitator is Ms. Shelley Sommer. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. Please join us. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 if you have questions.

Borders, 255 Grossman Drive, Braintree, Author **Jennifer Haigh**, reading and signing of "The Condition," July 10, 7 p.m. 781-356-5111.

JM Productions presents Broadway performers who have starred in such well-known musicals as *Mamma Mia! Fame, 42nd Street, Good Vibrations, Mary Poppins and Les Miserables* for two cabaret shows on July 10 and 15 with two shows each night at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., at the Inn at Bay Point, 64 Washington Court, Quincy, call 617-786-7469 or visit jmproductionspresents.com

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 10 **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

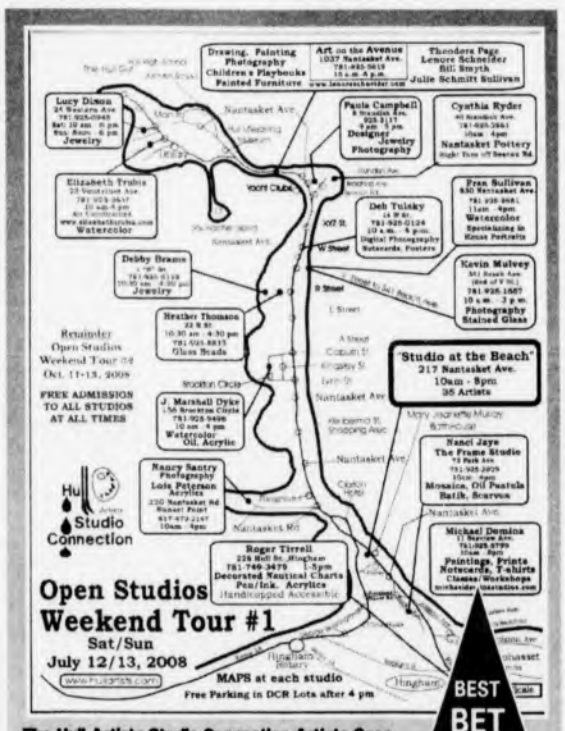
JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 10, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Hoodoo Revelator Blues Jam** open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2008 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. July 10, **Don Besegais Big Band.**

Friday, July 11

The Marshfield First Congregational Church will host its **114th Community Fair** July 11 and 12, on the Town Green, corner of Route 139 and Route 3A. Food will be served at the outdoor Café, including turkey dinners from Gerard's Farm on Friday, Pancakes Saturday morning, and $10 Lobster Salad Roll dinners on Saturday. There will be a 7 p.m. Penny Sale Friday and a 6:30 p.m. auction Saturday. Proceeds go to support the church and various missions. 781 834-0382



The Hull Artists Studio Connection Artists Open Studios weekend tour No. 1. takes place Saturday/Sunday July 12 and 13, Visit 19 artist's private studios plus 35 artists at "Studio at the Beach." Enjoy fine art paintings, drawings, photography, stained glass, jewelry, mosaics, decorated nautical charts, painted furniture, pottery, batik, children's playbooks and more. Maps available: Studio at the Beach, 217 Nantasket Ave., Hull; On-line at www.HullArtists.com; Art on the Avenue, 1037 Nantasket Ave., Hull Area shops and public buildings. Hours vary: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (see tour map) 781-925-1996 or 781-925-5619. Free and open to the public.

Java Friday lecture series at the Winslow House, 634 Caswell St., Marshfield, July 11 at 7 p.m. Local historian **Stephen Puleo** will discuss and sign copies of his recent book **The Boston Italians.** Tickets are $10 per person. Reservations can be made by calling 781-837-5753 or visiting winslowhouse.org Light refreshments will be served and copies of the book will be on hand.

Evenings Under the Stars Festival Orchestra, opening concert **Nicholas Palmer** conducting. The concert will feature **Shijun Wang**, 2007 Duxbury Music Festival solo competition winner, performing Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No, 1 in B-flat Minor, op 23. Orchestra selections will include Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake . Overture and 1812 Overture, Music from the Movies, Pops Classics and John Philip Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever. Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St., Duxbury. **July 11 at 7 p.m.** Tickets $25 available online at www.duxburymusicfestival.org or at 781-749-7565 ext. 51 and at the South Shore Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham.

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New England Singles Dance, July 11, 8 p.m. to midnight **Sheraton Braintree Hotel Grand Ballroom, Route. I-93 at Exit 6, Braintree, D.J. $12.**

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Friday, July 11, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St,. Rockland.. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte.3. se-4u.com Dance music by award-winning DJ, Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 9-10. Free door prizes, raffles, and additional MATCH game prizes. For singles & couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Admittance is only $12 before 9.

Asian C Restaurant & Lounge, Hingham July 11, Trina Aitken-ron Bosse Duo.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 11 **Six Foot Sunday** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 11, **The Mudskippers.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. July 11, 8 p.m. **comedian Brad Garrett.** Ticket information: 617-931-2787 or www.themusiccircus.org

The Sharp Cats perform at The Pub in the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor on Friday and Saturday, July 11 and 12, at 8:30 p.m. featuring **Yury and Sharon Shenkar,** the duo plays a variety of popular music, including rock and roll, blues, jazz and dance tunes. For details, call The Pub at 508-591-5036.

Saturday, July 12

22nd annual Arts and Crafts Festival, Middleborough Town Hall, South Main St., (Route 105) Exit 4 off I-495, Middleborough, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 12, Rain or Shine. Free admission and parking.

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Cohasset Sailing Club Annual Summer Launch Party July 12, 6 to 11 p.m. All are welcome. Lobster feast and silent auction. The party is from 6 to 11 p.m. rain or shine. Dinner is served between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. BYOB – bring a cooler. Tickets are available by calling Joyce Driscoll 383-0122 or Claudia McKeon 383-6125. $50 per person and payable to the Cohasset Sailing Club. Donations for auction items are welcome—contact Jim Porter 383-2029.

Annual Plymouth Merchants Sidewalk Sale July 10-13 Downtown/Shirley Square/Village Landing and Waterfront. First Annual Folk Festival concert on the historic Plymouth waterfront, noon to 7 p.m. Shuttle service throughout the downtown and waterfront.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight **every Saturday night Karaoke**. No cover. 781-740-0688.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 12, **The Beale Street Band**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

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Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. **New England Clambake,** beginning at 6 p.m. July 12. Lobsters, steamers, corn on the cob, dessert—all of the traditional fix-ins' of clam bakes from your youth will be on hand. There will also be a special menu for the kids as well. To make reservations, call 781-837-5753 or go onto the Winslow House website: winslowhouse.org. Cost for adults is $40 per person; $15 for children to age 14.

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Country Line and Couples Dance at Taunton Elks, 119 High St., Taunton, July 12. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. with DJ and instructor, Dave Pytka. Dance 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Dancing includes Line dancing and Couples Two step, Waltz, East Coast and West Coast Swing, Pattern/Flow dances, Cha Cha, Nightclub 2, dance mixers and more. Refreshments, cash bar. $7. Over 100 dancers expected. Sponsored by Down East Dancers, Inc. 508-653-7937; 508-695-4548. downeastdancers.com

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, offers traditional Irish Seisiun from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety, from sea chanteys, rebel songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No cover. Go sing, go play, go listen. Call 508-830-1262.

New England Singles Dance, July 12, 8 p.m. to midnight **Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Sandwich and salad bar. $10.**

Sunday, July 13

The annual Secret Garden Tour and Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Friends of the Paragon Carousel will be held July 13, at 205 Nantasket Ave., Hull, across from the Pavilion. The breakfast is from 9 to 11 a.m. and the tour is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tour tickets can be purchased at the Carousel in advance for $15 and $17 the day of the event. Maps are to be picked up at the Carousel the day of the event. Pancake breakfast ticket prices are $6 for adults and $4 for children. 781-925-0472.

Sunday night concerts at the Hanover Bandstand, B. Everett Hall Field, Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover. Every Sunday night 7 to 8:30 p.m. **July 13, Roy Scott Big Band** (Sharon) will perform.

The Art Complex Museum, 165 Alden St., Duxbury will offer a free gallery talk and workshop on Sunday, July 13, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. with **Joan Paley** of Scituate, an artist whose work is currently on exhibit in "Complex Conversations". Ms. Paley will discuss her whimsical cut paper, children's book illustrations and lead an interactive program suitable for ages 6 and up. Pre-registration is required at 781-934-6634, extension 15. There is a limit of 15 participants.

Monday, July 14

High Street United Methodist Church (on the Duxbury/Pembroke line) will be holding their annual Vacation Bible school the week of July 14-18 from 9 a.m. to noon If your child (entering Kindergarten to grade six. Contact Kate Nugent at katestuff@comcast.net or highstreetumc@comcast.net The cost is $20 per child.

South Shore Arts Blue Ribbon Members Show. All artists are invited to display their work in a summer art exhibition. The *Blue Ribbon Members' Show* at South Shore Art Center will be on display, in both the Bancroft and Dillon Galleries, from July 18 through Sept. 7. All members of the Art Center, including children and teens, are invited to submit artwork to this annual Members' Show, one piece, not previously exhibited at the SSAC or at the Arts Festival Membership is open to all and may be obtained when work is brought to the Art Center. Drop-off dates are: Monday July 14, 9 a.m. to 9 pm and Tuesday July 15, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Work may be dropped off at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. A $12 fee is payable upon delivery of the artwork, and SSAC memberships, valid for one year, are $20 for youth and seniors, $30 for individuals and $48 for families. In addition to the opportunity to display work, membership benefits include significant discounts on courses and workshops and special events.

North River Arts Society presents an exhibit of oil paintings by **Kelley Carey MacDonald** at the Ventress Library Gallery, Marshfield through Aug. 15. Opening reception 7 to 9 p.m. July 14.

Tuesday, July 15

The Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield hosts an ongoing book discussion group, July15, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the library's Historical Room. This month's choice **"Ironweed"** by William J. Kennedy, Contact reference librarian Chris Woods if you need a copy of the book. Sign up in advance to reserve a seat, or just come on the day to listen. free and open to the public. New members are always welcome. Light refreshments will be served. 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org

Coffee Hour Lecture "The Great Ocean Bluff Fire" with John Horrigan Tuesday, July 15, 10:30 a.m. at the historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. Tickets to attend this lecture are $7 per person, and light refreshments will be served. Reservations can be made by calling the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or by logging onto the website: www.winslowhouse.org.

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, out on the deck (weather permitting) July 15, 7:30 p.m. **Drift Away**, 781-925-1115.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Tuesday 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. **wicked trivia** 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, July 16

Story Time Wednesday, July 16 at 10 to 10:30 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Mary reads age appropriate stories. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age along with an adult, are invited to attend. Free. 781-545-5011 frontstreetbookshop.com

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Duxbury Senior Community Center, 10 Mayflower Street, Duxbury, (Route 3 to exit 10 east, to Tremont Street, (RT 3A North) to 10 Mayflower). The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, at 7 p.m. No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Information: Barbara Lashley 508 830-1630.

Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers at Plimoth Plantation's Picnic Pavilion July 16, at 6 pm.. Come for an evening of traditional Native song and dance where audience participation is not only encouraged, it is recommended. Chairs will be provided, but feel free to pack a picnic basket and blanket for a fun evening under the stars. Adults, $15, children, $12, member adults $10, member children $8. For information and to purchase tickets call 508-746-1622, ext. 8210.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 16, **DJ Big Daddy Ray** 781-829-6999.

The Reverend Bob Levy with special guests **Ed McGonigal, Scott Darby John Porch** and host **Rich Butters** will perform a night of R rated comedy at The Pub in the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, July 16, at 8 p.m. Ticket $20. Proceeds benefit the Old Colony special Operations Group. For details, call The Pub at 508-591-5036.

Thursday, July 17

The FOCUS Gallery, 115 Ripley Road, Cohasset Village, is featuring recent work by award-winning Marshfield photographer, **Mike Sleeper.** through Aug. 15. The exhibit includes 40 panoramic and square format photographs by Sleeper, including new additions to his popular Fenway Park series. Gallery hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by appointment: www.thefocusgallery.com or 781-383-0663.

The Historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, 7 p.m. July 17, **Samuel Adams Brewery Lecture and Beer Tasting,** representatives from the Samuel Adams brewery in Boston will discuss the history of beer and breweries in New England. Additionally, after the lecture, a special tasting of beers will be provided. Tickets to this special event are $ 10 per person. Reservations are required. All attendees must be 21 years of age or older. To make reservations, call the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or log onto winslowhouse.org. Light refreshments will be served.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 17, **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. July 17, **Cindy Daley Band Blues Jam.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2008 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. **July 17, Johnny Souza Quintet.**

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. July 17, 7 p.m. **An evening with Gov't Mule** Ticket information: 617-931-2787 or www.themusiccircus.org

Friday, July 18

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Winslow House Kids' Fridays: July 18, at 10 a.m. Award-Winning Children's **Author Matt Tavares,** Winchester native Matt Tavares, author of **Zachary's Ball, Oliver's Game,** and **Mudball,** will appear at the historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. to do a book reading and signing for children and parents alike. Tickets to this special event are $5 per child. Reservations are recommended. To reserve call the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or log onto winslowhouse.org.

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Comedy and dinner show, featuring **Frank Santorelli**, along with **Christine Hurley, Bobby G and Kyle Ploof**, hosted by **Annette Pollack**, July 18, 7 p.m. **Tuscan House Restaurant**, 58 E. Grove Street (Route 28) Middleboro. Call 508-923-0099 for tickets and reservations. Dinner/show package only $34.95; show only without dinner $20.

Impressionist Mark Verselli will headline **The Great Imposter Show** July 18 and 20 at the Canoe Club, 2 South St., West Bridgewater. "The Great Imposter Show", presented by QDT Productions, also stars **Liz Burke** in her tribute show to Patsy Cline and Connie Francis. Making her professional debut in the show will be **Kandice Wood**, performing as Kandy-with-a-Kay. She will do a tribute show to Whitney Houston, Gladys Knight, Cher and Celine Dion. On Friday, July 18, dinner will be at 7, show at 8:30; on Sunday, July 20, dinner will be at 5:30, show at 7. Tickets for dinner and show are $45, group discounts available. The Canoe Club is handicapped accessible and parking is free. For reservations, call QDT Productions at 781-843-5862.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 18, **Double Take** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 18. John the Conqueror. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. July 18, 8 p.m. **Comedian Frank Caliendo.** Ticket information: 617-931-2787 or www.themusiccircus.org

New England Singles Dance, July 18, 8 p.m. to midnight **VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington DJ. Sandwich and salad. $10.**



2007 Duxbury Music Festival solo competition winner Shijun Wang will perform in the opening concert of the 2008 Duxbury Music Festival.

Duxbury Music Festival performance schedule

The Duxbury Music Festival opening concert, featuring the Evenings Under the Stars Festival Orchestra, Nicholas Palmer conducting, will feature Shijun Wang, 2007 Duxbury Music Festival solo competition winner, performing Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-flat Minor, op 23. Orchestra selections will include Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake Overture and 1812 Overture, Music from the Movies, Pops Classics and John Philip Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever. The concert will take place at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St., Duxbury, Friday, July 11 at 7 p.m. Tickets $25 available online at duxburymusicfestival.org or at 781-749-7565 ext. 51 and at the South Shore Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham.

Student Recitals. Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury, Monday, July 14, at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 16 at 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, July 17 at 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 21. 4:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Faculty Chamber Concert, featuring the works of Fauré, Barber, Pinkham, Hundley and Turina. First Parish Church, 842 Tremont St., Duxbury. Tuesday, July 15, at 7 p.m. Tickets $25 available online at duxburymusicfestival.org or at 781-749-7565 ext. 51 and at the South Shore Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham.

Red, White and Blue on the Green, featuring a performance by recording artist Maggie Scott, jazz pianist and vocalist, as well as performances by Duxbury Music Festival faculty and South Shore Conservatory faculty performing works by Bernstein, Arlen and Gershwin. Town Green, Duxbury. Friday, July 18 Reception at 7 p.m., Concert at 8 p.m. Tickets $45 available online at duxburymusicfestival.org or at 781-749-7565 ext. 51 and at the South Shore Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham. Tables for 10 are available for $450.

Vocal/Piano Master Class, featuring performance pairings between Duxbury Music Festival students and faculty. Maggie Scott, jazz pianist and vocalist will coach the performances. This will be a wonderful opportunity to witness the how the creative process works. Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. Saturday, July 19, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Admission to this Master Class is free of charge.

Sunday in the Park. Solo and ensemble performances by Duxbury Music Festival faculty and students. Town Green, Duxbury, Sunday, July 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The performance is free of charge. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the music.

Opera Program Student Recital featuring students from the Duxbury Music Festival. Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury, Wednesday, July 23 at 11 a.m. The public is invited, and admission is free of charge.

Chamber Competition. Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury Wednesday, July 23 at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited, and admission is free of charge.

Competition Winners Concert. Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury, Thursday, July 24 at 7 p.m. Tickets $20 available online at www.duxburymusicfestival.org or at 781-749-7565 ext. 51 and at the South Shore Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham.

Closing performance of Die Fledermaus, Johann Strauss's comic operetta, featuring members of Opera by the Bay, guest artists, students and faculty of the Duxbury Music Festival, led by guest conductor Steven Karidoyanes of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra. Friday, July 25 at 7 p.m. Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St., Duxbury. Friday, July 25 at 7 p.m. Tickets $25 available online at www.duxburymusicfestival.org or at 781-749-7565 ext. 51 and at the South Shore Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham.

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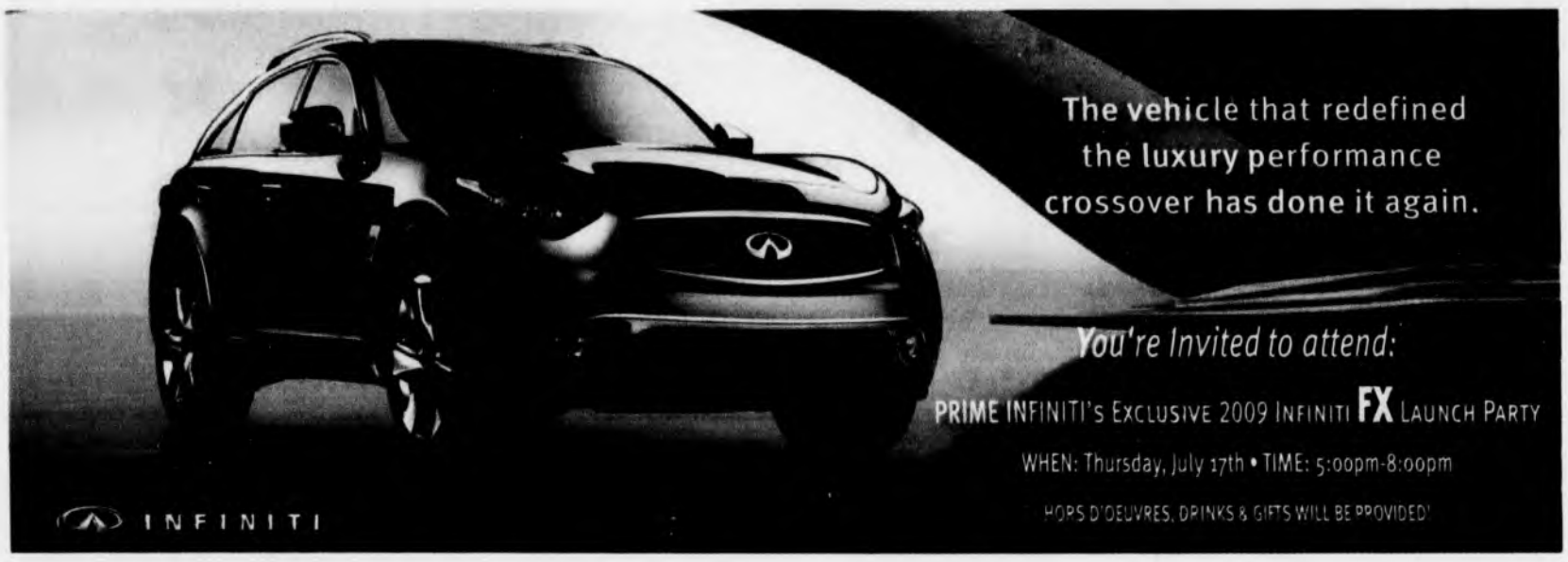
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Fair winds for turbine project

Private effort gets applause

By Nancy White
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Like a cool breeze on a hot summer day, Cohasset residents' response to the potential private wind turbine project was welcoming.

"This is exactly what the town needs, what society needs and I'm glad you're doing it," said one resident at the close of meeting. His statement was met with a round of applause from the packed room at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

The ending summed up what happened along the way, residents and other interested attendees has plenty of questions about the technology and expressed concerns over possible impacts. But, the overwhelming feeling was of curiosity and encouragement.

The private project on the Graham Waste Services site is a joint venture between CCI-Energy, Palmer Capital, Lumus Construction and Emergent Energy. Graham Waste business and landowner, Paul Barry, has leased the land to the developers.

The project is proposing adding two 1.65 megawatt sized wind turbines to the Cohasset landscape. The wind turbine project proposal will be the first commercial sized wind generation project to be submitted to the Planning Board for a special permit under the new wind energy bylaw. This preliminary meeting, co-hosted by the Alternative Energy Committee, introduced the project to the community and vetted its concerns.

Wearing a lapel pin of a wind turbine,

"This is community energy development. We are harnessing and harvesting a natural resource we have with us."
— Greg Hering, Emergent Energy Group

Jim Sweeney of CCI-Energy and the director of development for the project, described the endeavor as a "community based." In addition to doing its share for global warming and lessening the town's dependence on foreign oil, he said the project would have a positive financial impact on the town.

The $8 million project will add some revenue to the town tax rolls and holds the possibility of providing discounted and clean energy to town buildings, said Sweeney.

It is expected the two turbines will produce enough energy to power most of the town buildings. A contract would need to be worked out between the developer and the town as the project progresses.

"Wind energy is the fasted growing energy sector in the US and in the world," said Sweeney. "(The town is) fortunate to have people who believe in renewable energy."

Greg Hering of the energy consulting firm Emergent Energy Group and the

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Welcome home!

Tour highlights Cohasset's stately mansions

By Nancy White
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Each summer, Sunday drivers flock to the Cohasset coast to enjoy the million dollar views and to gawk at the mansions along the way. On Thursday July 31, the Cohasset Historical Society will open the doors of five noteworthy homes of historical significance and modern mansion elegance in their house tour, "More Stately Mansions."

Co-chairs of the event Eleanor Bleakie and Nancy Garrison have teamed up together to organize their third Cohasset Historical Society fundraiser.

The tour will feature five stately mansions all located in prime waterfront locations. The homes were sought out because of their history as well as their more modern amenities.

"We just didn't want houses with history, we wanted historical homes turned into stately mansions," says Garrison. The event title is borrowed from a line in Oliver Wendell Holmes poem "The Chambered Nautilus." The title fits in more ways than one as Garrison and Bleakie explain Wendell was a contemporary with the original owners of the mansions, many of which were built at the turn of the century, and quite possibly a friend of some.

As much as possible they tried to find notable homes that have been enhanced over the years. Some are visible while others are tucked away from the well-worn street.

The Cary Point Estate, currently on the market with a listing price of $16.9 million, located at 79 Atlantic Ave. is an example of a re-invented historic home off the beaten path. Built as a summer home at the turn of the century, the latest owner of the oceanfront estate kept the best of the old but added a waterfront dining room and a master bedroom suite. Interior details, like kitchen counters embedded with semi-precious stones, are a must see, the organizers say.

"It qualifies in every way as a stately mansion," says Bleakie.

The tour highlights a history long faded from Cohasset. For example, when Benjamin Preston Clark built the white Victorian home at 181 Atlantic Ave. it was mostly due to his participation in its annual coot — black butter-

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STAFF PHOTO/DAVE NEAULT

An elegant sitting room in one of the "stately mansions" featured on the July 31 tour.

What a waste: Dogs leave 'doo' on beach

By Nancy White
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Sandy Beach is a summer haven for families and beach bums alike. But, for dogs the beach is off limits during the open hours — 8:30a.m. to sundown. However, before the rest of Cohasset is ready to hit the beach dogs and their human companions head to Atlantic Avenue for a romp in the sand and waves.

Lately, Robin Lawrence, president of the Sandy Beach Association, has been receiving persistent complaints from beach goers about the presence of dog feces on the beach. He believes some visiting dog owners in the morning are failing to clean up after their canine companions.

"It's a matter of respect; respect for the property and respect for the other people who use the beach, especially the children," said Lawrence.

Sandy Beach is a piece of private property dedicated for the sole purpose of public use. "I would expect that people who use the beach would treat it as they would their own property," said Lawrence.

More than simply a nuisance, Lawrence, who doubles as a Board of Health member, is concerned with the public health issues associated with not picking up after your dog.

"There is a risk of human disease," said Lawrence. "There is a good deal of bacterial pathogens like salmonella and E-coli in dog feces."

The fecal matter can also contain parasites, like roundworm and hookworm.

"We are worried particularly for the children who frequent the beach," said Lawrence.

Head lifeguard and beach manager Jennifer DiSabatino says while the beach is swept of trash and other debris each morning, they aren't always able to get everything, especially if sand covers it —either by wind or by someone "hiding" the dog's evidence.

Unlike wooded places or large fields, DiSabatino said even on the slowest summer day there are people on every part of the beach.

"Kids are digging there everyday. Toddlers are crawling in the sand and some do come across it," said DiSabatino.

"It's a question of people being inconsiderate and not thinking about who is using the beach after them," said DiSabatino. "As a dog owner myself, I know it comes with responsibility."

DiSabatino asks those dog owners who do frequent the beach to only come before or after the beach closes, to make

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Sandy Beach rules

Summer is here, school is out and Sandy Beach is open daily for the 2008 summer season. Lifeguards are on duty 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Labor Day (Sept. 1). Bathhouse facilities are available for use during the same hours.

The following rules are issued to assure the safety of beach visitors and to protect the environment:

Prohibited: alcoholic beverages, dogs between 8:30 a.m. and sunset, flotation devices, glass containers, open fires, rock climbing, walking on dunes, water craft in marked swim area, fishing, launching boats, canoes, kayaks, scuba diving and metal shovels.

Also, no shoveling deeper than waist-high of the shortest person in the group and fill in holes dug in sand before leaving.

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Name: John T. DeWaal.

Occupation: Head Instructor at the Cohasset Sailing Club.

Best day of your life: Everyday that I wake up!

Best vacation: Fly fishing in Vermont.

Favorite season: I love all four of them!

Favorite holiday: The Fourth of July.

Favorite meal: A plate of meat lasagna followed by some tiramisu.

Best book: "Into the Wild" by Jon Krakauer or any of Tom Clancy's earlier books.

Best movie: "The Departed."

Best TV show: "24."

Favorite musical artist: Foo Fighters.

Most embarrassing moment: Jumping off a two-foot ledge and putting my foot through a three-inch nail while working on a shed, then having to call an ambulance for myself.

Pet peeve: Arrogance.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

The Mariner caught up with John DeWaal at the Cohasset Sailing Club this week. For photos of the annual Cohasset Sailing Club Summer Launch Party, see page 19.

Goal: To enjoy life to the fullest and help others to do the same!

Person you'd most like to meet: Peter Jennings.

Biggest worry: That life won't slow down so I can enjoy it!

Best part of Cohasset: The ocean!

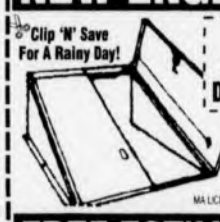
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Sunrise: 5:22 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:16 p.m.*			
Fri. 18	—	—	12:26	8.1	6:04	0.4	6:07	1.3
Sunrise: 5:23 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:15 p.m.*			
Sat. 19	12:27	9.4	1:04	8.3	6:43	0.2	6:49	1.1
Sunrise: 5:24 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:15 p.m.*			
Sun. 20	1:07	9.5	1:41	8.5	7:21	0.1	7:31	0.9
Sunrise: 5:25 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:14 p.m.*			
Mon. 21	1:47	9.5	2:19	8.8	8:00	0.0	8:14	0.7
Sunrise: 5:26 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:13 p.m.*			
Tues. 22	2:28	9.4	2:59	9.0	8:40	0.0	8:58	0.6
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Wed. 23	3:12	9.3	3:41	9.2	9:22	0.1	9:46	0.5
Sunrise: 5:28a.m.					*Sunset: 8:11 p.m.*			
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Private turbine project gets applause

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director of strategy for the project echoed Sweeney's sentiments of community.

"This is community energy development. We are harnessing and harvesting a natural resource we have with us," said Hering. He offered a graph showing the staggering cost increase in traditional energy (predicted to be a four percent annual increase) over the next 25 years. "On the other hand, wind costs are extremely consistent over time," said Hering.

Jesse Gossett, the project manager, also of Emergent Energy, gave some of the details of the project and discussed of the impacts the structure may have on the town.

The twin turbines will have towers 100 meters high and each of the blades is 41-meters long, making the entire structure extend 141 meters into the air. The turbines is about the size of Hull Wind II, located on their capped landfill on the Weir River. The turbines will be set about 500 feet apart, on either side of the capped landfill.

The site is located in one of three prime locations for wind in Cohasset (the other two are Turkey Hill and the Recycling Transfer Facility). The wind predominantly blows from the southwest to northeast and at an average speed of 6.8 meters per second, or about 15 miles per hour at the height of 100 meters off the ground.

Shadow flicker, a strobing effect that happens when the sun is directly behind the turbine, will have some, but minimal, effect on the surrounding areas totaling at most about 11 hours per year. The data does not take into consideration cloudy days or vegetation.

Because of its location, the visual impacts from a town-wide perspective are minimal. From Deer Hill one turbine can be seen. From the library back parking lot, both turbines can be seen. From the Graham Waste building, right off Route 3A, the turbines are towering, but from the town Common neither turbine can be seen in the distance.

"A lot of places we didn't bother getting photos because you couldn't see the turbines. Cohasset has great vegetation," which shields the turbines from view, said Gossett. Photo visualizations from individual homes are available by request.

Concerns were raised over possible noise implications, but Gossett said the "whoosh, whoosh" of the turbine would easily be drowned out by the Route 3A traffic and should have little affect on residences.

Although the Alternative Energy Committee is in full support of the project and is looking forward to working with the developers so the project will benefit the town and lower its energy costs, it was made clear this was a private project. The AEC is currently in the process of developing its own wind turbine at the Recycling Transfer Facility.

The turbine project developers will be filing their application with the Planning Board in the coming month. According to their timetable, it is their hope to conclude the local permitting process by mid-August. Then, things begin to move fast. By October, the developers hope to begin clearing the site and have the turbines up and running by July 2009.

Wind by the numbers

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POLICE BEAT

Duo charged with using counterfeit coupons

By Mary Ford
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A 37-year-old man and a 15-year-old teen, both from Randolph, are facing Cohasset charges after allegedly using counterfeit "Extra Care" coupons at the CVS stores in Scituate and Cohasset last Friday (July 11).

Police Chief James Hussey said Scituate police contacted Cohasset after arresting the two individuals. While inventorying their belongings, Scituate came across some items that showed they may have done the same thing in Cohasset earlier.

"Our officers investigated and we are seeking charges," he said.

The adult is being charged with uttering a false document and larceny under $250 by a single scheme; the teen is being charged with uttering a false document and attempt to commit a crime (larceny under $250).

The two, who were arrested in Scituate, are being summonsed to court on the Cohasset charges.

"Our officers investigated and we are seeking charges."
— Police Chief James Hussey

OUI arrest

Police have charged a 46-year-old Hull man with drunk driving following a single car accident on Sohier Street on Wednesday (July 9) around 7:30 p.m. Officers charged him with OUI (liquor) and marked lanes violation after smelling alcohol on his breath and further investigation.

Paint incident

Police responded to a complaint last Friday (July 11) about paint being dumped on the ground near a creek at a house on Black Horse Lane. Police said there was a small amount of paint on the ground but it had not reached the creek. Authorities were contacted to see if the DEP or other agency needed to be contacted.

At the same time, concern surfaced about the paint that was being scraped from the house in preparation for more painting.

"There was concern that it might contain lead," Chief Hussey said.

The Board of Health and Building Inspector were contacted and arrangements were made with the contractor to ensure that all the paint chips were collected, removed and disposed of properly, police said.

Police took the names of the painters at the scene for further reference, Hussey said.

Blank checks

Detectives are investigating allegations that a woman illegally used two blank checks belonging to someone else at Shaw's to buy gift cards in excess of $500.

A walk-in to the police station last week reported that his checks had been used at the supermarket. In addition to the investigation, police advised the victim about completing the proper paperwork on identity theft.

MV crashes

- At 11:35 a.m. on Wednesday (July 9) a 1994 Chevrolet that was operated by a Hingham man and was traveling south on Route 3A near upper King Street failed to yield when turning left and hit a 2008 Nissan.

The Nissan, operated by a Braintree resident, was traveling north and was trying to make a right at the same time that the Chevrolet was making a left, into the same driveway.

Chief Hussey said the Nissan had the right-of-way. Both cars had to be towed.

The operator of the Chevrolet was cited for failure to yield.

- At 9:35 p.m. on Thursday (July 10), a three-car collision occurred on the northbound side of 3A near Joseph's Hardware. Police said a vehicle was waiting to turn left. The 1997 Ford, operated by a Hingham man, traveling behind that car was able to stop, as was the 1997 Lexus, operated by a Scituate woman, that was behind the Ford. But a 1997 Nissan, operated by a Scituate man did not stop. It struck the Lexus forcing that car into the back of the Ford.

All three cars had to be towed. The operator of the Nissan was cited for failure to use care when stopping.

- At 11:12 a.m. on Saturday (July 12), a 2006 Toyota, driven by a Cohasset woman, failed to stop and struck the back of a motorcycle that had stopped at the stop sign on Elm Street near the Cohasset Harbor Inn. The Cohasset woman told police that she thought the motorcycle had pulled away and moved forward. There was minor damage, including a broken light and dented molding on the motorcycle, that was owned and operated by a Cohasset man, police said. The Cohasset woman was cited for failure to use care when stopping.

Car break-in

A Fairoaks Lane resident reported his 2000 Saab was broken into sometime over night Saturday into Sunday (July 12-13). Taken were a laptop and other items. The theft is under investigation. The car was left unlocked, police said.

Child in car

A concerned woman called police after seeing a child left alone in a car in a parking lot at a shopping area off King Street at about 2:46 p.m. on Tuesday (July 8).

As it turns out, the father of the child had the child in his sight at all times. Police said the child was asleep and he was picking up his daughter a few yards away.

The man became aggravated when the concerned woman said she was calling the police. Nothing he said rose to the level of a crime, police said.

Chief Hussey said the car windows were down and the child, who is around 5 years old, was not being abused in any way.

"We do not have a problem with the fact the woman called us," Chief Hussey said. "It is always better to be safe than sorry."

Noisy neighbor

Police responded to two noise complaints about 40 minutes apart on Monday (July 7) on Howe Road at about 7:30 and 8:10 p.m. Police said the resident playing the loud music was cooperative and turned it down; and after the second call shut it off.

Chief Hussey said the usual test of "loud" is if the officer can hear the noise from the street. He said if someone is playing music after 9 p.m., they would be encouraged to turn off because people might be going to sleep.

Beach drinking

A group of men, some of whom were drinking, were told to pack up and leave Sandy Beach on Saturday (July 12) at about 4:12 p.m. Police received a complaint about a rowdy group but did not find the men, who were mostly in their mid-20s to be unruly.

Police explained no public drinking was allowed and stood by while they packed up. Some had been drinking but others were sober and could drive, police said.

Note on car

A Good Samaritan left a note on a person's car stating another car had struck it, breaking the mirror. The Good Samaritan provided the plate number. The victim went to police and found out that the motorist, who had hit the car, had already reported it to police. "We put the parties together so they could hook up and resolve the matter," Chief Hussey said.

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Sandy Beach requests diligence in picking up after dogs

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sure they bag or scoop and to watch their dog closely even when off-leash.

"Remember that 12-month old kid crawling in the sand later in the day," said DiSabatino.

"Mutt mitts," or plastic bags designed for quick pick-up and proper disposal of dog feces, are available on posts at the beach. Nearby trash receptacles allow for easy disposal, said Lawrence.

"We're really asking for help from people who use the beach to take care of the beach as if it is their own," said Lawrence. "We want people to leave the area in better condition than when they arrived."

"We are worried particularly for the children who frequent the beach."

— Robin Lawrence, Sandy Beach Association

Sandy Beach isn't the only place where the issue of dog owners not picking up after pet has come up. A few years ago, a town bylaw exists making not picking up after your dog a finable offense. the Board of Health made it a town regulation to pick up after your dog. To help residents comply, dispensers of mutt mitts were placed at dog-friendly locations around town, like the Common, ballfields and Wheelwright Park.

"Certainly, it's a problem all over town. Some people just don't pick up after their dog," said Health Agent Joe Godzik.

Much of the problem lies in enforcement.

"What typically happens is the owner is long gone and all you have are the remains," said Godzik. He thinks most dog owners are aware they are supposed to clean up after their dog, "it might be a matter of getting into the habit of bringing (plastic bags)," said Godzik. "It's about getting people to be a little more thoughtful of others."

Dog clean-up regulations

In 1999, the Board of Health recognizing that the number of dog residue complaints town-wide had been increasing, passed a regulation to make cleaning up after your dog a part of the town bylaws.

- **Authority**: This regulation is promulgated under the authority of MGL Chapter 111 Sections 31 and 122.
- **Purpose:** To abate the potential health danger in public places of fecal material from dogs.
- **Applicability:** This regulation applies to all persons who own, possess, care for or control a dog while located within the area of the Town of Cohasset.
- **General:**

1.) Any person who owns, possess, cares for or controls a dog shall take every precaution to not permit his or her dog to defecate on any sidewalk, street, parking lot or any other public place. Further, the above pertains to private property not owned by the above person.

2.) It is the responsibility of any person cited above to promptly remove any fecal matter deposited on a public place or on private property not owned by that persorf and properly disposed of.

- **Enforcement:** This regulation shall be enforced by the Board of Health and its agent and the Cohasset Animal Control Officer under the provision of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D.
- **Fines for Violation**: For a first offense, the fine is $25; for a second, $35; and for a third and subsequent offenses, $50.
- **Exemption:** This regulation shall not apply to any dog accompanying any disabled person, who because of his or her disability is unable to comply with these requirements.
- **Effective Date:** This regulation shall take effect on Jan. 1, 2000.

Officials oppose Aquarion rate hike

About 60 Hull, Cohasset, and Hingham residents turned out for the Department of Public Utilities hearing last night at Hull High School to vehemently oppose Aquarion Water Company's request for a $3.1 million, or overall 24.8 percent, increase in water service revenues.

Cohasset selectman Paul Carlson said that while only 20 percent of Cohasset residents are served by Aquarion, the town is "looking forward to working with Hingham and Hull in fighting this rate increase."

Most of the increase is attributed to investments totalling $21.4 million that Aquarion has made for water utility infrastructure improvements since 2001 in such areas as increased water supply and replacement of aging and undersized pipes, as well as other needed water system advancements.

"We've tried to stay out of the rate increase arena for as long as possible," Aquarion Sr. Vice President of Operations Larry Bingaman said.

The majority of those speaking were from Hull, but Hingham selectman Bruce Rabuffo also spoke strongly against the proposed increase. "Our rates are already 58 percent higher than those in the MWRA district. I spent 32 years in the utility business and I find this increase request overwhelming," he said. " Are the current rates even justifiable? It's in the evidentiary process that more details will be forthcoming."

Hull town manager Philip E. Lemnios noted the irony of the targeted rate increase being set for April 1, 2009. "This is truly a joke," he said. "The boards of all three towns have hired expert consultants and we will go to battle to fight this proposed rate increase. It's absurd."

Customers may provide comments via email until 5 p.m. Fri., July 18, addressed to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and also to the hearing officer, carol.pieper@state.ma.us.

See next week's Mariner for more details.

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Weir River Watershed events

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Estuary Outing Walks: Sunday, July 27, 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 2, 10 a.m., and Sunday, Aug. 24, 2 p.m. Meet at the Estuary Center. Discover Hull's Secret Woods and other places . The outing will be designed to fit the interests and abilities of the group. Sponsored by the Hull Land Conservation Trust.

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Village 'musical chairs'

Movement downtown is positive

By Nancy White
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It may seem like a little like musical chairs down in the village with some established businesses moving, new businesses opening and some businesses closing. But, all in all, the mood is optimistic for the village business district.

Try to keep up with some of the changes and you might get dizzy.

The Red Geranium has closed. Atlantic Brokerage Group is moving into their space from Depot Court. The Focus Gallery is moving to the new Depot Court building. Carousel Antiques has closed and All the Best Natural Foods has opened there. Adrian Morris Salon is re-locating out of the village to Route 3A in the King Jewelers building. Cohasset News has closed and a dance studio is coming soon in its place.

That leaves "holes" on Ripley Road, on Depot Court and in James Brook Crossing.

Much of the movement is with businesses with established followings moving to bigger spaces or more visible locations. That is the case with All the Best Natural Foods, which was tucked in the James Brook Crossing shops, but recently opened its doors at the former Carousel Antiques building on Ripley Road.

The Focus Gallery, currently housed at 115 Ripley Road, will move from its current location to a larger space in the almost complete Depot Court building come the fall. Owner Cindy Vallino opened the Focus Gallery about a year and half ago and now represents 10 photographers.

"We need the extra space to show the breadth of what we have," said Vallino. "We've had a lot of support in Cohasset and in the village so we wanted to stay."

The new space will be two times the size of the current one and be in a place where there is more foot traffic, said Vallino. She plans to host more events and teach photo workshops. The Focus Gallery will join a yoga/pilates studio, a new women's clothing store, Pink Tulip, and Sullivan, Garrity and Donnelly Insurance Agency (currently housed at 21B South Main Street) in the new building.

"Overall, I think the changes (in the village) are positive. There is some growth going on with businesses moving up and out, but I think it opens up the opportunity for more businesses to come in and diversify the area," said Vallino.

And the even better news is prospective tenants are already looking at her current space nestled between the South Shore Art Center and Bernard's.

Other businesses are expanding within the village. The owners of Carmela Drew Fine Foods and Accessories at 39 South Main St. have bought the Goodfella's Pizza business located behind and between Adrian Morris Salon and Bernard's. Much of the menu of Goodfella's will remain the same and gives Carmela Drew its own kitchen to make their own fresh prepared meals daily.

"It's great for Carmela Drew and for our customers," said Michele Rizzo, who owns the business with her sister Maria DePaoli. The storefront on South Main will stay put. Carmela Drew had been renting kitchen space to make their prepared meals, but now will have their own place to cook. Already taking advantage, they are making summer picnic baskets for the beach and boat and are looking to do more catering and prepared foods.

"I think people are trying to find their spot that suits them. Hopefully, the businesses will settle in a place that works and it will be better overall for the village," said Rizzo.

With David Bigley's All the Best Natural Foods moving to Ripley Road, it leaves a hole in the James Brook Crossing Shops. Judy McColgan, owner of the Windsor Tea Shop and Tea Room and part owner of the building, said there has been some interest in the space and expects it to be leased soon.

However, McColgan said the movement in the village proper, so to speak, across the tracks, has little affect on the James Brook Crossing shops.

"We're at a big handicap behind here. We are where you can't see us," said McColgan. Although close to the rest of the village, the James Brook Crossing Shops and the Boys of Summer sometimes can seem a world a part. "Unless other businesses talk us up, people don't know we're here…we work really hard as a whole to get people to come."

What can be described as a gaping hole still exists in the heart of the village at the former hardware store on South Main Street. It has been up for sale by owner since late October. The owners could not be reached by press time.

Economic Development Committee chairman Peter Brown believes the flurry of activity is a good thing.

"As changes happen in the movement of some Cohasset businesses, it is mostly a story of activity. There is a statement in the real estate business that says, 'activity breeds activity and new opportunities.' The vagaries of some vacancies are due to many different reasons, some of which have little or nothing to do with the marketability of individual spaces," said Brown.

Regardless of the movement, Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said retail business in the village is a struggle. Cohasset's small size and seasonal flux contribute to the challenge. "It's not an easy place to have a business," he said, adding the down economy is taking its toll everywhere.

On the horizon could be new development in the village under the recently amended village zoning bylaws, but no formal filings have been made at the Planning Board office. A few of the developers have been before the Planning Board in preliminary capacities to discuss their plan

"Just some chat, but that's all," said Moore. The struggling economy and outstanding question of town sewer capacity may delay new development.

Sewer Commissioner Wayne Sawchuk said the Commission should have a better idea of how much capacity the wastewater treatment plant could take on in the fall after improvements to the plant have been made and tested.

Cohasset Tennis Benefit this weekend

The Cohasset Tennis Benefit, a charity that began in the 1950's by Cohasset's legendary philanthropist Jesse Cox, will again host the annual auction and tennis tournament this weekend to help fund a newly-created trauma care program at Children's Hospital Boston.

The weekend will begin with a launch party on Friday, July 18, at the Lightkeeper's Residence, 15 Lighthouse Lane on Cohasset Harbor, from 7 - 10 p.m. Tennis matches will be played on privately-owned courts throughout Cohasset on Saturday and Sunday, July 19 and 20, within three playing categories: advanced, intermediate and social.

More than $100,000 has been raised in the past 10 years alone for Children's Hospital. This year's benefit will fund the pediatric trauma unit, with proceeds paying for the transportation, lodging and other necessities for extended family members and friends who travel to support the parents or guardians of trauma patients. This newly-created fund was developed by Children's Hospital Director of Trauma, Dr. David Mooney, who saw a tremendous need for helping those who come to support the parents and guardians of critically ill or injured patients.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Hello Cohasset and Happy Mid-July! This week has been so nice, sunny and warm for all to enjoy. Happy Birthdays galore have been happening throughout the town and one of them was **Kyle Burke**. Happy Birthday pretty girl, I hope you had a super special day.

Thank you also to all of you who wished me a special day as I celebrated my day yesterday. Whoever the person or people are who sent in the information to Mary Ford as well as Mary, you guys got me good!

Thank you so much! All of you who helped to celebrate mean so much to me. Happy Birthday wishes need to be sent out to **Peg Litchfield** as she celebrates her "39th" again like me and as she continues to get stronger in her knee after surgery, etc. Enjoy your special day Peggy!

WELCOME HOME

A group of amazing volunteers recently went to Kentucky to help with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) of 2008. This group of teens and adults from Cohasset met at the St. Anthony's Church parking lot very early on the morning of July 5th and left on an adventure of great meaning and reflection to help families in the building, repairs and rebuilding of their homes while developing friendships and learning about a whole different way of living. They arrived back here in Cohasset on the night of July 13th and the looks on the faces of them all as they got off the busses said so much. Gratitude for what they have here at home, exhaustion that was so evident, however they all looked so happy that they helped and worked as hard as they do each year. You are all wonderful in what you do and Cohasset is so proud of you all!



COURTESY PHOTO

Sera Genovese has a degree in nursing

NEW NURSE

Congratulations to **Sera Genovese**, a Cohasset High School graduate, who has just graduated from the University of Massachusetts *cum laude* with a degree in nursing. Sera has passed her exams to be a registered nurse.

Her parents, **Alan and Linda Genovese,** are understandably proud.

ST. MICHAEL'S

Congratulations to the following local students who were named to the dean's list for the spring 2008 semester at Saint Michael's College, a liberal arts, residential Catholic college located in the Burlington area of Vermont. **Cassie Rosano**, daughter of **Joseph and Joy Rosano**, is a sophomore business administration major; and **Justin Previtte**, son of **Joseph and Marilyn Previtte,** is a junior English literature major. Nice work to both of you!

UVM

The dean's list for the spring 2008 semester at the University of Vermont was released as well and **Prescott Busk** is a student in the School of Business Administration with a major in Business Administration. **Brenna O'Donnell** is a student in the College of Education & Social Services. Brenna's major is Secondary Education English. Both students were named to the list. Fantastic news

BLUE RIBBON

Please join South Shore Art Center members for an opening reception for the Blue Ribbon Members' Show, Friday evening, July 18 from 6-8 p.m. The annual Blue Ribbon Members' Show features over 150 pieces of art — from sculpture to photography to oil paintings and collage — not previously exhibited at the Art Center and completed by Member artists of all ages and abilities.

The exhibition provides a wonderful opportunity to see the work of Art Center artists, teachers, and students and to purchase work for your home or office. Much of the work in the Members' Show is of South Shore landscapes and summer subjects. The Blue Ribbon Members' Show runs through Sept. 7. The reception is free and open to the public. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

OUR WORLD

Many great programs are happening at the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum with summer programs through the middle of August and in mid-September starts the beginning of a wonderful packed school year filled with classes, parties and special events for children and families of all ages. There are classes in Drama, Music with Jim Armstrong, Miss Jen's Creative Kids, Art, Cooking and so much more. For more information about the remainder of our summer programs or, to find out about our kick-off of school year programming, call 781-383-3198, email info@ourworldcgdm.org or go to www.ourworldcgdm.org.

Hope to see you all soon.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

South Shore Art Center is offering a Digital Photography Workshop for Teens, ages 12-16, Monday-Wednesday, July 21-23 from 10 a.m. to Noon, and Thursday, July 24th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Instructor Cindy Vallino, of The Focus Gallery, will instruct students on working with different camera modes to create special effects, composition techniques, lighting tips for indoor (studio) and outdoor shooting, basics of digital processing and editing using Photoshop, and creative uses for digital photographs. Class and "homework" photographic assignments will help students put their new skills to use. Students should bring their cameras and camera manuals to each class.

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GREASE!

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EDIBLE PLANTS

Specialist in eating wild foods, **Russ Cohen**, will lead a program at Holly Hill Farm where participants will learn what wild plants are edible and how to prepare them. To have Mr. Cohen who is a well known author (Wild Plants I have known and Eaten) and accomplished leader of classes and tours for such organizations as Massachusetts Audubon Society, Trustees of Reservations and the Appalachian Mountain Club is a real treat. Participants should meet in the farmyard at 236 Jerusalem Road at 9:30 am for the 3-hour tour and bring some small bags to collect specimens. Cost is $20 per person.

NEW BOBS



COURTESY PHOTO

Sporting their new haircuts, Emma Stephens and Samantha Naples hold up plastic bags with the ponytails that they are donating to Pantene Beautiful Lengths, which makes free wigs for women going through cancer treatment. The girls are both 7-years-old and had been growing their hair for the whole school year.

DARTMOUTH

Lindsay Erica Taniguchi Deane of Cohasset, a member of the Class of 2008, graduated from Dartmouth College. She was one of more than 1,000 students receiving bachelor of arts degrees at the 2008 spring commencement exercises. **Lindsay** is the daughter of **Gordon Deane and Motoko Deane**, and majored in engineering and environmental studies.

GETTYSBURG

Megan Lia Sacks of Cohasset, a freshman at Gettysburg College, has been placed on the dean's commendation list for outstanding academic achievement in the spring 2008. Students with a quality point average of 3.33 or higher for a semester's work are placed on the Dean's Commendation List.

BENTLEY

Bentley's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert D. Galliers, and Dean of Arts and Science Catherine Davy recently announced the names of Cohoasset residents who were named to the dean's List for outstanding academic achievement in the spring 2008 semester.

Christina Marie St. Pierre is a junior majoring in marketing. **Courtney Marie Hurley** is a senior majoring in marketing.

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Tour highlights Cohasset's 'stately mansions'



A beautiful mahogany trimmed study is one of the many rooms you will see on the Historical Society's "More Stately Mansions" tour.



A view of the back of one of the five historic mansions on the "More Stately Mansions" tour.

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bill duck — shooting season. In its heyday in the latter years of the 19th century, coot shooting often saw a hunter bring down more than 100 birds in a day. Preston Clark was not alone either; many of Cohasset's "great estates" and cottages are a direct result of this enthusiasm for duck hunting.

The house tour has been in the works since before even 2008 began. Bleakie, a North Scituate resident but a Cohasseter at heart, simply called up many of the homes' owner to ask for their permission to feature their homes on the tour. Although some did turn down the request for the most part she says she was met with enthusiasm.

'More Stately Mansions'

- "Cary Point," 79 Atlantic Ave.
- 300 South Main Street
- "The Oaks," 49 Margin St.
- 155 Border St.
- 181 Atlantic Ave.

The house tour itself is being met with excitement itself because it offers a glance into homes some prominent in town, but rarely open to the public.

"It's an amazing opportunity to see historic houses built in the late 19th century and the early 20th century which were connected with a certain lifestyle — an era and lifestyle now long gone from Cohasset," says Garrison of the well-heeled Bostonians who used Cohasset as their summer playground. "It's a real treat."

Although elegant to begin with, the "More Stately Mansion" committee is pulling out all the stops to make the houses look their best. A sub-committee is in charge of decoration and fresh flower arrangements will be featured in each home.

In addition to the waterfront views and structural grandeur, Garrison and Bleakie are as excited about the beautiful gardens and landscaping in store for attendees' viewing pleasure. They hope many will make a day out of the event and leisurely go from house to house, which are all located within a short drive of each other.

"We know this will be a popular event," says Bleakie.

Following the house tour, attendees are invited to a "high tea" from 2 to 4p.m. at the Historical Society headquarters at the Pratt Building (106 South Main St.). In addition to light refreshment, a brief history of the South Shore Players and Cohasset's theatrical **past** will be on display.



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This is the pool house at one of five mansions that will be on the tour.

The homes will be open from 10a.m. to 4p.m. and there is no set route. On street parking will be available at all the residences. Hostesses will be at the houses to welcome guests and point out the not-to-be-overlooked features of the homes.

The proceeds from the event will go toward future Historical Society programs, continued improvement of the Pratt Building (Historical Society headquarters) and maintenance of its collections.

Tickets are $30 for Historical Society members and $35 for non-members. Tickets are on sale at the Historical Society headquarters at the Pratt Building, Fleming's, Darilynn's,, Buttonwood Books and Toys, Adrian Morris salon and next Thursday's Farmer's Market. For more information, please call the Historical Society at 781-383-1434.

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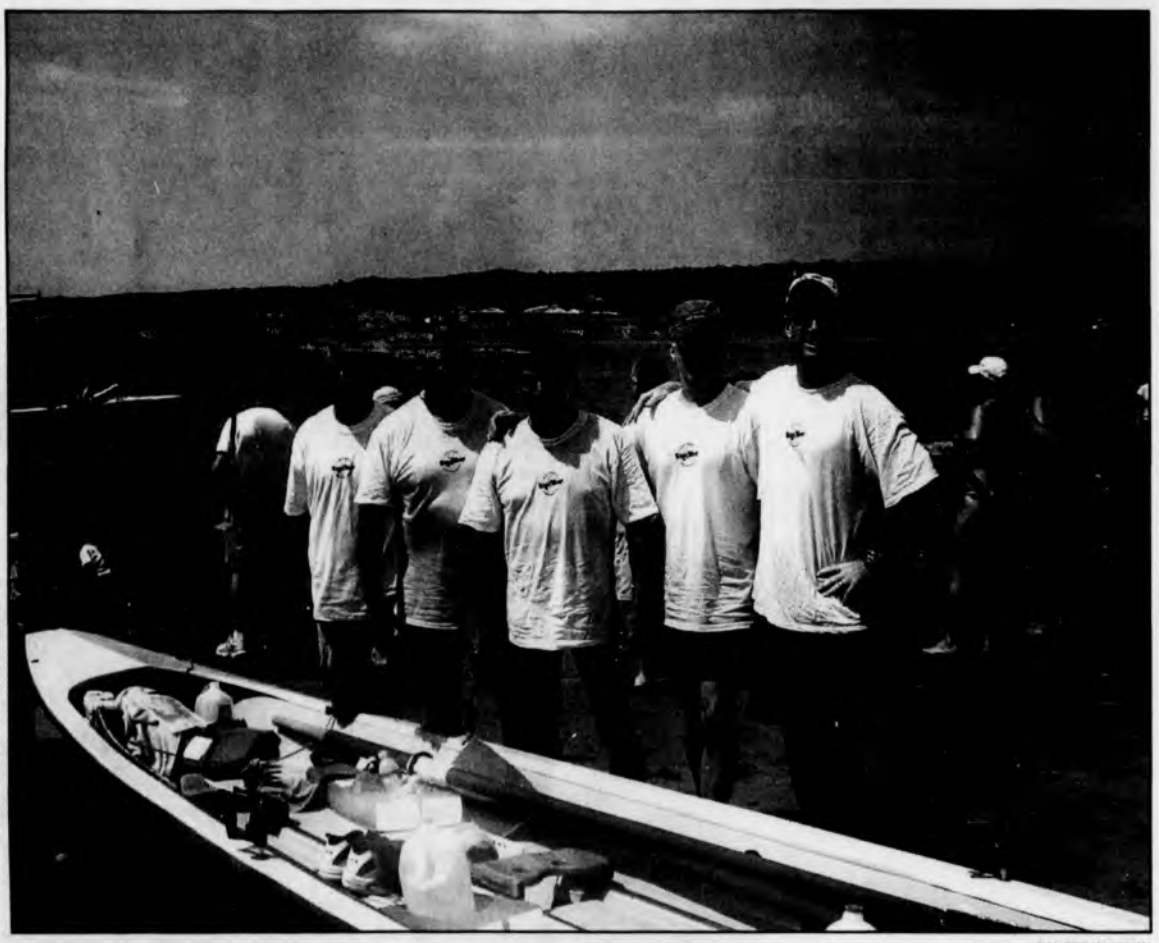
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The Old takes on the Young



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The "older" crew, with the average age of 51 was determined to keep up with the young guns. They came in behind the young crew by a mere one minute and one second. From left to right, Chris Fraher (cox), Mike Pecca, George Bushnell, Rick Lyons and Ed Baldry.

CMI crews compete in Blackburn Challenge

By Nancy White
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The question was simple. Could a crew with an average age of 51 keep up with a crew with an average age of 21? That's what two Cohasset Maritime Institute crews set out to answer last weekend at the marathon row: the Blackburn Challenge.

The 20-plus mile course tests the physical strength and mental fortitude of hundreds of rowers make their way around Cape Ann beginning and ending in Gloucester. A good-natured rivalry developed between the two four rowers and one coxswain crews.

"We had to beat the old guys and put them in their place," kids 20-year-old Alice Bellone, the sole woman on the "young" crew. She is quick to acknowledge the toughness and pure strength of the "older" crew.

"It was really a race between strength and form," said Bellone. The "young" crew racing in CMI's *Joseph Antoine* was made up of local college students who are mostly rowers at school and in the summer serve manage and cox the CMI boats.

In the end, it was the young crew that won out, but not by much. The young crew came in 3:01:41 and a minute and one second later with a time of 3:02:42 the older crew crossed the finish line.

"We tried our best to catch the younger boat, but they pulled out in front of us right from the start and we stayed behind them for the whole race. When we pushed hard to try and take them, they pushed hard and kept their lead," said Rick Lyons, a member of the older crew in the *Jack Hubbard*.

Although Bellone said her muscles were still sore and her hands torn up, "it was very satisfying to reach the finish line knowing you've done something not many people can do."

That sentiment seemed to be the same all around. Mike Pecca, a member of the older crew said, "we had a blast competing, you were not only competing against each other, but the sea as well. Last year, the young ones beat us by 49 minutes, this year by one minute (and) one second. Who knows what will happen next year!"

"We were all blistered and exhausted when it was done but I bet we'd all love to do it again next year," said Lyons.

Don Trisler, another CMI member, tackled the over 20-mile course all by his lonesome, finishing the race in just over four and half hours.

About the Blackburn Challenge

The annual race pays tribute to one of Gloucester's most famous fishermen — Howard Blackburn. In January 1883, during the height of Gloucester's fishing heyday in the latter part of the 19th century, Blackburn took a job aboard the Gloucester schooner Grace L. Fears as a fisherman. Schooners would head out to the plentiful banks miles off land and then send out rowers in dories with long fishing lines and multiple baited hooks.

After two weeks at sea, a blizzard blew in causing Blackburn and his dorymate, Thomas Welch, to separate from the schooner, leaving them stranded 60 miles from shore. They decided to make for the coast of Newfoundland, but Welch gave up and froze to death. Blackburn, however, courageously continued to row as his hands froze to the oars and touched land in Nova Scotia where a family nursed him back to health.

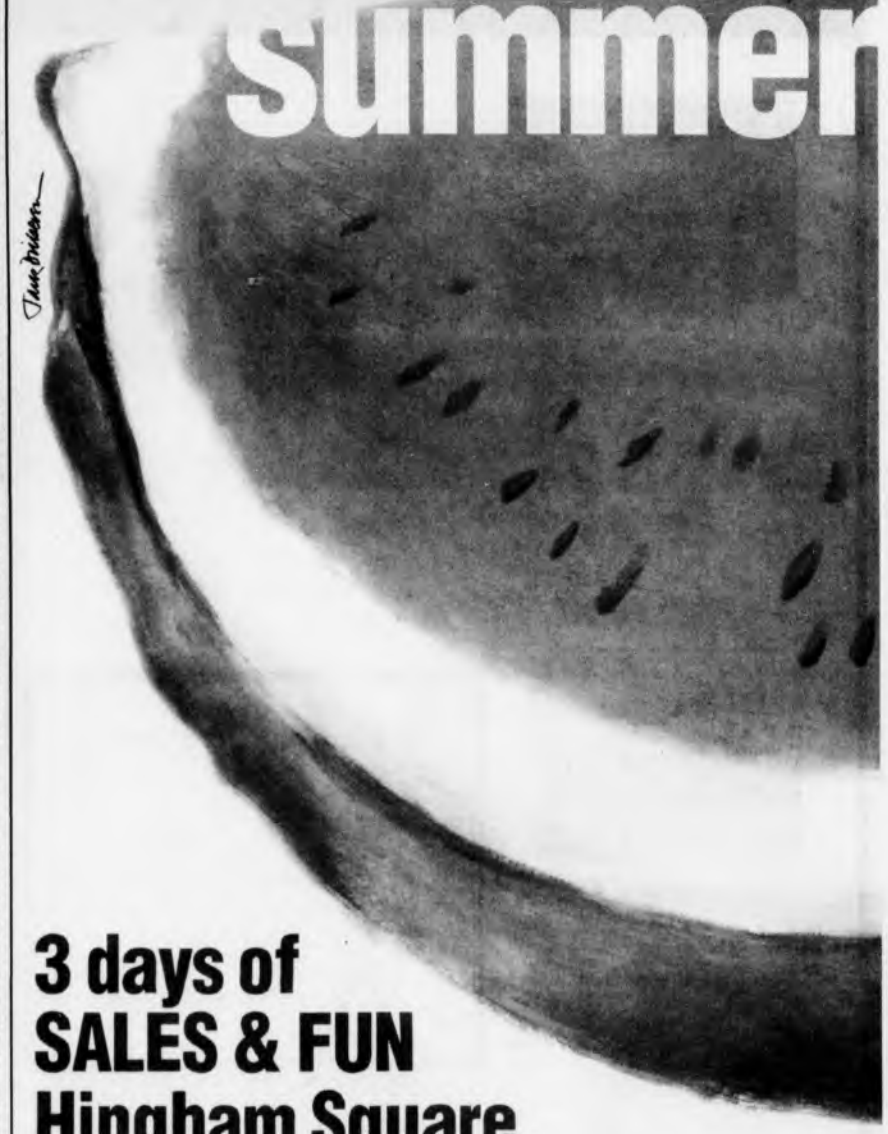
The next summer, Blackburn returned to Gloucester without fingers, half of each thumb, and most of his toes. The town praised his return that attracted national press and soon made Blackburn a sea hero.

The 20-plus mile circumnavigation of Cape Ann allows a wide variety of water conditions, testing not only each rower's physical fitness, but also their knowledge of weather conditions and its affects on a boat.

In his name, the Blackburn Challenge celebrates the dedication of dorymen while bringing light to Gloucester's strong history as the largest fishing port in the world.

Each year in mid-July, rowers of all types and from all across the world test their own endurance in the race.

The Blackburn Challenge is open to all seaworthy oar or paddle-powered craft. This year, there was a wide range of participants. There was a group of huge Hawaiian style outrigger canoes, all kinds of kayaks, old-fashioned wooden lifesaving boats, single man rowboats and even a guy on surfboard who paddled the whole twenty miles by hand—"a really hardcore bunch of people," said Rick Lyons.



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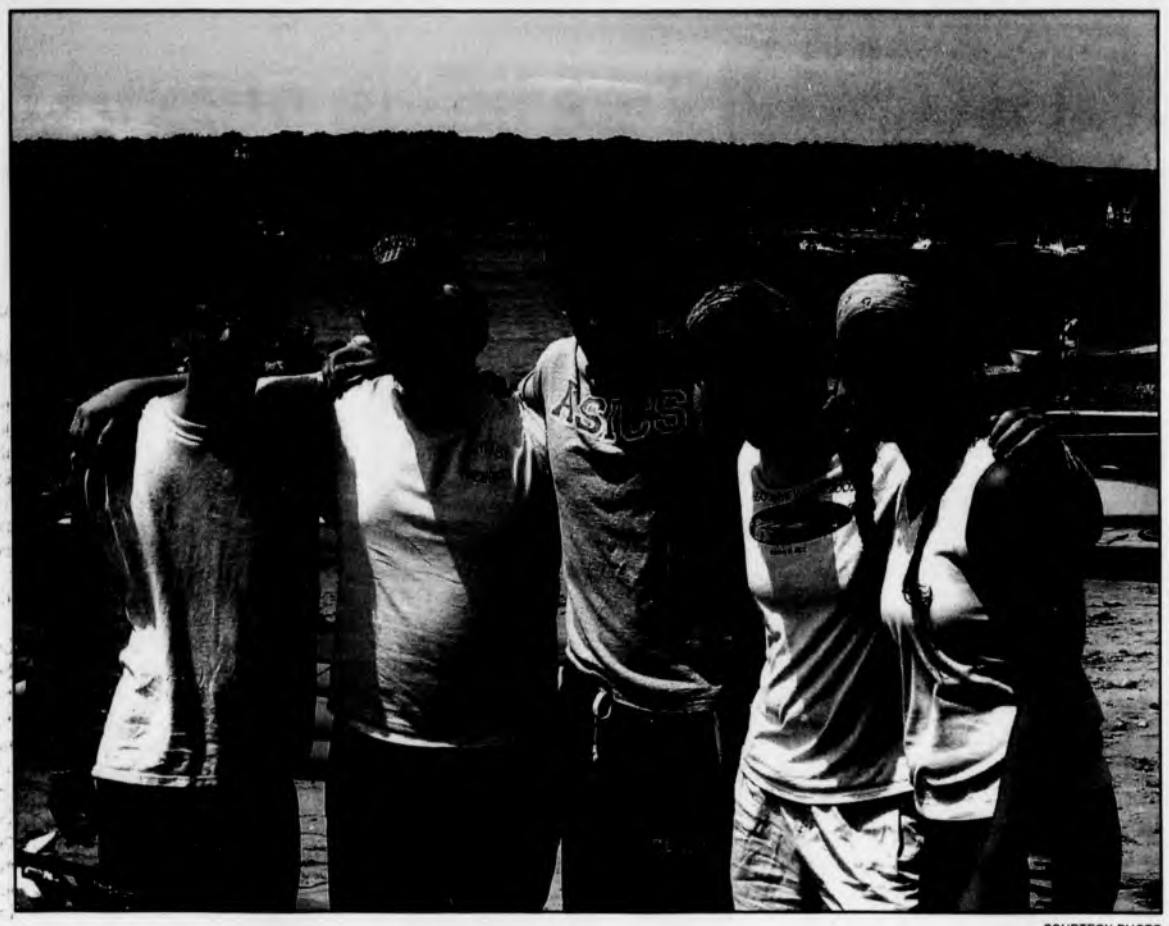
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The "young crew" from CMI with an average age of 21 kept the older crew at bay during the 20-plus mile Blackburn Challenge row. From left to right, Dave Gomez, Adrian Doran, Ted Mellors, John Liffman (cox) and Alice Bellone.

Jack Hubbard 5K Fun Run Saturday

Cohasset's inner harbor will be the star of the first Jack Hubbard Memorial Fun Run on Saturday, July 19. All ages and skills, walkers and runners, are welcome to join the fun. Entry fee of $25 includes t-shirts. All proceeds and donations will be benefiting the Cohasset Maritime Institute's (CMI) mission to provide a Cohasset community rowing program with access to the water for all.

Jack Hubbard was a founding member of CMI and an avid rower. The morning's festivities will include an awards ceremony and christening of the "Jack Hubbard" 28-foot ocean gig that will become part of the CMI fleet.

The run begins at the flagpole on Cohasset Common, continues to the Village, to Elm Street, to Margin—along the harbor, along Atlantic to Beach Street, past the Common to Sohier Street, then Ripley Road back to the Common.

Schedule of Activities:

Registration:	7:30 to 8:15 a.m.
Race Starts:	8:30 a.m.

Awards Ceremony and Christening of the "Jack Hubbard" at 10:15 a.m.

Additional information and registration forms are available at rowcmi.com

About CMI

Who: The Cohasset Maritime Institute has been introducing the young and old to the sport of rowing.

When: The rowing season typically runs from mid-May to August.

Where: The boathouse is located at the end of Parker Avenue, tucked in between the Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) and the Cohasset Sailing Club.

To find out more about CMI and its programs, visit www.rowcmi.com

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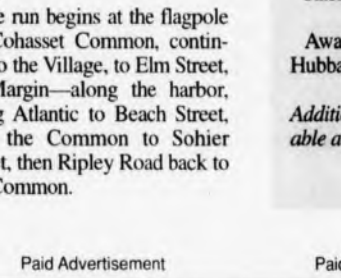
A Year in Review...

Charles David Wins Coveted Redken *"Salon of the Year"* Award for the fourth consecutive year as well as *"Best of South Shore Haircoloring Salon"*

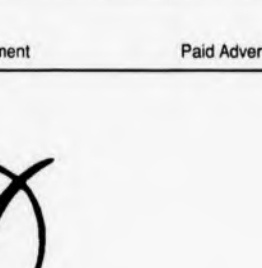
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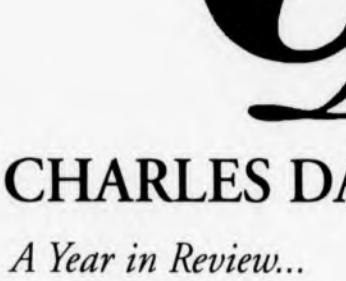
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"Moonlight and Miracles" Gala Co-Chairs Helen Garvey and Denise Teixeira were on hand at the grand opening to promote "The Journey of Hope Charm" sales. These commemorative charms are available at Charles David Salon and Spa for a donation of $60 for silver or $295 for yellow and white gold.





"Creating Life-Style" Artist and Interior Designer Flo Markowitz, her husband Dr. Larry Markowitz, and Charles David's Retexturizing and Hair Integration Specialist Lynne Moules enjoy the festivities. Flo's interior decorating talents are showcased in our beautiful spa. Her tranquil paintings adorn the walls throughout for our guests to enjoy and yes.....even purchase. You can visits Flo's on-line gallery at www.floartgallery.com.

Local superstars and recording artists, jazz singer Amanda Carr and alto saxophonist Jeremy Udden and band entertained the Grand Opening guests. Check out Amanda's latest album, "Soon"...it's amazing. And Jeremy has a new album, "Plainville," due out this fall 2008.





Left: Charles, David, Founder/CEO of Repechage Lydia Sarfati and her husband David, with Spa Manager Heidi Iverson.

Right: Founder/CEO of Repechage demonstrates her talents and techniques for the Esthetic Team at Charles David Spa.

On Sunday, June 8th, Charles David and Front Street Books co-hosted the national book signing launch for best selling author Claire Cook's new book "Summer Blowout." Food, drink, mini facials, hand treatments, chair massages, raffles, and more... a great time was had by all!



David, with friends Eric and Karen Limont, and Claire.

Charles David team members were responsible for organizing this event.

Carole Houston, Event Coordinator Donna Crowley, and Kathy Malley with Claire and Peg Patton, owner of Front Street Books in Scituate.



OPINION

EDITORIAL

Cleaning up after Fido

Some of you may recall having sandboxes for your toddlers in the days before the coyote invasion when you could let your cat outside at night.

If you did not cover the sandbox then Fluffy, your calico feline, would use it as a litter box.

You could not really blame the cat for doing what comes naturally. But having your child playing in cat poop or worse, trying to ingest it, is not only nauseating but unhealthy.

Dogs are not known to be as tidy as cats, so they do not hide their "stuff" after going to the bathroom.

But apparently some of their owners are covering it up after a nice early morning walk on Sandy Beach.

Others are not covering it at all.

Regardless of which category, the dog owners fall into – Fido's "stuff" should not be left on the beach where it is not only a nuisance but could also pose a health issue.

No one likes to step in dog poop (we all have at some point) and then have to try to scrape if off a sneaker, sandal or shoe.

Having a small child sit in it, step in it or even put it into their mouth – is in a word, disgusting.

Those dog walkers out there, and you know who you are, who are walking on Sandy Beach and leaving your dog's "stuff" behind – please stop!

The problem is a growing one, hence a call from the Sandy Beach Association this week asking us to raise public awareness.

Let's take it a step further. We should applaud all responsible dog owners who carry pooper-scoopers, special mitts or plastic bags to clean up after their dogs.

We urge Cohasset dog lovers, no matter where they walk their dogs, be responsible citizens.

Most people know there is a leash law in Cohasset meaning the dog must be under its owner's control at all times.

Well, dog cleanup regulations have been codified in a 1999 bylaw, the creation of which followed concern about rising dog residue complaints in town.

The bylaw means dog walkers can be fined for leaving their dog's "stuff" behind.

But it is not just a nuisance.

According to www.doodycalls.com, which states its sources include the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Public Health, "woof-woof waste" is not good for your lawn or humans.

"Beyond your grass, it has been estimated that a single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, which are known to cause cramps, diarrhea, intestinal illness, and serious kidney disorders in humans. EPA even estimates that two or three days' worth of droppings from a population of about 100 dogs would contribute enough bacteria to temporarily close a bay, and all watershed areas within 20 miles of it, to swimming and shell fishing."

Doodycalls states dog feces is one of the most common carriers of the following diseases: heartworms, whipworms, hookworms, roundworms, tapeworms, Parvo, Corona, Giardiasis, Salmonellosis, Cryptosporidiosis, and Campylobacteriosis.

We do not know what these diseases are, nor do we want to find out!

However, we think that dog walkers without a pooper-scooper or other collection equipment – should receive the same protests from the public and health officials as someone, who lights up a cigarette, does.

The alternative is simple: "No Dogs Allowed!"

MEETING

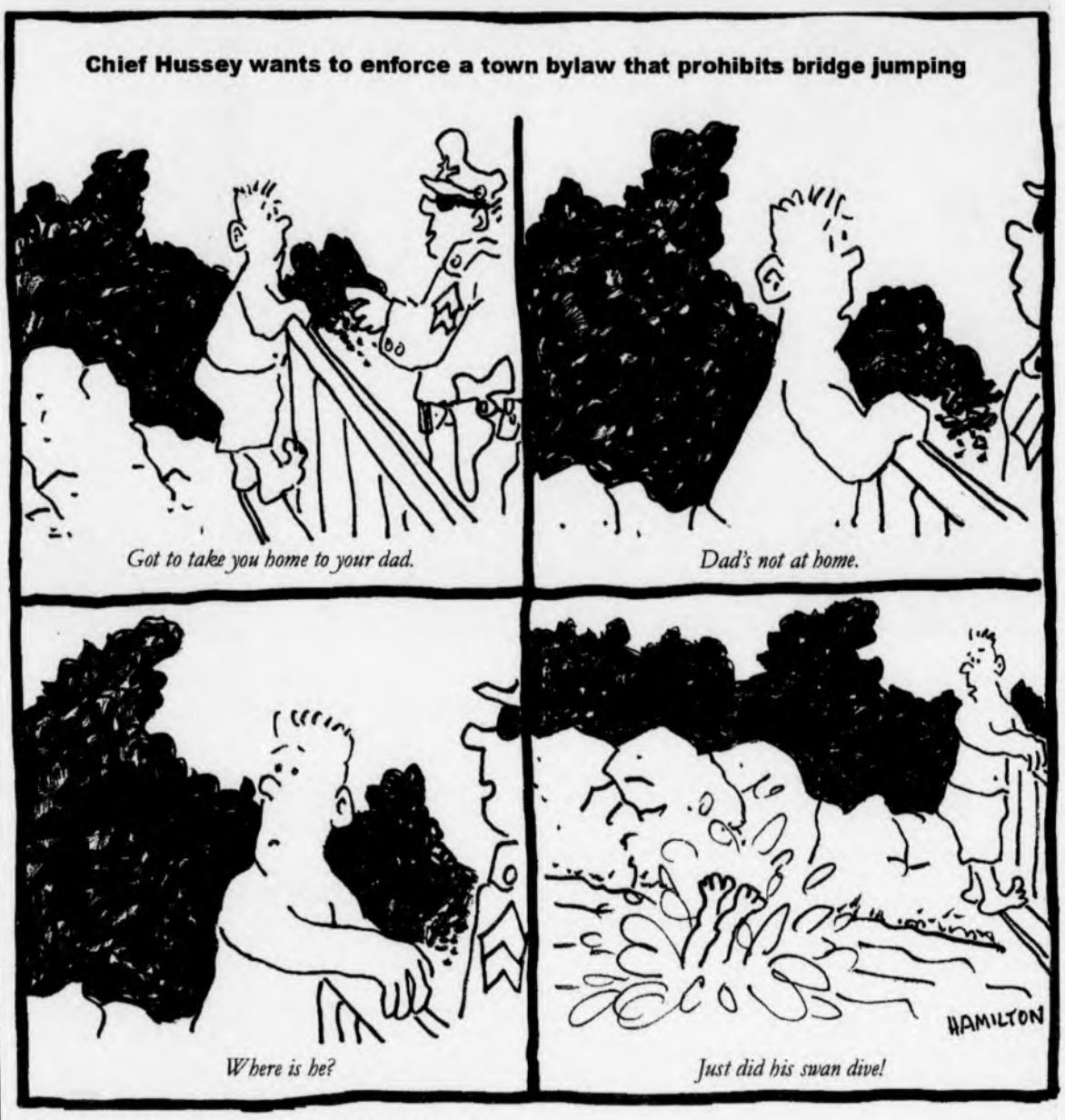
The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Advisory Committee, July 22, 7 p.m.
Alternative Energy Committee, Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, July 28, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, July 22, 7 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, July 23 & July 30, 7:15 p.m.
Library Trustees, Aug. 12, 7 p.m. at the Library.
Selectmen, July 21 & Aug. 4 at 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, July 29, 6 p.m.
School Committee, July 23 and Aug. 20, 7 p.m. at the high school
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Heartfelt appreciation

TO THE EDITOR:

I write to express my thanks and appreciation to members of the Cohasset Fire Department who transported me to the South Shore Hospital on the morning of July 1.

Breathing difficulties caused me to visit my personal physician in Cohasset, who immediately called 911.

The four-member team, which included Capt. Frank Mahoney, Jim Curley, Dan Smith and Jonathan Hickey, arrived at my doctor's office in minutes.

I salute their concern, urgency and consummate professionalism. Some might suggest they were just doing their job, but to me, the way they assisted in a medical emergency was extraordinary.

They began appropriate treatment in the ambulance, contacted the ER at South Shore Hospital en route and delivered me there with great dispatch.

I have now fully recovered from what could have been a serious problem.

Again, you all have my sincere thanks.

Wig Pierson
Park Avenue
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SunPipes placement and other issues

COMMENTARY

ANDREW WILLARD

The Deer Hill School offers the best location to evaluate the technology and have a positive impact on lighting.

In the July 11, 2008 edition of the Cohasset Mariner, town resident Mrs. Lee Jenkins raised some good questions regarding the pending installation of Sun Pipes in the Deer Hill School. The AEC would like to answer these questions and clarify our actions.

There are to be 10 solar tube devices installed at the Deer Hill School. Eight units will be installed over the "stage" portion of the cafeteria where there are no windows and lighting is considered poor. Two additional units will be installed in a small classroom to provide more natural lighting.

Mrs. Jenkins noted that the DPW building would be a better location for the devices. The committee agrees the DPW garage truck bays suffer from very poor lighting and therefore our original grant proposal planned to place the units in the DPW garage. Unfortunately, following extensive meetings with the DPW, the Sun Pipes supplier and local installers it was agreed by all that the corrugated metal roof of the DPW could not handle the SunPipes.

The committee evaluated the Deer Hill School, Middle High School, Town Hall, Paul Pratt Library, and the Harbor Master's building for a possible back up location. The Deer Hill School offers the best location to evaluate the technology and have a positive impact on lighting.

The solar tubes being installed are commercial grade and 13 inches in diameter. The total cost for the 10 units installed is approximately $14,000. We have chosen Sun Pipes solar tubes in part based on their ability to provide references of local commercial installations as well as their past work with local roofing contractors. It was the committee's opinion if we were asking the town to cut multiple holes into roofs that we work with firms that have experience and can stand behind their work.

The town requested bids from three certified roofers who follow the state competitive/prevailing wage policies. The winning bid was submitted by local roofer R.L. Lackey & Sons who has expertise installing these devices in commercial and residential buildings.

The Alternative Energy Committee takes the spending of tax dollars very seriously. We feel our primary responsibility is to find ways to lower our town's energy usage as well as our energy costs. We believe this Sun Pipe project is a good step in showing the town technology, which could be incorporated into many of our buildings thereby reducing our need for electric daytime lighting.

The Alternative Energy Committee meets monthly at the Town Hall, normally the second or third Tuesday of the month. We welcome all to come and listen and ask questions as the more input we receive the better we can serve the taxpayers of Cohasset.

Andrew Willard is chairman of the Cohasset Alternative Energy Committee.

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Dancing in the streets on Deep Run!

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Little Harbor Project – If you heard shouts of joy coming from Jerusalem Road area near the ocean, it was from the Deep Run residents. As we mentioned last week, Deep Run was scheduled for paving on Thursday, July 10th.. It really happened, thanks to the hard work of all involved with the project.

It's amazing how fast paving goes when the large paving contractors get all of their equipment on site. By10 a.m., Deep Run was about half finished and by 3 p.m. the paving was completed.

The dirt and grime that is a natural by-product of a project like this will disappear for Deep Run residents. As one resident remarked to us, they can finally get their car washed!

Oops! – You may remember that last week we had a photo of a new catch basin that was being installed to deal with a road drainage issue on Deep Run. At least one eagle-eyed observer noticed that there was something wrong with that catch basin. The photo clearly showed hollow concrete block being used for the construction of the basin. That is a no-no in the construction business. With hollow concrete blocks it is possible for water to sometimes get into the hollow spaces and become trapped. When it does and freezes the blocks literally break apart. However, in this case we are aware of the situation and the project engineer will have the hollow blocks replaced with solid blocks before the roadway receives its final paving. Using hollow blocks was an expedient so the project didn't delay the paving.

Whitehead Road – When we had the meeting with the Whitehead Road residents in anticipation of paving that road, one of their major issues was the gas leaks on the street. Numerous leaks have historically required frequent gas line repairs. Clearly, after the road is paved, the last thing anyone wants to see is the brand new road torn up to fix more gas leaks. Based on the resident's comments, the Town took a multi-pronged communication approach with the gas company to see if a permanent repair could be effected. Well, it worked. As we write this, NGrid is replacing about 650 feet of gas line with brand new gas line. So, even though this delays the paving, it should make for a substantially better job in the longer run.

The main gas line should have been completed this past Wednesday, according to NGrid's contractor. (As we write this on Wednesday, they are feverishly working on-site.) The next two days were allotted to run new lines to each of the three homes along the new gas main. Why so much time? Essentially, they will be running new plastic lines inside of the existing lines to each home. Since some of the homes are quite a distance from the street, NGrid is not sure what difficulties they will encounter as they thread the new line inside of the present line. Next Monday (July 21) they are planning to tie the new main line into the gas main at Atlantic Avenue and at the other end of the "old" gas main.

Little Harbor paving clarification – The topic of paving seems to be uppermost in the eyes of those who travel the road beset by construction. However, paving, although it seems simple, is really quite complex. The paving for the Little Harbor Project is going to be treated two different ways, depending on the work that was done in each street.

Some streets will be paved by the "patch and overlay" method. So, what does this gobldegook mean? Well, if the road has only a single trench for a new sewer or water main, the trenches will be patched with asphalt. The patching takes place shortly after the trench is backfilled and compacted. Atlantic Avenue is a good example of this trench paving. But, often the road will be dug up a second time to put the lateral lines that will bring sewer or water to each property, or for other underground work. Then, these secondary excavations will be compacted and patched. After the patching is complete, the road will be allowed to settle for 6 to 9 months.

After settling, the road is ready for final paving. The road will be ground to a level surface, and any low spots will be filled with additional asphalt. And, finally, the coup de gras, a brand new top coat of asphalt will be placed on the road from one edge to the other.

The second paving method is by "reclaim and paving." This paving is generally used when the road has multiple trenches and it just doesn't make sense to patch it. Instead, the road surface is ground up completely to the point where the old surface is finely pulverized and this is mixed with some of the material under the paving. The result is then rolled to compact the base. This builds an entirely new road surface literally "from the ground up." This part is the "reclaim". Reclamation can take place either before construction or after the new utility lines are installed.

After all of the utility work is complete, the road will be graded to create the contours desired in the final roadway. A base coat of asphalt will be laid over this surface and allowed to settle for 6 to 9 months. Finally, after settling, the road will be leveled (In the event that any of the construction excavation has settled.), and given its top and final coat of paving.

Remember, if you see a base coat laid down and then excavated again, this could be a normal course of events depending on a number of things like other utility work. The good news is that it is not the final paving. That comes later.

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Finishing up paving.



Deep Run about half finished.



Gas work on Whitehead Road.

New words for the dictionary

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Perhaps you have a friend who is a "pescatarian" and all these years you never knew it.

Well, it's official now. Your friend, the vegetarian who also eats fish, can come out of the closet. "Pescatarian" is one of about 100 new words that have made it into the latest edition of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary.

Since there are only some 150,000 words in that particular dictionary, that's quite an achievement. It's easier to make the football team at Notre Dame than it is to makes the pages of Webster's Collegiate.

The folks out in Springfield who publish the dictionary are known to monitor the English language, sometimes trailing a word for years before it is able to stand on its own without any explanation, the key qualification.

It's a good thing I wasn't on the jury that passed on "pescatarian" since I never heard the word or its explanation in the places where I hang out, like cocktail parties at the Neighborhood Club in Quincy or the bar at Haddad's in Brant Rock.

I never heard of another addition to the dictionary, either, the word "soju." The 6-to-1 martini is the drink of the evening at the Neighborhood Club and a shot and a beer will do at Haddad's. "Soju" is a Korean rice-based vodka.

I actually thought I invented a word once. As each edition of Webster's Collegiate hit the stands I rushed out to buy it just to view my handiwork. Alas, it never made it, which is probably a good thing.

The whole phrase was, "They wined him until he was ory-eyed." A few years ago, I wrote a column bragging about it. Back came a note from an old colleague, Pete Brewer, noting that humorist H. Allen Smith had used the word 20 years before.

Since Smith was one of my favorite authors in the '30s and '40s I thumbed through his "Life in a Putty Knife Factory" and "Low Man on a Totem Pole" to find the word, and there it was, only Smith spelled it "orry-eyed."

So I have to apologize to anyone who read that column and if they send me a stamped, self-addressed envelope and the masthead of that paper, I'll gladly refund their money.

But I digress . . .

My earliest experiences with the dictionary came in the Thayer Public Library Branch next to the gas company on Quincy Avenue where my friends and I, spurred on by raging hormones, went to look up dirty words.

We never found any because books, even dictionaries, were G-rated in those days.

In the course of doing research for a story, I came across a strange little volume called "The Professor and the Madman," by Simon Winchester, the story of the compilation of the first Oxford English Dictionary.

A committee got things started by sending out a general request for submission of words and definitions. They got more than 10,000 from one man, an American, Dr. W. C. Minor.

Impressed by his erudition, they set out to honor him, only to find Dr. W. C. Minor was an inmate in Broadmoor Asylum for the Criminally Insane.

That could tell you something about people who compile dictionaries, only I don't know what.

Day of the Lepus

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Okay, has anyone else noticed that Cohasset is being overrun by bunnies? Are parents flushing unspayed Easter rabbits down the toilet once the kids tire of them? Half the sewer pipes in this town simply empty onto Nichols Road right now, so I don't know what you people are thinking. I walked outside this morning and almost tripped over two of them. I'm serious, they're using the buddy system now. They're intimidating. I tried to shoo them off my walkway and they gave me a look like, "Oh, bring it, mister." I had this strange urge to scamper away, dive into my house and have a nice salad. What is going on?

Meanwhile we've got giant turkeys strutting down the middle of Forest Avenue every day, glaring at the passing cars, just hanging out on the yellow line without a care in the world. It's like some kind of wild animal park over here. Bring the kids. Bring your skeet shooters. Just be sure to stop off at John's Famous Turkey Vista and Turkey Burgers for a the best cold lemonade you'll find on your safari. The Robins girls have a competing stand across the street, but I should tell you they have pox.

Anyway I thought I'd get everyone up to speed on the Lengyel Family summer plans. We go away on one or two trips this time of year like most families in town, although ours aren't as expensive, and I know how disappointing it is when you invite all your neighbors to a backyard barbecue and no one shows up. I wouldn't like our vacation to spoil anyone's barbecue, particularly when we're so keen to socialize.

The first thing we're doing is abandoning our house to the carpenter ants for a few weeks. I feel awful, because I kept stomping and poisoning them until I realized they were trying to finish up our family room, which needs baseboard and crown molding. They're actually much nicer to work with than my last general contractor. For one thing they show up on time every day. We leave out a few open bags of Cheez-Its at night and by 8 a.m. we've got a full crew. Not even untraceable cash payments were enough to entice our last carpenters to work as hard as these little guys do. So aside from their tendency to raid the pantry I'm quite satisfied with these ants.

The Lengyels will also be out of circulation the first few weeks of August, when a Japanese exchange student is staying with us. The head of the program that arranged her trip said our family was ideally suited to hosting foreigners, because we already speak English slowly and a little extra loudly — even by American standards. The girl's name is Naoko, but if you meet her you can call her "Noki". I haven't run that by her yet but I'm sure she won't mind. Noki is such a cute name, and still sounds Asian.

We've racked our brains trying to think of something exciting to do with her in Cohasset. In the end we decided to focus on out-of-town trips, although I refuse to take her to Plymouth Rock. Obviously it's historical as a primitive example of a tourist attraction, but once you've stared down into its concrete pen for a few minutes and had a waffle cone, what else is there? Now the Irish — they know how to spice up a rock. To experience the Blarney Stone you have to kiss it while being held upside down by the ankles. Wouldn't it be cool if we all told out-of-staters it's considered good luck to have your picture taken on Plymouth Rock without wearing pants? I'm telling you we'd have every odd Vermonter down here pounding waffle cones before a month was out. This idea might even work as a fund-raising scheme for Cohasset, if only we had a rock.

Bottom line: once the ants are done with the family room and Noki heads home our schedule should open up for sleepovers, pool parties, yachting — we're pretty flexible. We're good at spotting things as we drive around, but it's more convenient for us to get an official invitation, so we can give you ample warning about our food allergies. Thanks, and see you soon!

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. This summer rerun was brought to you by the rehash experts at John's Famous Turkey Vista and Turkey Burgers.

LIBRARY CORNER

Family movie night is Monday

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library. . For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Drop In Story Time – Fridays, July 25, at 10:30 a.m. Join others for Big Book adventures, music and movement. All ages and communities welcome.

Family Movie Night – Join others in the Meeting Room at 5:30, on Monday, July 21, to see "The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep," starring Emily Watson, Alex Etel, Ben Chaplin and Brian Cox. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited to 60. Rated PG, 111 minutes; Columbia Pictures, directed by Jay Russell. This 2007 movie is rooted in one of the most enduring and intriguing legends of our time. A young boy finds a mysterious enchanted egg and what hatches from it will set in motion an adventure that will take him on the journey of a lifetime as the sea creature of Scottish legend is born. Movie site license sponsored by Friends of the Cohasset Library and Cohasset Town Democratic Committee.

Magician Scott Jameson – Tuesday, July 22, 6 p.m., in the Meeting Room. Be astounded and amazed by the magical talent of Jameson. He has been a sell-our performer at summer family night for three years. Support Wild Reads @ Your Library by attending this event. For more information visit Jameson's Web site at scottjameson.com. Free tickets are available at the library. Space is limited.

Decorating Contest – Create an giraffe or elephant by decorating the templates found on Mrs. Moody's desk. Markers, glitter, beads, pipe cleaners, tissue paper and things found in nature can be used to create a totally new animal that reflects one's personality. Winners will be chosen in all age groups. This contest ends at 4 p.m., on Friday, July 25. All winners will be called.

Online Wild Reads – A new online version of Wild Reads @ Your Library is now available. Go to cohassetlibrary.org and click on Wild Reads online to register. Those using the site can log time and titles online and submit book reviews. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Cohasset Library, MRLS and MBLC. Click on Calendar for a complete list of events and activities. Families that read together provide the strongest model for future readers.

FOR ADULTS

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of Camille Deangelis' book "Mary Modern" at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 30. The group is free and open to all. Contact reference librarian Gayle Walsh to reserve a copy of the book.

Elderhostel's Adventure in Lifelong Learning – Discover the travel experiences available with Elderhostel at 7 p.m., on Thursday, July 31, during a discussion at the library of the different programs offered including the new Road Scholar program, geared toward travelers older than 21. The program is free.

Movie Matinee – Cool off at the library Movie Matinee at 11 a.m., on Friday, Aug. 1. The feature film will be "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" starring Spencer Tracy, Edie Adams, Milton Berle and a large comical cast.. Free admission and free refreshments courtesy of Friends of the Library. 154 minutes; 1963; rated G.

BRIEFLY

Check out the Web

Check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

- Video of Police Chief James Hussey talking about the dangers of bridge jumping.
- On-line poll about bridge jumping!
- Video of David Wadsworth talking about the Cohasset Maritime Museum
- Pet of the Week Video: meet Thelma and Louise, two feline sisters.
- Updates and photo galleries throughout the week.

Stickers on sale

Expiration date of the beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits is June 30. Stickers are on sale during normal business hours at Town Hall, and at the DPW garage on weekends, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sticker prices will remain the same as last year: $50 for residents under the age of 60, and $15 for seniors. This sticker will allow access to the Recycling Transfer Facility, Sandy Beach, as well as, parking at all areas in town that require a sticker. In addition, residents will be required to purchase special bags in which to dispose of all trash that cannot be recycled. These bags will be offered at the Department of Public Works building and various locations throughout the town.

Gov. Patrick has 'conversation' with local voters

'Town Hall' regional meeting held in Hull

By Mary Ford
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The governor lived up to expectations Thursday (July 10) in Hull where area residents got to spend upwards of an hour with Deval Patrick in a cozy setting on a perfect summer evening.

About 300 people, many of whom walked up from the beach when they heard the microphones, got the chance to listen to Patrick field a range of questions from the largely enthusiastic crowd.

Cohasset officials, including Selectman Fred Koed, Advisory Committee member Chartis Tebbetts, and Town Manager Bill Griffin were in attendance, among other Cohasset officials and residents, including Coleman Nee, who is Undersecretary for the Department of Veterans Services.

The event at the Bernie King Pavilion started off when Patrick, who was approached by Cohasset's Polly Logan, 83 — the Grand Dame of state GOP – gave the diminutive Logan, who stands less than five feet tall, a gigantic hug.

Logan was clearly a fan and said later she wished the GOP had a candidate like that.

With state representatives Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham and James Murphy, D-Weymouth, and state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, seated behind him, Patrick wooed the audience with his diplomatic, unflappable style.

While the governor fielded questions, his staff walked around with microphones. Attendees asked Patrick about everything from Medicaid waivers to global warming. The governor, who wore a wireless microphone and who had his sleeves rolled up, asked each person posing a question for his or her first name.

"We are really here to have a conversation," Patrick told the crowd. "I did not come to make a speech."

The event was the second of 11 town hall-style meetings the governor has planned across the state over five weeks. The first was held in Salem.

Patrick chided the media, which, he said, reported on his new haircut following a press conference at Massachusetts General Hospital and not about the $1 billion life science initiative that will help the state become a world leader in biotechnology.

"We need a strong independent media to have a strong democracy," he said. "But I also need to have a direct relationship with you."

Patrick said he needed to hear from the people without the filter of the media, hence the town hall-style meetings.

"I believe government has a role in helping people," said Patrick, adding he did not have all the answers, nor would he make promises. "I am not here to make a speech but to listen to you."



PHOTOS/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Polly Logan of Cohasset and a state Republican committeewoman, gets a big chuckle out of meeting Gov. Patrick face to face during the town meeting-style question-and-answer forum in Hull.



Marshfield resident Gia Lane questions Governor Deval Patrick on energy conservation, clean energy solutions and the Global Warming Solutions Act.

One of the first questions of the evening came from Kevin, who said the governor had met with Mass Equality but not with Mass Resistance, a pro-life, anti-gay marriage group. He said the governor wants to be governor of all the people but has not heard the other perspective. Some in the crowd started to boo Kevin's remarks.

Patrick stopped the negative reaction in its tracks. "We may not agree on everything," Patrick said. "But Kevin's voice counts too." He stressed that Kevin should feel comfortable saying what he had to say. He did say, however, if Mass Resistance had "an attitude" he would decline to meet with them. In a handout, the Patrick-Murray administration lists marriage equality for all Massachusetts residents as its number two accomplishment of 20 listed.

Part of the evening was devoted to energy questions. Soaring oil prices was on the minds of the many members of the audience.

Patrick suggested that everyone get an energy audit of their homes, a service, he said was offered free of charge by utility companies. He drew laughter when he explained he and his wife, who have a refrigerator in the basement that is only used at Christmas but is plugged in all yearlong, and "could not afford to do that."

Education was another hot topic. There were questions about special education money and MCAS graduation requirements.

Patrick is proud of the "Readiness Project" which is building on lessons learned over the past 15 years of Education Reform. He promised there were no unfunded mandates for citizens and towns in the initiative. He said everything is on the table in terms of ways to increase revenue except property taxes.

The environment was another focus. Hull is at the forefront of wind technology. One questioner asked about taking wind generation a step further and installing a wind-generated desalinization plant for Hull.

Several registered nurses from the Massachusetts Nurses Association were in attendance and asked about legislation that would put a limit on the number of patients under a nurse's care. Patrick would not commit to signing the bill but did say that patient welfare and safety were paramount. He said the needs of particular patients vary and that the issue was very complex.

He drew applause when he said the serious shortage of registered nurses in the state needs to be addressed.

Patrick delivered a somewhat hopeful message on the economy.

"It is all cyclical," he said. "Do what you can do and try your best to hang on until we cycle out of this."

"I believe government has a role in helping people."
— Governor Deval Patrick



Norwell resident Mary Cole talks to Governor Deval Patrick about Norwell issues at hand. The conversation included Senator Robert Hedlund, second left. Norwell recently sent a letter and teabags to Patrick's Office. Norwell is upset about Chapter 40B, the affordable housing law.

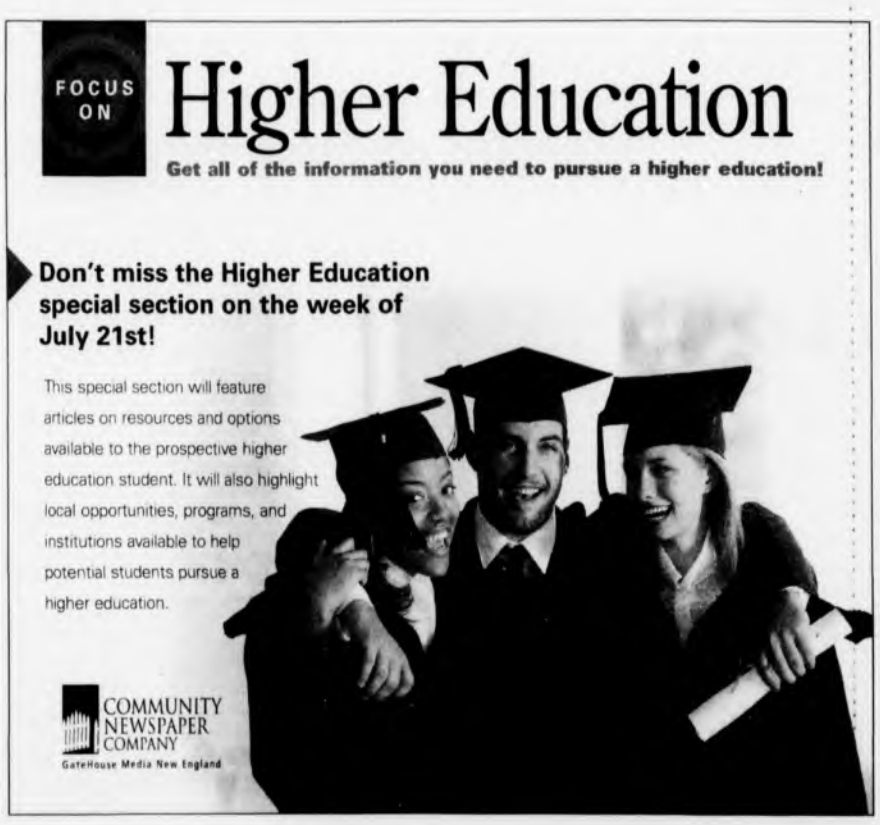


Gov. Deval Patrick speaks to area residents at the Bernie King Pavilion in Hull during his second of 11 Town Hall-style meetings being held around the state. Patrick fielded a series of questions ranging from energy and the economy to health care and gay rights.



North Weymouth resident Rose Kabilian, far right, meets Governor Deval Patrick July 10 in Hull along Nantasket Avenue. Pictured with Kabilian is Stella Martin of Bridgewater, far left, and T.R. Rando,center, of Canton. The women are three of the Hull Line Dancers who entertain the crowds on Sunday afternoons.





Budget strain due to too much spending

HEDLUND REPORT

ROBERT HEDLUND



I agree with the statement released last week by the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation that additional cuts are needed now to prevent significant cuts down the road.

A good sign of whether the state is facing tough financial times is when budget negotiations start to stretch into July. It took the Legislature until July 3 this year to finally adopt a state budget for the fiscal year that began three days earlier – a sure sign that our chief budget writers are uncomfortable with how this year could play out.

To be sure, even though the House and Senate took the unusual step of meeting in formal sessions the day before a major holiday to pass the Commonwealth's $28 billion budget, we're already seeing evidence that this budget is need of some reworking.

One major concern is whether the state's revenue growth projections will hold up. For example, Wall Street had a very poor month of June. If this develops into a trend, the state could see a significant drop in the amount of capital gains taxes we collect.

The biggest hinge point, however, is whether the federal government will grant the Commonwealth a three-year Medicaid waiver extension. If this waiver isn't approved, we could find ourselves having to cut as much as $600 million from the budget. To prevent this from happening, the Patrick Administration has been lobbying the federal government hard, and has even reached out to Republicans such as Mitt Romney and Andy Card in an attempt to secure the waiver.

Regardless of the outcome of these negotiations, I remain adamant that any budgetary strain we may experience largely originates from the spending side of the ledger, not the revenue side. And it's for this reason that I joined my five Republican colleagues in voting against the budget.

The state budget has doubled over the past 20 years, and even by the most conservative estimates, state revenue is expected to grow by about 3.8 percent next year – a figure that doesn't include the more than $800 million in new taxes the Legislature has imposed over the past couple of weeks on business, smokers and homebuyers.

Back in May, I and my Republican colleagues commended the Senate for recognizing our fiscal situation and demonstrating some fiscal restraint in passing a budget that was $130 million less than the one approved by the House. However, the budget that was adopted by the Legislature on July 3 wasn't just more than what the Senate approved, but also $30 million more than what the House approved. According to reports, House Ways and Means Chairman Robert DeLeo, embroiled in an internal leadership battle, dug his heels in and refused to budge on many of the spending figures and earmarks. And unfortunately, my Senate colleagues gave in and signed off on the largest state budget in the history of the Commonwealth.

It should be noted that Gov. Patrick has so far vetoed $54 million worth of these earmarks – including a few projects in my district – and is looking for power to do more. I agree with the statement released last week by the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation that additional cuts are needed now to prevent significant cuts down the road.

The final version of the state budget also lacked many of the amendments that I co-sponsored that would have brought some responsibility to state spending, including prohibiting the use of tax dollars for sex-change surgeries, hormone therapies, or laser hair removal for prisoners.

Other successful amendments that I co-sponsored that were stripped from the budget included:

- A crackdown on the support network for illegal immigrants and require companies doing businesses with the state to verify the status of their employees;
- Allowing towns to grant excise tax abatements to residents on active military duty;
- Creating special license plates for veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars;
- Establishing a special statewide commission to look at our water infrastructure needs, and;
- Banning the Lottery from giving away tickets to sporting events as rewards to well connected and already well compensated Lottery agents and employees.

There were also several other "good government" types of amendments that either I or my Republican colleagues sponsored that didn't even make it to the conference committee, including proposals to;

- reform our pension system by capping annual payouts and prohibiting state employees from having absurd allowances such as housing and parking spaces included in their pension calculations;
- strip the Lottery of its $10 million advertising budget, and;
- give state college students a $500 user fee tax credit.

And although it wasn't successful, I am proud to once again have pushed for the income tax rollback that my constituents – as well as the rest of the state – voted for back in 2000. Considering voters will be given the option this fall to vote to abolish the income tax altogether – a proposal that almost passed in 2002 – I argued that finally rolling back the income tax to 5 percent may defuse this potential political bomb. But only one Democrat, Sen. James Timilty of Walpole, was willing to vote in favor of the amendment.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund represents the eight-town Plymouth Norfolk District including Weymouth, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield and Duxbury.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Members of the Elder Services staff accepted the grant from representatives of Golden Living Center Cohasset. From left to right, Trudy Salerno, CEA Administrative Assistant/ Program Coordinator; Mike Buckley, Town of Cohasset Finance Director; Linda Elworthy, Director of Cohasset Elder Affairs; Colleen Kissell, Marketing Director of Golden Living Center of Cohasset; Bob Rego, Executive Director of Golden Living Cohasset; Carol Barrett, CEA Outreach Coordinator; Martha Horsefield, CEA Coordinator of Volunteer Services.

Grant helps keep vans running

Golden Living presents $1000 for van gas

By Nancy White
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It's no secret the price of gas is rising — and it is affecting everyone's wallets. This week, the Cohasset Elder Affairs got a helping hand from the Golden Living Center Cohasset to keep their vans running as need requires.

The Golden Living Center of Cohasset presented the CEA staff with a $1000 grant to help defray the rising cost of fuel for senior center vans.

The vans are used almost daily to take seniors to medical appointments, food shopping and activities at the Senior Center who might otherwise not be able to get out on their own.

Without the help of the grant, Director of Elder Services Linda Elworthy said they might have had to institute a fee for the service burdening those members of the community who may be least able to afford it.

"I am delighted for this grant from the Golden Living Center of Cohasset and so grateful," said Elworthy, adding a special thanks to the Golden Living Center's marketing and sales director Colleen Kissell for writing the grant.

The Town of Cohasset pays for the gas for the Elder Services vans. The $1000-grant amounts to nearly half of the budgeted fuel cost for the elder services this fiscal year. Finance Director Mike Buckley said $2,293 is devoted to that line item for fiscal 2009.

The grant is part of Golden Living Center of Cohasset's ongoing efforts to be a part of the greater community. Golden Living is a long-term care and rehabilitation facility located off Route 3A near the Hingham line (formerly Cohasset Knoll). It is one of about 350 Golden Living Centers across the US.

"The philosophy of Golden Living Center is to be a part of the community and to give back to the community," said Kissell. The grant was awarded under the Golden Living Center's Community Service Initiative.

Golden Living also offers free membership to residents 65 and older for the center's nine-piece fitness center designed for older people to keep bones and muscles in shape. They also hold a monthly breakfast buffet and a monthly barbeque for the town's seniors.

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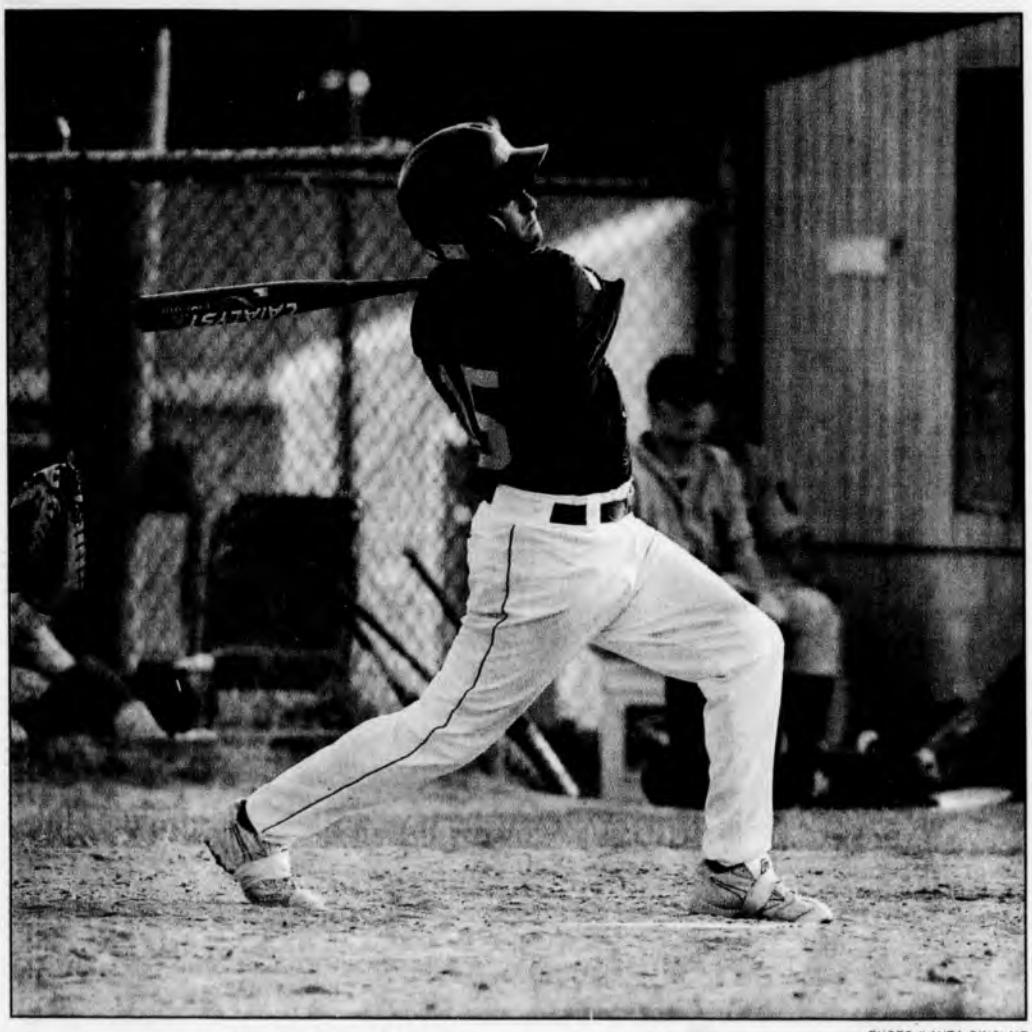
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Sam DeGiacomo launches a home run for Post 118.

Post 118 on the brink of playoffs

Doonan's one hitter beats West Roxbury on the road

By Joel Racicot
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It's crunch time for the Cohasset/Scituate Post 118 Legion baseball team. After splitting a home and away series with Holbrook, losing to Weymouth Tuesday and beating West Roxbury Wednesday, Cohasset/Scituate needs a little help to get into the District 6 East playoffs for the first time since 2004.

Cohasset/Scituate and Holbrook are vying for the fifth and final playoff spot. By losing 4-3 to Weymouth at home Tuesday night, Post 118 forced a situation where it needs Holbrook to lose to Milton, Thursday night, passed *Cohasset Mariner* deadline, to clinch a berth. Post 118 also had to win at West Roxbury Wednesday night for a chance to get in. They did that winning, 1-0.

Both teams would be tied with 14 points in the fifth spot if Holbrook beats Milton, but Holbrook has the tiebreaker because they scored more runs against Post 118 in head-to-head action.

With all that said, Post 118 needed Brendan Doonan's heroics to pull out a 1-0 win over West Roxbury. The CHS star threw six no-hit innings and allowed one hit in seven.

"He was amazing," said Post 118 head coach Scott Arnold. "They could not hit him."

Cohasset/Scituate scored after Tommy Chase walked, stole second and was knocked in by Brad Sportack.

Heading into Tuesday's game with Weymouth, Post 118 controlled its own destiny. Two wins and they were in no matter what happened with any other teams. Sam DeGiacomo did his best throwing a complete game loss on the mound. He also connected on a two run home run.

Cohasset/Scituate pulled its Jekyll and Hyde with a 9-0 loss against Holbrook Thursday and a 10-3 win against the same squad Monday. Thursday's blowout gave Holbrook the head-to-head run differential edge.

Brian Hill gave up three early runs Monday but settled down and pitched a complete game four hitter with five strikeouts.

Tommy Chase singled, doubled, walked and scored three runs at the plate. Brendan Doonan doubled, singled and scored two runs while DeGiacomo added a double.

Scituate native Mike Signorelli had the biggest day at the plate hitting a home run and a triple.

BAY STATE GAMES HIGHLIGHTS

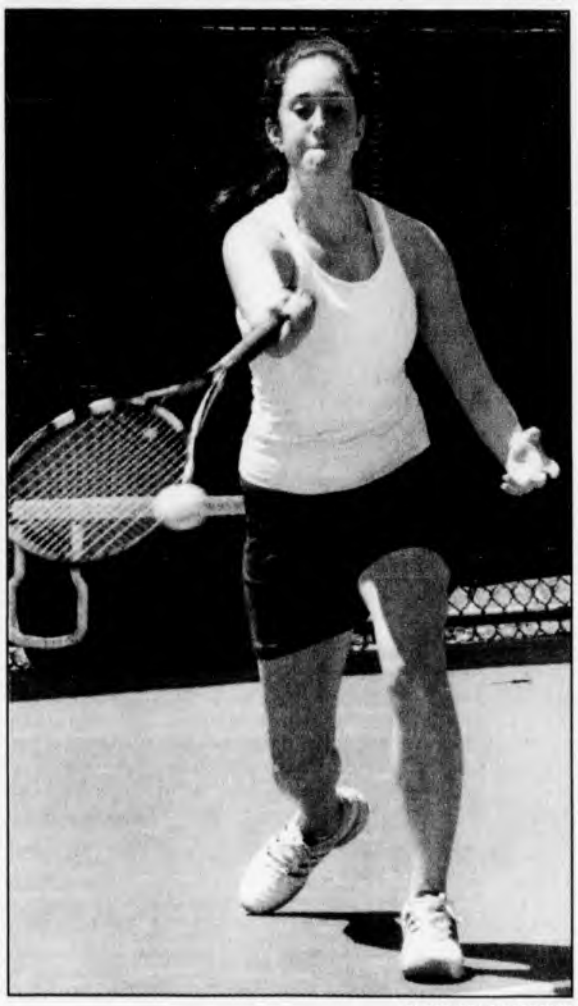
Cohasset's Maddy Altholtz won a Gold Medal for the 16 and Under division in girls tennis at the Bay State Games. The Cohasset High all-star won four matches Saturday to clinch the Gold with relative ease. The matches were eight game pro-sets.

"It was a good experience," Altholtz said. "Doing match play helps for spring tennis and other tournaments that I do during the year."

Altholtz, who will be a junior next season, was surprised by the level of competition, or lack there of, at the Bay State Games.

"The competition was not as good as I expected, but some of the last couple matches were tough."

Altholtz competes year-round in USTA matches and plays for the Weymouth Club.



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Cohasset's Maddy Altholtz won Gold at the Bay State Games.

Girls softball

Coastal 6, Southeast 1

Coastal leadoff hitter Jaclyn Enos (Taunton, Coyle Cassidy HS) ended her day going 3-for-3 with two singles and a double as Coastal beat Southeast. Also playing well for Coastal was Katie Quintin (Dartmouth; Bishop Stang HS) who reached base three times, going 2-for-3 with a walk. Scoring Southeast's lone run was Carly Salerno (**Cohasset; Cohasset HS**).

Southeast 8, West 7

The top two hitters in the West's lineup, Leah Spring (S. Hadley; South Hadley HS) and Kasie Fagan (Longmeadow; Longmeadow HS) combined to score six of the seven West runs. Their efforts weren't enough to win as Southeast scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth. Carly Salerno (**Cohasset, Cohasset HS**) led the charge for Southeast as she went 2-for-3 on the day with a run scored.

Great eight

Four state title games in four seasons for 2008 boys lacrosse class

By Joel Racicot
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Eight former Cohasset High School boys lacrosse players are gearing up for college this summer. They represent a senior class like no other at CHS. During their tenure on Pond Street, P.J. McCaw, Cliff Musto, Peter Ernst, Charlie Czerkawski, Mark Flibotte, Mike Grimm, Jake Cuneo and Nate Porter all made a major impact on one of the best lacrosse programs in the state of Massachusetts.

Flibotte, Grimm, Czerkawski and McCaw played on all four state title teams. They went 2-2; beating Dover-Sherborn in 2006 and Scituate in 2007 and losing to Medfield in 2005 and Scituate in 2008.

Of the eight soon to be freshman in either college or prep school, remarkably *seven* and possibly all *eight* will play lacrosse at the next level. It's an amazing accomplishment and a testament to the talented group. But, it is not surprising considering their level of success at the high school level.

"They were obviously the backbone of a lot of very good occurrences," said Cohasset High head coach Stew Curran.

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Cohasset huddles around coach Stew Curran.

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SINGLES



Name: Susan Bitetti
School: Norwell
Grade: Senior
Stats: What more can you say about this talented senior? The Furman bound NHS star won the state individual title in 2008, completing one of the most prolific high school tennis careers in recent memory. A four time south sectional champion, Bitetti finished her career with a 98-4 overall mark and left a footprint that may never be met at her alma mater.



Name: Meg Anderson
School: Cohasset
Grade: Senior
Stats: Anderson spearheaded one of the best tennis teams in the state. As the rock at the number one position, Anderson helped the Skippers to the south sectional title in 2008. Her 88-10 career record includes a 49-7 mark in singles and 39-3 record in doubles.



Name: Katie Pritchard
School: Scituate
Grade: Senior
Stats: This Tufts bound Sailor held down the top position for the Sailors leading them into the south sectional championship game. A Patriot League all-star, Pritchard made a huge impact on the SHS tennis program, losing only one match during this past season.

DOUBLES



Names: Megan Dempsey and Samantha Norton
School: Weymouth
Grades: Both seniors
Stats: Dempsey and Norton were the driving force behind a 16-3 Weymouth team loaded with talent this spring, racking up an impressive 21-3 record in doubles play. The pair bested Wellesley's top doubles team of Caroline Taylor and Victoria Tucker 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 to win the Division 1 South title. They then advanced to the state semis before falling to Melissa Lyn and Leslie Signor of Winchester.



Names: Kaitlin Henricksen and Julie Larsen
School: Marshfield
Grade: Both seniors
Stats: This talented pair was a virtual automatic on the doubles courts, going 17-2 this spring for the Atlantic Coast League champions (13-0). Their consistency on the court helped lead to Marshfield's undefeated regular season mark of 19-0. Reached the second round of play in the South Individual tourney, besting Needham before falling to the eventual state finalists from NDA in three sets. Went 17-1 as juniors at second doubles.

SECOND TEAM

SINGLES



Name: Amanda Albuquerque
School: Weymouth
Grade: Junior
Stats: Albuquerque, a Bay State League all star, finished her 2008 campaign with a rock solid 17-2 record. As the Wildcats' first singles player, she played a large role in carrying the Wildcats to sectional wins over New Bedford and Falmouth. "Her stroke is flawless, her determination is unparalleled and she possesses an edge to her that all great athletes retain," Weymouth coach John Caterer said. "Amanda has the tools to be one of the best players in the state."



Name: Amelia Mattern
School: Marshfield
Grade: Senior
Stats: A four-year starter, Mattern spent two seasons at second singles before stepping into the No. 1 spot this spring. Was a very consistent player for the Atlantic Coast League champions (13-0) going 16-3 in the regular season (17-4 postseason). In the South Individual tourney, Mattern topped a player from Sharon before falling to fellow All-Scholastic Katie Pritchard in three sets. Her strong play helped the Lady Rams record an undefeated regular season at 19-0 and reach the quarterfinals of the Div. 1 South tourney.



Name: Roberta Bergstein
School: Hingham
Grade: Sophomore
Stats: Just a sophomore, Bergstein enjoyed a solid season at the No. 1 singles slot for Hingham. Only in-league losses came against fellow All-Scholastic Katie Pritchard as the Harborwomen finished at 9-2 behind the Lady Sailors. In the Individual Tourney, Bergstein reached the second round, topping an opponent from Newton North before getting edged by a player from Milton.

DOUBLES



Names: Kelly Collins and Kendall Hodgkins
School: Hingham
Grades: Both seniors
Stats: Was arguably the best doubles team in the Patriot League this season. Bested pair from Scituate and Duxbury twice, helping the Harborwomen to a 9-2 mark in the Keenan Div. behind only the Lady Sailors. Reached the second round of the South Individual tourney, beating a squad from Sharon before falling to a North Attleboro pair in three sets.

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Names: Maggie McGoldrick and Danielle Sookiasian
School: Cohasset
Grades: Junior and Freshman
Stats: This was the go to duo in the Skippers run to the state championship match. Both players were named to the South Shore League all-star team and should play major roles next season at CHS.

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Becca Winans – Sr. – First singles – Duxbury

Kyra Holmquest – Sr. (Capt.) – Second singles – Marshfield

Eden Marrano – So. – First singles – Pembroke

Sally Meehan – Sr. – Second singles – Cohasset

Maddy Altholtz – So. – Third singles – Cohasset

Kate O'Connor – So. – Second singles – Scituate

Katherine Kelly – Sr. – Second singles – Norwell

DOUBLES

Lisa Thomas (Sr.) / **Jackie Ennis** (Sr.) – First doubles – Duxbury

Emily Henricksen (Soph.) / **Amanda Niemann** (Soph.) – Second doubles – Marshfield

Brittney Cangemi (Jr.) / **Shelagh Joyce** (Jr.)– First doubles – Scituate

5K Fun Run to support Cohasset Maritime Institute

July 19, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

Cohasset's inner harbor will be the star of the first Jack Hubbard Memorial Fun Run on Saturday, July 19th. All ages and skills, walkers and runners, are welcome to join the fun. Entry fee of $25 and includes tee shirts. All proceeds and donations will be benefiting the Cohasset Maritime Institute's (CMI) mission to provide a Cohasset community-rowing program with access to the water for all.

Jack Hubbard was a founding member of CMI and an avid rower. The morning's festivities will include an awards ceremony and christening of the "Jack Hubbard" 28' ocean gig that will become part of the CMI fleet.

The run begins at the flagpole on Cohasset Common, continues to the Village, to Elm Street, to Margin—along the harbor, along Atlantic to Beach Street, past the Common to Sohier Street, then Ripley Road back to the Common.

Schedule of Activities:
Registration: 7:30 a.m.-8:15 a.m.

Race Starts: 8:30 a.m.

Awards Ceremony & Christening of the "Jack Hubbard": 10:15 a.m.

Participants are encouraged to pre-register by printing and mailing the race application along with entry fee of $25 by July 7th. Additional information and registration forms are available at www.rowcmi.com.

Sports Notes

Summer Xtreme 2008

The Cohasset Rec. Dept. is offering a new program this summer called 'Summer Xtreme 2008', specifically designed for students entering grades 6-9, offering seven one-week sessions, at $99.00 per child, per session. Participants may register for any number of weeks they wish.

The program will be conducted by a four to five member staff and features a variety of field trips, games, sports, crafts, and a pizza day each week.

For full program details, please call Cohasset Recreation at 781-383-4109 or email SummerXtreme@gmail.com. Registration form and more information can also be found by visiting us online at: www.townofcohasset.org/rec. Applications are now being accepted for all sessions. The program is offered up to non-residents.

Cohasset Recreation Department Youth Lacrosse Clinic

This one-week clinic is for boys and girls entering grades 3 thru 6 in the fall. While the program is run by the Cohasset Recreation Department, it's open to players from other communities. The Buick brothers will be directing the program this year.

The clinic is held the week of July 21-25, from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m., at Milliken Field, Cohasset. Sessions are held rain or shine –in all conditions except lightning. Players need full equipment. For girls, this means a stick, goggles and a mouth guard. For boys, it means a helmet (including mouthpiece,) gloves, arm and shoulder pads and a stick.

Players should also bring their own water, juice or sports drink to each day's sessions.

The fee for the Lacrosse clinic is $85. Registration material can be found at: www.townofcohasset.org/rec.

South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond Women's/Girls Drop-in Basketball

Hey Girls...Gotta Lotta Game?

Calling all girls! Home from college? Want to get back into the game? Come join the fun, see old friends, meet new ones and get a chance to participate in full court recreational games. This is a pick-up league without set teams. Each week, teams are created with players in attendance with an effort to evenly divide skill, speed, and height. There are no officials. It is a very laid back atmosphere where all ages and skill levels are welcome.

This program is open to both YMCA members and non-members ages 15 plus. For more information call 781-829-8585, ext 260 or send an email to lmontoya@ssymca.org. Thursdays 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Seadogs take New England crown

Cohasset represented on two championship teams

The Seadogs traveling baseball team scored a rare "triple" in the recent New England AAU championships, capturing three different age group championships – 15U, 13U and 12U.

The Seadogs/AAU Traveling Baseball program is part of the South Shore Baseball Club, which has been a member of the Massachusetts Association of the Amateur Athletic Union since 1994. The Seadogs compete against other Massachusetts AAU teams for the right to qualify for the AAU National Baseball Championships held all across the country. The Seadogs program is intended to supplement, rather than replace, local Little League, Babe Ruth, or American Legion baseball programs.

It took the 15-and-under Seadogs two days to win the NEAAU title. In the championship game against Central Mass Smash, Troy Salvatore set the stage in the opening inning with a single, stolen base and he scored on a single by Jeff Cavanaro, who came home on a double by Phil Sciretta. Three more runs in the third gave the Seadogs a 5-0 advantage, but the game was suspended due to inclement weather with the score 8-3 in the bottom half of the fifth frame. The game was picked-up where it left off and the Seadogs went on to win, 9-4.

"This veteran group did their best when their best was needed," head coach Frank Niles commented. "The new guys – Silva, Mildner and Rozanski – provided a great spark."

15U Seadogs Roster: 2B Jimmy Adams (Walpole), C Nick Barker (Weymouth), SS/CF/P Jeff Cavanaro (**Cohasset**), P/1B/3B Matt Goreham (Quincy), P/3B/1B Jesse Loughlin (Rockland), OF/P John Mildner (Newton), INF/P Demetri Monovoukas (Lexington), 3B/SS/2B John Mullen (Walpole), OF/P Collin Rozanski (Canton), OF/P/2B Troy Salvatore (Walpole), P/IB/OF Phil Sciretta (Duxbury), INF/OF/P/C Matt Sheehan (Scituate), OF/P Kyle Silva (Fall River), C/INF/OF Joe Zanca (Braintree), head coach Frank Niles (Weymouth), assistant coaches Vin Hillyer (Abington), Dave Mullen (Walpole), CJ Hillyer (Abington).

The 12-and-under Seadogs club edged Team Nokona, 5-4, in an exciting New England championship game. The Seadogs scored two runs in the six and reliever Will O'Sullivan closed the door, striking out two straight hitters with tying and go ahead runners on second and third.



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The 15 and Under Seadogs.



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The U-12 Seadogs.

Pinch runner Sean Scales escaped a rundown between second and third to score the tie-breaking run and Sammy Ballerini followed with a double off the fence in left, scoring Gus Culpo with the eventual game-winning tally. Culpo and starting pitcher Evan Morris had two hits apiece.

The 'Dogs are preparing for the AAU Nationals, which starts July 19 in Richmond, Virginia.

"We played well as a team throughout the entire tournament," Seadogs 12U head coach Matt Manders said. "Our pitching and defense stepped-up, showing the maturity of this team. We had some goals as a team coming into the 2008 season and winning the New England championships was right at the top. I'm really happy for this group of kids. We have worked hard since November and I'm excited to see what we can do at The Nationals."

12U Seadogs Roster: C/INF Sam Ballerino (Kingston), INF Coley Barker (Pembroke), P/INF Mickey Barry (**Cohasset**), P/INF Gus Culpo (Cranston, RI), P/INF Jesse Feldstein (Newton), INF/P Ethan Forrest (E. Bridgewater), OF Steve Gerhart (Pembroke), P/INF/OF Andrew Haser (Newton), P/INF Andrew Jaehnig (Quincy), P/INF/C Jarred Montero (Weymouth), P/INF/C Evan Morris (Pembroke), P/INF Will O'Sullivan (Needham), INF Sean Seales (Weymouth), P/INF/OF Jake Willsley (Chestnut Hill), head coach Matt Manders (Avon), assistant coaches Marc Gerhart (Pembroke), Joe Barker (Pembroke).

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Great eight

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During their tenure on Pond Street, P.J. McCaw, Cliff Musto, Peter Ernst, Charlie Czerkawski, Mark Flibotte, Mike Grimm, Jake Cuneo and Nate Porter all made a major impact on one of the best lacrosse programs in the state of Massachusetts.

"They are a good hard working bunch of kids."

Curran recently took time out to talk about each former player.

P.J. McCaw—"A really hard-nosed athlete. He is a big strong kid that is absolutely fearsome." McCaw will be attending prep school in Connecticut where he will play football and lacrosse.

Cliff Musto—"Like P.J., he is raw. He is also athletic and brought a lot of heart to a young defense." Musto will be attending the University of Connecticut. They have a club team and Musto isn't sure if he will play, according to Curran.

Peter Ernst—"He is very steady, the fastest kid on the team the last three years. Lightning quick and undersized, he gets a lot out of what God gave him." Ernst will be attending Colorado State to play very competitive club lacrosse at the Division 1 School.

Charlie Czerkawski—"I was after him to do better all year and he [responded] by working harder than anyone. He won 70 percent of his faceoffs this year and after losing 60-40 to Wes Hawkins in the Chowder Cup he ended up winning 65 percent in the state title game." Czerkawski will be attending Connecticut College next year and playing lacrosse.

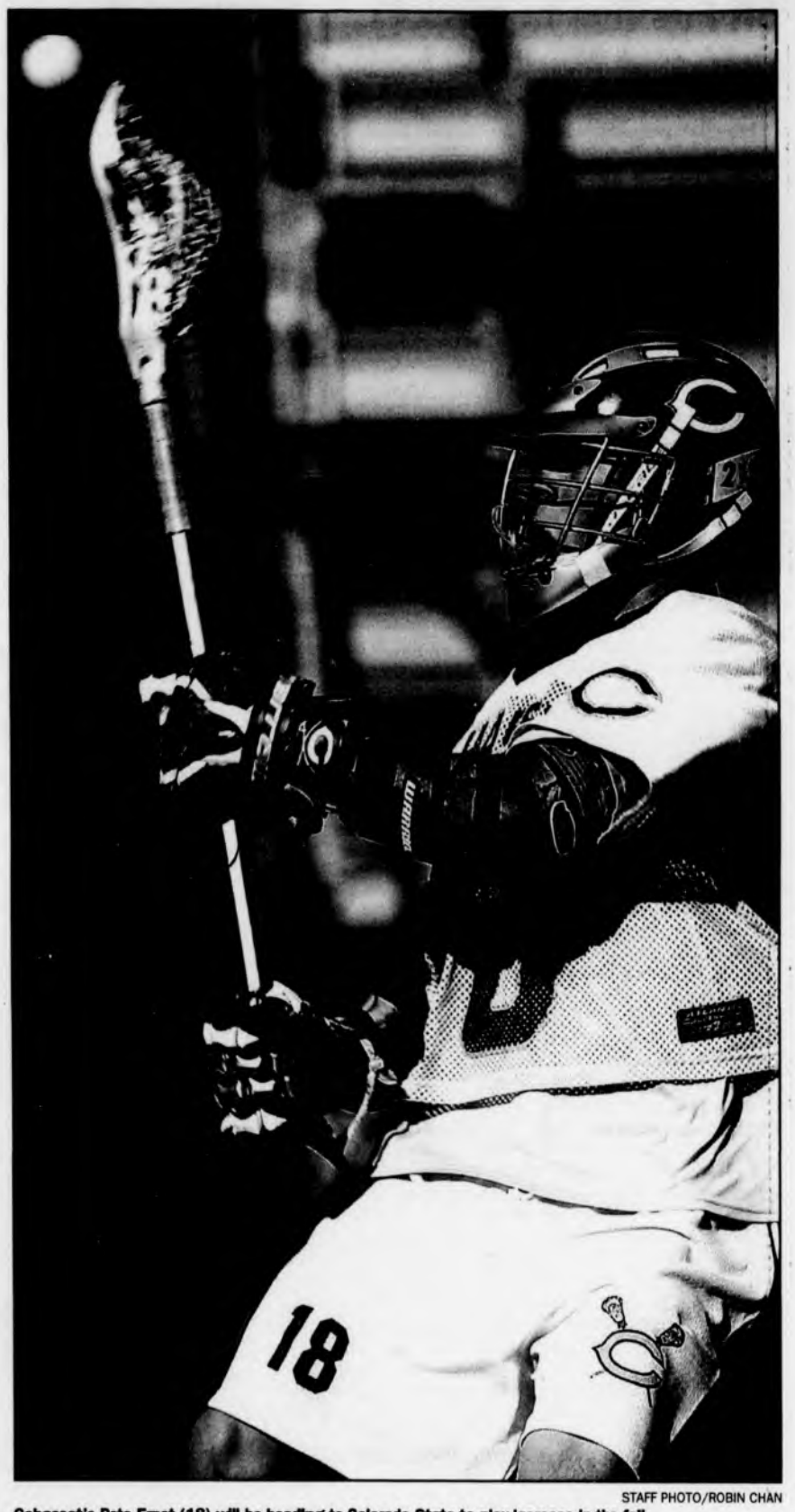
Mark Flibotte—"He is an exceptional lacrosse player with extraordinary skills. He can finish with people on him and when he gets open he puts the ball in the back of the net." Flibotte will be attending Bowdoin where he will play lacrosse.

Mike Grimm—"He gave us outstanding stuff as a freshman scoring over 20 goals. Then he had a knee injury his sophomore year and came back at the end of the season to help us get to the finals. His junior year he erupted on the scene and broke 100 points. This year he was dinged up early and wasn't quite full speed but he gave his all on the field. He was a good captain his senior year." Grimm will be attending Lehigh where he will play lacrosse.

Jake Cuneo—"He and I butted heads but it is because we are kindred spirits. We are both vocal when we don't need to be, sometimes. He worked hard and was rough but the good Lord blessed him with size and speed so some officials were on him. He is a throwback defensemen." Cuneo will be attending prep-school in the fall where he will play lacrosse.

Nate Porter—"He loves the game and works hard for a lot of what he has. He passed well and positioned himself well. He had a lot of weight on his shoulders in net." Porter will be attending the University of New England in Maine and will play lacrosse.

Curran added, "They are a good bunch of seniors. I'm gone miss em' all."



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Cohasset's Pete Ernst (18) will be heading to Colorado State to play lacrosse in the fall.



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Jimmy Maher from Cohasset at the Boston Cannons game.

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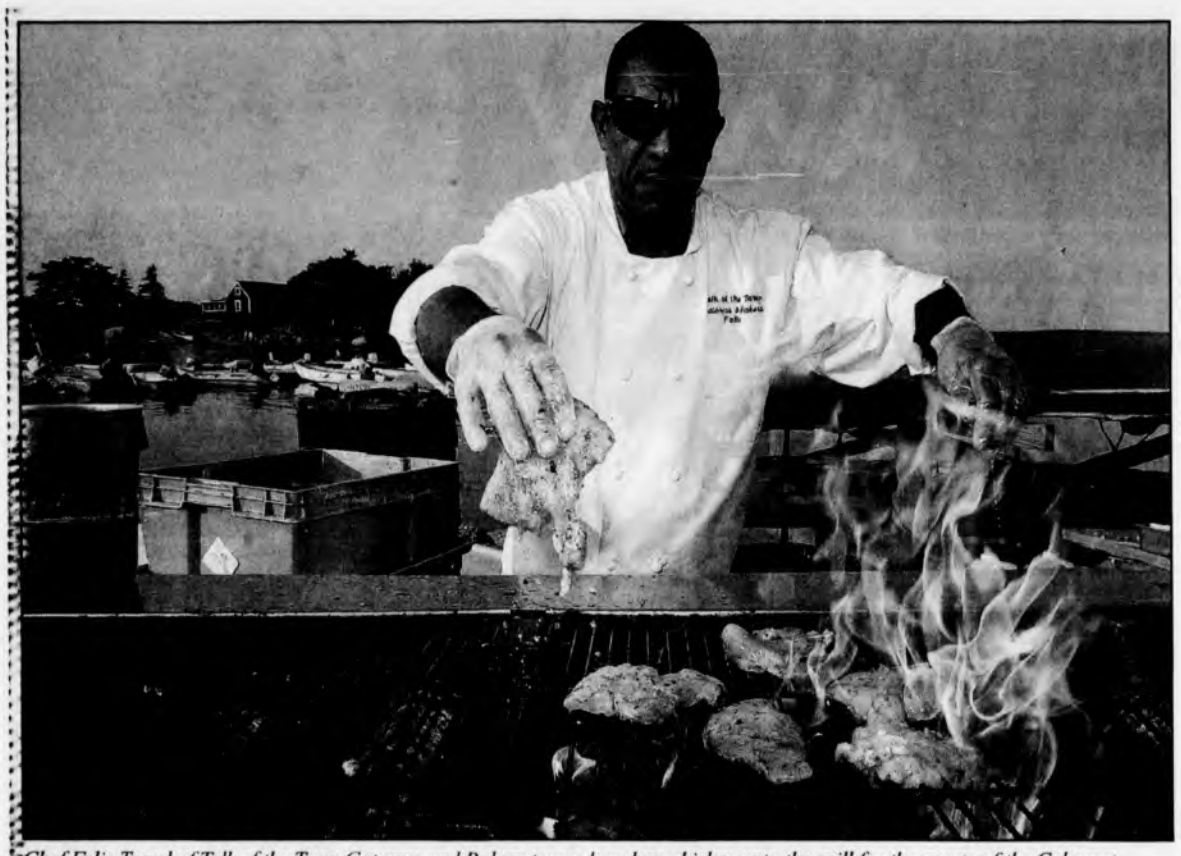
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Summer feast!

Lobster anchors sailing club summer launch party



Chef Felix Trevel of Talk of the Town Caterers and Bakers tosses boneless chicken onto the grill for the guests of the Cohasset Sailing Club's Summer Launch Party held Saturday evening. Lobster was on also the menu along with clam chowder, salad and a variety of fresh breads.



Danielle Deiderian receives her boiled lobster and butter from Talk of the Town Caterers and Bakers Manager Stephen Folan.



Sailing Club Founder Thomas Burke clowns around when wearing two hats during the Cohasset Sailing Club's Summer Launch Party held on the Harbor Saturday evening.



Founder of Cohasset's Sailing Club and Retired Admiral Thomas Burke, far right and his wife Rita, along with Cohasset Sailing Club's Commander Jim Porter pose for a quick photo before the start of the Sailing Club's Summer Launch Party.



Twelve-year-old Danielle Deiderian has her lobster and chicken dinner while attending Cohasset's Sailing Club's Summer Launch Party held Saturday evening.

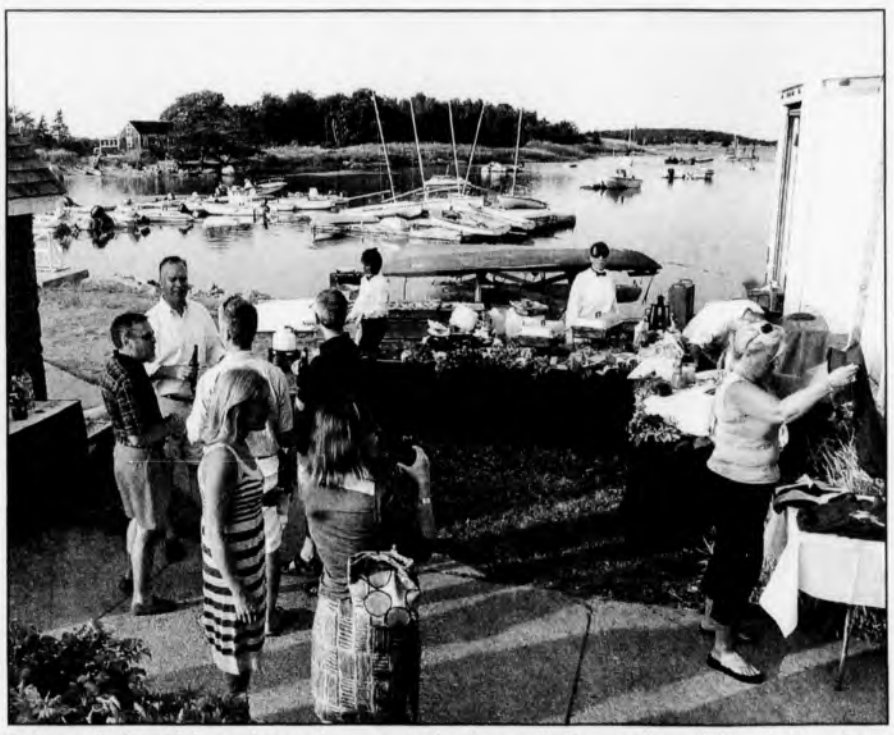


The Cohasset Sailing Club held its annual Summer Launch Party held Saturday evening on the Harbor with a Lobster and grilled chicken dinner, with salad, fresh baked breads, clam chowder and beverages. A silent auction was held as well.



Server, Kristina Hanna, prepares the boneless chicken that was served along with boiled lobster, corn on the cob, fresh bread and salad.





Cohasset Sailing Club members and guests mingle about at the Summer Launch Party held on the Harbor Saturday evening.

Sailing Club Founder Thomas Burke and Retired Rear Admiral was ready for his lobster and chowder Saturday evening during the Cohasset Sailing Club's Summer Launch Party held on the Harbor.



Hingham's Talk of the Town Caterers and Bakers' Chef Felix Tervel pulls a wire basket full of one-pound lobsters from the pot Saturday evening for the Cohasset Sailing Club's Summer Launch Party on the Harbor.

Photos by Craig Geodecke

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There's a lot new to see in Washington, D.C.

Greg Reibman
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Washington -A new family will be moving into 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue early next year. And although John McCain and Barack Obama aren't new to Washington, D.C., this city has changed a lot since George W. Bush moved in a little less than eight years ago. Earlier this year, my wife, 11-year-old son and I explored some of our capital city's latest attractions. Here are some of our favorite finds:

Newseum

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News junkies will feel they've landed in heaven as they take in prize-winning photos, jaw-dropping archival film clips, fascinating artifacts - everything from a pencil used by a reporter at the Battle of Little Big Horn to massive slabs of the Berlin Wall - and an always-changing display of the front pages of 80 of that day's newspapers.

But the best part of the new Newseum - open here since April, although an earlier version operated for five years in Arlington, Va. - is the interactive exhibits that put you in the news gatherer's seat: Snap photos at the scene of a dramatic river rescue. Stand in front of a TV camera and pretend you are doing a live report from the White House lawn. Put on your editor's hat and give yourself an ethics test.

Just as dazzling is the Newseum building itself. Like the news business, architect James Polshek's stunning seven-story glass building is all about transparency, including grand views of the Capitol and Supreme Court. The Newseum houses two broadcast studios where live programs (ABC's "This Week With George Stephanopoulos," NPR's "Talk of the Nation") are sometimes broadcast. And tucked into a basement theater is a 3-D film that disguises lessons about the value of a free press with roller coaster-like special effects.



PHOTO BY MEGHAN MURPHY, SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL ZOO

Tan Shan is the big attraction at the National Zoo these days.

Nationals Park

1500 South Capitol St., SE; http://nationals.mlb.com/was/ballpark/index.jsp

Some people like the smell of a new car. I prefer new baseball stadiums.

And as far as ballparks go, the brand new home of the Washington Nationals baseball team provides a lot to cheer about. We're talking panoramic views of the Washington Monument and Anacostia River, Dixieland bands, state of the art video technology and the happiest hawkers I've ever seen. And that's just what you notice before getting to your seat, where you'll find plenty of legroom.

Open since March, the new 41,888-seat stadium stands to not only revitalize baseball in D.C. but the riverfront as well. Don't leave without enjoying a "chili half smoke" (chili dog) from Ben's Chili Bowl up behind the third base line.

The International Spy Museum

800 F. St., NW; 866-779-6873; www.spymuseum.org

If you think a visit here means an afternoon of looking at dusty old lapel pin cameras, that notion disappears the moment you step off a futuristic elevator and are told to spend a few minutes in the Briefing Room selecting and memorizing every detail of your secret identity. From there, roaming the halls unfolds like a good spy novel - full of twists and turns. Yes, they have hidden cameras bugs, weapons, disguises and more tools of the trade than you could ever dream of. You'll also learn about famous spies throughout history (Moses, George Washington and, maybe, that tourist standing next to you). And you'll be invited to decipher secret tap codes used by prisoners in the Hanoi Hilton. Take the kids to the International Spy Museum and they'll never realize that they're learning something about political history because it's so much fun. But also don't forget your secret identity or you may never be allowed to leave.

Fujifilm Giant Panda Habitat at the Smithsonian National Zoo

3001 Connecticut Ave. NW; http://nationalzoo.si.edu/default.cfm

OK, the National Zoo opened during the first Grover Cleveland administration (1885-89) but the star attraction these days - a giant panda cub named Tan Shan - was born on July 9, 2005, during George W. Bush's second term. The good news is that Tan Shan (tie-SHON) is going to stay in Washington, even as Bush gets ready to depart. The cub was scheduled to return to China this month but his stay has just been extended for at least another year. And while there's so many other animals to enjoy at this zoo, my family spent nearly two hours transfixed watching Tai Shan and parents Mei Xiang and Tian Tian's do what giant pandas do, which essentially is to eat bamboo. Lots and lots of bamboo.

Advance tickets are no longer needed to view the pandas and, like all Smithsonian museums and parks, admission is free.

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For a more boisterous dining experience, head to the theater district and Jaleo (480 7th Street NW; 202-628-7949; www.jaleo.com), an authentic Spanish tapas restaurant created by PBS chef Jose Andres. Our waiter did a great job helping us sort through a menu of some 70 items (a Spanish omelet with potatoes and onions for our 11-year-old son; Brussel sprouts with apples, apricots and grapes for my wife; and seared trout wrapped with Serrano ham for me) plus some great Spanish wines, sangrias and beers. Try the flan for dessert.

If you're shopping in Georgetown, stop in at the original Clydes of Georgetown (3236 M Street, NW, 202-333-9180; www.clydes.com). It's a cozy, old-style saloon, where (one suspects) the old stories of the politicians and power players who have sat on its bar stools are nearly as good as the burgers and the crab sandwiches. The chain now has eight locations.

Our favorite meal of our trip was also the least expensive: Ben's Chili Bowl (1213 U St NW; www.benschilibowl.com) has been serving the planet's best chili dogs, burgers and breakfast since the '50s. Be sure to sit at the counter because, as good as the food is, the real fun comes from watching the crowd and the chatting with the short-order cooks. Ben's is easy get to by the Metro (take the Green Line to the U Street/Cardozo stop). On weekends, it's open until 4 a.m.

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Enjoy your summer and we will see you in September. – Mrs. Sandler, assistant principal.

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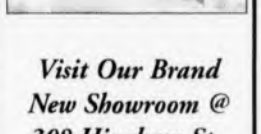
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Digital photography workshop for teens

South Shore Art Center is offering a digital photography workshop for teens, ages 12 through 16, July 21 through 23, 10 a.m. to noon, and Thursday, July 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cindy Vallino of The Focus Gallery will instruct students on working with different camera modes to create special effects, composition techniques, lighting tips for indoor (studio) and outdoor shooting, basics of digital processing and editing using Photoshop, and creative uses for digital photographs. Class and homework photographic assignments will help students put new skills to use. Students should bring cameras and camera manuals to each class.

South Shore Art Center is at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-2787.

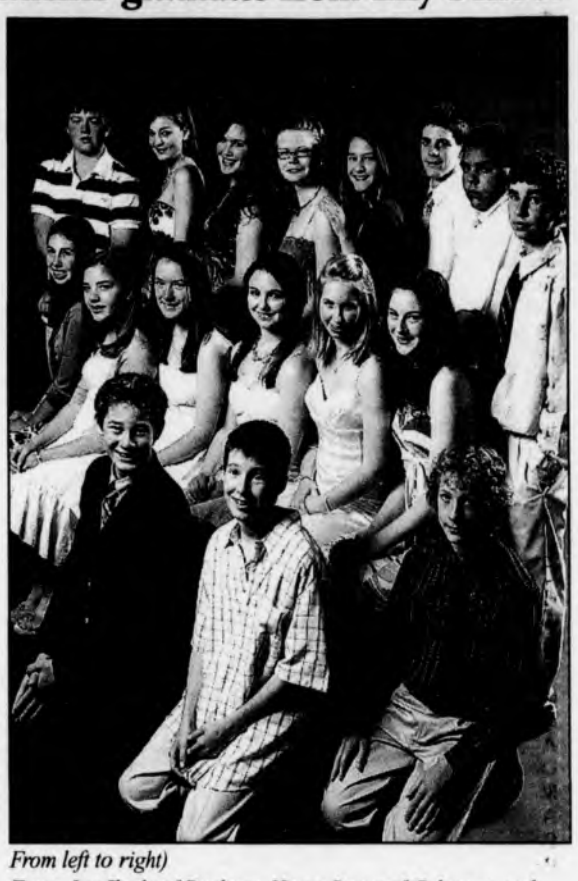


'Zebra' by Cindy Vallino

Middle School students graduate from Inly School

Seventeen members of Inly School's eighth grade class graduated in June. Highlights of their eighth-grade year include participation at Model U.N. in New York City; sailing a schooner for three days with Ocean Classroom; and an exchange trip to the Alvkullen Montessori School in Sweden.

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From left to right)
Front: Ian Ikeda of Duxbury, Harry Braga of Cohasset, and Ricky Housley of Plympton.
Middle: Gabrielle Hunt of Hanover, Brooke Menard of Scituate, Helen Wagner of Scituate, Lauren Baker of Duxbury, Victoria Callahan of Scituate, and Deirdre Duddy-Kennedy of Holbrook. Back: Marc Boyle of Scituate, Meg Gegler of Cohasset, Sarah Antonuccio of Cohasset, Lauren Dana of Marshfield, Elisa Sipols of Norwell, Nick Ribaudo of Marshfield, Clark Gegler of Cohasset, and Zack Rubenstein of Scituate. Harry Braga, Sarah Antonuccio and Meg Gegler will be attending Cohasset High School in the fall.

This year's graduates were accepted to the following high schools: Archbishop Williams High School; Avon Old Farms; Beaver Country Day; Boston College High School; Boston University Academy; Brewster Academy; Cambridge School of Weston; Cape Cod Academy; Colorado Rocky Mountain School; Dana Hall School; Falmouth Academy; Fontbonne Academy; Gould Academy; Holderness School; Milton Academy; Northwood School; Notre Dame Academy; Pomfret School; Proctor Academy; Suffield Academy; Tabor Academy; Thayer Academy; Tilton School; and Woodward School.

Edible plant walk at Holly Hill

No advance registration is necessary.

Forager and environmentalist Russ Cohen will lead an edible plant walk in the woods and fields of Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on Saturday, July 19. Parking is available in the farmyard at 236 Jerusalem Road, where the walk will begin.

Cohen is the author of "Wild Plants I Have Known and Eaten," and is the recipient of a master's degree and law degree from Ohio State University.

Participants in the program will, as they walk and forage, receive information about the edible portions of plants, the seasons that they are available and about how to prepare them. Cohen will also provide guidelines for safe and environmentally responsible foraging. Participants may want to bring a pencil and notepad as well as a number of small bags for collecting samples.

Cost of the program for members of Friends of Holly Hill Farm Inc. is $15, for all others $20. No advance registration is necessary.



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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, July 20. Summer Services

9 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – Led by Amy Martin and Edwin Henneken

Summer services are informal, child-friendly, lay-led, and followed by refreshments in the back of the Meeting House. We hope you'll join us!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

Our summer schedule differs from our September through mid June schedule that is outlined below.

SUMMER WORSHIP (through Aug. 31st) 8 am informal service at the Sailing Club. 10 am traditional service in the Chapel located at the rear of the building.

SAVE THE DATE of Saturday, July 26th for an all church PROGRESSIVE BARBEQUE with cocktails 5:30 –7 pm and dinner 7:15 -8:30pm.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the Reverend Margot Critchfield,

If you are visiting from out of town or here for the summer, you are most welcome to join us this Sunday when we switch to our summer worship schedule, now through August 24:

Sundays: 6:45 am at Sandy Beach (bring a lawn chair, no parking sticker needed) and at our Cohasset Village church at 8 am and 9:30 am.

Wednesdays: Eucharist with healing at 9:30 am.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Obituaries

George R. Duggan

Retired principal at Wampatuck and Cushing schools

George R. Duggan, 79, of Scituate, died July 6, 2008, at South Shore Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Duggan was born in Everett and graduated from Hillsboro High School in New Hampshire. He served during the Korean War with the Air Force as a staff sergeant receiving the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He graduated in 1958 from Salem State College with a bachelor's degree in education and from Bridgewater State College with a master's degree in education.

He was a teacher for Scituate Public Schools before becoming a principal for Wampatuck and Cushing Schools, Scituate, retiring in 1983. During his retirement Mr. Duggan worked for Curtis Liquors. He enjoyed bowling, gardening and was a Red Sox fan. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Husband of the late Margaret "Peg" (Hanlon) Duggan, he leaves his children, Dan of Cohasset, James E. and his wife, MaryKatherine, of Plymouth, Terry Duggan of Scituate, Maryellen Paradise and her husband, Mark, of Scituate and Michael Duggan of Portland, Maine; his siblings Edward of Medway, John of New York, Arthur of Plymouth, Marie Bruns of Guilford, N.H., JoAnne McNally of Hillsboro, N.H., Jessie Broderick of Maine, Thomas of the Dominican Republic and James of California; his grandchildren, Sara, Caitlin, Conor, Brendan, Andrew, Sean, Hannah, Emily and Julia; and many nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Bill, Alice, Laurie and Buddy.

A funeral was held from Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Nativity Church, Scituate. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Scituate.

Memorial donations may be made to Scituate Etrusco, Association, 1 Common St., Scituate, MA 02066.

To sign the online guest book visit www.mem.com.

Worship Notes

Padre Pio Day of Prayer at St. Anthony

St. Anthony Parish, Cohasset, will host a celebration on Saturday, Aug. 2, commemorating the life of St. Pio of Pietrelcina – Padre Pio, who died 40 years ago. The celebration will begin at 11 a.m. with a Holy Hour, which will include the recitation of an international rosary. Confession will also be available at this time. At noon, the Liturgy of the Mass from Padre Pio's Beatification Ceremony will be celebrated. Veneration of seven of Padre Pio's relics will take place within the liturgy. Following the liturgy, the celebration will continue in the Parish Hall where refreshments will be served and a video on the Life of Padre Pio will be shown.

Parishioners and friends are invited to attend the celebration.

The Mariner welcomes photos of your loved ones to accompany obituaries by e-mail to mford@cnc.com or by mail to 73 South Street, Hingham, MA 02043

Legal Notices

ZBA/51 HILL STREET
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **August 5, 2008** at **7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Anthony C., Judith A., and Carl A. Sestito**, seek to construct an addition at **51 Hill Street** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08-07-15.

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PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS FOR RELEASE WEEK OF JULY 14, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your persistence pays off as the information you demanded starts to come through. The pace is slow at first, but it begins to speed up as the week draws to a close.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unwelcome bit of news jolts the Bovine, who would prefer that things proceed smoothly. But it's at most a momentary setback. A Leo brings more welcome tidings.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You need to pay close attention to the details before making a commitment. Don't accept anything that seems questionable, unless you get an answer that can be backed up.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations on getting that project up and running. But as exciting as it is, don't let it carry you away. Make sure you set aside time to spend with family and friends.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be sure you're part of the discussion involving your suggestions. Your presence ensures that you can defend your work, if necessary. It also helps gain your colleagues' support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding needs to be dealt with, or it can grow and cause more problems later on. Be the bigger person and take the first step to clear the air.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Set some strict guidelines for yourself so your heavier-than-usual work schedule doesn't overwhelm the time you need to spend relaxing with loved ones.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel a little uncomfortable being among people you hardly know. But remember that today's strangers can become tomorrow's valuable contacts.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Reward yourself for all that you've accomplished despite some annoying situations that got in your way. Enjoy a well-earned getaway with someone special.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Realizing that someone else is taking credit for what you did is bound to get anyone's goat, but especially yours. Be patient. The truth soon comes out.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Forget about opposites attracting. What you need is to find someone who thinks like you and will support your ideas, even if others say they're too radical.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Workplace problems can affect your financial plans. Be prudent and avoid running up bills or making commitments until things begin to ease up by the 25th.

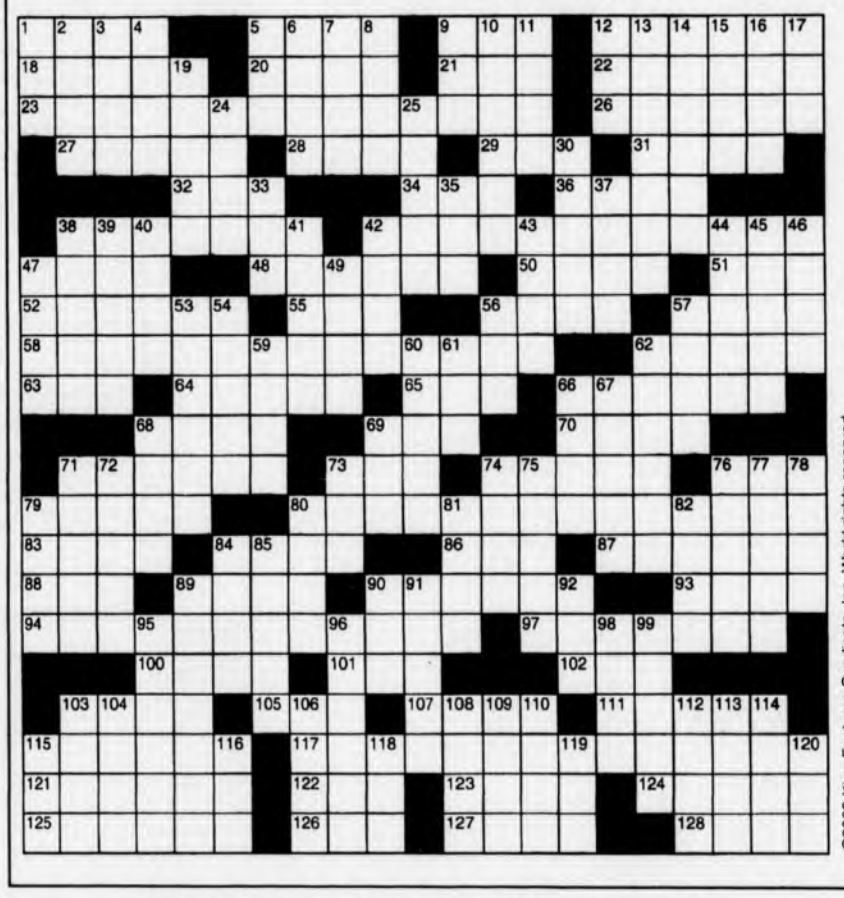
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BORN THIS WEEK: Your intuition helps you communicate easily with people and understand their needs.

Crossword - Witness

ACROSS
1 Cheryl of "Charlie's Angels"
5 — ghanouj
9 "Sister —" ('92 film)
12 Rodeo ropes
18 "America's Most Wanted" info
20 Panache
21 Chase away gray
22 Changes
23 Start of a remark by Gene Perret
26 Rice dish
27 Tangle
28 Quahog, e.g.
29 Consumed a knish
31 Cart
32 Altar oath
34 Hair ball?
36 "The — Is High" ('80 hit)
38 Hazard
42 Part 2 of remark
47 Bete noire
48 Reserved
50 Mideast gulf
51 Supp.
52 Way in
55 Lend a hand
56 Noah's eldest
57 Cornmeal concoction
58 Part 3 of remark
62 Surround
63 West ender?
64 Greene of "Bonanza"
65 Author LeShan
66 Picturesque
68 — shui
69 Switchboard abbr.
70 Irish island group
71 Asian island
73 Joanne of "Red River"
74 Cavalry weapon
76 Spare part?
79 French dynast
80 Part 4 of remark
83 — of passage
84 University ordeal
86 Family vehicle
87 A hole near the sole
88 Sten relative
89 Profess
90 Walked off with
93 Pickable
94 Part 5 of remark
97 Act like a mirror
100 Dweeb
101 Empower
102 Dernier —
103 Bear's advice
105 Puppy bark
107 Role for Liz
111 Stout
115 Reach
117 End of remark
121 Hispanic
122 Cover the cake
123 The — Brothers
124 Lofty spaces
125 Exchanged
126 Getz's instrument
127 Sammy or Stubby
128 No sweat

DOWN
1 Chou En- —
2 Charity
3 Anthropologist Fossey
4 Arp's art
5 Role for a rat
6 Baldwin of "Malice"
7 Cry like a baby
8 Novelist Seton
9 "Tobacco Road" character
10 Nosy guy?
11 Try out
12 Drink like a dachshund
13 '92 Disney film
14 Audiophile's equipment
15 Ward of "Sisters"
16 French airport
17 Govt. agency
19 Printer's stroke
24 Robert of "Rhapsody in Blue"
25 Fireplace fragment
30 Practice piece
33 Vintage
35 Manipulate
37 Bookkeeping entry
38 Dad-to-be, often
39 Like Machu Picchu
40 Rock hound?
41 Find out
42 Designer Gernreich
43 Cowardly Lion Bert
44 Mother Judd
45 Jerkin
46 Draft animals
47 Movie piglet
49 Boxer Tyson
53 Taciturn
54 Teatime treat
56 Where the gulls are
57 Quaker colonist
59 As a result
60 Link
61 Banned pesticide
62 Cordial
66 "The Thief of Bagdad" star
67 Minos' realm
68 Manumit
69 Misjudge
71 Feltlike fabric
72 Eye-related
73 Singer Shannon
74 Ginger cookie
75 One of the Yokums
76 Antique
77 Like a lummox
78 — the bullet
79 Muck
80 Dupe
81 Roman poet
82 Present
84 Mind — matter
85 Actor McDowall
89 "Sweet —" (1903 song)
90 Heifer or hen
91 Good speller?
92 Cal. page
95 Like mother-of-pearl, often
96 Llama kin
98 Starting at
99 Neighbor of Niger
103 Christmas-tree topper
104 Singer James
106 Mascagni opera
108 Plumbing problem
109 "Cope Book" aunt
110 Heed
112 Punta del —
113 Blood components
114 "— Coming" ('69 song)
115 Cockpit fig.
116 Head motion
118 John Ritter's dad
119 Language suffix
120 Weldon or Wray



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Sudoku

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Level: Moderate

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Magic Maze - Thomas Jefferson Quotes

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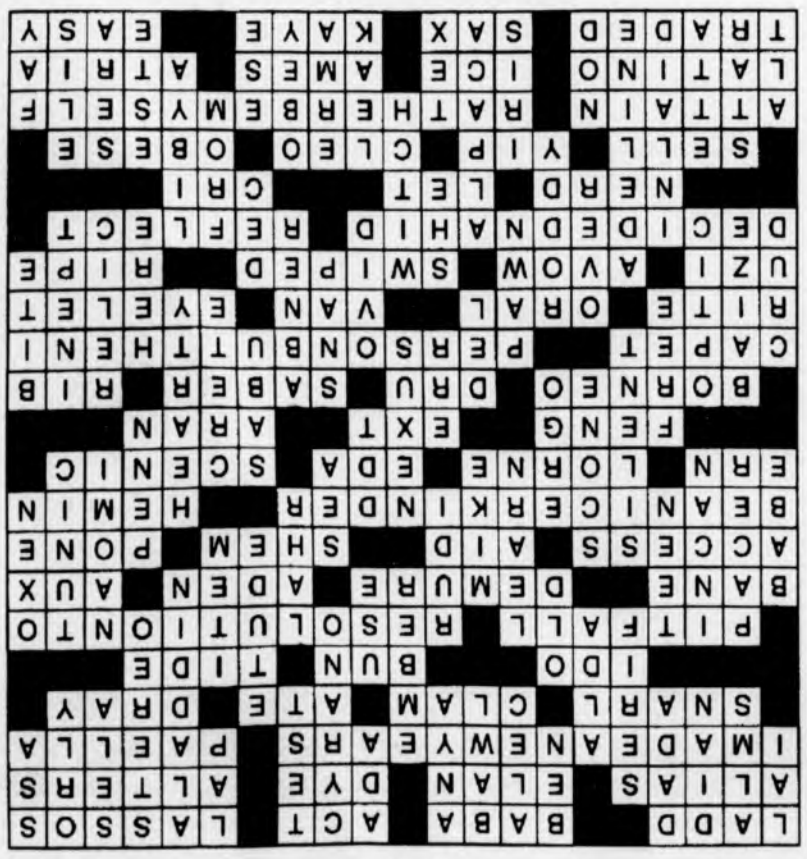
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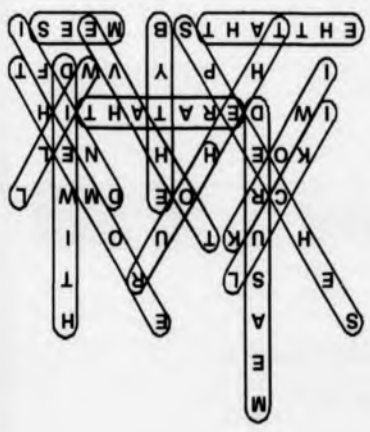
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Crossword Solution - Witness



Magic Solution - Thomas Jefferson Quotes



Sudoku Solution

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4	7	5	9	1	8	6	2	3
2	9	6	3	7	5	4	1	8
3	1	8	6	4	2	9	7	5

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

7:33 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Windy Hill Rd.**, dead animal, dead opossum.

11:25 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports his vehicles were broken into. Officer will do reports two of the residents vehicles were broken into.

11:43 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, assist citizen, 911 caller reports a squirrel is stuck inside the tube feeder in his driveway. Officer responding to see if he can assist, Squirrel has been freed from the feeder, officer clear.

1:19 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, animal complaint, 911 caller reports a dog has been struck by a car.

1:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, road rage, caller reports his wife was involved in a road rage incident. Lt. has been made aware and will handle.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

12:32 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:32 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:15 a.m. **Sohier St.**, public service, motor vehicle parked on the sidewalk blocking foot traffic.

6:36 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, public service, the roadway is closed.

8:56 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports that the gates went halfway down with lights, no train came, then the gates went up. Notified MBTA.

9:05 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports the gates are stuck - fi way, officer reports the gates are up and lights stopped flashing. MBTA notified and enroute to above location.

1:27 p.m. **Elm St.**, well being check, caller requests a well being check on her mother.

6:52 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist other Police Department.

7:17 p.m. **Hull St.**, disturbance – neighborhood, 911 caller reports a fight. Hingham PD notified of incident.

8:32 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, well being check, daughter requests a well being check.

8:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, downed power lines, Verizon is enroute to fix low hanging phone line.

8:56 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:03 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

MONDAY, JUNE 30

1 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:01 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:46 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:01 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

11:55 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

12:27 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:08 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, notification, multiple callers report the lights at this location are not changing.

1:14 p.m. **Elm St.**, paring complaint, officer reports the vehicle has been moved.

5:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:27 p.m. **Ash St.**, warrant services, 1 in custody. Arrest: Mark J. St. John, 49, 20 Stockbridge St., Cohasset. Charges: WMS warrant.

7:21 p.m. **Border St.**, parking complaint.

9:20 p.m. **Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:27 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint, found black Lab with red electric fence collar, dog has been returned to owner.

9:49 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:25 p.m. **Deep Run**, suspicious vehicle, caller stated that he would like someone to check on vehicles.

10:33 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, noise complaint.

10:57 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, noise complaint, caller stated that the lights and gate have been going off and on. Notified MBTA.

11:10 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, building checks.

11:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, JULY 1

12:57 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

5:23 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, downed tree, caller reports there is a large tree down in the middle of the roadway. Officer reports vehicles can get around tree – some of tree is on private land. Contacted DPW.

7:16 a.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered), walk in party found a cell phone at Bancroft Road and Norfolk Road.

8:49 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:51 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:55 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

8:57 a.m. **Depot Ct.**, officer wanted, caller reports he is having an argument with his neighbor over some work being done on the property. Officer reports all work has stopped for the time being. All involved parties will be going through their attorneys.

9:34 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party reports he thinks someone may have poured sugar in his gas tank.

10:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

12:18 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, one group removed from the bridge.

12:38 p.m. **Kent St., and North River Rd.**, mutual aid – provided, Scituate Fire requests R3 for a motor vehicle accident.

12:55 p.m. **Elm St.**, parking complaint, caller reports a red motor vehicle parked on the sidewalk.

1:41 p.m. **Elm St.**, power outage.

2:16 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:28 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer wanted, caller reports she thinks someone or something is in the backroom of her home that is currently being worked on.

3:35 p.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer reports – citizen reported kids jumping off bridge at above location.

8:31 p.m. Disturbance, caller reports she has a restraining order against her husband, he just left in a green pick up truck, he grabbed her cell phone and grabbed her wrists, she refused medical assistance.

9:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, manager of above location reports there is a subject jumping on top of a vehicle in the parking lot – in the back where the trucks make their delivery.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

12:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:47 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious person, male sent on his way.

1:12 a.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop, motor vehicle does not have a sticker, motor vehicle is leaving the area.

2 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, B&E of motor vehicle, 911 caller states "someone broke into her motor vehicle."

2:02 a.m. **Surry Drive**, B&E of motor vehicle, 911 caller states "her motor vehicle and house alarms are going off."

2:06 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, mutual aid – received, OIC requests mutual aid from Hull PD.

2:14 a.m. **Surry Drive**, mutual aid – received, OIC requesting mutual aid form Hingham Police K9.

2:15 a.m. **Surry Drive**, B&E of motor vehicle, motor vehicle was B&E'd, some contents found at the end of the driveway.

2:54 a.m. **Surry Drive and Forest Ave.**, mutual aid – received, OIC requests mutual aid from State Police K9.

2:55 a.m. **Surry St.**, B&E (in progress), 911 caller states "there is someone in her house."

2:59 a.m. **Surry Drive**, suspicious person, suspect may be in the area.

3:18 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, B&E of motor vehicle, dome light on, side window was open, some items in and around the motor vehicle.

3:27 a.m. **Surry Drive**, B&E of motor vehicle, 911 caller states "her motor vehicle has been broken into."

3:31 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Howe Rd.**, suspicious person. Party in the bushes at top of Grace Drive. Party has made it through the bushes into a clearing. 4:20 a.m. 1 in custody.

4:19 a.m. **Hull St.**, B&E (in progress), Lt. reports B&E in progress at above address. White male just entered house through the window. Juvenile arrest. Age: 16. Charges: Receiving stolen property more than $250, resisting arrest, felony for B&E in building in the nighttime, B&E of motor vehicle, larceny over $250, conspiracy.

4:20 a.m. **Hull St.**, 1 in custody. Juvenile arrest. Age: 16. Charges: Receiving stolen property more than $250, resisting arrest, felony for B&E in building in the nighttime, B&E of motor vehicle, larceny over $250, conspiracy.

4:47 a.m. **HQ.**, transport prisoner.

4:55 a.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious person, units searching for other parties.

5:05 a.m. **Berlin St.**, suspicious person, Quincy Police to check residence for male party.

5:09 a.m. **HQ.**, B&E of motor vehicle.

5:22 a.m. **HQ.**, suspicious person, D1 requests Hingham check MBTA Stations, Cohasset, Hingham and Nantasket.

5:47 a.m. **HQ.**, suspicious person, MBTA Police have been notified, Weymouth Police notified, Quincy Police notified.

6:56 a.m. **Back Rock Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, not the right motor vehicle.

7:27 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller states "someone went through her motor vehicles." Nothing was taken. Resident at this time stated that her son's Nintendo has been stolen.

7:38 a.m. **Black Rock Rd.**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller states his motor vehicle was broken into. Nothing was taken.

8:03 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports two teenage males walking around the Greek Church at this time. Two teenagers in custody. Juvenile arrest. Age: 16. Charges: B&E of motor vehicle, larceny over $250, conspiracy. Arrest: Michael L. Levesque, Pembroke. Charges: B&E of motor vehicle, larceny over $250, conspiracy.

8:03 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, mutual aid – received, dispatch notified Hingham PD to have units in the West Corner area for search.

8:19 a.m. Arrest, domestic, Cohasset man. Charges: A&B, violation of an abuse prevention order.

8:21 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports both of his vehicles were broken into last night.

8:40 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, mutual aid – received, Plymouth County Sheriffs K9 Units notified to respond to this location for search.

8:41 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, mutual aid – received, dispatch notified State Police K9 Unit to respond.

8:53 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, mutual ad – received, dispatch received call that Hull K9 is available at this time. Hull K9 Unit, cruiser is responding.

9:17 a.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle broken into overnight.

10:22 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire investigation, caller reports his construction crew just hit the gas main.

10:24 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle broken into overnight.

10:56 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle was broken into overnight but had to take the vehicle to work. He will call if anything is missing.

11:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports 3 car accident at this location.

12:16 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, B&E of motor vehicle, officer at this location taking report of break to a motor vehicle.

1:09 p.m. **Black Rock Rd.**, B&E of motor vehicle, laptop computer has been recovered and belongs to this resident. Resident is not home at this time and was unaware that the computer was missing.

1:11 p.m. **Hull St.**, disturbance, detail officer reports female resident is home and is trying to enter her home which she is not allowed at this time.

1:33 p.m. **Surry Drive**, B&E of motor vehicle, officer at this location for report of break to a motor vehicle.

1:50 p.m. **Elm St.**, prisoner transport, officers are transporting 2 m ale juveniles.

2:06 p.m. **Surry Drive**, B&E of motor vehicle, officer taking report of break in to a motor vehicle.

2:08 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., Drive**, vandalism report, caller reports a group of youths just threw a large rock through the window of the house. Officer reports searching the area for 3 youths, very limited description at this time.

2:16 p.m. **Elm St.**, vandalism, walk in party reports her vehicle was keyed and would like to see an officer, she believes she knows who did it.

3:38 p.m. **Surry Drive**, B&E of motor vehicle, vehicle broken into.

3:40 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, B&E of motor vehicle, vehicle broken into.

5:11 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a fox walking around area.

5:33 p.m. **Black Rock Rd.**, B&E of motor vehicle.

6:57 p.m. **Hull St.**, warrant services, officer reports all units out at above location.

7:27 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, fire investigation, caller reports there is a low hanging wire – in the area of above location.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

1:17 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:28 a.m. **Rustic Drive**, vandalism report, caller states there are real estate signs in his yard.

11:43 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement, officer at this location tagging vehicles.

12:55 p.m. **Parking Way**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

2:02 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint. Caller reports vehicles are parking in front of her house blocking Atlantic Ave and the people are using their beach and would like them removed.

2:29 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire investigation, caller directly into Fire HQ reporting an outside odor of gas.

2:31 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop. Summons for a Braintree man for unlicensed operation and speeding.

3:11 p.m. **Pond St.**, property (lost), walk in party reports she needs a report for a lost or stolen passport.

5:06 p.m. Animal complaint, caller reports a lost German Shepard.

5:39 p.m. **Scituate**, mutual aid to Scituate.

6:40 p.m. **Pond St**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning, verbal warning.

7:03 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports cars parked blocking their street, parking due to a party at the Yacht Club. Officer reports spoke with caller and cars have been moved.

9:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

9:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

9:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:41 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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12:10 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, caller states "her husband's Blackberry is missing." "Her son called the # and some kids answered." She is concerned that "the kids" may have her personal information and do further damage.









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What's happening on the South Shore

JULY 17-25, 2008



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Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, July 17

The FOCUS Gallery, 115 Ripley Road, Cohasset Village, is featuring recent work by award-winning Marshfield photographer, **Mike Sleeper.** through Aug. 15. Gallery hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by appointment: www.thefocusgallery.com or 781-383-0663.

Java Friday series at The Historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, 7 p.m. July 17, **Samuel Adams Brewery Lecture and Beer Tasting**, representatives from the Samuel Adams brewery in Boston will discuss the history of beer and breweries in New England. After the lecture, a special tasting of beers will be provided. Tickets are $ 10 per person. Reservations are required. All attendees must be 21 years of age or older. To make reservations, 781-837-5753 or log onto winslowhouse.org. Light refreshments will be served.

The Daniel Webster House, 238 Webster St., Marshfield is open every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through September. Free and open to the public. Visit danielwebesterestate.org for a preview..

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 17, **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree. **Stump Team Trivia every Thursday.** 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. July 17, **Cindy Daley Band Blues Jam.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Summer Concert Series – Plymouth Waterfront. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. **July 17, Johnny Souza Quintet.** Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. July 17, 7 p.m. **An evening with Gov't Mule** Ticket information: 617-931-2787 or www.themusiccircus.org

Friday, July 18

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Market at the Harbor, an artisan, farmer, and fish market featuring local goods and cultural experiences presented by Destination Community Development, Inc., takes place in the Business District in Hull and will begin on July 18, and run every Friday, rain or shine, through Oct. 17. Market times are 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Weekly events such as live music, cooking demonstrations, book signings and children's events are being added to the schedule daily.

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HIT Favorites Fun Festival - **July 18-20.** This fun-filled family festival stars **Barney, Bob the Builder** and **Angelina Ballerina,** with a special appearance by **Thomas the Tank Engine**, and takes place at Edaville USA, 7 Eda Ave., Carver. The festival includes many more hands-on activities for kids, as well as all the amusement rides featured at Edaville USA. On Saturday, July 19, stay for a spectacular fireworks show which takes place at sun set. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Except for Saturday, July 19, when hours are from 9 a.m. to dusk for fireworks.. Tickets are on sale now and are available at TicketWeb.com. Tickets are $18 for ages two and up. Contact Edaville USA at 508-866-9435 for more information.

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Winslow House Kids' Fridays: July 18, at 10 a.m. Winchester native **Matt Tavares**, author of **Zachary's Ball, Oliver's Game,** and **Mudball,** will appear at the historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. Tickets are $5 per child. Reservations are recommended. To reserve call 781-837-5753 or log onto winslowhouse.org.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until September.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 18, **Double Take** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 18, **John the Conqueror.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. July 18, 8 p.m. **Comedian Frank Caliendo.** Ticket information: 617-931-2787 or www.themusiccircus.org

New England Singles Dance, July 18, 8 p.m. to midnight, **VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington DJ. Sandwich and salad. $10.**

Saturday, July 19

Jack Hubbard Memorial 5K Fun Run to Support, Cohasset Maritime Institute, July 19, at 8:30 a.m. The run begins at the flagpole on Cohasset Common, Schedule of Activities: Registration: 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., Race Starts: 8:30 a.m. Awards Ceremony and Christening of the "Jack Hubbard" 10:15 a.m. Participants are encouraged to pre-register by printing and mailing the race application along with entry fee of $25 by July 7. Additional information and registration forms are available at www.rowcmi.com

Owl Prowl, Family Program, July 19 at the **South Shore Natural Science Center,** Norwell. Meet Hedwig, the barred owl and other interesting animals at the Owl Prowl family program, July 19 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Explore Jacob's Woods with a naturalist to search for more of these mysterious hooting and flying animals. Enjoy a variety of crafts and other fun activities to discover the adaptations that help owls to hunt under the cover of darkness. Dress for the weather and bring insect repellant. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Cost Members: $7/person, maximum of $23 family of four, non-members: $10/person, maximum of $35 family of 4. For information and to sign-up, contact the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559. Payment may be taken by phone with a major credit card. Additional information on the website www.ssnsc.org

Friends of Holly Hill Farm present **Russ Cohen**, well known forager, environmentalist and author, as he leads an **edible plant walk** in the woods and fields of Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, 9:30 a.m. to noon, July 19. Cohen is the author of **Wild Plants I have Known and Eaten.** Bring a pencil, notepad as well as a number of small bags for collecting samples. Fee: $20; $15 for members. 781-383-6865.

The Historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, will host its annual **Shipwreck Dinner and Lecture**—featuring **Colin Woodard**, author of **The Republic of Pirates**, on July 19, at 6:30 pm. Guests be treated to an evening of exquisite food and lively discourse on maritime history. For reservations call 781-837-5753 or log onto www.winslowhouse.org.

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South Shore Conservatory's 'Evenings Under the Stars' – Ball In The House – Enjoy classic pop and rhythm and blues at the Jane Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, Saturday, July 19 at 7 p.m. Tickets $25 for pavilion seating, and $15 for lawn seating, available online atssc-music.org or at 781-749-7565 ext. 51 and at the South Shore Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham.

Folktales from the Forest Storytelling Campfires with Andrea Lovett July 19, 7 p.m. Ames Nowell State Park, 739 Linwood St., Abington. 781-871-1336.

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 8:30 p.m. to midnight **every Saturday night Karaoke**. No cover. 781-740-0688.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 19, **Mr. Band** 781-829-6999.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, offers traditional Irish Seisiun from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety, from sea chanteys, rebel songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No cover. Go sing, go play, go listen. Call 508-830-1262.

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Sunday, July 20

Place Productions presents **J's Annual South Shore Summertime Blues Bash**, Sunday, July 20, noon to 7 p.m. (Rain Date: July 27th) 63 Summer St., Cohasset. LIVE MUSIC, starting at 2 p.m., featuring **The J Place Band, Basic Black, Drift Away, J's Juke** and more Beverages(non-alcoholic) and light fare will be provided by Phoenix Catering. Donation: $20 to benefit the Asperger's Association Of New England and Autism related foundations and resource centers on the South Shore. Information: www.jplaceband.com

Sunday night concerts at the Hanover Bandstand, B. Everett Hall Field, Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover. Every Sunday night 7 to 8:30 p.m. July 20, **The Infractions** will perform.

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He's got Daddy Warbucks down pat

This time, Plymouth resident stars with Sally Struthers in 'Annie'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

When he walked into Pembroke Community Middle School with his head shaved, teacher and actor Terry Runnels knew he'd get a reaction out of his students.

"Some of them didn't even recognize me, while several of the other kids just gave me a hard time," said Runnels — temporarily bald-pated for his role as billionaire businessman Oliver Warbucks in "Annie"— by telephone last week en route to a matinee. "Our principal, Steven LaMarche, was great about it, however, and suggested that he'd shave his head, too, if all the other teachers joined him."

Fortunately for barbers and hairdressers in the Pembroke area, the other teachers passed on the offer to join Runnels on what has become a ritual for the Plymouth resident. Runnels first played the chrome-domed capitalist who adopts the orphan with the crimson curls in the Tony Award-winning musical's fourth national tour in 1981.

"I shave my head each time I play this character," said Runnels.

The Plymouth resident has played Daddy Warbucks in two national tours and in another 10 or so regional and stock productions. This time, he is on stage with the Reagle Players in Waltham, joined by two-time Emmy Award-winning actress Sally Struthers ("All in the Family") as Miss Hannigan, and the original Rooster, Robert Fitch. Fitch is not only reprising his Broadway role, but also directing the show that won seven Tony Awards in 1977, including Best Musical. "Annie" features music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin, and a book by Thomas Meehan, based on the Harold Gray comic strip "Little Orphan Annie."

The show's 20th anniversary Broadway mounting, with the late Nell Carter as Miss Hannigan, won the Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical. The production left New York for a national tour, with Struthers taking over from Carter. Runnels wasn't associated with that production, but he welcomes the chance to appear alongside one of its leading ladies.



COURTESY PHOTO

Plymouth resident and Pembroke High School teacher Terry Runnels, as Daddy Warbucks, with Isabelle Miller as Annie, in the Reagle Players' production of "Annie," starring Sally Struthers, which runs through July 19. Call 781-891-5600 for tickets or visit reagleplayers.com.

"Sally Struthers is an absolutely wonderful Miss Hannigan, and also a wonderful person. She earned lasting fame from television and films, but there is no star turn with her. She is just a very real person who is great with the kids," says Runnels. "I've worked with a lot of Hannigans over the years, many of whom were great, but Sally ranks as one of the very best. It is a treat to work with her and to get to know her a little bit, too."

Runnels, who spent his childhood in Oklahoma and Texas, was pursuing his career in New York when he was cast to play Drake and understudy Warbucks in his first "Annie." It was also during this time, in the early 1980s, that he appeared in the national tour of the musical "Zorba," starring Anthony Quinn, as well as many more plays and musicals.

After earning a master's degree in directing from the University of Connecticut, Runnels taught at Syracuse University. He later relocated to Massachusetts with his wife and three children, and took teaching assignments at Plymouth South and Silver Lake Regional high schools. Runnels now teaches dramatic arts and vocal music in Pembroke.

"Whenever I see a show with a big, burly baritone part, I think to myself 'I wish I could play that role,'" said Runnels, who has sung with the Pilgrim Festival Chorus, the Falmouth Chorus, and the Plymouth Philharmonic. "I'm a proud member of Actors Equity, however, so I can't just take roles in community theater.

"My oldest daughter, Kaytee, a senior at Bridgewater State College this year, was in the ensemble of '42nd Street' at Reagle Players and when I saw the high quality of that production, and learned they used Equity actors in lead roles, I was very interested in working with them. And when 'Annie' came along, everything just fell into place."

With its story of the street-smart little girl who moves from a Depression-era orphanage into Oliver Warbucks' Park Avenue mansion with a sandy-haired stray dog in tow, and memorable music like "It's the Hard Knock Life," "Easy Street," and, of course, "Tomorrow," "Annie" has spawned everything from a 1982 feature film starring Carol Burnett and Albert Finney to seemingly continuous U.S. national tours. There were also two ill-fated sequels: "Annie 2: Miss Hannigan's Revenge," and "Annie Warbucks," neither of which ever made it to Broadway.

Runnels, 60, will direct his middle-school students in a production of "Annie Jr.," a version of the show specially tailored for a young cast, during the coming school year. Until then he is content to once again bring Warbucks to life.

"I want the audience to perceive the change in Warbucks from stern businessman to the caring person who falls in love with Annie, the way a father does with his daughter. I want the audiences to believe the changes in my character are real," said Runnels, who says a Warbucks solo from act two is his favorite song from the show. "I love 'Something Was Missing,' in which Warbucks describes what his life was like before he met Annie. It gets to me every time."

The Reagle Players' production of "Annie" will be at the Robinson Theatre, 617 Lexington St., Waltham, through July 19. For tickets and information, call 781-891-5600 or go online at reagleplayers.com.



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The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell presents "Thoroughly Modern Millie" starring Becky Geggatt July 25 to Aug. 17. This high-spirited musical romp is the zany new 1920s musical that took Broadway by storm in 2002, winning four Tony Awards including Best Musical. Tickets are priced at $30-$32 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com.



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Two McDonalds for the price of one

Dylan McDonald opens for his famous dad at Music Circus

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



COURTESY PHOTO

Michael McDonald will perform July 23 at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset.

Michael McDonald has earned five Grammy Awards and a legion of loyal fans as the voice of hits like "I Keep Forgettin'," "Yah Mo B There," "On My Own," and, during a memorable period with the Doobie Brothers, "Takin' it to the Streets," "Minute by Minute," and "What a Fool Believes." But earning the respect of his 20-year-old son, Dylan McDonald — now embarking on his own music career and opening for his father at the South Shore Music Circus July 23 and at the Cape Cod Melody Tent July 25 — has been another story altogether for the singer-songwriter, whose own music career goes back more than 30 years.

"When Dylan was just a boy, we would jam together. A little bit later, he got self-conscious and it got to the point where he wouldn't discuss his music with me at all. He was much more interested in the music of people like Bob Dylan, Emmy Lou Harris, and Neil Young than he ever was in my music," recalled the elder McDonald by telephone from his home in Nashville last week. "He put his guitar down for a while and it looked like he might leave music behind him. But, before too long, he started up again."

"I caught him in my studio cutting a demo with a few other young musicians from his group, The Avians, and he wasn't happy at all. I think he would rather I caught him having sex. Unfortunately, when I'm thinking I'm offering helpful suggestions, he thinks I'm being too critical," McDonald said.

Next week's dates in Cohasset and Hyannis, where Dylan McDonald will be his father's "special guest," may go a long way toward smoothing out relations between the musical McDonalds.

"Now, when he wants to open for me, I'm not chicken liver anymore," said McDonald with a laugh. "I'm actually very proud of Dylan. He's a good musician and he is not fazed at all by the things that would have frenzied me at his age."

A St. Louis native, McDonald has had fans of his now patented brand of blue-eyed soul in a frenzy since he first gained recognition as a touring musician with Steely Dan in the early 1970s. Joining the Doobie Brothers in 1975, replacing the ailing Tom Johnston as lead vocalist, McDonald found ever-increasing fame.

His song "What a Fool Believes," co-written with Kenny Loggins and appearing on the Doobies' 1978 Warner Bros. album "Minute by Minute," was the group's second single to go to number one and earned them a 1980 Grammy Award for Pop Vocal Performance by a Group and its songwriters a Grammy for Record of the Year.

By 1981, McDonald was ready to embark on a solo career that continues to flourish today. Indeed, for the past five years McDonald has been exploring the Motown Records songbook on the Motown label, with his 2003 platinum-selling, double Grammy Award-nominated "Motown;" the 2004 follow-up, "Motown Two;" and his newest album, "Soul Speak." On this latest release, McDonald doesn't restrict himself to covers or hits from one record label. He takes on everything from Burt Bachrach and Hal David's "Walk on By," a chart topper for Dionne Warwick, to a solo spin on "I Knew You Were Waiting for Me," a 1987 duet hit for Aretha Franklin and George Michael.

"In some ways, 'Soul Speak' is what I would have done with all three albums if it had been left totally up to me," McDonald said. "I would have done more B-sides on all three albums and more of the greater, lesser known songs, like Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah' and Van Morrison's 'Into the Mystic.' I really want people who listen to the new album to say to themselves, 'Oh, I haven't heard these songs in years.'"

McDonald acknowledges having a similar reaction to some of the songs when he was preparing to go into the recording studio.

"In some ways, these songs were stuck in my subconscious. I've listened to some of the songs like Delbert McClinton's cover of 'Baby Can I Change My Mind' many times over the years, but others not so often. Over the years, I'd make lists of songs like these that I wanted to record, but then I'd lose them before I got anywhere near the recording stage."

These days getting near a recording studio doesn't even require McDonald to leave the 15-acre Nashville farm he and his family have called home since 1995. McDonald, 56, did venture off the farm, however, for his most recent albums.

"The two Motown albums and 'Soul Speak' were largely recorded in Los Angeles. On the first two records, we built the tracks on computers and then brought in the musicians. It worked well, so it was tempting to continue to build stuff on the computer for the latest album, but it is not the same as having live musicians playing in a room together on live mics. We recorded 'Soul Speak' in a more old-school, live fashion. Eric Clapton's longtime collaborator Simon Climie was the producer and we pretty much had Eric Clapton's band in the studio with us. We did almost everything live, in two or three takes, which gives the tracks a real vitality."

The album features not just remakes, but three new songs by McDonald that serve to remind listeners that he is as much a songwriter as a singer.

"We actually went back and forth choosing the originals," he says. "'Only God Can Help Me Now' and 'Getting Over You' are kind of retro feeling, which helps them to fit easily with the rest of the album, but 'Enemy Within' stands on its own. It is a song about human nature that makes the point that the greatest enemy to the American people is the American people. Simon thought it added a little bit of a turn that the album needed, so it wasn't just a collection of oldies."

McDonald's distinct vocals have long been his signature, but on "Soul Speak," he wanted to push himself to match the songs rather than the other way around. "A lot of these songs required me to step up to the plate as a singer even more than the ones that I write. But, if I'm going to record a song that's well known, I won't lower the key. That is part of what goes into respecting the original — whether it's in the most comfortable key for me or not."

In concert, McDonald applies the same tenet to his own songs.

"Most of the records I made were purposely in higher keys than I was really comfortable in, because if you push it up it gives it more urgency and a greater sense of passion. And, even today, I'm always reluctant to change keys. When we do 'What A Fool Believes' in concert, we do it in the same key it was recorded in 30 years ago. Some nights it isn't easy, but we do it that way, because that's the way it should be done."

Michael McDonald will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, on July 23. For tickets and information, visit the box office or call 617-931-2787. McDonald will be at the Melody Tent, 21 West Main St., Hyannis, on July 25. For tickets and information, visit the box office or call 1-800-347-0808.)



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The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth will exhibit paintings by 15 New England artists in its **Summer Art Festival,** from July 20 through Aug. 16. The exhibit includes acrylics, watercolors, and oil paintings of New England landmarks, houses, boats, seascapes, and landscapes. The exhibit includes paintings by15 Massachusetts artists: **William E. Beyer, Stephen Boczanowski, Edwina Caci, Donald Dickinson, Kathy Ferrara, Roger Gill, George Hartley, Stephen H. Holland, Sally J. McCarthy, Diane Panerelli Miller, George Murray, Christopher Myers, Daniel Myers, Anet Paglierani, and Isabel Shamitz.** Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Information and evening appointments, 781-331-3384. Visit www.dickinsonartgallery.com to preview the artists' work.

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Abington Summer Concert Series at the Catherine and Joseph Nisby Bandstand every Sunday at 6 p.m. July 20, at 7 p.m. **River Boat Stompers**. In the event of rain, concerts will be held at the Abington Senior Center, 441 Summer St.

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Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass will be appearing in concert at 7 p.m. July 20, at **South Shore Baptist Church,** 578 Main St., Hingham. The concert is free to the public, with a suggested donation of $10. Seating is limited, so please arrive early. Information: 781-749-2592, southshorebaptist.com, or www.kingsbrass.com

Monday, July 21

Old Ship Meeting House, 90 Main St., the famous Hingham Landmark built in 1681, is open for tours Monday through Saturday, July 21 through Aug. 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. 781-749-1679.

The Hingham Library and Buttonwood Books welcome author **Ann Hood** July 21, at the Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Hood will be speaking at two times (4 and 7 p.m.) to two different audiences. At 4 p.m. Hood will be discussing her first book for young readers (Grade 4 and up) titled **How I Saved My Father's Life (And Ruined Everything Else)** At 7 p.m. Hood will discuss "**Comfort: A Journey Through Grief**" her memoir that she wrote after the death of her 5-year-old daughter from a virulent form of strep. Ann Hood is the author of nine books, including the novel "The Knitting Circle." These events are free. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Tuesday, July 22

Coffee Hour lecture series – On Tuesday, July 22, at 10:30 a.m., the historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, continues with its popular "Coffee Hour Lecture Series" by welcoming local historian **Philip McFarland** as he discusses his new book **The Loves of Harriet Beecher Stowe**. A book signing will follow his lecture. are $7 per person, and light refreshments will be served. Reservations can be made by calling 781-837-5753 or by logging onto www.winslowhouse.org.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County presents a **free legal clinic** from 6 to 8 p.m. July 22, at Quincy District Court. A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For information contact Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

Borders- Braintree, 255 Grossman Drive, Braintree, July 22, at 7 p.m. **Don Felder** author of **Heaven and Hell: My Life in the Eagles** Booksigning. Felder shares every part of the band's wild ride, from the pressure packed recording studios and trashed hotel rooms to the tension filled courtrooms.781-356-5111.

Albertina's Ice Cream Shoppe. 223 Union St., Rockland. Outside concerts every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. July 22, **Sagewood Creek.** 781-982-6000

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. **Every Tuesday, Wicked Trivia** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 781-829-6999.

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, out on the deck (weather permitting) July 22, 7:30 p.m. **Drift Away**, 781-925-1115.

Wednesday, July 23

Story Time, July 23 at 10 a.m.: Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Mary reads age appropriate stories Wednesday mornings 10 to 10:30 a.m. Good listeners of pre-school and kindergarten age along with an adult are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Information: 781-545-5011 orfrontstreetbookshop.com

Learn about alligators, turtles and snakes from the tropical rainforest at **Rainforest Reptile Shows** on July 23 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. Herpetologist, **Michael Ralbovsky of Rainforest Reptile Show** is back to entertain and educate with this interactive animal show. Hold an alligator – if you dare. Show is recommended for ages 3 and above; children must be accompanied with an adult. Sign-up early; this is a ticketed event. Cost: per child $8Member /$10 non-member, $5 per adult. Reservations may be taken by calling 781-659-2559 or view the website at www.ssnsc.org.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands is sponsoring sunset cruises throughout the summer: Bumpkin Island on July 23. The boat leaves at 6 p.m. from Rowes Wharf Water Transport in downtown Boston (behind the Boston Harbor Hotel) and returns there at 9 p.m. Visitors may either explore on their own, or take a guided tour. The return journey should offer great views of the Boston skyline. Bring a picnic supper; there is no food sold on the boat or the island. Restroom facilities are available on each island and on the boat. For information about Friends activities visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290. Advance purchase recommended.

River Run Concert Series Wednesday night free summer concert series July 23, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., **California Transit Authority** in Pilgrim Memorial Park (South Park location), on the Plymouth waterfront at the intersection of Water and Leyden streets. On clear nights Bill Luzader from the Plymouth Planetarium sets up a telescope for stargazers. Families and children are welcome to attend and are encouraged to tbring a blanket and/or lawn chairs. www.projectarts.com. 508-747-7727.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. **Every Wednesday DJ Big Daddy Ray** 781-829-6999.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. July 23, 8 p.m. **Michael McDonald.** Ticket information: 617-931-2787 or www.themusiccircus.org

Thursday, July 24

Walker Bros. Circus, July 24, Pembroke Community Center Ball Park, Pembroke Center. Two shows 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Pembroke Recreation Commission. Acts include performances such as aerial straps, comedy, juggling, along with an array of rare featured international stars. All proceeds benefit Pembroke Skate Park. For ticket information call 781-293-3249.

The Daniel Webster House, 238 Webster St., Marshfield is open every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through September. Free and open to the public. Visit danielwebesterestate.org for a preview..

Boston Landmarks Orchestra premieres "John Adam: Voice Heard 'Round The World" at free concert at 6:30 p.m. July 24, at Adams National Historical Park in Quincy. Free and Open to the Public. For more information, visit landmarksorchestra.org or call 617-520-2200

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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 24, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

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Friday, July 25

The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell presents Thoroughly **Modern Millie July 25 to Aug. 17.** This high spirited musical romp is the zany *new* 1920s musical that took Broadway by storm in 2002, winning four Tony Awards including Best Musical. Tickets are priced at $30-$32 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com.

Market at the Harbor, an artisan, farmer, and fish market featuring local goods and cultural experiences presented by Destination Community Development, Inc., takes place at the Business District in Hull every Friday, rain or shine, through Oct. 17. Market times are 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Weekly events such as live music, cooking demonstrations, book signings and children's events are being added to the schedule daily. July 25, at 5 p.m. **Jeff Jams Children's Music**, Photographer **Lindsey Buchleitner** will be capturing children's portraits.

Java Friday lecture – Is it STILL Canada's Game? The History of Ice Hocke. The historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield will present a special discussion on the history of ice hockey. Friday, July 25, at 7 p.m. Historian and Bridgewater State College head hockey coach **Andrew Holman** will be on hand to chronicle the development of this great sport and ask the question "Is it only Canada's game?" Tickets are available for $10 per person. Reservations can be made by calling the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or by logging onto www.winslowhouse.org. Light refreshments will be served.

South Shore Summer Theater will be presenting a weekend of Youth theater performances sure to please all ages. On Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26, the youth theater group will present the first local production of **Sweeney Todd School Edition,** More than 35 South Shore High School performers are in the cast, featuring Nick Ryan (Marshfield) as Sweeney Todd, and Jenna Brickley (Hingham) as Mrs. Lovett. **Performances are at 7:30 p.m. at Scituate High School,** Scituate. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students and seniors and can be purchased in advance at Front Street Book Shop in Scituate.

Join Children's author and Duxbury native Brian Lies Friday, July 25 at 10 am, at the historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, Author of **Bats at the Beach** and the soon-to-be-released **Bats at the Library,** Lies will offer children a full program of reading, coloring, puzzle activities and a range of entertainment suitable for children of all ages. Tickets to this special event are $ 5 per child. Reservations are recommended by calling the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or log onto winslowhouse.org.

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree, 9 p.m. July 25, **Comedy Night** featuring South Shore's Own : **Bob Niles** other comics: **Pat Mcloud, Jackie Smith, Chris Bilello, Mike Wass, Annette Pollack, Matt McConnell.** Hosted by **Sean Sullivan.** Information: jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack 781-848-0300.

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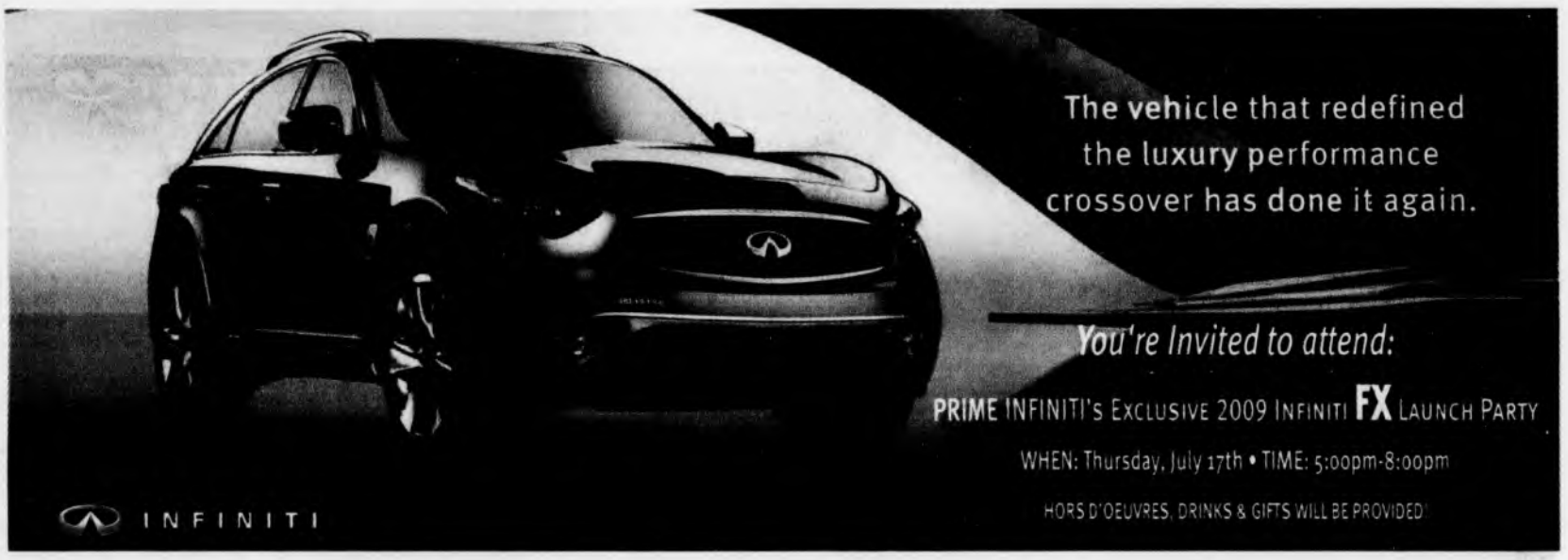
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Avalon apartments moving ahead

Cooperation agreement with Water Comm. allows on-site sewer

By Nancy White
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Over four and half years after the Avalon Cohasset project was granted a comprehensive permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals, the project is on the road to break ground within the next six months.

The major piece delaying the project — sewer connection — has fallen into place. This past week, the Cohasset Water Commission, which had appealed the Department of Environmental Protection's approval of the on-site groundwater discharge permit a year ago, reached a cooperation agreement with the Avalon developers.

"(This agreement) clears the way for use to move forward with construction," said Scott Dale, Vice President of Development and project manager for Avalon Cohasset. What can be described as a controversial project will bring 200 apartments, evenly split between one- and two-bedroom units, to a 62-acre plot off Route 3A. The entrance to the complex will be across from Good Sport.

The cooperation agreement stems from the Water Commission's long concern over the project, which is sited in the Lily Pond watershed. The Water Commission appealed the project at nearly every turn from the on-site wastewater treatment to the comprehensive permit itself.

"It has been an on-going conversation with the Water Commission for years," said Dale. "I think we both came out with a greater understanding of the issues on both sides."

Avalon has agreed to design changes to the site's wastewater treatment plant, including additional technologies intended to enhance the removal of phosphorus and nitrogen from the treated effluent. The treated effluent will be discharged into the ground and could eventually end up in Lily Pond — the prime source of the town's drinking water located approximately one mile from the Avalon site. The commission was concerned the wastewater treatment system would contribute to groundwater pollutants, increase nutrient loading and adversely impact water quality in Lily Pond.

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Bigley finds All the Best

By Nancy White
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Without a doubt anyone who has driven up Ripley Road during the past two weeks has noticed a new icon destined to become a Cohasset landmark — a smiling bearded man against a green background next to the words "All the Best."

If you venture inside the shop, you'll find a striking resemblance to the face on the sign in owner and Cohasset resident David Bigley. The natural food store, formerly located across the tracks in the James Brook Crossing shops, has moved out to the "main street" and Bigley could not be more excited.

"Now, we're so visible and easy to find," said Bigley taking a break from unpacking boxes and rearranging furniture in his new space. Despite the boxes and the need for some fresh paint, All the Best Natural Foods opened for business at its new location this week.



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David Bigley stands in front of the new location of All the Best on Ripley Road.

One month shy of his four-year anniversary in the James Brook Crossing shops, Bigley had built a solid core of regular customers, "I felt I built (the business) to what I could in the back there. I have a very solid core of regular customers who come in, but to survive and flourish you need more than that."

With the new more prominent location, formerly the home Carousel Antiques, across from the post office and next to Epiphany Designs, he hopes to gain new regular customers and walk-in traffic.

Despite the change of scenery, All the Best will be sticking to its roots

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Owen Kefallinos and Grace Gaumer, founders of Doggie Delights, proudly display their T-shirts and shopping bags. The kids are selling all natural dog biscuits at the Farmer's Market.

A doggie delight

Kids make all natural canine treats

By Nancy White
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If your dog loves treats (and what dog doesn't?) then two kids in Cohasset want to meet you. The founders of Doggie Delights, Owen Kefallinos and Grace Gaumer, are baking up fresh, all natural dog treats and selling them at the Farmer's Market.

More than just a fun summer business, Owen, a sixth grader, and Grace, a fifth grader, are working to raise money for the Scituate Animal Shelter. Already the business endeavor of Doggie Delights has been able to donate $127 to the local shelter that serves Scituate, Cohasset, Hingham and Hull and has a goal to donate $500.

The project started off when Owen received the dog bone recipe book from his mother's friend. He made one of the book's treats and tested it out on his lab-mix dog, Athena. She loved it.

"Some people don't have dogs, but they like our logo so we're going to be selling shirts soon."
— Owen Kefallinos

Would other dogs feel the same?

To find out Owen left some of them in his Fairoaks Lane neighbors mailboxes and offered them to dogs he saw along the way. The dogs just ate them up, literally.

Owen knew he was on to something and decided to take the product to the masses, or at least the hundreds of people who flock to the Thursday afternoon Cohasset Farmer's Market. With the help of his mom, Lisa, they got a permit from the Farmer's Market and his next-door neighbor Grace joined the effort.

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The Mariner caught up with Dan McCarthy, water safety instructor, at the Cohasset Swim Center. Mark your calendars for the swim center's Family Fun Night on Aug. 2. Sign-up at the C.S.C. front desk.

Name: Daniel McCarthy.

Occupation: Highly qualified and certified Water Safety Instructor at CSC.

Best day of your life: Jan. 1st, 2007, Midnight Magic in Cohasset.

Best vacation: Cancun Spring Break 2008.

Favorite season: Summer on the South Shore.

Favorite holiday: Family Fun Night at the Cohasset Town Pool this upcoming August 2nd.

Favorite meal: A mean steak and cheese covered with onions, mushrooms, and peppers.

Best book: "Angela's Ashes," by Frank McCourt.

Best movie: "Heavyweights."

Best TV show: "Curb Your Enthusiasm" with Larry David.

Favorite music: Talking Heads, "Stop Making Sense" Album.

Dumbest thing you have ever done: Not realizing that my passport was expired for quite some time the day before I left for Mexico, absolutely brutal.

Pet peeve: Kids who wear t-shirts in the pool.

Goal: To one day maintain a middle management job, with no room for growth or promotion while living vicariously through my children's athletic careers even if they don't enjoy a minute of it.

Person you'd most like to meet: Tupac Shakur, a lyrical genius.

Biggest worry: That the CSC board doesn't rename the facility on my behalf after I hang up the whistle, goggles, and Speedo.

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Towns oppose Aquarion increase

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Some 60 Hull, Cohasset, and Hingham residents turned out for the recent 3-1/2-hour Department of Public Utilities hearing at Hull High School to vehemently oppose Aquarion Water Company's request for a $3.1 million, or overall 24.8 percent, rate hike.

This would amount to an increase of about $10.80 a month for customers using an average of 175 gallons (about seven full bath tubs'— worth of water, company officials say) daily. Aquarion provides water to Hingham, Hull, and North Cohasset.

The majority of those speaking were from Hull, but Hingham Selectman Bruce Rabuffo also spoke strongly against the proposed increase. "Our rates are already 58 percent higher than those in the MWRA district. I spent 32 years in the utility business and I find this increase request overwhelming," he said. "Are the current rates even justifiable? It's in the evidentiary process that more details will be forthcoming."

Most of the increase is attributed to investments totaling $21.4 million that Aquarion has made for water utility infrastructure improvements since 2001 in such areas as increased water supply and replacement of aging and undersized pipes, as well as other needed water system advancements.

Cohasset Selectman Paul Carlson said that while only 20 percent of Cohasset residents are served by Aquarion, the town is "looking forward to working with Hingham and Hull in fighting this rate increase."

Four Hull selectmen — Joan Meschino, Domenico Sestito, John Reilly, and Dennis Blackall — also spoke against the increase. In fact, Reilly, a lifelong Hull resident and 14-year selectman, called for a rate decrease.

"These are difficult economic times for our citizens. About 40 percent of our residents are low-income, and many seniors are on fixed incomes. We're concerned about their ability to adapt to these higher rates," Meschino said. "We need to ask the DPU to ensure this isn't an overestimation [by Aquarion]."

Calling the increase absurd, Blackall called for Aquarion "to suck it up just like the rest of American businesses and consumers are doing. The shareholders, not the ratepayers, should bear these costs," he said. "Hull customers are being asked to bear a disproportionate amount of the increase, considering that less than 5 percent of the capital system improvements have been applied to our town. I say, don't negotiate, don't give Aquarion a piece [of the rate increase], give them zero. We need to tell Aquarion 'no.' Make them run their business more efficiently."

This is the first rate increase request since 2001. Aquarion acquired the utility from Massachusetts-American Water Company in 2002.

"We've tried to stay out of the rate increase arena for as long as possible," Aquarion Sr. Vice President of Operations Larry Bingaman said, adding that "this is a very public process." He also noted that in 2006, customers saw a four percent decrease in their water bills.

Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, and Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, both spoke in opposition to the increase. They recently sent a joint letter to the DPU stating their position.

Hedlund, did, however, commend Aquarion for working with him and Bradley to reinstate the recently expired water-rate subsidy program. "The company has hired lobbyists at its own expense to assist us," he said.

At the same time, Hedlund said "we need to look at Aquarion's operating efficiencies in more detail. The percentage [of the rate increase] is inordinate."

Bradley said it's as if Aquarion "is trying to get seven years' worth of increases all at once." He also opposed the institution of inclining block rates, which would result in higher charges for customers who exceed a certain threshold of water use. "This is dangerous territory, and untested in our region," Bradley said. "This will affect families more than anyone. We have three kids and our washing machine never stops. We'd love to cut our water use, but we can't. It's not like we're leaving the faucet running."

A large number of Hull, a couple of Cohasset, and a handful of Hingham residents spoke in opposition to the rate increase. Many of the concerns shared by Hull residents centered around water quality – particularly, they said, since Cohasset water started being pumped to Hull to replace the Aquarion water used to serve the Linden Ponds retirement community in Hingham. (Cohasset water is "wheeled" through the Aquarion system, but not through the Hingham treatment plant.)

"I think the Lily Pond [Cohasset's water supply] water should go to Linden Ponds, not to Hull," said Hull resident Charlotte Anne Murray.

A number of speakers from Hull also questioned why they should be paying the treatment plant surcharge included in all Aquarion bills when their water is coming from Cohasset and is therefore not being treated at the Hingham plant.

Hingham resident Sam Manian called for a feasibility study to see if the three towns could run the water company better than the current managers.

Cohasset resident Jeffrey Smith quoted much lower water bills in the MWRA district, even in Los Angeles, and in other areas. "There's a big disconnect here," he said. "Aquarion needs to justify these differences."

Hull town manager Philip E. Lemnios noted the irony of the targeted rate increase being set for April 1, 2009. "This is truly a joke," he said. "The boards of all three towns have hired expert consultants and we will go to battle to fight this proposed rate increase. It's absurd."

Information about Docket DPU 08-27 for the Aquarion rate case is posted on the Mass. DPU website at http://www.aquarion.com/massachusetts.html.

Customers with questions or concerns or who need assistance with water service needs may contact the Aquarion Customer Service Center at 1-800-732-9678.

Police Beat

Vandalism incidents lead the log

By Mary Ford
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• On Saturday (July 19), a resident went to police headquarters to report his car had been scratched with an object and the convertible top ripped. The car was parked on Summer Street. The resident said the car was fine when he came home from the Red Sox game at 11:30 p.m. the night before. There were scratches on the hood, trunk and doors, police said.

• At 9:13 a.m. on Thursday (July 17), a Summer Street resident called police to report that someone had thrown a rock into the windshield of her son's car.

The investigating officer saw the broken windshield and a rock on the ground in front of the gray Nissan. The hood was also dented.

The car was not damaged before 11 p.m. when it was last seen, police said. Therefore the vandalism occurred sometime overnight Wednesday (July 16) to Thursday (July 17) when it was discovered at 7:30 a.m.

• At about 9:30 a.m. on Thursday (July 17), there was damage to mailboxes in the 400 block of Atlantic Avenue. The officer, who responded, saw two mailboxes on the ground, and a third, whose post was hit but was still intact.

• At 11:45 a.m. on Thursday (July 17), a Border Street resident reported that his car was scratched overnight. There were scratches to the passenger side door, the hood and rear quarter on the passenger side, police said.

Chief Hussey said police are investigating these incidents to see if any of them are related.

Missing sweetheart

A note stating "I love You Sweetheart" left on the dashboard of an unoccupied van with New Hampshire plates that had been parked for three days generated enough concern for a resident to approach an officer working a detail near Howard Gleason Road on Sunday (July 20). A towing company was contacted and police gained access to the van. Everything appeared OK. Dispatch was able to contact the family of the registered owner. As it turned out the man, who had driven the van, was in town visiting friends and had been staying on their boat for a few days.

Stolen bikes

A Ripley Road resident reported that two bicycles were taken from the front porch of the home sometime overnight Monday (July 14) to Tuesday (July 15). The missing bikes are a maroon, men's 26-inch Giant, and a boy's 24-inch Wal-Mart-brand bike. The theft was reported at about 10 a.m. July 15.

Larcenies

Police believe some of the items being reported missing last week from residents' cars may have been taken during the rash of car break-ins several weeks ago in the Jerusalem Road area. Police made three arrests in those incidents. Over the past week, car owners have reported a missing digital camera valued at about $85 and a garage door opener.

Another resident reported the key to a new car was missing. Police do not think that incident is related to the others because the car was located in a different part of town.

Summonsed

A 22-year-old Quincy man is being summonsed to court for unlicensed operation and speeding after a traffic stop on North Main Street by the ball fields on Wednesday (July16) at about 7:10 a.m. The officer stopped the car, which was traveling in excess of 48 mph where the speed limit is 30.

The operator handed the officer a Brazilian passport. The officer told the man that he could not drive on the Brazilian license. The car was towed, police said.

MV crashes

• Monday (July 14) at 4:30 p.m. a 1991 Honda, driven by a Cohasset resident, was unable to stop behind a 2002 Ford at the lights on Route 3A and Pond Street. The Ford, which was operated by a Middleboro resident and was traveling south, had stopped behind others cars at the light. The Honda hit the Ford, damaging both cars. The driver of the Honda was cited for following too close, police said.

• A 1998 Subaru, operated by a Cohasset woman, was backing up at Cohasset Collision at about 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday (July 15) when she struck an unoccupied, parked rental car.

There was ~~minor~~ damage to the right side door on the passenger side of the 2008 Chrysler rental car that was parked in front of a bay, police said.

Dog bite

On Monday (July 14) a Nichols Road resident notified police that a dog had bitten her the day before. Police said the dog's license had lapsed but it was up-to-date on its vaccinations. However, the dog is being quarantined for 10 days, which is standard practice in these incidents.

The dog's owner was ordered to license the dog, police said.

Dog OK

A walk-in to the police station on Friday (July 18) reported that his dog was missing and that someone may have taken it. The dog owner had left the dog leashed to the car with water and food while he was at the Music Circus and when he returned the dog was gone. As it turned out another person found the dog, which was still wearing the leash, and took care of it overnight. The dog was reunited with its owner, police said.

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Police Beat

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Dog in car

Several concerned citizen notified police after seeing a small dog locked in a convertible with the top up and the windows barely cracked at about 2:30 p.m. on Thursday (July 17). As it turned out, the owner of the dog was at the Farmer's Market and was within 100 feet of the car, monitoring the situation, police said.

Doors stolen

Police are investigating the theft of two removable doors from a Jeep Wrangler parked at a business off Route 3A last week. The doors were taken sometime over the weekend between 7 p.m. Saturday (July 12) to 7 a.m. Monday (July 14). The doors are valued at $2,500, police said.

Property damage

Chief Hussey said the water and sewer departments are working with the contractors for the water/sewer projects to ensure that any property damage is taken care of. Last week a Nichols Road resident called asking that a police officer view the damage that included tractor marks on the grass. In most cases, it is not a police issue, he said.

Signs taken

Four real estate signs from various locations along Jerusalem Road and Deep Run were taken last week. Two were later recovered on Nichols Road. A missing lawn mowing sign was also found.

Chief Hussey explained that while some may think stealing lawn signs is a prank – it is a crime.

Bathtub running

A Nichols Road resident became concerned last week when she arrived home and found the water in her bathtub was running. The water department was called to confirm that no one had been in the house testing the water. The water faucet had not been completely shut off, police said. The water department had been checking the lines that could have caused the water to come out.

Avalon apartments moving ahead

FROM AVALON, PAGE 1

The parties also agreed to additional monitoring wells between the site and Lily Pond and a more frequent monitoring schedule.

"The additional treatment measures and safety precautions addresses the Water Commission's concern with the development's impact on drinking water quality. The removed phosphorus and nitrogen would otherwise contribute to organic plant growth, which deteriorates the raw water the department draws from its primary reservoir, Lily Pond," said Water Commission Chairman Glenn Pratt.

"This agreement gives us protections and remedies if something goes wrong at the plant," said Pratt. The agreement also restores the Water Department's one-time system connection fee, which was previously waived by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The fee amounts to $670,000 to be paid in two installments; half at the issuance of the building permit and the balance at the issuance of the first occupancy permit. The agreement also defines the parameter for the distribution system within the new Avalon community.

The Avalon developers still have many little steps to take before breaking ground. Final plans need to be drawn up. Building permits need to be pulled. The Zoning Board of Appeals needs to be visited to give an update.

"We're pretty excited. It's been a long journey to this point and we're confident what we built is going to be successful."

— Scott Dale, Avalon vice president of development

"This was really our last big hurdle, the next steps to construction are administrative," said Dale. "We're pretty excited. It's been a long journey to this point and we're confident what we built is going to be successful."

Although other developments in Cohasset have stalled due to the struggling real estate market and generally down economy, Dale is confident the market will accept the Avalon rental units. Avalon currently is in or close to the leasing stage of similar developments in both Hingham and Sharon.

"We are optimistic the current market conditions on the South Shore will accept this project," said Dale. The 200-unit complex will include a fitness room, pool, resident lounge, walking/jogging trails around the perimeter of the property and a washer and dryer in every unit.

"The apartments themselves will be very well-appointed and will have spacious floor plans," said Dale.

The Avalon project was issued a comprehensive permit from the ZBA for 200 apartments more than three years ago. It was approved as a 40-B project. Under Chapter 40B, a state law, a town's zoning board can approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Towns that are under the 10 percent threshold of their housing stock deemed as affordable by state standards are vulnerable to 40-B projects.

Twenty-five percent of the units, or 50, will be considered affordable. The state encourages rental housing, and because all 200 Avalon units would be rentals, all units — affordable and market rate — would be counted toward the town's affordable housing inventory. However, Cohasset currently has 76 units (or 2.8 percent) of affordable housing. The project will bring Cohasset within about 30 units to compliance with 40-B.

"We are pleased to have worked out an agreement which addresses our original treatment concerns and provides an extra measure of protection for our water supply well into the future," said Water Commissioner Nathaniel Palmer.

It should be noted, the three-person Water Commission was not unanimous in its decision to sign the cooperation agreement with Avalon. Water Commissioner John McNabb voted against signing the agreement.

"I thought we should have kept fighting the project, because an onsite wastewater treatment plant for 200 units is not good for protecting watershed quality, no matter how well it is designed or operated," said McNabb, adding he believed there were other shortcomings in the cooperation agreement. The agreement prohibits the Water Commission from speaking up or taking any action on the project going forward, including, he said, the clean up of the possible hazardous waste contamination left behind by the previous property owners.

Padre Pio Day of Prayer at St. Anthony

St. Anthony Parish, Cohasset, will host a celebration on Saturday, Aug. 2, commemorating the life of St. Pio of Pietrelcina – Padre Pio, who died 40 years ago. The celebration will begin at 11 a.m. with a Holy Hour, which will include the recitation of an international rosary. Confession will also be available at this time. At noon, the Liturgy of the Mass from Padre Pio's Beatification Ceremony will be celebrated. Veneration of seven of Padre Pio's relics will take place within the liturgy. Following the liturgy, the celebration will continue in the Parish Hall where refreshments will be served and a video on the Life of Padre Pio will be shown.

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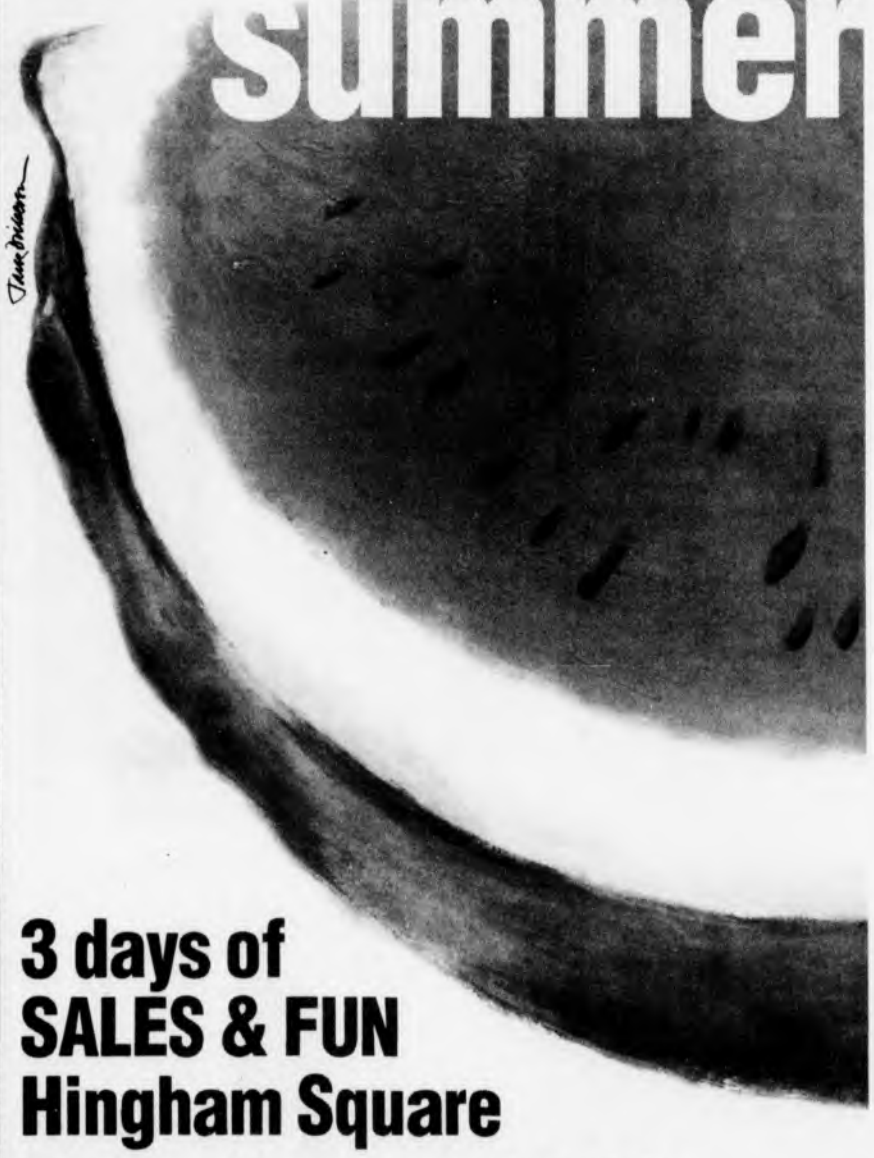


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Town Hall restoration concept supported

Selectmen like auditorium second floor, offices first floor scheme

By Nancy White
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While flip-flops are the unofficial footwear of summer, the Town Hall could be doing a flip-flop of its own in the coming years.

The Board of Selectmen supported in spirit the option to restore the old portion of Town Hall to its original state. When the Town Hall was first built in 1857 the auditorium was on the second floor and town offices on the first.

The Town Hall Restoration and Renovation Committee requested the Selectmen to make a preliminary decision on the design concept so they could begin the long and involved process of seeking out grants and other funding sources.

The committee has been working alongside architectural consultant Carr, Lynch and Sandell to devise a comprehensive plan to update the antique building.

Despite the Selectmen's decision, the ultimate judge will be Town Meeting. The second option has a price tag of $1.2 million over the option that leaves the current layout basically in tact. Preliminary estimates for the two designs are $3.2 million to leave the general building configuration the same (scheme A) and $4.4 million to change it (scheme B).

Following a presentation two weeks ago, four of the five Selectmen spoke in support of scheme B.

"When (switching the auditorium to the second floor) was first mentioned to me, I thought, this is a little strange," said Selectman Karen Quigley. After hearing of the extensive utilities work that would have to be done in both options and what she saw as improved use of space, possibility for green technology and better access in scheme B, she said she came around.

"It's a big thing to come around to. It's a tremendous amount of money no matter how you look at it," said Quigley. Selectman Paul Carlson seconded Quigley's sentiments.

"(Scheme) A seems like a partial job. We need to gut it and do it right," said Carlson, adding the last time the old part of Town Hall had a true makeover was 80 years ago (in 1928).

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer wasn't ready to jump on the scheme B bandwagon just yet.

"I'm not really ready for this yet," said Dormitzer. He described concerns that adequate meeting space hadn't been addressed, not only just for space, but for use. "Even in this meeting space there is no room or equipment for show and tell or to make presentation. I'm not convinced a large auditorium is the answer."

Donna McGee of the Town Hall Restoration and Renovation Committee said the architectural plans weren't cast in stone and elements like sliding partitions in the auditorium could be added to increase meeting spaces.

Dormitzer said his other concern was getting public input. "I'm not convinced we have heard all viewpoints.." The Town Hall Restoration and Renovation Committee plans to hold a public forum on the Town Hall restoration project sometime in September.

"There are a lot of steps before this hits the road," said Carlson. In a 4-0 vote, with Quigley, Ted Carr, Carlson and Koed voting in favor and Dormitzer abstaining, the Selectmen supported the concept of scheme B. The Town Hall Restoration and Renovation Committee will go forward in applying for funding from different sources, some of which have deadlines in August.

How will the town pay for the Town Hall restoration?

With a $4.4 million price tag on the scheme B restoration plan, the question of how to pay for it is bound to come up. From the very beginning, Town Hall Restoration and Renovation Committee chairman David Farrag has said other funding sources would be sought outside of the town. Tax credits, which could pay up to 20 percent of the project's total cost are being applied for in the coming months.

As a building on the National Historic Register, Farrag said the group plans to apply for grants with the National Park Service and Massachusetts Historical Commission.

"We're investigating any and all funding sources from different non-profit foundations and trust to tax credits," said Farrag in a phone interview. They will look at other similar projects in the area done in recent years to find out how they were paid for and if those funding programs are still available. The committee will be breaking off into teams to look for funding sources as well.

"Some might pan out, some might not but you we're not going to know until we try," said Farrag. "We just have to go for it, we really do. The Town Hall is only going to get worse with time."

In addition to seeking money, Farrag will bring the project before any audience willing to listen.

"We want to shop this around," he said.

Interested residents can read the complete feasibility study done by Carr, Lynch and Sandell at the Selectmen's Office, the Town Clerk's Office and the Library.

If residents know of any possible funding sources for the project, Farrag would love to hear about it. He can be reached by e-mail, legaleagle02@yahoo.com.

Parking changes for Elm Street

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Multiple situations converged to make the parking on Elm Street, near Fleming's and Dean & Hamilton, a subject of concern for the Board of Selectmen.

The narrow road makes a tough fit for emergency vehicles that routinely use the route to respond to calls throughout town. Legal parking on both sides of the street made the narrow road even a tougher squeeze. Cars parking with one set of wheels on the sidewalk made baby carriages and other pedestrians move on to the street. For cars parking half on the sidewalk, there was no signage making tickets difficult to enforce. Clients of local businesses got ticketed for staying longer than one hour when much of the business in the area necessitates a longer period.

A majority of the Selectmen has approved three changes to parking regulations in that area to resolve most, if not all, of the issues brought forth.

The marked spaces on the Fleming's side of the street will be re-configured and parking posted for two hours. Closer to South Main Street, three spaces that allow on set of tires on the sidewalk will be added. A white line will be painted on the sidewalk to ensure a minimum four-foot passageway for pedestrians. The line will also give the police department a concrete gauge to go by when issuing tickets.

"Police really don't have the ability to determine if there is adequate room or not," said Selectman Ralph Dormitzer. With a lack of signage and unclear parking guidance for drivers, many of the tickets issued were not sticking. "They need a defined way to determine if a ticket should be issued."

These half-sidewalk spaces will be posted for two hours as well. Selectman Karen Quigley was concerned with adding more spaces and whether they were necessary. She raised concerns that some employees were parking the those spaces all day long and if they were asked to park elsewhere there would be ample parking for shoppers/clients. She asked whether the board would consider consulting the Economic Development Committee and the Planning Board's village consultant.

"Parking downtown is what it is, it is always going to be quirky," said Jim Watson, owner of the Cohasset Hardware building.

The final change would be creating a 15-minute hash-marked space for loading and unloading on the Cohasset Hardware side of the street. No other parking would be permitted.

The Selectmen approved the parking changes in a 4-1 vote. Chairman Ted Carr, Selectmen Paul Carlson, Dormitzer and Fred Koed voted in favor. Quigley was the sole "nay" vote. She said she specifically opposed the addition of parking on the sidewalk. She cited the Border Street parking, which has a painted line on the sidewalk to allow on-street parking, as not being effective.

"We all know people still walk on the street down there," said Quigley.

Selectman Paul Carlson requested the parking changes be reviewed in six months time.

Elm Street parking changes

The following changes to Elm Street parking will be made in the coming month:

- Two-hour parking on the Dean & Hamilton side of Elm Street (currently, it's one hour parking)
- Three additional spaces (one set of tires on sidewalk) on the Dean & Hamilton side of Elm Street closer to S. Main. A line will be drawn on the sidewalk to ensure a minimum four-foot wide passageway. Two-hour parking and no parking over the line.
- Loading and unloading 15-minute parking on the Cohasset Hardware side of Elm Street in a hashed line area. No other parking permitted.

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FUN NEWS SOUGHT

Hello Cohasset, how are all of you doing this week? I heard rumor that maybe next week may be a good one after all this rainy dribs and drabs. I hope so although the grass, trees and flowers are somewhat happy I guess. I am so sad that we are already headed into the last week of July but know that August will be wonderful and maybe slow down a bit. Send in any fun pieces of news that you may have about vacations and any photos you may have that you would like to share.

DELAWARE

The University of Delaware named the following Cohasset student to the Spring, 2008 semester dean's list. Congratulations to **Melissa Anne Crawford**, a Junior Fashion Merchandising major. Nice Work!

PIANISTS

South Shore Conservatory congratulates the following Cohasset piano students for winning awards in South Shore Conservatory's eighth annual Piano Solo Competition. The competition took place in Cox Hall at the Conservatory's Hingham campus. **Miles Morin** took second place in Division II and **Brianna Sheldon** took Honorable Mention in Division III. Wow to both of you on this great success.

CONNECTICUT

The following Cohasset students at Connecticut College have been named to the dean's list for the 2008 spring semester.

- **Rachel D. Garber**, Class of 2009.
- **Sarah F. Noble**, Class of 2008.
- **Francis W. Murray**, Class of 2011.

To be named to the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.3.

Congratulations!

DARTMOUTH

Lindsay Erica Taniguchi Deane of Cohasset, a member of the Class of 2008, graduated from Dartmouth College. She was one of more than 1,000 students receiving bachelor of arts degrees at the 2008 spring commencement exercises. **Lindsay** is the daughter of **Gordon Deane and Motoko Deane**, and majored in engineering and environmental studies.

Best of luck in your future endeavors, Lindsay!

OUR WORLD

Many great programs are happening at the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum with summer programs through the middle of August and in mid-September starts the beginning of a wonderful packed school year filled with classes, parties and special events for children and families of all ages. There are classes in Drama, Music with Jim Armstrong, Miss Jen's Creative Kids, Art, Cooking and so much more. Also, Mr. Kevin Dykas is holding camp on Aug. 11- 13 and spaces are going fast. For more information about the remainder of our summer programs or, to find out about our kick-off of school year programming, call 781-383-3198, email info@ourworldcgdm.org or go to www.ourworldcgdm.org. Hope to see you all soon.

Well, as you can tell by reading this week's column, the news is a little bit slow due to vacations and enjoying the Summer. Send in some of your news, birthday or special event information and we will make sure to get it in the paper.

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Kids make all natural canine treats

FROM DOGGIE, PAGE 1

Each week they bake up fresh nearly 400 dog treats in at least two different flavors. They bag a dozen of them in bags decorated with the company's logo and sell them at the Farmer's Market. The treats come in different dog-centric shapes: the classic dog bone, a doghouse and a fire hydrant.

The treats come in different flavors from peanut butter to cinnamon to barbeque, even a "diet" bone for those pups watching their waistline. Each week, the kids cook up a different assortment.

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The recipes, gleaned from a colorful picture book, have all natural, human grade ingredients. The treats are even edible by people, but they don't recommend serving them for dessert at your next dinner party.

"I tried it, but it was gross," said Grace. But, the dogs all seem to like them, which is a key part of their "marketing strategy." Owen and Grace take their product to the Common and go up to Farmer's Market visitors and ask if they have a dog. When dogs are with their owners, they offer samples to the furry friend. If the dog approves, they ask the owner to come over to their stand to buy some.

The direct consumer marketing is working. Each week at the Farmer's Market they seem to gain in popularity. They now have a logo, a t-shirt with Doggie Delight logo and customized bags. Every week they've sold out of the biscuits.

"Some people don't have dogs, but they like our logo so we're going to be selling shirts soon," said Owen, an entrepreneur in the making. He likes the money that comes along with the business and the feeling he gets when donating a portion to the Scituate Animal Shelter.

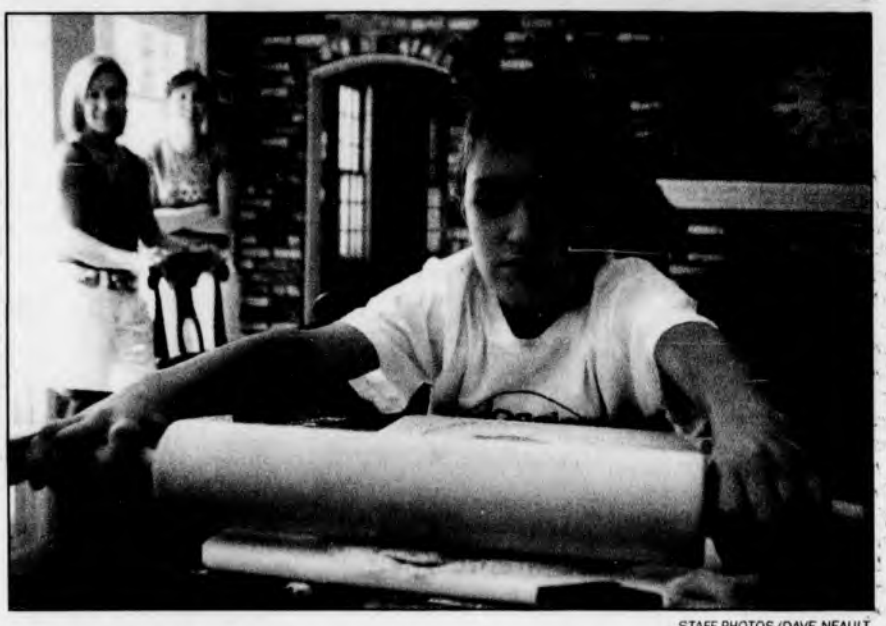
Grace, on the other hand, is the natural salesperson of the duo, according to the parents. She animatedly describes the many different types of dogs and owners she runs into at the Farmer's Market — there are dogs that don't eat in public, others are on a diet, and many refuse treats due to allergies.

"But most of the dogs are glad to get a treat," said Grace.

Both Grace and Owen describe themselves as animal people. Grace lives with three dogs and two cats, while Owen has one dog and two frogs.

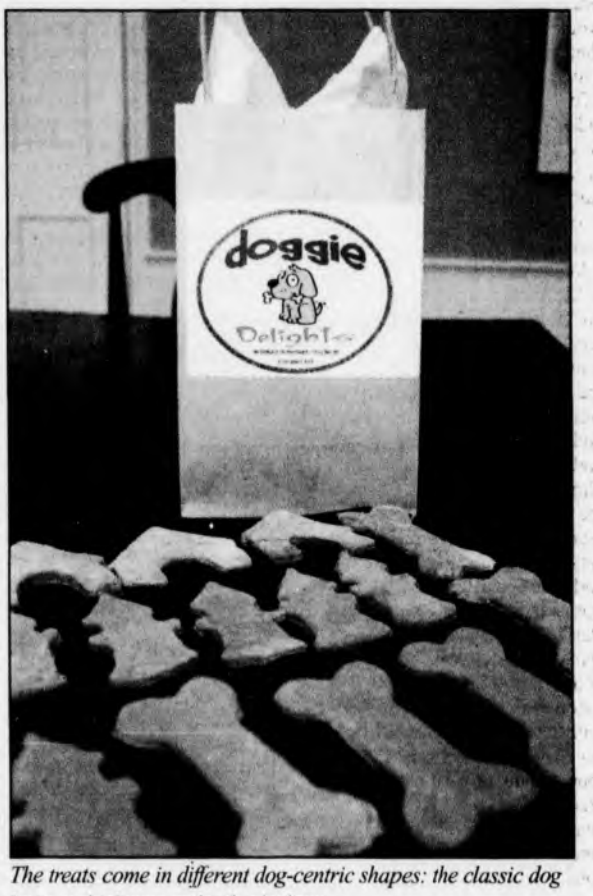
Owen and Grace will be selling the treats at the Farmer's Market roughly every other week. Their table is located near the Holly Hill Farm stand and Sagestone Beads. When the Farmer's Market season ends in October, they plan to sell the treats at Twist in the Village.

A bag of a dozen treats can be purchased for $5 and two bags can be purchased for $8.



STAFF PHOTOS/DAVE NEAULT

Doggie Delights helper Sam Kefallinos, who is Owen's younger brother, rolls out the dough that will soon become yummy dog treats.



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Miss Stoddard taught at North Primary School

Endowment Wall honors library donors

The Cohasset Library Trust has recently installed an Endowment Donor Wall at the entry to the library. It honors the more than 20 persons who have, over more than 100 years, made significant gifts to the library. These gifts have created the library's endowment. Some gifts have been as bequests in a donor's will. Others have been gifts from friends or family to memorialize or honor individuals.

From time to time, the Library Trust plans to offer short sketches of the persons whose names are on the Donor Wall.

In the first year that the Paul Pratt Memorial Library opened, 1903, it received a bequest of $5,000 from the estate of Miss Susannah L. Stoddard, a long-time, unmarried Cohasset schoolteacher. (In current dollars that gift would be the equivalent of more than $100,000.) The Library Trustees Report of that year stated "This generous gift may be considered a token of Miss Stoddard's affection for and loyalty to the town she served so faithfully and efficiently in her capacity of teacher for a quarter of a century."

Miss Susannah Stoddard taught in the North Primary School from 1875 through the end of the century. At that time, Cohasset had four primary schools that covered the first four years of school. They were named North, Center, South and Beechwood Primary Schools and there were similarly named Grammar Schools that covered the next three years of school. The North Primary School was on the west corner of Jerusalem Road and North Main Street, and Miss Susannah lived with her parents, Bela and Lucretia Bates Stoddard, across the street on the east corner of this intersection. Her father was a stonemason and both he and his wife lived to be 79 years old. Both her mother and father died within four months of each other when Susie, as she was called, was 44 years old. Unfortunately, Susie died three years later in 1902 of complications related to diabetes.



COURTESY PHOTO

Miss Susannah L. Stoddard

During Miss Susie Stoddard's working life, the establishment and growth of a public library in Cohasset was one of the central issues of the time. The Superintendent of Schools, Joseph Osgood, had been lobbying for several years in the 1870s for a public library that was needed to "complete the educational system of the town." In his 1879 report, he proudly reports the details of the $300 raised privately to match the $300 voted at Town Meeting for a Library to be placed in rooms in Town Hall. The schoolteachers raised $279 of this.

Shortly before Miss Stoddard's death, there was great enthusiasm and excitement about the new library to be built on South Main Street as the result of Harriot Pratt's bequest in 1898. With her generous gift, Miss Susannah Stoddard helped to build a firm foundation for Cohasset's treasured library.

The Cohasset Library Trust was established to increase and prudently manage the Library's Endowment. Tax support of the Library has been declining as a percentage of Cohasset's budget for at least a decade. New gifts to the Cohasset Library Trust will join old gifts to assure the continued quality of this town treasure. A gift of $5,000 to the Library Trust earns listing on the new Endowment Wall in the Library Entry.

COHASSET CONSIGNMENT SHOP HAS STOOD THE TEST OF TIME

By Nancy White
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The Cohasset Consignment Shop, located in the CVS Plaza on Route 3A, has been in operation since the 1950s.

"The consignment shop is really our biggest baby," said Marita Carpenter, president of the Social Service League. "There is a lot of energy here."

With the down economy, Carpenter said she is glad the consignment shop is able to provide quality items at a reasonable cost to patrons. At the same time, she said the consignment shop provides an outlet for those downsizing, redecorating or dismantling a family household.

"It's a fun and interesting business, we get to meet a lot of different people with a lot of different stories" said Carpenter. Some consigners don't want to give up certain items, like their mother's china, even if they don't have room for it.

"We assure them we can find a good home for it and they feel better about it," said Carpenter. The large open space allows them to carry a big selection of pretty much everything from home décor to seasonal items to furniture to women's, men's & children's clothing, jewelry & accessories.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Marita Carpenter is the new president of the Social Service League of Cohasset. The SSL does myriad activities to serve the underserved on the South Shore.

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE AT A GLANCE

- Founding objectives: To foster "cooperation for the temporal welfare of the townspeople in relieving poverty, promoting thrift and helping those who are trying to help themselves.
- Mission: To identify the most important and least served social services problems and to create, develop, and support ongoing programs, which can have significant positive impact on those problems.
- Towns served: Cohasset, Scituate, Hingham, Norwell and Hull.
- Recent grants: $5000 to Elder Affairs to help them find a new home and $5000 to the 3A Farm Fund to support their efforts to build a new Scituate Animal Shelter.

WHAT'S NEW

As the new president of the SSL, Marita Carpenter is hoping to cultivate a more hands-on, individual basis outreach to those in need. She will be contacting local school district administrators to let them know if there is a student who can't afford a calculator or other more expensive school supply to let them know.

"In the past occasionally guidance counselors have called us, but we'd like to do it on a bigger scale and still do it quietly," said Carpenter, who has co-managed the consignment shop for the last, two years.

In addition, the Cohasset Senior Center is looking for a new home and the SSL is hoping to aid in both the search and the funding.

Carpenter is backed by a very active 12-member board.

The SSL is constantly evolving and its role has changed over the years. Throughout its history the league has employed the town of Cohasset's nurse, a social worker and has had a board dedicated to providing programs and funding in conjunction with the schools, elder services and various community groups doing work consistent with our mission.

Today, they collaborate with the Wellspring Multi-Services Center in Hull to help fund the much needed and very successful Domestic Violence Program. This evolved even further in 2003 when we decided to fund a position at Wellspring to provided direct services rather than employ our own Social worker.

For the elderly, they administer and deliver Meals on Wheels in Cohasset, provide holiday meals and make baskets of gifts for those homebound at Christmas.

For families, they have a scholarship for students going into the field of health sciences and frequently run programs on pertinent issues facing parents and students at local schools.

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Natural food store moves to Ripley Road

FROM BIGLEY, PAGE 1

and continue to carry all of his same product lines while expanding in some areas.

Look forward to a greater selection of vitamins and supplements as well as more gluten-free products. Health and beauty products like all natural shampoos, soaps and even household cleaner will be available.

His tried and true product lines, the ones that have helped gain him a following, will join him in the new store.

He carries Dean's Beans, an organic, fair-trade coffee and local eggs from a farm in Rockland with about 100 hens. Both products he said enjoy a loyal following. His popular organic dark chocolate (some of which is fair trade as well) will be on the shelves as well.

"Dark chocolate is actually a really a good food full of antioxidants and endorphins," checking himself a little bit, he adds with a laugh, "taken in moderation it is a very good food."

Over the past few years, Bigley says many of the products he currently carries have been suggested or requested by customers along the way.

"As always, we'll be adding new products all the time," he says. "I got there for product I can't get anywhere else," says Cohasset resident and longtime customer John Chapman, who is an avid fan of Dean's Beans, the fresh local eggs and the (when in season) fresh garlic. "It's a nice concentrated selection in a friendly atmosphere."

Chapman says the new space, which has several smaller rooms, will give the shop an old-time general store feel to complement Bigley's friendly personality.

Bigley came to the business of natural foods with a good understanding of the business and products. He owned an organic farm in Cohasset for many years and says he has always tried to eat healthfully. The last four years in the business have taught him a "tremendous amount."

For Bigley, his job is a combination of three of his loves — good food, good health and good conversation.

"I love to talk to the customers," says Bigley. The job also eliminates a long commute as he walks from his home on James Lane each morning.

"With the move, my commute has doubled from two to four minutes, but no one seems to sympathize with me," says Bigley with a smile. It's clear the store is as much a part of him as he is to the store. His mid-length gray beard is somewhat of a trademark for him and his store — his face now immortalized in his prominent Ripley Road sign. Although his once multi-colored beard with streaks of red, blond, and brown, a feature he ventures to call "handsome," has faded mostly to gray he has no intention of becoming clean shaven.

"My philosophy is to offer a selection of good quality products at a reasonable price with excellent customer service."
— David Bigley, All the Best

"I absolutely hate shaving," says Bigley, joking he has had the beard for as long as he can remember. "It's au natural." Over the years, it's been many lengths from close cropped to a lengthy "ZZ Top" style.

Bigley says it's that beard (and the man behind it) that sets him a part from the chain stores. He competes with one of the biggest names in natural foods, Whole Foods, which opened about the same time he did at the Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham. Like many other village merchants, Bigley is hoping both the emergence of more environmentally conscious society and the rising cost of gasoline will propel residents to shop locally.

"I'll never have the selection Whole Foods has. They have everything you need — except me," he says. If he doesn't have something you are looking for, he can place a special order almost immediately and if any issues arise, he says he can resolve them very quickly.

"There is a growing segment of the population who are rediscovering the pleasure of shopping locally," says Bigley. The pleasures, he says, include being called by name when you walk in the door (and usually what you came to buy) and a responsive proprietor.

"My philosophy is to offer a selection of good quality products at a reasonable price with excellent customer service," says Bigley.

Bigley, who is now immortalized in his prominent Ripley Road sign, asks customers to be patient as he puts together his new space. The windows, currently covered in brown paper, will eventually be decorated, his shelves filled with natural foods and his space all together welcoming. He plans to have his daughter Deirdre (who painted his sign) do a mural inside the store as well.

Bigley also is actively involved in the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and its various events throughout the year and other community initiatives, like the Appalachia Service Program. In early July, he traveled with local teenagers on the annual service trip.

He is looking forward to many more years in Cohasset and behind the counter at All the Best in his new location.

"We thought we had 'all the best,' but we've found more," says Bigley.

All the Best Natural Foods will be open Monday through Saturday from 10a.m. to 6p.m. For more information, call 781-383-3005.



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David Bigley says despite the change of scenery, All the Best will be sticking to its roots and continue to carry all of his same product lines while expanding in some areas.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Your opinion counts

Here at the Cohasset Mariner, opinions count. In any given year, the Mariner receives upwards of 225 letters and commentaries from our readers.

On each of those "opinion pieces" is a name and street address.

We are proud to provide the means for our readers to share their views and participate in the debate whether that is traffic, tax relief, affordable housing or other quality-of-life issues.

We also have a Readers Advisory Network of email addresses through which we can ask for opinions, such as the recent question for our July 4th issue: "What makes a Patriot in today's society?" Through our network, we also can seek reaction to stories or news events, or help with stories. After last year's commuter boat collision, we were able to find some commuters, who were either on the boat or on the next boat, to help us with the story. If you want to join our Readers Advisory Network, please email editor Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com. We promise not to share your email address with anyone and to remove your name from the network if you request we do so.

Today with our online presence on the Web, we have added another way for our readers to express their opinion.

We are able to conduct polls on various topics of interest.

Over the past week, we asked readers what they think about "bridge jumping" off the Border Street bridge.

As of Thursday morning, 101 readers had participated in our poll.

Here are recent results with more still coming in (votes are in parentheses):

What should police do to curb bridge jumping?

- Issue tickets to repeat offenders (51 votes or 50.5 percent)
- Station a police officer at the bridge at all times (7 votes or 6.93 percent)
- Hold a forum on the issue with kids and their parents (26 votes or 25.74 percent)
- Ban kayakers and boats from traveling under the bridge (5 votes or 4.95 percent)
- Ask the town to install a deterrent such as a higher fence on the bridge (12 votes or 11.88 percent)

The poll is not meant to be scientific. We did discover that a reader could only vote once from an IP (Internet protocol) address – so it would be difficult to "stuff the ballot box!"

Also as pointed out by some readers, we should have included a "none of the above option" or a response option to the effect, that bridge jumping is really a "non-issue." This was our first poll and we hope to improve as we go along!

We think the polls are a fun and interactive way to engage our readers. We hope you agree.

We are open to suggestions for more polls! Email mford@cnc.com with your ideas.

See the box below for this week's poll on why people don't pick up after their dogs.

Join the debate and take our on line poll!



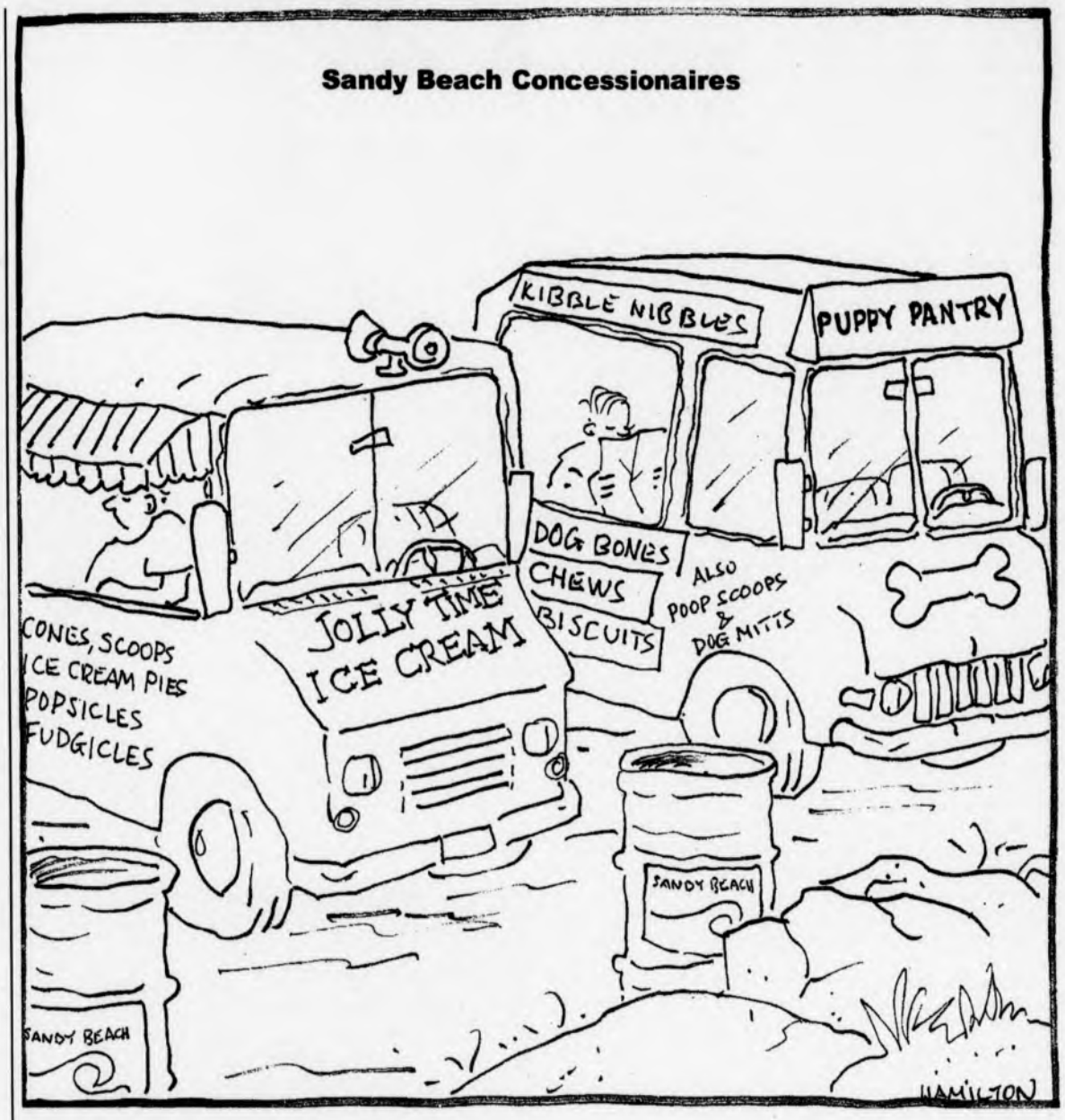
Why don't people pick up after their dogs?

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MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Alternative Energy Committee, Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, July 28, 7 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, July 30, 7:15 p.m.
Library Trustees, Aug. 12, 7 p.m. at the Library.
Planning Board, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m.
Selectmen, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, July 29, 6 p.m.
School Committee, Aug. 20, 7 p.m. at the high school
Water Commission, Aug. 14 at 6 p.m.
ZBA, Aug. 5, 7 p.m.
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sandy Beach and dog poop

TO THE EDITOR

Last week's front-page article on the above subject is a tempest in a teapot. I regularly take my two cocker spaniels to Sandy Beach during the off-season and pick-up after them, other dog droppings, as well as flotsam and jetsam. Once, the weather improves and families begin to enjoy the beach, I take my dogs elsewhere.

We are blessed with many nearby walking trails, Bare Cove - best entrance opposite SS Country Club/Hingham Train Station as well as Stodder's Neck Park, Off Route 3A on the right heading north with Lowe's on the left-beyond the Park are my personal favorites. The rule should be simple: Dogs can use Sandy Beach from Nov 1 through April 30. The beach would be totally off-limits to dogs from May 1 through Oct. 30, 24 hours/seven days a week/including inclement weather days. Sadly, even if "doggy bags" are available, 10 to 20 percent of dog owners will never pick-up after their pets.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

Parking plan on Elm St. should be curbed!

TO THE EDITOR:

If you didn't see the last selectmen's meeting, the board made a decision 4 in favor (Carr, Koed, Carlson, and Dormitzer) to 1 (Quigley) to allow parking on the north side of Elm street. Now I don't know about you but putting the convenience of the merchants in front of public safety just doesn't sit well with me. It would be one thing if it was to make it easier for patrons to shop in town, but it's not.

The fire equipment has a hard enough time getting down the street without cars parked half on the side walk and half on the street. What's going to happen when the snow is piled up in the middle of the winter? As it is now, two people can't even walk down the street side by side, without one having to stop and walk around the vehicles.

The solution is to paint a white line down the sidewalk and the car can not park over it. It sounds like, to me, the four on the board are setting the town up for a potential laws suit in the sue happy world we live in.

At the end of the night the idea was floated that if the solution they came up with doesn't work — *that is if there are enough complaints come into the selectman* **in writing** – Elm Street, from Brook to Main will become a one way. Seems a long way to go to for three parking spaces.

If this bothers you as much as me, please send your complaint to 41 Highland Ave. in care of the Board of Selectmen, (not selectwomen!)

Roger Q. Hill
19A Highland Ave.

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HEALTH NOTES

Mutt Mitts are located around town

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In January of 2000, responding to numerous complaints about dog droppings on walking paths and beside frequently traveled public roads, the Board of Health enacted a dog nuisance abatement regulation applicable to "any person who owns, possess, cares for or controls a dog". The person must "take every precaution to not permit his or her dog to defecate on any sidewalk, street, parking lot or any other public place." Further, the regulation "pertains to private property not owned by the above person."

If the dog owner hasn't read the regulation and for some reason violates it, the owner is further ordered to "remove any fecal matter deposited on a public place or on private property not owned by that person" and see to it that it is "properly disposed of."

The regulation goes on to levy fines up to $50 for multiple offenses. Further, it does not apply to any dog accompanying a disabled person, who because of disability is unable to comply with its requirements.

It's very comforting for those who walk in Town to see folks with dogs holding a Mutt Mitt and plastic bag in their hand; sort of a badge of honor.

Recognizing that individuals unaware of this regulation find themselves unprepared to carry out these provisions, the Board of Health has placed at convenient locations in high dog-traffic areas a means of dispensing "Mutt Mitts" for coping with and disposing of ones dog's transgressions. These Mutt Mitt stations are always placed near trash barrels.

The Town has issued licenses to upwards of 600 dogs. However, according to Animal Control, there are ***many*** more. It's very comforting for those who walk in Town to see folks with dogs holding a Mutt Mitt and plastic bag in their hand; sort of a badge of honor. The Board of Health maintains Mutt Mitts in at least five places in Town with the Trustees of Reservations maintaining them at Wheelwright Park and Turkey Hill. Other places where they can be found are Town Hall, Parker Avenue, Government Island, and at the Aaron River Reservoir. The Mutt Mitt station at Sandy Beach alone has to be refilled about every 6 days. The Board of Health pays for Mutt Mitts and Paul Murphy, the Animal Control Officer, provides regular replacement.

The Town uses an astonishing number of Mutt Mitts necessitating the replacement of more than 50 in the space of a week at high traffic stations such as Sandy Beach and the Common.

I wonder if there is anyone who hasn't had to clean a shoe after stepping in a dog dropping. We do what we can, but it seems to be one of life's perennial annoyances.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Board of Health.

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Bridge completion by school start

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush Bound Brook Bridge — This past week we ventured down to the end of South Main Street to Country Way in Scituate. As you may recall, this road is closed just before North Scituate so that the MBTA can construct a bridge over Bound Brook. This area is a veritable hubbub of activity with Cashman working extended hours to meet their projected schedule of completion before the start of school. The accompanying photo shows the excavator digging material so that a foundation can be constructed for the new bridge. Although it is hard to see from the photo, the excavator is digging down through about five feet of water. Each bucket of muck that is raised brings with it a like amount of water. Before it can be dumped in the truck, located behind the excavator, the operator must wait for the water to drain out. Overall, the progress appeared to be a bit slow and difficult.

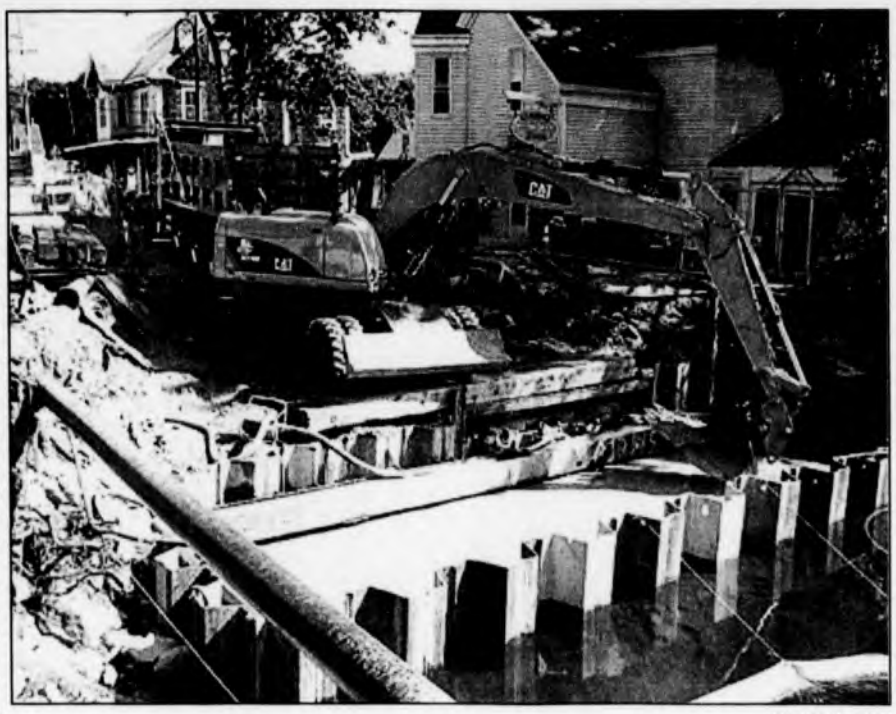
Greenbush Route 3A at Lower King Street — Work continues widening Route 3A to add an additional lane. Construction has slowed a bit this past week. We understand that there have been discussions between the Project and Mass Highway Department over some small construction changes. When this is resolved, we expect more vigorous construction to resume.

Greenbush tidership — As is our custom, we periodically visit the Cohasset Greenbush station and count the number of cars as a rough measure of ridership. We would guess that the recent drop in cars is due principally to this being the peak of the vacation season. We'll check it again after school resumes.

Little Harbor Project — We have the feeling that next week another very long-suffering residential area will be a lot happier. We are making plans to pave Nichols Road. After living through water work, sewer work, drainage and then gas line work, a paved surface should be very welcomed. As we have mentioned before, this paving will only be a base coat of asphalt. The topcoat will be placed, next year after the road has had a chance to settle. The base coat will be very similar to the work done on Deep Run two weeks ago. Hopefully, Nichols Road will be paved next week. The side roads off of Nichols will be paved later once testing of the new services is completed.

We sometimes get questions regarding why the Greenbush Guys, as we are known around Town Hall, are working on this project. After all, this work is not closely aligned to the railroad. First, we are assistants to the Town Manager and from time to time he has asked us to work on a variety of other technical issues around Town. A number of times we have worked hand in hand with the DPW to assist them with their construction needs. That happens to be the case with the Little Harbor Project.

As anyone can easily figure out, after the construction is completed, the roads need to be put back together and paved. It turns out that Cohasset belongs to a group called the South Shore Regional Services Consortium (SSRSC). This group assembles the paving and other routine construction requirements from all of their member towns. Using these large quantities the consortium goes out to bid for the best price for these construction items. The end result is through the SSRSC the Town has access substantially better prices than each town could possibly get on its own. In fact, the prices for paving are usually better than a contractor can get for a single project. As a result, the Town DPW is purchasing the paving and the Greenbush Guys are working hand in glove with the DPW and the Little Harbor Project to make it all work.



COURTESY PHOTO

Excavating for the bridge footing.

Sample Date	# of Cars
Opening Day Oct. 31, 2007	75
Nov. 20, 2007	130
Dec. 4, 2007	152
Dec. 11, 2007	169
Jan 7, 2008	165
Feb 14, 2008	164
April 15, 2008	183
June 10, 2008	178
July 23, 2008	150

The latest car count in the Greenbush parking lot.

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Mark Brennan, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Engineering, Email: cgbengineering@townofcohasset.org
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When Nantasket was swinging

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



In my continuing campaign to sample the luncheon offerings of every restaurant on the South Shore before I depart for the big fast food outlet in the sky, I found myself last week at Nantasket Beach, once an old haunt of mine, though not necessarily for the food.

The parking lot was full but the strollers on the Boulevard were few.

"Not many people around," I observed as we pulled into an open parking place in front of Schooner's, the restaurant we were sampling that day.

"Probably too early," said my friend. "They'll be around tonight."

That's not the way I remember it.

Paragon Park employed various acts like sway poles, tank divers and trapeze artists and one of the more popular was the Flying Lamarrs.

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth, I worked on the Beach in Paragon Park during the summers of '50 and '51. I was in college at the time and my uncle was picking up the tab but his generosity extended only so far and some of us had to hustle in the summer months to make ends meet.

It seemed like there was always something doing at the park in those days. Nantasket, particularly Paragon Park, was a swinging place.

We had three concessions, Skee Ball, Pokerino and a Greyhound Race. The owners were Larry Stone and Abe Feldman. The bosses were Red Dennehy and Harold Feldman. Red kept watch on Harold for Larry and Harold kept watch on Red for Abe.

My favorite was the Greyhound Race. Players put a dime in a tip tray and once four contestants were entered and the tray tipped, the players worked a lever to bounce a ball through a square hoop and move their greyhounds up a board while one of us called the race over a microphone.

I still remember the opening spiel — "Tally ho and there they go! Off again at Greyhound! Who's gonna be the lucky winner this time?"

Actually, there were times when luck didn't have any role in it. The greyhounds operated on a rheostat and if one player was so successful that he was driving the marks away, the man on the mike would signal his assistant who would go behind the board and turn down the rheostat on that particular dog.

I met Joey Bishop, the comedian, one of those summers, although I don't know if you could call it a meeting.

Paragon Park employed various acts like sway poles, tank divers and trapeze artists and one of the more popular was the Flying Lamarrs. I got to know the catcher fairly well, the catcher being the guy who caught whichever Lamarr happened to be flying at the time.

The Mayflower, one of the old Nantasket steamboats, had been beached on the bayside, renamed the Showboat, and opened as a nightclub. Joey Bishop was playing the Showboat and the catcher happened to know him from somewhere so we had to go see him.

He greeted the catcher warmly, then looked at me quizzically.

"He with the act?" he asked.

"Park help," said the catcher.

Joey Bishop lost interest in me.

After lunch we drove down the Boulevard toward Kenberma and I looked for the places I used to know so well. The American House, gone. Jimmy Karalekas' hot dog stand and souvenir shop, gone. And Paragon Park, gone, replaced by high rise condos.

All that remains is Joseph's, the place where we used to get the fried clams. Fascination and Playland, our competitors in those days nearly 60 years ago.

And the Merry-go-round, which used to be inside the park, now preserved as a relic of the days when crowds brought life to Nantasket Beach, even at lunch time.

Time to change our motoring ways

TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE COHASSET

JOANN MIRISE

The business of coming and going has recently gotten a lot more complicated. How we choose to get around, we now know, has a particularly toxic effect on our environment. Lately, the consequence has been to our wallets. Gas prices have soared, and even more alarming is that the increasing cost of fuel is not simply a short-term problem. Many people forget that oil is a finite resource. Our insatiable hunger for it finally has reached the point where demand is outstripping supply. As a result, the ease and convenience of supporting our sprawling lifestyle is being challenged.

Take a look at any major highway during rush hour though, and it is evident there is little thought toward change — millions of cars, mostly with single occupants who are wasting hours of their life in traffic to get to jobs that are needed to support our big American ways. It seems as if we don't care.

But many of us do care. And we are ready to make changes. How to go about change is where things get sticky. However, the bottom line is that choosing how to get around, when to get around and even if we should be getting around at all, is one facet that each of us can control right now.

There has been a lot of information in the media on ways we can save money, increase fuel economy and decrease our carbon emissions. These suggestions are invaluable, but it's time to raise the volume and get more creative.

Consider, for example, the following useful common tips – with a twist:

1) **Common tip:** Commute to work by public transportation. **Twist:** Think about ways to not have to commute at all. Propose telecommuting at least a day or two a week. Do a cost analysis of starting a home or local office. Consider moving closer to work even if this means a big life change. Perhaps a lifestyle that made sense a year ago, does not make sense looking forward.

2) **Common tip:** Ride a bike and/or walk more. **Twist:** Nearly half of all trips in the U.S. are three miles or less, and a quarter of these trips are less than a mile – distances easily doable by bike. In decent weather, traveling al fresco is delightful and invigorating. But the joy ends when the route feels dangerous or overly challenging. Carving bike paths along the major thoroughfares through towns and cities, and proposing bylaws to support safety and efficiency will increase ridership.

3) **Common tip:** Trade-in a gas-guzzler for an economy car. **Twist:** Owning a car is an "entitlement" that most of us just presume. When is the last time we questioned if we even need to own a car? Car sharing networks like Zip Car are appearing even in suburban communities, challenging us to think about the high costs of car ownership versus other ways of getting around. Even downsizing the number of cars per family is an option that can have a significant financial, social and environmental impact.

4) **Common tip:** Chose trains instead of airplanes for shorter travel. **Twist:** Our public transportation system in the U.S. is abysmal. Train travel is not even an option for a huge swath of the country. Our train system needs a complete overhaul. Other public transit methods need to be explored — light rail, streetcars, Jetson-style people movers, even the age-old rickshaw — whatever it takes. Our leaders need to hear this again and again until something is done.

If the energy experts are correct, even a combination of these alternatives will still not support the infrastructure cheap oil has created. Conservation is still the clear winner.

5) **Common tip:** Buy a hybrid. **Twist:** All available alternative fuel technologies — including hybrid electric, diesel/biodiesel, ethanol, and natural gas — still have many drawbacks that need to be addressed; e.g., hybrid battery replacement and disposal, and food supply/pricing issues related to ethanol production. If the energy experts are correct, even a combination of these alternatives will still not support the infrastructure cheap oil has created. Conservation is still the clear winner.

6) **Common tip:** Eco-travel. **Twist:** Stay home. While this seems simple it takes a concerted effort to reverse our habitual on-the-go mentality. Try it anyway. Hang out with neighbors. Read. Make love. Tinker in the garage. Play cards with the kids. Plant a garden.

For most of us, determining how to run our lives less dependent on our cars is not a simple task. Not having a clearly superior alternative to driving, however, could be seen as a good thing. Instead of continuing on as happy motoring Americans, we will be forced to make some deeper behavioral changes. Perhaps instead of the focus being on the comings and goings of daily life, we might actually start living more meaningfully in the time between.

JoAnn Mirise lives and writes in Cohasset.

LIBRARY CORNER

Book group talks about 'Mary Modern'

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of Camille Deangelis' book "Mary Modern" at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 30. The group is free and open to all. Contact reference librarian Gayle Walsh to reserve a copy of the book.

Elderhostel's Adventure in Lifelong Learning – Discover the travel experiences available with Elderhostel at 7 p.m., on Thursday, July 31, during a discussion at the library of the different programs offered including the new Road Scholar program, geared toward travelers older than 21. The program is free. Call the library for more information.

Movie Matinee – Cool off at the library Movie Matinee at 11 a.m., on Friday, Aug. 1. The feature film will be "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" starring Spencer Tracy, Edie Adams, Milton Berle and a large comical cast.. Free admission and free refreshments courtesy of Friends of the Library. 154 minutes; 1963; rated G.

Computer Help – Want to send an email but don't know how? Interested in learning how to search the library's database for books? Reference librarian Gail Walsh will be happy to schedule some time with patrons who need help. Call the library for an appointment.

FOR CHILDREN

Drop In Story Time – Friday, July 25, at 10:30 p.m. Join others for Big Book adventures, music and movement. All ages and communities welcome.

Family Movie Night – Join others in the Meeting Room at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 28, to see "The Bee Movie." Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited to 60 participants. "The Bee Movie" is animated and features the voices of: Jerry Seinfeld, Renee Zellweger and Chris Rock. DreamWorks animation; directed by Simon J. Smith and Steve Hickner Rated PG; 90 minutes; 2007. Barry B. Benson, a bee who just graduated from college, is disillusioned with his only job prospect, honey. When he ventures outside of the hive he breaks a cardinal rule and talks to a human, a florist named Vanessa, and is shocked to find out that humans have been stealing bees honey for centuries and decides to sue them in this animated comedy. Movie site license sponsored by Friends of the Cohasset Library and Cohasset Town Democratic Committee.

Online Wild Reads – A new online version of Wild Reads @ Your Library is now available. Go to cohassetlibrary.org and click on Wild Reads online to register. Those using the site can log time and titles online and submit book reviews. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Cohasset Library, MRLS and MBLC. Click on Calendar for a complete list of events and activities. Families that read together provide the strongest model for future readers.

Alex the Jester – Tuesday, July 29, 6 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Alex the Jester is a unique, creative, and hilarious performer. For more information visit Alex the Jester's Web site at alexthejester.com. Free tickets are available.

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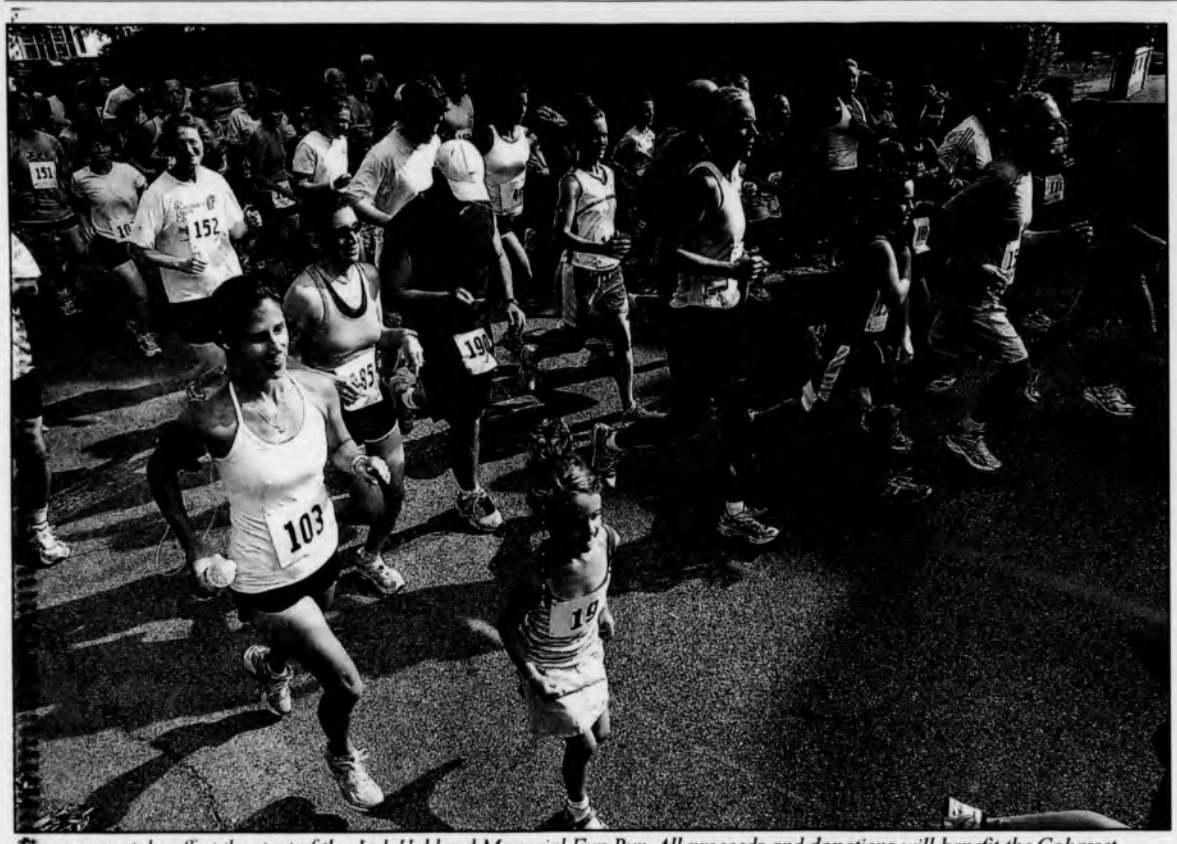
Check out the Web

Check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

- On-line poll about why people do not pick up after their dogs!
- Video of David Wadsworth talking about the Cohasset Maritime Museum
- Pet of the Week Video: meet Vickee is a 6- to 9-month-old domestic shorthair cat who was left at the back door of the shelter with three kittens
- Updates and photo galleries throughout the week

Brush chipping day changes

Residential brush will be accepted at the D.P.W. parking area on the following Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. July 26, Aug. 30 and Sept. 27. No trees over 5 feet in diameter. No stumps, firewood, briars or weeds. No contractors.



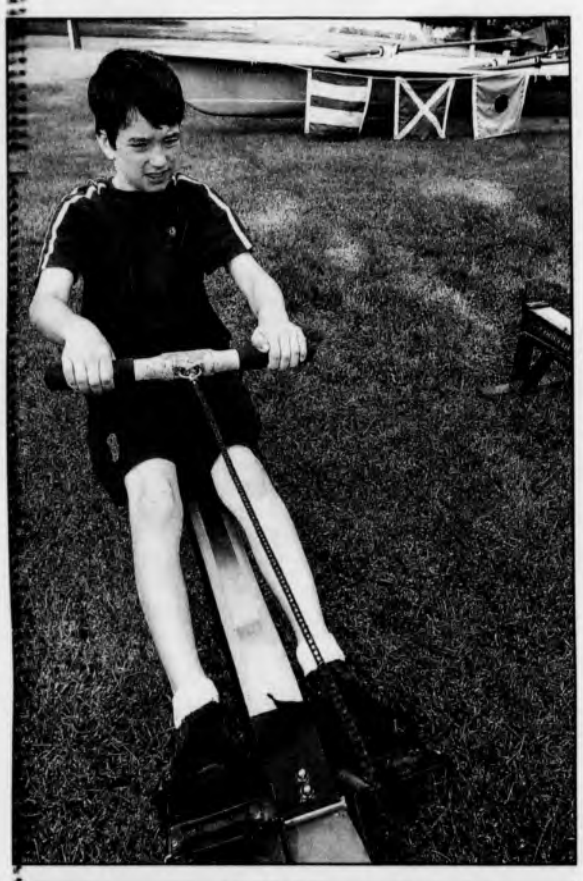
The runners take off at the start of the Jack Hubbard Memorial Fun Run. All proceeds and donations will benefit the Cohasset Maritime Institute's (CMI) mission to provide a Cohasset community rowing program with access to the water for all.



Susan Bryant of Cohasset embraces June Hubbard, widow of Jack Hubbard, before the christening ceremony after the 5K Fun Run. Susan won the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in 1987, the biggest race in North America, and carried her medal from that race with her during the fun run as a tribute to Jack.

Honoring Jack Hubbard's legacy

Fun run supports CMI rowing program





Brendan Murphy, 4 right, of Scituate gives a hand to his uncle Thomas Bonboy of Scituate, as he crosses the finish line in Saturday's 5K Jack Hubbard Fun Run.



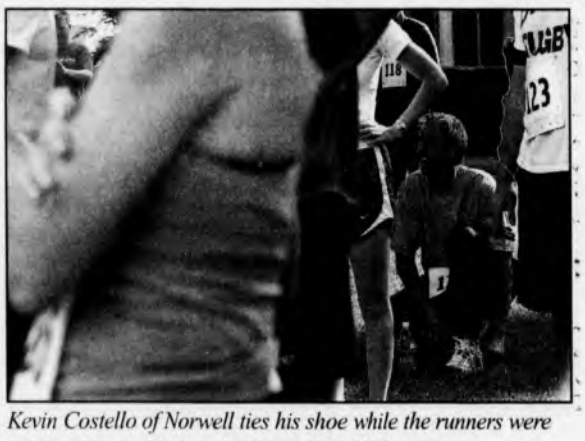
(Above) Cohasset native Debbie Power of Carlisle stretches out at the flagpole on the Common with her daughter Olivia Cooney, 19. (Left) Seamus Sheehy, 8, of Cohasset tries his hand at rowing before the start of the fun run. The morning's festivities also included an awards ceremony and christening of the "Jack Hubbard" 28-foot ocean gig that will become part of the CMI fleet.



Diane Shipp of Cohasset spells out "Finish" for the runners while getting the course ready for the 5K Jack Hubbard Memorial Fun Run.



Ellie Baumgarten of Cohasset sprints up North Main Street for the final loop around the Common. For more photos, see sports.



Kevin Costello of Norwell ties his shoe while the runners were being addressed before the start of the 5K fun run.

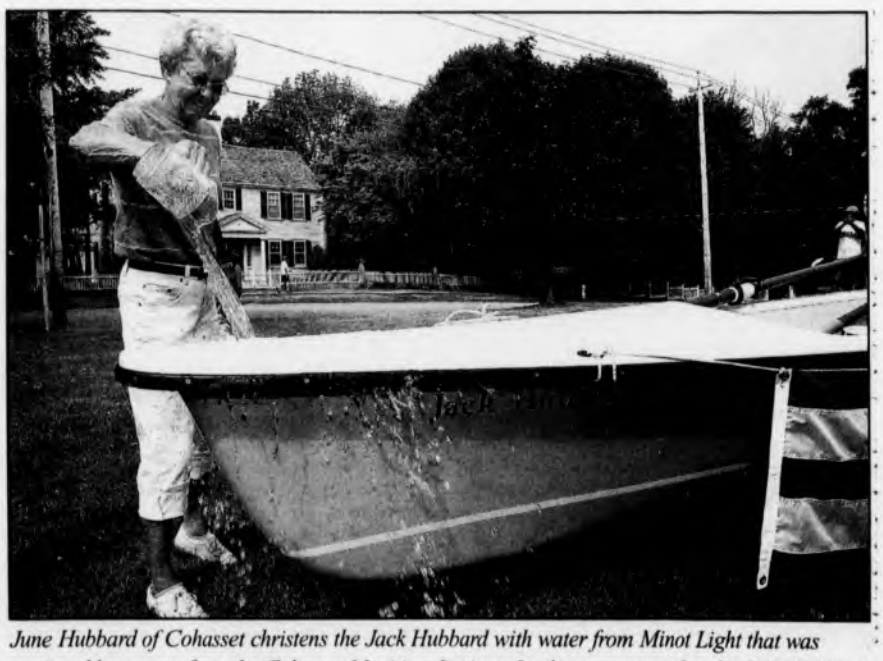


Ray Fell, 81, of Whitman and oldest runner in the Jack Hubbard Fun Run, runs down Highland Avenue as he makes his way around the Common for the final lap.

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Jack Buckley, a past president of CMI, introduces the Hubbard family from left to right, John Hubbard of Burlington, Sarah (Hubbard) Krieger of Cambridge, Peter Hubbard of Chelsea, and June Hubbard, after the fun run in Jack's memory on Saturday.



June Hubbard of Cohasset christens the Jack Hubbard with water from Minot Light that was retrieved by rowers from the Cohasset Maritime Institute for the ceremony after the Jack Hubbard Memorial Fun Run on Saturday.

Cohasset Day is Sept. 20

Register early for bike parade and mini-tri

Planning is in full swing for the first-ever Cohasset Day. The fun-filled, action packed event will be held on Saturday, September 20. From 1 to 8p.m., the Village and Common will turn into a celebration of all Cohasset has to offer.

As the plans begin to gel, the organizers are looking for community involvement. There will be myriad activities for kids (and adults) and some require registration.

Decorated bike parade

Cohasset kids are invited to join in the decorated bike parade down South Main St. in the village. Bikes must be decorated and there will be prizes for the most creatively decorated bikes. Each bike will be given a registration number for judging. To register, e-mail Christine Cunning at c.cunning@comcast.net. Please include the full name of participant, his/her age and contact information (address, phone and e-mail address). Registrations for this parade should be made ASAP but no later than September 10. Mention "Bicycle Parade" in email subject.

Mini-Triathlon

The organizers of the Cohasset Triathlon are putting on a mini-triathlon just for kids ages 6 to 13. The course will have the kids run, bike and then run again. Unlike a traditional triathlon, there will be no swimming leg. Please include the full name of participant, his/her age and contact information (address, phone and e-mail address).

Classic Car Concours

The first annual Cohasset Classic Concours is a featured parade event scheduled to start on S. Main Street at 2p.m. Cars will drive along S. Main to and around the common and return and park in the village for all to get an up close look.

Event organizers encourage the local owners of antique and classic touring, racing or sports cars to register. Interested participants should e-mail Peter Brown at pbrown@campanelli.com for a registration form. Cost of entry is $25, which covers lunch and event costs.

Sponsors

Cohasset Day needs local sponsors. Businesses can sign on for a "Minot Light 1.4.3" contribution ($1,000), a "Cohasset Harbor" contribution ($500). Cohasset restaurants interested in serving their fare at Cohasset Day must sign up. Sponsors and restaurants must commit by July 31 in order to be placed on promotional materials. Checks for Sponsorship contributions are made to the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 336, Cohasset, MA 02025. Check Memo: "Cohasset Day Sponsorship".

Cohasset Day is an initiative of the Economic Development Committee in partnership with the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce.

First annual Cohasset Day program

On Saturday, Sept. 20, the Town of Cohasset will hold its first annual Cohasset Day – a celebration of all that is Cohasset.

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

- 12:40 to 1 p.m. St. Stephens Carillon by Mary Kennedy
- 1 to 1:30 p.m. Decorated bicycle parade on South Main St., between Brook Street and Depot Court. Registration required.
- 1:30 to 2 p.m. Soccer and other athletic teams parade on South Main St.
- 2 to 3 p.m. First annual Cohasset Classic Car Concours starts at noon with a social gathering at 38 Atlantic Avenue lawn. At 1:30 p.m. cars will proceed north on Atlantic Avenue to Jerusalem Road to North Main Street to Sohier Street to Depot Street to set up at 2 p.m. in the municipal parking lot. The cars will parade from Brook Street down South Main St. to the Common, around the Common and back to settle along South Main Street in parked positions until 4 p.m.
- 3 to 5 p.m. Fun games for all ages, a mini triathlon for kids between the ages of 6-13. Registration required.
- 4 to 7 p.m. dinner on South Main St., between Brook Street and Depot Court. Served by Cohasset restaurants, eateries and Cohasset based food purveyors.
- 4 to 6 p.m. Country music, with Jim Armstrong's band at the corner of South Main and Elm streets.
- 5 to 6 p.m. Special recognitions. Prizes to all winners. Media coverage.
- 6 to 8 p.m. Dancing on the street with live band, corner of South Main and Elm streets.

During the afternoon session, several "side-shows" will go on:

- Art exhibits on South Main St., organized by the South Shore Art Center with local artists in attendance
- Special Farmer's Market on E. side of Jason St., by the church.
- Cohasset Historical Society will open both houses to the public, on Elm Street, for the entire day.
- Fashion shows on South Main, organized by local boutiques
- Special displays at discounted prices on sidewalks of South Main, by local gift stores.
- Live music with various small bands along South Main St.

Commemorative "First Annual Cohasset Day, 2008" T-shirts on sale on South Main Street shops

Weir River Watershed events

Estuary Outing Walks: Sunday, July 27, 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 2, 10 a.m., and Sunday, Aug. 24, 2 p.m. Meet at the Estuary Center, 333 George Washington Blvd. Discover Hull's Secret Woods and other places. The outing will be designed to fit the interests and abilities of the group. Sponsored by the Hull Land Conservation Trust.



BRIEFLY

Lack of ticketing

Some residents have told Selectmen Karen Quigley there is a lack of ticketing in the areas of Government Island and Parker Ave./Mariner's Landing. She said non-stickered cars are taking up spaces and leaving no room for residents' cars with stickers. On Sunday night around 7p.m. she counted about half of the cars were non-resident cars. Town Manager Bill Griffin said he would speak to Police Chief James Hussey about ticketing more often.

New ZBA member

The Board of Selectmen has named local attorney Susan Kent an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Zoning Board member Barbara Powers resigned from the board.

Kent said she would bring 23 years experience as a practicing attorney and 22 years as an interested town resident.

"I think (the ZBA) would be a good fit for me," said Kent. Kent has been fairly active in town government, serving two terms on the Advisory Committee and a committee created to examine the Town Manager Act.

"I think you would be a great addition to the board," said Selectman Karen Quigley. The board approved the appointment unanimously.

End of year transfers

The Town of Cohasset is in the process of closing out the books for fiscal 2008. Finance Director Michael Buckley and Town Manager Bill Griffin recommended the Board of Selectmen approve several end of the year transfers to take care of predicted end of year shortfalls.

Under Massachusetts law, the approval by the Advisory Committee is required for both reserve fund and budget transfers, while the approval of the Board of Selectmen is only required for the budget transfers.

The Selectmen approved the transfer of $85,753 from the health insurance budget surplus to several other budget accounts. The biggest piece went to the deficit in the legal account ($23,460).

The total amount of transfers ($185,720, including the reserved fund and health insurance transfer) represents approximately one-half of a percent of the fiscal 2008 operating budget of $35,385,541.



BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Karopey, 26 Rustic Dr., $1,500, replace rotting wood on 16 by 20 foot deck, no excavation; Karoff, 19 Border St., $20,000, expand existing 12 foot by 10 foot existing footprint to 22 feet by 17 feet per plans; Legge, 419 So. Main St., $2,000, 14 foot by 18 foot deck; McNary, 355 Atlantic Ave., $7,000, remove roof section, two wall sections of existing garage approximately 8 foot by 10 foot section; Wendorf, 24 Cedar St., $4,750, build a 12 foot by 16 foot and 12 foot by 14 foot deck off garage; Kennedy, 44 James Lane, $4,600, build deck on existing house; Kehoe, 28 Bayberry Lane, $10,000, new front door to living room and 5 foot by 18 foot deck; D'Andrea, 210 Lambert's Lane, $5,000, build wine cellar; Deane, 90 Gammons Road, $46,000, install rail system to mount solar array and solar photo voltaic system.

Stebbins, 35 Elm Ct., $40,000, demolish existing front foyer, rebuild on same footprint; Donze, 9 Parker Ave., $40,000, add bath and bedroom over existing family room; Jackson, 29 Cushing Road, $10,900, remove and replace blue board throughout house, re-plaster, re-install all trim; Hall, 313 No. Main St., $9,600, replace 13 windows and four exterior doors, repair clapboard and farmers porch as needed, gut kitchen; TAJA Realty, 449 Jerusalem Road, $11,000, demolish existing structure, build new 6,086 square-foot single-family residence; South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, $6,000, four tents on Cohasset Common from June 10 through 16; O'Day, 14 Hill St., $4,000 , two squares cedar siding, remove and replace three windows in existing openings; Kravette, 93 Ripley Road, $2,000, two replacement windows and one new window.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The upside and downside of wind power

TO THE EDITOR:

The presentation on wind power last Wednesday evening, July 16, was enjoyed by a receptive and enthusiastic audience, as the subject well deserves. Certainly we need to reduce the use of fossil fuels by improved efficiency of energy use – conservation – and by exploiting every alternative source of energy.

About 50 percent of our electricity is generated by coal, much to the detriment of the environment. "Clean coal" means only that it is less dirty than as formerly used. Although little oil is used these days for electricity generation, transportation is about 96 percent dependent on it, and space heating over 20 percent. Obviously, our economic and political bondage to the oil producing nations – from which we import about 70 percent of our oil – is like the sword of Damocles, and it is imperative to reduce the risks of that bondage.

So the upside of wind and of other renewables is that they can and will considerably reduce our bondage to oil and reduce the environmental damage caused. by burning coal, petroleum products and natural gas. Unfortunately, the feasible total from renewables will be far from sufficiently reducing our use of fossil fuels, even with the maximum probable reductions of energy use achieved by conservation.

The downside is that the potential – real or imagined – contribution of wind and other renewables provides an excuse for our politicians to duck the hard decisions and strong leadership necessary to expand our nuclear-electric generating capacity, the only source capable of the massive energy infusions needed to reduce significantly the environmental effects of fossil fuels and our oil-import bondage. It is only a matter of time before vehicles are propelled by electricity, at first partially but soon almost totally, thus vastly increasing our electric generation requirements.

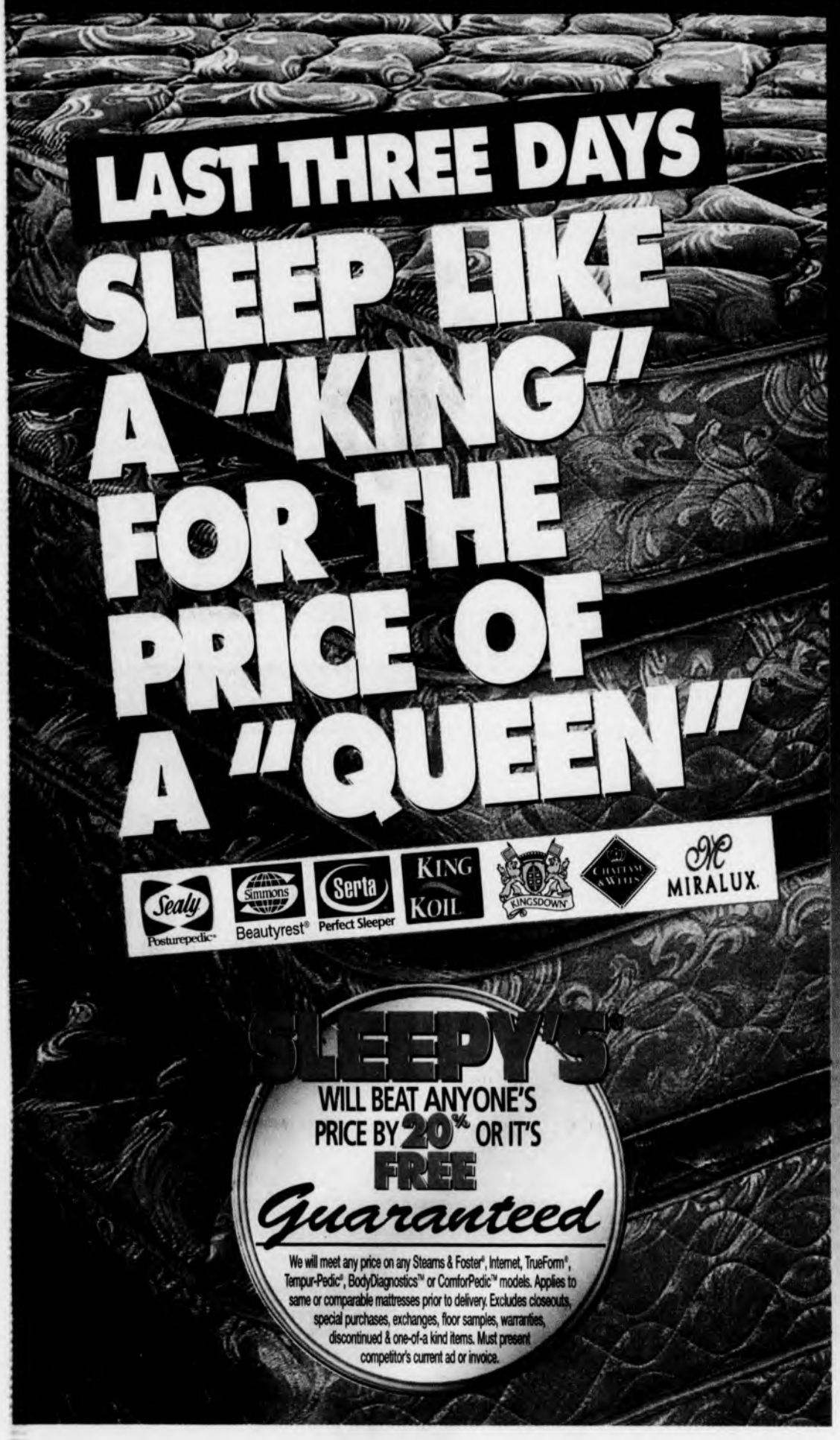
The politicians, and the entrenched bureaucracies, and too many utility executives, would be less prone to duck the nuclear issue if the public were not inclined to use the same excuse – irrational exuberance about the potential of renewables – reinforced by misinformation about nuclear waste and safety.

By all means, get all we can from renewables, because they are, next to energy efficiency, the best source of all. But that is no excuse to ignore the quantitative realities, and to avoid doing what must be done. The Asiatic countries are demonstrating the pragmatism we need to emulate, and will come to regret if we don't.

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On the South Shore

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Walpole bats too much in series clincher

Season ends for Post 118 after making playoffs for first time since 2004

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset/Scituate Post 118 Legion baseball team knew what they were getting into when they qualified for the final playoff spot in the District 6 East playoffs. Walpole came into the best two-out-of-three playoff series 21-0, Monday, and left 23-0, after a 4-2 win at home Monday and a 9-1 win at Scituate, Tuesday.

"Basically, [I told them] I was proud of them," Post 118 coach Greg Taylor said after the game. "They fought real hard to make the playoffs. When we started off at the beginning of the season that was our goal, to make the playoffs and see what we could do. I just told them to hold their heads up high."

After Brian Hill pitched well enough to get a win in the series opener, and Post 118 missed on some opportunities to take the game, Walpole came into Scituate and showed off with its bats. Billy Hickey, Ricky Graham and John Phelan each hit home runs in the top of the first off Post 118's Brendan Doonan.

The message was sent early. Doonan made it to the top of the fifth inning, and Sam DeGiacomo relieved him, allowing one inherited runner to score, making it 5-1. Doonan reached a pitch count near 100, so Taylor pulled him from the game.

The coach was impressed with how his 15-year old hurler from Cohasset High School settled down after the unsettling start.

"[Doonan's] 15 but he's got the maturity of an 18, 20-year old," Taylor said. "He's got all the talent in the world and as he grows in baseball, he will learn how to use it to his advantage."

Walpole struck with the big bats again in the sixth, putting the game out of reach. Phelan hit his second home run of the game, a three run shot, and Pat Nicholson hit his first, giving Walpole a 9-1 lead.

Taylor quickly pointed out that Walpole is a good team. And for his guys, he couldn't stress enough how proud he is of their season.

"I'm real proud of them," he said. "I stressed that [afterwards]. All year no one ever quit. It's tough, summer baseball. People have jobs, vacations, this, that and the other thing. A lot of kids, they could have folded early and said, 'you know, see you later,' go to the beach or whatever. But they stuck around and played hard so I'm just proud."

Post 118 Game Notes

Cohasset/Scituate will lose a few players off next year's team, including Tim McGrath, Kyle Pinkus, Marcus Joyce and Brian Hill. For a few of those Cohasset High kids, Tuesday marked the last time they will play organized ball together.

After Little League gave way to high school ball and a senior season that included the first South Shore League title in over four decades, it was fitting that the Post 118 Legion team made the playoffs after a bit of a drought.

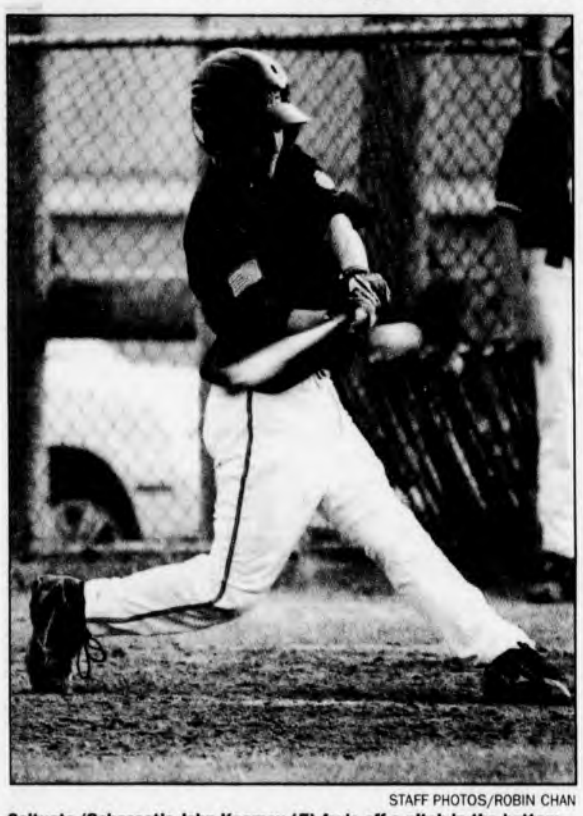
"We've been playing together since we were eight years old, it's enjoyable," said Cohasset's Brian Hill. "It's been a good ten years and carrying over from the high school season when we had the same thing. We made the playoffs for the first time. We had a good group of guys and when we were all together we had a special team."

Tommy Chase, the Post 118 shortstop, will be running down balls in the hole at Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana next season for the Fighting Irish. He capped off a great spring and summer that included a Division 1 state championship at BC High and a Legion playoff appearance.

"[This season was] surprisingly good," he said. "We exceeded expectations and we made the playoffs for the first time in a long time."

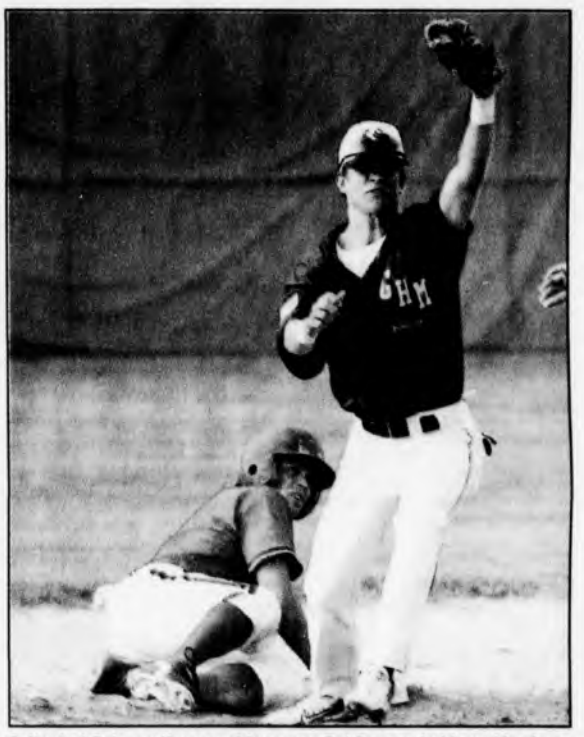


Scituate/Cohasset shortstop Tommy Chase (18) snares a hard grounder to his right before getting the 6-3 putout in the top of the fourth inning of their game against Walpole in the Legion playoffs. Chase, a Cohasset resident and Boston College High School alumni, will be heading to play baseball at Notre Dame in the fall.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Scituate/Cohasset's John Keamey (5) fouls off a pitch in the bottom of the fourth inning of their loss to Walpole, Tuesday.



Scituate/ Cohasset's second baseman Pat Doonan holds up his glove to show the umpire that he still had the ball after they had caught a Walpole runner napping at second base in the top of the fourth inning.

Salerno helps Southeast win gold

Cohasset High shortstop brings top game to Bay State's

By Joel Racicot
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Carly Salerno, you are not in the South Shore League anymore.

Playing softball for the Southeast squad in the Bay State Games, the Cohasset High School all-star shortstop helped guide her team of fellow all-stars to a gold medal.

"It was awesome," Salerno said. "I went in not knowing anybody so it was a little nerve-wracking at first but the team gelled really well. It's a whole different level of intensity. I've never played at that high a level of competition before."

Southeast defeated Coastal 8-2 in the final. Coastal is made up of players from a hotbed of local softball, the area around New Bedford and Taunton, so the win was all that much bigger for Salerno's Southeast squad. Southeast is comprised of kids from all over the map. Cohasset, Bridgewater and Needham, to name a few.

The gold medal was head coach Bruce Weckworth's first in 12 seasons as a Bay State Games coach. The 14-year Curry College coach enjoyed working with one of Cohasset's best and brightest.

"She is one of the nicest student-athletes I have coached in the last 20 years," Weckworth said. "After every practice and every game she would say, 'thanks coach.' She was very grateful to be out there."

Salerno went 3-for-3 with three RBI and an off the fence double in the title game. She also went 2-for-3 with three RBI in the qualifying game.

"I learned so many new plays and different ways to approach [game] situations," Salerno said.

Salerno, who will be a senior next year, was named as a captain with the other upperclassmen on the team. She carried over her vocal spirit from the Skippers teams she led during the winter and spring sports seasons.

"I'm used to getting people pumped up," Salerno said.

She also made some good friends along the way.

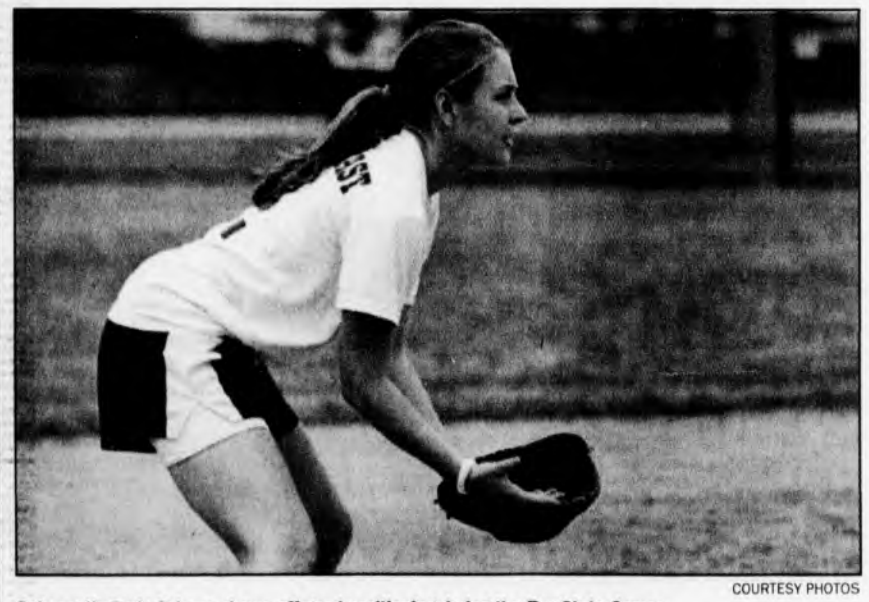
"I'm definitely going to keep in touch with a bunch of them [teammates]," she said. "I made a lot of friendships. It was definitely a positive experience."

The Road to the Gold

Southeast 7, Metro 2

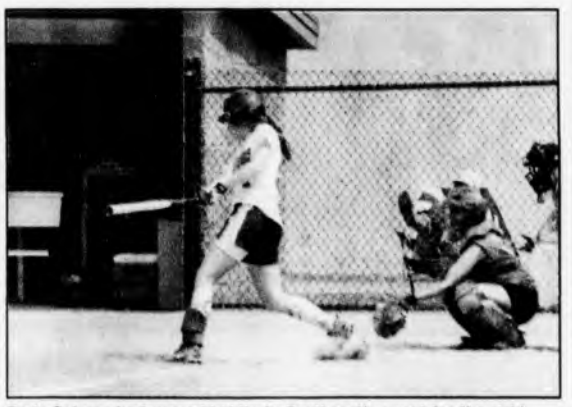
Southeast took care of business against Metro. Barbara Silva (N. Easton; Cardinal Spellman HS) got the start in the circle. She struck out six and

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Cohasset's Carly Salerno shows off good positioning during the Bay State Games.



Carly Salerno had some big hits in Southeast's quest for the gold medal.



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FIRST TEAM

SINGLES



Name: Alex Chin
School: Hingham
Grade: Junior
Stats: The top seed in the South Individual Tourney, Chin reached the quarterfinals with wins over opponents from Natick, Norwell, and Brookline before falling 6-4, 6-3 to Falmouth's No. 1. That loss was his first and only of the season for the junior, who finished at 18-1. Was a virtual guarantee at No. 1 for Hingham, which went 16-0 in the regular season. Just a junior, Chin is ranked 51st in the USTA 18-and-under New England rankings. A two-time Patriot League All-star, expect more good things from Chin next spring.



Name: Rob Ankner
School: Norwell
Grade: Senior
Stats: The backbone of a Norwell High program that just refuses to lose. The top singles player on the Clippers remarkable 15th straight South Shore League title team, Ankner came through with big wins against league rivals, Cohasset and Harwich. Led NHS to the sectional semifinals in 2008 and was named an SSL all-star.



Name: Brayden Minahan
School: Duxbury
Grade: Freshman
Stats: This newcomer burst onto the scene this season and made older players take notice with a solid showing at top singles for the Dragons. Minahan picked up several big wins for Duxbury (10-7) including a three-set win over an opponent from Taunton in the first weekend of play in the South Individuals. Topped his fellow All-Scholastic from Pembroke in three sets despite the team's 3-2 loss to the Titans. Just a freshman, Minahan has a long career ahead of him on the DHS courts.

DOUBLES



Names: Kevin Scott and Stefan Seman
School: Duxbury
Grades: Both seniors
Stats: Arguably the top doubles pair on the South Shore for the past two seasons, Seman and Scott reached the semifinals of the South Individual tourney. The pair finished 16-2 overall this season and were named Patriot League All-stars for the second-straight season. Split matches with fellow All-Scholastics from Hingham, winning on the road in three sets. Duxbury finished 10-7 overall and reached the quarterfinals of the Div. 2 South tourney.



Names: Paul McMorrow and Jordon Tocher
School: Pembroke
Grade: Senior, Junior
Stats: This duo finished 22-1 for the Patriot League Fisher Division champions. Made it to the quarterfinals in the South Sectional individual tennis tournament. "They work fantastic together," said PHS boys tennis coach David Rix. "They are a perfect match, they communicate well and they know each others strengths and weaknesses."

SECOND TEAM

SINGLES



Name: Chris Marrano
School: Pembroke
Grade: Senior
Stats: The two-time Patriot League all-star finished the season with a 14-3 regular season record, 20-4 overall (39-7 career), helping lead the Titans to their second straight Fisher Division crown. Battled some injuries during the regular season but notched a big win in the tournament loss to Apponequet.



Name: Chris Nelson
School: Scituate
Grade: Junior
Stats: Scituate's top singles player made a big impact during his junior campaign. Named to the Patriot League all-star team, Nelson helped the Sailors get into the tournament during the last week of the season, beating his Duxbury and Hanover opponents in must win games. Will be a top player returning next season for the Sailors.



Name: Victor Hartmann
School: Cohasset
Grade: Junior
Stats: Hartmann led the Skippers into the tournament winning against Middleboro and dropping one of the best matches of his high school career to his Dover-Sherborn opponent. The top singles player for CHS, Hartmann was named to the South Shore League all-start team and also won a match at the state individual tournament. Will be a leader next season for what should be a talented group.

DOUBLES



Names: Ryan Johnson and John Ripple
School: Hingham
Grades: Both juniors
Stats: Finished 18-4 this season, reaching the quarterfinals of the South Individual tourney before running into Wellesley, an eventual State finalists. The pair split matches with rival All-Scholastics from Duxbury and were edged in a three-setter by the duo from Pembroke. Also picked up wins over pairs from Norwell, Brookline, and Framingham along the way as the Harbormen went undefeated during the regular season at 16-0 and won the Patriot League title (10-0).



Names: Matt Breen and Geoff Pisarkiewicz
School: Norwell
Grades: Both seniors
Stats: This tandem has worked a lot together over the last two seasons at NHS. Together they helped shore up the first doubles for the Clippers on back-to-back SSL championship teams. In the tournament the pair used experience to it advantage, pulling out a number of big wins over the years, most notably a 2008 win against Bishop Feehan.

HONORABLE MENTION

SINGLES

John Avitable – Sr. – First singles – Hanover

Chandler Semjen – Soph. – Second singles – Hingham

Kenny Weland – Sr. (Capt.) – First singles – Marshfield

Mike Parker – Jr. – Second singles – Scituate

Jay Wright – Jr. – Second singles – Norwell

Ryan Crough – Sr. – Second singles – Cohasset

Matt Lee – Sr. – Second singles – Pembroke

DOUBLES

Ryan Fahey (Sr. Capt.)/**Pat Kelleher** (Soph.)

First doubles – Marshfield

Jack Hubbard Memorial Fun Run



From left to right, John Bryant, Ed Baldry, and Mike Dick try to row 5K while the runners go on their 5K run during the Jack Hubbard Fun Run on Saturday.



Ryan McCullough, 8, of Rockland receives a medal for finishing first in his age group.



Ted Coyle of Scituate approaches the finish line first overall with a time of 15:56 in the 5K Jack Hubbard Fun Run.

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Ben Moy, who is ten years old, competed last Saturday in the 2nd Annual Northeast Bicycling Club Road Race that was held in Winchester, MA. Ben rode in the 9-10 year old age category that included riders from all around New England. It was Ben's first road race and he came in second place. He is sponsored by Cycle Loft in Burlington, MA.

Cohasset Cobras live the dream

Team heads to Cooperstown, NY, for baseball tourney

"Live the Dream," that's the motto for the Cooperstown Dreamspark National Youth Baseball Tournament and 11 lucky Cohasset boys were able to do just that. For the 7th consecutive year, Cohasset sent up a group of young boys to play America's pastime in the hometown of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

California, Hawaii, Ohio, North Carolina, Michigan, Indiana, Texas, Tennessee, Florida, New Hampshire and several other states were represented last week at the Dreamspark. Many teams were club teams, having played together all spring. One opponent the Cobras faced had already played 80 games together this year. The Cobras played their first game together at the tournament, although all participated in Cohasset Little League on different teams. Practice began several weeks ago for the Cobras, as coach Mike Maher began their training for the new level of baseball they would be playing in Cooperstown.

Longer base paths and walls 200-feet away were the physical obstacles. Stealing bases off the pitch (like the pros) was the biggest strategic challenge they faced. Many players tried their hand at new positions as well.

Although their record for the eight games they played was not stellar, the boys played terrific baseball and enjoyed the national spotlight for the week.

This year's players, Charlie Blackington, Timmy Cavanaro, Harrison Durant, Ryan Gillis, Timmy Gillis, Steven Iantosca, Rocco Laugelle, Steven Maher, Ryan McKeon, Mats Nelson and Brandon Winn played well and when the playoffs started won their first game 6-2 against the New Jersey Millville Bandits. It was a great win which featured a complete game six-hitter by Charlie Blackington.

According to coach Maher, "The week also had an outstanding display of hitting by Ryan McKeon, who batted .632 for the week."

Other notables who also batted over .300 for the week were Charlie Blackington, Rocco Laugelle, Harrison Durant, Steven Maher and Timmy Cavanaro. There were great defensive plays made all week by Mats Nelson, who became quite a second baseman. Brandon Winn did a great job as the team's catcher, and both Ryan and Tim Gillis performed well in the field. Ryan Gillis had a couple of web gems in right and younger brother Tim also filled the role of EH (extra hitter, kind of like a DH) several times.

Ryan did a remarkable job on the mound when the team needed him against Hawaii. Although Hawaii beat them handily, it was one of the most fun games we had. Their team presented ours with Hawaiian necklaces and macadamia nuts after the game. Both teams did a pre-game dance performance that brought smiles to all. Steven Iantosca contributed both in the field and at the plate.

In the first playoff game, Iantosca came up big at the plate with two singles. The ace, Durant, with Cavanaro, Winn, and Blackington also in the rotation handled pitching duties. Maher, Mckeon, R.Gillis and Laugelle all came on in relief. Each day, two games were scheduled and Wednesday, the boys played three games, one at 10:00 a.m., the next one at 2:00 p.m., and then at 4:00 p.m. Had they won the 4:00 p.m. game, which they lost to the White Marsh Warriors from Maryland, who were ranked 35th out of the 98 teams, they would have had to play two more games that day as well as two more Thursday in order to make it to the finals.

In addition to coach Maher, Jay Blackington and Johnny Maher coached the Cobras.

"This is my fifth time to Cooperstown, fourth as a coach," said Maher. "We went three times with Johnny and now twice with Steven. I love this team we had. Their chemistry is great, they all got along and improved their game and they did Cohasset proud. The parents were terrific, cheering us on and supporting us when we needed it most. It's hard to believe that this was my last time going, but who knows, maybe I'll go and cheer on next year's Cobras."

The team would like to thank all those who gave generously during fund raising at Shaw's, Stop and Shop, Fiori's Exxon, and at the Recycling Center.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Cohasset Cobras made the trip to Cooperstown, NY.

Sports Notes

South Shore YMCA offering Summer Volleyball Clinics for teens

The South Shore YMCA is holding two sessions of volleyball clinics for any teens ages 12-17.

The first clinic that will be held over four evenings during the week of July 28 focus on the fundamental and advanced techniques of ball handling, including setting, hitting, digging and serving. Individual attention and advanced technique will be given to meet player's ability. Players will advance to game situations, learning defensive and offensive strategies.

The second clinic that will be held over three evenings during the week of August 4 is geared towards getting ready for school's try-outs. Activities will include warm-up exercises, endurance drills and ball handling refresher. This is a great clinic to ease into your season and tune-up your volleyball handling skills.

For more information, please contact Linda Montoya at 781-829-8585, ext. 260.

South Shore YMCA NFL Flag Football League

The South Shore YMCA in Hanover has extended the registration period until July 30 for its NFL Flag Football league. YMCA NFL Flag is the premier youth football league for boys and girls ages 9-11 and 12-14. The program provides young players a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in non-contact, continuous action while learning lessons in teamwork. It is also designed to educate young people about football while emphasizing participation and sportsmanship. Players learn skills and lessons that help them succeed both on and off the field.

The season will be eight weeks long ar.d starts mid August. All practices and games will be held at the South Shore YMCA outdoor field.

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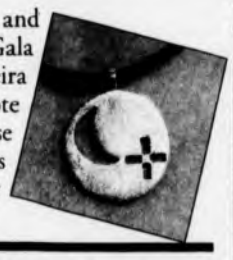
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"Moonlight and Miracles" Gala Co-Chairs Helen Garvey and Denise Teixeira were on hand at the grand opening to promote "The Journey of Hope Charm" sales. These commemorative charms are available at Charles David Salon and Spa for a donation of $60 for silver or $295 for yellow and white gold.





"Creating Life-Style" Artist and Interior Designer Flo Markowitz, her husband Dr. Larry Markowitz, and Charles David's Retexturizing and Hair Integration Specialist Lynne Moules enjoy the festivities. Flo's interior decorating talents are showcased in our beautiful spa. Her tranquil paintings adorn the walls throughout for our guests to enjoy and yes.....even purchase. You can visit Flo's on-line gallery at www.floartgallery.com.

Local superstars and recording artists, jazz singer Amanda Carr and alto saxophonist Jeremy Udden and band entertained the Grand Opening guests. Check out Amanda's latest album, "Soon"...it's amazing. And Jeremy has a new album, "Plainville," due out this fall 2008.





Left: Charles, David, Founder/CEO of Repechage Lydia Sarfati and her husband David, with Spa Manager Heidi Iverson.

Right: Founder/CEO of Repechage demonstrates her talents and techniques for the Esthetic Team at Charles David Spa.



On Sunday, June 8th, Charles David and Front Street Books co-hosted the national book signing launch for best selling author Claire Cook's new book "Summer Blowout." Food, drink, mini facials, hand treatments, chair massages, raffles, and more... a great time was had by all!



David, with friends Eric and Karen Limont, and Claire.

Charles David team members were responsible for organizing this event.



Carole Houston, Event Coordinator Donna Crowley, and Kathy Malley with Claire and Peg Patton, owner of Front Street Books in Scituate.

Salerno helps Southeast win gold

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allowed seven hits. Ali Maloof (Norwood; Norwood HS) went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles.

Southeast 9, Central 2

Kaitlyn Barca (Bridgewater; Cardinal Spellman) and Christine Clark (Weymouth; Weymouth HS) initiated the Southeast offense with singles in the first inning. The Southeast team would never look back as they went on to record the big victory over Central.

Southeast 3, Northeast 2

Kaitlyn Barca's (Bridgewater; Cardinal Spellman) RBI double helped contribute to Southeast's narrow victory over the Northeast squad. Meaghan McCarthy's (Andover; Andover HS) RBI single wasn't enough as Southeast went on to win.

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Wrap-up in July 18, *Cohasset Mariner.*

Southeast 8, West 7

Wrap-up in July 18, *Cohasset Mariner.*

Gold Medal Game

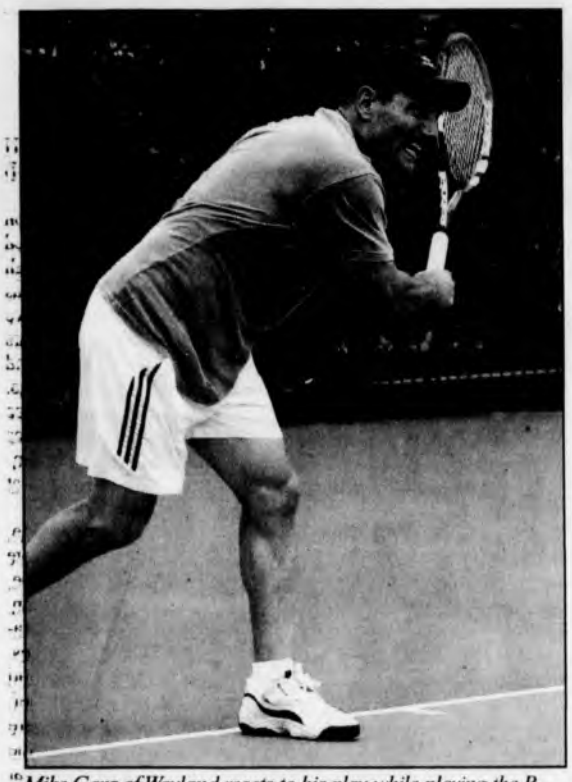
Southeast 8, Coastal 2

Southeast banged out 11 hits including a three-run homerun from Barbara Silva (N. Easton; Cardinal Spellman) en route to an impressive victory over Coastal in the gold medal game. Southeast held a slight 3-2 lead in the top of the sixth when Silva's homer helped ignite a five-run frame.

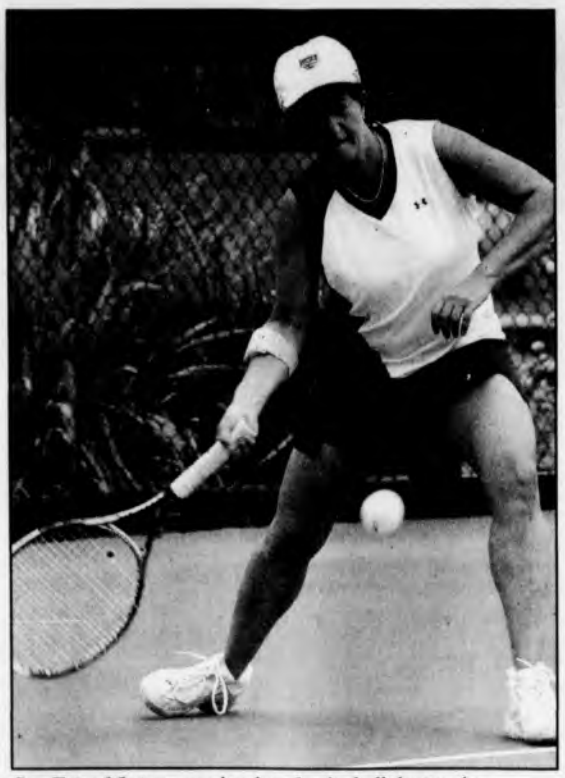
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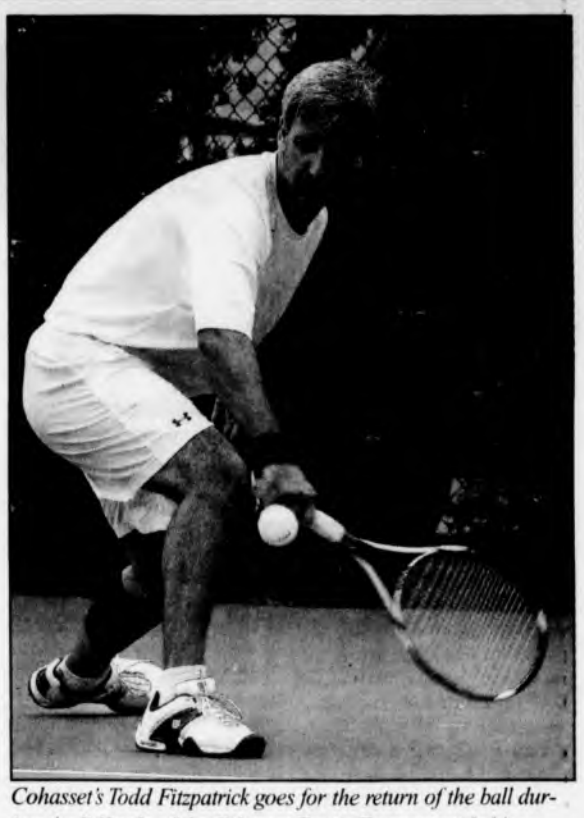
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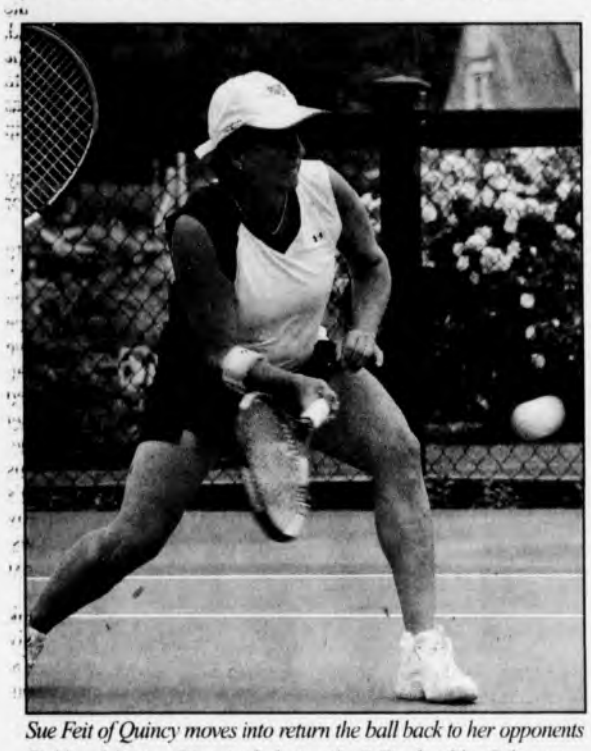
Mike Ganz of Wayland reacts to his play while playing the B-Finals. This year's benefit will establish a new foundation within the Children's Pediatric Trauma Unit at Children's Hospital.



Sue Feit of Quincy reaches low for the ball during the Cohasset Tennis Benefit's 11am B-Finals held at the Roy Estate in Cohasset Sunday morning.



Cohasset's Todd Fitzpatrick goes for the return of the ball during the B Finals of the Cohasset Tennis Tournament held Sunday at the Roy Estate.



Sue Feit of Quincy moves into return the ball back to her opponents Todd and Jessica Fitzpatrick during the B Finals of the Cohasset Tennis Tournament held Sunday morning at the Roy Estate in Cohasset. Feit's partner was Mike Ganz of Wayland. The event was held to benefit the Children's Hospital trauma care program.

Serving for a cause

Cohasset Tennis Benefit helps Children's Hospital

Forty teams of tennis enthusiasts rallied behind the Cohasset Tennis Benefit last weekend for friendly competition and to help support the Pediatric Trauma Unit at Children's Hospital in Boston. Matches were played on private courts throughout Cohasset with players competing within three divisions: advanced, intermediate and social.

Spectators watched as Paul Tedeschi and Lori Langenhagen battled to take top honors in the division one competition, narrowly beating out Tom Williams and Leslie Malerbi. Todd and Jessica Fitzpatrick took home the gold in the Level B category, with Sue Feit and Mike Ganz coming in second. The social level ended with Paul and Deidre Prescott earning their championship title against Martha and Michael Gangemi after two consecutive tie-breakers and a three-hour battle on the courts.

However, all 80 players were winners in the eyes of children facing their own battles at Children's Hospital, Boston. Proceeds from this year's benefit will establish a new foundation within Children's Pediatric Trauma Unit. Funds will pay for the transportation and lodging for extended family members and friends, who travel to Boston to support the parents or guardians of children undergoing treatment for trauma or life-threatening illness. This newly created fund was developed by Children's director of trauma, Dr. David Mooney. Some 50,000 patients come through the Children's Emergency Department each year; approximately 11,000 of those cases are injury-related, from minor to severe.

For information about the tournament, photographs and a list of those who made the Cohasset Tennis Benefit successful, visit the Web site at cohassettennis-benefit.org.

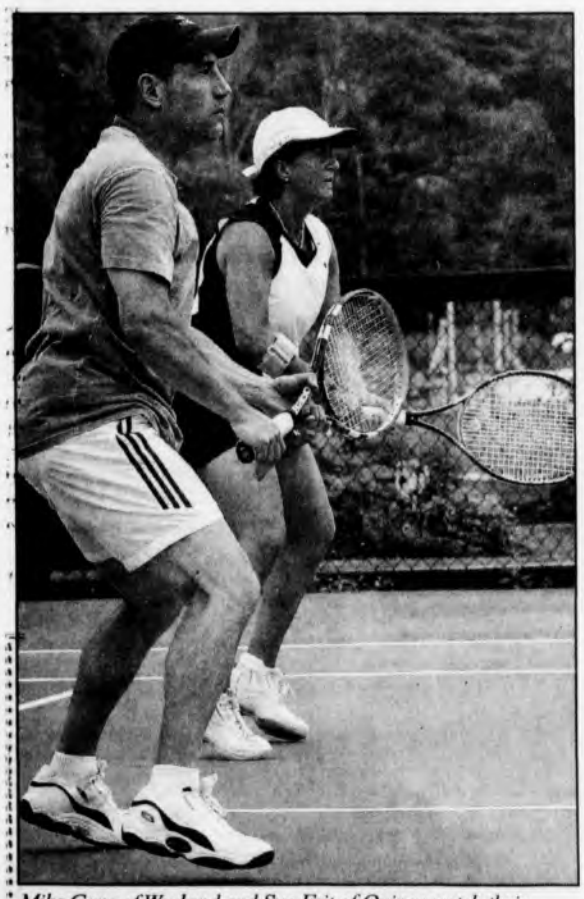
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Cohasset resident Jessica Fitzpatrick goes in for the return during the finals of the Cohasset Tennis Benefit Sunday at the Roy Estate. Jessica and her husband Todd Fitzpatrick went up against Sue Feit of Quincy and Mike Ganz of Wayland.



Jessica Fitzpatrick reacts to a missed ball during the Cohasset Tennis Benefit's B Finals held Sunday at the Roy Estate.



Mike Ganz of Wayland and Sue Feit of Quincy watch their opponents Todd and Jessica Fitzpatrick of Cohasset during the Cohasset Tennis Tournament's B Finals played Sunday at Cohasset's Roy Estate.



The finals of the Cohasset Tennis Benefit were held Sunday at various tennis courts around Cohasset. Here the players of the 11am finals game pose for a group photo. Pictured from left are: Todd and Jessica Fitzpatrick of Cohasset and Sue Feit of Quincy and Mike Ganz of Wayland.

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Montreal a foodie paradise

Erin Smith
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

MONTREAL - The alluring aromas wafting from the eastern European meat shops, sushi bars, falafel stands and French sidewalk cafes that line Montreal's busy Saint-Laurent Boulevard remind me of the city's vibrant immigrant history. The enticing smells also remind me of my grumbling stomach.

No worries. To walk Saint-Laurent Boulevard is certainly to lose any battle to stick to a diet. Montreal is a foodie's paradise, and this is its epicenter.

Saint-Laurent Boulevard divides the eastside of the city from the west - and traditionally, the English-speakers from the French. The street runs from the waterfront of Old Montreal and through Chinatown, the upscale restaurants and cafes in "The Plateau," "Petite Italie" (or Little Italy) and to the famous Jean-Talon Market.

You can eat your way through a busy three-mile expanse. A leisurely exploration of the entire stretch - with stops to nibble - takes a few hours. If you get tired walking, just hop on the number 55 public bus, which conveniently makes stops every few blocks - you can buy a Tourist Card for unlimited travel on the city's buses and subways for about $9.

The Old Montreal end of the street is the place to find hot, young chefs at trendy restaurants. The intrepid epicurean will want to check out L'Orignal - which translates as "the moose" - just blocks from Saint-Laurent Boulevard. The place is so hip it doesn't even have a sign outside the front door advertising that a restaurant exists in the small, alley-like street. The menu features traditional game meats with a trendy twist that some find fun and others find weird - seared duck breast in Coca Cola and cinnamon, anyone? The owners are the same guys behind the trendy Garde-Manger, which is a stone's throw away on Rue Saint-Francois-Xavier, and draws a lively, trendy 30s crowd who come for the oysters and fish dishes.

For the posh side of Montreal, head up the street to "The Plateau" section of Saint-Laurent Boulevard. This area, which begins near Sherbrooke Street, is known for its chic restaurants - and clothing spots - where Hollywood celebrities come to hobnob while they're in town (Paris Hilton was there right before my visit).

There are plenty of places for overpriced martinis, but close by as well on pedestrians-only Prince-Arthur are welcoming and intimate Polish, Greek and Italian restaurants. Some of the owners of these cozy spots don't mind if guests bring their own bottles of wine to drink with dinner.

The atmosphere is even more low-key at Schwartz's, a landmark spot - opened in 1928 - where hungry patrons sit elbow-to-elbow at the counter as waiters try to squeeze around the few small tables. The place may look like a greasy spoon, but customers often spill out onto the sidewalk, waiting for up to half an hour for a seat and the famous brisket sandwiches.

The charming food shop Vieille Europe is only about half a block away, and here you'll find hundreds of exotic cheeses on display at the Old European-style butchery where prosciutto, liverwurst and sausage links hang on rope in the window. This is also a good place to pick up coffee beans.

Montreal has gained acclaim for its bagels. Unlike New York-style bagels, which are cooked in gas ovens, shops here use brick ovens. The result is the bagel equivalent of brick oven pizza - some swear by the sesame seed variety while others prefer the poppy seed (warning, debating with Montrealers about the subject of bagels will produce a long-winded conversation). Fairmont Bagel is only about a five-block detour from Saint-Laurent Boulevard, and some proclaim it the best bagel shop in the city (again, a subject for long debates).

Back on Saint-Laurent, just past Little Italy - with its promise of pasta and other Mediterranean comfort foods - is Jean-Talon Market. At this year-round indoor/outdoor farmers market the vendors sell fruits, vegetables, pastries, honey, flowers and more, seven days a week. It's a popular hangout spot for locals to meet up to peruse the fresh berries and relax in a cafe with a cup of coffee.

A visit here and you'll bring your foodie-ism to a whole new level.

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Schwartz's Montreal Hebrew Delicatessen is almost always packed. Customers will wait in long lines for the famous brisket sandwich.

IF YOU go...

EATING THERE: L'Orignal, 479 Saint-Alexis (514-303-0479), and Garde-Manger, 408 Saint-Francois-Xavier (514-678-5044), are two hip restaurants in Old Montreal.

If you head to Schwartz's Montreal Hebrew Delicatessen at 3895 Saint-Laurent Blvd. (514-842-4813; www.schwartzs-deli.com), expect to wait for a table - to avoid the long lines, try going before 11:45 a.m. or after 1:30 p.m.

Pick up fresh cheese and meats at Vieille Europe at 3855 Saint-Laurent Blvd. (514-842-5773). And try one of Montreal's famous brick oven bagels at Fairmont Bagel at 74 Fairmont St. (514-272-0667; www.fairmountbagel.com). Jean-Talon Market is east of Saint-Laurent Street on Jean-Talon Street (514-277-1379).

At nonprofit restaurant, Robin de Bois, 4653 Saint-Laurent (www.robindesbois.ca), you can sign up to volunteer to work in the kitchen or wait tables. All proceeds go to charity (see the Web site for details). It's a great way to be part of the food scene.

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Keith Lockhart returns Aug. 2

South Shore Art Center is selling Boston Pops Gala Concert and Reception packages for the Saturday, Aug. 2 performance of the Pops at South Shore Music Circus. Packages include tickets to the 8 p.m. concert and a post-concert reception with Lockhart in the Art Center galleries. The evening's concert program is a tribute to Leonard Bernstein and will feature some of Bernstein's music including selections from "West Side Story" and "Candide." Soloists from the Boston Conservatory Musical Theater Division will be featured.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, JULY 4

12:14 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, noise complaint, caller states "the kids are playing basketball." Kids have been moved along.

12:36 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:12 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:13 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:53 a.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious person, 911 caller states "there was someone on his roof." Party has left the roof. No description of travel. Resident stated, "someone climbed on the porch roof and knocked on his daughter's window." "When they realized it was the wrong residence, they took off towards the water."

2:18 a.m. **Border St.**, assist other Police Department, Scituate Police are looking for a stolen gray Toyota Tundra, requests cruiser to Border Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

7:31 a.m. **Linden Drive**, power outage, National Grid notified.

9:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:17 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood Schools check.

9:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, dead animal, officer reports a dead crow on basketball court.

10:35 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, B&E of motor vehicle, officer sent to this location for past motor vehicle break in.

5:34 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation.

8:08 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (lost), walk in party reports she has lost her front license plate.

8:53 p.m. **Sohier St.**, fireworks.

9:01 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, disturbance – neighborhood, large party and fireworks.

10:27 p.m. **Beach Ave., and L St.**, mutual aid – provided, en route to Hull at the above location for a large fight on the beach. Two people down – they were hit by rocks being thrown by out-of-control group. Hull officers calling for help. Peace has been restored – Hull has multiple arrests.

10:46 p.m. **Elm St.**, barking dog, caller reports her neighbor's dogs have been barking for the past 40 minutes.

10:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, motor vehicle crash, callers report a motor vehicle accident at this location. Hingham PD blocking 3A and 228, no traffic headed southbound. Officer requesting wrecker for both vehicles. One female in custody. Arrest: Elizabeth C. Holthaus, Scituate. Charges: OUI of liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, unsafe operation of a motor vehicle.

11:56 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, 911 caller states, "there is a dog running around in the area."

SATURDAY, JULY 5

12:09 a.m. **Atlantic Ave., and White Head Rd.**, animal complaint, walk in party reports a missing dog. No tags. Dog is a white German Pointer.

1:09 a.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, female operator lost her dog at the scene of the crash. It is described as a Pit Bull dragging a leash. Please call her at anytime if it is found. Dog is not aggressive and does not bite.

1:24 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:25 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

2:02 a.m. **Border St.**, suspicious person.

6:52 a.m. **Stockbridge St.**, traffic complaint, caller states there is a truck partially blocking Stockbridge Street and a truck totally blocking Margin Street. There is no truck blocking Margin Street. The truck on Stockbridge Street is not a hazard.

8:49 a.m. **Stockbridge St., and Margin St.**, parking complaint, caller reports a tan truck blocking the intersection of Stockbridge Street and a black truck blocking the sidewalk on Margin Street, caller would like the vehicles tagged. Truck blocking the sidewalk has been tagged, other vehicle not tagged, no hazard.

9:22 a.m. **Elm St.**, fire, 911 caller reports her smoke alarms are going off and there is smoke coming from the unit above her. Unit has been ventilated.

9:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, dead animal, callers are reporting a dead deer in the road with a bag over its head. Officers report the deer is off the side of the road, not a traffic hazard.

1:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, suspicious vehicle, Lt reports a vehicle with Florida plates and a Mass inspection stick. One male is custody at this time. Arrest: Vicente Cornelio Merida, East Boston. Charges: unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, charge expunged, exhibit another's license, giving false name to police officer.

4:03 p.m. **Hugh Strain Rd.**, fire, E3 reports checking on a branch that is on a hydrant.

4:40 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop.

5:21 p.m. **Summer St.**, disturbance, officer reports out with a group of kids, officer reports kids sent on their way – they were in the woods.

5:40 p.m. **Stockbridge St.**, suspicious vehicle, tan pick up truck parked at above location.

9:38 p.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, suspicious activity, this was called in by Life Line – at above location elderly female heard a noise – female is upstairs. Officer reports the fireworks from Scituate are very loud in the area.

9:53 p.m. **Margin St., and Stockbridge St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:40 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Nichols Rd.**, motor vehicle crash, walk in party reports his vehicle was hit – vehicle left the scene. Officer reports major damage to vehicle.

11:20 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:25 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint, walk in party found a small white and black dog, owner of dog called.

11:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, JULY 6

12:37 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle all over the road. Caller reports a green Volkswagen, unknown plates – took a right at Brown Auto headed towards Beechwood Street. Unable to locate vehicle.

12:48 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:49 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:10 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, disturbance, officer requesting another vehicle at above location.

6:31 a.m. **South Main St.**, disabled motor vehicle, officer reports the truck is broken down in the middle of the square.

8:01 a.m. **Elm St.**, lost property, walk in party reports losing his cell phone at the town pier.

10:33 a.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Lothrop Lane**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports a motorcycle accident.

10:50 a.m. **Elm St.**, fire – public assist, caller reports a beeping noise, which he thinks may be the battery in his smoke detector.

11:12 a.m. **Elm St.**, assist other Police Department, Scituate Police requesting a party at this residence phone the Scituate Police Station.

12:05 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered), walk in party reports a bicycle was left in front of his house. He states the bicycle has been there for two days now. It's a small blue Mountain Bike.

1:24 p.m. **Black Beach Lane**, mutual aid – provided, Scituate Fire requests R3 for a section 12.

1:34 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, notification, caller reports the resident that lives at the above address has gone into a nursing home and a neighbor will be taking care of the house for two weeks while no one is there.

5:35 p.m. **Stockbridge St., and Margin St.**, parking complaint.

6:45 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:06 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Forest Circle**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:18 p.m. **Border St.**, animal complaint, lost black Lab, dog has been returned to owner.

7:27 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire investigation, outside odor of gas. Keyspan notified.

8:38 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:43 p.m. **Deerhull and Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:50 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

10:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, JULY 7

12:41 a.m. 209A service.

12:57 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

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OBITUARY

Frederick S. Holway Jr.

Former vice president at Tucker Anthony Management Corp.

Frederick S. Holway Jr., 60, of Norwell, formerly of Arlington, died July 21, 2008, at the Boston Home in Dorchester after a long illness.

The son of Rita A. (O'Malley) Holway of Cotuit and Cohasset and the late Frederick S. Holway Sr., he was born in Boston. Mr. Holway attended Norwich University, and received a bachelor of arts degree and master's degree from Suffolk University in Boston.

He was formerly a vice president at Tucker Anthony Management Corp. in Boston. Mr. Holway was on the board of directors of South Shore Community Action Council for 15 years and was a member of Norwell Men's Club.

In addition to Catherine R. (Busnengo) Holway, he leaves two daughters, Kimberly A. Holway of Cumberland R.I., and Katherine S. Anderson of Norwell; two brothers, David O. Holway and Richard M. Holway, both of Cohasset; one sister, Faith A. Holway of Concord; several aunts; one uncle; and his cousins, nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., on Friday, July 25, at St. Helen Church, 383 Washington St., Route 53, Norwell. Arrangements by Sullivan Funeral Home, Hanover.

Memorial donations may be made to The Boston Home, 2049 Dorchester Ave., Boston, MA 02124 or Massachusetts Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 101A First Ave., Suite 6, Waltham, MA 02451.

To sign the online guest book, visit SullivanFuneralHomes.com.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. **Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague.** Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, July 27 — Summer Services

9 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – Led by Diana (Pokey) Kornet

Summer services are informal, child-friendly, lay-led, and followed by refreshments in the back of the Meeting House. We hope you'll join us!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

Our summer schedule differs from our September through mid June schedule that is outlined below.

SUMMER WORSHIP (through Aug. 31st) 8 a.m. informal service at the Sailing Club. 10 a.m. traditional service in the Chapel located at the rear of the building.

SAVE THE DATE of Saturday, July 26th for an all church PROGRESSIVE BARBEQUE with cocktails 5:30 –7 pm and dinner 7:15 -8:30pm.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

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If you are visiting from out of town or here for the summer, you are most welcome to join us this Sunday when we switch to our summer worship schedule, now through Aug. 24:

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To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083.

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Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on Tuesday, **August 5, 2008** at **7:30 PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, **Anthony C., Judith A., and Carl A. Sestito**, seek to construct an addition at **51 Hill Street** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08-07-15.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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1:04 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:21 a.m. **Wheelwright Park**, building checks.

8:56 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:03 a.m. 209A service.

10:44 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

1:17 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, caller reports kids jumping off the bridge. Officer reports nobody at the bridge at this time.

2:50 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party requests an officer regarding a problem at the Red Lion.

3:03 p.m. **South Main St.**, assist citizen, officer to this location with a female party in regards to a walk in complaint, this is a civil matter at this time which seems to have resolved itself.

4:12 p.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, lockout/lock-in, caller reports locked out of the house, units responding to assist.

5:14 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard, caller reports a sign hanging into the middle of the road. Officer has straightened out the sign for the time being, but it does need to be tended to.

6:33 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:32 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, noise complaint, caller reports the resident at this location has been playing music very loud all day. Music has been turned down, units clear. Officer reports the music is at a low level already, but resident will turn it down a little.

7:58 p.m. **Beach St., and Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a very strong outside odor of gas. National Grid responding.

8:10 p.m. **Howe Rd.**, noise complaint, caller reports the music is very loud again.

8:26 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Surry Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:02 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:10 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:38 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:57 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:11 p.m. **Mansfield**, metro-lec call out, Delta 1 on the air responding to a metro-lec call out for a shooting suspect on the run in Mansfield.

10:13 p.m. **Mendel Rd.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports a large group gathering in the middle of the street. Officer reports no problems this was a group of kids playing Frisbee.

11:11 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a white SUV just turned around in his driveway then drove over his lawn.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

12:48 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, all schools secure.

12:55 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, building checks.

12:55 a.m. **North Main St.**, building checks.

7:04 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:21 a.m. **Oak St.**, animal complaint, found a medium size orange and white dog.

8:50 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, caller reports red bike found in front bushes of home.

9:46 a.m. **Fox Run**, traffic enforcement.

1:41 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer removed kids.

1:46 p.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint, parking complaint by a resident that wants to remain anonymous. Officer reports vehicles being moved.

2:18 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic complaint, caller reports numerous cars parked without permits.

2:46 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity. Caller reports child left in a parked car with the windows rolled up. Confronted by father of the child who threatened her if she called the police. Officer spoke with father. Caller has contacted police again regarding the threats that the father had given her. She is scared and very upset.

4:34 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, group removed from the bridge.

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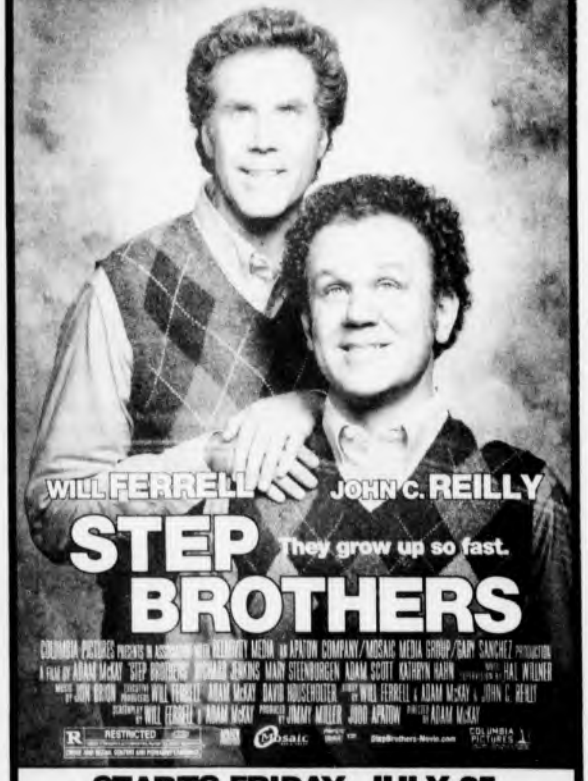
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Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE WEEK OF
JULY 21, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your zeal for challenges usually works well for you. But this week it's best to avoid jumping into new situations without more information. Vital news emerges by the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Once again, the Bovine's patience pays off as that pesky problem works itself out without taking too much of your valuable time. A new task opens interesting possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Those suggestions you want to share need to be set aside for a while so you can focus on the job at hand. There'll be time later to put your ideas into a workable format.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be sure about your sources before you use the information in any decision you reach about your new project. Some of the data might be out of date or misinterpreted.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A sudden challenge might rattle you at first. But pump up that strong Lion's heart with a full measure of courage and face it with the continuing support of family and friends.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Watch your expenses this week so you can have a financial cushion to fall back on should things tighten up later this month. Money matters ease by the 31st.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Uncertainty over workplace policy creates anxiety and confusion among your colleagues. Don't be surprised if you're asked, once again, to help work things out.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The workweek keeps you busy tying up loose ends and checking data that needs to be verified. The weekend offers a chance to relax and restore your spent energies.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is not the best time to go to extremes to prove a point. Better to set a sensible goal now and move forward. There'll be time later to take the bolder course.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A step-by-step progression is the better way to move ahead. Taking shortcuts could be risky at this time. Important news arrives on the 31st.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Avoid getting drawn into workplace disputes that should be handled by those directly involved. Instead, spend your energy developing those new ideas.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You still need to be prudent about money matters. But things start to ease by the end of the week. A weekend encounter with an old friend brings welcome news.

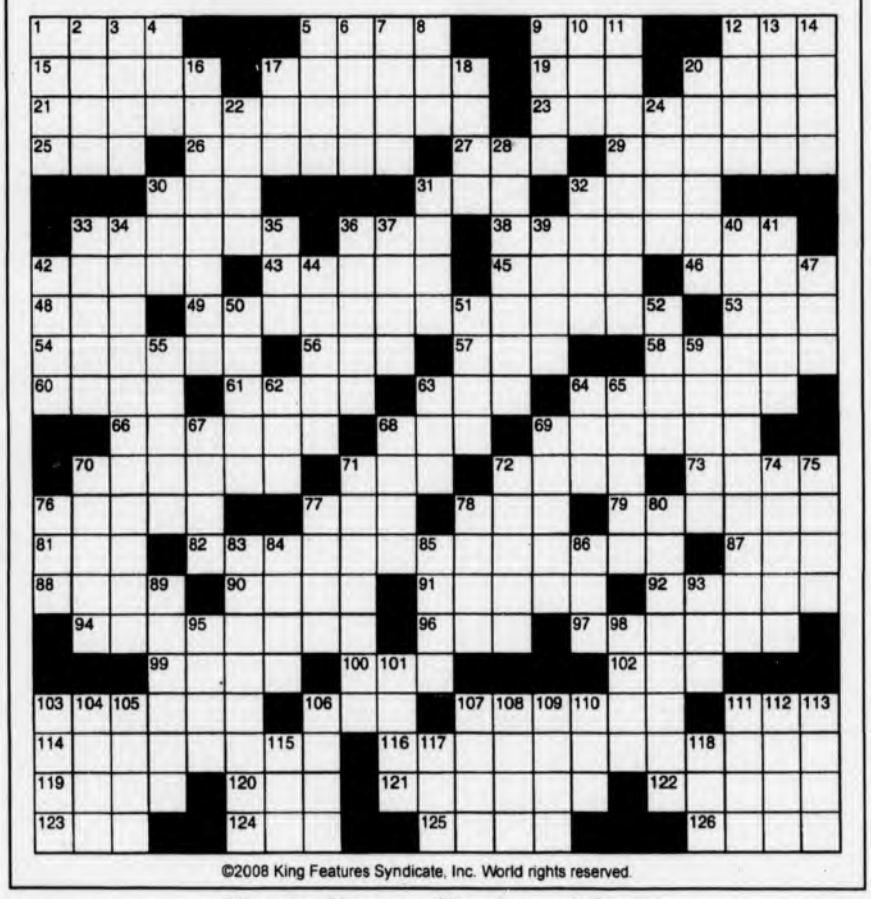
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BORN THIS WEEK: You handle challenging situations with boldness when necessary and caution when called for.

Crossword - Publications

ACROSS
1 Move like a mouse
5 Neighbor of Java
9 "— Medicine" ('88 hit)
12 Corpulent
15 Early computer
17 TV's "— Heroes"
19 Campbell of UB40
20 Poorly
21 Restaurant critic's zine?
23 Librarian's journal?
25 Explosive initials
26 Column
27 Max — Sydow
29 Bunch of ballplayers
30 Solidify
31 Weber's "— Freischutz"
32 Prepared to drive
33 Let up
36 Arthur or Pons
38 — carrier
42 Snapshot
43 — Lama
45 Strained
46 DEA officer
48 Browning's bedtime?
49 Gardener's monthly?
53 — -jongg
54 Hymns of praise
56 Viper
57 Milne creature
58 Digression
60 Gouda alternative
61 — River, NJ
63 Tenor Peerce
64 Like Simon
66 Groovy Austin
68 Pugilistic poke
69 Stephen King book
70 Mutiny
71 Produce a parka
72 — fide
73 Byzantine art form
76 Pants parts
77 Ram's ma'am
78 Directional suffix
79 Sock style
81 Feign
82 Tree surgeon's periodical?
87 Middling mark
88 Whippet's wagger
90 Enormous
91 Terpsichore's sister
92 104 Down, e.g.
94 Broadway arrangement
96 Kennel feature
97 Kitten gear?
99 Petite pie
100 Sprite
102 "— Buttermilk Sky" ('46 song)
103 Classify
106 Maestro de Waart
107 "Electric —" ('83 hit)
111 To and —
114 Sailor's reading?
116 Depression era magazine?
119 Icelandic epic
120 Capek play
121 Bring to light
122 Goatish gamboler
123 Have unpaid bills
124 "Hiver" opposite
125 "— to Order" ('87 film)
126 Highflying agcy.

DOWN
1 Adroit
2 Ever's partner
3 Crowdburst?
4 Lincoln son
5 Pipe part
6 Turkish title
7 Den
8 "Newhart" setting
9 Holstein's home
10 Flagon filler
11 Patois
12 Beat
13 Felipe, Jesus, or Matty
14 Little one
16 South African port
17 Cholesterol letters
18 Golfer Ballesteros
20 Nigerian city
22 "Aida" river
24 Forest ruminant
28 Ciceronian speech
30 "GoodFellas" gun
31 Place to pontificate
32 Correct
33 Forward
34 Rover's review?
35 Presidential monogram
36 Sanctify
37 Tombstone lawman
39 Shake-spearean heavy
40 Wholesome biker's publication?
41 Carpentry or printing
42 Monsieur Le Pew
44 Patriot Samuel
47 "Evita" character
50 — Park, CO
51 Uninteresting
52 Subdue Simba
55 Pavarotti's love
59 Bit of parsley
62 Northwestern st.
63 Mouth piece?
64 Anger or envy
65 Composer Albeniz
67 Slender trace
68 Be a wise guy
69 French impressionist
70 Chingachgook's son
71 Nailed a gnat
72 Boitano or Blessed
74 New York city
75 Require
76 The Kit — Club
77 In addition
78 Stocking shade
80 Aitsy
83 Opera feature
84 Future of the present
85 Medieval menial
86 — de plume
89 One of the Jacksons
93 Gobbled up
95 Apparel
98 Debtors' letters
101 Stud site
103 Lhasa —
104 Cabbage concoction
105 Philosopher
106 Bronte heroine
107 Where to find an onager
108 "Veni, vidi, —"
109 Markey or Bagnold
110 Fisherman's snare
111 Chalky cheese
112 Skates
113 Gumbo thickener
115 Absent
117 City on the Danube
118 Ashen



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Sudoku

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Magic Maze - Shades of Gray

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H F T M D E Y E E C O D I A A
Y W V S O T P V T L S A L T R
Q M E D I U M T A U P E L E E
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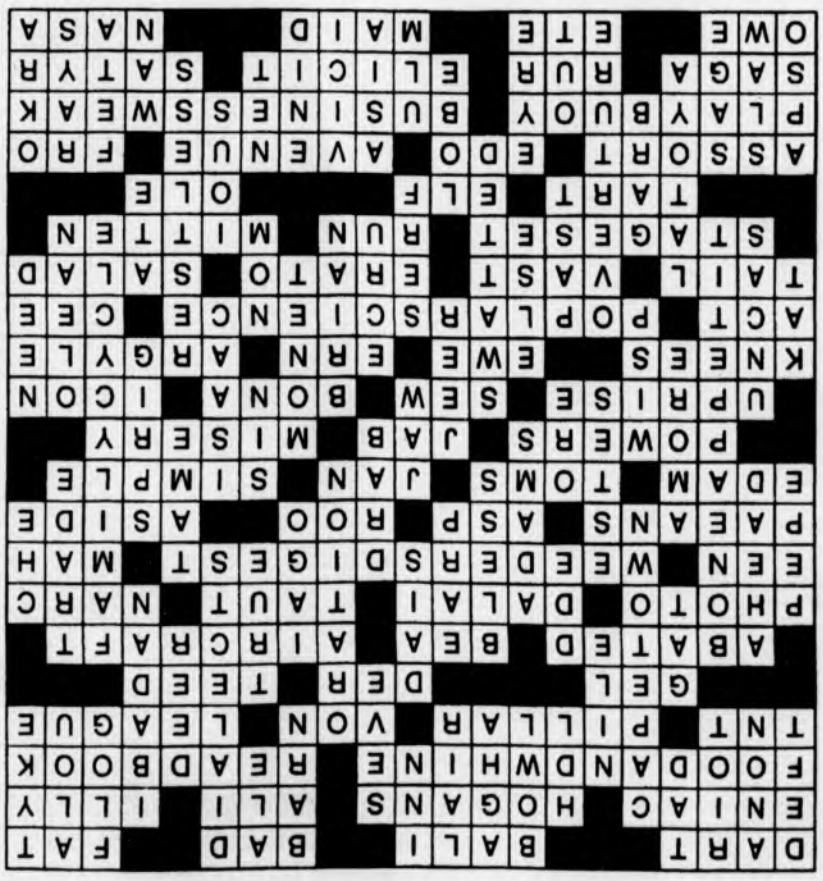
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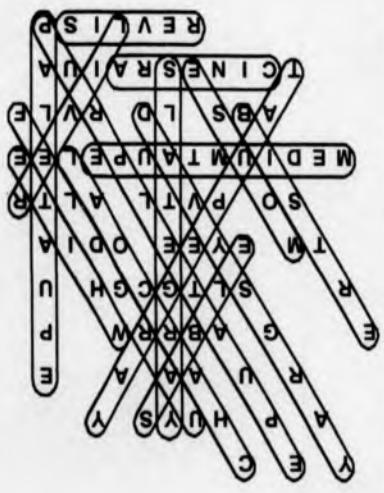
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Crossword Solution - Publications



Magic Solution - Shades of Gray



Sudoku Solution

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FOCUS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Schools that really cook

Adult learners find flavorful careers in culinary programs

By Laura Chaput
DAILY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Baking was always a passion for Jack Waters, a 54-year-old Millbury resident. But he wanted to become a more well-rounded cook.

"I have spent the last 10 years working in a bakery at Price Chopper in Boylston," he said as he kept one eye on a mixer full of dough to make sure it had the right texture. "I wanted to do more with cooking." So he enrolled at Salter College in West Boylston.

"Cooking is more of an art," said Program Director Kim Youkstetter, "whereas baking is more of a science; it's full of precise measurements. With cooking you can add or take away, but baking has to be exact."

Each of the 19 classes the school offers are five weeks long. Day students typically finish within a year; night students finish in two years.

"We are unique in the fact that we enroll every five weeks," said Youkstetter.

The school offers two times for day and night classes. The day classes run from 8 to 11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; night classes run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. or 7:40 to 9:40 p.m.

The certificate program, which trains students for mid-level cooking positions, costs $16,000 and includes books, cookware and cutlery.

"It gets them qualified to get a job in a short amount of time," said Youkstetter.

Salter College mixes students of all levels with seven chefs, two of whom are part-time and the other five are adjunct instructors.

The program can be tough for some students.

"Out of my original group, there are four of us left," Andrea DuPont of Boylston said. "But you get what you put into it. If you don't try then you won't succeed."

Being at the school not only helps students learn culinary and cutlery skills, but also enables them to learn what some words mean – like ratatouille, an eggplant dish.

"I like it here and I've learned quite a bit. My knife skills are so much better," said LaToya Hayes, a 19-year-old Worcester resident. "The teachers see the best in every student. They work one-on-one with you and make you feel comfortable."

Chef Patrick Rinne said students come back all the time and tell him success stories about their cooking skills.

"To show someone something and then they get the glory, that hits me right here," said Rinne, pointing to his heart.

Salter College began in 1937 as The Salter School, a secretarial school named after Dorothy Salter. In 2007, the school moved from Worcester to West Boylston and the name was changed from Salter School to Salter College, as the school now has degree-granting authority from the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education and accreditation by the American Council of Independent Colleges and Schools.

The college recently approved its 19th course in which students build college survival skills like test taking; budgeting time, life, work and school; and preparing for interviews.

For a culinary school a little bit closer to Boston, check out The Cambridge School of Culinary Arts.

First started in 1974 as a school to teach people how to further their cooking skills, Director Roberta Downing went with the times and turned it into a school designed to flow with the industry.

"She started teaching and kept getting more and more students," said Julie Burba, director of communications. "The students would apprentice, at that time, in a kitchen, and then when people wanted more formal education, she opened up the first kitchen downstairs in 1981 with a curriculum."

The school offers four tracks: the professional chef's program, culinary certificate program, professional pastry program, and a certificate pastry program. The school also offers basic cooking classes and couples cooking.

"The couples cooking classes have been getting very popular," Burba said. "Daughters bring their fathers, sisters come, newlyweds, the recently engaged, and three years ago we started the 'cooking couples cook pride' classes exclusively for gay and lesbian couples for the gay pride parade."

The school is equipped with four kitchens and is expanding with a fifth kitchen.

A former financial consultant, Elise Bayard Franklin, 29, of Boston, decided sitting at a computer all day wasn't for her – but cooking was.

"It was something I had been interested in since college and at that point I didn't like my computer," she said.

A career change worked for her. She still hates her computer but loves working at The Buttercream Baking Co. in Newburyport.

The cost of the school averages $25,000 for the professional programs and $12,200 for certificate programs. The price includes equipment kits, knives, cooking tools, class materials and a uniform.

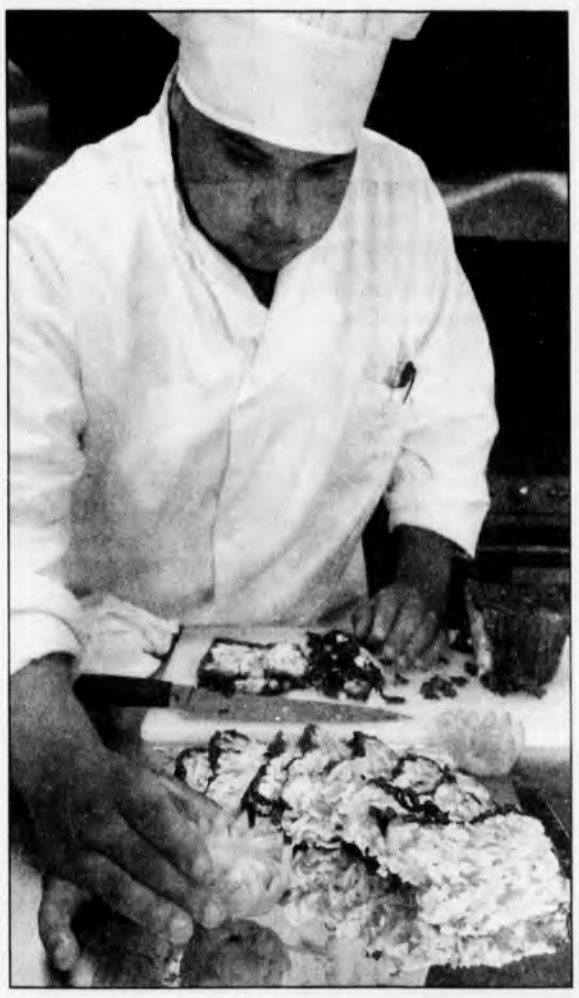
"We focus on provincial French, Italian, intensive French, Indian, fusion, American and regional Asian cuisine," Burba said.

The school has two full-time chefs, Roberta Downing and Delphin Gomes, and other staff who have administrative duties as well as teaching duties.



GHNS STAFF PHOTOS BY ED HOPEMANN

At Salter College in West Boylston, students learn how to make Roasted Tomato Terrine with Chicken.



Salter student Carlos Diaz, 20, of Framingham, puts the finishing touches on a dish.

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A career of cooking

Want to be a chef? Learn to cook at these Massachusetts schools offering classes for adult learners:

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The Cambridge School of Culinary Arts
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Le Cordon Bleu
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Isabel Shamitz of Quincy is the "Featured Artist" at the Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St. Route 18 in Weymouth, through July 31. Her exhibit is "Urban Views — Cityscapes in Oil," colorful paintings of Boston-area street scenes including the "Tremont Street Strut," the "Park Street Promenade," a Cohasset storefront, and a Quincy ice cream shop. The exhibit includes paintings by 14 Massachusetts artists: Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Information and evening appointments, 781-331-3384. Visit dickinsonartgallery.com to preview the artists' work.

'Cohasset Storefront' by Isabel Shamitz

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, July 24

Duxbury Music Festival – Competition Winners Concert. Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. July 24 at 7 p.m. Tickets $20 available online at duxburymusicfestival.org or at 781-749-7565 ext. 51 and at the South Shore Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham.

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The Daniel Webster House, 238 Webster St., Marshfield is open every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through September. Free and open to the public. Visit danielwebesterestate.org for a preview.

Boston Landmarks Orchestra premieres "John Adams: Voice Heard 'Round The World" at free concert at 6:30 p.m. July 24, at Adams National Historical Park in Quincy. Free and Open to the Public. For more information, visit landmarksorchestra.org or call 617-520-2200

Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route. 53, Hingham, will host the **Aurel D'Agostino Duo** July 24 from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. For reservations call 781-740-0688. No cover charge. Asiancgourmet.com

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 24, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam with **Dave Richardson, Wes James Blues Jam** open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

L. Knife & Son will cosponsor the **Summer Concert Series** for the 2008 season, with the Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund, the Plymouth Cultural Council and the Music Performance Funds. All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. **July 24, Legion Bud Band.**

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 24, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

Friday, July 25

Farmer's Market, Marshfield Fairgrounds, Route 3A, featuring locally grown produce and merchants market their unique crafts. Live entertainment from 2 to 7 p.m. July 25, **Tall King Blues** will be performing.

Duxbury Music Festival Closing performance of Die Fledermaus, Johann Strauss's comic operetta, featuring members of Opera by the Bay, guest artists, students and faculty of the Duxbury Music Festival, led by guest conductor **Steven Karidoyanes** of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra. Friday, July 25, at 7 p.m. Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St., Duxbury, Friday, July 25, at 7 p.m. Tickets $25 available online at duxburymusicfestival.org or at 781-749-7565 ext. 51 and at the South Shore Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham.

The Plymouth Guild for the Arts will hold another "Fourth Friday" opening art reception on July 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. Admission is free; light refreshments will be served. The reception recognizes the latest Russell Gallery juried show which opened on July 14. The Fourth Friday reception is the last day to see the Florabunda Members' Show; the show of works depicting Plymouth scenes in the Teal Room will continue on into August.

Parking is available on the street or in the lot directly across North Street from the front door of the Center; parking is free after 7 p.m. Information: call the Plymouth Guild for the Arts at 508-746-7222 or visit plymouthguild.org.

The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell presents Thoroughly Modern Millie **July 25 to Aug. 17.** This high-spirited musical romp is the zany *new* 1920s musical that took Broadway by storm in 2002, winning four Tony Awards including Best Musical. Tickets are priced at $30-$32 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com.

Market at the Harbor, an artisan, farmer, and fish market featuring local goods and cultural experiences presented by Destination Community Development, Inc., takes place at the Business District in Hull every Friday, rain or shine, through Oct. 17. Market times are 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Weekly events such as live music, cooking demonstrations, book signings and children's events are being added to the schedule daily. July 25, at 5 p.m. **Jeff Jams Children's Music**, Photographer **Lindsey Buchleitner** will be capturing children's portraits.

Java Friday lecture – Is it STILL Canada's Game? The History of Ice Hocke. The historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield will present a special discussion on the history of ice hockey. Friday, July 25, at 7 p.m. Historian and Bridgewater State College head hockey coach **Andrew Holman** will be on hand to chronicle the development of this great sport and ask the question "Is it only Canada's game?" Tickets are available for $10 per person. Reservations can be made by calling the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or by logging onto www.winslowhouse.org. Light refreshments will be served.

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Join Children's author and Duxbury native Brian Lies Friday, July 25 at 10 am, at the historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, Author of **Bats at the Beach** and the soon-to-be-released **Bats at the Library,** Lies will offer children a full program of reading, coloring, puzzle activities and a range of entertainment suitable for children of all ages. Tickets to this special event are $ 5 per child. Reservations are recommended by calling the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or log onto winslowhouse.org.

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree, 9 p.m. July 25, **Comedy Night** featuring South Shore's Own: **Bob Niles** other comics: **Pat Mcloud, Jackie Smith, Chris Bilello, Mike Wass, Annette Pollack, Matt McConnell.** Hosted by **Sean Sullivan.** Information: jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack 781-848-0300.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 25, **Too Fast Zero** (formerly Clubba Land) 781-829-6999.

Chili Head BBQ Company, 320 West Center St. (Route 106), West Bridgewater **Bag Full of Blues** July 25, 7:30 p.m. No cover.

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South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. July 25, 8 p.m. **Abba The Tour.** Ticket information: 617-931-2787 or themusiccircus.org

Saturday, July 26

South Shore Conservatory's Evening Under the Stars, Jane Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Die Fledermaus. conducted by **Steven Karidoyanes**, conductor and music director of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra. Maestro Karidoyanes weaves Strauss's sparkling score around the tale of mistaken identities and flirtatious encounters in Johann Strauss's popular opera presented by Opera by the Bay July 26 at 7 p.m. Tickets $25 for pavilion seating, and $15 for lawn seating, available online at www.sscmusic.org or at 781-749-7565 ext. 51 and at the South Shore Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham.

NSRWA sponsors **Discover Algae (Seaweeds) at Low Tide,** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 26. Join **Ellyn Einhorn** and **Carolyn Sones** on a search for algae along the tide line and amongst the rocks and tide pools of Rexhame Beach. Participants will look at color, shape and habitat and try to identify their collections. Favorite specimens will be mounted and pressed to preserve them. Meet at the Rexhame Beach parking. Wear "tide-pooling" shoes (sturdy but able to get wet). Limited to 20 participants. Children with an adult are welcome. Pre-registration is required. Suggested donation $5.To register, email paula@nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168

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COURTESY PHOTO

Dee Hoty will appear in "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" at the Cape Playhouse, 820 Main St., Route 6A, Dennis, through Aug. 2

Hoty is a Dee-light

Actress gets her chance to perform in 'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Broadway performer Dee Hoty is delighted to be back at the Cape Playhouse in Dennis — this time playing a romance-seeking socialite who finds herself in the company of a pair of charming con men on the French Riviera in "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"—especially since she didn't even get a chance to see the 2005 Broadway production of the musical comedy. Hoty was on stage most of the same time starring in "Mamma Mia!" in New York and on national tour, including two sold-out stops at Boston's Colonial Theatre. Some of those closest to her did see the show, however, and they immediately thought of the three-time Tony Award nominee.

"When I was first approached to do 'Scoundrels' in Dennis, I went to the Lincoln Center Library to watch a tape of the show. Right away, I could understand what my well-meaning friends who saw the show in New York meant when they said, 'We've seen your next part,'" explained the Ohio-born Hoty recently by telephone from New York.

Once she had seen what Joanna Gleason did with the role in the Broadway company, Hoty was quick to fall in love with the character of Muriel Eubanks, a divorcee turned docent.

"Muriel is a riot. She's always turning up like a bad penny in all kinds of places, because she pitches in to help whenever and wherever she can. She's looking out for herself, and looking for new experiences, after her husband treated her so badly when their marriage ended."

Based on the 1988 Michael Caine and Steve Martin film of the same name, "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," with a score by "The Full Monty" team of Jeffrey Lane and David Yazbek, earned 11 Tony nominations, with Norbert Leo Butz taking home Best Actor in a Musical. Butz opened the national tour of the show, but had left the production before it reached Boston's Opera House last season. Hoty, 55, earned Broadway fame in musicals like "The Will Rogers Follies" and "City of Angels," but her three earlier Cape Playhouse visits were in the plays "The Lion in Winter" (2000), "Don't Dress for Dinner" (2007), and last summer's "Regrets Only." She had been looking at doing another play this season, too, until she heard "Scoundrels" would be making its summer theater debut at the Playhouse.

"I'm definitely best-known for musicals, but I've loved having the chance to do plays each summer. Honestly, when I heard about this opportunity I was very curious about what it might be like to do a big, giant, huge musical extravaganza at the Cape Playhouse. And this is one that I really wanted to do. I'll only have so many chances to do it, and this is one I couldn't pass up. I'm not carrying the show either, which is nice for a change, but I'm still busy. The show is just a fun, beautifully constructed diversion that is just perfect for this time of year," says Hoty who, having spent childhood summers in Sagamore with her aunt, Ann Decaneas, is looking forward to being back on the Cape where her aunt and many of her cousins still spend summers.

"It's great to be able to work in a familiar place like the Playhouse, because I have my aunt and so many cousins, and now nieces and nephews, in Quincy, Sagamore, and Weston. I have many very vivid childhood memories of my childhood summers in Sagamore. It's the first place I ever saw a lobster, or had one for dinner."

As Hoty was preparing to open in Dennis, she had her eye on a certain movie opening at just about the same time.

"I'm going to see 'Mamma Mia!'" at a screening for anyone who has ever had anything to do with the Broadway show. From what I've seen already, however, the film looks great."

In the ABBA-inspired musical, Hoty played Donna Sheridan, a Greek Island taverna owner who is visited unexpectedly by three men from her past just as the daughter one of them unknowingly fathered is about to wed. Hoty was the first Broadway replacement for Louise Pitre, the original Donna Sheridan, has since played the role for more than three years in New York and on the road. Hoty acknowledges that she didn't only star in "Mamma Mia!" — she is also a fan.

"When I was first learning the music for the show, it felt inescapable. And even now, it is never far from me. Sometimes, I hear one of the songs, even if it's only on an elevator, and I'm tempted to start moving along with it."

While Hoty is eager to see two-time Academy Award winner Meryl Streep as Donna Sheridan, she isn't as sure she is going to like what she hears.

"All I can tell you is that I am a better singer than Meryl Streep will ever be, but she can dance circles around me as an actress. She's wonderful as an actress, and they can do wonders with her singing in post-production, so I'm hopeful that the picture will be just great."

Dee Hoty will appear in "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" at the Cape Playhouse, 820 Main St., Route 6A, Dennis, through Aug. 2. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 508-385-3911 or go online at capeplayhouse com.

Mark your calendar

EVENING UNDER THE STARS – Hingham presents Livingston Taylor Aug. 2, at 7 p.m. at Jane Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham. Tickets $25 for pavilion seating, and $15 for lawn seating, available online at sscmusic.org or at 781-749-7565 ext. 51 and at the South Shore Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham.



Livingston Taylor

SCITUATE HERITAGE DAYS – The annual event combines live music and entertainment, artisan crafts, kid's activities. During the weekend, visitors can enjoy many events, activities, and music. Beginning on Friday night, Aug. 1, the magic of Luminaria will bring a glow to Scituate. Residents and visitors will enjoy the peaceful glimmer of candles that can be seen up and down the Scituate coastline. World-renowned rock and blues musicians will be appearing Aug. 2 and 3. The headliner for the event is Felix Cavaliere and the Rascals. Other acts throughout the weekend include Fat City Band, Bellevue Cadillac, and The Fools. Several other acts will be announced in the upcoming weeks. Artisans, craftspeople, and other vendors will occupy over 100 booths that are set up along Front Street and Cole Parkway. For information visit scituatechamber.org

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Players Sports Bar, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland July 26, 9 p.m. Satch & The Mighty House-Rockers, $5 cover. 781-681-9999.

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'King of the Blues' performs in Cohasset Aug. 1

"I'm me," B.B. King told Time Magazine in 1969. "Blues is what I do best. If Frank Sinatra can be the best in his field, Nat King Cole in his, Bach and Beethoven in theirs, why can't I be great, and known for it, in blues?"

From another performer, those sentiments might have sounded ego-driven. From B.B. King, they were simply spoken truths — as true 50 years ago as they are today. Indeed, the man born Riley B. King on Sept. 16, 1925 will demonstrate why he has long been known as "King of the Blues" when he takes the stage at the Cape Cod Melody Tent on July 31 and the South Shore Music Circus on Aug. 1.



COURTESY PHOTO

B.B. King

At age 82, King is still light on his feet, singing and playing the blues with unbridled passion. Since he began making records in the 1940s, he has released over 50 albums. His interest in music, however, can be traced to his earliest days on a Mississippi plantation. King spent his very early childhood playing on street corners for small change. Later, he would take the concept of one-nighters even further, sometimes playing in as many as four towns a night. In 1947, he made his way to Memphis to pursue his music career full-time. Memphis was where every important musician of the South gravitated and where every style of African American music could be found. King stayed with his cousin Bukka White, one of the most celebrated blues performers of his time, who schooled him in the art of the blues. Regular radio work soon followed and the young performer set out to hone in on a catchy stage name. What started out as Beale Street Blues Boy was shortened to Blues Boy King, and eventually B.B. King.

In the mid-1950s, while King was performing at a dance in Twist, Ark., two men got into a fight and knocked over a kerosene stove, setting fire to the hall. King ran outside to safety with everyone else. He then realized that he left his beloved $30 acoustic guitar inside, so he rushed back inside the flame-engulfed building to retrieve it, narrowly escaping death. When he was told later that the fight had been over a woman named Lucille, he decided to give the name to his guitar to remind him never to do a crazy thing like fight over a woman. Ever since, each one of King's trademark Gibson guitars has been called Lucille.

Soon after achieving his first number one hit, "Three O'Clock Blues," B.B. began touring nationally. In 1956, King and his band played an astonishing 342 one-night stands. From small-town cafes, juke joints, and country dance halls to rock palaces, symphony concert halls, and amphitheaters, nationally and internationally, King has earned a rock-solid reputation as one of the most renowned blues musician of the last half-century.

Over the years, King has also developed his own unique guitar style. He borrowed from Blind Lemon Jefferson, T-Bone Walker and others, integrating his precise and complex vocal-like string bends and his left hand vibrato, both of which have become indispensable components of rock guitarist's vocabulary. His every-note-counts phrasing has been a model for countless players, from Eric Clapton and George Harrison to Jeff Beck.

King has mixed traditional blues, jazz, swing, mainstream pop and jump into a sound that is all his own. As King himself once explained it, "When I sing, I play in my mind; the minute I stop singing orally, I start to sing by playing Lucille."

B.B. King will be at the Cape Cod Melody Tent, 21 West Main Street, Hyannis, on July 31. For tickets and information, visit the box office or call 1-800-347-0808. King will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, on Aug. 1. For tickets and information, visit the box office or call 617-931-2787.

— R. Scott Reedy

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South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell Summer Fairies Program, July 26 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. Join the fun and wear a fairy costume. The festivities include stories, lemonade and cookies and related crafts. Make a fairy catcher and fairy houses from natural materials. This program is popular, so sign-up early. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Cost per child/parent pair: $12 members/ $17 non-members. Each additional child $5. Payment may be taken over the telephone with a major credit card. Information and to sign-up contact the Science Center at 781-659-2559 or visitssnc.org

The Silver Ribbon-American Crafts & Arts Gallery, 15 Columbia road, Route 53 Pembroke. Open House celebrating 20 years July 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 781-826-1525.

Author Claire Cook discussion and signing of her latest novel **Summer Blowout** July 26, at 2 p.m. at Borders, Independence Mall: 100 Independence Way, Kingston. This hilarious, rambunctious novel is pure Claire Cook. It's full of juicy conflict and unconditional love. 781-582-8100.

Congregation Shirat Hayam of Marshfield **annual Song of the Sea Festival** on July 26 starting at 4 p.m. This year's Song of the Sea Festival will feature **Yom Hadash**, one of the hottest local Jewish rock bands in the US today. This summer BBQ/Concert style event will be held at the Inly School in Scituate, 46 Watch Hill Dr. Tickets are $10 each or $20 per family and should be reserved prior to the concert through the numbers below. Directions and more information are available at shirathayam.net Contact **info@shirathayam.net** 781-582-2700.

South Shore Summer Theater will be presenting a weekend of Youth theater performances sure to please all ages. On Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26, the youth theater group will present the first local production of **"Sweeney Todd School Edition,"** More than 35 South Shore High School performers are in the cast, featuring Nick Ryan (Marshfield) as Sweeney Todd, and Jenna Brickley (Hingham) as Mrs. Lovett. **Performances are at 7:30 p.m. at Scituate High School,** Scituate. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students and seniors and can be purchased in advance at Front Street Book Shop in Scituate.

Bag Full of Blues will perform at the **Great Chow** 497 Bedford St., (Route 18) Abington, 9 p.m. July 26. No cover.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 25, **Mother Focus Party Band** 781-829-6999.

Players Sports Bar, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland July 26, 9 p.m. **Satch & The Mighty HouseRockers**, $5 cover. 781-681-9999.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, offers traditional Irish Seisiun from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety, from sea chanteys, rebel songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No cover. Go sing, go play, go listen. Call 508-830-1262.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 26, **Swamptones.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. July 26, 8 p.m. **WWE Summer Slam Tour** Ticket information: 617-931-2787 or themusiccircus.org

Sunday, July 27

Peter & The Wolf & Friends. Characters come to life through the instruments of South Shore Conservatory based musicians in Sergei Prokofiev's enchanting musical tale. Sunday, July 27 at 10 a.m. Tickets $15 for adults, and $5 for children, available online at sscmusic.org or at 781-749-7565 ext. 51 and at the South Shore Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham.

Tea Ceremony at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St, Duxbury. Sunday, July 27, at 2 p.m. **Tea Master Glenn Sorei Pereira** will perform the ceremony, which offers the opportunity for children, grade two and above, and adults to learn about this important Japanese cultural tradition. Other special events planned for that day will introduce a hands-on activity, origami. Ginger ice cream and cookies will be served following the ceremony in The Phoenix Gallery.

South Shore Art Center annual Blue Ribbon Members' Show features more than 150 pieces of art—from sculpture to photography to oil paintings and collage—not previously exhibited at the Art Center and completed by member artists of all ages and abilities runs through Sept. 7. Information: call 781-383-2787 or visit ssac.org.

Abington Summer Concert Series at the Catherine and Joseph Nisby Bandstand every Sunday at 6 p.m. July 27, at 7 p.m. **Back Eddy Bluegrass Band.** In the event of rain, concerts will be held at the Abington Senior Center, 441 Summer St.

Sunday night concerts at the Hanover Bandstand, B. Everett Hall Field, Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover. Every Sunday night 7 to 8:30 p.m. **July 27, Dale & the Duds** will perform.

Monday, July 28

Old Ship Meeting House, 90 Main St., the famous Hingham Landmark built in 1681, is open for tours Monday through Saturday, until Aug. 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. 781-749-1679.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. No appointment is necessary. For information, call Peggy Loud at 781-659-1857 or email NBNorwellMA@aol.com All are welcome.

Tuesday, July 29

The Wellness Community at Pathways, 272 Hanover St., Hanover will offer a workshop on ***Meditation & Forgiveness*** July 29, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The discussion will focus on forgiveness, rather than condoning, as an act of enabling us to release sorrows of the past. Meditation on forgiveness is a tool helpful in forgiving both ourselves and others. The workshop will be facilitated by **Ann Allegrini,** RN, and **Gail Mitton**, WHE. Registration is required. The Wellness Community is a non-profit organization offering free support, education, and hope for people with cancer and their loved ones and caregivers. Those interested in this workshop and others who are interested in programs and services offered at Pathways are encouraged to attend a Newcomers Orientation which is held each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Registration is not required for Newcomers. To register for ***Meditation & Forgiveness*** or information, call 781-829-4823 or visit wellnesscommunity.org

Albertina's Ice Cream Shoppe. 223 Union St., Rockland. Outside concerts every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. July 29, **DJ Doug MacIntyre** 781-982-6000.

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, out on the deck (weather permitting) July 29, 7:30 p.m. **Drift Away**, 781-925-1115.



"Calm Morning" acrylic by Lisa Marder of Cohasset

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Wednesday, July 30

Story Time Wednesday, July 30, at 10 a.m.: Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Mary reads age appropriate stories Wed. mornings 10-10:30. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or visit frontstreetbookshop .com.

New England Weather, the contemporary folk ensemble, will hold a free concert at 7 p.m. on July 30, at the Quincy Summerfest Concert Series in Quincy. Concerts are held in the outdoor Ruth Gordon Amphitheater in Quincy's Merrymount Park (Route 3A, Southern Artery) adjacent to Pageant Field and the Richard J. Koch Family Park & Recreation Complex.

Braintree's Got Talent for Teens! For kids going into grades seven to 12. Fans of all ages are welcome without registration. July 30, at 5:30 p.m. Great prizes to the top 3 acts! Sponsored by Comcast. Thayer Public Library, 781-848-0405, ext. 4417.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 30, DJ Big **Daddy Ray** 781-829-6999.

Thursday, July 31

Pembroke Historical Society and Pembroke Arts Festival, will host **An Entrée to the Arts: A Feast for the Palate and the Eye** July 31. The event will showcase Pembroke food, drink and art and will take place at Pembroke Historical Society on Center Street, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., rain or shine. Information: pembrokeartsfestival.org. Donations are $25 per person and the event is for those 21 years or older. A limited number of tickets will be sold. To buy tickets in advance, contact Diana Barton at diana@pembrokeartsfestival.org or call 781-294-0245. Tickets purchased in advance will be held at the door. Tickets may also be purchased at Hannon-Ryan Insurance, 166 Center St., Pembroke, Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 7 p.m., on Wednesdays.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 31, **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, June 24 **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Aug. 1

Farmer's Market, Marshfield Fairgrounds, Route 3A, featuring locally grown produce and merchants market their unique crafts. Live entertainment from 2 to 7 p.m. Aug. 1, fiddle player **Tiffany Royenas** will be performing.

New England Singles Dances Adults of all ages. Casual dress. dance music with New England's top DJ's. www.singlesdances-newengland.com Aug. 1, 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Sandwich Bar. $10. 617-325-4900.

Single Executive Club Singles Dance, Aug. 1, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Route 3. For singles and couples age 35 and over. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Proper business-casual dress acceptable, sports jacket for men highly recommended, collared dress shirt & slacks acceptable. 781-446-0234 or se-4u.com. Cost $12 all night.

The USS Salem, a 716 foot long US Navy Heavy Cruiser Gunship will host two **family overnight Adventure programs** Aug. 1 to 3 and Aug. 16 to 17. The cost is $43 per person and includes all activities and meals. Information: 617-479-7900 or uss-salem.org

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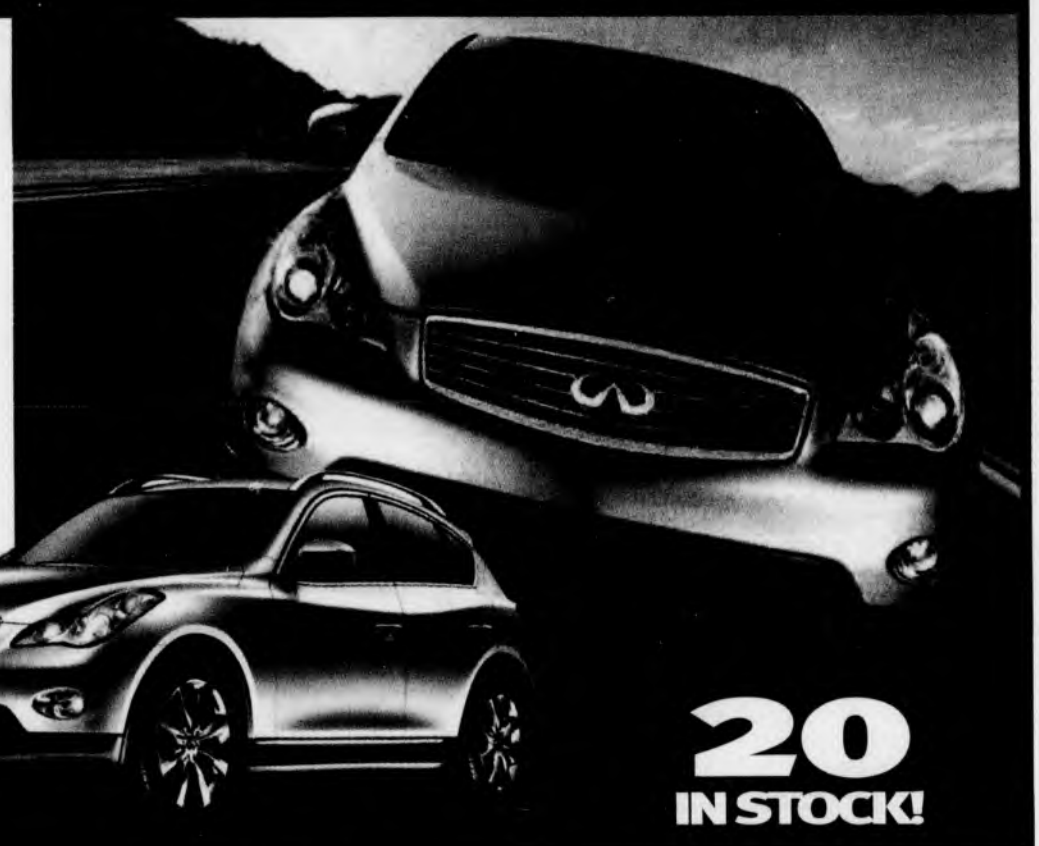
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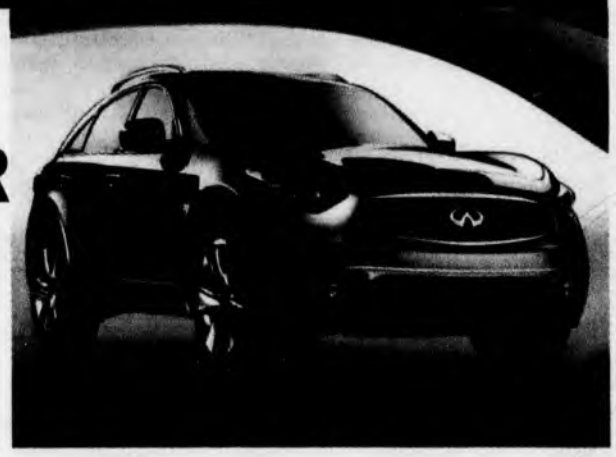
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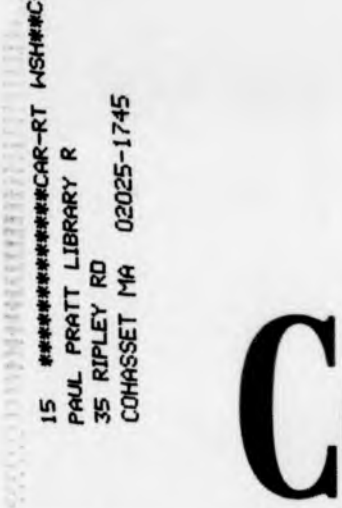
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Cohasset native at Hatch Shell

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— SAMPLING COHASSET BEACHES —



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Marcus Charles, 16, measures out 90 mL of distilled water in a graduated cylinder while testing his samples of Cohasset water back in the lab at the Center for Student Coastal Research on Tuesday.

CSCR teams up with Board of Health

By Nancy White
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Like clockwork, every Tuesday during the summer Health Inspector Tara Tradd hits the beach. But no, it's not to take a swim or lay out on the golden sands of Sandy Beach, but rather to gather water samples from Cohasset beaches spots to ensure they are safe for swimming and other recreational activities.

Since the inception of the Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR), Tradd has teamed up with students each summer to help her gather the samples and then run a similar test in their lab. This summer, Marcus Charles, who will be a senior at Cohasset High in the fall, has been helping to collect the samples and running a test for the presence of enterococci — the red flag when testing for bacteria at town beaches.

The Mariner tagged along with Tradd and Marcus as they made their rounds to the town's beaches. Six locations are sampled: off the docks of the Sailing Club and the Yacht Club, Sandy Cove, Little Harbor, Sandy Beach and Black Rock Beach.

At each sampling location one sample is taken in a glass bottle then split the water between two sterile cups — one goes to the state lab, G&L Laboratories in Quincy, and the other to the CSCR lab.

So far this summer, the results done by Marcus and G&L have been nearly identical.

"They have a good system and good controls in place," said Tradd. When both results come back on Wednesday they compare the results via e-mail. Typically, Tradd mentors several students for the summer project, but this year only Marcus signed on.

"I wanted to do a project that helped the community," said Marcus, who is doing his first summer project at CSCR. Although he didn't start out doing this project, he now believes this is the "best one" because the impact on the community is immediate.

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Civil Rights

Determination says evidence insufficient in Lewis complaint

By Nancy White
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The School Department was recently found to have not violated a student and an employee's civil rights in a complaint filed with the US Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

Peggy Lewis, who made headlines in December when the Cohasset Schools took her to Superior Court in order to keep her son in special education against her wishes, filed the complaint in late December on behalf of herself and her son.

Over seven months later, the Office for Civil Rights determined there was insufficient evidence to support a violation of the civil rights.

"The basic result was there was no finding," said School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn at last Wednesday's School Committee meeting. The ruling was not discussed in any detail at the meeting. However, Flynn said, residents could request a copy of the finding from the superintendent.

The complaint alleged district administrators retaliated against Lewis and her son since the close of the 2006-2007 school year, after she filed a complaint with the Massachusetts Department of Education and then her advocacy on behalf of the student during a hearing before the Bureau of Special Education Appeals.

Lewis is the secretary in the front office of the Middle-High School and her son finished his eighth grade year this past spring.

The specifics of the alleged retaliation included an administrator following the student around the school building observing him in a manner that he felt was intimidating and again when the

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Caring for the health of the town

Public Heath Nurse Mary Goodwin settles in

By Nancy White
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Keeping Cohasset as healthy and safe as possible is the aim of Mary Goodwin, the town's new public heath nurse. Nestled into a Town Hall office between the Planning Board and Building Department, Goodwin has been settling into her job since starting in early April.

Long-time public health nurse Judy Fitzsimmons retired in April after 22 years. Goodwin had served as assistant public health nurse for the past three years, which has made the transition smooth for the office.

"I felt I had a good feel for a lot of the job, but certainly I have a lot to learn," said Goodwin. The public health nurse's role is multi-faceted and in a given day she has to be ready for nearly anything. From checking in on elderly residents to performing regular blood pressure checks to keeping track of communicable diseases to educating

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Mary Goodwin, shown here in her office at Town Hall, says the public health nurse's role is multi-faceted and in a given day she has to be ready for nearly anything.

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Name: David Sheehan and Helene Devlin.

Occupation: Director of Group Sales (David). Group Sales Associate (Helene).

Best day of your life: July 25, 1990, singing with Diana Ross on stage at the Music Circus (David). The days my children were born (Helene).

Best vacation: How can any vacation be bad? (David). St. Lucia with my family (Helene).

Favorite season: Fall (David). Summer (Helene).

Favorite holiday: Fourth of July (David). Christmas (Helene).

Favorite junk food or meal: Spaghetti and meatballs (David). Chocolate (Helene).

Best book: "Halfway to Paradise," by Tony Orlando (David). "Pride and Prejudice," by Jane Austen (Helene).

Best movie: "Bells of St. Mary's" (David). "The Notebook" (Helene).

Best TV show: "The Ed Sullivan Show" (David). "Grey's Anatomy" (Helene).



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This week the Mariner caught up with David Sheehan, group sales director, and Helene Devlin, group sales associate, at the Music Circus.

Best music, group or artist: Motown – the Supremes and Temptations (David). Abba and Jimmy Buffet (Helene).

Fun fact: I have sung on stage with Patti Labelle and Diana Ross (of the Supremes). (David).

Pet peeve: Negative people (David). Mean people (Helene).

Goal: To enjoy life (David). To worry less and enjoy life more (Helene).

Person you'd most like to meet: I met JFK Jr. and Caroline. Would like to have met JFK and Jacqueline (David). Dali Lama (Helene).

Biggest worry: Weather on show days (David). The economy (Helene).

Best part of Cohasset: The South Shore Music Circus! (David and Helene).

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

July- Aug.	AM	HIGH Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	LOW Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 31	10:56	8.9	11:09	10.6	4:36	-0.7	4:46	0.1
Sunrise: 5:35 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:03 p.m.*			
Fri. 1	11:51	9.2	—	—	5:30	-0.9	5:41	-0.1
Sunrise: 5:36 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:02 p.m.*			
Sat. 2	12:04	10.7	12:43	9.5	6:21	-1.0	6:34	-0.2
Sunrise: 5:37 a.m.					*Sunset: 8:01 p.m.*			
Sun. 3	12:56	10.5	1:31	9.6	7:09	-0.9	7:25	-0.2
Sunrise: 5:38 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:59 p.m.*			
Mon. 4	1:46	10.2	2:18	9.6	7:55	-0.6	8:15	-0.1
Sunrise: 5:39 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:58 p.m.*			
Tues. 5	2:35	9.8	3:03	9.5	8:41	-0.2	9:04	0.2
Sunrise: 5:41 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:57 p.m.*			
Wed. 6	3:24	9.2	3:49	9.3	9:26	0.3	9:54	0.5
Sunrise: 5:42 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:56 p.m.*			
Thurs. 7	4:13	8.7	4:35	9.0	10:12	0.8	10:46	0.9
Sunrise: 5:43 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:54 p.m.*			

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On an even keel

Building and harbormaster have positive reports

By Nancy White
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Whether building or boating this summer the town departments behind those activities had relatively positive reports to give the Board of Selectmen.

As part of the Selectmen's ongoing effort to meet with each department head this summer on the trends, major challenges, grant opportunities and general big picture perspective, both the Building Department and the Harbormaster Department presented at the July 21 meeting.

With the struggling economy, Building Commissioner Bob Egan said the amount of permits being drawn is down 24 percent from the same time last year (July 2007). Yet, the building permit fees are only down 8.7 percent from last year's numbers.

"From what I've heard we are in better shape than surrounding towns," said Egan. He expects many residents are delaying home improvement projects due to the economy.

"The number of permits may be down, but the cost is still there," said Egan. The permit fees are based on the estimated cost of construction. The current permit fee is $10 per thousand dollars of construction cost. The fee is on par with other area towns, said Egan.

Some fairly large projects are expected to move ahead and break ground within the next six months. The mixed-use plaza in the transit-oriented district, Old Colony Square, and the 200-unit Avalon apartments are looking to pull building permits before the end of the year. The project will bring in new revenue for the town. The developers will pay for the building permits and once finished the projects will go on the town's property tax rolls.

Other permitting is done out of the Building Department office including plumbing and electrical inspections.

"We are doing the best we can with zoning enforcement, building permits and dealing with the needs of citizens," said Egan, adding courtesy, efficiency and follow-up are some of the most important pieces to success in the building department.

"There's no reason not to be courteous, whether it's a lawyer, an attorney, a developer or a resident," he said. "We try to treat everyone fairly and try to make them understand why things are done the way they are."

Egan also serves as the town's Sealer of Weights and Measures and is often called to judge whether customers are getting what they pay for at the gas pump or with a cord of wood.

"However much it costs, (the residents of) Cohasset are getting a full gallon," said Egan, who recently inspected all the gas pumps in town to ensure they were accurate.

Harbormaster's report

Harbormaster Lorri Gibbons updated the Selectmen on the busy summer goings-on in the harbor and waterfront. With herself and three assistant harbormasters and three boats, the department is in full swing. The impacts of the no discharge zone, a mile-long mooring waiting list, and a partially deteriorated town boat ramp were discussed.

This summer is the first that Cohasset Harbor and its outer waters have been officially declared a no discharge area. That means all overboard discharge of all boat sewage, even if treated, is prohibited within three miles of shore. In a no discharge area, vessel sewage must be discharged to a shore-side or mobile pumpout facility.

Accordingly, Gibbons said the town's pumpout boat has been busy.

"People seem to be doing real-

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POLICE BEAT

Suspicious shoppers spotted, then leave

By Mary Ford
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CVS contacted police about two men who were inside the store and were acting suspiciously at about 4 p.m. on Monday (July 21).

Police said CVS clerks observed the men filling up shopping baskets with different items. One employee saw one of the men attempting to cover up some of the items.

One of the men then put the items in his basket back on the shelf and left the store. Then it appeared that he was talking with the other man, who was still inside the store, on his cell phone from the parking lot. The man, who was inside, then put his basket down and left the store.

Police were able to obtain a partial plate and description of the vehicle and confirmed it was registered to a man who is known to police for shoplifting.

CVS is considering taking out a no-trespass order against the man, whom police identified. The other man was not identified. In this instance, no crime was committed, police said.

Phone lines cut

Police are investigating a report of telephone lines that were cut to a local business in Tedeschi Plaza off Route 3A.

The caller explained that the telephone company was at her business to handle a problem she was having with the line and discovered that the lines had been cut intentionally.

Police Chief James Hussey said the room where the lines are housed is shut and locked. "Detectives are trying to determine what the intention was," he said. The incident was reported on Monday (July 21) at 1:50 p.m.

Illinois plates

Police were called to Sandy Beach about a car with Illinois plates and no sticker that refused to leave at about 2:17 p.m. on Monday (July 21). But by the time police arrived, the motorist was on his way.

Jaguar ornament

A Pleasant Street man reported that the hood ornament on his Jaguar had been broken off sometime overnight July 21-22. Police said the jaguar ornament had been snapped off and was missing. The incident is under investigation.

Hit and run

Police said a Pontiac drove through a stonewall on Cedar Street sometime overnight July 22-23, went into a sand trap and drove across part of the Cohasset Golf Club course, exiting back onto Cedar Street.

Police recovered black plastic pieces from a Pontiac at the scene.

"Whoever it was wanted to make good his escape," Chief Hussey said.

Summons

A 19-year-old Acton man is being summonsed to court for driving an unregistered vehicle. An officer ran a random check on the plate as the car was pulling out of Shaw's because the registration sticker was not visible.

The computer revealed the registration had been revoked because the car was not insured. The car was towed.

MV crashes

• An Abington man called police after the motorcycle he was driving hit a pothole on Atlantic Avenue near Lothrop Lane. He was traveling north when he hit the pothole and lost control, going into a 25-foot skid. He was checked out by paramedics and was able to drive the motorcycle away, police said. The accident occurred at 8 p.m. on Tuesday (July 22).

• At 5:26 p.m. on Friday (July 25), a 2003 Nissan driven by a Cohasset man stopped behind a line of cars at the lights at Stop and Shop when it was hit from behind by a 1995 Ford operated by a Hull woman. The Hull woman told police she had taken her eyes off the road for a second when the accident occurred. There were no reported injuries. The Hull woman was cited for failure to use care in stopping. Her car had to be towed.

• A Hingham mother called Cohasset police after her son was involved in a fender-bender on Sohier Street near the railroad tracks. She wanted to be sure her son got all the information. Police said the cars were traveling north (toward Ripley Road) when traffic was stopped at the tracks. A 2008 Nissan, driven by a Cohasset man, bumped the rear bumper of a 1994 Buick, driven by the Hingham teen. Police said there was minor damage to the Nissan. The Cohasset man was given a warning for failure to use care when stopping.

Metal plate

At about 8:50 p.m. on Wednesday (July 23), a motorist notified police that he had driven over a metal plate near Jerusalem Road and Bow Street. The plate sliced one of his tires. When he made the call, he was at the Mobil Station waiting for help from a wrecker. He told police he was planning to fill out an accident report.

Check fraud

Cohasset police are investigating a larceny by check and have a suspect, Chief Hussey said. The two-part incident began in Hanover after a Hanover woman reported that checks had been stolen from her pocketbook. Hanover police are investigating the theft of the checks.

The victim went to the Cohasset police headquarters on Friday (July 25) at 9:53 a.m. to report that one of the checks had been cashed at a bank in Cohasset. Cohasset police detectives went to the bank and obtained a copy of the check. The matter remains under investigation.

Missing boat

An Atlantic Avenue resident reported Friday (July 25) that a small rowboat with the letters "MD" and some numbers on its side was missing and asked if anyone reported finding it. Police said he did not want to make an official report yet because he thought that someone may have borrowed the boat and would return it.

At this time it is listed as "missing," Chief Hussey said. "He wants to wait and see if it shows up before making a formal report."

Almost hit

A caller notified police at 4 p.m. on Friday (July 25) that some teens were "almost hit" by a car as they were walking along Border Street by Atlantica. An officer went to the scene but the teens could not provide a plate number or description of the vehicle.

Garage break-in

A Ledge Way resident called police on Friday (July 25) at about 4:53 p.m. after he returned home from vacation. He reported that someone had tried to break into his garage. The doorframe to an entry door appeared to have been pried. Police said the resident did not think anything was missing and it did not appear that entry to the garage had been gained.

Marijuana arrest

Police say a group of Sharon residents were stopped after a witness saw the driver drop a "marijuana blunt cigar" out the window of the Ford Mustang on Government Island.

An officer was in the vicinity and pulled the car over on Government Island. There was a man and three women in the car. Police said there was some "crumblings" of marijuana outside the car when it was stopped.

Further investigation revealed a marijuana "joint" next to the driver's seat and a small plastic bag with marijuana in the car. The 22-year-old man was arrested and charged with possession of Class D (marijuana). His girlfriend was allowed to drive the car home.

Police said the group had been jumping off the Border Street bridge earlier.

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Determination says evidence insufficient in Lewis complaint

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district sought a restraining order to prevent Lewis from withdrawing her consent for special education services.

The complaint further alleged the district took adverse action against Lewis in regards to her time and attendance at her job. Lastly, the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) looked into an allegation the district failed to respond to her grievances regarding the student's educational placement.

The OCR evaluated whether the district retaliated again the Lewises and if they failed to respond to grievances. The OCR approach was systematic. They reviewed the background of the complaint, provided by Lewis and the school district, including special education records and academic records related to the student, personnel records and other documentation such as student handbooks and school policies.

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In all aspects of the complaint, the OCR found there was a legitimate, non-pretextual and non-retaliatory reason for the actions Lewis described.

"From a superintendent's perspective, I believe in the system whether it be a request for public records or the Office of Civil Right and I respect the process," Superintendent Denise Walsh said in a phone interview this week. "The representatives from the Office of Civil Rights were very thorough…and at the end of the day, they didn't find a breach of anyone's civil rights."

Following their evidence gathering, OCR then met with Lewis to discuss their preliminary observations and provide her with an opportunity to respond to the information gathered during the investigation according to their ruling.

"The representatives from OCR left no stone unturned. As a community we can be assured the OCR did their job and we're doing ours," Walsh said.

Lewis stands by her story and does not agree with the OCR's conclusions.

"I wouldn't have done a single thing differently. All of my concerns are true and I think they are legitimate complaints but, once again, they are not being addressed," Lewis said in a phone interview.

Federal laws could change

Following the decision of the Superior Court where a judge mandated the Lewises' son continue to receive special services from the Cohasset schools, Peggy Lewis told the Mariner "something has to happen because of this, parents don't know they could lose all say over their child's education."

Eight months later, something could happen. Changes in federal regulations are being proposed by the Secretary of Education to allow parents the right o remove their child from a special education program.

One of the proposed changes to special education federal rules would "permit parents to unilaterally withdraw their children from further receipt of special education…by revoking their consent."

In the Lewises' case, they tried to have their son removed from an individual education plan, dubbed an IEP, when he was finishing the seventh grade. But, the school believed the Lewises' son would be denied a "free and appropriate education" if he was removed from the special education plan. The school appealed the Lewises' denial of consent all the way to Superior Court where the judge ruled in the district's favor and the Lewises' son remained in his IEP.

A free and appropriate public education, often referred to as FAPE, is the responsibility a public school system has by law to provide all students eligible for special education with the services they need. Federal and state law ensures that all students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education at no expense for the family. A free and appropriate public education differs from each student because each student has unique needs.

In the new law, if parents refuse special education services then the school would not be in violation of providing, FAPE. One of the reasons Cohasset schools pursued the special education plan for the Lewis boy, then in eighth grade, was because if they weren't able to give him special education services they would have not been providing a free and appropriate public education to the student.

While no direct cause and effect relationship can be made between the Lewis case and the proposed changes to special education laws, Lewis believes her case and her advocacy for her son played a role in bringing attention to the issue.

"If someone wants (their child out of special education), it's a big battle. The only way to do it is if the law changes," said Lewis, who commented in support of the proposed regulation.

The comment period for this proposed regulation change ended Monday, July 28. Hundreds of parents, teachers, education advocates and school districts responded.

The proposed regulations can be viewed at www.regulations.gov by searching for docket ID: ED-2008-OSERS-0005.

Schools balance the books

As is typical at the end of the fiscal year, several transfers needed to be made from accounts in the black to accounts in the red for the School Department. A balance of $299,435 was spread over 14 different school accounts; six accounts had deficits totaling up to $104,608. Due to the fairly mild winter, all three schools showed balances in their heat, electric and water line items.

The largest account with a deficit was the special education legal expenses with a negative balance of $57,158. A total of $40,000 had been appropriated to the special education legal expenses for the fiscal year 2008.

Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz expressed concern at the number.

"People should try to avoid suing each other…(the cost for legal bills) is a couple of teachers," said Slanetz.

In addition to making the $104,608 in transfers to cover the accounts in deficits, the committee made $122,221 in special purchases such as surveillance cameras, entryway mats, food lunch program supplies and materials and instructional supplies for all schools. The remaining balance ($72,606) was used to pre-pay special education tuition for the fiscal 2009 school year.

Sen. Hedlund named to transportation bond bill conference committee

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, has been named to the conference committee that will negotiate a final version of a $1.38 billion transportation bond bill currently before the Legislature.

Hedlund was appointed to the committee due to his role as the ranking member of the Joint Committee on Transportation. He has sat on the committee since first being elected to the Senate in 1990 and is currently the panel's longest-serving member.

"Being a member of this special committee gives me a better opportunity to advocate on behalf of the projects important to my district," Hedlund said.

Both the Senate and House versions of the bond bill contain $1.75 million for the reconstruction of Rockland Street in Hingham, $150,000 for repairs to the Pemberton Pier commuter boat float in Hull and $43 million for the construction of a connector road from Route 18 in Weymouth to Route 3 in Rockland.

In addition, the House version also contains funding for, among other projects, $200,000 for the widening of Route 139 in Marshfield, and $3.5 million for the reconstruction of Route 123 in Norwell.

Both versions contain legislation for the South Weymouth Naval Air Station redevelopment, however, the Senate draft contains language sponsored by Hedlund that provides additional protections for taxpayers.

Joining Hedlund on the conference committee are Sens. Steven Baddour, D-Methuen, and Stephen Brewer, D-Barre, and Reps. Robert DeLeo, D-Winthrop, Joseph Wagner, D-Chicopee, and Elizabeth Poirier, R-North Attleboro.

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Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. The following items are being collected at the American Legion for deployed servicemen and women:

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Are you prepared for an emergency?

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Do you have a family emergency plan, meeting place? Do you have a three-day supply of food and water? Do you have an evacuation kit ready to go?

According to emergency preparedness officials, these are just a few of the things every household should have at the ready in the case of an emergency. Unfortunately, many Americans are not prepared for the unexpected, whether it is a chemical spill down the street, a house fire, a pandemic or a hurricane.

On Tuesday morning, representatives from the Region 4B emergency management group of which Cohasset is a part of, came to Town Hall to present simple ways residents can be prepared.

"How can we better deliver the message such that it becomes a community effort?" said Garrett Simonsen, coordinator of training and communication in Region 4B. The answer, he said, is to make the process less overwhelming by breaking it into easy to accomplish tips.

Despite recent large-scale disasters in the U.S. like Hurricane Katrina most have not been propelled to action when it comes to emergency preparedness. Recent national surveys indicate less than on-third of Americans have a basic emergency plan and supplies and while 47 percent believe there will be a major disaster in their area in the next five years, 43 percent are not doing anything to prepare.

Simonsen said it's likely much of what needs to gathered for an emergency can already be found in homes and the remaining items can be bought without a large investment of time or money.

"Identify what you have and put it all together," said Simonsen. A three-day supply of food and water, a first aid kit, prescriptions medications, basic hygiene products, tools (flashlight, battery powered radio, extra batteries) and copies of important documents are the very basic items.

"Helping an individual identify the basics and what they will need to stay safe in an emergency enables them to feel confident," said Simonsen. Depending on the type of emergency, residents may be required to shelter-in-place (stay where they are) or they may need to evacuate to a safe building. In the case of the latter, an evacuation kit with light essentials should be packed and ready in your home or car (or both).

He encouraged those present, which were mostly members of the medical reserve corps, to remember neighbors who may need a helping hand to prepare. The medical reserve corps are volunteers — some are nurses, doctors, pharmacists, but others are lay people — who would be called on to act in the event of an regional emergency.

An emergency could happen at any time and your family may not be together when it does. Simonsen explained the importance of having a plan to contact each other. He suggested the family include an out-of-state contact for family member to check-in with as local phone lines may get bogged down in a regional emergency.

"Know how you will communicate and where you will meet outside the house or outside the neighborhood," said Simonsen. He suggested an out-of-neighborhood meeting place proximate to public transportation or a government building where more information may be available.

The emergency plan should be reviewed and updated about every six months to ensure the plan is accurate and food has not expired.

"It's a process that must be continually be maintained and thought about," said Simonsen.

Simonsen gave all present an assignment to prepare their own homes and families, then spread their knowledge to others.

"Community success is very much dependent on what each of us does individually," said Simonsen.

Starter kit supplies of with basic items were handed out to get attendees started on their emergency preparedness kits. Granola bars, water, heat pack, water bag, battery powered flashlight, hand sanitizer, poncho, first aid kit and emergency blanket were distributed.

The presentation was one of several done across region 4B, which includes 27 cities and towns in metro Boston.

For more information about how to prepare for an emergency, contact the Board of Health at (781) 383-4116.

'ICE' your cell phone

If you can't tell paramedics who you are, your cell phone can help emergency responders and healthcare workers to identify you and notify your loved ones.

Program your cell phone's telephone book with the codeword "ICE," which stands for "in case of emergency." Open your cell phone telephone book to create a new entry. Instead of entering the name of a person, enter the word "ICE."

Enter the phone number of the person you would want contacted in an emergency. To list multiple contacts, name the entries ICE1, ICE2, and so on.

Emergency workers look for the codeword ICE when they turn on your phone.

Quick Tips

Planning ahead for an emergency will give you peace of mind and can keep your family and friends safe. Local and state officials preparing for a range of possible emergencies, from hurricanes and blizzards to a flu pandemic and acts of terrorism. There are simple steps you can take to prepare:

- Develop a family communication plan. Know how your family will contact each other and where you will meet.
- Have a three-day food and water supply for each person in your home. Remember individual diet needs and plan for your pets.
- Have a first aid kit with health products and prescription medicines.
- Put together an evacuation kit and put it in an easily accessible place in your car or in a backpack. Pack lightly and include basic supplies for 24 to 48 hours.
- Review your plans and supplies every six months with everyone in your home. Replace expired food, water and medicine. Update your communication plan.

Information provided on handout developed by the Cambridge Advanced Practice Center for Emergency Preparedness.

Building, harbormaster have positive reports

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ly well, the pump out numbers are up over past years," said Gibbons. Pumpouts are provided to boaters at no charge.

The mooring list was a hot topic and Gibbons said she is always looking for more places to put moorings, but the harbor is tight. Currently, there are approximately 500 names on the mooring waiting list and the wait is between 15 and 20 years long. However, with more moorings come additional questions of parking spaces and dinghy tie-ups.

Gibbons said there has been more transient (out-of-town boaters coming in to the harbor) traffic this year. Some nights, the harbor has hosted as many as six transient boats.

On shore, Gibbons said one of her concerns right now is the town boat ramp.

"The boat ramp is a problem," said Gibbons. The bottom of the ramp has eroded and can only handle one boat at a time.

"It's the only ramp we have in town and if there was a hurricane and boats needed to be taken out, we could only take out about 350 over three days, 24 hours a day," said Gibbons. Although a temporary fix in place, Town Manager Bill Griffin asked Gibbons to be put in a capital request for an engineering study to design a more permanent fix.

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Sons of Legion host striped bass tourney

Cohasset Sons of the American Legion hosted its fifth annual striped bass tournament from sundown, Thursday July 18, to 5 p.m., on Sunday July, 20. The tournament has been renamed The Chucky Rose "Foolish Bass-Tards" Tournament in honor of Cohasset native Charles Rose, a member of the Legion Post who died in April of last year.

Cohasset resident Grant Emde took the top prize with a 42-inches, 28.3-pound monster bass taken by sea. Nick DiNardo, also of Cohasset, took the largest fish by land at 32-inches, 12.5 pounds.



COURTESY PHOTO

Cohasset resident Grant Emde took the top prize with a 42-pound, 28.3-pound monster bass.

Recipes wanted for Veterans Cookbook

Cohasset's George H. Mealy Post 118 of the American Legion, along with the Sons of the American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary, are producing a cookbook titled "Veteran Cooks." Books will be available for sale at $12.95 on or about Oct. 1. All proceeds from the sale of the book and advertising will benefit the Christine Burke Scholarship Fund, which gives thousands of dollars to area high school seniors seeking higher education.

Favorite family recipes are welcome and wanted for the publication. Submission is free. They may be hand written and dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street or they can be submitted on line. To submit recipes on line, go to the Web site at typensave.com; log in; and enter contributor name as it should appear on the recipe. The group log in is post118 and the password is 383. All recipes must be submitted by Sept. 1.



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The cover of the Veterans Cook cookbook.

Sam Game has role in 'Julius Caesar'

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK



IT'S AUGUST

Hey Cohasset, it is Aug. 1st already and I am so sad. How in the world does time go by so quickly?

Enjoy the month and send in your news and photos when you can to share what you are doing with family and friends.

KUDOS

We have a nice big shout out to give here in town to the Tree & Park employees as well as **Brian Adams,** who handles the facilities in Cohasset. Last week, at the Playground at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum and the Paul Pratt Library, the men came to work on spreading some new playground mulch and clean up the space in and around the area. They worked in the rain throughout the day to complete it and get it done for the families who come to enjoy the playground. The comments that have been made from children and adults alike have been so positive and it is wonderful to know that the town employees work to give us safe and clean spaces all around. They also have been working at the Osgood and Deer Hill school fields and areas around them as well. Thank you from the community to you all!

ON STAGE

Sam Game will play the lead role of Brutus in Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" at The Lyric Stage Company of Boston next week. He is also a member of the ensemble in the Gershwin musical "Of Thee I Sing," which runs at the same time. This past year Sam played the lead roles of Clifford Bradshaw in the musical "Cabaret" and Jerry in Edward Albee's play "The Zoo Story," as well as the supporting role of Ezra Chater in Tom Stoppard's "Arcadia ," all at Phillips Exeter Academy . Over the past two summers, Sam has also played the lead roles of Bob Baker in the Leonard Bernstein musical " Wonderful Town " and Master Ford in Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor," both at the Lyric Stage.



COURTESY PHOTO

Cohasset's own Sam Game is playing Brutus in "Julius Caesar" at The Lyric Stage Company.

Lyric First Stage is an intensive 5-week program for young artists culminating each summer with two plays in repertory at The Lyric Stage Company of Boston . "Julius Caesar" runs Thurs ., Aug 7 at 7:30 pm, Sat., Aug 9 at 7:30 pm and Sun., Aug 10 at 2pm. "Of Thee I Sing" runs Wed., Aug 6 at 7:30pm, Fri., Aug 8 at 7:30 pm, Sat., Aug 9 at 2pm. Tickets are $12 or $8 for students and seniors. For tickets call 617.585.5678. This will be a show that no one will want to miss, break a leg Sam!(NOT REALLY.)

UNION GRAD

Kathleen A. Hurley is a 2008 graduate of Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., with a bachelor of arts, double major, in history and modern languages. Kathleen is a 2004 graduate of Cohasset Junior-Senior High School and her family and friends are so proud of you. Nice work, Kathleen.

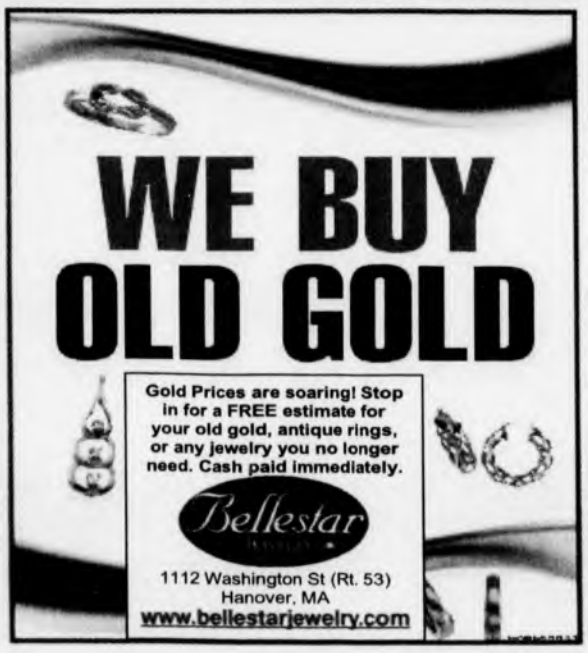
That is the news for this week. Send in all of your news and photos as well as any event information no later than Tuesdays by 5 p.m.

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Adrian Morris goes green

Lemon Lime salon opens in coming week

By Nancy White
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We follow the fruit. That simple motto has guided the Adrian Morris Salon to a goal that will come to fruition in the coming week. The same people who have gained a loyal following at the village salon will open the doors to a new, environmentally conscious salon under the name Lemon Lime.

Located in the King Jewelers building on Route 3A, Lemon Lime is the result of many years of dreaming and two years of hard work by owner Adrian Morris and his entire staff.

From the get-go, Adrian knew he wanted to build a salon that incorporated an environmental awareness in nearly every part of its operation.

"We want to be a happy, fruitful, giving organization," Adrian said of his new venture while standing amid the noise of construction in his nearly complete salon on a recent morning. "It's all a bit overwhelming and exciting."

The "green" aspects of Lemon Lime are complemented by a naturally inspired color scheme. Lime green styling chairs, green vine wallpaper and a rich reddish brown tiled floor stands out against the contemporary, yet inviting space. Natural wood desks and furniture and unadorned mirrors complete the sleek space.

"Every single product used is the most environmentally conscious product that could be used," said Adrian.

The furniture is constructed of recycled materials. The lighting will all be energy efficient LED lights. The hairdryers and other styling essentials will be hanging from the ceiling to reduce the amount of furniture needed. A special chemical holding tank has been installed for the rinsing of all chemical treatments like hair color and texturizers (perm and straightening treatments) will be kept separately from regular wastewater.

The environmentally friendly infrastructure will be complemented by a culture of conservation, Adrian explained. The staff, 18 in all, is trained to be careful about not leaving the water running when washing their hands or leaving the hair dryer on for longer than need be.

"People will support a culture they helped create, conservation just become part of your life," said Adrian. In the salon when co-workers see another committing "an environmental act of kindness," they say, "we follow the fruit."

The new name, Lemon Lime, is more reflective of what Adrian sees as the vision for the salon. Over the seven and a half years he has been in Cohasset Village, he says the success of the salon was due to a team effort by all his stylists and staff. By shedding his name, he recognizes how it has taken a team to build success. While the name itself evokes the cheery colors of bright yellow and lime green while harkening to the natural fruits of the environment.

Although the cost of build-out is nearly double what a standard salon would cost, Adrian firmly believes it was the right way to go.

"The return in being able to give back to the community and the environment is quadruple," said Adrian. "It is a huge investment, but not doing it would be a huge travesty to the environment itself…If change has to happen, why not at a local salon? We want to help keep the environment in our corner of the world as clean and safe as possible."

Adrian has a plan to make the Cohasset Lemon Lime the first of five Aveda "lifestyle salons" in the local area. Lemon Lime is co-branded with Aveda, an international hair company whose mission aligns with Adrian's environmentally conscious attitude. Lemon Lime will be one of the company's 350 flagship lifestyle salons in the country.

"Our mission and Aveda's mission is operate sustainably, give back to the environment and the local community," Adrian said, making the partnership a fateful one. For the past few years he and Theresa Breen, director of operations, traveled to other successful Aveda salons before putting together the Lemon Lime business plan.

Despite the change in location, Adrian said the quality of service would remain the same, if not better. Lemon Lime will be open seven days a week for convenience. The color mixing station is set behind the styling chairs and clients can watch the color mixing process. Guest services will still greet clients with their favorite beverage, just the way they like it, and complimentary stress relieving rituals will still be performed with every shampoo. The complete line of Aveda products will be available in the front of the store.

"We go way beyond a cut and color," said Adrian.

Many of his clients have been coming to him since he opened seven years ago and plan to move with him to Lemon Lime.

"He is a great talent when it comes to hair, but his philanthropy stands out to me. He wants to give back to his clientele, the community and the environment. He is very much aware how he can make a difference," says long-time customer and Cohasset resident Mimi Maich. Adding, "he has a good heart."

Over his seven-year presence in Cohasset, Adrian Morris Salon has given over $400,000 to local community groups through gift certificates, products and funds. "We've strictly focused on Cohasset," says Adrian.

The salon has also supported Learn, Live, and Love Cancer Outreach Organization, a local group dedicated to providing financial assistance to women and family on the South Shore who have been touched by cancer. Since its inception in 2005, Adrian Morris Salon has helped raise over $300,000 for the cause.

His heart and passion for everything he does is evident. Long-time client and friend Julie Maguire of Hingham said his generous spirit and emphasis on women's cause and local groups sticks out in her mind.

"He's done a lot of good for people," she said.

Despite Adrian's excitement over the new space and new era for his business, he is going to miss the village.

"I have an amazing connection with the village. I'll always love it, there's nothing like it. We wouldn't be able to be here if we weren't there," says Adrian.

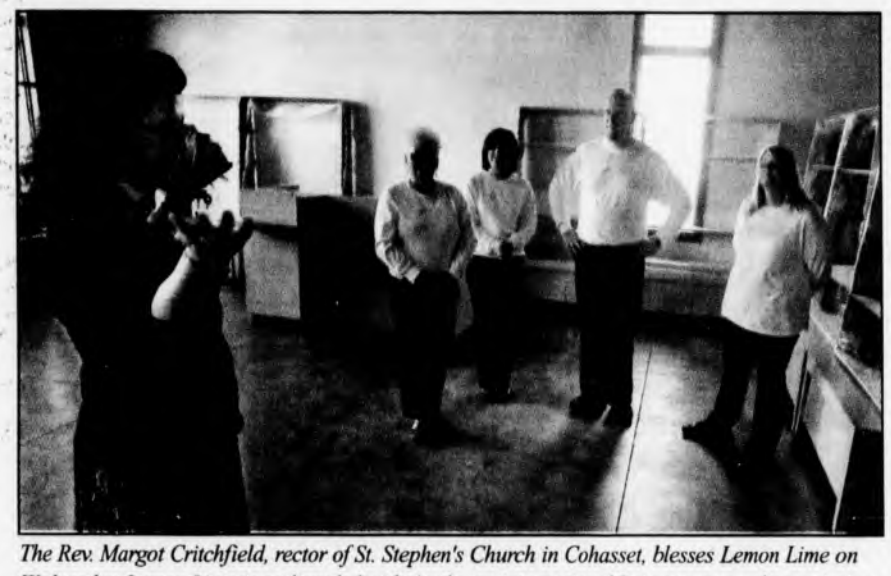
Although not able to stay in the village, he was happy to find an opportunity to grow the business while remaining close to his roots in 02025.

"I love that (in Cohasset) everyone knows each other by first name and phone numbers can be given out by the last four digits. Where else can you do that?" says Adrian. "I finally understand the saying, becoming a staple in the community," Adrian noted to his "lifesaver," Breen. "And there's no better community to be in."



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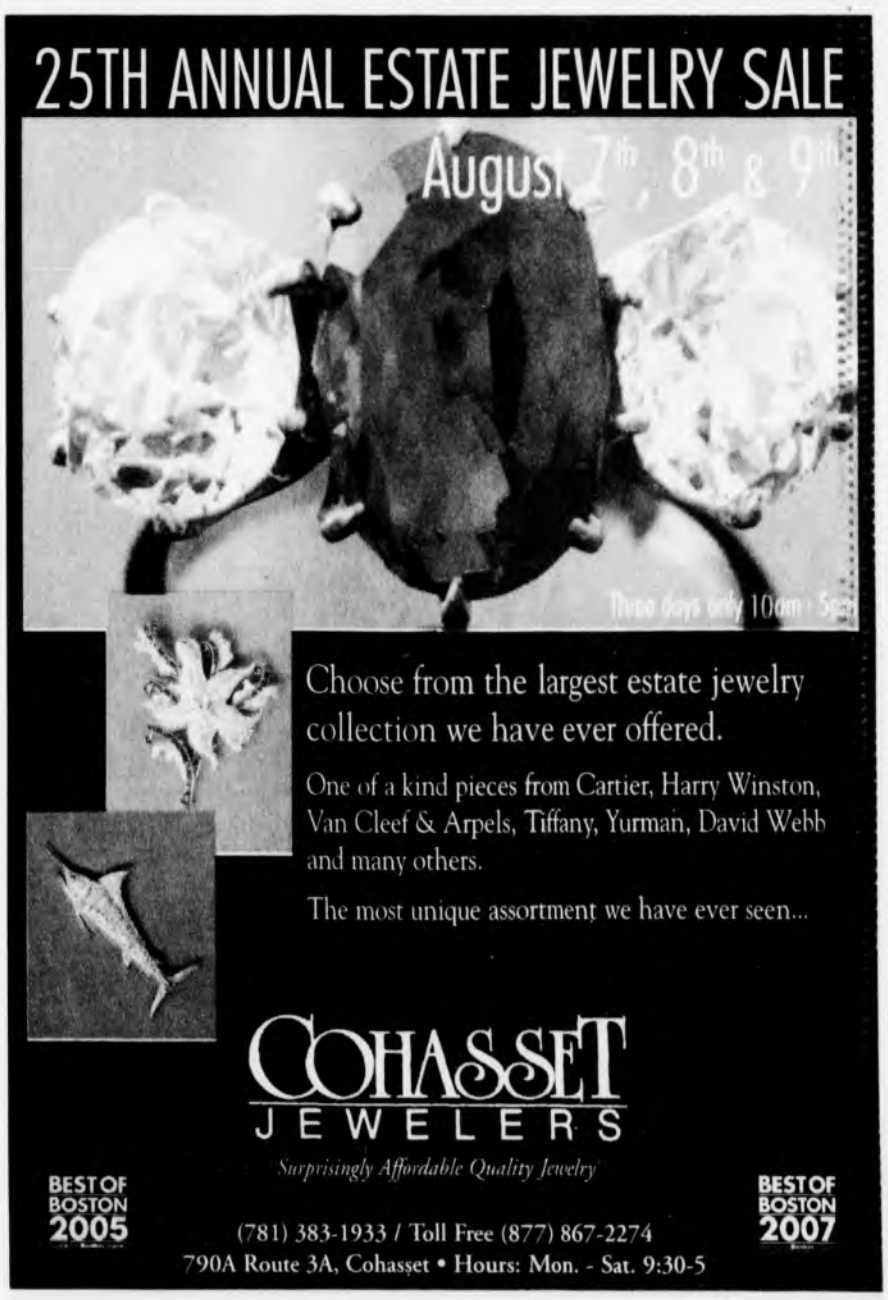
Go Green. The hair stylists of Lemon Lime, formerly Adrian Morris Salon, under the leadership of Adrian Morris have gone green in their new salon on Route 3A. They are back row from left to right: Marcy Pickering, Amy Stankewicz, Jacqueline Jordan, Amanda Keenan, Kate McBride, Jill Whyte, Sara Paulding, and Laura Russo. Front from left to right Theresa Breen, Adrian Morris, and Karen Oronte.

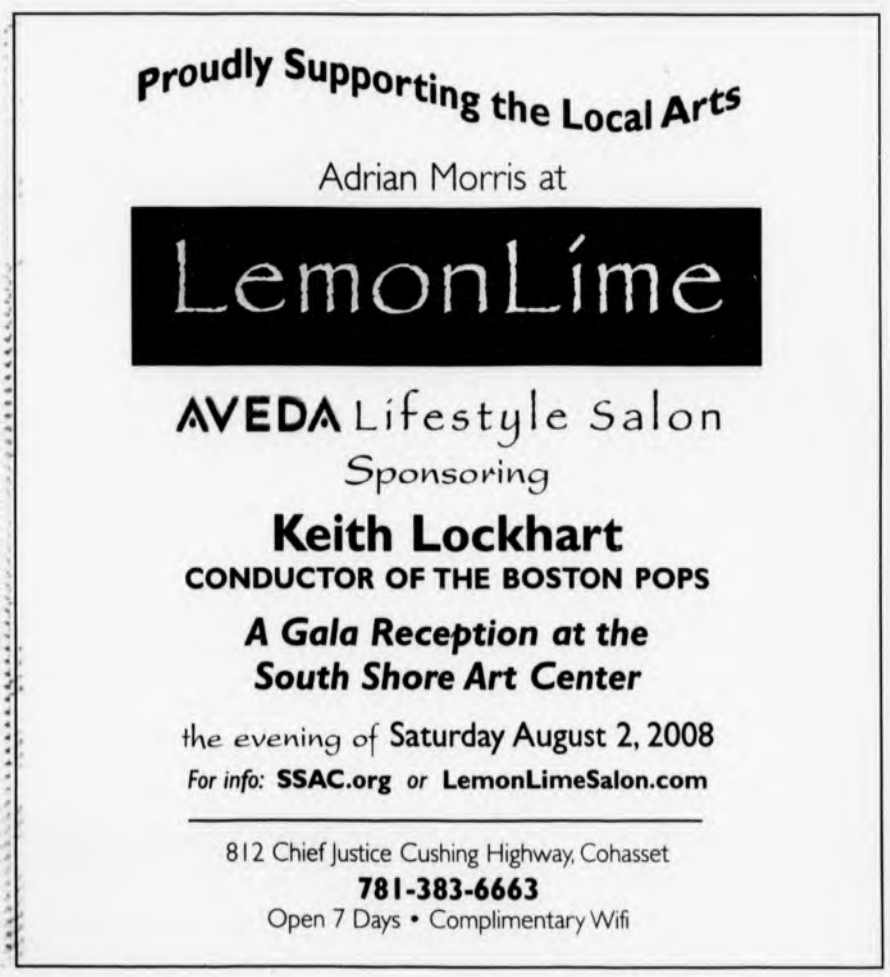


The Rev. Margot Critchfield, rector of St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset, blesses Lemon Lime on Wednesday. Lemon Lime is co-branded with Aveda, an international hair company whose mission aligns with Adrian Morris's environmentally conscious attitude.









CSCR teams up with Board of Health

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This year, the CSCR numbers mean a little bit more at two sample sites. The state authorized a reduction in sampling required for Little Harbor (a sample taken near Cunningham Bridge) and Sandy Cove. Tradd sends samples to G&L once a month, but Marcus still tests the water every week.

If tests reveal a one-time "spike" of more than 104 colonies of enterococci per 100 milliliters of water beaches are closed or a geometric mean over 35 colonies of enterococci spread over a five week period.

The system isn't perfect, but it is the best the state and town have available at this time, said Tradd. Several times she has taken a sample on a Tuesday and then when the results came back she found the enterococci levels were high. She rushes to the beach to close the beach, post signs and talk to any residents on the beach.



For a slideshow on the water sampling program visit: www.wickedlocal.com/cohasset

This week's results*

Results indicate the number of colonies of enterococci per 100 milliliters (cfu/100mL).

Bassing's Beach/Sailing Club	47
Yacht Club	8
Sandy Beach	2
Black Rock Beach	2

**Samples taken at Sandy Cove and Little Harbor were tested by Marcus Charles of CSCR. The town is only required to do state lab testing of these locations once a month. The Mariner was unable to get his results by press time. The most recent state results from samples taken on July 15 were 6cfu/100mL at Little Harbor and 2cfu/100mL at Sandy Cove.*

At the same time, she takes another sample and typically the sample comes back fine.

"We're closing the beach when it's okay to swim and leaving it open when not okay," said Tradd. Yet, the system is the best method available right now. A rapid indicator for enterococci is still being developed, she said.

Health effects related to swimming in polluted waters could include ear infections, conjunctivitis and rashes. The most common ailment is gastro-intestinal disorders, stemming from swimmers, especially children, swallowing water.

Tuesday morning was bright and sunny and the tide was nearly high as we set off shortly after 8:30a.m. Sailing lessons had already begun at both the Sailing Club and Yacht Club. At each site, Tradd and Marcus take the temperature of the water as well as the sample. They also note anything out of the ordinary like birds, jellyfish, boats, swimmers, seaweed that may or may not impact the results.

Along the way, Tradd explained a heavy rainfall — and the first flush of stormwater that comes with it — impact the bacteria levels of the inner harbor especially. As a precaution, after a half-inch of rain the harbor/Bassing's Beach is automatically closed for swimming. This summer, Bassing's Beach has been closed twice due to high level of enterococci. All other beaches have done "swimmingly."

"It's been a really good season overall," said Tradd. The temperatures have gotten warmer over the summer, the water temperature at the beaches on the ocean were 65 degrees, while the harbor was 69 degrees. Beginning with the Sandy Cove, Marcus donned high waiters to wade into the ocean to get the sample. The water sample must be taken about waist deep.

While all of the beaches were relatively quiet, Sandy Beach was already populated with several families settling in for a beach day.

As we go from beach to beach, the samples are kept cool in coolers until they can tested.

Shortly before 10 a.m., Tradd drops Marcus back off at CSCR to do his testing. Tradd must then head straight back to Town Hall because the courier arrives to pick up the samples at 10a.m.

"I like working in the lab," said Marcus, but plans to study business in college.

When he gets back to CSCR, typically the other project groups have already set out to do their fieldwork, so he has the lab to himself. He wipes down the table with alcohol and gathers his equipment. Each sample is diluted to 10 milliliters of sample to 90 milliliters of distilled water solution. He pours in a bacterial food, shakes the sample and it turns a pale yellow color. Then, he places each sample in an "IDEXX" tray, a plastic tray with large and small squares where water goes in. The tray is then sealed and he places it in an incubator for 24 hours.

Marcus returns the lab on Wednesday and runs the IDEXX tray through a UV light. He notes how many large and small squares "light up." He consults a chart to determine the level of enterococci present, then multiplies the number by 10 because of the dilution.

The CSCR method is different from what is done at the G&L lab, but the results are similar.

"For the second year in a row, we have been able to demonstrate that our results are very closely aligned (with the state's lab results)," said Jack Buckley, CSCR director and high school social studies teacher.

All the samples came back under the limit this week and the beaches are open for swimming and recreational activities.

The most up-to-date water quality reading results are available online. Visit the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at www.mass.gov/dph/. Click on a link on the right hand side for "beach water quality."



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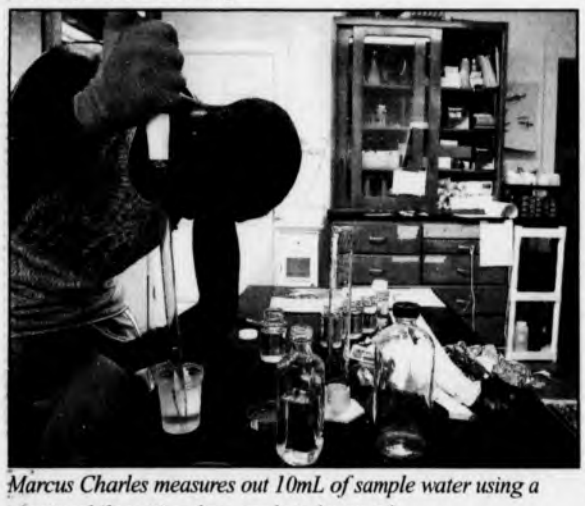
Health Inspector Tara Tradd, left, puts the cover back on a container with a sample of water from Rocky Beach which Marcus Charles got while testing the waters of Cohaset on Tuesday.

Timeline

- 8:30a.m. Meet at CSCR.
- 8:40a.m. Head out to Sailing Club. Water temperature 69 degrees.
- 8:45a.m. Sample at Yacht Club. Sailing lessons underway. Water temperature 69 degrees.
- 8:57a.m. High tide.
- 9:00a.m. Sample at Sandy Cove. CSCR student Marcus Charles dons high waiters to get the water sample. Water temperature 65 degrees.
- 9:15a.m. Sample for Little Harbor is taking near Cunningham Bridge. Water temperature is 65 degrees.
- 9:30a.m. Sandy Beach is populated with early beachgoers. Marcus again wades out beyond the rolling waves to get the sample. Water temperature 65 degrees.
- 9:40a.m. Last sample taken off Black Rock Beach. Water temperature 65 degrees.
- 9:50a.m. Head back to CSCR with samples.
- 10:00a.m. Health Inspector Tara Tradd heads back to Town Hall to meet the courier who will pick up the water samples and bring them to the lab. Marcus get to work in the lab.



Marcus Charles, 16, casts a long shadow while walking back to the car holding the thermometer he used to test the temperature at Sandy Cove on Tuesday.



Marcus Charles measures out 10mL of sample water using a pipette while getting them ready to be tested.



Marcus Charles, 16, takes a sample of water in Little Harbor for the Center for Student Coastal Research on Tuesday.



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Public Heath Nurse Mary Goodwin settles in

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the public about local health concerns to emergency management, her job is a big one.

"I know I have big shoes to fill, people really loved Judy. The good news is she left (the department) in great shape and she's still around so I can call her with questions if I need to," Goodwin said.

A nurse for 30 years, Goodwin has served as a visiting nurse in Boston, worked and researched at Boston Medical and organized immunization records for a local pediatrician. She was a stay-at-home mom for 10 years, raising two girls, now 17 and 15, in Cohasset. Three years ago she started filling in for Fitzsimmons during vacations or sick days.

"It's nice to be close by when you have teenagers, but it's nice to go back to work too. It's a great balance," said Goodwin.

With a lot of energy and a friendly smile, Goodwin is trying to bring her own personality to the role of public health nurse. She'd like to make the office more family-friendly and is expanding the offerings at the annual September Health Fair to attract more families (*see sidebar*).

"When it comes to public health, it really affects the whole family. It starts with the babies getting their immunizations right up to caring for the elderly," said Goodwin.

Down the line, she'd like to start a walking group to get people moving.

"I'm a big advocate of walking," she said, adding she walks every morning.

Meanwhile, her office is one of the busiest in Town Hall. She has been somewhat surprised in the number of people who come in during her office hours held Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 11a.m.

"There is a steady flow of people who come in for a variety of reasons," said Goodwin, at times there is even a line outside her first floor Town Hall office. Many regularly come in for blood pressure checks, dressing changes after surgery and routine injections of arthritis medicine or B12. She can save many trips to the doctor for these routine items, provided at no charge to residents.



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Public Health Nurse Mary Goodwin answers a phone call at her desk in her office on the first floor at Town Hall.

"When it comes to public health, it really affects the whole family. It starts with the babies getting their immunizations right up to caring for the elderly,"

— Mary Goodwin, public health nurse

Health Fair Sept. 16

The Annual Health Fair, held this year on Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 1 to 5p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, will have many new and different activities.

"We really want to broaden the appeal of the event and attract families," said Mary Goodwin, public health nurse. Representatives from South Shore Hospital will be on hand to give car seat checks and bike helmet fittings, as well as talk about senior fall prevention. A Children's Melanoma Prevention representative will talk to kids and parents about the dangers of the sun and how to be safe in the sun.

Other highlights include a Scituate pharmacist who will go over all your medications and explain the side affects, a chiropractor, a masseuse, a skin damage analyzer and a bone density screening.

"Put it on your calendar because it's coming up fast," said Goodwin.

"Dealing with the people of the town and working with the public is by far the best part of the job," said Goodwin.

One of the challenges of her job is keeping up to speed in emergency management. Over the past few years, plans have been put in place in the event of dozens of different disasters from a pandemic flu to a hurricane. There are state, region and town plans.

This coming Tuesday, July 29 a presentation put on by the regional emergency management group, "Home Preparedness 101," will be given from 10a.m. to noon in the Town Hall lower meeting room on how residents can get ready for a emergency.

Getting to know and maintaining the extensive response and action plans Goodwin names as one of the challenges of her job because of their complexity and need for thoroughness.

"It's hard to prepare for emergencies because there are so many unknowns," said Goodwin.

Goodwin does a lot of work with the senior citizens of the community. She hosts monthly "keep well" clinics at the Harborview apartments at 60 Elm St. (the fourth Thursday of every month) and the Senior Center (the second Thursday of every month).

While the public health nurse used to receive and distribute all the vaccines for Cohasset doctors, both pediatricians and general practice, now the doctors deal directly with the state and vaccines are delivered to their door. Some vaccines, like tetanus and flu shots, are still distributed from her office.

Yet, Goodwin still must maintain communication with doctors in town. She follows up on all reports from doctors and hospitals about communicable diseases found in Cohasset (gastrointestinal, strep, pneumonia, lyme disease, hepatitis etc.), while maintaining the confidentiality of the patient.

All in all, Goodwin is enjoying her new position and the variety it offers.

"In a single day I deal with all kinds of issues…I like it," said Goodwin.

Public Health nurse Mary Goodwin can be reached at by phone at 781-383-2210 or by e-mail at mgoodwin@townofcohasset.org. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11a.m.

Student key in daytime solar tube installation

Jack Buckley, president of the Center for Student Coastal Research, announced recently the upcoming installation of daytime solar tubes at the Parker Avenue facility. This breakthrough technology will greatly reduce the need for standard lighting in the conference room that houses meeting space, computers and lab instruments. The tubes reflect sunlight into the building causing significantly less reliance on electricity.

"The tunnels will greatly reduce the electric bills for CSCR, Buckley said." "The innovation will also add to Cohasset's growing reputation as an early adopter of green technology. But the most important characteristic of this small green project is that it was conceived, nurtured and executed entirely by a student – Evan Deutsch."

Evan Deutsch, a Class of 2008 CHS graduate, proposed the project after seeing the concept work effectively at a test site in Maine. Buckley and CHS science teacher David Magnussen both backed Deutsch as he pushed the project over a 10-month period through the stages of design selection, approval by Town Manager Bill Griffin, and selection of local contractor Robert Gledhill for installation.

To fully complete the project, Deutsch has calculated that CSCR will need to raise approximately $2,000. The nonprofit organization will gladly accept tax-deductible donations to support material and installation costs. Checks can be made payable to CSCR and mailed to Buckley at the Parker Avenue building.

Each tube, 13 inches in diameter, extends from the roof to the ceiling below. An opaque dome on the rooftop captures the sunlight while keeping out rain and snow. The light then travels through the reflective tubing until it casts an ambient light throughout the room below.

"Even on a very bright day in the middle of the afternoon, lights are often needed in the conference room," said Buckley. "It will be great to work in natural light, and the sun pipes will be one more example that illustrates the significant improvements that a dedicated and motivated student can make in our community."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Polling data

In the political arena, we are certainly a nation of polls. One cannot turn on a news channel without being told about the latest poll on the presumptive presidential nominees for their respective parties, Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain.

We can honestly say that we do not pay that much attention to those polls, which seem to be changing daily.

However, here at the Cohasset Mariner, we have the ability to conduct polls through our Web site: www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

It is a relatively new tool for us.

We have conducted two polls so far.

The first asked visitors to our web site what police should do to curb jumping off the Border Street bridge.

Following up on a story about the problem with dog waste on Sandy Beach, last week we asked our Web visitors why people do not pick up after their dogs.

Admittedly we are new at "polling" and have received some feedback about our poll "voting options." For example, in the bridge jumping poll, readers let us know we did not include options "none of the above," "bridge jumping is OK," or "bridge jumping is a non-issue."

Reacting to that feedback, we may have over compensated last week and included too many options in our "dog-doo" poll. Results were "all over the map." And some readers let us know the poll was biased because 80 percent of people *do* pick up after their dogs.

We welcome the feedback and suggestions for more polls.

This week we are asking your opinions on the plans to renovate the old part of Town Hall (see box below).

So far, our "dog-doo" poll has received 85 votes as follows:

"Dog doo has been a problem on Sandy Beach and other areas around Cohasset. Why don't people pick up after their dogs?"

- Ignorance about the pollution and health hazards caused by dog waste (**14 votes** or 16.47 percent)
- Not enough Mutt Mitt dispensers around town (**3 votes** or 3.53 percent)
- Forget to bring plastic bags on walks (**11 votes** or 12.94 percent)
- Lack of enforcement by authorities (**17 votes** or 20 percent)
- Desire to keep other walkers treading carefully (**1 vote** or 1.18 percent)
- Their dog is out of sight (and out of mind) as he/she does his/her business (**13 votes** or 15.29 percent)
- Belief that dogs should have the same rights as wild animals (**2 votes** or 2.35 percent)
- All of the above (**15 votes** or 17.65 percent).
- None of the above (**9 votes** or 10.59 percent).

These polls are not meant to be scientific. They just provide a quick snapshot of some readers' opinions. Please email editor, Mary Ford, at mford@cnc.com with suggestions.

Join the debate and take our on line poll!



What should the town do about the old portion of Town Hall??

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support for tennis benefit appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Tennis Benefit Committee would like to thank those who made last weekend's tennis tournament a great success for Children's Hospital. This wonderful and collective effort helped to launch a fund to pay travel and lodging expenses for those supporting the parents or guardians of children suffering from trauma or serious illness.

Many thanks to our corporate sponsors: Darilynn's of Cohasset, DeScenza Diamonds, Hurricane Juice Company, Carole Meers, O'Donoghue Insurance Agency, Roger Wade, the Rotary Club of Cohasset and Sullivan, Garrity & Donnelly Insurance Agency.

Event sponsors also include the Astley family, the Boston Bruins, Boston Celtics, Boston Red Sox, Burke Distributors, Buttonwood Books and Toys, Cathy and Phil Cantillon, Cohasset Golf Club, Bud Schultz and the Cohasset Tennis & Squash Club, Cohasset Travel, the Carrabes family, the Cunning family, Curtis Liquors, the Dutton family, the Golz family, the Hill family, Chris Horne and Scituate Racquet and Fitness, Kearin Lewis, the McNary family, New England Revolution, Over the Moon Toys, Puopolo Candies, The Ritz Carlton, the Sease family, Sustainable Cohasset, the Tedeschi family, the Van Etten family and Vinette's Day Spa.

The tournament would not have been possible without the gracious hospitality of those who donated use of their spectacular tennis courts. For that we thank Leah and Peter Roy, Ellen Roy and Bruce Herzfelder, Jane and Gary Vanderweil, Laura and Todd DeSisto, Whit and John Leffel, Marita and Joel Carpenter, Carol and Paul Davis, Susan and Dennis Meikleham, Debbie Thaxter, Diane Johnston, Patsy and George Rabstejnek, Sue and Paul McHugh, Leila and Brian Hill, Genevre and Charles Higginson, Pat and Richard Chute, Ruth and Whit Knapp, Esther Williams, Amy and Shapur Naimi, Jane and Peter Goedecke, and Annellen and Jim Walsh.

Special thanks to Eric Golz, who generated not only hours of laughter, but record-breaking donations as emcee of our auction.

Finally, we thank the tennis players and the spectators who rallied behind them. Forty mixed-doubles teams, from daring spouses to parents and children, enjoyed a spectacular summer weekend of tennis to benefit those children facing their own battles.

For a complete recap of the tournament, or to learn more about how you can help, visit our Web site at www.cohassettennisbenefit.org.

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Interfaith service of Memory and Solidarity

By the Rev. Jan Carlsson-Bull
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Sunday morning, July 27, amid a children's musical performance at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville, a man with a shotgun, bent on violence toward "liberals," entered the sanctuary and opened fire.

In the aftermath of the violence targeting a Unitarian Universalist church in Knoxville, Tennessee this past Sunday, four Unitarian Universalist congregations on the South Shore will host a Service of Memory and Solidarity this Friday evening at 7 p.m. in the Meeting House of First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset. Children are welcome. The larger community is invited. Invitations have been sent to the other religious bodies in Cohasset.

Sunday morning, July 27, amid a children's musical performance at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville, a man with a shotgun, bent on violence toward "liberals," entered the sanctuary and opened fire. Two are dead; six are critically wounded. One of the dead was an usher at the church who courageously placed himself between the gunman and the congregation. The other is a member of the nearby Westfield Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, a woman who was there to enjoy the children's performance. Rev. Bill Sinkford, Unitarian Universalist Association President, traveled immediately to Knoxville, met with congregants and led a service there this past Tuesday evening. Members of the Unitarian Universalist Trauma Response Ministry are on site.

The Friday evening service is sponsored by four area Unitarian Universalist congregations: First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset, First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Norwell, First Parish (Old Ship) in Hingham, and Second Parish Unitarian Universalist in Hingham.

Our hearts break at this outpouring of hate directed toward a religious community for the values and principles of their faith. Our hearts open to people of faith who are hurting profoundly and moving through grief and trauma. When violence strikes any religious community, it strikes us all. This is a time to be together in the spirit of love and peace that gives hope to us all.

The Rev. Jan Carlsson-Bull is pastor of First Parish, Cohasset.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.
Library Trustees, Aug. 12, 7 p.m. at the Library.
Planning Board, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m.
Selectmen, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Aug. 26, 6 p.m.
School Committee, Aug. 20, 7 p.m. at the high school
Water Commission, Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. at the King Street plant.
ZBA, Aug. 5, 7 p.m.

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Traffic detours ahead for Beach St.

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Little Harbor Project – This week we received additional information about the next steps for the Project. There are two culverts that need to be replaced under Beach Street. A large culvert near Atlantic Avenue is a major project, which will require Beach Street to be closed during construction. The large culvert must be constructed during the dry season according to the Project's environmental permit. That time of year is here, so here comes the construction. Due to the road closure, parts of Beach Street will be accessible only from the Common area or Atlantic Avenue. The other culvert is much smaller can be installed at the Project's convenience, since it requires that only one-half of the road to be closed at a time. Consequently, traffic will be able to continue on Beach Street when this culvert is installed.

During the month of August, other changes will begin on North Main Street and the Common area. Starting around mid-month the Little Harbor Project will start installing temporary water lines on N. Main Street and around the Common area. These temporary lines are necessary since this project will totally replace the water lines on N. Main Street from Green Street to Depot Court as well as those on Highland Avenue. These temporary lines, which will serve all buildings and fire service, will be located on the residential side of the respective streets, not on the Common, itself.

Immediately after Labor Day, work will start with water and sewer lines running approximately from Red Gate Lane to Depot Court on Main Street and Highland Avenue. Current plans, call for the Beach Street culvert to be completed before digging starts on Main Street. This is essential for emergency vehicle access during work on N. Main Street. We have already been in contact with the Farmer's Market organization, since they might want to relocate their operation during construction. It is expected that the water and sewer work will be completed before winter so that the roads can receive their base coat of paving before the asphalt plants close for the season. It also allows the roads to be better maintained during the winter.

A meeting has been set up for all of the residents of the area, as is the custom, before the project starts and is scheduled for Saturday, Aug.16th at 10 a.m. at Town Hall. This will give everyone a chance to ask any questions and get an understanding of what will be happening and how long it will take.



COURTESY PHOTO

Engineers study wall collapse.

Jerusalem Road surprise – This past Monday we were greeted by a small problem on Jerusalem Road between Steep Rocks and Bow Street, but on the opposite side of the road. It seems that after the pipes were laid and the trench was backfilled, the rains last weekend destabilized the road and caused a small section of stonewall to collapse.

LM Holdings is currently repairing the stonewall to provide additional support for the road in this area. The fact that the sewer trench area was paved this week also has added to the roadway stability. You may notice that traffic will be a bit restricted in this area to keep it a safe a distance from the wall. Please be careful when driving in this area.

Greenbush stuff – After we spent quite a few words extolling the virtues of the new bike path into Wompatuck Park, we now find out that the path does not go into Wompatuck, just yet. Consequently, we have a bit of egg on our faces! Apparently, there are some environmental issues on the Wompatuck side of the path that are of concern to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). This is due to some lingering issues created when this was an active ammunition depot. There is a closed gate at the end of the bike path barring entrance to the balance of the park. DCR has told us that they have a group actively working on how to get from our new path into the balance of the park. We'll keep you posted when we find more information.

We get continuing questions about the new bike path from the Greenbush Station into Wompatuck. Several residents have asked us about parking in the Greenbush lot in order to use the bike/walking path. If you use the lot Monday through Friday, you must pay at one of the self-pay kiosks. On weekends there is no charge to park in the Greenbush lot.

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This Bud's not for you

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Let me make one thing perfectly clear . . .

I have never been a fan of Budweiser beer, despite the best faux nostalgic efforts of the Clydesdales or the commercial pleas of Ed McMahon or even the blandishments of the talking frogs at half time in the Super Bowl.

In the opinion of my taste buds, it just wasn't good beer.

As one who had his first drink in a back booth at Joe Bardetti's bar on Pearl Street at the age of … well, let's forget that; statute of limitations you know … if I were given a choice of a Bud or Gatorade, I'd have to give it serious thought.

But that was then and this is now and I have given up beer as well as the 6-to-1 martini since realizing that, in the words of Ernest Hemingway, "they mount swiftly to my head." Hell, after 60-odd years, even golfers hang them up.

Nevertheless, I had a feeling of loss the other day when I learned that Anheuser Busch had sold the Budweiser name and all that went with it, Clydesdales, talking frogs, everything, to a Belgian beverage conglomerate.

Say what you will about the quality of the brew, but Budweiser has long ago joined apple pie and motherhood as symbols of the American way, and its sale is a little like selling the Red Sox to the Bavarian Motor Works.

The Belgians pledged to keep the same American crew brewing and bottling Budweiser in St. Louis, even though they could introduce enough European innovations to make it drinkable to sensitive palates.

I don't know if Busch still bottles and brews Bud at a branch brewery in Merrimack, New Hampshire, but I don't think it did sales much good when word got out it was made with Merrimack River water.

My last beer of choice was a tasty, full-bodied imported Dutch brew called Grolsch, although the German beer Beck's was an adequate substitute more readily available in American restaurants.

Best of all was Amstel, another Dutch beer I once sampled in Amsterdam since it is available only on the European continent. You can imagine my delight when I found it on sale in a Weymouth packie only to have my hopes dashed when it turned out to be Amstel Light.

A few years ago, a writer of my acquaintance, Merilyn de Vos, was making her annual trip to Europe and she asked me if she could bring me back a little something. I opted for a six-pack of Amstel. I got one bottle.

She bought the six-pack, she told me, but three of the bottles got misplaced. She arrived at Amsterdam airport with the three that were left. There, she found her luggage overweight by the equivalent of two bottles.

So, right in the middle of Amsterdam International Airport at 8 o'clock in the morning, Merilyn sat down and drank two bottles of warm Amstel beer rather than let it go to waste.

Like I say, I got one bottle. It wasn't as good as I remembered.

HEALTH NOTES

Car exhaust is no idle matter

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Board of Health is upset about the way we're treating our idle time. Specifically, we're worried about some of the habits we've adopted when we're behind the wheel of our cars. Despite the fact that we're all curtailing their use, getting about by other means, we still retain some curious habits from the time gas was a less expensive commodity. Among the worst is idling. The American Lung association, with whom the Board partners in being upset about idling, has initiated a campaign called "Idle Free – you hold the key to cleaner air." Here's their list to save fuel and improve the atmosphere (while reducing your child's risk of contracting asthma):

- Reduce warm-up idling. Start driving after no more than 30 seconds of idling even in freezing temperatures, assuming your vehicle's windows are clear.
- If you are going to be stopped for more than 10 seconds (except in traffic), turn off your engine. Idling your vehicle for longer than 10 seconds uses more fuel than it would take to restart the vehicle.
- Avoid using a remote vehicle starter. This device encourages you to start your vehicle before you are ready to leave, which means wasteful idling.
- In temperatures below 32°F, use a block heater to warm the engine before you start your vehicle. This will improve fuel efficiency and reduce exhaust emissions.
- Talk to your family, friends and neighbors about the benefits of reduced idling. Encourage them to join you in saving money, protecting the environment and contributing to a healthier community,

Events in Cohasset have created an environment particularly bad for lungs. Aside from cost, vehicle fumes are unhealthy and particularly dangerous to young growing lungs of children. Since early spring, the town has been covered by a cloud of dust and emissions from heavy equipment in the largest public works activity in our history. Despite the fact that the prime contractor for this $20 million renovation of our infrastructure has exercised considerable vigilance by preventing vehicles from idling for more than five minutes when not moving (Fines can be as much as $500 per offense), still we see cars all over Town idling waiting for a pickup, high speed starts, violations of speed signs, etc., all symptoms of wasting energy. About a year ago, a friend told me that this country needs a 100 percent gas tax. to solve the transportation problem. People would have to conserve. Well, he got his wish and we're in the midst of learning how.

As a result of the increased price of fuel, the actual fuel efficiency of motor vehicles has improved and the amount of fuel used per vehicle has been reduced. The high price of a tank of gas has been with us only a short time and yet the public is not slow to adapt to the new conditions. People are driving less, and using more public transportation. Perhaps the movement toward better pedestrian routes and bike paths will also have an up tic by permitting those inclined, including our children, to exercise more by walking. And, there's always the train. Everywhere we look, incentives are appearing to lessen the dependency on oil.

Since there is no national policy on conservation of oil, it's up to each of us to figure out how to conserve the stuff. We at the Board of Health worry about the effect of trace contaminants — in our water, in the air and on the surfaces that we touch. It isn't as if we're clean freaks, but it's always good to be aware. So, one of the things we are considering is to develop a system whereby we can identify hot spots of unhealthy conditions. An example is uncovered dumpsters where rodents are likely to gather – and idling when cars are picking up their children is really dumb. But other, subtler factors may merit investigation; for example would it be possible to map the sites where levels of diesel fumes are highest or where children might be most affected? – using instrumentation already available, simple and easy to use. What about, for example, areas near the train tracks, or where parking school busses are idling? We'd be helping the environment as well as saving fuel. Maybe, we'll see.

And while we're on this self-improvement kick, can we do something about talking and texting on cell phones while driving. Multitasking may be OK, but – in cars?

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

SENIOR SCENE

Dining room being refurbished

The following events are sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North St. Registration is required for all events, unless noted, by calling 781-383-9112.

- Aug. 11-14: There will be no lunches served at the Senior Center and no drop-in bridge. The South Shore Community Center will be refurbishing the dining room and T.K. Keating Room during this week. All other programs will go on as normal – food, shopping, transportation, etc. The CEA staff will be on site and can be reached by calling 781-383-9112 if needed.
- Aug. 7, 1 p.m.: Golden Living Center of Cohasset barbecue. There will be no lunch served at the Senior Center.
- Aug. 11, 9 a.m.: Pancake Breakfast at Golden Living Center of Cohasset.

SEPTEMBER COURSES

Pre-registration is required for the following courses.

Introductory Italian: Meets Mondays, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6 and 20, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Professor Lanier Grassie will teach conversational Italian and Italian culture. Classes will focus on vocabulary building, basic conversation, how to make it through the marketplace and culture. Cost is $30 for the six-week course. Six registrants are needed to begin the class. Call the Senior Center to register.

Line Dancing: Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., with instructor Nancy Kramer. Cost is $5 per class. Six registrants are needed to begin the class.

Senior Dance Aerobics: Meets Tuesday and Thursdays, 8 to 8:45 a.m., with instructor Karen Kirkendall. Cost is $3 per class.

Cataract and Glaucoma Screening: Thursday, Sept. 11, starting at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Richard Strecker will be at the Senior Center to offer free screenings. Call the Senior Center to pre-register.

LIBRARY CORNER

Applications for two Page positions

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Movie Matinee – Cool off at the library Movie Matinee at 11 a.m., on Friday, Aug. 1. The feature film will be "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" starring Spencer Tracy, Edie Adams, Milton Berle and a large comical cast.. Free admission and free refreshments courtesy of Friends of the Library. 154 minutes; 1963; rated G.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Noise" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 21. Free admission and refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. For more information, visit the library's Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on calendar.

Page Positions – The library is accepting applications for two Page positions. Student hours are available, including afternoons, evenings and weekends. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and a Cohasset resident. For more information call reference librarian Gayle Walsh.

FOR CHILDREN

Drop In Story Time – Fridays, Aug. 1 and 8, at 10:30 p.m. Join others for Big Book adventures, music and movement. All ages and communities welcome.

Family Movie Night – Join others in the Meeting Room at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, Aug. 4, to see "National Treasure: Book of Secrets," starring Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger, Ed Harris and Helen Mirren. Walt Disney Pictures; directed by Jon Turtletaub; rated PG; 118 minutes; 2007. Treasure hunter Benjamin Franklin Gates is back and looking to discover the truth behind the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. He finds John Wilkes Booth's diary and is determined to uncover the mystery within the 18 missing pages in this action adventure. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited to 60 participants Movie site license sponsored by Friends of the Cohasset Library and Cohasset Town Democratic Committee. This is the last film of the Wild Reads @ Your Library summer reading adventure.

Animal Adventures – This wild animal show will be performed at 4:30 and 6 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 5, in the Meeting Room. Animal Adventures Family Zoo and Wildlife Center will bring an assortment of backyard and exotic wildlife to the Wild Reads @ Your Library summer adventure. This will be the last show of the summer season. For more information, visit the Web site at animaladventures.net. Choose either the 4:30 or 6 p.m. show. Free tickets are currently available.

Farrag talks about Town Hall plans

"Our Town" co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with David Farrag, Chairman of the Town Hall Renovation and Restoration Committee, to discuss plans to revitalize the original portion of Town Hall while making it better suited to fit the needs of the community.

Highlights from the Class of 2008 pre-prom Red Carpet Gala also air on the second half of the show.

Our Town airs on local Comcast Channel 10 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 9pm.

Stay tuned Cohasset and Stay informed!

Check out the Web

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- On-line poll about the plans to renovate Town Hall
- Video of David Wadsworth talking about the Cohasset Maritime Museum
- Pet of the Week Video: meet Lucky, a 7-year-old English springer spanial.
- Updates and photo galleries throughout the week

KING STREET FLOCK



COURTESY PHOTO

In Hingham pink flamingos are turning up in people's front yards all over town. It is a fundraiser by the Hingham Gridiron Club and folks, who have been flocked, have to pay to have them removed! Here in Cohasset, it's the real thing. Flocks of turkeys are roaming around town. They usually leave on their own but provide a wonderful sight for the homeowners lucky enough to get a visit.

Time to stop idling around

HEDLUND REPORT

ROBERT HEDLUND



I am hopeful that as the price of gas keeps rising, that more of us will become increasingly aware of the wastefulness of unnecessary idling.

Imagine being able to save nearly $250 annually just by changing a single habit for five minutes a day.

Automobile engine idling: it's long been a pet peeve of mine, but more importantly to you, it's an incredible waste of gas. Americans waste 3.8 million gallons of gas every day through idling.

Some idling is unavoidable, for instance, if you're stuck in traffic on the Southeast Expressway, or if you need to defrost your car windows on a cold day. But too often I see cars left idling outside of convenience stores, or while someone is charging a cell phone.

Some of us leave our engines idling due to outdated thinking. Modern engines don't need to "warm up" for more than 30 seconds before driving as they did back when I was fixing them for a living. Batteries don't drain nearly as quickly as they used to. And drivers actually waste more gasoline if they leave their cars idling for more than 10 seconds, than if they turned the engine off, and started it up again.

A recent study shows that families could save between $113 and $241 annually in gas costs, depending on the size of the car, if they just reduced idling time by five minutes a day.

One easy avenue for some parents may be to start turning car engines off while waiting outside of schools, churches, or ballfields.

In fact, it soon may be illegal for anyone – bus drivers included – to idle on school grounds. The Senate recently approved a bill that I co-sponsored that would prohibit the idling of car engines on school property as of Aug. 1, 2009.

Every school day, more than 9,000 school buses and 770 school vehicles start up and transport nearly 750,000 children to school in Massachusetts. Buses left idling can waste 1.35 million gallons of gasoline annually, at a cost to taxpayers of more than $4 million.

Aside from the financial benefits, eliminating idling will also prevent the emission of thousands of tons of diesel fumes onto school playgrounds, into school ventilation systems, or into the buses themselves.

The millions of tons of exhaust that our vehicles emit every year fill the air we breathe with harmful gases and particulates. Direct links have been shown between poor air quality and the frequency of severe respiratory ailments, such as asthma.

Obviously there's nothing wrong with idling a car in order to keep the heat on during the winter. But I am hopeful that as the price of gas keeps rising, that more of us will become increasingly aware of the wastefulness of unnecessary idling.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund represents the eight-town Plymouth-Norfolk District that includes Hingham.

House passes Environmental Bond Bill

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley, D – Hingham, announces funding for three local projects in the Town of Cohasset totaling $4.65 million. The funding was included, at the request of Bradley, in the recently passed Environmental Bond Bill.

The projects include:

• $4 million to create upstream retention of storm water to reduce flooding to Jacobs Meadow and Cohasset Village.

• $600,000 for the rehabilitation of the Jacobs Meadow outfall channel wall.

• $50,000 to re-establish and increase tidal flow through the enlargement of the Parker Avenue and Border Street culvert.

In addition to these projects, Bradley was able to extend the funding for the Water Pollution Abatement Trust Grandfathered Drinking Water Contract that directly affects thousands of ratepayers in 22 different water districts throughout the state, including North Cohasset. This funding was stopped in February because it was originally established for 10 years. The language in the bill continues the funding for another 10 years.

"These projects are all of great importance to Cohasset and I thank House Ways and Means Chairman Bob DeLeo for recognizing that and including them in the final bill." said Bradley "Furthermore, I am very pleased that the funding for the drinking water contract has a chance to continue. This will save Cohasset taxpayers money in these tight economic times. The bill still needs to pass the Senate, and be authorized and signed by Gov. Patrick as well. The Governor can only authorize about half of the projects in the bill under the state bond cap."

Boston Pops Gala Concert and Reception

A limited number of concert packages are available through the South Shore Art Center by calling 781-383-2787.

South Shore Art Center is selling Boston Pops Gala Concert and Reception packages for the Saturday, Aug. 2 performance of the Pops at South Shore Music Circus. Packages include tickets to the 8 p.m. concert and a post-concert reception with Lockhart in the Art Center galleries. The evening's concert program is a tribute to Leonard Bernstein and will feature some of Bernstein's music including selections from "West Side Story" and "Candide." Soloists from the Boston Conservatory Musical Theater Division will be featured.

A limited number of concert packages are available through the South Shore Art Center by calling 781-383-2787. The premium package includes preferred seating, a pre-concert reception at the Music Circus and a post-concert reception at the Art Center with Lockhart. Price is $300 per person. A second package for $195 includes concert ticket and the post-concert reception.

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QUESTIONS

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on five roll calls and local senators' votes on three roll calls from the week of July 21-25.

TWO-DAY SALES TAX HOLIDAY IN AUGUST (H 4995)

House, 140-15, Senate 31-6, approved and sent to Governor Deval Patrick a bill allowing consumers to buy most products that cost under $2,500 on Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17 without paying the state's five percent sales tax. Supporters of the bill said that the holiday would boost retail sales and noted that consumers over the past four years have saved millions of dollars during similar tax-free holidays. They argued that the state's sales tax revenue loss would be offset by increased revenue from the meals and gas tax revenue generated by shoppers on those two days. Some opponents of the bill said that the holiday actually generates little additional revenue for stores because consumers would buy the products even without the tax-free days. They said that the Legislature should be looking at broader, deeper tax relief for individuals and businesses and not a tiny tax-free holiday. Others said that legislators should not vote for this tax holiday when they have not yet restored all the local aid, education and other program cuts made over the past few years. The House in April had overwhelmingly rejected a similar proposal on a 20-134 roll call. At that time, some opponents argued that establishing the holiday too far in advance would hurt sales over the next four months because consumers would delay big purchases until August. The Senate roll call from last week is listed. Both House roll calls are listed. The first is from April and the second is from last week. (A "Yes" vote is for the tax-free holiday. A "No" vote is against the tax-free holiday).

ALLOW DIFFERENT RATES BASED ON GENDER (H 949)

House 96-57, approved a bill that would allow Savings Bank Life Insurance (SBLI) to charge different rates based on a policyholder's gender. Current law prohibits this practice by SBLI. Supporters of the bill said that SBLI is at an unfair competitive disadvantage because companies that sell other types of life insurance policies in Massachusetts are allowed to charge different rates based on gender. They argued that SBLI's gender neutral policies are not cost effective for women in this state and in fact cost women more than if gender was allowed to be used. Opponents of the bill said that it is outrageous for the House to turn the clocks back hundreds of years by repealing a law that prohibits discrimination against women. They noted that the way to eliminate the competitive advantage that non-SBLI companies have is to prohibit all life insurance companies from discriminating against women. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill allowing SBLI to charge different rates based on a policyholder's gender. A "No" vote is against the bill).

PROHIBIT DIFFERENT RATES BASED ON GENDER (H 949)

House 56-97, rejected a proposal prohibiting all insurance companies from charging different rates on the basis of gender. Supporters of the proposal said that it is time to wipe out current law that violates civil rights and gender equality by allowing some insurance companies to discriminate against women and charge them higher rates. They noted that women should be included under the current law that prohibits discrimination based on race and religion. Some opponents of the proposal said that that prohibiting rates based on gender would actually hurt women and cost them more money. Others argued that this is a national issue that should be addressed at the federal level. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill prohibiting all insurance companies from charging different rates on the basis of gender. A "No" vote is against the bill).

BAN GENDER-BASED ANNUITIES (S 2729)

House 115-37, approved and sent to Gov. Patrick a bill prohibiting insurance companies from using gender as a factor in the sale and payout of an annuity policy. Supporters of the bill said that it is unfair that men and women purchase annuities at the same price but women receive a lower monthly payout. They argued that it is time to guarantee equal rights for women and prohibit this type of blatant gender discrimination. Opponents of the bill said that this is not an equal rights issue but simply a consumer one based on the fact that women generally live longer than men. They noted that women may receive a lower monthly payout but their lifetime payout is in most cases equal to or more than a man's lifetime one. (A "Yes" vote is for making annuities gender-neutral. A "No" vote is against making them gender-neutral).

MAKE INFORMATION ON FILM TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC (H 4874)

House 52-101, rejected an amendment to a bill that would offer tax credits to film companies that build permanent studios in Massachusetts. The bill itself was approved on a voice vote without a roll call. The amendment would require that the names and information about the companies that receive the tax credits and the amount of each tax credit be a public record. Amendment supporters said that the public has a right to see who is receiving these tax credits and how much they receive. They noted that the Providence Journal checked out which companies were receiving film tax breaks in Rode Island and found out that only $1.9 million went to companies from Rhode Island while $9.1 million went to out of state companies that employ out of state workers. Many supporters of the amendment also opposed the tax credits and argued that Massachusetts taxpayers, not wealthy movie studios, should be offered tax relief. Amendment opponents said that the amendment goes too far and would actually violate the state's public record laws. They argued that this anti-business amendment would set a bad precedent and lead to proposals to make individual and other business tax records available to the public. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment requiring that the records be made public. A "No" vote is against the amendment).

PERMANENT SALES TAX HOLIDAY (H 4995)

Senate 5-32, rejected an amendment establishing a permanent annual two-day sales tax holiday in August. The Department of Revenue would choose the dates of the holiday and announce them by July 15 each year. Amendment supporters said that it is time to make this successful holiday a permanent one and noted that similar tax-free holidays over the past four years have helped both shoppers and consumers. They noted that a permanent holiday would give consumers the opportunity to plan purchases in advance and not have to sit around each year and see if the Legislature decides to approve a holiday. Amendment opponents said that it is fiscally irresponsible to approve a permanent holiday without regard to the economic situation of the state during a specific year. They argued that the Legislature should look at the state's economy and decide one year at a time whether the state can afford a sales tax holiday. Some noted that a permanent holiday would hurt year-round retail sales because many consumers would hold off until August to make big purchases. (A "Yes" vote is for establishing a permanent annual two-day sales tax holiday in August. A "No" vote is against establishing it).

TAX DEDUCTION FOR WINTER HEATING COSTS (H 4995)

Senate 9-28, rejected an amendment providing tax relief to consumers who will face the skyrocketing price of heating their homes this winter. The amendment allows up to an $800 tax deduction for the winter purchase of home heating oil and natural gas by individuals who earn less than $50,000 per year and families that earn less than $75,000. The deduction was approved by the Legislature in 2005 but only applied to that year's winter and has not been renewed since. Amendment supporters said that this would help millions of families deal with the skyrocketing cost of heating their homes and argued that without this tax relief, many people would have to choose between heating their homes and buying food. They noted that it helped more than 900,000 families in 2005 and cost only $27 million. Some amendment opponents said that the state cannot afford the revenue loss that the tax deduction would cause. Others said they agree that many consumers need help with heating their homes this winter but argued that the help should be in the form of direct assistance rather than tax deductions. The Senate defeated a similar proposal in January on a 7-31 roll call. Both roll calls are listed. The first vote is on the January roll call. The second vote is on last week's roll call. (A "Yes" vote is for the tax deduction. A "No" vote is against the tax deduction).

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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FOLLOW UP



COURTESY PHOTO

This photo shows the Cat Dam gates in the "closed" position. Neighbors in the area disagree on how much flushing should be allowed through the dam, which is town-owned.

Cat Dam study needed

ConComm requires notice of intent; money is an issue

The opening and closing of Cat Dam on Nichols Road has been under close scrutiny for the past year. Neighbors in the area disagree on how much flushing should be allowed through the dam, which is town-owned. The Conservation Commission recently got involved and the hope is the question of the operational schedule at Cat Dam will be settled once and for all.

The Past

The operational schedule of Cat Dam has been the topic of much discussion before the Board of Selectmen over the past year. The town-owned dam has historically been operated and maintained by the residents of the neighborhood of inner Little Harbor, which includes homes on Nichols Road, Jerusalem Road and Little Harbor Road.

The issue had two distinct sides, with one side advocating for increased flushing and the other pushing for the schedule to stay much the same as it has been for years. To resolve the issue, Selectmen appointed a resident committee consisting of representatives from both sides of the issue. Before Selectmen could approve the schedule they developed, it was changed. The change triggered a hearing before the Conservation Commission.

The Present

After several meeting with residents, concerned citizens and state officials regarding the status of Cat Dam, the Conservation Commission has determined the Town of Cohasset needs to submit a Notice of Intent for the operation, maintenance and tidal gate schedule for the town-owned dam.

The Conservation Commission said there were several reasons why there needs to be a notice of intent filed. Before any tidal gate schedule is changed there must be a filing under the Wetland Protection act and Conservation Commission regulations. An operation and maintenance schedule does not exist, putting the town at risk from state and federal agencies. Lastly, the observational evidence of Inner Little Harbor are symptoms of a greater water quality problem that needs to be addressed.

The Future

In order to complete the notice of intent filing, the town must hire a consulting engineer, among other things.

"Money is going to be a factor," said Griffin at the July 21 Selectmen's meeting and advised it may take more than two months (the time allotted by the Conservation Commission to hire the professionals) to secure funding and solicit a request for proposals.

An estimate as to the cost of the requirements for the notice of intent is still being worked out. In an e-mail, Griffin said he is working on determining how much information and testing data already exists that can be provided to the consultant rather than having to have the consultant develop that information or data from scratch.

— Nancy White

'Old' Bates House has new quarters

By Nancy White
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The first new apartments in the village in quite some time are now available for rent. The apartments are a part of the completely renovated 1811 Samuel Bates House at 35 South Main Street. Although residences have nearly always been a part of the property, current property owner Wayne Sawchuk gutted the building that is now the home of Carmela Drew Fine Foods and Accessories and Bia Bistro.

"The two units have been completely renovated with everything new, including granite counters, cabinetry, bathrooms, and new windows, roof and chimney," said Sawchuk. The apartments are each two bedroom, two bathroom units. One unit is 1400 square feet on a single level with a home office, fireplace and small deck overlooking the village. The second unit is 1700 square feet split between two floors with a large deck off the kitchen/dining room.

The apartments are the last phase of work that started nearly two years ago. The addition of Carmela Drew, interior expansion of Bia Bistro and the outdoor patio were also part of the renovation.

Sawchuk, who has developed the property under the name of Cohasset Village Partners, LLC, is holding an open house for the apartments this Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. According to the apartment's online listing on Craig's List, the rent is $2,495 per month.

Sawchuk is now looking to improve the rear of the property. Developing the property facing the town parking lot is one of the objectives of the re-vamped village zoning bylaws passed at the 2007 fall special Town Meeting.

"We'll be adding landscaping and will be preparing plans for two new mixed-use buildings to face the parking area, with a landscaped courtyard behind the new and existing buildings, and a new community walkway connecting the Town Parking Lot with South Main Street, between Carmela Drew's and Atlantic Bagel," said Sawchuk.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Cavanaro, 29 Arrowwood St., $16,000, replace front stairs with covered wood steps and landing, expand space above kitchen into expanded bedroom and new bath; and Keane, 55 Black Horse Lane, $300,000, study, family room, screen porch additions. Appleton, 231 King St., $15,000, replace existing shed with 20-foot by 20-foot shed w/ Sonatubes; McLean, 10 Joy Place, $170,000, two-story addition – family room, master bedroom, closet and minor renovation to existing structure; Sandy Beach Association, 345 Atlantic Ave., $4,675, 12 squares roofing; Gilliatt, 82 Pleasant St., $16,000, new cabinets, countertop, remove section of non-bearing wall, stud/plaster over brick wall; Silvia, 445 Beechwood St., $1,800, re-shingle asphalt roof on garage; St. Peter, 812 CJC Hwy., $2,000, install partitions for tanning salon; 16 Heritage Lane LLC, 16 Heritage Lane, $600,000, construct new 4,300-square foot single-family residence; Giglio, 144 Lamberts Lane, $12,950, 37 squares asphalt roofing; Centerpoint Cap., 31 Elm St., $14,800, remodel third-floor bedroom, including removal, reframing of walls, new full bath, two new skylights and two new windows; and Meehan, 354 Jerusalem Road, $39,000, master bath remodel.

Also: Adrian Morris, 812 CJC Hwy., Unit 4, $30,000, install new walls, electrical, plumbing per plans; Demick, 149 Linden Dr., $750, install tent from June 27 through June 29; Comeau, 50 Pleasant St., $5,000 four replacement windows, roof over porch, new door, siding on 18 foot by 12 foot porch; Crough3, 30 Forest Ave., $5,000, install shed; Cudd, 106 Howe Road, $10,000, demolish home due to fire; Crosby, 75 Elm St., $5,000, new cabinets, build breakfast nook and shelves; Steele, 31 River Road, $3,696, 60 foot by 80 foot tent from July 17 through July 21; Murphy, 39 Cedar St., Unit 3, $5,000, replace garage roof and four house windows; SSCC Nursery School, 3 North Main St., $5,000, remodel nursery school kitchen, vanities and cabinets; Carlson, 18 Old Coach Road, $5,200, 3.5 squares red cedar side-walling; Earon, 29 Gammons Road, $13,000, new bath over existing garage; and Cohasset Yacht Club, 99 Howard Gleason Road, $1,500, 30 foot by 40 foot tent on July 3 and 4.



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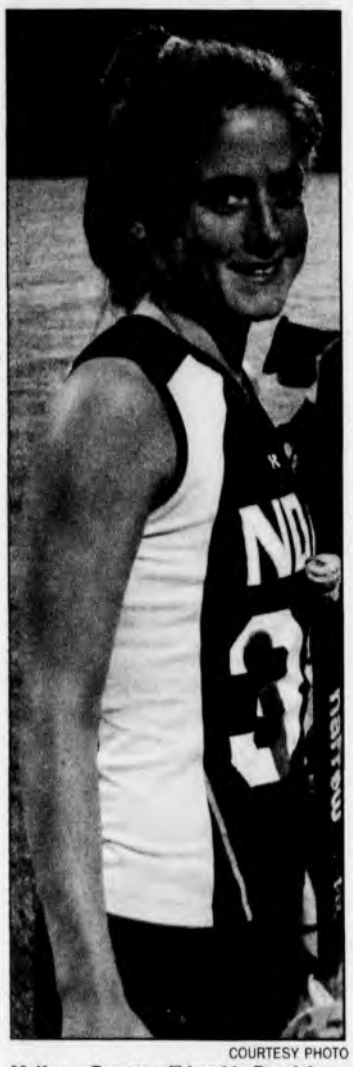
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Teague, Flibotte, Bowdoin bound this fall



COURTESY PHOTO

McKenna Teague will head to Bowdoin College in the fall to play field hockey and lacrosse.

Star athletes look to make good first impressions on top Division 3 program

By Joel Racicot
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There will not be a lack of Polar Bears from Cohasset in the great state of Maine this upcoming school year.

Both McKenna Teague and Mark Flibotte will be attending Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME, this fall to play sports. Teague will make her debut on the field hockey and lacrosse teams, while Flibotte will bring his game to the lacrosse field.

Both athletes left their mark at the respective high school programs they played for. Teague leaves Notre Dame in Hingham as the school's all-time leading scorer in lacrosse with 250 career points. Flibotte did the same at Cohasset High School, where he scored a record 352 points while earning US Lacrosse All-American honors twice.

McKenna Teague

Teague wanted to play two sports in college and D-3, she decided, would be her route.

"It is going to be tough but I will have the winter off," Teague said. "Both [field hockey and lacrosse] coaches support it."

Teague could have gone Division 1 in field hockey and was recruited by Lafayette, but decided that Bowdoin was her best option. To get ready for the grueling pace, Teague is lifting three days a week this summer at Body Studio in downtown Cohasset. She is also on a college prep running program.

Teague, who is just fine juggling a number of duties, is also a camp counselor at Black Rock in Hingham and a server at the Dell's Lemonade stand in Cohasset.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Mark Flibotte battles for a ball in the state semifinal. Flibotte will be playing lacrosse at Bowdoin next spring.

Adding pressure to what should be an exciting first few weeks of college, the Polar Bears are the reigning D-3 National Champions in field hockey.

"It adds pressure, yea," Teague said. "I talked with a lot of the players at the overnight. Coach Nicky [Pearson] is intense but friendly. It's going to work out, I'm sure."

Teague's goals for this season are actually pretty singular in nature—get a goal.

"I'd like to get some playing time and go into the [field hockey] season in shape," she said. "I want to score one goal, that is all I want."

And in lacrosse?

"Yea, pretty much the same thing."

Mark Flibotte

Flibotte got back from the National High School Senior Showcase at Benedictine University in Chicago in the end of June, where he helped the North topple the East 15-14 in overtime to capture the championship game. Flibotte scored three goals in the first game and

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Post 118 talented when together

Legion team should return nice core for next summer

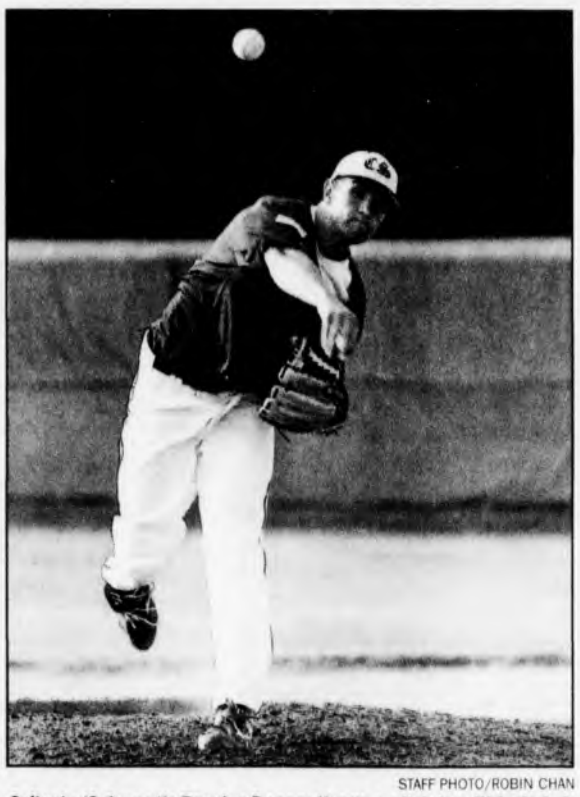
By Joel Racicot
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Cohasset really made up the bulk of the Cohasset/Scituate Legion baseball team this season. From the Doonan brothers to Tommy Chase and Brian Hill, much of the pop at the plate, on the mound, and in the field came from the fella's who live north on 3A.

Sam DeGiacomo, Ken Muir, John Cavanaro, Robbie McCunney, Dave Snowdale, Kyle Pinkus...Cohasset kids, made up the strength of this team. A lot of the success this summer stemmed from the Cohasset High baseball team making the tourney for the first time since the Clinton administration, and the BC High team that won the state tile.

A good portion will be eligible to come back to the playoff team; according to coach Greg Taylor and general manager Scott Arnold, Tommy Chase, Tim McGrath, Brian Hill, Kyle Pinkus and Marcus Joyce have played their final Legion games for Post 118.

"We have a very good starting roster for next year's team," Arnold said. "We are very enthusiastic to build with these guys."



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Scituate/Cohasset's Brendan Doonan throws a pitch to a Walpole batter in the top of the third inning of their game Tuesday.

Post 118 had all the talent in the world to make the District 6 East playoffs. The fact that they barely made it can be chalked up to usual Legion problems—summertime stuff. Either way, the boys got in for the first time in four seasons; only to lose to undefeated Walpole twice in a best two-out-of-three series.

"We had an up and down season," Arnold said. "We were a lot stronger than our record showed. Everybody working and rushing to games was our downfall. We lost to a lot of teams we should have beaten."



COURTESY PHOTO

G. Robert "Bob" Jackson of Woodland Drive at the helm of Windfall just outside New Bedford Harbor while in transit to Mattapoisett.

Jackson helps sail Windfall to first place

In an exciting finish to the 2008 Stone Horse Builder's Cup Race sponsored by Edey & Duff of Mattapoisett, the top three Stone Horses were within two boat lengths with only a bow sprit, about 4 feet, separating the top two boats, Windfall and Young America.

Windfall, sailed by Tom Kenney of the New Bedford Yacht Club and G. Robert "Bob" Jackson of Woodland Drive in Cohasset, took 1st Place, edging out 2nd Place finisher Bob Sachetti of Boston, who was single handing *Young America*. In third place was *Pegasus*, owned by Edey & Duff and captained by Dan Rowe of Mattapoisett with a crew of three.

Bob Sachetti in *Young America* was first over the starting line followed by *Pegasus* and *Bewitched*, skippered by Tom Browne of Woods Hole. *Young America* held the lead for the first two legs followed closely by *Pegasus*. A slow starting *Windfall* advanced into 3rd Place by the end of the

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NAME: Jackie Gauthier
SCHOOL: Braintree
GRADE: Sophomore
POSITION: Outfield
STATS: Bay State League allstar helped anchor Braintree offense alongside teammates Jacqi Saluti and Laura McDonough. Swung well in the postseason against North Attleboro. Honor roll student. Gauthier also plays soccor for the Wamps.



NAME: Jackie Graney
SCHOOL: Pembroke
GRADE: Sophomore
POSITION: Outfield
STATS: Helped Pembroke win crucial games down the stretch to qualify for the South Sectional. A Patriot League all-star, Graney hit and pitched for the Titans. Mostly led with the bat, but one of her biggest games this season came on the mound in a win against Middleboro.



NAME: Kristina K
SCHOOL: Hanover
GRADE: Sophomore
POSITION: Outfield
STATS: In her first season a regular player for the Lady Indians, Katsikis was about as consistent as it gets. Just a sophomore, Katsikis blasted her way into the Patriot League's Fisher Div. standings, topping the hitting field with an incredible .521 average from the No. 5 spot in the order. Also an All-star field hockey player at HHS.



NAME: Kelsea Cheney
SCHOOL: Abington
GRADE: Junior
POSITION: Shortstop
STATS: The junior shortstop had a monster season, batting just over .500 with three home runs, all while shattering a team record for single-season RBIs with 42. A central part in elevating the Green Wave to the second round of the Division 3 South sectionals, Cheney also plays basketball at Abington High in the winter.



NAME: Michelle Montillio
SCHOOL: Hanover
GRADE: Junior
POSITION: Second Base
STATS: A two-year starter on the Lady Indians' squad, Montillio shined in her first full season at second base. The junior hit .493 from the No. 2 spot in the order, racking up 33 hits, 13 RBI, 11 stolen bases, while scoring 30 runs for the Patriot League Fisher Div. champs. Also plays soccer and basketball at HHS.



NAME: Jill Coyle
SCHOOL: [illegible]
GRADE: [illegible]or
POSITION: Third Ba[illegible]
STATS: It was a rough year for the Wildcats, but Coyle's play certainly provided some bright spots. The [illegible]ear starter hit .[illegible] the year with [illegible] percentage at [illegible]ing in 11 RBIs and [illegible] home run for the season. A two-[illegible] State League [illegible] Coyle, who was named MVP for Post[illegible] return to Weymouth [illegible] year as a captain.



NAME: Liz DiMascio
SCHOOL: Braintree
GRADE: Junior
POSITION: Pitcher
STATS: There's simply no overstating DiMascio's contributions to the Wamps' 2008 season. In her junior year, DiMascio claimed the Bay State Conference Carey Division MVP honor on the strength of no-hitters against Weymouth, Framingham and North Attleboro while maintaining a knee-buckling season ERA of 0.26. Registered 10 strikeouts on two hits in Braintree's 2-0 win over Taunton in the Division 1 South Sectional finals.



NAME: Jacqui Saluti
SCHOOL: Braintree
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: First Base
STATS: Saluti was the offensive muscle that drove an already studded Braintree lineup in 2008. In her senior year, Saluti slugged an astounding .514, complete with two homers and 18 RBIs. Her double gave the Wamps the go-ahead run vs. Taunton in the Division 1 South Sectional finals.



NAME: Kelly DuVal
SCHOOL: Hanover
GRADE: Sophomore
POSITION: Catcher
STATS: A two-year starter behind the plate, DuVal had another big season for the Patriot League Fisher Div. champs. The sophomore hit .425 from the cleanup spot in the order and registered 28 RBI. Worked closely with freshman pitcher Deanna McMahon and helped the newcomer to a solid inaugural campaign. Also an All-star in field hockey and basketball at HHS.

THE BEST OF THE REST

Name: Lesley Guenard **School:** Hanover **Grade**: Senior **Position:** Shortstop	**Name**: Meredith Kelly **School:** Cohasset **Grade**: Sophomore **Position:** First base	**Name**: Rachele Burnache **School:** Rockland **Grade**: Junior **Position:** Shortstop	**Name**: Carly Salerno **School:** Cohasset **Grade**: Junior **Position:** Shortstop	**Name**: Kerri McDonough **School:** Abington **Grade**: Sophomore **Position:** Pitcher
Name: Laura McDonough **School:** Braintree **Grade**: Junior **Position:** Shortstop	**Name**: Nicole Forlizzi **School:** Duxbury **Grade**: Senior **Position:** Second base	**Name**: Keri Graney **School:** Pembroke **Grade**: Junior **Position:** Shortstop	**Name**: Casey Ducinski **School:** Duxbury **Grade**: Junior **Position:** Pitcher	**Name**: Kelly Naegelin **School:** Scituate **Grade**: Sophomore **Position:** Pitcher

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Mackenzie O'Dea – Sr. – Second Base – Weymouth
Meghan Thibault– Jr. – First Base – Scituate
Jamie Block– Jr. – Pitcher – Pembroke

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McKenna Teague battles for a ball during field hockey season at Notre Dame Academy. The two-sport star is bringing both of her sticks to Brunswick, Maine, this year to play for the Polar Bears.

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one in the championship.

After working at Prime Time Lacrosse Camp at Babson College as a councilor, the former Skipper star is "playing here in there."

CHS coach Stew Curran and Bowdoin coach Tom McCabe are good friends. "Stew had only good things to say about [coach] McCabe," Flibotte said.

Flibotte understands that the D-3 schedule is a year-round deal.

"I'm working out a lot this summer. I've go to get bigger and faster," he said. "I also have to work on my shooting and stick skills, the college game is much faster."

Teague leaves Notre Dame in Hingham as the school's all-time leading scorer in lacrosse with 250 career points. Flibotte did the same at Cohasset High School, where he scored a record 352 points while earning US Lacrosse All-American honors twice.

Last year Bowdoin made the NCAA's where they lost to Middlebury. The Polar Bears also made the NESCAC Finals, where they fell to Williams. Flibotte hopes the team continues its success.

"I want to get a good amount of playing time," he said. "And hopefully we have a successful season."

Cohasset run ends in slugfest loss

Williamsport all-star teams made strides during tourney

Cohasset's Williamsport all-star Little League team ended its tournament run at the hands of Stoughton at Braintree's Hollingsworth Fields last week. Stoughton started the scoring binge in the first, with a solo home run. In the bottom of the first, Cohasset's Liam Burke answered with his second home run of the tournament, and knotted the score at 1-1.

Stoughton scored three more over the second and third frames, and Cohasset entered the bottom of the third trailing 4-1. In the bottom of the third, Max Montgomery worked his way on with a walk, and Terrence Doonan and Brendan O'Connell followed with singles.

With two outs and the bases loaded, Mickey Barry drew a walk to plate one, and Cohasset cut Stoughton's lead to 4-2. Cohasset's Jack Kuppens then strode to the plate, and promptly blasted a grand slam to center field. After three, Cohasset now led 6-4. Kuppens retired the Stoughton nine in the top of the fourth, and Cohasset plated another run in the bottom of the inning, sparked by base hits from Chris Haggerty and Tom Gilliatt, and Cohasset led 7-4 after four.

In the fifth, Stoughton rallied, as its number three hitter blasted his second home run of the game, and Stoughton took a 10-7 lead.

But the Boys in Blue rallied again in the bottom of the fifth, as Barry slammed a two run dinger to cut the lead to 10-9, and Tommy Powers blasted a clutch two out, two run home run to vault Cohasset into the lead by one entering the sixth and final frame.

But it was not to be as Stoughton rallied in the sixth with their own grand slam, and held Cohasset at bay in the bottom of the sixth. The final score was Stoughton 15, Cohasset 11.

The boys did Cohasset proud - in a District of twenty-four teams, the team made it to the final six before bowing out. And they wrote a lifetime of memories into one great post-season run. Congratulations to all team members on a great tournament: Mickey Barry, Liam Burke, Chris Cohen, Terence Doonan, Thomas Gilliatt, Chris Haggerty, Jack Kuppens, Ryan McKeon, Max Montgomery, Tommy O'Brien, Brendan O'Connell, Tommy Powers and Tommy Ryan.

Greg Moynahan Memorial Home Run Derby set for Aug. 16

Greg Moynahan Memorial Homerun Derby will take place Saturday, Aug. 16. at Scituate High School. The event is open to baseball players and fans of all ages.

A $15 donation, $20 day of event, will provide: a T-shirt; at least 10 swings to move onto the next round; barbecue at the high school. Featured will be a raffle with many prizes All proceeds will go toward maintenance of Greg Moynahan's memorial at Greenbush Field and scholarships awarded in his name to Scituate High School Senior.

There will be prizes for first and second place at each age level.

Age	Time	Field
9-10	10:30	Greenbush Field
11-12	12:30	Greenbush Field
13-14	10:30	HS JV Field
15-16	12:30	HS JV Field
17+	11	HS Varsity Field

Pitchers will be provided or participants can bring their own. Fences will be adjusted to accommodate age groups.

Send cash or a personal check made out to Greg Moynahan Memorial Fund, and mail to: Greg Moynahan Memorial Fund, 45 James Way, Scituate, MA 02066. For more information, email ricgill@hotmail.com.

Greg Moynahan was a baseball fan and a longtime umpire for Scituate Little League. This will be the fifth annual Homerun Derby.

Jackson helps sail Windfall to first place

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first leg.

Pointing higher than the lead boats on the second leg and with right of way on a starboard tack, *Windfall* rounded the windward mark just ahead of *Young America* and *Pegasus*. *Windfall* held the lead for the entire final leg, though the separation from *Young America* was never more than a boat length and most often a matter of feet. Bob Sachetti made several attempts to get to windward of *Windfall*, but Tom Kenney was able to hold him off by the slimmest of margins and squeak out his first win in the Stone Horse Builder's Cup series.

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Sports Notes

New coaches at CHS

Athletic Director Ron Ford announced the hiring of three new coaches at Cohasset High School; Bo Ruggiero for boys basketball, Abby Coakley for field hockey and Liz Pelletier for cheerleading. See upcoming Cohasset Mariners for more information on the hiring's.

Coaching vacancies

Cohasset High School is looking for a junior varsity boys soccer coach as well as an athletic trainer.

South Shore YMCA offering Summer Volleyball Clinics for teens

The South Shore YMCA is holding two sessions of volleyball clinics for any teens ages 12-17.

The first clinic that will be held over four evenings during the week of July 28 focus on the fundamental and advanced techniques of ball handling, including setting, hitting, digging and serving. Individual attention and advanced technique will be given to meet player's ability. Players will advance to game situations, learning defensive and offensive strategies.

The second clinic that will be held over three evenings during the week of August 4 is geared towards getting ready for school's try-outs. Activities will include warm-up exercises, endurance drills and ball handling refresher. This is a great clinic to ease into your season and tune-up your volleyball handling skills.

For more information, please contact Linda Montoya at 781-829-8585, ext. 260.

South Shore YMCA NFL Flag Football League

The South Shore YMCA in Hanover has extended the registration period until July 30 for its NFL Flag Football league. YMCA NFL Flag is the premier youth football league for boys and girls ages 9-11 and 12-14. The program provides young players a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in non-contact, continuous action while learning lessons in teamwork. It is also designed to educate young people about football while emphasizing participation and sportsmanship. Players learn skills and lessons that help them succeed both on and off the field.

The season will be eight weeks long and starts mid August. All practices and games will be held at the South Shore YMCA outdoor field.

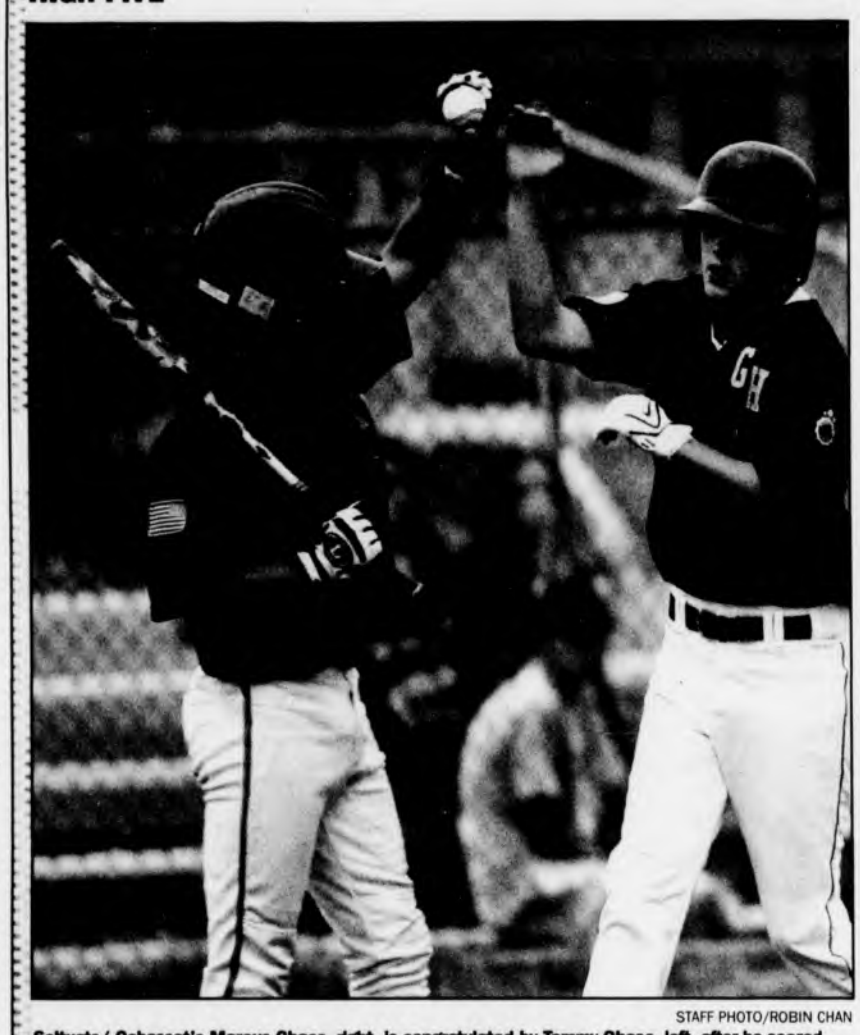
For more information, please contact Linda Montoya at lmontoya@ssymca.org or call 781-829-8585, ext. 260.

Hingham Flag Football

Hingham Youth Football will be starting a flag football league beginning this September for boys and girls ages 5-13. There will be a walk-in registration day August 23 and online registration. If you would like to volunteer to coach or know anyone who would, please contact Drew Julian at drewjulian@comcast.net or 781-883-0300.

More information will be forthcoming for the 2008 Hingham Youth Flag Football program on the HYF website at http://www.hinghamyouthfootball.org/. Click on the link for "Flag Football". This program is open to **COHASSET** residents.

HIGH FIVE



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Scituate/ Cohasset's Marcus Chase, right, is congratulated by Tommy Chase, left, after he scored their last run of the season in the bottom of the seventh inning of their loss to Walpole.

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The Cohasset U12 girls travel team is pictured here with New England Revolution player Jay Heaps at a clinic at Milliken Field organized by their coaches, Seth Hart and Terrence McCarthy. The girls were undefeated (10-0) this past spring and went into the playoffs, losing to Scituate that eventually went to the finals. Front row from left are: Jacqueline Hart, Emma Steele, Michaela Braun, and Caleigh Nolan. Back row from left: Ciara Baumgarten, Carly Gundersen, Isabel McCarthy, Jay Heaps, Meghan Faherty, Emily Davis, and Dagmar Seppala. Not pictured: Caroline Farren, Valerie Farren, Caty Gilman, Megan Fitzgerald and Cassandra Lieberman.



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John Appleton, 9 months, of Cohasset wears his mother's leis while enjoying the Beach Blanket Bingo party at Our World.



Above, Myles Wasserman, 2, of Scituate crawls underneath a rhino decorated with a lei during the beach party at Our World on a recent Tuesday.

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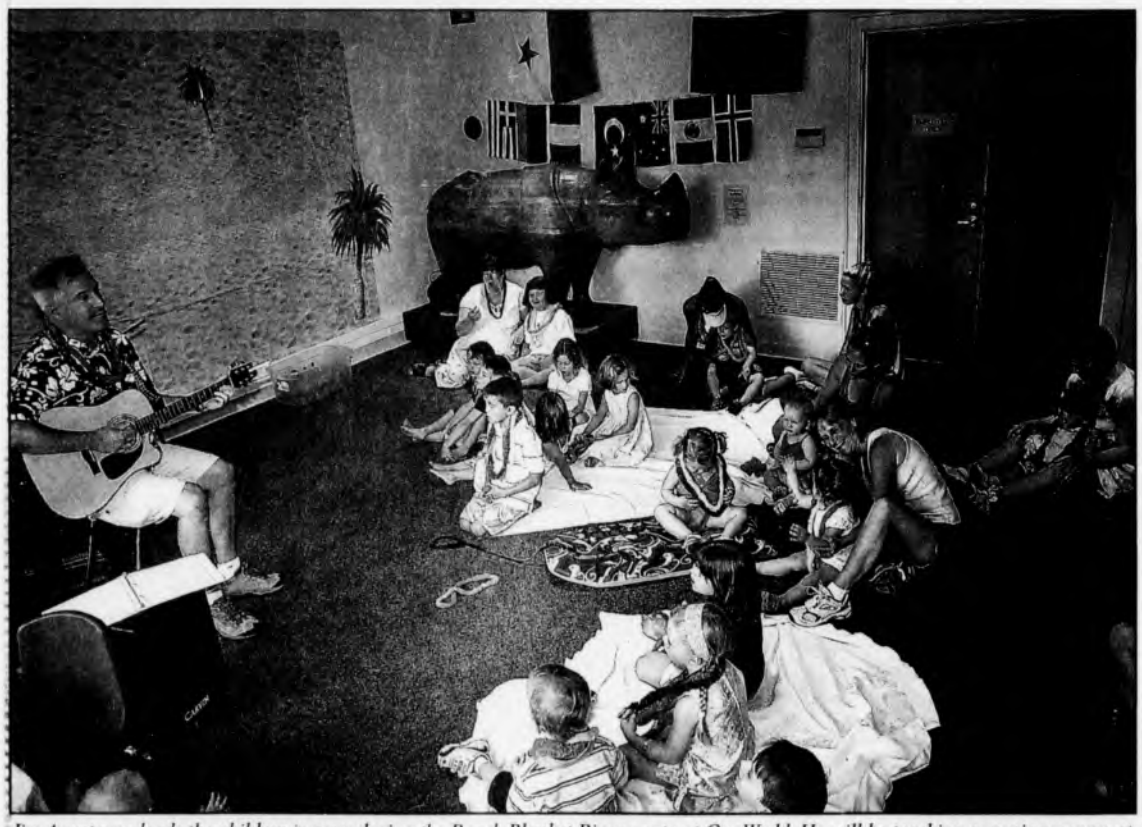
Our World gets into the summer spirit

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Talia DiPanfilo helps Rex Schiffmann, 15 months, shake his maracas during the Beach Blanket Bingo party.

Left, Julie Laugelle, left, of Cohasset and her daughter, Hannah, 7 right, shake a white sheet to imitate a wave for the surfer during the Beach Blanket Bingo party at Our World on a recent Tuesday.



Jim Armstrong leads the children in song during the Beach Blanket Bingo party at Our World. He will be teaching a music program at Our World called "Lions, and Tigers, and Bears O My!" for toddlers in the fall and an American Idol like program called Kids Rock!



Agnes O'Reilly, 4, of Hingham plays with her lei using her percussion sticks that were handed out during the Beach Blanket Bingo party.



Sam Kefallinos, 6, of Cohasset approaches the limbo stick during the Beach Blanket Bingo at Our World, which is housed in the back of the Paul Pratt Library off Sohier Street.



Mason Wasserman, 5, of Scituate hangs ten while surfing amidst the waves produced by fellow beach loving children at Our World's Beach Blanket Bingo in Cohasset.

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London's West End is theater lover's draw

Frank Scheck
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

There's something about visiting London's West End that stirs excitement even in a theater critic like me who routinely sees hundreds of shows a year in New York.

This year there is even more cause for celebration, as the district celebrates its 100th anniversary.

While the West End, also dubbed "Theatreland," increasingly resembles Broadway with its emphasis on splashy, audience-friendly musicals, there is also a dizzying array of provocative new dramas and imaginative revivals of classic works on display this year, thanks to a highly encouraging commercial and artistic climate.

The scene features musicals, ranging from the homegrown "Billy Elliott," adapted from the hit film and featuring an Elton John score; "The Sound of Music," a revival of Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic; and "Dirty Dancing," based on the sexy 1987 movie; to such Broadway imports as "Jersey Boys," "Hairspray," "Spamalot," "The Lion King" and "Wicked." (In general, tickets for these shows seem to be easier to come by in London than for their U.S. productions.)

One of the most intriguing shows in town is "Brief Encounter," the Kneehigh Theaters' acclaimed multimedia adaptation of the Noel Coward story that inspired the classic David Lean film. It is being performed in the Cinema Haymarket, the very same movie theater where the film premiered more than 60 years ago.

Another to seek out is "Marguerite," now receiving its world premiere at the Haymarket Theatre Royal (where Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband" premiered in 1893). This musical melodrama set in occupied Paris during World War II was co-written by "Les Miserables" creators Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg, and features a gorgeous musical score by Michel Legrand.

The West End theaters themselves boast an intimacy and venerable history that lend immeasurable atmosphere (if not necessarily comfortable legroom) to the overall experience.

But the theater scene in London is not limited to these venues. The National Theatre, the sprawling, multi-theater complex on the South Bank of the Thames, could arguably be described as the world's most important single theatrical venue. Highlights of this summer's programming include "Never So Good," a historical drama starring Jeremy Irons as British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan, and "Afterlife," the newest work by Michael Frayn, the award-winning playwright of "Noises Off" and "Copenhagen."

Nearly as important are such famed smaller venues as the Almeida, the Royal Court, the Donmar Warehouse and the Old Vic, the influence of which cannot be overstated. The latter, now under the artistic direction of actor Kevin Spacey, is showcasing a well-received revival of Shaw's "Pygmalion," while the Donmar has a production of the modern classic "The Chalk Garden" starring the beloved British actress Penelope Wilton.

Some of the city's best theatrical experiences are available only in the warmer months. The Open Air Theater in Regent's Park, for instance, is an outdoor showcase for Shakespearean productions. This summer, in addition to such plays as "Twelfth Night" and "Romeo and Juliet," it will be presenting a revival of the musical "Gigi" starring the Oscar-nominated Topol ("Fiddler on the Roof").

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, an architecturally faithful recreation of the venue in which most of the Bard's plays premiered, is presenting "King Lear" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream," among other works. It also offers a wonderful permanent exhibition dealing with the working life of Shakespeare and his contemporaries in London.

As part of its anniversary celebrations, the West End is serving up a series of special events. Of particular note are "Kids Week in the West End" (Aug. 15-29), offering free tickets and various events for children; and "Open Rehearsal" (Sept. 27-Oct. 2), featuring free backstage tours. (For more information, go to www.officiallondontheatre.co.uk/theatreland at 100.)

While the West End has a discount TKTS booth located in busy Leicester Square, you might want to avoid the lines and the hassle by procuring tickets in advance of your trip through companies including Keith Prowse Agency (800-669-8687; www.keithprowse.com). You can also, surprisingly, sometimes buy day-of tickets at the theaters. Regular prices run from about $40 to $120.

There are tours available that showcase the West End itself, the best being "Through the Stage Door," a highly entertaining look at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, the world's oldest operating playhouse. The tour is conducted by actors in costume and constitutes a show all by itself. It's offered twice daily except for Sundays, and at a mere $18 ($14 for kids) it's the best theatrical bargain in town.



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"Marguerite" is a musical melodrama written by the creators of "Les Miserables" and having its world premier at the Haymarket Theatre Royal in London.

Frank Scheck reviews theater in New York for the New York Post and Hollywood Reporter.

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Cohasset native soloist at Hatch Shell

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Hansen grew up in Cohasset and fondly remembers years of performing in school musicals and singing at church. She attended Cohasset High School (CHS) where she was in the chorus under the direction of Bryan Marks and studied voice with Maureen Hague of Plymouth, starting in the 10th grade. She also played goalie on the field hockey team and swam with the CHS swim team as well as a local team.

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Meredith Hansen grew up in Cohasset and fondly remembers years of performing in school musicals and singing at church.

The well-rounded student and soprano received her Masters of Music from Boston University in 2002 and has gone on to receive many prestigious awards including first place in the Charles Lynam Competition, the Violetta DuPont Vocal Competition, and the Opera Birmingham Competition. She was honored to be chosen for the Final Rounds of The 45th Annual Francisco Vi-as Singing Concert in Barcelona, Spain and she was a District Winner and Regional Finalist in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Awards. She has performed extensively with opera companies, orchestras, and choral societies throughout the Northeast and beyond.

Hansen is excited to sing at the Hatch Shell with two of Boston's renowned performance companies. "Having grown up here, I am really thrilled to be performing this concert at one of Boston's quintessential musical venues! It's so exciting to have the opportunity to share some of BLO's wonderful upcoming season and I hope that the audience on the 6th will be truly 'Spellbound.'"

The concert's program will highlight BLO's upcoming productions of Offenbach's *Les contes d'Hoffmann (The Tales of Hoffmann)*, Dvoøák's *Rusalka*, and Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, all tales of obsessive love and otherworldly fantasy. Opera newcomers and aficionados are welcome to bring a picnic for an evening of opera in the open air. For more information about the concert, the season, or additional events, visit www.blo.org.

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Buttonwood Book Group for Adults to meet Aug. 12

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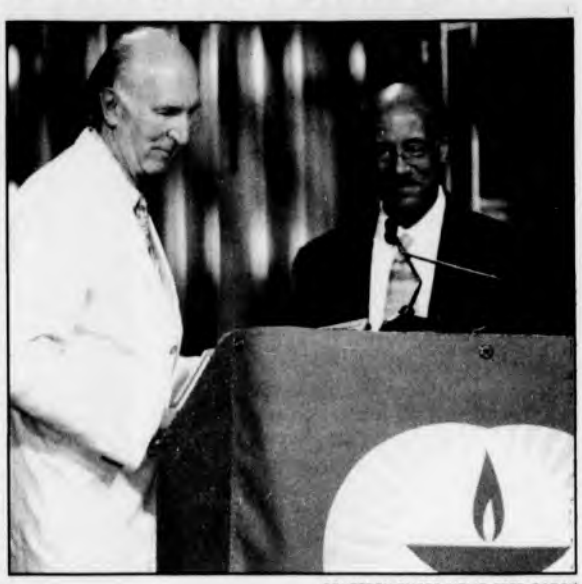
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Unitarian Universalist Assoc. honors South Shore resident

From all 50 states and several foreign countries, 3,000 Unitarian Universalists gathered from June 25 through 29 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for the 47th annual General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association. One of the highlights for South Shore congregations was the presentation of the President's Award for Volunteer Service by the Unitarian Universalist Association to Eric Kluz, longtime member of First Parish Unitarian Universalist Cohasset and a resident of Scituate. It is an award designated by the UUA President for persons who have offered "extraordinary and vital service to the UUA as volunteers."



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Eric Kluz receives award from UUA President Rev. William Sinkford.

"He embodies a commitment to Unitarian Universalism and to our larger world that draws on our religious belief in the interconnectedness of all life."

— Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, minister of First Parish Unitarian Universalist

In his remarks and engraved on a plaque given to Kluz, the Rev. Sinkford said, "Eric was the president of the Ballou Channing District from 2003 to 2006 and was the national president of the District Presidents Association. At his home congregation, First Parish in Cohasset, Massachusetts, Eric served as president for three years and moderator for six." Sinkford cited Kluz's groundbreaking contributions to green architecture: "In his professional life, Eric is one of the leading green building designers in the country, if not the world. As a practicing architect and a principal in the firm of HKT Architects, Eric's current work is focused primarily in the areas of sustainable design and the environment." Sinkford called attention to a recent lecture given by Kluz at the Tongji University College of Environmental Science and Engineering in Shanghai, China. Titled "Footprints on Black Snow," Kluz traced his environmental consciousness back to his childhood memories of the belching steel mills literally turning the snow black. "Now," remarked Sinkford, "the association is benefiting from that lifelong passion – he has spent the last two years guiding the association along a path toward greening its historic buildings on Beacon Hill in Boston. He has overseen the development of an energy master plan, coordinated the design and planning for a future energy-efficient heating and air-conditioning system for 25 Beacon, and has helped assess the steps necessary to bring the buildings up to LEED certification. The UUA has benefited from countless hours of guidance from one of the leading green design architects in the country, and is deeply grateful that he has done this as a volunteer."

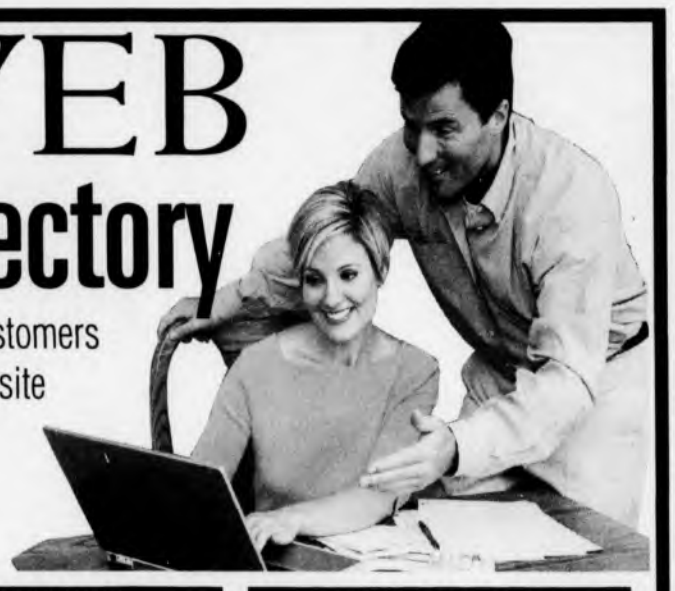
"We are thrilled that Eric received this much deserved recognition," said the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, minister of First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset. "He embodies a commitment to Unitarian Universalism and to our larger world that draws on our religious belief in the interconnectedness of all life."

The General Assembly of the UUA concluded its five-day meeting by adopting resolutions on a broad slate of social justice issues, with six resolutions on urgent social issues. Known as "Actions of Immediate Witness," these included Single Payor Health Care; End Present-Day Slavery in the Fields; Oppose a U.S. Attack on Iran; Raise the Federal Minimum Wage to $10 in 2010; Extend the Tax Credit for Wind and Solar Power; and Oppose the Florida and California Marriage Protection Initiatives. Delegates also voted to adopt a Congregational Study/Action Issue on Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice. The Rev. Dr. Carlsson-Bull, outgoing chairman of the UUA's Commission on Social

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You're the best grandpa in the world!

Happy Grandparent's Day,

Love,
Melissa and Sophia

Photo and message appear in color!

Simply send us a photo accompanied by a brief message (20 words) to your grandparent(s) and we'll publish it in our September issue.
Only $5 to participate!

Deadline is Friday, August 15

To enter by mail:
Send this signed form with your photo, 20 word message, and your $5 check to:

Community Newspaper Company, c/o Parents and Kids Magazine, 254 Second Ave., Needham, MA 02494

Remember to include:
Name and hometown of grandparent(s), names, ages and hometown of children in photo and your daytime contact information.
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Visit ***www.wickedlocalparents.com***
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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. **Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague.** Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

Our hearts go out to members and friends of the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation and the Westfield Unitarian Congregation in Knoxville, Tennessee in the wake of last Sunday morning's violence. Let us pray for the two individuals whose lives were lost and their families and friends. Let us pray for the person who was so tormented that he committed these violent acts. Let us pray that the love and compassionate justice of a loving and compassionately just God will prevail, as we welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Aug. 3

Summer Services

9 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – Led by Eric Kluz

Summer services are informal, child-friendly, lay-led, and followed by refreshments in the back of the Meeting House. We hope you'll join us!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

Our summer schedule differs from our September through mid June schedule that is outlined below.

SUMMER WORSHIP (through Aug. 31st) 8 a.m. informal service at the Sailing Club. 10 a.m. traditional service in the Chapel located at the rear of the building.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the **Reverend Margot Critchfield,**

If you are visiting from out of town or here for the summer, you are most welcome to join us this Sunday when we switch to our summer worship schedule, now through Aug. 24:

Sundays: 6:45 am at Sandy Beach (bring a lawn chair, no parking sticker needed) and at our Cohasset Village church at 8 am and 9:30 am.

Wednesdays: Eucharist with healing at 9:30 am.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Unitarian Universalist Assoc. honors South Shore resident

FROM KLUZ, PAGE 22

Witness said, "A Congregational Study/Action Issue is a mega-issue, to which we as an association commit for a minimum of four years of intensive study and action." By selecting this issue, Unitarian Universalist congregations have challenged themselves to unite theology with practice and address social inequality and environmental destruction. This issue was initially proposed by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth.

Hundreds of delegates joined local leaders from the immigrant and gay/lesbian/transgender/bisexual/transgender communities in a public witness event called "Valuing All Families."

As a featured speaker, UUA President Sinkford said, "Our vision of justice is not limited to concern for one oppressed group. It's a vision of justice in which all American families are valued. We say that the Beloved Community must have room for all of us."

In addition to tending to official business, attendees worshipped, celebrated, rallied and attended classes at "UU University" to learn how to be more effective in their home congregations. The Unitarian Universalist Association is an association of more than 1,000 self-governing congregations that hold a vision with the invitation to "Nurture your spirit; help heal our world."

Padre Pio Day of Prayer at St. Anthony

St. Anthony Parish, Cohasset, will host a celebration on Saturday, Aug. 2, commemorating the life of St. Pio of Pietrelcina – Padre Pio, who died 40 years ago. The celebration will begin at 11 a.m. with a Holy Hour, which will include the recitation of an international rosary. Confession will also be available at this time. At noon, the Liturgy of the Mass from Padre Pio's Beatification Ceremony will be celebrated. Veneration of seven of Padre Pio's relics will take place within the liturgy. Following the liturgy, the celebration will continue in the Parish Hall where refreshments will be served and a video on the Life of Padre Pio will be shown.

Parishioners and friends are invited to attend the celebration.

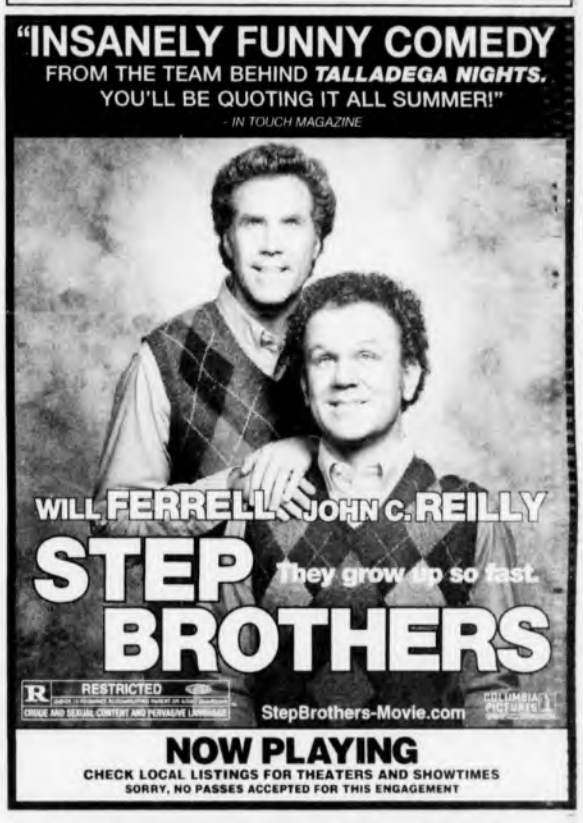
Esteemed Irish Choir Group sings at Glastonbury Abbey

The Holy Trinity Abbey Choir will be performing at several Catholic churches in the Boston area during a twelve-day visit. The choir will perform at Glastonbury Abbey,16 Hull St., during the 4 p.m. mass on Saturday, Aug. 2. This is an outdoor mass. Please bring a lawn chair.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Holy Trinity Abbey Choir will perform at Glastonbury Abbey on Aug. 2.







Legal Notices

SEL/RESTORATION BIDS
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Cohasset, MA seeks sealed price bids from qualified and certified contractors for the Cohasset Town Hall Window Restoration and Exterior Improvements Project, including restoration of selected historic window sash and frames, installation of new interior storm windows, repair of exterior architectural woodwork, replacement of gutters and downspouts, new drywells, and repointing and seismic stabilization of one brick masonry chimney. Any interested party may obtain a copy of the plans and specifications at the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025 starting on August 6, 2008. A non-refundable fee of $50 paid in cash or by bank check will be charged for a set of plans and specifications. Sealed price proposals are due to the above address no later than Friday, August 22, 2008 at 12:00 Noon.

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SEL/STORMWATER REGULATIONS
LEGAL NOTICE
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Cohasset Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue to review proposed new stormwater management regulations and accept public comment and input on those proposed regulations. To review a copy of the proposed regulations, please go to www.townofcohasset.org. Interested citizens are encouraged to comment on the regulations at the public hearing or to submit written comments to the Conservation Commission at the above address prior to the hearing.

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PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE WEEK OF
JULY 28, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With new facts to work with, you should feel more confident in moving ahead. But continue to do so at an unhurried pace so you can spot details you might otherwise miss.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Taking on that new workplace project could be one of your smarter career moves. Expect a surprising show of support from someone who had always been a critic.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel you're too busy to undertake a new responsibility. But check it out before making any decisions. What you learn could persuade you to change your mind.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You feel quite content enjoying all the comforts of home right now. But the urge to travel grows stronger, and by week's end, you could begin packing your bags.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A hectic period begins to ease up, but that doesn't mean the Fine Feline can do much catnapping these days. You need to finish those old tasks and prepare for new ones.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Expect to get some good news about your financial situation by week's end. But it could still be too early to rush out with a long shopping list of things to buy.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your management skills make an impression on some workplace VIPs who might be looking for someone like you to take on an upcoming project. Good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Meeting a former adversary might be unsettling at first. But time has softened hard feelings, and you could be on the brink of starting a new relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A troubling situation close to home might cause you to change your travel plans. But getting all the facts before you act might cause you to reconsider.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might be quite alone right now in deciding to support a major workplace shift. But others will join you as new information supports your bold move.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A former co-worker returns with news that could persuade you to reassess recently made plans. Be sure to consult with a trusted colleague before you act.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your motives behind a recent decision could be called into question by a rival. But once you present the facts, all doubts will be resolved. Enjoy an arts-rich weekend.

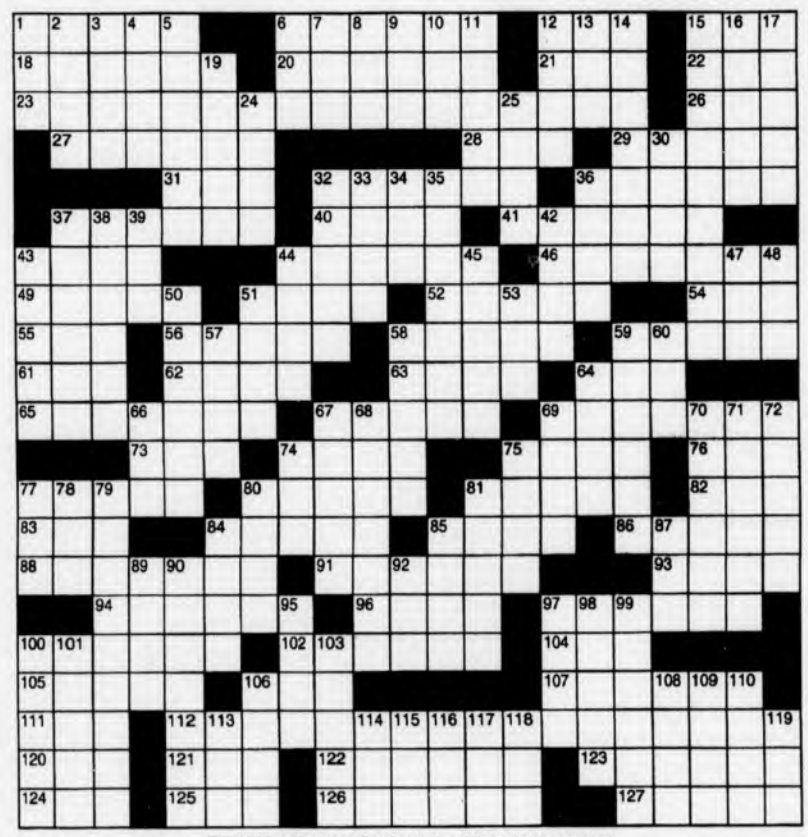
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BORN THIS WEEK: While you love being the center of attention, your generous heart allows you to share the attention with others.

Crossword - Barely stated

ACROSS
1 Roofing material
6 Litigates
12 Director Peckinpah
15 Bull's babe
18 Florida eleven
20 40th president
21 Baudelaire's buddy
22 Nabokov novel
23 Mitch Miller hit
26 "Agnus —"
27 Throw a line to
28 She's a sheep date
29 Bakery display
31 — Aviv
32 Blazing
36 Most mammoth
37 Elegant
40 Pebbles' papa
41 — Leone
43 Black and white
44 Bing Crosby hit
46 Service member?
49 Tilden's opponent
51 Seize
52 Slip of the tongue
54 Tax shelter
55 Animated Olive
56 Proofreader's mark
58 Word with tea or pepper
59 Get more magazines
61 Jack of "Flower Drum Song"
62 Be — unto oneself
63 Tear to bits
64 Marry
65 Patti Page hit
67 Scold
69 Andrews Sisters hit
73 Tenor Slezak
74 Corporate VIP
75 Burlap fiber
76 Word on a pump
77 Supped in style
80 Pasta ingredient
81 Government group
82 Winter hazard
83 TV's "Scooby- —"
84 Too experienced
85 Flip
86 Sri —
88 Land mass
91 Wilbert Harrison hit
93 Doesn't come clean
94 Daze
96 — Haven, CT
97 Exhausted
100 Enigmatic sort
102 Lost
104 Essen exclamation
105 Couldn't stand
106 First zoo?
107 Concerto —
111 Bachelor's last words
112 Gladys Knight hit
120 New Deal agcy.
121 — later date
122 Used a ewer
123 Through the nose
124 Cartoon cry
125 — de guerre
126 Beethoven's "Moonlight —"
127 Dutch artist Jan

DOWN
1 Cpl.'s superior
2 Bolger/Haley co-star
3 To — (perfectly)
4 Petite pooches
5 Builds
6 Paid player
7 Actor Ayres
8 Musical sensitivity
9 Past
10 Wagner's "— Rheingold"
11 Look like Hook?
12 Cash stash
13 Qty.
14 Blend
15 Mamas & Papas hit
16 "Golden Boy" dramatist
17 Dress part
19 Turns about
24 Portrait painter Peter
25 Is in debt
30 Taj town
32 G-sharp's keymate
33 Chow
34 Creepy Christopher
35 Stuck fast
36 Munich mister
37 Kindergarten item
38 Defeat
39 Affirmative vote
42 Sacred image
43 That's the spirit
44 Make tea
45 Worth or Papas
47 Prior to, to Prior
48 Damp and chilly
50 Cleaned a carp
51 Schwarzenegger's birthplace
53 Cabernet color
57 Voice type
58 It's run of the mill?
59 Nullify
60 Tokyo, once
64 Power unit
66 Wayfarer's whistle wetter
67 Stream
68 Earphones
69 Propel with a pole
70 Entertainer Kazan
71 Played soccer
72 Zones
74 Third degree?
75 Panel of peers
77 SHAEF commander
78 Letters of credit?
79 Johnny Horton hit
80 WWII unit
81 Dock of the bay
84 Put the whammy on
85 Galileo's birthplace
87 Heidi's hangout
89 Racer Luyendyk
90 Nocturnal visitor
92 Subway unit
95 Merit
97 It's a long story
98 Caustic
99 Conversation pieces?
100 Gleam
101 Clerical title
103 Excludes
106 Smith or Sandler
108 ER exclamation
109 Painful
110 Eye appreciatively
113 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."
114 Sticky stuff
115 Savage sort
116 La-la lead-in
117 Asian holiday
118 Nutritional abbr.
119 Writer Rand



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Sudoku

8				4	2	1		
	9		6				3	
		4			8		9	2
7					1	5		
		6		3				1
5	2		8				7	
3					6	2		9
	7		1				8	
		9		2				5

Level: Challenging

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Magic Maze - Salad

T N J F C Y V R O L H E B X U
R O L I E T B Y V S Q N K R H
E B V E G E T A B L E S Y E W
T R O L K N G J G O E B Y T W
U R P R N R I R K I W M G T D
B Z X V A U O S E T A L P A S
Q O M K I B G F S E V A E L H
E C A Y W L U S R E N N I P S
Q P N L J H I C U F R S E C I
A Y X V U S N O O P S D Q P D
N M K J H F E C C B Z Y X V U

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Burnet
Course
Cream

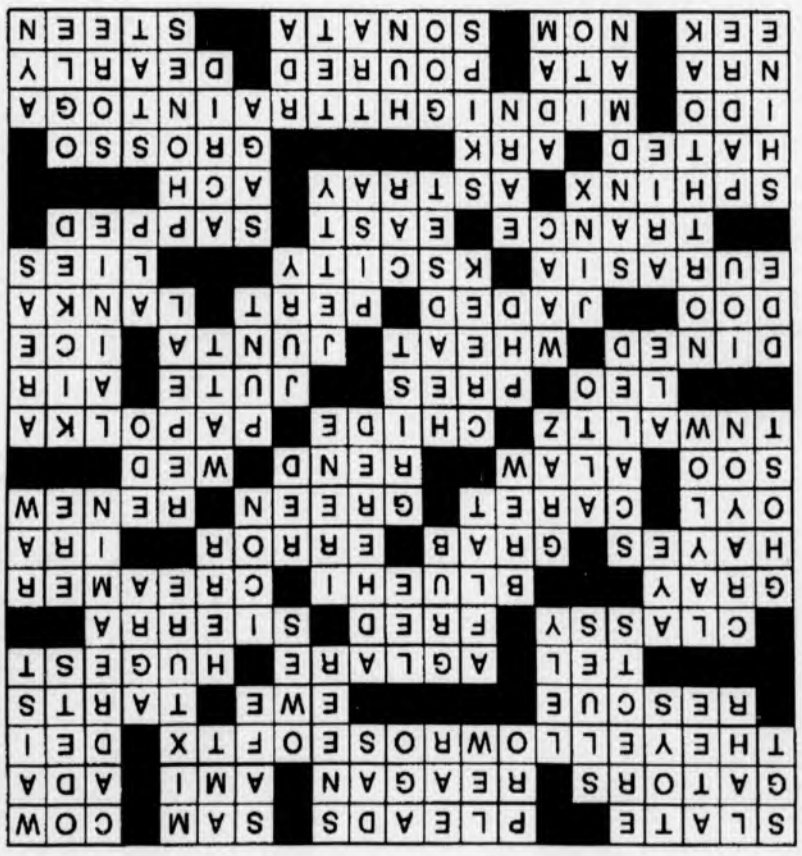
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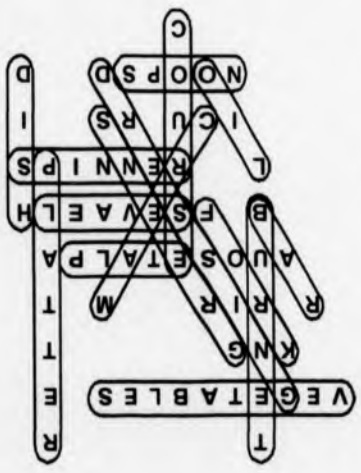
Spinner
Spoon
Vegetables

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Crossword Solution - Barely stated



Magic Solution - Salad



Sudoku Solution

5	1	7	3	2	4	9	8	6
6	8	3	9	5	1	2	7	4
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3	7	9	4	6	8	1	2	5
1	2	8	7	3	5	6	4	9
4	6	5	1	9	2	8	3	7
2	9	6	8	7	3	4	5	1
8	3	4	2	1	6	7	9	2
7	5	1	9	4	3	5	6	8

POLICE/FIRE LOG

TUESDAY, JULY 8

5:49 p.m. **North Main St.**, officer wanted, caller reports a black Mercedes in a handicap parking spot. Officer reports there is a handicap plaque inside the vehicle, also a walker and cane on the front seat.

6:14 p.m. **North Main St.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking, caller reports a vehicle blocking his driveway. Officer reports the owner has come out and the vehicle is being moved and has been tagged.

7:50 p.m. **Border St.**, parking complaint, caller reports cars parked illegally by Fisherman's Wharf. Officer reports it was a group who parked and were jumping off the bridge.

9:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

9:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

1:18 a.m. **Schools**, building checks, officer reports all schools check ok.

7:18 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

9:14 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:53 a.m. **Bow St.**, well being check, Fire Capt. on detail at this location states a young boy just wiped out on his bike in the sand. Requesting just a police officer. Fire Capt. reports no rescue needed the boy is on his way with his parents, no injuries.

10:24 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, assist citizen, resident requesting a VIN verification for a vehicle.

11:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, callers reporting motor vehicle crash at this location. Hingham medics responding.

2:42 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Forest Circle**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:19 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, downed tree, caller reports a large tree has snapped and is hanging across the road. Officer reports the road is going to be shut down. DPW is on scene.

1:59 p.m. **Elm St., and South Main St.**, assist citizen, walk in party reports someone left a note on his vehicle stating a vehicle came by and hit his mirror and broke it.

5:12 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:19 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:38 p.m. **Brook St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:51 p.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:35 p.m. **South Main St.**, officer wanted. McBrien's Towing requests officer for possible drunk driver. Arrest: Michael P. Coleman, 22 Central Ave., Hull. Charges: OUI of liquor, marked lanes violation.

11:13 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:25 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

12:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:36 a.m. **South Main St.**, building checks.

6:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:52 a.m. **Cedar St.**, officer wanted, DPW found full gas can behind the school.

10:53 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports bells and lights are going off but the gates are not coming down. MBTA notified of same and will be sending a crew out to check the crossing.

3:28 p.m. **Lothrop Lane**, parking complaint, caller reports a vehicle blocking an entire lane on a sharp curve.

5:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, outside, caller reports a small mulch fire in front between Walgreen's and Shaw's Supermarket. Small mulch fire has been extinguished.

6:27 p.m. Officer wanted, caller reports his wife has a 209A on him and she has driven by his house four times today, he would like to speak with an officer. Officer reports caller would like these incidents logged from now on.

7:12 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny, walk in party reports a woman has been using his blank checks at Shaw's Supermarket.

7:31 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, parking complaint, residents are complaining that since the ball field has been redesigned parking problems are coming up and need to be looked at by the safety officer and the DPW.

8:13 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, callers report kids jumping off the bridge and running in the street in front of cars. Officer reports the group has been dispersed.

8:34 p.m. **Rockland St., Hingham**, mutual aid, Hingham PD requesting a cruiser to divert traffic due to a motor vehicle accident.

8:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Summer St.**, mutual aid, Hingham PD is requesting a cruiser to clear up traffic coming from Summer Street to 3A.

9:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, callers report a motor vehicle accident. Officers requests R3 back to the scene for one of the operators complaining of back pain.

FRIDAY, JULY 11

12:24 a.m. **North Main St.**, disturbance – drunks, caller reports a disturbance at this location some type of party believes. All parties involved have been advised, units clear.

1:47 a.m. **School Buildings**, building checks, officer reports checks of all schools. Officer reports two screens in the front of Deer Hill School appear to have been torn. No other damage visible.

10:17 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, investigation. Officer on portable at this location regarding some suspicious activity from two males passing counterfeit coupons that Scituate PD just arrested at CVS in their town and they have the address for Cohasset CVS in the address book. The two males in custody from Scituate were at this location in Cohasset earlier this morning. Summons: Vu K. Huynh, 157 Allen St., Randolph. Charges: Uttering false document, larceny under $250 by single scheme. Juvenile arrest. Age: 15. Charges: Uttering false document, attempt to commit a crime (larceny under $250).

10:45 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:05 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:12 a.m. **Scitaute PD**, investigation.

1:13 p.m. **Wood Way**, suspicious activity, caller reports her neighbors are away and there is a male party in the backyard with no shirt on and has a shovel. Officer spoke to the male party, he is putting in a fence for the residence while they are away.

1:31 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports a group of painters throwing junk into the wetlands and he would like to see an officer. Officers requesting Board of Health to the scene. Units requesting Building Inspector to the scene. Rep from the paint company is on scene.

3:06 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, lifeguard from the beach called reporting vehicles in the parking lot without stickers.

4:57 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports cars in the parking lot without beach stickers.

8:19 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, the listed party's dog was wondering around by himself again.

10:16 p.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a dark colored Sedan parked the wrong way, close to the middle of the road.

SATURDAY, JULY 12

2:08 a.m. **Stockbridge St.**, noise complaint, caller stated that there is a group of kids in a white Station Wagon parked in front of his house. Kids picked up by parents.

7:36 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:18 a.m. **Country Way, Scituate**, mutual aid, transported SSH/BLS.

10:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, multiple 911 callers report a four vehicle car crash. Officer requesting at least two wreckers at this time. Also two Scituate cruisers responding to the scene to help with traffic. E3 reports a gas leak from one of the vehicles. Hull R2 on scene. Officer reports there are three motor vehicles involved not four.

1:51 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement.

2:08 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:16 p.m. Medical aid.

3:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, walk in party reports a male walking south on 3A asked him for a ride to 3A Towing and flashed a badge. The reporting party then told him 'No' and left. White male in his 30's with a large backpack. Officer reports emotionally disturbed person informed regarding using a badge or saying he was a police officer and should it happen again they will seek charges, subject given courtesy transport to 3A/228 Hingham.

3:34 p.m. **Elm St.**, notification.

4:12 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance – drunks, caller reports a group of intoxicated males drinking on the beach. Officer reports the group is not being rowdy, officers will be standing by while the group packs up and leaves.

5:37 p.m. Border St., parking complaint, walk in party reports illegal parking.

5:38 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Mill Lane**, traffic enforcement.

6:12 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:10 p.m. **Beach St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports outside odor of gas. Keyspan notified.

9:47 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, found a Jack Russel.

10:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, JULY 13

1:32 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, building checks.

1:32 a.m. **North Main St.**, building checks.

9:42 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:50 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deer Hill/Osgood School check.

12:05 p.m. **King St.**, downed tree, caller reports a large branch in the street blocking one lane of traffic. Officer reports the branch is attached to a tree on the homeowner's property. Officer reports he was able to remove the branch from the road.

1:55 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, parking complaint, caller reports a vehicle parked in front of her home and on her property that she wants moved.

2:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports a minor motor vehicle accident.

2:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller would like to speak with an officer regarding a resident with allegations of abuse.

3:37 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny, walk in party reports his vehicle was broken into last night.

4:48 p.m. **Mill Lane**, officer wanted, caller reports kids on the bridge.

5:43 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, brush, caller reports a fire in the backyard.

7:26 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:33 p.m. **North Main St., and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:51 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:59 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, disturbance, caller reports people with flashlights in her driveway. Neighbor looking for cat.

MONDAY, JULY 14

12:39 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:40 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, schools check ok.

12:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, vehicle parked behind the building, female owner of vehicle was transported by ambulance to South Shore Hospital earlier in the evening, no problems.

12:59 a.m. **North Main St.**, building checks.

1 a.m. **North Main St.**, checks.

8:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller reports over the weekend a couple hard top doors from a jeep were stolen.

9:23 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, animal bite, caller reports she has been in touch with a doctor and wanted the police to be notified that she was bitten by a dog yesterday at this location, she is seeking medical attention for the bite.

12:12 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, property damage, caller reports she would like an officer to view damage done by the construction crew in this area.

12:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, officer reports vehicle parked behind the building, female party was transported to the hospital earlier in the night, no problems.

1:38 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement, lifeguard from this location called reporting vehicle parked in the lot without stickers, parking tickets issued.

3:38 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

4:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports her son was just in an accident and that there are no injuries.

4:53 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports when she arrived home her bathtub was running, called Water Dept. to confirm that nobody was in the house to test water.

6:59 p.m. **Smith Pl.**, fire, caller reports there was a fire in the kitchen, it is completely out but she would like the Fire Dept. to respond.

7:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:56 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, JULY 15

12:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, open door/window, officer reports open door in the back of the building, building has been checked, everything checks ok, units clear.

12:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, school buildings check ok.

12:53 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, officer reports high school checks ok, all secure.

1:41 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, officer reports area checks ok, the light is on inside the equipment room, but all is secure.

1:42 a.m. **Wheelwright Park**, public service, officer reports area is quiet.

6:12 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:41 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:41 a.m. **White Head Rd.**, fire, investigation, the gas main at this location has been struck. Keyspan notified and responding.

9:59 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, larceny, caller reports she would like to file a report regarding two stolen bikes.

10:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash.

10:44 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, larceny, party into HQ to report items missing from a motor vehicle.

1:34 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd., and Beechwood St.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports male party on his bike keeps riding past his house yelling profanities at him and would like it to stop.

2:15 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd., and Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports his neighbor is yelling as he passed his residence, caller reports party has left the area and caller did not want to see an officer.

2:39 p.m. **South Main St.**, officer wanted, caller would like to see an officer about some family issues.

4:19 p.m. **Scituate Station 1**, mutual aid, ambulance.

8:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

12:29 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, light is on in the equipment shed, all secure.

12:30 a.m. **Wheelwright Park**, public service, officer reports area checks ok, all quiet.

1:08 a.m. **Schools**, building checks, officer reports all schools check ok.

1:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, officer reports vehicle parked in the side lot at this location, nobody around.

1:13 a.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, large brown and white dog at the side door of police station scratching on the door and barking.

1:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, officer reports he has checked out a suspicious vehicle and operator. Clear for now everything checks ok.

1:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks, officer on portable at this location checking the property due to past vandalism to vehicles.

6:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement, officer on radar post on 3A.

6:51 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:10 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, operator being summoned for unlicensed operation.

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Theater review

Company Theatre's 'Millie' is frothy fun

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Hit movies don't always translate into big Broadway hits — just ask the producers of "The Goodbye Girl," "Big: The Musical," and "The Wedding Singer." Smaller, sometimes lesser-known movies often fare better when adapted for the stage. Mel Brooks' original 1968 film version of "The Producers" and the 1988 John Waters cult comedy "Hairspray" have been turned into huge Tony Award-winning musical mega-hits.

In 1967, director George Roy Hill had only little success with his musical comedy, "Thoroughly Modern Millie," despite a cast that included Julie Andrews and Mary Tyler Moore. But when Richard Morris and Dick Scanlan turned the movie into a 2002 Broadway musical, with new music by Jeanine Tesori and new lyrics by Scanlan, audiences reacted much more favorably to the 1920s-set story of a small-town single girl who comes to New York City looking to marry for money. Opening on April 15, 2002, the show went on to win six Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Having seen "Millie" twice during its two-year New York run, once on its national tour stop at Boston's Wang Theatre in October 2003, and just last summer in Dennis, where the venerable Cape Playhouse mounted a top-shelf regional production, I had to wonder if I needed to see one more re-telling of the tale of Millie Dillmount. The Company Theatre's current production of "Millie" showed me that there is truth in even the most timeworn adage — maybe you can't ever really get enough of a good thing.

That said, don't come to "Millie" looking for the great American musical — just come looking for some frothy fun.



Kelly Rice of Kingston, Becky Geggatt as Millie of Bridgewater, Alexandra Tripp of Plymouth and Juliana Dennis as Mrs. Mears of Norwell perform in "Thoroughly Modern Millie," playing now at The Company through Aug. 17.

As the story unfolds, Millie (Becky Geggatt) has moved to New York from Kansas with the dream of becoming "thoroughly modern" and marrying for money instead of love. In short order, Millie meets the attractive but cash-poor Jimmy Smith (Company Theatre fixture John F. King), and lands a job in the steno pool run by the self-important Trevor Graydon (Shane Donovan), whom she sets out to marry. When she's not wearing out the ribbon on her Smith-Corona at the Sincere Trust Insurance Company, Millie makes new friends with the other residents — mostly aspiring actresses — at her home away from home, The Hotel Priscilla.

One of the show's major subplots involves the sinister doings of hotel manager Mrs. Meers (Juliana Dennis) who coerces her laundrymen, a pair of Chinese brothers, Ching Ho (Paul Brennan III) and Bun Foo (Michael Iemma), into aiding her with the kidnapping and sale into white slavery of some of her guests. One of the prospective victims is Millie's new friend, the timid heiress Miss Dorothy Brown (Kristen Huberdeau). Millie is also befriended by Muzzy Van Hossmere (Markesha McCoy), a nightclub singer whose own marriage for money makes her a role model for Millie.

These plot contrivances are no more believable than Mrs. Meers' Asian accent or Oriental-inspired attire. Everything happens strictly to advance the plot, to inspire comedy and to offer the large company many opportunities to break into song and dance. And, before anyone can get offended by some of the more blatant stereotyping, it is made clear that Mrs. Meers is really a has-been American actress and her Chinese partners in crime are actually the heroes who ultimately save the day. Brennan and Iemma are terrific throughout, especially when their characters sing in Chinese, complete with overhead subtitle translations, about the mother they want to bring to America to the tune of "Mammy." Jeanine Tesori's new songs and additional music, most notably Millie's splashy second act number, "Gimme, Gimme" add bounce to the proceedings. In Norwell, Michael Joseph does a terrific job with an 18-piece pit orchestra that, thankfully, never overwhelms the on-stage performers.

Foremost among the Norwell production's considerable assets is Becky Geggatt, making her Company debut, who brings appealing pluck and a strong voice to the starring role. Geggatt is ably supported by an exuberant cast that includes Weymouth's always charming King as Millie's suitor, Jimmy; a game Dennis as Mrs. Meers; and the spirited and appealing McCoy as Muzzy.

Directors Zoe Bradford and Jordie Saucerman deftly maneuver their cast through the multiple plots. Choreographer Sally Ashton Forrest does a wonderful job with the many dance numbers, including a type-and-tap that may remind some of the number from "The Producers" that has old ladies using walkers as dance props. The entire production benefits greatly from Shirley Carney's bright, beautiful and perfectly period-appropriate costumes. Set designer Marc Ewart's Art Deco-inspired ode to Manhattan circa 1922 provides an attractive backdrop though it occasionally proves distracting when actors struggle with colliding set pieces.

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" will be at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, through Aug. 17. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-871-2787 or go online at companytheatre.com

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or email ddinsmore@cnc.com. For information call 781-837-4518. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun tab.

Thursday, July 31

The More Stately Mansions House Tour to benefit the **Cohasset Historical Society** is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 31 The cost is $30 for CHS members and $35 for non-members for more visit cohassethistory.org or email: cohassethistory@yahoo.com. The tour "More Stately Mansions" includes five fabulous waterfront homes and gardens not usually available to the public. High Tea, compliments of Arthur Roebuck, will be served at the Pratt Building from 2 to 4 p.m. Tickets are available at the following Cohasset locations: Cohasset Historical Society-106 South Main St., Buttonwood Books and Toys-Shaw's Plaza, Darilynn's-64 South Main St., Fleming's-24 Elm St.,

Pembroke Historical Society and Pembroke Arts Festival, will host **An Entrée to the Arts: A Feast for the Palate and the Eye** July 31, showcasing Pembroke food, drink and art and will take place at Pembroke Historical Society on Center Street, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., rain or shine. Information: pembrokeartsfestival.org. To buy tickets in advance, contact Diana Barton at diana@pembrokeartsfestival.org or call 781-294-0245.

Summer Concert Series – All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. **July 31 Don Besegai's Big Band.**

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. July 31, **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, July 31, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe .com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Aug. 1

Kid'sSpot Theater presents **Disney's High School Musical** at the air conditioned Duxbury Performing Arts Center, Alden St., Duxbury, on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 1 and 2, 7:30 p.m. All seating is general admission, and tickets may be reserved in advance or purchased at the door. If you wish to reserve tickets, or would like more information, call 781-826-8550. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for students and seniors.

Every year Artist Bettina Lesieur opens her studio in Duxbury, exhibiting her work while inviting everyone to share the ambience that inspires her award-winning paintings. **Twilight gala reception and garden party on Aug. 1, from 6 to 10 p.m.** The exhibition will continue on Aug. 2 and 3, and Aug. 8, 9 and 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Viewings are also available at other times by appointment. Lesieur Gallery is located at 310 St. George Street, Duxbury.

The second annual Angel Sunset Cruise with angel messengers, psychics, and astrologers including **Jill Jardine, Cathy Burke, Ronnie Shaffer, Elaine Read Cole, Patti Sheets and Karen DiTrapani** takes place Aug. 1, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost for the two hour cruise is $50 plus a 15 minute reading from one of the special readers; $35 without a reading. Light refreshments and dips will be served, Cash bar available. Reserve your space by calling Candita 781-834-2728.

The Historic Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, will be the location for a **Build Your Own Bear Teddy Bear Picnic** Aug.1, beginning at 10 am. Children will be able to **make their own teddy bear**, play games, enjoy treats, and celebrate the summer. Tickets are $ 10 per child and reservations can be made by calling 781-837-5753 or by logging onto winslowhouse.org Space is limited, so be sure to sign up your child in advance.

Farmer's Market, Marshfield Fairgrounds, Route 3A, featuring locally grown produce and merchants market their unique crafts. Live entertainment from 2 to 7 p.m. Aug. 1, fiddle player **Tiffany Royenas** will be performing.

Drift Away will perform at Derby Street Shoppes, Hingham next to Whole Foods Market weather permitting from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Mount Blue, 707 Main St. Route 123, Norwell Aug. 1, **J's Juke – A tribute to the legendary Little Walter** featuring **harmonica ace, J Place.** 781-659-0500.

New England Singles Dances Adults of all ages. Casual dress. dance music with New England's top DJ's. singlesdances-newengland.com Aug. 1, 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Sandwich Bar. $10. 617-325-4900.

Single Executive Club Singles Dance, Aug. 1, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Route. 228, Rockland. Exit 14 off Route 3. For singles and couples age 35 and over. Free dance lesson 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Proper business-casual dress acceptable, sports jacket for men highly recommended, collared dress shirt & slacks acceptable. 781-446-0234 or se-4u.com. Cost $12 all night.

The USS Salem, a 716 foot long US Navy Heavy Cruiser Gunship will host two **family overnight Adventure programs** Aug. 1 to 3 and Aug. 16 to 17. The cost is $43 per person and includes all activities and meals. Information: 617-479-7900 or uss-salem.org

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Aug. 1, 8 p.m. **B.B. King** Ticket information: 617-931-2787 or themusiccircus.org

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 1, **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell presents Thoroughly Modern Millie **July 25 to Aug. 17.** Tickets are priced at $30-$32 and are available the box-office, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Aug. 1, **Greg MacKenzie & The Greenbacks.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe .com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, Aug. 2

The North & South River's Watershed Association will hold the **18th Annual Great River Race** on the North River Aug.2. All skill levels, from novice to racer, are invited to take part in the race. Registration will begin at the Union St. Bridge in Norwell at 11:30 a.m. and the race will start at 1 p.m. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Registration on the race day will be $30, regardless of membership status. Non-registered boaters must arrive by 8:15 a.m. to ensure participation in the race. To download the registration form visit nsrwa.org or call 781-659-8168 or e-mail at paula@nsrwa.org

Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull. The public, friends and members are invited to **attend a ceremony commemorating the heroic work of the U.S. Coast Guard,** Saturday, Aug. 2, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Free parking. Call 781-925-5433 for more information.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are sponsoring a trip to **Rainsford Island** Aug. 2. The boat will depart from Rowes Wharf at 11 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. Rowes Wharf Water Transport is at 60 Rowes Wharf, Boston behind the Boston Harbor Hotel on Atlantic Avenue. Tickets can be bought at Rowes Wharf Water Transport on the day from 5 p.m. (first come first served, cash only) and cost $20 for adults, $18 for seniors and Friends of the Boston Harbor Island members, $16 for children (3 – 12), and babies travel for free. Information visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

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Road to the Sunset oil on panel by Bettina Lesieur.

Every year artist Bettina Lesieur opens her studio in Duxbury, exhibiting her work while inviting everyone to share the ambience that inspires her award-winning paintings. A silent auction for her painting "Road to the Sunset" will be held during the open studio week, with a portion of the sale price going, a non-profit org to New England Assistance Dog Services (NEADS), the regional organization which trains and places dogs with deaf and disabled people, helping them live more independently. Twilight gala reception and garden party on Friday, Aug. 1, from 6 to 10 p.m. with live music and festive nibbles. The exhibition, featuring an extensive body of new work, will continue on Aug. 2 and 3, and Aug. 8, 9 and 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Viewings are also available at other times by appointment. Lesieur Gallery is located at 310 St. George Street, Duxbury.

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Sciuate Harbor scheduled

Friday, Aug. 1

6:30 a.m. – Tee off for Annual Rotary Golf Classic at Widow's Walk Golf Course, 200 Country Club Road, Scituate. $135 includes prizes and dinner.

6 to 9 p.m. – Harbor Weekend dinners from the Rotary Booth.

From 6 p.m. – Sciuate Launch, 30 to 40 minute boat rides in Sciuate Harbor from Town Marina in Cole Parkway on the "EZ Rider" and "Cedar Point." $5 adults, $3 children.

6:30 p.m. Landsails along the Scituate shoreline.

Saturday, Aug. 2

7:30 to 10:30 a.m. – Sciuate Rotary Club will serve its traditional Pancake Breakfast at St. Mary's Parish Center, 11 Stetson Foster Rd., Sciuate Harbor.

9 to 10 a.m. – Opening Ceremonies "Hello and Welcome" with Peter O'Malley

9 a.m. to noon – Fantasyline exhibition featured dancers with special events open to the public at 200 Gannett Road, North Sciuate Village.



Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels

9a.m. to 5 p.m. – Front Street and Cole Parkway; artisans, amusements, refreshments, music, children's activities, sidewalks sales, fun for all.

From 10 a.m. – Sciuate Launch, 30 to 40 minute boat rides in Sciuate Harbor from Town Marina in Cole Parkway on the "EZ Rider" and "Cedar Point." $5 adults, $3 children.

10 a.m. – Ryan Fardy performs on Front Street

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Jack Chaney Real Estate sponsors a Hometown Baked Goods Sale at 80 Front St. Proceeds donated to a local charity.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Amusements and rides for the whole family.

10:30 a.m. – Dory/Rowing Races, from Jericho Road Beach. All are welcome. Prizes. Various categories.

11 a.m. – Fat City Band performs on Front Street.

12:30 p.m. – The Fools perform on Front Street

1 to 4 p.m. – First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 330 First Parish Road, will offer guided tours of Sciuate's founding church.

2 p.m. – Danny Klein's J. Geils Review will perform on Front Street.

3:45 p.m. – Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels will perform on Front Street.

4 to 6 p.m. – Traditional Pig Roast at the K of C, 234 CMC Highway, Rte 3A, Sciuate. Pool will be open to guests. $12 per person. $5 for kids under 5 and a maximum of $30 per family. Sciuate Maritime Center Fundraiser and Comedy Night at the Barker Tavern, 6:30 p.m. $100 per ticket. Call the Harbormaster's Office at 781-545-2130 for tickets.

Sunday Aug. 3



Toni Lynn Washington

6 to 7 a.m. – Sunrise Catholic Mass at the Sciuate Lighthouse, 100 Lighthouse Road. Bring your own seating.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Front Street and Cole Parkway; artisans, amusements, refreshments, music, children's activities, sidewalks sales, fun for all.

From 10 a.m. – Sciuate Launch, 30 to 40 minute boat rides in Sciuate Harbor from Town Marina in Cole Parkway on the "EZ Rider" and "Cedar Point". $5.00 adults, $3.00 children.

10 a.m. – Toni Lynn Washington performs on Front. Street.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – ReMax hot air balloon in Cole Parkway

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Amusements and rides for the whole family.

From 10 a.m. – Sciuate Launch, 30 to 40 minute boat rides in Sciuate Harbor from Town Marina in Cole Parkway on the "EZ Rider" and "Cedar Point." $5 adults, $3 children.

11:30 a.m. – Bellevue Cadillac will perform on Front Street

1 p.m. – Boat Parade/Blessing of the Fleet. All Welcome. Line up at bell outside harbor.

1 to 4 p.m. – First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 330 First Parish Road, will offer guided tours of Sciuate's founding church.

1 p.m. – J. Geils & The Installers will perform on Front Street

1 to 4 p.m. – Sciuate Historical Society holds open house at several sites: Sciuate Lighthouse, 100 Lighthouse Road; Maritime and Irish Moosing Museum, 301 The Driftway; Mann Farmhouse and Barn, 108 Greenfield Lane; Cudworth House and Barn, 327 First Parish Road, Stockbridge Gristmill.

2 p.m. – Second annual Oyster Shucking Contest. Cole Parkway in front of Patriot Cinemas. Cash prizes.

2:30 p.m. – Big Brother and the Holding Company perform on Front Street.

4:30 p.m. – Felix Cavaliere and the Rascals will perform on Front Street.



Felix Cavaliere

Reunions

THE HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1983 will be having its reunion on Aug. 9. For further information, contact Holly Blake at hingham@comcast.net or Linda Sestito at ldsestito@comcast.net

Send your reunion listings to ddinsmore@cnc.com

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the 16th annual **Alzheimer's Association South Shore Memory Walk** Sunday, Sept. 21, at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth. Help now with the pre-walk preparations, help hang posters or distribute flyers. Proceeds benefit programs of the Alzheimer's Association which helps to provide care and support for individuals and families touched by the disease. Volunteer and make a difference. Information about the South Shore Memory Walk, call Alison Stockman or Shawn Bertram at 508-830-9990 or email alison@stafford-hill.com or shawn@stafford-hill.com or go to our website at www.memorywalkma.org.

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Olde Chiltonville Antiques Festival - Ninth Annual Antique Show and Sale on the meetinghouse grounds of the Chiltonville Congregational Church, 6 River St., Plymouth Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain or sine.

Twelve Art Associations will take part in the **13th annual Arts Affair on the Boardwalk at Marina Bay** at 500 Victory Road, Quincy Aug. 2 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 617-479-6181 or 781-335-4675. Rain or shine. artsaffair.org

Every year Artist Bettina Lesieur opens her studio in Duxbury, exhibiting her work while inviting everyone to share the ambience that inspires her award-winning paintings. The exhibition, continues on Aug. 2 and 3, and Aug. 8, 9 and 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Viewings are also available at other times by appointment. Lesieur Gallery is located at 310 St. George Street, Duxbury.

Author Jerry Pallotta, will be signing his bestselling classics **Going Lobstering** and **Dory Story,** 10 to 11 a.m., Aug. 2, and 1 to 2 p.m., Aug. 3. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Scituate. For information call 781-545-5011.

13th Annual Open Studio and Sale Glass Beadmaking Demonstration – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 2 and 3. Marj Bates Studio, 23 Rebecca Road, Lighthouse Studio, Scituate. 781-545-8290 glassthings.com

Evening Under the Stars Hingham:. Jane Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Drive, Hingham Saturday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m. **Livingston Taylor** $15 for lawn seating, available online at sscmusic.org or at 781-749-7565 ext. 51 and at the South Shore Conservatory offices in Duxbury and Hingham.

South Shore Art Center is selling **Boston Pops Gala Concert** and reception packages for the Aug. 2 performance of the Pops at the South Shore Music. Packages include tickets to the 8 p.m. concert and a post-concert reception with Maestro Lockhart in the Art Center galleries. A limited number of concert packages are available through the South Shore Art Center, 781-383-2787.

Hypnotist-comic Steve Marino and **singer Kandy-with-a-Kay** will perform at South Shore Stars Dinner Theater, Aug. 2, at Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Marino has brought his unique blend of stage hypnosis, mind-reading and comedy to venues all over the country and beyond. Kandy-with-a-Kay channels Whitney Houston, Gladys Knight and other favorites. Saturday only, dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for dinner and show, $45 with group discounts available. Handicapped accessible, free parking. For reservations, call QDT Productions at 781-843-5862.

Bag Full of Blues will perform at Joe's American Bar and Grille, 2087 Washington St., Route 53, Hanover. 9:30 p.m. Aug. 2.No cover.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 2, **Grey Street tribute to Dave Matthews 781**-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Aug. 2, Mission of Blues. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Sunday, Aug. 3

The Brass Connection will perform in concert at **The Art Complex Museum**, 189 Alden St., Duxbury Aug. 3, at 4 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Concerts on the Town Green in Marshfield Aug. 3, at 5 p.m. Simon Says; **6 p.m.** Lonesome Juke Box. 781-834-5543

Abington Summer Concert Series at the Catherine and Joseph Nisby Bandstand every Sunday at 6 p.m. Aug. 3, at 7 p.m. **South Shore Bay Band.** In the event of rain, concerts will be held at the Abington Senior Center, 441 Summer St.

Sunday night concerts at the Hanover Bandstand, B. Everett Hall Field, Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover. Every Sunday night 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Aug. 3, The South Shore Men of Harmony and Island Grove Chorus** will perform.

Monday, Aug. 4

Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St., Scituate will host an exhibit of art work by **the late Janet Kaplan** titled "**Scituate Memories**" from Aug. 1 through Aug. 29. Of special interest are paintings and drawings created between 1938 and 1956 which depict familiar Scituate scenes such as the Welch Company lumber yard and the Sand and Gravel Pit. On Wednesday, Aug. 27, 3:30 to 5 p.m., there will be a Gallery Talk. Scituate Town Library is located at 85 Branch St., Scituate For information, or directions to the library, call 781-545-8727 or visit sctiuatetownlibrary.org

Weymouth Art Association Artist of the Month, **Don Prevost** will exhibit his paintings for the month of August at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad St, Weymouth. 781-337-8134.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 4, **Free Texas Hold Em with Northern Poker Leagues** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Aug. 5

The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Route 28, Weymouth will devote the entire month of August a new **Surf and Shore exhibit** of acrylics, watercolors, and oil paintings of seascapes, ports, boats, and familiar landmarks, celebrating the beauty and the pleasures of the New England seacoast. The artists include **Stephen Boczanowski, Edwina Caci, Morgan Davis, James Earl, Vincent Elliot, Donald Dickinson, Roger Gill, Stephen H. Holland, George Murray, Daniel Myers, and Charyl Weissbach.** For information and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384. Preview the artists online at dickinsonartgallery.com.

Albertina's Ice Cream Shoppe. 223 Union St., Rockland. Outside concerts every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Aug. 5, **Ronnie and Friends** 781-982-6000.

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Ave., Hull Aug. 5, **Drift Away** at 7:30 p.m. No cover charge. Out on the deck, weather permitting. 781-925-1115.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 5, **Wicked Trivia** from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 781-829-6999.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County presents a **free legal clinic** from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 5, at Stoughton District Court. A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For information contact Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

Wednesday, Aug. 6

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands is sponsoring Wednesday sunset cruises throughout the summer: Peddocks Island on Aug. 6, and Lovells Island on Aug. 20. On each evening the boat leaves at 6 p.m from Rowes Wharf Water Transport in downtown Boston (behind the Boston Harbor Hotel) and returns there at 9 p.m. Visitors may either explore on their own, or take a guided tour. For information about Friends activities visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Wednesday **DJ Big Daddy Ray** 781-829-6999.

Thursday, Aug. 7

The Wellness Community (TWC) at Pathways Center for Cancer Support will offer a program on ***Spirituality in Illness*** Thursday, Aug. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. A Newcomers Orientation is held every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required to attend Newcomers. To RSVP for ***Spirituality in Illness*** or to request further information, call 781-829-4823 or visit wellnesscommunity .org



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Pembroke Arts Festival

Schedule of Events

Master of Ceremonies: Tom Chew

Friday, Aug. 1

5 to 10 p.m. Gala Preview of Pembroke Arts Festival featuring music by the acoustic jazz trio None of the Above

Saturday, Aug. 2

Under the Tent
10 a.m. to noon — Artist-in-Action - Betty Curran - Japanese Bunka Embroidery
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Juried Art & Photography/Invitational Crafts/ Children's Art
Noon to 4 p.m. — Artist-in-Action - Brittany Kane - scholarship winner
1 to 3 p.m. — Artist-in-Action - Pete Damon - oil painting
1 to 4 p.m. — Children's Activities

Outdoor Entertainment
Noon Center Stage - dance
1 p.m. — Acoustic Generation - guitar and vocals
2 p.m. — Pembroke School of Performing Arts
3 p.m. — Overtime - oldies rock
4 p.m. — A Dancer's World
5 p.m. — TBA
6 p.m. — Break
7 to 9 p.m. — Free Concert The Ricky King Russell Band featuring Pembroke's own Danny Banks

Sunday, Aug. 3

Under the Tent
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Juried Art & Photography/Invitational Crafts/ Children's Art
10 a.m. to noon — Artist-in-Action - Janice Gallinger - charcoal drawing
noon to 4 p.m. — Artist-in-Action - Brittany Kane - scholarship winner
1 to 3 p.m. — Artist-in-Action - Ruthie Sholler - pastel landscape
1 to 3:30 p.m. — Children's Activities
3:50 p.m. — Art & Photo Raffle Drawings, Popular Prize Awards
4 p.m. — Festival Closes - Artists pick up work

Outdoor Entertainment
Noon — Centre Stage - dance
1 p.m. — Jeff Garber - singer/songwriter
2 p.m. — Pembroke School of Performing Arts
3 p.m. — Red White & Blues - original rock & roll

Registration is now taking place at The Art Complex Museum for **Yoga** from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Aug. 7 through 28. The cost for the four-week session is $36. Pre-registration is required at 781-934-6634.

Dawn Ryan's portrait photography is showing in the Clemens Gallery through Thursday Aug. 7. Dawn Ryan, a Hingham resident, is a 1993 graduate of the Art Institute in Boston at Leslie University where she received a BFA in Photography. The gallery may be viewed during library hours.

Summer Concert Series – All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. **Aug. 7 Legion Bud Band**

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 7, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Aug. 7, **Ten Foot Polecats: Blues Jam.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

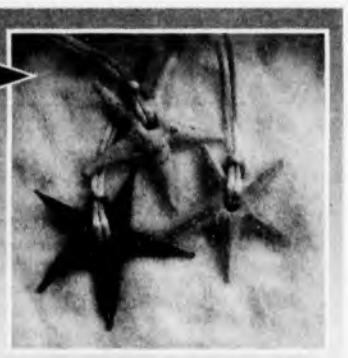
Friday, Aug. 8

Hull Lifesaving Museum, **1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull presents an *En Plein Air Workshop with artist John Marshall Dyke*** Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee: $30 member; $40 non-member. Contact: Corinne Leung 781-925-5433, email info@hulllifesavingmuseum.org

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 8, **3rd Left** 781-829-6999.

The North End Tavern, 213 Standish St., Plymouth. Aug. 8, **Drift Away** 9:15 p.m. No cover. itsallnet.com

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Aug. 8, **The Paramounts.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue



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Call for entries

ARTWORK REGISTRATION for the Duxbury Arts Associations 91st Midsummer Art Show will be held on Sunday, Aug. 3 from noon to 4 p.m. and Monday, Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 George St., Duxbury. The entry fee is $10 per piece and current DAA membership is required. Artists may re-new their membership or join the Association at registration. The Duxbury Art Association's 91st Annual Midsummer Art Show runs Aug. 7 through Aug. 10 at the Ellison Center for the Arts. Visit duxburyart.org or call 781-934-2731, ext. 4 for more information.

GARDENERS get ready to enter the Marshfield Fair. Enter your garden flowers, container plants, window boxes and lots more in this year's Marshfield Fair. Entering is free, winning ribbons and cash is fun. Check out the numerous and challenging categories; five hosta leaves; grandparent/child arrangement in a toy; decorate a door or a harvest mantle; bring in your best houseplant or your biggest sunflower. See pages 22-25 in the exhibitor handbook on line at marshfield-fair.org. Enter HorticultureThursday, Aug. 14, from 2 to 7 p.m. downstairs in Aggi Hall on the fairgrounds, Route 3A Marshfield.

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Mark your calendar

J'S SOUTH SHORE SUMMERTIME BLUES BASH, 63 Summer St., Cohasset from noon to 7 p.m., Aug. 10. Live music starts at 2 p.m. featuring Basic Black, J's Juke, Ricky "King" Russell with Daniel Banks, Drift Away, Mark Purcell, The Tiplin' Trio and more. A $20 donation benefits the Asperger's Association of New England. Directions and detail visit jplaceband.com

FIFTH ANNUAL SOIREE: A RARE AFFAIR – Sept. 6, at 6 p.m., in Plimoth Plantation's Henry Hornblower Visitor Center with honorary chair, Jeff Corwin, Animal Planet and Wildlife Biologist and CNN co-host The night will include silent and live auctions, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner All proceeds will support rare breeds animal and agricultural programs Auction items include: dinner with an academy award winner, trips to magical destinations, original artwork, collectibles and more. Tickets: $125 per person ($75 is tax deductible) Help keep the furry and feathered role-players in the 1627 English Village. To learn more call 508 746 1622 or e-mail kcorben@plimoth.org

THE LANDMINE CLASSIC MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE takes place at 9:30 a.m. Sept 7, at Wompatuck State Park, in Hingham. A 25-mile course for sport, expert, and semi pro/pro riders has been put together. Beginners will have a challenging 11-mile course to race on. There is a 50-mile marathon MTB race for the adventuresome. Pre-register on bikereg.com. Look under the section titled "Off-Road Races" then page down to find this event listed. All proceeds benefit Wompatuck State Park. Call Eric at 781-249-0010 with any questions.

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11:30 am Bellevue Cadillac
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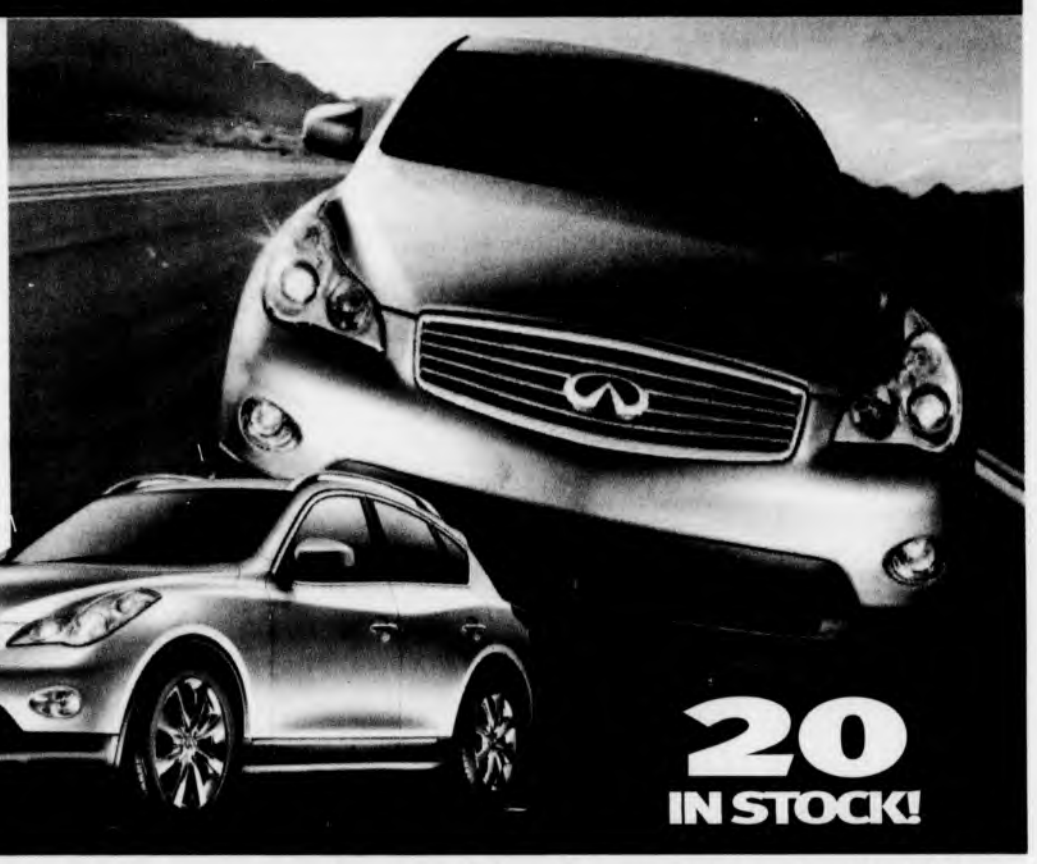
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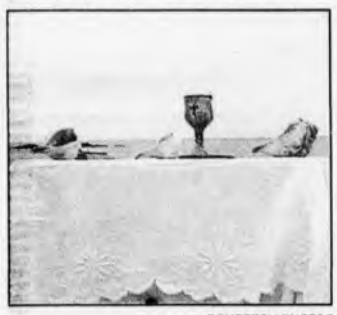
Boston Pops comes to town



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Elder Affairs eyes new home at 'Garage'

Has outgrown space at Community Center

By Nancy White
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"We have a dream."

Director of Elder Affairs Linda Elworthy said to introduce the topic of a new location for the Senior Center at the Board of Selectmen's meeting Monday night. With the demand for expanded services through Elder Affairs and renovations at the South Shore Community Center, the Senior Center is poised for a move. But, where?

"The seniors are in dire need of more space," said Joe Nedrow of the Board of Directors and one of the members of the sub-committee looking into an alternative space. "We've looked at every possible space and the most under-utilized town-owned building is by far the Teen Center, or 'the garage."

The Senior Center has been in the South Shore Community Center for about 18 years and pays for the utilities and maintenance of the space, approximately $14,000 per year.

"We are two agencies that are growing and we are choosing to find alternative space," said Elworthy in a phone interview. Parking in that area is at a premium and seniors often have to find a space on Highland Avenue in order to park for a morning or lunchtime program.

The garage is nestled between the Red Lion Inn and the town parking lot in the Village. The building, which formerly served as the highway department garage was transformed into a place to have fun and hang out for mostly middle-school aged children in town roughly 10 years ago. The building itself is about 65 years old.

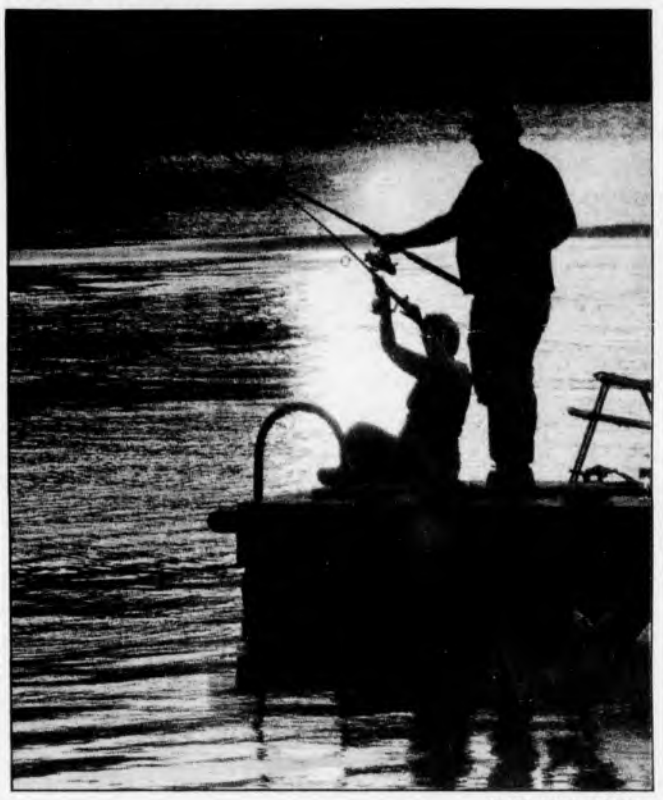
There were two options presented. The first would be to renovate the space to be appropriate for the type of activities the Senior Center regularly has. A kitchen would be a needed asset. The second option, and it seemed the preferred, was to knock down the current building and build an entirely new two-story building. In addition to the first floor shared space, with a kitchen, four units of affordable housing could be included on the second floor.

"It would be a win-win for the community," said Nedrow, adding with the affordable housing component the project would qualify for Community Preservation funds.

Nedrow said Elder Affairs board members have talked to various organi-

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SUMMER SCENE



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Vacationers Dave and Debra Forti of Springfield, Vt., try their luck at fishing from the Cohasset Sailing Club's dock on a recent Saturday evening under the setting sun.

A trip back in time

Historical Society lecture on pre-historic Cohasset

By Nancy White
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Did you know Boston Harbor sits on a volcano? Did you know the word Massachusetts is named for Blue Hill? Did you know at one time Cohasset was depressed 3000 feet below sea level under ice?

If not, a lecturer at the Cohasset Historical Society can tell you all about those facts — and many, many more — at a presentation next Wednesday, Aug. 13. Ronald Nunn, a professor at Montgomery College in Maryland, will speak on the period of New England history when the Conohasset Indians lived off the land.

Nunn, who is from LaFayette, Georgia, is a trained anthropologist with a specialty in archaeology. What brings him to Cohasset is his wife, Kay Marten, a Cohasset native. Nunn and Marten, along with their son and daughter, are visiting with Kay's mother and father, James and Shirley Marten. Nunn did a similar presentation on the Native American history in his hometown last summer.

While in Cohasset on vacation he has been spending much of his days researching and analyzing the Historical Society's collection.

Nunn has organized and categorized the Historical Society's collection of Indian tools, many of them are projectile tools used for hunting.

"It's an interesting set of artifacts...it's quite a good collection," said Nunn. Many of the artifacts have been in the society's possession for over 100 years. Some of the original labels written by Rev. Victor Bigelow, author of the first volume of Narrative History of Cohasset published in 1898.

"He was very good at keeping

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PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Ronald Nunn, a professor at Montgomery College in Maryland, will speak on the period of New England history when the Conohasset Indians lived off the land Aug. 13 at Pratt Building.

Stage set for 2009 Triathlon

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 28

By Nancy White
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Next year on Sunday, June 28 the Cohasset Triathlon will make a splash on Sandy Beach once again. For the foreseeable future, Cohasset residents should look forward to the triathlon annually on the fourth Sunday in June.

Race Director Bill Burnett came before the Board of Selectmen Monday night to talk about the success of this year's Cohasset Triathlon and to gain approval for next year's date.

"The race brought a lot of credit to the town."
— Selectman Paul Carlson.

"Each year after the race we step back and look at what we did," said Burnett. This year, he said, he and the town had a lot to be proud of.

The event raised over $280,000 for its charitable partner, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), making it the largest volunteer-driven JDRF event in the country.

"Being number one in just two short years is something I'm really, really proud of," said Burnett.

Burnett read several e-mails he received from racers singing the praises of the race and their experience in the town.

Burnett talked about the exposure the Triathlon gave to the town. He played a radio commercial that played on major stations in the weeks leading up the race describing Cohasset a "perfect setting"

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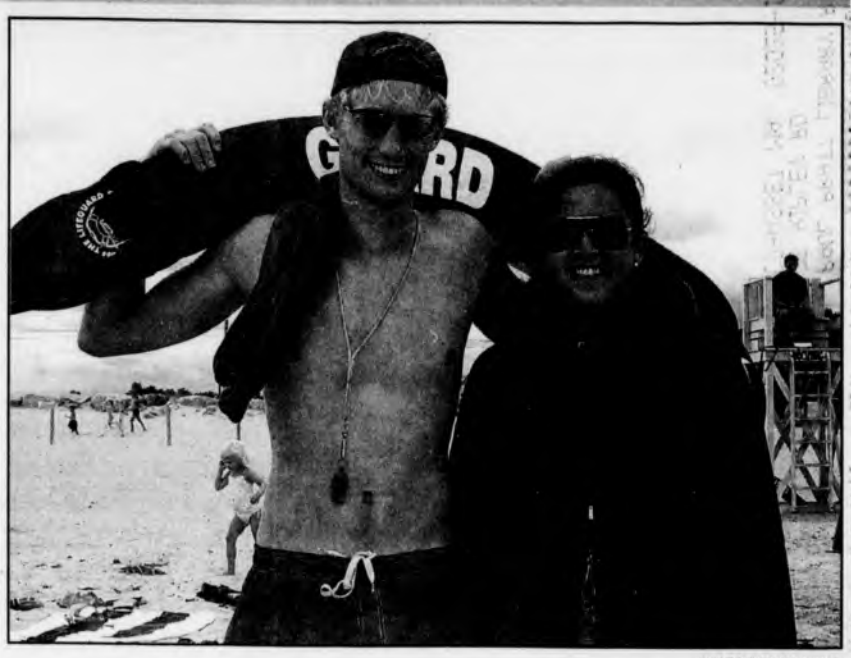
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This week the Mariner caught up with lifeguards, Kayla Farren and Max Kirby, at Sandy Beach.

Name: Kayla Farren and Maximillian "Max" C. Kirby.

Occupation: Sandy Beach Lifeguard (Kayla). Student at Miami University of Ohio and Assistant Manager and Senior Lifeguard at Sandy Beach (Max).

Best day of your life: Winning the Division 4 Basketball State Championship (Kayla). The day I met Tyler Kelly (Max).

Best vacation: Going to Turks and Caicos with my family (Kayla). Sailing the Caribbean (Max).

Favorite season: A tie between winter and summer (Kayla). Autumn (Max).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Kayla and Max).

Favorite junk food or meal: Dipping Oreos in peanut butter (Kayla). Junk Food: Entenmann's "Pop 'ems;" meal: chicken curry, or sushi (Max).

Best book: "My Sister's Keeper" (Kayla). Tough one to decide — either "The Heart of Darkness" or "Where the Red Fern Grows" (Max).

Best Actor: Shia LaBeouf (Kayla). James Bond played by Sean Connery — but the new guy is pretty good (Max).

Best TV show: "The Office" (Kayla). "Frasier"... no, wait, "Mythbusters"...ok, fine, I admit it, "Beauty and the Geek" (Max).

Favorite music, song, group or artist: I like all music except for country (Kayla). Song: "Broken Hallelujah" by Rufus Wainwright — the one from Shrek; artist: John Mayer's new notes are good (Max).

Most embarrassing moment: When I was in eighth grade, I was the new kid in public school, and when the teacher asked for my name I thought she wanted my last name first (for alphabetization purposes, of course), so I said "Kirby," but then she didn't say anything so I reiterated, "Max Kirby" — little did I know the way I said it seemed like I was impersonating Bond, James Bond. It was pretty embarrassing to do that on my first day (Max).

Dumbest thing I have ever done: Once when I was skateboarding to class, some nice looking girls waved at me, I waved back and proceeded to collide with a bush. I didn't come out of that bush until they were gone (Max).

Fun fact about yourself: My favorite animal is the killer whale (Kayla). I can wiggle my ears (Max).

Pet peeve: Arrogant people (Kayla). Answering questions in the wrong form, for example: "Are you hungry?" "Well, I ate a few hours ago." "... sooooo are you hungry?" (Max).

Goal: Live life to it's fullest (Kayla). To someday be able to look back on life and smile (Max).

Person you'd most like to meet: Chris Farley (Kayla). Hmm. Definitely Batman (Max).

Biggest worry: Not getting into my dream college (Kayla). People on the beach who underestimate the danger of lightning (Max).

Best part of Cohasset: The water (Kayla). Thomas Pecca (Max).

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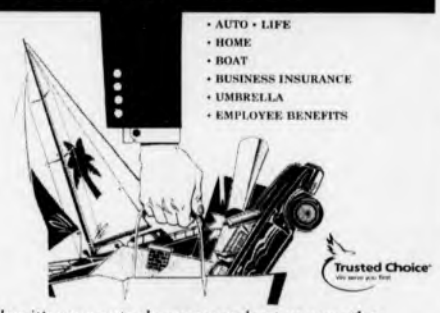
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Selectmen support 40-B moratorium

The Norwell Board of Selectmen has taken a strong stance against the state's affordable housing law, Chapter 40-B. To demonstrate their exasperation, residents of Norwell launched a modern "tea party," sending tea bags to the Governor with messages supporting the overhaul of Chapter 40B. Other local communities, like Marshfield and Walpole, have jumped on board the campaign.

The Cohasset Selectmen reached a consensus to write a letter in support of Chapter 40B moratorium and overall rewrite.

Selectman Paul Carlson said the Chapter 40B was written in 1968. "It might be time for some review…I'm in favor of at least a review and re-write of the law."

Selectman Karen Quigley agreed, "(The law) should be not so powerful for the developer and exclude the town from the project."

Under Chapter 40B, a state law, a town's zoning board can approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Towns that are under the 10 percent threshold of their housing stock deemed as affordable by state standards are vulnerable to 40-B projects.

Town Manager Bill Griffin will draft a letter to the state for the Board of Selectmen to review.

Chairman Ted Carr, who in his day job has some oversight to the Department of Housing and Community Development, offered some input explaining Norwell officials recently met with state DHCD officials to discuss the issues. Currently, Norwell has 10 potential 40B projects in the works, which have heightened their concerns over the law, said Carr. However, he did not take a position either way on 40B or how Cohasset would respond.

Mark your calendar

- Next Selectmen's meeting: Monday, Sept. 8
- Norfolk County Open Meeting Law presentation: Thursday, Sept. 18, 7p.m.
- Selectmen goal setting meeting: TBD, date in September.

Couple having sex in Sandy Beach lot charged

By Mary Ford
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A 57-year-old woman and a 58-year-old man, both from Medford, are facing charges of lewd behavior after police found them having sex in a convertible parked in the Sandy Beach parking lot Saturday afternoon.

The caller reported that a man seated in a black Audi convertible with the top up appeared to be masturbating. The call came in at 4:56 p.m. on Saturday (Aug. 2).

The officer who went to the scene and walked toward the vehicle realized there were two people in the car. The man, who was in the driver's seat, was nude from the waist down, as was the female passenger. They both pulled their clothing back on and said they were sorry, police said.

Police obtained the couple's identification and determined neither had a criminal record.

Police spoke to the caller and thanked her for contacting police. She had not realized there were two people in the car.

The couple is being summonsed to court on the charge of open and gross lewdness.

Housebreaks

• Police are investigating an apparent break-in at a house on Sohier Street. The resident reported the incident on Monday (July 28) and told police that his house was broken into sometime over the weekend when he was away. Missing from the finished basement were two paintball guns, a BB gun and $60 in cash. The resident checked the rest of the house and it does not appear anything else was missing. However, a Nintendo was missing from a previous break-in at the house which the resident reported at the same time as the more recent incident, police said. Chief Hussey said detectives processed the scene for evidence.

• A Schofield Road resident reported he came home from work on Monday (July 28) to find screens from sliding doors to a porch had been removed and access was gained to the house by smashing a bedroom window. Numerous items of jewelry were taken from a metal container. Police have processed that scene.

• Also on Schofield Road, another resident reported a break-in on Tuesday (July 29). A watch, rings, and $800 were missing. Detectives have also processed that scene.

Attempted break-in

An Atlantic Avenue resident called police the Sunday morning (Aug. 3) to report that someone had attempted to break into her house the night before. She could hear someone outside her window and then noticed the garage door was open about two feet. She reported when she asked "who is it?" the person ran away. Police said the garage door appeared to have been pried open. The matter is under investigation.

MV crashes

• On Tuesday (July 29) at 4:50 p.m., a 2002 Volkswagen, operated by a Cohasset woman traveling west on Summer Street attempted to pass on the left, a 2002 Chrysler traveling in front of her that had slowed down to make a left into a driveway. The Volkswagen struck the Chrysler, which was being driven by a Scituate woman. There was damage to both vehicles and they had to be towed, police said. The Cohasset woman was cited for crossing marked lanes.

• At just past 1 p.m. on Thursday (July 31), a 2004 Ford, operated by a Cohasset resident, was traveling south on Margin Street. There were numerous cars parked along Margin Street for the Historical Society house tour. Police said the Ford pulled over to the right as a pickup truck came in the opposite direction and made contact with a 2006 Buick, that was parked on the side of the road, scraping the car. There were no injuries and no tows. The operators exchanged papers, police said. The Buick was also registered to a Cohasset resident.

• At 10:04 a.m. on Friday (Aug. 1), a 1999 Nissan being driven by a Hanover resident, was headed south on Route 3A and attempted to turn left onto Beechwood Street when it collided with a 2008 Toyota, operated by a Scituate resident, that was traveling north through the intersection. The operator of the Nissan was given a warning for failure to yield to oncoming traffic. There were no injuries and one of the vehicles had to be towed.

• On Saturday (Aug. 2) a few minutes before 3 p.m., numerous 911 callers reported a crash on N. Main Street. Police said a 1994 Volvo, operated by a Cohasset resident, was headed south on N. Main. The driver took his eyes off the road and veered slightly, striking a 1991 Acura owned by a Cohasset resident. There were no injuries. The driver of the Volvo was cited for failure to use care.

Stolen bike

A purple and white girls' Trec mountain bike was taken from the bike rack and the swim center sometime overnight Monday (July 28) to Tuesday (July 29). The bike had been left there along with a bike helmet and life vest. The helmet and life vest had been turned in and were found in the swim center's lost and found collection. The bike was brand new, police said.

The incident was reported by a walk-in who explained when they returned to pick up her daughter's bike, it was gone.

False calls

Someone has been making false calls to area police departments about a woman being held hostage. Police received a 911 call stating "a male party is holding a woman hostage in Cohasset" at about 2 p.m. on Wednesday (July 30). Police have reviewed the tape and are tracking the call that came from out of town because the address did not appear on the enhanced 911-system screen.

"It was a false call and we have determined that this call and those to other jurisdictions have come from the city of Boston," Chief Hussey said.

No strike

A district manager from Shaw's alerted police on Saturday (Aug. 2) about the potential need for a detail officer should Shaw's employees go on strike starting Sunday (Aug. 3). As it turned out, Shaw's employees ratified their contract.

Chief Hussey explained that anytime there is a potential strike, police details are needed to make sure everyone's rights are protected from the picketers, to those that make sure the store is open for business to the customers.

No domestic

A call about a fight between a father and son on Jerusalem Road at about 7:15 p.m. on Saturday (Aug. 2) turned out to be unfounded. The caller reported that the fight was "getting vicious." Police reported there was no problem, the father was not home and in fact, both parents were at a Scituate concert. There were young people horsing around in the pool and they were advised to bring the noise level down.

Arrest

An officer observed a pickup headed south on King Street slow down, speed up and weave, police said. The officer pulled the truck over, which had been exceeding the speed limit, and saw empty beer cans and a cooler with beer in the bed of the truck. The officer made other observations and determined that the driver, a 22-year-old Pembroke man, was operating under the influence of alcohol and placed him under arrest. He was also charged with operating to endanger and speeding. His passenger, a 23-year-old Pembroke man, was placed in protective custody because he was heavily intoxicated.

Police said a few hours later when the 23-year-old man was being released he became combative because police would not return the cooler of beer that was being held as evidence. The man struggled with the officers and broke a mailbox that was on the wall. He was then arrested for resisting arrest and vandalizing property.

Customer

A man showed up at a local restaurant who was under the influence and was refused service. An argument ensued and police were called. The 27-year-old Weymouth man was placed in protective custody.

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New contract for solid waste

By Nancy White
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The town's solid waste disposal contract with Coventa (formerly SEMASS) will be expiring this fall. At present, the town is paying a net disposal fee of approximately $92 per ton. Town Manager Bill Griffin negotiated a new contract with a reduction in that fee to approximately $80 per ton based on a 10-year contract extension. The contract would provide for a 2.9 percent annual adjustment.

Griffin received another proposal from the Town of Bourne for five-year contract for approximately $75 per ton. However, he recommended staying with Coventa despite the lower cost for a few reasons. Coventa is a waste-to-energy facility, while the Town of Bourne is operating a traditional landfill.

"I believe the Coventa facility is more environmentally friendly and consistent with Cohasset's focus on sustainability," said Griffin. The length of contract was also a factor and lastly, there is some uncertainty with respect to how long the Bourne facility will maintain capacity and continue to accept solid waste.

"Our relationship with Coventa has been very good," said Griffin. In 2014, many Massachusetts communities contracts with Coventa will expire, then band together to get a better contract. While Cohasset will still have their 10-year contract, Griffin said when the time came he could try to negotiate Cohasset's contract to stay in line with the other communities.

Based upon the amount of solid waste Cohasset delivered to Coventa last year (approximately 1,800 tons), the reduction in the tipping fee will save the town approximately $21,000. Yet, that savings could be tempered by rising transportation costs.

The Selectmen endorsed signing the Coventa contract unanimously.

Mark your calendar for 2009 Triathlon

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for the three-sport race.

"It's an example of what this race does for the visibility of the town and for its economy," said Burnett. He plans to collaborate again with the Chamber of Commerce to capitalize on the thousands of people who come to Cohasset to participate or watch the race.

"The race brought a lot of credit to the town," agreed Selectman Paul Carlson. The Selectmen encouraged Burnett to continue to work with the Chamber and the Economic Development Committee on ways to take advantage of the thousands of people who flock to town for the triathlon.

Burnett noted the entire race is self-sufficient with the race paying for police and fire assistance. "No town funds were used, with the exception of street cleaning before the race."

Burnett praised the Cohasset emergency response team, "The medical and police staff were absolutely incredible." County, state and South Shore Hospital assets were brought in to assist with the race. Despite having the resources available, there was no need for any medical transport or major first aid.

One of the critical decisions made by race organizers and safety officials is to keep the number of participants at the race relatively the same into the future.

"We did have a large waiting list this year, but we're going to keep the numbers as is," said Burnett, due to parking and emergency response restraints. With that being the case, Burnett expects when race registration opens in the early winter the race will sell out in a week or two.

One of the issues that gave organizers near panic attacks on the morning of the race was the dense fog sitting off of Sandy Beach.

"Now, we have a fog plan," said Fire Chief Robert Silvia. If the fog is too dense or surf too big to have the racers take to the ocean, the triathlon will become a duathlon with a run-bike-run.

"Planning for the '09 race started the day after the race," said Burnett.

In addition to the $280,000 donation to JDRF, the Cohasset Triathlon Association also gave donations to the Sandy Beach Association and the Cohasset Education Foundation.

Burnett estimates in addition to the nearly 1000 triathletes, close to 3000 spectators watched from Sandy Beach and throughout the course. Both the South Shore Music Circus and MBTA parking lots were filled to capacity on race day.

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HAVE FUN

Hey Cohasset. How is everyone doing? The weather is sometimes making it a bit difficult to enjoy our outdoor beaut here in town but we have the rest of August and September ahead to make up for it. If anyone is looking for some fun things to do camp-wise for the kids in the next few weeks, give the Our World Museum a call at 781-383-3198 or go online at www.ourworldcdm.org to find out more information.

Kitchen Kids, Friends Are Fun, Mr. Dykas fun time sports and more is available. We have some fun news to share here in this week's column so here goes.

DEAN'S LIST

Congratulations are in order to the following Cohasset students who qualified for the dean's list for the 2008 spring semester at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Each student received a 3.5 grade point average or higher on a four-point scale. The students are **Austin Lanzillotti, Stephen Murray** and **Cristina Sadler.** Nice work to all of you.

FOOTBALL CLINIC

The 2nd annual Cohasset Youth Football Skills Clinic will be held on Saturday Aug. 16 from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

It is a non-contact, one-day football camp open to all entering grades 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. The Cohasset High School varsity players and coaches are conducting the camp. Sign in will begin promptly at 9am at CHS in the turnaround, and the camp will be held on the varsity practice field behind CHS. Shorts, shirts, and cleats are the only equipment needed. The cost of the camp is $50, with all proceeds going to support the Cohasset High School Football program. For more information you can contact Head Coach **Pete Afanasiw** at pafanasiw@cohassetk12.org.

ON STAGE

Disney's Beauty and the Beast is coming to Boston Aug. 14 – 17 at the Huntington Theatre's Stanford Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont Street in Boston 's South End. Kicking up their heels in this benefit engagement are **Thomson and Whitney Jaffe** of Cohasset. In addition to her performance responsibilities, Thomson has had the added job of dance captain for the show that features 30 high school and college students from across metro-Boston.

Professionally directed and staged tickets are: $15 students, $25 adults, $40 Premiere. Tickets may be purchased online at www.bostontheatrescene.com or by calling the box office at 617-933-8600.

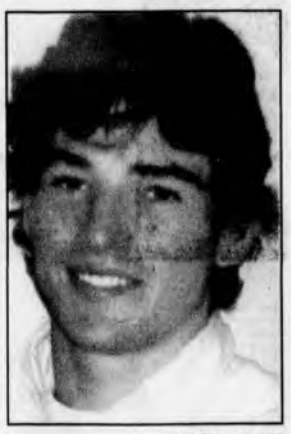
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Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull is a treasure that benefits many in our area. On Sept. 27 a gala event, "For Your Eyes Only, A Night to Bond" will provide a fun evening of martinis, music and much more to support the many services Wellspring offers.

Bernadette Faulkner, Ann Musto, Gitte Shea and Jane Goedecke are among the many putting together this night to remember. For tickets and more information call 781-925-3211 or visit www.wellspringhull.org.

PHYSICALS

Cohasset High School fall sports physicals will be held on Tues. Aug. 19th at 7:30 a.m. in the high school nurse's office. All students planning to participate in a fall sport *must* have a physical that has been performed within the last 13 months on file in the nurse's office prior to being allowed to practice. If you have any questions please call **Mrs. Collins** at (781) 383-0853 and she will return your call as soon as possible.



COURTESY PHOTO

Daniel Sullivan took a course titled Pastoral Nomads and Wildlife Conservation, investigating the relationship between wildlife conservation and the Maasai people.

ST. LAWRENCE

Daniel S. Sullivan of Cohasset studied in Kenya this summer, participating in St. Lawrence University Summer Term courses. Daniel is a member of the Class of 2011 at St. Lawrence, Canton, N.Y., and a graduate of New Hampton High School.

Daniel took a course titled Pastoral Nomads and Wildlife Conservation, investigating the relationship between wildlife conservation and the Maasai people, through the study of the Maasai Mara National Reserve, one of the most visited game parks in Africa and partly managed by the Maasai, and through interaction with the Maasai community at the Shompole Group Ranch, a communally owned area in southern Kenya where there is a community-based conservation and ecotourism project.

BOSTON COLLEGE

The following Cohasset residents have graduated from Boston College:

- **Tess Foley**, a communication major, graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from the College of Arts and Sciences.
- **Elizabeth Meikleham**, a communication major, graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Geoffrey Sullivan, a physics major, graduated with a bachelor of science degree from the College of Arts and Sciences.

BRUTUS

Don't forget to get your tickets for a wonderful show this weekend if you are looking for something to do.

Sam Game of Cohasset will play the lead role of Brutus in Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" at The Lyric Stage Company of Boston next week. He is also a member of the ensemble in the Gershwin musical "Of Thee I Sing,"which runs at the same time. Lyric First Stage is an intensive 5-week program for young artists culminating each summer with two plays in repertory at The Lyric Stage Company of Boston. "Julius Caesar" continues Sat., Aug 9 at 7:30 pm and Sun., Aug 10 at 2pm. "Of Thee I Sing" runs Fri., Aug 8 at 7:30 pm, Sat., Aug 9, at 2pm. Tickets are $12, $8 for students and seniors. For tickets call 617.585.5678

That is all for this week. Send in all of your news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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Cohasset resident named Simmons College president

Cohasset resident Helen Drinan has been named president of Simmons College in Boston.

Drinan has been a member of the Simmons College Board of Trustees since 2003 and board chairwoman since 2007. She replaces Susan Scrimshaw, who stepped down from the presidency to undertake other work in higher education administration and public health advocacy.

Drinan will serve a two-to three-year presidency, as the college fills key staff positions and continues its forward momentum toward nationally recognized academic excellence.

Drinan is a well-known and respected leader in health care, civic and business circles. In addition to her 19-year career at BankBoston Corp. and her four-and-a-half year term as senior vice president of Caritas Christi Health Care System, she has served on the board of directors of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts since 1995, and was president of the Society for Human Resource Management, a professional organization with the largest human resources membership in the world.

"Helen Drinan is a seasoned and respected leader," said Simmons Board of Trustees vice-chairman Steve Jonas. "She is well known in the Boston area for her long tenure as the top woman executive at BankBoston Corporation, and more recently for her service as senior vice president of the Caritas Christi Health Care System. She is also someone who has demonstrated a deep commitment to Simmons for decades, who will keep Simmons College on its current path to national prominence."



COURTESY PHOTO

Helen Drinan has been named president of Simmons College in Boston.

Drinan has been closely associated with Simmons for more than 30 years. She holds two Simmons College degrees: a master's from its Graduate School of Library and Information Science, and an master's degree in business administration from its School of Management. She is a recipient of the Phyllis Rappaport Alumnae Achievement Award granted by the School of Management.

The Simmons Board elected Lauren Brisky, a Simmons alumna and vice chancellor for administration and chief financial officer of Vanderbilt University, as the new Simmons board chairwoman.

Concert on the Common - The Satuit Band

A new addition to this year's musical program will be The Satuit Band, playing a Friday evening concert on Aug. 8 at 7:30 p.m. on Cohasset Common. The conductor is a former Boston Symphony trombone player who has been conducting this group for years. The group consists of music educators, professionals from all walks of life, college and high school students. The Satuit Band is offering their concert without funding, and voluntary audience donations will be accepted during the performance.

Concerts are held on the Common free of charge and the public is invited. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and insect repellent. Call the Recreation office at 781-393-4109 to check on the status of concerts in case of bad weather.

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A world away

Cohasset native travels to Senegal to do missions work

By Nancy White
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When Jessica Wheelwright left for Senegal on June 19, she didn't know what to expect from the experience. When she returned on July 12, she brought back more than she could have ever imagined.

Wheelwright, who will be a junior at Gordon College in Wenham, Mass. in the fall, went to Senegal, located on the west coast of Africa, on a short-term missions trip.

The 20-year-old Cohasset native and 2006 CHS grad immersed herself for three weeks in the Senegalese culture in an effort to achieve a greater understanding of both the people and themselves.

"The purpose of our trip was to share the love of Jesus Christ and to serve where we were called. Our trip was also geared for us to learn about another culture, country and part of the world. It was a cultural learning experience for us to learn a more global understanding of Christianity," said Wheelwright. Gordon is a non-denominational Christian college.

The journey to get off the 24-hour plane trip to Senegal was a months-long process.

From nearly the moment Wheelwright heard about the trip, she felt a strong sense she should go.

"It totally was down my alley," explaining the trip combined her long desire to visit Africa and her two college majors — French (Senegal is a French-speaking country) and youth ministry. Her experiences on four trips with the Appalachia Service Project contributed to her desire to do more missions work.

Yet, she didn't immediately apply for the trip. It wasn't until the day before the applications were due she made the fateful decision to sign up. After an interview with the trip supervisors, she was accepted onto the trip.

The short-term mission trip included eight Gordon students, one recent Gordon grad who served as the team leader and one professor.

The trip wasn't cheap — even missionary groups have to pay airfare — so she and her fellow students raised money through support letters to friends and family and small fundraisers at Gordon College. At least 10 percent of the trip's budget went toward local community groups in Senegal.

As they prepared their wallets, the students also prepared their minds in the months leading up to the trip by taking a course to prepare for the mission trip. They went on a retreat, held meetings to discuss the positive and negative impacts missionaries could have on the place they are visiting and even cooked a Senegalese dinner together.

When they arrived in Dakar, the capital city of Senegal, everything was different and a bit overwhelming. The crowded highway had people trying to sell things through the window. It was very hot. The sights, sounds, and smells took some getting used to. Being the only white people in sight was also a bit shocking.

Over the next week where the group visited local villages and churches, Wheelwright began to see why she came to Senegal.

"Nearly everywhere we went we were swarmed with children," said Wheelwright, sometimes as many as 100 kids would gather. Excited to see a white person, Wheelwright said they wanted to hug them and touch their hair. Accompanied by members of local churches and translators they would visit and talk with the people in the villages.

"Each one was a really different experience," said Wheelwright. The scenery in the villages was drab mostly brown as the rainy season was just beginning and that stark background stood in contrast to the colorful clothes the people, especially the women, wear.

"The Senegalese are extremely hospitable and they are open to talk about religion and politics, two topics very taboo here in America," said Wheelwright. Many of the young Senegalese they visited with would ask them tough questions about their beliefs, but in an open and curious manner.

"We were able to learn a lot from each other," said Wheelwright. Senegal is a primarily Muslim country, but there are some Christians. Many of the young adults they bonded with have stayed in touch with through e-mail. "I was pleasantly surprised at how open they were to talk to us."

During the second week in Senegal, Wheelwright and her group helped a group of Florida Baptist missionaries with a basketball camp. They made home visits with the children after the day at camp.

After roughly two weeks of ministry, they spent a few days de-briefing on the coast of Senegal.

"We talked about how we wanted this trip to affect the rest of our life," said Wheelwright. The group also went on a safari.

Wheelwright speaks with a lot of passion and excitement about her experience and it's clear her short trip to Senegal will continue to influence her life for years to come. She said however scary it was to travel to a new place; it was even harder to return back to her life in Cohasset.

"I was surprised coming back how distracted a life you can lead (in the US)," said Wheelwright. Time is more fluid in Senegal, where arriving within an hour of a set time is considered okay. There isn't the hustle and bustle of everyday life in the US. "I felt God's presence more (in Senegal) because I depended on (God) more. To be honest, it was harder coming back (to the US)."

She has settled in to a regular 9-to-5 summer office job. In the fall, she will head to Aix-En-Provence, France to study abroad for the year. But, Senegal and her trip are still very much on her mind.

"I'm still trying to process it," she said although she found a Christian is a Christian anywhere, her lifestyle is vastly different than a Senegalese. "They live on less money in a year than I make in a week."

The trip has ignited a passion on her and is thinking about going back to Senegal for a longer period next summer.

"Part of me wants to give up my American lifestyle and go live fully trusting in God and doing missions work," said Wheelwright. "Sometimes I expect things I really shouldn't expect just because it seems so normal here. It takes such simplicity to live."

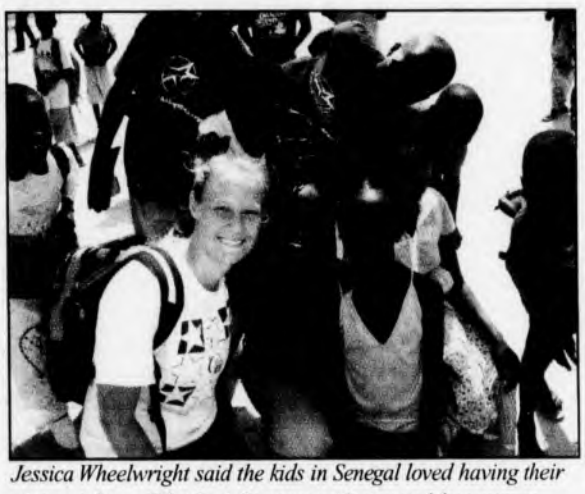


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During the first day of village ministry in Selegal, Jessica Wheelwright met with members with a local church in Thies. The missions group from Gordon College had their first opportunity to talk about Christianity with interested Muslims.



Jessica Wheelwright, a Cohasset resident, traveled to Senegal in late June on a short-term missions trip. One of the weeks she was there she helped with a basketball camp in the capital city of Dakar. Here she poses with some of the young adults from the camp.



Jessica Wheelwright said the kids in Senegal loved having their picture taken. Wheelwright poses with some of the younger participants at a Dakar basketball camp.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Sharing and caring

We are intrigued by the potential of turning the "Garage" (a.k.a. the Teen Center) in the Town Parking Lot into a combination Teen Center/Senior Center.

There is no question that the Senior Center has outgrown its home at the South Shore Community Center.

Anyone who has visited the Council on Elder Affairs' office – the heartbeat of the Senior Center — knows how cramped it is!

"Senior" numbers speak for themselves: nearly 22 percent of Cohasset's population is over 60 and 4 percent is over 80.

As the "baby boomer" generation continues to advance – those populations are only going to grow.

At the other end of the spectrum, Cohasset will also see increases. While Avalon will not likely attract dozens of children, there are bound to be some in the two-bedroom units.

Much of the reason why Cohasset housing is expensive is that the town is such a desirable place to live. That desirability translates into families with children.

We believe that quality-of-life issues in a town that cares about its residents include buildings. A Town Hall, schools, recreational facilities, and so on are often the first place the prospective residents see or visit. They are also locations that continue to play a role in their lives after they move into town.

We can see lots of possibilities for a combined senior/teen center either in a renovated "Garage" or new structure.

One of the truly wonderful side effects could be intergenerational. By sharing the space, it is possible that more programs could be built "for two." So many young people today live far away from their grandparents and could be missing out on contact with older people, who have so much to give. Those who are "getting on in years" are often not as bothered with all the rushing around that the teens' parents are likely doing and would have time to sit, chat and share stories.

The proposal for a potential Senior Center at the Teen Center is in the beginning stages. There will likely be a lot more newsprint on the subject as the proposal progresses. We will keep you informed.

We have described Cohasset seniors in the past as the "gray guards" looking after our democracy. One sees a sea of gray heads at every town meeting. Many of our seniors attend because they care about the town, want to share their wisdom, and want to have a voice.

We think uniting the town's seniors with teens and preteens could have benefits that go way beyond shared physical space.

Our "gray guards" would be more interactive with our youth – the benefits of which would continue to pay off well into the future.



Join the debate and take our on line poll!

What should the town do about parking on Elm Street? To respond, visit:
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Cohasset's Believe It?



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Treasuring the beach

TO THE EDITOR:

This morning dog walkers were very conscientious about picking up after their dogs as well as picking up old food, cans, bottles, trash and used condoms left on the beach. One morning I picked up more than 100 tampons that had washed ashore, putting recycled plastic bags to good use. We treasure the beach and try to keep it as clean as possible.

Kit Coffey
25 Norfolk Road

LIBRARY CORNER

Brain fitness demonstration

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Noise" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 21. Free admission and refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. For more information, visit the library's Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on calendar.

Page Positions – The library is accepting applications for two Page positions. Student hours are available, including afternoons, evenings and weekends. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and a Cohasset resident. For more information call reference librarian Gayle Walsh.

Brain Fitness Demonstration – What is Brain Fitness? How does it work? How can it help my memory? Come to a hands-on demonstration of Brain Fitness, a software program available in the library, at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 19. The event is free.

New Feature on Library Web Site – Check out the new reader's advisory service on the library Web site. In the New and Recommended section on the home page, there are rotating images of book covers. Click on What's New and be directed to a new page on the Web site called Good Reads, a new reader's advisory service from BookLetters. Included are reading suggestions, bestseller lists, book reviews, information about authors and information on how to sign up for the Good Reads e-newsletter. Customize the newsletter to one's specific reading interests. Free and available to all.

SENIOR SCENE

No lunches next week!

The following events are sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North St. Registration is required for all events, unless noted, by calling 781-383-9112.

• Aug. 11-14: There will be no lunches served at the Senior Center and no drop-in bridge. The South Shore Community Center will be refurbishing the dining room and T.K. Keating Room during this week. All other programs will go on as normal – food, shopping, transportation, etc. The CEA staff will be on site and can be reached by calling 781-383-9112 if needed.

• Aug. 11, 9 a.m.: Pancake Breakfast at Golden Living Center of Cohasset.

SEPTEMBER COURSES

Pre-registration is required for the following courses.

Introductory Italian: Meets Mondays, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6 and 20, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Professor Lanier Grassie will teach conversational Italian and Italian culture. Classes will focus on vocabulary building, basic conversation, how to make it through the marketplace and culture. Cost is $30 for the six-week course. Six registrants are needed to begin the class. Call the Senior Center to register.

Line Dancing: Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., with instructor Nancy Kramer. Cost is $5 per class. Six registrants are needed to begin the class.

Senior Dance Aerobics: Meets Tuesday and Thursdays, 8 to 8:45 a.m., with instructor Karen Kirkendall. Cost is $3 per class.

Cataract and Glaucoma Screening: Thursday, Sept. 11, starting at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Richard Strecker will be at the Senior Center to offer free screenings. Call the Senior Center to pre-register.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commision, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m., public hearing on stormwater management regulations; regular meeting Aug. 17, 7 p.m.
Library Trustees, Aug. 12, 7 p.m. at the Library.
Planning Board, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. public hearing on the Design Guidelines for the Village Business District at 7:45p.m.
Sewer Commission, Aug. 26, 6 p.m.
Selectmen, Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.
School Committee, Aug. 20, 7 p.m. at the high school
Water Commission, Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. at the King Street plant.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

POLITICAL NOTES

Charlie Baker to speak at GOP picnic — Come and mingle with some of your favorite Republicans at the Cohasset Republican Town Committee's Annual Picnic. This year the event will be held Rain or Shine on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Lou Harvey's Estate on King Street.

The featured speaker is Charlie Baker, President and CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. Special Invited Guests include: Senator Bob Hedlund, Plymouth County DA Tim Cruz; Plymouth County Sheriff Joe MacDonald; Candidate for U.S. Senate Jeff Beatty, Candidate for Plymouth County Commissioner Ron Davey of Hull; Candidate for Plymouth County Treasurer Ed O'Connell; and a Representative of the John McCain Committee.

Tickets for the event are $20/person or $30/couple. Funds raised assist in supporting Republican candidates and annual scholarships for college bound high school students.

For further information contact Julie Guild (781-383-6443) or Kevin O'Donnell (781-383-6113)

Democratic unity party — The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee will host a party on Sept. 6 to unite local Democrats. All Democrats and their Independent friends are invited to enjoy music by members of the Cohasset High School jazz band, hors d'oeuvres and spirited conversation. The party will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the home of Helene Lieb and Ed Lappen. The minimum donation per person is $25. For more information, or to RSVP, Please call: Sally Sisson (383-6190); Teresa Polhemus (923-1413); Betsy Connolly (383-1248); or Susan Kent (383-2490). Please RSVP by Aug. 27.

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Paving: a race against time

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN



COURTESY PHOTO

The last spot on Nichols gets paved.



COURTESY PHOTO

Warning sign at Steep Rocks.

Little Harbor Project-Nichols Road – What change a bit of paving makes! The Nichols Road residents can finally have the pleasure of driving down a paved road once again. The paving was started on Friday, Aug. 1st and was completed this past Monday, Aug. 4th. Getting Nichols Road paved turned out to be a race against time. The paving contractor needed to be lined up about two weeks ahead of time. We had to make this commitment before the road grading and pressure testing of Nichols Road were complete. Everyone was literally keeping their fingers and toes crossed that all would be ready when the paver arrived. With the cooperation of LM Holdings, our project contractor, last minute grading was proceeding just ahead of the paving contractor on portions of Nichols Road. But, in the end it all worked out. The photo shows the paving crew working on the last little bit of paving required to complete the paving on Nichols Road.

We might remind everyone that this is only the base course of asphalt. The topcoat will be placed on Nichols Road next year after all of the trenches and filled areas have had ample time to settle.

Also, don't be surprised if at one time or another some of the new paving is dug up and then patched. This sometimes happens in the normal course of a construction project for a variety of reasons. Most of the side roads off of Nichols have not been paved yet because either the construction itself has not been completed or the new water or sewer lines have not been tested to assure that they are fully functional.

Little Harbor Project-Jerusalem Road – Last week we mentioned that a small section of the wall supporting Jerusalem Road had collapsed. After examination by the project engineer, it was decided that several things should be done to prevent the situation from deteriorating and creating a further hazard. First, the contractor immediately rebuilt the two small sections of the wall that had collapsed. The project engineer then had the contractor rebuild the small area between the two collapsed spots and then extended the reconstruction about twenty feet on either side of the failed area. So, now the retaining wall stones in a major section of the roadway have been restacked.

However, the actual load carrying ability of the road in this spot is unknown and needs to be determined. The project engineer is arranging for geotechnical engineering specialists to assess the wall and road situation and make recommendations to the Town. (Geotechnical engineering is the branch of civil engineering concerned with the engineering behavior of earth materials.) In the mean time, the jersey barriers employed by the contractor will be located to keep vehicles a safe distance away the wall.

Early this week the DPW added flashing traffic warning signs at Steep Rocks and Bow Street to notify approaching traffic of the narrowed roadway. As a courtesy, we called the nearby residents to inform them why the signs were installed and that they could call us with any concerns or questions about the warning signs. (While we were there setting up the "SLOW" warning signs, drivers were zipping by at speeds clearly way in excess of the speed limit.) Please, please slow down be very careful when driving on Jerusalem Rd., especially between Steep Rocks and Bow Street. You can't see this area of Jerusalem Road when approaching from Bow Street, since it is totally blind for approaching traffic due to the curve and hill.

One of the subsequent options we may face is restricting the road to a single lane in this area, depending on the engineer's assessment. If this is necessary, we have discussed the possibility of deploying a special traffic signal at either end of the construction area that will allow measured traffic to flow in either direction. These lights were used when the Border Street seawall was repaired last year. Most resident as well as the safety forces were pleased with their operation as a safety compromise, as opposed to closing the road at its pinch point. We'll keep you up to date as we get more information.

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Yes Ma'am, it's time for that mammogram

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT



DIANE K. DANIELSON

I sat in my car, took a deep breath and thought of my late best friend Jill. One of the healthiest people I knew, Jill had passed away at 34 years old from some rare form of fast-moving cancer that had gone undetected.

When I turned 40 last year, it wasn't a huge deal. In fact, a few of my business colleagues thought I'd passed the big 4-0 several years earlier. This was the direct result of my adding a few years to my age back in my 20s, when it was bad enough being a "girl" vice president, but a young one to boot. Thus, as I passed into the fourth decade of my life, the only dark cloud on the horizon was the scheduling of my first mammogram.

Fortunately for me, I was low priority (40 years old, no family history), and I couldn't get an appointment for a full year. So it was just last week, on my 41st birthday that I finally had to face up to M-Day. When I mentioned it to friends, they flinched; some even shuddered; others emailed me messages that simply said "ouch."

For those of you who have yet to experience M-Day, or are fortunate to be of a gender that doesn't have to be subjected to this torture, it's similar to the childhood game of "mercy"; except you are putting your breast in the equivalent of a vise clamp and someone else tightens it (and no, you don't get to cry "mercy").

When I woke up on M-Day, I remembered the mammographer's instructions: "do not use deodorant or powder." Well, that's just great. It's 85 degrees with 90 percent humidity. But, rules are rules, so I cranked the AC and hoped to make it through until my appointment without offending anyone. Next, I put on my nicest bra (sort of like wearing one's best undies for the OB/GYN). Sigh. What was the point? I'd have to take it off long before anyone would notice.

Hmmmm. If the bra wasn't going to make me feel better – or braver – what would? Ah ha. I kicked off my flip-flops and pulled out the new fancy, schmancy, Sarah Jessica Parker-worthy sandals I scored in France the week before. It's my birthday; I can wear what I want to.

As I drove up to the building, I got a sick feeling. What if they find something? I always advise my son not to ask questions to which he didn't really want to know the answer. What if this was one of those questions? I know I'm low risk, but these things happen. Did I really want to know?

I sat in my car, took a deep breath and thought of my late best friend Jill. One of the healthiest people I knew, Jill had passed away at 34 years old from some rare form of fast-moving cancer that had gone undetected. One week she was planning to come and visit me, the next she canceled due to a backache. One month later, while I was in the hospital giving birth to my son, she passed away. Jill wasn't lucky enough to have an M-Day or whatever they could do to detect other types of cancer. Damn it. Let's do this thing.

Surprisingly, it wasn't as painful as my friends had made it out to be. But, then again, maybe fearing for the worst dulled the pain. Or perhaps it was the mammographer's perky attitude and constant banter that made me feel like Miley Cyrus in a Vanity Fair shoot. "Beautiful. Just beautiful. That's a great shot. Turn a little more this way. That's it. Got it. Beautiful." I comforted myself with the knowledge that these topless shots weren't going to show up anywhere other than on the desk of a radiologist.

When it was over, I booked my next year's appointment, and tried to put it out of my mind. But, as I passed through the waiting room, I noticed the worried looks of the women seated there, nervously paging through old issues of US Weekly and People. I gave them what I hoped was an encouraging smile, though I knew that not everyone there was likely to be as low-risk as me. I couldn't imagine what was going through their minds; so, when one of them made a motion to ask me something, I had a brief moment of panic.

"Excuse me. I couldn't help noticing your shoes. Where'd you get them?" she inquired.

A wave of laughter and shared camaraderie filled the room as we all realized that even while facing up to our potential messenger of doom on M-Day, we still wanted to be wearing fancy, schmancy shoes.

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident and founder of www.DowntownWomensClub.com, a business network, career Web site and job board for women. This column is dedicated to the memory of Jill E. Hungerford, Ph.D. (1965-1999), who would have definitely appreciated being in my shoes.

HEALTH NOTES

Health Fair to offer prostate screening

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

...prostate screening by a simple blood test is beneficial under many conditions.

In a few weeks, the Board of Health will sponsor its annual Health Fair where local vendors and practitioners publicize their latest developments. In addition to the regular testing of sight, hearing, cholesterol, osteoporosis and blood pressure, etc, we expect to have several new tests available. A recent trend is for pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, and practitioners of all sorts to advertise their wares on public TV, newspapers, magazines, mailings, email and every other conceivable means of outreach. Quite frankly, the very act of advertising implies bias, and many health advertisements, along with carefully scripted warnings, imply that all's well if you just see a doctor and follow the instructions on the label. Generally, all medical treatment is a far more personal process which calls for reflection and gathering more information than is available on one doctor visit, reading of a label and selection of treatment. Such a decision certainly shouldn't depend on the quality of an advertisement. For this reason, if not for any other, a visit to the Health Fair (those participating are free from bias) is a good thing to do.

This year, it's important to meet Board of Health members and our excellent staff, led by Dr. Joe Godzik, Tara Tradd and Mary Goodwin, our new public health nurse, as well as many other health care professionals covering a variety important medical and support activities. This year, we're going to unveil several new initiatives. One will be in the area of mental fitness, complementing the other counseling in the areas of depression, anxiety and sleep by Peggy Chapman, RN CS, the Chairman of our Board of Health.

Later, in another article we'll describe the complete list of Health Fair activities. Today, because it's in the news, we'll talk about *prostate* screening. Each year over a 100,000 individuals in the US contract prostate cancer and nearly 30,000 die. And yet it's detectable and treatable in most cases.

We've all seen the ads about "going" often, etc. Life was better when such talk was done in the bed or bathroom or in the doctor's office, but now that it's out in the open, we'll explain prostate problems. For men under 50, the most common prostate problem is prostatitis, caused by bacteria or inflammation from another organ, treatable by a doctor. For men over 50, the most common prostate problem is prostate enlargement that causes some of the symptoms described in the ads. Screening for prostate problems is conventionally done by a PSA test.

Recent news items indicate that using the common PSA for (prostate specific antigen) test to screen men for prostate problems is controversial because it is not yet known if this test actually saves lives and that the benefits of PSA screening are certain to outweigh the risks of follow-up diagnostic tests and cancer treatments. For example, the PSA test may detect small cancers that would never become life threatening.

However, prostate screening by a simple blood test is beneficial under many conditions. If you're a man over 50 and have started having problems urinating, the reason could be an enlarged prostate and a simple blood test can save many from later more radical treatment. Treatment options can vary, depending on when it's detected, from lifestyle changes, "watchful waiting," *drug* therapy, non-surgical procedures to major surgery. The screening provided free at the Health Fair can help tell which would be indicated.

For this reason, the Board of Health has obtained a small number of prostate screening kits and will offer to administer the test. In the expectation that women also read this column, the BoH respectfully requests that you nag your husband to go to the Fair and ask about prostate screening.

Then work with your doctor to find a treatment that's right for you.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Surprise, there are athletes!

HENSHAW



TOM HENSHAW

I was mildly surprised the other day to learn that there were athletes involved in the 2008 Olympic games in Beijing.

I was sure that what used to be a competition to decide every four years who was the best at his or her sport had become a method of embarrassing China into giving up its bad habits and adopting those embraced by the rest of the world.

The big question appears to be how many athletes will lie gasping in the streets of Beijing, overcome by fumes from the primitive, coal-fired furnaces and boilers that make the Chinese economy run.

The Olympics have come a long way since Jim Thorpe, the winner of the decathlon and pentathlon in 1912...

"My lungs stopped working," said Adam Craig, of the U.S. biking team, after a training race. "It started with a routine deep breath on a descent, which produced a sharp pain and a fit of hacking, then progressed rapidly to a state where I was unable to take more than a quarter breath."

The Olympics have come a long way since Jim Thorpe, the winner of the decathlon and pentathlon in 1912, was stripped of his gold medals when it was discovered that he had played baseball in North Carolina for a semi-pro team that slipped him a couple of bucks after passing the hat.

Now the government of the Philippines, which has never had a gold medal winner, has a standing offer of $340,000 to the first citizen who wins one and the combined NBA pay scale of the American basketball team probably will equal the gross national product of its first opponent.

All of which leads to the words that most frequently appear in the same sentence with the word Olympics these days —"performance-enhancing drugs."

Already, U.S. swimmer Jessica Hardy has withdrawn from the team after testing positive in the trials, Italian fencer Andrea Baldini has been banned after testing positive in the European championships, and the men in the lab coats haven't even taken up their stations at the finish line.

The search for drugs is so widespread that the International Olympic Committee had to go back to the 2000 games in Sydney to snatch the gold medals from around the necks of the U.S. 1,600-meter relay team because one of them used a human growth hormone.

The media covering the Olympics has been at loggerheads with their hosts, who have departed from their earlier pledge of press freedom to permit censorship of articles deemed by Chinese authorities to be "not games-related."

Add to this morass, the ban (later rescinded) of the Iraqi Olympic team for government interference — hello, there, Saddam, wherever you are!

"With 100,000 soldiers and police looking over everyone's shoulder, the 2008 Summer Olympics are shaping up to be the No-Fun Games," wrote Victor Mallet in the Financial Times.

Farrag talks about Town Hall plans

"Our Town" co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with David Farrag, Chairman of the Town Hall Renovation and Restoration Committee, to discuss plans to revitalize the original portion of Town Hall while making it better suited to fit the needs of the community.

Highlights from the Class of 2008 pre-prom Red Carpet Gala also air on the second half of the show.

Our Town airs on local Comcast Channel 10 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 9pm.

Stay tuned and stay informed.

Check out the Web

Check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

- On-line poll about parking on Elm Street
- Video of David Wadsworth talking about the Cohasset Maritime Museum
- Pets of the Week Videos: meet all the previous pets of the week!
- Slideshow of the CSCR water testing program
- Updates and photo galleries throughout the week

The Business of being born

Local mother organizes documentary viewing at Cohasset library

By Nancy White
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In 2001, actress Ricki Lake gave birth to her second child with the assistance of a midwife in her home bathtub. She made the choice for a home birth under the supervision of a midwife after she experienced unwanted medical interventions while delivering her first child at a hospital birthing center. Lake succeeded in giving birth on her own terms and the experience was so unexpectedly empowering and life changing that she felt every woman should know what they could be missing out on.

To that end, she executive produced a documentary "The Business of Being Born" about the benefits most women could have from home birthing.

In Cohasset, one woman has decided to share that documentary with South Shore residents. Jeniffer Safarik, who has a three-year-old daughter and another daughter on the way, is passionate about promoting the idea of having a choice when it comes to childbirth.

"This movie sparked a passion in me I didn't know was there," says Safarik. While the documentary has caused controversy, particularly among medical professionals and hospitals, it also raised awareness of the alternatives to a hospital birth with the potential use of epidurals and other drugs.

Safarik, who moved to Cohasset in April, teamed up with two local companies — Norwell's Mamas Move and Hingham's Magic Bean — to bring the documentary for a viewing at the Cohasset Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The documentary will be shown at 7p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14.

The Cohasset viewing is part of a grassroots effort to get the film seen by a wider audience.

The documentary films several home births, including the birth of Ricki Lake's second child, as well as the director Abby Epstein's pregnancy and caesarian section. Along the way, Epstein conducts interviews with a number of obstetricians, experts and advocates about the history, culture and economics of childbirth.

It gives surprising statistics such as the US has the second highest infant mortality rate of developed countries and explores the fundamental question: should most births be viewed as a natural life process, or should every delivery be treated as a potential medical emergency?

When a friend sent the 84-minute documentary to Safarik in February, she said it was "eye-opening experience" for her. Newly pregnant with her second child made watching the film even more powerful and emotional for her.

"I knew after my daughter was born I wanted to do the (next) birth differently," said Safarik. From the get-go, Safarik and her husband have been advocates of natural childbirth. When she went into labor she had a birthing plan to have a natural childbirth with no intervention. However, when she was in labor too long, the doctors intervened and performed a caesarian section.

"Although I was happy to have a healthy newborn, I felt I was cheated out of the birth experience," says Safarik. Her daughter is now three.

She says the process of birthing a baby changes a woman and a lot of women don't know "how beautiful the process can be." The film really moved her and propelled her to action as she put together "The Business of Being Born" viewing to educate others on the choice they have when it comes to a baby's birth, said Safarik.

The viewing night will also include an informal question and answer session with a local midwife.

"I hope all types of women and their significant others come out to see the movie — if they have baby, are pregnant or are planning to have a baby. It's another point of view to consider," said Safarik.

She describes there is a spectrum of women with varying opinions on childbirth. On one end there are those who want to schedule a caesarian section for medical or personal reasons, on the other end there are those mothers who want to give birth at home, and then in the middle (where the vast majority lie) who don't realize there are other viable options outside of a hospital birth.

"There are a huge number of women who don't have the information. They go to their OB/GYN and trust them as an authority," said Safarik, adding many women heed the advice of their doctor and don't research all their options, like having a midwife oversee a home birth.

"It's about taking responsibility for birthing your own child, but it's also about having the confidence to face intimidating health care providers. It's hard to say to your doctor, "but why (do we have to do it that way)? It's about being confident enough to question…why can't you have a baby without drugs?"

The documentary has caused controversy across the US, provoking responses from the American Medical Association (AMA) and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) contesting what the documentary portrays as the benefits of a home birth.

"The safest setting for labor, delivery, and the immediate postpartum period is in the hospital," or a similar accredited birthing center, read a statement released by the AMA.

The seating is limited, so interested residents are asked to RSVP with info@mamasmove.com or call 781-616-6244. Tickets are $10 at the door and all proceeds with benefit The Coalition for Improving Maternity Services.

"Women's bodies were created to have babies. (Women) are the end all authority on who know how to have a child," Safarik says.

If you go...

- Who: "Anyone even thinking about having a baby," says Safarik..
- When: Thursday, August 14, 7p.m.
- Where: Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Cohasset, Mass.
- Tickets: $10 at the door, proceeds benefit The Coalition for Improving Maternity Services.
- RSVP: to info@mamasmove.com or call 781-616-6244. Space is limited.

Elder Affairs eyes new home

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zations and town officials in town to get a feeling where they stand.

"Our purpose here is to give you a heads up on what we are thinking and we're looking for you to give us some direction and encouragement," said Nedrow.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said there needed to be some financial analysis of the options.

"Wee need to see the numbers," said Dormitzer, explaining there could be other obstacles beyond funding, including town sewer capacity. Nedrow said that was the next step, but they didn't want to get too far ahead of themselves. Dormitzer also mentioned the possibility of the apartment tenants being disturbed by noise generated by the evening recreation programs.

Selectman Karen Quigley said there was a need in town for a larger senior center and a need for affordable housing.

"Many other towns have more advanced senior center," said Selectman Paul Carlson, citing Hingham's senior center as an example. "This is something Cohasset needs."

Nedrow said there wasn't enough being devoted to the town's aging population — the elder services budget makes up less than one percent of the town's budget (in fiscal 2008, $194,229). Currently, $14,000 of that budget pays the rent at the Senior Center, so moving to a town owned building could ultimately be a cost-saver for the town.

"The wave of the future is intergenerational buildings with affordable housing," said Elworthy.

Selectman Fred Koed said he was in favor of an expanded senior center and affordable housing, but wanted to make sure the town was maximizing that piece of property.

"I want to be sure we have all the pieces together," said Koed.

From the audience, School Committee liaison to Elder Affairs Adrienne MacCarthy said the town and its residents needed to recognize the need for a new Senior Center.

"I'm not sure the community knows how desperately the need is for the seniors to have a center…as a town we need to lead and tell the residents what we need. There needs to be a sense of leadership saying this is a priority. I'd just like to pass that along and ask for your support," said MacCarthy.

Chairman Ted Carr asked the representatives from the Elder Affairs to continue looking into the feasibility of the project and keep the Selectmen informed.

"Every good plan has to start somewhere," said Carr.

A growing department

As part of an on-going effort by the Board of Selectmen to get to know how the different department of the town operate, they have asked each department head to come before them this summer.

Linda Elworthy, who just began her third year as Director of Elder Affairs, gave the Selectmen a brief overview of the year that was for the busy senior center.

One of the areas Elder Affairs really sees growth in is the demand for van service. Seniors call on the transportation vans to take them food shopping, medical appointments, hair appointment and lunch at the senior center.

"We are getting more and more requests for trips. The demand is really growing," said Elworthy. With more residents becoming "seniors," Elworthy says they have to continually re-invent themselves to be relevant to the younger seniors.

In the past year, Elder Affairs has focused on expanding their community education. Together with the Social Service League of Cohasset, they put on a three-session "Caring for the Caregivers" seminar. They offered an additional 20 workshops at lunch or in the evening focused on a wide variety of subjects of concern and interest to seniors in the community, including health issues, financial planning, legal issues (power of attorney, wills, and protecting assets) and mature driving. They sponsored two intergenerational programs pairing up the seniors with Deer Hill fourth graders.

Elworthy is continually surprised and grateful for the hundreds of volunteers who devote countless hours to Elder Affairs.

"There's a wonderful spirit in this community," said Elworthy.

Willing to share

For the past few years, the Teen Center has been used primarily on Friday night and Saturdays for monthly dances and birthday party rentals. With newly appointed Recreation Director Ted Carroll on more he immediately saw the untapped potential of the Teen Center.

"I do plan on using the Teen Center a good deal more," said Carroll in a phone interview. Running more classes, like a technology class, a fencing class and CPR, is just part of his plan. He hopes to transform the garage into a more welcoming "Rec Center" for all ages and drive more birthday rentals.

Yet, he has been talking to the Board of Directors at the Elder Affairs about the possibility of sharing the Teen Center space.

"I think we could co-exist in the space," said Carroll offering the option on having the seniors use the space in the morning and running recreation classes in the late afternoon and evening.

Elder Affairs by the numbers

Population breakdown

- 7633 residents of Cohasset
- 1651 residents over age 60 (21.62 percent)
- 300 residents over 80 (3.93 percent)

From July 2007 through June 2008

- 649 seniors aided by Elder Affairs
- 3216 meals served to elders
- 4721 rides given to seniors
- 20 lunchtime or evening workshops given on senior issues

Volunteers

- 291 volunteers
- 7304.5 annual volunteer hours served
- $107,925.99 amount needed if volunteers were paid

Historical Society lecture on pre-historic Cohasset

FROM SOCIETY, PAGE 1

records, who donated them, where they were found and his best guess at what they were used for," said Nunn. "That type of information is lost in most places, so (the town) owes him a lot o credit."

Nunn referred to Bigelow's chapter on the "The Aborigines" often in the course of his research.

Nunn will speak about the four time periods for Native people in New England. He'll talk about what they ate 10,000 years ago, how there were hardly any humans in this area for nearly 2000 years and the "quantum leap" pottery was for the Native Americans.

What Nunn believes is the oldest artifact in the collection dates back perhaps as far as 6000 years ago, from the early to middle archaic time period based on it being similar to firmly dated projectile tools. In addition to the many projectile points (some used as arrowheads, others at the end of spears and still others used at the end of atlatls, a spear thrower) there are other Native American tools. A medicine stone, fishing weights, hammer stones, an axe are also part of the collection.

Nunn will offer some insight into what life was like for the Cohasset natives' lives were like. "I think the Conohasset had a pretty good lifestyle. They had plenty to eat and plenty of resources at the hands. Coastal Indians has a lot going for them."

Nunn will also discuss how the Native Americans made their tools and the different type of stones they used. Quartz and rhyolite (from the Blue Hills) were found in many of the projectile points. Flint, commonly found in what is now Pennsylvania, would have been a valuable stone used in trading.

"People should come to hear about pre-history of New England Indians who were here for 12,000 years before white people. They'll find out about climatic upheavals, prehistoric tools and lots of stuff about the local area they probably didn't know about," said Nunn.

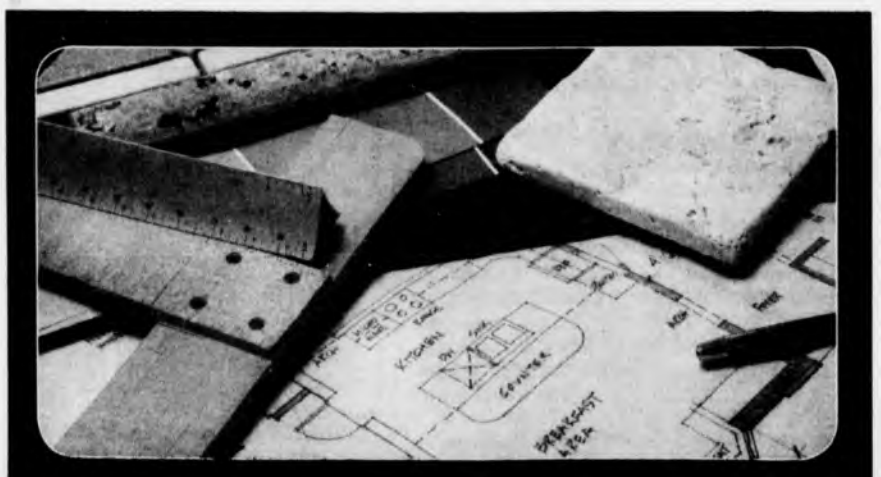
Nunn encourages residents to bring any artifacts they may have at home to the event and share his archeology knowledge to determine what it is and when in history it was used.

Information on the Conahasset

- Were Algonquin language speakers.
- Part of the larger Massachusog and Wampanog tribes.
- Patri-lineal and had male chiefs called Sachems.
- Had a mixed economy of horticulture based on corn, beans and squash (about 70 percent) and on hunting, fishing and wild food gathering (30 percent).
- Seasonal use of coast for growing crops and use of shellfish, lobster and fish.
- Winter camps were inland away from the coastal winds where they hunted deer and turkey in the forest and used white oak acorns and stored corn for winter food.

If you go...

- What: Lecture by Professor Ronald Nunn, "The Pre-History of New England and the Conohasset Indians."
- When: Wednesday, Aug. 13, 7p.m., Light refreshments; 7:30p.m. Program begins.
- Where: Pratt Building (Historical Society headquarters), 106 S. Main St.
- Tickets: Admission is free, donations appreciated.
- What to bring: Your own artifacts for dating.

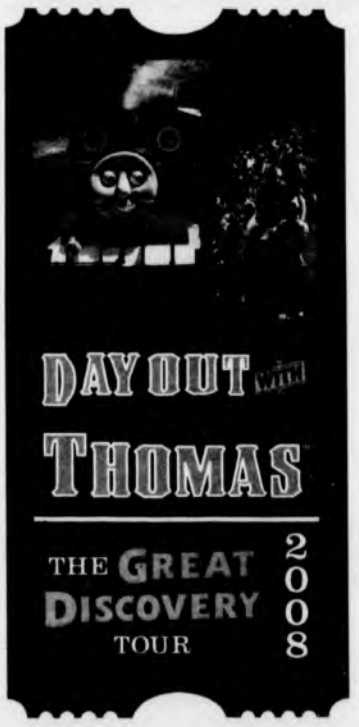


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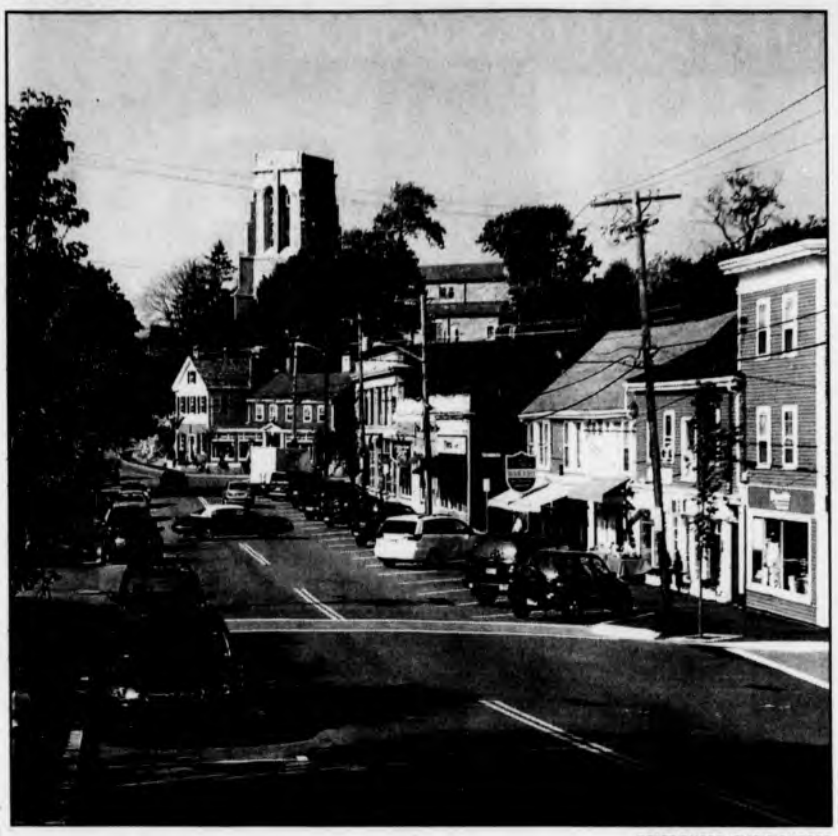
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UPDATE



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The Planning Board is holding a public hearing on the Design Guidelines for the Village Business District on Monday, Aug. 11 beginning at 7:45p.m.

Village design guidelines public hearing Monday

Like any town center, it seems everyone has an opinion about the Village. Its old New England charm, its quirky nature and small town make it a place for residents to meet, shop and go about their daily lives. For the past few years, the stagnant nature of the village as far as development made the somewhat restrictive zoning bylaws come up time and time again. Here's a look at where we've been and what's left to do when it comes to zoning and development in the village.

The Past

Last summer and fall, multiple public meetings and workshops were held to hammer out a set of zoning bylaw changes for the village business district. The village business district roughly includes the former Carousel Antique building, Smith Place, Depot Court and Main Street down to the Red Lion Inn. It is home to roughly 50 businesses.

The vision that came along with the village bylaw amendments, which passed muster with voters at the 2007 Special Town Meeting, was to create a framework where a mixed-use (retail and residential), pedestrian friendly and economically stable business center. The Planning Board wanted to encourage growth and development in a good way by keeping the charm of the village while maximizing its potential.

The Present

With the village zoning bylaws amendments in the books, there are still some loose ends to tie up. A part of the zoning bylaw calls for a set of "design guidelines" to complement the recent bylaw changes. With the help of its consultant, Angus Jennings of Concord Square Development, the Planning Board has drafted the design guidelines this summer.

A preliminary reading of the draft design guidelines was held in early July. The design guidelines work together with the zoning bylaws and give a clear picture to potential applicants what is expected out of a project. A set of guiding principles, much like vision statements, guide the much more specific requirements on structure and landscaping.

The guidelines cover items such as rooflines, building materials, textures and colors, sidewalks, lighting, parking, screening and signage, to name a few. The document is only applicable to property within the Village Business District.

The Future

The Planning Board is holding a public hearing on the Design Guidelines for the Village Business District on Monday, Aug. 11 at 7:45p.m.

Copies of the proposed Design Guidelines to be considered at the public hearing are available in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall.

Any member of the public, whether they are village property owners, business owners or interested citizens, are encourage to share their viewpoint on the design guidelines. The public is encouraged to comment on the design guidelines either at the meeting or by submitting comments in writing to the Planning Board office.

Because the design guidelines do not have to go before Town Meeting, the public hearing will likely be one of the last chances for residents to comment on the design guidelines before they become Planning Board regulation.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard on the application should submit any comments in writing to the Planning Board, Town Hall, Cohasset, MA 02025, or should appear at the public hearing.

— Nancy White

ON-LINE POLL RESULTS

What should the town do about the old portion of Town Hall?

Plans are in the works to restore and renovate the old portion of Town Hall that currently houses the auditorium and a handful of town offices. The town's architectural consultants for the future renovation have drafted two options for the town to consider. Both options will update the utilities in the building, but a major difference exists between the two design plans. "Scheme A" leaves the town hall configured much the same, while "Scheme B" would return the town hall to its original configuration with the auditorium on the second floor and town offices on the first. The Board of Selectmen have supported in spirit Scheme B.

Preliminary estimates are $3.2 million to leave the general building configuration the same (scheme A) and $4.4 million to change it (scheme B). What should the town do about the old portion of Town Hall?

As of yesterday morning (Thursday) 88 visitors to www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset had cast their votes.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

Plans are in the works to renovate the old section of Town Hall.

- "Scheme A." Renovate and restore the old portion town hall but leave the configuration the same. ..... **22 votes**
- "Scheme B." Change the configuration to the auditorium on the second floor and town offices on the first. ..... **31 votes**
- Both options are too costly for the town. ..... **16 votes**
- Undecided. Let's wait and see what kind of grants and other funding sources the town can get. ..... **19 votes**

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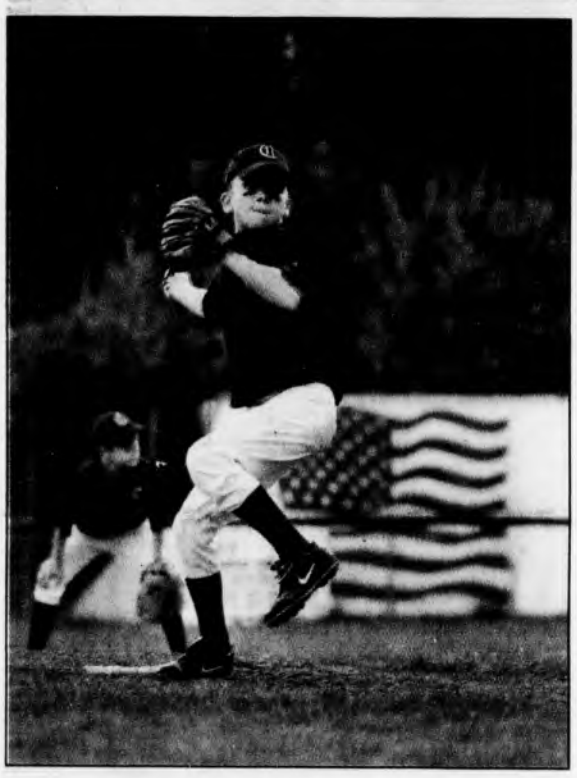
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(Above) Coaches Ken Greer, Greg Ferreira, Paul Sullivan and players Jack MacMillan, Sam Montgomery, Will Thomas, Will Greer, Patrick Slater, Hank Waters, Cal Osten, Kyle Ferreira, Will Englander, Sam Sullivan, Jackson Roberts, Luca Curatola and Jack Mahoney make up the Friendly League champs. Pictured above is the team with their trophies after ousting previously unbeaten Abington.

(Left) Who says pitchers don't need eye black? Will Greer is the face of determination on the mound for the Friendly League champs.

(Right) Cal Osten looks like a mini (right-handed) Big Papi for the Friendly League champs.

If the shoe fits

8-year olds turning into Cohasset's own Cinderella story

By Joel Racicot
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After going 1-7 in the regular season this group continues to defy the odds.

Anybody finding any glass slippers around Cohasset just hold onto them for a couple days. The 8-year old all-stars from the Friendly League don't want to mess with their karma right now. They are on their way to the ball, or, ahem, the ball is rolling their way.

After winning only one regular season game, this group of Cohasset's favorite sons has put together a remarkable run in the playoffs. Beating Hingham, Kingston and Plymouth en route to a 4-3 league championship against Abington.

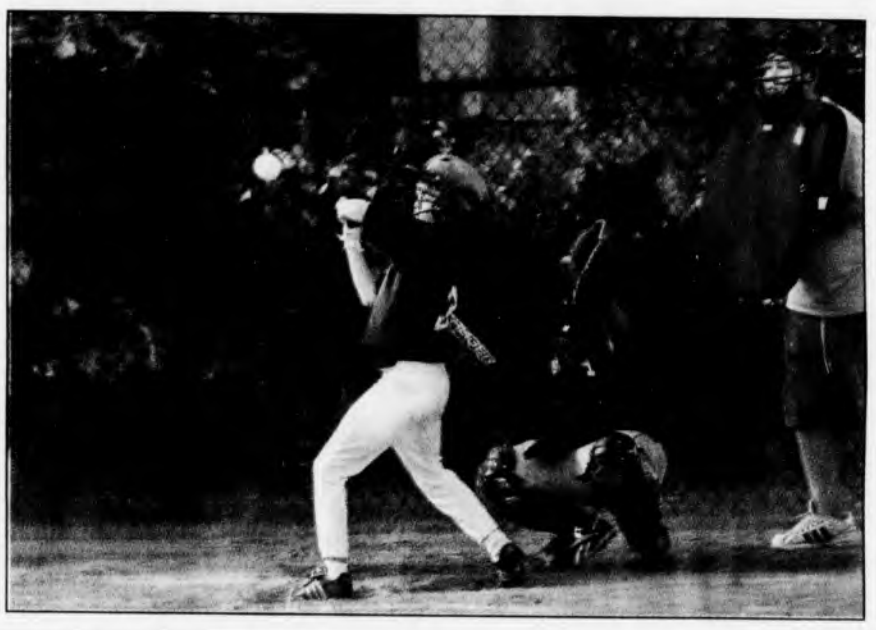
After going 1-7 in the regular season this group continues to defy the odds. After beating Abington the boys moved onto the Friendly League divisional playoffs where they played Parkview for a shot at the divisional championship. They won 5-1, Tuesday night.

"Losing seven of eight regular season games, it would have been easy for these kids to walk away and lose their focus and drive to play the game of baseball," said assistant coach Ken Greer. "But these kids did not. They showed up every game with a great attitude, ready to play and it showed in the playoffs…the town of Cohasset should be very proud of these kids. They were great."

Abington beat Cohasset 16-3 earlier in the year and came into the title game unbeaten. Parkview, who along with Cohasset and Quincy won its division, is sending its 12 and under team deep in the New England Regional for the Little League World Series. Their 8-year old team is also very good.

Abington earned a spot in the divisional playoffs with a wild card and beat Quincy, setting up another championship rematch. The winner of the Cohasset, Abington divisional title game, Thursday night, passed *Cohasset Mariner* deadline, plays in the state Friendly League title game, Saturday.

"You couldn't see bigger smiles on their faces," Greer said.



Baseball team wins 2008 Pembroke Invitational

Solid team play propels Cohasset 9-A boys to title

Within 24-hours of naming the eleven players to Cohasset's 9-A Summer Travel Baseball team, which included Joe Cavanaro, Timmy Chase, Michael Cohen, Taggert Eymer, Owen Gideon-Murphy, John Harzich, Kyle O'Brien, Liam O'Connell, Ben Rice, Alexander Schubert, and Dan Varney, coaches Dan Rice and Dan Varney began the groundwork to prepare their boys for a whirlwind of high level baseball.

That included 27 games in 43 days and featured competitive play in the talented Suburban League; Sandwich Summer Tournament and the Pembroke Invitational Tournament. After the dust of the infield settled, these boys ended up posting a 22-5 record that included an undefeated 6-0 run in the 2008 Pembroke Invitational with victories over teams from Whitman, Pembroke, South Boston, East Bridgewater and Plymouth.

Coach Rice scheduled skill clinics with Cohasset resident and high school standout Tommy Chase to give the team an opportunity to learn some tools of the trade. Chase spent weekday afternoons teaching the boys some of the finer facets of the game, such as middle infield play, outfield positioning, and one-on-one hitting instruction. The clinics proved to be extremely beneficial to these young players, as they would immediately put their skills to use in real-game situations. And, these skills were never more apparent than at the Pembroke Tournament, where the team continuously produced at the plate; in the field; and on the mound.

After winning their first four contests over the weekend, the team ended the regular portion play as the No. 1 seed heading into the Final Four Championship Series between East Bridgewater, Cohasset; and Whitman vs. Plymouth.

Cohasset came out firing against East Bridgewater to score six runs in the first inning with big hits throughout the lineup, including an in-the-park homerun by Ben Rice. They never looked back, defeating East Bridgewater 9-3 and Plymouth 10-0 for the title.

Rice delivered some punishing swings to send the ball deep in the championship series and caught in both winning contests earning game ball honors against East Bridgewater. Kyle O'Brien kept his hot bat alive with multiple hits and great play at first base. Liam O'Connell saw likely the most defensive action at second base and played flawlessly to keep both teams from reaching base. Timmy Chase turned his share of plays at shortstop, consistently produced at the plate and pitched a six inning shutout in the championship match to earn "game (and tournament) ball."

Owen Gideon-Murphy made the most spirit-deflating play of the tourney when he snagged a missile at third base on its way to the outfield to stifle an East Bridgewater comeback. Joe Cavanaro struck the ball well all tournament at the clean-up spot to consistently drive-in runs and land himself on a base to keep drives alive.

Zander Schubert played well at centerfield; pitched well; and hit well (from both sides of the plate). Taggert Eymer had his share of solid hits over the infield to drive in timely runs and played solid outfield. John Harzich fought off illness all tourney to help his team fight to the end and make the outs when needed most.

Michael Cohen pitched a gem against East Bridgewater and hit an enormous triple against Plymouth to put the championship in sight for his boys. And the man who always plays well beyond his size is big-play Dan Varney who defies any team to keep him off base.



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The Cohasset 9-year old tourney champs.

COASTAL NISSAN salutes the South Shore Athlete of the Month

Thayer Academy incoming freshman Juliana Melchionda won a pair of gold medals for diving at the Bay State Summer Games last month at Harvard University. Just last weekend, Melchionda competed at the diving AAU Nationals in Florida and finished sixth.

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Name: Jamie Rudin
School: Holbrook
Grade: Senior
Position: Outfield
Stats: In addition to playing the outfield, Rudin went 7-0 from the mound for the Bulldogs this season. Offesnively, he swung a big bat, hitting .485 with two homers and 21 RBIs on the season. Four year starter at the varsity level for the Bulldogs.



Name: Brett Julian
School: Weymouth
Grade: Junior
Position: Outfield
Stats: He logged some time in the field, but Julian was most at home on the mound this season, pitching his way to a 4-3 record and an ERA of 1.83. Hit .365 on the season with a homer and 12 RBIs for the Wildcats. Pitched his way to a gold medal at the Bay State Games as part of this year's Southeastern team. Also plays for Weymouth Legion.



Name: Pat Laffin
School: Norwell
Grade: Senior
Position: Outfield
Stats: A top centerfielder in the South Shore League, Laffin was named as a two-time league all-star. Batted .333 had 1 home run and 15 RBI, leading the Clippers into the tournament. "As tough as Pat's bat is to replace, his defense may be tougher," Norwell head coach Tom Jacobs said during the season.



Name: Jared DePatto
School: Marshfield
Grade: Senior
Position: Shortstop
Stats: The MVP of his team this season, DePatto was an on-base regular. The senior captain hit .467, had an on-base percentage of .880 and slugging percentage of .883. Also drew an MHS record 22 walks and led the Atlantic Coast League with five homeruns. Has led his own team in homers for the last two seasons. Also defensively sound, DePatto made only a trio of errors in the infield. Will play baseball at American International College.



Name: Jack Hocking
School: Hanover
Grade: Senior
Position: Second Base
Stats: One of the best overall athletes on the Hanover squad, Hocking was a solid performer on the Indians' diamond again this season. Was among the top hitters on the team and in the league, finishing the spring with a .408 average. Also quarterbacked the HHS football team for two seasons.



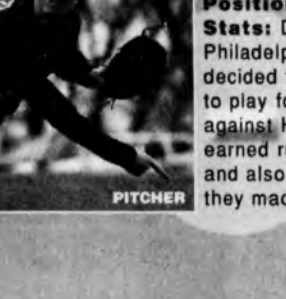
Name: Brendan Doonan
School: Cohasset
Grade: Sophomore
Position: Third Base
Stats: Batted .470 with one home run, 22 runs, 19 RBI and 17 stolen bases as the Skippers took their first South Shore League title in over 40 years. The SSL all-star played for the Cohasset/Scituate Legion baseball team during the summer, helping Post 118 make the playoffs. A varsity hockey and football player, Doonan should be a star for CHS for some time.



Name: Blaine O'Brien
School: Scituate
Grade: Senior
Position: Pitcher
Stats: Drafted in the 34th round by the Philadelphia Phillies in the MLB Draft, O'Brien decided to head to the University of Georgia to play for the Bulldogs. Threw no-hitters against Hull and Norwell and allowed one earned run in 56 innings. Played first base and also batted clean-up for the Sailors as they made a nice run in the tournament.



Name: Phil Sciretta
School: Duxbury
Grade: Freshman
Position: First Base
Stats: This talented newcomer made an immediate impact on the Duxbury squad, leading his team with a .439 batting average. This placed the Patriot League All-star among the top five hitters in the league. Also a talented first baseman, Sciretta rarely made mistakes in the infield for the 12-9 Green Dragons.



Name: Richie Ring
School: Holbrook
Grade: Senior
Position: Catcher
Stats: The Bulldogs' catcher was the cornerstone of the Holbrook defense, catching every game over the past two seasons. The team's leadoff hitter, Ring capped off his high school career by batting over .400 to help carry Holbrook to the opening round of the Division 3 South Sectionals. Played ball this summer with Holbrook Legion.

THE BEST OF THE REST

Name: Mike Buckley **School:** Braintree **Grade:** **Position:** Pitcher	**Name:** Brian Hill **School:** Cohasset **Grade:** Senior **Position:** Pitcher	**Name:** Josh Sullivan **School:** Rockland **Grade:** Senior **Position:** Pitcher/Second base	**Name:** Brett Bartlett **School:** Duxbury **Grade:** Senior **Position:** Pitcher/Infield	**Name:** Tommy Hayes **School:** Hanover **Grade:** Senior **Position:** Catcher
Name: Chris Amate **School:** Hanover **Grade:** Senior **Position:** Shortstop	**Name:** Steve Perakslis **School:** Abington **Grade:** Senior **Position:** Pitcher	**Name:** Jake McGuiggan **School:** Hingham **Grade:** Sophomore **Position:** Shortstop	**Name:** Kristian LaPointe **School:** Abington **Grade:** Sophomore **Position:** Second base	**Name:** Eric Haughn **School:** Pembroke **Grade:** Senior **Position:** Pitcher

HONORABLE MENTION

Zach Littman – Fr. – Pitcher – Abington
Shane DiBona – Jr. – Outfield – Duxbury
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Tyler Issadore – Sr. – Catcher – Hingham
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Jon Norris – Sr. – Infield – Weymouth
Pat Doonan – Sr. – Infield – Cohasset
Just Pugliese – Sr. – Infield – Pembroke
Kyle Pinkus – Sr. – Catcher – Cohasset
Dom Pomariello – Jr. – Infield – Norwell
Mike Verocchi – Jr. – Infield – Norwell

For more photos and statistics go to www.wickedlocal.com

Sports Notes

Cohasset Field Hockey Club

Anyone interested in playing on the Cohasset Field Hockey Club team and entering grades 6-8 this fall should plan on attending the registration session to be held Saturday August 23 at the town hall from 9-11 a.m. Registration forms and information will be available at the town hall for you to fill out and review. All applications require a check for $115.00 payable to Cohasset Field hockey Club and a signed registration form. All girls must be paid to play. If you cannot attend the registration date, you can mail in your forms to Beth Gilman, 62 Rust Way, Cohasset, MA. 02025. More information to come!

Coaching vacancies

Cohasset High School is looking for a junior varsity boys soccer coach as well as an athletic trainer.

Hingham Flag Football

Hingham Youth Football will be starting a flag football league beginning this September for boys and girls ages 5-13. There will be a walk-in registration day August 23 and online registration. If you would like to volunteer to coach or know anyone who would, please contact Drew Julian at drewjulian@comcast.net or 781-883-0300.

More information will be forthcoming for the 2008 Hingham Youth Flag Football program on the HYF website at http://www.hinghamyouthfootball.org/. Click on the link for "Flag Football". This program is open to **COHASSET** residents.

Host families needed for new area hockey team

The Boston Junior Rangers Hockey Club, a newly formed AAA Midget hockey team based out of the Bavis Ice Arena in Rockland, is looking for host families for several of their players. The team is made up of players from all over the United States. They will attend local area high schools while playing for the Junior Rangers.

The host, or billet, family concept is something of a hockey tradition, and is especially important at the Midget and Junior levels. By opening their homes to out-of-state or out-of-country players, host families provide an opportunity for these young men to pursue the next step in their developing hockey careers. Lasting relationships are formed between the players and their billet families, and the host home becomes a second home — and the host town, a second hometown — to the players.

"We're bringing in some of the best young hockey players in the country," said Head Coach and General Manager Bobby Kinsella. "These young men are leaving their homes to play with and against the best players in the country. They have aspirations to play in college and our job is to help get them there."

Kinsella came to the Junior Rangers from the Sioux City Musketeers, a Tier I Junior A hockey program in Sioux City, Iowa.

Billet families are considered a very important part of the Boston Junior Rangers Hockey Program and the team provides a monthly stipend is provide to all billet families. For more information, visit the team's Web site, www.jrrangers.com; or contact Kinsella by calling 781-982-7070 or e-mailing him at bobby@jrrangers.com.

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

JULIANA MELCHIONDA
BRAINTREE



Name: Juliana Melchionda
Family: Bob, Laurie, Anthony, Robert
Hobbies: Hanging out with friends.
Favorite athlete: Jacoby Ellsbury
Favorite athletic accomplishment: Placing sixth at Nationals last weekend.
Favorite subject: Math
Favorite teacher: Mr. Robarts
Favorite movie: The Dark Knight
Favorite food: Candy.

Nominees for the month of July are: Abington: Steve Perakslis; Braintree: Juliana Melchionda; Cohasset: Tommy Chase; Hanover: Kevin Lambert; Hingham: Kyle Morse; Marshfield: Chelsey Covitz; Norwell: Andrew Aizenstadt; Pembroke: Samantha Fallon; Rockland: Matt Hart Scituate: Rob Carlezon; Weymouth:Tom Deegan

The Costal Nissan South Shore Athlete of the Month for July is Braintree's Juliana Melchionda. The 14-year-old diver and incoming freshman at Thayer Academy won a pair of gold medals for diving at the Bay State Summer Games last month at Harvard University. Just last weekend, Melchionda competed at the diving AAU Nationals in Florida and finished sixth.

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Greg Moynahan Memorial Home Run Derby set for Aug. 16

Greg Moynahan Memorial Homerun Derby will take place Saturday, Aug. 16. at Scituate High School. The event is open to baseball players and fans of all ages.

A $15 donation, $20 day of event, will provide: a T-shirt; at least 10 swings to move onto the next round; barbecue at the high school. Featured will be a raffle with many prizes All proceeds will go toward maintenance of Greg Moynahan's memorial at Greenbush Field and scholarships awarded in his name to Scituate High School Senior.

There will be prizes for first and second place at each age level.

Age	Time	Field
9-10	10:30	Greenbush Field
11-12	12:30	Greenbush Field
13-14	10:30	HS JV Field
15-16	12:30	HS JV Field
17+	11	HS Varsity Field

Pitchers will be provided or participants can bring their own. Fences will be adjusted to accommodate age groups.

Send cash or a personal check made out to Greg Moynahan Memorial Fund, and mail to: Greg Moynahan Memorial Fund, 45 James Way, Scituate, MA 02066. For more information, email ricgill@hotmail.com.

Greg Moynahan was a baseball fan and a longtime umpire for Scituate Little League. This will be the fifth annual Homerun Derby.

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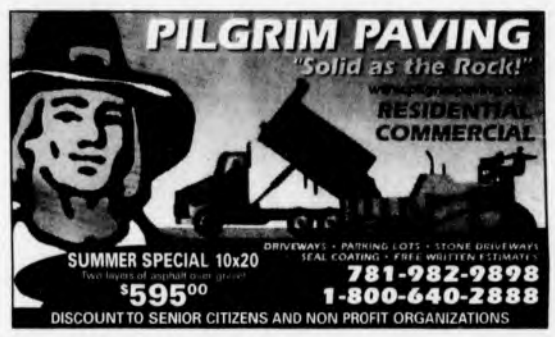
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

10:34 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check.

12:19 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports she needs a police officer because she is having a problem with her neighbor, this is a civil matter, units clear.

12:56 p.m. **Sohier St., and North Main St.**, trespassing, caller reports a large group of youths walking on the train tracks, only people in the area at this time are T employees.

1:28 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, lost property, walk in party reports losing her cell phone in the ocean yesterday.

2:44 p.m. **Mohawk Way**, fire, outside, caller reports she can hear crackling and see fire in the back of her house, unsure of exactly where its coming from, units report there is an outside fire construction crew is burning construction debris. Fire has been put out, units clear.

3:09 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a sick raccoon inside the garage.

5:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller reports a black Mercedes in the parking lot, the car alarm is going off and there is a dog locked in the car, caller says she has searched for the owner for about 20 minutes and hasn't found them yet. Officer reports the alarm is not going off at this time the sunroof and back windows are rolled down, the dog appears fine at this time.

THURSDAY, JULY 17

12:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Hingham PD reports erratic operation of a green Range Rover all over the road going through red lights.

12:57 a.m. **School Buildings**, building checks, officer reports all schools check ok.

6:35 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:09 a.m. **Beach St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a dead fox in the middle of the road, ACO notified.

9:03 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:13 a.m. **Summer St.**, vandalism report, caller reports a rock was thrown through her son's windshield last night and smashed it.

9:38 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, vandalism report, caller reports a few mailboxes at the end of the driveway were smashed last night he would like an officer to view the damage and take photos.

10:23 a.m. **South Main St.**, officer wanted, caller requesting to speak to an officer regarding a problem she is having with a former employer.

11:33 a.m. **Pond St., and Woodland Drive**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:45 a.m. **Border St.**, vandalism report.

1:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:19 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicle parked all over the grass in this area, officer reports vehicles tagged.

2:33 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, several callers reporting a little dog locked in a vehicle with the windows up, officer has located the vehicle, no answer at the phone number that is on the dog's tag. Owner has been located and reunited with the dog, officer reports top was up on the convertible and windows were barely cracked. ACO notified and will follow up.

2:51 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, officer wanted, caller reports a bunch of "For Sale" signs and other signs were thrown on her lawn last night.

3:02 p.m. **Surry Drive**, larceny, caller reports she would like to see an officer regarding her garage opener being stolen during all of the car breaks in the neighborhood.

3:12 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny, "For Sale" signs have been stolen from properties around town belonging to this agency.

3:13 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicle in the lot without parking permits.

4:18 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (returned), walk in party picked up a lawn mowing sign found earlier in the day.

5:51 p.m. Mutual aid – provided, transported SSH/BLS, Scituate Fire requests R3 for an elderly female that has fallen.

9:32 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious person, walk in party reports a suspicious male in his 50's, blue shirt, blonde hair, she reports the clerk was real quiet and when she left and got in her car she could see they both walked to the back of the store into the back room. Officer reports no problems at this time.

10:44 p.m. Well being check.

FRIDAY, JULY 18

12:59 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:20 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious vehicle, both vehicles parked in parking lot.

1:23 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, building checks.

1:24 a.m. **North Main St.**, building checks.

1:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, transport citizen.

1:41 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disturbance, 911 caller reports loud yelling.

6:40 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:22 a.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, walk in party reports he is missing his dog and thinks someone may have taken it.

9:41 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

10:14 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:51 a.m. **Pond St.**, parking complaint, caller would like vehicles moved from the fire lane, officer reports vehicles have been moved.

5:14 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, hazard, caller reports large hole in the ground was made by National Grid and is a hazard to cars and people. National Grid notified.

7:34 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, beach manager reports many cars parked without town stickers, officer report cars have stickers.

8:23 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, larceny, party came to headquarters to speak with officer about keys being stolen from his parked car.

10:56 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation.

SATURDAY, JULY 19

1:01 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

2:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:23 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:56 a.m. **Elm St.**, vandalism report, walk in party to report car was vandalized overnight.

12:12 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, callers report broken glass bottles in the north bound lane in front of Leo's Exxon. Officer reports they have removed the big pieces from the road, State will be notified to clean up the small remaining pieces. State has been notified and will be responding.

2:33 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports four vehicles parked "on his property."

2:58 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking enforcement, parking enforcement for Rocky Beach.

3:24 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, caller reports people jumping off the bridge, three jumpers removed from bridge.

5:29 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:28 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint.

8:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

9:22 p.m. **Sheldon Rd.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports two males arguing, then getting in vehicle and speeding off, possibly drunk. Area search negative.

9:34 p.m. **Nichols Rd., and Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, JULY 20

12:58 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:59 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:40 a.m. **Elm Ct.**, animal complaint, caller states his 2 yellow Labs are missing.

12:36 p.m. **Howard Gleason Rd.**, suspicious activity, detail officer reports a resident came up to him and reported a white van parked for 3 days with insulation on the windows and a note on the dashboard saying "I Love You Sweetheart." McBrien's notified to gain access to the vehicle. Officers have checked out the vehicle and everything appears ok. Dispatch did contact the family and they stated he is here visiting a resident and possibly went out on their boat for a few days. Harbormaster called stating the male party is living on the Cohasset resident's boat in the harbor, she will check his well being.

1:25 p.m. **School buildings**, building checks, officer reports all schools check ok.

1:40 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports clearing a group off the bridge.

2:58 p.m. **Church St.**, officer wanted, advised legal help, extra patrols requested.

3:02 p.m. **Black Horse Lane**, fire, investigation, 911 caller reports her water tank from her pool just exploded inside her cabana, power has been shut down to the pool shed, homeowner to make notification to pool company, all units clear.

4:23 p.m. **Hull St.**, mutual aid – provided, Hingham Fire requests mutual aid engine.

4:33 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint, found white Terrier.

8:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

MONDAY, JULY 21

12:11 a.m. **Bayberry Lane**, B&E (in progress) 911 caller states "there is someone in her basement." House checked. No one in the basement.

2:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

2:28 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

6:12 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:07 a.m. **HQ.**, property damage, there is a crack in the windshield of 883.

7:42 a.m. **Arrowwood Rd., and Clay Spring Rd.**, public service, Arrowwood Rd., and Clay Spring is impassable.

10:02 a.m. **First Parish Rd.**, mutual aid – provided, Scituate Fire requests R3 for a reaction to a bee sting. R3 transporting to South Shore Hospital/ALS.

10:04 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

10:33 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:52 a.m. **Elm Ct.**, animal complaint, caller reports he let his two yellow Labs out in the yard Saturday night and he hasn't seen them since.

11:08 a.m. **North Main St.**, downed tree, caller reports a large tree stump in the middle of the road. Officer reports the stump has been removed.

12:51 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Bound Brook Lane**, traffic enforcement.

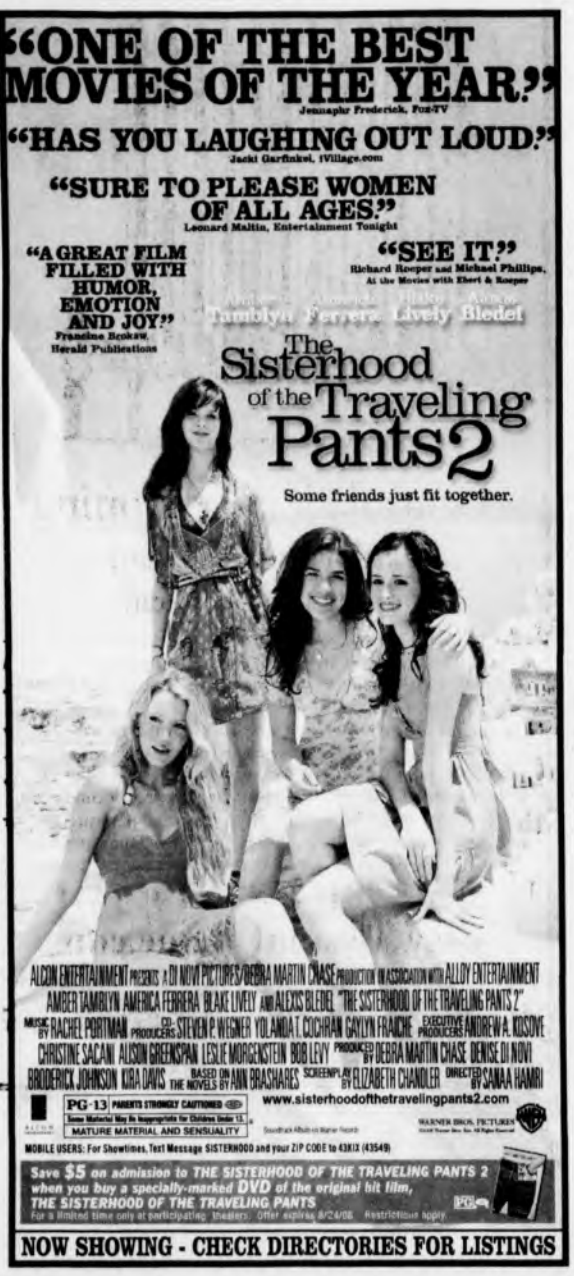
1:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports the telephone company is at her business because of a problem with her phone lines and the telephone worker is telling her someone has intentionally sliced all of the phone lines to her business and possibly other ones.

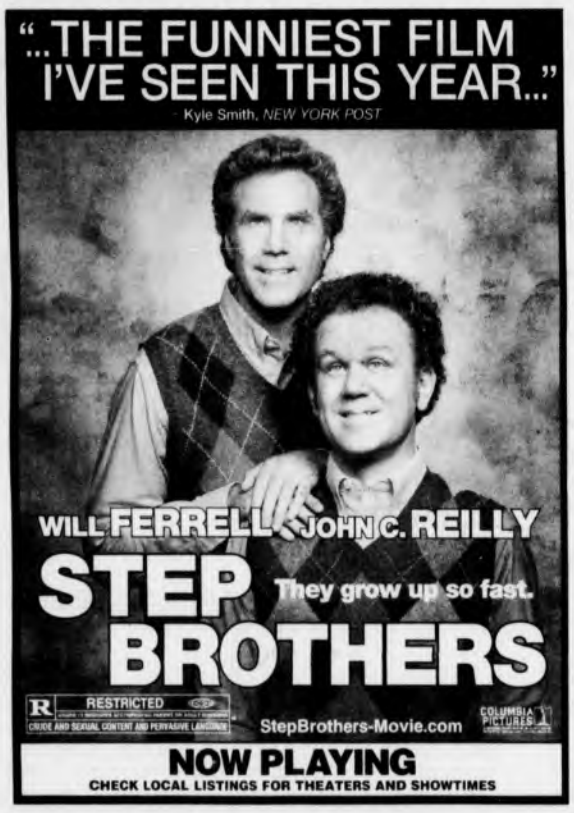
2:17 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious person, caller reports a vehicle just pulled in with IL. license plates and refused to leave, the caller is concerned mostly about the well being of the female who also has her three young children with her. Officer clear no services needed.

2:20 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, officer reports vehicle parked in front of this residence with his hazards on. Officer asked the male party if he was all set and he stated "yes I'm fine."

3:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports two male parties attempting to steal a lot of items from the store. Caller is reporting one male in the parking lot talking to the other male

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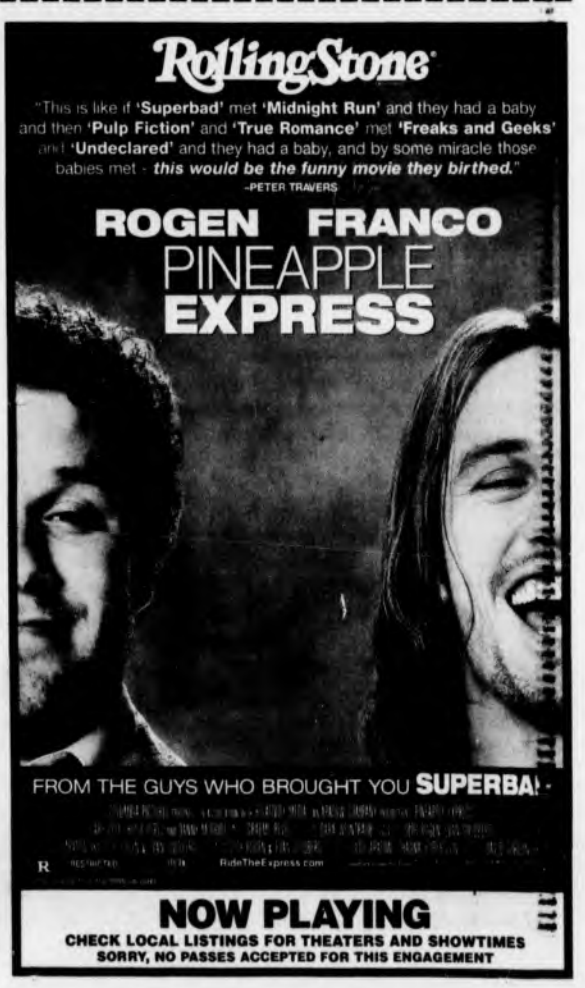












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still inside the store on his cell phone. Caller reporting the males have gotten into a green Jetta.

6 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:10 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Hillside Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:43 p.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:12 p.m. **Cedar St.**, assist citizen, employee reports an unknown car is parked next to hers, the kennel has been closed for some time and the car is still there. She is requesting an officer to watch her to her car. Owner of vehicle has been contacted. He parked there and went golfing. Officer reports owner of vehicle has been notified and was told not to park there again.

7:34 p.m. **Larson Terrace, Scituate**, mutual aid – provided, transported SSH/ALS.

8:37 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, traffic complaint, caller reports large construction truck blocking the street.

9:53 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, noise complaint, caller reports loud music being played by kids playing basketball. Officer reports music has been turned down.

10:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, JULY 22

12:56 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Jerusalem Road Drive**, suspicious person.

6:33 a.m. **South St., and Summer St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:54 a.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:53 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, vandalism report, walk in party reports a hood ornament broken off his vehicle sometime overnight.

10:56 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement.

11:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, traffic complaint, caller reports that the traffic lights at Route 3A and Pond Street are stuck on red. Officer reports traffic lights are working fine, no problem.

1:11 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party wants to report that he has located his license plate that he previously reported lost.

3:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, vehicle status revoked for insurance and operators license is pending revocation. A 19-year-old Acton man being summoned on charges: Uninsured motor vehicle.

3:35 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:16 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury.

6:22 p.m. **Woodland Drive**, well being check, caller reports she was talking on the phone to her sister when it disconnected, now when she calls all the phone does is ring. She would like an officer to check on her sister. Officer reports the cordless phone died, elderly party is fine.

8 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Lothrop Lane**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports he hit a pothole in the road and crashed his motorcycle.

11:13 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vehicle repossession.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

12:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

5:56 a.m. **Cedar St.**, vandalism report, caller reports a smashed stone wall, unknown if vandalism or unreported motor vehicle accident.

6:52 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, assist citizen, 911 caller asking about her friend, caller asked for "advice about taking care of her friend's cats, as she is a dog person." She was told that CPD is unable to give that kind of advice. She was also advised to call on the business line with any further questions of a non-emergency nature.

9:26 a.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, lost property, walk in party reports her license plate is missing, she is not sure if it has been stolen or lost.

10:58 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

12:25 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle in front of him keeps "bouncing off the curb and is all over the road." Vehicle was stopped and operator checked out ok, she was eating lunch while driving and has been verbally warned.

12:27 p.m. **Lower King St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

4:26 p.m. **Joy Pl.**, animal complaint, walk in party reports he was attacked by two large dogs three weeks ago, belonging to a woman that lives down the street from him.

8:22 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking, caller reports a black Volvo parked in front of a fire hydrant, the vehicle has been there for over an hour now.

8:36 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, a dog belonging to the listed party above running around loose.

8:47 p.m. **King St.**, disturbance, caller reports an employee has stolen money out of the register and is still in the store. Employee called and said that his boss believes he stole money, but it was money that he was owed. Employee was advised to return to the parking lot to speak with the officers.

8:51 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, notification, caller reports he drove over a metal plate in the road in the area of Jerusalem and Bow Street, the metal plate sliced his tire, caller is now at the Mobile Station on 3A requesting help from a wrecker. Caller will be filling out an accident report.

THURSDAY, JULY 24

12:22 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, noise complaint, caller reports there is a beeping noise, caller reports the beeping noise also occurred last night, she didn't report it. Officer reports out on foot – he can hear beeping noises, trying to locate where it is coming from. Officer unable to locate.

1:29 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:44 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

12:36 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, hazard (traffic), callers report the traffic lights are stuck.

1:30 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:38 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

5:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking complaint, owner of Country House Furniture reports a camper on a trailer has been parked behind his store all day. Owner was given permission to park.

10:07 p.m. **King St.**, fire (misc.), caller reports electrical wire down and smoking. National Grid notified.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

1:16 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

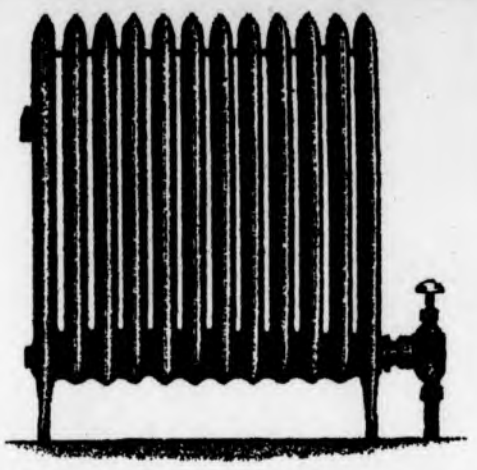
1:18 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

4:31 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, downed tree, caller delivers newspapers to above location, she reports there is a tree down in the driveway blocking vehicles form entering, contacted above location, they will have someone remove the tree.

8:41 a.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a black German Shepard hanging around the bakery.

9:53 a.m. **Elm St.**, check fraud, walk in party reports she had checks stolen from her pocketbook in Hanover and has filed a report with the Hanover Police. The party who stole the checks is cashing them at Rockland Trust in Cohasset.

10:19 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, notification, there will be a large dumpster temporarily placed in front of the above address.



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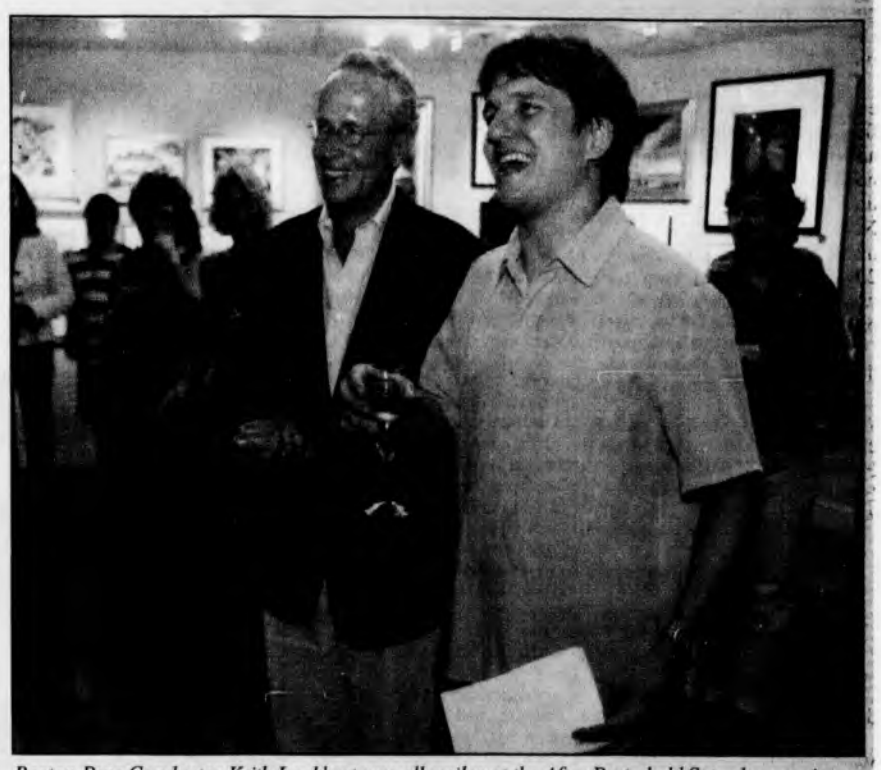
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A student from the Boston Conservatory sings during the "Bernstein On Broadway" tribute. Guest artists from the Conservatory were supported by a gift from Paul M. Verrochi of Cohasset.

Keith and company come to Cohasset



Boston Pops Conductor Keith Lockhart was all smiles at the After Party held Saturday evening at the South Shore Art Center. Here Keith is chatting with Tom Hamilton. The annual concert supports the Art Center.

Photos by Craig Goedecke



Film director Daniel Adams, center, poses with Bill Earon, left and Jennifer Willms, at the After Party at the Art Center. Adams auctioned off a walk-on role in his romantic comedy being filmed on the Cape.

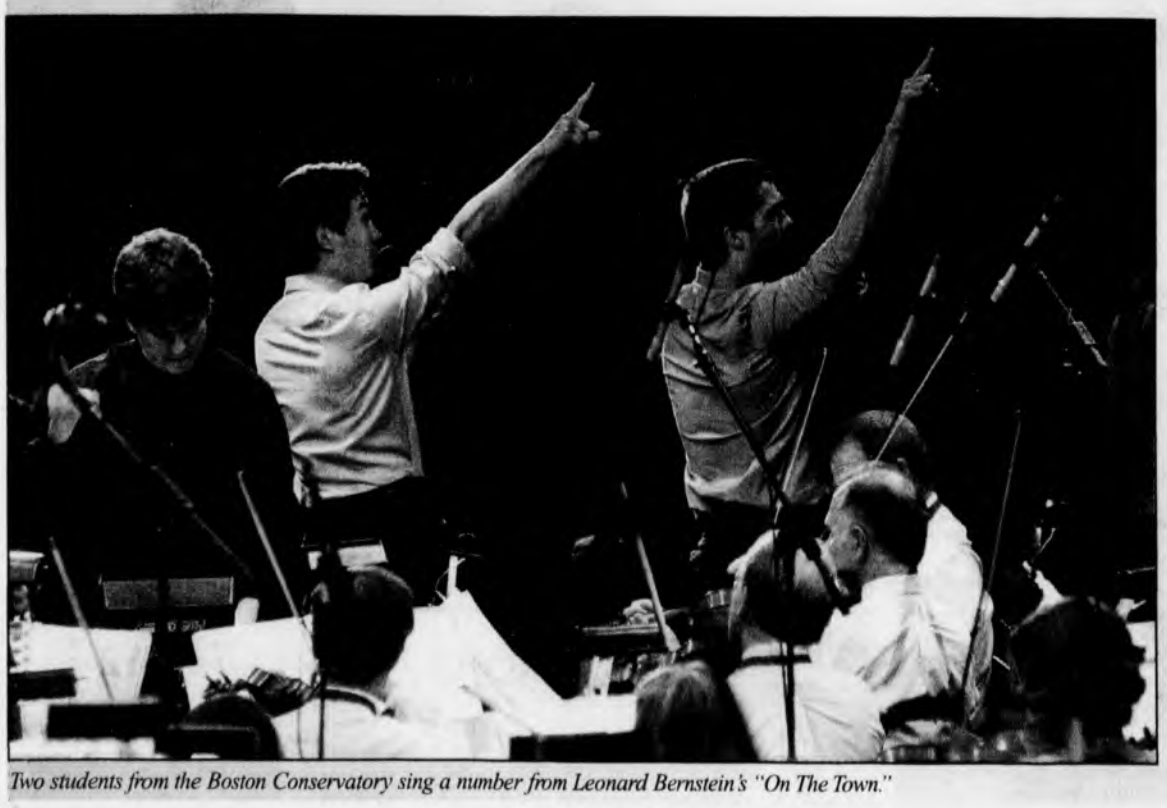


South Shore Arts Center's Diane Kennedy poses with Keith Lockhart, conductor of the Boston Pops, Saturday evening during the "before party." Along with Diane Kennedy and Keith Lockhart are Kennedy's mother, Carol Quinn of Norwood, and Kennedy's daughter Caroline, 14.



The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra takes a breather while conductor, Keith Lockhart, talks to the audience at the Music Circus. This year's show was a tribute to Leonard Bernstein.

Fifth year just as fabulous



Two students from the Boston Conservatory sing a number from Leonard Bernstein's "On The Town."



During the "After Party" a the South Shore Art Center, 93 year-old Mildred McCarthy of Braintree is thrilled to give Keith Lockhart a big hug following Saturday's concert.



Attending the Boston Pops Concert "Before Party," are Judy Neer, Bill Earon, and Tina Morse. The Before Party was held at the South Shore Music Circus.

OBITUARIES

Mildred P. Grinnell

Floral designer

Mildred P. "Tish" (Thomson) Grinnell, 86, a resident of Cohasset since 1957, died Aug. 1, 2008.

Mrs. Grinnell was born, raised and educated in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and graduated from Mills College in Oakland, Calif., with a degree in fine arts.

She was a floral designer who exhibited, taught and judged flower arranging at garden clubs and flower shows across the northeast. She held the distinction of winning top honors at the New England Flower Show for many years exhibiting last in 2005 at age 83. Mrs. Grinnell was also a longtime member and past president of Cohasset Garden Club, and was active in the community.

She leaves her husband of 65 years, James B. Grinnell; her children, Martha B. Grinnell of Hope, British Columbia, James B. Grinnell Jr. of Mattapoisett, Ann H. Grinnell of Kittery Point, Maine, Richard T. Grinnell of Scituate, Charles M. Grinnell of Groton and Matthew P. Grinnell of Merrimac; her sister, Madge McCririck of Vancouver, British Columbia; her grandchildren, Lucy, Geoffrey, Jody, Noel, Charlie, Lydia, Dean, Samuel, Emma, Margaret, Hannah and Sarah; and her great-grandchild, Miles.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset. Visiting hours omitted. Interment private. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Appalachian Fund, c/o Second Congregation Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

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John F. Greene

Retired Chief Magistrate of Boston Criminal Municipal Court

John F. Greene, 83, of Cohasset, died July 31, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Greene was a veteran of World War II and a graduate of English High School and Suffolk University in Boston. He was a member of the George H. Mealy Post #118 of Cohasset. He was a retired Clerk Magistrate of Boston Criminal Municipal Court.

Husband of the late Winifred (Arnold) Greene, he leaves his children, Maureen A. Greene and her husband, Francis J. Paradise Jr., of Cohasset, Michael J. Greene and his wife, Joyce Kirby, of South Natick and John F. Greene of Costa Rica; his brother, Edward Greene of Duxbury; and his grandchildren, Colleen, Michael, John, Derek and Caitlin.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset. Interment in Woodside Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Baystate Drive, Braintree, MA 02184.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

Recipes wanted for Veterans Cook

Cohasset's George H. Mealy Post 118 of the American Legion, along with the Sons of the American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary, are producing a cookbook titled "Veteran Cooks." Books will be available for sale at $12.95 on or about Oct. 1. All proceeds from the sale of the book and advertising will benefit the Christine Burke Scholarship Fund, which gives thousands of dollars to area high school seniors seeking higher education.

Favorite family recipes are welcome and wanted for the publication. Submission is free. They may be hand written and dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street or they can be submitted on line. To submit recipes on line, go to the Web site at typensave.com; log in; and enter contributor name as it should appear on the recipe. The group log in is post118 and the password is 383. All recipes must be submitted by Sept. 1.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

Our hearts go out to members and friends of the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation and the Westfield Unitarian Congregation in Knoxville, Tennessee in the wake of the violence of Sunday morning, July 27. Let us pray for the two individuals whose lives were lost and their families and friends. Let us pray for the person who was so tormented that he committed these violent acts. Let us pray that the love and compassionate justice of a loving and compassionately just God will prevail, as we welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Aug. 10

Summer Services

9 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – Led by Mark and Abigail Alves and family

Summer services are informal, child-friendly, lay-led, and followed by refreshments in the back of the Meeting House. We hope you'll join us!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset .org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset .org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

Our summer schedule differs from our September through mid June schedule that is outlined below.

SUMMER WORSHIP (through Aug. 31st) 8 a.m. informal service at the Sailing Club. 10 a.m. traditional service in the Chapel located at the rear of the building.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the **Reverend Margot Critchfield,**

If you are visiting from out of town or here for the summer, you are most welcome to join us this Sunday when we switch to our summer worship schedule, now through Aug. 24:

Sundays: 6:45 am at Sandy Beach (bring a lawn chair, no parking sticker needed) and at our Cohasset Village church at 8 am and 9:30 am.

Wednesdays: Eucharist with healing at 9:30 am.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

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An Alaska cruise brings adventure

Fran Golden
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA - I was "Born to be wild." Well, maybe not. But I can now say I've been on a hog - in Alaska.

Cruising Alaska - in this case on Holland America's 1,848-passenger Oosterdam - offers options beyond sedately seeing the truly awesome natural beauty of the 49th state. There's also the opportunity for adventure.

When I first signed up for the motorcycle shore excursion ($268 driver; $142 passenger) I had two thoughts: Man, that's a cool excursion for a cruise line to offer. And, boy I hope I get a hunky, leather-clad stud to cling to.

Guide Don Harford from Panhandle Motorcycle Adventures was indeed leather-clad - and a charming, 60-year-old grandfather. But if you're going to cling to someone at 55 mph on a Harley on the Tongass Highway, he's your man.

And cling I did, as we rode with a small group of fellow cruise passengers literally to the end of the road in Ketchikan, a fishing town (turned active cruise port) surrounded by water and forest.

The others were all experienced riders (and their experienced passengers) and were excited to add Alaska to the list of places they've ridden. We paused on our ride to enjoy views including scenic islands, bald eagles, the Tongass National Forest and American Indian totem poles. But the fast patches of highway - only about 17 miles in total - were, of course, the most fun.

I similarly skipped more sedate sights for adventure during our port call in Alaska's capital of Juneau, heading into the wild for a day of fly fishing ($399 per person). It was me and six fishermen and we all put on rubber waders before climbing onto one of two small floatplanes.

We thrillingly (and loudly) soared for 20 minutes high above forests and islands and turquoise water, snow-capped mountains nearly always in view - we passed Mendenhall Glacier, too - toward our isolated fishing spot, a stream called Chicken Creek, which meets the waters of Icy Strait on remote Chicagof Island.

After our smooth water landing, our guides, Zack and Jesse, let us know this was a place that has a larger population of brown bears - also known as grizzlies - than any place on Earth. They told us this as Zack loaded lead into a rifle, "just in case." We got a lesson on what to do if a bear appears, which included forming a tight group so the bear would think we're some sort of giant creature. "Never, never run," Jesse said, "the bear can run faster."

That warning aside we were anxious to fish. Those of us who needed a refresher course practiced our casting. The more experienced anglers tied on their flies and got to it. And it was only a few minutes before someone nabbed a couple-pound Dolly Varden (similar to an Arctic char). We were doing catch-and-release, as required by our one-day fishing licenses. Hours passed as we wandered upstream, carefully watching the incoming tide - I moved on whenever the cold water started to numb my thighs (the air temperature was warmer). I couldn't help keeping an eye on the nearby forest, just in case a bear should appear. None did. A lot of fish were caught but not by me. Still, I wouldn't have missed a minute of this day.



PHOTOS BY FRAN GOLDEN

Hubbard Glacier and the ice-filled Yakutat Bay were sights to behold. View is from Holland America's Oosterdam.

As I embraced the wild, my pal accompanying me on the cruise went off on another adventure shore excursion ($527 per person) that combined riding in a helicopter and landing on glaciers with a visit to a dogsled camp where teams of dogs led passengers and their guides on sled rides. He came back equally raving about his experience.

Alaska provides that kind of opportunity to try things you'd never do at home.

But even if you stay shipboard, you will quickly get the idea that this is one special place.

We spotted orca whales from our cabin balcony as soon as we hit the Inside Passage water, and later there were several sightings of whale spouts and dolphins.

With Alaska's glorious glaciers a big attraction, the Oosterdam spent a day cruising near Hubbard Glacier, where ice chunks, some the size of houses, floated in Yakutat Bay like so many ice cubes in an ice bowl, while the 76-mile tidewater glacier stretched before us in all its glory. It's a scene you will only find in Alaska.

Holland America operates eight ships in Alaska, May to September, on various itineraries. Cruises can be combined with land tours. One-week Alaska Explorer cruises are roundtrip from Seattle. Fares are from about $850. Some 250 shore excursions are available. For reservations, call your travel agent or visit www.hollandamerica.com.

Oosterdam Oasis

Of course, for some, a cruise is all about relaxing, and there are plenty of opportunities to do that on the Oosterdam. The ultimate spot is the Greenhouse Spa, where guests pay $40 a day ($150 for the week), to sooth in the jets of the large hydrotherapy pool and at the thermal suite with sauna, steam and heated, ocean-view mosaic beds (a great place to linger). Spa treatments are also available.

The ship's comfortable cabins provide a nice place to retreat as well - our deluxe cabin had a balcony and a bathtub, a cruise ship luxury. All the ship's cabins have niceties like chocolates on the pillow at night and fluffy bathrobes to keep you warm.

Those who want to get active shipboard can choose from such offerings as cooking demonstrations (free) and classes ($29) offered as part of Holland America's Culinary Arts Program in conjunction with Food & Wine magazine. There are also all the standard cruise ship activities - bingo, beauty seminars, wine tastings, contests and lessons in things like line dancing and towel folding. In the Oosterdam's casino you can learn to play Texas Hold 'Em, or pay $10 and work off calories in a Pilates class in the fitness center. Kids and teens are kept active in the Club HAL program - though this line gets mostly older adults, family reunions are popular.

At night, song-and-dance productions, performances by a magician and a comedian and a truly endearing show put on by the Indonesian crew members keep passengers well entertained.

There is, of course, a surplus of eating opportunities aboard the Oosterdam - including a midnight Chocolate Buffet one night. A culinary treat is the prime steak and seafood at The Pinnacle Grill ($20 for dinner, $10 for lunch).



The hydrotherapy pool at the Oosterdam's Greenhouse Spa was a nice place to unwind after a day of adventure.



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Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE WEEK OF
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A longtime situation starts to move into a new phase. The question for the uncertain Lamb right now is whether to move with it. Facts emerge by midmonth to help you decide.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A talent for organizing your priorities allows the Divine Bovine to enjoy a busy social life and not miss a beat in meeting all workplace and/or family commitments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) What began as a dubious undertaking has now become one of your favorite projects. Your enthusiasm for it rallies support from other doubters-turned-believers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Accept the help of friends to get you through an unexpectedly difficult situation. There'll be time enough later to investigate how all this could have happened so fast.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Change is a major factor for the Big Cat through midmonth. Be prepared to deal with it on a number of levels, including travel plans and workplace situations.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might not like all the changes that have begun to take place around you. But try to find something positive in at least some of them that you can put to good use.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family member's unsettling experience could create more problems if it's not handled with care and love. And who's the best one to offer all that? You, of course.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It might not be the right time for you to start a new venture. But it's a good time to start gathering facts and figures so you'll be set when the GO! sign lights up.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sagacious Sagittarius should have no trouble deciding between those who can and those who cannot be trusted to carry out a workplace commitment.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Surprise, surprise. It looks as if that one person you once thought you could never hope to win over to your side just might suddenly choose to join you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might have to set aside your pride for now and accept a change that isn't to your advantage. Cheer up. There'll be time later to turn this around in your favor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your creative self emerges as dominant through midmonth. This should help you restart that writing or arts project you've left on the shelf for far too long.

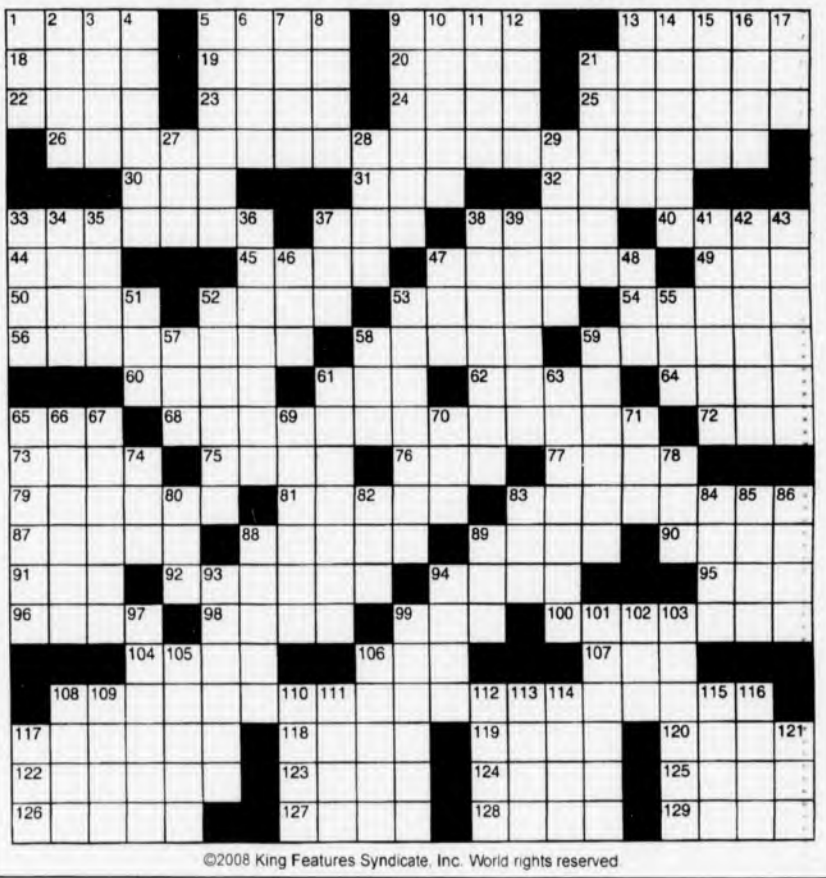
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BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of encouraging others by example to come out from the shadows and enjoy life to the fullest.

Crossword - Clones

ACROSS
1 News bit
5 Billboard
9 Request an encore
13 Flying Pan?
18 Praise passionately
19 Singer Guthrie
20 Top-notch
21 Pit
22 "— It Up" ('73 hit)
23 A roaring success?
24 Nary a soul
25 Actress Andress
26 Start of a remark by Laurence J. Peter
30 Unfashionable
31 Castilian cry
32 "— and shine!"
33 Part 2 of remark
37 "Golden Girl" McClanahan
38 Read quickly
40 Spellbound
44 Generation
45 McGregor of "Trainspotting"
47 Company
49 Hot off the press
50 Mirth
52 Tennis legend
53 Kanga's creator
54 Crafter's need
56 Anderson's "Tea and —"
58 Shucks
59 "Beagle" passenger
60 — Spumante
61 Lout
62 "State Fair" state
64 Etta of the comics
65 Commercials
68 Part 3 of remark
72 Actor Fernando
73 Learning method
75 Grant or Elwes
76 Youngster
77 Emulated Pinocchio
79 Winter wear
81 Milo of "Ulysses"
83 Malamutes and huskies
87 Poe crow
88 More owlish
89 Coat material
90 Singer Amos
91 Relished the rigatoni
92 Ullman or Gold
94 Flicka's foot
95 Chum
96 Harper of "Tender Mercies"
98 Adequate
99 Understanding
100 Part 4 of remark
104 Lug
106 Actress Zadora
107 TV's "Have — Will Travel"
108 End of remark
117 Infantry action
118 Cheeseboard choice
119 Landed
120 Bearing
122 Like Corn Belt soil
123 Congenial
124 — list
125 Beige
126 "The Threepenny Opera" star
127 Antlered animal
128 Out-of-this-world org.
129 Meat cut

DOWN
1 April initials
2 "Cheerio!"
3 Sinister
4 Wine variety
5 Greet the general
6 Rainbow goddess
7 Whipped-cream serving
8 Hendryx or Gaye
9 Wicked thing?
10 At large
11 — May Wong
12 Jury member
13 Knitting stitches
14 Less demanding
15 Part of Micronesia
16 Colleague of 101 Down
17 Rug type
21 Like a Vermont village
27 "What?"
28 It may be common
29 Rub out
33 Packs groceries
34 "The — Dachshund" ('66 film)
35 Swarm (with)
36 New York university
37 — Dawn Chong
38 Made mucky
39 Faultfinder
41 Response
42 Clothing category
43 Jacksonian bill
46 Kid's query
47 Hodges of baseball
48 Loser's locale
51 Antipollution grp.
52 Storm
53 Winter wear
55 Joan Van —
57 Lava particles
58 "Bali —"
59 '73 Elton John hit
61 Ancient epic
63 Prosperous
65 Genesis peak
66 Contribute
67 Ranges
69 Beethoven symphony
70 Air safety org.
71 Nugent or Knight
74 Poetic preposition
78 Banned pesticide
80 Picnic pest
82 "Yo!"
83 — Canals
84 Klutz's cry
85 Mardi —
86 Farm feature
88 Rouse
89 Finished first
93 Act like the Earth
94 "— Wave" ('63 hit)
97 Comic Kaye
99 "Trees" poet
101 Author Christie
102 Word with fruit or Stanley
103 Crown covering
105 Florida city
106 Locale
108 Knight time
109 Muscat's nation
110 Be inclined
111 Magnus or McClurg
112 "Laugh-In" name
113 Literary pseudonym
114 Pine for
115 Puerto —
116 Garr of "Mr. Mom"
117 "Silent" president
121 Sister



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Sudoku

	5		8					7
9					2		4	
		3	4	1		5		
		8			3			9
	6			5		8		
5			1				7	6
	3	6	9				2	
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R P N L J H F D A B D E Y X V
T R P O M K I R G W E D E P E
D B Z X N N G N W G R L U M L
T R Q E B E E T H O V E N A K
O N L L D R K S J G E V D C N
I L G F O U C Y U H E E Y D I
A C A D Y B Y X D E R D W V W
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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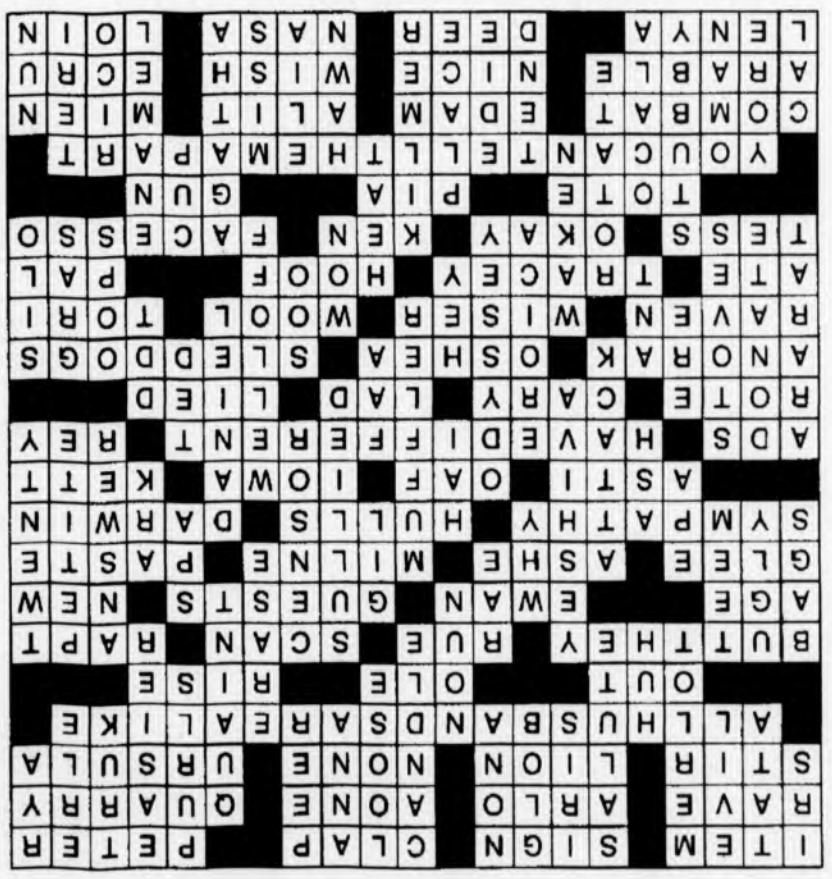
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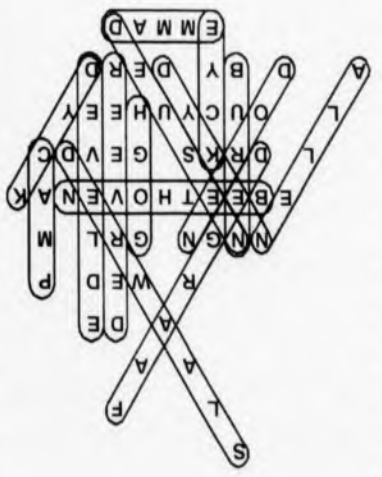
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Crossword Solution - Clones



Magic Solution - Van —: Surnames



Sudoku Solution

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6	7	3	4	8	1	2	9	5
4	1	8	9	5	2	7	6	3
9	5	2	3	6	7	8	1	4
2	9	5	7	1	4	3	8	6
8	4	6	2	3	5	1	7	9
7	3	1	6	9	8	4	5	2

TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

AUGUST 7-15, 2008



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Thursday, Aug. 7

The Wellness Community (TWC) at Pathways Center for Cancer Support will offer a program on **"Spirituality in Illness"** Thursday, Aug. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. A Newcomers Orientation is held every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required to attend Newcomers. To RSVP for **Spirituality in Illness** or to request further information, call 781-829-4823 or visit wellnesscommunity.org.

Registration is now taking place at The Art Complex Museum for **Yoga** from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Aug. 7 through 28. Cost for the four-week session is $36. Pre-registration is required at 781-934-6634.

Daniel Webster House, 238 Webster St., Marshfield, is open every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through September. Free and open to the public. Visit danielwebesterestate.org for a preview. The anniversary of the signing of the Webster-Ashburton Treaty, which set the border between Canada and the United States, is Aug. 9. It is hoped the public will come to the estate to learn more about Webster's heritage.

Summer Concert Series – All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. **Aug. 7, Legion Bud Band.**

The British Beer Company, Washington Street, Pembroke. Aug. 7, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blues Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Aug. 7, **Ten Foot Polecats: Blues Jam**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.

Friday, Aug. 8

Edaville USA, Route 58, Carver – **Jay Jay the Jet Plane** Aug. 8 through 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $18 ages 2 and over. Parking is free. Edaville.com 508-866-8190.

Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. **Casey Sherman**, author of "Black Dragon," will speak at 7 p.m., Aug. 8. Tickets are $10 per person, and reservations can be made by visiting the Web site at winslowhouse.org or calling 781-837-5753. Light refreshments will be served.

Market at the Harbor, an artisan, farmer and fish market featuring local goods and cultural experiences presented by Destination Community Development, Inc., takes place at HRBA Bayside Property, Nantasket Avenue, Hull, between Bay Street and Edgewater Road. Every Friday, rain or shine, through Oct. 17. Market times are 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Weekly events such as live music, cooking demonstrations, book signings and children's events are being added to the schedule daily.

Hull Lifesaving Museum, **1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull presents an *En Plein Air Workshop with artist John Marshall Dyke*** Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee: $30 member; $40 nonmember. Contact: Corinne Leung 781-925-5433, email info@hulllifesavingmuseum.org.

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The North End Tavern, 213 Standish St., Plymouth. Aug. 8, **Drift Away** 9:15 p.m. No cover. itsallnet.com.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Aug. 8, **The Paramounts.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.

Saturday, Aug. 9

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands is organizing a **lighthouse cruise** along the North Shore on Aug. 9. The boat leaves Long Wharf (closest T stop Aquarium, Blue Line) in downtown Boston at 10 a.m. and returns there at 3 p.m. After passing the lighthouses of Boston Harbor, you will get close-up views of the lighthouses at Hospital Point, Fort Pickering, Ten Pound Island, Marblehead, Gloucester Breakwater, Eastern Point and Bakers Island. The Twin Lights on Thacher Island will be our farthest destination. Throughout the day, experienced narrators will share the history and lore of these landmark beacons. Advance paid reservations are required, and must be made by 5 p.m. on Aug. 8. Cost: $55 for adults; $53 for seniors (65+), and $51 for Friends of the Boston Harbor Island members or children (under 12). Snack and beverage service available, or pack a picnic. Information: fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

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Country Line and Couples Dance at Taunton Elks, 119 High St., Taunton, **Aug. 9.** Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. with DJs Frankie & Marie. Dance 8 to 11:30 p.m. Dancing includes Line dancing and Couples: Two step, Waltz, East Coast and West Coast Swing, Pattern/Flow dances, Cha Cha, Nightclub 2, dance mixers and more! Potluck Refreshments, cash bar. $7. Over 100 dancers expected. Sponsored by Down East Dancers, Inc. 508-653-7937; 508-695-4548. downeastdancers.com.

Star Gazing and Perseid Meteor Showers Program, Aug. 9, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Learn more about shooting stars, which occur each August through hands on activities and crafts with naturalist Louise Beaudry. Astronomer and historian John Horrigan of Watertown will also present a slide show titled, "The Night the Stars Fell" which covers some of the greatest and historic meteor showers ever observed through the years. Afterwards, join them outside to star gaze and observe the constellations, stars, satellites, and other celestial objects including the planet Jupiter and its moons. You may observe some shooting stars from the upcoming Perseid Meteor Showers on Aug. 12. Also enjoy a campfire complete with s'mores and stories. Dress for the weather and bring insect repellent. This is a fun and educational program for families and children ages 5 and above. Pre-registration and prepayment requested. Cost: Members $10 per person with a maximum of $35 per family and non-members $13 per person with a maximum of $47 per family. Payment may be taken over the phone with a major credit card. Information: 781-659-2559 or visit ssnsc.org.



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From soap operas to Broadway

One-man show features many sides of Kevin Spirtas

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



Kevin Spirtas

Daytime television fans know actor Kevin Spirtas as the ambitious Dr. Craig Wesley on "Days of Our Lives" and, currently, as evil ambassador Jonas Chamberlain on "One Life to Live," but he's also an accomplished singer who has been seen on stage in "A Chorus Line" and "Hairspray" and backstage on Broadway where he was the standby for Hugh Jackman in "The Boy from Oz." It was those two sides of his career that inspired Spirtas to create "Night and Days," the nightclub act he will bring to Quincy's Inn at Bay Pointe on Wednesday, Aug. 13.

"This is a one-man show about my nights on Broadway and my days on 'Days of Our Lives,' and now 'One Life to Live'," explained Spirtas, 46, who earlier this year relocated to New York after being based in Los Angeles for many years. "I do some great standards and some wonderful Broadway music including songs from 'The Boy from Oz.'"

The Missouri-born Spirtas was a virtual newcomer to show business when he was cast in what was then Broadway's longest-running hit.

"I got a 'A Chorus Line' shortly after I first arrived in New York in the 1980s, but I didn't stay in New York too long that time around. There was such a hit to the theatrical community from AIDS and all the lives it claimed. Being in New York then, I always felt the ghosts of those losses to our community. New York just wasn't a comfortable place to be back then, so I moved to Los Angeles."

The move proved beneficial to Spirtas's burgeoning career. He was soon cast in a string of horror movies including "The Hills Have Eyes Part II" (1985), "Friday the 13th Part VII: The New Blood" (1988), "Bloodstone: Subspecies II" (1992), and "Bloodlust: Subspecies III."

"I have a joke in my act where I mention being the king of slasher film sequels, but there is some truth to it, too, which is fine by me. It doesn't bother me in the least when someone who remembers me from 'Friday the 13th Part VII' stops me on the street to talk about the movie. It's great to be recognized and it almost always feeds the other things I'm doing in my career."

Spirtas earned an additional, very loyal fan following on the long-running NBC-TV soap opera "Days of Our Lives," on which he played Dr. Craig Wesley from 1997 to 2003, with a brief return in 2005. It was during that visit to Salem, for the marriage of his character's daughter, that Spirtas introduced the song, "The Sweetest of Days and the Finest of Nights." A portion of the sales of each CD single on the song went directly to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina victims.

Realizing his days on "Days" were numbered, Spirtas accepted an offer to return to Broadway as standby for Hugh Jackman in "The Boy from Oz," the musical based on the life of the late singer-songwriter Peter Allen that became the must-see show of the 2003-2004 season. Jackman proved to be very healthy, however, and Spirtas never actually went on in the role. Instead, he had time to ponder his next personal and professional moves.

"Los Angeles was a very good place for me. I called it home for 25 years, but there was something about my time in New York for 'The Boy from Oz' that made me think maybe it was time to return. Finally, I decided it was time to make peace with New York and I moved back on March 1st," says Spirtas. "About a week and a half later, I got the role on 'One Life to Live,' which was a very good sign, and there have been even more job offers since I returned. New York is different this time around, too. When I was here before, you didn't even dare to walk down 42nd Street or 8th Avenue. Now, those areas are clean and safe and the whole city is exploding with new cultural and artistic growth."

Spirtas is enjoying his role on the ABC-TV soap — which finds his character, "the rightful heir" to the throne of the fictional nation of Mendorra — coming between Antonio Vega (Kamar de los Reyes) and Talia Sahid (BethAnn Bonner), but he longs to spend more time on stage.

"I'm having a great time on 'One Life to Live,' where everything moves very quickly. A lot of true die-hard soap fans only know me as an actor and don't realize I sing, while some people who know me only from my Broadway and cabaret work don't realize I'm also a television and film actor. I would never sneeze at another daytime contract, if it were a great role, but the main purpose for me being in New York is to reconnect with Broadway and live performance," says Sprites, who played Corny Collins in the short-lived 2006 Las Vegas production of "Hairspray," in which original Broadway stars Harvey Fierstein and Dick Latessa reprised their Tony Award-winning roles. "Doing 'Hairspray' in Las Vegas was a great experience. I love the show and the Corny Collins character so I would definitely consider going into the Broadway company. I'm kind of like the new kid in town all over again, which is a lot of fun, and I'm looking at all kinds of possibilities."

J.M. Productions will present "Night and Days: An Evening with Kevin Spirtas" on Wednesday, Aug. 13 at the Inn at Bay Pointe, 64 Washington Court, Quincy. For tickets and more information, call 617-786-7469 or go online at jmproductionspresents.com

Soap opera knowledge put to the test

Daytime television fans planning to spend "An Evening with Kevin Spirtas" on Aug. 13, at Quincy's Inn at Bay Pointe, will also have a chance to test their soap opera knowledge in a pre-show trivia contest featuring Gerard J. Waggett, author of "The Ultimate Days of Our Lives Trivia Book" (Renaissance Books, 1999), the just-published "One Life to Live 40th Anniversary Trivia Book" (Hyperion) and nine other books on soap operas. A Dorchester native and adjunct English professor at Suffolk University, Waggett will be quizzing Spirtas' fans about their knowledge of the soaps on which the performer has appeared. Prizes will include autographed copies of Waggett's latest book.

"I'm looking forward to combining the trivia contest with Kevin's music because it captures the historical roots of what cabaret was. We think of cabaret now mainly as a musical concert, but it used to encompass other forms of entertainment as well," explained Waggett by telephone earlier this week of his role as Spirtas's opening act. "I can't sing, but I can ask questions."

He can answer them as well. In April 2003, Waggett competed on the classic television game show "Jeopardy!" He won two games and $46,900. Waggett credits his soap opera trivia books with helping him to be chosen to compete on the show.



Alex Trebek and Gerard J. Waggett in 2003 when Gerard competed on the classic television game show "Jeopardy!"

"Two of the contestant coordinators were huge 'All My Children' and 'The Young and the Restless' fans," he says. "One of them joked, 'He has an even sillier job than we do.'"

While on "Jeopardy!," Waggett actually answered a soap opera question on the top 10 single "Nadia's Theme," also the theme song to "The Young and the Restless." "I buzzed in and said, 'What is 'The Young and the Restless?" with more confidence than any other answer I gave."

—R. Scott Reedy

Kathleen Dunn will be featured at Clemens Gallery in the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St. Aug. 9 to Sept. 1. Reception: Aug. 14, 7 to 8 p.m. Scituate resident **Kathleen Dunn** is a landscape painter who seeks out the natural environment for inspiration to create works that express the spirit of place. kathleendunn.homestead.com.

Single Executives Club Holiday Singles Dance Saturday, Aug. 9, 8:30 a.m. to midnight. Holiday Inn, 195 Westgate Dr., Westgate Mall, Brockton. Exit 18A off Route. 24. Dance music by award-winning DJ, 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 9 to 10 p.m. Free door prizes, raffles, and additional MATCH game prizes. Free Dance Lessons From 7:30-8:30 p.m., For singles and couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper business-casual dress acceptable, sports jacket for men highly recommended, collared dress shirt & slacks acceptable. Admittance is $12. Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club USA. Info call. 781-446-0234.www.se-4u.com.

The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell presents Thoroughly Modern Millie **July 25 to Aug. 17.** This high-spirited musical romp is the zany *new* 1920s musical that took Broadway by storm in 2002, winning four Tony Awards including Best Musical. Tickets are priced at $30-$32 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com.

Ye Olde Tavern Night will take place at 7:30 p.m., on Aug. 9, at Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. An 18th century Publik House will be re-created with tavern games, snacks and musical entertainment by Three of Cups. Tickets are $10 per person and reservations can be made by logging on to the Web site at winslowhouse.org or by calling 781-837-5753.

Folktales from the Forest Storytelling Campfires with Andrea Lovett Aug. 9, 7 p.m. Ames Nowell State Park, 739 Linwood St., Abington. 781-871-1336.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 9, **Dirty Water** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Aug. 9, **Satch & the Ex-Teens.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, offers traditional Irish Seisiun from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety, from sea chanteys, rebel songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No cover. Go sing, go play, go listen. Call 508-830-1262.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Aug. 9, 8 p.m. **Kenny Rogers** Ticket information: 617-931-2787 or themusiccircus.org.

Sunday, Aug. 10

Edaville USA, Route 58, Carver – **Jay Jay The Jet Plane** Aug. 8 through 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $18 ages 2 and over. Parking is free. Edaville.com 508-866-8190.

J's South Shore Summertime Blues Bash, 63 Summer St., Cohasset from noon to 7 p.m. Live music starts at 2 p.m. featuring **Basic Black, J's Juke, Ricky "King" Russell with Daniel Banks, Drift Away, Mark Purcell, The Tiplin' Trio** and more. A $20 donation benefits the Asperger's Association of New England. Directions and detail visit jplaceband.com.

Abington Summer Concert Series at the Catherine and Joseph Nisby Bandstand every Sunday at 6 p.m. Aug. 10, at 7 p.m. **Joe Bargar and Soul Providers.** In the event of rain, concerts will be held at the Abington Senior Center, 441 Summer St.

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Mark your calendar

FIFTH ANNUAL SOIREE: A RARE AFFAIR – Sept. 6, at 6 p.m., in Plimoth Plantation's Henry Hornblower Visitor Center with honorary chair, Jeff Corwin, Animal Planet and Wildlife Biologist and CNN co-host The night will include silent and live auctions, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner All proceeds will support rare breeds animal and agricultural programs Auction items include: dinner with an academy award winner, trips to magical destinations, original artwork, collectibles and more. Tickets: $125 per person ($75 is tax deductible) Help keep the furry and feathered role-players in the 1627 English Village. To learn more call 508 746 1622 or e-mail kcorben@plimoth.org

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A night of original Doo Wop

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

When Jon Bauman presents "Bowzer's Original Doo Wop Party" at the South Shore Music Circus on Friday, Aug. 15, the show's name will mean something, according to the former Sha Na Na singer.

"We have a great show planned for Cohasset. We're going to have Fred Paris and The Five Satins, known for their hits 'In the Still of the Night' and 'To the Aisle,' Jay Siegel and The Tokens whose top sellers include 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' and 'Tonight I Fell in Love,' 'The Chiffons' who are famous for songs like 'One Fine Day,' and 'He's So Fine,' The G-Clefs who will be performing 'Ka-Ding Dong' and 'I Understand,' and Little Joe Cook, probably best known for 'Peanuts,' will be with us, too. Joe is 86 years old and he's just as great now as he has ever been," said Bauman by telephone from a Connecticut tour stop last week. "Every one of the groups in our show has at least one original member."

These days, when Bauman — who created the character of muscle shirt-wearing but muscle-less greaser "Bowzer" some 35 years ago when he replaced Alan Cooper as bass singer for Sha Na Na — isn't touring with "The Stingrays," he is traveling the country lobbying politicians on behalf of the "Truth in Music" committee he chairs in the Vocal Group Hall of Fame. With Bauman's leadership, "Truth in Music" bills — protecting artists from identity theft and consumers from deception and fraud - have been passed in 26 states including Massachusetts where the legislation was co-sponsored by Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth.

"Essentially, this legislation means that you have to have a recording member of the performing group or someone with federally registered rights to use the group's name," says the Juilliard-trained, Columbia University-educated Bauman, 60, who points out that the Platters, Drifters and



Jon Bauman as "Bowzer" from Sha Na Na

Coasters have been hit hardest by what he calls "counterfeit shows" by people pretending to be from the groups responsible for classic hits like "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," "The Great Pretender," "Under the Boardwalk," "Charlie Brown" and "On Broadway."

"They are the three most valuable group names of the Doo Wop era," said Bauman. "It isn't an accident that these groups have been hit so hard by identity theft, because they have had so many hit records between them. A lot of what goes on has to do with the relative anonymity of people within the groups. The original records came out in the 1950s when record labels wouldn't even put photos of black groups on album covers. As a result, the public didn't always know what the artists looked like. What it really comes down to is a nasty, narrow consumer fraud issue. Phonies steal the work and the legacy of the original artists by deceiving the public."

The deception can sometimes be pretty clever, according to Bauman.

"Sometimes you see an older singer at one of these bogus shows. And then the audience thinks, 'That must be one of the original members,' but he's often a fake, too, just there to mislead the public."

The enduring fame and recognition that Sha Na Na earned with its self-titled, syndicated television variety series (1977-1982) has made things easier for the group's various past and present members still working today.

While Sha Na Na continues to tour – with original members Donny York on vocals and Jocko Marcellino on drums, as well as keyboard player Screamin' Scott Simon who replaced Joe Witkin in 1970 – Bauman left the group in 1983, not long after the television series went out of production. There will be a Sha Na Na reunion of sorts at the Music Circus next week, however, where Bauman will be joined by special guest Lennie Baker, a former Danny and the Juniors and Sha Na Na saxophonist. A Whitman native who now makes his home in Halifax, Baker retired from Sha Na Na in 2000, but like Bauman will forever be associated with the group that helped spark a 1950s nostalgia craze that continues to this day.

"Lennie Baker is one of my closest friends from 'Sha Na Na' and one of the funniest men alive. He is also godfather to my daughter, Nora. We'll sing 'Blue Moon' together and Lennie will also do 'Sixteen Candles.' The feeling is just amazing when Lennie and I work together. We have always gotten along very well and so everything floods back instantly when we reunite and it is almost like we never stopped working together."

("Bowzer's Original Doo Wop Party" will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, on Friday, Aug. 15. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at themusiccircus.org.).



Hootie & the Blowfish

Concert fans encouraged to bring school supplies for Cohasset Public Schools and libraries

Two-time Grammy award winning Hootie & the Blowfish will gear up and hit the road again this summer, returning to the South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset, and it's not all about music. In conjunction with the Hootie & the Blowfish Foundation, the band's nationwide Homegrown Concert Series is spearheading an effort to collect school supplies for economically challenged schools in each community it visits. The 25-City Homegrown tour, stopping at South Shore Music Circus on Aug. 10, asks all ticket holders to bring any school supply item to the concert, as a donation, and following the concert, the supplies will be dispersed, as a community-wide service project, to the Cohasset Public Schools and libraries, for distribution throughout the school and library systems, including schools, preschools, and other Cohasset organizations in need. To date, the band and its loyal fans have helped fill more than 30 busloads, totaling around $150,000 worth of much needed school supplies for children. Tickets are on sale now and are available at the Music Circus box office, open daily from noon till 6 p.m. for in-person sales; online atthemusiccircus.org or by phone through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787.

Hootie & the Blowfish — made up of Mark Bryan, Dean Felber, Darius Rucker, and Jim "Soni" Sonefeld — is one of the most successful music groups of all time, and since their first album debuted in 1994, the band has played to millions of fans and sold more than 25 million albums worldwide. Because of this entitlement, Hootie & the Blowfish believe they have a responsibility to use their celebrity status to help improve the lives of those in need, especially children. They often take the lead in creating projects where they can join forces with other organizations to help make a positive difference in lives of today's youth. The Hootie & the Blowfish Foundation was established just for that purpose. As a private non-profit organization, The Foundation was originally created in 2000 to benefit children of South Carolina through education and supporting school music programs—since then, it has spread to a nationwide campaign.

"Our children are our best resource and our most hopeful investment. With proper tools, our children can receive a well-rounded and meaningful education," says lead singer, Darius Rucker.

In 2003 the band members established an annual concert in their hometown, Charleston, S.C., as a way to help raise awareness of the needs of local school children in the community. Every year, many schools are forced to receive budget cuts that ultimately, in one way or another, affects the quality of education each child receives. The night of the concert, ticket holders were asked to bring school supplies of any kind to the concert held at Family Circle Magazine Stadium. The response was overwhelming, and the Charleston County School District children were the beneficiaries of a generous community effort. A 55-seat school bus was filled from top to bottom with school supplies and following the concert those supplies were distributed to the schools and teachers who were in most need.

Knowing the positive effect this project had on the kids and the community, the band wanted to expand the concert into other markets. In 2006, the band took the Homegrown Tour to a national level, expanding the tour to 12 dates, and on to13 more in 2007. To date, the band and their loyal fans have helped fill over 30 busloads, totally around $150,000 worth of much needed school supplies for children.

This year Hootie & the Blowfish, will continue the concert series once more, picking up a total of 25 stops, including Cohasset, on Aug. 10.

Tickets are on sale now and are available in person at the Music Circus box office, open daily from noon till 6 p.m.; online at themusiccircus.org or by phone through Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787.

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Sunday night concerts at the Hanover Bandstand, B. Everett Hall Field, Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover. Every Sunday night 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Aug. 10, The Rusty Skipper Band** will perform.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Aug. 10, 8 p.m. **Hootie & The Blowfish** Ticket information: 617-931-2787 or themusiccircus.org.

Monday, Aug. 11

New Beginnings, a non-profit, nonsectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,700 south shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. They offer a safe place for healing and encouragement as you start a new chapter of your life. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. Throughout August, separate support groups for both women and men in order for both to be able to speak openly with persons of the same sex about any topic they chose will be held. Information: call Peggy Loud, 781-659-1857 or email Cheryl Pimental NBNorwellMA@aol.com.

The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Route 28, Weymouth will devote the entire month of August a new **Surf and Shore** exhibit of acrylics, watercolors, and oil paintings of seascapes, ports, boats, and familiar landmarks, celebrating the beauty and the pleasures of the New England seacoast. The artists include **Stephen Boczanowski, Edwina Caci, Morgan Davis, James Earl, Vincent Elliot, Donald Dickinson, Roger Gill, Stephen H. Holland, George Murray, Daniel Myers, and Charyl Weissbach**. For information and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384. Preview the artists online at dickinsonartgallery.com.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 11, **Free Texas Hold Em with Northern Poker Leagues** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

***"Lifelines: A One-person Show" by* Pat Bianco** will be shown in the Dolphin Gallery of Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St, Hingham through Sept. 11. Bianco's pastels, oils and watercolors have been featured in solo gallery exhibitions, and in regional and national shows.

The Wellness Community at Pathways Center for Cancer Support provides people with cancer and their loved ones **free** programs of support, education and stress management to enhance health and well-being. Programs such as Tai Chi, yoga, and art are offered weekly. Networking and support groups meet on a regular basis and special programs are scheduled frequently. Newcomers meetings are held every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Any person with cancer or their caregivers are welcome to attend to learn more about the **free** programs offered. Information: 781-829-4823 or visit wellnesscommunity.org.

La Leche League will meet at 7 p.m., on Aug. 12, at Mamas Move Wellness and Fitness Center, 45 Pond St., Route 228, Norwell. Discussion topic will be "Nutrition & Weaning." Meetings are free, and pregnant and nursing mothers are encouraged to attend. Babies are welcome. For information, call Christie at 781-740-7808, Kathleen at 781-749-2404 or Heather at 781-544-9230.

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes **Marshfield resident Amy MacKinnon** for a reception to celebrate the release of her first book, **Tethered** at 7 p.m. Aug.12, at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. Atmospheric and suspenseful **Tethered** is a story about a solitary young woman's opportunity for love. Clara Marsh is a mortician whose painful past has caused her to build walls around her fragile heart. She lovingly prepares strangers for burial, but these same feelings are rarely bestowed on the living. When a bedraggled child begins to frequent the funeral home, her carefully structured life is threatened. Add to this mix a recently widowed cop who is reopening an old case and the ingredients for a finely tuned mystery are on the page. Refreshments will be served. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

The Buttonwood Book Group for Adults will meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 12, at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. The selected book is **"The Friday Night Knitting Club"** by Kate Jacobs. The facilitator is Sarah Duffield. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

Curry College, 20 North Park Avenue, Plymouth will hold an **open house Aug. 14 and 19,** for adults who may find accelerated schedules appealing along with trying to balance a full-time job and life's responsibilities. Eight and 12-week classes enable adult learners to complete a full semester's work by attending classes on a part time basis. To learn more about programs, open-enrollment process, course schedules, financial aid options, and transfer credit policies, stop by anytime between 1 and 7 p.m. For a college catalogue and a course listing call 508-747-2424 or visit curry.edu.

Winslow House Lecture – The Great Ocean Bluff Fire (rescheduled from previous date) Aug. 12, 10:30 a.m. The historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield continues with its popular "Coffee Hour Lecture Series" by welcoming **John Horrigan** as he discusses an event that shaped the South Shore for years—**the Great Ocean Bluff Fire**. Tickets to attend this lecture are $ 7 per person, and light refreshments will be served. Reservations can be made by calling 781-837-5753 or visit winslowhouse.org.

Albertina's Ice Cream Shoppe. 223 Union St., Rockland. Outside concerts every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Aug. 12, **Dick Mandell** 781-982-6000.

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Ave., Hull Aug. 12, **Drift Away** at 7:30 p.m. No cover charge. Out on the deck, weather permitting. 781-925-1115.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 12, **Wicked Trivia** from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St., Scituate will host an exhibit of art work by **the late Janet Kaplan** titled "**Scituate Memories**" through Aug. 29. Of special interest are paintings and drawings created between 1938 and 1956 which depict familiar Scituate scenes. On Wednesday, Aug. 27, 3:30 to 5 p.m., there will be a Gallery Talk. Scituate Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, or directions to the library, call 781-545-8727 or consult the library Web site at sctiuatetownlibrary.org.

Kevin Spirtas, who currently terrorizes the good folks of Llanview on ABC's hit daytime drama, **One Life To Live**, as Jonas Chamberlain, will be arriving in Quincy, for a "one night only" concert titled **Night and Days** Aug. 13, at the **Inn at Bay Pointe,** 64 Washington Court Quincy. Two shows are scheduled at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Dorchester and Cape Cod author **Gerard J Waggett** will join Spirtas. Waggett will conduct **soap trivia** before the shows and offer a book signing of his **One Life to Live 40th Anniversary Trivia Book.** For tickets at $25 in advance and $30 at the door per person, patrons should visit jmproductionspresents.com for information or call 617-786-SHOW (7469).

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Wednesday **DJ Big Daddy Ray** 781-829-6999.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Aug. 13, 8 p.m. **An Evening With The Saw Doctors** Ticket information: 617-931-2787 or themusiccircus.org.

Thursday, Aug. 14

August Book Club Meeting – Aug. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. The fiction title for August is When A Crocodile Eats the Sun **by** Peter Godwin**. The** book group meets the second Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome. Each book is chosen by majority vote at the close of each meeting. Choices are in-print, paperback, and alternate between fiction and non-fiction. Free. 781-545-5011.

Summer Concert Series – All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. **Aug. 14, Don Besegai's Big Band.**

Daniel Webster House, 238 Webster St., Marshfield, is open every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through September. Free and open to the public. Visit danielwebesterestate.org for a preview. The anniversary of the signing of the Webster-Ashburton Treaty, which set the border between Canada and the United States, was Aug. 9. It is hoped the public will come to the estate to learn more about Webster's heritage.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 14, **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Aug. 14, **Chris Fitz Blues Jam**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Aug. 14, 8 p.m. **Jeff Dunham Spark of Insanity** Ticket information: 617-931-2787 or themusiccircus.org.

Friday, Aug. 15

Market at the Harbor, an artisan, farmer, and fish market featuring local goods and cultural experiences presented by Destination Community Development, Inc., takes place at HRBA Bayside Property, Nantasket Avenue, Hull, between Bay Street and Edgewater Road. Every Friday, rain or shine, through Oct. 17. Market times are 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Weekly events such as live music, cooking demonstrations, book signings and children's events are being added to the schedule daily. **At 4 p.m., on Aug. 15**, a presentation will be given by Kate Smith titled "**How to Grown an Herb Garden**."

Children's Civil War Day Camp will be presented at 10 a.m., on Aug. 15, at Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. The event is co-hosted by historic Winslow House and Duxbury Rural and Historical Society to show what life was like for youth in the Union Army during the American Civic War. Re-enactors from Massachusetts Civil War brigades will demonstrate the role a child would have played during the upheaval of the 1860s. Tickets to the camp are $5 per child, and it is recommended for ages 5 through 14. Reservations are required by calling 781-837-5753 or visiting the Web site at winslowhouse.org.

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove St., (Rt. 28) Middleboro. **Comedy Show** at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 15, featuring **Harrison Stebbins**. Other comics include **Edward Dominguez, Annette Pollack, and Shaun Bedgood. Hosted by Jerry Thornton.** Comedy show $20. Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833. tuscanhouserestaurant.com myspace.com/annettepollack.

Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, will present John Root in a program of music from the Gaslight Era – 1890-1920. The performance will take place at 7 p.m., on Aug. 15. Tickets are $10 per person. Call 781-837-5753 or visit the Web site at winslowhouse.org for reservations and more information. Light refreshments will be served.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 15, **Too Fast Zero** 781-829-6999.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until September.

New England Singles Dance Aug. 15 8p.m.-midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Sandwich Bar. $10.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Friday, Aug. 15, from 8:30 to midnight The Lantana, 43 Scanlon Dr., Randolph. Route 28 south off route. 128. Dancing with music by award-winning DJ from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Free door prizes, and match game prizes. Hundreds of singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $12 all night. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended, collared dress shirt & slacks acceptable. 781-446-0234 or se-4u.com.

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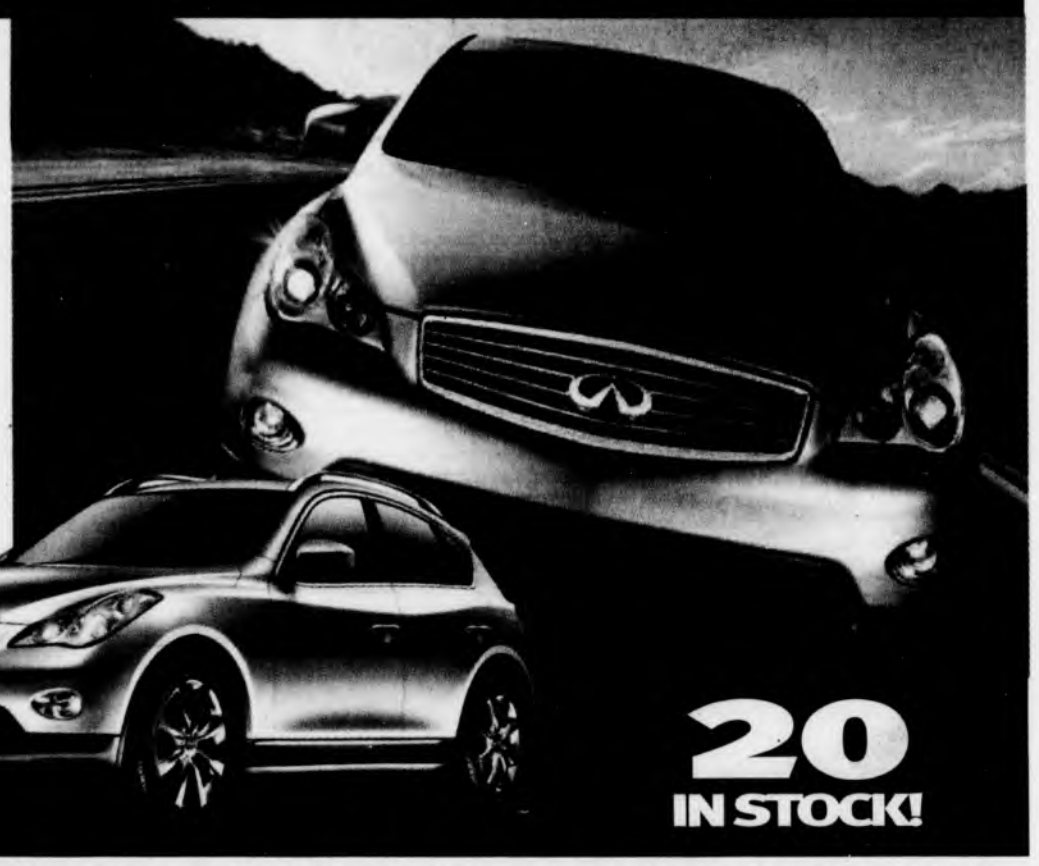
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Spice of life at Farmers Market



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Parking headaches for shoppers, merchants

Signs send conflicting messages

By Nancy White
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It is no secret to the residents of Cohasset that the Village has its quirks. Among those quirks are the parking regulations and signage that are anything but consistent.

A look around the parking signage in the village yields an eclectic mix of regulations that seem to change on every street, and sometimes on the same street.

Parking in the town center, from the street parking on Main Street to the Common, has been a hot topic this summer. In May, the Selectmen created two 15-minute parking spaces from 6 to 9p.m. in front of the Village Liquor Store. In June, the Selectmen grappled with the possibility of changes being made in the way Cohasseters have parked around the Town Common for years. In July, the Selectmen made changes to the parking rules on Elm Street.

While not unusual to have multiple parking regulations in a given area, some signage in the village is confusing and, in some areas, conflicting.

"We understand that some of the signage in the village appears to be confusing," said Police Chief James Hussey in a phone interview.

Brook Street has signage indicating there is one-hour parking but there are no street lines delineating spaces and the road is just wide enough to allow two-way traffic.

In front of Tedeschi's there are two signs a telephone pole apart, one indicating there is 15-minute parking with an arrow pointing left, the other indicating 30-minute parking pointing to the right.

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On Elm Street there is a "no parking" sign near the pedestrian crosswalk, yet 10-feet closer to the intersection with S. Main is a sign indicating one-hour parking during the daytime.

While the one-hour daytime parking restriction is the most pervasive regulation, there are spots where that's not the case. Most of the deviations from the one-hour parking rule are due to their proximity to a specific business where

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This sign on South Main Street says no parking from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m.; one-hour parking from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and 15-minute parking from 6-11 p.m.

Breaking down the language barrier

Su Escuela immerses students in another language

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Before your child is even fully potty trained, he or she could be learning a second language.

That's the central idea behind Su Escuela, the Spanish language immersion center in Cohasset, where children as young as two years old can begin to absorb and learn another language.

Sandra Baldeón, founder and director of Su Escuela, speaks passionately about the importance of being bilingual—or even multi-lingual—in today's increasingly global society. While many countries in Europe and elsewhere require students to learn multiple languages, the US is lagging.

"We're closing ourselves in," said Baldeón, a native of Chile. "Learning another language in this society is no longer a luxury anymore, now it is just a need. Both inside and outside the country there is a need to know at least two languages."

The ongoing Olympics are the ideal example of a global event where multiple languages and people converge. But, in everyday business and travel, Baldeón said it is more important than ever to be able to communicate in multiple languages and across borders.

"(At Su Escuela) they start at two years old and by four years old they

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Brian Odell learns how to say strawberry in Spanish at Su Escuela, the Spanish language immersion center in Cohasset.

Regulating stormwater

Con Comm approves regulations for bylaw

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If you're thinking about adding an addition to your home or paving your gravel driveway, a stop into the Conservation Commission office might be an order. The new stormwater management bylaw, passed at the spring Annual Town Meeting, now has an accompanying set of rules and regulations to govern the process.

On Wednesday night, the Conservation Commission approved the stormwater rules 20-page regulations, 20-page appendix and application.

The regulations establish minimum requirements and procedures to control the adverse effects of increased stormwater runoff, decreased groundwater recharge, and non-point source pollution associated with new development and redevelopment. While the bylaw and regulations can't do anything about existing stormwater problems, the aim is to prevent further exacerbation of the issue.

Calling the bylaw and its accompanying rules and regulations "cutting edge," Conservation Commission member Sarah Charron thanked the town's consulting stormwater engineers and now stormwater agent, Norfolk Ram Group, for their work on both the regulations and the bylaw.

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PICTURE THIS/Luke Ryan, Claire McCarthy and Mamme Daley


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This week, the Mariner caught up with Luke Ryan, Claire McCarthy and Mamme Daley — three lifeguards and swim instructors at the Cohasset Swim Center.

Name: Luke Ryan, Claire McCarthy and Mamme Daley.

Occupation: Student, Lifeguard and Swim Teacher (Luke). Lifeguard/WSI at CSC (Claire). Lifeguard and swim instructor (Mamme).

Best day of your life: When swim students and parents bring the lifeguards any kind of goodies, it makes the day! (Luke). The best is yet to come (I'm so corny) (Claire). Any day CSC patrons bring baked goods for the lifeguards (Mamme).

Best (or worst) vacation: Traveling to Costa Rica in 2007 with my school, or any surfing family vacation! (Luke). My family went to a farm in New Hampshire for Easter when I was 9...collecting real eggs from chickens on Easter morning at 4 a.m. was not as fun as I had imagined (Claire). Weekends away with friends I don't see often (Mamme).

Favorite season: Spring (Luke). Fall (Claire). Spring (Mamme).

Favorite holiday: My Birthday (Luke). 'tis September 19th, International Talk-Like-A-Pirate Day (Claire). My Birthday (Mamme).

Favorite junk food or meal: Freeze pops (Luke). Tortilla soup with sour cream and tortilla chips accompanied by a Diet Coke with lime (Claire). Any type of sandwich (Mamme).

Best book: "The Kite Runner" (Luke). "The Catcher in the Rye" (Claire). "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelo and "The Pact" by Jodi Picoult (Mamme).

Best movie: "Ocean's 11" (Luke). "Dead Poets Society" (Claire). "The Big Green" and "Miracle" (Mamme).

Best TV show: "The Office" (Luke). "30 Rock" (Claire). "NCIS" (Mamme).

Favorite music, song, group or artist: John Mayer (Luke). Song- "Teenage Kicks" by the Undertones (Claire). "Swallowed in the Sea" by Coldplay (Mamme).

Fun fact about yourself: My real name is actually Michael and Luke is my middle name! (Luke). Most people have no idea that I play the cello (Mamme).

Most embarrassing moment: I couldn't actually spell my first name (Michael) until the 5th grade when I was forced to learn because I had to write my full name on standardized testing (Luke). I was in a movie theater and a little kid ran past me down the aisle and in true CSC lifeguard fashion I instinctually yelled, "WALK, PLEASE!" (Claire).

Pet peeve: Swim lessons when it's cold, rainy, and supposed to thunder but doesn't, and trouble-makers at the pool (Luke). Adults that come up to lifeguards at the pool and demand a refund for the vending machines; we have nothing to do with them! (Claire). When the weather report says it is going to thunder and then it never does and rain during swim lessons without any thunder (Mamme).

Goal: Graduate high school strong and move on to college (Luke). To start a conspiracy theory that millions of people believe (Claire). Help others as much as possible (Mamme).

Person you'd most like to meet: John Mayer (Luke). Shane MacGowan from the band The Pogues (Claire). There is no one left to meet after working at CSC (Mamme).

Biggest worry: Senior Year and college applications! (Luke). Politics these days (Claire). To not become too stressed (Mamme).

Best part of Cohasset: Without a doubt, CSC (Luke). Without a doubt, CSC (Claire). Taking naps on the beach (Mamme).

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- Next Selectmen's meeting: Monday, Sept. 8
- Norfolk County Open Meeting Law presentation: Thursday, Sept. 18, 7p.m.
- Selectmen goal setting meeting: TBD, date in September.

Cohasset Day tickets on sale

On Saturday, Sept. 20, the Town of Cohasset will hold its first annual Cohasset Day – a celebration of all that is Cohasset.

Tickets for Cohasset Day & Fine Food Galore's are currently on sale. They can be bought at the following locations: Buttonwood Books, Carmela Drew, Cohasset Jewelers, French Memories and The Good Sport. The price now, for advance purchase, is $25 for a family, instead of $30 at the event; and $12 for an individual, instead of $15.

Cohasset Day is an event organized by Cohasset Economic Development Committee in partnership with Cohasset Chamber of Commerce.

Brush chipping day changes

Residential brush will be accepted at the D.P.W. parking area on the following Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 30 and Sept. 27. No trees over 5 feet in diameter. No stumps, firewood, briars or weeds. No contractors.

Recipes wanted for Veterans Cook

Cohasset's George H. Mealy Post 118 of the American Legion, along with the Sons of the American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary, are producing a cookbook titled "Veteran Cooks." Books will be available for sale at $12.95 on or about Oct. 1. All proceeds from the sale of the book and advertising will benefit the Christine Burke Scholarship Fund, which gives thousands of dollars to area high school seniors seeking higher education.

Favorite family recipes are welcome and wanted for the publication. Submission is free. They may be hand written and dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street or they can be submitted on line. To submit recipes on line, go to the Web site at typensave.com; log in; and enter contributor name as it should appear on the recipe. The group log in is post118 and the password is 383. All recipes must be submitted by Sept. 1.

POLICE BEAT

Scituate man being summonsed following accident

By Mary Ford
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Witnesses reported seeing a car in the woods off South Main Street near Summer Street. Police and fire responded, found the locked car, but not the driver.

A 36-year-old Scituate man is being summonsed to court after leaving the scene of an accident that occurred about 1 a.m. on Sunday (Aug. 10). Witnesses reported seeing a car in the woods off South Main Street near Summer Street. Police and fire responded, found the locked car, but not the driver. The black Toyota was towed and police searched the area but could not locate anyone. Police ran the plate and determined the car's registered owner lived in Scituate. Scituate police went to the house but no one was home, Chief James Hussey said.

About 50 minutes later, an officer saw a man staggering along South Main Street by Beechwood Street. He spoke to the man and determined he was very intoxicated. The man was taken into protective custody.

"This gentleman turned out to be the registered owner of the Toyota," Hussey said. He explained that police are seeking charges of leaving the scene after causing property damage and marked lanes violation. The incident is under investigation and further charges are possible, he said.

Skiff let loose

A walk-in to the police station last week reported that someone had cut the lock off her skiff near the Olde Salt House and let it float away sometime on Saturday (Aug. 2). She had left her skiff the night before and when she returned to the harbor the following morning she found her boat tied up at a different location. She explained a lobsterman had told her he had seen the skiff tied up at 10 a.m. and about 90 minutes later, saw it floating loose. He tied it up at the new location, police said.

"It appears that someone may have been angry about where the boat was tied up although she had permission from the harbormaster to do so and cut it loose," Chief Hussey said. An oar was also snapped in half, police said.

Police and the harbormaster are investigating to see if anyone saw anything, Hussey said.

Intoxicated

Police said a teen who was sleeping on the deck of a home on Border Street was under the influence of alcohol. The caller reported a man was sleeping on her deck at 5:13 a.m. on Tuesday (Aug. 5). Police responded, contacted the teen's family and took him to his home on Reservoir Road.

Phone bill

At about 8:50 a.m. on Tuesday (Aug. 5), a Pleasant Street resident reported that he had received a telephone bill for more than $900 for a telephone line that he did not have.

Apparently an account was established in his name without his knowledge. Detectives are investigating and had the resident fill out an identity theft packet.

Check larceny

On Tuesday (Aug. 5), a walk-in came to the station to speak to detectives about larceny from a checking account of about $14,000. The victim believes the counterfeit check was created using her business's account information. The check was cashed outside the country and the victim discovered it when she was reviewing her monthly statement. She provided a copy of the check and police are working with the bank's fraud department in the investigation.

Withdrawal

Police are working with the callers and their mortgage company to determine if the mortgage company was authorized to take money due electronically out of their account. The caller reported discovering $7,000 had been taken out of her account and that someone had tried to take out another $4,000 the next day. There was an outstanding balance and investigators are trying to determine if the caller, who was in arrears, had ever given permission for money to be paid electronically to the mortgage company. "At this point, we do not know if a crime has been committed or not," Chief Hussey said.

Solicitors

Door-to-door solicitors for Horizon Foods decided not to register after the town bylaw was explained to them and they left town, police said. A Jerusalem Road caller complained at 2:24 p.m. on Tuesday (Aug. 5) there were solicitors knocking on her door that did not have permits. The next day a caller reported a man and woman were at her door asking for money and telling her they were concerned about the world. Because the couple are Jehovah's Witnesses, they are allowed to go door-to-door, because they are part of a charitable organization.

Under the bylaw, solicitors are required to register with the police where they can apply for a $25 license. They are required to wear a badge issued by the police that includes their name and photograph. In addition solicitors have to provide police with their name, address, date of birth and height, weight and eye color, Social Security number; dates and times of canvassing activities; name and address of employer; and a brief description of the purposes of the solicitation.

Exceptions to the bylaw are town, state or federal officers or employees on official business; minors under 18 unless in connection with a commercial activity; candidates for public office or campaign workers; those promoting political causes and those soliciting for charitable organizations unless those solicitors are paid.

Buying for kids

Chief Hussey said establishments in town that sell alcohol do a good job of ensuring that no one underage buys or is served.

Last week, a caller witnessed a woman buying beer for minors at a package store. The car the woman was driving took off toward Scituate and Scituate police were advised. However, there was not enough information about the car for police to locate it.

Hussey said however, if anyone sees someone buying alcohol for minors, police want to know about it.

Wallets

A walk-in reported to police last week that the last time she remembered having her wallet was in the checkout line at Shaw's. She had taken it out of her handbag. After paying, she realized she no longer had her wallet that contained her driver's license, credit cards, gift cards and some cash.

She checked her house, car, and retraced her steps and could not locate it. She cancelled her credit cards as a precaution.

Police gave her an identity theft packet to fill out.

In an unrelated incident, a Good Samaritan found a wallet on Government Island and brought it to the station. Police called the owner of the wallet who picked it up, nothing was missing, police said.

Found bike

A contractor working on Beach Street found a 26-inch, red and black Peugeot men's bicycle in the woods and brought it to the station last Friday. If the owner wants to claim the bike, he or she should come to the station, Hussey said.

MV crash

At 2:20 p.m. on Saturday (Aug. 9), a 2004 Dodge, operated by a Scituate resident, was heading south on Route 3A near Beechwood Street, when the driver stopped to allow an ambulance to pass through the intersection. The ambulance was traveling west on Beechwood.

The car behind the Dodge, a 2005 Jeep, operated by a Marshfield woman, could not stop and struck the rear of the Dodge. The Marshfield woman was cited for failure to stop safely. There were no apparent injuries and neither car had to be towed, police said.

Vandalism

Vandals tipped over one of the lifeguard stands at Sandy Beach last week. There was no damage but the vandals dug out the legs and tipped the structure over. The incident was reported at 9:19 a.m. on Sunday (Aug. 10).

Night crew

The manager of the night crew at Stop & Shop called police last week after he heard yelling in the parking lot and saw a red pickup truck with teens "horsing around," police said. In an unrelated matter, the night manager also asked police to check the welfare of an employee who rides his bike to work and was a little late. The employee arrived safely and the red truck was gone when police arrived. The calls came in at about 12:30 a.m. on Thursday (Aug. 7).

Car damaged

A 2000 Volvo driven by a 60-year-old Cohasset woman had to be towed after it scraped several cement posts on North Main Street near Cedar Street at about 1:27 p.m. on Thursday (Aug. 7).

The woman, who was traveling south (toward the village), had pulled over to allow at black SUV that had been tailgating her to pass. When she pulled over, she hit the posts and the damage affected the tires of the Volvo, police said. The SUV did not stop and the woman in the Volvo could not provide the plate number.

BRIEFLY

Building gets OK behind Good Sport

The Planning Board approved a new building located behind the small strip mall on King Street (Route 3A) where Good Sport is located. The approved project calls for a one-story 1040-square foot building on a concrete slab to be used for indoor boat repair/winter storage. The new building will replace an existing 18-by-45 foot canvas on metal frame structure at the rear of the existing commercial building.

All projects over 200-square feet in a commercial district must go before the Planning Board for a site plan review.

In the site plan review, the Planning Board found the proposed construction was harmonious with existing neighborhood used and potential future uses, given the similar commercial used that predominate the immediate area. The property is located in the highway business zoning district.

The building will have asphalt roofing shingles and cedar siding. Because of the building adjacency to a residential district (Fair Oaks Lane), there will no windows on the side of the building facing the residential property in order to mitigate noise. The owner of the property is Roger Hill of 19A Highland Ave.

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Construction on the building will begin shortly.

"I was waiting for all the ducks to be in a row, and now they are in a row," said Hill after the Planning Board gave their approval in a vote of 4-0 (member Charles Samuelson was not present).

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Con Comm approves regulations for bylaw

FROM STORMWATER, PAGE 1

that values its water resources and is at the forefront of stormwater management," said Charron.

The Commission has been discussing the regulations draft for several meetings leading up to the public hearing Wednesday night, so the majority of the discussion centered on minor changes to the text. With the exception of the Mariner and Selectman Karen Quigley, no members of the public attended the public hearing to offer comment.

Smaller projects, such as sheds, will not be affected by the stormwater bylaw. Once projects increase the impervious surface of a property by 500 square feet or more, consideration for stormwater runoff must be taken. When projects alter more than 5,000 square feet, a resident or developer needs to obtain a stormwater permit, which is a public hearing process.

It is the hope of the Conservation Commission that projects will seek the commission and stormwater agent's advice early in the planning stages so they can encourage the use of low impact development techniques. Low-impact development techniques include raingardens, minimizing impervious surfaces, treating stormwater in numerous small, decentralized structures and utilizing natural topography for drainage ways and storage areas.

The regulations state "a pre-application meeting may be helpful to avoid unnecessary stormwater management activity and may possibly help to eliminate the need for filing an application altogether." A preliminary discussion could especially help with the smaller, borderline projects.

"We want people to think about stormwater early on in the development process," said Mark Bartlett of Norfolk Ram Group.

"People need to realize this is part of doing business in Cohasset now," said Charron.

Because the bylaw is new to everyone in town, it is expected there will be a learning curve for all involved in the process from the applicants to the Conservation Commission.

The Conservation Commission, after about an hour of discussion, approved the rules and regulations, appendix and application.

After approving the rules and regulations, the Commission briefly discussed how to best educate both the residents and the town employees who will have to answer their questions.

Stormwater Management in brief

• **Stormwater negatively impacts the health of Cohasset's water bodies.** Stormwater is rainwater and snowmelt that runs off lawns and streets and picks up bacteria, fertilizers, pesticides, oil and grease and other pollutants on the way to our brooks, rivers ponds, meadows, harbors and beaches. In Cohasset Cove and harbor there is bacteria, nutrients and other contaminants. After a one-inch rainfall, the harbor is automatically closed for swimming. In James Brook there are nutrients, bacteria, total suspended solids and low dissolved oxygen.

• **The bylaw ensures future development incorporates stormwater controls.** The bylaw does not prevent future development, but rather ensures stormwater controls are designed for each project to prevent additional stormwater flooding and pollution leaving each site.

• **There is a two-tiered approval process managed by the Conservation Commission and the town's stormwater agent (Norfolk Ram Group).** Projects increasing net impervious area by 500 square feet will require an "administrative approval" by the stormwater agent. Projects altering more than 5,000 square feet will require a more extensive "stormwater permit" from the Conservation Commission. Application and review fees will cover the cost of the stormwater agent.

• **Permitting thresholds were developed scientifically.** The size of projects proposed to trigger review under the bylaw was developed based on hydrologic calculations evaluating changes in volume and peak flow of stormwater runoff. This evaluation was conducted by the Stormwater Management Committee consulting engineer, Norfolk Ram Group, hired by Cohasset to assist in the development of the stormwater management bylaw. The engineering consultant evaluated the impact of increasing the impervious surface area for typical lot sizes, building footprints and driveway footprints using typical Cohasset soil conditions.

Information compiled by the Conservation Commission.

Buiding Permits

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Fewsmith, 38 Riverview Drive, $2,500, 4 sq. rubber roofing; Pattison, 779CJC Highway, $1,000, replace water closet, sink; remove staircase; Prendergast, 235 No. Main St., $20,000, construct new 7 by 35 foot farmers porch; Bertovich, 92 A Beach St., $20,000, foundation for addition; Anderson , 3 Holly Lane, $25,000, kitchen remodel; one window replacement; Stevenson, 173 Hull St., $150,000, family room and sunroomm addition to rear of home; Scott, 13 Brook St., $ 2,000, full height fure wall partition wall; Whitely, 120 Jerusalem Road, $148,000, full dormer on rear of house; Miskanic, 18 Rustic Dr., $16,500, remodel existing space to include master bedroom, kitchen eating area; study; Braun, 51 Surry Drive, $25,000, 20 by 38-foot in-ground pool with 8-foot spa; Morrison, 1 Forest Circle, $130,000, remove existing garage, breezeway roof and walls; extend foundation; build new garage with bedroom above; Earl,Loft , 2 Woodland Drive, $5,000, replace 15 windows; add one new window to master bedroom;

Milanoski , 171 So. Main St., $5,000, foundation for addition; Benson, 172 Forest Ave., $18,000, build and complete 8foot, 8inch shed dormer; replace four existing windows and three existing skylights; Kecskemety, 7 Cushing Road, $1,000, three sq. asphalt shingles over existing single layer of shingles on garage; Bertovich, 92A Beach Street, $555,000, addition and remodel (Found permit 08-169); Coley, 61 Elm St., $12,000, remodel exist bathroom, pdate plumbing and wiring; Olson, 800 Jerusalem Road, $8,000, remove two French doors, replace with windows, repair rotted trim; Whelan, 8 Sankey Road, $250,000, 1,500 to 2,500 square-foot addition per plans submitted; Carrabes, 486 Jerusalem Road, $1,836, 2 texts (7-24, 7-28); Pergola, 401 Beechwood St., $1,500, shed on concrete blocks to cover snowmobiles; Brennan, 15 Bancroft Road, $1,850, chimney

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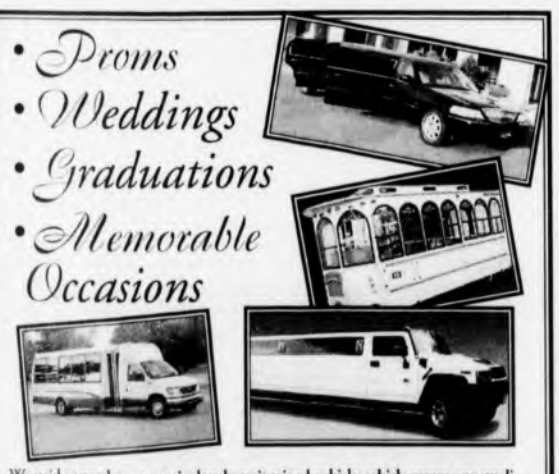
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Planning Board reviews village design guidelines

By Nancy White
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It's still a work in progress, but the Planning Board is inching further to approving a set of design guidelines to steer new development and re-development in the Village Business District. On Monday night, they held a public hearing on the design guidelines, which will complement the village zoning bylaws already in the books.

Devoting about an hour to discussion among the board as well as accepting comments from the public, the Planning Board continued its efforts to keep the public involved with nearly everything to do with the village.

The design guidelines, simply stated, is a set of regulations to go with the village zoning bylaws to aid both the Planning Board and the applicants during the permitting process. It includes a set of guiding principles as well as specific areas for application assessments — everything from rooflines to materials to signage to landscaping.

"Our end goal is to make the village as viable economically as possible by encouraging the right kind of development…all with the object of maintaining the village's somewhat eclectic character. Our hope is to encourage similar development to what's there while enabling some flexibility and diversity," said Planning Board member Mike Westcott, who has been the lead on this project. With the professional consulting help from Angus Jennings of Concord Square Planning and Development, the Planning Board has a 21-page draft of the guidelines, which include text and graphic components.

"We need to find the balance of effectively setting out the vision for the village, but not putting designers in a straightjacket," said Jennings.

Defining what gives the village its character — and therefore what the Planning Board would like to ensure carried over to new or renovated development—is not an easy task.

"Part of what makes (the village) is everything isn't in lockstep. It is as if someone had too much to drink one night and laid it out wrong," said Planning Board chairman Al Moore. Yet, it seemed clear a modern all glass building would not be appropriate for the New England village. Planning Board member Clark Brewer suggested a building with modern lines with clapboard or other traditional influences could work.

Planning Board vice chairman Stuart Ivimey was against flat roofs of any kind in the village, but other members believed a flat roof could work if the design was good.

"There is a need for flat roofs in some circumstances," said Planning Board member Clark Brewer. A flat roof can house air conditioning units and other equipment that may otherwise be conspicuous. Currently, the design guidelines stipulate flat roofs are allowed, but only when they are "occupiable" and accessible from an interior room and must be edged by a railing or parapet. A roof deck or widow's walk would be permissible, as would a flat roof built to accommodate solar panels.

Much of the discussion focused on smaller, specific issues in the draft design guidelines, but Moore was concerned at what point the design guidelines would come into play. Obviously, with large projects or entirely new buildings, an extensive site plan review would need to be done, yet smaller exterior changes might not need such thorough review, and/or require any at all.

"We're not going to be overwhelmed with complete rebuilds, most of the changes will come from existing buildings with some modifications…at what point do the guidelines come into play?" said Moore. Although a zoning bylaw exists for all commercial business districts (including the village) requiring any reconstruction or addition of 200 square feet or more triggers to come before the Planning Board for a site plan, exterior changes like re-shingling or new windows might not have to come before the board for approval.

No clear answer was forthcoming among the board and the issue will be discussed at a later date.

Following approval of the design guidelines, an application form (essentially a checklist) will be created to correspond exactly with the specific requirements of the design guidelines. If part of the project will not or cannot conform to a design guideline, the applicant needs a waiver from the Planning Board (not a variance).

"The regulations do set a high standard, but in the end it will streamline the process," said Jennings by giving applicants clear guidance on what the town and the Planning Board is looking for in a project.

Some developers, particularly those whose properties border on the parking way, reiterated the importance of a town plan for a sidewalk and other pedestrian amenities to enable the "second main street façade" talked about for the town parking lot. The property owners brought up the issue at the last meeting at the informal design guidelines meeting held in late June.

"It's time for the town and the Planning Board to come up with a plan — straighten out the property lines to build a sidewalk. The opportunity is now," said Wayne Sawchuk, owner of 35-39 South Main St., which borders on the town parking lot.

Jagged property lines currently prevent a continuous sidewalk from being built bordering the parking lot. However, Sawchuk said if the town stepped forward and presented a plan, the developers would likely be willing to comply because a pedestrian way would be to their benefit.

"The key thing is to have the village connected in the back," said Sawchuk.

Chris Ford, owner of the Village Wine and Spirits building, said the opportunity for significant change in the village isn't going to come on Main Street: "The opportunity for change is in the rear, but there isn't much focus on that."

Westcott suggested the Planning Board set aside time to discuss that particular area at a future meeting. A two-hour block for village design guideline discussion has been planned for Monday, September 22.

Design Review Board not yet populated

At last fall's Special Town Meeting, voters overwhelmingly supported the revival of the Design Review Board, which was set for the chopping block. Yet, nearly nine months later the Design Review Board has not been populated by town. A Troika appointed board, the Design Review Board works cooperatively with the Planning Board to put forth a desirable project for the town. The Troika is made up of the chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee and the Town Moderator.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said he was waiting for the Troika to meet and interview the candidates for the Design Review Board. Five interested citizens came forward willing to do the job in the late spring.

The Planning Board said Monday night they would like to get the Design Review Board's input on the village design guidelines before they are approved.

"There is a sense of urgency, we'd like to hear their response to this document," said Planning Board Mike Westcott. With several projects possibly coming down the pipeline for the village, the Planning Board would like to have them on board to review those first village projects under the new bylaw as well.

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Cohasset college kids earn bragging rights

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

SUMMER'S BACK

Hi Cohasset. Summer is back thank goodness. I am so tired of being cold. Now lets see if we get a great September weather-wise. I know the kids are so happy to enjoy the rest of this month with fun in the sun at the beach, pools and camps all around. If you have any photos or news that would be fun to see and read about in the column, make sure to send them on in.

SAVANNAH

Boy, I know of two very proud parents in town and they have every right for their pride. **Katie DeWaal**, the daughter of **John and Julie**, made dean's list at Savannah College of Art and Design. Katie is an Interior Design Major with a minor in Historic Preservation. Her current GPA is 3.66 This was so nice to write about Katie, I cannot wait to hear more as you move forward in life, keep up the wonderful work!

ASSUMPTION

Congratulations go out to **Delia W. Regan**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Colin Regan,** who graduated from Assumption College on May 17, 2008. Cohasset is proud of you girl!

UNION COLLEGE

Here is another student to recognize from Cohasset. **Kathleen Hurley**, Union College Class of 2008, has been named to the 2007-08 Dean's List. Kathleen is a 2004 graduate of Cohasset Jr/Sr High School. Another great accomplishment and piece of good news. Keep it up!

FOOTBALL CLINIC

The 2nd annual Cohasset Youth Football Skills Clinic will be held on Saturday Aug. 16 from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

It is a non-contact, one-day football camp open to all entering grades 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. The Cohasset High School varsity players and coaches are conducting the camp. Sign in will begin promptly at 9am at CHS in the turnaround, and the camp will be held on the varsity practice field behind CHS. Shorts, shirts, and cleats are the only equipment needed. The cost of the camp is $50, with all proceeds going to support the Cohasset High School Football program. For more information you can contact Head Coach **Pete Afanasiw** at pafanasiw@cohassetk12.org.

ON STAGE

Disney's Beauty and the Beast is coming to Boston Aug, 14 – 17 at the Huntington Theatre's Stanford Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont Street in Boston 's South End. Kicking up their heels in this benefit engagement are **Thomson and Whitney Jaffe** of Cohasset. In addition to her performance responsibilities, Thomson has had the added job of dance captain for the show that features 30 high school and college students from across metro-Boston.

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COLBY COLLEGE

The following Cohasset residents graduated from Colby College on May 25, on the lawn of Miller Library in Waterville, Maine.

Jessie W. Guild, the daughter of **Peter Guild** of Hingham



Colby graduate, Thomas Myers.



Colby graduate, Nicole Turgiss.



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Colby graduate, Jessie Guild.

and **Lindsay Cooney** of Cohasset, received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and Spanish. Honor's included dean's list, distinction in both majors, honors in psychology, *Magna Cum Laude*.

Thomas A. Myers, the son of **Michael and Rhoda Myers** of Cohasset, received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy. Honors included *Cum Laude* and dean's list.

Nicole A. Turgiss, the daughter of **Robert and Susan Turgiss** of Cohasset, received a bachelor of arts degree in biology. Honors included the dean's list.

WELLSPRING

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Please note time change for next week! Cohasset High School fall sports physicals will be held on Tues. Aug. 19th at 7:15 a.m. in the high school nurse's office. All students planning to participate in a fall sport *must* have a physical that has been performed within the last 13 months on file in the nurse's office prior to being allowed to practice. If you have any questions please call **Mrs. Collins** at (781) 383-0853 and she will return your call as soon as possible.

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That is all for this week. Send in all of your news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.. MAIL: PO Box 33, Cohasset, MA 02025 EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com



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HOLE IN ONE

Paul Tedeschi retrieves his ball after making a hole in one at the challenging 6th hole of Cohasset Golf Club in the Cohasset Cup last Saturday. Paul said he doesn't get to play much golf but hopes someday to make another to catch up to his friend Doug McNary, who recently made two. Playing partners were Bill Williams, Dr. Mike Hughes, and Spaulding Bacon.

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Cohasset native Lt. Allison Berg is an Officer of the Deck

By LTJG Todd Stover
USS MOMSEN

Editor's Note: Cohasset native Lieutenant Allison Berg has been serving in the US Navy aboard the USS Momsen. She is the daughter of Miki and Peter Berg, of 9 Ledgewood Dr., Cohasset. She is a 2004 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography. She received her Master of Science degree in Ocean Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in 2006. As of May 23, 2008, Allison is now a full lieutenant. Below is a copy of an article featured on the USS Momsen's family website written by LTjg Todd Stover of the USS Momsen.



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LTjg Allison Berg, LTjg Courtney Thraen, and ENS Allison Cady on the USS Momsen earlier last spring. On May 23, Berg was promoted to lieutenant.

USS Momsen (DDG 92) has enjoyed four months of its fifth fleet deployment, sailing West through the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Along the way, Momsen visited Palau, Brunei and recently Mombasa, Kenya. Although this is Momsen's second deployment, this is its first deployment operating with the Abraham Lincoln Strike Group. Momsen, an Aegis guided-missile destroyer home ported in Everett, Washington, conducted extensive unit and joint level training for more than a year to reach this stage of deployment, exercising superb proficiency in air, surface and subsurface warfare.

While underway, the premier controlling watch stander is the Officer of the Deck, serving as the Commanding Officer's representative on the bridge. Officers of the Deck are not only responsible for safe navigation, but also tactical maneuvering to support an array of ongoing missions in the Global War on Terror. However, all of Momsen's Officers of the Deck share one similar trait – they are all female Surface Warfare Officers.

LTjg Allison Berg, LTjg Courtney Thraen and ENS Allison Cady stand Officer of the Deck Underway, leading and training teams of three additional junior officers, along with Boatswain Mates and Quartermasters. As Officers of the Deck, all three female officers are charged to execute Momsen's dynamic schedule, working tirelessly to coordinate Engineering evolutions, Combat exercises and ship-wide events.

"I worked really hard to get Officer of the Deck qualified, and the effort was definitely worth it. I really enjoy watching less experienced junior officers in my watch team become proactive and take charge, especially when expertly, but rapidly, demonstrating pre-planned responses for everything from a small boat attack to a man overboard. I know Momsen will be in good hands for a long time," LTjg Allison Berg said.

Momsen's Officers of the Deck also oversee high-risk evolutions, including launching and recovering Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats and Helicopters. Other high-risk evolutions include weekly underway replenishments and weapons firing exercises. The Commanding Officer, CDR Michael C. Sparks, chose three Officers to effectively drive the ship's schedule, expertly maneuver during tactical warfare, and most importantly, maintain safe navigation when encountering vessels at sea or transiting through restricted waters.

"Hands down, the best aspect of standing Officer of Deck Underway is developing a cohesive team that can effectively and rapidly work together to accomplish several objects simultaneously to successfully execute the assigned mission," said ENS Allison Cady.

"It's amazing to watch everyone work smoothly together, most notably with aggressive contact management while simultaneously executing internal and external communications. The entire ship works as a team to accomplish its mission, and the focal point of the efforts is most apparent on the bridge. Additionally, everyone from the most junior Deck Seaman to the most senior officer is an expert at emergency management. Officers of the Deck continuously train to crisis management, and the results produce quick resolutions for issues such as equipment malfunction or tactical miscommunication," LTjg Courtney Thraen said.

As Momsen's junior officers become more proficient and earn advanced qualifications, the current Officer of the Deck watch standers will inevitably change, but the aggressive training conducted by the rotation of three female Officers of the Deck has kept Momsen on an even keel, ready for any tasking or unforeseen challenge.

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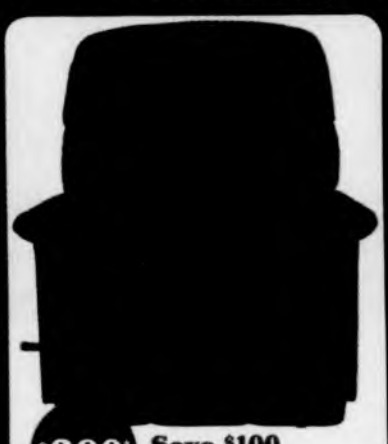
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Breaking down the language barrier

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at understanding the language and speaking in sentences," says Baldeón. During the course of typical pre-school activities like arts and crafts, math, reading and games, the teachers (who are all native Spanish speakers) talk only in Spanish. Baldeón is a firm advocate for starting language studies early on in life when kids aren't as self-conscious or fearful of new things.

"At age two or three, they don't question it. They just follow and do it. As an adult or an older child we have to figure out why," says Baldeón. Su Escuela is located at 760 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A), across from the Shaw's Plaza.

The Cohasset Public Schools and other area schools have recognized the importance of foreign language to a complete education for the child. This year in Cohasset, classroom foreign language studies begin in the sixth grade and more language credits will be required upon graduation. Su Escuela, which means "Our School" in Spanish, will be running after-school language programs at both Osgood and Deer Hill. A French immersion class, taught by a Parisian, will be offered at Deer Hill as well.

"If you can communicate you can make contact with other cultures and gain a better understanding."
— Sandra Baldeón, Su Escuela

The after-school classes will be a little bigger than the ones at Su Escuela — 12 students, instead of seven — but will teach the same way: by immersing kids in the language. After-school classes are also offered at Derby Academy, Old Colony Montessori School, both in Hingham.

Baldeón says in the 24-week program the kids can learn an astonishing amount. Beyond just memorization of numbers, colors or animals, the Su Escuela teachers make connections between the words so the kids retain the information better.

"As soon as the kids come through the door, they don't hear a word in English…it is like coming to another country for an hour," says Baldeón. All of the signs, books, materials are in Spanish, so for the hour or two the child is at Su Escuela they are immersed in another language.

"The goal of this is fluency," said Baldeón. Essentially, to be able to communicate in another language, not necessarily with all the correct grammar or syntax, which comes in time.

Opening in 2004, Su Escuela has taught hundreds of kids the Spanish language. Each year they teach as many as 250 students from age two to adults. Both Spanish and French classes are available.

"Language makes us more human by allowing different cultures to communicate with each other," says Baldeón. Language can be the one barrier that prevents two people from effectively communicating, which can lead to fear and discrimination. "If you can communicate you can make contact with other cultures and gain a better understanding."

Having the skill of another language can give kids the confidence to travel and to learn, "they don't have to be afraid of anything." She describes the kids who come to Su Escuela have the opportunity to become "superkids" with the skills, knowledge and confidence to go on and become leaders.

"It's a win-win here, nobody loses," says Baldeón. While some kids may decide not continue at Su Escuela after a certain age, she says the basics of the language will always remain.

"Just like riding a bike, it will come back to them when they are required to take language in school…Language is a tool you can give to your child."

For more information on Su Escuela, please visit their web site at www. suescuela.com or contact Director Sandra Baldeón at 781-383-2585 or via e-mail at info@suescuela.us.



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Frances Brisbane learns Spanish with Su Escuela instructors, Karen Quintana and Anna Zuniga, as she picks out a card that has an image and the Spanish word for the image.

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HEALTH UPDATE

Time to commit mosquito murder

Pesky insects can cause health problems



According to Health Inspector Tara Tradd, there have been no positive mosquito pools for West Nile Virus or eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus found in Cohasset or any of its bordering towns (Hingham, Hull and Scituate). A mosquito pool positive for the West Nile Virus was found in Weymouth earlier this week.

West Nile Virus

What is it: West Nile Virus (WNV) is carried by mosquitoes. Mosquitoes become infected from feeding on infected birds. West Nile Virus can cause mile to serious illness in humans. It is usually spread by the bite of an infected mosquito.

Who gets sick: People of all ages can become ill from WNV. People age 50 and over are at highest risk for serious illness.

What are the symptoms: Most people infected with WNV develop no symptoms of illness. Some infected people will have mild symptoms that can last for several days (headache, aches, tiredness, possible rash). A few people will develop serious illness that requires hospitalization or can cause death.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis

What is it: Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) is a rare but serious disease caused by a virus. The virus that causes EEE is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. In Massachusetts, the virus is most often identified in mosquitoes found in and around freshwater, hardwood swamps.

Who gets sick: EEE is a very rare disease. Since the virus was first identified in Massachusetts in 1938, fewer than 100 cases have occurred. Over 60 percent of those cases have been from Plymouth and Norfolk counties. Outbreaks of EEE usually occur in Massachusetts every 10-20 years. These outbreaks will typically last two to three years. The most recent outbreaks in Massachusetts began in 2004 and included 13 cases with six fatalities through 2006.

What are the symptoms: The first symptoms of EEE are fever (often 103 to 106 degrees Fahrenheit), stiff neck, and lack of energy. These symptoms show up three to ten days after a bite from an infected mosquito. Inflammation and swelling of the brain, called encephalitis, is the most dangerous and frequent serious complication. There is no treatment for EEE.

How can you protect yourself and family?

Avoid bites. Limit outdoor time from dusk to dawn when many mosquitoes bite. Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks. Spray uncovered skin and clothing with insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus when you go outdoors.

Mosquito-proof your home. A mosquito lays her eggs in standing water. Empty water from buckets, cans, pool covers and other items. Change water in pet bowls and birdbaths every few days. Clear clogged rain gutters.

Report dead birds. Bird die from many causes. A dead bird may be a sign of WNV in your area. Report dead blue jays and crows by calling 1-866-MASS-VNW.

The basics of mosquito repellent

What is it: A substance put on skin, clothing, or other surfaces which discourages mosquitoes from landing or crawling on that surface.

Why should you use mosquito repellent: Mosquitoes can spread viruses that cause serious disease. In Massachusetts, the diseases spread by mosquitoes are West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Mosquito repellents reduce your chances of being bitten by a mosquito and can reduce the risk that you will get one of these diseases.

When should I use repellent: When outside and exposed to mosquitoes, the insects are generally more active between dusk and dawn, though some types may also be out during the day. Mosquitoes usually start to become active during early to mid-spring and remain active until the first hard frost.

What repellent should I use: Look at the active ingredients on the product label. Repellents containing DEET, permethrin, or picaridin provide protection against mosquitoes. In addition, oil of lemon eucalyptus has been found to provide as much protection as low concentrations of DEET, but should not be used on kids under three years old. Permethrin products are intended for use on clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear and not applied directly to the skin. Always follow the instructions on the product label.

Information adapted from Massachusetts Department of Public Health handouts. For more information about EEE, WNV and how you can protect your family, visit www.mass.gov/dph or call the Board of Health at 781-383-4116.

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Winds of change

Preliminary discussion on turbines

By Nancy White
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In the coming months, Cohasset's first application for a wind turbine will be before the Planning Board. The project will propose two wind turbines on the Graham Waste services site off Route 3A.

The private project on the Graham Waste Services site is a joint venture between CCI-Energy, Palmer Capital, Lumus Construction and Emergent Energy. Graham Waste business and landowner, Paul Barry, has leased the land to the developers.

Because this will be the first wind-generation project to be submitted to the Planning Board for a special permit under the new wind energy bylaw passed at the spring Town Meeting, the application papers are still being finalized. Once the paperwork is ready, the developers will be before the Planning Board for a full hearing.

On Monday night, Jim Sweeney CCI-Energy, the owner of the project, came before the board to introduce both himself and the project to the board.

"Today we just wanted to give you a little idea of what we're planning," said Sweeney. A public information meeting was held at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in early July to give an overview of the project.

The project is proposing adding two 1.65-megawatt sized wind turbines to the Cohasset landscape.

The project has been in the works for nearly two years, beginning with preliminary analysis of the wind on the Graham Waste hill to determine if it has sufficient wind to be feasible. Once it was clear "good wind" blew over Cohasset, they began doing more impact studies and contacting state and federal agencies for permitting.

One of the final steps before breaking ground is the local permitting level with the Planning Board. Sweeney said he hopes to complete local permitting by October.

The twin turbines will have towers 100 meters high and each of the blades is 41-meters long, making the entire structure extend 141 meters into the air. The turbines are structurally larger than the 60-meter Hull Wind II located on their capped landfill on the Weir River, but Hull Wind II's siting gives it additional height. The turbines will be set about 500 feet apart, on either side of the capped landfill.

The turbines hold the possibility of providing as much as (or more than) two-thirds of the town's energy. Sweeney said CCI-Energy is interested in selling the excess energy to the town at a discounted rate and has been working with the Alternative Energy Committee. Because wind energy has a relatively stable cost, "the town will know where the cost is now and where it will be well into the future," said Sweeney.

The Planning Board asked a few preliminary questions about the project. Vice chairman Stuart Ivimey asked if the proposal represents the maximum build out for turbines on the site while still conforming to zoning.

Sweeney said there was a possibility of a "vertical turbine" directly on top of the landfill, but that would not be a part of its application this fall. A vertical turbine sits closer to the ground and is about 210-feet wide and 200-feet tall.

"I think this is a fantastic idea and I'd like to see as much power generated from this site as you can. This is the perfect site in town for this," said Ivimey. Sweeney explained two three-megawatt turbines could be placed on the site, but there is a significant wait time associated with the bigger machines. The 1.65 megawatt turbines could be available as early as next spring, while three-megawatt turbines are not available at the earliest, 2011.

Sweeney said the blades' height would not interfere with any traffic on Route 3A. The color of the turbine will be off-white, eggshell color, very similar to the Hull wind turbines.

"You should feel very encouraged," said Ivimey. The wind turbine project will be back before the Planning Board in the coming months.

Hedlund, Bradley differ on tax holiday

By Robert Aicardi
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Many shoppers are expected to take advantage of the Aug. 16-17 sales tax holiday that was overwhelmingly approved by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Deval Patrick, but not everyone is excited about it.

According to state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, who voted no, 90 percent of the business people who called him about the upcoming holiday were opposed to it.

"This is a state tax policy where we're inducing people to spend at a time when the United States has the lowest rate of savings of any nation in the industrialized world and we're swimming in credit card debt," he said.

In 2004, the holiday, designed as a way to bolster the state economy during the shopping "dog days," took place on a Saturday, but in response to its popularity during the next three summers, the Legislature has again designated two days this year to give customers a tax-free weekend in most, but not all, cases.

There will be an exemption from the 5 percent sales tax on items costing $2,500 or less, with certain exceptions such as motor vehicles (which include ATVs and small motorcycles), meals, motorized boats, telecommunications, gasoline, electricity, and tobacco products. Any item with a price exceeding $2,500 will be taxed in full.

The states tax holiday in Massachusetts, which carries an estimated $16 million price tag, is among the most generous in the nation. Such holidays now exist in 12 states and the District of Columbia.

> **"We rip off the taxpayers all year long and around August, we throw a crumb back to them in the form of a sales tax holiday."**
> — State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth

Last year's tax-free weekend produced nearly $500 million in sales.

"Our state tax policy is schizophrenic," Hedlund said. "We rip off the taxpayers all year long and around August, we throw a crumb back to them in the form of a sales tax holiday. I fought to bring the income tax rate back to 5 percent, which was what the voters approved eight years ago, and my colleagues won't support that.

"Rather than going for meaningful tax reform, I have real problems with using this as some form of false economic stimulus. It's not. The one area of our economy that's still performing okay is retail. Profit generated by this holiday doesn't stay in the state. It's the big retailers that benefit," Hedlund said.

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, voted in favor of the fifth annual "holiday." Bradley said it is a way to give consumers a small break as they prepare for the start of school.

"As a father of three I know how expensive it can be to prepare children for the beginning of school," Bradley said.

Bradley said the state gets some ancillary benefits from the tax-free holiday. He said consumers spend money on meals and gasoline, both of which are still taxed.

"This is just a way for the legislature to give the consumer a small break when the cost of everything is going up," he said.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Sales tax holiday: Business as usual?

The mortgage crisis continues to worsen, as foreclosures have doubled in the first half of 2008 compared to the first half of 2007. While Massachusetts has created a few new jobs recently, unemployment figures continue to show signs of an unstable workforce. Of course, food and gas prices are out of control and the cost of living in the Bay State continues to steadily climb. Once again, many are barely making it in Massachusetts.

We need a break.

Fortunately, some of us are in luck.

This coming weekend, Aug. 16 and 17, shoppers will be able to save the 5 percent state sales tax when purchasing many items under $2,500. For those who still have the means, this would be the time to venture out to purchase the new living room or bedroom set you've had your eyes on, or a new refrigerator or big-screen, hi-def, plasma television. It's like Christmas in August.

For many, however, the reality of making such a purchase sets in when you realize you'll once again be taking out that overused credit card and adding more debt to it. In order to save the 5 percent sales tax, you may be paying off the purchase over the long haul with 7, 8, 9 percent interest if you're lucky enough to have that low an interest rate.

The tax-free holiday certainly provides a psychological boost for people in these tricky economic times. Again, the thought of saving money, any amount, is appealing in this day and age. But when you look closely, it's more of a gimmick than anything if the desired effect is to stimulate the economy and get people spending money during an otherwise slow retail season.

This is the fifth year Massachusetts has done such a thing, so people are expecting it and counting on it happening every year. What that does, as most opponents of the sales tax holiday will tell you, is delay those big purchases. Why would someone buy a new sofa in June knowing there's a pretty good chance the sales tax holiday will be coming soon? So maybe it shifts the spending, but there's little evidence to show it actually stimulates new spending.

And over the last five years, what has the tax-free holiday really accomplished? It was adopted to help boost a slumping economy in 2003, and each year since it has been approved by the Legislature and signed into law by the governor to help boost a slumping economy. Here we are in 2008 and here we are with a still-slumping economy.

We need more than gimmicks to turn things around in this state. Our legislators and governor need to take a hard look at the budget and revenue streams and make tough decisions. Balancing a budget and running a state shouldn't be based on potential gambling revenue and tax-free holiday gimmicks that end up costing more in the long run because of the loss of much needed tax revenue.



Mostly sunny throughout the day with some isolated thundershowers

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stately Mansions coverage praised

TO THE EDITOR:

Eleanor Bleakie joins me in thanking you and reporter Nancy White for all the well written, attractively illustrated pieces in the Mariner, which previewed our Stately Mansions House Tour.

Everybody spoke of them with admiration, and they gave a terrific boost to our sales and PR.

The tour was a resounding success for the Cohasset Historical Society. We deeply appreciate the time and care the Mariner took on our behalf and your help in making it all happen.

Nancy Garrison
429 King St.

Cohasset rowers needed for coaching

To the Editor:

As CMI, Cohasset Maritime Institute, completes its very successful summer rowing program for middle and high school students, we look forward to improving youth rowing opportunities for our fall competitive program. One way in which we hope to make a significant improvement this fall is to get more experienced adult coaches involved in our program.

We know that our community is rich in adults who have rowed competitively in college and beyond. We know that many who fit this description would love to share their experiences and expertise with youngsters who share a passion for crew. We're hoping that the experienced rowers reading this letter will give us a call to talk about getting out on the beautiful harbor waters this fall with kids who want to make crew their sport. If you can dedicate just a couple of hours a week for only 10 weeks, we'll make it work.

On behalf of Cohasset's youth rowers and CMI's board of directors, we look forward to hearing from you.

Jack Buckley
272 N. Main St.
781 383 8261
www.rowcmi.com

Fun run support appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Maritime Institute (CMI) would like to thank the community for the outpouring of support received for its first Jack Hubbard Memorial Fun Run. Over 120 runners, walkers, bikers and roller-bladders took on the 5k course on a steamy July morning, while a trio of CMI rowers on the Common went the distance on a few of the clubs ergs.

The memory of Jack Hubbard was refreshed and will be preserved via the christening of CMI's most recent 28-foot sliding seat gig the "Jack Hubbard." CMI would like to thank June Hubbard and her family for allowing us to remember Jack through this event. CMI would also like to thank the following event sponsors: the South Shore Music Circus, Institutional Cash Distributors, Hub Construction, Sheehy & Hewitt, Attorneys at Law, Darilynn's, Catz Sports Performance Center, Sullivan, Garrity & Donnelly, Eagle Flag, Watch All, Coastal Countryside Properties, Cavanaro Consulting, Cohasset Harbor Marina, Pilgrim Bank, Goodwin Graphics and the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, we would like to thank all of the race participants, the Cohasset Town Manager, Cohasset Police Department and Atlantic Bagel for making the Fun Run a success.

CMI is a community-based organization dedicated to the preservation of Cohasset's maritime history and to promoting a love of ocean rowing for Middle and High School students and for adults. CMI welcomes the community to attend its annual meeting, which will be held at the Light House Keepers on Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. For additional information, please visit our Web site www.rowcmi.com.

The CMI Jack Hubbard Fun Run Committee
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MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Aug. 21, 7 p.m.
Library Trustees, Sept. 9, 7 p.m. at the library
Republican Town Committee, Sept. 9, 4 p.m.,
Sewer Commission, Aug. 26, 6 p.m.
Selectmen, Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m. and Sept. 15, 7 p.m
School Committee, Aug. 20, 7 p.m. at the high school
Zoning Board of Appeals, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

POLITICAL NOTES

RSVP to 'Unity Party' by Aug. 27

Democratic unity party — The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee will host a party on Sept. 6 to unite local Democrats. All Democrats and their Independent friends are invited to enjoy music by members of the Cohasset High School jazz band, hors d'oeuvres and spirited conversation. The party will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the home of Helene Lieb and Ed Lappen. The minimum donation per person is $25. For more information, or to RSVP, Please call: Sally Sisson (383-6190); Teresa Polhemus (923-1413); Betsy Connolly (383-1248); or Susan Kent (383-2490). Please RSVP by Aug. 27.

Charlie Baker to speak at GOP picnic — Come and mingle with some of your favorite Republicans at the Cohasset Republican Town Committee's Annual Picnic. This year the event will be held Rain or Shine on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Lou Harvey's Estate on King Street.

The featured speaker is Charlie Baker, President and CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. Special Invited Guests include: Senator Bob Hedlund, Plymouth County DA Tim Cruz; Plymouth County Sheriff Joe MacDonald; Candidate for U.S. Senate Jeff Beatty, Candidate for Plymouth County Commissioner Ron Davey of Hull; Candidate for Plymouth County Treasurer Ed O'Connell; and a Representative of the John McCain Committee.

Tickets for the event are $20/person or $30/couple. Funds raised assist in supporting Republican candidates and annual scholarships for college bound high school students.

For further information contact Julie Guild (781-383-6443) or Kevin O'Donnell (781-383-6113)

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Bike safety, BMPs and fire access

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

A couple of Greenbush items — This past week we had a chance to witness a very nice event. A boy, we'd guess about 10 years old, was crossing the railroad tracks at Pond Street on his bike. When he approached the tracks, he stopped his bike, got off, looked both ways and walked his bike across the tracks. He didn't remount his bike until he was safely across the tracks. We really have to take our hats off the both that young man and his parents. It's really great to see such a good example of safety in everyday practice.

Speaking of the Pond Street crossing, a civic-minded resident has come forward and adopted the safety islands at this crossing for planting. They now sport a very fine collection of plants that will grow and enhance this corner of Cohasset. Thanks very much, on behalf of your fellow citizens. But, there are still two crossings, Beechwood and Sohier streets, which could use a bit of TLC from one or more of our residents or organizations. To adopt a crossing, just contact the Town Manager at 781-383-4105.

A number of residents have asked us whether the MBTA is finished with their construction in Cohasset. As you can see, they are still working on widening Route 3A at Lower King Street. In addition, they have never finished the reconstruction of the Town Parking Lot, nor have they added a traffic light at Route 3A and the Greenbush Station. Also, they will be reconstructing a major portion of the North Main Street crossing at Woodside Cemetery. This North Main Street crossing work entails extending the traffic island further toward Hingham, adding a special "jug handle" crossing for bikes, and narrowing the entrance to the cemetery. In addition there are numerous smaller items that need attention around Town. So, the answer is, there is still work to be done.

Coastal Zone Management Grant (CZM) – The Town received a CZM grant for the design and construction of several BMPs at appropriate locations in the James Brook watershed. So, first, what's a BMP? BMP stands for "Best Management Practice." BMPs consist of a series of devices that are designed to clean harmful materials from storm water before it is discharged into the watershed. In this particular case, these BMPs are all variations of devices classified as "rain gardens." These rain gardens are all designed to treat and clean up the first rain that falls on various streets around town. It is this first rain that washes the harmful pollutants that accumulate from our roadways. This first rain is called the "first flush."

So, what really happens in a rain garden? The first flush is collected and directed to a series of special soils and plants that absorb the pollutants and release substantially cleaner water at their outfall. Generally they drain either to the storm water system, a wetland or to a body of water. Rain gardens must designed so that very heavy rains don't overwhelm them but bypass the rain garden and flow directly to their outfall area. But, keep in mind, the first flush will always be treated. Rain gardens, depending on their size, also hold back some of the storm water and delay its travel downstream. This is capability called "desynchronization." As the number of rain gardens increase in a watershed, a positive effect might be felt in some of our areas prone to flooding.

This CZM grant covers the installation of BMPs at Norfolk and Cushing roads, Pond and Spring streets as well as on S. Main Street adjacent to St Anthony's Church. Presently, construction is underway in the Cushing Norfolk Road area. Only the Dig Safe marks are visible at the other two locations, so far.



COURTESY PHOTOS

New Pond Street plantings.

The photo shows the contractor, Cali Construction of Natick, at work. One BMP is at the right side of the photo on Norfolk Road, and two BMPs are in adjacent areas of Cushing Road in the background.

Little Harbor Project – Jerusalem Road – Last week we mentioned the narrowed Jerusalem Road as you head down the hill from Steep Rocks to Bow Street. We also spoke about the possibility of making this stretch of Jerusalem one lane. At this point we are seriously considering this option to reopen the road to fire emergency vehicles. As long as there are two lanes the very heavy fire trucks are not comfortable with driving near the wall side of the road. So their response time is lengthened since they currently have to circumvent area. The traffic light configuration most likely will be a radio controlled set of lights with one on either side of the restricted area. The fire trucks will be able to command the lights to change so the will have fairly prompt access to the area. This fire access is called "preemption." Of course, preemption has to allow time enough for approaching traffic already in the single lane area to clear before the fire trucks can proceed. We are currently working with the emergency forces to finalize the design of the light system.



Work underway at Norfolk and Cushing roads.

Tom Gruber, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Affairs, Email: cgbaffairs@townofcohasset.org

Mark Brennan, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Engineering, Email: cgbengineering@townofcohasset.org

The Friday news dump

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

I work from home. This arrangement has countless advantages for my wife, but you'd never know to hear her tell it, no matter how many times I help her learn how to run the house efficiently and raise our children correctly. For me the advantage is that I can mow the lawn or write articles for the paper when I'm supposed to be removing life-threatening bugs from software, and no one is the wiser except a tiny percentage of computer users, and then only very briefly after a blinding flash.

During July, however, the mean company I work for had me slaving eight hours a day, *every business day*. My lawn got so overgrown it was expanding into neighboring lawns. The Lengyel household descended into chaos no doubt, although it was too quiet downstairs for me to tell. And the witty introspections my readers have come to depend on went unwritten, unshared. But happily I got a reprieve on August 5th when a program I was fixing went viral and took out half the network in my department, giving me 500 hours, or about three weeks to relax. Well, that's my estimate at least.

When you put your head down and work productively for a whole month the way I did you miss out on a few news cycles, and catching up in a rush can lead to some funny misunderstandings. For example last weekend I heard that former senator John Edwards had been caught holding some kind of Tantric Olympics in a Russian tank parked at Sandy Beach, but what I didn't know until this morning is that this whole ridiculous story wasn't even true, and that he was actually in Medford getting a mammogram the whole time.

Of course while news from the outside world has been delayed in reaching me, Lengyel-oriented news has been backed up at the source. I apologize.

A big event that happened in our family recently is that my oldest child officially left the neutral zone and crossed into the teens. Had you told me 13 years ago that in 13 years my newborn daughter would be 13, you would have blown my mind. Yet here we are. And I have to say, so far the teen years are almost as sucky as my parents make them out to be.

If the stress of the first two or three years of parenting can be likened to death by a thousand small fires — the constant battle to keep your toddler from choking on a grape, crawling out a third-story window, and beating up even smaller, more innocent children and fluffy animals — I think the early teen years can be described as death by hypothermia. It's not a bad period if you've got the layers of emotional Gore-Tex necessary to handle it. If you don't mind watching your child morph from a happy, outgoing, affectionate ragamuffin into Vincent Van Gogh's most misanthropic cousin in a matter of months, you'll be fine. She certainly doesn't demand much attention. Like a Golden Lab who's suddenly turned into a cat, she needs only food, water, litter, and the occasional worm medicine, but otherwise you never see her without an appointment.

Thanks to one of these appointments Caroline got her braces off a week ago and has been licking her teeth ever since, like that woman in the Pearl Drops commercial. As a joke she was given a retainer that is completely transparent, so we're forever searching for it around the house. We find it among the couch cushions, half-submerged in glasses of water we're drinking, everywhere but over the expensive teeth it's supposed to be retaining.

A few days after the brace removal Mary got her ears pierced, proof once again that vanity can trump even the lowest threshold of pain. She's had a few setbacks — one night while she was sleeping her left stud got snagged on Caroline's retainer — but she awoke in the morning to find her ears perfectly straightened, so we all had hot chocolate to celebrate.

Emily begins to obsess about planning her Halloween costume a little earlier every year. The new record is now late July. And it's the same routine every time. Weeks and months are spent deciding on and making a costume, she puts it on and doesn't remove it for a solid week, and then we have to scrape together a new costume on October 30th. Which may explain why she's trick-or-treated as a happy, outgoing, affectionate ragamuffin with a hat and mustache for three years running.

I'll be going in Gore-Tex.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset.

LIBRARY CORNER

'Noise' airs on Thursday, Aug. 21

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Noise" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 21. Free admission and refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. For more information, visit the library's Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on calendar.

Page Positions – The library is accepting applications for two Page positions. Student hours are available, including afternoons, evenings and weekends. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and a Cohasset resident. For more information call reference librarian Gayle Walsh.

Brain Fitness Demonstration – What is Brain Fitness? How does it work? How can it help my memory? Come to a hands-on demonstration of Brain Fitness, a software program available in the library, at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 19. The event is free.

Consumer Reports Now Online – Library card holders can now access current issues of Consumer Reports and Consumer Reports Annual Buying Guide online through the library's Web site at cohassetlibrary.org. Access consumer news and advice from the comfort of one's home or office or at the library. Click research, then search the research databases to begin the search. Free for OCLN library cardholders. For more information, call the library.

Download Audiobooks at the Library – Patrons can now download Overdrive audiobooks in the library. Using an Internet station, specifically set up for downloading, people can begin to listen to a favorite book on one's portable device. Library staff can assist with the downloading process.

FOR CHILDREN

Wild Read T-shirts – Wild Reads @ your library has come to an end. Great job everyone for making the statewide Wild Reads @ your library a huge success. Congratulations to the 300 students that registered for the Wild Reads @ your library summer reading adventure and the 1,000 participants in summer programming. All registered students may pick up their Wild Reads T-shirts now. See Mrs. Moody or the staff at the Circulation desk for T-shirts.

Contest Winners – Congratulations to all the artists that submitted a giraffe or an elephant to the decorating contest. The judges had a difficult time choosing the winning entries. The following winning artwork can be viewed in the Children's Room: the Ritz family, Hannah Piasecki, Dylan Piasecki, Isabel Buckley, John Paul Buckley, Margaret Norton, Piper Norton, Kate Fitzpatrick, Jack Fitzpatrick, Grace Alves, Melissa Alves, Kate Nee, Trevor Glavin, Samantha Naples, Molly Naples, Caroline Cooper, Hanna Cooper, Samantha Mushin, Jackie Driscoll, Kate Cunning, Joseph Carroll, Kalin McMahon, Oliver Hobson, Lauren Bellefontaine, Brandon Bellefontaine, Alexandra Lanier, Liam O'Connell, Elizabeth Coletta, Lily McCarthy, Julia, Nola Gallagher, Max Galvin, Payton Kondrat, and Sydney Safarik. Contest winners are invited to choose a book from the selection in the Story Room.

Official State (fill in the blank)

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I see where our overworked Legislature has interrupted its deliberations long enough to create another Official State Rock for our trophy case.

This time it is the Rolling Rock, which as everyone who lives at the corner of County Street and North Eastern Avenue in Fall River knows is a 140-ton boulder at the corner of County Street and North Eastern Avenue.

It is to be known forever more as the Official Glacial Rock of the Commonwealth.

This is to distinguish it from the Official Rock, which is Roxbury puddingstone; the Official Historical Rock, which is located in Plymouth; the Official Explorer Rock, which is in Dighton; and the Official Building Rock, which is granite.

I'm not sure what there is about the Rolling Rock that makes it stand out among the thousands of glacial boulders that have bedeviled farmers in the Commonwealth for generations but I'm sure the Legislature researched the subject with its usual diligence.

I've always thought of Rolling Rock as a better-than-average regional beer in a long-neck bottle that you ordered when the Sam Adams ran out. You don't suppose our legislators . . . naw! We have so many Official State (fill in the blank) that one more won't matter.

The GateHouse News Service reporter didn't say who proposed the Rolling Rock as the Official Glacial Rock but lately the Official Whosises have been suggested by students who like to startle the legislators to see if they are awake.

It was a civics class from Norton High School that pushed Boston Cream Pie to victory as the Official State Dessert over the Toll House Cookie and Indian Pudding.

But, fear not, a third-grade class from Somerset took up the cudgel for the Toll House Cookie the following year and it was named the Official State Cookie.

There's no Official State Pudding yet, if any of you kids are interested.

There is an Official State Song ("All Hail Massachusetts"), an Official State Folks Song ("Massachusetts," by Arlo Guthrie himself); an Official State Patriotic Song ("Massachusetts, because of you our land is free"), an Official State Polka Song ("Say Hello to Someone from Massachusetts"), an Official State Glee Club Song ("The Great State of Massachusetts") and a State Ceremonial March "The Road to Boston") but no Official State Rap Song.

There is a State Vietnam War Memorial in Worcester, an Official State Southwest Asia War Memorial, an Official State Korean War Memorial in Charlestown, an Official State MIA/POW Memorial in Bourne but no Official State World War II Memorial.

Perhaps the Legislature could now get cracking on the measure proposed by the civics class at Cedar Junction — the Official State Fugitive.

Who but Whitey Bulger, now that Clark Rockefeller or Christopher Chichester or whatever name he is going by these days is out of the running.

Farrag talks about Town Hall plans

"Our Town" co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with David Farrag, Chairman of the Town Hall Renovation and Restoration Committee, to discuss plans to revitalize the original portion of Town Hall while making it better suited to fit the needs of the community.

Highlights from the Class of 2008 pre-prom Red Carpet Gala also air on the second half of the show.

Our Town airs on local Comcast Channel 10 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 9pm.

Stay tuned Cohasset and Stay informed!

Check out the Web

Check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

- On-line poll about future of the Teen Garage
- Video of David Wadsworth talking about the Cohasset Maritime Museum
- Pet of the Week Video: meet Buffy and her newborn kittens!
- Slideshow of the CSCR water testing program
- Breaking news, updates and photo galleries throughout the week

Parking signs in village send conflicting messages

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specialized parking spaces benefit that business. In front of Tedeschi's, where customers are typically only doing a quick stop, are 15-minute or 30-minute, depending on what sign you happen to look at. There are two 15-minute parking spaces from 6 to 9 p.m. in front of the Village Wine and Liquors. In front of Hingham Institution for Savings there is 30-minute parking restriction and across the street it is one-hour parking on the Fleming's side. Yet, those spaces on the Fleming's side of Elm Street will soon get new signs allowing two-hour parking per a recent Board of Selectmen vote.

The signs don't even agree on what time overnight parking begins: some says 1a.m. and others it is 2a.m.

"What we are looking to do is get the Police Department, the DPW and members of the village revitalization group together to go over what we are trying to accomplish in the village," said Police Chief James Hussey. "We want to understand exactly what they (the village revitalization committee) want and make sure what they want is easily enforced by police and understood by drivers."

Following a review of parking goals, Hussey hopes the DPW could then install and/or remove signage.

Parking enforcement

The conflicting signs and multiple regulations can make it difficult for the police to enforce the rules to the benefit of merchants and customers.

"In all on-street parking we want to have some sort of time limitations. There has to be some exchange of parking for the businesses. If there are no parking when someone drives through the village, people are more than likely to keep going," said Hussey. "From a police point of view if people are parking all day it is going to have a negative impact on business."

To that end, Hussey said police officers are routinely ticketing in the village enforcing the posted laws.

Yet, with the conflicting signage there is a chance tickets could get overturned at the appeals level.

"We try to keep (appeals) out of the hands of the police department," said Hussey. Once a ticket is written, the officer can't take it back. Town Manager handles all parking ticket appeals.

Because Cohasset's busiest time of year is the summer, especially with increased out-of-towner traffic, it is no surprise Town Manager Bill Griffin said he receives a lot of parking ticket appeals during these months.

"Only a few have related to confusion with signs in the village," said Griffin. However, both he and Chief Hussey believe work needs to be done to clarify a couple of situations that lead to confusion. Griffin noted the double signage in front of Tedeschi's as an example.

Bill Ducharme, manager of the village Tedeschi's, says for the most part residents abide by the parking signs in the village, but out-of-towners might not know (or see the sign) indicating the quick stop parking spaces in front of his store.

"Space is of the essence. But, I know they are working on it so I'll wait and see what happens," said Ducharme. He said much of his business traffic is foot driven, so he doesn't feel whatever parking issues may exist are affect his business.

Until signage changes are made, if you want to park on the safe side, don't park for more than 15 minutes on the street or take the short walk to the retail stores from the town parking lot.

Village study

During the village zoning bylaw study last summer, a cursory look at the parking situation in the village within the context of a broader scope. Angus Jennings of Concord Square Planning and Development suggested the town look at how to optimize the spaces the have rather than create more parking.

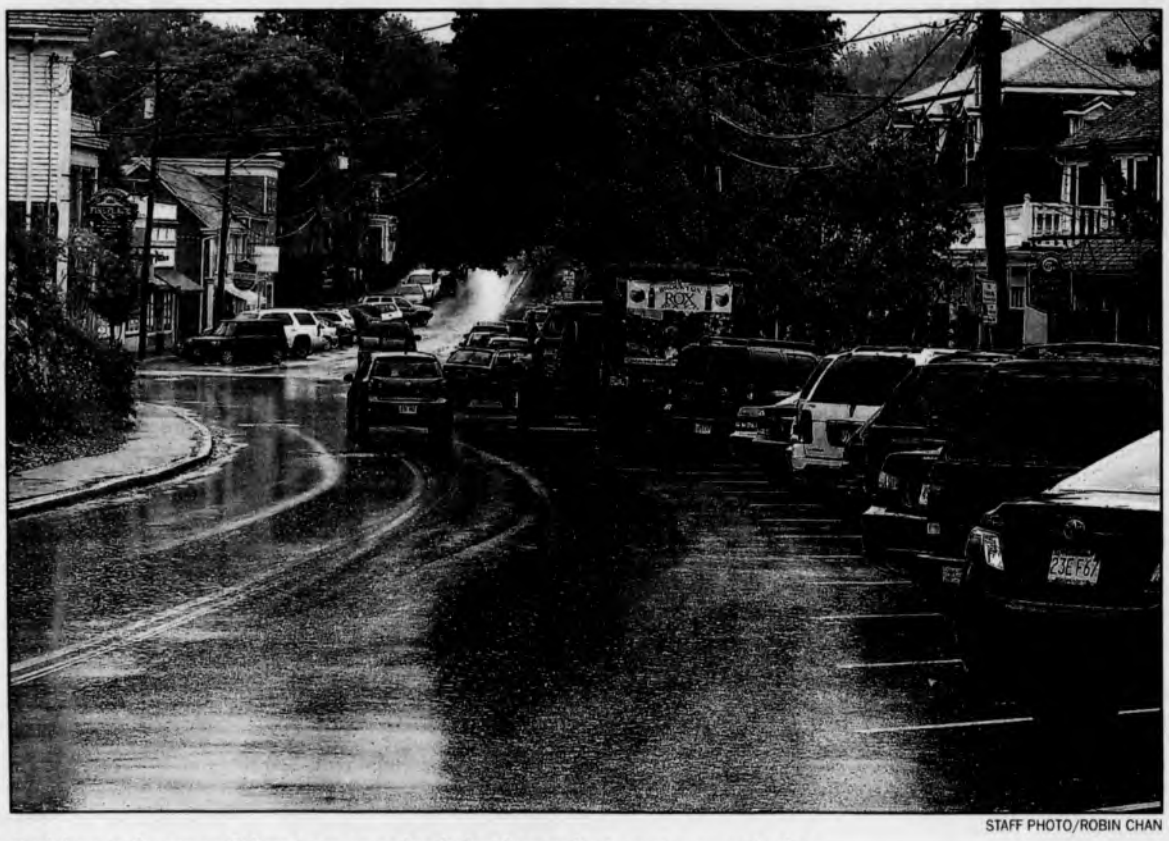
"There was a general perception that parking was a problem," from the surveys completed by merchants, said Jennings. Yet without a complete study he could not say definitively there was an issue.

Concord Square did recommend the town do something to better manage the large town parking lot with more signage directing visitors to the lot and encouraging employees to use the town lots. In addition to the large town parking lot directly behind the storefronts on South Main Street, there is a 24-space lot on the south side of the MBTA tracks not being used to its fullest extent.

"In a general sense, given the uses of the village and type of uses and the total number of parking spaces, there is a reasonable amount of parking for the uses that exist now," said Jennings, adding there were not a lot of excess spaces to handle future retail growth.

The draft village design guidelines the Planning Board and Jennings' firm is developing (*see related story*) encourages illuminated wayfinding signs to assist visitor in finding sites of interest within the Village Business District. Signs directing visitors to the town parking lots could fall under this category.

Jennings said the village is not alone in its variety of parking regulations compared to other town centers he is familiar.



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Rush hour in downtown Cohasset can cause headaches for merchants, customers and police.



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In front of Pilgrim Bank there is a sign indicating 30-minute parking pointing to the right.



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Approximately 20-feet away, in front of Tedeschi's, there is signage for 15-minute parking with an arrow pointing left. The two signs reference the same spaces.



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Further up on Elm Street, near the intersection with Main Street, parking signage indicates "no parking" on or near the pedestrian crosswalk. Yet, another sign (on the telephone pole in the background) closer to the intersection indicates there is one-hour parking beyond the crosswalk.



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Ten feet from a "no parking" sign is a one-hour parking sign, very close to the intersection of Elm Street and S. Main.

Potential for new curbing around the common

Earlier in the summer, the Selectmen heard from town engineers Mark Brennan and Tom Gruber about the possibility of new curbing around the Common. In the coming months as part of the Little Harbor water and sewer project, new sewer pipes will be installed on North Main Street and new water lines on Highland Avenue. After the new piping is put in, the roadway will be reclaimed and paved with a new asphalt base and topcoat.

Over the years, the roads surrounding the common have been paved over and over; this process will remove all the asphalt that has built up over the years. With the asphalt built up, the streets are approximately the same level as the curbs and the land on the Common side of the curb making it very easy — and welcoming — for cars to park. When the paving is reclaimed, the road could be as much as one foot lower than it is now. Brennan and Gruber offered several suggestions to re-design the curbing.

Signs near the common are plentiful — there is parking signage for "senior center parking only," "no parking except during worship hours" and simply, "no parking."

Although the project includes budget line items for the grinding and re-paving of the street, it was said at Selectmen's meeting the budget does not include the cost for granite curbing. If the decision is made to install granite curbing, financing options will need to be explored. The curbing will not be installed until approximately spring 2009 Brennan said at the meeting giving the town some lead time to find the money.

Town Manager Bill Griffin said the town plans to hold a neighborhood meeting about the water/sewer project, which will also include a discussion of parking around the Common.



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HEALTH NOTES

Give your brain a workout Tuesday

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The event will consist of a briefing by Gayle Walsh, Reference Librarian, and a chance for anyone interested to try out the software on the Library's laptop.

As a result of recent discussions between the Board of Health and the Paul Pratt Library, the library has installed some brain exercise software on a laptop and is planning an orientation and demonstration session at the Library on Ripley Road at 1 p.m. next Tuesday (Aug 19). The event will consist of a briefing by Gayle Walsh, Reference Librarian, and a chance for anyone interested to try out the software on the Library's laptop. We're not absolutely sure how things will work out, but we can assure you that you'll learn more about how the brain works and what we can do to help it along as we get older. Of course someone from the Board of Health will be there to answer medical questions. This will be an opportunity to observe the program in action and get some explanation of the way it can aid you in your daily activities.

We will ask you to fill out a sign up sheet and give us your opinion of the whole idea and also the way you think it may be best applied. I'm told there will also be light refreshments.

Although studies have concluded that the brain begins to lose sharpness early in life, it seems to vary with individuals and the habits they have developed as they age. Reduced brain function seems to become noticeable to most individuals when they near 50 and degradation continues. For this reason, brain fitness has become a hot topic in adult education and senior centers across the country. Since senior organizations have found that group workshops are most popular, that is the model we are considering in Cohasset.

Both Elder Affairs and Sunrise Assisted Living are providing transportation to the library as well as other groups known to have an interest.

Although we aren't completely sure how the brain exercise activities will play out, there's a bright spot about all this activity. It's not costing the town (or the Library) a penny. The Board of Health will use a grant from a local donor who has offered to provide sufficient funds to pay for the program, hardware, software and staff. The grant covers the beginning of brain fitness exercises outlined more comprehensively by literature from Posit Science Corporation of San Fransisco. It will cover staff as well as ownership and custody of the equipment. The Public Health Nurse, using staff under her direction, will manage the program. All of the personnel involved would be working in some capacity for the Town. So, this program can be considered *your* program. We'd like your help in trying to make it work and your advice as to how to manage and use it.

So far, brain training seems to be most successful in a workshop format. That is, those interested will sign up for training at a venue where the equipment is set up and training goes on in a group similar to the way health spas conduct health and strength training. Since the brain seems also to benefit from physical exercise, the BoH is investigating the possibility of also conducting strength and exercise training using equipment available in the school system. At some point, we will be considering BoH exercise classes in conjunction with brain fitness as part of the same general well being initiative.

The duration of the program will depend on its success and we'd like your help. Come and see what we have and give us your comments. If you think it's good, let us know. If you don't think it's useful, we'd like that information also.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.



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As of 10 a.m. Thursday, 82 people had responded to our poll at: www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset.

Current results for parking on Elm Street

Selectmen recently voted to make changes to the parking configuration on Elm Street near Dean & Hamilton Real Estate and Fleming's. They extended the time allowed for parking to two hours. They added three additional spaces (one set of tires on sidewalk) on the Dean & Hamilton side of Elm St. closer to S. Main. A line will be drawn on the sidewalk to ensure a minimum four-foot wide passageway on the sidewalk. The spaces will be two-hour parking and no parking over the line. A loading and unloading 15-minute parking on the Cohasset Hardware side of Elm Street in a hashed line area.

With Elm Street to South Main a major route for responding emergency vehicles, some residents have raised concern with the parking and the effect it could have on emergency response times. What would you like to see done with parking on Elm Street?

Question: What should the town do about parking on Elm Street?

Answers	Votes
Selectmen had the right idea: enforceable rules for parking	27
Get rid of all the parking on Elm Street	5
Don't allow parking with one set of wheels on the sidewalk	33
Make Elm Street from Brook Street to Main Street one way	11
None of the above	6
Total votes	**82**

Register to vote for State Primary

The last day to register to vote for the State Primary on Sept. 16, will be Wednesday, Aug. 27. Registration will take place at the Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Ruggiero the right man for the job

Cohasset boys basketball program lands Hall of Fame coach

By Joel Racicot
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Bo Ruggiero likes to talk with his hands. Most Italian Americans do. Sitting outside the coaches' offices at Cohasset High School, he describes an old North Quincy High School basketball coach named Knobby Nolan.

Ruggiero jumps out of his chair as he recounts the old coach who instructed practice wearing chino pants, chomping on an un-lit cigarillo. He practically bowls over with laughter thinking about this character from his past.

According to Ruggiero, they don't make em' like they used to. Characters that is. They just don't come around that often. Which is what makes Ruggiero (pronounced, roo-JEHRO), the new boys basketball coach at CHS, such a rarity. A self-described Renaissance man, or in this case Rinascimento man, Ruggiero is in Cohasset to make a cultural basketball movement.

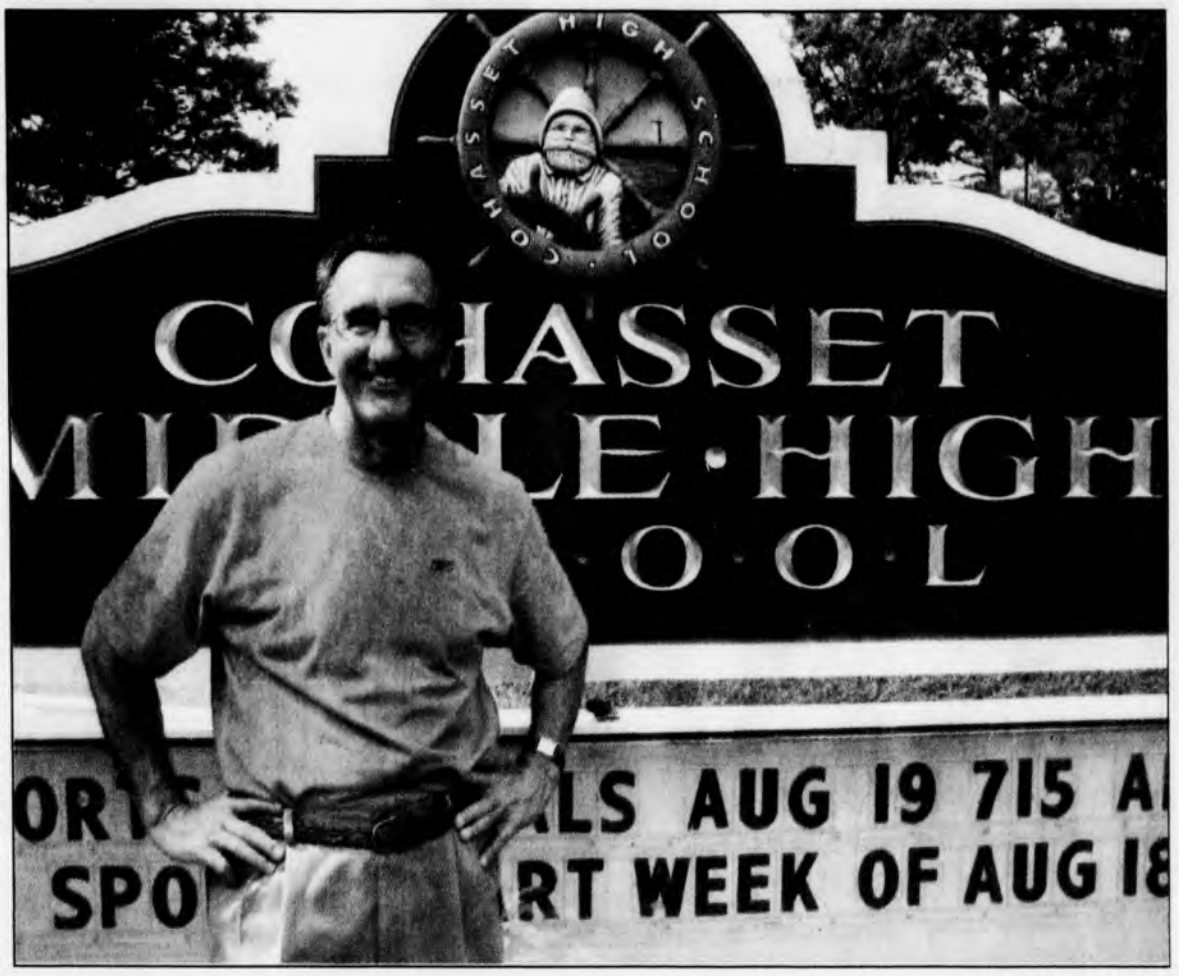
Whether it can be done or not doesn't matter right now. Right now the new coach is focused on the basics of coming into a new environment. He and CHS wrestling coach Torin Sweeney already have a Houdini plan to get the wrestling mats off the courts so as not to waste a minute of practice for either team. Starting over anew is something Ruggiero does best. Not that he ever needs to. Reclamation projects are in his blood.

"I'm going to try and do the best that I can," said Ruggiero. "I'm going to give them energy, enthusiasm, the knowledge of previous places I've been at, and hopefully I will be able to use all of the formula or parts of the formula that have been successful in other places. But I have to say one thing right now you need players not plays. If you don't have committed, hard-working basketball players then you really are going to have a hard time."

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Ruggiero has 441 career victories and was inducted into the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association Hall of

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STAFF PHOTO/JOEL RACICOT

New Cohasset High School boys basketball coach Bo Ruggiero.

Local swimmers make Waves this summer



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Hope Kissick of the Cohasset Swim team splits the water using the breaststroke during the girls 14 and under 100 yard IM at the league championship at the Kingsbury Club. Kissick also swam for the Weymouth Waves. See next week's Cohasset Mariner for a full recap of the Cohasset Swim team winning the league championship for the first time since 2004.

Swimmers begin season in St. Croix and end at New England Open

A busy summer season has concluded for the Weymouth Waves swim team. And the team that competes out of the Weymouth Club can look back on its most successful seasons ever.

Under the tutelage of head coach Mike Riley, the Waves' summer began with 14 swimmers traveling to St. Croix, VI for training sessions that were designed to show the youngsters that they were capable of accomplishing things in the water that they didn't think were possible.

The summer season ended at the recent New England 12-and-under age group championships.

Among the top performers were 14-year-old Hope Kissick and 11-year-old Sam Rice, both from **Cohasset**. Hope's performance in the 50 breaststroke ranked her in the top-10 in the nation in her specialty, while Sam emerged as one of the nation's premier distance freestylers as he is ranked in the top 25 in the country in the 800 freestyle.

Here is a recap at how the team did during the summer.

St. Croix

As stated above, this was a training trip that was attended by 14 members of the Waves. Each swimmer was pushed both in the water and in dry land training and each responded to the challenge. Every swimmer did things that took him or her out of their comfort zone as they met the standards of excellence set by the coaches. Every swimmer left St. Croix realizing what it meant to train at a higher level.

Fort Lauderdale 2008 International Invitational

This was the first major meet of the summer season as 18 swimmers attended. They did an outstanding job as there were 35 top-25 finishes and 5 in the top-10.

Among the top performers were 12-year-old Joseph Bonvouloir (Needham), who finished eighth in the 400 free (5:10.81); 12-year-old Connor Green (**Cohasset**), who was ninth in the 400 free (5:14.38); 11-year-old Sam Rice (**Cohasset**), seventh in the 400 free (5:09.66); 12-year-old Michaela Ryan (Hingham), who was 10th in the 400 free (5:20.89); and 14-year-old Hope Kissick (**Cohasset**), who took second in the 50 breaststroke (:35.89).

New England Open

Next on the schedule for the Waves was the New England Open that was hosted by Harvard University. Twenty-one swimmers qualified, and there were 11 top-25 finishes.

One of the top performers was 14-year-old Peter McDonald (Norwell). He had an outstanding meet advancing to the final heat of the night in each of his events. What's more, he established best personal times in seven events. He dropped an incredible 38 seconds off his best previous time in the 400 free and his 400 IM by 25 seconds, while

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NAME: Tara Batson
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POSITION: Attack
STATS: This talented two-year starter for the Duxbury girls in scored 127 points on 58 goals, 69 assists. The two-time Patriot League All-star was a co-captain for the 15-4-1 Lady Dragons, a Div. 2 South finalist. Was an essential part of Duxbury's Div. 2 state title team in her junior season. Will continue her lacrosse career at Babson College.



NAME: Colleen Mulligan
SCHOOL: Hanover
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Attack
STATS: This talented four-year starter in the attack midfield racked up 96 points on 71 goals and 25 assists. Career totals find Mulligan with 297 points on 227 goals, 70 assists. A four-time Patriot League All-star, Mulligan had the ability to turn games around with her speed and skill. Brought her team back from a nine-goal deficit against Scituate with six goals and two assists in an 18-17 win. Also a field hockey player at HHS, Mulligan will continue her lacrosse career at UMass-Amherst.



NAME: Jackie Moscardelli
SCHOOL: Weymouth
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Attack
STATS: Tri-sport senior notched up an obscene 103 goals on the season including nine in a win over Walpole to clinch a playoff berth for the Wildcats. Four-year starter at the varsity level, Moscardelli finished her high school career as a two time Bay State Conference all star and the team MVP. Moscardelli will continue her lacrosse career at Springfield College.



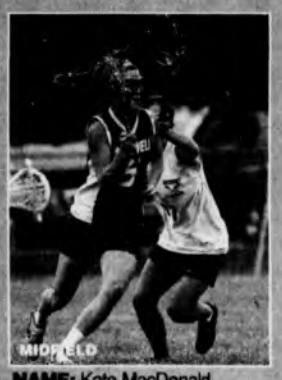
NAME: Erin Levesque
SCHOOL: Duxbury
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Midfield
STATS: Earned an Honorable Mention to the All-American team after netting 54 points on 46 goals, eight assists in her final season. The two-year starter's speed and leadership skills were among her best assets, guiding the Lady Dragons to a league title (7-0-1) and appearance in the Div. 2 South finals. Also a field and ice hockey player at DHS, Levesque will play lacrosse at UNH.



NAME: MaryKate Gorman
SCHOOL: Hingham
GRADE: Junior
POSITION: Attack
STATS: Speed kills and this player had it in abundance. Gorman led the Harborwomen in scoring again this season with 98 points on 78 goals, 20 assists. The two-time Patriot League All-star will enter her final season with career marks of 174 goals, 242 assists and will aim to break HHS's all-time record. Was named an Academic All-American. Will also run Cross Country at Hingham this fall.



NAME: Kim Stazinski
SCHOOL: Pembroke
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Midfield
STATS: A two-time Patriot League all-star, practically the backbone that the Titans program was built on. Led the league with 86 goals and 15 assists last season, setting a school record. Will play lacrosse at Fitchburg next season.



NAME: Kate MacDonald
SCHOOL: Norwell
GRADE: Sophomore
POSITION: Midfield
STATS: A three sport star that finished second in scoring for the state finalist Clippers with 68 goals and 28 assists. Named to the South Shore League all-star team, MacDonald should be leaned on heavily over the next few seaons.



NAME: Emma Daniels
SCHOOL: Hingham
GRADE: Junior
POSITION: Defense
STATS: A two-year starter and Patriot League All-star, Daniels had the difficult task of trying to shut down the opposing team's best player. The Academic All-American kept her team in several games with her solid marking, including two wins over Notre Dame (10-8, 14-13). Was a stalwart in one-goal losses to rivals Duxbury (10-9) and Norwell (15-14). Will return to the HHS squad next spring.



NAME: Jill Caramello
SCHOOL: Duxbury
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Defense/Midfield
STATS: One of the most feared players on the South Shore, Caramello had a knack for shutting down opposing attacks. Strongest asset was her ground ball game, which allowed her to contribute to the Duxbury attack. The Patriot League All-star racked up 48 goals for the champion Lady Dragons (7-0-1), who also reached the Div. 2 South finals. Also played field hockey at DHS.

THE BEST OF THE REST

NAME: Brittany Segalla
SCHOOL: Hanover
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Attack

NAME: Meg Muncey
SCHOOL: Duxbury
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Attack

NAME: Molly Cox
SCHOOL: Norwell
GRADE: Freshman
POSITION: Attack

NAME: Ryan Gorman
SCHOOL: Marshfield
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Midfield

NAME: Nicole Moran
SCHOOL: Pembroke
GRADE: Junior
POSITION: Midfield

NAME: Lindsay Hill
SCHOOL: Cohasset
GRADE: Junior
POSITION: Defense

NAME: Stephanie Hoomis
SCHOOL: Duxbury
GRADE: Sophomore
POSITION: Goalie

NAME: Kerrin Kasianowicz
SCHOOL: Scituate
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Attack

NAME: Rose O'Connell
SCHOOL: Norwell
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Attack

NAME: Kara O'Connell
SCHOOL: Norwell
GRADE: Sophomore
POSITION: Defense



NAME: Justine Sullivan
SCHOOL: Norwell
GRADE: Junior
POSITION: Goalie
STATS: Played in net for the state finalist Clippers. A South Shore League all-star, Sullivan provided stability in net for one of the best teams in the state. Will be a key returnee for next year's team.

HONORABLE MENTION

Shawna Kavanagh – Defense – Abington
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Amy Cushing – Sr. – Braintree
Amanda Burns – Sr.- Weymouth
Kathleen Marshall– So. –Attack-Scituate
Caitlin Mahoney – Jr. – Midfield – Cohasset
Taryn Sacchitella-So.-Attack- Scituate

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Ruggiero the man for the job

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Fame more than 15 years ago. His latest stint was at Foxboro High School, where he retired from the coaching job after the 2006-07 season. There, he turned around the boys basketball program and went 117-66 with 102 of those wins coming in the last five seasons.

The stint in Foxboro included eight consecutive state tournament qualifications and a semifinal round appearance in the south sectional.

Prior to Foxboro, Ruggiero coached at King Philip Regional where he took the first boys basketball team in school history to the state tournament.

Other coaching stints include; Bridgewater State College, where he took the girls basketball program to five NCAA's and was named a two-time Div. 3 New England Coach of the Year; Boston College, where in 1979 he was an assistant under men's basketball coach Tom Davis (Tennessee men's basketball coach Bruce Pearl was the team manager, newly hired Providence men's basketball coach Keno Davis was the ball boy); Taunton High School, where he helped develop the boys basketball program; Medfield High School, where he went 132-43, and made six straight tournament appearances and is in the school Hall of Fame; and Newton Junior College, where it all began.

Coaching isn't the only thing Ruggiero does, though. He is also a businessman. He has a master's degree in guidance a bachelor's degree in physical education, but ran a successful basketball and softball camp for many years.

Ruggiero grew up in North Quincy and surprisingly enough, played two seasons of baseball at Boston University.

At one time, Ruggiero was the Director of Promotions at BU and the Director of Athletics at BSC. He also held the post of president of the state coaches association.

Ruggiero has been married to his wife Mary for 37 years. Mary recently retired from a career as an international flight attendant. That gave Bo the opportunity to partake in another one of his passions — travel.

Through the years he has been to Europe more than 100 times — Italy mostly. Milan, Venice, Santa Margherita on the Italian Riviera, the places with the good bread and the good wine.

"My background is fairly varied," Ruggiero said. "Although it's sport oriented, it's fairly varied, so I'm not just a teacher-coach. Not that there is anything wrong with that, but I've had a great opportunity to do a lot more traveling overseas than the normal person because of my situation.

"I've had a very happy, pleasant life. Happily married and pleasantly pleased that I'm going to be doing one more time what I have done in the past, what I truly enjoy doing. I get a joy out of coming into a place and trying to make it happen."

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Bo knows best.

It's that simple. Anyone that has been around the game as long as he has will agree. His coaching style on the sidelines may be intense, but Ruggiero doesn't consider himself a coach as much as a teacher. And sometimes the lesson plan needs a little persuasion.

Nothing will be different in Cohasset. He will coach with the same vigor as he did when he won three games at King Philip and when he won 20 at Foxboro.

"I think that Cohasset High School indicated that they wanted a veteran, experienced, successful coach and certainly I fit those basic criteria," Ruggiero said. "It seems to me, looking at Cohasset, as an opportunity as well as a challenge, there is a big challenge here. The opportunity is for me to go into an environment with new young people to have an opportunity to teach and coach a game I love teaching. To have an opportunity to try to make a difference so in six or seven years when my time is done here, as it has in other places, everybody says we had a very good experience playing for Bo Ruggiero and we are glad we had the opportunity to play for him."

It is mid-August and his hands are flying. Seems the regular season can't come soon enough for Ruggiero and his Skippers, a very fortunate bunch.

Fortunato to be exact.

"The passion will come out in the way I teach and coach," said Ruggiero. "I am an Italian and Italian is a guy you can really gravitate towards and feel warm with. I hope my players feel that way."

Cohasset High School Fall Schedule

Monday, August 18

Football first practice begins Monday, August 18 at 3:00 p.m. at CHS.

Tuesday, August 19

Physical Exams

We like to remind all student-athletes need an up-to-date physical exam performed by a physician within the past 13 months prior to the start of the season in order to participate in a high school sport. No student-athlete will be allowed to participate in practices or games without a current physical exam on file at the Cohasset High School nurse's office.

Dr. Steven Golden, the school physician, will provide free physical exams for student athletes on the following date: Tuesday, August 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the Cohasset High School Nurse's office.

Cross Country Meeting

There will be a meeting for all high school students interested in participating in the new boys and girls cross country teams at 12:00 noon Tuesday, August 19 at the CHS Library.

Fall Captains Meeting

There will be a meeting of the fall athletic team captains at 12:00 noon Tuesday, August 19 at the CHS Library.

Wednesday, August 20

Freshmen Orientation for Fall Sports

There will be an orientation meeting for all grade 9 student-athletes who are playing a fall sport from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the CHS Library. This will be hosted by the fall athletic team captains.

Thursday August 21

First Practices

Boys Soccer tryouts begin Thursday, August 21 at 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Milliken Field. Girls Soccer tryouts begin Thursday, August 21 at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Milliken Field. Field Hockey tryouts begin Thursday, August 21 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Deer Hill School. Golf Team tryouts begin Thursday, August 21 at 3:00 p.m. at Cohasset Country Club. Cheerleading tryouts begin Thursday, August 21 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the CHS Gymnasium. Boys and Girls Cross Country first practice will begin Thursday, August 21 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cohasset High School track.

First practice times will also be posted on the www.highschoolsports.net website.

Monday, August 27

Fall Preseason Sports Information Night, CHS Gym Lobby at 6:45 p.m.

We ask that students bring their $250 user fee and at least one parent/guardian to the meeting. There are a number of changes in our athletic policies that will be presented. Parents and students will then have an opportunity to meet with the coaching staff to discuss team rules and expectations for the Fall 2008 season.

Health Precautions

Student athletes and parents are reminded to take proper health precautions for the first week of practice. Student-athletes should come to practice properly nourished and hydrated. Water will be provided at practice, students–athletes should bring there own water bottles with their names clearly marked on them to avoid sharing water bottles.

Mosquito repellant will be made available at all practices and games. Student-athletes, coaches, and fans will be encouraged to take the proper precautions to use bug spray and remain safe at all CHS athletic events.

Students and parents are reminded that there are still risks associated with mosquito borne illnesses such as West Nile Virus. Parents are urged to use caution and follow the Preventing Diseases Spread by Mosquitos Fact Sheet that will be available at all Cohasset Public Schools and at the Massachusetts Department of Public Heath Web site: www.mass.gov/dph.

Local swimmers make Waves this summer

FROM WAVES, PAGE 17

he lowered his 200 breaststroke by 11 seconds, his 1500 freestyle by six seconds, his 200 IM and 100 breaststroke by almost five seconds, and his 200 freestyle by nearly three seconds.

Other outstanding performers were 16-year-old Caitlin Cronin (Kingston), who was sixth in the 100 free, 12th in the 50 free, 21st in the 200 backstroke, 22nd in the 100 back, and 23rd in the 200 free; 17-year-old Kyle Ripley (Weymouth), who took 14th in the 200 breaststroke; 14-year-old Sam and 17-year-old Ian Sliwinski, both from Weymouth. Sam was 15th in the 100 back while brother Ian was 17th in the same event. Finally, 17-year-old Naomi Woodcock (Brockton) was 14th in the 100 breaststroke.

New England 12-and-Under Group Championships

The summer season ended with this meet that was hosted in Durham, NH. In all, 10 Waves qualified, and they did an outstanding job as there were 45 top-25 finishes and 16 top-10 finishes.

Ten-year-old Matt Gaffney (Braintree) emerged as the champion in the 50-meter breaststroke as he took first place. Competing in six total events, he also finished fifth in the 100-meter breaststroke and 12th in the 50-meter freestyle.

Alphabetically, here are how the other Waves fared

Joseph Bonvouloir, 12 years old from Needham: third in the 50 back; 10th in the 100 free; 11th in the 400 free; 12th in the 200 free, 100 breaststroke and the 200 IM; 15th in the 50 free; 17th in the 50 breaststroke; and 23rd in the 50 fly.

Katie Eagan, 12 years old from Duxbury: 5th in the 100 fly; 7th in the 200 fly; 9th in the 50 fly; and 14th in the 50 free. She also swam in five other events.

Connor Green, 12 years old from **Cohasset**: fourth in both the 100 free and 100 backstroke; sixth in the 200 back; seventh in the 400 free and 50 back; eighth in the 50 free; 10th in the 200 free and 50 breaststroke; and 12 in the 400 IM.

Julia Klier, 10 years old from **Cohasset**: She swam in five events with her best finish coming in the 50 back in which she was 12th.

Michaela Morris, 12 years old from Duxbury: She competed in four events with a 13th in the 100 fly being her best finish.

Sam Rice, 11 years old from **Cohasset**: He swam in nine events including the 400 free (ninth), 100 fly (11th), 200 and 800 free (14th in each), and the 100 free (17th

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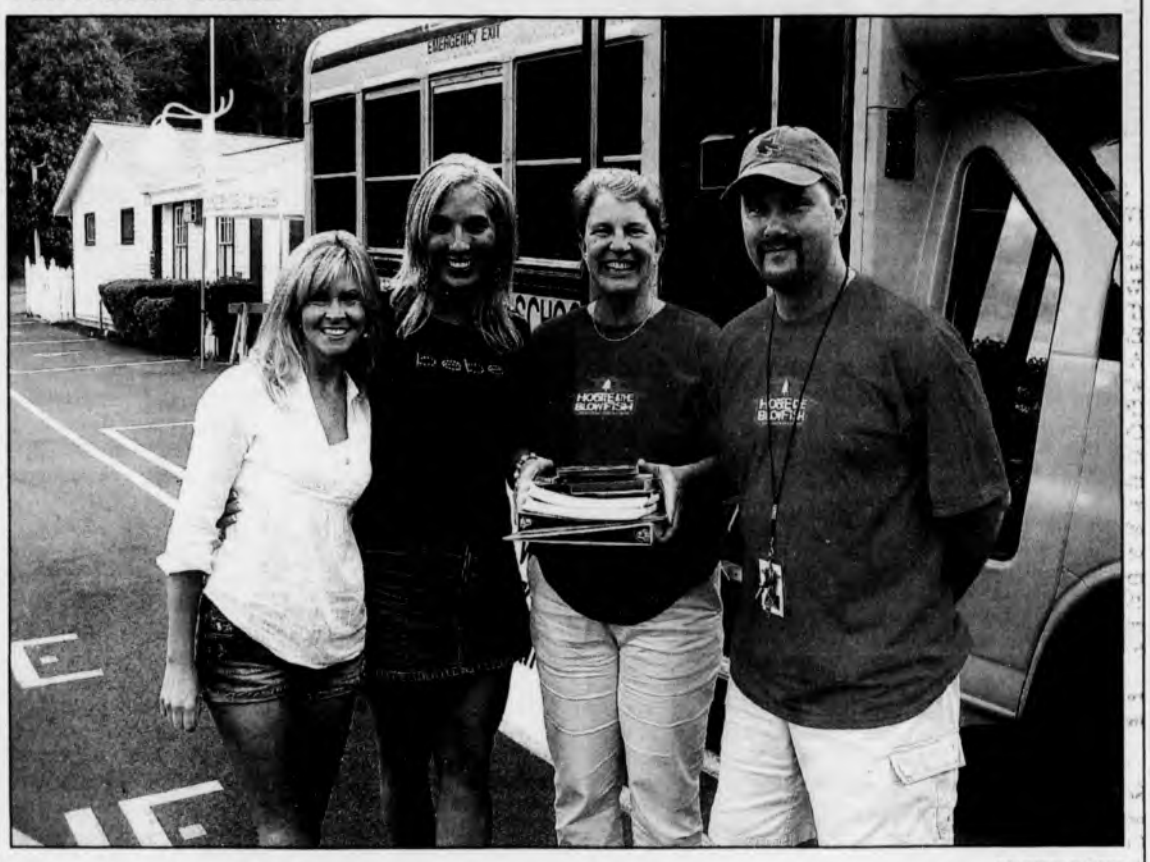
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From left: Patty Vitela of New Hampshire; Tracy Sormanti of Connecticut; Kelly Dickson, bus coordinator for Cohasset Public Schools; and Ron Ford, Athletic Director, Cohasset Middle High School, pose outside a school bus at the Hootie & the Blowfish concert. Ford helped coordinate the school supply drive that will benefit Cohasset Public Schools, local nursery schools and the library. The Hootie & the Blowfish Foundation is spearheading the effort as part of their Homegrown Concert Series. Ticket holders were asked to bring a school supply to the concert.



From left: CHS Class of 2008 grads and Music Circus Concession employees Ken Muir, Jesse Meade, Eric MacCarthy, Faith O'Driscoll; Hootie drummer Jim "Soni" Sonefeld and bassist Dean Felber; Kelly Dickson, bus coordinator for Cohasset Public Schools; Hootie lead singer Darius Rucker; Deb Beal, Cohasset High School Girls Soccer Coach/PE Teacher and Music Circus Concession employee; Hootie guitarist Mark Bryan; and volunteer Tiffany Jacobs following the concert at the South Shore Music Circus.

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Are there stories you can relate to the Society about involvement with the WPA?

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1935 — E.R.A. — W.P.A ACTIVITIES—Concluded

Cohasset first city or town in Massachusetts to change over from E.R.A. to W.P.A. First, second and eighth W.P.A. projects approved for Massachusetts are in operation in Cohasset. W.P.A. payrolls approximate $4,200 per month. E.R.A. allotments were approximately $2,000 per month. W.P.A. now employing 95 from Relief Rolls. E.R.A. peak load was 67 in May 1935.

W.P.A. Projects Available Pending Completion of Present Projects and Town Funds to Operate

Project	Federal Funds	Town Funds	Project	Federal Funds	Town Funds
Painting Library	$458.00	$125.20	Doane Street	$11,046.00	$10,874.50
Painting Police Station	368.00	60.20	Whitney Woods	5,157.00	388.00
Fire Alarm Wiring	254.00	465.31	Painting Town Hall, Interior	1,847.00	480.00
Cement Sidewalks	5,295.00	4,096.00	Painting Town Hall, Outside	586.00	208.00
Addition — Manual Training Building	1,804.50	933.50	Town Hall Landscaping	4,290.00	1,025.00
			Town Hall Storage Building	1,123.00	353.00

It's Happening

Lunch dates for veterans announced

All veterans are welcome to lunch at noon, on the third Wednesday of each month. Upcoming dates include Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. The purpose of the luncheons is to foster camaraderie and assist those in need.

Luncheons will take place at Hearth 'n Kettle, 151 Main St., Weymouth. Menu will include a choice of chicken, fish or steak tips with coffee or soft drink with refills. Cost is $16 and includes gratuity.

For more information, call coordinators Paul Salvas at 781-337-0533 Joe McElroy 781-383-0505.

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Marathon Race starts at 9:30 a.m. Main Race starts at 10 a.m. For information call Eric at 781-249-0010.

All proceeds benefit Wompatuck State Park.

Seminar on orchids planned

Smith and Hawken will host a free seminar on orchids from 11 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, Aug. 16, at Derby Street Shoppes, 94 Derby St., Hingham. Those attending will receive a one-time 10 percent discount for shopping after the event.

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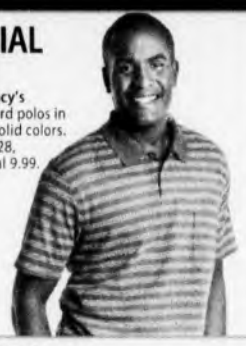
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Frances Gabriel of Hingham embraces her daughter, Maia, 2, who tentatively looks at the pony rides at the Cohasset Farmer's Market on the common.



William Steverman of Scituate puts a sign back up of Farmer Bill that had fallen from a gust of wind at the Farmer's Market.



David Ogden sings some Beatles tunes while performing at the Farmer's Market on a recent Thursday. The Farmer's Market is open every Thursday afternoon on the common through mid-October.



Abby Thomas, left 9, of Cohasset and Ellie Jackisch, 9 right, of Cohasset tie up reusable bags from their business, It's in the Bag, that they have decorated for a customer at the Farmer's Market.



Ruby Fernandes, 3, of Weymouth, is surrounded by beautiful flowers from Sweet Peas grown at Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset while she was at the Farmer's Market in Cohasset on a recent Thursday.



Greenhouse Gracie Thompson of Cohasset is framed by beautiful hydrangea that she grows in her garden while trying to sell her flowers at the Farmer's Market.

Spice of life

Farmer's Market offers plenty of variety

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Todd Alvey of Marshfield and of Atlantic Illustrations studies his watercolor pencil drawing that he was working on for a client at his stand at the Farmer's Market in Cohasset.



Linnea Sturdy, 16, of Marshfield shields herself from the sun with her father's hat while helping the Artsisters with their stand at the Farmer's Market in Cohasset. The Artsisters are Barb Demery and Judy Rossman of Scituate and they make plaques and pottery.



Beth Heller, left, of Scituate and Margie Sullivan, right, of Scituate admire the cards made by Maureen O'Brien at her stand, "Noteworthy", at the Cohasset Farmer's Market.



Tanner Gildea, 11, of Cohasset makes up another order of slushie at the Slushie Shack for a customer hoping to cool down on a beautiful Thursday afternoon at the Farmer's Market.



Marina Longo, 8 left, of Cohasset and her brother, Christopher, 7 right, look for the letters to spell out "Kallie" while making a bracelet for a customer at her business, Cool Clips, at the Farmer's Market.



Patrick Roll of West Elm Farm in Pembroke is framed by a hole in his spinning wheel while he was spinning wool from Icelandic Sheep raised at his farm into yarn at his stand at the Farmer's Market in Cohasset on a recent Thursday.

South Shore Music Circus awards grant to Holly Hill Farm

"This is indeed an honor," said Chair of the Board of Directors Frank White in announcing that Holly Hill Farm's educational component, the nonprofit organization Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc., had received a $2,500 grant from the South Shore Playhouse's Community Trust Committee.

The grant, White reported, will be used in two ways. First, it will provide financial support for the Friends' burgeoning youth programs at Holly Hill Farm which this spring saw enrollment double. Students and teachers represented in programs at the farm or in local school gardens came from schools in Boston, Cohasset, Hingham, Marshfield, Milton, Norwell, Scituate and Watertown.

"Our goal is to expose program participants to the many facets of a well-run organic farm where one can experience the basic principles of nature at work and learn an approach to the natural environment that is crucial if future generations are to survive," stated Education Director Jon Belber.

Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. was established in 2002 with the goal of developing and using the resources of Holly Hill Farm for educational purposes.

"The second way the Friends will use the grant," said White, "is to use it to sponsor a special event this fall, Holly Hill Farm Woods Day, which will celebrate the newly restored trails and paths of the farm's more than 100 acres of woods and fields adjacent to Cohasset's Wheelwright Park This will be a community event for persons of all ages involving games, a fun run and guided tours.

Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc. was established in 2002 with the goal of developing and using the resources of Holly Hill Farm for educational purposes. These resources include its active organic farm operation, its historic farm buildings dating back to the Revolutionary War era, and its diversified natural areas containing ponds, brooks, granite ledges, a salt-marsh, and many varieties of trees, shrubs, wildflowers and bird and animal life. Educational goals include teaching the value of sustainable farming principles that produce healthy food and foster responsible stewardship of the land.

Gold Award for Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts announced Cohasset Girl Scouts Katie Callahan, Aisling Guinee, Colleen Richardson and Virginia Spofford recently completed their Girl Scout Gold Award projects.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouts.

In order to receive the Gold Award, Girl Scouts between the ages of 14 and 17 must design and implement their own service projects that build on their experience in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development.

Katie Callahan: Katie's project educated people about the dangers of global warming and included ways to stop the process. She created a pamphlet that was distributed at her school and local community. She had viewings of a movie on global warming with follow up discussions. As a result of the discussions, her classmates committed to participating in a recycling program. She also created an educational display that is housed at Cohasset Library.

Aisling Guinee: Aisling's goal was to bring together the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research with town members, town officials, school officials and members of the EPA. She planned and executed an event to showcase the importance of the coastal research the students were doing for the town's ecological development. In addition, she created student workbooks to help middle school students learn about research protocol, journaling techniques and how to keep training records. Her Coastal Caucus will now be an annual event.

Colleen Richardson: Colleen's Girl Scout Gold Award project combined a lecture series and a mentoring program for middle school girls. Each meeting had a female speaker, from the local community, who worked in the field of math or science. High school students acted as mentors to the middle school students helping them with math and science questions. Middle school students had positive experiences learning about the math and science as it applied to the real world.

Virginia Spofford: Virginia created a fun and historical self-guided tour of Cohasset Village. She used the archives from the Historical Society as a basis for her research. The quest included history on several landmarks as well as trivia questions. The Historical Society checked it for accuracy, and several peers tested the quest for glitches. She then held a kickoff event for the local community to try out the quest. Copies of the quest are available through several community groups.

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts serves 45,500 girl members and 17,000 volunteers living in towns and cities spanning the eastern part of the state. Programs and services are delivered to girls through 28 programs centers in 178 communities in eastern Massachusetts.



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Stephen Jermanok
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

ROCKPORT, MAINE -

"Heave Ho!" went the cry as all hands pulled down on a thick rope to haul up the mainsail of the Grace Bailey. "Heave Ho!" we chanted again and the 128-foot schooner headed upwind, all four sails gleaming white against a cloudless blue Maine sky.

Captain Ray Williamson took the wheel as the boat quickly gained momentum, passing another anonymous island crowned with pines and rimmed with the ubiquitous Maine granite. Behind us was the vast expanse of the Atlantic, dotted with multicolored lobster buoys.

Maine's 2,500-mile stretch of rugged coast is tailor-made for sailing. Yet most people don't have the experience to charter their own sailboat. The next best thing: A cruise on a windjammer. Maine has the largest fleet of historic windjammers in North America.

I sailed on the Grace Bailey through the Penobscot Bay Islands off Maine's Mid-Coast. The "crew" was passengers hailing from around the country who delighted in the chance to hoist the sails, pump the bilge, even take a turn at the wheel.

If you choose one of the weekend trips, you'll anchor under the stars in the calm waters of Pulpit Harbor on North Haven or Dark Harbor on Islesboro. The longer, 5-day trips take you to Deer Isle and Acadia National Park. I can tell you there's no better way to see Cadillac Mountain in the summer than from the water, far away from the madding crowds.

When you're not sailing on a windjammer, during the day there are frolicking seals and walks on the beach or dips in the cold surf. At night, you enjoy a hearty dinner - down-home cooking is a windjammer specialty - and sing sea shanties, or simply gaze at the stars.

Every cruise includes a chance to dine at a lobster bake, where you can have as much of this tasty crustacean as your stomach allows - any leftovers may show up in lobster quiche the next morning.



PHOTO BY P.J. WALTER

A dozen historic windjammers make up the Maine fleet including the Stephen Taber.

The experience is all about gorgeous scenery and camaraderie with your fellow passengers. Think of it as a really nice summer camp for adults.

The Fleet

The majority of the Windjammer schooners docked in Rockport and Camden were legitimate working vessels in the early 1900s. Take, for example, the Grace Bailey (800-736-7981; www.mainewindjammercruises.com; 3-day cruises from $545 p.p., 5-day from $845).

Built in 1882, the ship sailed to the West Indies in the Fruit Trade and carried granite to New York to help build Grand Central Station. In 1990, Captain Ray gutted the boat and completely rehabbed her for passenger travel. The vessels can now accommodate 29 passengers and a crew of six.

Then there's the Isaac H. Evans (877-238-1325; www.isaacevans-.com; 3-day from $550, 5-day from $780), a historic Delaware oyster boat built in 1886. She was completely overhauled in the early 1970s by avid schooner historian Captain Doug Lee and is now in the capable hands of Captain Brenda Thomas, who specializes in family voyages. Lee went on to build his own schooner, the 94-foot long Heritage (800-648-4544; www.schoonerheritage.com; 4-day cruises from $645; 6-day from $865), launched in 1983. To commemorate his 25th anniversary, Captain Lee and his wife, Linda, have produced a CD, "And That's a True Story," based on their many years of sailing.

Another captain with a creative side is Annie Mahle, author of "At Home, At Sea: Recipes from the Maine Windjammer J. & E. Riggin." Mahle, who has been featured on the "Today" show, will preside over a 6-day Culinary Camp Adventure, Sept. 14-19, on the J. & E. Riggin (800-869-0604; www.mainewindjammer.com; four-day cruises from $631; culinary cruise $1,449), sharing all her secrets about being a chef aboard a windjammer including, of course, how to make fresh-baked bread in a wood-burning stove. Guests will prepare and cook meals aboard the circa-1927 schooner, join a master gardener for a lesson on herbs, dine on the catch of the day with local lobstermen, and enjoy dinner under the stars at an organic farm.

Whatever ship you choose, salty memories will abound.

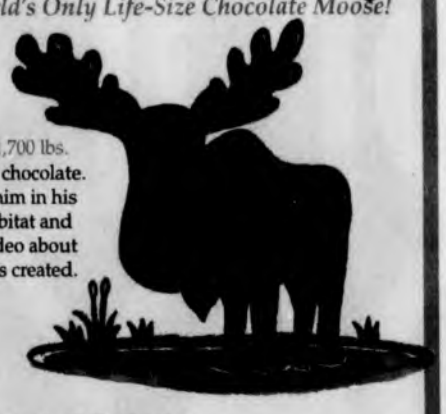
Information on all 12 Maine-based windjammers is available from the Maine Windjammer Association (800-869-0604; www.sailmainecoast.com).

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Ken Gritzan to run in memory of his son

Gritzan, a former resident of Cohasset, is running in memory of his son Kurt, who lost his battle with Ewings sarcoma two years ago when he was 16 years old. Kurt was a student at Cohasset High School while he was undergoing treatment at Dana-Farber.

Ken Gritzan is one of 10,000 runners who will run the 7-mile CIGNA Falmouth Road Race Aug. 10. Gritzan is running to raise money for cancer research and care as a member of the Dana-Farber Running Team. Along with nearly 60 other runners, Gritzan has committed to raising at least $1,000 for the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Gritzan, a former resident of Cohasset, is running in memory of his son Kurt, who lost his battle with Ewings sarcoma two years ago when he was 16 years old. Kurt was a student at Cohasset High School while he was undergoing treatment at Dana-Farber. The school now presents a scholarship at Class Night to remember Kurt. Since Kurt's passing, Gritzan has moved to Charlestown.

The CIGNA Falmouth Road Race has long been recognized as one of the best races in the nation. The field annually includes top American and international runners. Most runners receive entry into the race based on a lottery system. A limited number of guaranteed entries are available to runners who are raising funds for one of several charities. Last year the CIGNA Falmouth Road Race raised more than $1 million; in the past five years, it has raised more than $3.5 million.

To contribute to Gritzan's run, send checks payable to "Dana-Farber Cancer Institute" to DFMC, 10 Brookline Place West, Brookline, MA 02445-7226, or go to www.jimmyfund.org/falmouth.

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OBITUARIES

James K. Borland Jr.

Retired Hull Police Officer

James K. Borland Jr., 78, of Cohasset, formerly of Hingham and Hull, died Aug. 8, 2008.

Mr. Borland was a veteran of the Korean conflict, serving with the United States Air Force. Prior to his retirement, he worked for more than 30 years as a Hull Police Officer. Mr. Borland also worked for Weber Dodge in Hingham.

He leaves his wife, Nancy M. (Cullinan) Borland; his children, J. Stephen Borland and his wife, Julie, of Cohasset, Ellen M. Mitchell and her husband, James, of Hull, Kenneth G. Borland and his wife, Vicki, of Alabama and John Borland and his wife, Alaine, of Arkansas; and his grandchildren, Ashley, Courtney, Kyle, Kerin, Jonathon and Colin.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Aug. 16, at St. Ann Church, Samoset and Lewis streets, Hull. Visiting hours will be from 4 to 7 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 15, at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., across from St. Anthony Church, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hull Police Scholarship Fund, 1 School St., Hull, MA 02045 or Hull Boosters Club, P.O. Box 305, Hull, MA 02045.

To sign the online guest book, visit

www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

Mary Campbell

Former teacher

Mary (O'Brien) Campbell, 91, of Quincy, formerly of Scituate, died Aug. 8, 2008.

Born and raised in Medford, Mrs. Campbell graduated in 1935 from Medford High School and was a graduate of Boston State where she earned her bachelor's degree in education. She taught for the Malden Public Schools for many years.

Mrs. Campbell was a member of the Women's Club, Senior Citizens Club and Satuit Bowling League, all of Scituate, and a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association. She was a parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Scituate and Immaculate Conception Church in Malden.

Wife of the late William T. Campbell Sr., she leaves her children, John J. Campbell and his wife, Therese, of Mansfield, Richard P. Campbell and his wife, Barbara, of Cohasset and James M. Campbell and his wife, Susan, of Sunapee, N.H.; her daughters-in-law, Jeanette Campbell of West Palm Beach, Fla., Elaine Campbell of Quincy and Mary Campbell of Cambridge; her sister, Virginia Kindregan of Newton; 19 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was the mother of the late William T. Campbell, Robert Campbell and Joseph S. Campbell.

A funeral was held from Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Nativity Church. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Scituate.

Memorial donations may be made to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 31160, Hartford, CT 06150.



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Members and friends from Unitarian Universalist congregations in Hingham, Norwell and Cohasset gathered on a recent Friday evening at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Cohasset. This outdoor vigil concluded a service of Memory and Solidarity in the aftermath of the violence visited upon Unitarian Universalists of Knoxville, Tenn., whose congregations were targeted by a gunman who took two lives and left six critically injured on Sunday, July 27. In a resolute spirit of love and solidarity, worshippers held candles and sang, "All the way to Tenn-e-see, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine."

WORSHIP NEWS

Upcoming events offered at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom located at 1112 Main St., in Hingham will offer the following events during the month of September. To register call the temple office at 781-749-8103, or visit shaaray.org

Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious? – Instructors: Rabbi Shira Joseph and Cantor Steven Weiss. Mondays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. A Union of Judaism (URJ) three-session class for beginners.... Jewish or not....that explores the topics of Jewish spirituality, ethics and community, designed for unaffiliated Jews, non-Jews, intermarried couples and all searching for an entry into Jewish life.

Welcoming Shabbat Service for Perspective Members – Friday, Sept. 4 and Saturday, Sept. 5. Friday night service begins at 7:30 p.m. with live music, as well as a Saturday morning service featuring a sing along, starting at 10:30 a.m. All interested are invited to attend.

What is Your Breast and Ovarian Cancer Risk? – Hear Dr. Jonathan D. Herman speak about the importance of genetic testing for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer, particularly as it relates to the BRCA gene mutation. This is of particular importance to women of Jewish Ashkenazi background. Find out how you can test and protect your family. Free to the public as well as members of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom. Sunday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. RSVP by calling the Temple office 781-749-8103 or emailing (cssadm@aol.com).

Developing a child's love for Jewish life through music, movement and more – JCC of Greater Boston presents an award winning eight-week class for children (birth through 5 years old) and their families. Fall Session taught by Jana Kahn from 11 a.m. to noon on Sundays Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 19, 26, and Nov. 2 and 9. Free music CD and Music Book for each Family. Cost: $120 for first child; $60 for siblings. All are welcome. Families need not be members of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom to participate.

For information and to register, contact: Suzanne Robins at 617-558-6414, or srobins@jccgb.org

St. Stephen's Concert Series opens on Sept. 17

Celebrating its 17th year, St. Stephen's Concert Series will be presenting Heinrich Christenson, organ, and Jodi Hagen, violin, in a recital on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 3 p.m. This year the church, along with the American Guild of Organists, is also celebrating the International Year of the Organ. Mr. Christensen is a native of Denmark and organist at King's Chapel in Boston, while Ms Hagen is known for her solo violin playing on the PBS series "American Experience." This well-known team will be playing Vivaldi's "Summer" and "Autumn" from the *Four Seasons* as well as several pieces by Josef Rheinberger.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave., is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call 781.383.1083.



COURTESY PHOTO

Heinrich Christenson and Jodi Hagen will be in recital Sept. 17.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Aug. 17

Summer Services

9 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – Led by Dr. Lincoln Bloomfield

Summer services are informal, child-friendly, lay-led, and followed by refreshments in the back of the Meeting House. We hope you'll join us!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

Our summer schedule differs from our September through mid June schedule that is outlined below. SUMMER WORSHIP (through Aug. 31st) 8 a.m. informal service at the Sailing Club. 10am traditional service in the Chapel located at the rear of the building.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

FALL BOOK STUDY Wednesday, Oct 1st: We will discuss A New Earth *Awakening to Your Life's Purpose* by Eckhart Tolle.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the Reverend Margot Critchfield,

If you are visiting from out of town or here for the summer, you are most welcome to join us this Sunday when we switch to our summer worship schedule, now through Aug. 24:

Sundays: 6:45 am at Sandy Beach (bring a lawn chair, no parking sticker needed) and at our Cohasset Village church at 8 am and 9:30 am.

Wednesdays: Eucharist with healing at 9:30 am.

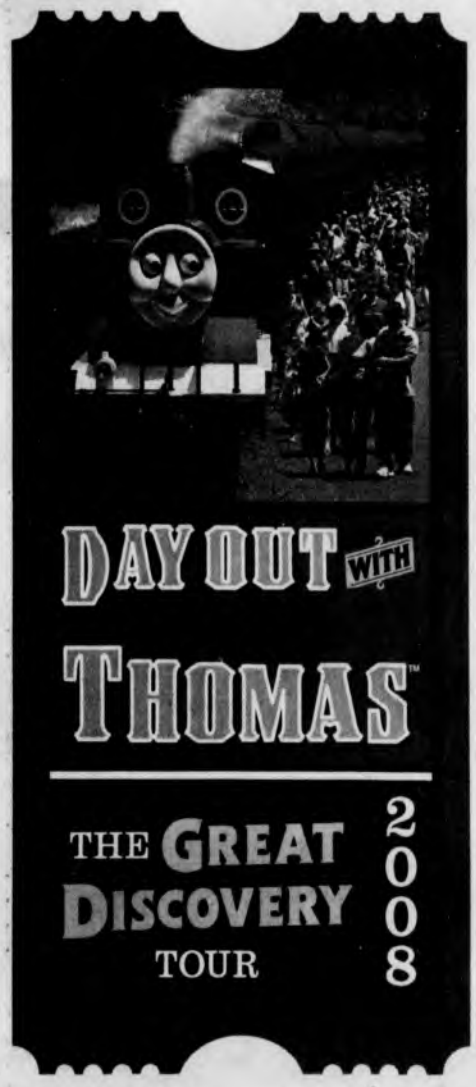
To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, JULY 25

10:32 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, notification, caller reports a small rowboat taken from the beach in his backyard last night. Caller did not want to make a report at this time. He was calling to see if anyone reported finding it. The boat has the letters "MD" on the side and some numbers.

11:26 a.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, hazard (traffic), multiple callers report the lights at the location listed are stuck and haven't changed color for either direction.

12:04 p.m. **Bayberry Lane**, downed power lines, caller reports a downed wire in this location. The wire is on the side of the road.

3:37 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, notification, party in reporting a large pothole in the road that should be filled, L.M. Holdings notified.

3:47 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

4:05 p.m. **Border St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports subject almost was hit by a motor vehicle. Officer out speaking with juveniles who witnessed it, no description of motor vehicle, no further information. Units clear.

4:24 p.m. **Margin St., and Stockbridge St.**, parking complaint.

4:53 p.m. **Ledge Way**, B&E, caller reports he returned home from vacation – someone tried to break into garage, he didn't think that anything was taken.

5:24 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports several vehicles with no stickers.

5:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports motor vehicle accident, officer reports wrecker on scene.

7:08 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

7:26 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

7:44 p.m. **Summer St.**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a dog out in front of above location, a black German Shepard – no collar.

7:56 p.m. **Hull St.**, fire – public assist, caller reports subject is locked in the bathroom, caller reports subject is out of bathroom – they are fine.

9:25 p.m. **Margin St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:58 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports from her residence she can see 2 small lights on the water. Officer reports unable to locate anything – checked area.

11:01 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:24 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

12:18 a.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, motor vehicle stop.

12:35 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, noise complaint, caller states there is a loud party going on, location given as "Hayes Place." Computer does not recognize this address, caller states "it is the house on the hill and CPD is familiar with it." Party goers are going inside.

1:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:45 a.m. **Collier Rd., Scituate**, assist other Police Department, rollover 911. Scituate notified.

8:15 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

9 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

10:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking complaint, employee states there is a car that has been parked in their lot for three days. Officer reports car is parked legally. Contacted owners father. He will try to get in contact with his son to move the car.

12:30 p.m. **South Main St.**, investigation, gas station attendant called regarding oil spilling from the Red Lion Inn. E3 investigating leak coming from a container at the Red Lion Inn. Owner of the Red Lion Inn has put down sand. DEP notified of spill, will contact Fire Capt. DEP to write up a report. Board of Health notified.

4:27 p.m. **Border St.**, suspicious vehicle, officer reports out with motor vehicle. Arrest: Timothy K. Binley, 22, 811 Bay Rd., Sharon. Charges: Possession of Class D drug.

5:03 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, caller reports she found a yellow Lab – no collar on. In lobby there is a note of a yellow Lab missing from Elm Ct. – this is not his dog.

5:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:31 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:11 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller (mother) reports her son just had a minor fender bender. Mother wanted officer to make sure son got all information. Officer reports no fire or rescue is needed.

9:26 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle is all over the road and passing motor vehicles. Vehicle headed towards Scituate. Given to Scituate PD.

9:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:46 p.m. **Beach St.**, noise complaint, caller reports he heard gunshots in the area. Officer confirmed fireworks going off in the area of Sandy Cove. Fireworks have ended – should be no further noise. Units clear.

11:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

12:50 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:51 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:05 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Heather Drive**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:20 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Bound Brook Lane**, traffic enforcement.

2:55 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, assist motorist.

4:32 p.m. **White Head Rd.**, assist citizen, caller reports something is wrong with her dog and he is paralyzed in his back end and cannot move, she is requesting assistance in moving him onto a blanket. Officer responding to assist elderly resident.

5:07 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a black SUV possibly an Expedition parked in this area for a long time and nobody has come out of the vehicle. Unknown Red Sox license plate. Note: There is an active Amber Alert out of Boston for matching vehicle. No vehicle in the area at this time.

5:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:46 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious person, walk in party reports a male party inside the ATM smoking and sitting down, walk in parties believe he was acting strange. Officer is giving male party a ride home.

7:21 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer wanted.

7:35 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer wanted.

7:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle, Sgt. reports a vehicle parked in the middle of a travel lane in the parking lot, nobody around.

9:46 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, disturbance.

10 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, female party into station to speak to Sgt. on duty regarding dogs.

11:38 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop.

MONDAY, JULY 28

12:22 a.m. **Border St.**, public service, walk in party states there is a strong odor of sewerage between the end of Elm Street and The Mill Bridge. No unusual smell at this time. Paged contact person for treatment plant.

6:52 a.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, fire.

10:26 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party to speak to officer.

10:53 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, assist motorist, detail officer reports a vehicle was just side swiped, very minor damage no report needed.

12:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a vehicle has been running for about 2 hours with nobody around the vehicle. Male owner of vehicle has been located at this time.

12:48 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, lockout/lock in, 911 caller reports her infant is locked in the vehicle and the car is running.

2:22 p.m. **Sohier St.**, B&E, walk in party reports his house was broken into while he was away this weekend, items are missing. Male party will be meeting the police back at his residence.

4:26 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports a large truck has been idling in the same spot all day unattended.

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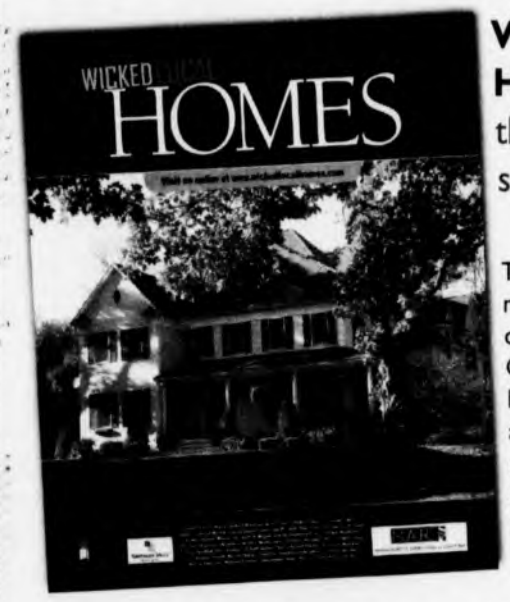
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Massachusetts Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind to See

Dr. Randolph Kinkade helps those with vision loss to keep reading, writing, and driving

By Elena Lombardi, Freelance Writer

Dr. Randolph Kinkade uses miniaturized spectacle-mounted telescopes and specialty lenses to help people who have lost vision from macular degeneration or other eye conditions.

Ever look through a pair of binoculars? Things look bigger and closer, and much easier to see.

"Many of my patients consider me the last stop for people who have vision loss," said Dr. Kinkade.

Dr. Kinkade specializes in Low Vision Rehabilitation Optometry. He also has a Masters of Public Health and has adapted his studies to concentrate on prevention of disabilities related to visual impairments.



As a founding member of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists he meets annually to advance the field of low vision with top optical designers and manufacturers. Visit other members at **www.ialvs.com.**

People with Low Vision have usable vision, but find everyday tasks challenging. Low Vision cannot be corrected with conventional glasses, surgery, or medication.



Dorothy Owens uses her glasses to walk in the mall, see faces, and watch television.

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"Telescopic glasses for driving cost around $2,300," states Dr. Kinkade. "Reading glasses can cost between $800 and $1900."



Sally Konecny, age 91, reports, "I can once again see some piano music and watch Wheel of Fortune on television."

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BERLIOZ *Symphonie fantastique*

Jean-Yves Thibaudet AUG 16 SAT 8:30pm Shed
Boston Symphony Orchestra
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GLINKA Overture to *Ruslan and Ludmila*
KHACHATURIAN Piano Concerto
PROKOFIEV Symphony No. 5
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Boston Symphony Orchestra
Miguel Harth-Bedoya, conductor
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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4:36 p.m. **Schofield Rd.**, B&E, caller reports he came home from work to find the screens on the slider door in the back of his home removed and his bedroom door trashed and glass broken.

4:57 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports a group removed from the bridge.

5:03 p.m. **Border St.**, parking enforcement, one vehicle tagged.

5:27 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, removed a group from the bridge.

8:59 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:24 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports she found a white, black and brown Beagle. Calling party states the dog will be at her residence at this time.

10:52 p.m. **Whitney Woods Lane**, assist other police department, Scituate PD requests a Cohasset cruiser meet them at the Mobile Station on 3A. Scituate will be dropping off a party at the above location and requests assistance.

TUESDAY, JULY 29

1 a.m. **Doane St.**, downed tree, caller states there is a tree and wires down. National Grid notified, building inspector notified, Comcast notified.

1:14 a.m. **Doane St.**, assist citizen, late entry. 911 caller states she heard a noise fi hour ago, now she can hear voices, see tree branches, see flashlights and flashing red lights. She was advised that CPD and CFD units were on scene due to tree coming down.

1:32 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, open door/window, open back door. Floors have been waxed. Building checks secure. Door secured.

1:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:43 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3:16 a.m. **Doane St.**, assist citizen, 911 caller states "there is someone cutting trees in the woods." She was advised of the tree in the roadway.

3:44 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, strong outside odor of gas.

4:40 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, assist citizen, caller requests a check of her property as her fire alarm had gone off earlier.

9:56 a.m. **Schofield Rd.**, B&E, walk in party would like to press charges regarding items that have been stolen from his house and believes he knows who the suspect is.

10:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance.

12:34 p.m. **Border St.**, parking enforcement, 1 car tagged.

12:35 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

1:12 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement, 4 vehicles tagged at this location.

1:29 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers. Harbormaster called reporting a large group of kids on the bridge with their bikes in the road. Group has been dispersed.

1:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property (lost), walk in party reports she has lost her wallet.

2:05 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint.

2:13 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking enforcement, officer reports vehicles ticketed at this location.

2:24 p.m. **Rustic Drive**, lost property, lost cell phone.

2:30 p.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement.

2:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

2:59 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, bridge cleared.

3:29 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:50 p.m. **Summer St.**, a minor motor vehicle crash.

4:58 p.m. **Rear country Way, Scituate**, mutual aid.

6:08 p.m. **Ledgewood Drive**, fire, caller reports the side of her grill is on fire and the propane tank in sitting underneath. Officer on scene reports the propane tank is fully involved at this time.

7:07 p.m. **Border St.**, parking enforcement, two vehicles tagged.

7:28 p.m. **Sohier St.**, larceny, walk in party reports her daughter's bicycle was left overnight at the above location and when she went back for it tonight it was gone. The bicycle is a purple and white girl's Trek Mountain bike.

7:38 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement, twelve vehicles tagged.

8:22 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, officer wanted, caller reports a Lexus SUV full of kids just went speeding into Wheelwright Park. Officers report no one in the area at this time.

9:37 p.m. **Beechwood St., and South Main St.**, well being check, caller reports what looks to be an elderly male walking on Beechwood Street near the tracks.

11:24 p.m. **Church St.**, officer wanted, caller reports there are a bunch of beer cans in front of his house that were not there 20 minutes ago. Caller requests to speak with an officer.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

1:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:33 a.m. **Depot Ct., and South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:52 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School checks.

10:31 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

11:57 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports the resident at the above address is burning in his backyard. E3 reports the homeowner is putting out the fire at this time.

1:15 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, group removed from the bridge.

1:59 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Red Gate Lane**, downed power lines, detail officer reports wires knocked down from pole number six.

2:02 p.m. Unknown problem, 911 caller reports "a male party is holding women hostage in Cohasset." Caller then hung up before any further information could be obtained.

2:25 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller reports an unmarked gray vehicle parked in front of her house with a male and female standing outside checking the storm drain. Vehicle checks out to be an employee from the Board of Health.

4:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

8:01 p.m. **Sohier St.**, parking complaint, employee called about a mini van that has been parked illegally in the handicap space for some time. Officer reports gone on arrival.

10:17 p.m. **Norma Todd Rd.**, well being check, caller reports an elderly man walking slow and disoriented, caller spoke with the gentleman and he said he was fine.

11:09 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, disturbance, walk in party states kids dressed in black are throwing cans of what might be bug spray into the street, she ran one over with her car. Area search negative.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

1:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:24 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:51 a.m. **King St.**, officer wanted, caller reports he had a written agreement with a woman for a lesson and she would pay afterwards. Caller states he has not seen or been able to get a hold of this party to get his money. Caller requests to speak with an officer.

12:17 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic complaint, caller reports the traffic at this location is getting bad.

1:06 p.m. **Margin St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, detail officer at this location reports a motor vehicle accident.

1:32 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports one group removed from the bridge.

2:43 p.m. **Elm St.**, parking enforcement, officer reports a truck obstructing the sidewalk in being moved.

2:48 p.m. **Tad Lane**, open door/window, caller reports she came home to find the garage door open and the back door on the patio was also open. Officers report the door was windblown, no problems.

3:32 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer removed a group from the bridge.

5:27 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, hazard, caller reports there are orange cones all over the road, possible traffic hazard. Officer will bring cones to the station.

6:09 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a seagull that is injured on the beach.

7:23 p.m. **N. Main St.**, disabled motor vehicle, officer out with disabled motor vehicle, location near RR tracks.

8 p.m. **N. Main St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports motor vehicle hit a guardrail in the area of the RR tracks. Officer on scene reports it is a disabled motor vehicle.

8:18 p.m. **King St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports motor vehicle is all over the road – just pulled into above location. Officer reports not alcohol related, problems with motor vehicle, owner requests to tow vehicle.

11:35 p.m. **N. Main St.**, noise complaint, caller reports loud party. Officers clear – spoke to homeowner.

FRIDAY, AUG. 1

1:16 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:18 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

2:17 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, assist citizen, 911 caller "wanted to know if the railroad was allowed to work at this time of night." Caller was advised that they were allowed to work.

10:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, 911 caller reports motor vehicle crash at this location.

12:11 p.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, harassment report, walk in party would like to speak to an officer regarding harassing phone calls he is receiving. Officer has spoken to all parties involved, everything all set for now, no report needed.

1:07 p.m. **Norfolk Lane**, disturbance, caller reports he needs the police at his residence for a verbal dispute he is having with a trespasser on his property. Parties involved have been advised to contact their attorneys and everything is settled for the time being.

2:16 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports clearing a group from the bridge.

2:47 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

3:36 p.m. **Rocky Lane**, disturbance, two male parties arguing. Officer reports this is a civil matter.

4:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, walk in party requesting to know if the ACO has received a copy of letter that he dropped off.

4:39 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, Officer reports removed group from bridge.

5:24 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning, officer reports out with MC.

5:35 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, missing child, caller reports a missing 10-year-old male child, wearing red shirt, blue shorts. Officer reports boy has been found.

6 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, walk in party reports her black Lab is missing, she is wearing a red electric collar.

6:43 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, assist citizen, caller reports she has no water – the water dept. worked in her driveway today. Contacted water dept. Water dept. will contact homeowner.

6:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports in front of above location there is a male and female walking on the south bound side – unable to walk straight, possibly intoxicated. Male is wearing a blue football shirt, the female is wearing a beige long shirt.

8:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning, officer reports out with MC.

9:20 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, barking dog, caller reports in the area of Forest Notch and Forest Ave there is a dog barking. Officer contacted homeowner – left message.

10:23 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic control.

11:27 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a burning smell outside of his residence, no smoke or fire showing. Officer reports outside odor of smoke. E3 will be tied up wetting down a piece of mulch.

SATURDAY, AUG. 2

1:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:09 a.m. **Bow St.**, public service, road is flooded due to high tide, putting cones on the roadway.

1:13 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:35 a.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:40 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:08 a.m. **HQ.**, assist other police department, all shore sector locations negative for motor vehicle out of Hingham.

5:16 a.m. **HQ.**, assist other police department, all highway sector lots negative for motor vehicle out of Hingham.

6 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. No such motor vehicle to the Scituate line.

12:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, district manager of Loss Prevention called stating he just wanted to let us know that Shaw's employees may possibly go on strike tomorrow 8/3 and if this does happen he will call in for a detail.

12:41 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, traffic enforcement.

12:46 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:59 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:33 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny, walk in party reports her bike was stolen overnight.

1:40 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party would like to turn in some weapons that he has found while cleaning his house out.

2:54 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle crash, 911 callers reporting motor vehicle crash, officer requesting two tow trucks to the scene.

3:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, suspicious person, officer out with female acting strange in this area. She is standing on the side of 3A with a Shaw's shopping cart and very slurred speech. Officer is transporting female party to Hull PD at this time per the Lt.

4:56 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a black Convertible with the top up with a male party in the vehicle pleasuring himself. Lt. reports units clear at this time both parties will be summoned. A 58-year-old male from Medford on charges: Open and gross lewdness and disorderly conduct. A 57-year-old female from Medford on charges: Open and gross lewdness and disorderly conduct.

5:34 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:38 p.m. **Doane St.**, vandalism report, caller reports two of his tires have been slashed. Officer reports this was not an act of vandalism, the tires were just low in air. Officer clear, no report needed, resident is satisfied.

7:12 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, domestic (in progress), 911 caller reports a son and father are having a physical fight in the driveway and "it's getting vicious." Officers report there is no problem at this location the father is not even at the residence at this time. The parents are at a concert in Scitaute. Officer is going to speak to the caller. There are youths at the house horsing around, in the pool, no issues, they have been advised to keep noise level down. Caller has been advised of same.

8:25 p.m. **Church St.**, noise complaint, caller reports loud music coming from this residence. Units report the noise is actually coming from Scituate. Scituate PD notified and will check the area.

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Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS FOR RELEASE WEEK OF AUG. 11, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There might still be some uncertainty about the decision you made. But a quick check of the facts should reassure you that you're doing the right thing.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The tidy Taurean needs to be a little more flexible about accepting some changes to those carefully made plans. You might be pleasantly surprised by what follows.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Consider stepping away from your concentrated focus on your new project for a bit so you can get some perspective on what you've done and where you plan to take it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The understandably angry Crab might not want to accept the reason why someone might have tried to hurt you. But at least you'll have an insight into why it happened.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) There might be some facts you still need to know before leaping onto center stage. Best to move carefully at this time so that you can observe what's happening around you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to expand your outlook by getting out and around, whether you do some long-range traveling or just explore the great things to see closer to home.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your wise counsel continues to be needed as that family situation works itself out. Meanwhile, the decisions you made on your job begin to pay off quite nicely.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your job situation brightens thanks to all your hard work. Now, spend some time repairing a personal relationship you might have neglected for too long.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Aspects favor action in the workplace. Line up your facts and show your superiors why you're the one they're looking for.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your hard work pays off on the job. Personal relationships can also benefit from more of your time and attention. Spend the weekend with loved ones.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Early feedback on your project might be disappointing. But don't be discouraged. Use it to make needed adjustments, then submit it to your superiors again.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Flattery could lure the otherwise sensible Fish into making an unwise decision. Be careful. All that praise might be an attempt to reel you in before you can learn the facts.

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BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful sense of who you are. You are a shining example to others, helping them believe in themselves and what they can do.

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ACROSS
1 Pinza or Chaliapin
5 Basilica feature
8 Page
12 — pants
17 Relative of PDQ
18 Crude cartel
20 Comic Radner
21 It's down in the mouth
22 Connecticut senator
25 Cotonou's country
26 Swiss miss?
27 Rustic sight
28 Villainous Luthor
30 Bit
31 "Nightmare" street
33 "Pelleas et Melisande" composer
38 Intrude
43 About
44 Sky light?
45 August one
46 Watchband
48 Say "Hey!"
50 Drummer Buddy
53 Cold-war accord
55 Scrabble piece
56 Ring site?
58 Hero's horse
60 Actress Slezak
62 Stopped in one's tracks
66 Singer Elvis
68 Scandinavian
71 Handy bit of Latin
72 — Jima
73 Window part
74 "— Eyes" ('79 hit)
76 "New Look" couturier
80 Cambodia's Lon —
81 Articulated
83 Gridiron position
84 Art deco name
85 Clementi composition
87 Fit neatly
89 Philharmonic section
91 He had a gilt complex
94 Pennsylvania sect
95 Velvet finish
97 Tragic fate
100 They squeak for themselves
101 Vino center
102 Crucifix
105 Photo book
107 Trams transport it
108 Subordinate Claus?
110 Football's Aikman
112 Architect, for instance
114 "The Descent of Man" author
120 Fumble
121 Empty (of)
122 Wagner's "— fliegende Hollander"
123 Sneaks peeks
126 Carries
130 Removes the cork
133 1974 Tony-winning actress
137 "Killer Tomatoes" sound
138 Fiddled (with)
139 Screenwriter James
140 Talbot or Naldi
141 Like the kitchen sink
142 Risked a ticket
143 Scrape by, with "out"
144 Action figure

DOWN
1 Big name in Baroque
2 '68 US Open winner
3 Amritsar attire
4 Miss Muffet's nemesis
5 Word with cheese or roast
6 Homer's field
7 Bawled
8 Cover
9 "Evil Woman" rockers
10 Confuse
11 Lost luster
12 Wheel part
13 "Hi, Horace!"
14 Puniest pups
15 Inventor Howe
16 Actor Patinkin
19 Stylish
20 Bathed in butter
23 Corn holders
24 Actress Joyce
29 Makes one's mark
32 Swimmer Biondi
34 Multi-purpose vehicle
35 Lamebrain
36 Pop
37 Joins forces
38 Different
39 Around the corner
40 Covent Garden conductor
41 Dernier —
42 Grapefruit serving
47 Shimon of Israel
49 Clear
51 "The Power of Love" singer
52 Opening remark?
54 Tyson stat
57 Crockett colleague
59 TV's "My Living —"
61 Eyebrow shape
63 Aquatic mammal
64 Former African nation
65 Bring bliss
67 Santa's problem
69 Mets' milieu
70 Singer Maresca
74 Fountain order
75 Luncheonette lure
77 Gentleman of leisure?
78 "Pagliacci" soprano
79 Pirate's quaff
82 Flatt or Pearson
86 Indistinct
88 Tenor Georges
90 Auctioneer's cry
92 43,560 square feet
93 Cassandra, for one
96 Part of NB
98 UK honor
99 Ruminate
103 Legendary Bruin
104 Used a divining rod
106 High spirits
109 Nourished
111 Surprised shout
113 Terra firma
114 Misfortune
115 Hefty herbivore
116 Writer Rogers St. Johns
117 Factions
118 Sag
119 1492 vessel
124 Brink
125 Pursue
127 The Chipmunks, e.g.
128 Ferrara first family
129 Galaxy glitterer
131 Short snooze
132 Hog heaven?
134 Caustic substance
135 Rock's — Zeppelin
136 Diminutive

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Sudoku

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Magic Maze - Grazers

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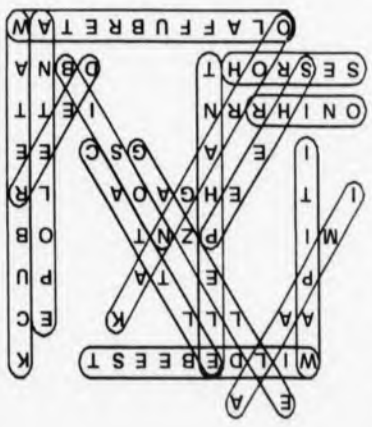
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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

AUGUST 14-22, 2008



BEST BET

"Lifelines: A One-Person Show," by Pet Bianco will be on view in the Dolphin Gallery, Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., through Sept. 11. Bianco's pastels, oils and watercolors have been featured in solo gallery exhibitions, and in regional and national shows including recent juried shows at the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society's international show, Westmoreland Museum, Pittsburgh Society for Artists, and at a number of university galleries. Locally, she has exhibited at the Thomas Crane Library in Quincy and North River Arts Society in Marshfield.

Love songs

Show goes on for Beach Boys front man

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

When Mike Love plays the South Shore Music Circus and Cape Cod Melody Tent with the Beach Boys next weekend, he just may share the stage with a family member for the first time in years. It won't be his legendary cousin Brian Wilson, however, but someone with whom Love has a much different relationship.

"My 12-1/2-year-old daughter, Ambha, will be out with us for the shows in Cohasset and Hyannis. She sang 'Sail on Sailor' with us at a concert in Washington, D.C., not too long ago and she was just great," said Love by telephone last week from his home in Lake Tahoe. "Ambha has wonderful stage presence and, if she wants to, she just may sing with us again."

Love, 67, formed The Beach Boys with cousins Brian, Carl, and Dennis Wilson, and their school friend Al Jardine, in 1961 in southern California. Thanks to close vocal harmonies and lyrics that celebrated a California youth culture of surfing, girls and cars, The Beach Boys went on to have 36 Top 40 Hits and 56 songs in the Hot 100 including "Surfin' Safari," "Surfin' USA," "Surfer Girl," "Catch A Wave," "I Get Around," "Good Vibrations," "God Only Knows" and "Wouldn't It Be Nice." Brian Wilson's genius as a songwriter and musician helped cement the status of the Beach Boys as perhaps the greatest American rock band of all time, but his battles with mental illness and drug abuse have also contributed to the group's long fractured state.

Although reunions of the surviving original Beach Boys are often rumored, it is unlikely that the legendary, only surviving Wilson brother will appear in concert anytime soon with Love, his songwriting partner long ago. Both Dennis and Carl Wilson have passed away while Jardine left the group a decade ago. Two years ago, Jardine joined Brian Wilson and his current band for a short tour celebrating the 40th anniversary of the landmark "Pet Sounds" album. In March of this year, Jardine settled a suit brought against him by Love and the estate of Carl Wilson regarding use of the "Beach Boys" name. The settlement talks brought Jardine, Love and Brian Wilson together again and the trio reportedly harmonized on "Help Me Rhonda" in a courthouse hallway.

Whatever continues to haunt the group behind the scenes, frequent lead singer Love and fellow singer-songwriter Bruce Johnston, who joined the group in 1965, continue to tour almost non-stop, playing over 150 worldwide dates a year. Cohasset and Hyannis have long been annual stops.



Bruce Johnston and Mike Love along with the Beach Boys make their annual stops in Cohasset and Hyannis as part of their 2008 tour.

"The Music Circus and the Melody Tent are great because they are intimate and everyone is up close and personal," says Love. "I also particularly like Boston as a city. It has great history, of course, but it also has great food and great people."

Some of those people have made it a point to come out year after year to see Love, Johnston, and a touring band that sometimes includes actor John Stamos on drums. (Stamos played the conga drums in the music video for "Kokomo," the Beach Boys' 1988 number-one hit from the Tom Cruise movie soundtrack, "Cocktail.") Filming on the final season of NBC-TV's "ER" will keep Stamos off the road this summer, but for Love the show will go on as it has for 47 years now.

"Each year, a group of women fans comes to see us on the Cape with their daughters. The year before last, I started noticing that while they originally came only because of their mothers, the little girls were starting to show up in beach wear and were really having the time of their lives getting into the fun and spirit of the show."

The Beach Boys will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, for one show on Aug. 23. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at themusiccircus.org. On Aug. 24, The Beach Boys will do two shows at the Cape Cod Melody Tent, 21 West Main St., Hyannis. For tickets, visit the box office, call 800-347-0808 or go online at melodytent.org.

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Aug. 14

August Book Club Meeting – Aug. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. The fiction title for August is **When A Crocodile Eats the Sun** by Peter Godwin. The book group meets the second Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome. Each book is chosen by majority vote at the close of each meeting. Choices are in-print, paperback, and alternate between fiction and non-fiction. Free. 781-545-5011.

Summer Concert Series – All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. **Aug. 14, Don Besegai's Big Band.**

Daniel Webster House, 238 Webster St., Marshfield, is open every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through September. Free and open to the public. Visit danielwebsterestate.org for a preview. The anniversary of the signing of the Webster-Ashburton Treaty, which set the border between Canada and the United States, is Aug. 9. It is hoped the public will come to the estate to learn more about Webster's heritage.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 14, **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Aug. 14, **Chris Fitz Blues Jam**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Aug. 14, 8 p.m. **Jeff Dunham Spark of Insanity** Ticket information: 617-931-2787 or themusiccircus.org

Friday, Aug. 15

The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell presents Thoroughly Modern Millie through **Aug. 17.** This high-spirited musical romp is the zany *new* 1920s musical that took Broadway by storm in 2002, winning four Tony Awards including Best Musical. Tickets are priced at $30-$32 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com.

Market at the Harbor, an artisan, farmer, and fish market featuring local goods and cultural experiences presented by Destination Community Development, Inc., takes place at HRBA Bayside Property, Nantasket Avenue, Hull, between Bay Street and Edgewater Road. Every Friday, rain or shine, through Oct. 17. Market times are 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Weekly events such as live music, cooking demonstrations, book signings and children's events are being added to the schedule daily. At 4 p.m., on Aug. 15, a presentation will be given by Kate Smith titled "**How to Grown an Herb Garden**."

Children's Civil War Day Camp will be presented at 10 a.m., on Aug. 15, at Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. The event is co-hosted by historic Winslow House and Duxbury Rural and Historical Society to show what life was like for youth in the Union Army during the American Civic War. Re-enactors from Massachusetts Civil War brigades will demonstrate the role a child would have played during the upheaval of the 1860s. Tickets to the camp are $5 per child, and it is recommended for ages 5 through 14. Reservations are required by calling 781-837-5753 or visiting the Web site at winslowhouse.org.

Fundraiser in memory of Jillian Audette, to benefit the Liam Macomber Memorial Fund, will take place at 7 p.m., on Aug. 15, at American Legion Post 40, Federal Furnace Road, Plymouth. Featured at the fundraiser will be food, 50/50 raffles and fun. Admission: Donation at the door.

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove St., (Rt. 28) Middleboro. **Comedy Show** at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 15, featuring **Harrison Stebbins**. Other comics include **Edward Dominguez, Annette Pollack, and Shaun Bedgood. Hosted by Jerry Thornton.** Comedy show $20. Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833. tuscanhouserestaurant.com myspace.com/annettepollack.

Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, will present **John Root** in a program of music from the Gaslight Era – 1890-1920. The performance will take place at 7 p.m., on Aug. 15. Tickets are $10 per person. Call 781-837-5753 or visit the Web site at winslowhouse.org for reservations and more information. Light refreshments will be served.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 15, **Too Fast Zero** 781-829-6999.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until September.

New England Singles Dance Aug. 15 8p.m.-midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Sandwich Bar. $10.

Drift Away Trio will perform from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Aug. 15, at the Derby Street Shoppes, Derby St., Hingham, next to Whole Foods Market. Free and open to the public. Weather permitting.

Solid Gold Oldies 2008 will be offered **Aug. 15 and 17** at the Canoe Club, 2 South St., West Bridgewater. Music of the '50s, '60s and '70s will be performed live by Rob Bezubka's troupe of singers-dancers-comics. Friday, dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, dinner at 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets are $45 for dinner and the show. Handicapped accessible. Free parking. For reservations, call QDT productions at 781-843-5862.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Friday, Aug. 15, from 8:30 to midnight The Lantana, 43 Scanlon Dr., Randolph. Route 28 south off route. 128. Dancing with music by award-winning DJ from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Free door prizes, and match game prizes. Hundreds of singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $12 all night. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Proper business dress required; sports jacket highly recommended, collared dress shirt & slacks acceptable. 781-446-0234 or se-4u.com.

South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. Aug. 15, 8 p.m. **Bowzer's Original Doo Wop Party** Ticket information: 617-931-2787 or themusiccircus.org.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Aug. 15, **Seymore Willie.** 9:15 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **Tex, Mad Dog and the Cat** Aug. 15, 8:45 p.m. to closing.

Saturday, Aug. 16

Scituate Town Library Summer Sale. The library, at 85 Branch St., summer sale will take place from 9 to 4:30 p.m., **Aug. 16**, and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, **Aug. 17**. All proceeds benefit the library.

Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will host an **open studio with Syma** from 1 to 4 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday, **Aug. 16 and 17**, in the Judah Alden Studio. Featured will be a barrel-firing demonstration on Aug. 16, which will take place the following day in case of rain. The open studio is free and open to the public. Visitors are requested to park in the main parking lot of the museum and take the path to the studio. Syma will be available to discuss her work following the Japanese Tea Ceremony on Aug. 24.

Plymouth Public Library invites kids of all ages and their parents to the summer reading finale and dance party at 11 a.m., Aug. 16, at the main library, 132 South St. The final raffle drawing and Wild Reads Summer Reading Program certificates will be handed out. The event is free. Registration is required to get a Wild Reads summer reading certificate. Registration for certificates began Aug. 2. For more information and to register, call 508-830-4250 or visit the Web site at plymouthpubliclibrary.org. For teens, adults and seniors who participated in the Reference Department Wild Reads program there will be prizes drawn by Gib. Everyone is invited to bring a snack and enjoy dancing and games on the front lawn. In case of inclement weather, events will be in the Otto Fehlow Meeting Room.

Swing Dance USA will sponsor a dance Aug. 16 at the Knights of Columbus hall, 48 Schoosett St., Route 139, Pembroke. Free swing dance lessons, with paid admission, will be offered from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and the dance begins at 8:30 p.m. Live music will be provided by Ricky "King" Russell and the Cadillac Horns, featuring Daniel Banks. Cost is $15 per person. For information, visit the Web site at swingdancingusa.com.

Seminar on orchids will take place at Smith & Hawken, Derby Street Shoppes, Hingham, from 11 a.m. to noon on Aug. 16. Attendees will receive a special one-time 10 percent discount for shopping after the event. Seating is limited. Call 781-740-0890 to register.

China Pilgrim 13th anniversary celebration will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Aug. 16, at 204 South Meadow Road, Plymouth. There will be prizes and raffles, must be present to win, and karaoke by Mike Landers. To reserve seating, call Lisa, Regina or Jenny at 508-830-1888.

Fourth Annual Ryan J. Lariviere Battle of the Bands, and Rock 'N Roll Boot Camp Aug. 16, at Memorial Hall, Plymouth. Bang Camaro Rock 'N Roll Boot Camp from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. RJL Memorial Fund Battle of the Bands, 6 p.m. For information visit www.rjlmemorialfund.org; www.musicdrivesus.org **Admission:** Boot Camp, $50; Battle of the Bands, $20 in advance, $25 at the door

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **Irish Seisiun** Aug. 16, at 5:30 p.m.

Bag Full of Blues will perform at the **Great Chow** 497 Bedford St., Route 18 Abington, 9 p.m. Aug. 16. No cover.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 16, **Mr. Band** 781-829-6999.

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Sunday, Aug. 17

Cape Cod Writers Center to hold its annual writing conference at Craigville Conference Center, Aug. 17-22. For the first time, attendees at the 46th annual Cape Cod Writers Conference may take any short course, including the **Master Class in Publishing, without paying any additional conference registration fee.** A downloadable registration form is available on **www.capecodwriterscenter.org** For further information, contact: Anne Elizabeth Tom, Executive Director, Cape Cod Writers Center, 508-420-0200.

Abington Summer Concert Series at the Catherine and Joseph Nisby Bandstand Aug. 17, noon to 4 p.m. **Coombs' Teen Concert** (hard rock). and from 6 to 8 p.m., **The Infractions and the Happenin Horns.** In the event of rain, concerts will be held at the Abington Senior Center, 441 Summer St.

Recording Artist Kenny Neal will bring his swamp-blues to **North River Blues Festival** at Marshfield Fairgrounds at 6 p.m., on Aug. 17. Cost is $10.

Sunday night concerts at the Hanover Bandstand, B. Everett Hall Field, Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover. Every Sunday night 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Aug. 17, Cross Road Blues Project** will perform.

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Monday, Aug. 18

Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St., Scituate will host an exhibit of art work by **the late Janet Kaplan** titled **"Scituate Memories"** through Aug. 29. Of special interest are paintings and drawings created between 1938 and 1956 which depict familiar Scituate scenes. On Wednesday, Aug. 27, 3:30 to 5 p.m., there will be a Gallery Talk at the library. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 781-545-8727 or sctiuatetownlibrary.org

CALENDAR, see next page

The 13th Annual North River Blues Festival

Sunday, Aug. 17, noon to 7:30 p.m. with host Peter Black.



Mark Hummel's Blues Harmonica Blowout

BEST BET

- Mark Hummel's Blues Harmonica Blowout featuring Rick Estrin, Kenny Neal and Rusty Zinn.
- Coco Montoya
- Toni Lynn Washington
- Basic Black
- Mission of Blues
- George Griztbach Band



Tommy Dunham **Annette Pollack** **Jon Pierce**

BEST BET

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree, 9 p.m. Aug. 22, Comedy Night featuring South Shore's Own: Tommy Dunham, other comics include Annette Pollack, Jon Pierce, Dan Bouger, Bob Veduccio, Colleen Morrissey, Andre Philly-Hogan. Hosted by Bill Farrell. Admission: $15 dinner and appetizers available jimbossteak andfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack 781-848-0300.

TOWN COMMONS

AUGUST 14-22, 2008

Marshfield Fair — Schedule of events



Friday, Aug. 15
Marshfield Day - open to everyone
Gates open noon to 10 pm
• Fiesta Shows - Wristband (noon to 6 p.m.) - $15 each
• Special admission ($5) for Marshfield residents from noon to 6 p.m.
• All Day - Standard Flower Show
• 10 am - Antique Truck and Tractor Show
• Noon - Veggie Creature Contest
• Noon - Sheep Show
• 2 p.m. - Ox Pulling
• 4 p.m. - Tour Standard Flower Show
• 4 p.m. - Beef Cattle Achievement
• 7 p.m. - Demolition Derby
• 7 p.m. - Professional Wrestling
Saturday, Aug. 16
Gates open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Midway opens at 11 a.m.
• All Day - Whispering Wings Butterfly Farm
• 9 a.m. - Dog Show
• 9:30 a.m. - 4-H & Youth Rabbit Show
• Noon - Food Judging
• 1 p.m. - N.E. Giant Pumpkin Contest
• 2 p.m. - Marshfield Fair Truck Pulling
• 2 p.m.- Organic Gardening/Rick Madden
• 2:20 p.m. - "Oldies Show"
• 4 p.m. - 4-H Pygmy Goat Achievement
• 6 p.m. - Cow Flap Toss
• 6 p.m. - Marshfield Fair Truck Pulling
• 6:45 p.m. - "Oldies Show"
Sunday, Aug. 17
Family Day
Gates open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Midway opens at 11 a.m.
All Midway rides 30 percent off today
13th Annual North River Blues Festival
Noon - 8 p.m.
• 9:30 a.m. - Open Rabbit Show
• 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. - Antique Truck and Tractor Show
• 10 a.m. - 4-H Sunflower Contest
• 10 a.m. - Poultry Achievement
• Noon - Dahlia Show
• Noon - Dairy Cattle Show
• 2 p.m. - Pony Pulling
• 2 p.m. - Meet Dahlia Show Judge
• 2 p.m. - Marshfield Fair Truck Pulling
• 4 p.m. - Rabbit Achievement
• 4 p.m. - American Rhododendron Society
• 6 p.m. - Marshfield Fair Truck Pulling
Monday, Aug. 18
Gates open noon to 10 p.m.
• Noon 10 p.m. Dog Achievement
• 2- 4 pm - Flower Pot People Demonstration
• 5 pm - Swine Achievement
• 5 pm - Battle of the Bands
• 6 pm - Hillbilly Horseshoes
• 7 pm - Figure 8 Demo Derby
• 7 pm -Trash to Treasure Contest
Tuesday, Aug. 19
Senior Citizen's Day
Gates open Noon -10 pm
• Fiesta Shows- Wristband (6-10 pm) - $19 each
• Seniors (65 & older) admitted free - All Day!
• Senior Citizen's Special Events All Afternoon!
• 12 p.m. - Nigerian Goat Show
• 2 p.m. - Open Sunflower Contest
• 2 p.m. - Reminisce, Musical Entertainment
• 2 p.m. - Dairy Goat Show
• 4 p.m. - Easy, Fun Flower Arranging
• 5:30 p.m. - Motorcross - Masters of the Mini Motorcross
• 6 p.m. - Country Croquet
• 6 p.m. - Dairy/Nigerian Achievement
• 7 p.m. - Reminisce, Musical Entertainment
Wednesday, Aug. 20
Children's Day
Ages 12 and under FREE
Gates open Noon-10 pm
• Kiddie rides half price
• Special Children's Day Events All Afternoon
• All Day - Standard Flower Show
• Supercross (Motorcross)
• Noon - Bantam Show
• Noon - Veggie Creatures Contest
• 1 p.m. - Swine Show
• 2 p.m. - HeatherWreath Demo - Rick Madden
• 2-7 p.m. - Horse Pulling
• 3 p.m. - Children's Workshop
• 5 p.m. - Children's Workshop
• 4 p.m. - Dairy Cattle Achievement
• 5 p.m. - Battle of the Bands
• Supercross (Motorcross)
Thursday, Aug. 21
4-H & AGRICULTURAL AWARENESS DAY
4-H members admitted free with 4-H uniform/ID
Gates open Noon - 10 p.m.
• All Day - 4-H & Youth Activities
• Noon - Nora Delano Flower Contest
• 2 p.m. - Twig Furniture with Rick Madden
• 4 p.m. - Sustainable Native Plants with Deb Swanson
• 5 p.m. - Battle of The Bands Finals
• 5:30 p.m. - Dog Agility
• 7 p.m. - Demolition Derby
Friday, Aug. 22
Marshfield day- open to everyone!
Gates open Noon-10 pm
• Special admission ($5) for Marshfield Residents from 12- 6 pm
• 1 p.m. - Sheep Achievement
• 2 p.m. - Twig Wreath with Rick Madden
• 3 p.m. - Horse Achievement
• 4 p.m. - Fall Blooming Containers with Manhasset Gardens
• 5 p.m. - Zydeco - Cajun Music
• 6 p.m. - Frying Pan Fling
• 7 p.m.- Demolition Derby Finals
• 7 p.m. - Wine and Roses - Tour Flower Show and enjoy a glass of wine
Saturday, Aug. 23
Gates open 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Midway opens at 11 p.m.
• 9 am - Dog Show
• 9:30 a.m. - Bird Carving Contest
• 10 a.m. - Team Penning
• 12 pm - Food Judging
• 2 p.m. - Organic Gardening with Rick Madden
• 2:20 p.m. -"Oldies Show"
• 3 p.m. - Beef Cattle Show
• 3:30 p.m. - Team Penning
• 4 p.m. - Growing Wisdom with David Epstein
• 6:30 p.m. -"Oldies Show"
• 7 p.m. - Figure 8 Demolition Derby Finals
Sunday, Aug. 24
Gates open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Midway opens at 11 p.m.
• Fiesta Shows - 2 Midway Ride Wristband
Specials – noon to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m., $19 each
Not good on Bumper Cars
12th Annual Green Harbor Roots & Blues Festival
Noon to 8 p.m.
• 10 a.m. - Quiz Bowl
• 2 p.m. - Spinning Bee
• 2 p.m. - Horticulture Awards
• 2 p.m. - Lawn Mower Racing
• 2 p.m. - Team Penning
• 4 p.m. - 4-H Awards
• 4 p.m. - Learn How to Enter Horticulture 2009
• 6 p.m. - Lawn Mower Racing
Admission: General admission $10; Children 6 and under free. Fairgrounds Parking $5. Advance Discount Tickets available only through 6 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Fair Office or call 781-834-6629 for details. Advance Discount Tickets $7 (Save $3) Midway Rides Advance Sale SPECIAL - 11 Rides for $19 through 6 pm, Aug. 14. Located on Route 3-A, (Main Street at South River Street), not far from Route 139 in Marshfield, 781-834-6629 800-324-7783, or visit www.marshfieldfair.org



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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 18, **Free Texas Hold Em with Northern Poker Leagues** 781-829-6999.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,700 south shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. They offer a safe place for healing and encouragement as you start a new chapter of your life. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. Throughout August, separate support groups for both women and men in order for both to be able to speak openly with persons of the same sex about any topic they chose will be held. Information: call Peggy Loud, 781-659-1857 or email Cheryl Pimental NBNorwellMA@aol.com

Tuesday, Aug. 19

Presidential Elections Past and Present will be the topic of professor Michael Kryzanek at 10:30 a.m., on Aug. 19, at Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield. Tickets to this program are $7 per person and reservations can be made by calling 781-837-5753 or visiting the Web site at winslowhouse.org.

Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield hosts an ongoing book discussion group. The next session will meet on from 4:30 to 6 p.m., on Aug. 19, in the library's Historical Room. The group seeks to delve into classic literature and find fresh insights while considering modern-day perspectives. "Wide Sargasso Sea" by Jean Rhys, was written in 1966 and conceives a prequel to Charlotte Bronte's 1847 novel "Jane Eyre" by detailing the life of the first Mrs. Rochester or the mysterious "madwoman in the attic." Contact reference librarian Chris Woods if a copy of the book is needed. Sign up in advance to reserve a seat, or just come on the day to listen. The program is free and open to the public. New members are always welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Call 781-834-5535 or visit the Web site at ventresslibrary.org for information.

"Don't Throw It – Grow It Workshop" will take place 10 to 11:30, on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Horticulturalist, Scituate resident, Science Center advisor and author, Deborah Peterson has just published a book "Don't Throw It – Grow It" with Storey Publications. Copies will be available for sale at $11.50 with tax, and the author will sign books. For more information, call South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or view the Web site at ssnsc.org. Pre-registration is requested. Suggested donation is $5.

Wellness Community at Pathways Center for Cancer Support provides free supportive and educational programs for those on the South Shore with cancer and their loved ones. A **Men's Networking Group** will meet at 7 p.m., Aug. 19. The group meets the third Tuesday of each month. All support and networking groups are led by trained clinicians. Those new to TWC at Pathways are urged to attend a **Newcomer's Orientation** each Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m. TWC at Pathways is at 273 Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover. For information, call 781-829-4823 or visit the Web site at wellnesscommunity.org.

Albertina's Ice Cream Shoppe. 223 Union St., Rockland. Outside concerts every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Aug. 19, **Ashmont Station** featuring country western music781-982-6000.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 19, **Wicked Trivia** from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, Aug. 20

Spirit of Place: Paintings by Kathleen Dunn will be featured at the Clemens Gallery located in the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham, through Sept. 1. Scituate resident **Kathleen Dunn** is a landscape painter who seeks out the natural environment for inspiration to create works that express the spirit of place. kathleendunn.homestead.com

SINGLES DANCE
FRI., AUG. 15TH at 8:30
LANTANA, RANDOLPH
43 Scanlon Drive (next to Vincents)
NEW - NEW - NEW
"Hundreds of Singles" 35+ y.o.
FREE Door Prizes
FREE Dance Lessons 7:30
Info: (781) 446-0234
$12 all night. Business-Casual Attire.
Singles Events: www.se-4u.com
www.nesinglescruises.com

Local favorites from the cast of **Connie, Brenda, Patsy & Me** and **Guys by Dolls** will present their cabaret show with selections from both shows on Aug. 20 at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. The cabaret show is a combination of the sounds and styles of the beloved and cherished performers Ms. Connie Francis, Ms. Brenda Lee and Ms. Patsy Cline. Along with amusing stories about the men from the crooners of yesterday to the boy bands of today. The show's creator and lead vocalist, **Sheila Fahey** of Neponset, weaves some comical and personal experiences of her teen and early adult life throughout the show. Ms. Fahey has added the "Me" component so she can incorporate other artists who have influenced her personally throughout her years as a performer. Ms. Fahey is joined on stage by four back-up singers who each have their moment to shine on stage. Friends and backup singers **Kathy Teevens-Fitzpatrick** of Milton, **Maryellen Anson** and **Patty Lee** of Braintree, and **Jennifer Fahey** of Dorchester, again join Ms. Fahey and Music Director Mark Donahue of Milton, For tickets at $25 in advance and $30 at the door per person to this very special summer event patrons should visit us at www.jmproductionspresents.com for more information or call 617-786-SHOW (7469).

Bag Full of Blues will host **Chilihead BBQs Blues Bash** at Yardley Rink, next to Center School, 388 Depot Road, Easton, at 7 p.m., Aug. 20. All proceeds will go to Lions Club charities.

South Shore OCD Support Group will meet at 7 p.m., Aug. 20, at Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St. Free monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children with OCD or friends and family of adults with OCD take place the third Wednesday of each month. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508-830-1630 for information.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands is Wednesday sunset cruises throughout the summer: **Lovells Island** on Aug. 20. On each evening the boat leaves at 6 p.m. from Rowes Wharf Water Transport in downtown Boston (behind the Boston Harbor Hotel) and returns there at 9 p.m. Visitors may either explore on their own, or take a guided tour. The return journey should offer great views of the Boston skyline. Bring a picnic supper; there is no food sold on the boat or the island. Restroom facilities are available on each island and on the boat. For information about Friends activities visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Wednesday **DJ Big Daddy Ray** 781-829-6999.



Sun-fired ceramic with 24 gold leaf, by ceramic artist Syma

Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will host an open studio with Syma from 1 to 4 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16 and 17, in the Judah Alden Studio. Featured will be a barrel-firing demonstration on Aug. 16, which will take place the following day in case of rain. The open studio is free and open to the public. Visitors are requested to park in the main parking lot of the museum and take the path to the studio. Syma will be available to discuss her work following the Japanese Tea Ceremony on Aug. 24.

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Thursday, Aug. 21

The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Route 28, Weymouth will devote the entire month of August a new **Surf and Shore** exhibit of acrylics, watercolors, and oil paintings of seascapes, ports, boats, and familiar landmarks, celebrating the beauty and the pleasures of the New England seacoast. The artists include **Stephen Boczanowski, Edwina Caci, Morgan Davis, James Earl, Vincent Elliot, Donald Dickinson, Roger Gill, Stephen H. Holland, George Murray, Daniel Myers, and Charyl Weissbach**. For information and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384. Preview the artists online at dickinsonartgallery.com.

Summer Concert Series – All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. **Aug. 21, Legion Bud Band.**

Author Hallie Ephron will discuss her new book, "1001 Books for Every Mood," at 7 p.m., Aug. 21, at Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St. Co-sponsored by Buttonwood Books and Hingham Library. To order a signed copy of the book, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 21, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. Aug. 21, **Cindy Daley Band Blues Jam.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Aug. 22

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree, 9 p.m. Aug. 22, **Comedy Night** featuring South Shore's Own: **Tommy Dunham**, other comics include **Annette Pollack, Jon Pierce, Dan Boulger, Bob Veduccio, Colleen Morrissey, Andre Philly-Hogan**. Hosted by **Bill Farrell.** Admission: $15 dinner and appetizers available jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack 781-848-0300.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until September.

Java Junction Coffee Shop, 763 Country Way, North Scituate, will host an **Alex's Lemonade Stand**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Aug. 22, on the lawn outside the coffee shop. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation to help find a cure for childhood cancer. Lemonade, hot dogs, chips, lemon poppy muffins, lemon Danish and other items will be sold. Balloons and long-stem yellow roses, donated by Precious Petal Flower Shop, will also be for sale. All are welcome. The event will take place rain or shine.

Market at the Harbor, an artisan, farmer, and fish market featuring local goods and cultural experiences presented by Destination Community Development, Inc., takes place at HRBA Bayside Property, Nantasket Avenue, Hull, between Bay Street and Edgewater Road. Every Friday, rain or shine, through Oct. 17. Market times are 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Weekly events such as live music, cooking demonstrations; book signings and children's events are being added to the schedule daily. **On Aug. 22, at 4 p.m., Big Ryan's Tall Tales**, puppets and storytelling will be featured.

Rockland VFW, Old Colony Post 1788, will present a **Karaoke Nite** at the VFW hall, 22 Church St., Rockland, from 7 p.m. to midnight, on Aug. 22. Donation is $5.

New England Singles Dances Friday, Aug. 22, 8 p.m. to midnight. Sheraton Braintree Hotel Grand Ballroom, Rte. I-93 at Exit 6, Braintree. MA. DJ. $12.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 22, **Radio For the Blind**. 781-829-6999.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **The Hot Sauce Band** Aug. 22, at 8:45 p.m. until closing.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Aug. 22, **Driving Blind**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

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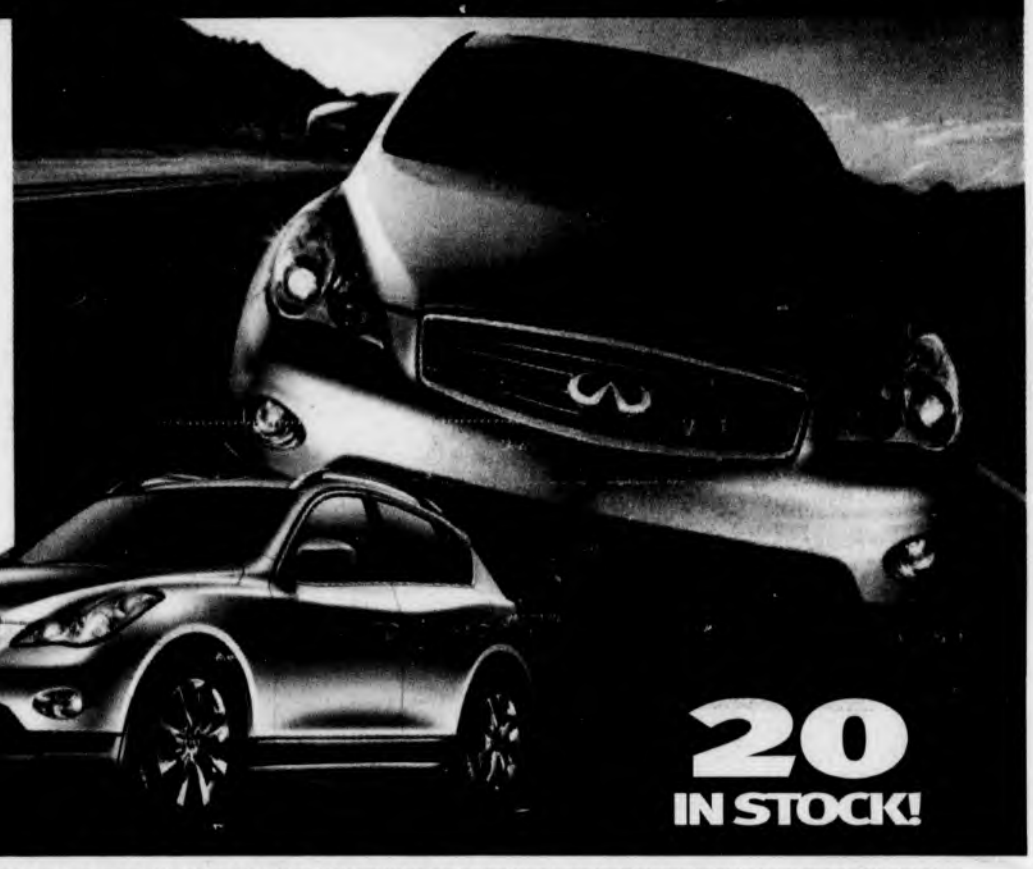
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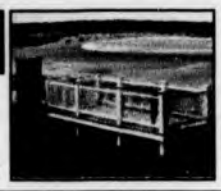
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Brain fitness at forefront

Computer program exercises the mind

By Nancy White
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The brain can't do jumping jacks or laps around the track, but science has developed a way to keep the brain fit and healthy — and that science can now be checked out at the library.

On Tuesday afternoon about 20 interested seniors attended a demonstration of a "brain exercise" computer program recently acquired by the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The PositScience Brain Fitness computer program uses the most current research in neuroscience and is designed to increase brain plasticity, said Reference Librarian Gayle Walsh.

"The program is designed to increase auditory process speed and clear up fuzzy processing," said Walsh.

The brain fitness program is made up of six auditory exercises; each one building on the last to work out your brain in a more and more realistic listening and language usage contexts.

"Science research has shown the brain can begin to lose plasticity as early as age 30," said Walsh in her opening remarks. The computer program, which only requires mastering the point and click of a mouse, targets core functions of the brain used in real life interaction.

"At the end of the eight weeks, participants are remembering things better and having better cognitive function," said Walsh of the eight-week, 40-hour, multi-level program. After hearing that some of the seniors commented, "that sounds pretty good."

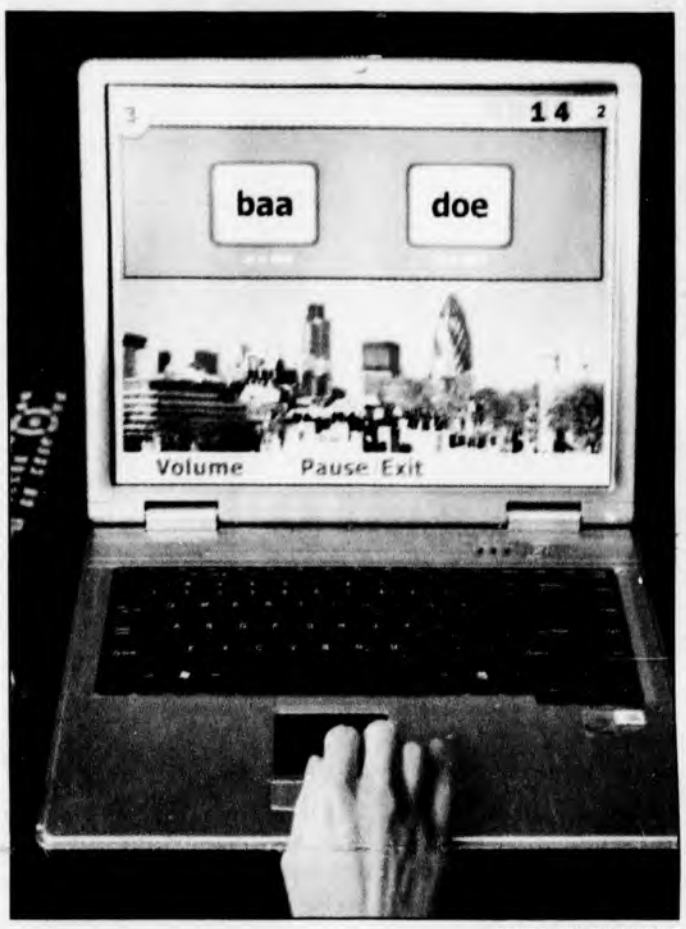
The goal of the demonstration was to gauge residents' interest in the program. Currently, the library only has one single-user program on a laptop computer. One person at a time can check out the computer for an eight-week time period, visit the library, find a cozy and quiet spot and go through the exercises on the laptop with a set of headphones. People who require the use of hearing aids can wear the headphones over their hearing aids.

Yet, the Board of Health has been offered a grant from a local donor to cover the cost of program hardware, software and staff. The grant will pay for the beginning of brain fitness exercises outlined in literature from Posit Science Corporation of San Francisco, said Board of Health member Steve Bobo. Whether a classroom group setting would be better or having a multi-user program with specific appointment times for users would be better remains to be determined.

Walsh went through a short exhibition to show each of the six exercises. The group called out the answers as she went along.

"It's meant to be challenging. It is about applying focused attention to reach your personal best," said Walsh. She told the group to keep an eye out for positive changes in their life if they went on to complete the entire brain fitness program. Bobo, who has completed the program, said one of the

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One of the auditory exercises in the program asks the participant to hear a sound, or phoneme, then point to the corresponding "word" on the computer screen. If you get a series of answers correct, the reward is a visual image.

Good wind on Turkey Hill

MET tower results are in

By Nancy White
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In May 2007, a meteorological experimental test, or MET, tower, was mounted at the top of Turkey Hill, just south of two cell towers. Standing at a soaring 165 feet, or 50 meters, the aluminum pole recorded wind speed and direction data for period of one-year on top of Turkey Hill.

Now, just over a year later, the Alternative Energy Committee has received the results and analysis from the data collected from the MET tower. All signs are positive.

"The wind is good," said AEC Chairman Andrew Willard, but he's not just saying that — the data supports it.

In order for a turbine to be beneficial, the area must have consistent wind. Wind speed must be above five meters per second. During the interval covered by the report (June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008) the recorded mean wind speed was 5.28 meters per second, or 11.81 miles per hour. The prevailing wind direction was from southwest.

In addition, the report calculates a capacity factor, a complex calculation to determine how often the turbine would be able to operate at optimal capacity and produce energy. Typically, a capacity factor percentage between 30 and 34 percent is desired. Although only an estimate, the capacity factor is an estimate that helps to understand the magnitude of the wind resources at the site. In Cohasset's case, the capacity factor

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Julia Cannery fills in the data sheets of the findings of plant life and other information that members of her group report back to her.

Students take on Little Harbor

CSCR monitors wetlands

By Nancy White
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Cohasset has a growing group of budding oceanographers and scientists. At the Cohasset Center of Coastal Research (CSCR) multiple summer projects have been collecting data all over town in nearly all the main waterways.

Little Harbor is one of the primary water bodies in Cohasset and is the focus of one of the summer projects at CSCR. The Mariner joined up with a group of 11 students who have been studying two areas of Little Harbor all summer.

The project, dubbed the Little Harbor Wetlands Monitoring Project, set out in June to find out just how healthy Little Harbor is based on the types of vegetation, diversity of aquatic life and salinity levels. Jacqueline Chase, who is entering her final year at the University of Notre Dame as an environmental science major, leads the project.

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PICTURE THIS/Jackie Cahill and Ian Porter



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This week, the Mariner caught up with Jackie Cahill and Ian Porter, who are instructors at the Cohasset Sailing Club. For photos of the sailing club fun day, see page 23.

Names: Jackie Cahill and Ian Porter.

Occupation: Instructors at the Cohasset Sailing Club.

Best day of your life: The day I got my license (Ian).

Best vacation: Costa Rica 2008 (Jackie). A week in Atlantis in the Bahamas with my family. (Ian).

Favorite season: Summer (Jackie and Ian).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Jackie). The whole Christmas season (Ian).

Favorite food My mom's cookies (Jackie). Bacon cheeseburger (Ian).

Best book: "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett (Jackie). "The Great Gatsby," by F. Scott Fitzgerald (Ian).

Best movie: "The Italian Job" (Jackie). "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (Ian).

Best TV show: "The Office" and "Project Runway" (Jackie). "30 Rock" (Ian).

Favorite music, song, group or artist: I love music but I don't have a favorite (Jackie). Cipes and The People (Ian).

Fun fact about yourself: I am an Irish citizen (Jackie).

Most embarrassing moment: The tug of war incident (Ian).

Pet peeve: Skyed halyards (Jackie). People who don't try (Ian).

Goal: To travel and to always be happy (Jackie). Get accepted into UVA and try to get into the entertainment industry (Ian).

Person you'd most like to meet: My Papa (Jackie). Michael Phelps (Ian).

Biggest worry: Not being successful (Ian).

Best part of Cohasset: The ocean (Jackie). CSC and Cohasset Harbor (Ian).

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Aug.	AM	HIGH Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	LOW Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 21	2:49	9.4	3:10	9.8	8:53	0.0	9:23	-0.1
Sunrise: 5:57 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:34 p.m.*			
Fri. 22	3:38	9.1	3:58	9.8	9:40	0.2	10:16	0.0
Sunrise: 5:58 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:33 p.m.*			
Sat. 23	4:31	8.7	4:50	9.8	10:31	0.5	11:13	0.1
Sunrise: 5:59 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:31 p.m.*			
Sun. 24	5:29	8.4	5:48	9.7	11:27	0.8	—	—
Sunrise: 6:00 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:29 p.m.*			
Mon. 25	6:33	8.1	6:51	9.7	12:15	0.2	12:29	1.0
Sunrise: 6:02 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:28 p.m.*			
Tues. 26	7:39	8.1	7:57	9.7	1:20	0.3	1:33	1.0
Sunrise: 6:03 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:26 p.m.*			
Wed. 27	8:45	8.3	9:02	9.9	2:24	0.1	2:37	0.8
Sunrise: 6:04 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:25 p.m.*			
Thurs. 28	9:47	8.6	10:03	10.1	3:26	-0.1	3:38	0.5
Sunrise: 6:05 a.m.					*Sunset: 7:23 p.m.*			

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Cohasset vendors pass tobacco compliance

On Aug. 9, the South Shore Boards of Health Tobacco Collaborative conducted a compliance inspection with vendors that sell chewing tobacco. Cohasset vendors passed with flying colors; all five vendors who sell chew did not sell to a minor. Those stores include Tedeschi's, CVS, Mobil Mart, Leo's Exxon and Walgreen's.

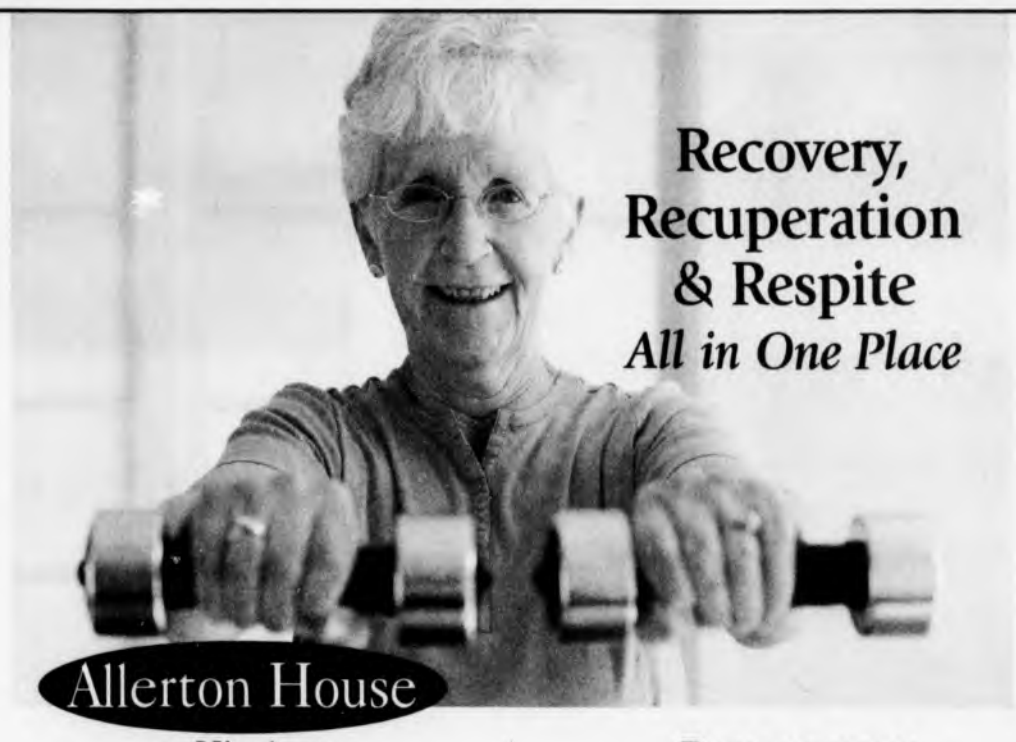
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A member of the installation crew from R.L. Lackey and Sons of Scituate had to wear sunglasses to protect his eyes from the sunpipes' glare during installation. A total of ten sunpipes were installed at the Deer Hill School to save energy costs and allow natural light to illuminate the cafeteria and a classroom.

Sunpipes installed at Deer Hill

By Nancy White
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Deer Hill students at will have something to glow about during lunch this year. This past week, a total of 10 "sunpipes" were installed at the elementary school just in time to welcome students back to school.

Sunpipes, or the more generic term of daylight pipes, are stainless steel tubes with an acrylic dome cap placed in the roof to allow sunlight into the room below. They work much like a skylight, but are designed to be more energy efficient.

Eight daylight pipes were installed near the stage in the Deer Hill cafeteria and two were installed in a speech therapy classroom. There will be enough light generated to leave the lights off hopefully leading to a cost saving on the school's electric bill.

Mimi White, a member of the Alternative Energy Committee (AEC), watched the progress of the three-day installation at Deer Hill.

"The difference is quite remarkable," said White. When she arrived the first day, the contractor R.L. Lackey of Scituate, commented on the challenges of roof installations. They had to be careful not to disturb existing wiring and other equipment on the roof.

"I think these sunpipes show that simple things can be done to help save energy."
— Mimi White , Alternative Energy Committee

According to White, the Deer Hill classroom and cafeteria were chosen because often there were complaints about the lack of light.

During the installation, the sunlight coming in through the tubes was so strong before a covering was placed on the tube that softens the light the contractors had to wear sunglasses.

"Now, it is a really nice, soft light," said White. "It's almost like it has been there."

The installation of the daylight pipes was made possible by a $17,050 Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection municipal sustainability grant. Approximately $14,000 was spent on the sunpipes. The remaining grant monies was spent to install 11 "vending misers" in vending machines throughout town buildings. Vending misers control the lights inside a vending machine, when no one is in the area of the vending machine for 15 minutes the lights shut off. The result is hoped to be considerable energy cost savings, said White.

"I think these sunpipes show that simple things can be done to help save energy," said White. "While we're waiting for those huge things, we can do these little things."

While hopes to use the sunpipes and vending misers as an educational tool to show students there are all different ways to conserve energy.

If the sunpipes at Deer Hill are received favorably, the AEC will look into other possible locations for additional sunpipes in town buildings.

The Alternative Energy Committee (AEC) applied for the grant with the help of its professional consultants. The committee is focused on investigating and implementing alternative energy sources that can be used by throughout the municipality. Cohasset was one out of only six towns in the state to receive the grant.

POLICE BEAT

Single-car accidents lead the log

By Mary Ford
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• A 2001 Volkswagen Passat had to be towed following a single-car accident at 6:35 a.m., Tuesday (Aug. 12).

Police said a 39-year-old Cohasset man was driving north on Jerusalem Road when he swerved off the travel lane, struck a utility pole and came to rest against a stonewall. The National Grid pole and the stonewall, which is owned by the town, were damaged. No citations were issued, police said.

• A large dump truck, towing a landscape trailer, was backing up in the area of 112 Jerusalem Road when the driver inadvertently drove over a lawn and moved some rocks guarding the property boundaries, police said. A firefighter, who was on detail in the area due to the water and sewer projects, witnessed the mishap and got the plate number. The plate came back to a 47-year-old Rockland man, who said he did not realize what had happened and would take care of the damage. The incident occurred at 2 p.m. on Friday (Aug. 15).

• A 17-year-old Scituate teen was cited for impeded operation (using a cell phone) following a single-car accident on Border street Saturday (Aug. 16) at about 8:17 a.m. Police said the 2001 Jeep Grand Cherokee she was driving ran off the road and struck a utility pole. The SUV came to rest on a stone wall. The driver told police she had dropped her cell phone on the floor and it was caught under the pedals when she reached down to retrieve it and lost control of the Jeep.

OUI arrest

A concerned cell phone caller alerted police to a single-car accident on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) near Stop & Shop at 2:09 a.m. on Sunday (Aug. 17). When the officer arrived at the scene they found that a 27-year-old Pembroke man, who was still seated behind the wheel, had been in an accident. His 2005 Toyota Tundra pickup truck was headed south on 3A when it hit the traffic light pole, a utility pole and a street sign, before coming to a stop on the soft shoulder of the highway after hitting the traffic island. Further investigation revealed the driver was under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested for OUI (alcohol), failure to stay in marked lanes, and negligent operation. The pickup truck was not "drivable," police said.

Parking

Residents on Fernway, a small residential street off Red Gate Lane, complained last week about construction workers parked all over their street. Police said the workers, who are part of the sewer/water project on N. Main and Jerusalem Road, thought they were parking out of the way. They have found a different place to park, police said.

9-1-1 call

Police were able to trace a call to a Cohasset resident during which a woman, who had a foreign accent, was screaming that she was being stabbed. The Cohasset woman called police, who were able to contact the phone company and have the call traced. Police then contacted Norton police who were already on the scene. Police said the Norton woman may have had a mental health issue.

Larceny

The owner of a shop near West Corner reported to police that she had left some goods outside the night before and found them missing the next morning. She later talked to a neighbor who noticed a truck near the store and had written down the plate number. Police identified the vehicle but before detectives could follow up, the next day (noon, on Friday, Aug. 15) the man who was suspected of stealing returned to the store. The storeowner called police, who found some of the missing items in his truck.

The 47-year-old Quincy man was arrested for receiving stolen property under $250 and for possession of marijuana, police said.

The following day (Saturday), the storeowner called again after the man, who had been bailed, returned apparently to apologize. Police told him to stay away from the store.

Found bike

A walk-in to the police station on Saturday (Aug. 16) brought with him a bike he found on Ox Pasture Road. It is a black and silver Decathlon Rockrider. Police have that bike and several other abandoned bicycles at the station.

Search warrant

Cohasset police executed a search warrant at about 4:30 p.m. Saturday (Aug. 15) at a house on Carver Road in Plymouth. Police were searching for stolen property connected to a breaking and entering of a house in Cohasset a month ago.

Physical evidence police found in the Cohasset housebreak was linked to the Plymouth man. Police retrieved some items but the subject, who has been identified, was not arrested because he is out of state.

Bat in house

Police received a call from a babysitter for a family on Jerusalem Road on Saturday night about a bat that had flown into the house. The animal control officer was off duty. An officer responded and was able to capture the bat using a towel and release it.

Sleeping

A concerned caller on Atlantic Avenue wanted it logged that someone had slept in her car "last night." She did not want to speak to an officer and reported the incident on Sunday (Aug. 17). Police said they would keep an eye on the area.

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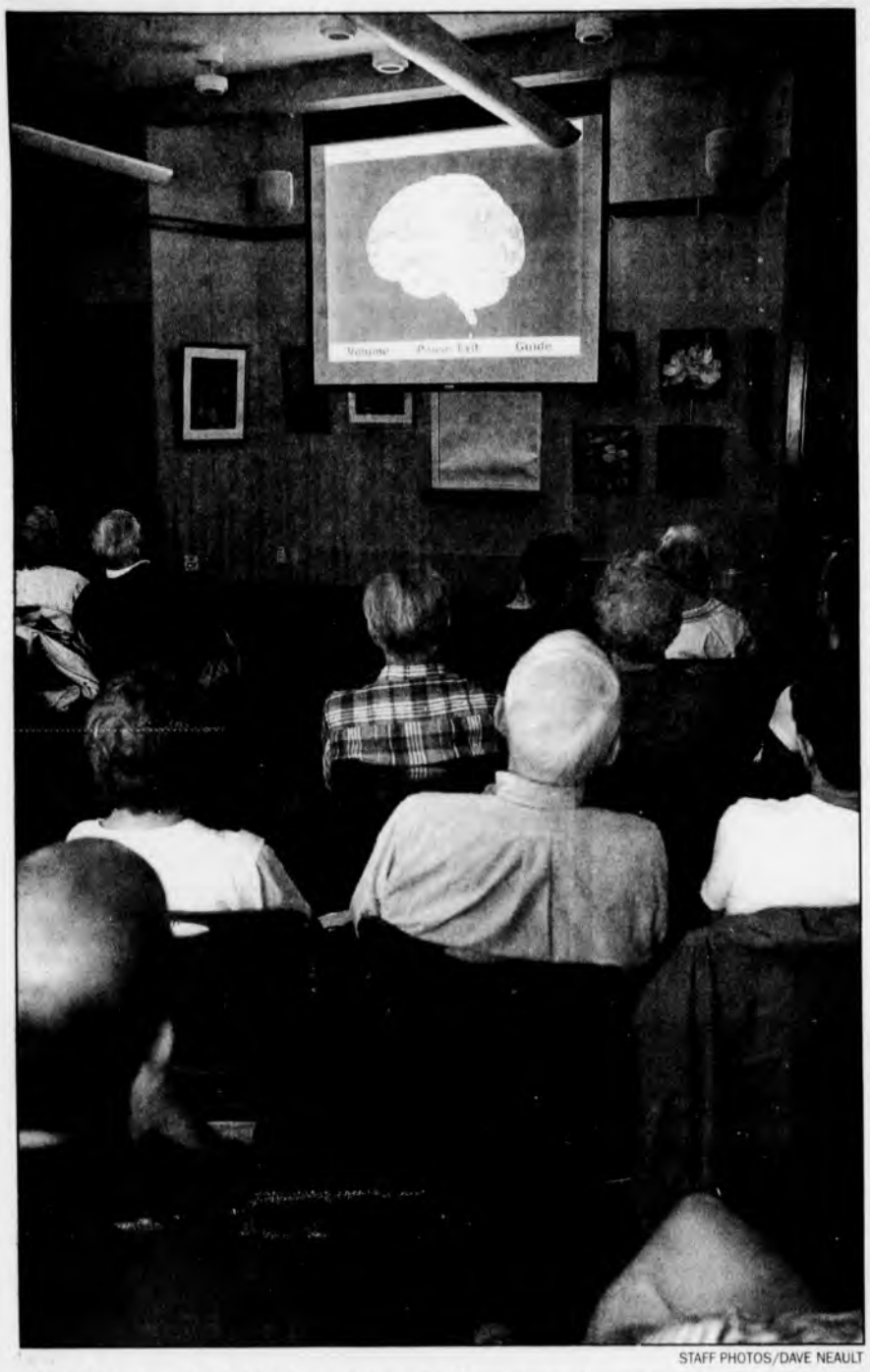
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Library has computer program to exercise the mind



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About 20 seniors attended the demonstration of a "brain exercise" computer program currently available at the library. The program is designed to improve brain processing and memory.

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benefits he has noticed is playing a much better tennis game.

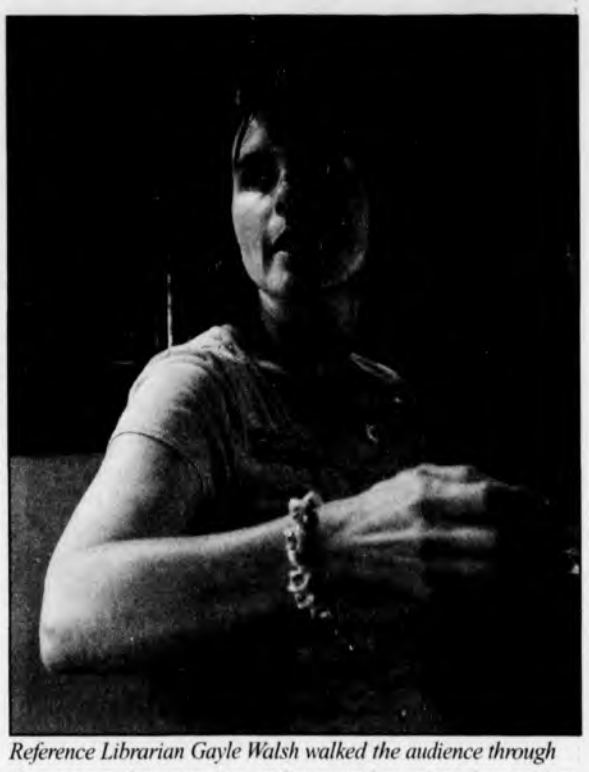
The program begins with high and low frequency sweeps of (the most basic building blocks of language) and moves up through phonemes (individual sound parts of words, such as /d/, /o/, and /g/ in the word dog), syllables, sentences, and finally, narratives. There is an exercise much like the memory card game that starts out with four items (two matches) and gradually increases to 24 items (12 matches)

Each one targets one aspect of auditory processing and memory, while also reinforcing the skills developed in the other exercises. As the participant answer the questions, the program continually adapts to individual performance (how many correct answers, how fast the response), so the training is always at the right level for the participant.

Visual rewards, such as photos of well-known cities or short cartoon animations, are given at the conclusion of a successful exercise.

"This is the most exciting thing I've heard about in a long time," said Nancy Barrett, a resident of Harborview Apartments. "I think it is great the library is doing this."

Half of the Cohasset residents in attendance signed up as being interested in participating in the brain exercise program in the fall. Knowing the interest out there in the community, the library staff will figure out how to best accommodate it.



Reference Librarian Gayle Walsh walked the audience through the program demonstration and answered questions from seniors along the way. The library was trying to gauge the interest in the computer program and then design a program in order to accommodate that interest.



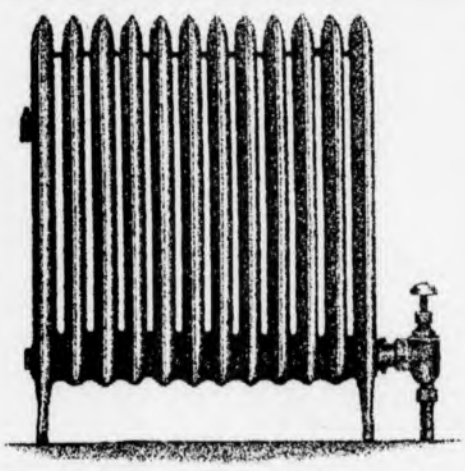
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HEALTH UPDATE

West Nile Virus found in Hingham

Residents urged to take extra precautions with mosquitoes

By Nancy White
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A crow in neighboring Hingham has tested positive for West Nile Virus, Health Inspector Tara Tradd announced today. The crow died last Wednesday, Aug. 13.

"Residents should definitely be more aggressive with their personal protection and definitely need to re-evaluate their property for potential mosquito breeding areas," said Tradd. There are no mosquito sampling stations in Cohasset; Hingham is the closest station.

As of press time, no changes had been made in regards to athletic scheduling for the fall.

Avian specimens qualifying for testing this year have been restricted to only crows and blue jays. Positive avian findings will be used to characterize risk levels for an expanded region around a positive town rather than on a town-by-town basis. As a result, a positive finding from one town reduces the number of specimens that may be submitted for that town and its contiguous towns. Specimens from dead bird clusters and other unique specimens will continue to be accepted by the state lab on a case-by-case basis.



If you discover a dead bird on your property, call the Public Health Hotline at 1-866-MASS WNV (1-866-627-7968) before you call the Cohasset Board of Health. Follow their instructions. The Cohasset Board of Health and Health Inspector Tara Tradd will assist residents if requested to do so by the Mass. Dept. of Public Health. If no testing is required, they ask residents to dispose of the bird by throwing it in the woods near your residence, or in household trash.

West Nile Virus

What is it: West Nile Virus (WNV) is carried by mosquitoes. Mosquitoes become infected from feeding on infected birds. West Nile Virus can cause mile to serious illness in humans. It is usually spread by the bite of an infected mosquito.

Who gets sick: People of all ages can become ill from WNV. People age 50 and over are at highest risk for serious illness.

What are the symptoms: Most people infected with WNV develop no symptoms of illness. Some infected people will have mild symptoms that can last for several days (headache, aches, tiredness, possible rash). A few people will develop serious illness that requires hospitalization or can cause death.

How can you protect yourself and family?

Avoid bites. Limit outdoor time from dusk to dawn when many mosquitoes bite. Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks. Spray uncovered skin and clothing with insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus when you go outdoors.

Mosquito-proof your home. To reduce mosquito populations around your home and neighborhood, get rid of any standing water that is available for mosquito breeding. Mosquitoes will breed in any puddle or standing water that lasts for more than four days. Here are some simple steps you can take:

1. Dispose of or regularly empty any metal cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots and other water holding containers (including trash cans) on your property.
2. Pay special attention to discarded tires that may have collected on your property. Tires are a common place for mosquitoes to breed.
3. Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors, so that water can drain out.
4. Clean clogged roof gutters; remove leaves and debris that may prevent drainage of rainwater.
5. Turn over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use.
6. Do not allow water to stagnate in birdbaths. Aerate ornamental ponds or stock them with fish.
7. Keep swimming pools clean and properly chlorinated; remove standing water from pool covers.
8. Use landscaping to eliminate standing water that collects on your property.

Report dead birds. Bird die from many causes. A dead bird may be a sign of WNV in your area. Report dead blue jays and crows by calling 1-866-MASS-VNW.

The basics of mosquito repellent

What is it: A substance put on skin, clothing, or other surfaces which discourages mosquitoes from landing or crawling on that surface.

Why should you use mosquito repellent: Mosquitoes can spread viruses that cause serious disease. In Massachusetts, the diseases spread by mosquitoes are West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Mosquito repellents reduce your chances of being bitten by a mosquito and can reduce the risk that you will get one of these diseases.

When should I use repellent: When outside and exposed to mosquitoes, the insects are generally more active between dusk and dawn, though some types may also be out during the day. Mosquitoes usually start to become active during early to mid-spring and remain active until the first hard frost.

What repellent should I use: Look at the active ingredients on the product label. Repellents containing DEET, permethrin, or picaridin provide protection against mosquitoes. In addition, oil of lemon eucalyptus has been found to provide as much protection as low concentrations of DEET, but should not be used on kids under three years old. Permethrin products are intended for use on clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear and not applied directly to the skin. Always follow the instructions on the product label.

Information adapted from Massachusetts Department of Public Health handouts. For more information about EEE, WNV and how you can protect your family, visit www.mass.gov/dph or call the Board of Health at 781-383-4116.

MET tower results are in

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was determined to be 34.8 percent, essentially meaning the turbine will produce energy about one-third of the time.

Similar results have been found on the nearby Graham Waste site, in Scituate and Hull.

The Renewable Energy Research Laboratory at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, performed the work presented in the Wind Data Report including installation and decommissioning of the meteorological tower and instrumentation, and the data analysis and reporting.

The AEC efforts with the MET tower have required little town taxpayer funds: the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MTC) is covering the cost of the entire MET tower effort, from its installation to the data analysis to an end report showing the "quality of the wind" in Cohasset. If the town were to pay for the project, the cost would be between $25,000 and $35,000.

The MET tower consisted of two anemometers each at 49 meters (161 ft) and at 38 meters (125 ft), one anemometer at 20 meters (66 ft) and wind vanes at the same heights.

A MET tower is a necessary step to the eventual installation of wind turbine(s) in Cohasset. Not only did it determine if Cohasset has "good wind," but also bonding companies require the data in order to consider funding a wind turbine project.

Willard is currently in communication with representatives from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative to get Cohasset's project additional funding for a feasibility study. A full engineering feasibility study would file with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), complete an avian study and evaluate noise, flicker impacts. Cohasset will find out if it got approval in September.

If all goes well, the town could be considering a town-owned wind turbine in fall 2009.

Thanks to the recent signing of the state Green Communities Act, Cohasset is no longer is at a disadvantage because it does not have a municipal light plant. A wind turbine could be installed anywhere in town and the excess energy could be sold back to the grid or dedicated to municipal buildings.

Before the bill was passed, members of the AEC had said the most beneficial place for a wind turbine would be behind the high school because all the energy generated would feed directly into the school building. However, that location was met with some resistance from the adjacent residential neighborhood. With the Green Communities Act, the most likely location for a turbine is the Transfer Station off of Cedar Street.

The Alternative Energy Committee (AEC) was formed officially at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting. Its focus is to investigate alternative energy sources that can be used by the municipality.

For more information on wind energy, visit www.masstech.org.

PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Brennan, 15 Bancroft Road, $1,850, chimney liner; Hess Properties, 734 CJC Highway, $860, two replacement faces for signs; 30 by 17 foot fabric awning; 15 by 30 inch directional sign; Roy, 49 Margin Street, $1,632, 40 by 60 foot pole tent; Winchester/Bjorklund, 150 North Main St., $700, three square asphalt shingles; Iantosca, 20 Carbone Lane, $1,500, 20 by 40 foot pole tent; Torrey, 71 Pleasant St., $45,000, remodel kitchen, laundry, enclose front porch to create a mud room..


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Airman Bryan M. Healy finishes basic training

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BITTERSWEET TIME

Hello Cohasset. I hope that everyone is well and getting ready to enjoy this beautiful weekend and to have a blast next week as we get ready for Back-To-School for so many. I know that this time is always bittersweet for so many of us. I want to send out a wish of a fantastic school year to all who have left and continue to leave for colleges, private schools and other programs. Please make sure to stay up-to-date on all the notices and messages that come your way for this year of fun times and events for your child as schools get ready to for all students and faculty alike.

FIELD HOCKEY

Attention all 6th-to-8th grade girls: Sign up for the fall Field Hockey program will be held this Saturday, Aug. 23 from 9-11 am at the Town Hall. Registration forms and introduction letter are available at the Town Hall and need to be filled out along with a check payable to Cohasset Field Hockey Club for $125 is required at registration. All girls are welcome to play. Practice will start Thursday afternoon Sept. 4 at the front field of the High School. If you have any questions, please contact **Beth Marsden-Gilman** at 781-383-1811.

BASIC TRAINING

Air Force Reserve Airman **Bryan M. Healy** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Bryan is the son of **Patricia Infusino** of Halifax, and **Robert Healy** of Cohasset.

Bryan is a 2006 graduate of Boston College High School, Dorchester. This was great news Bryan and everyone I am sure is so proud of you and your accomplishments.



Cohasset brothers Teddy Craven, left, and Travers Craven spent their summer at camp in Maine.

CUSHING ACADEMY

Samuel K. Parker, class of 2008 of Cohasset, graduated from Cushing Academy with Honors on May 24, 2008. To be awarded honors, students must be enrolled in four major courses and earn a grade point average of 85 or above for the term.

Great work, Samuel!

HAPPY CAMPERS

Cohasset brothers **Travers Craven**, 15, and **Teddy Craven**, 12, sons of **Eileen and Ed Craven**, joined more than 385 campers from approximately 30 states and 25 countries at Winona Camps for boys this summer.

The boys made their summer homes in platform tents on the shores of Moose Pond in the Maine mountains. Their days were spent enjoying many of the same activities boys took part in more than a century ago, from playing sports and exploring the outdoors to swimming and camping out.

This was Travers' second summer at the camp and Teddy's first season. Both plan to return next year, when Travers will be a counselor in training.

When asked what they liked best about summer camp, Travers replied, "Definitely the sporting events that give us the chance to compete with other camps." Travers enjoyed soccer and basketball and looked forward to the end-of-day programs, from a game of king pin to dodge ball to capture the flag. His most memorable experiences at camp were the sightings of the elusive "Bat." A Winona tradition, the black-masked Bat surprises campers and then gives chase as they try to catch it and uncover its true identity.

Teddy, who liked "all the different things you get do" at Winona, was especially excited about seeing the summer blockbuster "Batman: The Dark Night," with his tentmates. Soccer, basketball and horseback riding were at the top of Teddy's list of camp favorites.

This is the 101st season for Winona, one of the longest operating summer camps in the nation. Winona Camps is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA). For more information, visit www.winonacamps.com.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Bob, Cameron and Brian Riley following their successful completion of the CIGNA 7-mile Falmouth Road Race on Aug. 10.

'GODSPELL' AUDITIONS

The Cohasset Dramatic Club (CDC) is pleased to announce auditions for "Godspell." **Mark Bono** will be directing and music directing the show. Audition dates and times are as follows: Sunday, Sept. 7th at 6 pm, and Monday Sept. 8th at 7 pm.

Callbacks if necessary will be on Tuesday Sept. 9th at 7 pm. Auditioners may sing a song of their choice and an accompanist will be provided. There will also be cold readings from the script. Mark is looking for a diverse, energetic cast of 10 to recount the telling of the Gospel according to St. Matthew through both parables and great music. The show combines many different theatrical styles including mime, Vaudeville, and improv, and boasts a truly wonderful musical score written by Stephen Schwartz. Please call Mark at 617-827-0887 if you have any questions.

FAMILY AFFAIR

Three generations of **Rileys** competed in the 7-mile CIGNA Falmouth Road Race on Aug. 10. **Bob Riley**, age 78 and running his 17th Falmouth Race, ran with his son, **Brian**, age 30 and grandson, **Cameron**, age 20. They were three of approximately 10,000 runners to participate in the 36th running of this charitable event. Congratulations to you all on a job so well done!

SENIOR FUN

The Cohasset Elder Affairs have a number of upcoming events that all sound so nice. From Introductory Italian, Line Dancing and Aerobics, to an end of the summer picnic and a Fall Foliage Turkey Train, there is something fun for everyone. For more information, please call 781-383-9112 to register.

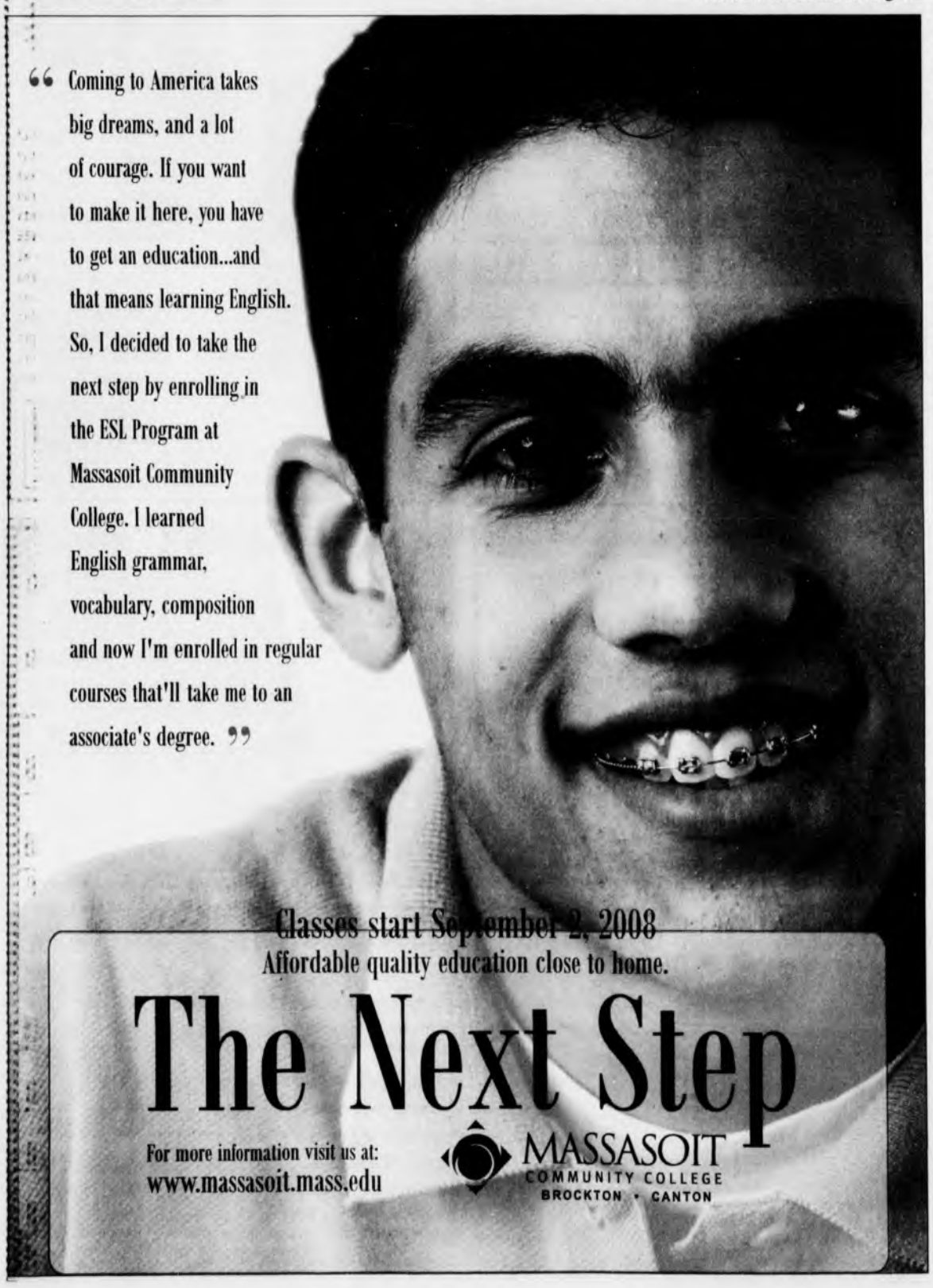
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Back to (church) school

Second Congregational Church gets geared up for fall

By Nancy White
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"We going to teach the basic Bible stories and try to make it fun for the kids. Most of all I want the children to appreciate what God has given us."
— Lisa Cooper, Christian education director



COURTESY PHOTO

Since June, Lisa Cooper has been preparing the curriculum and the classrooms for the youngest members of the Second Congregational Church community.

Back to school is on every family's mind as kids savor the last week of summer vacation before heading back to books and homework.

At the Second Congregational Church, they have been preparing for their own back to school. On Sept. 7, they will roll out their new Christian education "Church School" program under the direction of newly hired Christian education director and Cohasset resident Lisa Cooper.

Combining the traditional stories of the Bible while grabbing (and keeping) the interests of kids at all different age levels will be a challenging job. Yet, Cooper says she is up to the challenge.

Since June, Cooper has been preparing the curriculum and the classrooms for the youngest members of the church community. Over the years, the Second Congregational Church has accumulated several sets of curriculum books, but many of the supplies had been collecting dust.

It has taken time, but Cooper has gone through all the curriculum materials and pulled out some of the best pieces from each. Colorful maps, interactive tools and simplified books are now part of the lessons.

"We have amazing resources here," said Cooper. She has yet to name the curriculum she has more or less designed, but she hopes the make the Sunday morning church school a memorable experience for the kids who attend.

"We going to teach the basic Bible stories and try to make it fun for the kids. Most of all I want the children to appreciate what God has given us," said Cooper. A mother of three — seven-year-old twins and an 11-year old —she has found by taking moments out of the day to "tune in to God's presence" is an important piece. Enjoying the smell of basil while cooking or the sun shining on your face are just two examples.

Unlike in past years where volunteers and parents helped to teach the lesson of the day, Cooper has re-designed the program to put less onus on the volunteers. She will teach the story of the day to all the children in the small upstairs chapel then the kids will head to classrooms for age-appropriate hands-on activities under the direction of the volunteers.

For example, the first two weeks will focus on the first story of the Bible, Genesis. After Cooper teaches the lesson of the day, the kids will do crafts, like make wind chimes from seashells or create animals. The second week (Sept. 14) a special guest from the New England Wildlife Center will visit with animals to teach the kids about respecting wildlife. During the "Learning to Pray" week, kids will be encouraged to wear their pajamas to church. Cooking activities and art lessons will also be interwoven throughout the year.

A registered nurse and part-time preschool teacher at the Carriage House Nursery School, Cooper brings a lot of energy and organization to the program. As of this week, Cooper has the classrooms prepared for the first day of class scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 7.

Cooper is in charge of the youth education program, which serves the preschool aged through fifth grade children. There is also a middle school youth group that meets every Sunday as well and incorporates community service and outreach programs. High school aged church members can get involved in a confirmation program as well as the Appalachia Service Project (ASP).

It is expected about 50 families will be a part of the Christian education program at the Second Congregational Church come this September, but they are prepared to welcome any new faces to both the children's program and the church.

"Children are the heartbeat of any church. Some people say children are the future, but I believe children are the church of today," says Reverend Gary Ritts. "It is so important to have families a part of the church; we have always tried to make children an important piece of our community."

To illustrate his point, Ritts says the role of Christian Education Director has always been a budgeted item and professional role at the church.

"Children have a lot to teach us," says Ritts. Even before the children head upstairs to the Church School program, Ritts welcomes the kids by inviting them to the front of the church and speaking directly to them.

In the Congregational sect of Christianity, the congregation is the foundation of the chuch, said Ritts. There is no hierarchy and the community guides the work of the church. Each member is encouraged to feel God's spirit in his/her own personal way and then reflect that spirit by working together.

Part of Cooper's role is to facilitate a greater town community awareness of what programs are available for youth at local churches. "As a (town) religious community, we try to work together," says Ritts. Their aim is to gather information from each of the churches and publicize each church's youth programs to "de-mystify" the issue for residents.

In the age of "church shopping," where people and families go to different churches in search of a good fit for their personal faith, Cooper says the youth programs available is an important consideration. She joined the Second Congregational Church when she first moved to Cohasset seven years ago.

"There is a lot of church activity in town, it just a matter of finding the one that you can feel most good about," says Ritts.

"The church is a really special place to me, and now I'm here a lot!" says Cooper.

SENIOR SCENE

Now that's Italian!

The following events are sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North St. Registration is required for all events, unless noted, by calling 781-383-9112.

SEPTEMBER COURSES

Pre-registration is required for the following courses.

Introductory Italian: Meets Mondays, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6 and 20, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Professor Lanier Grassie will teach conversational Italian and Italian culture. Classes will focus on vocabulary building, basic conversation, how to make it through the marketplace and culture. Cost is $30 for the six-week course. Six registrants are needed to begin the class. Call the Senior Center to register.

Line Dancing: Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., with instructor Nancy Kramer. Cost is $5 per class. Six registrants are needed to begin the class.

Senior Dance Aerobics: Meets Tuesday and Thursdays, 8 to 8:45 a.m., with instructor Karen Kirkendall. Cost is $3 per class.

Cataract and Glaucoma Screening: Thursday, Sept. 11, starting at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Richard Strecker will be at the Senior Center to offer free screenings. Call the Senior Center to pre-register.

FUN EVENTS

End of Summer Picnic. sponsored by the Second Congregational Church Thursday, Sept. 4 from noon. Theme: Boston Red Sox. Prizes for best outfit. Entertainment: D J Plus (Dave Becker). Last day to sign up is Wednesday, Aug. 27.

Fall foliage turkey dinner train: Wednesday, Oct. 1. Departure St. Anthony's at 8:20a.m. Travel by luxurious motor coach to Meredith, N.H. where you will board the Hobo Turkey Train. While traveling around Lake Winnipesauke, Harts Turkey Farm will serve a full Turkey Dinner with all the Trimmings. Cost: $59 last day to register and pay—Wednesday, Sept. 17.

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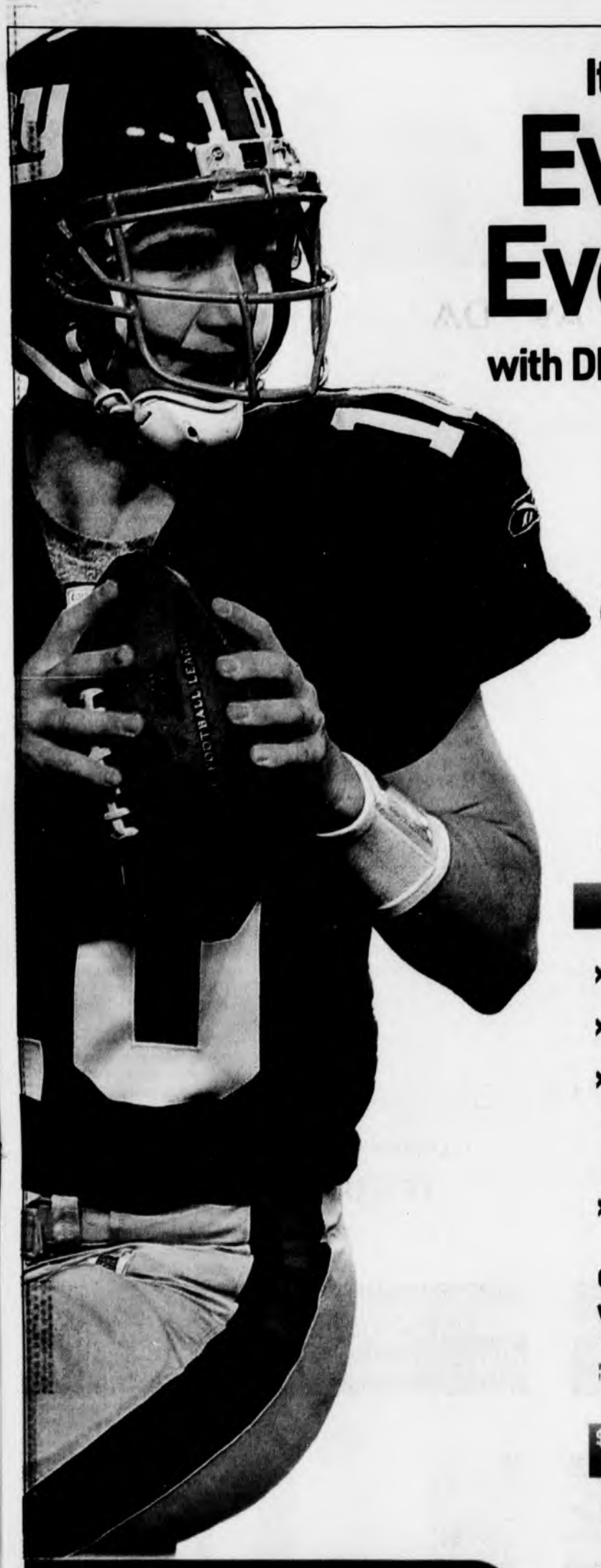
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COURTESY PHOTO

Painter Ros Farbush, who has strong ties to Cohasset, has been a vibrant player in the Greater Boston art scene for most of her life.

Forever Farbush exhibit opens Aug. 22

A self-portrait, showing an intense, teenaged-art student, painted 62 years ago, an urban glimpse of a South End brownstone painted last week, an award-winning portrait of "Manny" completed in 1992—are just a few of the works included in Forever Farbush, the Ros Farbush 80th birthday retrospective exhibition opening at Oceanside 17 Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle in Hull Aug. 22.

Painter Ros Farbush has been a vibrant player in the Greater Boston art scene for most of her life. She grew up in Boston attending the Dorchester High School for Girls, where she majored in art and discovered her passion. A scholarship led her to the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston where, upon graduating, she went on to become an instructor teaching drawing and painting for over 30 years. Early in her career, Ros taught gifted students in Boston public schools and in the city's MFA program. A member of Boston's Copley Society, the oldest art association in America, Ros holds the title of Master Painter.

She still paints en plain air, a method learned in high school. At age 80, Ros can frequently be seen with her paint and easel set up roadside capturing the soul and light of her surroundings…stretches of beach in Hull, coastal cottages in Scituate or street corners on Beacon Hill. According to Ros, "I like to capture the essence of the moment, a certain color, or the energy of a landscape, be it urban or rural. I want to record the drama of life."

"The paintings in this exhibition certainly capture the drama, light and creative life of an artist who at 80, is still looking at her world and seeing colors all of us would love to experience!"

— Monica McKenney, gallery spokeswoman

According to gallery spokesperson Monica McKenney: "The paintings in this exhibition certainly capture the drama, light and creative life of an artist who at 80, is still looking at her world and seeing colors all of us would love to experience! Paintings in the show feature the artist's vibrant palette and dynamic sense of composition. Many of the landscapes, figure paintings and still life works reflect her unique sense of humor and playful irreverence. People have been wondering when Oceanside was going to host of show celebrating this beloved gallery artist, and Ros Farbush's 80th in Aug., 2008 seemed like the perfect time."

Forever Farbush runs through Sept. 3. In addition to the Oceanside 17 Gallery in Hull, Ros' work is exhibited at the Josh Kligerman Gallery in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico; La Galleria Uno in Puerto Vallerta, Mexico; the Powers Gallery in Acton; and the CoSo Gallery on Newbury St., Boston. She has taught drawing and painting at The South Shore Art Center, The Duxbury Art Association, The Cape Cod Art Association and in San Miguel, Mexico. The recipient of numerous local and national art awards, Ros has held dozens of solo and juried group exhibitions during her distinguished career.

Forever Farbush Opening Weekend takes place Saturday, Aug. 23, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 24, noon to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m..; Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Gallery 781-773-1563, By appointment 617-875-5826 or visit www.oceanside17.com Accessible to all, no admission.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Mosquito season

They know who they are: those otherwise happy people who seem to attract mosquitoes!

Anyone can get bitten – but some people seem to get those bites more than others.

We were golfing years ago in Minnesota – where the mosquito is the state bird – and one of our foursome had more than 70 mosquito bites by end of nine holes, 10 times more than the rest of us. In fact, this same guy was a great mosquito repellant for those at barbecues and other outdoor events. If he was around, the mosquitoes flocked to him and left the rest of us alone.

Over the years, we have often guessed that this mosquito attraction was due to skin type – those whose skin sunburns easily, for example, might be more prone to mosquito bites.

But in perusing the Internet this week (www.drgreene.com), we found that mosquitoes are attracted by some body odors, and for this reason they choose some individuals over others in a crowd. Therefore during the mosquito season, it might be wise to avoid fragrances in soaps, shampoos, and lotions.

With that being said, it is important to note that mosquitoes can and will bite anyone, including small children. Mosquito bites can cause serious problems. A victim could become infected with West Nile virus from a bite.

A crow in neighboring Hingham has tested positive for West Nile Virus. The crow died last Wednesday, Aug. 13.

Cohasset Health Inspector Tara Tradd says residents should definitely be more aggressive with their personal protection and definitely need to re-evaluate their property for potential mosquito breeding areas. There are no mosquito sampling stations in Cohasset; Hingham is the closest station.

The Centers for Disease Control offers the following mosquito-bite prevention advice:

• Put insect repellent on exposed skin when you go outdoors. Use an EPA-registered insect repellent such as those with DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Even a short time being outdoors can be long enough to get a mosquito bite.

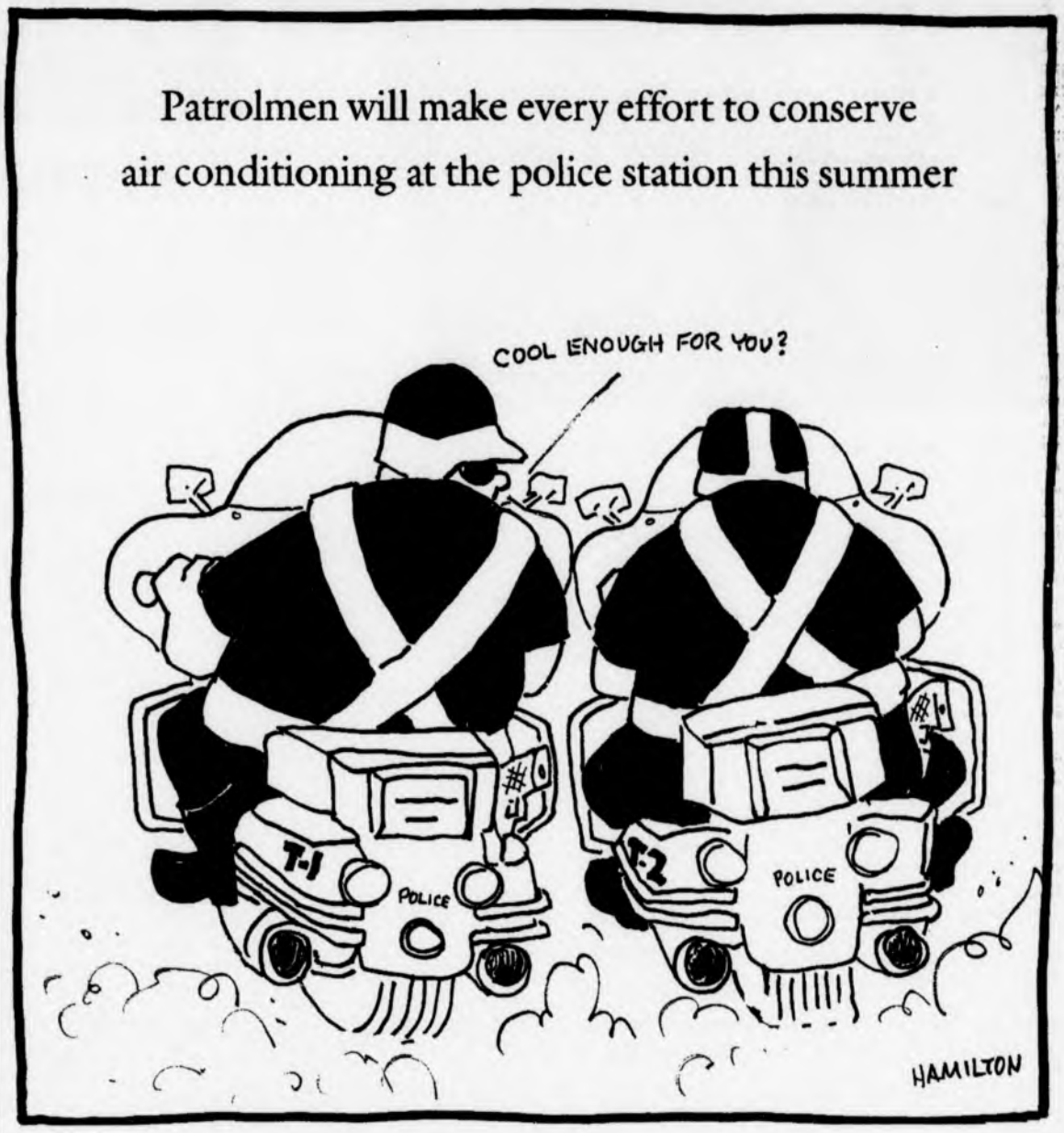
• When weather permits, wear long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors. Mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing, so spraying clothes with repellent containing permethrin or another EPA-registered repellent will give extra protection. Don't apply repellents containing permethrin directly to skin. Do not spray repellent on the skin under your clothing.

• The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many species of mosquitoes. Take *extra* care to use repellent and protective clothing during evening and early morning — or consider avoiding outdoor activities during these times.

• Eliminate mosquito breeding sites around your home. At least once or twice a week, empty water from flowerpots, pet food and water dishes, birdbaths, swimming pool covers, buckets, barrels, and cans. Check for clogged rain gutters and clean them out. Remove discarded tires, and other items that could collect water. Be sure to check for containers or trash in places that may be hard to see, such as under bushes or under your home.

• Put screens on your windows and doors — and repair the screens if they have holes in them. Also, use air conditioning so you can keep the windows closed.

• Use mosquito netting on infant carriers when taking your baby outdoors.





STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Join the debate and take our on line poll!

Last week, the Mariner highlighted some of the conflicting and confusing parking signs found in the Village. What do you think should be done about the signs?

To respond, visit: www.wickedlocal.com/cohasset

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enough is enough!

TO THE EDITOR:

Sunday, Aug. 17, I pulled left out of Windy Hill Road headed to the recycling facility. Almost immediately, a phalanx of motorcycles with lights flashing came around the blind corner and appeared in my rear view mirror. I proceeded about 100 yards around a bend and pulled off the side of the road, to the right, in a fortuitous off-road parking area to either let the police go by or stop if they thought I had done something wrong.

The first motorcycle roared by, but the second motorcycle pulled-up behind me and started hollering at me to "GO, GO, GO" in a very unpleasant tone. I hesitated and the policeman's voice boomed again and much more unpleasantly "GO, GO, GO." I can take a hint, so I pulled-out and proceeded toward West Corner.

At West Corner, a Norfolk County Police Officer was directing traffic directly across Route 228 (Jerusalem Road to Rockland Street). Traffic was backed-up as far as the eye could see in both directions on Route 228-north/south). I signaled that I wanted to go North towards the recycling facility (that lane was completely open, but the Officer insisted that all traffic go straight across.

Then it started, motorcycles roaring through the intersection with their police escort and police "blocking for them" at major intersections. I don't know how long the line of motorcycles continued, but it was a long time because I went into Victoria's Restaurant and they were still roaring through the intersection when I went out and exited the restaurant. I asked the Norfolk County Policeman whom I could complain to and he said: "the Quincy Police."

When I was at the recycling facility, I heard a woman talking about what a "MESS" the motorcycles had caused at the intersection of Forest Avenue and Jerusalem Road. The next day, I heard another person speaking about cars pulling out from blind driveways and other entrances that police cannot possibly control into the middle of this "MESS."

Who is running Cohasset: the Norfolk County Police, the Quincy Police or the Cohasset Police? Because Cohasset is so picturesque, all sorts of outside events are increasingly "SHUTTING DOWN" Cohasset for our residents. We (Cohasset) are the non-profit center of the universe and fund-raisers need to be run for those Cohasset organizations, but it is getting totally out of hand with outside organizations joining the bandwagon. Why can't people donate to their favorite charities without organizing a plethora of events that shutdown Cohasset?

I will guarantee you one thing; Jerusalem Road and other winding/blind Cohasset roads were never meant for these "mega-events" and it is not a question of whether, but when there will be more tragedies.

Joe McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

POLITICAL NOTES

Democrats, Republicans to hold gatherings

Cohasset democrats to celebrate unity — The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee invites all Democrats and Obama Independents to celebrate party unity and to gather with interesting people, enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres, sea breezes, spirited conversation and music by members of the Cohasset High School jazz band. Meet and great other like-minded locals and many elected officials as we prepare for the final two months of this very exciting presidential campaign.

The party will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the home of Helene Lieb and Ed Lappen. The minimum contribution is $25 per person. For more information, or to RSVP, please call: Sally Sisson (383-6190); Teresa Polhemus (923-1413); Betsy Connolly (383-1248); or Susan Kent (383-2490). Please RSVP by Sept. 2.

Charlie Baker to speak at GOP picnic — Come and mingle with some of your favorite Republicans at the Cohasset Republican Town Committee's Annual Picnic. This year the event will be held Rain or Shine on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Lou Harvey's Estate on King Street.

The featured speaker is Charlie Baker, President and CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. Special Invited Guests include: Senator Bob Hedlund, Plymouth County DA Tim Cruz; Plymouth County Sheriff Joe MacDonald; Candidate for U.S. Senate Jeff Beatty, Candidate for Plymouth County Commissioner Ron Davey of Hull; Candidate for Plymouth County Treasurer Ed O'Connell; and a Representative of the John McCain Committee.

Tickets for the event are $20/person or $30/couple. Funds raised assist in supporting Republican candidates and annual scholarships for college bound high school students.

For further information contact Julie Guild (781-383-6443) or Kevin O'Donnell (781-383-6113)

Deadline for Primary registration Aug. 27

The last day to register to vote for the State Primary on Sept. 16, will be Wednesday, Aug. 27. Registration will take place at the Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. Those who move may register to vote as soon as they move into a new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. Anyone who registers during a "closed" period will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Board of Health, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.

Historical Commission, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Housing Authority, 60 Elm St., Aug. 26, 1 p.m.

Library Trustees, Sept. 9, 7 p.m. at the library

Republican Town Committee, Sept. 9, 4 p.m.,

School Committee, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Aug. 26, 6 p.m.

Selectmen, Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m. and Sept. 15, 7 p.m

Selectmen at Republican Town Committee Picnic, 465 King St., Sept. 7, 4 p.m.

Town Hall Restoration, Aug. 25, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Town Hall will be closed on Labor Day, Sept. 1.

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Info session held on water/sewer project

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

The Little Harbor Project — Last Saturday, August the 16th, there was a general information meeting for those who live on or have an interest in property on Red Gate Lane, North Main Street from Red Gate to the Depot Court and Highland Avenue. The project was reviewed by the Water and Sewer Commissions as well as their engineers and the contractor. Numerous general and specific questions were answered by the Commissioners and engineers. If anyone has any unanswered questions they should call Kevin McRae the project office on Jerusalem Road. The phone number there is 781-383-2900. Kevin assures us that, even if he is out of the office, he'll get back to you as quickly as he can.

The Common area – Preparations continue as the project moves toward the Common. At the present time, temporary water mains are being installed along North Main Street and around the Common. When their installation is complete they will need to be tested and sanitized before they can be placed into service. Once the temporary lines are connected to each customer, construction digging for installation of the new water lines on Main Street can commence. This is scheduled to take place immediately after Labor Day. Because of the construction on the common, the Farmer's Market will probably be relocated. As far as we know a new site has not been selected yet. We'll let you know as soon as we hear.

The water service will be constructed first and then the new sewer system. In general, water construction cannot be done in the winter because the temporary water lines might be subject to freezing and bursting. Thus, the goal is for the water portion of the project to be complete before the onset of winter. Present plans call for the water trenches to be patched with asphalt prior to winter. Final paving will be done later when all of the project work is finished and the patches have had a chance to settle.

Another change you may notice on the Common is that after the temporary water lines are placed into service, the fountain in the Duck Pond will be turned off. The reason is that today the fountain receives its water directly from the water main and the fountain will not be connected to the temporary main. A water saving feature that will be constructed as a part of this project is a recirculating pump for the fountain. This will allow the existing water to be recirculated through the fountain and only make-up water will need to be supplied from our Town water supply.

At present, LM Holdings has seven active construction crews of workers spread throughout the project. By the time you read this, we hope to have paved several more roads. Those roads that look like they will be ready for paving before the end of this week include: Keene Way (a private way off of Beach Street), private way at 430 Atlantic Avenue, private way at 392 Jerusalem Road and Orchard Cove (a private way off of Nichols Road). On Keene Way a drain line was installed early this week alongside the road to keep the new road from washing out as storm water makes its way down the road to Little Harbor.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Temporary water lines march down Main Street.



Storm drain on Haystack Lane.



New drain line on Keene Way.

Deep Run goes underground – This week, LM Holdings began installation of a storm drain system on Haystack Lane that will ultimately drain water from Deep Run across Jerusalem Road Drive, then across Jerusalem Road to the ocean. This drain system will carry the storm water from an open stream on Deep Run. As an obscure bit of information, we are told by long-standing residents that this stream is the original "Deep Run" from which the road gets its name. Who knew?

CZM rain garden grant — The three rain gardens at Cushing and Norfolk roads are nearing completion. When complete, the contractor will be moving to construct the rain garden on Spring Street near and to the left of the large rock you see when facing the tracks from Spring Street. This new rain garden will serve to treat the first flush that comes down from the Pond Street hill and Lantern Lane areas. After treatment, these waters flow will into Stewart Brook and then on to Jacobs Meadow. So, we will have another small bit of work under our belts that will assist in the clean up Jacobs Meadow. An added visual benefit for the nearby neighbors will come as a result of the plantings to be used in this rain garden. Among the scheduled plantings are evergreen rhododendrons 4 to 5 feet high that can grow to 8 to 15 feet and a 12 to 14 foot Balsam fir tree that can grow to 40 to 60 feet at maturity. These should soften the landscape remove some of the starkness presented by the train and its fencing.

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The battle of the books

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Remember the day when all you had to do to learn all you needed to know about a presidential candidate was buy a Globe or tune in John Henning on the tube or Gene Burns on the radio?

That's not true anymore.

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Obama hasn't even been nominated yet but already USA Today has counted nearly a dozen books, including some aimed at the children's market, telling and retelling his life story.

What kid isn't going to be turned on by a book titled "Barack Obama Is Your New Bicycle?"

The McCain bookshelf is not that lengthy, possibly because he has been around longer and his travails in the North Vietnamese prison camp are well known.

The subject of books on the campaign trail came up the other day with the publication of "The Obama Nation" — "abomination," get it? — by Jerome Corsi.

Reviewers called it a "a compilation of derogatory rumors" and the book itself is subtitled "Leftist Politics and the Cult of Personality."

The name Corsi is significant because it was he who wrote "Unfit to Command," the bible of the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth that did so much to sink John Kerry's campaign in 2004.

I had occasion to talk to Kerry a couple of weeks ago during his visit to the South Shore in the interest of retaining his Senate seat and he told me his campaign "miscalculated" the effect of the book.

"It was all lies," he said. "We did not react quick enough. I would advise Barack Obama not to let it lie there."

Nevertheless, "The Obama Nation" hit the ground running, reaching No. 1 on the New York Times best seller list the first time out of the box, although the Times attributed its popularity to bulk sales.

Another biography of Obama just out is "The Case Against Barack Obama," by David Freddoso, a writer for The National Review, who castigates the candidate for his failure to oppose the Chicago political machine.

Of course, Dick Morris, a former Clinton confidante who has a thing for Bill and Hillary ever since a phone call from the former interrupted a tender moment with his girlfriend, is back with a book called "Fleeced."

So far, John McCain appears to have escaped the salvo of negative biographies — or what passes for biographies — that have dogged his opponent, but don't expect him to be ignored for long.

I have word that Paul Begala, a Clintonista from way back, is preparing a book to be called "Third Term: Why George Bush Loves John McCain."

And there is a book on the shelves already called "72 Things Younger Than John McCain." I have neither read nor seen it but with that title it can't be up to any good.

All the books mentioned here cost in the $28 range. But don't hurry out to buy one. On the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 5, they'll be $1 apiece on the remainders counter.

Missed opportunities for serious reform

THE HEDLUND REPORT

SEN. ROBERT HEDLUND



If the Legislature has specialized in anything over the past few years, it's been in missed opportunities. It has missed opportunities to inspire increased confidence in our role as stewards of the public's money by failing to reform our broken pension system, by increasing spending at unsustainable rates, and by refusing to abide by the will of the voters and roll back the income tax rate to 5 percent.

It has also, again, missed the opportunity to bring serious reforms to the Commonwealth's poster-child for mismanaged, runaway state agencies: the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority.

We could have buried the Turnpike Authority a decade ago, just as all of its outstanding debt was about to be paid off. Instead, the Legislature voted to reward four decades of incompetent management by putting it in charge of the Big Dig project. In one swift motion, the Massachusetts Highway System Act of 1997 not only guaranteed that the Turnpike Authority would be around for another 40 years — if not eternally — but also forged a virtually unbreakable link between the financial health of the Turnpike Authority and Bay State toll-payers.

(I will proudly point out I was one of a few legislators who foresaw the disaster this arrangement would become and voted against the bill!)

Another such opportunity passed by in the waning moments of our most-recent legislative session.

Last month, while teetering on the brink of insolvency thanks to another decade of fiscal mismanagement and irresponsibility, the Turnpike Authority knocked on the door of the State House, hat in hand, asking for help. It was a brash move considering that the Turnpike Authority for years had fiercely resisted any movement to reform or rein in their day-to-day operations, going so far as to have prominent critics illegally fired from its board of directors in 2001.

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The tipping point for the Turnpike Authority was a pair of complex financial deals it made back in 2001 and 2002. In need of cash on hand, Authority officials had entered into "swaption" arrangements with USB and Lehman Brothers, which left the Authority liable for potential future massive increases in interest payments. These swaptions were brokered by well-connected political insiders.

Gov. Deval Patrick initially wanted the state to help refinance $2.3 billion in existing Turnpike Authority debt — a proposal that was quickly and appropriately rejected by state Treasurer Tim Cahill and the Senate Chairman of the Committee on Long-Term Debt, Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) — one of the few members of the ruling party in this state that has long-understood what a disaster the Turnpike Authority has been.

My Senate colleagues crafted a different bailout plan that didn't involve the state putting us deeper on the hook. However, I felt we should simply not be tossing the Turnpike Authority a lifeline; that by asking for a state bailout it had lost its right to operate independently, if not exist altogether.

As a result, I co-sponsored a number of amendments that would have, among other things, required the abolishment of the Turnpike Authority by next July, required the Authority to pay off some of its debt by selling off some of the hundreds of millions in land it owns, and implemented one-way tolling between Boston and Newton. This latter step would have resulted in a significant cut in operating expenses (salaries for toll collectors, maintenance of toll plazas, etc.) while cutting down on accidents, and eliminating hundreds of tons of tailpipe pollutants emitted while waiting in traffic.

Naturally, these amendments received little support from the majority party. And considering that Gov. Patrick subsequently vetoed the only reform measures contained within our bailout plan — the creation of a special task force to decide the future viability of the Turnpike Authority, and a required inventory of all Turnpike assets — we essentially have given the Authority yet another free pass.

So now talk will continue about whether toll hikes will be needed along the MassTurnpike and at the airport tunnels to continue to pay for toll collectors who make $75,000 and sign hangers that make $100,000. This atop the threats of additional MBTA fare hikes, gas tax hikes to pay for roadway projects, and more Proposition 2–1/2 override votes.

It's no wonder voters are eagerly eyeing a chance to vote to eliminate the state income tax this November. Because no matter what challenges we face, we keep letting opportunities for change slip right on by.

State Senator Robert Hedlund represents the Plymouth-Norfolk District that includes: Weymouth, Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Norwell and Duxbury.

LIBRARY CORNER

Student hours for page positions

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road.. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Page Positions – The Library is accepting applications for two page positions. Student hours available including afternoons, evenings and weekends. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and a Cohasset resident. For information contact reference librarian Gayle Walsh 383-1348.

Download Audiobooks in the Library – You may now download Overdrive audiobooks in the library. Using an internet station specifically set up for downloading, you can begin listening to your favorite books on your portable device. Library staff are available to assist with the downloading process. Grab your MP3 player and library card and come to the library.

New Titles – Popular new books have just come in. Fiction books include "Being Elizabeth" by Barbara Taylor Bradford, "The Mercedes Coffin" by Faye Kellerman, and "Smoke Screen" by Sandra Brown. For non-fiction fans check out Lorri Glover's new book "The Shipwreck that Saved Jamestown."

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Movie Matinee at the Library – Escape the heat and enjoy a free movie during the day at the library. The movie "Woman of the Year" starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn will be shown on Friday, Sept. 5, at 11 a.m. in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

FOR CHILDREN

Wild Read T-shirts – Wild Reads @ your library has come to an end. Great job everyone for making the statewide Wild Reads @ your library a huge success. Congratulations to the 300 students that registered for the Wild Reads @ your library summer reading adventure and the 1,000 participants in summer programming. All registered students may pick up their Wild Reads T-shirts now. See Mrs. Moody or the staff at the Circulation desk for T-shirts.

Required Reading – Don't wait until the very last minute to do your required summer reading. Great choices are still available. Search and place holds from home by going to cohassetlibrary.org click on Catalog, and type in the title you are interested in. To place a hold just click on "place hold" and type in your library card without spaces. "Ocln" is the password unless you have changed it. You can also call or email Mrs. Moody at 781-383-1348x3 or smoody@ocln.org for assistance.

Farrag talks about Town Hall plans

"Our Town" co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with David Farrag, Chairman of the Town Hall Renovation and Restoration Committee, to discuss plans to revitalize the original portion of Town Hall while making it better suited to fit the needs of the community.

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Highlights from the Class of 2008 preprom Red Carpet Gala also air on the second half of the show.

Our Town airs on local Comcast Channel 10 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 9pm.

Stay tuned and stay informed.

Check out the Web

Check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

- On-line poll about village parking
- Video of David Wadsworth talking about the Cohasset Maritime Museum
- Pet of the Week Video: meet 14-week-old Archie, who has grown up in the shelter
- Slideshow of the CSCR water testing program
- Breaking news, updates and photo galleries throughout the week

Relief for Aquarion customers a ways off

Residential customers in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset are seeing an increase of about $24.25 per quarter or $100 annually.

While water rates have not changed, the clock ran out in January on a 10-year rebate program approved in 1998 that affects customers of Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts.

Residential customers in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset are seeing an increase of about $24.25 per quarter or $100 annually. That means the amount the average customer pays has gone from about $549 to $646 per year.

This is unrelated to the application that Aquarion Water Company has filed with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities requesting an approximate $3.1 million, or an overall 24.8 percent, increase in water service revenues.

Senator Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said he is disappointed in Governor Deval Patrick's decision to veto grant money that could have provided rate relief to Aquarion water customers in the three towns.

"Prior Democratic leadership, along with Gov. Bill Weld, recognized the financial burden that complying with the federal Safe Water Drinking Act would have on ratepayers and agreed to set up this grant program to help offset the cost of construction," Sen. Hedlund said. "Residents are already saddled with high property tax and utility bills. I am disappointed that Gov. Patrick did not see the value of maintaining state assistance to 12,500 overburdened homeowners and small business owners in Hull, Hingham and Cohasset."

But state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said the governor vetoed the grant money because it was part of the Environmental Bond Bill. The governor does not believe in funding operating expenses with bond money, Bradley explained.

"I worked hard to get this provision included in the Environmental Bond Bill and obviously would have liked to have seen it signed," Bradley said. "However, I am encouraged that the Governor noted that a bill is pending which, according to him, would be a better way of reauthorizing the program. The bill is currently pending in the Senate and I await its passage"

Bradley and Hedlund are sponsoring legislation that would extend the reimbursement program for another 10 years. Bradley said the governor had indicated he would sign that bill, which is currently before the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

"A lot of hard work went into creating this program 10 years ago, and an equally hard amount of work by myself and a number of my legislative colleagues went into finding a way maintain this assistance," Sen. Hedlund said. "This is critical rate relief for my district and, despite the Governor's action, I will continue to fight for it."

If Aquarion obtains DPU approval for its rate increase — the increase would mean an additional $130 jump in the average home water bill.

Grandfathered communities

Back in the 1990s state Sen. Robert Hedlund and then state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray worked to grandfather in communities that had already built treatment plants to meet federal safe water act standards to receive reimbursements for certain costs.

The grant helped subsidize the construction of the district's $37 million water treatment plant that was needed to bring the district into compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The rebate helped offset what are some of the highest water rates in the nation.

Aquarion's predecessor, Mass-American Water Company, built treatment plant in Hingham that came on line in 1996.

The Massachusetts legislation made $8 million available annually for 10 years for reimbursement through a line item in the state budget. The federal government reimbursed the state for no more than 50 percent of that amount.

BRIEFLY

Abbey's outdoor concert to feature Rud Eile

Glastonbury Abbey will host a concert of the best of traditional Irish music, featuring critically acclaimed band Rud Eile and guests, Sunday, Sept. 7, at 4 p.m. The concert will take place rain or shine on the scenic grounds of the Abbey, located at 16 Hull St. (Route 228) in Hingham.

Rud Eile (pronounced rud ella), based on the South Shore, has been widely acclaimed here and in Ireland. The band's current self-titled album has been receiving airplay from Boston to San Francisco, Dublin to Warsaw, and has been a hit on Web-based and satellite radio. However, Rud Eile is best known for the power and passion of their live performances.

This event promises to be one of the landmark occasions of the summer. Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Ticket prices on site will be $15 for adults, $10 for seniors and students, and $5 for children under 16 years.

Advance tickets are $12 for adults, $8 for seniors and students, and $4 for children, and are available at Aisling Gallery, Route 3A in Hingham.

For in formation, call, 800-752-9389 or visit www.aisling-gallery.com.

Recipes wanted for Veterans Cookbook

Cohasset's George H. Mealy Post 118 of the American Legion, along with the Sons of the American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary, are producing a cookbook titled "Veteran Cooks." Books will be available for sale at $12.95 on or about Oct. 1. All proceeds from the sale of the book and advertising will benefit the Christine Burke Scholarship Fund, which gives thousands of dollars to area high school seniors seeking higher education.

Favorite family recipes are welcome and wanted for the publication. Submission is free. They may be hand written and dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street or they can be submitted on line. To submit recipes on line, go to the Web site at typensave.com; log in; and enter contributor name as it should appear on the recipe. The group log in is post118 and the password is 383. All recipes must be submitted by Sept. 1.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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August 15, 2008



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QUESTIONS

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives and senators' votes on four roll calls from prior legislative sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$390,000 FOR SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES (H 4900)

House 148-9, Senate 38-0, overrode Gov. Deval Patrick's $390,000 reduction (from $17,457,134 to $17,067,134) in funding for school health services and school-based health centers in public and private schools. The services include incorporating tobacco prevention and cessation activities, nutrition and wellness programs and obesity prevention programs into school curriculum. Override supporters said that these services also fund placement of trained nurses in many public and private schools across the state and noted that these nurses are very important to many students who do not see a doctor regularly. They said that the $390,000 cut is irresponsible and argued that these are important programs that help thousands of children. In his veto message, the governor said, "I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary." (A "Yes" vote is for the $390,000. A "No" vote is against the $390,000).

Senator: Y — Representative: Y

$3,028,812 FOR FIRE SERVICES (H 4900)

House 142-15 Senate 33-0, overrode Gov. Patrick's $3,028,812 reduction (from $19,398,315 to $16,369,503) for fire services including $1,150,000 for the Boston, Cambridge and Everett Fire Department Hazardous Material Response Teams and $1,750,000 for the Boston Fire Department training academy. Override supporters said that the cuts would hurt these cities' ability to respond to dangerous hazardous material situations and to train recruits to become firefighters. They noted that the $3,028,812 would come from an assessment on fire insurance companies and not from taxpayers' pockets. In his veto message, Patrick said that he is "striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended." (A "Yes" vote is for the $3,028,812. A "No" vote is against the $3,028,812).

Senator: Y — Representative: Y

$2,220,000 FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS (H 4900)

House 145-12, Senate 35-2, overrode Gov. Patrick's $2,220,000 reduction (from $5,845,000 to $3,625,000) in funding for grants to boys' and girls' clubs. The reduction also attempted to eliminate grants to individual organizations across the state including several YMCAs and YWCAs. Override supporters said that these groups provide valuable services to thousands of children. They argued that the reduction is irresponsible and noted that the groups rely on these grants. In his veto message, Patrick said, "I am striking language which earmarks funding for programs not recommended, and I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary." (A "Yes" vote is for the $2,220,000. A "No" vote is against the $2,220,000).

Senator: N — Representative: Y

SUPPORT U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION ON GUNS (H 5029)

House 115-40, approved resolutions supporting the opinion of the U.S. Supreme Court recognizing that the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects an individual's civil right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia and supports his or her right to use a firearm for self-defense within the home. Supporters said that the Legislature should go on record in favor of this landmark ruling that once and for all recognizes that an individual has a constitutional right to carry a gun. Opponents said that they disagree with the court's interpretation of the Second Amendment and argued that they still believe that it applies only to the militia. (A "Yes" vote is for resolutions supporting the opinion of the Supreme Court. A "No" vote is against the resolutions).

Representative: Y

REPLACE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE PROPOSAL WITH A STUDY (H 4952)

Senate 9-27, rejected a proposal that would require the state's congressional delegation to study whether the Electoral College should be abolished and replaced with a national popular vote through the passage of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The study proposal was offered to replace a bill that would make Massachusetts a member of The Agreement among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote. The agreement would require states that join the pact to cast all of their electoral votes for the presidential candidate who wins a majority of the national popular vote in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The pact would become effective when states representing at least 270 electoral votes - a majority of the 538-vote Electoral College - join this compact. Some supporters of the study said that the Electoral College system has good points and bad points and urged that the issue be studied more. Others said that the Electoral College is a good system that has worked well and should not be changed. They argued that the Electoral College actually gives voters in smaller states power that they would not have if the president was elected strictly by a popular vote system in which candidates would concentrate on states with larger populations. Most opponents of the study support making Massachusetts a member of national popular vote agreement and noted that the study is simply an attempt by opponents of the pact to defeat the original bill. They argued that the Electoral College is an antiquated system that gives voters in states with a large number of electoral votes more voting power than those in other states and was designed by the framers because they did not trust the common citizen to vote correctly. They argued that presidential candidates concentrate on and campaign in a handful of swing states while ignoring most of the states that are already solidly Democratic or Republican. The Senate later approved the bill and sent it back to the House which gave it final approval. The Senate has yet to give the measure final approval. (A "Yes" vote is for the study. A "No" vote is against the study).

Senator: Y

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

DAIRY FARMS (H 5030) - Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill to help dairy farmers in Massachusetts. The measure provides tax credits for dairy farmers when milk prices, regulated by the federal government, are insufficient to cover the farmers' cost of producing the product. Other provisions establish a low interest, state subsidized bank loan program for dairy farmers; create a Massachusetts Dairy Promotion Board to promote the state's dairy industry and allow cities and towns to opt out of a current state law that requires communities to charge farmers a tax on their machinery, equipment and animals. Supporters say that the 186 dairy farms in the state are struggling and would benefit from the new law.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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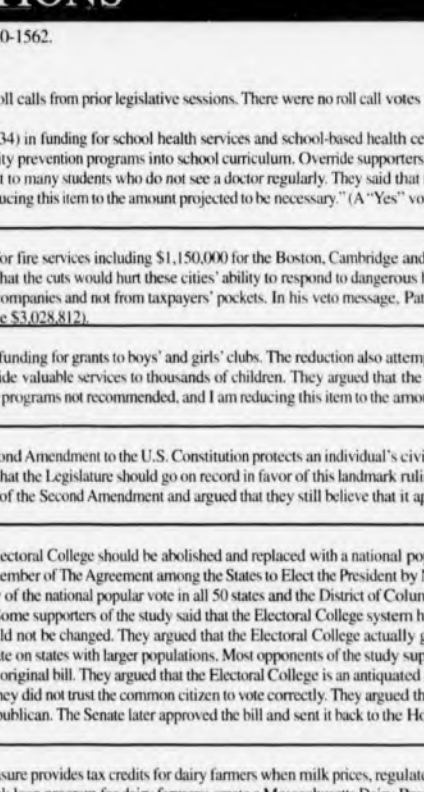
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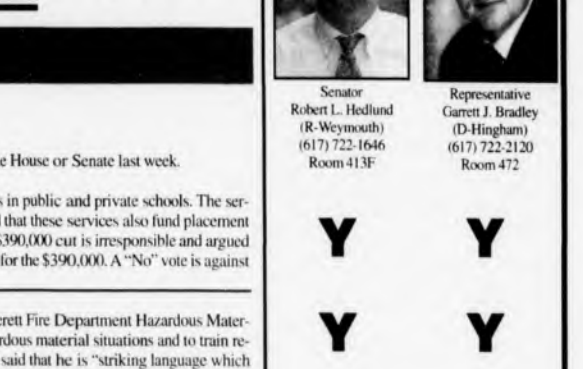
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HEALTH NOTES

Setting the record straight on idling

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In July, Health Notes published an article about idling; cars, that is. Using data taken from the American Lung Association (ALA), we said that if you're waiting at a stoplight for more than 10 seconds, you should shut off the car. Well, we got called about it by a senior mechanic at the Cohasset DPW, a man whom every one respects and who knows more about internal combustion engines than perhaps anyone in Town. He told me that the article was wrong, that modern cars are all fuel injected and have a *start enrichment* valve which gives the engine a shot of gas thus reducing fuel efficiency during startup.

What one should do is shift to neutral so the car's computer feeds the minimum fuel possible to the engine. Then shift back when the light turns green. Well, the ALA may know about lungs, but they don't know much about modern cars. Turns out their data was from an earlier (ca.1995) Federal publication. Moreover, cutting off the engine in traffic just *seemed* like a bad idea on the face of it. We later found a more reasonable set of guidelines from the Department of Energy that has a web page on the subject: [www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/vehicles/idle_reduction.html] on reducing vehicle idling which is at once more simple for us civilians and more complete for those with bigger (commercial) vehicles. The July Health notes should have listed the following idling guidelines:

Things every driver can do to reduce idling:

• Turn off your engine when parked or stopped (except in traffic) for more than a minute.

What one should do is shift to neutral so the car's computer feeds the minimum fuel possible to the engine.

• Consider the purchase of a hybrid electric vehicle, which limits idling at traffic stops.

• Avoid using a remote vehicle starter, which encourages unnecessary idling.

• Avoid drive-thru's: *walk inside* instead.

• Encourage your local schools to enforce a no-idle zone for school buses and personal vehicles.

Also, in July, we talked about other habits we see in vehicles (we mentioned talking and texting on cell phones while driving as an example). "Multitasking may be OK, but – in cars?"

Driver distractions

Here's what the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) says about driver distractions:

"Driver distractions are the leading cause of most vehicle crashes and near-crashes. 80 percent of crashes and 65 percent of near-crashes involve some form of driver distraction. The distraction occurred within three seconds before the vehicle crash!

According to a NHTSA and Virginia Tech Transportation Institute study, the principal actions that cause distracted driving and lead to vehicle crashes are:

• Cell phone use.

• Reaching for a moving object inside the vehicle.

• Looking at an object or event outside of the vehicle.

• Reading.

• Applying makeup.

Drivers who engage more frequently in distracted driving are more likely to be involved in a vehicle crash or near-crash.

"Dial D" for Disaster

"Cell phone use while driving has increased so significantly within the last few years that at any typical daytime moment as many as 10 percent of drivers are using either a hand-held or hands-free phone. Studies have shown that driving performance is lowered and the level of distraction is higher for drivers who are engaged in cell phone conversations. The use of a hands-free device does not lower distraction levels. The percentage of vehicle crashes and near-crashes attributed to dialing is nearly identical to the number associated with talking or listening.

"Make and finish your cell phone calls before you start your vehicle and drive. If your phone rings while you are driving, let your voicemail pick up the call. If you must answer your phone, pull over to a safe location and park before using your cell phone."

A word about elderly drivers: Last week, an article about elder drivers appeared in a local periodical. The BoH position is as follows: As drivers become older, they lose the ability to perceive important clues to dangerous roadway situations. Loss of perception is particularly serious above age 80. Elders should recognize that they are losing cognitive skills and either get periodic testing and training or change their driving habits. Don't wait for State regulations or an accident to change your plans.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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ONLINE POLL RESULTS

What would you like to see done at the Teen Center/"Garage"? As of yesterday morning ***106*** *people responded to our on-line poll. For this week's poll on village parking see page 10.*


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Plans are in the works to renovate the old section of Town Hall.

At a recent Selectmen's meeting, the Elder Affairs expressed interest in re-locating to a larger space to accommodate the growing needs of the seniors in the community. Currently housed in cramp quarters in the South Shore Community Center, which is also growing, the seniors are in dire need of a new space. Of all the town buildings, Elder Affairs representatives said the Recreation Department's Teen Center, or the 'Garage' is the most underutilized space. The Garage is located near the Red Lion Inn and the town parking lot.

The building is in need of renovation and the Senior Center would require a kitchen in order to cook and serve their lunches. Elder Affairs presented preliminary ideas to knock down the current structure, which is nearly 70 years old, and construct a new building. The new building could be shared by the Senior Center and the Recreation Department as an intergenerational building. They proposed creating four residential affordable housing apartments on the second floor.

Answers	Votes
• Keep it the way it is. It is a safe place for middle school kids to hang out on the weekend.	21 votes
• An intergenerational space would be beneficial to all in town, but let's not get the town involved in affordable housing projects.	26 votes
• The Board of Elder Affairs has proposed a win-win for the town, its seniors, its children and those in need of affordable housing.	49 votes
• Another town building renovation project? It's too expensive.	7 votes
• None of the above.	3 votes

Absentee ballots available for State Primary

Absentee ballots for the State Primary on Tuesday, Sept. 16, are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, Sept. 15, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. Residents should vote in person on Election Day if in town and able to come to the polls. People may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

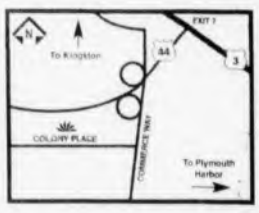
The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, which ballot is requested, Democrat, Republican, Green-Rainbow or Working Families, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant. If a voter is Unenrolled (Independent) he needs to choose a ballot and will remain unenrolled after the primary. Those enrolled in a party must vote that ballot. Changing party affiliation must be done on or before Aug. 27.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by Sept. 16 to be counted.

The town will be using the Accu-Vote optical scan system. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the oval to the right of one's choice. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check in tables. The ballots can be inserted into the machine face up, face down, etc. and will be read. It is the usual policy to flip the ballot over so the blank side shows as it is inserted into the machine. Voters who are uncomfortable with this should use the secrecy sleeve.

Those who are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast a vote at the polling place, may file a letter from a physician with the Town Clerk stating that one is permanently unable to cast a vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot to sign and return will be mailed by the Town Clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

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Busy time for Cohasset Boy Scout Troop 28



Troop 28 at Camp Sayre. Left to right, Kirk Jackisch, Paul Berube, Brodie Jackisch, Robbie Hillman, Greg Berube, Jack Thomae, Derek Benson, Morgan McCarthy, Jay Salerno, Tucker Oddleifson, Andrew Leighton and Chris Oddleifson.



Troop 28 hikers atop a summit in Blue Hills. Left to right, Morgan McCarthy, Derek Benson, Tucker Oddleifson, Brodie Jackisch, Chris Oddleifson, Greg Berube, Robbie Hillman, Kirk Jackisch, Andrew Leighton. Jack Thomae, Paul Berube and Jay Salerno.

Last spring was a busy for Cohasset Boy Scout Troop 28. The troop honed their rock climbing and archery skills, hiked miles in the Blue Hills Reservation and camped at the Arthur Lehr Campground while working on rank advancement.

The activity started April 11 with a trip to the Boston Rock Gym in Woburn where there was a variety of climbing terrains, with more than 40 ropes and dedicated bouldering areas, to challenge every Scout. Organized and led by Life Scout Christian Quebec, troop members Robbie Hillman, Andrew Leighton, Brodie Jackisch, Derek Benson, Jack Thomae, Tucker Oddleifson, Jay Salerno, Kevin Mack, Thomas Fogarty, Hugh Gideon-Murphy, Alex Kent, and Greg Berube spent the evening testing their rocking climbing skills and pushing their capabilities to new heights.

On the weekend of April 26 and 27, the troop set up base camp at Camp Sayre adjacent to the 7,000 acre Blue Hills Reservation. The nearby Blue Hills Reservation stretches over 7,000 acres from Quincy to Dedham, Milton to Randolph, and has more than 125 miles of trails. A contingent of nine Scouts hiked about 10 miles over many of the rocky summits in the reservation. As many of the trails and junctions are not well marked, map and compass skills were required to ensure the team was headed in the right direction. Fortunately, the hikers did not run into any coyotes or copperheads that call the Blue Hills Reservation home. The trip was organized by Life Scout Tucker Oddleifson. Meals were planned and cooked by Greg Berube. Robbie Hillman, Brodie Jackisch, Andrew Leighton. Jay Salerno, Derek Benson, Jack Thomae and Morgan McCarthy also enjoyed the trip.

Life Scout Graham Sinclaire led a trip to the Troop 28 Arthur Lehr Campground, between Wheelwright Park and the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary on May 17 and 18. The weekend was planned to include a lot of Second Class and First Class rank skill building and testing. Many of the requirements were related to cooking so the Scouts enjoyed a lot of wholesome food. Several Scouts created an orienteering course for one of the First Class rank requirements. Paul Pozniak, Christian Quebec, Andrew Leighton, Robbie Hillman, Blake Erler, Jack O'Brien, Derek Benson, Alec Hurd, Julien Geyer and Thomas Fogarty attended this trip and were successful in rank advancement.

A day trip planned and led by Star Scout Robbie Hillman brought the troop to Archery USA in Dedham where the Scouts enjoyed a morning of archery instruction, practice and competition. An experienced archer taught the Scouts safety aspects and techniques. Every Scout improved their performance over the course of the morning as they each had their own target and were able to shoot many arrows. In addition to Robbie, Julien Geyer, Kevin Mack, Sasha Nakashima, Hugh Gideon-Murphy, Brodie Jackisch, Derek Benson, Andrew Leighton, Tucker Oddleifson, Morgan McCarthy, Jack Thomae and Thomas Fogarty made the trip.

Troop 28 hosted its Spring Court of Awards on Thursday June 5, at the Lightkeepers House where the Scouts were awarded new ranks and merit badges.

Troop 28 welcomes boys 11 through 17 who are interested in outdoor adventure, service opportunities and fun. Anyone interested should email troop28scoutmaster@comcast.net or visit the Web site at troop28cohasset.org.



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South Shore Auto Buyers Can Save Thousands During 4-Day $99 Per Month Vehicle Sale Thursday, August 21st Through Sunday, August 24th



National liquidation firm will be at McGee Pre-Owned Superstore on Route 139 beginning this Thursday for 4-days only and will slash prices by thousands of dollars.

Dan Ready
Staff Writer

PEMBROKE, MA — Mr. Rob McGee, Owner of McGee Pre-Owned Superstore on Route 139, announced today that he has hired a national vehicle liquidation firm to conduct what will be one of the biggest car-buying events ever held on the South Shore. During this 4-Day liquidation, the general public will have an opportunity to purchase select Pre-Owned vehicles for just **$99*** per month! The event is called a **$99 Vehicle Sale** due to the fact that authorized personnel will



Chevrolets will be available and priced as low as $99* per month"

be literally slashing prices on all Pre-Owned vehicles with the goal of selling them all in just 4-days. Vehicles will literally sell for as little as **$99*** per month! Due to the nature of this event **dealers and wholesalers are prohibited**. The event will be held for 4-Days only; **Thursday, August 21st through Sunday, August 24th**, regardless of any weather conditions that may arise.

McGee offers a simple explanation for this unprecedented sale, "As one of the South Shore's most successful Toyota & Chevrolet dealers, we have experienced record-breaking sales of new vehicles at our Toyota & Chevrolet



Hondas priced as low as $99* a month!

locations this summer. We now have over **200 recent trade-ins that we must liquidate immediately** to make room for our 2009 model year shipments, scheduled to begin arriving next week. In an effort to clear our Toyota & Chevrolet dealership locations of all excess trade-in vehicles, we have hired a **national vehicle liquidation firm** whose team has been hired to transport all trade-ins from our other locations to our **Pre-Owned Superstore located on Route 139 in Pembroke**. They have been authorized to slash the prices on every one of them, in an effort to sell them all in just 4-days. In fact, some will be sold for just **$99*** per month and still have the balance of their factory warranties remaining." Buyers can expect to witness **vehicle prices slashed by $5,000 to $15,000** depending on the vehicle's year, make & model.

McGee also points out that prices will be slashed **"as low as or lower than wholesale auction prices in most cases.** The problem with auction-pricing is that bidding often leads to inflated prices, thereby eliminating substantial savings versus this type of event, where every vehicle is discounted to the bare minimum." Response is expected to be huge, therefore customers are encouraged to act fast to ensure that they have the best selection to choose from.

All sales must be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. **Bidding is prohibited**, offering the perfect opportunity for customers to purchase a pre-owned vehicle at the lowest possible price, including several vehicles that will be priced as low as **$2995!** There will be an enormous selection of vehicles available, including: **Toyotas, Hondas, Kias, Chevrolets, Fords, Dodges, Chryslers, Jeeps, Nissans and more.**

"We are overstocked with pre-owned vehicles that must be liquidated by month's-end," says McGee. **"The firm we have hired claims they can sell them all in just 4-days which, if that occurs, would be an amazing accomplishment. I'm willing to try anything to eliminate these vehicles from my books!"**

All vehicles will be on display at McGee Pre-Owned Superstore, located on Route 139 starting Thursday, August 21st.



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McGee Pre-Owned Superstore will do whatever it takes to get people into the car of their dreams even if some have had serious credit problems in the past. Special Finance & Second-Chance credit specialists will be on-site to arrange financing on the spot. "Most of all, McGee's Pre-Owned Superstore in Pembroke will be stocked with over 5 million dollars worth of pre-owned vehicles — that's over 200 cars, trucks, vans, and sport utility vehicles to choose from. It couldn't get any better for the serious buyer."



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McGee reminds prospective buyers to act quickly if they want to take advantage of these incredible savings. "I can't stress enough that this **$99*** per month vehicle sale is for 4-days only. Once our inventory is reduced, all prices will return to full retail and it's back to business as usual. It's also first-come, first-served, so it's critical to come early to have the best chance of getting the vehicle you want."

Those wishing to beat the rush can visit **McGee Pre-Owned Superstore on Route 139 in Pembroke** beginning today to search for the vehicle that fits their lifestyle and budget. For further information regarding this event call:

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Cohasset Cub Scout registration

Cohasset Cub Scout registration will be held on Monday, Aug. 25, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Paul Pratt Library. Any boys interested in joining Cub Scouts should plan on registering at this time. Boys entering first grade can join Tiger Cubs, a program for boys and an adult partner. Boys going into second through fifth grade can join Cub Scouts. Currently registered Tiger or Cub Scout should reregister also. Any parent who would like to work with their boy as a Den Leader can register also. Adult leaders who are not continuing should return any Pack material such as leader's guide, program helps, extra badges, activity books at this time.

The first Pack Meeting of the year will be held on Sept. 15, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Deer Hill School. Cub Scouts in second through fifth grade should come to this meeting with their parents. Registration forms will also be available before this meeting.

Any registered scouts and parents interested in attending the Parent/Scout Sleepover at the Museum of Science on Jan. 10, should bring a deposit of $20 per person.

Any questions or if you want further information, call 781-383-9519 or781-383-0333 or the Old Colony Council office at 781-828-8360.

Cohasset Day tickets on sale

On Saturday, Sept. 20, the Town of Cohasset will hold its first annual Cohasset Day – a celebration of all that is Cohasset.

Tickets for Cohasset Day & Fine Food Galore's are currently on sale. They can be bought at the following locations: Buttonwood Books, Carmela Drew, Cohasset Jewelers, French Memories and The Good Sport. The price now, for advance purchase, is $25 for a family, instead of $30 at the event; and $12 for an individual, instead of $15.

Cohasset Day is an event organized by Cohasset Economic Development Committee in partnership with Cohasset Chamber of Commerce.

Students monitor Little Harbor

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The group is looking at two distinct areas of Little Harbor — a spot across the street from the Sandy Beach parking lot (the "reference site") and at the junction of Jerusalem and Nichols Road, near Cat Dam (the "study site"). The data collected at the reference site is used as a comparison to study site, which is of primary importance. Besides monitoring the health of inner and proper Little Harbor, the CSCR data will produce baseline data to then compare to the post-Little Harbor sewer project.

On Tuesday morning, at about 9:30a.m., the group gathered their materials — clipboards, waterproof boots, quadrates (one-meter squared PVC piping) — and headed out into the field. Today, they are focusing on vegetation.

For three days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, the students transform from typical teenagers to respected water scientists.

A Cohasset resident, Chase was looking for a job to complement her studies and be close to home and CSCR was the perfect combination.

"I wanted something where I could get out in the field," said Chase, adding practical work experience in the field is something graduate programs look for in candidates.



PHOTOS/LAURA SINCLAIR

Colleen Ryan studies the content of plant life within a quadrate on inner Little Harbor while Kerry McCabe records the information.

All the students on this project are doing their first CSCR summer project and most are entering their freshman year of high school. For three days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, the students transform from typical teenagers to respected water scientists.

The first stop is the saltmarsh across from Sandy Beach. With their quadrates and clipboards in hand, the group splits into three groups to tackle four different sectors of the marsh. The students lay down the quadrate to one-meter squared area to analyze. Using a corresponding grid, they determine the percentage of each type of vegetation.

"We want to determine what species are growing and how much there is," said Julia Canney, an incoming freshman at Cohasset High.

The students are able to identify much of the vegetation by its Latin name with genus and species as well as its more common name. Chase steps in if they are not sure what type of vegetation they are looking at.

On other days during their eight-week project, they have set out traps and nets for fish and other marine life or gathered samples from the saltmarsh mudflats to determine the salinity of the water. One of the most interesting finds of the summer according to the students was encountering two different species typically found in the Gulf of Mexico. They conjecture a tropical storm or hurricane sent the fish way off course.

After they finish gathering data at the reference site, they head over to the inner Little Harbor site to do a similar survey.

Their preliminary findings show some striking differences between the two sites.

"We've noticed the water is a lot clearer and cleaner at the reference site. At the study site there is quick sand mud," said Morgan McCarthy, an incoming freshman at Cohasset High. There is more diversity of plant life and marine life at the reference site, but more quantity of fish at the study site. The reference site's location near Cunningham Bridge allow for more daily flushing than the site near Nichols Road, they say.

Each student keeps a journal to track their daily findings and comment on their personal experience interacting with science.

The Little Harbor CSCR project data will provide baseline data of the health of the inner Little Harbor before the sewer lines go in. Chase said the study site's location is in an area along Nichols Road where town sewer is being implemented. In addition, the study site is located close to Cat Dam, a town-owned tide gate, which is currently under Conservation Commission scrutiny to determine the appropriate operational schedule.

"Hopefully the data will help the town make a good decision," said Chase.

For Chase, the kids have been engaged and enthusiastic on the project.

"At times we can get started talking about stuff and they begin to ask why and hypothesize their own answers," said Chase. "They have really been active participants."



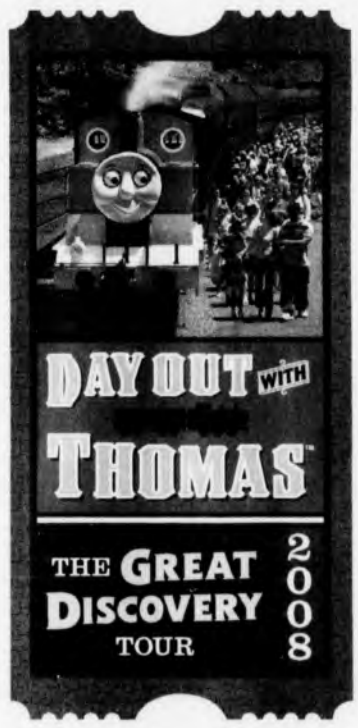
Olivia Adkins puts a quadrate in place on the dunes across from Sandy Beach. Cohasset students are studying plant life for a wetland restoration project for credit toward their high school diploma.



Students, Prescott Coughlin, Matt Swanborg & Jim McKelvey work ogether in their area of study on the dunes across from Sandy Beach.



Wetland Restoration Project Director, Jaci Chase, and student Morgan McCarthy study the different plant life within a sample of the dunes on inner Little Harbor.



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CHS fall sport schedule

Fall Preseason Sports Information Night, CHS Gym Lobby on Monday, Aug. 27 at 6:45 p.m. We ask that students bring their $250 user fee and at least one parent/guardian to the meeting. There are a number of changes in our athletic policies that will be presented. Parents and students will then have an opportunity to meet with the coaching staff to discuss team rules and expectations for the Fall 2008 season.

Health Precautions

Student athletes and parents are reminded to take proper health precautions for the first week of practice. Student-athletes should come to practice properly nourished and hydrated. Water will be provided at practice, students–athletes should bring there own water bottles with their names clearly marked on them to avoid sharing water bottles.

Mosquito repellant will be made available at all practices and games. Student-athletes, coaches, and fans will be encouraged to take the proper precautions to use bug spray and remain safe at all CHS athletic events.

Students and parents are reminded that there are still risks associated with mosquito borne illnesses such as West Nile Virus. Parents are urged to use caution and follow the Preventing Diseases Spread by Mosquitos Fact Sheet that will be available at all Cohasset Public Schools and at the Massachusetts Department of Public Heath Web site: www.mass.gov/dph.

Coach comes full circle

Ex-star Coakley returns to coach Cohasset HS field hockey team

By Mike Spellman
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Deb Bostwick is not an easy act to follow.

19 years at the helm of any athletic program is a rarity these days. Bostwick's longevity as head coach of the Cohasset High field hockey team was a testament to not only her passion for the post, but also to her success as both a mentor and winning coach.

"Deb definitely leaves some big shoes to fill," said longtime Athletic Director Ron Ford, who came aboard at Cohasset High a year behind Bostwick, "but we think we've found someone who knows Deb's system pretty well, and can make a pretty smooth transition into that position."

Indeed. Abby Coakley has had the unique opportunity to observe Bostwick about as closely as one can over the last decade. Coakley is recognized to this day as one of the best players ever produced by the CHS field hockey program, having played for the varsity squad all four years before graduating in 2002, and she has been an assistant coach under Bostwick the last three years, serving her first year as the Junior Varsity head coach, the last two as the assistant varsity coach.

"I was pretty excited to see Abby apply for the job," said Ford. "We had a few other applicants for the job, but Abby brings so much to the table. We expect she's going to do a great job. The kids who've played for her seem very excited and supportive over her selection, and so do the parents."

There's certainly no denying the sense of excitement surrounding the program these days. 48 girls have signed up to give field hockey a try this fall, including 15 freshmen. Both are all time highs for a program that has enjoyed a great deal of success under Bostwick. Bear in mind Cohasset High has a student body of fewer than 400, and field hockey competes with soccer, cheerleading and other fall activities for participants.

"I was absolutely thrilled when I saw those numbers," said Coakley, who was one of just 18 girls in the program as a CHS freshman in 1998. "There does

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Cohasset Field Hockey Club

Anyone interested in playing on the Cohasset Field Hockey Club team and entering Grades 6-8 this fall should plan on attending the registration session to be held Saturday, Aug. 23 at the town hall from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Registration forms and information will be available at the town hall for you to fill out and review. All applications require a check for $115 payable to Cohasset Field hockey Club and a signed registration form. All girls must be paid to play.

If you cannot attend the registration date, you can mail in your forms to Beth Gilman, 62 Rust Way, Cohasset, MA. 02025. More information to come!



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Connor Green of Cohasset flips his hands back during the boys 12 and under 25 yard butterfly during the South Shore Swim League Championships.

Cohasset swim team takes title

Championship comes home for first time since 2004

The Cohasset swim team won the South Shore Swim League championship at the Kingsbury Club in Kingston, Saturday, August 9.

"I'm so proud of everyone on the team," co-coach Casey Anderson said. "We had an awesome season and finally getting the trophy back is just the way we wanted it to end. As my last year as head coach, I couldn't have asked for a better season with both the swimmers and the parents helping out and giving it their all. I know that Meredith [Nelson] and I really had a great summer."

The meet started out with the 8 and under and 10 and under swimmers. The 8U boys came in second in the Medley Relay (Will Greer, Sean McElhinney, Will Thomas, and Nicholas Simone). The 10U followed and had a great win in their Medley Relay (Alex Norton, Jack Donahue, Chris Norton, and AJ Kucinski) followed by the girls who came in a close second to MASK (Paige Carrabes, Callahan O'Neill, Sophie Wolfe, and Morgen Montgomery).

The12U boys set a record in their Medley Relay with a time of 1:01.75, congrats to Connor Green, Ian Kennedy, Sam Rice, and Cole Kissick.

Outstanding individual races included; Will Greer, 8U boys, had a strong first place finish in the 25 free. Alex and Chris Norton who are 10U. Alex swam 50 free, 25 fly, and 25 back and got first place in all three. Chris had a first place finish in the 25 free.

Julia Klier and Callahan O'Neill who are a 10U went one, two in the 50 free, and placed in their other individual races, they were a "dynamic duo for our 10 and under girls," added co-coach Meredith Nelson.

Morgen Montgomery, 10U girls, helped the team with a first in the 25 free and 25 fly.

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Greg Berube of Cohasset leans back and cause quite a splash during the backstroke portion of the 100 yard IM for boys 14U.



Emily Zimmerman of Cohasset hits the wall and turns back during the girls 12 and under 100-yard IM race.



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NAME: Greg Reynolds
SCHOOL: Scituate
GRADE: Junior
POSITION: Attack
Stats: Led the Sailors with a scoring record 134 points and its first ever boys lacrosse state final. Scored seven goals and notched four assists in the Div. 3 state final game against Cohasset. Will be a key returnee for the defending champs next season.



NAME: Scott Austin
SCHOOL: Duxbury
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Attack
Stats: Led the five-time Div. 1 state champs in scoring this season with 117 points on 83 goals, 34 assists. Tallied four goals and two assists in the Dragons' 14-13 OT win over Billerica in the title game. The All-American potted seven goals in tourney wins over Xaverian and Marshfield. Also a football player at DHS, Austin will continue his lacrosse career at Cornell.



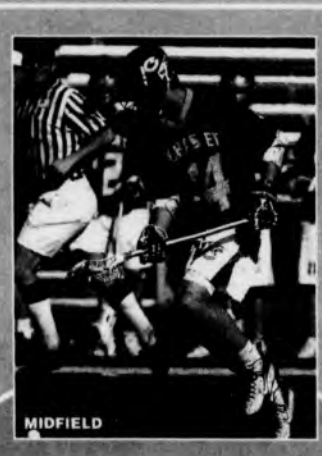
NAME: Derek Sweet
SCHOOL: Duxbury
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Attack
Stats: Another lethal scoring threat for the Dragons, Sweet netted 106 points on 46 goals, 60 assists. Had perhaps his best game of the year in the Div. 1 state title game, scoring a pair of goals in the final minutes of regulation to force OT. Also shined in an 11-2 win over Div. 3 champs Scituate with a goal and five assists. Will continue his lax career with a post-grad year at Salisbury School in Connecticut.



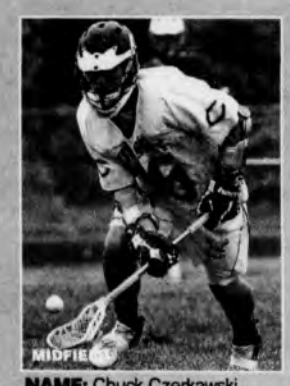
NAME: Chris Walker
SCHOOL: Marshfield
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Attack
Stats: One of the most dynamic scorers in MHS lax history, Walker set records for most points in a season (124) and in a single game (14). The All-American finished the season with 124 points on 72 goals, 52 assists. Shined in a 17-10 win over Div. 3 power Cohasset, scoring five goals and four assists. Will continue his lax career at Wagner College.



NAME: Gus Quinzani
SCHOOL: Duxbury
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Midfield
Stats: You can call this guy a "Magic Man" as Quinzani seemingly had a flare for making things happen. The senior scored the game-winning score in OT to give the Dragons a 14-13 win over Billerica in the Div. 1 state championship, Duxbury's fifth-straight title. Had four goals and one assist in that game. Racked up 56 points on 41 goals, 17 assists, earning All-American status. Will continue his lax career at St. Joseph's University.



NAME: Mark Flibotte
SCHOOL: Cohasset
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Midfield
Stats: US All-American Boys Lacrosse two years in a row, Flibotte was the backbone of the Skippers remarkable four straight state title appearances. Had 14 points on 74 goals and 40 assists during his seniors season. Will be playing lacrosse at Bowdoin College next year.



NAME: Chuck Czerkawski
SCHOOL: Cohasset
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Midfield
Stats: One of the best faceoff men in the state. Won over 70 percent of his draws this season. Scored 23 goals and netted 18 assists this season. A two-time South Shore League all-star and a 2008 Academic All-American. The three sport star will attend Connecticut College next year.



NAME: Craig Sullivan
SCHOOL: Duxbury
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Defense
Stats: No question here. Sullivan is a two-time All-American defenseman and the anchor of the Duxbury backfield. Made marking the opposing team's best attackman look easy and caused fits for them. His stellar play on the defensive end for Duxbury helped guide the squad to its fifth-straight Div. 1 state title. Sullivan will continue his lax career at the University of Maryland.



NAME: Ryan Woodford
SCHOOL: Scituate
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Defense
Stats: The defensive star for the state champs, Woodford collected 150 ground balls and also helped out on the offensive end with nine goals and six assists. The Patriot League all-star will play lacrosse at Bryant University next season.

THE BEST OF THE REST

NAME: Pat Lawlor
SCHOOL: Hanover
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Attack

NAME: Cody Cavicchi
SCHOOL: Norwell
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Attack

NAME: Dominic D'Allessandro
SCHOOL: Weymouth
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Attack

NAME: Austin Driscoll
SCHOOL: Hingham
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Midfield

NAME: Kevin Lydon
SCHOOL: Braintree
GRADE: Junior
POSITION: Midfield

NAME: Andrew Brown
SCHOOL: Marshfield
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Midfield

NAME: Mark Murphy
SCHOOL: Duxbury
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Defense

NAME: Kevin Helm
SCHOOL: Norwell
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Defense

NAME: Ryan Walsh
SCHOOL: Abington
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Goalie

NAME: Matt Bak
SCHOOL: Marshfield
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Goalie

NAME: Jake Gray
SCHOOL: Scituate
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Goalie



NAME: Max Vaickus
SCHOOL: Hingham
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Goalie
Stats: Was arguably one of the best goalies on the South Shore despite his team's 5-12 record. An All-American as a junior, Vaickus posted a 7.19 goals against average and continually kept his squad in games this spring. Made eight saves in a slim 7-3 loss to Div. 1 champs Duxbury and held Div. 1 Marshfield, Div. 3 power Cohasset, and Lexington to eight goals in three more tough defeats. Will continue his lax career at Hamilton College.

HONORABLE MENTION

Mike Grimm - Sr. - Attack - Cohasset
Jake Harvey - Jr. - Attack - Duxbury
Quinn Cully - Jr. - Midfield - Duxbury
Kevin Hannigan - Sr. - Defense - Hanover
Chris Johnson - Sr. - Defense - Hingham
Eddie Sheehan - Sr. - Midfield - Marshfield
Ryan Tierney - Soph. - Attack - Norwell
Kyle Crowley - Jr. - Attack - Scituate
Mike Gilfoy - Sr. - Midfield - Weymouth

For more photos and statistics go to www.wickedlocal.com

Sports Notes

CHS physicals

Cohasset High School fall sports physicals will be held Tuesday Aug. 19 at 7:15 a.m. in the high school nurse's office. All students planning to participate in a fall sport must have a physical that has been performed within the last 13 months on file in the nurse's office prior to being allowed to practice.

Hingham Flag Football

Hingham Youth Football will be starting a flag football league beginning this September for boys and girls ages 5-13. There will be a walk-in registration day August 23 and online registration. If you would like to volunteer to coach or know anyone who would, please contact Drew Julian at drewjulian@comcast.net or 781-883-0300.

More information will be forthcoming for the 2008 Hingham Youth Flag Football program on the HYF website at http://www.hinghamyouthfootball.org/. Click on the link for "Flag Football". This program is open to **COHASSET** residents.

Fall basketball program

HOOPS is an instructional program with league play for boys and girls at Pembroke High School. Grades 4-6 will play Tuesdays and grades 7-9 will play Wednesdays. SKILLS will be Saturdays, Sept. 13 to Nov. 1. It is an eight-week program developing skills and competitive games. Boys only, held at Furnace Brook School in Marshfield.

Visit www.popsbasketball .com or call 781-837-6005 for more information.

Run to the rock in Plymouth

The 14th Annual Run to the Rock will be held September 6 at 9 a.m. The race features three different courses and distances for all running abilities. The 5K course starts at Cordage Park, the 10K course starts at The Fitness Center by Plymouth Airport and the half marathon starts at Seacoast Imaging on Hedges Pond Road with registration at the BBC at exit 2 in Cedarville.

The finish line for all three courses is at Plymouth Rock where there is a complimentary BBQ for all participants. Online registration, volunteer signup and course maps can be found at http://www.bgcplymouth.org/run2rock.html. Preregistration is $23 until 9/1. After 9/1 and race day registration is $25. All race proceeds benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Plymouth.

Please email runtotherock@gmail.com if you're interested in being a sponsor.

Coaching vacancies

Cohasset High School is looking for a junior varsity boys soccer coach as well as an athletic trainer.

Coach comes full circle

FROM COACH, PAGE 17

seem to be a lot of excitement. Of course, Deb and last year's success have a lot to do with that."

The 2007 squad finished with a record of 18-2-1, placed second in a very competitive South Shore League and reached the quarterfinals of the state tourney before losing to SSL rival Harwich.

Coakley is looking to stick largely to the system that brought the program to so much success under Bostwick, but she does have a few tweaks in mind that she hopes will help carry the Lady Skippers to the next level.

"I'm definitely taking over a great program from Deb," said Coakley, "but the sport is always changing, so we have to evolve too."

Considering Coakley finished among the state's top 20 scorers in her senior year at CHS, earning her a spot on the 2002 Mariner All-Scholastic team, it should comes as no surprise that those "tweaks" have to do with a bit more aggressiveness on the offensive end.

"I'm looking to make us a little more offensive-minded and hopefully get us a little more postseason success," said Coakley, who still lives with her family in Cohasset.

Coakley played field hockey her freshman year at Lasalle College in Newton. However, her academic pursuits in the areas of Art History and studio art led to a transfer in her sophomore year to the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, where competitive field hockey was not an option Still, she continued to play the sport at the intramural level.

Abby will take the last few classes she needs this fall at UMass-Boston to graduate with a BA in Art Studies. The schedule she's arranged will not interfere with her coaching requirements, and this winter she figures to begin in earnest her search for full time employment. She plans to apply to a few art museums, but a career in teaching also remains a possibility.

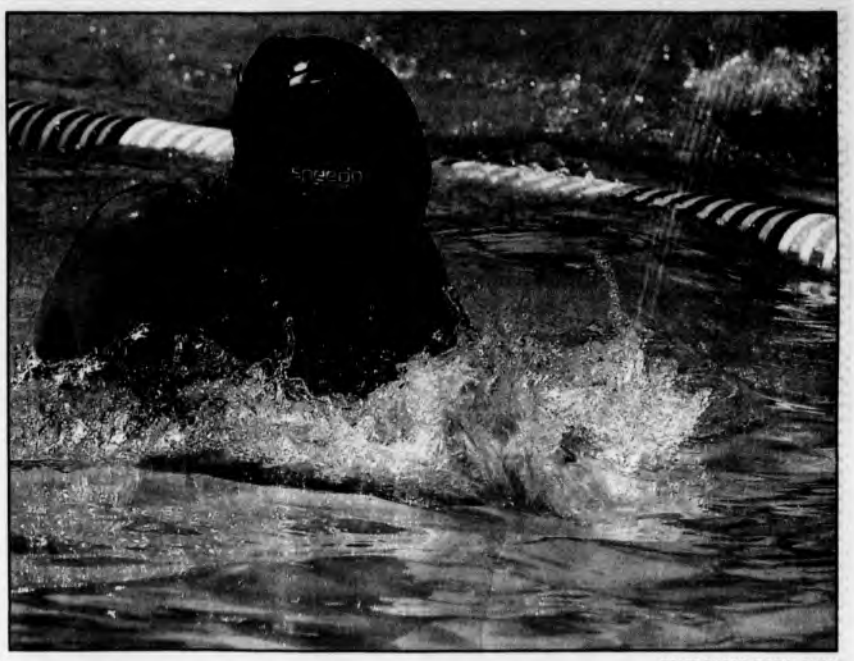
"I'd love to teach, but I'm going to be looking at a few things," Coakley said.

As for her inaugural CHS field hockey team, Coakley sees lots of potential, with several promising newcomers joining a good portion of the core that led the Lady Skippers to last year's 18-2-1 record.

"I know that a bunch of the girls who are coming out went to camps over the summer, and they've gotten to know each other," reported the rookie head coach. "It's good because a lot of these girls already know each other from playing basketball and lacrosse together, so our team chemistry should be pretty strong to start. Now it's just a matter of putting that all together."

The Athletic Director sounds confident in Coakley's ability to do just that.

"Abby was one of the best captains I've seen around here in my time as A.D," reported Ford. "She was a great role model and leader. She's someone I see carrying on a lot of the good things in the tradition of Deb, but also bringing a few of her own very positive things to the table. We're very excited to have her on board."



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Correction. We ran this photo in the Mariner last week with the wrong cutline. Here is how it should have read: Danielle Healy of Cohasset splits the water using the breaststroke during the girls 14 and under 100 yard IM.

Cohasset swim team takes title

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Connor Green, 12U boys, set records in two of his individual races. He won everything he swam.

Sam Rice dominated at the meet, setting a record in the 25 fly. Emily Zimmerman, 12U girls, took home a first in the 100 IM and helped the 12 and under girls Medley Relay score points for the team.

Hope Kissick, 14U girls, dominated in the 50 breast and 100 IM. Ryan McGovern, 14U boys, placed first in his 50 back. Chris Murphy, 14U boys, placed high in his age group and stepped up to the older boys relay to help them with some high places.

Caitlin Mahoney, Jake Kissick, and Sean Crowley, 17U, all had great swims finishing top three in their races.

"These are just a few swimmers out of the many we had swimming on Saturday," Nelson said. "Everyone contributed to our successful day at championships and I could not be more proud of the team for their outstanding swimming and dedication this summer. We've worked so hard to win back the trophy and it definitely paid off. It was a great way to end my career as head coach of the team. Congratulations Cohasset Swim Team, we did it!"

Report compiled by Cohasset Mariner sports editor Joel Racicot

Bay State Thunder softball tryouts

Bay State Thunder Softball, a highly competitive Junior Olympic girls fast-pitch softball program based in Braintree, will be holding tryouts for their 18U, 16U, 14U and 12U teams Sunday, September 7 and Sunday, September 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Flaherty Fields in Braintree.

For more detailed information on the tryouts, specific time for your age group and the team in general please visit our Web site at www.baystatethundersoftball.com or contact Rob Spofford at (781) 383-8338 or Al Saluti at (781) 380-3864.

AAU Girls Basketball Tryouts

AAU Girls Basketball Tryouts will be September 14, 21, 28. Players Born on or after July 1, 1996 are eligible. Tournaments are at Mass Premier: October 4-5, Oct. 11-12, October 25-26, November 8-9. Contact: Jack Wholey (e-mail ywholey@aol.com) Cell: (781) 363-6923.

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Singer and guitar player, Jim Armstrong, leads a group of campers from Miss Jen's camp program at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum in a song.



Sydney Childs of Cohasset holds up a pair of maracas as she sings along with Jim Armstrong to the song "Down By the Bay."

Music and imagination



Jim "the Pied Piper of Cohasset" Armstrong blows bubbles for the children attending his music around the campfire program.



Jonathan Tulio of Cohasset gestures with his hands as he sings along with Jim Armstrong during the Unicorn song.



Matthew Brown is held up by his mom as he tries to catch some bubbles during Jim Armstrong's children's program at the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum.

Our World hosts Jim Armstrong

Photos by Laura Sinclair



Singer and guitarist Jim Armstrong set up his magic campfire for the children attending Miss Jen's camp program at the Our World Children's Discovery Museum.



Brooke Leggett of Cohasset has a ball in Jim Armstrong's sing around the campfire program.



Singer and guitar player, Jim Armstrong, leads a group of campers from Miss Jen's camp program at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum in a song.



Taylor Lunt of Cohasset claps his hands to the music during the sing a long.



Singer and guitar player, Jim Armstrong, leads a group of campers from Miss Jen's camp program at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum in a song.

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This initiative is in response to the evolving problems of foreclosures and people's financial struggles during the economic recession. Many people are being forced to surrender their beloved pets as they struggled to stretch their budgets, food stamps and/or Social Security income to meet the escalating cost of living. Many local food pantries are trying to restore hope by offering free pet food to help owners keep their animals out of shelters.

If you would like to get involved, you can make donations by dropping food at one of the two convenient locations in Hingham. Old Derby Animal Hospital is located on 40 recreation Park Drive, near the Pilgrim Skating Rink and Maggie's Dog is located downtown Hingham on 17 Main St., near Nona's Ice Cream.

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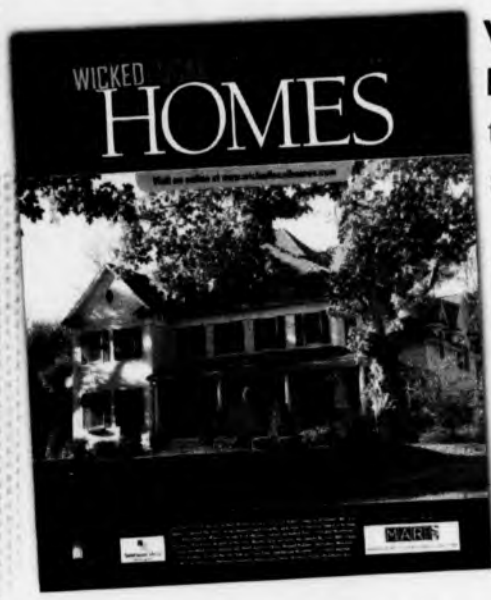
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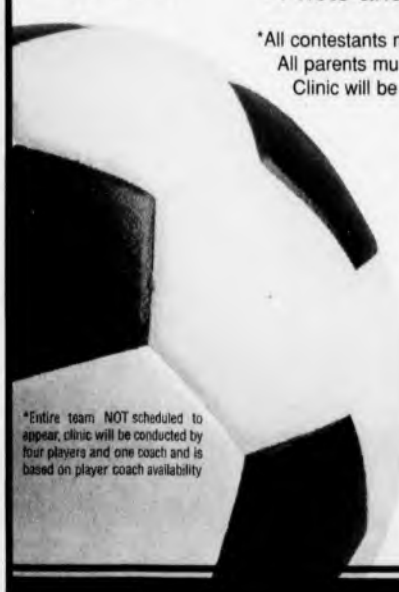
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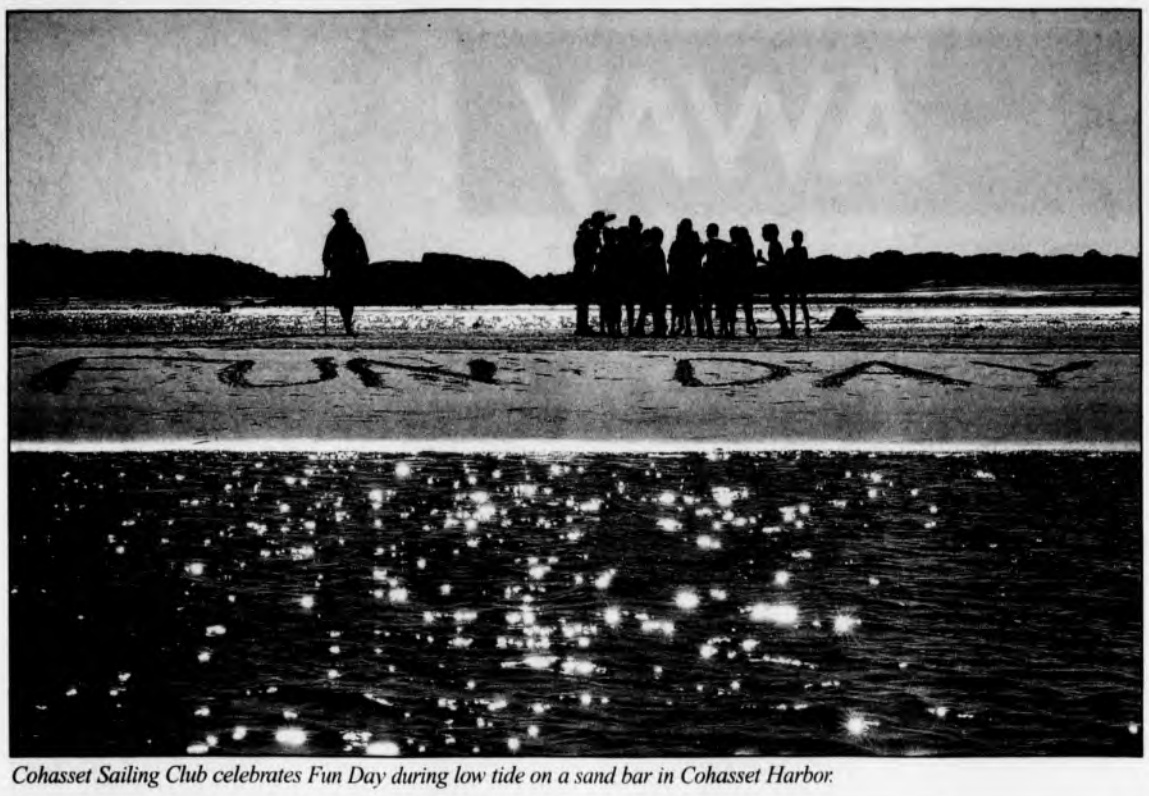
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Cohasset Sailing Club celebrates the season

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Cohasset Sailing Club celebrates Fun Day during low tide on a sand bar in Cohasset Harbor.



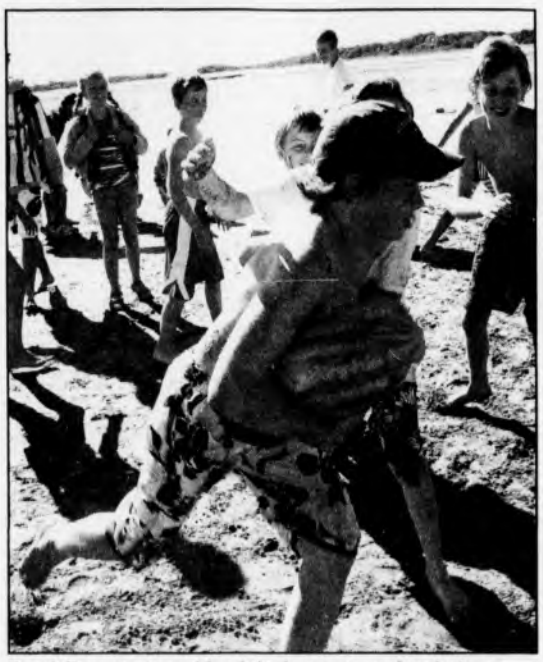
In a pile of bodies Charlie Krumsiek tries to hold onto the watermelon during Cohasset Sailing Club's Fun Day Wednesday afternoon.



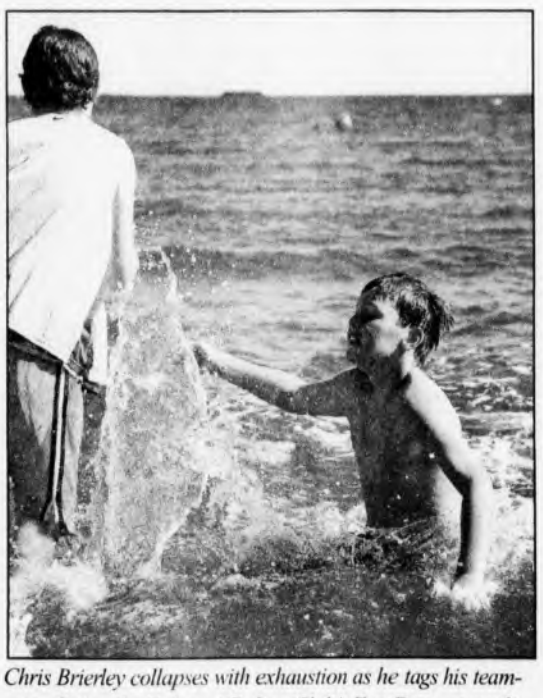
Greg Geddes holds onto a broken watermelon during a slippery game of greased watermelon football at Cohasset Sailing Club's Fun Day.



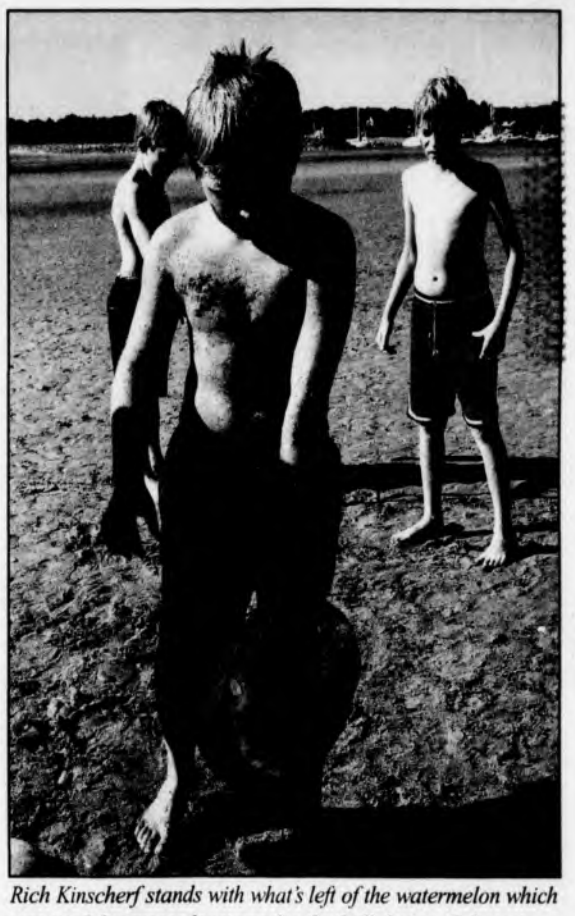
Team Canada lines up for water relay during the Cohasset Sailing Club's Fun Day Olympics.



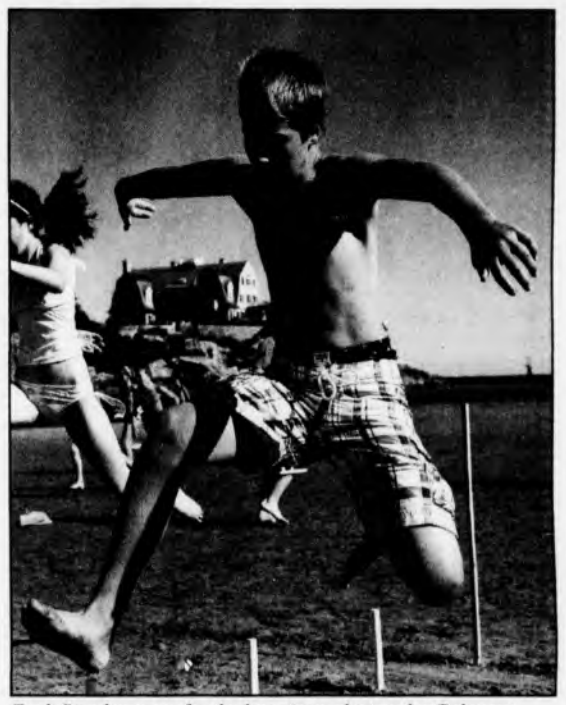
Derek Benson runs with a lubed up watermelon during a game of greased watermelon.



Chris Brierley collapses with exhaustion as he tags his teammate during the Cohasset Sailing Club's Fun Day water relay.



Rich Kinscherf stands with what's left of the watermelon which was used for greased watermelon football during Cohasset Sailing Club's Fun Day.



Zack Strecker goes for the long jump during the Cohasset Sailing Club's Fun Day Olympics.



Tucker Desisto runs through the water as he participates in a water relay during the Cohasset Sailing Club's Fun Day.



Chris Norton and Max Fitzgerald compete against each other in the long jump event during the Cohasset Sailing Club's Fun Day Olympics.



Kids wait in "jail" during a game of capture the flag at Cohasset Sailing Club's Fun day on Wednesday.

GetAWAY

Atlantic City gets a makeover

Mark Chapman
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. -I'm sitting beneath the palms, sipping a frozen mudslide, as cocktail waitresses clad in Caribbean-blue bikinis stroll from table to table, chaise to chaise. Some vacationers lounge languidly by a crystal-clear pool, snoozing, reading, sipping. Others take refuge in private poolside cabanas equipped with flat-screen TVs, sofas and bar setups. Reggae music plays in the background.

Believe it or not, I am in Atlantic City. The new Atlantic City.

Once known for diving horses, an aging Frank Sinatra and, later, political corruption and rats, Atlantic City is coming of age as a place of luxury and class.

Don't think of it as just a Vegas wannabe. With the opening of The Pool and The Waterfront Tower, both at Harrah's Resort Atlantic City, this is a place where you can have a fine getaway and enjoy some gaming, too.

At 44 stories, the brand-new Harrah's tower is the tallest building in Atlantic City and second tallest in New Jersey. The 900-plus guestrooms are all suite-sized and offer bay, ocean or city views (mine had a vista of Absecon marshland and windmills).

The Pool is the city's largest indoor pool complex and housed in a 172,000-square-foot, 90-foot-high glass dome. We're talking an Olympic-sized pool, six whirlpools, 12 cabanas, indoor and outdoor decks and The Pool Bar, surrounded by $1 million worth of horticulture.

While by day The Pool is everything a tropical vacation should be - minus the sunscreen since you're indoors - by night it morphs into a throbbing, pulsing nightclub. The well-dressed and well-heeled can talk, drink and dance the night away in a sophisticated atmosphere befitting the best trendy retreats. On any given night, you might find yourself brushing elbows with celebrities (on my visit members of the New York Giants) en route to their private cabanas as the crowds build 'round midnight.

The adjacent Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa has 23 treatment rooms with a full menu of signature services and beauty treatments along with several exclusive spa packages.

Harrah's is by no means the only Atlantic City resort taking the express elevator to luxury land. Also in the Marina District, The Borgota just launched The Water Club, a $400 million, 800-room non-gaming, boutique lifestyle hotel that includes a two-story spa.

OK, so the city by the sea still has Mr. Peanut - and Donald Trump, with his properties including Trump Taj Mahal (opening a new 39-story Chairman's Tower this fall) and the aging Trump Plaza on the Boardwalk. But a decades-long push to clean up the neighborhoods and expand the visitor-friendly zone past the Boardwalk - that sprawling wooden walkway overlooking miles of sand and surf - have succeeded.

Today, drive into town on the Atlantic City Expressway or arrive by train and you are greeted by a park, statues, good lighting and The Walk, a collection of outlet shops and chain eateries which have replaced the previous run-down storefronts and bars.

Caesar's is one of the most famous names in casinos and has long been Atlantic City's centerpiece. Expansion and upgrading has taken place at Caesar's too, the property growing to more than 1,100 rooms in four towers; the complex also includes The Pier Shops, with designer stores and fine-dining restaurants.

In addition to its central location, Caesar's has great ambiance. The decor is based on ancient Rome, and various employees strut around in Roman Empire attire. The Temple Lobby, with a soaring four-story atrium, is an escalator ride from the street-level entrance and resembles the Forum in ancient Rome - if the real Forum had a concierge desk, bellhops and ATMs.

Confidence in Atlantic City's new image is high. In July, the first non-casino Boardwalk resort in almost half a century opened its doors. The Chelsea is a throwback to Atlantic City's heyday as a summer vacation destination for the well-heeled set. There are poolside cabanas and a saltwater-inspired spa, and the new resort is the only hotel in town to offer full beach service - fluffy towels, lounge chairs, umbrellas, food and beverages, exclusively for hotel guests.

It's yet another example of the new Atlantic City chic.

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PHOTO BY HARRAH'S RESORT ATLANTIC CITY

Tropical comes to Atlantic City at The Pool at Harrah's.

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Rich dining

Nowhere is the upgrading of Atlantic City more evident than in the dining scene. At The Steakhouse at Harrah's, the $40 to $50 entrees may be pricey, but those steaks are worth every nickel. And don't miss the lobster macaroni and cheese and the tender, succulent shrimp the size of a small dog.

For those with a Mediterranean Jones, Mia by Georges Perrier and Chris Scarduzio is a high-ceilinged venue at Caesar's specializing in contemporary bistro cuisine.

At The Borgota, gourmands will enjoy Wolfgang Puck American Grille; SeaBlue, with fresh fish from around the world cooked on a wood-burning grill; and a pair of steakhouses, Bobby Flay Steak and Old Homestead.

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Getting there: Drive in less than six hours from Boston, or fly in less than an hour to Atlantic City International Airport. Amtrak fans can take the train to Philadelphia and change to New Jersey Transit for a ride straight into the city.

A consortium of Atlantic City hotels - Harrah's, Caesar's and The Borgata - is also planning to underwrite weekend train service direct to Atlantic City from New York. The service, called ACES, was originally expected to start this summer, then by fall. Now it is said to be on track for a late 2008 or early 2009 debut.

Staying there: Rates at The Waterfront Tower at Harrah's Resort Atlantic City (609-441-5000; www.harrahs.com) start at $159 per night. Book The Water Club at The Borgota (866-MY BORGATA; www.theborgata.com) from $249. Rates at Caesar's (609-348-4411; www.harrahs.com) are from $139. Stay at The Chelsea (800-548-3030; www.thechelsea-ac.com) from $175.

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Cohasset resident is top nurse scientist, scholar

Cohasset resident Mary E. Cooley, RN, PhD, has been jointly appointed as nurse scientist and assistant professor within Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Phyllis F. Cantor Center for Research in Nursing and Patient Care Services and the University of Massachusetts Boston School of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Cooley has practiced as a clinician, educator, and researcher in oncology for 25 years. In her new role, Cooley will grow her program of research at Dana-Farber and will teach doctoral nursing students in the accelerated Bachelor of Science-to-PhD program at UMass Boston. The program, which began admitting students in 2007, is co-directed by the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center. The curriculum focuses on cancer care and health disparities.

"As we continue to advance our joint program, top notch faculty recruitment is the key element for assuring excellence," says Patricia Reid Ponte, RN, DNSc, FAAN, NEA-BC, Dana-Farber's senior vice president for Patient Care Services and Chief Nurse.

Adds Greer Glazer, RN, CNP, PhD, FAAN, dean and professor of UMass Boston's College of Nursing and Health Sciences, "We are pleased that our PhD students have a scholar of Dr. Cooley's acclaim to provide research mentorship and education for nurse scientists in the 21st century."

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Mary E. Cooley, RN, PhD, of Cohasset.

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Mountain bike race at Wompatuck

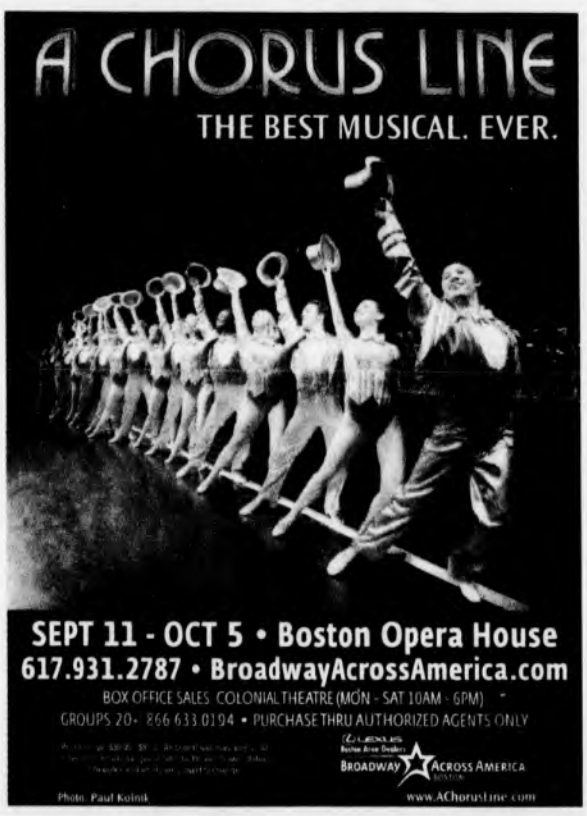
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, AUG. 2

10:03 p.m. **King St., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop. Lt. requesting McBrien's Towing for vehicle and requesting another cruiser to the scene. 1 male under arrest for OUI another male party is being PC at this time. Arrest: Jeffrey R. Pucko, 22, 30 Claremont Rd., Pembroke. Charges: OUI of liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, possession of an open container of alcohol in motor vehicle. A 23-year-old male from Pembroke in protective custody.

10:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, manager of this location requests an officer to escort the female employees to their vehicle because there has been a male party sitting in his vehicle in the parking lot for a while now and are just concerned. Vehicle has left, location manger has already walked the employees to their vehicle, police are not needed. Note: All units tied up. No cruisers available to respond.

SUNDAY, AUG. 3

12:26 a.m. HQ., As he was being released, male party became combative and was placed under arrest. Shawn Moloney, 23, of Pembroke was placed under arrest on charges: Resisting arrest and vandalizing property.

1:24 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:25 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:04 a.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, fire, working fire in Hull. Hull requests E1 for station coverage. Cohasset Police units notified.

6:33 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, caller states "he did not get an egg in his breakfast sandwich at the Dunkin Donuts at Leo's Exxon." "He wanted advice on whether or not to return it." Advised this is not a police matter.

6:43 a.m. **Church St.**, public service, power surge in HQ. Fire Lt. reports power surge, also, Scituate had a report of a power problem on Old Oaken Bucket Road. Checking the vicinity of the Scituate/Cohasset line at Itchy's Corner. Scituate reports wires down on Old Oaken Bucket Road. Nothing showing on the Cohasset side.

10:36 a.m. **Parker Ave., and Border St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:30 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, B&E, caller reports she believes someone broke into her house last night. She did hear someone outside her window and then noticed the garage door was open about 2 feet when she said "who is it" the party ran out of the garage. Officer reports access to the home was not gained this was an attempted break.

12:57 p.m. **Depot Ct., and South Main St.**, traffic enforcement, officer reports 5 verbal warnings given at this location.

1:02 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports clearing a large group from the bridge.

1:49 p.m. **Elm St.**, lockout/lock-in, walk in party reports he has locked himself out of his apartment.

4:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

5:28 p.m. **Hobart Lane**, animal complaint, lost Dalmatian.

5:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

6:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:09 p.m. **Hull St.**, disturbance, caller stated customer being rowdy. A 27-year-old male in protective custody.

MONDAY, AUG. 4

12:24 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:39 a.m. **Summer St.**, noise complaint, anonymous caller states there is a loud party going on involving juveniles and liquor. All units clear, party has been broken up for the night. Hot tub closed up for the night.

4:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen, caller states there is a young male party walking on CJC Highway, male party appears drunk, has no shoes and is wearing underwear. No one in the area now.

10:20 a.m. **Border St.**, vandalism report, walk in party would like to report that someone has cut the lock to her skiff in the harbor and let it float off the mooring and also snapped the oar in half.

10:49 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:11 a.m. **Border St.**, parking enforcement, officer reports check of Government Island ok, no parking violations.

2:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, well being check, callers reporting an elderly male party outside of his truck leaning over the side of his truck appears he might be ill. Nothing found in the area.

5:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:34 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, animal complaint, officer reports the resident's dog got past the electric fence and attacked another dog, no injuries reported to the other dog at this time, resident has been spoken to.

5:50 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, barking dog, caller reports the dog at this residence has been outside barking for at least 2 hours. Area is quiet at this time.

8:10 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, officer wanted, caller reports a group of people having a barbeque on the beach, officer reports no problems at this location.

8:16 p.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports two yellow Labs running around her yard.

8:21 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance — bridge jumpers, caller reports a group of youths jumping from the bridge, officer reports two kids on the bridge have been removed.

10:49 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious vehicle, officer reports checking on a vehicle at this location full of youths, officer reports vehicle and occupants check out ok and will be leaving the beach.

11:38 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports one of his tenants from this location called him stating that someone is in the second floor apartment, which is vacant. Officer reports no one in apartment – officer spoke to other people in apartments, they did not hear anything.

11:40 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, assist other Police Department, Hull PD called requesting a cruiser to meet one of theirs at Black Rock Beach for a possible disturbance.

TUESDAY, AUG. 5

5:13 a.m. **Beach St.**, suspicious person, caller reports a man was sleeping on her deck was confused – he is on foot. Officer reports subject turned over to family.

7:07 a.m. **Hull St.**, transport citizen, officer transporting PC to brother's residence at above location.

7:47 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, identity theft/fraud.

10:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:21 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, buildings check ok.

11:25 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood Schools check.

12:19 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:47 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

1:32 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:24 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, officer wanted, caller reports solicitors from Horizon Foods were knocking on her door and they do not have permits. Officer has spoken to parties involved and they have been warned.

3:02 p.m. **Elm St.**, identity theft/fraud, walk in party speaking to detective regarding over $14,000 that someone attempted to use a fake check to cash from her business account.

5:30 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, parking complaint, caller stated that there is a car blocking her view from her driveway, caller called back to report that the car has been moved.

6:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

8:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller witnessed a woman buying beer for underage kids. Area search negative, unable to locate vehicle. Scituate PD advised.

8:47 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny, walk in party reports her wallet was stolen.

9:17 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports black Range Rover all over the road. Nothing showing.

10:26 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, well being check, husband requesting a well being check for his wife.

11:06 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, well being check, officers report only 1 car in driveway.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6

1:18 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:19 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:04 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. Vehicle does have a valid sticker and registration but is showing expired after a leaps check. Officer following vehicle home at this time so the operator can contact the registry to see where the mistake is.

9:51 a.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious person, caller reports a male and female couple were just at her door asking for money and telling the resident they were concerned about the world. Officer is out speaking with the parties in question. Officer reports these people are Jehovah's Witnesses and will be in the area.

10:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood Schools check.

12:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, shoplifting, caller reports a male party in the store attempting to leave the store with items he did not pay for. Officer is out with suspect and requesting R3 for evaluation.

7:26 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports at the construction site – the iron plate to cover the hole has moved. Officer reports the plate is fine – it looks like it is going to fall into the hole.

THURSDAY, AUG. 7

12:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, the manger of Stop & Shop called because his night crew reported a group of kids in the lot. No one in the area now.

12:34 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:35 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, the manager of Stop & Shop was concerned about one of his employees coming to work on a bicycle. He requested an officer swing by the parking lot in 10 minutes to check male party's welfare.

12:57 a.m. **HQ.**, public service, units looking for a red Ford short end pick up that was involved in the incident at Stop & Shop. Hingham and Hull notified.

1:05 a.m. **Doane St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:22 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning, taillight violation and speeding.

9:09 a.m. **Border St.**, property (recovered), walk in party reports finding a wallet, owner of the wallet has been notified and will come to the station to retrieve it, OIC has been made aware.

10:40 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, investigation, Fire Capt. reports an electrical emergency at this location, the construction company has uncovered an 8000 volt electrical service. All work has been shut down at this time. National Grid is turning the power back on to the neighborhood.

11:06 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, public service, caller reports she is the key holder for this residence while they are away and was told the PD was just at the house for an alarm. She would like an officer to walk through the house, she is watching with her and reset the alarm.

11:14 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint.

1:27 p.m. **North Main St. and Cedar St.**, disabled motor vehicle, officer reports she is out with a disabled motor vehicle at this location, operator of the vehicle is stating she hit a post, officer reports the vehicle hit one of the cement posts at this location, no injuries but the car does need to be towed.

1:40 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, missing child, caller reports his 5-year-old grandson is missing, caller called 911 because he is concerned because he lives right on the water and is unsure of his whereabouts at this time. Officers are still on scene but they are reporting the child has been located. Child has been located, all units clear, child has been reunited with is grandfather.

1:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports she needs a police officer to respond to this location because she just discovered that someone took over $7,000 out of her account last night by online and attempted to take another $4,000 out today.

1:54 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Black Rock Rd.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking, caller reports a vehicle blocking the hydrant and is parked on the sidewalk at this location.

2:05 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard (traffic), officer reports a water main break at this location, he will have to stand by. Water Dept. notified and responding.

4:53 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Hillside Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:52 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:04 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:15 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:50 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Hillside Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:06 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop.

FRIDAY, AUG. 8

12:36 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

12:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

5:40 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, fire alarm activation, water problem due to faulty air conditioner.

8:22 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, investigation, E2 on detail reports a gas main has been struck at this location and needs a full response.

10:41 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard (traffic), a concern has been brought to the attention of the Police Lt. regarding the trench that the workers have dug at this location. The way the trench has been done seems there is a chance it will collapse. Units clear at this time, trench is being filled in at this time.

12:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, walk in party reports he would like to speak to an officer regarding a boat that has been put in the parking lot of where the construction is starting next to the train station and they need it removed. Officer attempting to find out who boat belongs to.

12:13 p.m. **Beach St.**, property (recovered), officer has recovered a found bike from this location and brought it to the station for safekeeping.

12:59 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, Lt. reports clearing a group from the bridge.

1:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, several callers reporting an injured seagull at this location in the parking lot.

5:32 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, walk in party complains about dogs barking around the clock, requests to speak with Animal Control, this has been an on going problem.

6:03 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, threats, threats made by party to VA nurses. Hospital requests officer to go down and speak with party.

6:41 p.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, fire alarm activation, smoke in basement due to

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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oil burner.

7:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

8:57 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:09 p.m. **Beach St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports three males sitting in pick up truck look suspicious.

9:44 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Rust Way**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, AUG. 9

12:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:51 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, building checks secure.

1:08 a.m. **South Main St.**, assist citizen, caller states her husband is at a wedding and called her stating he was on his way home. He has not yet arrived and she is concerned. Male party has been located and called home.

9:13 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

9:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10:22 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:31 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:04 a.m. **Border St.**, parking enforcement, 2 tags.

1:02 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance - bridge jumpers, cleared bridge of jumpers.

1:34 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, keep the peace, party would like a police escort to his rental property due to an ongoing dispute with neighbor.

2:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash.

2:56 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers.

5:24 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:24 p.m. Domestic (in progress).

9:26 p.m. **Pond St.**, fire – public assist, caller reports babysitter is locked outside of residence, child is inside sleeping. Officer reports fire has gained access.

9:57 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicles stop, verbal warning.

10:59 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, AUG. 10

1:04 a.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, motor vehicle crash, 911 cell caller reports motor vehicle into the woods by Sparell's. A 36-year-old Scituate male being summoned on charges: Leaving scene of property damage, marked lanes violation.

1:31 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious person, passing motorist stated there is a male party walking on the side of the road. Checked the area, no one on the side of the road now.

1:48 a.m. **West Gate Lane**, suspicious person, couple walking on the roadway. Couple just out for a walk.

1:53 a.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, suspicious person. A 36-year-old Scituate male in protective custody.

5:02 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

5:03 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

9:19 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, vandalism report, caller reports she would like an officer to view some damage done sometime overnight.

11:06 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:11 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports clearing group from the bridge.

1:12 p.m. **Heritage Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:25 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, parking enforcement, caller reports vehicles parking without stickers. Sgt. has tagged two vehicles.

1:56 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service, caller reports she is trying to get people to leave the beach because of lightening but they will not leave and she is requesting an officer to try and assist her. Sgt. reports they have talked to the calling party and advised her that they cannot tell people to leave the beach. Units clear.

4:46 p.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:01 p.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:51 p.m. **Hull St. and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:07 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard (traffic), officer at this location reports a gas service cover has popped up and he has put it back.

7:27 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports a lost black Lab with a blue bandana around his neck.

7:53 p.m. **Elm St.**, lost property, walk in party reports she lost her credit card Friday, 8/08/08 at Wilbur's in Scituate. Reporting party states she has already cancelled her credit card.

10 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:17 p.m. **South Main St.**, noise complaint, caller would like the loud music at the above location shut off. Officer spoke with an employee who will be turning the music off.

MONDAY, AUG. 11

1:44 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:52 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3:12 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, group removed from the bridge.

5:45 p.m. **Nichols Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, well being check, caller reports a boy has been sitting on a rock for hours talking on a cell phone. Officer reports boy has gone. Checking the area.

9:56 p.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a truck has just pulled up at 21 Aaron River Road which is under construction and there are people with flashlights walking around. Officer reports UHaul delivering cabinets.

TUESDAY, AUG. 12

1:15 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:16 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:22 a.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, domestic (in progress).

3:35 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, barking dog, officer reports owners are bringing dog inside.

6:35 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports motor vehicle accident – vehicle hit wall – subject standing outside vehicle. Officer on scene requesting flatbed wrecker.

7:26 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports her chocolate Lab is missing – her name is Charlotte wearing a red collar.

8:40 a.m. **South Main St.**, assist motorist, walk in party reports a van was pulling into a spot and hit his truck but did not stop. Officer reports this was a miscommunication at this time between the two parties, situation will be resolved between parties involved. The other party involved has come to the station to speak to officer.

11:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:19 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks, officer reports all schools check ok.

11:50 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:40 p.m. **Sohier St., and North Main St.**, hazard, detail officer at this location requesting a cruiser to assist a large truck with an excavator on the back not being able to make the turn onto North Main Street. Detail officer reports cruiser can cancel the truck was able to make the turn.

3:14 p.m. **King St.**, assist citizen, 911 caller reports his dog is "struggling and is at the end of his road" he needs help lifting the dog up to get him into the car and bring to the animal hospital. ACO notified of the assist and responding.

5:27 p.m. **King St.**, fire, structure, caller reports smoke in the basement, officer on scene reports no active fire showing. Fire Command reports dryer and power has been disconnected. Command reports homeowner will have electric system serviced, all units returning to HQ.

5:59 p.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, suspicious activity, caller reports there is a dirt bike pulling a wagon with kids on it. They are going up and down the road. Officer reports nothing found.

6:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:48 p.m. **Hull St.**, barking dog, caller reports Hingham Pd reports there is a dog barking at above location – it was called into Hingham PD. Officer reports there is no such address.

6:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:11 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious person, caller reports there is a man walking down the road with a beer can in his hand. Man is picking up empty beer cans.

7:47 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports there is a motor vehicle parked in his driveway, caller reports it is on private property, caller advised what to do – OIC aware of this traffic.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13

12:27 a.m. **Border St.**, suspicious activity, kids running around, sailing club checks secure, no one in the area now, no contraband in the area.

1:26 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

7:02 a.m. **Fernway**, parking complaint, caller states "the construction workers are parking all over the roadway." Motor vehicles are going to be moved. While on scene, officer spoke to another resident concerned about the parking.

10:20 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic complaint, detail officer reports a passing motorist made complaints about a traffic problem at the above location.

10:43 a.m. **Summer St.**, parking violation.

10:47 a.m. **Summer St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:08 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

1:20 p.m. **Reservoir St.**, A&B with dangerous weapon, 911 caller from Cohasset reports that she just got a cellular telephone call from a female stating that she was being stabbed to death. Cohasset caller reports that female was screaming and sounded like she was of Polish accent. Lieutenant called Verizon for an emergency call trace. Subscriber info obtained from Verizon. Norton Police contacted via telephone. They are already at this residence.

1:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

1:37 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, missing child, caller reports a missing 3-year-old male last seen 15 minutes ago walking in the middle of the beach, wearing blue shorts, blonde hair. Caller reports the child has been found and is safe.

1:44 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:58 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:27 p.m. **Summer St.**, notification, speed board has been moved to this location.

6:17 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Hillside Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:59 p.m. **Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:08 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:58 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports there is a motor vehicle parked in the middle of the road – no one around it. Officer reports owner of motor vehicle moved it.

10:35 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:03 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, AUG. 14

12:49 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:49 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

12:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, 2 motor vehicles parked in front of the business. Motor vehicles have been moved.

10:48 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:36 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

2:32 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement, caller reports vehicle parking without permits.

2:33 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Rd.**, parking enforcement, caller reports vehicles parked without town stickers.

2:55 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, clear kids from bridge.

3:32 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, caller reports a large group of kids jumping off the bridge.

4:11 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, larceny, caller reports she left items outside overnight and now they are gone.

4:36 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

4:43 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:33 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, parking complaint, Fire Chief would like an officer to check an SUV parked on a corner at this location to see if emergency vehicles would be able to get through. SUV is being moved by the owner.

5:36 p.m. **Border St.**, suspicious activity.

FRIDAY, AUG. 15

12:22 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, noise complaint, caller states there are kids on the ball field. No one in the area now.

12:58 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window, open back door, ongoing problem. Area checks secure.

2 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:43 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deer Hill/Osgood School check.

12:13 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious person, caller reports that a man who she believes previously stole from her store is now in the store. 911 caller was kept on the phone until police arrived, officers are out with caller and male party. Male party in custody at this time, officer requesting a tow truck. Arrest: Robert F. Bravo, Jr., 47, 33 Ruggles St., Quincy. Charges: Possession of marijuana, receiving stolen property less than $250.

1:09 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, downed power lines, 911 caller reports a limb fell and took some wires down.

1:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, parking complaint, anonymous resident complaining about the parking issue in front of the real estate office.

2 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, property damage, Fire Capt. on detail reports a white dump truck damaged stonewalls in front of above address.

2:38 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller stated that a suspicious man came to her door and was asking personal questions about her family. Checking the area.

4:30 p.m. **Bates Lane**, fire, caller reports his basement is filling with water and could be getting to the electrical units.

5:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, officer reports a nozzle has been ripped off one of the gas pumps.

6:56 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports a group removed from the bridge.

7:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:55 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

POLICE/FIRE TERMS

ACO -Animal Control Officer

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BLS Transport - Ambulance Transporting, Basic Life Support (Usually not life threatening)

BOLO - Be On the Look Out

BT - Breath Test (having to do with liquor offenses)

CID - Criminal Investigation Division (Cohasset Detectives)

D/K - Drunk

E1 - E4 - Cohasset Fire Engines

GOA- Gone on Arrival

HQ - Headquarters

Juvenile -Person under the age of 17

L1 - Cohasset Fire Ladder Truck

LEAPS/NCIC - Police Computer System (National)

ME - Medical Examiner

M/V - Motor Vehicle

OIC - Officer in Charge

OUI - Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)

PC - Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody - not a criminal charge)

PI - Personal Injury

PT - Patient

QMC - Quincy Medical Center

R3 - Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)

RMV -Registry of Motor Vehicles

RO - Restraining Order

S/P - Suspicious Person

SSH - South Shore Hospital

WMS - Warrant Management System (Name for Massachusetts computer system that holds arrest warrants)

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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, September 9, 2008** at **7:35PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §9.6 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Architects Carr, Lynch & Sandell (land owner Janice Reiter), seeks to build a guest house at **357Atlantic Ave**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08.08.18

AD#11751504
Cohasset Mariner 8/22, 8/29/08

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Register.

AD#11747072
Cohasset Mariner 8/22/08

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 8:00PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to §6.5 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Agnoli Sign Co. (land owner Cohasset Realty Trust, Donald Staszko as trustee), seeks to update both Stop & Shop signs located at **380-400 Chief Justice Cushing Highway** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08.08.18b

AD#11751516
Cohasset Mariner 8/22, 8/29/08

ZBA/609 JERUSALEM RD.
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TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, September 9, 2008** at 8:15PM to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §5.3 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Heidi Condon, Associate Architect (land owner Ladd W. McQuade), seeks to demolish the existing barn and re-construct a new bar4n on the same footprint in the flood plain at **609 Jerusalem Road** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08.08.18c

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Impatience with those who don't keep up with you can cause resistance, which, in turn, can lead to more delays. Best to be helpful and supportive if you want results.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A surprise announcement from a colleague could put you on the defensive. Gather your facts and respond. You'll soon find the situation shifting in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Time spent away from a project pays off with a new awareness of options you hadn't considered before. Weigh them carefully before deciding which to choose.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Consider confronting that personal conflict while there's still time to work things out. A delay can cause more problems. A longtime colleague might offer to mediate.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some emerging matters could impede the Lion's progress in completing an important project. Best advice: Deal with them now, before they can create costly delays.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your aspect continues to favor an expanding vista. This could be a good time to make a career move, and taking an out-of-town job could be a good way to do it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Disruptive family disputes need to be settled so that everyone can move on. Avoid assuming this burden alone, though. Ask for — no, demand — help with this problem.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Patience is called for as you await word on an important workplace situation. A personal circumstance, however, could benefit by your taking immediate action.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't lose confidence in yourself. Those doubters are likely to back off if you demand they show solid proof why they think your ideas won't work.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A temporary setback might cause the usually surefooted Goat some unsettling moments. But keep going. The path ahead gets easier as you move forward.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) There's welcome news from the workplace. There also could be good news involving a relationship that has long held a special meaning for you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might still need to cut some lingering ties to a situation that no longer has the appeal it once held. In the meantime, you can start to explore other opportunities.

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BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of what's right can inspire others if you remember not to push too hard to make your case. Moderation works best for you.

Sudoku

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	6			2	4	5		
		8		6			4	
6				8		2		1
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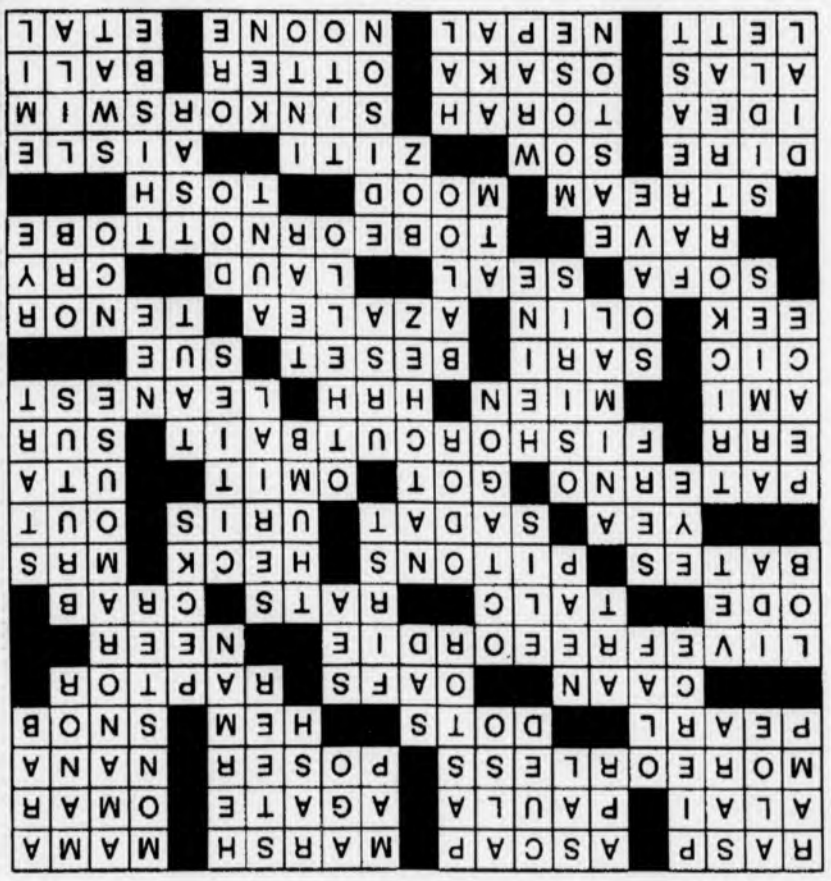
Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

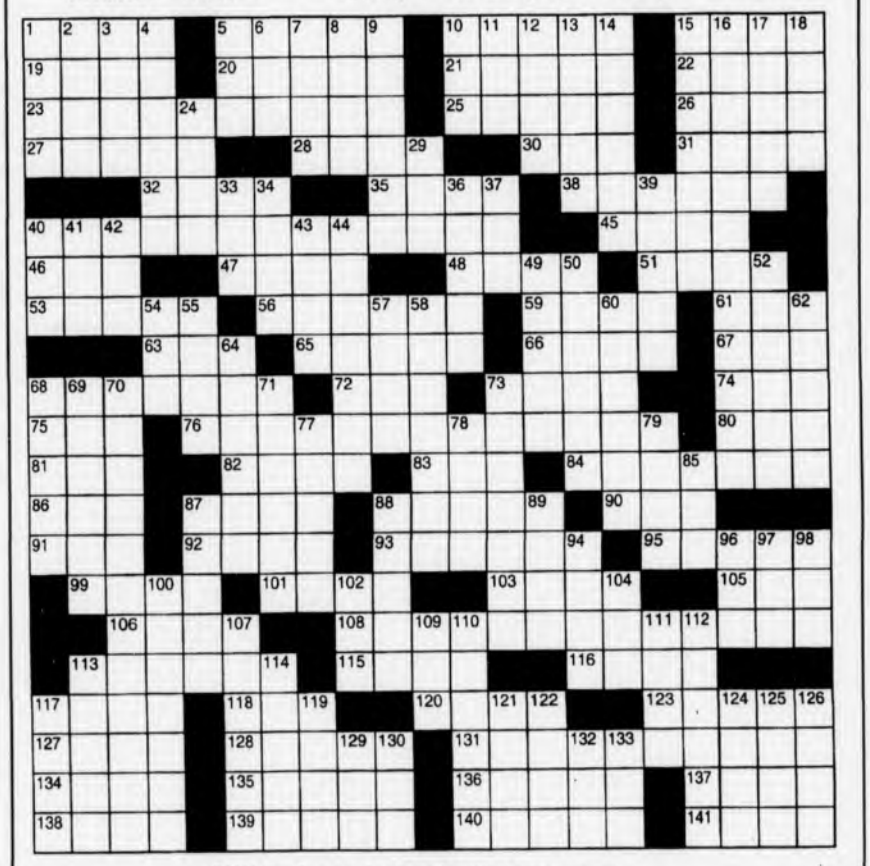
Crossword Solution - Alternatives



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ACROSS
1 Type of file
5 Broadway org.
10 Bog
15 — Cass
19 Game ending?
20 Prentiss or Poundstone
21 Kind of quartz
22 Vizquel of baseball
23 Approximately
25 Puzzling problem
26 "Peter Pan" pooch
27 Hester Prynne's kid
28 Kids connect them
30 Shorten a skirt
31 Social climber
32 James of "Misery"
35 Clods
38 Owl or eagle
40 New Hampshire's motto
45 — -do-well
46 Shelley showcase
47 Lauder powder
48 Squealers
51 Zodiac crustacean
53 32 Across' co-star
56 Mountaineers' gear
59 "Darn!"
61 Envelope abbr.
63 Indeed
65 Egyptian Nobelist
66 "Battle Cry" author
67 Alibi
68 Coaching legend
72 Came by
73 Exclude
74 Actress Hagen
75 Misjudge
76 "Make a decision!"
80 Big —, CA
81 "What —, a mind reader?"
82 Appearance
83 Royal abbr.
84 Most meager
86 Pres., e.g.
87 Delhi dress
88 Assail
90 Author Grafton
91 Cry over a mouse?
92 Lena of "Havana"
93 Showy shrub
95 High-toned guy?
99 Couch
101 Wax device
103 Praise
105 Summon mommy
106 Enthusiastic review
108 Hamlet's line
113 "Islands in the —" ('83 hit)
115 Frame of mind
116 "Nonsense!"
117 Terrible
118 Boar's beloved
120 Rigatoni relative
123 Bridal path?
127 Brainchild
128 Hebrew text
131 Survival option
134 "Oh, woe!"
135 Honshu metropolis
136 Furry fisherman
137 Tourist isle
138 Riga resident
139 Katmandu's country
140 Peter of Herman's Hermits
141 List ender

DOWN
1 Interstate exit
2 — vera
3 Writer Paretsky
4 Give it one's awl?
5 Cal. page
6 Guitarist Sussman
7 Acted promptly?
8 Besides
9 Ecclesiastic
10 Cartographer's creation
11 Give it — (try)
12 Hasty
13 That's no bull!
14 Grammy winner Woody
15 Dragon or Dracula
16 Words for a wimp
17 Lord's lair
18 Spirited steed
24 Norwegian name
29 Disconsolate
33 Humorist Buchwald
34 Tide type
36 Earliest
37 Word with cow or horse
39 Acts like a chicken
40 Tennis stroke
41 — Bell Wells
42 Donkey doc
43 Bulldogs
44 A shape that stops traffic
49 Tiny Tom
50 Soap opera, e.g.
52 Cassius' cohort
54 Pupil's place
55 Medieval menial
57 Bouquet
58 Mississippi port
60 Gary and Elizabeth
62 Kickoff
64 Muppet drummer
68 Quiet partner?
69 Hosts
70 Halloween greeting
71 Ancient deity
73 Shakespearean tragedy
77 German poet
78 Air bear?
79 Flexed, as muscles
85 Born
87 Italian wine
88 "The Jungle Book" bear
89 Glum drop?
94 Parental sibling
96 Sgt. or cpl.
97 Solid circle
98 New York city
100 Polo's place
102 Bk. convenience
104 — -wop
107 Singer Sheena
109 Literary pseudonym
110 Bright inventor?
111 Dictator
112 Pyramus' paramour
113 Move like 51 Across
114 "Archie" character
117 Push-button predecessor
119 Envelop
121 Schipa or Jackson
122 Up on
124 Flatten a fly
125 Kedrova of "Zorba the Greek"
126 Runner Zatopek
129 Record abbr.
130 Smith or Foster
132 Novelist Kesey
133 Vein contents



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Magic Maze - Solar System Probes

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Cosmos
Genesis

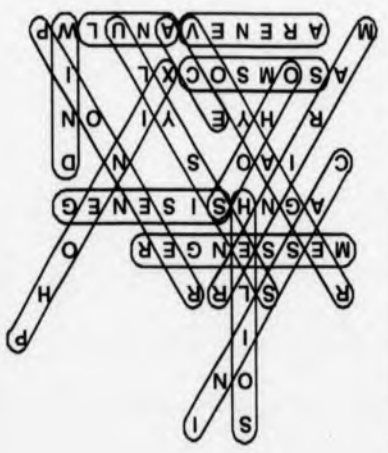
Helios
Luna
Mariner
MESSENGER

Phoenix
Pioneer
SOHO
Ulysses

Venera
Voyager
WIND

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Magic Solution -



Sudoku Solution

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5	2	3	6	7	8	1	4	9
6	9	1	3	4	2	7	8	5
7	3	8	2	9	6	4	5	1
9	6	4	5	1	3	2	7	8
1	5	2	7	8	4	3	9	6
3	4	9	1	6	5	8	2	7
8	1	5	4	2	7	9	6	3
2	7	6	8	3	9	5	1	4

Worship

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. **Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague.** Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

August & September Services

Summer services concluded on Aug. 17th. There will be no Sunday services on Aug. 17 and 24.

Sunday, Sept. 7 – 10 a.m. Worship led by Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull in the Meeting House

8 a.m. Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast in the Parish HouseAll are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

Our summer schedule differs from our September through mid June schedule that is outlined below. SUMMER WORSHIP (through Aug. 31st) 8 a.m. informal service at the Sailing Club. 10am traditional service in the Chapel located at the rear of the building.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

FALL BOOK STUDY Wednesday, Oct 1st: We will discuss A New Earth *Awakening to Your Life's Purpose* by Eckhart Tolle.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the **Reverend Margot Critchfield,**

If you are visiting from out of town or here for the summer, you are most welcome to join us this Sunday when we switch to our summer worship schedule, now through Aug. 24:

Sundays: 6:45 am at Sandy Beach (bring a lawn chair, no parking sticker needed) and at our Cohasset Village church at 8 am and 9:30 am.

Wednesdays: Eucharist with healing at 9:30 am.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Obituary

Dorothy H. DeLorenzo

Retired tax collector

Dorothy Horne DeLorenzo, widow of Harry "Coo" De Lorenzo, died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2008 at Harbor House Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Hingham.

She was the tax collector for the town of Dover before her retirement.

She leaves two sons Jack and his wife Pam De Lorenzo of Cohasset and Raymond and Kathy De Lorenzo; her daughter Ann and her husband Richard Mika; her four grandchildren Jessica DeLorenzo Duncanson, Allison De Lorenzo, Marianne Mika Denlinger, Gregory Mika, and three great-grandchildren: Ayla Duncanson and Austin and Cade Denlinger and her sister-in-law, Mary De Lorenzo.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Richards Avenue, Dover, N.J. Saturday, Aug. 23, at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a contribution to Alzheimer's research.

Worship News

Upcoming events Sha'aray Shalom

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom located at 1112 Main St., in Hingham will offer the following events during the month of September. To register call the temple office at 781-749-8103, or visit shaaray.org

Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious? – Instructors: Rabbi Shira Joseph and Cantor Steven Weiss. Mondays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. A Union of Judaism (URJ) three-session class for beginners.... Jewish or not....that explores the topics of Jewish spirituality, ethics and community, designed for unaffiliated Jews, non-Jews, intermarried couples and all searching for an entry into Jewish life.

Welcoming Shabbat Service for Perspective Members – Friday, Sept. 4 and Saturday, Sept. 5. Friday night service begins at 7:30 p.m. with live music, as well as a Saturday morning service featuring a sing along, starting at 10:30 a.m. All interested are invited to attend.

St. Stephen's Concert Series opens on Sept. 17

Celebrating its 17th year, St. Stephen's Concert Series will be presenting Heinrich Christenson, organ, and Jodi Hagen, violin, in a recital on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 3 p.m. This year the church, along with the American Guild of Organists, is also celebrating the International Year of the Organ. Mr. Christensen is a native of Denmark and organist at King's Chapel in Boston, while Ms Hagen is known for her solo violin playing on the PBS series "American Experience." This well-known team will be playing Vivaldi's "Summer" and "Autumn" from the *Four Seasons* as well as several pieces by Josef Rheinberger.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave., is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call 781.383.1083.

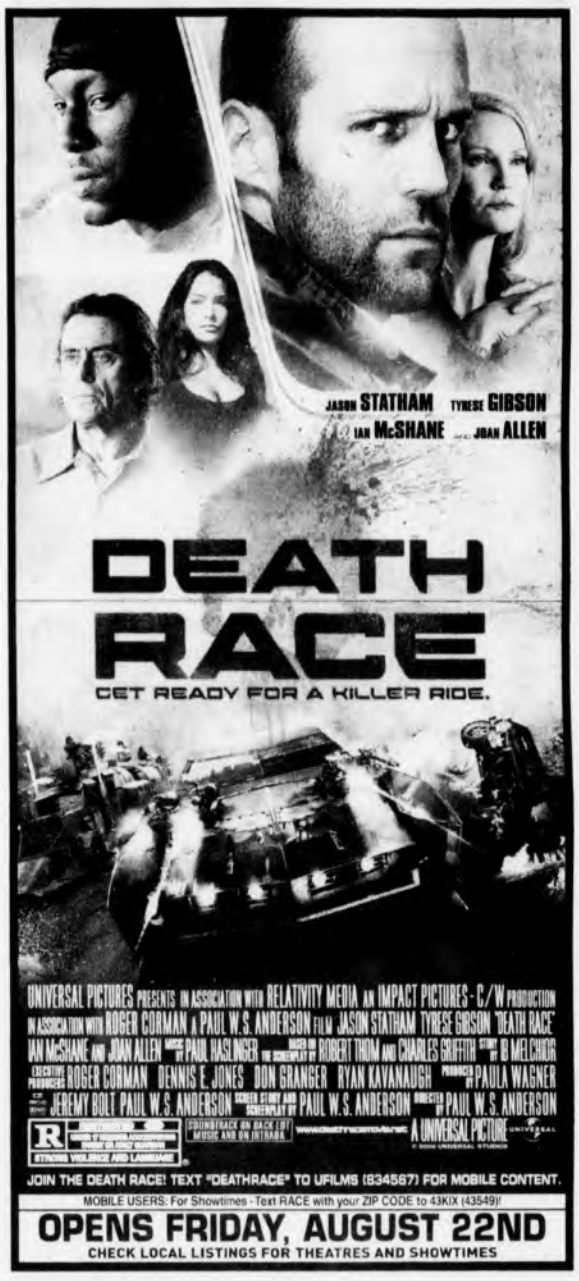


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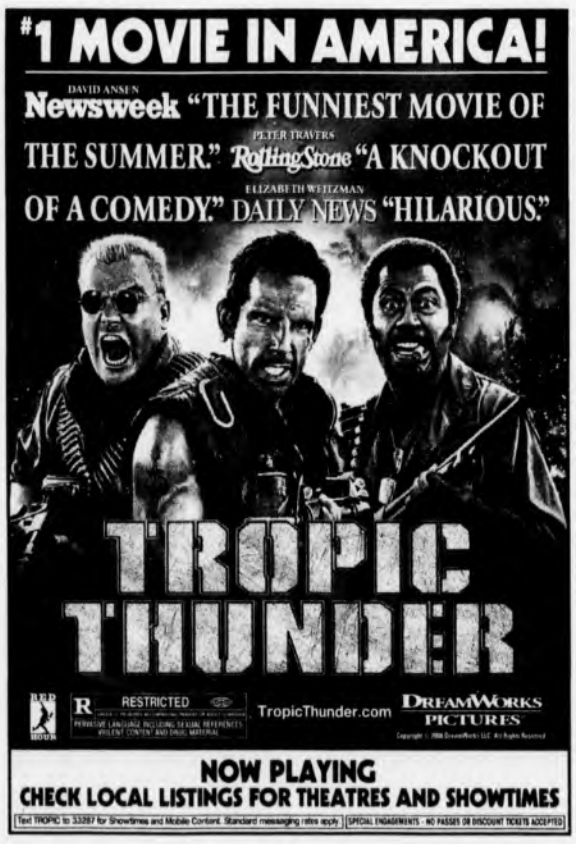
Heinrich Christenson and Jodi Hagen will be in recital Sept. 17.

Send your news tip to mford@cnc.com
News hotline - 781-741-2933
Fax news of your event to 781-741-2931











TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

AUGUST 21-29, 2008

BEST BET



"The Challenge," painted by George Murray.

The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Route 28, Weymouth will devote the entire month of August a new Surf and Shore exhibit of acrylics, watercolors, and oil paintings of seascapes, ports, boats, and familiar landmarks, celebrating the beauty and the pleasures of the New England seacoast. The artists include Stephen Boczanowski, Edwina Caci, Morgan Davis, James Earl, Vincent Elliot, Donald Dickinson, Roger Gill, Stephen H. Holland, George Murray, Daniel Myers, Cheryl Weissbach and John Nutter. For information and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384. Preview the artists online at dickinsonartgallery.com.

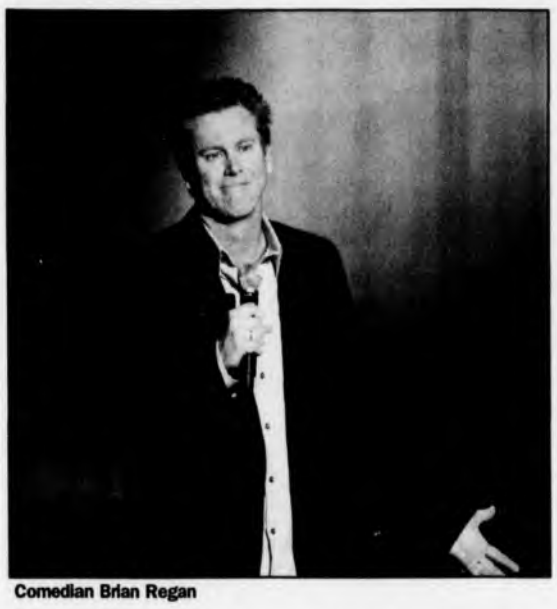


"Mary's Boat Yard," painted by John Nutter.

Brian Regan stops in at South Shore Music Circus on Sunday

Comedian Brian Regan has earned a large and loyal fan following with often oft-kilter observations on everything from visiting the eye doctor and shipping packages via UPS to grammar school spelling bees and science projects The Miami-born Regan — who comes to the South Shore Music Circus on Sunday prides himself on mostly "clean material" in an act inspired by his childhood idols Johnny Carson, The Smothers Brothers and Steve Martin.

Regan made his stand-up debut right out of college at a Ft. Lauderdale comedy club and since then has toured almost nonstop, earning the 1996 American Comedy Award for Best Comedian. A favorite on college campuses, Regan's 1997 CD, "Brian Regan Live," has sold more than 100,000 copies and consistently charts in iTunes Top Ten Comedy Albums.



Comedian Brian Regan

Comedy Central has signed Regan to a rare multi-platform deal that includes two one-hour stand-up specials, release of the specials on DVD, and a development deal for a possible show of his own show on the cable network.

Regan's first one-hour special, "Brian Regan: Standing Up," premiered on Comedy Central in June 2007 and was recorded in April at The Barclay Theater in California. The "Brian Regan: Standing Up" DVD was released this month by Comedy Central Home Entertainment. Regan will tape his second one-hour special for the network later this year.

Brian Regan will be at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at themusiccircus.org.

—R. Scott Reedy

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Aug. 21

Daniel Webster House, 238 Webster St., Marshfield, is open every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through September. Free and open to the public. Visit danielwebesterestate.org for a preview. The anniversary of the signing of the Webster-Ashburton Treaty, which set the border between Canada and the United States, is Aug. 9. It is hoped the public will come to the estate to learn more about Webster's heritage.

The 28th Annual Cranberry Open Freestyle Competition hosted by the Yarmouth Ice Club through Aug.20- 23, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (free admission) at The Bog Ice Arena in Kingston. Skaters will be competing from five different countries Including; International, National and Regional Competitors.

Summer Concert Series – All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. **Aug. 21, Legion Bud Band.**

Author Hallie Ephron will discuss her new book, **1001 Books for Every Mood,** at 7 p.m., Aug. 21, at Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St. Co-sponsored by Buttonwood Books and Hingham Library. To order a signed copy of the book, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 21, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9:15 p.m., for people 21+. Aug. 21, **Cindy Daley Band Blues Jam.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Aug. 22

The Derby Street Block Party Have Fun Giving Back takes place Aug. 22, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Derby Street Shoppes, Hingham. Seven stores will be offering fun activities, events and food geared to the whole family. Lululemon will offer a complimentary kids' yoga class from 4 to 5 p.m. and Catz fitness class at 6 to 7 p.m. REI will offer free family climbing on their indoor rock pinnacle, and The Greater Boston Running Company will be offering complimentary massage and foot analysis. Magic Beans will have a special guest appearance from **Elmo**, and The Paper Store is offering pictures with **Clifford.** Barnes & Nobel will hold storytime.

Jimbo's Steak & Fin Restaurant, Braintree 5 Corners, Braintree, 9 p.m. Aug. 22, **Comedy Night** featuring South Shore's Own: **Tommy Dunham**, other comics include **Annette Pollack, Jon Pierce, Dan Boulger, Bob Veduccio, Colleen Morrissey, Andre Philly-Hogan**. Hosted by **Bill Farrell.** Admission: $15 dinner and appetizers available jimbossteakandfin.com or myspace.com/annettepollack 781-848-0300.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until September.

Java Junction Coffee Shop, 763 Country Way, North Scituate, will host an **Alex's Lemonade Stand**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Aug. 22, on the lawn outside the coffee shop. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation to help find a cure for childhood cancer. Lemonade, hot dogs, chips, lemon poppy muffins, lemon Danish and other items will be sold. Balloons and long-stem yellow roses, donated by Precious Petal Flower Shop, will also be for sale. All are welcome. The event will take place rain or shine.

Market at the Harbor, an artisan, farmer, and fish market featuring local goods and cultural experiences presented by Destination Community Development, Inc., takes place at HRBA Bayside Property, Nantasket Avenue, Hull, between Bay Street and Edgewater Road. Every Friday, rain or shine, through Oct. 17. Market times are 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Weekly events such as live music, cooking demonstrations, book signings and children's events are being added to the schedule daily. **On Aug. 22, at 4 p.m., Big Ryan's Tall Tales**, puppets and storytelling will be featured.

Rockland VFW, Old Colony Post 1788, will present a **Karaoke Nite** at the VFW hall, 22 Church St., Rockland, from 7 p.m. to midnight, on Aug. 22. Donation is $5.

South Shore Singles Summertime, Nautical dance Aug. 22 with DJ: Dave Becker from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St., Abington. Doors open at 7:15. Free dance lesson with Dave Joubert from 7:30 to 8 p.m. 781-331-0021

New England Singles Dances Friday, Aug. 22, 8 p.m. to midnight. Sheraton Braintree Hotel Grand Ballroom, Rte. I-93 at Exit 6, Braintree. MA. DJ. $12.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 22, **Radio For the Blind**. 781-829-6999.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **The Hot Sauce Band** Aug. 22, at 8:45 p.m. until closing.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Aug. 22, **Diving Blind**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, Aug. 23

Family Beach Day Join the **Duxbury Beach Preservation Society**, near Duxbury Beach Park (Blakeman's) Restaurant on Aug. 23 from noon to 5 p.m. Free event, Rain or Shine. Learn about the beach and its surroundings with fun, hands-on activities for all ages. Children will receive a special sand pail upon arrival while supplies last. Spend the afternoon enjoying demonstrations provided by Duxbury Bay Maritime School, Duxbury Beach Recreation Lifeguards, Island Creek Oysters, Mass Audubon Society and REI. Visit http://www.duxburybeach.com_for information or contact Colleen Brayer at 781-934-6474.

Oceanside 17 Studio and Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle, Hull, An 80th Birthday Celebration and Retrospective exhibition of the paintings of **Ros Farbush** Forever Farbush. Opening Weekend, Saturday, Aug. 23, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 24, noon to 5 p.m. Exhibition through Sept. 3. Gallery hours Tuesday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 8 a.m. Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Gallery 781-773-1563, By appointment 617-875-5826, oceanside17.com

Church of the Good Shepherd in Wareham will present a summer benefit **Variety Show and Ice Cream Social** at 7 p.m., on Aug. 23. Seating will be limited. Call David at 508-965-6242 for tickets information and directions.

Blind Ambition will perform at **Bad Abbott's,** 1546 Hancock St., Quincy, 617-774-1434.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 23, **Six Foot Sunday** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Aug. 23, **Medicine Man**. 9:15 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **Irish Seisiun** Aug. 23, at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 24

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Friends of the Boston Harbor Island – On Sunday Aug. 24 at 11 a.m. the friends, family and admirers of the late E.R. Snow will meet at the Snow Pavilion on Georges Island to celebrate his birthday. The **legendary Ed Snow**, a.k.a. **the Flying Santa Claus**, was one of this area's leading historians and storytellers. His over 90 books are still the leading sources for information on maritime history. All are welcome to attend and share memories. **Jeremy D'Entremont**, today's leading lighthouse author and speaker, will preside. Birthday cake for all. Information call John Forbes on 781-767-4545. Ferries will leave from Long Wharf at 9 and 10 a.m., from Hingham Shipyard at 9.15 a.m., and also from Quincy Fore River Shipyard at 9.20, 9.50 and 11 a.m. Call Harbor Express on 617-222-6999 for ferry details.

Abington Summer Concert Series at the Catherine and Joseph Nisby Bandstand Aug. 24, at 6 p.m. **Dale & the Duds** (oldies rock and roll). In the event of rain, concerts will be held at the Abington Senior Center, 441 Summer St.

Sunday night concerts at the Hanover Bandstand, B. Everett Hall Field, Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover. Every Sunday night 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Aug. 24, The Mood Elevators** will perform.

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Mark your calendar

FIFTH ANNUAL SOIREE: A RARE AFFAIR – Sept. 6, at 6 p.m., in Plimoth Plantation's Henry Hornblower Visitor Center with honorary chair, Jeff Corwin, Animal Planet and Wildlife Biologist and CNN co-host The night will include silent and live auctions, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner All proceeds will support rare breeds animal and agricultural programs Auction items include: dinner with an academy award winner, trips to magical destinations, original artwork, collectibles and more. Tickets: $125 per person ($75 is tax deductible) Help keep the furry and feathered role-players in the 1627 English Village. To learn more call 508 746 1622 or e-mail kcorben@plimoth.org

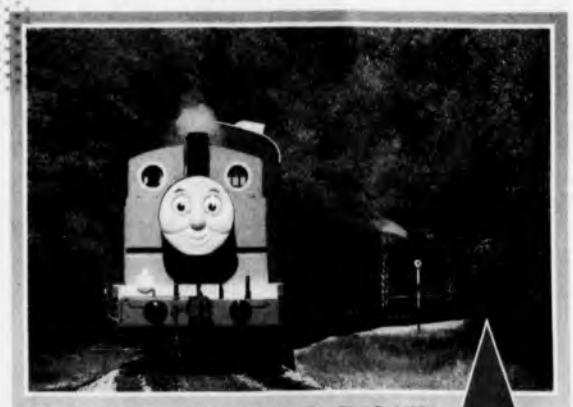
SEABIRD AND WHALETALE CRUISES – Sept. 7, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Join wildlife experts Dr. John C. Jahoda of Bridgewater State College, Wayne Petersen of Massachusetts Audubon Society, and David Clapp of Natural History Services as they lead this informative excursion to view coastal marine wildlife (seabirds, seals, whales, dolphins, basking sharks, ocean sunfish, etc.) off the New England coast. Travel is aboard the Tails of the Sea, a 110 luxury commercial whale watching vessel owned and operated by Captain John Boats of Plymouth, Leave from the Plymouth Town Pier at 8 am and return by 6 pm.? The trip includes our guided commentary, plankton tow and demonstrations, chumming for seabirds, a full galley of food and our free onboard raffle. Tickets: Pre-Sale $95 and then $110 after Aug. 25. To learn more about this trip or to download the registration form, visit necwa.org/trips.html or call Krill at 508-946-4345. Space is limited.

THE LANDMINE CLASSIC MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE takes place at 9:30 a.m. Sept 7, at Wompatuck State Park, in Hingham. A 25-mile course for sport, expert, and semi pro/pro riders has been put together. Beginners will have a challenging 11-mile course to race on. There is a 50-mile marathon MTB race for the adventuresome. Pre-register on bikereg.com. Look under the section titled "Off-Road Races" then page down to find this event listed. All proceeds benefit Wompatuck State Park. Call Eric at 781-249-0010 with any questions.

DUXBURY EDUCATION FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT Sept. 8, noon at Duxbury Yacht Club. Benefits the students of Duxbury Public Schools. $200 tournament donation includes lunch, golf, prizes and dinner reception. $225 after Sept. 1. Register online at duxburyeducationfoundation.org or contact John Mattes at 934-3209 or jbmattes@comcast.net.

MASSBLUEGRASS JAMBOREE – Sept. 12, from 4 to 10 p.m.; Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Yogi Bear Maple Park Campground, Glen Charlie Road, Wareham. Three days of bluegrass music entertainment including national and local bands such as The Chapmans, Nothin' Fancy, Buddy Merriam and Back Roads, Southern Rail, Back Eddy Bluegrass, Blackstone Valley Bluegrass, Falmouth Fiddlers, Monadnock, Stillhouse Jammers, CrabGrass, The Hemingway Brothers, NewFound Grass, Dan Helman & Marking Time, Crossfire and No spare Parts. Food and craft vendors available throughout the weekend. Cost/registration: $55 weekend early bird festival rate until Aug. 15. Daily rates also available. For information call 508-866-1028 or visit mapleparkfamilycampground.com or massbluegrass.org

16TH ANNUAL ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION SOUTH SHORE MEMORY WALK Sept. 21, which is also World Alzheimer's Day. The walk begins at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth. Form a team or walk as an individual. Money raised by Memory Walk helps provide care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's. Information: call Alison Stockman or Shawn Bertram at 508-830-9990 or email alison@stafford-hill.com or shawn@stafford-hill.com or visit memorywalkma.org.



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Oceanside 17 Studio and Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle, Hull, An 80th birthday celebration and retrospective exhibition of the paintings of Ros Farbush Forever Farbush. Opening Weekend, Saturday, Aug. 23, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 24, noon to 5 p.m. Exhibition through Sept. 3. Gallery hours Tuesday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday–Saturday 11 a.m. to 8 a.m. Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Gallery 781-773-1563, By appointment 617-875-5826, oceanside17.com

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Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of Blue Star Mothers will host a **Service for Soldiers Fair** from 1 to 5 p.m., on Aug. 24, in Wollycong Social Hall on Wollaston Hill, 48 Winthrop Ave., Quincy. All proceeds will go to CarePacks, an organization that ships packages to soldiers worldwide. There will be games and activities, raffles and refreshments for all ages.

Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce Downtown Waterfront Festival, will host **Motor Head's Cruise-In Car Show** showcasing classic and custom cars and trucks, from 2 to 4 p.m., Aug. 24, at the Jenney Grist Mill parking lot. The event is free, and food, live entertainment and the New England Patriot cheerleaders will be featured. Prizes will be awarded to winners in the following categories: Best Classic Car, Best Classic Truck, Best Custom Car, Best Custom Truck and Cruise-In's Best in Show. For information, visit the Web site at www.PlymouthWaterfrontFestival and click on Motor Head's Cruise-In or call Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce at 508-830-1620.

Rockland VFW will host a **Military Show** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Sunday, Aug. 24, at the VFW hall, 22 Church St., Rockland. Table rentals will be $10 per 8-foot table for anyone who wants to sell military relics. Donation will be $5 at the door. Call 781-871-4243 or 781-792-0140 for information or to rent a table.

Monday, Aug. 25

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,700 south shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. They offer a safe place for healing and encouragement as you start a new chapter of your life. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. Throughout August, separate support groups for both women and men in order for both to be able to speak openly with persons of the same sex about any topic they chose will be held. Information: call Peggy Loud, 781-659-1857 or email Cheryl Pimental NBNorwellMA@aol.com

The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Route 28, Weymouth will devote the entire month of August a new **Surf and Shore** exhibit of acrylics, watercolors, and oil paintings of seascapes, ports, boats, and familiar landmarks, celebrating the beauty and the pleasures of the New England seacoast. The artists include **Stephen Boczanowski, Edwina Caci, Morgan Davis, James Earl, Vincent Elliot, Donald Dickinson, Roger Gill, Stephen H. Holland, George Murray, Daniel Myers, and Cheryl Weissbach and new gallery artist John Nutter**. For information and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384. Preview the artists online at dickinsonartgallery.com.

Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forum presents: Under the August Moon with the Johnny Souza Jazz Quartet at 7 p.m., on Aug. 25, in Plymouth Public Library's Otto Fehlow Meeting Room, 132 South St. This is a free program sponsored by Plymouth Public Library Corp. Registration is not required. For information, call Jennifer Harris or Lee Regan at 508-830-4250 or visit the Web site at plymouthpubliclibrary.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 25, **Free Texas Hold Em with Northern Poker Leagues** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

Blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Aug. 26, Curves, 263 Washington St., Norwell. Appointment or walk-ins. Open house Aug. 25-26 with raffles and prizes. 781-659-4224.

Albertina's Ice Cream Shoppe. 223 Union St., Rockland. Outside concerts every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Aug. 26, will feature a surprise performance. 781-982-6000.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County presents a **free legal clinic** from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 26, at Quincy District Court. A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For information contact Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 26, **Wicked Trivia** from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, Aug 27

Free college financial aid night hosted by College Planning Group, Inc. at 7 p.m., Aug. 27, at the Knight's of Columbus Hall, 48 Schoosett St., in Pembroke. Attend a workshop that will answer questions you have been thinking but are afraid to ask. Learn how families send their children to college without going broke; learn how a private college may cost less than a state college, learn what colleges do not want you to know about the college financial aid process; learn how to negotiate for more financial aid; learn how to maximize your eligibility for financial aid. This workshop is free and open to the public. To reserve your seat, call 781-828-1114 or register online at thecollegeplanninggroup.com

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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Wednesday **DJ Big Daddy Ray** 781-829-6999.

Thursday, Aug. 28

Summer Concert Series – All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. Aug. 28, **Don Besegai's Big Band.**

Johnny Souza Quartet performs free concert



Johnny Souza

"Under the August Moon with the Johnny Souza Quartet" presents local jazzman Souza and his group performing tunes from the "Great American Songbook." Last year Souza packed the Otto Fehlow room in his first Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forums presents appearance. Now he's back and ready to deliver another round of music and monologue as he takes his audience back in time to the great years of song.

This free performance will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, in the Plymouth Public Library's Otto Fehlow Meeting Room. You will hear selections from George & Ira Gershwin, Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein, Duke Ellington, and Henry Mancini.

Trumpeter/singer/composer Souza is an alumnus of Berklee College of Music and has led his own dance band performing at nightclubs and concerts up and down the eastern seaboard. He now performs a classic, standard repertoire similar to the styles of Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darrin, Harry Connick Jr. and Louis Armstrong. You can catch his monthly jazz column in the *Old Colony Memorial* on the last Saturday of the month. Check out his Web site at www.johnnysouza.com.

Pianist Paul Schmeling is the Chair Emeritus of Berklee College of Music's Piano department. He has been inspiring countless students since 1961 in interpretation, improvisation and arrangement on the piano. He has performed with jazz greats such as Clark Terry, George Coleman, Carol Sloane; the list goes on and on. Check out his award winning Berklee online course: "Berklee Keyboard Method."

Bassist Marshall Wood, also a Berklee alumnus, is one of the most sought after bassists in the New England area. His reputation as a swinging and sensitive musician landed him recording with Anita O'Day, Monty Alexander and Tommy Flanigan, as well as touring with Tony Bennett.

Drummer Steve Silverstein has been playing professionally since the age of 13 after studying with Keith Copeland at Berklee. He has played with ensembles led by Max Roach and Archie Shepp, as well as performing with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra and at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.

The Dr. Richard M. Shiff Forums presents: is sponsored by the Plymouth Public Library Corporation and no registration is required. The library is fully accessible; let the staff know if you need special accommodations to attend. For further information, contact Jennifer Harris or Lee Regan at 508-830-4250/TTY 508-747-5882 or visit www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org for a calendar of library events.

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Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until September.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 29, **Chain Drive** 781-829-6999.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **Arhythmia** Aug. 29, 8:45 p.m. to closing.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Aug. 29, **Cindy Daley Band.** 9:15 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage-cafe.com myspace.com/satch-snewbluesrevue

Volunteers

SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE is a volunteer driven organization dedicated saving lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality of care for all and energizing science to find the cures. The Komen Massachusetts Affiliate offers hundreds of volunteer opportunities each year from Race for the Cure special events, office help, fundraising, education, public relations, finance and much more. Whether you are looking for a year-round commitment or a one-time event, the Komen Massachusetts Affiliate has a place for you. Visit komenmass.org or call Elizabeth Payne, Volunteer Coordinator, at 617-737-5111 x14 for information.

Young adults ages 10-18 are invited to participate in the Komen Race for the Cure 5K Run/Walk Sept. 7 at UMass Boston. Volunteers work to help change the future of breast cancer forever by raising funds and awareness this summer leading up to the Race! To join the Kids for the Cure team visit komenmass-race.org/kidsforthecure. If you would like to be a team leader, call 617-737-5111 x15.

16TH ANNUAL ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION SOUTH SHORE MEMORY WALK Sept. 21, at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth. Volunteers are needed for now with the pre-walk preparations, help hang posters or distribute flyers. Proceeds benefit programs of the Alzheimer's Association, which helps to provide care and support for individuals and families touched by the disease. Volunteer and make a difference. Information about the South Shore Memory Walk, call Alison Stockman or Shawn Bertram at 508-830-9990 or email alison@stafford-hill.com or shawn@stafford-hill.com or visit memorywalk.ma.org

THE USS SALEM IS LOOKING FOR ACTORS AND SET BUILDERS for their annual Haunted Ship event. The Haunted Ship takes place aboard the 716 foot long USS Salem berthed at the former Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. Most actors and set builders are volunteers and receive free tickets and other benefits including T-shirts and prizes. You must be at least 16 years of age to work as an actor but only 14 years of age to work behind-the-scenes. All minors must have parental consent. There are many opportunities available creating the Haunted Ship including greeters, actors, costumed characters, special effects operators, make-up, room design, set builders and more. The Haunted Ship will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights in October starting at 6:30 p.m. The USS Salem will host a Haunters Open House Monday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. aboard the USS Salem at 739 Washington St., Quincy. If you are interested in getting involved or have any questions, call 617-479-7900 or e-mail hauntedship@uss-salem.org or visit www.hauntedship.com.



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"View across the Marshes" watercolor painting by Janet Kaplan

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Reunions

SOUTH BOSTON HIGH CLASS OF 1963 – 45th reunion Saturday, Oct. 4 at Best Western Adams Inn, The River Room, 29 Hancock St., Neponset Circle, North Quincy. Cocktails 6 p.m.; buffet dinner 7 p.m. Tickets $50 per person by Sept. 20, after $75. Information: Nadia(Litwinow) Annese at Nlannese@aol.com or 781-729-7969; Jim Kelley at spiderkelley43@hotmail.com or 617-438-7930; Fran Madden at fmadden@townofbraintreegov.org or 781-812-7595; Linda Murray at mlindapat@yahoo.com or 781-749-5257; Herb Muscato at hmuscato@mpcprinting.com or 781-864-6276; Marie(Skotniczny) Yacubovich at marie.yacubovich@bmc.org or 617-471-8443.

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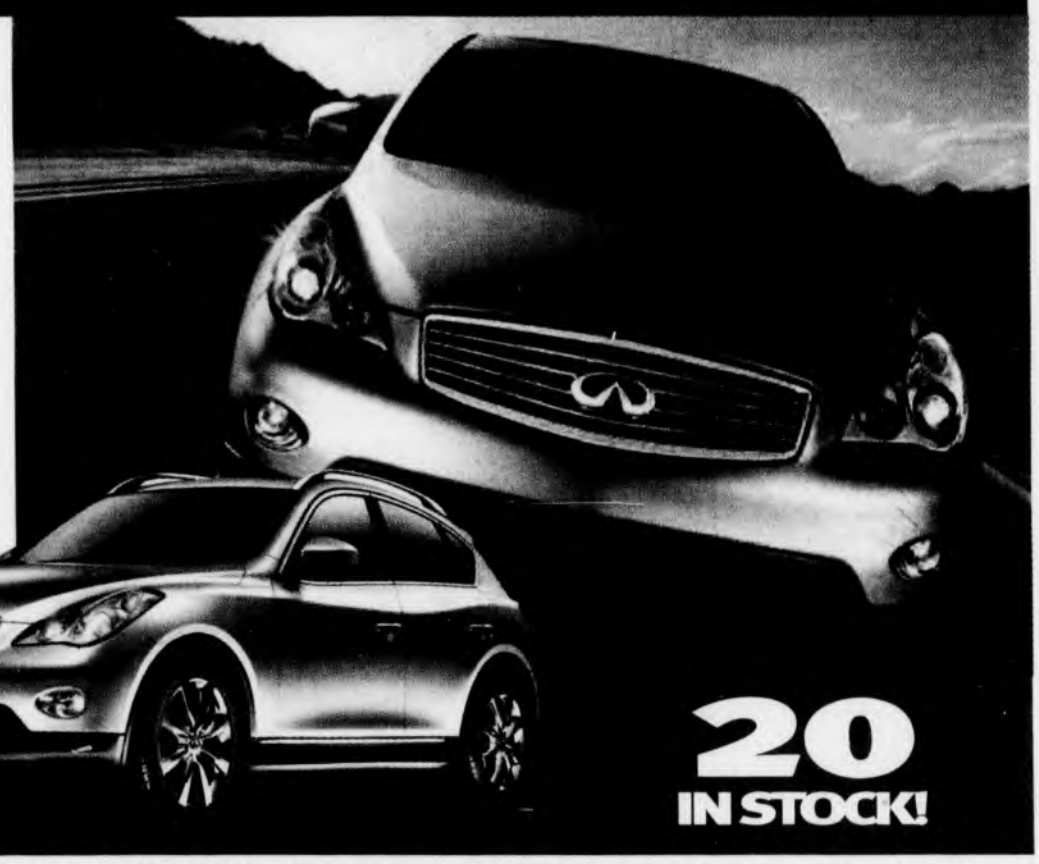
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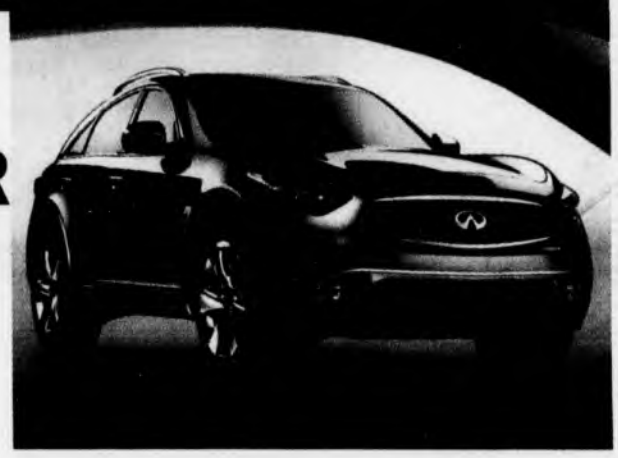
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Farmers Market changes location

Due to Water Dept. work in progress at the Common, the Cohasset Farmers Market will be held at the Little League field on North Main Street for the remainder of the season.

There are a many new vendors featuring unique, handmade items as well as artisan cheeses, breads, honey, soaps, wool and plenty of local produce including just-picked corn and tomatoes.

Come on down, check out the new vendors and take home some of the season's local bounty!

Additional parking is available at the Swim Center. Hours are: Thursdays from 2:30-6:30 p.m. until Oct. 16.

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For some it has come all to fast. For others it couldn't come fast enough. But, come Tuesday, there will be no way around it — it is back to school. Ready and waiting on the morning of Sept. 2, will be the teachers, administrators and staff, many of which have been hard at work this summer preparing for the students' return.

Classrooms have been decorated, curriculums updated, floors cleaned, and school lunch menus revamped. When the buses empty and the school doors swing open Tuesday morning, Osgood, Deer Hill and the Middle-High School will officially being the 2008-2009 school year.

"The first day of school is always exciting. No matter how many years you are in this business, you're starting over on the first day of school," said Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh. "It's an opportunity to look at what you did last year and what you can do better for this year."

One of the focuses of the new school year Walsh is impressing upon the teachers and staff at all three schools is giving kids "a global education."

"We want to do the best we ensure we are preparing them for their future," said Walsh. "It's a different world now than when most of us grew up."

There is lots of new technology to facilitate a global education, including a technology/engineering lab at the Middle School and a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics ("STEM") Lab at Deer Hill.

"It's quite an opportunity to have those resources available for hands-on science," said Walsh.

There are lots of new faces and new activities for the upcoming school year at each of the three school buildings.

"We are in good shape. We are ready and we are excited," said Walsh.

Osgood School

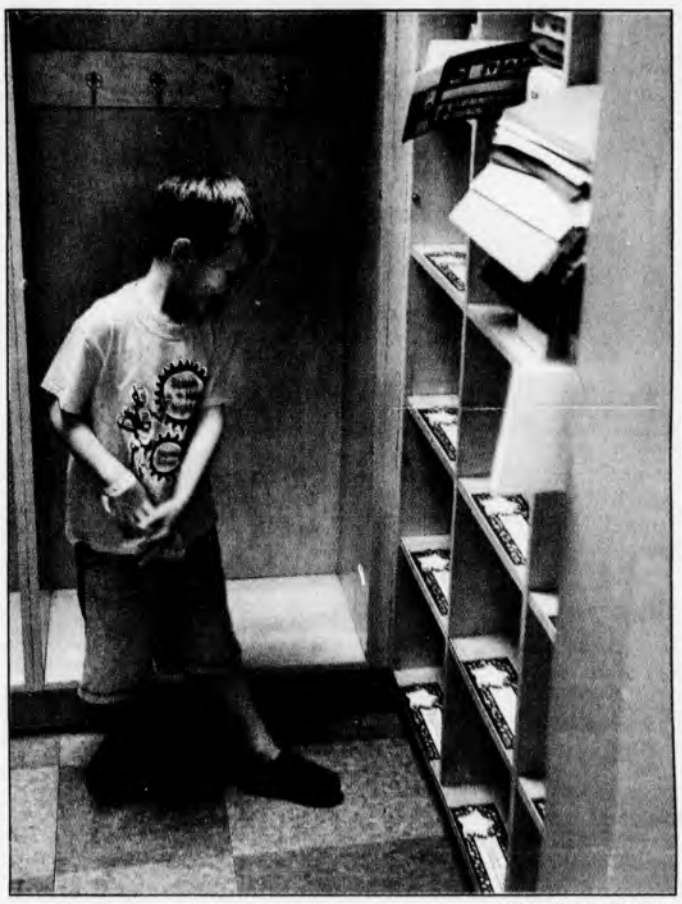
This year, the Osgood School will celebrate its 10th birthday and Principal Janet Sheehan says the school has a lot to celebrate.

"A beautiful facility, a new computer lab, updated instructional materials including new technology, and an exemplary faculty and staff," said Sheehan. The Osgood administrators, teachers and staff have been preparing to welcome Cohasset's youngest students from pre-kindergarten to second grade come Tuesday.

"We understand that the children are excited, but they and their parents are also nervous," said Sheehan. Accordingly, as much of the staff as possible will be there to greet students with friendly, smiling faces as they arrive during the first week of school as they get off the bus or are dropped off by parents. School will start at 9:10a.m. and finish at 3:10p.m.; half day kindergarten will end at 11:50a.m.

"Everyone is available to guide the children to find their teachers and to

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Incoming first grader Scott Witkos, 6, checks out his cubby in Ms. Molly Wilkinson's class at the Osgood School on Wednesday after meeting his new teacher.

Pied Piper of Cohasset

Armstrong debuts children's classes at Our World

By Nancy White
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Since he was 10 years old, Jim Armstrong has been making music. With humble beginnings playing "Down in the Valley" on a ukulele, Armstrong has come full circle in his musical career — teaching young, aspiring musical talent in Cohasset and the South Shore.

While he still is a musician in his own right, regularly taking the stage in his own band, The Armstrong Brothers, now, he often plays back up to his talented students.

"If they want to be the one wailing on a guitar at a rock concert or the next Hannah Montana, if they can dream, they can do it...as long as they have a teacher like me," Armstrong says, half-kiddingly.

With a passionate nature and indefatigable spirit, Armstrong has taught scores of local kids and teenagers how to play the guitar or ukulele or mandolin — and sing, to boot.

Armstrong sort of fell into the world of guitar instruction five years ago after a persistent father of three young girls with musical talent. Mitch Brown, a former Cohasset resident, asked Armstrong on several occasions if he would hone his girls' skills. He agreed and things took off from there.

"It's been a lot of fun ever since," says Armstrong. Shortly after taking

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STAFF PHOTO/DAVID NEAULT

Jim Armstrong has taught scores of local kids and teenagers how to play the guitar or ukulele or mandolin.

"I'm a big kid at heart. The kids will recognize right away I'm having as much as they are."
— Jim Armstrong

Clearing the air

School board explains military misconception

By Nancy White and Mary Ford
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To coin an oft-used phrase: there are always two sides to a story.

And while those on opposing sides may disagree on the issue — Cohasset Middle High School allows both military recruiters and counter-recruiters to set up a table outside the cafeteria from time to time during the school year. But the two groups are not at the school at the same time so there is no interaction between the groups, the School Committee said this week.

"The implication put forth on the radio never happened."
— Rick Flynn, School Committee

The issue came to the forefront last week when Cohasset High School was mentioned during a radio talk show discussing whether anti-war activists belonged at a high school career day. The subject on "The Natural Truth," a talk show hosted by Michael Graham, angered some residents. The Mariner received several calls urging the paper to look into the issue. School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn also got calls.

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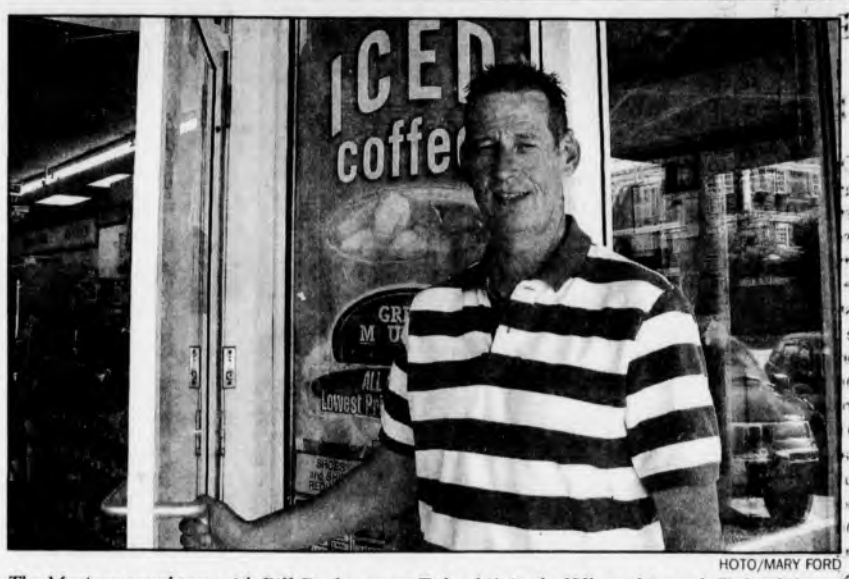
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PICTURE THIS/Bill Ducharme



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The Mariner caught up with Bill Ducharme at Tedeschi's in the Village this week. Tedeschi's will be the new location for the Mariner "drop box." The Mariner thanks John and Larry Scott at Cohasset News for being our "drop" location for so many years. Cohasset News has been transformed into a dance studio. The Village Butcher & Deli next door is going strong and is as delicious as ever. The Mariner also thanks Bill for welcoming the Mariner "drop box!"

Name: Bill Ducharme.

Occupation: Franchise owner, Tedeschi Food Shops of Cohasset.

Best day of your life: When I met my wife Natalie.

Best vacation: Mayan Riviera.

Favorite season: Fall / Winter.

Favorite holiday: The 4th of July.

Favorite food: Brigham's coffee ice cream.

Best book or magazine: Salt Water Magazine.

Best movie: "The Untouchables."

Best TV show: "Deadliest Catch."

Best music, group, or artist: Fleetwood Mac.

Pet peeve: Mean people.

Fun fact about yourself: I am a former call firefighter for the town of Hanover.

Goal: To be able to retire at the age of 60.

Person you'd most like to meet: Sean Connery.

Biggest worry: The economy.

Best part of Cohasset: My customers.

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Thurs. 28	9:47	8.6	10:03	10.1	3:26	-0.1	3:38	0.5
	Sunrise: 6:05 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:23 p.m.*			
Fri. 29	10:43	9.0	10:59	10.2	4:22	-0.4	4:35	0.1
	Sunrise: 6:06 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:21 p.m.*			
Sat. 30	11:34	9.4	11:51	10.2	5:12	-0.5	5:28	-0.1
	Sunrise: 6:07 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:20 p.m.*			
Sun. 31	—	—	12:20	9.6	5:59	-0.5	6:17	-0.3
	Sunrise: 6:08 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:18 p.m.*			
Mon. 1	12:38	10.1	1:04	9.7	6:44	-0.4	7:04	-0.3
	Sunrise: 6:09 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:16 p.m.*			
Tues. 2	1:24	9.8	1:46	9.7	7:26	-0.1	7:49	-0.1
	Sunrise: 6:10 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:15 p.m.*			
Wed. 3	2:09	9.4	2:27	9.5	8:08	0.3	8:35	0.1
	Sunrise: 6:11 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:13 p.m.*			
Thurs. 4	2:53	8.9	3:09	9.2	8:50	0.7	9:20	0.5
	Sunrise: 6:12 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:11 p.m.*			

Tides between Cohasset and Plymouth are within 10 min.

New Cohasset Mariner 'drop box'

The Cohasset Mariner has a new "drop box" and pickup location at Tedeschi's in the village. The drop box is on the counter in the front window around the corner to the left after you enter the front door.

The Mariner picks up at 8 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. The drop box can be used to drop off glossy photographs, letters, flyers or other editorial copy.

The Mariner thanks Bill Ducharme at Tedeschi's for agreeing to allow Tedeschi's to be our new pickup location. For years the Mariner pickups were at Cohasset News, which is now a new dance studio. The Mariner thanks John and Larry Scott at Cohasset News for accepting Mariner items over many years. John and Larry are still at the Cohasset Butcher & Deli on Brook Street.

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Wind turbines

Planning Board to hold public hearing Sept. 8

On Monday, Sept. 8, the Planning Board will have its first public hearing on a proposed development of two wind turbines on the Graham Waste site off Route 3A. This is the first wind turbine project under the new wind energy conversion bylaw passed at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting in the spring.

The private project on the Graham Waste Services site is a joint venture between CCI-Energy, Palmer Capital, Lumus Construction and Emergent Energy. Graham Waste business and landowner, Paul Barry, has leased the land to the developers.

The application proposes twin turbines with towers 100 meters high and blades 41-meters long, making the entire structure extend 141 meters into the sky. The turbines are structurally larger than the 60-meter Hull Wind II located on their capped landfill on the Weir River, but Hull Wind II's siting gives it additional height. The turbines will be set about 500 feet apart, on either side of the capped landfill.

The turbines hold the possibility of providing as much as (or more than) two-thirds of the town's energy, Jim Sweeney of CCI-Energy has said. Although negotiation would still need to be worked out, CCI-Energy is interested in selling the excess energy to the town at a discounted rate to be utilized in town buildings. CCI-Energy has been working with the Alternative Energy Committee.

As the large turbines will change the landscape —and skyscape — of Cohasset, it is expected there will be many questions and concerns along with the project. The developers have said they have designed the project to conform with the town's wind energy conversion bylaw.

Any person wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the hearing to share their concerns or ask questions.

POLICE BEAT

'Drunk kids' report leads to finding fugitive

By Mary Ford
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Three young adults, a 17-year-old Cohasset girl, a 20-year-old Rockland man, and a 23-year-old Weymouth man, were taken into protective custody at 12:40 a.m. on Wednesday (Aug. 20) as they were walking on South Main Street. Police had received a complaint about a group of "loud, drunk kids on the sidewalk" in the 200 block of South Main. The officer who responded found three people who were intoxicated.

Further investigation revealed that the 20-year-old, Daland J. Fithian, of 275 Market St., Rockland, was wanted on a felony warrant out of New York for burglary. Cohasset police notified the NYPD, who requested Cohasset hold Fithian so they could extradite him to New York City.

The 17-year-old Cohasset teen was released to the custody of her mother after the teen was checked out by paramedics due to her high level of intoxication and for a cut on her foot, police said.

The 23-year-old Weymouth man was so intoxicated that he urinated in the cell. Police made him scrub the cell or face arrest. He was held until 10 a.m. the following morning.

Fithian is being held in the Dedham House of Correction on a fugitive from justice warrant, which is the mechanism police use to hold someone who is wanted from out of state. Fithian could be held up to 60 days in Massachusetts on the warrant.

Stolen ladder

A contractor at a new home on Heritage Lane, a new development off Beechwood Street by the railroad tracks, reported that his 40-foot aluminum ladder had been stolen sometime over the weekend (Aug. 16-17). The contractor, a 35-year-old Stoughton man, drove to the police station at 9:56 a.m. Monday (Aug. 18) after going to the site and seeing that the ladder, valued at $500, was missing. Police put extra patrols in the area.

MV not stolen

A 21-year-old Scituate woman, who was attending a party at a friend's house on Border Street after she got off work at a local restaurant, reported that her car, a 2000 green Toyota Camry, had been stolen. She reported it missing at about 3:30 a.m. Tuesday (Aug. 19). The woman told police that she had left the keys in the car and had parked it in the driveway. She said she left the party for a while with someone else and when she returned, she could not find her car. Police entered the car's information into the computer so if a police department anywhere in the country checked the registration, the car would come up as stolen. Police also notified area towns.

At about 4:30 a.m., the investigating officer drove by the Border Street address and saw the car parked in the driveway.

Apparently someone at the party had moved the car, which had been blocking other cars in the driveway, to another spot.

The stolen car report was cancelled.

MV crashes

• A 37-year-old Colorado man was cited following an accident at Chief Justice Cushing Highway (3A) and Beechwood Street last week. Police said a 21-year-old Scituate man was operating a 1986 Ford pickup that was pulling a weed chipper northbound on 3A and was making a left onto Beechwood when the VW Passat, driven by the Colorado man, hit the chipper.

Police said the Colorado man, who was heading south straight through the intersection, did not realize the pickup was pulling a trailer. The pickup was well into the turn when the mishap occurred.

There were no reported injuries. The VW had to be towed and the Colorado man was cited for failure to grant the right of way. The accident occurred at 8:23 a.m. Tuesday (Aug. 19).

• A 59-year-old Cohasset man driving a 1999 Audi east on Sohier Street had stopped to make a left into his driveway when his car was rear-ended by a 2001 Jeep, driven by a 39-year-old Scituate woman. The Jeep was towed to be checked out, per order of the fire department, because the airbag failed to deploy, police said. If an airbag does not deploy in an accident it could deploy later, at random, while the operator is driving the vehicle.

Marijuana arrests

An officer stopped a 1991 Honda Accord on North Main Street by the Little League fields for having a taillight out at 10:15 p.m. Tuesday (Aug. 19). The officer approached the Honda and could smell burning marijuana. All three occupants were ordered out of the car. Police searched the car and found a quantity of marijuana.

The driver, a 20-year-old Scituate man, and his two passengers, two 19-year-old men, also from Scituate, were arrested for possession of Class D (marijuana). The driver was also cited for defective equipment (taillight).

Trailer truck

The driver of a 40-foot delivery truck notified police at about 2 p.m. Wednesday (Aug. 20) after the resident asked him to park on the street. The driver did not think it was safe. Police said the resident and driver had to make other arrangements because the Border Street location was not safe and would block traffic. Lt. William Quigley said in many cases, delivery trucks and moving vans have to transfer their cargo into smaller vehicles.

Stolen wallet

A 16-year-old Scituate boy had his wallet stolen out of the 2008 Toyota RAV that he and his mother had driven to Tedeschi Plaza last Wednesday (Aug. 20) at about 1 p.m.

They left the vehicle unlocked and went into separate stores. When they returned, the wallet, which contained the boy's learner's permit, was gone. The mother reported the incident the following day (Aug. 20).

Lt. Quigley said it is important for victims of a theft to report crimes as soon as they realize it has occurred so police can investigate right away.

Nap

A 44-year-old Shaw's employee on break was taking a nap in a 1994 Honda Prelude when a concerned caller contacted police about a man lying on the front seat of a car. Police checked out the man, who explained he was grabbing a nap in the shade while on a break from work. The car was parked by the Beechwood Cemetery. Police contacted Shaw's management and his story checked out. The incident was reported at about 2 p.m. Thursday (Aug. 21).

Wrong car

A concerned caller contacted police about a man wearing a pink visor, in front of Walgreen's, who was walking around sticking his arms in cars.

As it turned out, a friend of the 44-year-old Scituate man, who had been drinking, had stopped in the fire lane to drop him off so he could pick up a few items. The friend then moved to another spot.

The man in the visor thought he was getting into his friend's car, but it was a different car that had moved into the fire lane. That operator called police.

Police found the man inside the supermarket and sorted the matter out. The incident occurred at 7:15 p.m. Thursday (Aug. 21).

Stolen checks

A local bank notified a 78-year-old Cohasset woman that someone had tried to cash a $250 check, but the signature did not match hers and the person was denied service.

The woman called police and was asked if anyone had had access to her checks. She reported employing a painter at her home. Police have his description and detectives are investigating and are reviewing the video tape at the bank. She reported the incident at 10:16 a.m. Friday (Aug. 22).

Diamond switched

A 51-year-old Cohasset woman who had taken her 4-carat diamond ring to a local jeweler to be reset was informed by the jeweler that the diamond was a cubic zirconia.

The woman told police last week that the diamond might have been removed and replaced with a cubic zirconia sometime between April and August 2008. During that period she had spent some time traveling. Workers had been at her home while she was away. Detectives are following up. The diamond ring was valued at about $30,000.

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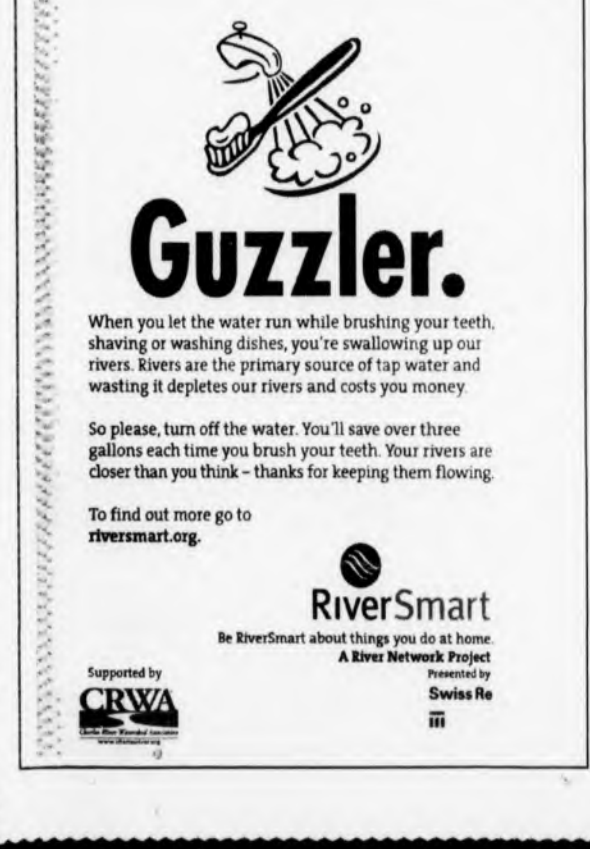
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COHASSET DAY

First annual Cohasset Day program

On Saturday, Sept. 20, the Town of Cohasset will hold its first annual Cohasset Day – a celebration of all that is Cohasset.

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

• 12:40 to 1 p.m. St. Stephens Carillon by Mary Kennedy

• 1 to 1:30 p.m. Decorated bicycle parade on South Main St., between Brook Street and Depot Court. Registration required.

• 1:30 to 2 p.m. Soccer and other athletic teams parade on South Main St.

• 2 to 3 p.m. First annual Cohasset Classic Car Concours starts at noon with a social gathering at 38 Atlantic Avenue lawn. At 1:30 p.m. cars will proceed north on Atlantic Avenue to Jerusalem Road to North Main Street to Sohier Street to Depot Street to set up at 2 p.m. in the municipal parking lot. The cars will parade from Brook Street down South Main St. to the Common, around the Common and back to settle along South Main Street in parked positions until 4 p.m.

• 3 to 5 p.m. Fun games for all ages, a mini triathlon for kids between the ages of 6-13. Registration required.

• 4 to 7 p.m. dinner on South Main St., between Brook Street and Depot Court. Served by Cohasset restaurants, eateries and Cohasset based food purveyors.

• 4 to 6 p.m. Country music, with Jim Armstrong's band at the corner of South Main and Elm streets.

• 5 to 6 p.m. Special recognitions. Prizes to all winners. Media coverage.

• 6 to 8 p.m. Dancing on the street with live band, corner of South Main and Elm streets.

During the afternoon session, several "side-shows" will go on:

• Art exhibits on South Main St., organized by the South Shore Art Center with local artists in attendance

• Special Farmer's Market on E. side of Jason St., by the church.

• Cohasset Historical Society will open both houses to the public, on Elm Street, for the entire day.

• Fashion shows on South Main, organized by local boutiques

• Special displays at discounted prices on sidewalks of South Main, by local gift stores.

• Live music with various small bands along South Main St.

Commemorative "First Annual Cohasset Day, 2008" T-shirts on sale on South Main Street shops

Cohasset Day tickets on sale

On Saturday, Sept. 20, the Town of Cohasset will hold its first annual Cohasset Day – a celebration of all that is Cohasset.

Tickets for Cohasset Day & Fine Food Galore's are currently on sale. They can be bought at the following locations: Buttonwood Books, Carmela Drew, Cohasset Jewelers, French Memories and The Good Sport. The price now, for advance purchase, is $25 for a family, instead of $30 at the event; and $12 for an individual, instead of $15.

Cohasset Day is an event organized by Cohasset Economic Development Committee in partnership with Cohasset Chamber of Commerce.

Kids' Mini Triahlon on Cohasset Day

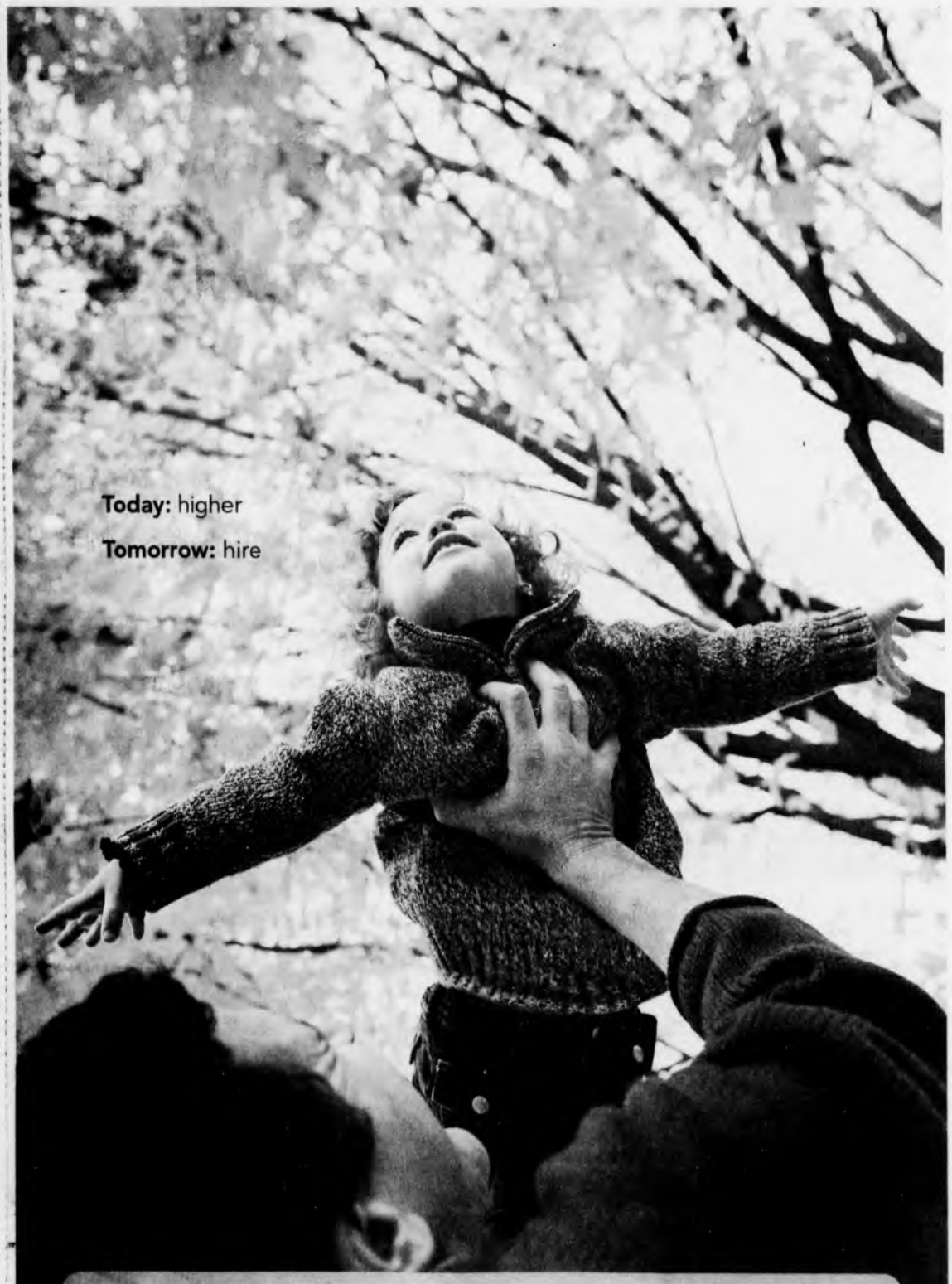
The Cohasset Triathlon Association is pleased to announce the formation of a kid's mini triathlon on Cohasset Day (Sept. 20th from 3 – 4 pm). All kids ages 6 – 13 are welcome to participate in this free event.

Peter Brown, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee who is spearheading Cohasset Day, stated, "we are very exited to add the mini triathlon to the schedule. Bill Burnett and his team will do a fantastic job in providing a fun event for kids to participate in."

The mini triathlon is technically a duathlon (no swimming involved). The course will take place around the Town Common. Kids will run .2 miles, bike .5 miles, and then finish with a .2-mile run. There will be 4-5 heats each organized by sex and age. Each participate will wear a Cohasset Triathlon race bib.

A pre-registration form must be filled out and returned to Bill Burnett by Sept. 19th to participate. No registration forms will be accepted on race day.

For a copy of the registration form, please email billburnett@cohassettri.com or go to Good Sports.



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Solicitation bylaw deemed a success

By Mary Ford
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In years past, when daylight saving time came around each spring, the police would soon be inundated with complaints from residents about solicitors who were knocking on their doors at dinnertime and later.

However, the town's 2-year-old, door-to-door solicitation bylaw appears to have eliminated headaches for residents and police alike.

The bylaw that was approved by the Attorney General's Office requires that those selling magazines, for example, must first register with the police department.

"The bylaw has really curtailed the door-to-door solicitors," Lt. William Quigley said. "Towns surrounding us have been inquiring about our bylaw." Cohasset's bylaw was modeled on a similar one in Duxbury.

The solicitation by-law has been effective in limiting the number of solicitors who came to town with the intention of getting in and quickly getting out. It has also provided some comfort to residents that the people who are soliciting have background checks performed by the police department.

Quigley said four people have registered with the police to sell door-to-door in the past two years. The licenses are good for one year and are non-transferable. The four who registered are really two people, as both reregistered for the second year. They are selling coupon books for a local dry cleaning company.

This spring and summer there have been a few calls to police, who respond to the scene and educate the solicitors about the need to register. Few do, but they are told they are subject to loss of solicitation license and fines if they continue to violate the bylaw. They could also be arrested.

"Any willful violation of a town bylaw is an 'arrestable' offense," Quigley said.

Quigley described the bylaw as a "great success."

"We know who is in town and residents know they have been vetted by us," he said.

Quigley said a problem area is Hull Street, where the double-yellow line serves as the boundary between Hingham and Cohasset. Solicitors do not always realize they have crossed over into Cohasset.

Town of Cohasset
Door-to-Door Solicitor's License

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"The bylaw has really curtailed the door-to-door solicitors."
— Lt. William Quigley

Bylaw at a glance

- Solicitors are required to register with the police, where they can apply for a $25 license.
- Solicitors are required to wear a badge, issued by the police, that includes their name and photograph.
- Solicitors have to provide police with their name, address, date of birth and height, weight and eye color, social security number; dates and times of canvassing activities; name and address of employer; and a brief description of the purposes of the solicitation.
- Exceptions to the bylaw are town, state or federal officers or employees on official business; minors under 18, unless in connection with a commercial activity; candidates for public office or campaign workers; those promoting political causes; and those soliciting for charitable organizations, unless those solicitors are paid.

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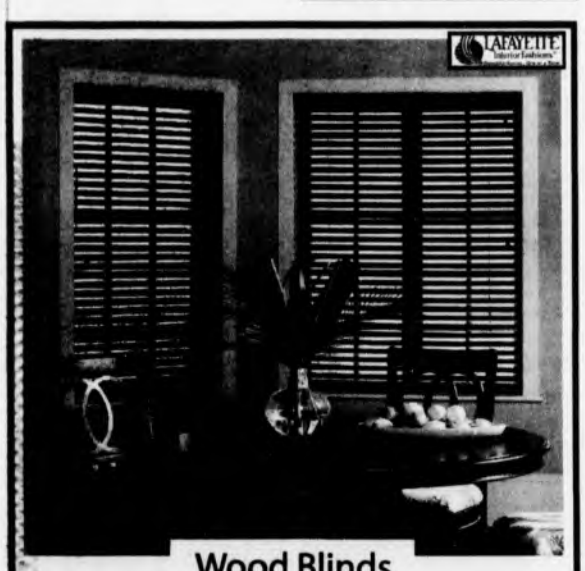
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Gems of Hope Croquet Tournament is Sept. 14

AROUND TOWN

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Hey Cohasset. How is everyone doing on this start of this Labor Day Weekend? Make sure to enjoy the great weather, have fun with your family and friends and get ready to kick off a super school year for the kids. I want to send out a special Happy 20th Anniversary wish to my husband, Bob on Sept. 3rd. It does not seem possible that we have been married for 20 years but it is true. Happy Anniversary!

BUS DRIVER

A great wish is also being sent out from **Dama Dow**, one our wonderful bus drivers here in town. She wants to welcome **Sam Zappolo** on board as a driver and also welcome everyone else back as they get ready to drive and care for the bus riding children in town next week. Also, welcome back to the teachers and employees of the schools as they are hard at work already getting everything set for a smooth transition back into school for all. Here's hoping for September weather that is mild and nice and remember to drive with care when you are out and about as the kiddos are walking to and from their respective schools. Now, on to the column.

CROQUET

Back by popular demand! Gems of Hope Annual Croquet Tournament will be held at the home of **Peter and Leah Roy**, "The Oaks", on Sunday Sept. 14. This tournament is a fundraiser to support the work done at the Community School in Pici, Brazil. This school, which is funded solely by Gems of Hope, helps to educate children in rural areas and supports the community with Adult Education classes. Your generous support in the past has helped the school to thrive for 12 years. All donations are sent directly to the school. Please join us, make some new friends and learn a new sport! Brunch is served at 12 noon with croquet following at 1 pm. All are welcome to join us at this fun and festive event and support a good cause in educating these children. Tickets are $100 per person and can be reserved by calling **Cindy Kuppens** at 781-383-6670 or e-mail us at gemsofhope@gmail.com. A $200 donation educates and feed a child for a year. Space is limited so please make your reservations early. This is a wonderful event for a great cause.

OUR WORLD

The Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum will be hosting a Fall-time Fun Open House on Friday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. –5 p.m.. This will be a kick-off to a wonderful school year with programs, classes, parties and more being offered for children of all ages in a variety of themes. Many of the program directors will be on hand at the Open House to answer any questions and register children for classes etc. Clifford, The Big Red Dog, will be in attendance as well as A Fire Truck for All Occasions and **Jim Armstrong** will be hosting two concerts for children and parents/caregivers at 10:00 am and 4:30 pm. For more information about registering your child for programs, questions you may have or to be put on the mailing list, call 781-383-3198, send an email to info@ourworldcgdm.org or, go to the website at www.ourworldcgdm.org

'GODSPELL'

Cohasset Dramatic Club is thrilled to announce audition and show dates for their fall production of "Godspell". Show dates are Nov. 14, 15, 21, & 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 16th & 23rd at 2 p.m. Auditions for this production will be held at Cohasset Town Hall as follows: Sunday, Sept. 7th at 6 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. Callbacks, if necessary, will be held on Tuesday Sept. 9th at 7 p.m. **Mark Bono** will be directing and music directing the show, and **JoJo Fichtner** will be handling choreography. Auditioners may sing a song of their choice. An accompanist will be provided, and the score will be available at auditions. There will also be cold readings from the script. Mark is looking for a diverse energetic cast of 10 adults to recount the telling of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, through both parables and great music. The show combines many different theatrical styles including mime, vaudeville, and improv, and boasts a truly wonderful musical score written by Stephen Schwartz. Please contact Mark at 617-827-0887 if you have any questions.

BATES

Best of luck goes out to **Meghan B. Anderson** who is among 530 new students and 19 transfer students who are starting at Bates College this fall. Meg graduated this past spring from CHS and her parents, **Nick and Kathy** are so proud of her. Make sure to send us any news throughout the year Meg!

UMD

Congratulations go to **Caitlin T Sanchez** who made the dean's list with a GPA of 3.2 or higher at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth for the Spring 2008 semester. Nice work, Caitlin.

COHASSET DAY

Cohasset is having its first Cohasset Day. Twenty restaurants and food purveyors will have people eating, listening to the music and enjoying being part of our town. This is going to be a day filled with fun, raffles and activities for all ages. During Cohasset Day (Saturday, Sept 20th) from 3 - 4 pm, kids (ages 6-13) will have an opportunity to participate in a mini-triathlon. The .2 mile run / .5 mile bike / .2 mile run course will take place around the Town Commons. Pre-registration is required and all forms must be sent in by Sept 19th to participate. For a copy of the registration form, please email billburnett@cohassettri.com or go to Good Sports. There is no cost to participate in this event!

TENNIS ANYONE?

Head to Cohasset Consignment Shop.... Anyone who is on the search for some NEW Tennis and Exercise Wear should go to the Cohasset Consignment Shop as they have a nice selection to choose from.

Many choices are here at this shop from furniture, clothing for children and adults, New Tennis wear and so much more. Have fun checking it all out.

BC HIGH

The following Cohasset students earned honors at Boston College High School for the fourth quarter.

HIGH HONORS: **Eric Peter Vanderpool**, Class of 2009; **Keegan Robert Flynn**, Class of 2010; **Paul Oliver Forrer**, Class of 2010; **John McHugh Kearney**, Class of 2010; **Thomas Joseph Pecca**, Class of 2010; **Maxwell Otto Shipp**, Class of 2010; **Charles Dirkson Coffman**, Class of 2011; **James Vincent McKelvey**, Class of 2011; **Colin Lewis Quinlan**, Class of 2011; **Anthony J Testa**, Class of 2011; and **Scott Franklin Wilson**, Class of 2011.

For high honors a student must have at least a 3.80 quality point average.

HONORS: **Kyle Thomas DeSisto**, Class of 2009; **Patrick Evans Hurley**, Class of 2009; **David M. Hernon**, Class of 2010; **Robert Christopher McCunney**, Class of 2010; and **Christopher Franklin Wilson**, Class of 2011.

For honors, a student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.2.

Congratulations, all!

ST. LAWRENCE

Cohasset's **Suzanne M. Lewis,** a member of the Class of 2009, at St. Lawrence University, has been selected for inclusion on the dean's list for academic achievement during the spring semester.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must have an academic average of 3.6 based on a perfect 4.0 scale for the semester.

Suzanne graduated from Thayer Academy. She is majoring in Spanish and fine arts, with a minor in global studies. She participated in the 2007-2008 International Study Program in Spain.

NORTHEASTERN

Northeastern University recognizes students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following Cohasset students were recently named to the University's dean's list for the spring semester 2008, which ended in May 2008.

Ellen Wise is majoring in communication studies. **Jonathan Grimm** is majoring in communication studies. **Rita Carpenter** is majoring in nursing. **Brendon Barrett** is majoring in political science.



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Suzanne M. Lewis is on the dean's list for academic achievement during the spring semester at St. Lawrence.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.25 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C during the course of their college career. Ach student received a letter of commendation and congratulation fro their college dean.

SIMMONS

The following local residents recently received degrees from Simmons College:

Amanda Burwood, received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Stephen MacCormack, received a master's degree in education, language and literacy from the College of Arts and Sciences.

In other Simmons news, **Kaitlin James**, a junior majoring in nursing, and **Vanessa Plant**, a junior and a psychology major, were named to the spring 2008 dean's list. To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

PROVIDENCE

The following Cohasset residents were among over 920 students from Providence College who received undergraduate degrees during the College's 90th Commencement Exercises held on Sunday, May 18, 2008:

Jefferson Barrett – Bachelor of Science in Biology, and

Sarah McMorris – Bachelor of Arts in Elementary/Special Education.

FAIRFIELD

Isabelle Bertolami, the daughter of **Meg and John Bertolami** of Cohasset was named to the dean's list at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn., for the spring 2008 semester. To be selected, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5, of a possible 4.0. Isabelle is majoring in marketing.

EMMANUEL

Emmanuel College in Boston held its 86th Commencement exercises on May 10. **Laura Ashley Marks** of Cohasset received a bachelor of arts in double major: liberal studies and elementary education, Magna Cum Laude.

ROGERS WILLIAMS

Charles Kelly, a foreign language major, was named to the dean's list at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. for the spring 2008 semester.

STONEHILL

The following students have recently graduated from Stonehill College; **Robert Michael Carpenter** has graduated with a bachelor's degree. **Michael William Devine** has graduated with a bachelor's degree.

UMASS

Sera Genovese, the daughter of **Alan and Linda Genovese** has graduated from the University of Massachusetts Cum Laude with a degree in nursing and has passed her exams to be a registered nurse.

ELON U.

Douglas Huntington Pearce, son of **Peter and Ansley Pearce** of Cohasset has been named to the president's list for the 2008 spring semester at Elon University in Elon, N.C. The president's list is composed of students with no grade below an A- in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

MASSASOIT

Daniel Joseph Roth of Cohasset graduated from Massasoit Community College with the Class of 2008.

Daniel was also named to the spring 2008 dean's list.

That is all for this week. Send in all of your news, photos and well-wishes no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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Friends remember Paul 'PJ' Trendowicz

Organize PJT golf tournament to benefit ASP, other charities

By Carol Britton Meyer
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"It was something he really cared about and put a lot of sweat equity into. ASP is a terrific opportunity for those of us who have a lot going for us to help out others in need."
— Tom Digan

It's been six years since Paul "PJ" Trendowicz lost his life in a swimming accident, but those who knew and loved him still remember his youthful exuberance, friendly personality, and leadership skills and his constant smile.

Last year, some of his friends came up with the idea of holding an annual golf tournament in his memory. The 2007 event raised $3,200 for the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project, through which Trendowicz had helped fix and paint houses and repair roofs for the poor with other Cohasset youth.

This year's event – the Second Annual PJT Memorial Golf Tournament held at Pembroke Country Club Aug. 9 — was an even greater success, raising nearly $7,000. There were about 80 participants. The bulk of the proceeds will be donated to the ASP.

The remainder will benefit an as-yet-undetermined group or activity, such as an inner-city lacrosse clinic — "something that Paul would have liked — where the funds will really make an impact," said Brian Lewis, who chaired this year's tournament. "We are considering seven or eight different organizations. Because we raised more money this year, we are able to spread the funds around more."

Two other friends, Tom Digan and Alex Johnston, served as co-chairs. "We wanted to donate to something that Paul cared a lot about and to help out where there was a real need," said Digan, who also participated in the ASP with Trendowicz. "It was something he really cared about and put a lot of sweat equity into. ASP is a terrific opportunity for those of us who have a lot going for us to help out others in need."

Digan recalled his friend's ability to "relate to people from all walks of life. He could talk to anybody about anything," he said. "When his friends went off to college the year Paul passed away, we remembered the way he treated people and how he wasn't afraid to speak his mind. We all learned from that."

Trendowicz, who graduated from B.C. High in 2002, attended Cohasset Middle School after his family moved to town from New Jersey when he was in elementary school. He was captain of the B.C. High varsity lacrosse team and was active in the campus ministry program there. He also liked to play basketball.

Lewis and Digan helped create and organize the annual event to provide "an opportunity for his friends to get together to remember him and for his parents to see that his friends haven't forgotten him," Lewis said.

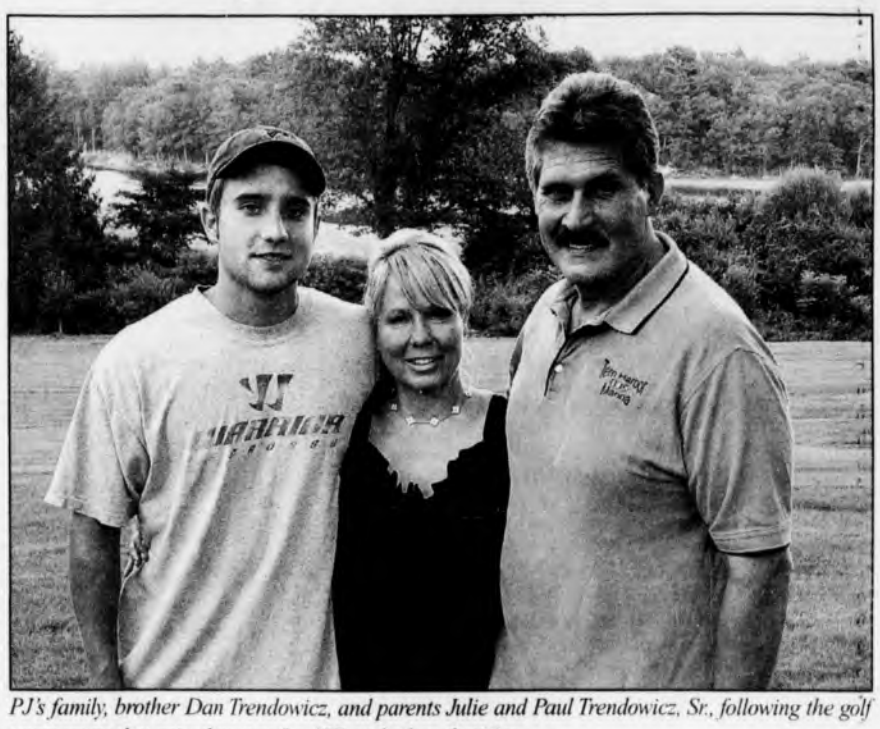
He attributes the even greater success of this year's tournament largely to word of mouth. "Everyone had such a good time that others also wanted to participate this year," Lewis said. "It's hard for friends to find time to get together once you get older, and this is a chance for us to do that."

Trendowicz still stands out in Lewis' memory. "He always brought people together, and this tournament shows that he can still do that even though he is gone," Lewis said. "He always included everyone. He had a great personality and a good heart. He was always looking out for everyone."

Various groups, including the B.C. High community, local businesses, and others donated funds or raffle items for the tournament.

A "Girls Spa Event" was held the same day for female friends of Trendowicz who didn't participate in the tournament. They were joined by his mother, Julie, and they all had a relaxing, enjoyable time together.

The tournament was followed by a cookout at Johnston's house, where friends and family members quietly celebrated Trendowicz's life.

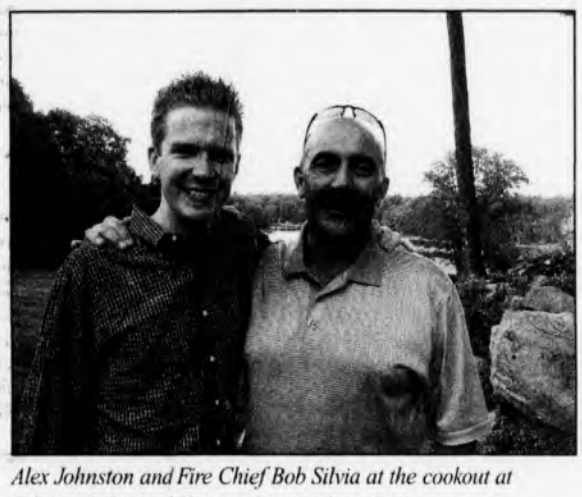


PJ's family, brother Dan Trendowicz, and parents Julie and Paul Trendowicz, Sr., following the golf tournament that raised money for ASP and other charities.



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Jake Morgan, Matt Winter, Julie Trendowicz, Cara Wahle, and Greg Smith following the golf tournament in PJ Trendowicz's memory.



Alex Johnston and Fire Chief Bob Silvia at the cookout at Johnston's house following this year's tournament.

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Armstrong debuts children's classes at Our World

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on the Brown Sisters as students, he left his full-time job in computer sales and repair and became a full-time guitar instructor. He says each student's lesson is customized to play to the student's strengths and interest. "It is not the same dry, boring exercises."

In addition to offering his lessons, Armstrong provides the opportunity for his best and brightest students to get on stage and perform in front of an audience with The Armstrong Brothers at their occasional gigs.

"My students are the warm-up acts," says Armstrong who has annual gigs at the Arts Festival and Farmers' Market and other local venues and events.

While still continuing his afternoon and evening private lessons, this fall, he is introducing two group classes for younger kids — toddlers and five to eight year olds — at the Our World Global Discovery Museum.

"I'm trying to find a way to convince my wife I have a real job," he jokes. But, the new classes are a venture he is extremely excited about.

"I'm a big kid at heart. The kids will recognize right away I'm having as much as they are," says Armstrong. The toddler group is called "Musical Friends." The first session will be animal themed and is titled "Lions and tigers and bears…oh my!"

He offers a long list of activities he'll do with the toddler group — campfire sing a-long, costumes, themed songs, dancing and surprise parades. The toddler group class will be limited to 10 kids and their care provider. He'll play the favorite "old-time" songs of the moms and dads, "it's going to be as fun for the parents as it is for the kids."

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At "Kids Rock!" for the five-to-eight-year-old set, they'll get the opportunity to transform from a rag-tag group of kids into a verifiable rock band. The kids, capped at 10 per session, will choose a band name, design a band banner/logo and learn to sing into a real microphone. Along the way, Armstrong says, they'll learn invaluable social skills in working together as a cohesive unit. At the end of the six-week program, they'll be a big show where the kids will perform a song of their choosing and an international song, to go along with the mission of Our World. After the show, just like real rock stars, the kids will be available to sign autographs for their adoring fans.

Making music

Armstrong says he has had the privilege to teach some of Cohasset's most talented young musicians. In the past year, he has put together some of that talent on a CD entitled "Full Circle." Each of the songs is written and performed by the students, with the Armstrong Brothers doing the background instrumentals.

"I was blown away that my students — on their own — were writing their own songs," says Armstrong. Through a special songwriting course, he helped them complete their song. The CD debuts this September.

"The end result is Cohasset's best and brightest original songs. It astonishes me how talented these kids are," says Armstrong.

His first students — the Brown Sisters (Abby, 14, Sarah, 13 and Audrey, 10) — he says are as talented as their father originally told him they were. Although they have relocated to Florida, Armstrong is still their guitar instructor and music producer via semi-annual visits and video conferencing. Recently, they released a six-song CD.

"They have a big future ahead of them," says Armstrong. So do many of his other students. Cohasset resident Mimi Mahoney played two one-hour sets at the Vermont State Fair this summer, with Armstrong as a background instrumentalist.

"I think she is talented enough to be signed by a major record label," says Armstrong.

On Cohasset Day, Saturday, Sept. 20 of which he is emceeing the entire festivities some of his students will be featured acts. The Cohasset Coffeehouse Music Hour, a 45-minute segment beginning at 3p.m. sponsored by French Memories, will include several of his "big stars." Fourteen-year-old Jenna Neer will be playing her guitar and singing; Anya Gruber will be doing the same. The Martell Brothers, Turner and Steven, along with their friend Brian Thomas (all under age eight) will be playing some 60s rock and roll to entertain the crown.

Later on in the day, the Armstrong Brothers Band themselves will take the stage from 7 to 8 p.m. Several of Armstrong's students will join the set.

Despite a practically non-stop schedule of lessons, gigs, classes, Armstrong revels what he does day in and day out.

"Music is the love of my life," says Armstrong.

To find out more about Armstrong's programs at Our World or his guitar instruction, call (781) 775-1039 or e-mail armstrongevents@yahoo.com.



STAFF PHOTO/DAVE NEAULT

Jim Armstrong practices G chord transitions with his student Turner Martell at the Martell family home Tuesday evening. While still continuing his afternoon and evening private lessons, this fall, Armstrong is introducing two group classes for kids — toddlers and five to eight year olds — at the Our World Global Discovery Museum.

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For information or to register, visit www.ourworldcgdm.org or call 781-383-3198 or e-mail jen@ourworldcgdm.org for information or to register.

Failtime fun in more ways than one – ages 2 1/2 to 5, Tuesdays, 10:45 to noon, Sept 16 to Oct 21. **Lunch-N-Munch**, noon to 12:30, ages 2 1/2-5...Sept 16 to Oct 21. 12:30 to 1:45 p.m., Wednesdays, ages 3-6, Sept 17 to Oct 22.

Around The World in six weeks – Wednesdays, 9 to 10:15 a.m., ages 2 1/2 to 5, Sept 17 to Oct 22. **Lunch-N-Munch**, noon to 12:30 pm., ages 2 1/2 to 5, Sept 17 to Oct 22, Thursdays...4:15 to 5:30 p.m., ages 3 to 5, Sept 18 to Oct 23.

Nature Time Fun In More Ways Than One – Discuss, sing about and learn some wonderful things about nature and each week will include an art project as well using items found in nature. Tuesdays, 4 to 5:15 p.m., ages 5 to 9, Sept 16 to Oct 21. Thursdays, 1 to 2:15 p.m., ages 3 to 6, Sept 19 to Oct 23.

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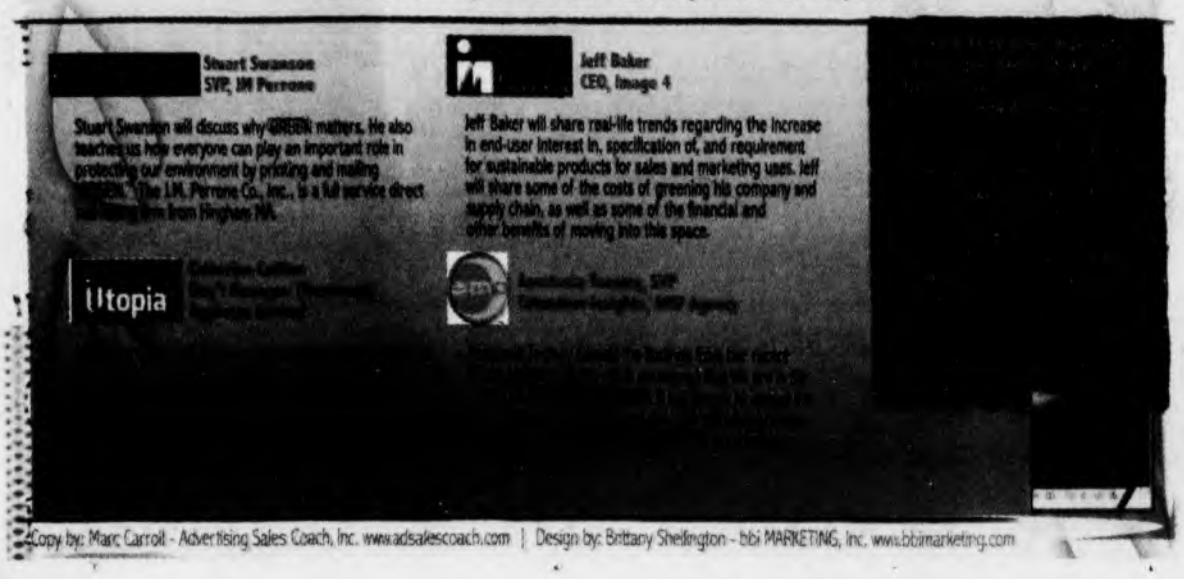
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Singer and guitar player, Jim Armstrong, leads a group of campers from Miss Jen's camp program at Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum in a song.

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Getting back in gear

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But with the start of school next week, that's all about to change.

The town budget season looms on the horizon, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts meet, houses of worship resume their regular schedules, youth sports get into full swing along with myriad other activities for Cohasseters of all ages.

Here at the Cohasset Mariner, we're pleased to be the vehicle through which our readers either "get the word out" or "find out about" everything from who's on the dean's list to what is the latest news about plans to restore the old part of Town Hall or the future of the Teen "Garage."

But if you're on the delivery end of the news — in other words you want your club announcement or letter-to-the-editor in the paper — there are some simple "rules to follow."

We accept letters, news items and happenings by email, which is one of the most efficient ways to send your news. However, we receive dozens of emails everyday, so it's not a bad idea to follow your email up with a telephone call, just to make sure your message arrived safely and wasn't inadvertently deleted. Or better yet, just ask us to hit the reply button — so you'll get the message that we received your email on your computer. Attachments should be saved as word documents; photographs should be sent as jpg attachments.

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News items should be as concise as possible and written in a narrative form. In other words, please write your news items in a "mini-story format" using complete sentences. Try not to send us flyers, which have to be completely reworded.

Here's the scoop on how to get your news in the Mariner:

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Sports news email: jracicot@cnc.com

You can also check us out on the web at: www.wickedlocal.com/cohasset

Try to have your news to the Mariner by Wednesday morning for that week's issue, however, earlier is always better. We accept obituaries and letters to the editor until noon, Wednesday. If letters and obituaries come by email we can stretch that deadline a few hours.

We have forms available for wedding and engagement announcements with complete instructions at the Mariner office.

We welcome news tips and story ideas anytime.

Call Mary Ford, editor, at 781-741-2933; staff reporter Nancy White, at 781-741-2935, or sports editor, Joel Racicot at 781-837-4577.

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Conservation Commission, Sept. 4, 7 p.m.
Historical Commission, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Housing Authority, 60 Elm St., Aug. 26, 1 p.m.
Library Trustees, Sept. 9, 7 p.m. at the library
Recreation Commission, Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m.
Republican Town Committee, Sept. 9, 4 p.m.,
Selectmen, Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m. and Sept. 15, 7 p.m
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Zoning Board of Appeals, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m.

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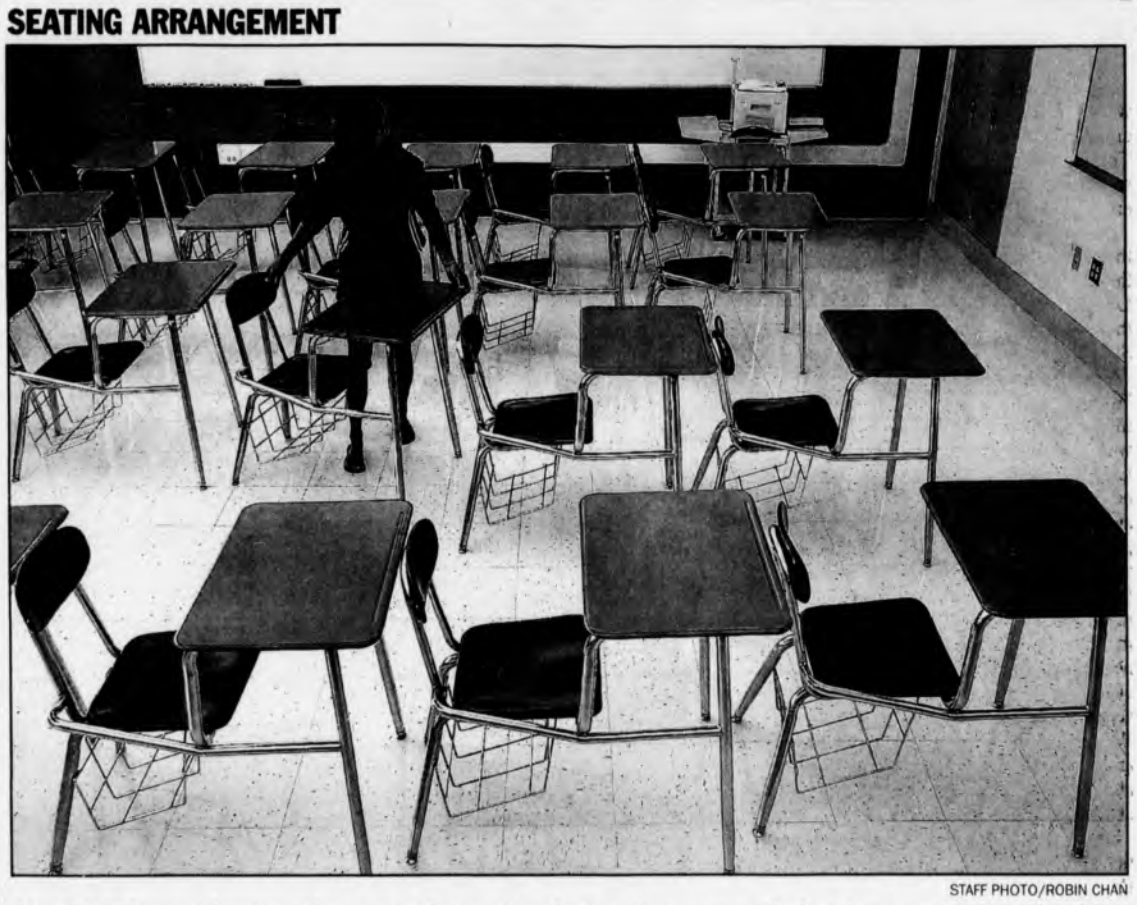
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The Mariner thanks Bill Ducharme at Tedeschi's for agreeing to allow Tedeschi's to be our new pickup location. For years the Mariner pickups were at Cohasset News, which is now a new dance studio. The Mariner thanks John and Larry Scott at Cohasset News for accepting Mariner items over many years. John and Larry are still at the Cohasset Butcher & Deli on Brook Street.

SEATING ARRANGEMENT



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Mrs. Carole Bierman figures out the geometry that optimizes the seating arrangement for her trigonometry and calculus classes while getting her room ready on Wednesday. She will be entering her 11th year teaching at the high school. Cohasset schools start Tuesday. The middle-high school day has not changed and will begin promptly at 7:30a.m. and end at 2p.m. (Editor's note: cartoonist Jim Hamilton will be back next week).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PJ's tournament to benefit ASP

TO THE EDITOR:

The memory of PJ Trendowicz lives on in continuing service to those in need through his best friends. For each of us who have been fortunate enough to make one (or more) of the annual Cohasset Appalachia Service Projects, we know it to be a truly life-changing experience.

PJ Trendowicz was just such a person and his devotion and compassion continue to be a tremendous inspiration to all of us who enjoyed the privilege of working beside him in service to others. Several of PJ's friends have chosen to express this compassion through their development of an annual golf tournament in PJ's memory. I was speechless and deeply moved upon receiving the phone call with the news that Cohasset APS was to share in the proceeds.

All of us in Cohasset ASP are so proud to accept this most generous gift in PJ's memory. We, and the families we serve in Appalachia can never thank all of you enough! "One Love, PJ!!"

Rev. Gary A. Ritts
on behalf of the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project

Thanks to Cohasset!

TO THE EDITOR:

My Name is Peter T. Prasinos and I am the guy who has been in front of the French Memories Bakery on Sunday morning playing guitar and singing some classic rock, contemporary country and blues. I am writing to thank all the wonderful people in Cohasset for their generosity and nice compliments on my music. From very young to old I have been touched by everyone and have enjoyed playing outside the bakery very much this summer.

Thank you, People of Cohasset.

Peter T. Prasinos
Hull

POLITICAL NOTES

Democrats, Republicans to hold gatherings

Cohasset democrats to celebrate unity — The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee invites all Democrats and Obama Independents to celebrate party unity and to gather with interesting people, enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres, sea breezes, spirited conversation and music by members of the Cohasset High School jazz band. Meet and great other like-minded locals and many elected officials as we prepare for the final two months of this very exciting presidential campaign.

The party will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the home of Helene Lieb and Ed Lappen. The minimum contribution is $25 per person. For more information, or to RSVP, please call: Sally Sisson (383-6190); Teresa Polhemus (923-1413); Betsy Connolly (383-1248); or Susan Kent (383-2490). Please RSVP by Sept. 2.

Charlie Baker to speak at GOP picnic — Come and mingle with some of your favorite Republicans at the Cohasset Republican Town Committee's Annual Picnic. This year the event will be held Rain or Shine on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Lou Harvey's Estate on King Street.

The featured speaker is Charlie Baker, President and CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. Special Invited Guests include: Senator Bob Hedlund, Plymouth County DA Tim Cruz; Plymouth County Sheriff Joe MacDonald; Candidate for U.S. Senate Jeff Beatty, Candidate for Plymouth County Commissioner Ron Davey of Hull; Candidate for Plymouth County Treasurer Ed O'Connell; and a Representative of the John McCain Committee.

Tickets for the event are $20/person or $30/couple. Funds raised assist in supporting Republican candidates and annual scholarships for college bound high school students.

For further information contact Julie Guild (781-383-6443) or Kevin O'Donnell (781-383-6113)

SENIOR SCENE

Now that's Italian!

Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring the following gupcoming events:

Introductory Italian – Mondays, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Oct. 6 and 20.

Professeoressa Lanier Grassie will teach Conversational Italian and Italian Culture.

Cost: $30 for six-week course. Need six registrants to begin class.

Line Dancing – Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. with instructor Nancy Kramer.

Cost: $5 per Class. Need six registrants to begin class.

Senior Dance Aerobics – Thursday, Sept. 18 from 8 to 8:45 a.m. and then Tuesdays and Thursdays with instructor Karen Kirkendall.

Cost: $3 per class.

Fall Foliage Turkey Dinner Train – Wednesday, Oct. 1. Will depart from St. Anthony's at 8:20 a.m.

Travel by luxurious motor coach to Meredith, New Hampshire. There you will board the HOBO TURKEY TRAIN and travel around Lake Winnipesauke. Harts Turkey Farm will serve a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Cost: $59. The last day to register and pay is Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Call 781-383-9112 to register.

Absentee ballots available for State Primary

Absentee ballots for the State Primary on Tuesday, Sept. 16, are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, Sept. 15, at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. Residents should vote in person on Election Day if in town and able to come to the polls. People may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls is open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs, which prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, which ballot is requested, Democrat, Republican, Green-Rainbow or Working Families, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant. If a voter is Unenrolled (Independent) he needs to choose a ballot and will remain unenrolled after the primary. Those enrolled in a party must vote that ballot. Changing party affiliation had to be done on or before Aug. 27.

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Town Parking Lot to be closed Sept. 3

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Little Harbor Project – As mentioned last week several more streets were scheduled to be paved by the end of the week. The residents of these ways can now enjoy their first paving in quite a few months. The accompanying photo shows the roller smoothing the new paving near the Beech Street end of Keene Way.

Farmer's Market BIG change – As a result of the impending construction in the Common area, the Farmer's Market is relocating to the Little League Field. All parking for market-goers will then be at the Cohasset Swim Center lot, off of Sohier Street near the Greenbush tracks.

Greenbush Project – Town Parking Lot to close Wednesday (Sept. 3). – Last Friday, we had a meeting with the MBTA and CBB to review the work remaining to be done in the Town Parking Lot. Essentially, they need to do the final paving next to the Teen Center. In addition, they have agreed to re-grade several low spots where water puddles up in the parking lot. And, finally they will add the striping, which has been missed since the lot was first torn up for construction. Painted parking spaces will truly be welcomed. That should make the lot less chaotic. As we go to press, CBB notified us that: the Town Parking Lot will be closed on Wednesday, Sept. 3, so CBB can to accommodate their regrading and paving work. We are asking all business employees to park around the Common to keep street parking available for your customers. Parking will also be available at the new Town lot on Pleasant Street.

Deep Run follow-up – Last week we mentioned a bit about the history of the name "Deep Run." Well, it turns out that that may not be correct. Another long-term resident mentioned that the road was called Deep Run by Royal Barry Wills when he bought the old Bolles estate on Jerusalem Road. Apparently he may have named it Deep Run because the 14-acre parcel was long and narrow running "deep" away from the ocean. The main house on the estate, located near Jerusalem Road, was demolished before the Second World War and most of the out buildings were in general disrepair when Wills bought the property in the 1940s. We apologize for the poor quality small photo of the old main house, but it's the only one we could find. What a grand place it must have been looking over Jerusalem Road and the ocean.

Emergency Notification System - Did you know...– Did you know that the Town maintains two entirely different emergency notification systems? One is operated by and for the sole use of the Cohasset School System. The other is for use by the Town for safety, emergency or special purpose notifications under the control of the Town Manager. Both systems are used to pass messages of a critical and urgent nature to residents and businesses from their respective organizations. Generally, the Town's system will deal with issues of public safety and health. Please keep in mind that these two systems have nothing to do with the emergency forces statewide 911 system.

We'd like to talk about the Town's emergency notification system because there are many features in this system that may be foreign to you. The Town's emergency notification system is provided by a service called Connect-CTY. This is a very flexible service that has many notification options. This system allows selected groups of people to receive notifications, based on their location,



COURTESY PHOTOS

Keene Way finally gets its base coat of paving.



The main house – Bolles Estate.

names, or by predefined groups, such as all or just some Town employees. For example, all residents within in a neighborhood could be contacted, or residents on a given street, or just a specific Town department. What's really interesting is that each resident or business can be notified on up to three separate phone numbers, a text message number, and up to two email addresses. So, even if you are not home you can receive notifications on your cell phone, your email or Blackberry. This system obtains its initial information from the phone directory data that Verizon maintains for the whole phone industry in our area.

One of the reasons this system was chosen is that it can deliver simultaneous calls to in excess of 7,300 different phones in less than one hour. In fact in a test, the basic system delivered over 800,000 thirty second calls per hour. That's a lot of calls! Of course, this is all accomplished by a special purpose computer system. Unanswered calls are tried three times before being reported an "unanswered."

But, there are also some quirks you may not know about the system. For example, if you have voice-over internet phone service (VOIP) there is no way for the database to know your address, since this is considered a portable phone number. The same is true for a cell phone. If your phone service is provided by someone other than Verizon, it sometimes takes a protracted period of time before the data gets into the Verizon database. Also, if you have more than one phone number the system may only call one of those numbers. And, the system has no way of knowing which of those numbers you may prefer. However, there is an easy way to



Town Web Page Link for Town Reverse 911.

correct all of this. All you need to do is go to the Town web page (www.cohassetmass.org) and click on the link in the lower left, a copy of which is in the illustration. Log on by clicking on "Add My Contact Info" and supply the information asked for. In subsequent logins, you can update your data in the emergency notification system.

You can add or change the following to your Connect CTY notification information:

- Primary Phone Number
- Secondary Phone Number
- Alternate Phone Number
- Text Message Phone Number
- Primary Email Address
- Secondary Email Address

The Town web site also offers answers to numerous questions you may have about the system and its operation. Additional information about the system features and use is also available on the supplier's web site: www.blackboardconnectcty.com Again, this is NOT the same system used by the schools, nor is it connected in any way with the statewide 911 system.

Tom Gruber, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Affairs, Email: cgbaffairs@townofcohasset.org
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The vanishing vice president

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



It was obvious something important was happening, all those cameras pointed at the little white house in the trees.

Perhaps they had found Natalee Holloway, although I didn't see Greta in the crowd. Or Caylee Anthony, but Greta wouldn't have missed that one either.

It was three o'clock in the morning, with half the country asleep and the other half surrounding the house in Wilmington, Del., that the true meaning of the stakeout was revealed.

Joe Biden, the senator from Delaware, had been chosen to run for vice president alongside Barack Obama.

By this time, the selection of a running mate for Barack had reached such epic proportions that I figured it would be announced by nothing less than a puff of white smoke from a chimney.

I can remember the day when John Nance Garner, who was picked to run for vice president to help FDR win the state of Texas, pronounced his new job "not worth a pitcher of warm spit."

I was 9 years old at the time and not for several years was I deemed mature enough to hear the word that old Cactus Jack really used.

Even our own John Adams, the first vice president, was dragged kicking and screaming into office.

"My country has in its wisdom contrived for me the most insignificant office that ever the invention of man contrived or his imagination conceived," he wrote.

Thomas Marshall of Indiana, vice president under Woodrow Wilson, didn't think much of the office, either.

"Once there were two brothers," he said. "One ran away to sea, the other was elected vice president, and nothing was ever heard of either of them again."

As presiding officer of the Senate, while senators were in full voice debating the needs of the country, he mused aloud, "What this country needs is a really good five-cent cigar."

One president, Franklin Pierce, our only chief executive from New Hampshire, served the entire four years of his term in office without the benefit of a vice president.

William Rufus King of Alabama, his running mate, was fatally ill with tuberculosis at the time and was sworn into office in Havana, Cuba. He died before taking up his duties.

King had another drawback, too. Unmarried, he shared a room for more than 20 years with another bachelor, a future president, James Buchanan, and rumor had it they were more than just friends.

And, 150 years later, we get skittish when a woman and a black man run for president!

President Franklin D. Roosevelt thought so little of the vice presidency that his successor, Harry Truman, didn't even know the atom bomb was under development until he had to use it four months later.

Theodore Roosevelt was happy as the governor of New York in 1900 but the Republican boss of the state, Thomas Platt, was not happy with Teddy's reformist tendencies. He wished him to disappear.

So he forced his maverick governor onto the national ticket with William McKinley, the presidential candidate. They won. Seven months later, McKinley was dead and Teddy the reformer was president.

Which proves you gotta be careful what you wish for, especially when you pick a vice president.

Children: The case against home schooling

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

I never wanted to be one of those parents who counts down the hours till summer vacation ends so he can get a little peace and quiet again. I never wanted to be a lot of things. I never wanted to be a hard boiled antihero either, with a .44 Magnum and a taste for fast Irish women, but you play the hand you were dealt. The fact is, studies show that a well-trained teacher does a better job of preventing my children from destroying my sofa than I can. And just being in school instead of home spilling a blueberry smoothie on my computer can add up to eighty years to a child's life. You can't sniff at those statistics.

The best answer during the summer is to take the kids outdoors where they can hike and bike and dissipate their energies without doing any real damage. So last weekend we drove to Acadia National Park in Maine and returned with eleven new stitches just below Emily's left knee. The ten hours in the car and the afternoon we spent in the Bar Harbor emergency room notwithstanding, our trip was every bit as fun and relaxing as a moose attack.

Children have always been the worst relaxers ever. They hate relaxing and campaign hard to end the practice by others. Yet parents persist in thinking this time, this year's family vacation will be a *break* from their jobs sword-fishing in the North Atlantic. Then they return from Knott's Berry Farm and offer to go out on the high seas any time, in any weather. Family vacations have been driving productivity in this country for decades. You practically have to beg American workers to take a week off. The irony is that if we ever figured out how to stop brothers from terrorizing their sisters in restaurants, the American economy would never recover and the terrorists who aren't our children would win.

My idea of the perfect solution—the fantasy getaway for both parents and kids, would be some kind of cruise, maybe to tropical Caribbean ports, with exciting supervised activities for kids, and spas, dance clubs and fine dining for the adults. The whole thing could even have an overarching theme, like a Disney or Pixar theme. Unfortunately this idea lives only in my mind. Plus I just remembered I hate boats.

Anyway I'm more than ready for school to start on Tuesday. I just hope my girls don't hold everyone else back for the first few weeks as they prod their rusty brains into multiplying, conjugating, and locating their assigned cliques in the lunch room again. My kids seem to take the anti-academic spirit of summer vacation to new extremes every year, refusing to solve any problems, use numbers, or even make the intellectual effort required to avoid soiling themselves for two and a half months. When I came home last night to find them all watching Fox News I finally had to intervene, giving each of them an IV drip and cutting the power just seconds before The O'Reilly Factor. It was a very close call, but within half an hour they were lucid enough to begin destroying the sofa again, and I knew they were out of danger.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset with his fast Irish wife and three antihero children who aren't afraid to break all the rules... and a few hearts!

LIBRARY CORNER

Student hours for page positions

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road.. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Page Positions – The Library is accepting applications for two page positions. Student hours available including afternoons, evenings and weekends. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and a Cohasset resident. For information contact reference librarian Gayle Walsh 383-1348.

Download Audiobooks in the Library – You may now download Overdrive audiobooks in the library. Using an internet station specifically set up for downloading, you can begin listening to your favorite books on your portable device. Library staff are available to assist with the downloading process. Grab your MP3 player and library card and come to the library.

New Titles – Popular new books have just come in. Fiction books include "Being Elizabeth" by Barbara Taylor Bradford, "The Mercedes Coffin" by Faye Kellerman, and "Smoke Screen" by Sandra Brown. For non-fiction fans check out Lorri Glover's new book "The Shipwreck that Saved Jamestown."

Movie Matinee at the Library – Escape the heat and enjoy a free movie during the day at the library. The movie "Woman of the Year" starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn will be shown on Friday, Sept. 5, at 11 a.m. in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

FOR CHILDREN

Wild Read T-shirts – Wild Reads @ your library has come to an end. Great job everyone for making the statewide Wild Reads @ your library a huge success. Congratulations to the 300 students that registered for the Wild Reads @ your library summer reading adventure and the 1,000 participants in summer programming. All registered students may pick up their Wild Reads T-shirts now. See Mrs. Moody or the staff at the Circulation desk for T-shirts.

Required Reading – Don't wait until the very last minute to do your required summer reading. Great choices are still available. Search and place holds from home by going to cohassetlibrary.org click on Catalog, and type in the title you are interested in. To place a hold just click on "place hold" and type in your library card without spaces. "Ocln" is the password unless you have changed it. You can also call or email Mrs. Moody at 781-383-1348x3 or smoody@ocln.org for assistance.

Farrag talks about Town Hall plans

"Our Town" co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with David Farrag, Chairman of the Town Hall Renovation and Restoration Committee, to discuss plans to revitalize the original portion of Town Hall while making it better suited to fit the needs of the community.

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Highlights from the Class of 2008 pre- prom Red Carpet Gala also air on the second half of the show.

Our Town airs on local Comcast Channel 10 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 9pm.

Stay tuned and stay informed.

Check out the Web

Check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

- Video of David Wadsworth talking about the Cohasset Maritime Museum
- Pet of the Week Video: Meet Cannoli, a 4-year-old Pekingese, who was left behind when his owners moved.
- Slideshow of the CSCR water testing program
- Breaking news, updates and photo galleries throughout the week

Cohasset students head back to school Tuesday

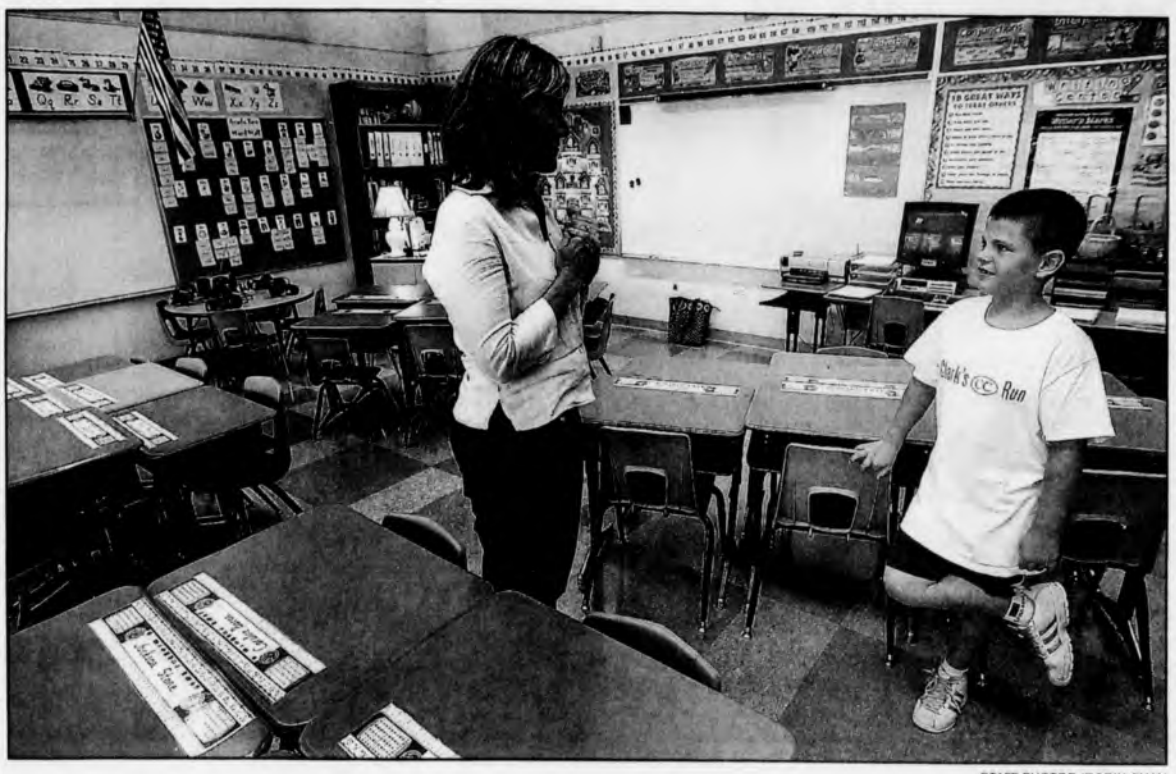
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line up with their classmates," said Sheehan. Particular attention is paid to acclimate the incoming kindergarteners to their new routine.

On Aug. 26, there was a play date for all kindergarteners so they could meet their teachers and classmates on the playground. The kindergarten students have another opportunity to get acquainted with their teachers and see their classroom on Tuesday and Wednesday. The official first day for kindergartners and preschoolers will be Sept. 4.

For the returning students in first and second grade an opening assembly will be held on the first day of school. New staff and new students joining the Osgood community will be introduced. The entire school will raise their voices to sing the Osgood School Song and talk about goals for the school year.

There will be many new faces among the Osgood staff this fall. New classroom teachers include: Mrs. Beth Grady (grade 2), Mrs. Karen McDavitt (grade 2), and Ms. Molly Wilkinson (grade 1). Ms. Sarah Bordanaro will be the teacher in our new Primary Learning Center, and a new math specialist, Mrs. Kathryn Brooks, will share her expertise with both the Osgood and Deer Hill staff. Mr. Erick Amero is the new director of the before- and after-school program and will offer a variety of enrichment activities for the children.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Second-grade teacher, Margaret Holland, and a third-year veteran at the Osgood School, meets one of her new students, Jack Mahoney, 7 right, in her classroom on Wednesday afternoon.

Deer Hill School

For Principal Jennifer deChiara, the first day of school is something she looks forward to every fall.

"Without a doubt [it is] my favorite day of the year. The students and the staff come in with such positive energy. The teachers, the desks, the lockers, being in a new grade — it's all very exciting to students, and that makes for a really fun day," said deChiara.

There is lots that is new and exciting for the third, fourth and fifth graders at Deer Hill. School will begin at 8:30a.m. and students will be dismissed at 2:30p.m.

"The Cohasset Education Foundation (CEF) funded a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics ("STEM") Lab!" said deChiara. Lab tables, microscopes, all new state of the art technology, inquiry based science kits — even lab coats for the teachers are a part of the lab. "Students at Deer Hill can finally act like real scientists — not just read about science from a textbook."

A new coordinated Literacy Center puts teaching resources in one place to help teachers maximize the resources more than before.

New technology, including a new hand-held technology, will allow teachers to target individual student needs in English/Language Arts and Mathematics. The PSO has funded a collection of mentor texts for our writing program — a set of exemplary books and writing passages that teachers can use specifically to model high quality writing traits.

"We even have new playground mulch!" said deChiara, adding the school is squeaky-clean, thanks to the custodial staff. "Summertime is usually a period of rest for school personnel — our guys have worked tirelessly to make sure the building is bright and shiny for the first day."

> "It's an opportunity to look at what you did last year and what you can do better for this year."
>
> — Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh

Like the third-grade students, several teachers and staff are starting anew at Deer Hill. Mrs. Kathryn Brooks, a former elementary school teacher from Weymouth Public Schools, is the new Math Specialist (shared with Osgood School). Mrs. Katie Penwell has just joined the Fifth Grade Team as a classroom teacher, replacing Mrs. Joan Cassiani who retired after 37 years of service. Mrs. Penwell was chosen from an initial 80 applicants.

Beginning her second year in Cohasset, deChiara is looking forward to leading Deer Hill in the 2008-2009 school year.

"The more I get to know the people here — teachers, families, students, other administrators — the more settled I feel. (Although I don't know if a school principal can ever — or should ever — feel too settled!) People here have demonstrated such support for the Deer Hill School and learning. Highest quality education is really a focus in the community," said deChiara.

Middle-High School

It has been a working summer for Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini. There are 10 new staff members on board for the 2008-2009 school year and four teachers have moved from the middle school to the high school.

"We have been working hard to hire highly qualified faculty, and preparing for the school year so that the curriculum, instructional activities, and assessment strategies are in place for all students and staff, and ensuring that the facility is clean and ready for the community," said Antolini.

The school day has not changed and will begin promptly at 7:30a.m. and end at 2p.m. For the high school, it won't take them long to get back into the swing of thing. The block scheduling will remain the same with students will see four of their five teachers during a typical day.

However, there have been some changes made to the middle school schedule. The middle school students will have five periods each day for English, math, science, social studies and foreign language and an additional two periods per day for exploratory courses such as math lab, technology, art, music, health, and physical education.

"The X period we had in the past will no longer meet. Some students did homework during that period, so parents might notice more of a homework load for students. (The change) allows us to make full use of instructional time during the school day," said Antolini.

What to know the first day back

Osgood School

Grades: K-2
Location: 210 Sohier St. (just beyond Deer Hill School)

Principal: Janet Sheehan
E-mail: jsheehan@cohassetk12.org

Main office:
(781) 383-6117

School nurse:
To be determined.
Phone: (781) 383-6117

Lunch: $2.25

Start time: 9:10 a.m.
End time: 3:10 p.m. (full day kindergarden, grades 1 and 2), 11:50 a.m. (half-day kindergarten)

Web site: www.cohassetk12.org/OSschool

Deer Hill School

Grades: 3-5
Location: 208 Sohier St.

Principal:
Jennifer deChiara
E-mail: jdechiara@cohassetk12.org

Main office:
(781) 383-6115

School nurse:
Karen Murphy
Phone: (781) 383-6115 x 109

Lunch: $2.50

Start time: 8:30 a.m.
End time: 2:30 p.m.
Web site: www.cohassetk12.org/DHschool

Cohasset Middle-High School

Grades: 6-8 (middle school) 9-12 (high school)

Location: 143 Pond St.

Principal: Joel Antolini

Assistant high school principal: Michael Gill

Assistant middle school principal: Kerri Sandler

High school office:
(781) 383-6100

Middle school office:
(781) 383-4205

School nurse:
Judy Collins
Phone: (781) 383-6100 x 191

Lunch: $2.75, for basic lunch, but food-court style cafeteria has options from entrees to deli to salad bar and those prices vary.

Start time: 7:30 a.m.
End time: 2:00 p.m.
Web site: Middle School, www.cohassetk12.org/mschool

High School, www.cohassetk12.org/hschool

Other personnel

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METCO coordinator:
Aleisa Gittens-Carle
Phone:(781) 383-1563

Food Services Director:
Robert Levy
Phone: (781) 383-6107

Athletic Director:
Ron Ford
Phone: (781) 383-6103

Athletic department
Web site: www.cohassetk12.org/hschool/CohassetAthletics/index.html

Student Services Director: Linda Gill
Phone: (781) 383-6104



Middle school speech and language pathologist, Maureen Berry, right, is framed by Eiffel Towers while chatting Kathleen Sanges, a third-year French teacher, left, as Sanges was getting her classroom ready for the school year on Wednesday. Berry is in her 13th year at the middle school.

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Marian McPartland
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HEALTH NOTES

EEE, WNV: acronyms you should know about

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

"Even though many of us think of Labor Day Weekend as the end of summer, mosquitoes will be around until a hard frost."
—Dr. Al DeMaria, DPH State Epidemiologist

Last week, the Board of Health received a report that a blue jay from Scituate has tested positive for the West Nile virus. The bird's date of death was Aug. 20. Therefore, no more dead birds will be tested from Scituate, Hingham, Cohasset and Norwell. We will, however, continue to accept reports of dead birds through the West Nile virus hotline.

In addition to these mosquito samples, WNV has also been found in crows from Barnstable, Edgartown, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, Norfolk, North Andover, and Hatfield, and in blue jays from Barnstable, Carlisle, Hampden, Scituate, and Watertown.

"Even though many of us think of Labor Day Weekend as the end of summer, mosquitoes will be around until a hard frost," said DPH State Epidemiologist Dr. Al DeMaria. "We are still seeing a lot of virus around – in every part of the state. Kids will soon be involved in after school activities during the time of day when mosquitoes are most active, so we want parents and schools to remind young people to cover up and use bug spray to help prevent mosquito bites."

• **Eastern Equine Encephalitis** (EEE)While there weren't any human cases of EEE during 2007, there were 13 cases with 6 deaths from 2004 through 2006. In 2007, there were six human cases of WNV in Massachusetts.

• **What are the symptoms of WNV?** The majority of people who are infected with WNV (approximately 80 percent) will have no symptoms. A smaller number of people who become infected (20 percent) will have symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands. They may also develop a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back.

Both EEE and WNV are usually spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. WNV can infect people of all ages but people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe disease. EEE is a generally more serious disease in all ages and can even cause death.

What You should do – Mosquitoes can begin to multiply in any puddle or standing water that lasts for more than four days When dealing with West Nile virus, prevention is your best bet. Keep mosquitoes out of your house by repairing any holes in your screens and making sure they are tightly attached to all your doors and windows.

Remove areas of standing water around your home.

• Look around outside your house for containers and other things that might collect water and turn them over, regularly empty them, or dispose of them.

• Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors so that water can drain out.

• Clean clogged roof gutters; remove leaves and debris that may prevent drainage of rainwater.

• Turn over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use.

• Change the water in birdbaths every few days; aerate ornamental ponds or stock them with fish.

• Keep swimming pools clean and properly chlorinated; remove standing water from pool covers.

• Use landscaping to eliminate standing water that collects on your property.

• Fighting mosquito bites reduces your risk of getting this disease, along with others that mosquitoes can carry.

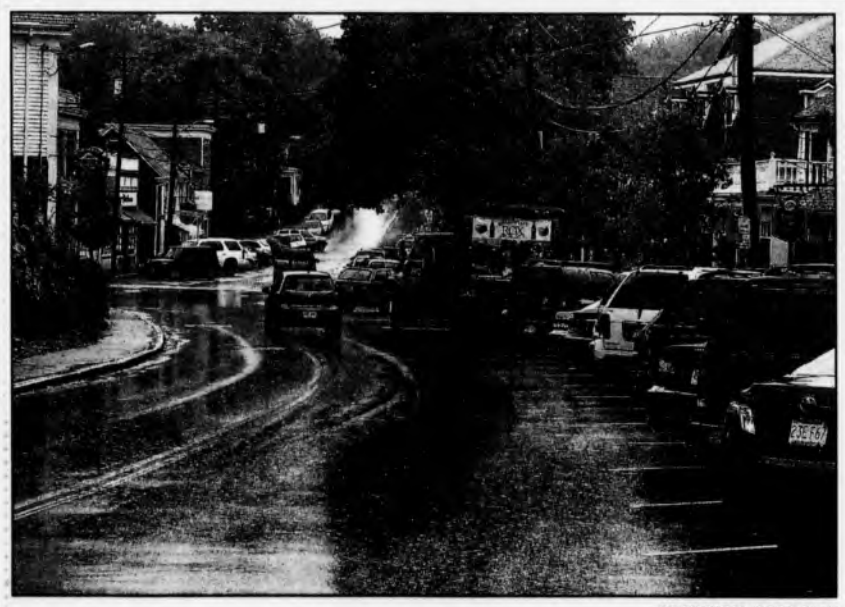
Avoid Mosquito Bites – Use Insect Repellent on exposed skin when you go outdoors. Use an EPA-registered insect repellent such as those with DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Even a short time being outdoors can be long enough to get a mosquito bite. Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. When weather permits, wear long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors. Mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing, so spraying clothes with repellent containing permethrin or another EPA-registered repellent will give extra protection. Don't apply repellents containing permethrin directly to skin. Do not spray repellent on the skin under your clothing

DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age. Permethrin products are intended for use on items such as clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear and should not be applied to skin.

Be aware of peak mosquito hours — The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many species of mosquitoes. Take extra care during evening and early morning.

Remember: The chance that any one person is going to become ill from a single mosquito bite remains low. The risk of severe illness and death is highest for people over 50 years old, although people of all ages can become ill.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Rush hour in Cohasset Village occurs around noontime. Parking signs throughout the village send confusing and conflicting messages.

ONLINE POLL RESULTS

What would you like to see done about parking signs in the village?
As of yesterday morning ***65*** *people had responded to our on-line poll. Stay tuned to the Cohasset Mariner for announcements about future polls. Have a poll idea? Email mford@cnc.com*

The Cohasset Mariner recently highlighted some of the conflicting and confusing parking signs found in the Village. What do you think should be done about the signs?

Answers	Votes
• Leave them the way they are. It adds to the character of the village.	2 votes
• Completely re-vamp the parking regulations to make them more uniform.	23 votes
• Address only the locations where parking law enforcement has been a problem.	20 votes
• I don't think it's a serious problem and the town should focus on other issues.	18 votes
• None of the above.	2 votes

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Norfolk County Regional SHINE program is currently recruiting volunteers to be trained as SHINE counselors. The Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders program is sponsored by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and staffed by a network of volunteer counselors who provide information, counseling and assistance to Medicare beneficiaries.

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School board addresses military recruiter, counter-recruiter questions

FROM RECRUITERS, PAGE 1

Sundays ago where Cohasset was named as a school that has allowed anti-war representatives attend career fairs. The larger story focused on an on-going discussion for Bridgewater-Raynham High School where a Bridgewater-based group Citizens for an Informed Community, an antiwar activist group, wants to be allowed to attend the school's annual career day, just as military recruiters are.

While it is true Cohasset has allowed counter-recruiters at the school, they have not been a part of career fairs, Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini said. In fact Cohasset High does not hold career or job fairs.

Cohasset has let a counter-recruitment group attend the lunchroom hours, just like the military recruiters.

The counter-recruiters have been allowed to come in over the past two years and passively educate students on the anti-war movement. Like the military recruiters, they have to wait for students to approach them, rather than actively engage students in the cafeteria, Flynn said.

Under a provision of the federal No Child Left Behind law, high schools are required to provide military recruiters the same access as colleges and employers.

Flynn addressed the issue publicly at Wednesday's School Committee meeting, which was televised. He described the controversy brewing in Cohasset as a "tempest in a teapot."

He said military recruiters have been coming to CHS "forever" and will continue to do so. He said many great Cohasset students have gone on to join the military and have done great things.

"Cohasset has had a strong record of supporting the military and some wonderful people from town have done great things in the military and we do not want to minimize that," Flynn said. "The radio show came out of left field and we do not want people left with a misconception."

Flynn explained a parent had requested that a counter-recruitment group be allowed to make presentations in the classroom and that request was denied. The group was given permission to set up a table outside the cafeteria so that students, who had an interest, could educate themselves. They cannot approach students.

Flynn said the schools "support the veterans, support the military and support free speech."

"We never put the military recruiters with the anti-war protesters," he said. "There is no situation where the military and anti-war group are in the same room together."

Flynn said the schools are very supportive of veterans and the military. "The implication put forth on the radio never happened," he said.

Flynn said a parent, who had a connection with the counter-recruitment group, approached Antolini about two years ago.

School Committee member Alfred Slanetz said while he supported the military's recruitment efforts, he said there is value for students to see the other perspective as well.

Military recruiters are usually present at college fairs that are held at various high schools and are open to area students. Under a provision of the federal No Child Left Behind law, high schools are required to provide military recruiters the same access as colleges and employers.

From the CHS Student Handbook

As part of the federal education law, "No Child Left Behind," all secondary schools that receive federal funds under this law, including Cohasset High School, must provide military recruiters and any institution of higher learning, access to the name, address and telephone listings of all secondary school students. However, parents and/or students may request that this information not be released and if such a request is made, we will not provide it.

In addition to military recruiters, other third parties may request that we provide "directory" information to them on our students. According to (Massachusetts General Law) such "directory" information may include but is not limited to: name, address, telephone, activities, sports, degrees, and honors, etc.

Unless you notify the principal on or before Oct. 1, that you do not wish to have your student's information released, this information may be released without further notice or consent. Please be advised that you have the right to refuse release of this information at any time, but that until you do so in writing, this information will be released.

The full student handbook is posted on the school's web site: www.cohassetk12.org. This information is on page 32.

Policy at Hingham High School

HHS Principal Paula Girouard-McCann has said military recruiters have the same access as college representatives at Hingham High. She said they come once a year and set up a table in the cafeteria. All branches of the service are welcome, and most come, she said.

Girouard-McCann said that the school does not hold a special event for colleges. College admissions representatives and military recruiters may set up an appointment and come at different times during the school year.

"They arrange a date in consultation with the counseling department," she said. " That way we can publicize that they are coming. We post a list of the college reps or military reps in the counseling office and on the daily bulletin."

She said recruiters have requested to come multiple times, but are limited to once a year.



Come to the 32nd Tolman MDA telethon party!

24-hour Labor Day weekend event

By Carol Britton Meyer
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For many years, Jay Tolman and his family have packed their bags and headed to Hingham from New Jersey just before Labor Day to host the annual Tolman Muscular Dystrophy Telethon Party at Hingham Community Center.

It wasn't an easy thing to do with a growing family. Tolman cheerfully said more than once over the years, "When we travel, I feel like the Rolling Stones on tour!"

But Tolman, who grew up in Hingham, and his wife, Jodi, never complained. They were happy to host the event every year with their three children, Charlie, Chloe, and Jack, because the cause means so much to them.

This year, though, the trip will be much shorter because the Tolmans recently moved to Cohasset.

"We're so excited to be here," Tolman said. "Being next to the town I grew up in is wonderful! Our younger children, Chloe and Jack, have made some great friends already!

"In the past, every time we came up for the telethon or to visit family, we would also take a drive down Jerusalem Road and Jodi would say to me, 'Do you think we could ever live here?'" Tolman said. "Now we're here and couldn't be happier. It's great to be back home! The thought struck me recently that we would be driving home to Cohasset instead of New Jersey on Monday night! No more long-distance trips during Labor Day weekend!"

Despite the name of this event, it is not a phone bank but a celebration of the national Jerry Lewis MDA telethon.

Although no one makes phone calls, donations are collected throughout this Hingham gathering in various ways — by children and adults collecting on street corners and by partygoers tossing a contribution into a large fishbowl at the community center. It's all about having fun while supporting a good cause.

Tolman has enjoyed watching the event evolve over the many years he has hosted the party. "I think back to a handful of friends staying up 24 hours to watch the Jerry Lewis telethon (at his former family home in Hingham) and raising a few dollars to help fight muscular dystrophy," Tolman said. "We raised $50 the first year. It's hard to believe that was 31 years ago."

Since that time, the event has raised more than $406,000 for the MDA. "The tradition continues, as does the outpouring of caring and love," he said. "Thanks in part to those who attend the Hingham telethon party, advancements continue to be made in the fight against muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular diseases."

Tolman has no plans to discontinue the event. "Until there's a cure, there will be a telethon party," he said, echoing the continuing theme. "The outpouring of support from the local community is amazing and has kept this event alive for 32 years.".

The Tolman family and countless other volunteers are gearing up for this year's party, which promises fun for everyone. *(See related sidebar.)*

They help the Tolmans organize the event, make homemade cookies, taco salad, and other tasty offerings, and post flyers to invite the community.

"Our telethon team of volunteers is hard at work making final preparations for this weekend's event," Tolman said. "Everyone works so hard every year to bring in more money to help end muscular dystrophy. Without this team this event would never happen. I can't thank them enough for what they do."

Thousands of volunteers have participated since the first event in 1977. Many return year after year, forming new friendships and renewing old ones.

Tolman attributes the fundraiser's continuous success to widespread support from Hingham and other South Shore residents, as well as those who travel from longer distances, some from out of state.

For many years, Jay's father, John, has traveled from Florida to support the effort by counting the money people donate and pitching in where needed.

MDA-funded scientists have made great strides toward treatment or cures for neuromuscular disorders over the years, Tolman said. For further information, call the MDA at (781) 575-1881.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

John Tolman, who is Jay Tolman's father, updates the numbers as more money comes in during last year's Tolman Muscular Dystrophy Telethon Party at the Hingham Community Center.

Hingham MDA telethon event is this weekend

The arrival of Labor Day means it's time once again for the Tolman Muscular Dystrophy Association 24-hour Telethon Party. The event, now in its 32nd year, is scheduled for Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 at Hingham Community Center, 70 South St.

Despite the name, guests do many fun things and watch the Jerry Lewis Telethon on a large-screen TV, but they do not make calls.

Attending has become a tradition for many families living in Hingham, other South Shore communities, and beyond.

The event begins at 7 p.m. Sunday. Lively, fully costumed Irish Step Dancers and singer-songwriter Alli Beaudry will kick off the party, followed by more fun — and good food — continuing throughout the night as untiring volunteers and supporters "Stay Up and Watch the Stars Come Out" from midnight to 8 a.m.

WCVB-Channel 5 will be at the event between 7 and 8 p.m. for a live taping of the party on Sunday.

This popular annual dance party features music with well-known D.J. Paul Ciccone, hors d'oeuvres, games, and prizes.

Wake-up call (for those who manage to catch a few winks Sunday night) is from 9 to 11 a.m., when a continental breakfast is served.

Then a huge Labor Day cookout is planned from 1 to 6 p.m., featuring the music of Majic, a South Shore band back by popular demand, clowns, pony rides, balloons, face painting, T-shirts, raffles, food, the showing of classic Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis comedies, and lots more. The Hingham telethon finale is from 6 to 7 p.m.

For more information about the event, raffle, how to make a donation, photos, and the history of the telethon party, visit www.tolmantelethon.com or call the telethon hotline at (781) 749-9786 beginning Sun., Aug. 31.

The MDA is a voluntary health organization dedicated to eradicating more than 40 forms of the disease.

Those who cannot attend the event but want to donate may send their contributions, made payable to MDA/Muscular Dystrophy Association, to: MDA Telethon, c/o Jay Tolman, 3 Forest Circle, Cohasset, MA 02025. Donations may also be made online at www.tolman-telethon.com.

The proceeds from this year's party will be donated to the MDA in memory of former Hingham resident Richard Berberian Jr., son of Richard and Joan Berberian; former Weymouth resident John Fasci, Jr., son of John and Mary Fasci; Jonathon Wolf, son of Thomas and Pat Wolf; and Mattie Stepanek, son of Jeni Stepanek, all of whom succumbed to the disease. The spirit and courage of these young men and their families have been a source of inspiration to many.

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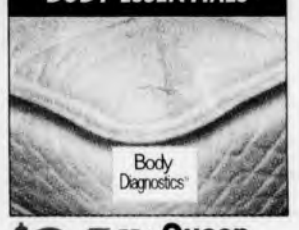
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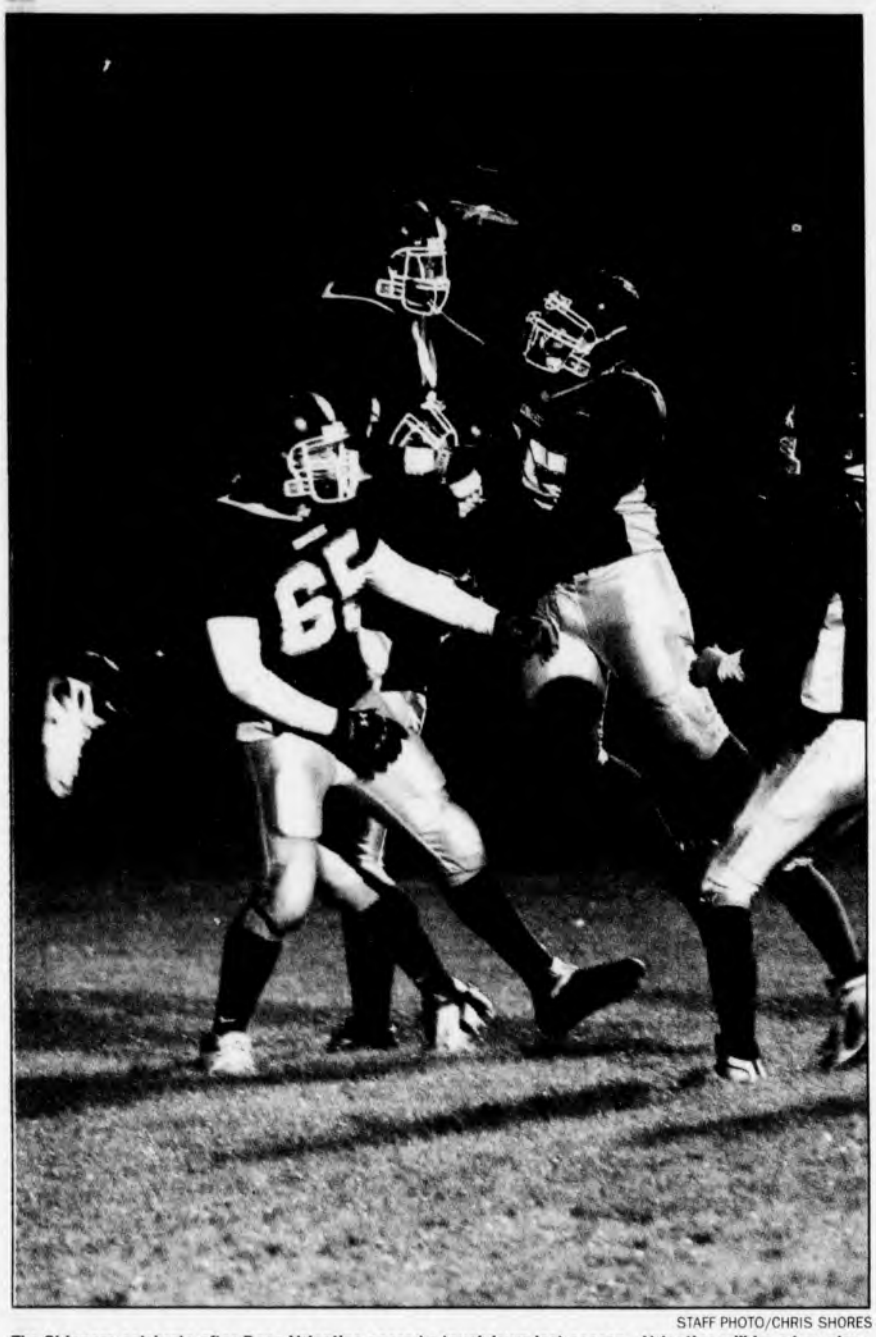
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The Skippers celebrate after Dana Valentine scored a touchdown last season. Valentine will be a key player for this year's team.

Skippers ready for some football

Inexperienced squad has talent but needs game-minutes

By Joel Racicot
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Opening kickoff is just a week away.

The Cohasset High School football team will start the season Sept. 5 at Quincy High School, the newest member of the Patriot League, for a 7 p.m. start. It is hard to believe that football season is already here, but CHS head coach Pete Afanasiw has been busy plugging in holes left by last year's graduating class that included 12 seniors.

"We're trying to fill the right players in at the right positions," Afanasiw said. "We came in this year with a lot of open positions and we don't have all the answers yet."

Cohasset finished 3-5-2 in 2006 and 8-2 in 2007. This will be Afanasiw's third year at the helm and he hopes his team can continue to start fast, and like last year, continue to finish strong.

"I've noticed in the last two years we have started off quick," he said. "It isn't a matter of starting good but we want to finish well. Last year we did a good job going in that direction."

"The teams that will do good are the ones that can stay healthy and make the least mistakes."

Cohasset High School football coach Pete Afanasiw

Anderson Lynner and Derrick Schwantner are captains. Lynner will play both offensive and defensive lines and is the only returning starter on the offense. Schwantner will play tight end and defensive back. Other key seniors include; Mike Froio (RB/LB), Alec Livingstone (RB/LB), Matt Wasel (OL/DB), Nick Simonds (DL) and Marcus Charles (WR/DB).

Juniors Dana Valentine (RB) and Brendan Doonan (WR/DB) are extremely talented players that will make an impact on both sides of the ball.

Valentine will be a focal point. "He is someone we are going to count on considerably," said Afanasiw. "On offense he has great instincts and on defense he is an aggressive hitter. He has a nose for the football."

Two players are battling for the quarterback position, John Maher (Jr.) and Jeff Cavanaro (So.). Maher saw action last year when David Snowdale (Class of '08) went out with an injury.

"He learned a lot," said Afanasiw. "He has good composure and runs the offense well without a lot of experience."

The league should be balanced again this year with usual suspect Abington and potentially explosive Mashpee leading the way.

"There is a lot of parity," Afanasiw said about the South Shore League. "The teams that will do good are the ones that can stay healthy and make the least mistakes."

Another successful summer for the Black Jacks

Cohasset natives anchor squad

By Ben Woodson
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As they finish their fifth season the Black Jacks of 21 Lacrosse continue to impress college coaches throughout the country. For the third year, and fourth consecutive national qualifying tournament, the Black Jacks made the final four enabling them to be invited to the "Dick's Sporting Goods National Championship" in Tampa, Florida from January 2 to January 4, 2009.

The "Gait Cup" (named for former Syracuse greats Paul and Gary Gait), held at Gettysburg College from July 2 to July 5, was this year's qualifying tournament. Despite being in the toughest bracket in the tournament (3 of the final 4 teams came from the Black Jacks' bracket), the Black Jacks qualified for the playoffs and continued on to meet the eventual champions, Chesapeake Rock, in the semifinals. Two of the Black Jacks (6-3) three losses came at the hands of the star-studded Chesapeake Rock made up of prep school players form the Greater Baltimore area.

This year's team was led on attack by Jake Harvey (Duxbury), Pat Lawlor (Hanover), Wil Delorey (Norwell), and Greg Reynolds and Kyle Crowley (Scituate). The defense was anchored by Jake Gray (Kimball Union), Pat Johnston (Norwell) and Blair Friedensohn in goal. The Black Jack's close defense was led by Dan Morrissey-Martin (Belmont Hill), Tim Curran (Hanover), Jack Dings (Holderness), Paul McInerney (Scituate), Kevin Hannigan (Hanover/Endicott) and Alex Cuomo (Scituate / Keene State).

The workhorses of any lacrosse team are their midfielders. The Black Jacks were led at longstick middie by Marty Noenickx (Scituate) and Vin Curran **(Cohasset).**

The short stick middies included Bryan Barry (Duxbury), Paul Donovan (Norwell), Luke Ernst (Thayer), Kyle Ewanouski (BC High), Thomas Flibotte **(Cohasset)**, Wes Hawkins (Scituate), Halsey Landon (St. George's), Dodger Scheller (Norwell), and Zack Triner (Marshfield).

When Coach Rick Bagby was asked to comment on the summer, he said, "The players were awesome. Every single player contributed to our success. I guess you could say we have built a reputation of being a tough competitive team."

If you are interested in being a Black Jack, the tryouts for the 2009 team will be held on Sunday September 14 and Sunday September 21. For more information contact Andrea Kinnealey, GM, at akinnealey@comcast.net, or Coach Bagby at rbagby@21lacrosse.com.

So sad to see the Games go

FROM THE SIDELINES

JULIE ANN NEVERO



So the Summer Olympics in Beijing officially ended Sunday night and I'm a very sad girl.

While my boyfriend is certainly going to like not having to watch girls tumbling and vaulting and swimmers doing laps in the pool, I am not. These Olympics were arguably the most memorable for me in recent years. These Games had it all. Drama, heartbreak, excitement, dominance, controversy, surprises, and more, every night was memorable for me.

Join me as I fondly look back at the final week of competition in Beijing.

Born to run

For years, the US has been the leaders on the Olympic sprinting scene. Carl Lewis, Flo-Jo, Gail Devers, Michael Johnson. These are runners who put American sprinting on the map and were consistently named the "Fastest Man/Woman on the Planet."

All that changed at these Summer Games when a man named Bolt left everyone in the dust. The 6-foot, 5-inch Jamaican sprinter may not have won gold in as many events as American swimmer Michael Phelps but Usain Bolt's success on the track was equally as impressive.

The aptly named Bolt won gold medals in all three of his events and he did so in the most dominant of fashions. Very rarely are competitors blown away in sprints, but Bolt did just that every time he stepped onto the track. He won the 100-meters (a race typically won on a lean at the tape) by seven strides! Those familiar with the sport know just how incredulous that is. His time of 9.69 broke the World Record (9.72).

Then came the 200-meters and another dominant finish. Bolt came off the turn and strode to the tape with no one else in the frame. Another gold medal and World Record (19.30) for Bolt, who won his final gold in the 4x100, where he ran the third leg and helped the Jamaicans break another World mark (37.1).

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Two spectators cheer on their respective teams at the US/ China baseball game which was filled with fireworks on the field. The American girl was leading cheers for both America and China in English and Chinese with her Chinese friend in the stands.

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Camper Jack Mahoney holds the ball in the "breadbasket."



CHS varisty players cheer on Matty Montefusco in the T-run.



CHS Assistant Coach Brian Pattison gives instruction to the young campers.



Camper Steven Maher learns blocking techniques from Thomas Flibotte, Jake Kissick, Jake Wheelwright and Alec Livingstone.



CHS Varsity players and campers take a warm up lap.



Will Bowen hustles in the 40 yard dash.



Junior Will Lynner shows the campers the right technique for running between the pads.

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So sad to see the Games go

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Some may not have appreciated his over-the-top celebrations but I personally think the guy was entitled to a showboating. Bolt blew the competition away. Simple as that.

Spiking the competition

After their 2004 gold medal win in Athens, the names Walsh and May became household ones. Some watched because they were fans of the sport of beach volleyball but I know some of my male friends tuned in because of their attire.

While Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor may look great in bikinis let's not forget these two women are athletes and what they've accomplished over the last four years has some calling them the best beach volleyball pair of all time (male or female). Last week's straight-set win over a duo from China in the Gold Medal Match upped their unbeaten streak to 108-0 in the 19 tournaments they've played in since Athens.

But they weren't the only American pair that ruled the sand this Summer. The US men's duo of Phil Dalhausser and Todd Rogers bested the Brazilians in three sets to complete a gold medal sweep for the Americans in beach volleyball.

Perhaps the most emotional volleyball win for the USA came indoors. Two weeks after American head men's volleyball coach Hugh McCutcheon's father-in-law was knifed to death at a popular tourist attraction in Beijing in a random attack of violence, he led his squad to gold medal on the final day of competition. The Americans accomplished the feat in a four-set squeaker against Brazil, the defending Olympic gold medalists.

And it was nearly a clean sweep for US volleyball with the American women also playing in the indoor finals against Brazil. But the women had to settle for the silver. Still, not a bad showing for the USA.

Reflecting

In my opinion, the Summer Olympics in Beijing was one of the most memorable Games in recent years. I'll miss having something to watch every night in a season of reruns and I just can't wait for the next Summer Games in London in 2012.



PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

A Chinese soldier stands at attention in front of the sign counting down to the start of the Beijing Olympics at Tiananmen Square.

Sports Notes

Bay State Thunder announces softball tryouts

Bay State Thunder Softball, a highly competitive Junior Olympic girls fast-pitch softball program based in Braintree, will be holding tryouts for their 18U, 16U, 14U and 12U teams Sunday, September 7 and Sunday, September 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Flaherty Fields in Braintree.

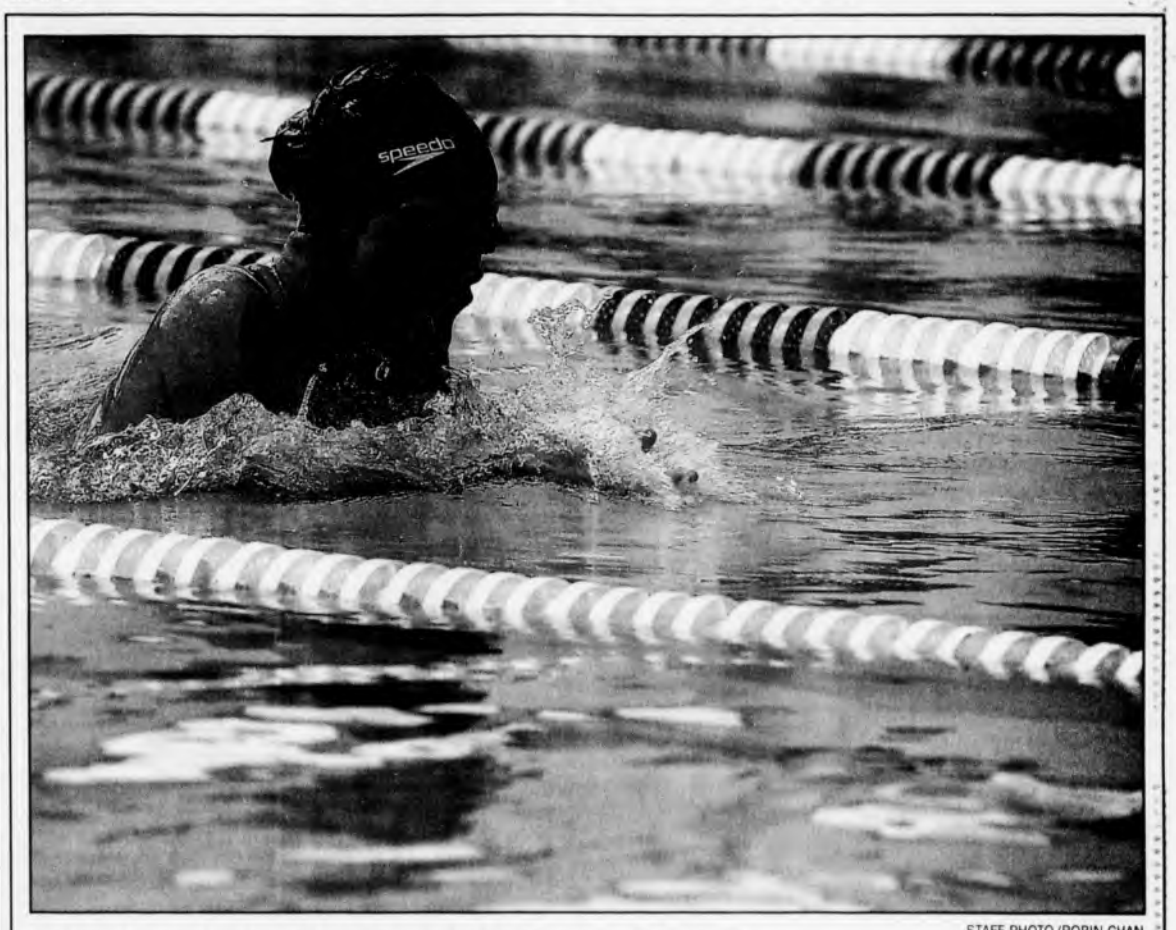
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Black Jacks Lacrosse

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Fall basketball program

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Tory Hart of Cohasset cuts through the water during the girls 17 and under 100 yard IM.

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BUS 3 p.m. stops: Sanctuary Pond Rd and 3A, 30 King St., Cedar Village, Hull St and Cedar St., 81 Hull St., 17 Lamberts Lane, 72 Lamberts Lane, 150 Lamberts Lane, 176 Lamberts Lane, 117 Hull St., Grace Drive, 796 Jerusalem Road, 744 Jerusalem Road, Howe Rd and Jerusalem Road, 662 Jerusalem Road, 604 Jerusalem Road, Black Rock Rd and Jerusalem Road, 580-572 Jerusalem Road, 502 N Main.

BUS 4 a.m. stops: 193 Fairoaks, 306 Fairoaks, 160 Sohier St., 87 Sohier St., 55 Sohier St., 21 Beach St., 81 Beach St., Sheldon Road, Hobart Lane, 110 Atlantic, 94 Atlantic Ave., Stockbridge St., Summer St and Border St., 169 Border St., Otis Ave., Border St and Parker Ave., 82 Summer St/ Black Horse Lane.

BUS 4 p.m. stops: S Main and Summer, Black Horse Lane, 82 Summer St., Parker Ave., 169 Border St., Otis Ave., Stockbridge St., 81 Atlantic Ave., 94 Atlantic Ave., 110 Atlantic Ave., Hobart Lane, Sheldon Road, 81 Beach St., 21 Beach St., Sohier St and Ripley Road, 155 Sohier St.

BUS 5 a.m. stops: King St and Whitney Woods Lane, 274 King St., 288 King St., Lily Pond Lane, King St and Schofield Road, 251 Beechwood St., 289 Beechwood St., 321 Beechwood St., Hillside Drive, Beechwood @ Doane St., 25 Church St., Aaron River Rd and Flintlock Ridge Road, Carbone Lane, Bates Lane and Doane St., Beechwood Ballpark, 272 Beechwood St., 250 Beechwood St., 235 Beechwood St., Kendall Village/ Bailey Rd.

BUS 5 p.m. stops: Bailey Road, King St and Whitney Woods Ln, 274 King St., 288 King St., King St and Lily Pond Lane, King St and Schofield Road, 251 Beechwood St., 289 Beechwood, 321 Beechwood, Hillside Drive, Beechwood St and Doane St., Bates Lane, Carbone Lane, Aaron River Rd and Flintlock Ridge Road, 272 Beechwood St., 250 Beechwood St., 235 Beechwood, Kendall Village, Fairoaksand Sohier.

BUS 6 a.m. stops: Rocky Lane and N Main St., 280 N Main, 209 N Main, Red Gate Ln and N Main St., Fernway, 170 N Main St., Community Center/ Spring St and S Main St., 134 S Main, 193 S Main, 211 S Main, Westgate Ln, Cedar Lane, Stanton Road, River Road, 411 S Main St., Talarico Lane, Norman Todd Lane, 131 Beechwood, Brewster Rd and Ledge Way, Brewster and Ledgewood Dr.

BUS 6 p.m. stops: 193 S Main St., 211 S Main, Westgate Lane, Stanton Road, River Road, 411 S Main St., Talarico Lane, Norman Todd Lane, 131 Beechwood, Brewster Rd and LedgeWay, Brewster Road and Ledgewood Dr.

Forest Ave a.m. stops: 327 Forest Ave., Black Rock Road, 260 Forest Ave., Surry Dr and Old Coach,

Fox Run, #122-124 Forest Ave., Heather Drive, Cedar Acres Lane, 1 Forest Ave.

Forest Ave p.m. stops: Pratt Ct and Tower Lane, Library, 170 N Main St., Red Gate and N Main/ Fernway, 209 N Main, 280 N Main, Rocky Lane, 1 Forest Ave., Heather Drive, #122-124 Forest Ave., Fox Run, Surry Dr and Old Coach, #260 Forest Ave., Black Rock Rd/ Forest Notch, #327 Forest Ave.

DEER HILL SCHOOL

BUS 2 a.m. Stops Rose Hill Lane, 30 King St., 23 Forest Ave., Heather Drive, Old Coach Road, Forest Circle, Forest Notch, 303 Forest Ave., 375 Jerusalem Road, 174 Linden Drive, Linden Circle, Rustic Dr and Linden, Stoneleigh Lane, 486 Jerusalem Road, Rust Way, Deep Run, Jerusalem Road Drive, 279 Jerusalem Road, 355 Atlantic Ave., 135 Nichols Rd/ 107 Nichols Road, 91 Nichols Road, 60 Nichols Road, 32 Nichols Road, 6 Nichols Rd/ Bow St., Gammonds Road, Red Gate Lane and Jer, 60 Jerusalem Road, Joy Place, 17 Sohier St., Sohier St and Ripley Road.

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BUS 3 a.m. stops: 33 Cedar St., 17 Lamberts Lane, 124-136 Lamberts Lane, 72 Lamberts Lane, 34 Lamberts Lane, 173-191 Hull St., 195 Hull St., Grace Drive, 796 Jerusalem Road, 720-744 Jerusalem Road, Howe Road, 662 Jerusalem, Black Rock Rd and Jerusalem Road, 336 Forest Ave., Black Rock Road and Forest Ave., Surry Drive, Fox Run, 122 Forest Ave., 82 Forest Ave., N Main St and Rocky Lane, 186 N Main, 209 N Main St., Red Gate Lane and N. Main, Red Gate and Fernway, 60 Jerusalem Rd.

BUS 3 p.m. stops: 60 Jerusalem Road, Red Gate and Fernway, Red Gate and N Main, 209 N Main St., Rocky Lane, 186 N Main, N Main and Rocky Lane, 33 Cedar St., 17 Lamberts Lane,

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BUS 4 a.m. stops: 164 Pond St., Woodland Drive, Bancroft Way, Virginia Lane, Lantern Lane, 27 Summer St., 82 Summer St., Parker Ave., Otis Ave., Margin Ct and Elm, Stockbridge St/ 108 Atlantic Ave., 110 Atlantic Ave., Sheldon Road, Beach and Highland Ave., Town Hall, Common, Pratt Ct.,

BUS 4 p.m. stops: SS Art Center, 68 Pleasant St., 50 Reservoir Road, 28 Reservoir Road, Old Pasture, Bayberry Lane, 164 Pond St., Pond and Woodland, Pond and Bancroft, Virginia Lane, Pond and Lantern Lane/ 27 Summer St., 82 Summer St , Parker Ave., Otis Ave., Margin Ct and Elm, Stockbridge St., 108 Atlantic, 110 Atlantic, Sheldon Road, Beach and Highland Ave., Town Hall, Common.

BUS 5 a.m. stops: King St and Whitney Woods Lane, 288 King St., Schofield, 289 Beechwood, Beechwood and Riverview Road, Beechwood and Doane St., Flintlock Ridge Rd and Aaron River Road, Church St and Carbone Lane, Doane St. and Bates Lane, 478 Beechwood, Beechwood and Hillside Drive, 390-392 Beechwood St. 378 Beechwood, Ox Pasture, 250 Beechwood St., 515 CJC Hwy, 245 Pond St.

BUS 5 p.m. stops: 515 CJC Hwy, Pond and Bailey, King St and Whitney Woods Lane, 288 King St.,

King St and Schofield Road, 250 Beechwood St., Ox Pasture, 289-292 Beechwood, 378 Beechwood, 390 Beechwood, Riverview Road, Hillside Drive, Beechwood and Doane St., Bates Lane, Carbone, Flintlock Ridge Rd and Aaron River Road, 478 Beechwood.

BUS 6 a.m. stops: Bayberry Lane, Old Pasture, 28 Reservoir Road, 50 Reservoir Road, 68 Pleasant St., Norfolk Rd and Cushing Road, Ash St and Cushing, Oak St and Cushing Road, Westgate Lane, 217 S Main, Stanton Road, 348 S Main St., 411 S Main, Beechwood and S Main, Hammonds Ave., Talarico Lane, Brewster Rd and Ledge Way, Brewster and Ledgwood Dr.

BUS 6 p.m. stops: Library, Tower Lane and Pratt Ct, Norfolk Rd and Cushing Road, Ash and Cushing Oak St and Cushing Road, Westgate Lane, 217 S Main, Stanton Rd/ 348 S Main, 411 S Main St., Beechwood and S Main, Hammonds Ave., Talarico Lane, Brewster Ledge Way, Brewster Rd and Ledgewood Dr.

OSGOOD SCHOOL

BUS 2 a.m. stops: Margin Ct/ Stockbridge St., 22 Atlantic, 50 Atlantic, 91-108 Atlantic, Meadow Lane, Sheldon Road, 16 Linden Drive, 45 Linden Dr/ 70 Linden Dr/ 141 Linden Dr/ Rustic Drive, Stoneleigh and Linden, 486 Jerusalem, Deep Run, Jerusalem Rd Drive, 15 Jerusalem Lane, 279 Jerusalem Road, Little Harbor Road, 214 Jerusalem Road, 202 Jerusalem Road, 107 Nichols Road, 133 Nichols Rd/ Bow St., Gammons Road, 56 Jerusalem Road, 17 Sohier, 55 Sohier, Sohier St and Ripley Road, 179 Sohier St.

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BUS 3 a.m. stops: 154 N Main, Red Gate and N Main, Forest Ave. and N Main, 33 Cedar St., Cedar and Hull St., 81 Hull St., 15 Lamberts, 142 Lamberts Lane, 124-136 Lamberts Lane, 48 Lamberts Lane, 34 Lamberts Lane, 796 Jerusalem Road, 728 Jerusalem Road,

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BUS 4 a.m. stops: Tower Lane, Elm St and Stevens, Elm St and Elm Ct, Otis Ave., 126 Border St., 7 Parker Ave., 19 Parker Ave., 68 Summer St., Summer and Sankey, 50 Lantern Lane, 35 Pond St., 60 Pond, 73 and 74 Pond St., Woodland and Pond, 6 Bancroft, 22 Bancroft, 39-45 Bancroft, Norfolk and Bancroft, Norfolk and Short, 15-19 Oak, 45 Oak, 39 Hill, Hill and Ash, 44 Ash, 27 Ash, James Lane and Cushing, Cushing and Pleasant, 68 Pleasant, 50 Reservoir, 38 Reservoir, 12 Reservoir, 25 Old Pasture, 25 Tupelo Road, 4 Bayberry Lane, Clayspring and Pond.

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BUS 5 a.m. stops: 231 King St., Whitney Woods Lane, 262 King St., Beechwood and King St., 365 Beechwood St., 389 Beechwood St., Riverview Dr/ 497 Beechwood St., Doane St and Beechwood St., 45 Church St., Aaron River Rd and Flintlock Ridge Road, Church St and Carbone Lane, Doane St and Bates Lane, 478 Beechwood St., Hillside Drive, 390-392 Beechwood St., 384 Beechwood St., Mill Lane, Ox Pasture, 276 Beechwood St., 219 Beechwood St., Brewster Road and Ledge Way, Wood Way, Brewster Rd and Ledgewood Drive, Ridgetop and Bailey, 137 Fairoaks Lane, 203 Fairoaks Lane, 305 Fairoaks Lane, 2and9 Fairoaks Lane.

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BUS 6 a.m. stops: Sanctuary Pond Road and Rose Hill, 347 N Main St., 209 N Main St., 17 Red Gate Lane, 50 Red Gate Lane, Joy Place, 45 Beach St., Mohawk Way, Highland and Beach, Common, 88 S Main St., Spring St and S Main St (Old Library), 171 S Main St., 211 S Main, Westgate Lane, 348 S Main, 371 S Main, 393 S Main, 332 S Main, Hammond Ave., Talarico Road, 131 Beechwood St., 159 Beechwood St.

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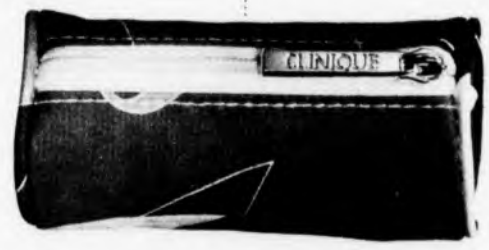
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, AUG. 15

10:58 p.m. **Pleasant St., and Depot Ct.**, motor vehicle stop, officer reports operator having trouble with the headlights on the vehicle.

11:01 p.m. **Pleasant St., and Reservoir Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SATURDAY, AUG. 16

12:54 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service.

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1:26 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller states there is a motor vehicle in front of the building "that has been idling for long time." Motor vehicle operator was waiting for "someone." She will be leaving the area soon.

5:50 a.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, caller states her black Lab is still missing. The dog is wearing a pink bandana.

8:17 a.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle crash, callers report a motor vehicle crash into a stonewall.

10:08 a.m. **Elm St.**, property (lost), walk in party reports his rear license plate is missing.

10:19 a.m. **King St.**, disturbance, caller reports she and her boyfriend got into an argument and he took her money and is now walking northbound on 3A. Officer reports just a verbal argument, no money taken at this time.

10:46 a.m. **Elm St.**, lost property, walk in party has a bicycle he found on Ox Pasture Road. Reporting party states it has been there for about five days now.

11:21 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:41 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:46 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, officer wanted, caller requests an officer for an unwanted party in her shop. Officer reports the party has been sent on his way, all units are clear at this time.

12:51 p.m. **Windy Hill Rd., and Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, caller reports a telephone pole at this intersection is slowly learning more and more. National Grid notified and responding.

2:22 p.m. **South Main St.**, officer wanted, caller reports his wallet has been stolen. Officer reports the calling party found his wallet in his pocket.

4:27 p.m. **Carver Rd., Plymouth**, search warrant, Delta 1 reports that CID is executing a search warrant at this location.

5:24 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a forest green Malibu is driving extremely fast down Pleasant Street towards Old Pasture Road. Area search negative.

5:49 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, cleared kids from bridge.

9:02 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, noise complaint, caller reports he can hear from his backyard what he thinks is a man and woman screaming at each other. Officer reports the noise is coming from an outside speaker at the golf course. The golf course is showing an outside movie tonight.

9:29 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, animal complaint, 911 caller reports she is babysitting and is handicapped with a cane. A bat has flown into the house and she needs assistance. Officer reports bat has been taken outside.

10:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:58 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, AUG. 17

1:07 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:08 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:40 a.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, public service, officer reports area appears secured.

1:41 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, officer reports area appears secured.

2:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports he is in a silver truck on the side of the road. Male in custody. Arrest: Peter M. White Jr., 27, 42 Standford Hill Rd., Pembroke. Charges: OUI of liquor, marked lanes violation, negligent operation of motor vehicle.

9:52 a.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, mutual aid – provided, Hull Fire requests R3 for a party who cut their finger.

10:02 a.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious letter, walk in party would like to speak with an officer regarding a suspicious letter she received in the mail.

10:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

11:25 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:31 p.m. **Cedar St.**, assist citizen, caller reports that a vehicle is blocking her driveway. Owner of business is having vehicle towed.

2:30 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disturbance, caller wanted to have it logged that someone4 was sleeping in her car last night, she did not want to speak with an officer, was told to call immediately if this happens again.

2:50 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, parking complaint, caller reports cars are parked illegally.

2:59 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers. Harbormaster reports kids on bridge.

3:57 p.m. **Mendel Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports she found a puppy in the woods at her house. Caller was instructed to let the puppy go.

5:11 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking violation, caller stated there are a number of cars with no stickers. Officer reports no cars without permits.

5:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, 911 cell phone caller reports a maroon Tacoma truck has just passed them going at least 80 mph heading into Scituate. Notified Scituate PD, caller gave plate number, record not found.

6:04 p.m. **Surry Drive**, disturbance, caller reports an old blue pick up truck with a rusted tool box in the back drove by her house with a woman's voice screaming for help. She only saw the driver for a second and describes the individual as having long brown curly hair. Hull has been notified.

8:45 p.m. **Hull St.**, animal complaint, Hull Police report a dog has been hit by a motor vehicle. Officer reports area search negative. The person who called this in states she saw a dog that was limping and looked like it had not been fed for some time. Officer has spoken to some neighbors in the area and they have not seen the dog.

9:24 p.m. **James Lane and Pleasant St.**, barking dog. 911 caller reports dogs barking for tow hours, caller thinks the barking id coming from either James Lane or Pleasant Street. Officer left message at the home.

10:21 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, mutual aid – provided, R3 responding to Hull for the motor vehicle accident.

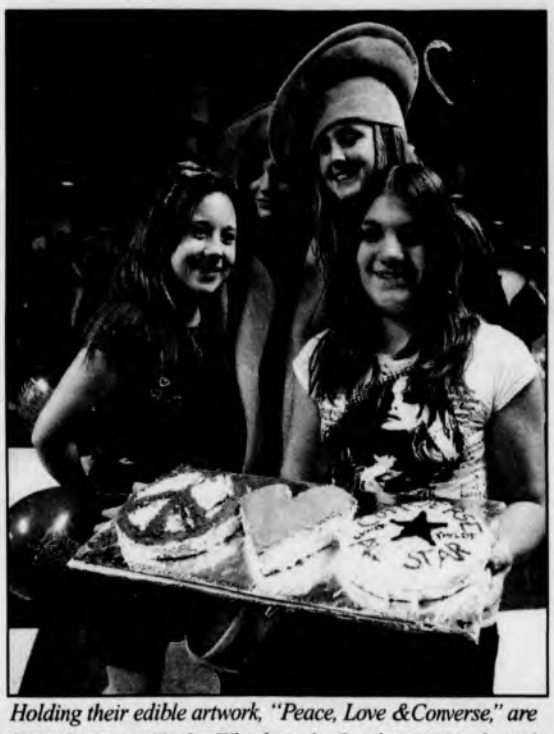
MONDAY, AUG. 18

12:56 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:30 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, disturbance, caller reports her neighbors have been fighting all night and this morning they are fighting again and getting out of control, officer reports just a verbal argument at this time.



Holding their edible artwork, "Peace, Love &Converse," are Katie Brennan, Hayley Wheelwright, Scarlett McQuade and Kayla Orner at an exhibit last winter. Stay tuned to the Mariner for lots of great school photos this year.

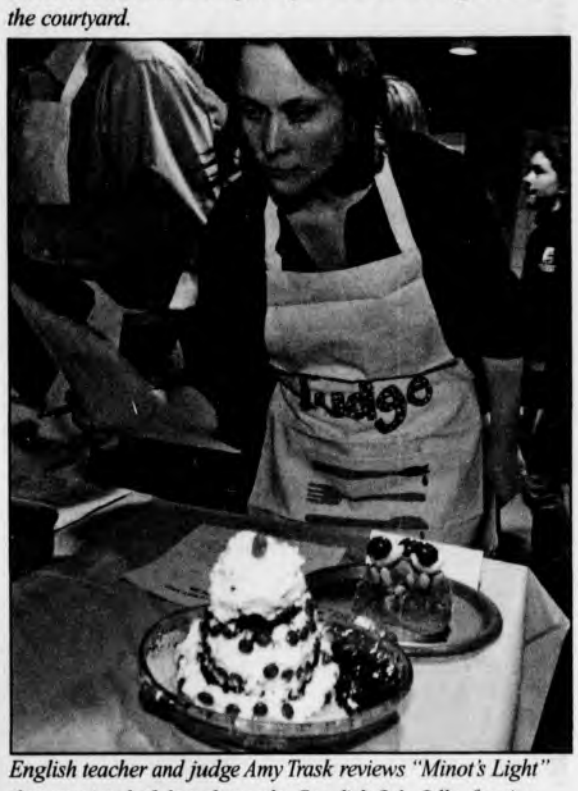
Edible Art

Last winter's exhibit, good enough to eat

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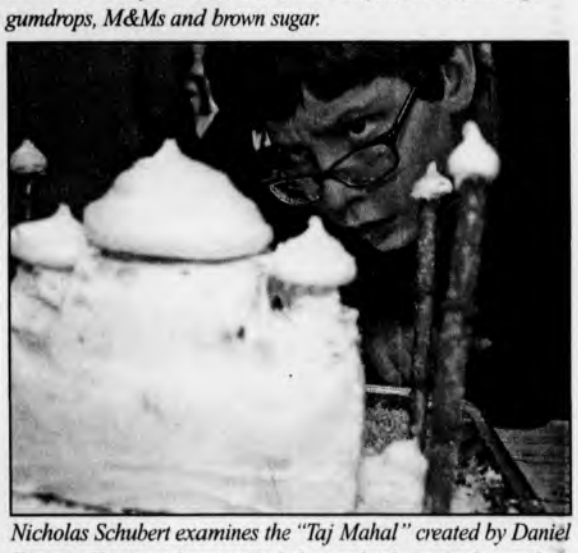
Proud artists, Sam Williams and Amanda Hurd, show off their edible creation that is a replica of their sustainable garden in the courtyard.



English teacher and judge Amy Trask reviews "Minot's Light" that consisted of chocolate cake, Swedish fish, Jello, frosting gumdrops, M&Ms and brown sugar.



English teacher and judge, Bill Fish, makes notes about "Puns on Butter," a piece by the period 4 CHS band class.



Nicholas Schubert examines the "Taj Mahal" created by Daniel Toomey. The ingredients included pound cake, pretzels, candy and Rice Krispies.



Second-grader Grace Anes created "Monster Roll" with olives, tomatoes, meat, cheese and a roll.



Matt Blaze and drummer Conor Michaud entertain the guests at the Edible Art Show with bandmates Johnny Drybanski and Dave Crawford (not pictured).

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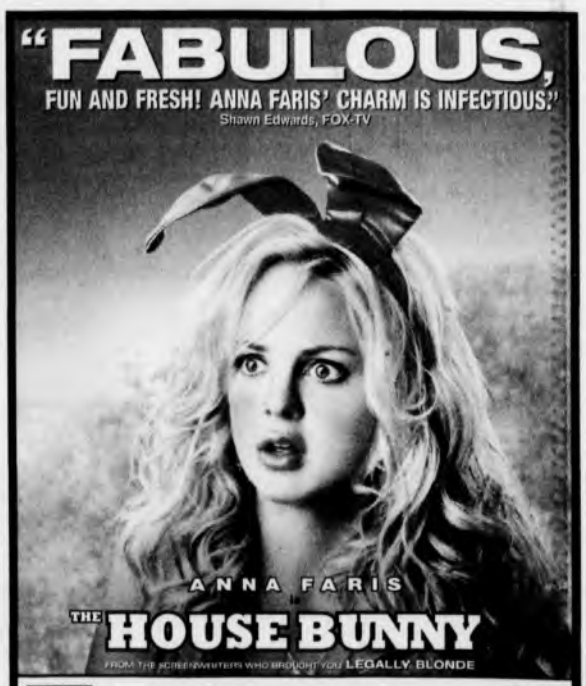
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AWAY

The Wall and beyond in eastern Germany

Matthew J. Gill
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

BERLIN - On one of the remaining sections of the Berlin Wall there is an image of two flowing beings done up in red, white and blue. According to the slogan above, they are "Dancing To Freedom."

Nearby are countless paintings, slogans, song lyrics and messages — left in many different colors and languages. All serve as artistic memorials to the fact the Wall, built in 1961 to divide a city and country, came down in 1989, paving the way for German reunification.

Seeing the joy depicted in these expressions was an emotional experience for me. I imagined how my father, having grown up during the Cold War, would feel taking in the same scene.

Next year - 2009 - the history of the Berlin Wall and what it came to symbolize will be the cause of great celebration, when the 20th anniversary of its fall will be commemorated. Numerous events are being scheduled throughout Berlin and other German communities reflecting on that historic time.

During my recent tour of eastern Germany, a visit to the Wall was a fitting starting point for a trip that would take me to some of the cities that have played an important role in Germany's lengthy history.

One hour outside Berlin, in the suburb of Potsdam, is Schlosshotel Cecilienhof. A luxury hotel and museum today, Cecilienhof palace played an important role during World War II.

Constructed originally as a home for Prince Wilhelm, the site gained acclaim in the summer of 1945, when the leaders of the United Kingdom, Soviet Union and United States — Winston Churchill, Josef Stalin and Harry Truman - held meetings here in the aftermath of World War II, with discussions including how the city of Berlin would be divided.

While attending the Potsdam Conference, Churchill learned that he'd been voted out of office back in England. He was replaced at the meetings by his successor, Clement Attlee. Just prior to Potsdam, Truman received news of the successful test of the atomic bomb.

The stately hotel today offers 42 guestrooms, extensive grounds and a cozy restaurant, where my companions and I dined on apple strudel, sweet cabbage and, of course, the wurst sausages of Germany.

The estate's museum details events of the Potsdam Conference. In one of the courtyards, a large Russian star serves as the centerpiece for a unique garden.

Potsdam is also known for its many beautiful parks. Every spring the city hosts a tulip festival that draws visitors from around the world and features more than 150,000 flowers. You'd never know by looking today, but among the quaint buildings in town is one that once held a KGB prison.

About 125 miles south of Berlin, another city offering much for history buffs is Dresden. A few months before the Potsdam Conference, Dresden was heavily bombed by British and American fighter planes. The firestorm that ensued is estimated to have killed more than 25,000 people and destroyed much of the city.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW GILL

"Dancing To Freedom" on the Berlin Wall.

In the six decades that have passed — and despite being under Communist rule until 1990 — Dresdeners have been busy rebuilding, literally brick by brick. And today the city — laid out in a perfect panorama along the Elbe — is once again absolutely beautiful.

Perhaps the most impressive of the reconstruction projects is the massive Church of Our Lady, or Frauenkirche. Built in the 1700s and boasting a dramatic baroque dome, the Lutheran church was destroyed in the bombing. In the 1990s, backed by an international fundraising effort, restoration began. And after 13 years of meticulous work, including the use of many of the original stones, the church reopened in 2005, just in time for the city's 800th anniversary the following year.

The church stands at one end of a busy pedestrian square amid cafes, boutiques and hotels. Nearby, both bland Communist period architecture and glorious 18th century royal architecture are in view.

The Elbe Valley around Dresden is home to many beautiful villas and gardens. In the town of Bad Muskau, Muskakuer Park was designed by nobleman Hermann Furst Von Puckler (1785-1871). A world traveler, he created a series of gardens with bucolic views and unusual landscapes including two sizable earthen pyramids. The property stretches across the nearby border into Poland.

On our way back to Berlin, my companions and I stopped at Glienicke Bridge. In 1962, American fighter pilot Francis Gary Powers — who had been shot down over Russia — was returned to the West here in exchange for Col. Rudolph Abel, a captured Russian spy.

Back in Berlin, we visited Checkpoint Charlie, where American soldiers once stood guard at the border between East and West. Displays tell the stories of residents of East Berlin who made daring attempts during the Communist era to escape to the West. Some created cars with the tops cut off so they could make it under a security gate. Others tunneled. Some made it safely across, but 171 people lost their lives trying to escape to freedom.

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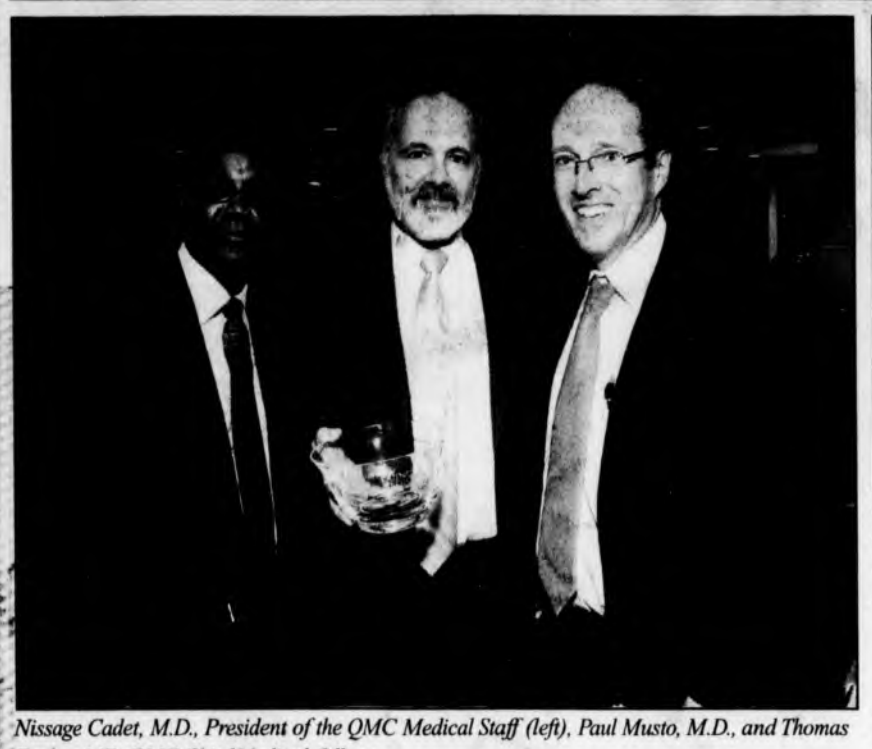
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Top Doctors



Nissage Cadet, M.D., President of the QMC Medical Staff (left), Paul Musto, M.D., and Thomas Barber, MD, QMC Chief Medical Officer.

Musto honored for commitment to staff at Quincy Medical Center

Cohasset resident, Paul Musto, M.D., (center) was honored for his 25 years of service to Quincy Medical Center during the medical staff's evening of appreciation to celebrate the longstanding commitment of their medical staff peers. Awards were presented to Quincy Medical Center-affiliated physicians in recognition of medical staff service milestones of 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service, during the annual awards banquet held an the Wollaston Golf Club in Milton on Friday, June 6. He is shown here accepting his award from Nissage Cadet, M.D., President of the QMC Medical Staff (left) and Thomas Barber, MD, QMC Chief Medical Officer



From left: Cohasset resident Dr. Michael Anderson, Medical Oncologist, and Dr. Claire Fung, Director of Radiation Oncology at Commonwealth Atrius Cancer Center (CACC), joined Weymouth Mayor Susan M. Kay, who proclaimed June as National Cancer Survivors Month. Local resident and CACC patient Dorothy Underwood (far right) participated.

Celebrating Cancer Survival Month at Atrius Center

Cohasset resident Dr. Michael Anderson, Medical Oncologist at Commonwealth Atrius Cancer Center (CACC), participated in a recent celebration of life held at CACC in Weymouth as Weymouth Mayor Susan M. Kay proclaimed June as National Cancer Survivors Month. Physicians from Commonwealth Hematology-Oncology (CHO) joined local patients and Mayor Kay as part of CACC activities to honor patients and recognize advancements in cancer care that are helping patients live longer, more fulfilling lives.

Commonwealth Atrius Cancer Center (CACC) in Weymouth, the first comprehensive, freestanding cancer center in the area, is a collaboration between Commonwealth Hematology-Oncology (CHO) and Atrius Health. CACC features personalized, multidisciplinary cancer care with all non-surgical cancer care services—medical oncology, radiation oncology, imaging, and other allied health services—under one roof. The radiation oncology suite, operated by Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates (an affiliate of Atrius Health), offers the area's most advanced radiation therapy. Commonwealth Hematology-Oncology (CHO), with offices and clinical sites throughout Massachusetts, is the largest private practice cancer care network in New England. Five community-based, multi-specialty medical groups—Dedham Medical Associates, Granite Medical, Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Southboro Medical Group, and South Shore Medical Center—have joined together as Atrius Health.

It's Happening

Auditions for 'Godspell'

Cohasset Drama Club auditions for "Godspell," directed by Mark Bono, will take place at 6 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 7, and 7 p.m., on Monday, Sept. 8, at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. Callbacks, if necessary, will be at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 9. Those auditioning can sing a song of their choice. An accompanist will be provided. There will also be cold readings from the script.

Bono is looking for a diverse, energetic cast of 10 to recount the telling of the Gospel according to St. Matthew through both parables and music. The show will combine many different theatrical styles including mime, vaudeville and improvisation, and boasts a musical score written by Stephen Schwartz.

Call Bono at 617-827-0887 for more information.

Farm fresh news

Due to Water Dept. work in progress at the Common, the Cohasset Farmers' Market will be held at the Little League field on North Main Street for the remainder of the season.

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OBITUARY

Edward Bayley Long

Avid naturalist and photographer

Edward Bayley Long, an avid naturalist and photographer, died at his home on Sunday, Aug. 24, 2008 at the age of 87. His beloved wife and five children were with him at the time of his passing. He was cherished by them, as well as his grandchildren and friends, for his abiding sense of humor and adventure, his passion for the outdoors and the generosity of his spirit. He taught them all about loving and living.

Ed was born in 1920 in Boston and grew up on Beacon Hill and the Back Bay. He graduated from Milton Academy, where he rowed for the varsity team, a sport he would continue throughout his life. Later, he attended Harvard University.

After college he joined the Navy, serving as a mechanic of PBYs during WWII. He worked as a hydraulics specialist at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy before entering a long, successful career as an investment broker. His achievements as a company vice president were recognized by Merrill Lynch with the creation of a Man of the Year award in his honor.

A philanthropist and fundraiser for numerous charitable causes, Ed was passionate about protection of the environment. He was a director of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, co-founder of the Cohasset Conservation Land Trust, and a member of the Trustees of Reservations.

He was instrumental in local campaigns to preserve open space, including World's End in Hingham, Bassing Beach in Cohasset and other nature preserves where he walked with his children and grandchildren, and always his dogs. He documented their beauty in his acclaimed photographs. His achievements as a nature photographer were recognized at a juried exhibition for the Massachusetts Audubon Society.

He leaves his wife, Priscilla Hastings Long; his five children, Edward Long Redpath, William Bowditch Long, Lydia Long, Diana Long Sweitzer and Andrew Hastings Long; and 11 grandchildren. A memorial service will be announced and held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his name may be made to the Cohasset Conservation Land Trust, P.O. Box 314, Cohasset, 02025.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. **Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague.** Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

August & September Services

Summer services concluded on Aug. 17th. There will be no Sunday service on August 24, but plan now for Sunday, September 7!

Sunday, September 7 – 10 a.m. Worship led by Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull in the Meeting House

Come join us at 8 a.m. for our Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast in the Parish House!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

Our summer schedule differs from our September through mid June schedule that is outlined below. SUMMER WORSHIP (through Aug. 31st) 8 a.m. informal service at the Sailing Club. 10am traditional service in the Chapel located at the rear of the building.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

FALL BOOK STUDY Wednesday, Oct 1st: We will discuss A New Earth Awakening to Your Life's Purpose by Eckhart Tolle.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the **Reverend Margot Critchfield,**

If you are visiting from out of town or here for the summer, you are most welcome to join us this Sunday when we switch to our summer worship schedule, now through Aug. 24:

Sundays: 6:45 am at Sandy Beach (bring a lawn chair, no parking sticker needed) and at our Cohasset Village church at 8 am and 9:30 am.

Wednesdays: Eucharist with healing at 9:30 am.

To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

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WORSHIP NOTES

Programs offered at St. Joseph Retreat Center

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road is an ideal place to experience God in the expanse of creation and within one's inner depths. Owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, the Retreat Center welcomes people of all faith denominations to a wide variety of programs at its spectacular facility on Jerusalem Road, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The Retreat Center also offers the possibility of private retreat days and overnight stays to fit into your busy schedule. We invite you to come for a day, a weekend, or a week and see what God has to offer you.

Upcoming opportunities at the Retreat Center include:

Monday, Sept. 8, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - *Spiritual Direction and Prayer*. Are you interested in deepening your relationship with God and growing in prayer? This Day of Prayer provides an opportunity to learn about spiritual direction and whether it would be helpful to you.

Visit the Retreat Center's Web site, www.csjretreatcenter.org, for more information and to register online. For a 2008-09 brochure, call 781-383-6024/6029 or email Retreat.Center@csjboston.org.

Upcoming events offered at Sha'aray Shalom

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom located at 1112 Main St., in Hingham will offer the following events during the month of September. To register call the temple office at 781-749-8103, or visit shaaray.org

Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious? – Instructors: Rabbi Shira Joseph and Cantor Steven Weiss. Mondays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. A Union of Judaism (URJ) three-session class for beginners.... Jewish or not....that explores the topics of Jewish spirituality, ethics and community, designed for unaffiliated Jews, non-Jews, intermarried couples and all searching for an entry into Jewish life.

Welcoming Shabbat Service for Perspective Members – Friday, Sept. 4 and Saturday, Sept. 5. Friday night service begins at 7:30 p.m. with live music, as well as a Saturday morning service featuring a sing along, starting at 10:30 a.m. All interested are invited to attend.

What is Your Breast and Ovarian Cancer Risk? – Hear Dr. Jonathan D. Herman speak about the importance of genetic testing for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer, particularly as it relates to the BRCA gene mutation. This is of particular importance to women of Jewish Ashkenazi background. Find out how you can test and protect your family. Free to the public as well as members of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom. Sunday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. RSVP by calling the Temple office 781-749-8103 or emailing (cssadm@aol.com_).

Developing a child's love for Jewish life through music, movement and more – JCC of Greater Boston presents an award winning eight-week class for children (birth through 5 years old) and their families. Fall Session taught by Jana Kahn from 11 a.m. to noon on Sundays Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 19, 26, and Nov. 2 and 9. Free music CD and Music Book for each Family. Cost: $120 for first child; $60 for siblings. All are welcome. Families need not be members of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom to participate.

For information and to register, contact: Suzanne Robins at 617-558-6414, or srobins@jccgb.orgAnne

St. Stephen's Concert Series opens on Sept. 17

Celebrating its 17th year, St. Stephen's Concert Series will be presenting Heinrich Christenson, organ, and Jodi Hagen, violin, in a recital on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 3 p.m. This year the church, along with the American Guild of Organists, is also celebrating the International Year of the Organ. Mr. Christensen is a native of Denmark and organist at King's Chapel in Boston, while Ms Hagen is known for her solo violin playing on the PBS series "American Experience." This well-known team will be playing Vivaldi's "Summer" and "Autumn" from the *Four Seasons* as well as several pieces by Josef Rheinberger.



COURTESY PHOTO

Heinrich Christenson and Jodi Hagen will be in recital Sept. 17.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave., is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call 781.383.1083.

Legal Notices

BARNARD JR. ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Norfolk Division
Docket No. 06P1525EP
Notice of Fiduciary's Account

To the persons interested in the estate of John Barnard Jr, a/k/a John Barnard late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 1st and final account (s) of Jeremy Barnard and Nicholas U. Sommerfeld as executors (the fiduciary) of said estate has been presented to this Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Canton on or before the 7th day of October,2008 the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, Robert W. Langlois, ESQUIRE, FIRST JUSTICE of said Court at Canton this 19th day of August, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11756855
Cohasset Mariner 8/29/08

SEL/POLE HEARINGS 9/8/08
LEGAL NOTICE
Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing Notice
Pole Hearings

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:10PM in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, to consider a petition requested from the Massachusetts Electric Company. They are requesting the installation of underground conduit to run new underground services to house #s 20, 21, 24, 28 and 31. The Board will also consider a second joint petition as requested by Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England Inc., to remove existing poles #3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Customers are installing the underground utilities from pole #2 and therefore the other poles will not be needed.. The public is invited to offer public input on this proposal in writing in advance of the public hearing or in person at the hearing.

Board of Selectmen

AD#11755114
Cohasset Mariner 8/29/08

ZBA/380-400 CHIEF JUSTICE HWY.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 8:00PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Variance** pursuant to §6.5 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Agnoli Sign Co. (land owner Cohasset Realty Trust, Donald Staszko as trustee), seeks to update both Stop & Shop signs located at **380-400 Chief Justice Cushing Highway** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08.08.18b

AD#11751516
Cohasset Mariner 8/22, 8/29/08

ZBA/609 JERUSALEM RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, September 9, 2008** at 8:15PM to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §5.3 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Heidi Condon, Associate Architect (land owner Ladd W. McQuade), seeks to demolish the existing barn and re-construct a new barn on the same footprint in the flood plain at **609 Jerusalem Road** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08.08.18c

AD#11751527
Cohasset Mariner 8/22, 8/29/08

ZBA/357 ATLANTIC AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, September 9, 2008** at **7:35PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §9.6 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Architects Carr, Lynch & Sandell (land owner Janice Reiter), seeks to build a guest house at **357Atlantic Ave**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08.08.18

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FOCUS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

College expanding its online horizons

Programs available for teachers, nutritionists; new nursing program

By Charlie Breitrose
DAILY NEWS STAFF

FRAMINGHAM – Teachers looking for training, others looking for a certificate in nutrition, and now nurses looking for a master's degree can all turn to Framingham State College.

Many courses offered to students who already have a bachelor's degree can be taken from the comfort of home through FSC's online programs, said Janet Castleman, dean of the graduate and continuing education program.

"We are seeing increases in the numbers of students taking online courses," Castleman said. "One of the reasons we are seeing increases in online education (is) because of (the) price of gas. The New York Times did a story about that recently."

Most of the online classes only require access to the Internet, so students need not ever step on campus. Castleman said students from far and wide have taken advantage of these computer-based offerings.

"We have had students in China, Iraq, Florida, Georgia and Western Massachusetts," Castleman said.

Framingham State offers 40 to 60 courses online each semester, said Robin Robinson, the director of distance education at FSC.

"The growth has been amazing," Robinson said. "The college has been doing it for 10 years. We will be having a celebration in November."

As a former teachers' college, Framingham State continues to provide many programs for educators, for both up-and-coming and established teachers. The college goes beyond education, and now has courses in 16 areas of study, Robinson said.

Teaching continues to be a good opportunity for career changers, Castleman said, and FSC provides courses for people to do so.

"The students tend to be older, who are kind of questioning what it's all about and want a change, or they have been successful and want to give something back," Castleman said. "The Post Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure program provides the education they need to get the initial teacher's license."

During the course, the students keep an e-portfolio – a collection of their work accessible by the Internet.

Some classes in the program can be taken online, but others must be taken in the classroom, Castleman said.

"A lot of them are face to face," Castleman said. "They have to do field experience in the schools."

One program that can be done 100 percent online, Robinson said, is the master's in curriculum instructional technology. It's aimed at teachers who want to use computers and other technology in their own classrooms.

"It helps them use technology in their instruction and developing their skills and resources," Robinson said.

During the course, the students keep an e-portfolio – a collection of their work accessible by the Internet.

"Not only are they getting a lot of information from wonderful faculty, but they're collecting it in a format they can share with others," Robinson said.

Another area of focus for online courses at Framingham State is nutrition, Robinson said.

"Nutrition is a good area for online," Robinson said. "We have some certificate programs."

While many classes are aimed at those who have already graduated, Robinson said the school also wants to provide courses for undergraduates.

"We have articulation agreements with the community colleges, so students can more easily come in and complete a liberal arts degree," Robinson said. "We have an initiative to expand the liberal arts online."

The college's newest program is aimed at teaching nurses to become nursing instructors.

"That will help address the nursing shortage," Castleman said. "It will put more nursing educators into programs teaching (people to become) nurses. That's where the bottleneck is."

The program, which already has 75 students enrolled, will have two tracks: nursing education and nursing leadership.

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PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your honesty might upset some people, but you inevitably win more admirers for having the courage to tell the truth when others are more likely to scramble for cover.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your efforts to defend your project begin to show favorable results. You should soon be able to win over even the most determined detractors who had lined up against it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You win praise for your selfless efforts in a very difficult situation. But be careful not to allow your generous nature to be exploited by those who have their own agenda.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A trusted colleague sheds light on a recent spate of puzzling workplace situations. This should give you the information you need to bring to your superior's attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A shift in workplace management could be helpful for talented Leos and Leonas who have been waiting to have their accomplishments rewarded by receptive leadership.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding between you and someone you care for should be corrected immediately. This relationship is too important to lose over a bruised ego.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A welcome piece of good news helps clear the air in a family situation. A job-related incident also eases as more information provides a clearer focus on the problem.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Quick action to heal bruised feelings pays off in a big way. Now you'll be able to move forward with your plans without that problem holding you back.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your creativity combined with a positive attitude should give you a considerable edge in finding a way to get around the negativity you've run into.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) That sudden streak of stubbornness could cause some problems. Try to be more open to helpful suggestions and more flexible in making needed changes.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Now that that special relationship appears to be well and truly restored, you can spend more time dealing with those long-needed workplace changes.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new opportunity sounds promising. But watch out for any conditions that might be attached. Before making a decision, ask that each one be explained in detail.

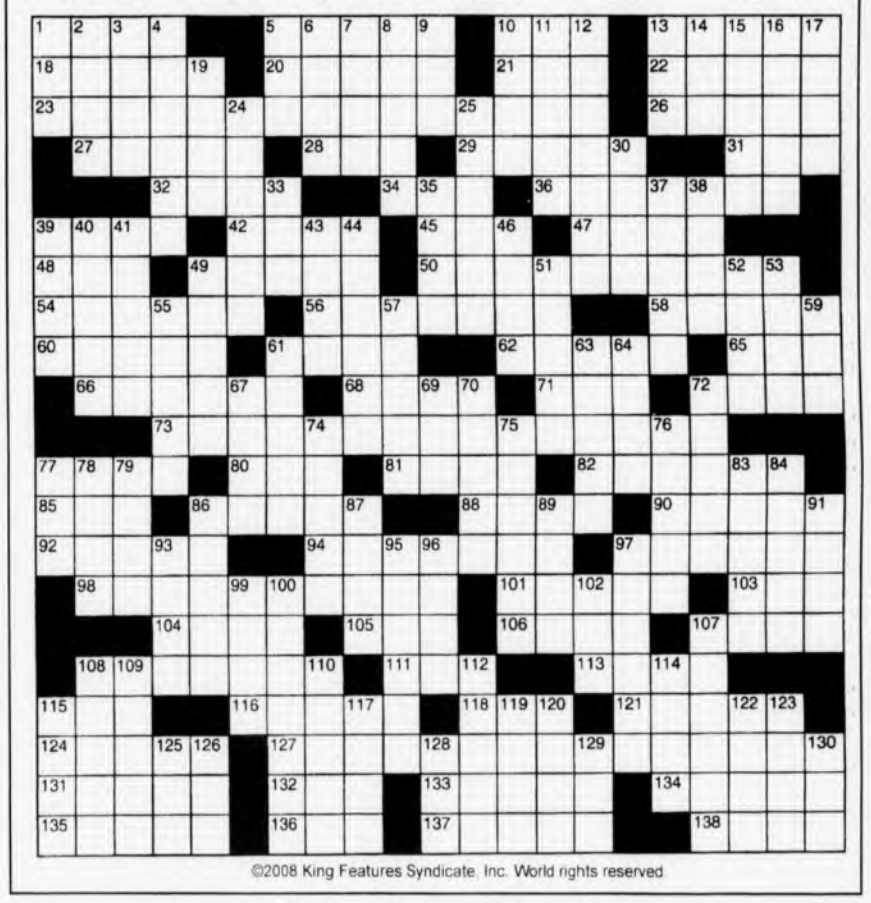
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BORN THIS WEEK: You can be distracted by promises of good times, yet you ultimately reach the goals you set for yourself.

Crossword - Finish Line

ACROSS
1 Thieves
5 Dress down
10 Accomplished
13 English explorer
18 French spa
20 Home on high
21 A mean Amin
22 "Pygmalion" role
23 Start of a remark by Gene Perret
26 On the up and up
27 Director Sergio
28 Grazing ground
29 Overact
31 Have a mortgage
32 Become engaged?
34 EMT's skill
36 "La Boheme" girl
39 Depravity
42 Heavy metal instrument?
45 Mellow
47 Rajasthani rhythm
48 Coach Parseghian
49 Kayak commander
50 Part 2 of remark
54 Verbal explosion
56 Pittsburgh player
58 Skirt feature
60 Tangle
61 "May I interrupt?"
62 Vision
65 Cookbook phrase
66 Impressive lobby
68 Catches cod
71 Runner Sebastian
72 Karras or Haley
73 Part 3 of remark
77 Suggestive
80 — Na Na
81 Beloved
82 Type of aircraft
85 Maestro de Waart
86 Fusillade
88 Khartoum's river
90 Hopeless case
92 Jeeves or Passepartout
94 Focused
97 Watchful city?
98 Part 4 of remark
101 Perfect
103 One of the Marches
104 Anesthetize
105 Fitting
106 Manuscript enc.
107 Goofy Gomer
108 Field event
111 "— the fields we go . . ."
113 Ballet movement
115 Overwhelm
116 Recruit personnel
118 Good times
121 Sari site
124 Rent
127 End of remark
131 Party present
132 Myriads of moons
133 "Midnight at the —" ('74 hit)
134 "— Gay"
135 Fight site
136 Room for relaxing
137 Marine leader?
138 Hardware item

DOWN
1 Sports official
2 Face shape
3 Ill temper
4 She knew how to get a head
5 Droop
6 Do overhead plastering
7 Sarah — Jewett
8 Pale purple
9 "— volente"
10 "Carpe —"
11 Turn of phrase
12 Bother
13 "Fantasia" frame
14 Fish-and-chips accompaniment
15 Chauvinist
16 Conductor Seiji
17 Yarn
19 Muse count
24 Snuggle up
25 "The Aeneid" author
30 Jacob's twin
33 Tint
35 "— Rider" ('85 film)
37 Neighbor of Libya
38 Kite part
39 Places to dye
40 One of "The Three Sisters"
41 Jeweler's weight
43 41st or 43rd President
44 Be there
46 Gets by, with "out"
49 Impromptu
51 Author Jong
52 Patricia of "Hud"
53 Wild wind
55 Deck out
57 Edit a text
59 Duty
61 Menotti title character
63 Have thirds and fourths?
64 Cure
67 — Minor
69 Peg for Palmer
70 Footballer Lynn
72 Option
74 Maritime abbr.
75 Turning point
76 Actor Bruce
77 Part of IRS
78 Eliot's "— Bede"
79 Fountain order
83 Foe
84 Party hearty
86 Walk like a rooster
87 Recruit-to-be
89 Helen of Troy's mom
91 Wrath
93 Cubist Rubik?
95 Warning
96 Tivoli's Villa d'—
97 Ancient tongue
99 Little devils
100 Bordered on
102 Kreskin's letters
107 Know-it-all
108 Vow
109 Throw forcefully
110 Resort lake
112 Bucolic
114 Memo start
115 — Romeo
117 Actress Sherilyn
119 "Yo!" at the library
120 Move a bit
122 "Blame — the Bossa Nova" ('63 hit)
123 Bill of Rights grp.
125 Every guy is one
126 Cy Young stat
128 Debtor's letters
129 Govt. agency
130 Beaver or beret



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Sudoku

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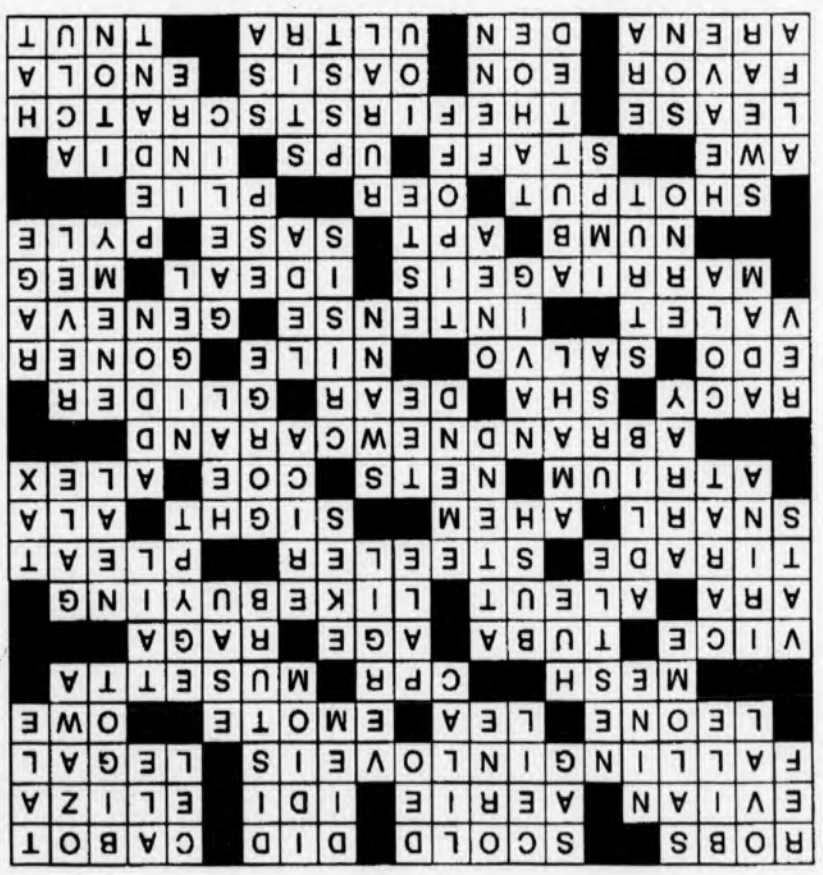
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Crossword Solution - Finish Line



Magic Maze - Lizards

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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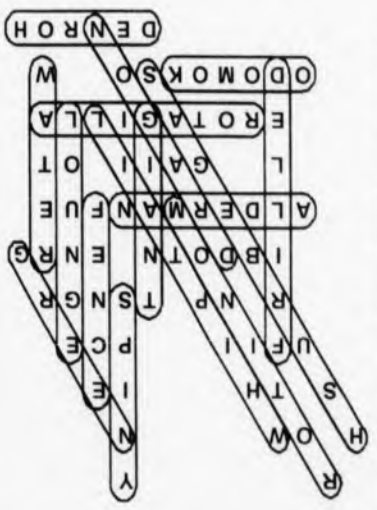
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Monitor
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Magic Solution - Lizards



Sudoku Solution

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7	6	1	5	9	8	2	4	3
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What's happening on the South Shore

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COURTESY PHOTO

Vince Gill performs Aug. 30 at South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset.

Vince Gill leaves the band behind

It's simply about the music in Gill's acoustic concert

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

"I've always seen myself as a musician first. For me it's always been about the music, not about shtick. I like informality, because it allows things to be very natural."
Vince Gill

On a magical night in Cohasset some 25 years ago, a young bluegrass singer and songwriter took the stage of the South Shore Music Circus as the unbilled opening act for headliner Barbara Mandrell. Armed with only his guitar and a pure and powerful voice, Vince Gill made it clear, without ever having to say so, that he was a star on the rise. Gill – whose latest release, the four-CD set of new music "These Days," earned him his 19th Grammy Award earlier this year, this one for Best Country Album – returns to the Music Circus on Saturday with an acoustic show that just may remind some of that earlier summer night under the tent.

"We went out last year with a 17-piece band in support of 'These Days,' and we covered a wide range of music," Gill explained recently by telephone. "This year, I thought it might be good to go back a little bit as a storyteller and songwriter and kind of share how many of these songs came to be and then just see what happens. I wanted to do something very different than last year.

"It was a blast to have a 17-piece orchestra, but a lot of these songs were conceived this way with a smaller sound. I don't really have a plan, but I'm not worried because I'm bringing the best people with me – Pete Wasner on piano, Billy Thomas on percussion and Mike Bib on bass. And I'll play plenty of acoustic guitar and maybe some electric guitar. The environment of these shows will be smaller and more intimate, which will give me the chance to really interact with the audience."

It was while he was in the audience for a concert by another legendary singer that Gill got the idea for his current tour.

"Not too long ago, I saw James Taylor do a kind of one-man band show, with just him, a piano player and all those great songs. I really enjoyed watching it and I knew I would enjoy performing in that setting as well – just pared down and informal. I've always seen myself as a musician first, too. For me it's always been about the music, not about shtick. I like informality, because it allows things to be very natural."

It was Gill's natural talent as a singer that landed him a job with Pure Prairie League where his voice helped make "Let Me Love You Tonight" a hit. A solo career followed, first with RCA Records, and then with MCA Records where he earned his first Grammy Award for Best Country Male Performance for "Oklahoma Swing," a duet hit with Reba McEntire, from the album "When I Call Your Name." That album sold more than two million copies and led to six more million-selling studio albums with MCA and more than 20 Top 10 country hits.

The 51-year-old Oklahoma native, who once famously turned down an offer from Marc Knopfler to join Dire Straits, has often worked with other artists. In 1991, he earned his first CMA Vocal Event of the Year Award for his performance with Mark O'Connor and the New Nashville Cats (featuring Gill, Ricky Skaggs and Steve Wariner). In 1992 he released the quadruple-platinum-certified "I Still Believe In You." The title cut became Gill's first number one single, followed quickly by "Don't Let Our Love Start Slippin' Away." The album also featured the hits "One More Last Chance," "Tryin' to Get Over You" and "No Future in the Past." Gill also topped the charts with "The Heart Won't Lie," his second duet with McEntire, which was featured on her album "It's Your Call." Gill credits his willingness to share a recording studio with helping to win him some of his many awards including 18 Country Music Association (CMA) honors.

"The Grammy Awards are very much their own animal. I never thought I'd get the first one. By the time I was lucky enough to get my 19th from Ringo Starr, which was just amazing, I was asking myself, 'Will this be the last?' One of the reasons I have won so many is that I am a lot more willing to collaborate with the other artists which has allowed me to win in many different categories."

Two of Gill's collaborations have been decidedly personal. Following the 1998 end of Gill's 18-year first marriage to fellow country singer Janis Oliver of "Sweethearts of the Rodeo," with whom he has a 26-year-old daughter, Jennifer Gill, he married Christian/pop singer Amy Grant in March 2000. The couple has one daughter, seven-year-old Corinna Grant Gill.

The year they were married, Gill and Amy Grant released "Let's Make Sure We Kiss Goodbye." The album celebrated their relationship and featured the hit "Feels Like Love." Three years later, Gill released "Next Big Thing," his first solo-produced album, featuring the title cut and "Young Man's Town." In 2006, Gill released "These Days," a four-CD set featuring 43 new recordings. Each album in the set explored a different musical mood – traditional country, ballads, contemporary up-tempo, and acoustic/bluegrass music. The set features a variety of guest performers including John Anderson, Guy Clark, Sheryl Crow, Phil Everly, daughter Jenny Gill, wife Amy Grant, Emmylou Harris, Diana Krall, Michael McDonald, Bonnie Raitt, Leann Rimes, Gretchen Wilson, Lee Ann Womack, Trisha Yearwood and more.

The decision by Luke Lewis, head of Gill's label UMG Nashville, to release the four CDs as one boxed set is one Gill – who has sold more than 26 million albums in his career to date – credits with helping bring attention to his latest effort.

"If it had just been a record, it would have come and gone, and I'm not sure anybody would have raised an eyebrow toward it. But the uniqueness of releasing the four different new albums as one set created an awful lot of interest in it."

The interest resulted in sales of more than one million units, at a time when Gill was essentially being shut out by radio programmers in favor of newer artists.

"It baffles me, but at the same time it really doesn't surprise me," said Gill of the challenges he and other veteran country artists face getting their music played on the radio. The lack of radio play didn't harm the album, however, when it came time for awards season. The CD set won the 2008 Grammy for best country album and was also nominated for Album of the Year, which ultimately went to Herbie Hancock for "River: The Joni Letters."

"People who are really knocking it out of the park sales-wise in country music today would probably say that the Grammys are not really representative of what's going on in country music today," says Gill. "And I don't blame them for thinking that way, but at the same time, the Grammy Awards are not strictly about the Top 10. I am really proud of that album. And the fact that it was also nominated in the general category with Amy Winehouse, the Foo Fighters, and Herbie was a big thrill for me. It also created a level of interest in me that had never existed before and I'm very grateful for that."

The South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, will present "A Special Acoustic Evening with Vince Gill" on Aug. 30 at 8 p.m. For tickets, visit the box office, all 617-931-2787 or go online at themusiccircus.org

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Aug. 28

Summer Concert Series – All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. Aug. 28, **Don Besegai's Big Band.**

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 28, Flydown 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Aug. 28, **Soulsville**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Aug. 29

Edaville USA, Pine St., Carver presents **Day Out With Thomas 2008** – the Great Discovery Aug. 29-31 and Sept. 1 and 6-7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy a 25-minute ride with Thomas the Tank Engine, an opportunity to meet Sir Topham Hatt, Controller of The Railway and activities for the whole family, including arts and crafts, storytelling, video viewing, live music Tickets are on sale now and available by calling Ticketweb toll-free 866-468-7630, or by visiting ticketweb.com/thomas or edaville.com. Ticket prices are $18 for ages 2 and up (service charges and fee may apply). Information: edaville .com.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night until September.

Walter "Bear" Zaremba, the BearBones Band and special guests will perform at the Mill Wharf, Scituate Harbor Aug. 29, at 9 p.m. to midnight.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 29, **Chain Drive** 781-829-6999.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **Arhythmia** Aug. 29, 8:45 p.m. to closing.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Aug. 29, **Cindy Daley Band.** 9:15 p.m. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace .com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, Aug. 30

Yard Rock Music Cruises Aboard the Voyager III, featuring Bostons best Reggae Band **Danny Tucker and the Vibe Tribe** will perform. Saturday Aug. 30; 8:30 pm to midnight. Departs from the Quincy T Commuter boat terminal at the Fore River Bridge, 703 Washington St., Quincy. 617-222-6999, harborexpress.com This venue is ADA accessible. Tickets are $20, these are 21 plus shows; Time: 8:30 pm to Midnight. The cruise's will take passengers along the coast on a leisurely ride into Boston Harbor and back to Quincy. Advance tickets available online at harborexpress.com by phone 617-222-6999 or by stopping by the Harbor Express T commuter boat Terminal located at 703 Washington St., Quincy.

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The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Aug. 30, **Radio for the Blind 781**-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Aug. 30, **Evan Goodrow Band.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **Irish Seisiun** Aug. 30, at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 31

The first Plymouth Rock Triathlon will be held Sunday, Aug. 31, at Stephens Field. The event, including a 2.4 mile swim, a 112-mile bike race and a 26.2-mile run, begins at 7 a.m. The price to participate is $295 for individuals and $350 for relay teams through May 31. After that date the fees will be $345 for individuals and $400 for teams. This is a USA triathlon-sanctioned event. All athletes must present a valid USAT membership at packet pickup or purchase a one-day USAT license for $10. USA Triathlon rules will apply and USAT officials will be present and on the racecourse. For more information, visit plymouthrocktriathlon.com.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, presents **Haiga** Aug. 31 through Nov. 9. The exhibit will feature contemporary *haiga*, which are Japanese paintings that accompany *haiku*, a seventeen-syllable poem usually describing a fleeting, seasonal moment. The painting may not directly represent the images of the poem, but juxtapose them. Calligraphy used to write *haiku* is the third Reiko Yoshida lives in Nara, Japan. She uses a variety of paper, ink washes and abstracted Japanese calligraphy in her non-traditional *haiga*. Translations of her calligraphy will be provided. A reception is scheduled for Sept. 21, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Information: 781-934-6634x12 laura@art-complex.org

Spindles Auto Club will host its **28th Annual Auto Fest and Swap Meet** on Sunday Aug. 31. (Rain date, Monday, Sept. 1) at the Marshfield Fair Grounds, Route 3A, Marshfield. All makes and years, swap meet. Portion of proceeds to benefit Children's Hospital. Info: 781-335-9754. spindlescarclub.tripod.com

Workshops

ASAP AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES TOGETHER will present the award winning W.I.S.E. Up Workshop for young adoptees to build self-esteem and learn how to talk about adoption issues. While children meet, parents will be trained in order to support their children in using these newly learned strategies. 2 to 4 p.m. at 170 Monroe St., Pembroke. Registration $20 per child. Includes take home workbook. Call 781 293-33421.

GRANDPARENTING: THE JOYS AND COMPLICATIONS Sponsored by Hingham Elder Services, this six-week series will begin on Monday, Sept. 15 and continue through Monday, Oct. 27, 7 to 8:30 pm at the Hingham Senior Center. The sessions will feature speakers on legal issues of grandparenting, custody, visitation, and open discussion and questions. This group will be led by Kathleen R. Arnold, MSW, LICSW, an experienced grandparent who has thirty years of clinical social work experience. The group is limited to 20 and registration is required. To register, call the Hingham Senior Center at 781-741-1458.

Volunteers

SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE is a volunteer driven organization dedicated saving lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality of care for all and energizing science to find the cures. The Komen Massachusetts Affiliate offers hundreds of volunteer opportunities each year from Race for the Cure special events, office help, fundraising, education, public relations, finance and much more. Whether you are looking for a year-round commitment or a one-time event, the Komen Massachusetts Affiliate has a place for you. Visit komenmass.org or call Elizabeth Payne, Volunteer Coordinator, at 617-737-5111 x14 for information.

Young adults ages 10-18 are invited to participate in the Komen Race for the Cure 5K Run/Walk Sept. 7 at UMass Boston. Volunteers work to help change the future of breast cancer forever by raising funds and awareness this summer leading up to the Race! To join the Kids for the Cure team visit komenmassrace.org/kidsforthecure. If you would like to be a team leader, call 617-737-5111 x15.

16TH ANNUAL ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION SOUTH SHORE MEMORY WALK Sept. 21, at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth. Volunteers are needed for now with the pre-walk preparations, help hang posters or distribute flyers. Proceeds benefit programs of the Alzheimer's Association which helps to provide care and support for individuals and families touched by the disease. Volunteer and make a difference. Information about the South Shore Memory Walk, call Alison Stockman or Shawn Bertram at 508-830-9990 or email alison@stafford-hill.com or shawn@stafford-hill.com or visit memorywalk.ma.org

THE USS SALEM IS LOOKING FOR ACTORS AND SET BUILDERS for their annual Haunted Ship event. The Haunted Ship takes place aboard the 716 foot long USS Salem berthed at the former Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. Most actors and set builders are volunteers and receive free tickets and other benefits including T-shirts and prizes. You must be at least 16 years of age to work as an actor but only 14 years of age to work behind-the-scenes. All minors must have parental consent. There are many opportunities available creating the Haunted Ship including greeters, actors, costumed characters, special effects operators, make-up, room design, set builders and more. The Haunted Ship will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights in October starting at 6:30 p.m. The USS Salem will host a Haunters Open House Monday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. aboard the USS Salem at 739 Washington St., Quincy. If you are interested in getting involved or have any questions, call 617-479-7900 or e-mail hauntedship@uss-salem.org or visit www.hauntedship.com.

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Call for entries

The North River Arts Society invites artists to enter the **2010 Art Calendar Competition and Exhibit.** Open to all artists, professional and amateur, working in 2-D: Painting, drawing, printmaking and mixed media. Sorry, no photography. Juror: David Brega. Entry Deadline is Sept. 22. **Opening Reception:** Friday, Oct. 24. For Competition Guidelines and to download an entry form visit www.northriverarts.org click on Art Calendar under Menu. North River Arts Society, Post Office Box 307, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills, MA 02051. 781-837-8091.

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Edaville USA, Pine St., Carver presents **Day Out With Thomas 2008** – the Great Discovery Aug. 29-31 and Sept. 1 and 6-7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy a 25-minute ride with Thomas the Tank Engine, an opportunity to meet Sir Topham Hatt, Controller of The Railway and activities for the whole family, including arts and crafts, storytelling, video viewing, live music Tickets are on sale now and available by calling Ticketweb toll-free 866-468-7630, or by visiting ticketweb.com/thomas or edaville.com. Ticket prices are $18 for ages 2 and up (service charges and fee may apply). Information: edaville.com.

Monday, Sept. 1

Summer Concert Series – All concerts are free and open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., at the Plymouth Rock site. Concerts postponed will be held the following Tuesday. **Sept. 1, Legion Bud Band.**

Labor Day concert at the Hanover Bandstand, B. Everett Hall Field, Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover. Monday, Sept. 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. **The Satuit Band will perform.**

Tuesday, Sept. 2

The Wellness Community (TWC) at Pathways Center for Cancer Support provides free supportive and educational programs for those in the South Shore area with cancer and for their loved ones. TWC at Pathways offers support, education and hope through several support and networking groups, yoga, tai chi, art exploration and educational workshops. Support groups are led by trained clinicians. Those interested in finding out more about the free programs offered at TWC Pathways are urged to attend a Newcomer's Orientation which is held every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.TWC at Pathways is located at 273 Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover. Information: call 781-829-4823 or visit wellnesscommunity.org.

Island Grove Chorus, a women's acappella singing group, meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Abington. Call 781-848-5843 for more information.

Braintree Choral Society is accepting new members in all voice parts for its 2008-2009 season. BCS is a non-auditioned chorus, which performs under the musical direction of Danica Buckley. Rehearsals for the new season begin Tuesday, Sept 2, at Braintree high school. The season theme is "Classic Pops" and includes repertoire from choral classics to Broadway, with a season-opening cabaret scheduled for Nov. 7, a holiday concert and carol sing scheduled for Dec. 7, and a pops and light classical spring concert scheduled for April 26.. In early May the chorus will perform with the Choral Arts Society of Situate to celebrate both its own 85th and the Choral Arts 50th anniversaries. The special anniversary program will be the complete production of Mendelssohn's oratorio, Saint Paul, with orchestra. If you are interested in joining, contact braintree-choral@yahoo.com or call president Carole Zarenski at 781-871-1293. Information, see www.braintreesings.org

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Dickinson Gallery, 1132 Main St., Route 18, Weymouth **Surf & Shore Exhibit** ends Sunday Aug. 31; Final week for the Surf & Shore exhibit at the Dickinson Gallery in Weymouth through Sunday Aug. 31: acrylics, watercolors, oil paintings, and pastels, celebrating the beauty and the pleasures of the New England seacoast. The artists include Stephen Boczanowski, Edwina Caci, Morgan Davis, James Earl, Vincent Elliot, Donald Dickinson, Roger Gill, Stephen H. Holland, George Murray, Daniel Myers, John Nutter, and Charyl Weissbach. Opening Wed. Sept. 3 through Friday Sept. 19, John Nutter of Hanover will be the gallery's "Featured Artist." His exhibit of pastel paintings will include local New England scenes including "North River Sunset," "Mary's Boat Yard," and "The Cove" at Duxbury. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For information and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384. Preview the artists online at www.dickinsonartgallery.com.

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St,. Duxbury. Registration is now taking place at for the September sessions of **Yoga,** which are scheduled from 8:30 until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays or 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Sept. 3 through the 25. It is taught by Kathleen Young who is certified to teach yoga and fitness and has more than fifteen years of experience. The cost for the four week session is $36. Pre-registration is required at 781-934-6634.

The Fine Arts Chorale cordially invites singers in all voice parts to participate in an exciting Mozart "Sing." Under the capable direction of Dr. Libor Dudas, the chorale and guest singers will perform one of Mozart's best known and beloved pieces— the Mozart "Requiem." Join soloists Anastasia Nikolova, soprano, Amanda Keil, alto, Keith Brinkley, tenor Taylor Stiltson, baritone and the Fine Arts Chorale on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the vestry of Old South Union Church, 25 Columbian St., South Weymouth for this special performance. Interested singers may bring their own score or borrow one from the Chorale. Admission is $8 or $5 for those who just wish to sit back, listen and enjoy. Information: 1-800-230-7555 or email FineArtsChorale@aol.com.

Thursday, Sept. 4

First Time Homebuyer Workshop, sponsored by Quincy Community Action Program, will take on place Thursday, Sept. 4, Tuesday, Sept. 9, and Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. People must attend all three sessions to receive a certificate of attendance, which is a prerequisite for down payment closing cost assistance, favorable soft second and Mass Housing mortgages. Sessions are open to everyone regardless of income, credit ratings or down payment availability. Participants will receive a workbook that contains references that pertain to home buying. Registration is required by calling Ann Marie Casey at 617-657-5319.

The Daniel Webster Estate at 238 Webster St., Marshfield is open every Thursday through September from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Marshfield is the "Home of Daniel Webster", so come and have a guided tour of this lovely 1880's house which is a tribute to him. Admission is free. Information visit danielwebsterestate.org.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Sept. 4, **Slo-Burn: Blues Jam**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Sept. 5

Norwell Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice Inc. will offer an eight-week **bereavement support group** open to South Shore residents who have suffered the loss of a loved one within the past year. The group will start Friday, Sept. 5, and meet for eight consecutive Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Norwell VNA and Hospice, 91 Longwater Circle, Norwell. The bereavement support group is limited to 10 participants. Telephone screening is required prior to the first meeting; call Kim Kelly Harriman at 781-659-2342, ext. 722.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Friday, Sept. 5, 8:30 to midnight at the new Holiday Inn (formerly the Raduisson Hotel) Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St, Rockland. se-4u.com Dance music by award-winning DJ, Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Free door prizes, raffles, and additional MATCH game prizes. For singles and couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper business dress, sports jacket for men highly recommended. Admittance: $12 all night. Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club USA. Information: 781-446-0234.

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Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **Dave & JJ** Sept. 5, 8:45 p.m. to closing.

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Auditions

KING RICHARD'S FAIRE RENAISSANCE IDOL –If you love to sing and perform, then King Richard's Faire's Renaissance Idol competition is perfect way to get recognized. This year, King Richard is extending an invitation to talented singers throughout New England, asking them to take to the stage and compete for the coveted title of Renaissance Idol. Performers will be judged on singing ability, performance ability, charisma and presence, and costume and flair. At the end of each round, two finalists will be announced, so there will be a total of four performers competing for the title of Renaissance Idol in the final round. The basic rules of the competition are as follows: No more than 15 performers each round, solo performers only, must be at least 16 years of age, performers must provide the name of the song that they will be singing when they sign up, and no vulgar content or explicit lyrics are allowed in song choices. There will be one winner of Renaissance Idol. For more information visit www.kingrichardsfaire.net or call 508-866-5391.

COHASSET DRAMA CLUB auditions for "Godspell," directed by Mark Bono, will take place at 6 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 7, and 7 p.m., on Monday, Sept. 8, at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. Callbacks, if necessary, will be at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 9. Those auditioning can sing a song of their choice. An accompanist will be provided. There will also be cold readings from the script. Bono is looking for a diverse, energetic cast of 10 to recount the telling of the Gospel according to St. Matthew through both parables and music. The show will combine many different theatrical styles including mime, vaudeville and improvisation, and boasts a musical score written by Stephen Schwartz. Call Bono at 617-827-0887 for more information.

THE PILGRIM FESTIVAL CHORUS (PFC), a volunteer, not-for-profit choral group is welcoming residents throughout the region to join them for their 2008-2009 season during open auditions at a Welcome Night. On Monday, Sept. 15, Music Director Bill Richter will welcome vocalists to visit to learn more and audition, if they wish, at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of the Pilgrimage, 8Town Square in Plymouth. The first rehearsal of the fall season will immediately follow at 7:00 p.m. For information contact Bill Richter, Music Director at 781-789-3343 or by emailing director@pilgrimfestival.org or visit pilrimfestival.org



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Michael McGrath and Leslie Kritzer rehearse the famous card scene from "Born Yesterday," playing through Aug. 30 at the Cape Playhouse in Dennis.

'It's like a paid vacation'

Family time's a bonus during Michael McGrath's run on the Cape

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

Broadway performer Michael McGrath ("Monty Python's Spamalot") has spent a lot of time at his family's home in West Yarmouth this summer, but unlike most Cape visitors, rest and relaxation have not been on his agenda. McGrath is currently starring in "Born Yesterday" at the Cape Playhouse in Dennis, where he also appeared last month as Groucho Marx in "A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine."

"Working on the Cape is fun. It's like having a paid vacation. I come out the stage door after the show every night and see people I haven't seen in 30 years, not to mention extended family members," McGrath said recently by telephone from New York. "My parents, Shirley and Pat McGrath, live in Worcester where I grew up, but spend summers at the 'McGrath Compound' in West Yarmouth. And my sister, Susan, and brother-in-law, Bob, live year-round in South Yarmouth."

In "Born Yesterday," the Garson Kanin comedy first produced on Broadway in 1946, McGrath plays Harry Brock, a short-on-manners, long-on-bluster business tycoon who brings his blonde bombshell girlfriend to Washington, D.C., where he hopes to buy himself a few Congressmen. Originated on Broadway by Paul Douglas, opposite Judy Holliday, the role was played most memorably by Broderick Crawford in a 1950 feature film adaptation which also starred Holliday, and by John Goodman in a forgettable 1993 remake with Melanie Griffith. A 1989 stage revival, which played Boston's Shubert Theatre prior to Broadway, starred Ed Asner and Madeline Kahn. Despite its various revivals and remakes, McGrath acknowledges knowing little of the story before Cape Playhouse Artistic Director Evans Haile cast him in Dennis

"I was not familiar with the show at all. When I told my wife they were interested in me, she immediately said 'For the Broderick Crawford role?' And I said, yeah, that's the part. It caught me off guard that my own wife would immediately think of me for this particular part since, in the very beginning of the play, the character is described as a big, dumb gorilla. I decided right then that I would play him as a not-so-big, dumb gorilla with plenty of style and attitude."

McGrath earned 2005 Tony and Drama Desk Award nominations for the role of Patsy in Spamalot, which he played on Broadway for over two years, and was also featured in the recent revivals of "Wonderful Town" with Donna Murphy, and "Little Me" with Martin Short. This past season, he appeared in the acclaimed but short-lived "Is He Dead?" opposite Norbert Leo Butz. McGrath spent 1985-88 in the now-closed Boston company of "Forbidden Broadway" at the Terrace Room in the Park Plaza Hotel. In the musical parody of all things Broadway, and all kinds of Broadway legends, McGrath played everyone from Richard Harris in "Camelot" and Kevin Kline in "The Pirates of Penzance" to Anthony Quinn as Zorba the Greek.

One of McGrath's co-stars, Toni DiBuono, went on to become his wife. McGrath and DiBuono have been married since 1993 and have a 13-year-old daughter, Kathleen.

He may have made his name in show business with musicals, but McGrath says he is ready to take his career in a new direction.

"I'm getting too old to do musicals," says the 50-year-old with a laugh. "I like to think of myself as an actor first, singer second, and dancer third."

Until this weekend anyway, McGrath is getting his wish and taking on a character like none he has played before.

"For Harry Brock, money talks. And Harry has a lot of money. He doesn't always do the right thing, but he's always ready to spend some money to get what he wants. It's a real departure for me and I'm having a blast."

Joining McGrath in Dennis is fellow Broadway performer Leslie Kritzer — seen this season in "A Catered Affair" and previously in "Legally Blonde: The Musical" and "Hairspray" — who plays the role of Billie Dawn, the businessman's mistress who falls for her tutor. Like McGrath, the 62-year-old "Born Yesterday" is all new to Kritzer.

"I didn't even know this character existed. Once I heard about this opportunity, I watched the Judy Holliday film, but only once as I didn't want to copy her work."

Kritzer, a performance artist known on the New York cabaret circuit for her impersonation of Broadway legend Patti Lupone, liked what she saw.

"Billie is a very playful person with a big heart. She's simple, for sure, but she is also very kind. She's always wearing minks, but she would be just as happy with an uncomplicated life. She's a very easy character to like."

Michael McGrath and Leslie Kritzer are starring in "Born Yesterday" *at the Cape Playhouse, 820 Main St., Route 6A, Dennis, through Saturday, Aug. 30. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 508-385-3911 or go online at capeplayhouse.com*

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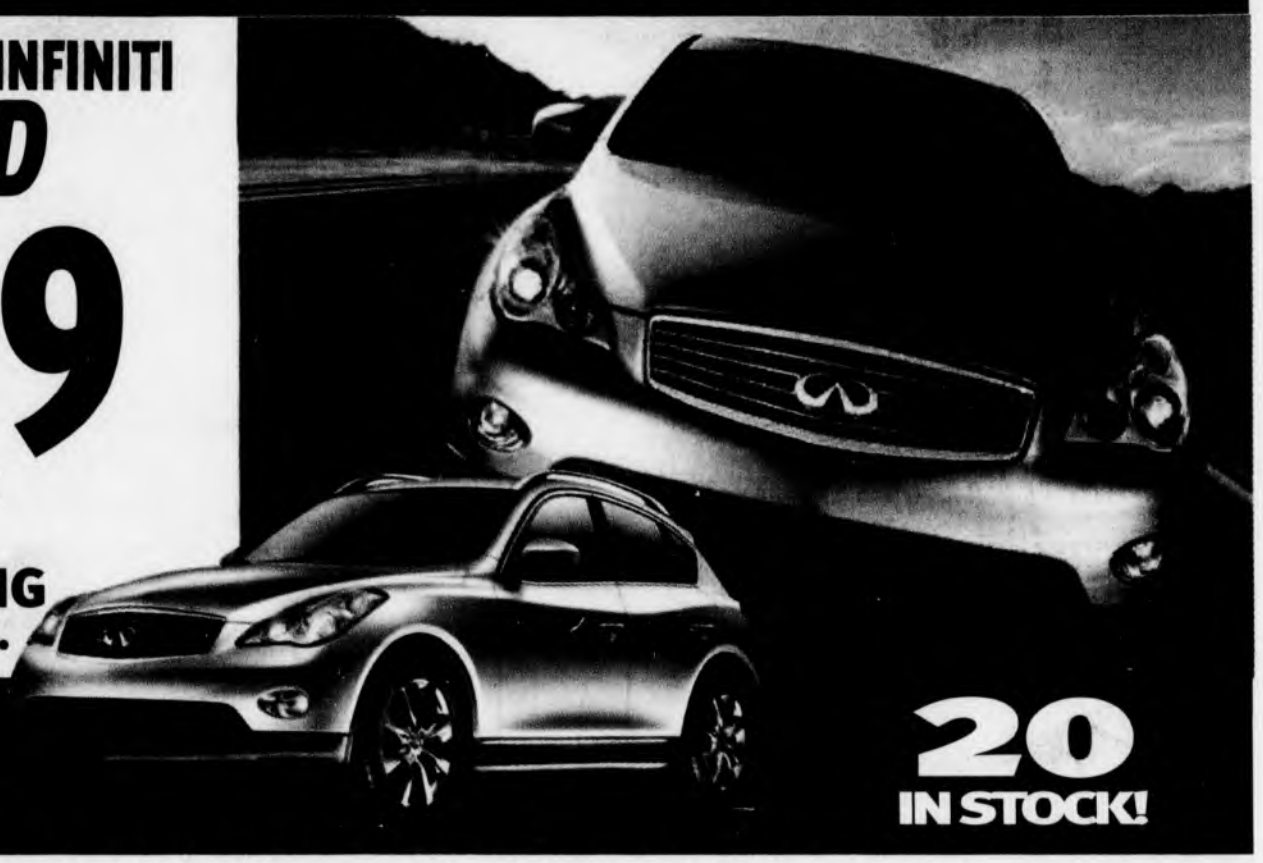
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MDA Telethon draws a crowd



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9/11 service is Thursday

A memorial service in honor of the men and women who lost their lives on 9/11, and those whose lives continue to be affected, will be held on Cohasset Common on Thursday, Sept. 11.

At 8:30 a.m., the police and fire departments and veterans' honor guard units will assemble at Town Hall and march to the flagpole on the Common. Local clergy will offer prayers at 9 a.m. At 9:10 the church bells will be rung, and taps will be played.

A light meal will be served at Fire Department Headquarters immediately after the service.

The memorial service is being coordinated by the Cohasset Fire and Police departments and American Legion Post 118.

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— BACK TO THE BOOKS —

A fresh start at the schools

Opening 'very smooth'

By Nancy White
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When the buses rolled in to the three schools on Tuesday, the administrations, teachers and staff stood at the ready to greet them, welcome them and begin the learning process right away.

"The first day of school is always a highlight; it never gets old. To see the enthusiasm of the children is fabulous. They get off the bus ready to show you their lost tooth or struggling to carry their heavy backpack," said Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh.

On Tuesday, she visited each of the school buildings and at the School Committee meeting Wednesday night, Walsh said she was looking forward to welcoming the newest students in the Cohasset district when the kindergarteners arrived for their first day Thursday.

"Everything went very smooth," said Walsh.

The school administration has been hard at work this summer to complete hiring for numerous teaching positions. All open teaching positions have been filled and over a dozen new teachers are in the school district. The

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PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

First-grader Michael Hastings waves while holding his teacher's sign on the first day of school. At left, is his teacher Colleen Gibson. Teachers awaited the students' arrival outside Osgood with signs and balloons.

Wilson House history paper

Grad student holds museum dear

By Nancy White
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For Laura Abrams, the Captain John Wilson House and the family that once lived there will always have a special place in her heart. That's because she has spent the better part of two years getting to know the Wilson family and their 19th-century life in Cohasset.

Abrams, who has served as the Wilson House's assistant curator, recently completed her thesis paper on the Cohasset Historical Society's museum. Following an extensive four-year restoration at the Wilson House, Abrams came on as a intern right at the time the historical society was ready to redesign the space.

With the help of the society's helping hands, she re-interpreted the museum and set up its current exhibits as part of her graduate work and thesis paper. Her thesis paper, "Context and the Captain John Wilson House: Rethinking Interpretive Strategies in the Historical House Museum," contains extensive research on historical house museums and explains her reasoning for her ultimate interpretation for the building and its exhibits.

"I was really lucky, the Historical Society gave me a lot of free reign to interpret the house, display the artifacts and tell the story there was to tell," said Abrams.

Abrams first came to the Cohasset Historical Society as part of her master's program in museum studies at the Harvard University extension school in 2004. After the internship, she con-

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Laura Adams is all smiles after completing her thesis on the Captain John Wilson House. The cutlass she is holding was found on the deck of the ship that was captured by the British during the War of 1812

Wind hearing Monday

By Nancy White
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Cohasset could be on its way to getting its two biggest fans — wind turbines, that is. This coming Monday, Sept. 8 at 8p.m., the Planning Board will begin what will likely be a series of public hearings on an application proposing two wind turbines on the Graham Waste site off Route 3A.

The project application, put forth by a private developer, proposes the installation of two 1.65-megawatt sized wind turbines.

The application is a landmark project as it is the first for the town and the first venture under the recently passed Wind Energy Conversion Facility bylaw. The bylaw, drafted with the help of the Alternative Energy Committee and sponsored by the Planning Board, establishes town-wide zoning regulations for commercial size wind turbines — turbines greater than 500-kilowatts, or about the size Hull Wind I located near Hull High School.

"On a grand scale I've got to say anything the town can do to make use of renewable energy is a good idea," said Planning Board member Charles Samuelson. "But, there are some obvious trade-offs." He named visual impacts as being one of them.

However, Chairman Al Moore is quick to point out that the public hearing process will not be a place for debate on whether wind turbines are good or bad.

"The opportunity to oppose wind turbines has come and gone," Moore said in a phone interview. With the unani-

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PICTURE THIS/Karen McDavitt and Beth Grady



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The Mariner caught up with second-grade teachers, Karen McDavitt and Beth Grady, at the Osgood School on Tuesday. Both teachers are new to the Cohasset schools.

Names: Karen McDavitt and Beth Grady.

Occupation: Second Grade Teachers at the Osgood School.

Best day of your life: The day I married my husband (Karen). June 30, 2007-My Wedding! (Beth).

Best vacation: Traveling with my father to the small town in Pennsylvania where he was raised (Karen). My Honeymoon to Aruba (Beth).

Favorite season: Fall! Crisp leaves falling, fires crackling, and cheering for the Patriots! Who could ask for anything more? (Karen). Summer!! (Beth).

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving…I have so much to be thankful for! (Karen). Christmas (Beth).

Favorite food: I'm a huge macaroni and cheese fan (Karen). Any Italian Food (Beth).

Best book: It's a toss-up between "Goodnight Moon" and "The Little Engine That Could" (after all, I *am* a second grade teacher) (Karen). Adult: "The Kite Runner." Children's: "Thank You Mr. Falker," by Patricia Polacco. I had the opportunity to meet Patricia Polacco last year at a conference. She is truly inspiring! (Beth).

Best movie: "The Return of the Pink Panther" (Karen). "I Am Sam" (Beth).

Best TV show: I love watching Jeopardy and challenging my husband, however I always get beat by my father, who once was a contestant on the show! (Karen). I am a reality TV junkie! "Dancing With The Stars" or "American Idol"! I also love "Grey's Anatomy" (Beth).

Best music, group, or artist: Even though I don't have big hair, I love the band Journey (Karen). I like Cat Stevens, Paul Simon (Beth).

Pet peeve: Sitting in traffic! Thankfully, Route 3A is much more peaceful than Route 128! (Karen). Unhealthy habits (Beth).

Fun fact about yourself: In high school, my teammates and I won the State Championship in a rather unusual sport, fencing! (Karen).

Most embarrassing moment: Well, this was recent. I locked my keys in my car last week and was an hour late to our first team meeting! I was so worried everyone would think I overslept or I was irresponsible. (Beth).

Goal: I feel so privileged and fortunate to be given the opportunity to make a real difference in a child's life, which is my ultimate goal. (Karen). Last year I went to a conference at The University of Michigan (My Alma Mater). The theme of the conference was "Making your students yearn." I really took that to heart and now strive to bring out the yearning to learn in each individual. (Beth).

Person you'd most like to meet: My grandfather who passed away before I was born…there are so many questions I'd love to ask him! (Karen). The Children's Author Robert Munsch. His books are hilarious! (Beth).

Biggest worry: My biggest worry is that my yearly "back to school nightmare" might actually come true! (Karen) Driving in the snow! I am a nervous wreck! (Beth).

Best part of Cohasset: The Osgood School, of course! (Karen). Teaching at the Osgood School, of course! (Beth).

New Cohasset Mariner 'drop box'

The Cohasset Mariner has a new "drop box" and pickup location at Tedeschi's in the village. The drop box is on the counter in the front window around the corner to the left after you enter the front door.

The Mariner picks up at 8 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. The drop box can be used to drop off glossy photographs, letters, flyers or other editorial copy.

The Mariner thanks Bill Ducharme at Tedeschi's for agreeing to allow Tedeschi's be our new pickup location. For years the Mariner pickups were at Cohasset News, which is now a new dance studio. The Mariner thanks John and Larry Scott at Cohasset News for accepting Mariner items over many years. John and Larry are still at the Cohasset Butcher & Deli on Brook Street.

9/11 service is next Thursday

There will be a 9/11 Memorial Service held on Thursday, Sept. 11. The service will be conducted on the Common.

The public is invited to attend as the men and women, who lost their lives on, and those that continue to be affected by the events of Sept. 11, 2001, are remembered.

The times for the day's events are:

- 8:30 Fire, Police and Veterans Honor Guard Units assemble at the Town Hall
- 8:45 Units march to the Common and assemble at the Flag Pole
- 9:00 Prayers offered by members of the local clergy
- 9:10 Ringing of the church bells
- 9:15 Taps

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	Sunrise: 6:12 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:11 p.m.*			
Fri. 5	3:39	8.4	3:53	8.9	9:33	1.2	10:08	0.9
	Sunrise: 6:13 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:09 p.m.*			
Sat. 6	4:28	7.9	4:40	8.6	10:20	1.6	10:59	1.3
	Sunrise: 6:14 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:08 p.m.*			
Sun. 7	5:20	7.5	5:32	8.4	11:10	2.0	11:54	1.5
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Mon. 8	6:16	7.3	6:29	8.2	—	—	12:04	2.2
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Tues. 9	7:15	7.2	7:27	8.3	12:52	1.7	1:01	2.3
	Sunrise: 6:17 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:03 p.m.*			
Wed. 10	8:12	7.3	8:23	8.4	1:50	1.6	1:58	2.1
	Sunrise: 6:18 a.m.				*Sunset: 7:01 p.m.*			
Thurs. 11	9:05	7.6	9:15	8.7	2:43	1.3	2:52	1.8
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POLICE BEAT

Scituate teen speeds through Cohasset, careens across rotary

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset police will be seeking charges of speeding in violation of special regulation, failure to stop for a police officer, reckless operation and unlicensed operation against an 18-year-old Scituate teen who sped through Scituate and Cohasset before being involved in a single-car accident in Hingham on Saturday (Aug. 30) at 1:47 a.m.

Hingham Sgt. Steven Dearth, who had heard the police radio transmission from Cohasset, set up "stop sticks," which are tire deflation devices, on Summer Street before the rotary.

Chief James Hussey said the incident started in Scituate with reports of a speeding car. Cohasset police picked up the car by Stop and Shop. Cohasset police then told Hingham that the 2005 Chrysler Sebring turned right onto Summer Street from Route 3A (where the detour is set up).

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Dearth saw the car coming down the hill toward him without headlights traveling at about 70 mph. To avoid the stop sticks, the car went onto the wrong side of the road, slid across the grassy part of the rotary, slammed into the curb at Super Petroleum on the other side of the rotary and blew out its tires.

Justin D. Farias, 18, of 165 A Front St., Scituate, was transported to the Scituate Police Station where he is also facing charges.

Hingham police are summonsing Farias to court on the charges of operating to endanger, operating without a license, speeding, failure to stay within marked lanes, and operating without headlights.

MV crashes

• At 9:40 a.m. on Tuesday (Aug. 26) a 2004 Toyota, operated by a Randolph resident, was stopped in traffic on Chief Justice Cushing Highway near Pond Street; the 2008 Ford behind the Toyota, which was operated by a Duxbury resident, also stopped. But a 2005 Cadillac, driven by a Cohasset resident, was unable to stop, struck the rear of the Ford and pushed the Ford into the Toyota. The Cadillac and Ford were towed. All occupants were checked out at the scene and no one was transported to the hospital, police said. The driver of the Cadillac was cited for following too close.

• At 5:16 p.m. on Thursday (Aug. 28) in the northbound lane near the 400 block of Chief Justice Cushing Highway, a 2006 Chevrolet operated by a Pelham woman had slowed to a stop in heavy traffic; the 2001 Ford that was behind the Chevrolet and which was operated by a Cohasset resident also slowed. A 2003 Cadillac driven by a New Bedford woman behind the Ford, struck the rear of the Ford and pushed the Ford into the Chevrolet. The operator of the Cadillac was cited for following too close. The Cadillac and Ford needed to be towed. No one was transported to the hospital, police said.

• A 2006 Toyota, operated by a Cohasset resident, was traveling east near the 700-block of Jerusalem Road at 4:58 a.m. on Saturday (Aug. 30) when the car went off the road, struck a rock and hit a utility box, owned by National Grid. The driver admitted to being distracted and was cited for failure to stay in marked lanes, police said.

Picnic table

A concerned caller reported a group of kids in a black pickup truck removed the picnic table from Wheelwright Park and were entering the woods with it. Police responded and the teens came out of the woods and moved the picnic table back where it belonged. Police checked the area and did not find any alcohol. The incident was reported at 7:24 p.m. on Tuesday (Aug. 26).

Found wallet

At 11:15 a.m. on Monday (Aug. 25), a concerned citizen brought a wallet to the station that was found on Beechwood Street. The wallet belongs to a man from Auburndale and still had credit cards and cash inside. Police have contacted the wallet's owner.

MV stops

• A 21-year-old Scituate man, who was arrested on King Street (Route 3A), is facing drunk driving charges. Police said the pickup he was driving was headed north. A police officer in a cruiser observed the pickup cross the centerline and cross onto the wrong side of the road. The officer pulled the vehicle over by lower King Street and said the operator had alcohol on his breath. After further investigation, he was arrested and charged with OUI (alcohol), marked lanes violation and driving on a suspended license.

• An officer on bike patrol on Border Street noticed a vehicle parked on the side of the road with a brake light out. The officer could smell the odor of marijuana from the car and called for backup. The officers approached the vehicle, in which the operator and passenger were seated inside. The officers searched the vehicle and took the passenger, a 49-year-old Dorchester man, into custody. He was charged with possession of Class D (marijuana) and Class B (cocaine). The incident occurred at about 6 p.m. on Thursday (Aug. 28).

• Officers on patrol saw a Ford van fail to stop at the stop sign at the intersection of Shaw's Plaza and Route 3A at about 10:30 p.m., on Thursday (Aug. 28). The van was pulled over and police could smell marijuana from inside the vehicle. Further investigation led to the arrest of two Scituate men, ages 18 and 20, for possession of Class D (marijuana).

• A Cohasset woman who allegedly refused to stop for police after her motorcycle created a loud noise from its exhaust in the village was arrested for failure to stop for a police officer and marked lanes violation. At 5:14 p.m. on Friday (Aug. 29), an officer on foot patrol on South Main Street by Tedeschi's heard the loud exhaust as the motorcycle left a parking space. The officer tried to get the motorcycle to stop and saw it turn left onto Brook Street crossing over onto the wrong side of the road. A short time later a detail officer notified police that the motorcycle was stopped on Stockbridge Street and police responded to the area.

• A 39-year-old Quincy woman is being summonsed to court for operating on a suspended license following a traffic stop at Brook and Elm streets on Sunday (Aug. 31) at 3:51 p.m. Police said an officer saw the car and recognized the operator, who was known to him. The officer thought the woman's license had been suspended and that information was confirmed. Her car was towed.

Lost passport

A woman told police last week that her Italian passport was lost and she had to get back to her country within a week. Police referred her to the appropriate authorities.

False prescription

Police are summonsing a 40-year-old Mansfield man to court on charges of uttering a false prescription after investigation revealed he allegedly tried to obtain Oxycodone from Walgreen's using a forged prescription last Wednesday. A pharmacist notified Cohasset police about the suspicious prescription and police were able to identify the man.

Vandalism

Police were able to apprehend a group of kids who threw a rock at one house and broke the window to another house last week. Police notified the parents and talked with the victims. Restitution is being made, police said. No criminal charges are being sought.

Roofer

A Cohasset woman went to the police station last week to report that the $2,700 check she had made out to a roofer had been cashed. She said the roofer did not show up to do the work and she had not been able to contact him. Chief Hussey said the matter is under investigation.

Apology

Police said a person, who had been drinking and caused a disturbance in the early hours of Saturday morning (Aug. 30) later called back to apologize. The initial report from the Legion Hall was about a person who refused to leave. When police arrived the person had left and returned to the hotel where he was staying.

Fishing

On Monday (Aug. 25), a caller reported men were wading in Lily Pond without proper safety gear. The officer responded and told them they had to fish from shore.

Homeless man

Police provided a homeless man with a ride to the train station following complaints that he was walking in a parking lot off Route 3A asking people for rides last Tuesday (Aug. 26).

Open Meeting Law meeting planned

The Open Meeting Law is written to protect the openness of government. At the request of the Board of Selectmen, an Assistant District Attorney for Norfolk County will present an Open Meeting Law seminar on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 7p.m. The meeting will be held in the basement hearing room at Town Hall. The meeting will be an opportunity to review the statute and to clarify any questions or concerns the audience has to ensure that all boards, commission and committees remain in full compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

The Board of Selectmen is strongly encouraging each and every town board, commission and committee to send at least one representative to the session, according to memo distributed by the Town Manager. Department heads who work with multi-member boards are also encouraged to attend.

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Planning Board to review proposed turbine plans

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mous passage of the wind bylaw at the Annual Town Meeting earlier this year, the Planning Board is responsible for ensuring the project adheres to the regulations. "The Planning Board as a quasi-judicial board and is not here to make a subjective decision on wind turbines."

Samuelson agrees, "our role is to determine if the project meets the requirements set down at Town Meeting."

Moore said he would welcome resident participation, but not allow the discussion to be steered from the task at hand — determining whether the project conforms with the zoning bylaws.

The private project on the Graham Waste Services site is a joint venture between CCI-Energy, Palmer Capital, Lumus Construction and Emergent Energy. Graham Waste business and landowner, Paul Barry, has leased the land to the developers. The developers have been working on the project for two-plus years.

Jim Sweeney of CCI-Energy, the turbine developer, is looking forward to getting in front of the Planning Board.

"It is going to be exciting for us and for the town," said Sweeney. "From almost everybody we've talked to we have received a favorable response…so far, I don't think anybody is going to fight (the project)."

"The Planning Board as a quasi-judicial board and is not here to make a subjective decision on wind turbines."
— Al Moore, Planning Board

However, Sweeney has met with the Avalon apartment complex developers to go over the project plans. When the 200-unit Avalon apartment complex is built off Route 3A some of the units could be as close as 500 feet from one of the turbines, Sweeney said. It is the only potential abutting residential development.

Sweeney knows the Planning Board and residents will have plenty of questions, something he welcomes with open arms.

"It is the right thing to do — get all the facts and from there make a decision," said Sweeney.

The twin turbines will have towers 100 meters high and each of the blades is 41-meters long, making the entire structure extend 141 meters into the air. The turbines will be structurally larger than the 60-meter Hull Wind II located on their capped landfill on the Weir River, but Hull Wind II's siting gives it additional height. The turbines will be set about 500 feet apart on either side of the capped landfill.

If constructed the turbines hold the possibility of providing as much as (or more than) two-thirds of the town's energy. The developer, CCI-Energy, is currently working with the Alternative Energy Committee on a contract to sell the excess energy generated by the turbines to the town at a discounted rate.

The public hearings, essentially a site plan review for the project, will include an in-depth look at all aspects of the project and its potential impacts. The application includes a 70-page feasibility study, which outlines the project from a wind analysis to potential noise, shadow flicker, visual and avian impacts to estimated energy outputs.

Moore expects the public hearings to last at least two sessions to allow for resident participation and to ensure all questions are adequately addressed. The process will be much like a site plan review for a commercial development and in many ways will be a little simpler, said Moore. For example, a proposal when the Dunkin' Donuts was proposed on Route 3A in the former Koko Island building, a thorough traffic study needed to be done. The turbines will have little implications for traffic on Route 3A.

The town's engineer consultant John Modelewski will be analyzing the plans as well to ensure they are technically sound.

One of Samuelson's questions and concerns is the future of the turbine. How will it be maintained? What happens when its useful life is complete?

"I want to be sure there is a process and funding in place for the maintenance of the turbine," said Samuelson, adding he wants to know what the plan is for dismantling the turbine when it no longer is efficient.

"It is a first so we will be doing a thorough site plan, covering all the bases and we'll see how it goes," said Moore.

The wind turbine application is available at the Planning Board office on the first floor of Town Hall. The public hearing will begin at 8p.m. on Monday, Sept. 8.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Steinmetz; 175 Sohier St.; $40,000; remodel basement and attic per plans. Humphrey; 76 Pleasant St.; $3,000; shore up, remove and replace portion of block wall. Sceery; 995 Atlantic Ave; $25,000; 35 sq. asphalt roofing, 10 sq. cedar sidewall, replace some existing windows.

S.S. Comm.Center; 3 No. Main St.; $13,000; 9 sq. TPO roofing, rework railing system. Bryant; 251Forest Ave.; $9,000; 21 sq. asphalt roofing. St. John; 244 Cedar St.; $100,000; remodel existing home — new windows, siding and rearrange interior walls. Miskanic; 18 Rustic Drive; $32,000; enlarge existing breezeway to include master bath and laundry. Littauer; 268 Jerusalem Road; $20,000; install 16' x 32' inground pool. Studley; 117 Hull St.; $35,000; expand; remodel existing kitchen w/ additional foundation, exterior walls, roof.

Russell; 15 Forest Notch; $10,000; extend & shore-up sunroom, install five new windows. Christianson; 30' Parker Ave.; $1,000; replace rotting deck rails, install rails on platform deck. Meers; 475 Jerusalem Rd.; $5,000; replace two sliders. Sestito; 463 Beechwood St.; $15,000; remove interior wall, install new windows and door, replace cabinets. Belz; 88 Forest Ave.; $4,500; 6 sq. clapboard sidewall. O'Brien; 62 Jerusalem Rd.; $12,600; 12 sq. cedar roofing. Humphrey; 76 Pleasant St.; $3,000; shore up, remove and replace portion of block wall foundation — reissue of permit 08-200. Allen; 6 Heather Dr.; $6,300; 5 sq. white cedar siding, install bay window. Joyce; 18 Windy Hill; $1,400; relocate wood stove. Carnes; 11 Mohawk Way; $2,200; install 8' x 14' shed. Dickinson; 225 Fair Oakes; $27,000; demo five flue center chimney, rebuild w/ new brick & lead flashing. Hill; 166 King St.; $17,000; construct 20' x 52' boat repair building per plans. Williams; 217 No. Main St.; $2,992; install 10' x 16' shed on crushed stone. Braun; 51 Surry Dr.; $72,000; build 14' x 20' pool house with half bath, kitchenette. Ireland; 66 Nichols Road; $20,000; rebuild rear porch.

Ernst; 17 Border St.; $25,000; remodel kitchen; install two new windows; refinish floors. Bellefontaine; 159 Beechwood St.; $1,500; install 9' x 15' shed. Noone; 19 Windy Hill; $26,000; 27 replacement windows. Winston; 486 Beechwood St.; $1,300; replace rotted floor boards on patio. Bestick; 549 Beechwood St.; $264,000; 3,300 square-foot new single family residence. Connell Cohasset Greenbush LLC; 132 CJC Highway; $6,187,000; 61,729 square-foot two-story mixed-use building with 16 apartments. Connell Cohasset Greenbush LLC; 132 CJC Highway; 12 bay; 3;600 square-foot detached garage for above mixed use building. Pitaro; 373 No. Main St.; $43,725; remodel existing bathroom, add bathroom in basement.

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Supt. of Schools Walsh gets positive review

With another year behind and another to look forward to, the School Committee gave Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh a positive performance review. Each School Committee member completed a review of the Walsh for the last year and Chairman Rick Flynn compiled a brief synopsis of the review that he read at the School Committee meeting.

Walsh met or exceeded expectations for the School Committee. Flynn noted Walsh's work on the fiscal 2009 budget, which included many "operational efficiencies" to get more for every budget dollar.

"There is a strong sense our business house is in very good order," said Flynn, adding the schools have made a lot of progress under Walsh's direction.

Flynn noted if there was a weakness in Walsh's performance it was "effective relationship with the community." He said the School Committee looked forward to helping Walsh improve relationships with various constituencies in the town over the next year.

Vice Chairman Steve Fusco said the most recent budget was something he was very proud of, "it was easy to understand and transparent…a significant improvement and people need to understand that."

Adrienne MacCarthy said she has reflected back on how far the schools have come over the past few years.

"There are a lot of new families and they don't realize how far we've come as a school district," said MacCarthy. She wanted residents to realize the School Committee is "secure in the leadership that's here."

Walsh thanked the committee for their feedback, "it is very helpful for me. It keeps me focused."

"We have nothing to hide and a lot to be proud of," said Flynn.

Civil War Camp meeting is Sept. 18

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Satuit Camp 3188 is having an organizational meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday (Sept. 18) at GAR Hall on Country Way in Scituate.

The Sons of Unions Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a patriotic and educational organization.

Membership is open to males, ages 14 and older, who are direct descendants of a solider, sailor, or Marine who served during the Civil War. Junior and associate memberships are also available.

The camp will help prospective members with the paperwork to determine eligibility. Members do not have to be Scituate residents.

For information contact Conley Ford at cfordcon@comcast.net or call 781-545-0054.

'Apples' focus of program

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday Sept. 23 in Bates Hall, Second Congregational Church, Highland Avenue. The public is invited to attend free of charge.

The speaker will be Nancy Hubert and the program is called APPLES, APPLES, APPLES. With slides, anecdotes and recipes, Nancy will provide an overview of the natural, social, and economic history of the apple. The program reflects her interest in the preservation of historic landscapes - in this case the apple orchard.

If you have an interest in the club and its activities or just an interest in this program, please attend.

Online bill payments for schools

The online payment option can be used to pay athletic fees, bus and parking fees, kindergarten and pre-school tuition and pre-pay lunch cards.

In an effort to make life easier for parents, the Cohasset Schools are unveiling a new way to pay for school related expenses via the internet.

The system is not up and running yet, but school officials anticipate the system will be available in two to three weeks. The online payment option can be used to pay athletic fees, bus and parking fees, kindergarten and pre-school tuition and pre-pay lunch cards.

Once it is up and running, parents can log on to the school website (www.cohassetk12.org) and pay by electronic check or credit card. The schools will send out a notice when the website is ready to go.

The School Committee responded to this new option with enthusiasm.

"It's really convenient," said member Lucia Flibotte, adding parents can pre-pay lunches and the child can always have it in case they forget their lunch or a busy morning prevents the making of a bag lunch. "Parent won't have to be looking for cash in the morning."

School business manager Dave DeGennaro said the online payment could help speed up the lunch lines at all three schools.

The town uses a similar technology for online payment of property taxes and water/sewer bills.

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A fresh start at schools

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schools are in the final stages of hiring a school nurse for Osgood and an adjustment counselor. Both of those positions were vacated in the mid-summer.

All the School Committee members recognized and thanked the teachers, staff and custodians for their work in making the school buildings look great for the opening of school.

"We have spiffy schools, the grounds looked really nice…you could tell they really hustled to make it look great," said School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy.

Member Lucia Flibotte welcomed back students and parents to another school year. She asked parents to be especially patient and courteous to the school bus drivers as they learned their routes.

Final attendance numbers were still coming in as of the Wednesday night School Committee meeting, but Walsh said the numbers overall were fairly steady. Each of the high school grades has just about 100 students and she was expecting a fairly large (by Cohasset standards) incoming kindergarten class of 140.



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Students at Deer Hill School empty off Bus #6 on Tuesday morning, the first day of the 2008-2009 school year.

Among the things Walsh is most excited about for the 2008-2009 school year is the new Primary Learning Center based at the Osgood School. The Primary Learning Center is devoted to four severely special needs students. Without the Learning Center the children would have to attend school out-of-district.

"The parents of those children are very excited. Now their kids are in the neighborhood school close by and with their friends," said Walsh.

Despite the excitement of school opening, Walsh and her administrative team are already looking ahead to next year's budget and what they can do better in the years to come. A budget calendar will be unveiled at the next School Committee meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

"Education is the only business where you can start new every year and plan ahead each year," said Walsh.



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Osgood Second Grade Teacher Beth Grady holds up her sign during the first day of School Tuesday morning.

Going bananas over PSO fall fundraiser

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SCHOOL YEAR

Cohasset has met the new school year and the almost official start of Fall with smiles and wonderful weather. Make sure to keep a watch on the rides in the mornings and afternoons as the kiddos are walking or riding to and from school. I cannot believe how big and grown up all of the kids seem to be, time keeps flying by and it is so important for us all to notice and remember all the small things that happen each day. The comments that they say, the accomplishments that are achieved after practice, tears and smiles and more memorable are the smiles that are given so freely. Send me in any fun stories or photos that you may have from the summer or, the first days of school.

GIFTWRAP

Guess what Cohasset, we have Monkeys, Monkeys, Monkeys....Look for the colorful, cute monkeys that will be dropping in at the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools next week. The PSO's fall fundraiser with Innisbrook Giftwrap swings into full gear next Wednesday with no monkeying around. You'll go bananas for the wonderful new fall Innisbrook Collection. Look for more details on the sale and fundraiser next week.

CORN FEST

The South Shore Natural Science Center (www.ssnsc.org) is getting ready to hold the 32nd Annual Corn Festival on Saturday, Sept. 20th from 10 am to 4 pm. The cost is $5 for adults, $3 for children with a maximum of $20 per family. Many activities will be offered such as The Kernel's Kitchen, Craft Demo's, Hayrides, Farm Animals and more. It looks like fun!

OPEN HOUSE

The Falltime Fun Open House is next Friday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.. A variety of programs, art activities and musical fun will be taking place with a Musical Concert with **Jim Armstrong** of Musical Friends that will be held at 10 am and again at 4:30 pm for all to come by and enjoy. You will be able to speak with some of the instructors who will be here, and Miss Jen and Miss Julie will also be on hand to talk with you and plan for a school year filled with fun, learning and a bit of cultural flair. Grab your kiddos, friends and family and come on in for a day to enjoy for all. The website is www.ourworldcgdm.org and if you would like, you may send us an email at info@ourworldcgdm.org.

CROQUET

It is almost time and back by popular demand for the Gems of Hope Annual Croquet Tournament that will be held at the home of **Peter and Leah Roy**, "The Oaks", on Sunday Sept. 14. This tournament is a fundraiser to support the work done at the Community School in Pici, Brazil. This school, which is funded solely by Gems of Hope, helps to educate children in rural areas and supports the community with Adult Education classes. Your generous support in the past has helped the school to thrive for 12 years. All donations are sent directly to the school. Please join us, make some new friends and learn a new sport! Brunch is served at 12 noon with croquet following at 1 pm. All are welcome to join us at this fun and festive event and support a good cause in educating these children. Tickets are $100 per person and can be reserved by calling **Cindy Kuppens** at 781-383-6670 or e-mail us at gemsofhope@gmail.com. A $200 donation educates and feed a child for a year. Space is limited so please make your reservations early.

AUDITIONS

Cohasset Dramatic Club is thrilled to announce audition and show dates for their fall production of "Godspell". Show dates are Nov. 14, 15, 21, & 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 16 & 23 at 2 p.m. Auditions for this production will be held at Cohasset Town Hall as follows: Sunday, Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. Callbacks, if necessary, will be held on Tuesday Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. **Mark Bono** will be directing and music directing the show, and **JoJo Fichtner** will be handling choreography. Auditioners may sing a song of their choice. An accompanist will be provided, and the score will be available at auditions. There will also be cold readings from the script. Mark is looking for a diverse energetic cast of 10 adults to recount the telling of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, through both parables and great music. The show combines many different theatrical styles including mime, vaudeville, and improv, and boasts a truly wonderful musical score written by Stephen Schwartz. Please contact Mark at 617-827-0887 if you have any questions.

That is all the news for this week but I would love to get all of your news and photos sent in no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm.

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Grad student writes thesis on Wilson House

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tinued at the historical society in a part-time capacity..

"I wanted to work with a historical society or a small historical museum. With a smaller organization, there is a lot to do and you get to get into a lot of different things," said Abrams. She did a lot of hands-on with the collection from cataloging to database to putting together the Wilson House exhibits.

The result was a complete interior transformation of the Wilson House to coincide with its structural restoration.

Abrams researched other historical house models and found they fell into one of three categories. Some houses were historically significant because someone famous had lived there, some had unique architectural value and others were simply representative of a specific time period.

"The Wilson House didn't specifically fit into any of those categories," said Abrams. Captain Wilson may have been a great man in Cohasset history, but he was not a broadly influential figure like John Adams or George Washington. There were some interesting architectural features like the original windowpanes. Most of all, the Wilson House could have a lot of representative value, especially after its complete historical restoration.



Laura Abrams carefully puts back a glass bottle after assigning it a number.



Laura Abrams is reflected in the glass of the frame holding the deed for $479 for the Captain John Wilson House, left, and the deed for additional land surrounding the house for $95 that dates back to 1817.

Volunteers needed

Love history? Love Cohasset? Then the Cohasset Historical Society could use your help. The active historical society is always in need of a helping hand with its extensive collections and archives, ongoing exhibits and village museums. Call the Historical Society at 781-383-1434 for more information.

In the end, Abrams and the Historical Society decided to create something like a hybrid museum. The first floor tells the story, or at least what is known of the story, of the Captain John Wilson family and the second floor is interpreted as a typical 19th-century home.

A total of 25 Wilson family objects offer a sketch of what life was like for Captain Wilson, his wife and his nine children. The first floor, once a ship's chandlery, is devoted to the life and objects of the Wilson family and how this one family fit in to the larger fabric of 19th-century Cohasset.

Captain Wilson's maritime tools represent a booming fishing trade; Cohasset was one of the largest in Massachusetts during its heyday. A display case houses a British Marine's cutlass that was mistakenly left on Captain Wilson's ship when the British boarded it during the War of 1812. A letter from an Army Corps of Engineers captain, William Swift, concerns the precarious structure of the original Minot Light. A small section is dedicated to the second and third generations of the Wilson family who also lived at 4 Elm Street. Then, a small table shows the many faces of the Wilson house — a teahouse, a photographer's studio, a tailors shop, a candy store and an ice cream parlor.



Laura Abrams measures out the height of the display case for the British cutlass while keeping track of the items at the Capt. John Wilson House.

"It is a way to tell about nineteenth century Cohasset — to humanize it," said Abrams. Some of the most memorable objects are the Wilson family Bible and church tax receipts found by pure chance on eBay.

On the second floor, the house has been interpreted as a typical early 19th-century home. What was once a "catch all" for historic household objects, said Abrams, has been redesigned to incorporate pieces dated from 1810 to 1860.

A children's room, a kitchen, a sitting room and a tiny "master suite" all feature period objects gleaned from the Historical Society's vast collections. Although none of the second floor objects are linked to Captain Wilson and his family, all illustrate a life the life they (and other Cohasset families) lived.

Each room is set up as if the occupants just stepped out of the room. In the kitchen the ingredients and tools used to make an apple pie lay on the counters and in the sitting room a book is left open to a page.

"It's a way for people to see how people lived in the 19th century," said Abrams. One central panel in each room briefly explains the use of the room and draws visitors' attention to the unique objects. Yet, she decided to keep the labels to a minimum to not detract from the lived-in feel of the house. Visitors can figure out for themselves what the objects were used for in daily life. Where possible, Abrams tried to make connections between 19th-century life and modern life to show not all has changed.

"In the sitting room, the panel explains how neighbors used to stop by to visit and that was how they got news and related to each other. Then, we compared that to how we relate today through telephone and internet," said Abrams. "(The interpretation of the museum) is a way to realize life isn't really all that different…The principles are still the same."

Even with Abrams thorough research of the Wilson family and their context in the greater scheme of Cohasset, there are still some outstanding questions for her that may never be answered. Why did Wilson live in such a modest home, cramped with nine children, when the fishing industry was booming? Why did an Army Corps of Engineers captain write to Wilson about his concerns of the original Minot Lighthouse? Did he take any action? Curious still is there is little known about Captain Wilson's wife who was left for likely months at a time while Wilson embarked on long fishing expeditions. These are just some of the mysteries left for Abrams and the Society to uncover.

"It's a project I hope continues to evolve. We'll always be looking for new clues," said Abrams, adding if you ignore the fact there's more out there, you miss a big part of the story. For her, the Wilsons will always be a part of her even if she isn't always in Cohasset.

"Certainly, I want to keep telling the story of the Wilsons," she said.

The Captain John Wilson House is open to the public during the summer months and by appointment. The nearby Maritime Museum (next door to the Wilson House) is open the same hours. Admission is free, but donations are always welcome. For more information, visit www.cohassethistoricalsociety.org or call 781-383-1434.

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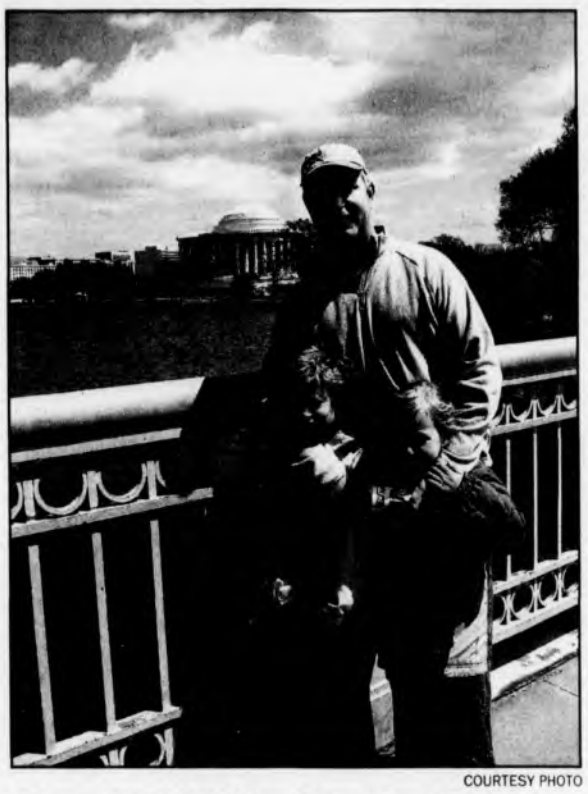
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Coleman Nee named Democrat of the Year

Cohasset Democratic Town Committee has selected Coleman Nee as Democrat of the Year for 2008.

Nee is a longtime member, and former officer, of the committee and serves as Undersecretary of the Massachusetts Department of Veteran Services under Governor Deval Patrick and Lt. Governor Tim Murray. In this role, he helps oversee an agency that is recognized as one of the leading state veterans' departments in the nation, advocating for more than 400,000 Commonwealth's veterans and helping them attain the services and benefits they have earned through their service.

Over the course of his tenure as Undersecretary, Nee has managed a number of new outreach efforts, including the implementation of the Statewide Advocacy for Veterans Empowerment program.



COURTESY PHOTO

Coleman Nee and his children, Jake and Kate, in Washington, DC, in front of the Jefferson Memorial.

Over the course of his tenure as Undersecretary, Nee has managed a number of new outreach efforts, including the implementation of the Statewide Advocacy for Veterans Empowerment program. This program reaches out to all veterans, especially the more than 30,000 new veterans in the Commonwealth since Sept. 11, 2001. Its goal is to reduce suicide and mental health issues among veterans by reaching out through a peer-to-peer effort through a team of recently returned veterans or family members. It is becoming recognized as a national model for suicide prevention and outreach to returning troops. Nee also works closely with numerous other state agencies to connect veterans and families to everything from financial and medical assistance to job training and housing support.

"Being named Democrat of the Year is a tremendous honor," said Nee. "There are many active, dedicated and hard working in Democrats in Cohasset and I accept this award on behalf of all of us who believe in working to make our community, Commonwealth and country a better place for everyone."

Nee and his three siblings were born and raised in South Boston by parents Martin and Mary Nee. He is the grandson of Irish immigrants who came to this country in the early 1900s looking for opportunity in America. His father is an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theatre and, upon leaving the service, spent the next 40 years working for the old Boston Edison and as a superintendent for the City of Boston. Talking about his early involvement in the Democratic Party, Nee credits the experiences of his parents and grandparents as his inspiration. "My father was the hardest working person I have ever known," he said. "He instilled in me pride for my hometown, my country, my family and to never forget how fortunate I was to be able to attend college and achieve my goals. My parents were children of the Depression. They never forgot that it was a man named Franklin Delano Roosevelt who recognized that government can and should play an important role in helping people improve their lives and helped set this country on the path to prosperity. This spirit is what enabled my parents to be able to buy a home, raise a family, have decent health insurance and educate their children."

When Nee was a senior at BC High, he enlisted in the delayed entry program of the United States Marine Corps and, after a time of active duty, transferred to the Marine Reserves while attending college at American University. Prior to graduating, he was activated for Operation Desert Storm and served with the 2nd Marine Division in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. "I wanted to be a Marine all my life, ever since I first saw a recruitment brochure with a Marine in Dress Blues that was mailed to my older brother. South Boston is also legendary for having the most Marine enlistments for a community its size than anywhere else in America. It was a life changing decision when I boarded that bus for Parris Island, but I loved serving in the Corps and I will always be proud of my service."

Coming back from the war, Nee started on a career in public relations and government affairs. He also became active again in Democratic campaigns of all levels. "My first foray in politics was going up and down the streets of Southie and Dorchester when I was 12 years old dropping literature on doorsteps for Ray Flynn's first campaign for mayor of Boston. Since then I have been everything from a phone volunteer to a campaign manager. My parents believed deeply in the virtue of public service and being part of the democratic process. Sitting on the sidelines was not an option."

Twelve years ago, Nee moved from South Boston to Cohasset with his wife, Karyn. They were drawn by just how close knit this community is and how active its residents are in its schools and civic process. Today, they have two children, Jack and Kate, and Nee is still active in the Democratic Town Committee, civic affairs and the drive for veterans' rights.

"Regardless of how people feel about this war or any conflict, we all agree that the men and women who serve this country deserve to be taken care of when they return. I have been to all three veteran cemeteries in Massachusetts, as well as Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Nowhere on those headstones does it say 'Democrat,' 'Republican' or any other party. We are all Americans and we all have a responsibility to each other as neighbors, citizens and patriots."

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Coleman Nee will be honored at a dinner sponsored by the South Shore Democratic Caucus to celebrate each of the individuals named in their town as Democrat of the Year. The event will take place on Friday, Sept. 12, at the Radisson Hotel in Rockland. For more information, contact Kevin McCarthy, chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, at kemccar68@comcast.net.

Political Notes

Cohasset democrats to celebrate unity

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee invites all Democrats and Obama Independents to celebrate party unity and to gather with interesting people, enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres, sea breezes, spirited conversation and music by members of the Cohasset High School jazz band. Meet and great other like-minded locals and many elected officials as we prepare for the final two months of this very exciting presidential campaign.

The party will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the home of Helene Lieb and Ed Lappen. The minimum contribution is $25 per person. For more information, or to RSVP, please call: Sally Sisson (383-6190); Teresa Polhemus (923-1413); Betsy Connolly (383-1248); or Susan Kent (383-2490).

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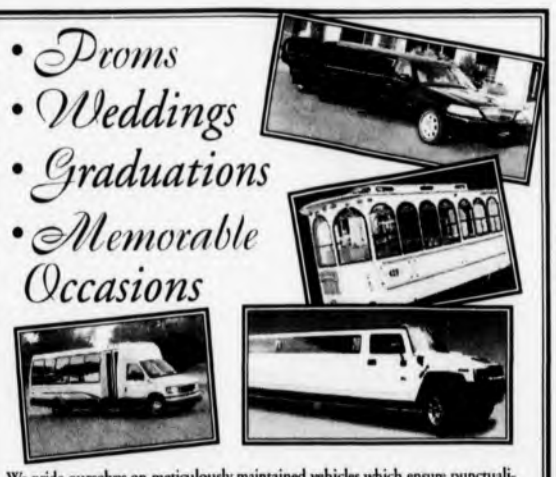
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EDITORIAL

Backpack 2008

As you start off to classes this fall, what's in your backpack?

What are you bringing to school with you?

Lunch, CDs, pens, pencils, an assignment notebook, a ruler, maybe an iPOD?

These are some of the must-haves for a backpack, but there are some other things to pack inside that are even more important.

Tucked away in there, maybe there's some school spirit. Schools, like people, tend to live up to expectations. Your team, your club, your pals will all do better when you cheer them on. School spirit pulls everyone together.

Be sure to also pack the desire to do your best — academically, artistically, athletically, whatever is your strong suit. Even in 2008, it's still politically correct to carry with you a desire to succeed. At times it may seem there are barriers thrusting up in your way that make it hard to think in terms of succeeding. What can help then is to refocus on your goal. As the adage goes, "Barriers are what you see when you take your eyes off your goal."

Crammed inside the walls of vinyl, straps, and zippers should also be all the knowledge you gained over past school years. This information makes up the foundation for what you will learn in the months ahead.

This backpack is getting heavy. Remember you're not carrying it alone. Be aware there are people at school who are not only really ready and capable of helping you bear the weight, but who want to help you. That includes teachers, counselors, coaches, and peer advisors. That's what they're there for.

Sometimes hidden away in a backpack's zippered compartment are troubles. Sadness or anger at home. Money worries. Health issues. You can turn to your school counselor with these issues as well.

Maybe you're facing peer pressure from kids who are supposed to be your friends who are pushing you to do something you know you're not supposed to. Maybe you need to talk to a school counselor, or join a club or get an after school job where you can make new friends. Real friends do not get friends in trouble.

And real friends stand by you. In the words of legendary newscaster Walter Winchell, "A friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

Each grade has its challenges.

Remember your first day of school ever? This is a child's first step in learning confidence that he or she can learn.

One older student we know recalled a kindergarten Halloween candy hunt as a landmark confidence-building event. The teacher had hidden small packets of candy around the room, and all the kids were supposed to hunt until they found a packet. She remembers feeling anxious she wouldn't be able to find any candy. Then she looked inside a dolly stroller and saw the prize. She remembers sitting back down at her desk, munching the treat and feeling proud, thinking, "I can do it."

How important was this moment? Pretty important, considering that this student, who went on to graduate from college, have a career, and raise a family, is now in her 60s.

School, and life itself, are built upon countless little moments such as these.

This is why early school experiences are so crucial to a child later in life. It is these experiences that form a child's self-image and set the stage for the child to learn or to fail to learn.

This is why early intervention is so important. Early intervention is a safety net that can catch a student and provide the support and tools needed for a successful academic journey.

And this is a really incredible journey.

The first day of school is one we hope students look forward to. It is a day parents both look forward to and look back upon, to their own days of "reading, writing, and 'rithmatic."

This is a journey that starts anew for every student every school year. Each time a student starts a new school year, whether at the elementary level or the upper grades, it is the first day of school, because so many things are new: new teachers, new subjects, new challenges.

The challenges will be easier to rise up to when you carry with you the right tools. And these tools are what belong in your backpack for the coming school year.

There is one more must-have for your backpack: a positive attitude.

Attitude is everything.

Attitude is more important than facts, because attitude changes facts.

So, welcome back to school.

Pack that backpack carefully.

Go for the gold.

Plan to make this your best year ever.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Committee on Town History, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.

Historical Commission, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, Sept. 9, 7 p.m. at the library

Recreation Commission, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m.

Republican Town Committee, Sept. 9, 4 p.m.,

School Committee, Sept. 17, 7 p.m. at the high school.

Selectmen, Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m. and Sept. 15, 7 p.m

Selectmen at Republican Town Committee Picnic, 465 King St., Sept. 7, 4 p.m.

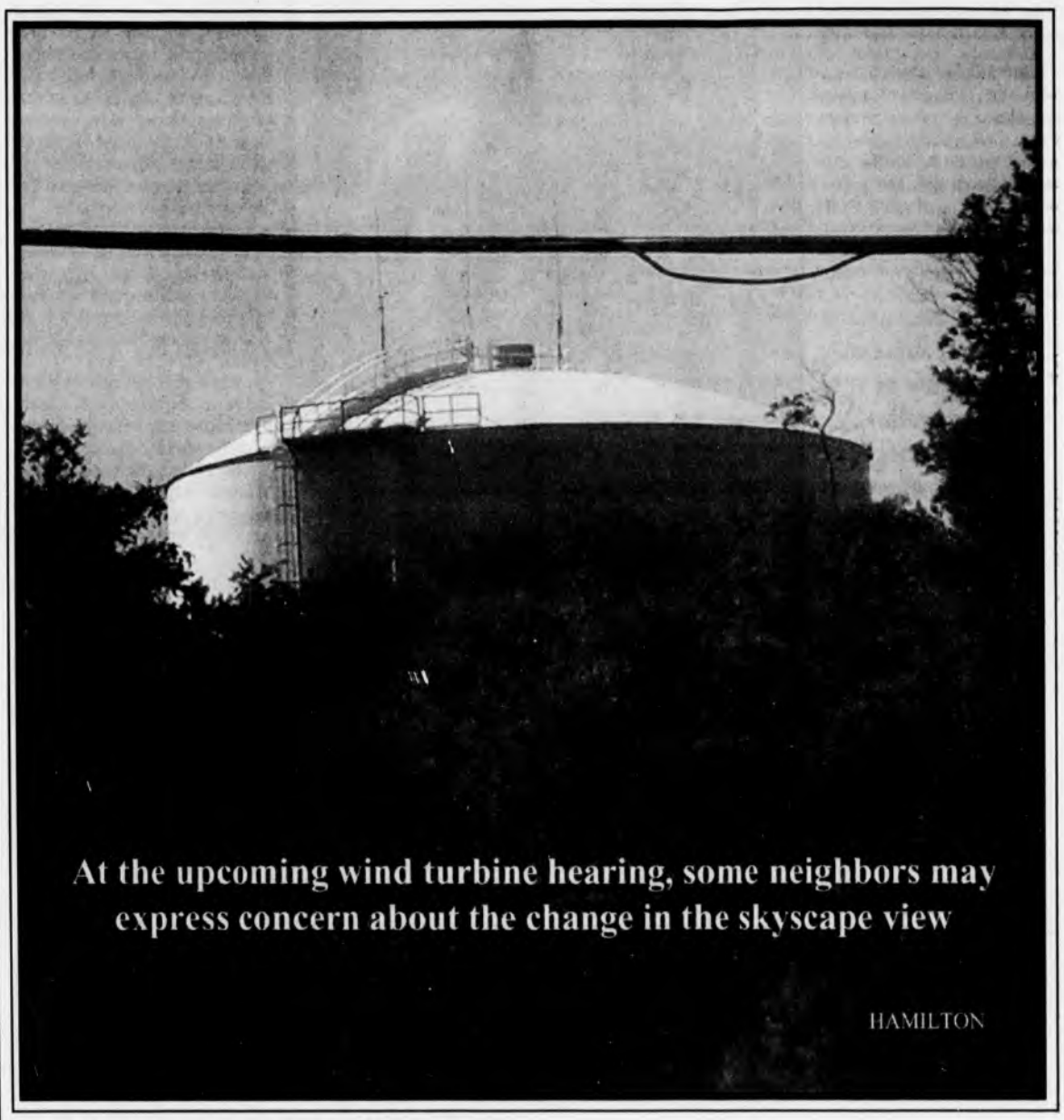
Sewer Commission, Sept. 8 at 339 King St. and Sept. 30, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Sept. 8, and 11, and Oct. 2, at 6 p.m. at the King St. plant.

Weir River Estuary Committee, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



At the upcoming wind turbine hearing, some neighbors may express concern about the change in the skyscape view

HAMILTON

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Welfare of dogs a concern

TO THE EDITOR:

I was reading the police report online and noticed the following entry:

• 8/17 3:57 p.m. **Mendel Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports she found a puppy in the woods at her house. Caller was instructed to let the puppy go.

I am completely shocked that our police department would suggest letting the puppy go. Couldn't they call an animal control officer? Couldn't they call a local shelter? Or maybe go the extra mile and pick up the dog? How can they care so little about the welfare of this lost dog to suggest just letting them go?

A friend of mine informed me that she found the same dog in her yard at her home on 3A on Saturday the 23rd. She called Cohasset Police and the dispatcher suggested that she just let the dog go. She informed them that she lived on a busy street and didn't think that was a good idea. They offered her no alternative. She tied the dog up outside and then called the number on the dog's tags. When she came back out, the dog was gone. A few days later she received a call from the owner saying she was away and left the dog with a family friend in Cohasset. That friend unfortunately lost the dog. As of last Monday, the dog was yet to be found. The dog is a chocolate lab and answers to the name Molly.

Is this our town's policy? If you find a dog, just let him go, he/she will probably find their way home? Maybe I don't have all the information, but I hope that in the future, the police department has a new procedure that puts the welfare of the dog first.

Gina Rosano
Massachusetts Humane Society Volunteer
& Cohasset Resident

Punitive abatement of noise pollution

TO THE EDITOR:

What should be done to punish motorcyclists who disturb the peace by blatt blatt blatting their way through our streets, making as much noise as they can?

Maybe confining them to a room with poor acoustics and continuous chamber music? Or confined with recorded sound of leaf blowers, full volume? Or for those not blessed with some Scottish ancestry, confined in a room with more than two bagpipers?

One can sympathize with their childish need to call attention to themselves, while dismissing the silly argument that all that noise is necessary to protect themselves from motorists who otherwise might not notice them.

But why do we have to endure this racket, or the penetrating drone of leaf blowers? What can't easily be collected with a spring rake can stay there without harm. For someone to blow away for several minutes at a few leaves under a bush, instead of instantly capturing them with a rake, seems absurd, and absurdly costly to the homeowner. And if a few leaves aren't captured, does it really matter?

But at least leaf blowing is an attempt, however inefficient, at being useful. Roaming around on a motorcycle making noise as if to say "Hey, everybody look at me" contributes even less to the nation's GDP.

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Not leaping on 'green bandwagon'

COMMENTARY

MARCI COMEAU

Our beautiful coastal town, which goes to great lengths to preserve its historical and small-town aesthetics, will forever possess a skyline dramatically altered with two hulking industrial size turbines.

The privately funded wind turbine project taking shape on the Graham Waste site will likely be a lucrative project over the long term, placing its private backers firmly in the black. As residents of our town we should be asking ourselves, what are the true benefits of the project to the town? On the surface it seems that generating clean, green, renewable energy is an admirable, socially responsible thing to do. So why shouldn't the town of Cohasset jump on the green bandwagon and proceed with the project? In fact, you might be surprised to learn that there are compelling reasons to oppose this pair of turbines.

After attending meetings and having discussions with the project consultants, several concerns for our town have surfaced. While it's true the Graham Waste turbines will utilize our plentiful wind resource to generate electricity without generating carbon emissions, it's the project's private financial backers who will primarily benefit monetarily from the project. As it stands now our town public buildings are not guaranteed to receive the benefit of discounted power rates. Unlike Hull, the residents of our town are not expected to see any financial benefit at the household level. In fact, beyond an unquantified amount of potential tax revenue, the town is not guaranteed to benefit financially at all.

Our beautiful coastal town, which goes to great lengths to preserve its historical and small-town aesthetics, will forever possess a skyline dramatically altered with two hulking industrial size turbines. Far greater in size than your average water and cell towers, the proposed turbines reach 140 meters (approximately 460 feet) into the air – 40 percent taller than the tallest of the Hull turbines. (By contrast, the Statue of Liberty is only 305 feet tall). In fact, the height of each turbine is the equivalent of planting two 747s, one on top of the other, vertically. The proposed turbine locations are both in close proximity to Route 3A and would be placed at a high elevation. The installations will be clearly visible by all Cohasset residents who traverse nearby

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Drainage, rain gardens and Greenbush

MAKING TRACKS

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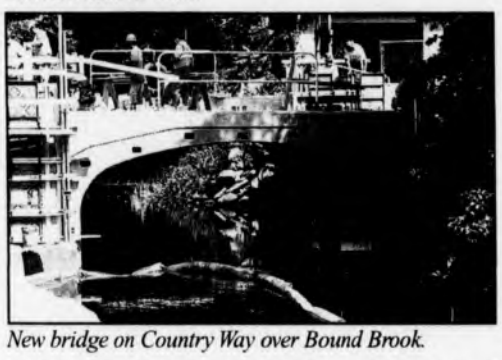


COURTESY PHOTOS

Hoe ram hard at work.



Pond – Spring Street rain garden.



New bridge on Country Way over Bound Brook.



Exit from town lot after regrading.

Little Harbor Project – Several weeks ago we showed a photo of a new drainage project being constructed on Haystack Lane. You may recall that the purpose of this drain is to carry surface water from Deep Run to the ocean. Well the digging for this line has progressed to Jerusalem Road proper. As you can tell from the photo the ditch is quite deep at this location, being about 9 feet below the road surface. The drainpipe is barely visible in the lower right hand corner of the photo. To give you a sense of scale this pipe is 2 feet wide on its inside and, of course, a bit larger on the outside. The machine you see with its nose down in the ditch is a hoe ram, happily (and noisily) removing some good old Cohasset granite from the pipe's path. From this location, the pipe will run across the back of the property belonging to the Sisters of St. Joseph on its way to the Atlantic Ocean.

Cushing St., Norfolk Rd., & Pond St. Rain Gardens – The rain gardens near Norfolk and Cushing roads are waiting for their plantings and an authorization for some additional work that was found to be necessary. In the meantime, work has begun at the Pond St. — Spring St. site near the large rock at the intersection.

There are two natural water treatment areas here. The one in the foreground flows to the one in the background where the worker is leveling the bottom material. By the way, in a prior article we said that this project is the result of a grant from a state agency, Coastal Zone Management. But, we'd like to add that the grant funds are also being combined with funds from Cohasset's Community Preservation Committee as authorized by Town Meeting. So, this is actually a project jointly funded by the Town and the Commonwealth.

Greenbush Project – The Greenbush project continues with work in Cohasset. This past week, the Town Parking lot was closed on Wednesday so that low spots in the paving could be ground down to prepare for repaving them. This will help to correct the drainage.

The photo shows one of the areas where the asphalt has been removed in the "Exit" driveway. (Or at least it was the "exit" driveway until all the signs mysteriously disappeared.) Next Monday, the island to the right, will have a catch basin added to it to catch storm water from this part of the parking lot. So, this will involve some localized excavation. On Monday, Sept. 8 the area around the island will be closed for this construction. Next Tuesday, the Town Parking Lot will again be closed to pave the areas that are now roughened up. If you drive through the lot in the meantime, please be careful — there are a few sharp drop-offs where the pavement has been removed.

Lastly, we snuck down to Scituate and snapped a photo of the construction of the new bridge that will carry Bound Brook under Country Way. We thought you might like to see what's happening there.

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Mutts of the world, unite

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



As anyone who has ventured within earshot of our house these days has learned, we have a dog whose timidity is well-hidden behind her bluster. We call her Jedi. That "Beware of Dog" sign is only to make her feel good about herself.

Jedi is a young lady of, shall we say, uncertain parentage. The guy we got her from insisted she is mostly husky but friends who know dogs say they have seen a little Lab, German shepherd, beagle and maybe even a little rottweiler in her.

...the North Shore Animal League of America in Port Washington, N.Y., is organizing the American Mutt-i-grees Club just for dogs and people like Jedi and me.

Every now and then, though I try to discourage it, at a cocktail party, one dog owner will spot me for another one and pleasure is placed on hold while he regales me with tales of how his Lhasa apso was cozened out of a blue ribbon at the last dog show.

"What kind of a dog is Jedi," he'll ask in his most condescending manner.

"She's a (mumble)," I'll say.

"I beg your pardon?"

"She's a (mumble)."

"What?"

"She's a mutt!"

There I said it. Jedi's a mutt ... a mongrel ... a cur, not fit to associate with Lhasa apsos and other kinds of girlie dogs, as Arnold would call them, just as her owner is not fit to associate with owners whose pets lost their ribbons in overtime.

You can imagine how thrilled I was the other day when I discovered that the North Shore Animal League of America in Port Washington, N.Y., is organizing the American Mutt-i-grees Club just for dogs and people like Jedi and me.

There are, according to the researches of J. John Stevenson, managing director of NSALA Pet Savers Foundation, no less than 25 million of us who own mutts — or mixed breed dogs, as Stevenson calls them — and the Mutt-i-grees Club plans to send each one a certificate, just like the Lhasa apsos.

"People are incredibly proud of their mixed breeds," said Stevenson, "and the time is ripe for there to be a way for them to communicate, share ideas and celebrate their choice."

Actually, Jedi was not our choice, but she was within our price range. All her previous owner asked was that we take her off his hands as quickly as possible because he had a bunch more coming along, the products of some canine trysts in the junkyard at midnight.

The Mutt-i-grees folks expect that 250,000 mutt-owners will sign up in the next year. One membership program is free and will get you advice and discussion. The $25 and $100 memberships will get you discounts on merchandise.

I'm not sure whether or not Jedi and I will sign up, although the prospect of discounted Alpo is tempting. Have you seen the cost of dog food lately?

But if the Mutt-i-grees can promise me a "mutt show" every year, you can just hand me a pen and show me the dotted line.

Then, when I meet Lhasa apso owners at cocktail parties, I can tell them how Jedi was cheated out of that blue ribbon at the last mutt show.

HEALTH NOTES

Avoid fatty, processed foods

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Junk food contains high levels of refined sugar, white flour, trans fat and polyunsaturated fat, salt, and numerous food additives such as monosodium glutamate and tartrazine...

Now that the school year is started, it's time for the Board of Health to rail against the way some of us eat. It's well known that obesity is a national threat and the increase in cases of diabetes is only one of the symptoms. In Cohasset generally, the there is little evidence of a problem since the schools have generally cleared the vending machines of the most egregious offenders. Nevertheless, there is constant pressure from advertising and marketing and far too many potato chips and Chito's are consumed. There's even a web page listing the sources for different categories of the stuff.

The term *junk food* meaning food that is unhealthy or has little or no nutritional value is believed to have been coined by Michael Jacobson, director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, in 1972. It has since come into common usage.

Junk food contains high levels of refined sugar, white flour, trans fat and polyunsaturated fat, salt, and numerous food additives such as monosodium glutamate and tartrazine; at the same time, it is lacking in proteins, vitamins and fiber, among other healthy attributes. It floods our food marts because it is relatively cheap to manufacture, has a long shelf life and may not require refrigeration. It is popular with consumers because it is easy to purchase, requires little or no preparation, is convenient to consume and has lots of flavor.

Consumption of junk food has been associated with obesity, heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and dental cavities. Eating a poor diet when pregnant or breastfeeding may cause long-lasting health damage, according to child, animal studies by the Royal Veterinary College and London's Wellcome Trust. The offspring of rats fed fatty, processed food had high levels of fat in their bloodstream and around major organs even after adolescence had a raised diabetes risk, even if they ate healthily.

There is also concern about the targeting of marketing to children. During 2006, in the United Kingdom, following a high-profile media campaign by the chef Jamie Oliver and a threat of court action from the National Heart Forum, the UK advertising regulator and competition authority, *Ofcom*, launched a consultation on advertising of foods to children. The Food Standards Agency was one of many respondents. As a result, a ban on advertising during children's television programs and programs aimed at young people was announced. The ban also includes marketing using celebrities, cartoon characters and health or nutrition claims.

In the United States, there is no such agency and little incentive to regulate advertising. Accordingly, it is up to parents and articles in the media, such as Health Notes, to expose the dangers of unhealthy eating but also provide good advice.

Today, it's easier than ever to find a version of your favorite brand or type of snack food that is lower in fat or sodium — or both — than the "regular" version. With a bit of comparison-shopping, you'll find snack foods you can enjoy even if you are on a restricted diet. These are some of the descriptors to look for on the front of the package:

- **fat-free**: less than 0.5 grams (g) of fat per serving
- **low-fat**: 3 g or less per serving (if the serving size is 30 g or less or 2 tablespoons or less, no more than 3 g of fat per 50 g of the food)
- **light**: one-third fewer calories or half the fat of the "regular" version
- **low-sodium**: 140 milligrams (mg) or less per serving (if the serving size is 30 g or less or 2 tablespoons or less, no more than 140 mg of sodium per 50 g of the food)
- **lightly salted**: at least 50 percent less sodium per serving than the "regular" version

reduced: when describing fat, sodium or calorie content, the food must have at least 25 percent less of these nutrients than the "regular" version.

Also, here are some tips for food preparation:

- **Steam, boil, bake**, or microwave rather than frying.
- **Season with herbs and spices** instead of fatty sauces, butter or margarine.
- Try flavored vinegars or lemon juice on salads.
- Replace whole milk with low-fat or skim milk in puddings, soups and baked products.

But don't starve yourself; remember:

There was a young lady from Lynn
Who was so exceedingly thin
That when she essayed to drink lemonade,

LIBRARY CORNER

Staff will assist with downloading audiobooks

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Page Positions – The library is accepting applications for two page positions. Student hours available include afternoons, evenings and weekends. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and a Cohasset resident. For information contact reference librarian Gayle Walsh at 781-383-1348.

Download Audiobooks in the Library – Patrons can now download Overdrive audiobooks in the library. Using an Internet station specifically set up for downloading, people can begin listening to favorite books on a portable device. Library staff are available to assist with the downloading process. Grab an MP3 player and library card and come to the library.

Movie Matinee at the Library – The movie "Woman of the Year," starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn, will be shown at 11 a.m., on Friday, Sept. 5, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to this free movie.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "XXY" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 21. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of "The Gathering" by Anne Enright at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome. Those who need a copy of the book can call the reference librarian at 781-383-1348.

SENIOR SCENE

Now that's Italian!

Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring the following gupcoming events:

Introductory Italian – Mondays, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Oct. 6 and 20.

Professeoressa Lanier Grassie will teach Conversational Italian and Italian Culture.

Cost: $30 for six-week course. Need six registrants to begin class.

Line Dancing – Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. with instructor Nancy Kramer.

Cost: $5 per Class. Need six registrants to begin class.

Senior Dance Aerobics – Thursday, Sept. 18 from 8 to 8:45 a.m. and then Tuesdays and Thursdays with instructor Karen Kirkendall.

Cost: $3 per class.

Fall Foliage Turkey Dinner Train – Wednesday, Oct. 1. Will depart from St. Anthony's at 8:20 a.m.

Travel by luxurious motor coach to Meredith, New Hampshire. There you will board the HOBO TURKEY TRAIN and travel around Lake Winnipesauke. Harts Turkey Farm will serve a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Cost: $59. The last day to register and pay is Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Call 781-383-9112 to register.

For the latest news visit us online at www.wickedlocalcohasset.com

Farrag talks about Town Hall plans

"Our Town" co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with David Farrag, Chairman of the Town Hall Renovation and Restoration Committee, to discuss plans to revitalize the original portion of Town Hall while making it better suited to fit the needs of the community.

Highlights from the Class of 2008 pre-prom Red Carpet Gala also air on the second half of the show.

Our Town airs on local Comcast Channel 10 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 9pm.

Stay tuned and stay informed.

Check out the Web

Check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

- Video of David Wadsworth talking about the Cohasset Maritime Museum
- Pet of the Week Video: Meet Cannoli, a 4-year-old Pekingese, who was left behind when his owners moved.
- Breaking news, updates, slideshows and full-color photo galleries throughout the week.

The business of antennas

D.S. Kennedy takes its place in town history

By Nancy White
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In 2008, the speed and clarity of long distance communication is largely taken for granted. In a matter of seconds e-mail can be sent around the world and back again, a cell phone call can be made from almost anywhere and international news can be broadcast around the world nearly instantly.

Over the past few decades, communication has evolved drastically. And believe it or not, a Cohasset company played an important role in the evolution. D.S. Kennedy Inc. Antenna Equipment made its mark on the development of powerful antennas used for communication and espionage.

In the coming weeks, the building that once housed D.S. Kennedy antenna will be torn down in preparation for the construction of the 200-unit Avalon apartment complex.

While the building is the last landmark evidence of D.S. Kennedy antenna, the company still lives on in other ways. Many employees went on to start their own companies in the antenna industry and some of D.S. Kennedy's antennas are still exist around the world.

The memories of the company are still very much in the minds of the employees who remain in and around Cohasset. Throughout the month of September, a collection of photos, antenna models and advertising brochures from the heyday of D.S. Kennedy will be on display at the Pratt Building (the historical society's headquarters). A special lecture night featuring Gilman Wilder, founding member of the D.S. Kennedy company and its first vice president, will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7p.m. with light refreshments.

Despite a relatively short life span of 16-years (1947-1963), D.S. Kennedy was at the forefront of antenna technology for much of its existence and was the largest antenna manufacturer in the world in the 1950s.

"We rode a huge wave in the Cold War, a tremendously large wave," says Wilder.

Founded by a team of local entrepreneurs, Donald S. Kennedy, Warren S. Pratt and Gilman B. Wilder, in 1947, the business got its start at Francis W. Hagerty's "Cohasset Colonials" furniture kit firm. During World War II, Hagerty's company contributed to the war effort by creating antennas and antenna covers ("radomes") to conceal the technology. The radar was installed at the bow of PT boats. After the war, Hagerty wanted to go back to focusing on furniture and his four employees set off to start D.S. Kennedy.

It was Wilder's job to find a suitable location for the fledging entrepreneurial venture. He located a former grain mill at 432 South Main St. near the Cohasset-Scituate line. For $35 a month, D.S. Kennedy operated out of the first floor of the building.

"(The landlord) told me there was not much in there but a 40-watt bulb," said Wilder, and they also agreed to buy the building in a few months for $35,000. Although he had little more than 35 cents in his pocket, he took the place, borrowed some money from his father and D.S. Kennedy was born.

In its 14-year life, the company set up antennas all over the world and attracted heavy weight customers like General Electric, ITT, Raytheon and General Dynamics. D.S. Kennedy antenna products were used at the start of the Cold War period to warn against aircraft and missile attacks.

One of their largest contracts was the Distant Early Warning (DEW) lines across northern Canada. The company quickly grew out of its space on North Main and built a 102,000 square foot manufacturing plant on Whitney Hill (the entrance is across from Good Sport).

When they landed a contract with General Electric to build huge radar antennas for Thule, Greenland, Kennedy leased space at the Hingham Shipyard.

At one time, Kennedy employed 1,200 local residents ranging from Quincy to Kingston. But, Kennedy's products reached far and wide.

Merle Brown of Cohasset started a job at Kennedy out of high school and traveled across the US and the world installing the antennas. He traveled to exotic locales like the Aleutian Islands and Hawaii to install the equipment.

One of the D.S. Kennedy antennas was installed personally by Wilder in Turkey — and later became a bargaining chip in the Cold War with the Soviet Union.

When President John F. Kennedy made a deal with Premier of the Soviet Union Nikita Khrushchev to end the Cuban Missile Crisis, the US part of the deal was to remove two missiles located in Turkey near the Soviet border. Alongside those missiles was a D.S. Kennedy antenna that was removed as well.

"Kennedy was only the beginning of antenna history on the South Shore," says Glenn Higgins, a former employee continued to work in the antenna industry his entire career. RF Systems, which started with former Kennedy employees, relocated to Florida in 1975.

Although it now operates as Comtech Antenna Systems, "it is still going, it is the longest living (spin-off companies) out of all of them." When Higgins retired in 1999, he was the last surviving Kennedy employee.

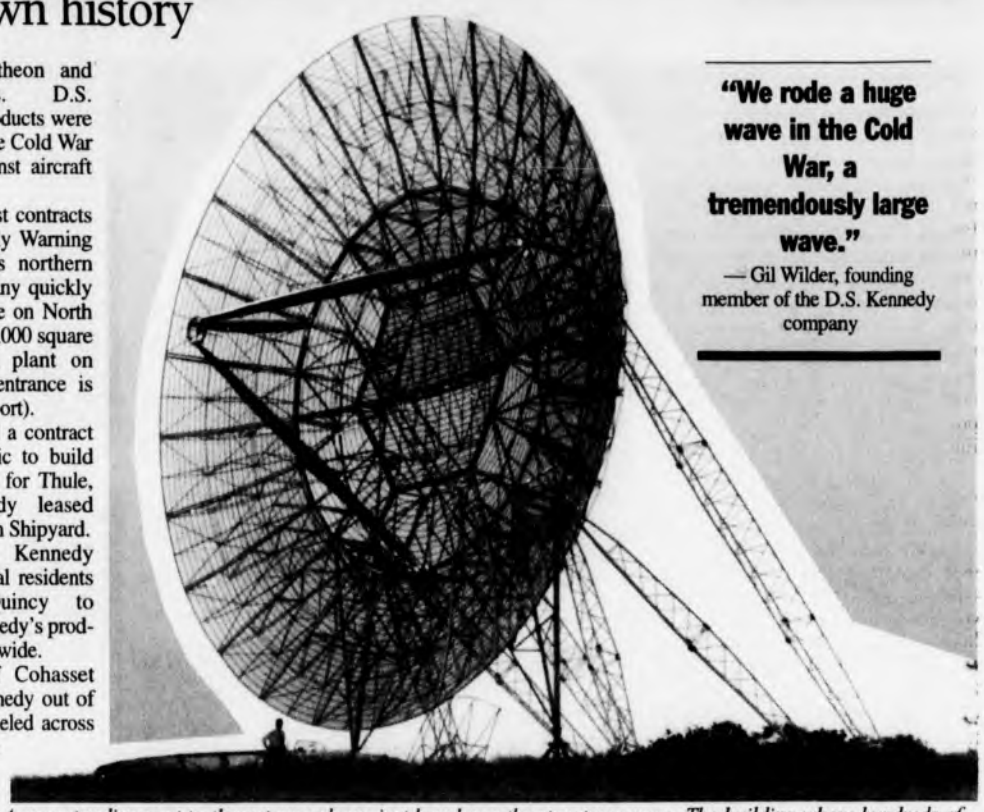
John Seavey, a Cohasset resident, started at Kennedy as a young MIT engineer and earned the highest annual salary of any MIT grad in 1958 — $7500.

"I chose this crazy field," said Seavey, "and have met thousands of people along the way."

He later started his own firm, Seavey Engineering Associates based in Pembroke, and occasionally has used the Whitney Hill property as a testing facility. He salvaged the doors of the former Kennedy building for the collection.

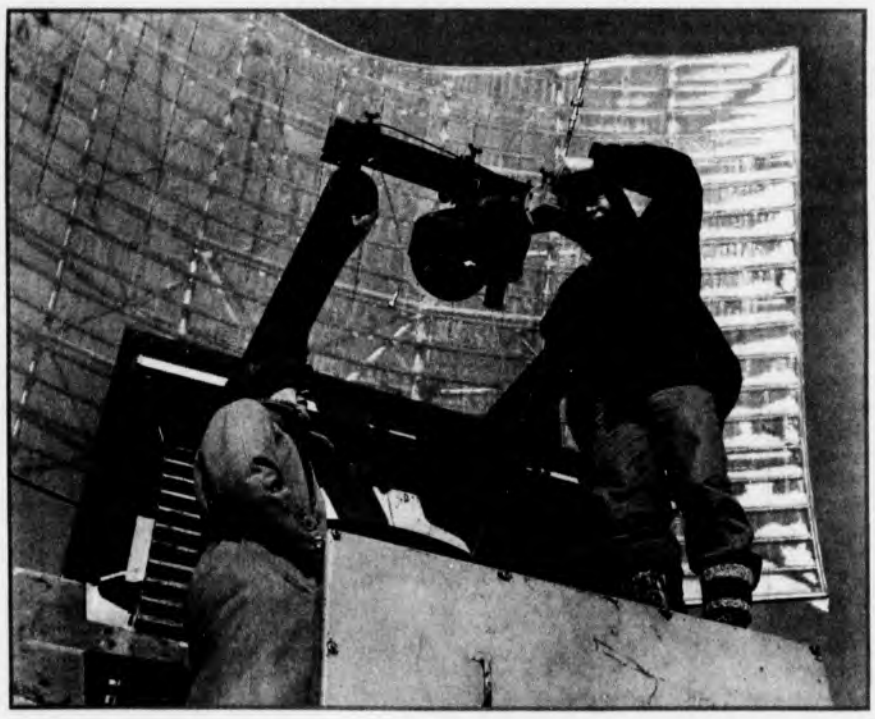
Although it has been many years since they have worked closely together, Wilder, Brown, Higgins and Seavey talk easily about their times at D.S. Kennedy Antenna. They hope the many other former employees and descendents of employees will come to see and hear about the history and legacy of D.S. Kennedy.

The exhibit will run during September, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cohasset Historical Society's headquarters at 106 South Main St. A lecture on the D.S. Kennedy years by Gil Wilder will be held on September 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the Society's headquarters with light refreshments at 7:00 p.m. Call the Historical Society at 781-383-1434 for more information.



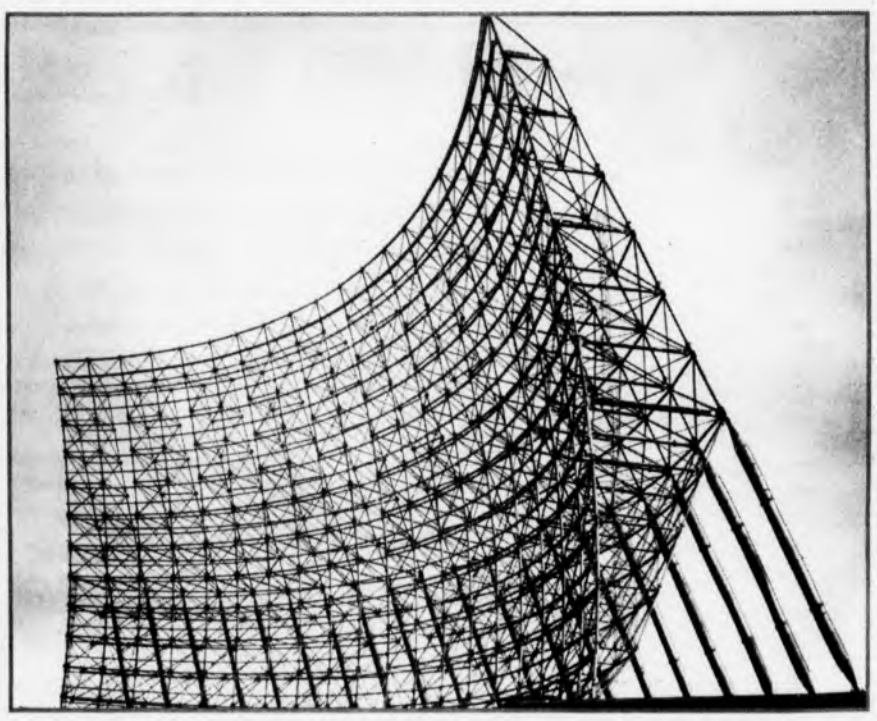
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— Gil Wilder, founding member of the D.S. Kennedy company

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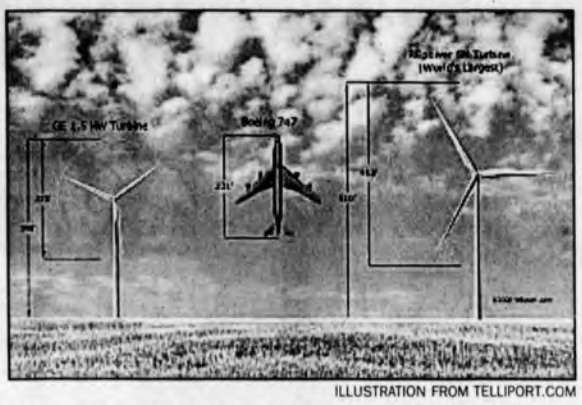


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As you can see, this is larger than putting a 747 jumbo jet at the top of the Statue of Liberty, reaching about the height of the old John Hancock building in Boston, times two turbines.

It is difficult to fully appreciate the size and scale of these modern wind turbines until you stand in their shadows. The turbines in Hull are visible from Boston, and even the North Shore on clear days.

Cohasset has embraced alternative energy in the form of passing a bylaw that enables placement of commercial grade turbines on sites including the Graham Waste Services location off Route 3A. While this is a laudable goal, now is also the time for the Planning Board to take deliberative steps to protect the natural resources of Cohasset, namely the sightlines, from visual pollution in the 2008 version of a gold rush to green energy. I write this letter as a financial backer to about 1,500MW of wind turbine projects in the US, Brazil, and Europe.

As the first wind-farm development, and a private for-profit endeavor, the Graham Waste Services site requires thoughtful deliberation because it imposes a significant visual impact on the entire town and nearby neighborhoods with no compensatory element to those affected. In contrast, the town of Hull benefits directly from its turbines, so in many ways residents are "compensated" for the negative impacts of the massive structures. On the Graham Waste Services site and others surely to follow, no such compensation mechanism is in place. One of the benefits of wind energy is that the fuel cost of wind turbines is zero. However, wind farms also consume other intangible resources, including visual costs that directly impact quality of life and real estate values. Often, wind farms that don't benefit the town or neighbors directly (like Hull's does) are charged impact fees to developers to financially remunerate the town and neighbors in exchange for the permanent negative impacts on aesthetics and tangible property values that result. In addition, there are also often community funding commitments extracted from the developers, as well as steeply discounted off-take agreements secured to get low-cost energy. My understanding is that none of these are in place in the current development.

The main driver of these issues is the scale of the commercial turbines that can be used, in this case two 1.65 MW units. The turbine towers would measure about 320 feet from the base to the hub and about 462 feet from the base to the tip of a blade in a vertical position. To give a sense of perspective, to the left is a view of a 1.5MW turbine, which is *smaller* than proposed. As you can see, this is *larger* than putting a 747 jumbo jet at the top of the Statue of Liberty, reaching about the height of the old John Hancock building in Boston, *times two* turbines.

It is difficult to fully appreciate the size and scale of these modern wind turbines until you stand in their shadows. The turbines in Hull are visible from Boston, and even the North Shore on clear days. They are obviously completely out of scale for neighborhoods, whether those close to the Graham site, the transfer station site, the middle school, or elsewhere in town. This will be exacerbated even further by the elevation of the hill on which the turbines will be positioned.

However, I think wind turbines can peacefully coexist with neighbors if constraints are put on their size and their impacts to sightlines. Over time, as turbines become more efficient, more power will be generated by the same-size turbines so I recommend that the Planning Board consider a height restriction as a reasonable measure of limitation. The turbine installed at the IBEW hall in Dorchester is a 100 kW unit on a 35-meter tower with a blade diameter of 21 meters while the Hull I turbine is on a 50-meter tower with a blade diameter of 47 meters. Somewhere between those two turbines should be an adequate size limitation for commercial developers in Cohasset. The town can be part of contributing to the green movement, developers can make money, and impact on neighbors and the town's beauty can be minimized. For municipal turbines that benefit the town directly, perhaps a different threshold should be discussed and options voted on based on siting considerations and the potential benefits to the town.

Without a doubt, the profit-motivated developers will decry such a limitation, saying they cannot make adequate returns to justify the effort. However, with a fuel cost of zero, the question isn't whether a turbine in adequate wind conditions can make money, but more a matter of how much money it can make depending on the size and efficiency of the turbine. I do not believe it is the Planning Board's responsibility to protect the profit margin of developers, or help them achieve a certain return on investment. The town has given developers the ability to install wind turbines, but it has not given them a blank check to underwrite minimum profits or returns. It is now in our hands to protect the town and preserve its beauty for generations to come in the face of the modern gold rush to green energy. Most developers are motivated not the prospect of generating green energy for environmentalist reasons, but by the prospect of green money that comes from wrapping themselves in the cloak of the trend du jour while destroying the very environment they claim to be protecting. And unlike Hull where all the generated energy is delivered to the municipally owned grid, the residents of Cohasset do not benefit directly but incur all the negative impacts of the turbines.

This first development is a true precedent-setting moment for the town, as it will set the tone for what we are willing to accept in terms of aesthetic impacts on the town to line the pockets of developers and investors. It is particularly important given the natural beauty of our town and its exposure to wind. It is easy to look directly to Hull to see what may come our way. Inevitably, proposals will be put forth to install turbines right off our harbor and beaches where the wind is its most powerful and unobstructed — prime wind turbine locations. Hull is already working on turbines off Nantasket beach and these will make Hull I look like a pinwheel. When this trend comes to Cohasset, how will we tell the Wakemans, the Dormitzers, the Graykens, and the other residents with million-dollar views that we will allow a 747 jumbo jet-equivalent to be parked in the sky outside their houses? Better yet, if we don't allow it, how will we justify to the other residents impacted by these massive structures that their quality of life is less valuable?

Most wind farms in the United States are located on sparsely populated wind-swept fields and mountain ridges. Wind resource is certainly the primary reason, but cattle and trees are usually the only dwellers impacted by the turbines and they don't usually object too strenuously, particularly when their landowners reap handsome rewards in the form of land leases and royalty payments. In Cohasset, I hope the Planning Board will help to protect the beauty of the town, the welfare of the neighbors adjacent to the wind farms, and the interests of the future generations that will live with the impacts of decisions made on this issue.

Conrad Langenhagen lives at 24 Sanctuary Pond Road.

Not leaping on 'green bandwagon'

COMMENTARY

MARCI COMEAU

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roads, live in nearby neighborhoods and support local businesses.

Lastly, new research (accessible at www.windturbinesyndrome.com) by Dr. Nina Pierpont, a graduate of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine reveals that wind turbines built closer than two miles from homes and businesses pose potential adverse health effects. Her findings suggest that low-frequency noise and vibration generated by wind machines can have an effect on the inner ear, triggering headaches; difficulty sleeping; tinnitus, or ringing in the ears; learning and mood disorders; panic attacks; irritability; disruption of equilibrium, concentration and memory; and childhood behavior problems. If just one of our town's children or residents is afflicted with a health issue as the result of this project, isn't that one too many? Consider that many businesses, homes and our town's schools are within two miles of the proposed site.

Let's not quickly leap aboard the green bandwagon in such a dramatic fashion without fully understanding the consequences. The residents of Cohasset owe it to themselves to carefully consider the impact of this proposed project and share their views with the town planning board, who will be evaluating it at a public hearing on Monday, Sept. 8, at 8 p.m., in the lower level meeting room at Cohasset Town Hall.

In my view, our town should be feeling blue, not green about this project.

Marci Comeau lives at 26 Sanctuary Pond Road.

Charlie Baker to speak at GOP picnic

Come and mingle with some of your favorite Republicans at the Cohasset Republican Town Committee's Annual Picnic. This year the event will be held Rain or Shine on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Lou Harvey's Estate on King Street.

The featured speaker is Charlie Baker, President and CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. Special Invited Guests include: Senator Bob Hedlund, Plymouth County DA Tim Cruz; Plymouth County Sheriff Joe MacDonald; Candidate for U.S. Senate Jeff Beatty, Candidate for Plymouth County Commissioner Ron Davey of Hull; Candidate for Plymouth County Treasurer Ed O'Connell; and a Representative of the John McCain Committee.

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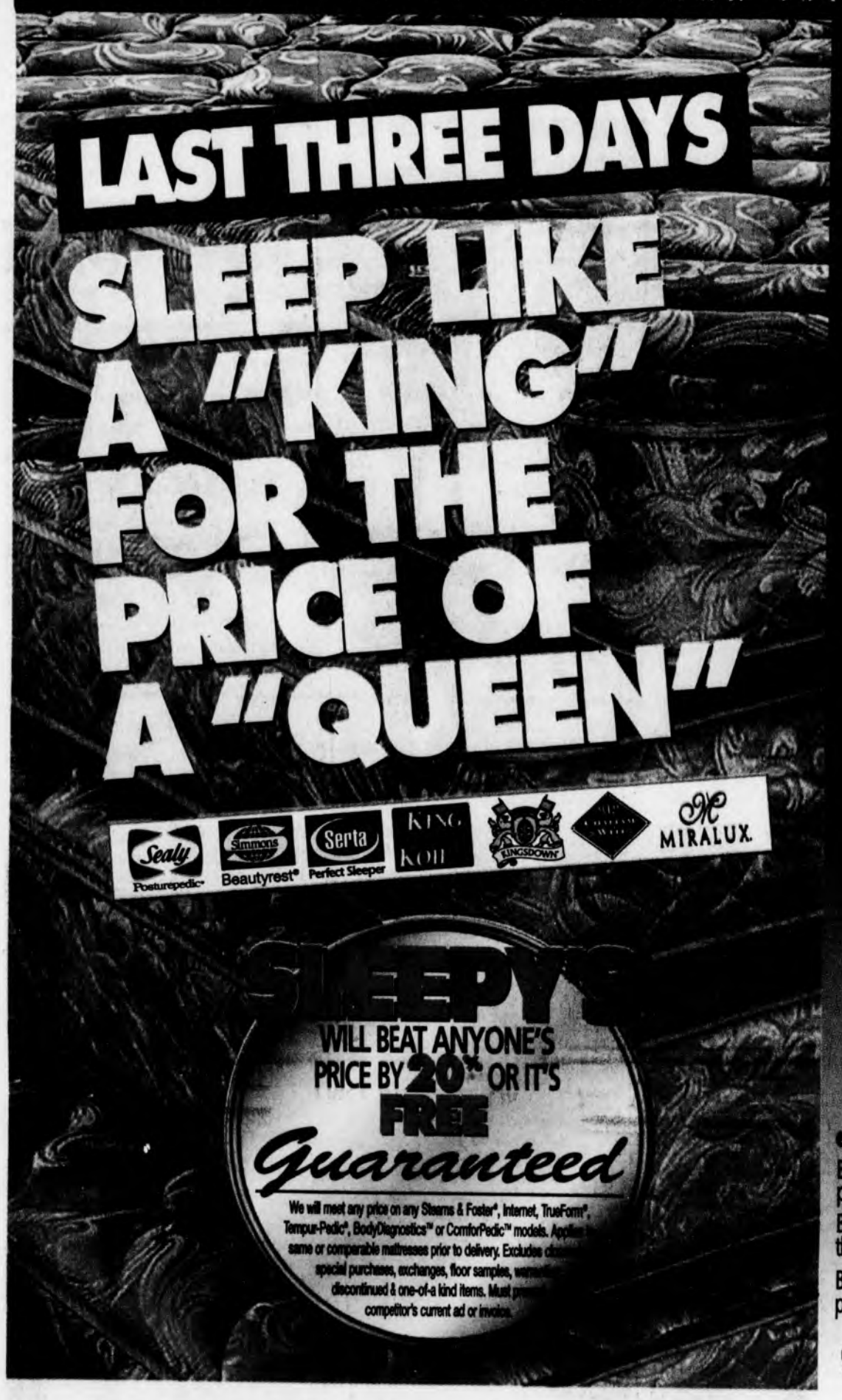
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Unfinished business

'07 Finals ouster fuels fire for strong returning cast of CHS lady booters

By Mike Spellman
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Unfinished business.

That's the theme of the upcoming fall season for the Cohasset girls' soccer team.

22 of the 24 CHS girls who were on the field for last November's heartbreaking 1-0 loss in the South Sectional finals to Norwell are now back in blue and white.

"We've got some pretty high expectations," said veteran head coach Deb Beal, who in '07 directed the Lady Skippers to a record of 16-4-3, including her career best three postseason wins. "And the girls appear ready for it. They've come back in great shape. They're working real hard on their fitness, and they're doing a lot of things very well together already. I think it's going to be a lot of fun."

The strength of the Cohasset team will once run right up the middle of the field. Johanna Brophy is back to start in goal, Sammi Lehr at sweeper, Maggy McGoldrick and Sarah Coggins as the center midfielders and Torey Hart at striker. All five are seniors and returning South Shore League all-stars. The latter three are the team's tri-captains.

The 5-foot-2 Brophy, as fiery as she is fearless and athletic, pounces on everything in the goal area like a pit bull on raw meat.

"Sometimes you get a lump in your throat watching the way (Brophy) dives to take the ball off (opposing players') feet," said Beal, "but you realize it's the only way she knows how to compete."

It's almost comical to see Brophy stand beside and quite literally in the shadow of her "final line of defense", fluid 5-foot-9" athlete Lehr at sweeper.

"It sometimes looks like Sammi can cover the whole defensive zone from sideline to sideline," said Beal. "She's such a fun athlete to watch play. She definitely looks like someone who's going to play a sport at the (college) level, be it basketball or soccer."

McGoldrick and Coggins seem virtually interchangeable at defensive center mid and offensive center mid, respectively.

"Maggie and Sarah are both tireless, smart players who control things in the middle of the field," lauded Beal. "Honestly, I'd love to see them both on the attack. I feel tempted at times to do just that because those positions are kind of the thankless ones that don't get a lot of attention or press, but they really are so valuable to us right where they're playing."

Junior Tori Lehr, Sammi's sister, will round out the middle crew.

"You always want to be strong up the middle, and I don't think we could ask for a better lineup than this in the middle," said Beal. "It's pretty exciting to bring this number of players back who were huge impact players and all-stars a year ago."

There was actually a sixth Lady Skipper named to the all-star team last season. That was sophomore sensation Kaci Kucinski. All this young woman did in her freshman campaign was top the tea min goals (18) and tie Hart for the team scoring title (27 points). She's back looking to improve on that this season, and she'll be joined up front by fellow sophomore speedster Caroline Fein, a late season revelation last fall who will likely be used all over the place in the front six this season.

"The way Caroline and Kaci run and handle the ball, and the way they've started to work with Torey is a pretty fun thing to see," said Beal. "If you're an opposing team, it's like which poison do I choose. If you concentrate on shutting down two of them, the other one could be the one that gets you."

Senior Meredith Kelly is also back to reclaim her starting fullback spot. Ditto for junior Christine Coner and sophomore Mackenzie Hart (Torey's sister) at the outside mid spots.

The Skippers lost just two players from last year's team: senior co-captains Meg Anderson and Anna Haggerty.

Haggerty was a stalwart at right fullback last fall. Anderson was a key member of the varsity team for several years, but mononucleosis cost her most of her final season. Fortunately, she was cleared to play just before the start of the state tourney, and got to play a bit in the postseason.

So that leaves just one starting spot up for grabs, Haggerty's fullback spot.

At the time of this writing, sophomores Lindsay Davis and Carli Haggerty (Anna's sister) are in a group of players battling it out for minutes at that spot.

Beal says that senior Kristin Monaco and junior Samantha Crough have been two of the more pleasant surprises to date, and noted that both are in position to log major minutes and perhaps even take a starting spot.

"Samantha is coming off a great basketball season, and you can see her confidence is booming," said Beal. She's a very tough kid mentally. And Kristin just works extremely hard and is willing to go wherever you need her and give 100 percent."

The varsity roster will be rounded out by senior Brittany Dunn, juniors Alex Foley, Dominique Rioux, Megan Richardson and Melissa Campedelli and sophomores Danielle Sookiasian and Rachel Fredey.

In all, there are 40 girls in the program this fall, a "very good number", according to Beal.

"We've got another handful of girls on JV who could probably contribute to the varsity, but I'd much rather see them continue to develop more with regular playing time at the JV level than playing shorter minutes with varsity."

The Lady Skippers set their sites first and foremost on the Norwell girls, the three-time defending SSL champs and a team none of them have ever beaten. In action last year, the Lady Skippers dropped a 1-0 decision to their Norwell counterparts and tied the second regular season meeting, but then dropped the 1-0 heartbreaker in the south finals.

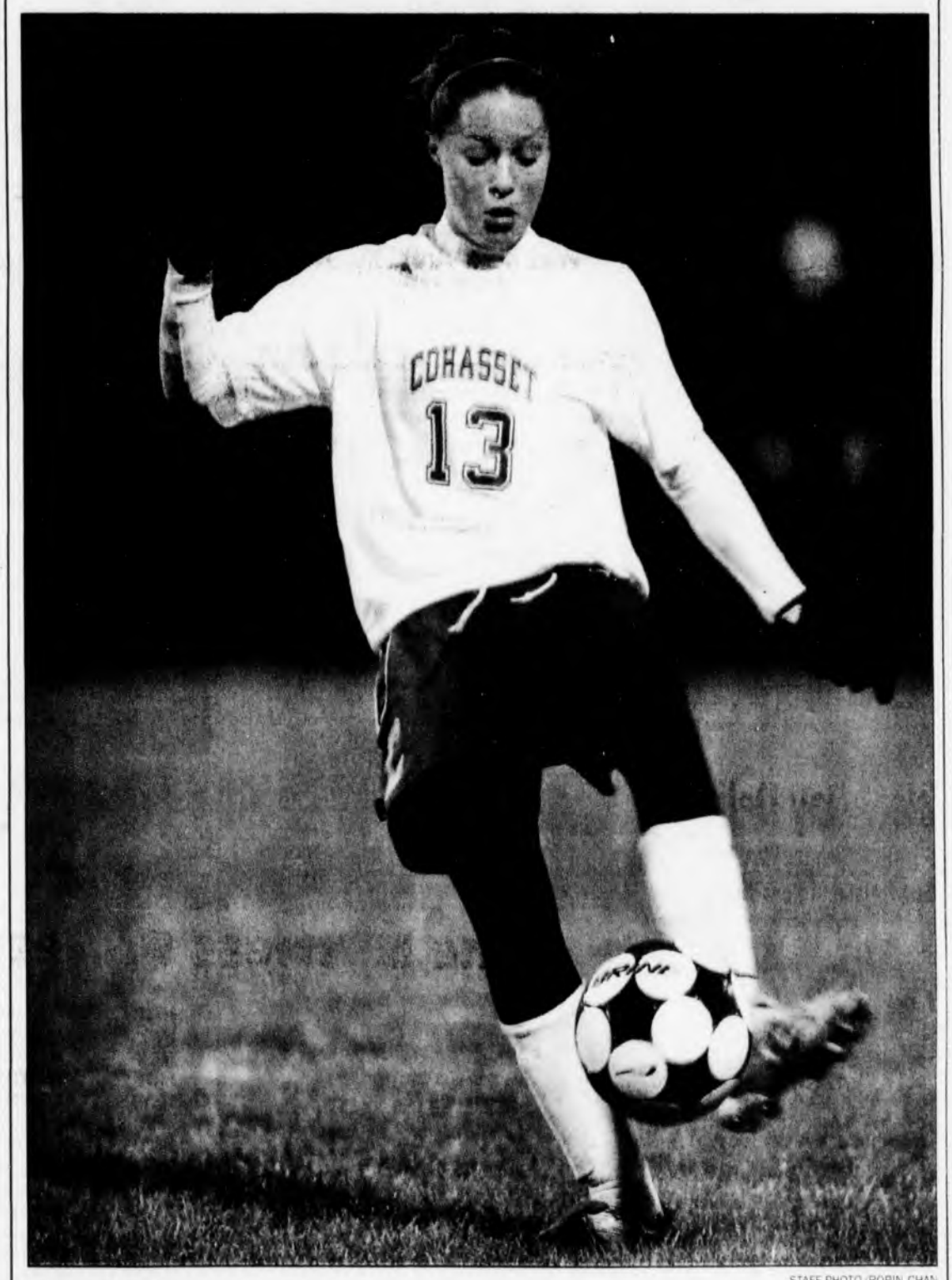
The Lady Skippers won't have to

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Cohasset huddles before the start of a game last season. The Skippers are expected to be strong this coming season.



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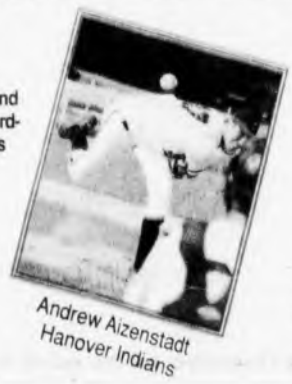
Cohasset's Maggie McGoldrick in action last year.

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Coastal Nissan has donated $500 to the Hanover American Legion Baseball Team in Andrew Aizenstadt's name.

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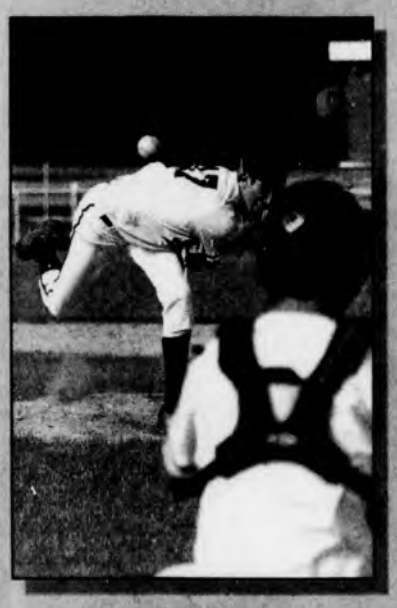
Andrew Aizenstadt
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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

ANDREW AIZENSTADT
NORWELL



Name: Andrew Aizenstadt
Family: Brother Matt, Sister Taylor, Dad Mike, Mom Patricia
Hobbies: Recreation sports
Favorite Athlete: Manny Ramirez
Favorite Athletic Accomplishment: Winning state title in Legion
Favorite Subject: Math
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Saniuk
Favorite TV Show: Entourage
Favorite Food: Chinese
Favorite Movie: The Marine with John Cina
Most Underrated Teammate: Richie McHugh

The nominees for the South Shore Athlete of the Month for August are: Cejay Suarez, Abington; Anthony Melchionda, Braintree; Hope Kissick, Cohasset; Scott Tibbetts, Hanover; Ben Lincoln, Hingham; Ryan Greenblatt, Marshfield; Jason Thompson, Rockland; Ryan Murphy, Weymouth.

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Unfinished business

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wait long for that meeting, as they host the Lady Clippers a week from Monday night, Sept. 15, at Alumni Field (7 p.m.) start.

"I'm sure there will eb a lot of excitement around the school that day and night, like there always is when we play Norwell," said Beal. "But we've got four more games before that one, and we've got some pretty tough opponents there too."

Indeed, Beal backed away from no opponent in preparation for this season.

The non-league schedule features games with several larger school powers, beginning with yesterday's schedule opener with perennial Div. 2 powerhouse Notre Dame Academy in Hingham. The Lady Skippers will also host Notre Dame on Oct. 23, and play Rockland and Plymouth North at home.

"The way I look at it is I'd rather play some top opponents to get ready for the tourney rather than go for a high seed," said Beal. "Who cares about seeds? You've got to be ready to beat any team once the tourney gets underway."

Sports Notes

Black Jacks Lacrosse

If you are interested in being a member of the Black Jacks, a nationally competitive high school lacrosse club, tryouts for the 2009 team will be held on Sunday September 14 and Sunday September 21. For more information contact Andrea Kinnealey, GM, at akinnealey@comcast.net, or Coach Bagby at rbagby@21lacrosse.com.

Bay State Thunder announces softball tryouts

Bay State Thunder Softball, a highly competitive Junior Olympic girls fast-pitch softball program based in Braintree, will be holding tryouts for their 18U, 16U, 14U and 12U teams Sunday, September 7 and Sunday, September 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Flaherty Fields in Braintree.

For more detailed information on the tryouts, specific time for your age group and the team in general please visit our Web site at www.baystatethundersoftball.com or contact Rob Spofford at (781) 383-8338 or Al Saluti at (781) 380-3864.

First Annual Melanoma Education Foundation Race and Walk

The Melanoma Education Foundation is a non-profit organization devoted to saving lives by increasing awareness about melanoma, a skin cancer that is often deadly unless detected early. MEF provides teacher training and curriculum materials about melanoma to over 450 Massachusetts high schools and middle schools, including most schools on the South Shore. Please join us in this premier event as we honor the memory of those we have lost and as we work to protect the future health of families in our community. Visit our website at www.skincheck.org for more about MEF.

The race is Sunday, September 21, 2008 at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham MA (5 Mile USATF sanctioned Run, 3 Mile Family and FriendsWalk).

Place: Race and Walk start and finish in Wompatuck State Park

Time: 11:00 am

Distance: 5 mile race 3 mile walk

Entry fee: $20.00

Entry fee waived for those who raise $100.00 or more.

Course description: Both events will take place entirely within Wompatuck State Park on paved trails which are closed to traffic. The 5 mile course winds through beautiful woods, in a loop past Aaron River Reservoir. The walk will follow the same course but loops back at an earlier point.

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Registration/Sign-up: Marshfield Fair Grounds Sept. 5 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.. Captains' Meeting: 5:30 p.m. Fair Grounds.

Fish Days: Sept. 6 and 7 (Sat. and Sun) lines in at 5:15 a.m., line out 3:00 p.m. Target Species: Bluefin tuna (between 47" and 73"). Weigh Station Locations: Scituate Harbor, Green Harbor (Green Harbor Marine), Plymouth (Brewers Marine).

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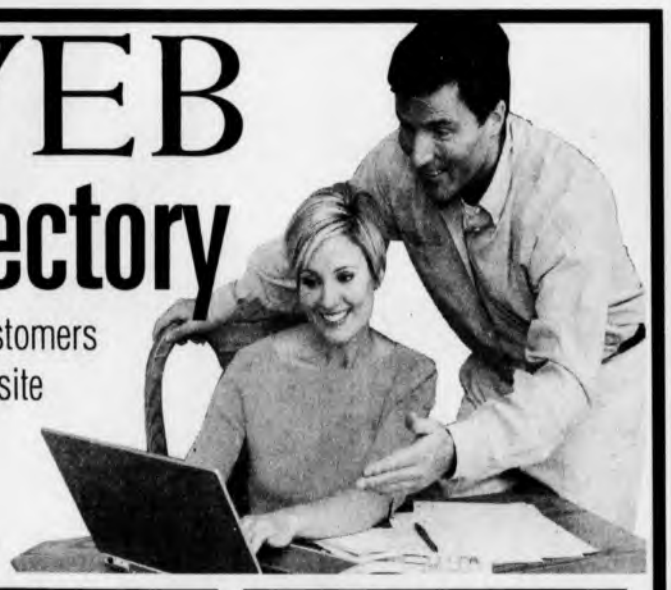


COURTESY PHOTO

Jonah Adkins (Cohasset) recently traveled to England with his club soccer team -The BU14 Mass Premier Soccer Cape Cod Crusaders- where they competed against three English soccer clubs in the same age group. The Crusaders emerged victorious from all three games. In addition to the competitions, the boys participated in training sessions at the Middlesboro Football Club, one of the English premier league teams and attended the season's opening game in Middlesboro. The boys also visited London, Durham and York. Pictured are the MPS Crusaders in red and the Teeside Football Club in White. Jonah is in the back row, sixth from the right. The BU 14 Cape Cod Crusaders is a South Shore regional soccer club with players from Mansfield, Canton, Stoughton, Cohasset, Hingham, Scituate, Weymouth, East Bridgewater, Brockton, Mattapoisett, Sandwich, Falmouth and Nantucket.

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Large turnout at weekend MDA telethon party

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Good weather, lots of enthusiasm and generosity, and strong support from Hingham and surrounding communities added up to a successful 32nd Annual Tolman MDA telethon party.

Despite the tight economy, the event raised more than $15,000 for the fight about muscular dystrophy, with more money coming in as the 24-hour event wrapped up. More than $400,000 has been raised for the cause since the first Tolman telethon party.

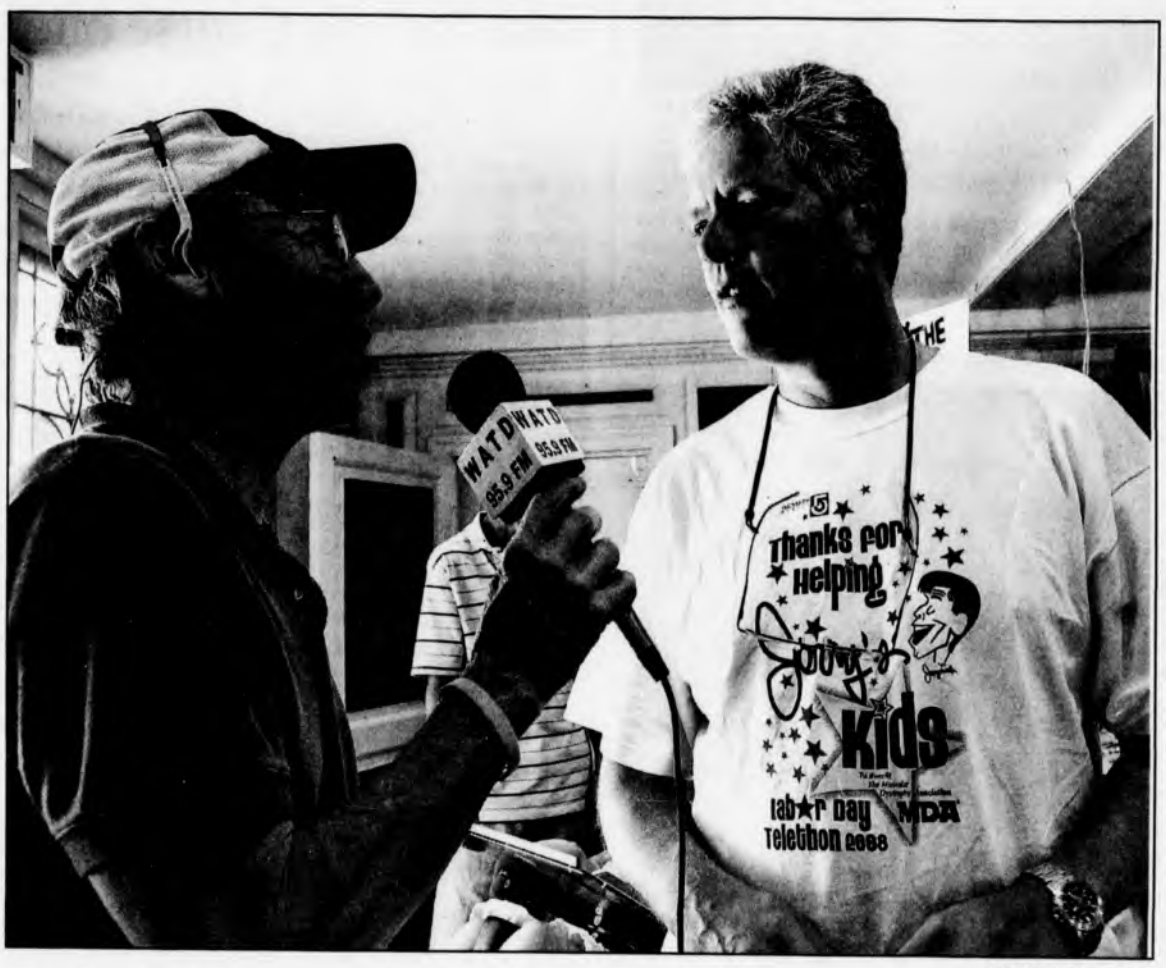
"It was another wonderful year, with many hard-working volunteers," said Jay Tolman of Forest Circle, Cohasset. "There were many heart-warming moments as new people got involved and joined our effort."

A wide variety of people showed up for the event, "from Peter Miller who was at our first telethon fund raiser to new people who came for the first time who wanted to help prior to next year's event."

The party, now in its fourth decade, drew a large crowd of both adults and children. The Hingham Community Center was decked out with colorful balloons and banners for the occasion. There was dancing, music, South Shore Joey clowns, and refreshments ranging from taco salad and fresh fruit cup to chocolate chip cookies and cake – a special decorated one this year in honor of Charlie Tolman's 21st birthday.

A Labor Day breakfast and cookout, prizes, music, raffles, a hula-hoop contest, and a lively performance by the Smith-Houlihan Irish Step Dancers, which kicked off the festivities Sunday night, made for a festive occasion. Entertainers Alli Beaudry and Ken Wilson, performing at the event for the first time, were among the main attractions.

Add to that an appearance by WCVB-Channel 5 to tape the party on Sunday, D.J. Paul Ciccone and the lively music he plays for party-goers, including those who like to dance, and an appearance by Majic, a South Shore band, and you have an event that offers something for everyone.



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WATD's Sam Kopper of Hingham, interviews Jay Tolman of Cohasset during the 32nd Annual Tolman MDA telethon party at the Hingham Community Center over Labor Day weekend. Check the web at www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset for a photo gallery of the event.

Every year there's something new. This time, Chloe Tolman, whose family recently moved to Cohasset, and two friends, Rebecca Antoine of Hingham and Anna DeLong of Concord, were selling hand-painted rocks bearing special words such as "love," "hope," "MDA," "friends," "peace," "Never give up," and "Make a wish" for $2 each.

Anna, 11, said this was her first time attending the annual event during the evening and that the rock-painting fund raiser was Chloe's idea. "We collected different-sized rocks at Black Rock Beach in Cohasset and then painted different words on them," Anna said.

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— Jay Tolman, Forest Circle

Rebecca, like her friends, has been attending the event with her parents since she was a child. "This is a great chance to see friends from other years, and I like to help raise money for the MDA," she said.

Chloe, who has attended the telethon with her family since she was a baby, said the event is meaningful to her because she likes "to help people, and this is a good way to do it."

Anna recently found a photo of herself and Chloe taken at a telethon party "when we were really small." The three friends giggled about that.

Charlie and Chloe's younger brother, Jack, 10, enjoyed collecting donations, socializing, and playing with the other children.

Adults were equally generous with their time and money. Some volunteers spent several hours the Saturday before the event setting up for the party and then showed up the next day to lend a helping hand wherever needed.

One gentleman wrote a check for $32, one dollar for every year the event has taken place.

Tolman was pleased at the good turnout, although attendance was down a bit from last year – due in large part, he thinks, to the pleasant weather and the desire to soak up the sun as the summer draws to a close.

He was pleased to receive a call earlier from a young man now in college who had attended the MDA party when he was seven or eight years old. "He remembered coming here as a young boy and made a donation over the phone," Tolman said.

The event began as a simple gathering of a few friends in 1976, during which about $50 was raised for MDA research. The effort has grown to include hundreds of volunteers and many supporters from Hingham and other South Shore communities.

"Muscular dystrophy takes away things we take for granted, and with the continued support of many, the battle will be won," Tolman said. "Many thanks to all who came by and made a donation. We'll be back again next year to continue our support and work to help end muscular disease."

The event coincides with the national Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon. Even though no phone calls are made during the Tolman event, residents of Hingham and neighboring towns and even from out of state are generous with their donations. Those who were unable to attend but who would like to make a contribution may send their donations, made payable to MDA/Muscular Dystrophy Association, to: MDA Telethon, c/o Jay Tolman, 3 Forest Circle, Cohasset, MA 02025. Donations may also be made online at www.tolmantelethon.com.

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RECREATION

Babysitting Course offered Sept. 13

To register for any of these programs, call the recreation office at 781-383-4109 or stop by the office.

Babysitting Course – Paul Pratt Library. This one-day, three-hour course is designed to assist fifth to seventh graders to be better babysitters and to learn the do's and don'ts of being home alone. The course will cover information on child development, playing with younger children, basic first aid, fire safety and prevention, and the overall responsibilities of babysitting. Instructor: Kim Cleary, nurse and mom. Each class is limited to 18 pre-registered students; fee $18. Saturday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. to noon

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Circus is in Town – Sunday, Oct. 12 Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus at TD Banknorth Garden. Bellobration is a high-energy circus extravaganza featuring the mischievous, yet endearing, comic daredevil Bello, whose iconic tall orange hair, hilarious antics and fearless approach to daredevilry have prompted his meteoric rise in popularity. Bus leaves at 4 p.m. for the 7 p.m. show and will arrive back in Cohasset by 10 p.m. There will be time to visit Faneuil Hall before the show for shopping and dinner. Cost is $25 per person. Parents are required to accompany any children. Space is limited, register by Sept. 26.

Drive in Control – Sunday, Oct. 19 from 1 to 5:30 p.m. PMIn Control Advanced Driver Training is the first Massachusetts certified driver skills course in the state. Drivers are taught how to avoid crashes and how to best respond in a variety of high speed driving situations, including ABS braking, tailgating (and what safe driving distances really are), car control, handling distractions while driving, etc. Students have the opportunity to get behind the wheel with a professional driver and practice these emergency situations. Class is held in South Weymouth. Group Class Rate for Cohasset Recreation $274 and $225 for second/subsequent member of same family. Insurance deductions are available with most insurance carriers.

New York City – Spend a day shopping and touring New York City. Open to ages 18 and older. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Invite friends and enjoy a day you plan in the Big Apple. Deluxe motor coach leaves Town Hall at 6 a.m. sharp. Arrive in NYC about 10:30 a.m. Midtown drop off near Rockefeller Center and pick up in the same area at 7 p.m. sharp. Saturday, Oct. 18. Limited enrollment. Cost $44 per person

SAT Math Review – Paul Pratt Library. Bob Beatty, a retired math teacher from Scituate High School and a certified Princeton Review teacher will teach this 10-hour course in October. Class will run Wednesday nights 6:30 to 8 p.m. from Sept. 17 to Oct. 29. Cost of the class is $150 and it includes all the materials.

Tennis – Milliken Field Tennis Courts Cohasset Recreation will be offering a Sunday afternoon tennis clinic taught by members of the Cohasset High School tennis team. The clinic will focus on the fundamentals based on USTA lessons. $35/per person. Fall Session: begins Sept. 21, for six weeks at noon beginner (ages 6 to 8); 1 p.m. – beginner (ages 9 to 12); 2 p.m. advance beginner (ages 9 to 12).

Recreation department seeks donations

The Cohasset Recreation Department is sprucing up the teen center and are looking for cash donations, bar stools, folding tables and chairs, pool tables, ping pong tables, foosball tables, air hockey tables, arcade games, video game systems, and televisions. Maybe that flat screen TV you bought a few years ago doesn't seem quite as big as it used to. All donations are eligible for tax deduction. With your help the recreation center will be a safe and enjoyable after school destination and the best spot in town to host a party.

HEALTH HAPPENINGS

Tai Chi open house

Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi of Cohasset will host a Tai Chi Open House Sunday, Sept 14, from 1 to 2 pm,

Long time Tai Chi teacher and author John Loupos will introduce attendees to the intricacies of Tai Chi theory, stretching, Qigong, as well as its many health benefits. Jade Forest is currently involved in a health research project with Harvard University to explore Tai Chi's efficacy for osteopenic women.

Guests for the open house should wear loose comfortable clothing as this event is participatory. Jade Forest is located at 130 King St., Route 3A, in Cohasset in the Jonathan Livingston Plaza, rear. Call 781-383-6822 for info or visit www.jfkungfu.com. Participation is free, but call ahead to pre-register.

Pain and mobility clinic

The Pain and Mobility Clinic will offer a workshop based on the techniques of pain management pioneer, Thomas Hanna, Ph.D., on Monday, Sept 15 at 6:30 to 8 p.m. This event will suitable for individuals concerned about back, neck, hip, or shoulder pain. Wear loose comfortable clothing as this event is participatory. Cost is $25 ($20 if ppd). PMC is located at Jade Forest in Cohasset. Contact John Loupos M.S., C.S.E. 781-383-6822, or painandmobility.com.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, AUG. 18

9:07 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, LM Holdings reports they struck a gas service at the above location, they have notified the Gas Company.

9:56 a.m. **Heritage Lane**, larceny (report), walk in party reports a 40 foot ladder stolen from a job site.

12:33 p.m. **Nantasket Ave.**, mutual aid – provided, transported SSH/ALS, Hull Fire request R3 for a teenager who fainted.

12:57 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement, parking ticket issued.

1:28 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

1:42 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement assignment.

2:02 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, caller reports a large group of kids on the bridge making it hard for traffic to pass by. Group removed.

2:25 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:29 p.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:30 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:40 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:32 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

TUESDAY, AUG. 19

12:40 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:08 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, downed tree, possible small tree in the roadway, tree is in the roadway and a traffic hazard, DPW notified.

1:10 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:10 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

3:26 a.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle theft, 911 cell caller states her motor vehicle was stolen, motor vehicle is a 99' green Toyota Camry, caller states she had parked the motor vehicle in the driveway and left, when she returned the motor vehicle was gone, keys were in the motor vehicle. Motor vehicle entered in leaps. Officer reports motor vehicle is in the driveway. Caller notified and requested to come to the address and ID the motor vehicle. Stolen report cancelled in leaps. Owner checked the motor vehicle, motor vehicle was moved from one section of the driveway to another.

3:34 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, 911 caller states "she cannot get a ride to HQ to file a report."

8:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash, police report no injuries at the scene, officer requesting tow truck.

8:46 a.m. **Linden Drive**, fire, investigation, E3 to this location for an investigation of smoke detectors going off, no problems.

9:18 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

9:25 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:06 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, suspicious person, officer reports a resident has reported to him a suspicious male party at the playground area. Officer reports male gone on arrival. No problems.

10:09 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:24 a.m. **North Main St.**, disturbance, peace restored, caller reports his son has showed up at his house drunk and would like him removed. Officers report the male is not intoxicated this was just a verbal disagreement.

10:40 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

12:19 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports his mother was just involved in a motor vehicle crash possibly a neck injury.

1:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, confused person, 911 caller reports a male party walking around in the parking lot appears confused and appears as if he is going to pass out. Well being check only, clear, at this time party checks out ok.

3:32 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, animal complaint, officer reports locating a yellow Lab with no collars and covered in mud. Owner and dog have been reunited, dispatch has contacted the owner.

5 p.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports her cat is missing, black and white short hair – about 6-years-old.

5:46 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation /warning.

6:15 p.m. **Hull St. and Cedar St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:37 a.m. **Hull St., and Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:49 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicles are parked in the middle of the roadway instead of parking area. Officer reports there are no parking violations.

7:12 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:34 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:34 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports there is a female on a scooter all over the road – location is near Scituate line. Officer reports in the area, unable to locate scooter.

8:26 p.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicles are parked on both sides of the road. Officer reports there are vehicles parked on the side of the road – Cohasset side they are ok. Contacted Hingham PD to report vehicles parked on side of road.

8:31 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning, officer reports out with motorcycle.

9:12 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, open door/window, walk in party reports the back door of above location is unlocked – will advise custodian to check back door.

9:17 p.m. **Sohier St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports the vehicle all over the road – just left Highland Ave.

10:15 p.m., **N. Main St.,** MV stop arrest. Drew, Cameron L., 20, of 28 Torreys Lane Scituate; Keith, Christian J., 19, of 11 Woodworth Lane, Scituate; and Nelson, Thomas M., 19, of 30 Marilyn Road, Scituate. All charged with possession of Class D (Marijuana). Drew was cited for having a taillight out.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20

12:40 a.m. **South Main St.**, noise complaint, caller states "there is a group of loud, drunk kids on the sidewalk." They may be walking towards Scituate. Officer reporting 3 to HQ. Female party released to mother. One male party has an active warrant out of NYC. 2nd male party is not cooperative, unable to be booked at this time. 2nd male party urinated on the cell floor. A 17-year-old female Cohasset in protective custody. Arrest: Daland J. Fithian, 20, 275 Market St., Rockland. Charges: Fugitive from justice on court warrant. A 23-year-old male Weymouth in protective custody.

3:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

3:05 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:05 a.m. **South Main St., and Elm St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports two male parties appear to be stumbling across the street.

12:31 p.m. **Margin St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller would like a motor vehicle checked out, motor vehicle has been parked by the dock for about a week. Vehicle is parked in a normal location, no problems.

1:41 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:56 p.m. **Border St.**, officer wanted, caller reports he has a 40 foot trailer truck that he has a delivery for at this address and the resident is telling him to just park on the street but the driver doses not feel that is safe. The driver is requesting an officer come and assess the situation. Officer reports they have decided not to leave the container until they figure out better arrangements.

2:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

2:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:53 p.m. **A St., Hull**, mutual aid – provided.

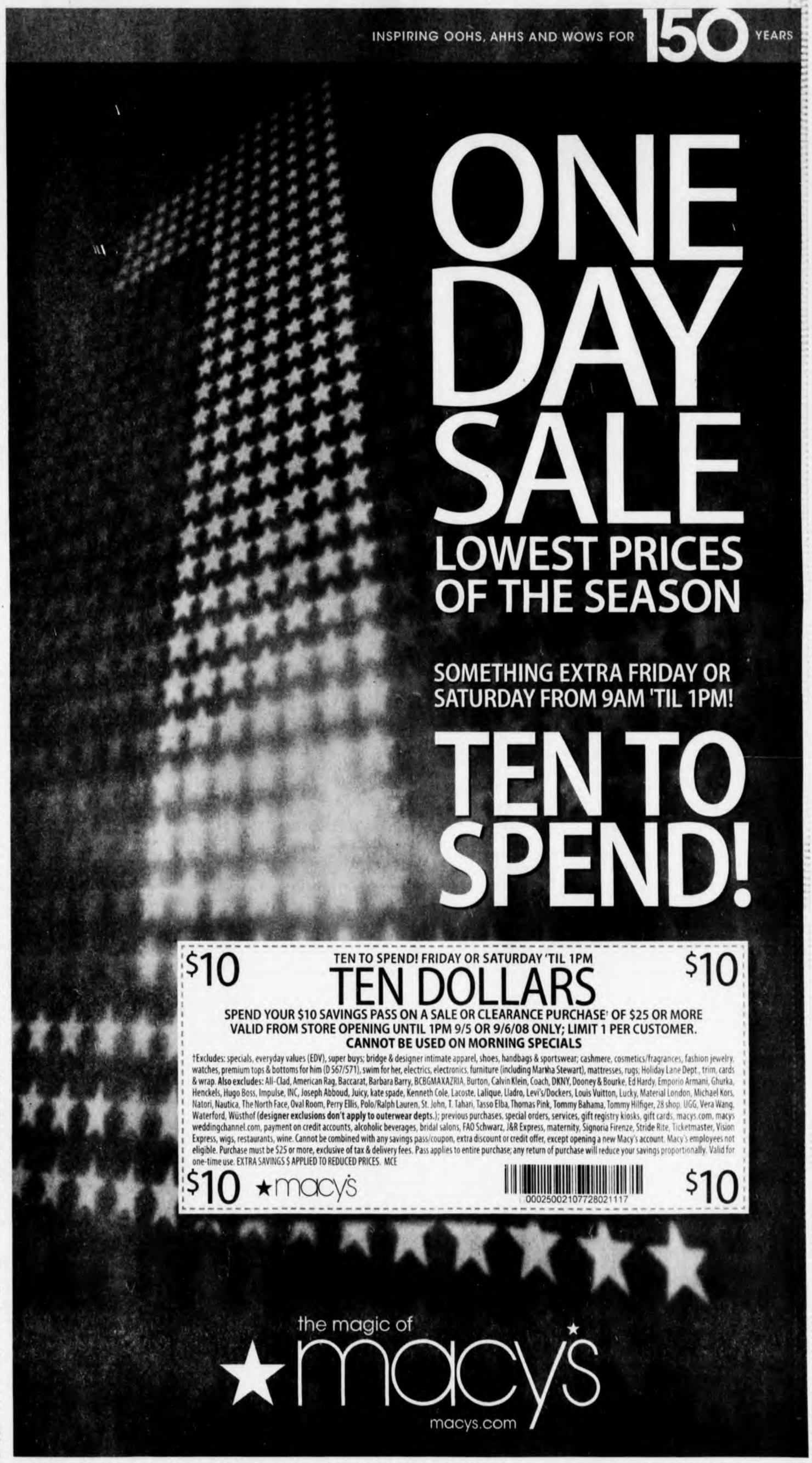
8:54 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious person, caller reports a female trying to sell books, green long sleeve shirt, jeans, brown hair in her 20's. Officer is off with the female and reports a van with others selling books. Officer has advised these people they cannot solicit at this time and to leave the area.

9:54 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:11 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.



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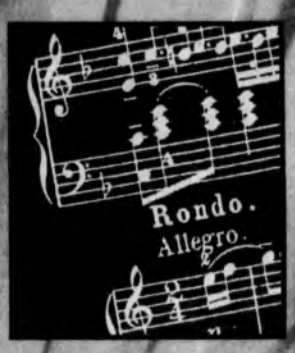


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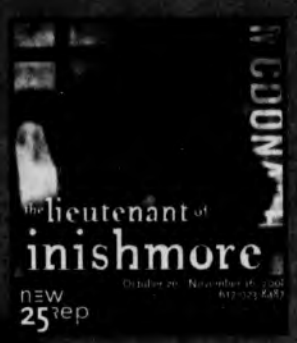
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Seats for the Season 2008

Dance steps up

Fall Preview: Dance
IRIS FANGER



The Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company performances, Oct. 24-26 at the ICA in Boston, may be the most talked-about dance event of the season.

The fall dance season started early for members of the Boston Ballet. While the rest of us were catching the last breezes at the beach, the company was off to South Korea for the first time ever, on a one week tour at the end of August. Artistic director, Mikko Nissinen has been determined to carry the news about how well his troupe is dancing to the four corners of the earth. And the composition of the company matches its globe-trotting itinerary. Half of the dancers hail from 16 different countries; the rest from the U.S.A

Financial issues are reflected in the size of the company, now numbering 40 dancers, down from last season's 51, as they head into a pair of season openers. The annual Gala Performance, "Night of Stars," is scheduled for Oct. 10, followed by a revival of "Cinderella," choreographed by James Kudelka, and set to Serge Prokofiev's score, Oct. 16-26, both at The Wang Center. The Gala will feature mostly solos and pas de deux by the company members, joined by New York City Ballet principal dancers, Maria Kowroski, of the impossibly long legs and charismatic stage presence, and Albert Evans. We'll also get a preview of the Boston Ballet's local premiere of the George Balanchine classic, full-length ballet, "Jewels" and a world premiere by former Boston Ballet principal dancer, Viktor Plotnikov who is making a name for himself as a choreographer. "The Nutcracker,' Nov. 28-Dec. 27, will return to The Opera House, in advance of the 2009-2010 season when the Boston Ballet moves all its performances to that venue.

The Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company returns to the Institute of Contemporary Art with a work that's certain to be the most talked-about experience of the season. Jones has emerged as a choreographer-artist-social commentator whose output transcends the ordinary bounds of dance. He has been commissioned by the prestigious Ravinia Festival near Chicago to create a work about the life and impact on America of Abraham Lincoln. The full piece will premiere at Ravinia next July, but Jones brings the work "in progress," currently titled "Another Evening: Serenade/The Proposition," to Boston, Oct. 24-26. In collaboration with a videographer, a composer, a designer, musicians, an actor, and his troupe of splendid dancers, Jones has based the spectacle on Lincoln's own writings, those of his contemporaries, and observations on the historical perspective. The project promises to be a fitting descendent of Jones' major piece, "Last Night At Uncle Tom's Cabin/The Promised Land," which premiered in 1990.

Back at the local modern dance community, choreographer Caitlin Corbett will present "Tom's Wealth: A Dance for the Masses" at the Tsai Performance Center, Boston University, Sept. 19-20. The evening-length piece, danced by a company of five professional performers and 30 non-dancers (men, women, and children), is based on the scene in Mark Twain's novel, "Tom Sawyer," when Tom collects 16 treasures in exchange for "allowing" his friends to whitewash the fence. Corbett, one of the most luscious movers in town, has long been entranced by groups of people moving in ordinary ways on stage. She finds the honesty and vulnerability that untrained dancers bring to the spotlight an affecting experience for her audiences.

Celebrity Series of Boston will offer only one dance event this fall: the New York-based, contemporary group, Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, at the Tsai Performance Center, Dec. 12-13. (The Celebrity Series dance schedule picks up in the spring with Hubbard Street Dance, Mark Morris Dance Group, and the Alvin Ailey 50th anniversary tour.)

World Music & CRASHarts will present Celtic Tap: an evening with James Devine at the Institute of Contemporary Art, Oct. 17-19. Devine is listed in the Guiness Book of Records as the fastest tapper in the world, his feet clicking at 38 taps per second. Philadanco presents works based on African-American traditions, mixed in with jazz, ballet and modern dance, also at the ICA, Nov. 12-16.

The Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre and School is busy making plans for improvements to their home-base at The Sanctuary Theatre in the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, after receiving an award of $291,000 from the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund. The performing season opens with "Fearless Symetries," a program that runs Oct. 10-26 in Cambridge.

A jazzy scene

Fall Preview: Jazz
ED SYMKUS

Once upon a time, like back in the 1950s, Boston trailed only New York and Chicago as the place to be if you were a jazz fan. There were jazz joints on just about every corner. The small clubs have been gone for a while, but even with limited venues, there's still plenty of jazz to go around. Something for everyone from smooth jazz to mainstream to way-out-there will be coming to town over the next few months.

September

Bassist Avishai Cohen (Sept. 4) and his trio feature music from their newest album, "At Home," at the Regattabar in Cambridge. Chris Potter, who's a master of reed instruments, but a specialist on saxophone, performs at the Regattabar on Sept. 10 and 11. Oregon, the instrumental group now in its fourth decade, offers up their fusion of jazz and classical music at Scullers on Sept. 11, and then it's New York Voices, who will show why they're the proud winners of a Grammy award for a vocal group, at Scullers on the 12th and 13th. Danilo Perez, the Panamanian pianist who spent a number of years in Boston, returns to town with his blend of Pan-American jazz at the Regattabar on Sept. 12 and 13. Eldar successfully made it through his "child prodigy" days as a pianist and now shows his mature side at Scullers on the 18th. Bassist Dave Holland and his sextet, who have been playing together for a decade, bring their solid musicianship to the Regattabar, Sept. 18-20. Dane Vannatter, winner of the BackStage 2008 Bistro Award for Outstanding Vocalist, sings up a storm at Scullers on Sept. 23, and then on the 30th, it's Syncopation, the Boston-based jazz vocal quartet, celebrating the release of their new album, "Wonderful You."

October

Roy Hargrove lets his trumpet do the talking with hints of gospel, R&B, and funk at Scullers on Oct. 3 and 4. On the same two dates, you'll find Dee Dee Bridgewater, the singer who is a winner of both a Tony and two Grammys, presenting "Red Earth: A Malian Journey" at the Regattabar. Rebecca Parris, who started singing when she was still a kid in Newton, sings and scats her way through an evening at the Regattabar on Oct. 13. Chuck Mangione brings his mellow flugelhorn and wears his trademark hat to Scullers, Oct. 17 and 18. Pianist Michel Camilo and his trio could play anything from jazz to classical to pop to film score music at the Regattabar, Oct. 16-18. Grace Kelly, young saxophonist extraordinaire, who somehow keeps getting better, plays at Scullers on Oct. 30.

November

Drummer Brian Blade & the Fellowship Band play tunes from their newest album, "Season of Changes," at Scullers on Nov. 6. That same day, you'll find The Bruce Katz Band, featuring Katz' virtuoso keyboard work on selections from their new album, "Live! At the Firefly," at the Regattabar. The Rippingtons enter their third decade as a smooth jazz group with a show at Scullers on Nov. 7 and 8, and then, at the same club, you'll find Laszlo Gardony, the Hungarian-born pianist who lives in Boston and teaches at Berklee, on the 11th.

Information on the above concerts can be found at the following:

Regattabar — 617-661-5000 or www.regattabarjazz.com

Scullers Jazz Club — 617-562-4111 or www.scullersjazz.com

Also of note...

The Berklee BeanTown Jazz Festival, with concerts at the Berklee Performance Center and a series of three outdoor stages on Columbus Ave., takes place from Sept. 25-27. Performers include Cindy Blackman and Terri Lynne Carrington, Geri Allen, Patrice Rushen, James Carter, Kurt Elling, Walter Beasley, Randy Weston, Andre Ward, many more.

For information on ticketed concerts, call 617-747-2261. For information on all concerts, including free ones, visit www.beantownjazz.org.

Highland Jazz in Newton begins its 26th season with the Paul Broadnax Quartet, featuring Fred Haas, on Sept. 13 at Newton South High School Auditorium. A second concert, a twin bill with Sheila Jordan and Steve Kuhn, is set for Nov. 1. Concerts in 2009 will star George W. Russell Jr. and Friends with Wannetta Jackson (March 28) and Mark Harvey & the Aardvark Jazz Orchestra (April 25).

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The rise of fall

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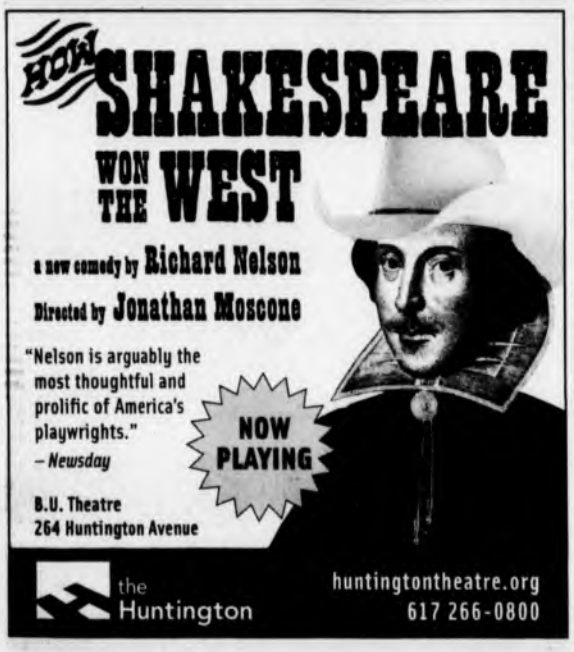
Bears may hibernate in the winter, but in the summer, it's the human brain that goes to sleep. In the summer, we like movies that are big and dumb. Or better yet, we do nothing at all — just sit in the sun and read a book that's the intellectual equivalent of ice cream.

But fall's here. Time to turn the brain back on. The Greater Boston arts and cultural scene is loaded with shows and events that will pique your interest and stimulate your thoughts. Or, there are plenty of events for you if you're still in turn-your-brain-off-and-just-have-fun mode — which reminds me, do you have your tickets for the New Kids on the Block reunion shows on Sept. 26 and 28?

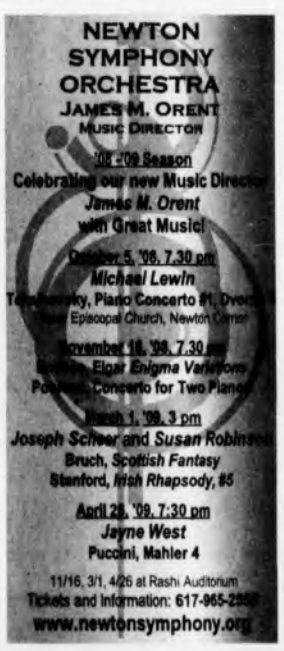
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In the meantime, check out this fall bounty, and mark your calendar.











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Joy of golf in Florida's Broward County

Steve Marantz
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

PLANTATION, FLA. - We came out of the north with our rusty swings, three old buddies from Nebraska, Minnesota and Massachusetts, in search of warmth and the healing power of the little white ball. Everything we needed was within a drive and a chip from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Four days and four courses - Plantation Preserve, Heron Bay, Diplomat Country Club and Deer Creek - gave us a taste of Broward County golf, wildlife, food and sun.

The golf was not uniformly good, nor was the sky always blue, but we swung our clubs like inmates on parole and soaked up even the minor overcast with gratitude.

Wood stork, ibis and heron greeted us at Plantation Preserve, a certified Audubon course with a 30-acre wetlands preserve, owned by the city of Plantation.

The 7,200-yard course has five tee boxes - we played the white tees at 6,250 yards - over a mostly flat track with ample water, little rough, and an occasional ficus and sable tree. The back nine is the more interesting as holes 12-15 skirt the swampy preservation area, where as many as 24 varieties of bird might be glimpsed.

Dating to the early 1950s, and built around a Tequesta Indian burial mound, Plantation features a saltwater-resistant grass called Sea Dwarf Paspalum, found nowhere else in Broward County. We did better on Paspalum by hitting down rather than sweeping the ball. As for the greens, there is less break than meets the eye.



PHOTO BY STEVE MARANTZ

Plantation Preserve is built around a Tequesta Indian burial mound, with play on saltwater-resistant Sea Dwarf Paspalum grass.

"This grass is not very grainy - there's no grain in the greens," said Brian Schuler, head pro. "The roll is true and the greens are fair."

Next was Heron Bay, 210 acres of flat, arid and treeless property in Coral Springs, on the edge of the Florida Everglades. Heron Bay was the site of the Honda Classic through 2002, until the tour players complained it was too bland.

Before we teed it up, a regular warned us, "It's all about the sand." Heron Bay has 92 bunkers - wide gaping sprawling affairs that seem to gobble up more of the fairways than grass does. Water is a factor on just three holes. Architect Mark McCumber designed the course for low under-the-wind shot making, with openings for shots along the ground, as well as open paths to the greens.

But the openings are narrow. The par-5 fourth hole, for example, plays 602 yards from the back tee and 548 yards from the middle. There are 10 bunkers, with three surrounding the green. It runs toward the north, and with the wind in our faces, it was nasty.

Diplomat Country Club, in Hallandale Beach, is a lush resort course with eight acres of lakes that reminded us of a bygone era. Its heyday, in fact, was the 1950s, when Bob Hope, Jackie Gleason and Yogi Berra were favored customers.

No. 2 is the signature hole - you know it immediately. The 385-yard par 4 requires the second shot to fly a pond to a large two-tiered island green framed from behind by a fountain and an old-style spa.

Our fourth outing, and favorite, was Deer Creek in Deerfield Beach, perhaps because its rolling terrain reminded us of courses back home. South Florida tends to be flat, but Deer Creek has elevated greens with bunkers built into the sides, as well as rolling, undulating fairways. Adjacent homes are set back farther than at most courses, further allowing for the buildup of contours and terrain.

"This is a second-shot golf course," said Marty Martinez, general manager. "You can afford to spray the tee shots but find the ball and recover for a par or bogey. A lot of courses you find water off the tee."

No. 18 is the signature hole. A 388-yard par 4, it doglegs left, with trees up the entire left side, and with a canal crossing the fairway in front of the two-tiered green. More water borders the green on the right, demanding a tee shot center or right for a proper angle. My drive drew left, forcing a second shot out of sticky rough that needed to draw, but did not.

Splash in the water. The soggy ending, still, did not dampen my enthusiasm for Broward County golf.



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Diplomat Country Club in Hallandale Beach.



PHOTO BY DEER CREEK

The course at Deer Creek.

Off-Season Play and Save

The summer and early fall is not when golfers in northern climes normally think about South Florida, but maybe they should.

The off-season brings hefty discounts at South Florida courses and hotels.

Most of the 61 courses in the Fort Lauderdale area offer two-for-one discounts or half-price fees through September, according to tourist officials. A premium course such as the Diplomat costs as much as $189 in high season, but off-season it's a deal.

"The Diplomat costs $59 after 2 p.m. (through September) for unlimited play until sundown - that's a great value," said John Webb of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Plantation Preserve, owned by the city of Plantation, costs $115 for out-of-state golfers in season, but drops down to $35 in summer. Heron Bay in Coral Springs drops from $125 to $35. Deer Creek in Deerfield Beach drops from a winter high fee of $140 to a summer twilight fee of $35.

Courses are less busy in the low season by as much as 30 percent, making for faster play. Temperatures hover between the high 80s and low 90s - not as extreme as northerners might fear.

"We're fortunate being on the coast - the temperatures aren't as high as inland, and the breeze does temper it," said Webb.

However, afternoon rain squalls are common in August and September, he said.

Hotel rates drop by as much as 50 percent in the summer and early fall. Restaurants and shops, and outdoor and entertainment venues also offer two-for-one discounts as part of the area's Summer of Discovery promotion, through September. Find deals at www.sunny.org/discovery.

IF YOU go...

Plantation Preserve: 7050 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation, Fla. (954-585-2362; www.plantation.org/community-/PlantationPrese/). Rates: $115 winter (before 1 p.m.) down to $35, through September (after 3 p.m.)

Heron Bay: 11801 Heron Bay Blvd., Coral Springs, Fla. (954-796-2000; www.heronbaygolfclub.net). Rates: $125 winter (weekend 7-11 a.m.) to $35 through September (weekday after 3 p.m.)

Diplomat Country Club: 501 Diplomat Parkway, Hallandale Beach, Fla. (954-883-4444; www.diplomatgolfresortandspa.com/golf.php). Rates: Winter $179-$189, twilight $89; through September, $99-109, twilight $59

Deer Creek Golf Club: 2801 Country Club Blvd., Deerfield Beach, Fla. (954-421-5550; www.deercreekflorida.com). Rates: Winter $130-$140, twilight $50; through October, $45-$85, twilight $35

Staying There:

Diplomat Golf Resort & Spa, Hallandale (954-883-4000; www.diplomatresort.com/; nightly rates from $265): Quaint golf resort and luxury hotel with a full-service spa.

Coral Springs Marriott, Coral Springs (954-753-5598; www.marriott.com; nightly rates from $149): Next to Heron Bay Golf Club, this modern hotel also houses a convention center.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Series starts with prisoner of war experience

The Cohasset Historical Society will present the first of its fall lecture series on Wednesday, Sept. 17 when Rabine Andreau will speak about her family's experience as prisoners of war in a Japanese camp in Malaysia during WW II.

On Wednesday, Oct. 15, Historian David Wadsworth explores another fascinating aspect of our town's history as we accompany him on an armchair tour of the Village and the Common.

November's offering, on Nov. 19, will be a lighthearted adventure into the objects of yesteryear. Participants will be asked to identify items from the museums and guess what it was used for. You are invited to bring an item from home and 'stump' the audience.

All Wednesday evening programs will begin at 7:30 in the Society's Headquarters at 106 S. Main St. There is no cost for these programs and light refreshment will be served.

Other events planned for the fall include a program on the "History of Town Hall" on Sunday, Sept. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m.. Speakers for this program that details the past as well as the future of Town Hall will include David Wadsworth, David Farrag and Jim Sandell.

The Society will hold its Annual Meeting and Fall Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Cohasset Harbor Resort from 5:30 to 9 p.m. with speaker, John Horrigan talking about "Bay State Phantoms". In December, the Annual Wassail Party will be held on Dec. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Pratt Building.

The Society invites all to attend the programs. For additional information please call the Cohasset Historical Society at 781-383-1434.

Local quilt guild to present show

The Herring Run Quilt Guild, representing over 100 quilters from 16 South Shore communities, including Cohasset's Betsy Millard, will present its 10th Biennial Quilt Show at the Norwell Middle School on Rte 123 (330 Main Street) on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 5p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 21, 10a .m. to 3 p.m.. More than 150 traditional and art quilts will be on display including quilts judged viewers' favorites from the past 9 shows. Entrance fee is $6. Door prizes, vendors, demonstrations, snacks and a boutique will be available as well as a silent auction to benefit breast cancer research.

The mission of the Herring Run Quilt Guild is to educate and encourage its members in the art of quilt making and to do charitable works. Last year the guild made and distributed 49 quilts to social service organizations from Weymouth to Plymouth. A queen sized quilt of red and orange poppies on a white field, hand appliqued by members, will be raffled off on Sunday. Participants need not be present to win. New members are welcome to join the guild. See herringrunquiltguild.com for more information.

Piano lessons resume

Priscilla D. Daniels, professional pianist and teacher of pianoforte, resumes her lesson-schedule at her Beach Street home in Cohasset. Her personalized instruction has attracted students who have had careers in music, while others play just for pleasure.

Mrs. Daniels is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music of Boston, magna cum laude. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega, national sorority, and Pi Kappa Lambda, honorary professional society. She has taught in Swampscott, Lincoln, Norwood, and currently in Cohasset.

As part of each lesson she incorporates music theory, harmony, rhythm study and expression. She encourages her students to improvise and compose, and strives to communicate a love and appreciation for the fine arts through the medium of the piano.

For further information, call 383-1487.

Boy Scouts to meet

Cohasset Boy Scout Troop 28 will kick off the upcoming year with a meeting at the Lightkeeper's House on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. A full calendar of events, trips and service opportunities will be discussed.

Boys interested in joining the Boy Scouts are welcome to attend with a parent. To be eligible, a boy must have completed fifth grade and be at least 10 years old but no older than 17. No prior scouting experience is necessary.

Troop leaders will be present at the meeting and happy to answer any questions from prospective scouts or their parents.

Those unable to attend but would like information on scouting can e-mail troop28scoutmaster@comcast.net.

Kids' Mini Triahlon on Cohasset Day

The Cohasset Triathlon Association is pleased to announce the formation of a kid's mini triathlon on Cohasset Day (Sept. 20th from 3 – 4 pm). All kids ages 6 – 13 are welcome to participate in this free event.

Peter Brown, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee who is spearheading Cohasset Day, stated, "we are very exited to add the mini triathlon to the schedule. Bill Burnett and his team will do a fantastic job in providing a fun event for kids to participate in."

The mini triathlon is technically a duathlon (no swimming involved). The course will take place around the Town Common. Kids will run .2 miles, bike .5 miles, and then finish with a .2-mile run. There will be 4-5 heats each organized by sex and age. Each participate will wear a Cohasset Triathlon race bib.

A pre-registration form must be filled out and returned to Bill Burnett by Sept. 19th to participate. No registration forms will be accepted on race day.

For a copy of the registration form, please email billburnett@cohassettri.com or go to Good Sports.

Rud Eile concert venue change

Aisling Gallery will host a concert of the best of traditional Irish music, featuring critically acclaimed band Rud Eile and guests, Sunday, Sept. 7, at 4 p.m.

Glastonbury Abbey and the Aisling Gallery regret that, due to unforeseen circumstances, the planned "Afternoon of Irish Music" featuring Rud Eile cannot take place in the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey on Sunday, Sept. 7th as announced.

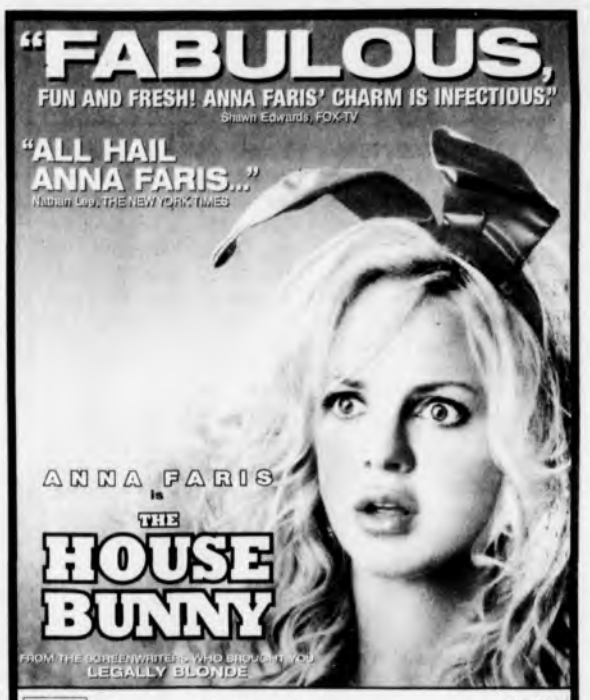
However, to avoid disappointing those looking forward to the concert, Rud Eile have agreed to perform at the Aisling Gallery, 229 Lincoln Street (Rte. 3A), Hingham. The performance will begin at 4 pm.

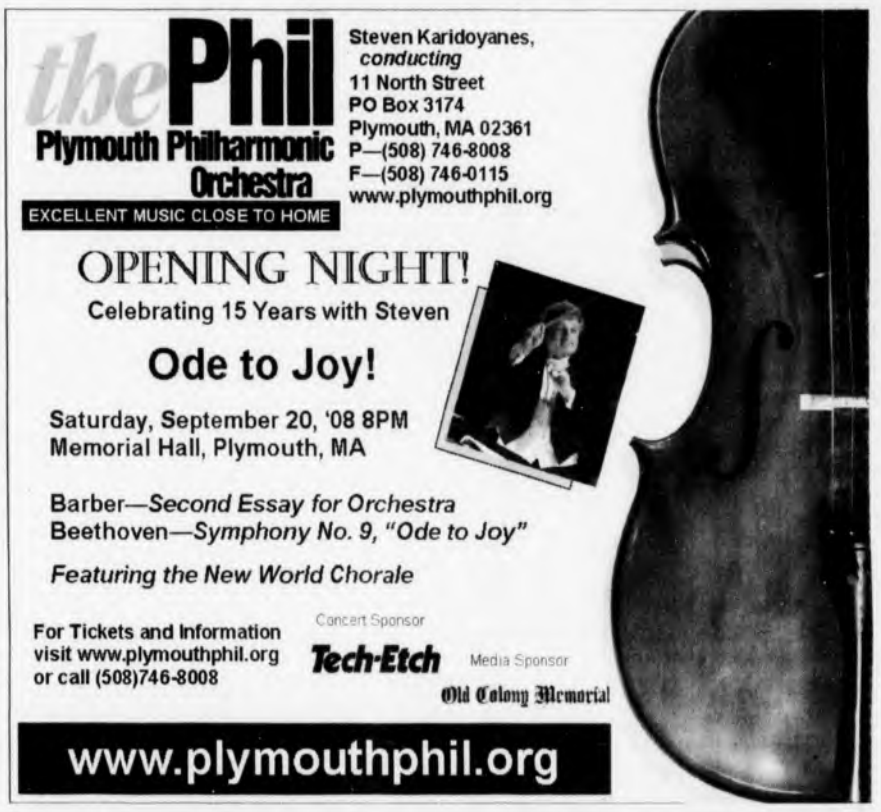
There will be no cover charge for entry to this concert. Those who already purchased advance tickets for the originally scheduled concert can receive a full refund by contacting the Aisling Gallery.

Rud Eile (pronounced rud ella), based on the South Shore, has been widely acclaimed here and in Ireland. The band's current self-titled album has been receiving airplay from Boston to San Francisco, Dublin to Warsaw, and has been a hit on Web-based and satellite radio. However, Rud Eile is best known for the power and passion of their live performances.

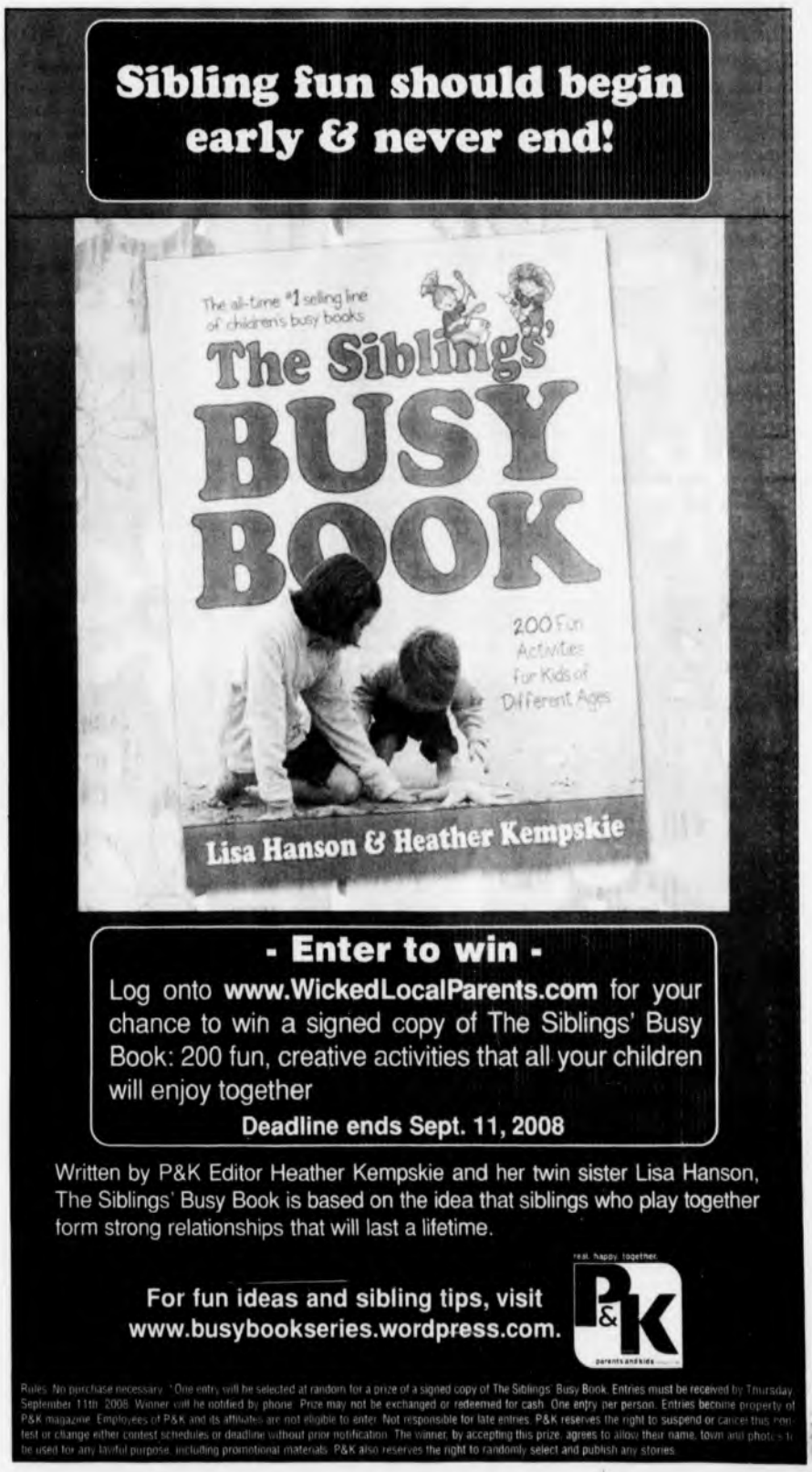
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OBITUARY

Marjorie E. Parker

Avid sports fan, enjoyed Bingo, knitting and crocheting

Marjorie E. (York) Parker, 78, of Hingham, died Sept. 1, 2008, at Colonial Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Weymouth.

A resident of Hingham for more than 50, Mrs. Parker was born in Waverly, and spent her early life in Watertown. She was an avid sports fan, who enjoyed bingo, crocheting and knitting.

Wife of the late Robert L. Parker Sr., she leaves her children, Robert L. Parker Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth, and Denise E. Barbuto and her husband, Daniel, all of Hingham, Diane R. Downes and her husband, Brendan, of Broken Arrow, Okla., Debra A. Russell and her husband, Denis, of Woburn, Gregg R. Parker and his wife, Dina, of Sandown, N.H., Steven C. Parker and his wife, Nancy, of Pembroke and Jeffrey A. Parker and his wife, Tiffany, of Cohasset; her sisters, Lois Smith of Waltham, Dorothy Hansen of Sudbury and Judy Waters of Georgia; her brother, Jack York of Kittery, Maine; her companion, James Greelish of Quincy; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Richard York and Phyllis York.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 6, at First Baptist Church, 85 Main St., Hingham. Friends are welcome to attend visiting hours at Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, 21 Pond St., Hingham, from 5 to 8 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 5. Interment private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Parkinson's Disease Association, 720 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02118-2371.

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Sept. 7

10 a.m. Intergenerational Worship led by Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull in the Meeting House

Sermon: "This Side of the Rainbow".

Come join us at 8 a.m. for our Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast in the Parish House!

Join us also for refreshment and fellowship in the Parish House directly following worship.

Register your children for Religious Education classes at a breakfast with our RE leaders on Sunday, Sept.14, at 9 a.m., preceding our RE program and worship service.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparish-cohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

FALL BOOK STUDY Wednesday, Oct 1st: We will discuss A New Earth *Awakening to Your Life's Purpose* by Eckhart Tolle.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the Reverend Margot Critchfield, Welcome from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church!

If you are visiting from out of town, you are most welcome to join us in celebration this Sunday. If you are searching for a faith community, please feel free to pay us a visit; you can learn about us and the Episcopal faith by visiting our website at www.ststephenscohasset.org. We are located at 16 Highland Ave in Cohasset Village, "on the rock." To reach us by phone call 781-383-1083. Our parish priest is Rev. Margot Critchfield; the assistant is Colette Wood.

Areas of ministry at St. Stephen's include outreach locally and globally, youth group work, environmental advocacy, meditation, worship, Bible study, book groups, prayer groups, and fellowship.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

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THOMPSON ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
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Docket No. 08P1896EP

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Date of Death June 3, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that ROBERT M THOMPSON of WESTBORO in the County of WORCESTER and DOUGLAS A THOMPSON of ASHLAND in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. Robert W. Langlois, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, August 7, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
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Visit the Retreat Center's Web site, www.csjretreatcenter.org, for more information and to register online. For a 2008-09 brochure, call 781-383-6024/6029 or email Retreat.Center@csjboston.org.

Upcoming events offered at Sha'aray Shalom

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom located at 1112 Main St., in Hingham will offer the following events during the month of September. To register call the temple office at 781-749-8103, or visit shaaray.org

Taste of Judaism – Instructors: Rabbi Shira Joseph and Cantor Steven Weiss. Mondays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. A Union of Judaism (URJ) three-session class for beginners.... Jewish or not....that explores the topics of Jewish spirituality, ethics and community, designed for unaffiliated Jews, non-Jews, intermarried couples and all searching for an entry into Jewish life.

Breast and Ovarian Cancer Risk – Hear Dr. Jonathan D. Herman speak about the importance of genetic testing for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer, particularly as it relates to the BRCA gene mutation. This is of particular importance to women of Jewish Ashkenazi background. Free to the public as well as members of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom. Sunday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. RSVP by calling the Temple office 781-749-8103 or emailing (cssadm@aol.com).

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SEPT. 1, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A little "wool-gathering" for the usually productive Lamb is all right if it helps you unwind. But be careful; too much daydreaming can put you behind schedule in your work.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A work problem is close to being resolved. Now you can go ahead and celebrate the week, accepting invitations from friends who enjoy your company.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Getting your new plan accepted won't be a major hassle if you have the facts to back it up. Your supporters are also prepared to help you make your case. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Dealing with a pesky job problem might be time-consuming but necessary. The sooner you get this situation settled, the sooner you can move on to other matters.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Career advancement is favored thanks to your impressive work record. On the personal side, you should soon hear some good news about an ailing family member.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There might be mixed signals from a certain someone who doesn't seem all that certain about his or her intentions. Best to sort it all out before it becomes more confusing.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Get all the facts about that investment "opportunity" before you put even one dollar into it. There could be hidden problems that could prove to be costly.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Compromising on a matter you feel strongly about not only ends the impasse, but can be a win-win deal for all. Remember: Scorpios do well with change.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) With all the demands you currently have to deal with, accepting the help of family and friends could be the wisest course to take at this time.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Recent upsetting incidents might have left you with a big gap in your self-assurance. Refill it by spending time with those who know how worthy you really are.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A dispute about money needs to be resolved quickly, before it festers into something more serious. Consider asking an impartial colleague to mediate the matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A soft approach could be more effective than making a loud demand for the information you need. You might even find yourself with more data than you expected.

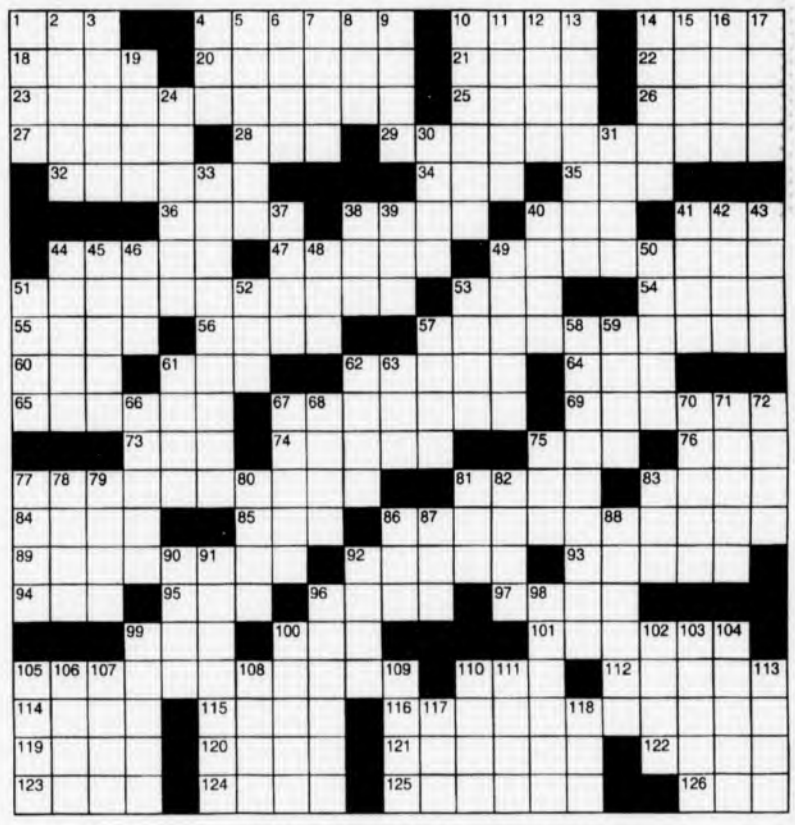
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BORN THIS WEEK: You're sought out for the wonderful advice you're able to offer to others. And sometimes you even take it yourself.

Crossword - All Mine

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4 Representations
10 One of a pair
14 Equipment
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77 Poe tale
81 Mammy Yokum's prop
83 In addition
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101 Moses or Monet
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13 Cozy cloth
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15 Cleveland's lake
16 Akbar's city
17 Oliver of "Gladiator"
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57 "Ethan Frome" prop
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Sudoku

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Level: Challenging

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Magic Maze - Lake –: Cities

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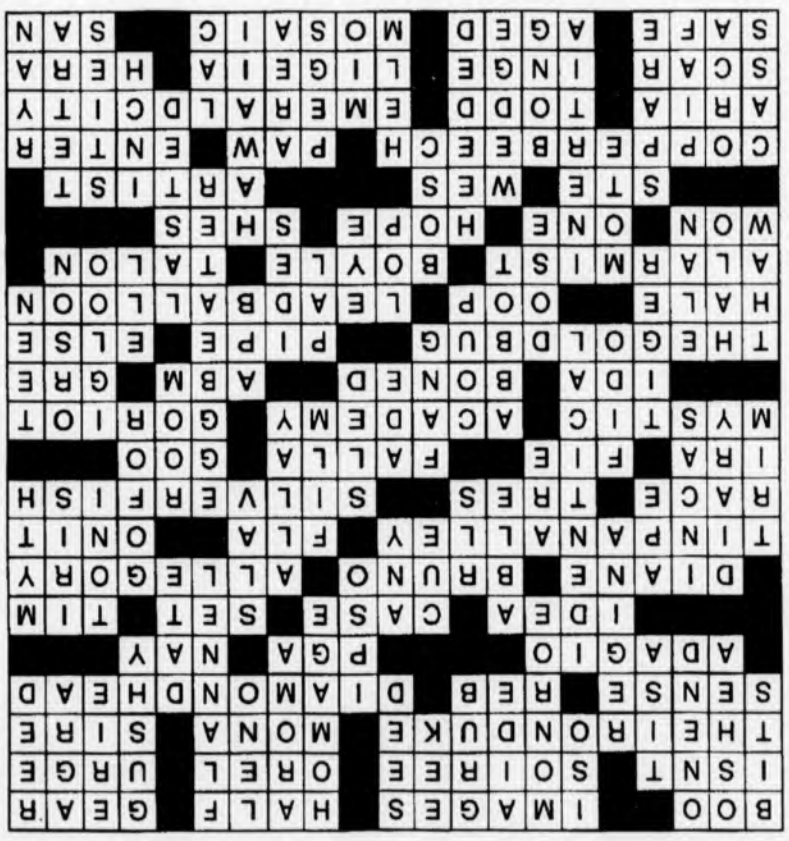
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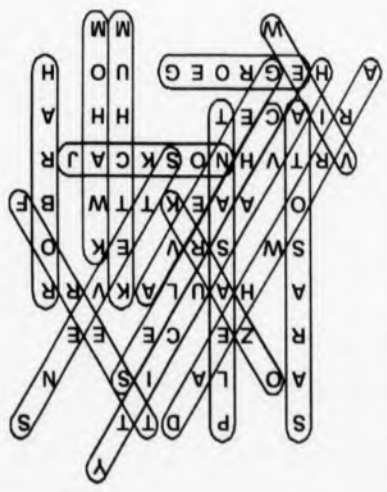
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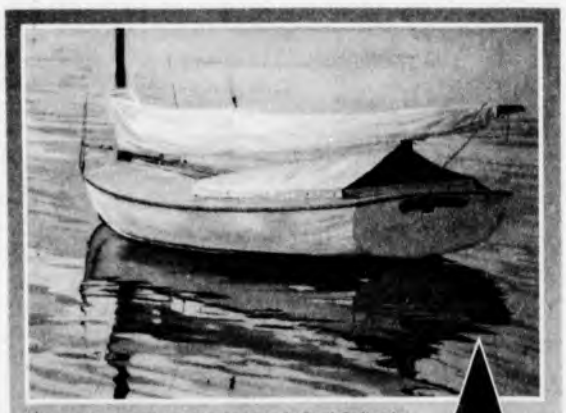
Sudoku Solution

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What's happening on the South Shore

SEPTEMBER 4-12, 2008



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Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Sept. 4

Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull, Film Screening: ***ZEB, Schooner Life*** Sept. 4, 7 p.m. $3 members, $5 nonmembers. Information: Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433.

The Alzheimer's Care Partners Group will meet Sept. 4, at 10:30 a.m. at The John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover Street (Route 139) Hanover, We are people who are participating in the care of someone with Alzheimer's Disease. We are an open group and welcome you to come join us free of charge. This is a grassroots organization seeking solutions to the problems of living with Alzheimer's disease. We meet the first Thursday of every month. Information: Penny Peterson, LCSW, at 781.544.4571

First Time Homebuyer Workshop, sponsored by Quincy Community Action Program, will take on place on the following evenings: Thursday, Sept. 4, Tuesday, Sept. 9, and Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. People must attend all three sessions to receive a certificate of attendance, which is a prerequisite for down payment closing cost assistance, favorable soft second and Mass Housing mortgages. Sessions are open to everyone regardless of income, credit ratings or down payment availability. Participants will receive a workbook that contains references that pertain to home buying. Registration is required by calling Ann Marie Casey at 617-657-5319.

The Daniel Webster Estate at 238 Webster St., Marshfield is open every Thursday through September from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Marshfield is the "Home of Daniel Webster", so come and have a guided tour of this lovely 1880's house which is a tribute to him. Admission is free. Information visit danielwebsterestate.org.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 4, **Flip Top Head 781**-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Sept. 4, **Slo-Burn: Blues Jam**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Sept. 5

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Visit Congregation Shirat Hayam at its two open houses to be held on Sept. 5 and 7, On Sept, 5 at 6:30 p.m. for Friday evening services followed by an Oneg Shabat. On Sunday, Sept. 7 we will be having a short morning service at 9 a.m. followed by a traditional breakfast of bagels, lox etc. Meet fellow Congregants, Rabbi Rachel Schoenfeld, Cantoral Soloist Jonathan Nelson, Religous School leaders and find out more about our fantastic High Holy Day services that are open to the public. Information contact us at info@shirathayam.net, www.shirathayam.net, or 781-582-2700.

The South Shore Dancers are gearing up for the new dance lessons season starting in Sept. For information call Tom Osterland at 781 659-4703 or visit SouthShoreDancers.org.

Norwell Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice Inc. will offer an eight-week **bereavement support group** open to South Shore residents who have suffered the loss of a loved one within the past year. The group will start Friday, Sept. 5, and meet for eight consecutive Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Norwell VNA and Hospice, 91 Longwater Circle, Norwell. The bereavement support group is limited to 10 participants. Telephone screening is required prior to the first meeting; call Kim Kelly Harriman at 781-659-2342, ext. 722.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Friday, Sept. 5, 8:30 to midnight at the new Holiday Inn (formerly the Raduisson Hotel) Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St, Rockland. se-4u.com Dance music by award-winning DJ, Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Free door prizes, raffles, and additional MATCH game prizes. For singles and couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper business dress, sports jacket for men highly recommended. Admittance: $12 all night. 781-446-0234.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night through September.

New England Singles Dance Sept. 5,, 8 p.m. to midnight.VFW Hall, 30 Central St,. Abington., Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Sandwich bar. Dance music with top DJ's . Admission $10. singlesdancesnewengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 5, **Flydown 781**-829-6999.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **Dave & JJ** Sept. 5, 8:45 p.m. to closing.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Sept. 5, **Satch & The Mighty Houserockers**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.

Saturday, Sept. 6

South Shore Folk Music Club Coffeehouse Beal House of the Kingston Unitarian Church, 222 Main St., Route 106, Kingston, Saturday Sept. 6, 8 p.m.; doors open at 7:30 p.m. **Jake Armerding** with **Taylor Armerding** Tickets: Members $13. Non Members $15. Information: ssfmc.org or 781-871-1052.

Fifth Annual Soiree: A Rare Affair – Sept. 6, at 6 p.m., in Plimoth Plantation's Henry Hornblower Visitor Center with honorary chair, **Jeff Corwin,** Animal Planet and Wildlife Biologist and CNN co-host The night will include silent and live auctions, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner All proceeds will support rare breeds animal and agricultural programs Auction items include: dinner with an academy award winner, trips to magical destinations, original artwork, collectibles and more. Tickets: $125 per person ($75 is tax deductible) Help keep the furry and feathered role-players in the 1627 English Village. To learn more call 508 746 1622 or e-mail kcorben@plimoth.org

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Sept. 6, **The Gulf Boys** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.

Sinners, a comedy by Norm Foster, and directed by Joe McAlarney, will be performed at North River Theater, 513 River St., Norwell. Theatergoers are welcome to bring snacks into the theater, but drinks must be purchased at the bar. Performance dates: Saturday, Sept. 6, Friday, Sept. 12, Saturday, Sept. 13, Friday, Sept. 19, Saturday, Sept. 20, Friday, Sept. 26, and Saturday, Sept. 27. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. All shows start at 8 p.m. Tickets are $18 each. To reserve tickets, call 781-826-4878. For information, visit the Web site at northrivertheater.com.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 6, Double Take **781**-829-6999.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

NORTH & SOUTH RIVERS WATERSHED ASSOCIATION presents: *Food for Thought: A Celebration of Our* Local Harvest From Land and Sea This event will offer tastings of dishes prepared by many of the South Shore's favorite restaurants, farms and food purveyors with an emphasis on using local ingredients on from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 22 at Mill Wharf Restaurant, Scituate Harbor. A benefit for the North and South Rivers Watershed Association, the evening will also offer live jazz performed by Lance Van Lenten's jazz trio, cooking demonstrations, and beer and wine tastings. Tickets are $60 per person and must be obtained in advance by check or credit card. Make checks payable to NSRWA, P.O. Box 43, Norwell, MA 02061. Information call the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168, or email Debbie Cook at Debbie@nsrwa.org

MASSBLUEGRASS JAMBOREE – Sept. 12, from 4 to 10 p.m.; Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Yogi Bear Maple Park Campground, Glen Charlie Road, Wareham. Three days of bluegrass music entertainment including national and local bands such as The Chapmans, Nothin' Fancy, Buddy Merriam and Back Roads, Southern Rail, Back Eddy Bluegrass, Blackstone Valley Bluegrass, Falmouth Fiddlers, Monadnock, Stillhouse Jammers, CrabGrass, The Hemingway Brothers, NewFound Grass, Dan Helman & Marking Time, Crossfire and No spare Parts. Food and craft vendors available throughout the weekend. Cost/registration: $55 weekend early bird festival rate until Aug. 15. Daily rates also available. For information call 508-866-1028 or visit mapleparkfamilycampground.com or massbluegrass.org

16TH ANNUAL ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION SOUTH SHORE MEMORY WALK Sept. 21, which is also World Alzheimer's Day. The walk begins at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth. Form a team or walk as an individual. Money raised by Memory Walk helps provide care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's. Information: call Alison Stockman or Shawn Bertram at 508-830-9990 or email alison@stafford-hill.com or shawn@stafford-hill.com or visit memorywalkma.org.

THE CIRQUE IS COMING!

Duxbury native brings the show to Boston

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

More than 50 of the world's best acrobats, jugglers, trapeze artists, and clowns will be center stage Friday when Cirque du Soleil's latest production, "Kooza," opens at Boston's Bayside Expo Center. The performers and an even greater number of crew members, along with a 65-trailer-truck-long caravan, arrived in Boston late last week.

"Our setup takes a full seven days, including the installation of our VIP tent, entrance and rehearsal tents, box office, administrative office, kitchen and dining area for cast and crew, and our own power generator," said "Kooza" General Manager Scott Wallace. "It takes a team of 80 people just to set up our signature Big Top tent, the Grand Chapiteau, which stands 66 feet high, 167 feet in diameter, and is supported by four masts, each 80 feet tall."

Wallace, who was born in Weymouth and graduated from Duxbury High School in 1984 after moving there as a young child, now makes his home in the "Cirque Village," which springs up wherever the show plays on the road.

"I'm like the mayor of what is really a small town in some ways. We have 126 people in our company, including performers and 22 children, on tour with us, from 18 different countries. I'm the tour manager, which means that I handle the business aspects of everything we do, and I also look after the people in our touring company."

That includes many people who are not only multi-cultural, but also multi-talented, something Wallace says still thrills him almost 10 years after he first joined Cirque du Soleil.

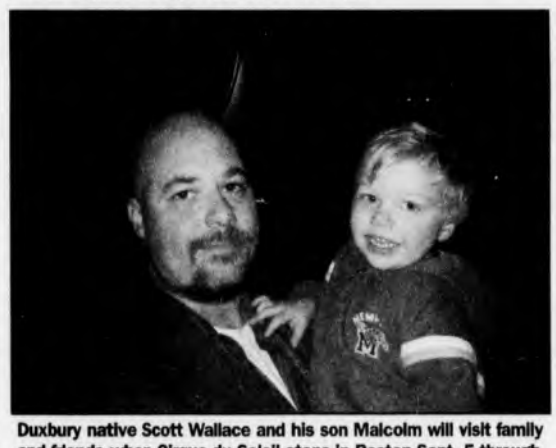
"The production features 'Les Quiros,' one of the best high-wire acts in the world. My heart races every time I watch the 'Wheel of Death.' I'm also always moved by the story of the Innocent, who has the ability to reach in and touch the hearts of audience members of all ages. I've always believed that what Cirque does best is creating magic through emotion."

It was not quite 25 years ago that a group of about 20 Canadian street performers formed Cirque du Soleil. The Quebec-based company now employs some 4,000 people, including more than 1,000 artists, from 40 different countries. This year alone, Cirque will present 17 productions simultaneously throughout the world under the leadership of founder and chief executive officer Guy Laliberte.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Hand to Hand act is just one of the many performances that will take place during Cirque du Soleil Kooza.



Duxbury native Scott Wallace and his son Malcolm will visit family and friends when Cirque du Soleil stops in Boston Sept. 5 through Oct. 5. Wallace is general manager of the Quebec-based circus.

A return to the beginnings of Cirque du Soleil with the joining of the two traditions of acrobatic performance and clowning, Kooza focuses on the physical demands of human performance, and all the accompanying splendor and fragility, blended with classic slapstick humor. The name Kooza is taken from the Sanskrit word 'koza," which means "box," "chest" or "treasure." It was chosen for this production because it conveys the idea of a "circus in a box."

Wallace, who admits he was feeling a little boxed in himself when he left Northeastern University early to join the touring crews of rock groups including Run D.M.C., the Beastie Boys, and AC/DC, joined Cirque in 1999 following periods as a production manager with both Boston Ballet Company and Boston Lyric Opera.

"As soon as I left Duxbury High, I did a semester at Northeastern before deciding it wasn't for me. I really just wanted to work. The experience I got with union stage hands in that period of my life really helped to understand all kinds of performances and all kinds of performers. I learned something different from each company. I really enjoy all different kinds of art forms including opera, the ballet, and rock and roll. I love them all, but I probably learned the most about the technical side of a production from the work done in rock and roll shows. Touring is touring, of course, but rock shows have the money so they do things the right way."

Touring may be touring, but for Wallace it has been a lifestyle. While his mother, Paulette Wallace, a former local newspaper editor, and sister, Stacey Hennessey, now live in Bourne, and his brother, Glenn, in Plymouth, Wallace calls the road home.

"Some of my stuff is in storage in Plymouth and some in Montreal, but home will be whatever city we're in between now and next April, when I plan to finally settle in Montreal with my wife, Veronique, and our son, Malcolm."

For the next month, at least, home is his old home, and Wallace is glad to be back.

"I'm very excited to be bringing this show to Boston. I'll be celebrating my birthday when we're in Boston, so I'm taking my wife and son to my 'church,' Fenway Park. Malcolm is only two-and-a-half, so this will be his first Red Sox home game.

"Also, I'm planning to get together with one of my closest friends, Darin MacFarland, who is now technical director at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center. We met many years ago when we were both in the Duxbury Thespian Troupe. It's going to be great to be home again and be able to see family and old friends."

Cirque du Soleil will present Kooza at the Bayside Expo Center, 200 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, Sept. 5 to Oct. 5. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 1-800-678-5440 or go online at cirquedusoleil.com

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Jake Armerding hits Kingston

A new sound plays the Beale House Sept. 6

By Emily Wilcox
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KINGSTON – He made the right moves.

Boston's folk scene was probably one of the most fertile places for a creative seed like Jake Armerding to plant himself. It didn't let him down.

He assassinated the blues, walked on the world and did a few other things that turned into his song titles. What Jake Armerding didn't do was take a misstep.

That's why the non-profit South Shore Folk Music Club is so excited to announce its latest concert, Jake Armerding with Taylor Armerding at 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 6, at Kingston's Beale House.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; tickets are $15.

You could argue that it all began with Taylor Armerding, Jake's father – an editorial writer and columnist and (oh, by the way) an amazing mandolin player and singer with Northern Lights. This bluegrass band needed a fiddle player, and at 13, Jake Armerding was already showing signs of brilliance. Dad had son join the band, and the rest is musical, familial history.

It wasn't long before Jake Armerding wrote songs and recorded his first CD, *Caged Bird* while attending Wheaton College. Boston's folk radio station WUMB picked it up, bestowing the 2001 Best New Artist award on Armerding. The next thing he knew, the Nashville label Compass Records wanted to invest in Jake Armerding, who released a self-titled CD with the company in 2003. Rave reviews poured in, and Armerding's music poured out as he toured all over the country and world.

It's hard to define Armerding's style. He plays fiddle, guitar, combines a bluegrass, pop sound with his soothing voice and creates a hybrid sound all his own. With so many yawn-a-minute pop musicians taking old hits and rewriting them with new lyrics, Armerding is a breath of fresh air. He's not out to ride the coattails of the Beatles or some '80s great to cash in on residual fame. He goes his own way. And his fans follow.

Joining him on stage next weekend will be his dad, Taylor. It's a rare opportunity to see the master and his legacy perform.

The Beale House is handicapped accessible, alcohol and smoke-free. For more information on The South Shore Folk Music Club, visit ssfmc.org.

The Beal House is located in the community building of the Unitarian Universalist Church at 222 Main St. Kingston.

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Ventress Library Gallery, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield, presents the works of Mary Taylor, **Local Color and Sacred Valley series: Mary Taylor** through Oct. 3. Hours: Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday - Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Closed Sunday.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **Irish Seisiun** Sept. 6, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 7

Afternoon of Irish Music featuring Rud Eile and guests will take place at **Aisling Gallery**, 229 Lincoln St., Route 3A, Hingham, on Sept. 7. The music will begin at 4 p.m. and will feature the very best in Irish traditional music and song. There will be no cover charge for entry to this concert. Those who already purchased advance tickets for the originally scheduled concert on the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey can receive a full refund by contacting the Aisling Gallery at 781-749-0555 or visit www.aisling-gallery.com

Cornerstone Lodge, 585 Washington St., Duxbury. **All you can eat breakfast buffet**, from 8 to 11:30 a.m., **Sept. 7,** Menu: scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, toast, English muffins, baked beans, juice and coffee. Pancakes and French toast cooked to order. Adults $7, seniors $6, children age 12 and under $5. **Open to the public.**

The Landmine Classic Mountain bike race takes place at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept 7, at Wompatuck State Park, in Hingham. A 25-mile course for sport, expert, and semi pro/pro riders has been put together. Beginners will have a challenging 11-mile course to race on. There is a 50-mile marathon MTB race for the adventuresome. Pre-register on bikereg.com. Look under the section titled "Off-Road Races" then page down to find this event listed. All proceeds benefit Wompatuck State Park. Call Eric at 781-249-0010 with any questions.

Seabird And Whale Tale Cruises – Sept. 7, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Join wildlife experts **Dr. John C. Jahoda** of Bridgewater State College, **Wayne Petersen** of Massachusetts Audubon Society, and **David Clapp** of Natural History Services as they lead this informative excursion to view coastal marine wildlife off the New England coast. Travel is aboard the Tails of the Sea, a 110 luxury commercial whale watching vessel Boats of Plymouth, Leave from the Plymouth Town Pier at 8 am and return by 6 p.m. The trip includes our guided commentary, plankton tow and demonstrations, chumming for seabirds, a full galley of food and our free onboard raffle. Tickets: $110. 25. Download the registration form at necwa.org/trips.html or call Krill at 508-946-4345. Space is limited.

Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Place, Marshfield. Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. Historical weather researcher **John Horrigan** to chronicle The 1849 Irish Shipwreck Off Cohasset Coast. Free and open to the public. Handicapped accessible. Information: Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org. or www.johnhorrigan.com.

Monday, Sept. 8

Operation A.B.L.E. Career Fair & Networking event for Mature Workers 45+ Job seekers age 45 and older will soon have another opportunity to meet employers at a career fair and networking event designed just for them. Operation A.B.L.E. of Greater Boston will host a *Mature Worker Career Fair & Networking Event* on Monday, Sept, 8, at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Boston. The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Arlington Room on the hotel's sixth floor.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery presents an exhibit by **Nancy Coveney** "Abstract Expressions" at a reception to be held at the Gallery on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. the artist will discuss her work and answer questions about her techniques. Complimentary refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend. The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden Street. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. Information call 781-934-2721.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham presents **A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious**? Students are invited to learn about Jewish perspectives on topics of spirituality, ethics and community. Monday evenings: Sept. 8, 15, and 22. From 7:30-9:30 p.m. **There is no enrollment fee**, but pre-registration is required and space is limited. Contact Joyce Schwartz for more information at the Union for Reform Judaism office: 781-449-0404 or jschwartz@urj.org Visit the Reform Jewish Outreach website: www.reformjudaismboston.org

Duxbury Education Foundation (DEF) Divots for Duxbury Golf Tournament Monday, Sept. 8, noon at Duxbury Yacht Club. Benefits the students of Duxbury Public Schools. $200 tournament donation includes lunch, golf, prizes and dinner reception. $225 after Sept. 1. Register online at www.duxburyeducationfoundation.org or for more info contact John Mattes at 934-3209 or jbmattes@comcast.net.

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, **Kennedy Library Forum**, **Transformational Presidents**. **Martha Raddatz**, ABC News Chief White House correspondent; **Joseph Nye**, Harvard professor and author of "Powers that Lead,;" **Robert Kuttner**, columnist, author, and co-publisher of The American Prospect Magazine and author of "Obama's Challenge: America's Economic Crisis and the Power of a Transformative Presidency;" and Professor **Cass Sunstein** of Harvard Law School discuss what leadership qualities define presidents who transform history, and the kind of presidential leadership our country needs now. Sept. 8, 5 to 8 p.m. In conjunction with the new exhibit, the Making of a President. Free and open to the public. Visit jfklibrary.org or call 617-514-1643 for reservations.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,700 south shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. They offer a safe place for healing and encouragement as you start a new chapter of your life. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. Information: call Peggy Loud, 781-659-1857 or email Cheryl Pimental NBNorwellMA@aol.com

Tuesday, Sept. 9

The Hingham Area Branch of AAUW the 1st meeting of the Branch year, a pot luck dinner, on Sept. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at The Clubhouse of Donovan Farms at 17 Donovan Farm Way in Norwell. Free and open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. The Program Committee will detail programs and events planned for the year. After dinner we will have a Pound Auction Fundraiser for the AAUW Educational Foundation. Information on the Hingham Area Branch contact Patricia McKay 781-337-3375. Prospective members are invited to attend. Notify Lynn Howard at 781-812-1169, lynnphoward82@comcast.net if you plan to attend. The Hingham Area Branch of AAUW serves the South Shore of Massachusetts from Quincy to Plymouth.

La Leche League: A new series of meetings is starting on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at Mamas Move Wellness and Fitness Center, 45 Pond St., (Route 228), Norwell. Information: Christie 781-740-7808, Kathleen 781-749-2404, or Heather 781-544-9230.

The Law Offices of Bokavich and Kelleher, LLC, 1076 Washington St., (Route 53), Hanover, are providing free educational Estate Planning workshops in September; titled "The Truth About Estate Planning." The workshop is educational in nature with participation and attendee questions encouraged. All are welcome to attend. Sept. 9 and 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.

Island Grove Chorus, a women's acappella singing group, meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Abington. Call 781-848-5843 for more information.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. Registration is now taking place at for the September sessions of **Yoga,** which are scheduled from 8:30 until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays or 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Sept. 3 through the 25. It is taught by Kathleen Young who is certified to teach yoga and fitness and has more than fifteen years of experience. The cost for the four-week session is $36. Pre-registration is required at 781-934-6634.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Every Wednesday **DJ Big Daddy Ray** 781-829-6999.



BEST BET

The Hingham Public Library 66 Leavitt Road, Hingham, presents Lifelines: A One-person Show by Pat Bianco in the Dolphin Gallery during library through Sept. 11.

Bianco's pastels, oils and watercolors have been featured in solo gallery exhibitions, and in regional and national shows including recent juried shows at the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society's international show, The Westmoreland Museum, Pittsburgh Society for Artists, and at a number of university galleries. Locally she has exhibited at the Thomas Crane Library in Quincy and through the North River Arts Society in Marshfield.

Thursday, Sept. 11

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. **September Book Club Meeting** at Front Street Book Shop Thursday, Sept. 11, from6 to 8 p.m. The fiction title for September is: Somewhere Off The Coast of Maine **by Ann Hood.** The book group meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone welcome to attend. Free. For more info call 781-545-5011.

Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a 12-Step program for individuals suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating and bulimia. There will be a free community information meeting held at 7 p.m. on both Thursday, Sept. 11, and on Tuesday, Sept. 23. The Thursday night meeting is in Sharon at the First Congregational Church, 29 North Main St. The Tuesday night meeting is at the VA Hospital in West Roxbury, 1400 VFW Parkway, in the Barsamian Auditorium. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. Everyone is welcome. For information call Elissa at 781-784-1468 or visit foodaddicts.org

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, **Kennedy Library Forum**. The Internet, Blogs, You tube, and Presidential Campaigns: Joe Trippi, campaign advisor to John Edwards and Howard Dean, Garrett Graff, who covers media and politics for Washingtonian Magazine and the first blogger given a White House press pass; and Matt Bai, political reports for The New York times, will examine how the internet has revolutionized politics. Tom Ashbrook, hot of WBUR's One Point, will moderate the discussion, Sept. 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in conjunction with the new exhibit, the Making of a President. Free and open to the public. Visit jfklibrary.org or call 617-514-1643 for reservations

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 11, Flydown **781**-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Sept. 11, **The Soul Drivers: Blues Jam**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com ' myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Sept. 12

Shazam, featuring **Jamie Leigh Green** on keyboards and **David Moody** on guitar, performs Top 40 music at The Pub in the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12 and 13, at 8:30 p.m. For details, call The Pub at 508-591-5036.

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night through September.

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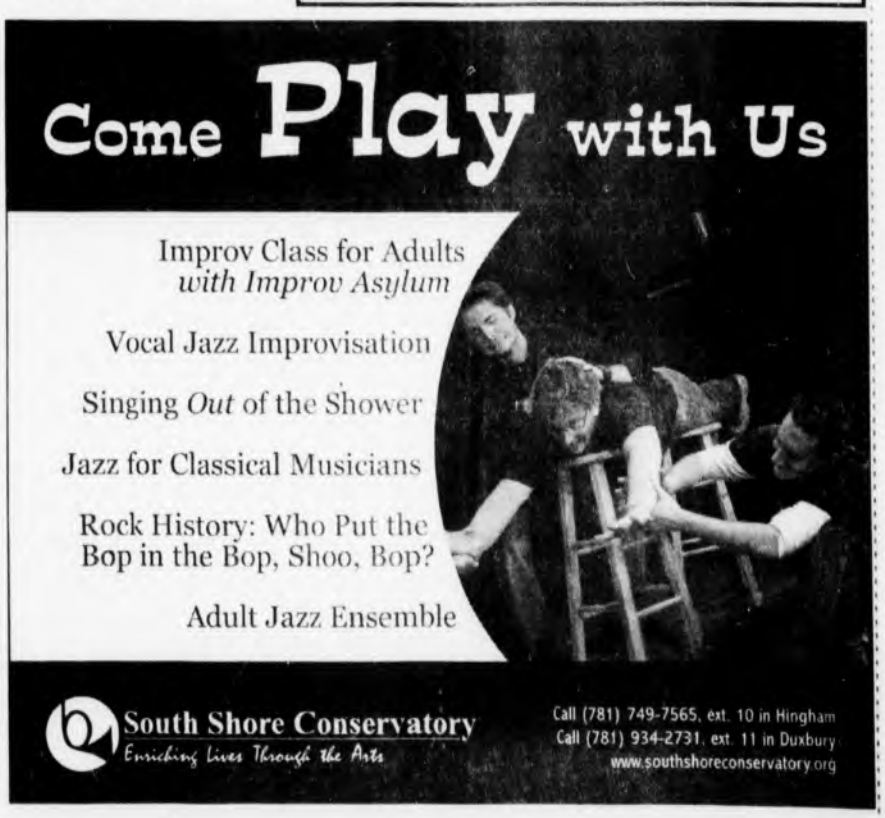
Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **Chambers & Tobias** Sept. 12, 8:45 p.m. to closing.

The Next Page Blues Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Sept. 12, **Jump City The Gulf Boys** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.









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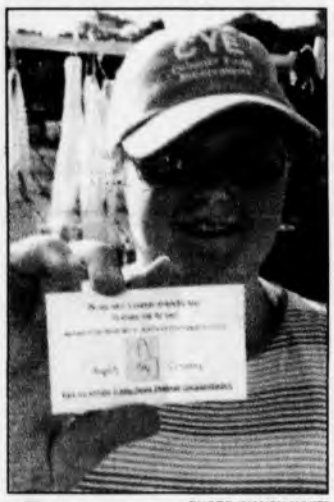
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Gusts of opposition for wind turbines

Sanctuary Pond, Avalon speak out

By Nancy White
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"Why would the town approve this project without knowing a dollar quantification?"
— Conrad Langenhagen, 24 Sanctuary Pond Road

At Monday night's first public hearing on two proposed wind turbines, the applicant did not have "fair winds." Scores of residents turned out for the meeting that was moved to the Town Hall auditorium last minute to ensure it would be able to accommodate the crowd.

Throughout the meeting, residents (many of whom gave addresses from Sanctuary Pond Road) asked tough questions about the project and many of those questions were left unanswered. The Avalon developers came out in strong opposition to the project. Once built, Avalon will be the turbines' nearest neighbor. Developers were particularly concerned because the approved — but yet-to-be-built — 200-unit apartment complex was not addressed in any of the impact studies presented in the application.

It wasn't all challenging questions. Attending the meeting, as well, were many advocates for wind energy in general and the project specifically who spoke in favor of the project.

The developers will provide additional data and impact studies as requested by the Planning Board in the coming weeks. The public hearing has been continued to Monday, Oct. 6 at 7:15p.m.

The project application, put forth by a private developer, CCI-Energy, proposes the installation of two 1.65-megawatt sized wind turbines sited on the Graham Waste Services site off Route 3A.

The application is a landmark project as it is the first for the town and the first venture under the Wind Energy Conversion Facility bylaw passed at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting. The bylaw, drafted by the Alternative Energy Committee and sponsored by the Planning Board, establishes town-wide zoning regulations for commercial size wind turbines — turbines greater than 500-kilowatts, or about the size Hull Wind I located near Hull High School.

It is a joint venture between CCI-Energy, Palmer Capital, Lumus Construction and Emergent Energy. Graham Waste business and landowner, Paul Barry, has leased the land to the developers.

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Halfway there for Little Harbor

Sewer, water work has one more year

By Nancy White
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Thank you for your patience.

That's the message that greets you each and every time residents drive close to Little Harbor. The Water and Sewer Commissions recognize the imposition and disruption to daily living in Cohasset their major systems upgrade is on residents.

There will be another year of road disruptions, but on the upside Cohasset has made it halfway through the invasive public works project. If all stays on schedule through the cold months of winter, the outlook is to have the project substantially complete by fall 2009.

"We in pretty good shape with the overall schedule," said Dan Coughlin of Coughlin Environmental Services, the firm designing and overseeing the project's sewer engineering aspects. According to the project managers and the contractor, the water portion of the project is 60 percent complete and the sewer is 50 percent complete.

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William Needle of Coughlin Environmental Services points to plans for installation of water and sewer lines along Red Gate Lane. The project will soon be moving to the North Main Street area, where temporary water mains are in place.

A vision for Cohasset Day

Sat., Sept. 20; rain date Sun., Sept. 21

By Nancy White
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It's not everyday the residents of Cohasset are given the opportunity to cut a rug — and cut loose — amid the familiar storefronts and small town feel of the Village. It's not everyday they might be afforded the opportunity sample the food of local restaurants, cheer their kids on in a mini-triathlon — or even dunk a Selectman in a dunk tank.

It's just not everyday the residents of Cohasset come out, meet together, and celebrate themselves and the town they live in.

But, next Saturday, Sept. 20 (rain date Sunday, Sept. 21), there is a vision and plan in place to make all that and more happen at the first annual Cohasset Day.

Months in the making, Cohasset Day is an initiative of the Economic Development Committee in partnership with the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce.

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Behind practically every vision, there is a visionary. In the case of Cohasset Day, a relative newcomer to Cohasset, Alain Pinel, is it.

From the moment he stepped into Cohasset, he was in love. A native Frenchman who has traveled extensively in Europe and the US explains he instantly was drawn to Cohasset. He bought his home on South Main Street less than one week after driving through Cohasset. Now, he calls Cohasset "the best town in all the world."

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State primary is Tuesday

Tiny turnout anticipated

By Nancy White
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There hasn't been much fanfare about it, since all eyes seem focused on the November presidential election, but there is a state primary this coming Tuesday, Sept. 16.

The results of this primary will determine which names end up alongside the presidential candidates on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Voting for precincts 1 and 2 is held in the Cohasset Town Hall auditorium from 7a.m. to 8p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16.

There will be ballots for democrats and republicans, but only the democratic ballot has races for seats. Edward J. O'Reilly of Gloucester is challenging Senator John Kerry for his place in the US Senate. There is a three-way race for the Governor's Councillor between Christopher Iannella of Boston, Stephen Flynn of Hull and Robert Toomey, Jr. of Abington.

There are no races at all on the Republican ballot. Sen. Robert Hedlund,

"I expect the numbers to be low, very low."
— Town Clerk Marion Douglas

County Treasurer Edward O'Connell, and County Commissioner Ronald Davy are running unopposed.

On the Democratic side, Congressman William Delahunt, Rep. Garrett Bradley, Clerk of Courts Robert Creedon, and Register of Probate Robert McCarthy are not facing competition.

While there are ballots for the Green-Rainbow and Working Families parties, neither ballot has candidates on their ballot.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas is not expecting droves of residents to show up at Town Hall looking for a ballot.

"I expect the numbers to be low, very low," said Douglas, venturing to predict 5 to 10 percent of the town's registered voters, "but we're always hoping for more."

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Name: Jason McCabe.

Occupation: High school English and journalism teacher.

Best day of your life: Not counting my wedding, Christmas Day with my family after coming home from Bulgaria.

Best vacation: Cape in the summer, honeymoon in Mexico, and backpacking in Europe.

Favorite season: Autumn.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite food: Atlantica's chocolate molten torte; home-made lasagna.

Best book: "The Brothers Karamazov," by Fyodor Dostoevsky or "Franny and Zooey," by J. D. Salinger.

Best movie: "Magnolia" and "Remains of the Day."

Best TV show: "The Office" or "The Black Donnellys."

Best music, group, or artist: Rufus Wainwright, Smashing Pumpkins, John Denver.

Dumbest thing you've ever done: Ran the Boston Marathon without training on a $20 bet and wound up in the hospital with near renal failure.

Fun fact about yourself: Lived in Bulgaria for two years.

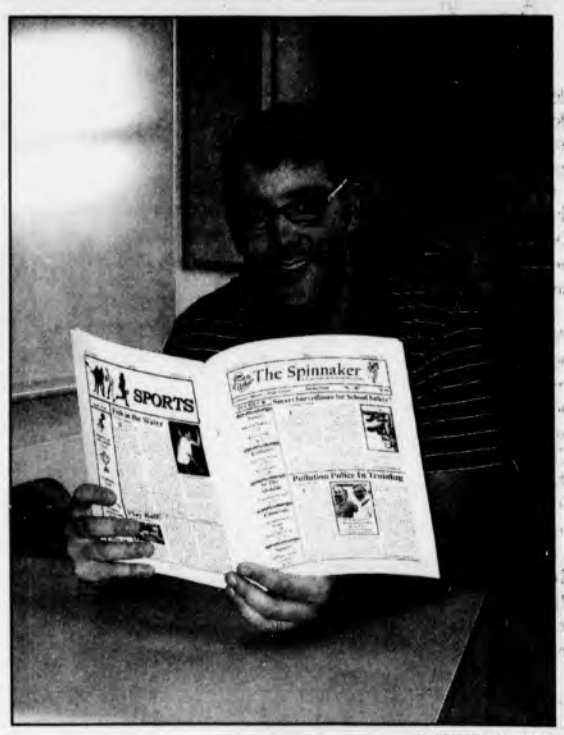
Pet peeve: Unnecessary assertion of authority.

Goal: Have children, teach well, publish adolescent's novel.

Person you'd most like to meet: Jesus.

Biggest worry: "Death" followed by "How will my picture come out in the Picture This column?"

Best part of Cohasset: Great students, great faculty, taco day.



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This week the Mariner caught up with high school English and journalism teacher, Jason McCabe.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Sep.	AM	HIGH Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	LOW Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 11	9:05	7.6	9:15	8.7	2:43	1.3	2:52	1.8
Sunrise: 6:19 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:59 p.m.*			
Fri. 12	9:52	8.0	10:03	9.1	3:31	1.0	3:41	1.3
Sunrise: 6:20 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:57 p.m.*			
Sat. 13	10:35	8.5	10:48	9.4	4:15	0.6	4:28	0.8
Sunrise: 6:21 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:56 p.m.*			
Sun. 14	11:15	9.0	4:56	0.3	5:12	0.3	5:12	0.3
Sunrise: 6:23 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:54 p.m.*			
Mon. 15	11:54	9.4	—	—	5:37	0.0	5:56	-0.1
Sunrise: 6:24 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:52 p.m.*			
Tues. 16	12:13	9.8	12:33	9.8	6:17	-0.2	6:40	-0.5
Sunrise: 6:25 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:50 p.m.*			
Wed. 17	12:56	9.8	1:14	10.1	6:59	-0.3	7:25	-0.7
Sunrise: 6:26 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:48 p.m.*			
Thurs. 18	1:41	9.7	1:57	10.3	7:42	-0.2	8:13	-0.7
Sunrise: 6:27a.m.					*Sunset: 6:47 p.m.*			

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The Cohasset Mariner has a new "drop box" and pickup location at Tedeschi's in the village. The drop box is on the counter in the front window around the corner to the left after you enter the front door.

The Mariner picks up at 8 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. The drop box can be used to drop off glossy photographs, letters, flyers or other editorial copy.

The Mariner thanks Bill Ducharme at Tedeschi's for allowing Tedeschi's to be our new pickup location. For years the Mariner pickups were at Cohasset News, which is now a new dance studio. The Mariner thanks John and Larry Scott at Cohasset News for accepting Mariner items over many years. John and Larry are still at the Cohasset Butcher & Deli on Brook Street.

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POLICE BEAT

Standard procedures followed for cannon-ball-like device

By Mary Ford
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The State Police Bomb Squad determined a canon-ball-like device with an indentation on the top was a solid mass and not dangerous Wednesday afternoon.

Cohasset Police followed standard operating procedures after Dennis Bunting, 38, of Whitman, brought the device to the station around 12:30 p.m.

"Cohasset Police and Fire Personnel, upon learning of a potential explosive device in the vehicle, followed standard procedures and established a perimeter to ensure the safety of the public," Chief James Hussey said. "A short time later State Police Bomb Technicians determined it was not an explosive device."

Bunting and his father Richard Bunting were in Providence Rhode Island Tuesday removing a boiler system from a building and returned home with the item.

On Wednesday while on a job in Cohasset, a plumber friend told them it was a bomb and they brought the suspect item to the Cohasset Police Station. The area was cordoned off.

The State Police Bomb Squad was called to the scene to investigate the item that was located in the back of the men's Chevy Suburban that was towing a trailer. The item was removed without incident.

The bomb squad x-rayed the object and determined it was a solid mass and not dangerous, Hussey said.

"They are not exactly sure what it is but took custody of it," Hussey said.

Hit and run

An officer working a detail on Thursday (Sept. 4) saw a hit and run accident in the area of Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue. Police said the Toyota pickup illegally passed a GMC Yukon on the left, striking the driver's side mirror.

The officer got the plate number and saw the gray pickup take off toward Hull. Other detail officers tried to stop the truck that continued on its way toward Hull.

Police ran the plate and notified area towns. A short time later, police said the truck was involved in an accident on Route 18 in Weymouth that involved personal injury. The operator, a 44-year-old Cohasset man, was arrested by Weymouth Police and charged with operating under the influence of alcohol, and leaving the scene after causing personal injury.

Cohasset is seeking charges of leaving the scene after causing property damage, failure to stop for a police officer, operating negligently as to endanger and marked lanes violation.

Loose dogs

Police recommend that residents allow loose dogs to find their way back home rather than detain the dog for the police. Chief Hussey said if the dog is an adult and does not appear to be sick or injured, the animal will often return home on its own. He noted that while he was jogging this week in Cohasset a yellow Labrador retriever followed him for about a mile.

Hussey said if the loose or wandering dog is a puppy or is sick or injured, then call the police. "If the loose dog is healthy, then picking the dog up should not be our first course of action," he said.

Hussey explained the Town of Cohasset does not have an agreement with the Scituate Animal Shelter to house stray dogs for free. Therefore, the town must pay boarding costs for strays that are brought to the shelter. Cohasset has a leash law that states dogs must be on a leash under their owner's control at all times.

"We try to find a balance," Hussey said. "We never want to leave a sick or distraught animal out there – but we cannot handle every single case of a dog wandering around.

"We want to give dogs the opportunity to find their way home."

Vandalism

• Police are investigating vandalism to the blue van at the Cohasset Sailing Club. Vandalism included the name "Mary Jane" scratched on the exterior along with some "obscene language," Chief James Hussey said.

"We are trying to determine the motivation or whether it was a random act," Hussey said.

The incident was reported on Labor Day morning (Monday, Sept. 1) and probably occurred sometime the previous night, police said.

• A 2005 Lincoln Navigator owned by a Summer Street resident was vandalized including damage to both the front passenger side window and rear bumper, police said. The woman reporting the incident was not sure where the damage occurred but first noticed it on Tuesday (Sept. 2) after being away for the holiday weekend with the vehicle, police said.



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Cohasset Police Officer Brian Peebles walks a resident safely past a Surburban SUV with trailer that was originally thought to have had a bomb inside. The woman was escorted back to her residence behind the Police Station on Wednesday afternoon. The canon ball like device was removed from the SUV without incident by the Mass State Police Bomb Squad.



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Mass State Police Bomb Squad technician Scott Sicard holds the item that was thought to be an explosive device. Richard and Dennis Bunting of Whitman, who operate Precision Heating, found the item under a building in Providence, Rhode Island Tuesday.

Solicitor

Police were unable to locate a solicitor, who was reported going door-to-door seeking funds for Children's Hospital and telling residents that he would be able to use some of the money to travel to London. The subject was never located, police said.

Neighbors

Two owners of condominiums in a complex in town have complained to police that a fellow resident in the complex has been using obscene gestures and threatening and vulgar language. The officer taking the report about the alleged incidents advised the reporting parties that they could seek criminal complaints for assault because of the language used toward them. Police said the incident, which was reported on Tuesday (Sept. 2), is part of an ongoing dispute at the complex.

Suspicious man

A South Main Street caller reported seeing a suspicious man walking around his backyard early Tuesday morning (Sept. 2) but did not report it until noontime. By that time, police said, the man was long gone. Chief Hussey urges residents to report any suspicious activity right away.

Train tracks

A concerned caller notified police about a man wearing a blue shirt and jeans sitting down in the middle of the train tracks near the 300 block of North Main Street on Tuesday (Sept. 2) at about 12:15 p.m.

An officer, who was dispatched to the area, saw a man walking along the tracks and get into a pickup truck. The officer spoke to the man and asked him what he was doing on the tracks, police said. Police determined the man, who is 45 years old and from Weymouth, was trespassing on the right of way and he was placed under arrest. He also had an outstanding warrant, police said.

Chief Hussey said police have a zero tolerance policy about trespassing along the Greenbush right-of-way. Violators will be subject to arrest, he said.

Check fraud

A Scituate grandfather reported his granddaughter had taken checks and forged his signature. Some of the checks were used in Cohasset, police said. Detectives are investigating and are working toward summonsing the girl who also lives in Scituate, to court for uttering a false check, police said. The grandfather reported the check fraud to police on Tuesday (Sept. 2).

Cab fare

An upset cab driver contacted police after dropping his customer off at a Cohasset home. The cab driver, who called at about 11:40 p.m. on Tuesday (Sept. 2), said he dropped a man off who had gone into the house 10 minutes earlier for money and had not come back out to pay. A police officer was able to raise a family member who paid the bill. It is not clear if the actual cab customer forgot to pay or not.

Parking problems

Parking at the Farmer's Market, which temporarily moved to the Little League Fields on North Main Street last week, was problematic. Police said market patrons parked "all over the place" and caused havoc for drivers and the neighborhood. Few patrons parked at the Swim Center as hoped. The Farmers Market relocated because of water main work near the common. However the roadwork has not reached the common, so the Market will be back at its regular location until further notice.

Short circuit

An electrical problem caused an issue with all the train crossings in town last Thursday at about 5:50 p.m. The MBTA notified police and the train was held at the station while repairs were made. The service was back up and running soon thereafter, Chief Hussey said.

Batty

An officer went to a resident's West Gate Lane home on Saturday at 5:14 a.m. after receiving a report of a bat being caught in the resident's telescope. The officer was able to remove the bat. Chief Hussey said police try to assist residents when they can on animal issues. He explained the animal control officer is part-time and works 16 hours a week, so he is not always available.

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Gusts of opposition for wind turbines

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Throughout the presentation, questions by the audience, the town's consulting engineer John Modzelewski and Planning Board members revealed weaknesses in the application.

The project developer, headed by Jim Sweeney of CCI-Energy, is still determining the make and model of the turbines that will potentially be on the site. Two manufacturers make 1.65-megawatt turbines and there is a possibility CCI-Energy could purchase turbines currently owned by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative originally slated for installation in Orleans, Mass., Sweeney said.

Whether the electrical connections would be underground or on poles was yet to be determined.

The noise and flicker impact studies did not take into account the Avalon development and Planning Board member Clark Brewer said the noise study submitted was "a little thin."

"There are many questions and maybe (the applicant) already has additional back up. But, it is not the intent to pay John (Modzelewski) to do engineering for the project. We need a lot more information—and detailed information," said Planning Board member Charles Samuelson.

Modzelewski went through a litany of items he had concerns with after his preliminary review of the project. Noise, visual and flicker impacts were at the top of his list. As a civil engineer, he admitted he was not an expert in wind turbines but would seek out engineers with the proper background to aid him in reviewing the project. He suggested a true-to-life approach be taken with identifying the impacts of the potential turbines, such as placing balloons at the height of the proposed turbines (100 meters or 462-feet) so residents can see just how tall the machines are and more detailed noise/flicker analysis, not just using computer generated models.

"This is a major thing, a gargantuan structure," said Modzelewski, adding he needs to see the entire site review specs from grading to electricity connections.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore assured the concerned residents that all the technical aspects of the project would be thoroughly vetted through the site plan review process and Monday night's hearing was only the beginning of the review process.

"We're not going to rest until we have answers on noise and flicker (impacts)," said Moore. The wind turbine flicker, or strobe, effect occurs when the turbine is between the sun and the point of observation.

"We want to look at this; it has got to be a win-win. I truly believe this is the wave of the future and (wind turbines) is what we should be doing," said Sweeney of CCI-Energy. "This is a project where we want both parties — the developer and the town — to win."

Opposition from Sanctuary Pond

Sanctuary Pond Road, or the Rose Hill development, is a 14-home subdivision located off Route 3A about 600 feet south of lower King Street. The residences would be within a half-mile of the proposed project and most would be able to see the turbines from their property.

Jeff Patterson of 10 Sanctuary Pond Road was the first resident to pepper the applicant with questions. He first asked questions regarding Emergent Energy's experience with permitting wind turbines. Emergent Energy is handling the feasibility study and the permitting process for the project.

Sweeney and Emergent Energy disclosed neither company had seen an entire wind turbine project through to completion. Sweeney and CCI-Energy got through the permitting process for a turbine project in Fair Haven, Mass., but the project is currently tied up in litigation. The representatives from Emergent Energy said although they have worked on many different turbine projects and portions of the permitting process, they had never done the entire permitting package for a wind turbine project.

Patterson did not get definitive answer when he asked which type of turbine would be installed. He raised concerns that the developer is considering turbines that would no longer be under a service agreement from the manufacturer.

Conrad Langenhagen of 24 Sanctuary Pond Road, who wrote a letter to the Mariner last week, was concerned with the size of the turbines and if the developer was truly minimizing the visual impacts of the project according to the zoning bylaw.

Sweeney said if the turbine was any smaller or lower, it could affect the multi-million dollar project's ability to get financed.

Langenhagen then asked what the impact monetarily would be for the town if a deal was negotiated to sell the excess energy for use in the town's buildings. Sweeney said he had no hard numbers, but "there is no doubt in my mind the town will benefit."

"Why would the town approve this project without knowing a dollar quantification?" said Langenhagen. His question was met with applause. Yet, Chairman Moore was quick to settle the crowd down.

"Issues of finance or how the town might benefit financially is not part of this site plan review. Whether or not the project makes money or loses money is not our concern," said Moore, further requesting the audience to hold their applause as it made it difficult to hear the proceedings.

The residents of Sanctuary Pond are not alone in their concerns as evidenced by Doug Bryan of 20 Sanctuary Pond Road presentation of 185 signatures of citizens concerned with the turbine project.

Avalon 'oversight'

The 200-unit Avalon apartment complex was issued a comprehensive permit in 2004 by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Until this past summer, the proposed 40-B project was tied up in appeals as the town and the developer struggled to find a solution to deal with the site's wastewater. In July, the project reached a cooperation agreement with the Cohasset Water Commission, which had appealed the Department of Environmental Protection's approval of the on-site groundwater discharge permit a year ago and the developer expects the project to move forward within months.

In the meantime, the Graham Waste wind turbine project has been developed over the last two years. Graham Waste Services business owner and landowner Paul Barry said he told CCI-Energy that the project was never going to happen because of the numerous appeals. Sweeney of CCI-Energy said the lack of consideration of the Avalon project was "an oversight."

A five-page letter to the Planning Board from Goulston & Storrs, the law firm representing Avalon, enumerates the reasons they feel the wind turbine project application fails to meet the zoning bylaw requirements. Steven Schwartz of Goulston & Storrs spoke briefly at the public hearing to highlight the concerns spelled out in detail in the letter.

"The lot on which the project is proposed is entirely inappropriate for the installation of wind turbines. The impact on the residents of Cohasset living near the project would be unacceptable, and the proponent has failed to establish compliance with the applicable provisions of the Cohasset Zoning Bylaw," states the letter. It goes on to say the application and supporting materials "completely ignore the existence of the 200-unit apartment community to be constructed."

According to letter, some of the apartments will be located within 500-feet of the nearest turbine and one of the proposed turbines will stand only 133 feet from Avalon's property line. The turbine is proposed to be 462-feet (141 meters) tall including the blades.

"If that turbine were to fall, it could extend for 329 feet inside Avalon's property," the letter states. According to Avalon building plans, the turbine could fall onto one or more of the Avalon buildings.

Complicating the matter is the wind energy conversion bylaw states "the minimum distance from the base of any wind turbine tower to any property line in a residential district." Since Avalon is a 40-B project, which allows projects to be approved under flexible zoning regulations, the property is still zoned in a technology business district, not residential.

The letter also raises concern with the noise and flicker analysis found in the application.

Sweeney vowed to correct the Avalon oversight, "we will update the proposal to include Avalon."

Wind proponents

In previous public meetings on the project, both with the Planning Board and a public meeting at the library, the Graham Waste wind turbine project had received a warm reception. In the two-hour public hearing session, there were many voices praising the project.

Francis Collins of 404 South Main St. said his fellow residents should take visual impacts with a grain of salt. He offered an example of an unsightly house built in his view that initially he couldn't stand and after two weeks he hardly noticed it.

"My business takes me all over the world and I see wind turbines everywhere I go. We have an opportunity to preserve air quality for future generations…I think we are being very shortsighted," said Collins.

Andrew Willard, chairman of the Alternative Energy Committee (AEC), said he was in favor of this private project and a town-owned turbine on the transfer facility in the future. He and the AEC have been working closely with the turbine developer since August 2005. The AEC is working to strike a deal with the developer to purchase the excess wind energy at a reduced rate to power municipal buildings. Terms would still need to be negotiated, but both Willard and Sweeney have said they are interested in coming to an energy service agreement.

Paul Barry, the owner of the Graham Waste site, said this project is something he believes in.

"The town does have a lot to gain," said Barry, adding as far as residents' concerns about the possibility of lowered property values go "if the landfill didn't hurt, the windmills aren't going to do it. You live with it, it is not offensive…Every project has its group and it's called NIMBY."

Mimi White, a member of the Alternative Energy Committee, said she saw the windmills as a "thing of beauty" and would like to see one, or a few, erected in Cohasset.

A resident of Hull Street with a clear view of Hull Wind II out of his bedroom window said, "I love (the wind turbine), I think it is beautiful."

The Graham Waste wind turbine project public hearing will continue on Monday, Oct. 6 at 7:15p.m.

Disclosure of conflict of interest

Before the applicant began his presentation, two of the Planning Board members had some business to take care of — Chairman Al Moore and member Clark Brewer both disclosed what could potentially be viewed as conflicts of interest, or the appearance of conflict of interest. According to the form filed in the Town Clerk's office, the disclosure is meant to dispel any appearance of conflict of interest.

Moore's business Boston Form LLC operates out of the Brass Kettle building on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Paul Barry, the same person who owns the Graham Waste land where the turbines will be situated, owns the Brass Kettle building. In addition, Barry is a client of the commercial printing firm.

As a professional architect, Brewer designed several buildings for Graham Waste Services from February 2002 to March 2003.

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Sewer, water work has one more year

FROM WORK, PAGE 1

However, geographically speaking, about two-thirds of the project scope has been covered.

"We've been banging away, ripping up the streets for over a year now," said Water Commission Chairman Glenn Pratt, but more banging and ripping are on the way as the project moves to the main byway of North Main Street and disrupts the area around the Common.

The Deep Run and Rust Way area is the most complete of the project with all major water, sewer and drainage work finished, but the area still has an outstanding punch list of items, such as additional berm work. Nichols Road runs a close second for most complete.

"We are pretty far along, but it did take some time," said Coughlin explaining the delay in paving was partly due to gas main replacement the town had little control over.

In the coming weeks the contractor, LM Holdings, will be concentrating on finishing up work on Atlantic Avenue, Beach Avenue and Jerusalem Road. Then, in the coming months will focus on North Main Street. Residents may have noticed the temporary water pipes on the North Main roadside (from Jerusalem Road to the Common). The contractor will tackle the water main work first with the hope of completing before the winter — and frost — sets in. The remaining sewer piping work will continue throughout the winter months.

"It will be primarily water work (in the beginning) then we'll be mobilizing another crew behind them to begin the sewer work. We're trying to expedite that portion of the project," said LM Holdings project manager Paul Cappelleti. Cappelleti expected to begin working in earnest on North Main next week.

While the most visible portion of the project in on the roads and in the trenches, a major retrofit of Wastewater Treatment Plant on Elm Street is ongoing. At this point, new membranes have been installed in one tank and all work is on schedule for completion in late October.

"All the systems will be proofed out while the contractor (D&C Construction) is still on site," said Coughlin.

Homes could begin tying into town sewer as early as this fall. The Deep Run and Rust Way neighborhoods will be the first to be notified it is okay to tie-in. Residents will need hire a contractor to connect the street stub to the home. But, homes in that area will not be tying into the Cohasset sewer plant, rather they are on the "North Cohasset" system that goes to Hull's wastewater treatment plant.

The rest of the Little Harbor home will have to wait for the work on North Main Street to be complete.

"All the sewer connections from Cunningham Bridge down goes through the North Main connection," said Coughlin. Once complete, the Sewer Commission will notify residents it is okay to tie-in moving from the Common area outward. That means the residences right next to the Deep Run or Rust Way will be the last to tie-in. The Sewer Commission is asking residents to tie-in to the system within 12 months of being notified.

The end goal is to have all 487 homes in the Little Harbor district slated for a town sewer hooked up by 2010. Mandated by the state's Second Amended Judgment, all Little Harbor homes will have to be on town sewer by 2012.

Town Meeting on the horizon

The Water and Sewer Commissions will be coming before Town Meeting in November (date set for Monday, Nov. 17 at 7p.m.) to request funding for an unforeseen project issue. While the major water and sewer work is on budget, an unanticipated infrastructure failure needs to be addressed.

An old retaining wall on Jerusalem Road (shortly before Bow Street) collapsed during construction in that area. A 300-foot section of the 450-foot long wall buckled. The immediate area around the collapse has been stabilized and concrete barriers keep cars away from the wall.

"From a safety perspective, it is something the town needs to address," said Coughlin, but the incident has made him and other engineers on the project suspect of the entire length of wall and other similar retaining walls in the Little Harbor district. The wall is currently stable, but is decades old and does not meet current highway standards, said Coughlin.

If the request passes muster at Town Meeting, the entire Cohasset tax base would pay for the project.

"We're still determining the scope," said Pratt, declining to give an estimate on what the retaining wall could cost. "It will be well discussed in the coming months."

A traffic light has been installed to allow alternating one-way traffic past the collapsed wall area. Bow Street is temporarily one way heading toward the ocean. Pratt said not everyone was for the traffic control light at the wall collapse location, but in the end Fire Chief Robert Silvia said the light would be best for safety reasons.



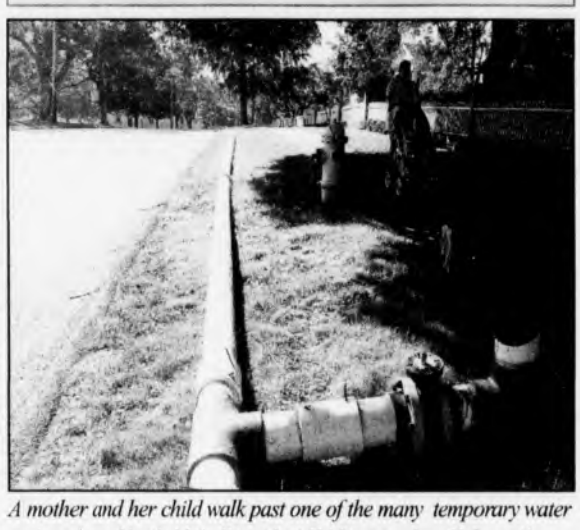
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Project Manager William Needle, right and Project Foreman Cid Gomes watch over one of the many worksites on Fernway last Friday morning.

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The project has about 50 people working everyday. In addition, there is close oversight for the project by the six members of the Water and Sewer Commissions.



A mother and her child walk past one of the many temporary water mains along North Main Street last Friday morning. Cohasset's biggest water and sewer line project is at its halfway point and will move into the Common area over the coming months.

Little harbor project history

The path to get to this point in the Little Harbor sewer expansion project has been a long and storied. The town sewer expansion to include the Little Harbor district, an addition of 487 homes and 150,000 gallons per day, was mandated by the state through the Second Amended Final Judgment. The agreement goes all the way back to the late 70s, it was handed down by the state as a means of implementing the Clean Waters Act. In 1979, a complaint was filed alleging a violation of the Act, which could have cost the town $10,000 per day in fines. As part of the settlement, the town consented to enter the Judgment.

In 1980, the town and the state agreed on the terms of the Judgment, but it was again amended in 1994 and 1997, when it became the Second Amended Judgment. It was modified again in 1998 and then, in 2006, underwent its final amendment.

As a result of the Judgment, the town embarked on two sewer projects, including an expansion of the Central Sewer District and the North Cohasset sewer project, which allowed residents to tie-in to capacity at the Hull treatment facility.

Little Harbor homeowners will reap the benefit of the sewer expansion but also bear the burden of paying for it. The project timeline should have all homes hooked up to the town sewer by 2011. The homeowners will pay a sewer betterment fee over a twenty-year period.

At the 2007 annual Town Meeting, voters approved a $1 million allocation to devote to drainage improvements for the flood prone district.

The Water and Sewer Commissions worked together to have their infrastructure updates done at the same time.

"We've never before worked together. Part of the reason it was not done in the past was funding was not available at the same," said Pratt. The stars aligned for this project and it broke ground in August 2007.

Sewer Commission Chairman John Beck was quick to acknowledge the patience residents have had over the past year and will continue to have over the next year.

"The patience people have demonstrated in general with the disruption to their streets and neighborhoods is a credit to the community. They have their eye on the end results and they are absorbing all the disturbances in the meantime," said Beck.

Questions about any aspect of the work should be addressed to Kevin McRae, resident engineer for the town's contractor, Coughlin Environmental Services LLC. His office is located in the construction trailer in the staging area on Jerusalem Road. The telephone number for the trailer, which is staffed during normal working hours and voicemail is checked frequently, is 781-383-2900.

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BUSINESS NOTES

Katie Whelan joins Patton Boggs LLP

Patton Boggs LLP recently hired Katie Whelan, a Cohasset native, who has experience with both political parties, having served as Republican California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's senior advisor and as executive director of the Democratic Governors Association.

Whelan joins Patton Boggs as a senior policy advisor in its bipartisan public policy practice. She brings nearly three decades of political experience at the federal, state and local levels as well as developing strategies for Fortune 500 companies.

She is poised to help clients navigate the intersection of state and federal laws as well as develop legislative initiatives and devise lobby campaigns. Whelan's political experience stretches back nearly three decades when, fresh out of Ithaca College, she worked for Sen. Ted Kennedy's 1980 presidential campaign. She has worked for a presidential candidate in every contest since.

"Patton Boggs' public policy practice has thrived by bringing together a bipartisan group of professionals who have taken on leadership roles in the both public and private sectors and are familiar with a variety of industries, :said Stuart Pape, the firm's managing partner.

"Katie Whelan embodies all of these traits – she has held prominent positions serving both major parties, possesses an extraordinary grasp of regulatory issues from the government and business perspectives, and is highly knowledgeable on industries ranging from higher education and health care to energy and natural resources," Pape said. "She will be a significant asset to the firm and its clients."

Whelan has developed and maintained bipartisan relationships at all levels of government throughout her career.

Whelan has developed and maintained bipartisan relationships at all levels of government throughout her career. She has spent more than 20 years at the helm of executive level management. In addition to working for national party organizations, she has built ties with nonprofit organizations, labor unions, educators and national and international media organizations.

In her role advising Gov. Schwarzenegger, Whelan worked on federal policy and appropriations issues, including energy, higher education, agriculture, health care, natural resources and the state's national research laboratories.



COURTESY PHOTO

Cohasset native Katie Whelan has joined Patton Boggs as a senior policy advisor in its bipartisan public policy practice.

Whelan ran the Democratic Governors Association in addition to serving as its national finance director. She directed and implemented policy initiatives and worked to recruit and elect Democratic governors. Her position in the association made her principal liaison to the Clinton-Gore 1992 and 1996 presidential campaigns.

Fun times are in store this fall

AROUND TOWN

JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK



HAPPY FALL!

Hello Cohasset, how is everyone doing? With most of the back-to-schools behind us and getting into the Pre-Fall swing of things, we are ready to look at all the wonderful events and activities that are going on all over the place. Apple picking, Fall fairs of all kinds, the Farmers Market and many other events are all in full swing and it would be a lot of fun for you and your family to attend some and enjoy.

Cohasset Day is coming up on Sept. 20 and this is a great way to bring the community together with fun, music, a bit of shopping and dancing and oh so much more. Classes at the local venues here in town like the newly renovated "Recreation Center" next to the Red Lion Inn, the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum, the South Shore Community Center, the Art Center just to name a few are getting ready to kick off a great school year filled with classes, parties and workshops for everyone, young and old alike. Happy Fall to us all!

9/11

Yesterday, Sept. 11 was a day of remembrance for all who suffered and lost their lives. As we all continue to think about and keep in our thoughts and prayers the families of all the men and women who lost their lives, we look ahead to a future with positive days to come.

NORTHEASTERN U.

Congratulations go out to **Skyler Ralston** who graduated from Northeastern University May 2008 with an International Business degree majoring in Marketing and minoring in Spanish. She completed the 5-year program which included a year taking 9 courses in Spanish at one of Europe's top business university's, ICADE in Madrid. The degree also required 2 six-month internships: one in the U.S. working as a marketing intern for Simon Malls and one in Madrid working as an advertising intern for DaimlerChrysler. Within 30 days of graduation, she began working in Miami at the internationally renown and one of the country's top advertising agencies, Crispin, Porter + Bogusky on the Volkswagen account. She is happily living in Miami and loving her job. Everyone is thrilled with this news Skyler, especially your family! Best of luck in all that you do.

GUEST SPEAKER

The Cohasset Historical Society welcomes guest speaker **Robine Andrau** on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, presenting "Interned in Indonesia." Robine will recount her family's experience in a Japanese POW camp during WW II. This is the story of separation, starvation, bravery and the will to survive in dreadful times. the program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Society's headquarters at the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St.. There is no charge for the program and light refreshment will be served.

GEMS OF HOPE

Back by popular demand! Gems of Hope Annual Croquet Tournament will be held at the home of Peter and Leah Roy, "The Oaks", on Sunday Sept. 14. This tournament is a fundraiser to support the work done at the Community School in Pici, Brazil. This school, which is funded solely by Gems of Hope, helps to educate children in rural areas and supports the community with Adult Education classes. Your generous support in the past has helped the school to thrive for 12 years. All donations are sent directly to the school. Please join us, make some new friends and learn a new sport! Brunch is served at 12 noon with croquet following at 1 pm. All are welcome to join us at this fun and festive event and support a good cause in educating these children. Tickets are $100 per person and can be reserved by calling **Cindy Kuppens** at 781-383-6670 or e-mail us at gemsofhope@gmail.com. A $200 donation educates and feed a child for a year. Space is limited so please make your reservations early.

CORN FEST

The South Shore Natural Science Center(www.ssnsc.org) is getting ready to hold the 32nd Annual Corn Festival on Saturday, Sept. 20th from 10 am to 4 pm. The cost is $5 for adults, $3 for children with a maximum of $20 per family. Many activities will be offered such as The Kernel's Kitchen, Craft Demo's, Hayrides, Farm Animals and more. It looks like fun!

That is all for this week. Send in your news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm for that week's column.

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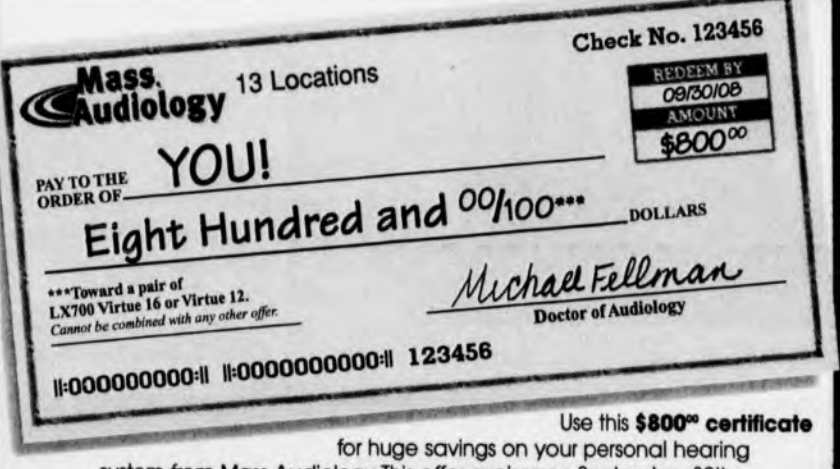
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Cohasset artists team up at Hingham gallery

Original paintings create new ambiance

By Mary Jane Hanron
CORRESPONDENT

A new piece of artwork can enliven any room especially during these days as staying closer to home gains in popularity. Thanks to artists Tina Watson and Judy St. Peter an opportunity to acquire such a treasure exists right in town at the Hingham Square Gallery.

Watson and St. Peter embarked on their new endeavor earlier this summer when they collaborated with Megan Ullman, owner to create a new ambiance in the South Street storefront while presenting an array of their own original paintings.

"We want the shop to be warm and inviting," said St. Peter. "The atmosphere we are creating will be comfortable for people not only to buy, but to come in and out just to browse. We will be changing things often and adding new pieces so there will always be something different and fun to see."

The works of the two painters gracing the walls of the gallery are eclectic, colorful and diverse. A still life of brilliant red peppers mingles with an elegant scene evocative of World's End. Whimsical images of Chefs and Musicians are interspersed with lovely interpretations of floral arrangements and gardens as well as wildlife, dogs and even a series of roosters. Clusters of small paintings that would revamp a hallway or corner can be found next to a major piece to place above a fireplace or in a bedroom. The resulting atmosphere is one of a sophisticated gallery with a wide appeal that blends pieces that are contemporary, traditional and fun. Prices for the artwork begin at $50.

"It will be great to have a gallery in the square that is upscale and approachable," said St. Peter. "In addition to the selection of paintings, we offer the framing service, too. Some of our works are available with the frame and others are unframed so customers may choose their own."



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Hingham Square Gallery owner, Megan Ullman, is flanked by Cohasset artists, Tina Watson (left) and Judy St. Peter (right). Watson and St. Peter are active at the South Shore Art Center and participate in many shows and exhibits. The development of the Hingham Square Gallery as a destination is a natural partnership for them.

The partnership of St. Peter and Watson with Ullman is a dynamic one. Expansion of the Gallery was a logical step for Ullman when the previous occupant, Maggie's Dog Shop moved around the corner to Main Street earlier in the year. During a time when home renovation and improvement is more of a priority for families than travel, a new face for the shop presents an appropriate and welcome experience right in the community.

"This allows people to find a wide selection of quality art similar to that found in places like Newbury Street or the South End without having to make the trip into the city," suggested St. Peter. Both artists are familiar with the Boston art community. St. Peter's work was shown in a Newbury Street Gallery for years. Watson still shows offerings in a South End gallery. "One of my paintings was used in a Bruce Willis film being shot recently in the city," mentioned Watson. "I think I'll keep that one myself!"

The women bring with them to the square substantial backgrounds from the art world as well as roots within the South Shore community.

Watson is no stranger to the "Hollywood experience" in New England. Her family owned the Cohasset Hardware Store for 200 years. "I was around for the "Witches of Eastwick" (1987) and still had the signs used on the store during filming of the movie," she remarked. "They are a part of town history!" She also recalls filming of the 1992 movie, "Housesitter."

A Cohasset native, Watson loves to, "just go outside and paint!" She leads the "Tuesday Painters," a group of artists who gather each Tuesday year round to work on their creations. "I try to find different locations for us. Most recently we went to the Glades." Several of her works in the gallery reflect past locales Watson has found for inspiration including scenes from Hull, Scituate and Nantucket.

The Cohasset Farmers Market occupies Watson on Thursday afternoons through October. "I have been involved there for years," she said. "I sell hot dogs there each week and finally bought myself a little cart!"

St. Peter is passionate about wildlife as well as her pets. Her menagerie consists of a pug, boxer, border collie, five cats, a ferret and a lizard. She speaks of them with adoration and compassion and her interest in animals is evident in her work. Among her noted pieces is a collection of interpretive images of various breeds of dogs.

Watson and St. Peter have known each other within the art community for more than 30 years. They are active in the South Shore Art Center and participate in many shows and exhibits having achieved multiple awards and high recognition. The development of the Hingham Square Gallery as a destination is a natural partnership for them.

"We complement each other and we are both prolific in our painting! This will help us to keep the displays fresh and changing in the Gallery," said St. Peter.

Watson was particularly excited to see the newly created courtyard area behind the gallery. "I love flowers and plants and went right out there to begin some landscaping," she said. The women envision having frequent activities and events at the Gallery as autumn approaches.

"It's such a great setting for families to be out and enjoy the square," said St. Peter. "We believe that art blends beautifully with music and food and socializing. We hope to build on that concept and have this become a destination for a fun afternoon or evening for people on a regular basis. Eventually people from outside the area will hear about us and visit, too.

"We hope the frequently changing displays, the framing service and having activities at the Gallery will make us a regular stop for shoppers!"

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A taste of business

Cohasset Young Entrepreneurs finish their second year

By Nancy White
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"They are a very consistent group and they really do it all on their own."
— Michelle Cayer, organizer

They might be young, but they've got creativity, persistence and business savvy. Frequenters of the Farmer's Market have seen them or even purchased their wares.

They are the Cohasset Young Entrepreneurs, a co-op table containing multiple businesses completely owned and operated by kids.

The Cohasset Young Entrepreneurs gets kids engaged in business by giving them an outlet for their product and helping them develop their business. Started by a Cohasset mom, Michelle Cayer, the group meets several times throughout the year to discuss their businesses.

"I just always wanted to start a young entrepreneurs group," says Cayer. When she left her career last year, she figured it was the perfect time to start one up. At the meetings over the winter, the kids learned how to create a logo, how to successfully brand their company and the basics of business. They learned it was smart to invest a portion of their profits back into the business.

"They are a very consistent group and they really do it all on their own," says Cayer. There are about 10 companies in all and business owners' ages range from six to 12.

On a recent Thursday, the Mariner caught up with each of the young entrepreneurs to find out a little bit about their businesses.

As the Young Entrepreneurs wind down another year at the Farmer's Market, they are looking to continue developing their business over the winter. Cayer would love to have the group visit a corporate environment on a field trip or have a business owner come speak to the group. Local entrepreneurs interesting in hosting the group or kids interested in becoming a young entrepreneur should contact Cayer at michelle.cayer@bt.com.

"It is not about us, we want the kids to want to do it and follow through on it," says Cayer.

Three of the young entrepreneur businesses were not at the Thursday, Sept. 4 Farmer's Market when the Mariner caught up with the group: Cassandra Lieberman of Cohasset Gems, Alexa Bleicken of Cohasset Goodies and Bennet Tierney and Kyle Burke of Back at the Beach Jewelry.



"It's a Chick Thing" owners Taylor Frederick and Meredith Corry show off their wares.

It's A Chick Thing

Owners: Taylor Frederick and Meredith Corry.

Age and grade: 11, sixth grade.

Business: It's A Chick Thing.

Product and prices: Light switch covers ($3), button ponytail holders ($2) and fabric covered ponytail holders ($3), bracelets ($8) and rubber duckies ($3).

Years in business: Two years.

Typical customer: Parents with younger kids.

Why this business: "We were bored in the summer and wanted to make some money. This is something fun to do," says Taylor. Last year, they concentrated on the hair elastics, but expanded this year to offer the popular light switch covers. "People like to wear the hair elastics and they are fun to make," says Taylor. They use their own sense of taste to pick out the fabrics and buttons to use in their selection of hair elastics. Their newest product of light switch covers are decorated with photos they know will be popular like, "High School Musical," the Jonas Brothers and horses.

What do you love about the Farmer's Market: "It's a fun place to be, we get to see our friends here," says Meredith.

Fun fact about the business: Both Taylor and Meredith would like to own their own business when they are older.



Abigail Campbell has hand sewn bags and dolls.

Abigail's Bag Company

Owner: Abigail Campbell.

Age and grade: 12, sixth grade.

Business: Abigail's Bag Company.

Product: Handmade reversible bags (large and small), sparkle pencils and "scary" dolls.

Price: $12.99 for large bag (special Farmer's Market price), $4.99 for small bag; a quarter for a sparkle pencil.

Years in business: First year at Cohasset Farmer's Market.

Typical customer: Everyone. Little kids go for the scary dolls and sparkle pencils and adults love the bags.

Why this business: Abigail loves doing crafts. She took sewing classes and the bags were the first project. After she gave one of her bag creations to her teacher, her friends asked for one, too. Abigail's Bag Company was born. She expanded to the "scary" dolls (which are actually rather cute) when she saw something similar for sale at Newbury Comics.

What do you love about the Farmer's Market: "It's really fun to come here and sell things, especially because (what I make) makes some people happy."

Fun fact about the business: Abigail loves to do bags in bright colors, but she also does custom bags in her customer's favorite colors. She even has her own business card and website:

(http://www.freewebs.com/abbydabbyo)



Ellie Jackisch and Abby Thomas design, paint and sell their own canvas bags.

It's In The Bag

Owners: Ellie Jackisch and Abby Thomas.

Age and grade: 9, fourth grade.

Business: It's In The Bag.

Product: Hand-painted canvas tote bags.

Prices: One for $8, two for $15, three or more for $6 each.

Years in business: First year in this business.

Typical customer: Grown-ups.

Why this business: "We didn't want to use plastic bags…a lot of people who use plastic bags end up littering," says Abby. So, they began painting plain khaki-colored canvas bags with fruits, vegetables, starfish, sand dollars and other seashore images and selling them to other eco-minded individuals at the Farmer's Market. Each week they debut new designs.

What do you love about the Farmer's Market: "There is music to listen to and friends to spend time with. It's a good summer event," says Ellie.

Fun fact about the business: The bags can be used for anything you need to carry. They recommend buying a bag with a sailboat to carry things while boating or bringing one with a fruit on it to the grocery store.

Photos by Nancy White



Christopher Longo displays his pokemon cards.

Pokemon cards

Owner: Christopher Longo.

Age and grade: 7, second grade.

Business: Yet to be named.

Product: Packets of Pokemon cards.

Prices: $1 for a pack of five cards.

Years in business: One year.

Typical customer: Kids.

Why this business: A fan of Pokemon, Chris had accumulated quite a collection of cards, but many of them were duplicates. Seeing his sister (Marina) at the Farmer's Market, he wanted to do it too, but with his own idea. He decided it would be a good idea to try to start a business selling the cards he had multiples of. Next year, he is hoping to expand his business to sell baseball cards.

Fun fact about the business: In his best week, he sold $13 worth of Pokemon cards.



Jay Frederick of Jay's General Store has a variety of items for sale.

Jay's General Store

Owner: Jay Frederick.

Age and grade: 8, third grade.

Business: Jay's General Store.

Product and prices: Dolphin necklaces ($2), engraveable dog tags ($1), mini flashlights ($2), stuffed animal puppies ($2).

Years in business: Two years.

Typical customer: Kids.

Why this business: He really wanted to start a business and make money. When he saw the products he currently has online, he thought a lot of kids would like them. He was right. In a single afternoon, he can make as much as $15.

What do you love about the Farmer's Market: "Lots of my friends are here and I like to look around and see what's here."

Fun fact about the business: Jay will personally engrave a dog tag on the spot with a special engraving pen.



Dulaney Bernstein proudly holds one of her sea-themed handmade glycerin soaps.

Soap by the Sea Shore

Owner: Dulaney Bernstein.

Age and grade: 9, fourth grade.

Business: Soap by the Sea Shore.

Product: Handmade glycerin soap.

Prices: Three small soaps, $1.50; one large soap, $2

Years in business: Two years.

Typical customer: Grown-ups.

Why this business: Dulaney received a soap making kit for Christmas two years ago and the following summer she began to sell the soaps at the Farmer's Market. Like her business name implies, many of her soaps have a marine theme with seashell molds or a dolphin toy embedded in the bigger soaps. "There's a big ocean theme…I'm really interested in learning about the ocean."

What do you love about the Farmer's Market: "I love that a lot of people start companies, I felt really inspired to start my own."

Fun fact about the business: Dulaney experiments with colors, scents and molds each week when she makes the soaps. "You get to be creative…it's like cooking!"



Marina Longo owns Cool Clips, a hair accessory and backpack clip business.

Cool Clips

Owner: Marina Longo.

Age and grade: 9, fourth grade.

Business: Cool Clips.

Product: Beaded hair jewelry and backpack clips; custom designs and off the rack.

Prices: $2 each, three for $5.

Years in business: Two years.

Typical customer: Girls.

Why this business: Two years ago, she was playing with beads and had an epiphany — "if you put a clip on (the end) you could wear the beads in your hair." She expanded her product line to include the backpack clip (beaded strings kids attach to the zippers of their backpack) after she noticed boys were coming up to the table with their sisters looking like they wanted something, too.

What do you love about the Farmer's Market: "It's local and a good place for people to stop…it is my favorite place to be on Thursday afternoon."

Fun fact about the business: She changes up the bead colors in the clips depending on the season. This fall, she is offering a lot of yellow, oranges and metallics. Yet, she does have a best seller — "anything pink and purple is gone by the time I go home."

Facilities depart. needs are growing

HVAC specialist on wish list

By Nancy White
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"We don't have the manpower or personnel to do preventative maintenance."
— Brian Adams, facilities manager

Keeping Cohasset's town facilities in top shape year round is no easy job and Facility Manager Brian Adams and his two employees are up to the challenge. Yet, Adams said they are currently struggling to keep up with amount of work on their plate.

Adams met with the Selectmen to give an overview of the facilities management department, which maintains all the town's buildings. The presentation is part of an ongoing effort to have the Selectmen meet with each department head over the last few months to report on the trends, major challenges, grant opportunities and generally give a "big picture" perspective of their department.

"In the last three or four years we have made great strides in building the department," said Adams. Facility management formerly fell under the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the school department. "There is a continuing need to make progress."

Because the vast majority of square footage in the town, approximately 400,000 square feet, is school buildings, the Facilities Management department spends most of its time split between those three buildings. His department's purview extends to the buildings and the buildings' envelopes with some additional exceptions (parking lot lighting, etc.) Adams said most of the work the department focuses on is corrective maintenance.

"We don't have the manpower or personnel to do preventative maintenance," said Adams. To grow his department and really take care of the buildings in the manner he feels is necessary, Adams said the addition of an administrative assistant and a HVAC (which stands for heating, ventilating and air conditioning) specialist would free up 85 percent of his time.

Currently, Adams does not have time to work on projects like developing a capital budget requests, utility tracking, building renovations, grants instead he has to devote time to payroll, vacation tracking and routine maintenance.

"It is not the best way for the town to spend their money (to pay me to do these things)," said Adams.

He estimated the cost of a person with HVAC specialty would run the town between $60,000 and $65,000. Selectman Ralph Dormitzer asked if a HVAC specialist was hired if his/her work could save the town money in energy costs to offset his/her salary.

"I'd be willing to bet (the savings) would be enough to pay for a salary," said Adams. Through monitoring classroom temperatures, listening to complaints then responding accordingly and properly maintaining the heating and cooling systems, the HVAC specialist could save the town considerable energy cost, he said. A smaller budget for outside contract HVAC work would still be needed. That line item is currently between $50,000 and $60,000.

Selectman Paul Carlson said oftentimes money spent on preventative maintenance can save thousands of dollars down the line in corrective maintenance. Adams agreed, but said it is often a hard sell because the work isn't as visible as corrective maintenance.

"It is important to keep our buildings in tip top shape," said Carlson.

"I agree 100 percent," said Adams.

State primary is Tuesday

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According to the Elections Division statewide, they are looking at a 20 percent turnout, Douglas said.

As of Monday, 18 voters had returned absentee ballots for the state primary. But, most of the requests for absentee ballots have been for the November election.

In 2004, the fall primary had a historic low turnout with only 241, or 4.6 percent, of the town's registered voters going to the polls. That election boasted the lowest turnout since at least 1978, according to Mariner archives. That primary was similar in that only the Democratic ballot had races (for councillor, register of deeds and county commissioner).

According to the Mariner archive, another all-time low turnout occurred in the Sept. 15, 1988 primary when only 371 voters or 7.8 percent went to the polls in Cohasset.

The turnout for this primary will likely pale in comparison to the expected numbers on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4 when the nation will choose a new president. According to Douglas, the state is predicting a 90 percent turnout of registered voters on that day.

Of the Cohasset's 5,193 registered voters, 1,157 are registered Democrats; 1,176 are registered Republicans; two are green-rainbow; one is working family and 2,851 are unenrolled. Voters registered to the libertarian or reform parties are not eligible to vote in this state primary (Cohasset has five libertarians and one reform voter).

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Save the boats!

Tough times are everywhere, including the financial picture at the MBTA.

Last Thursday (Sept. 4), the MBTA published a "public notice" informing commuter boat riders about two community workshops to review the agency's preliminary 2008 service plan proposals to eliminate the last round trip and reduce or eliminate service on certain holidays on the Hingham/Boston Commuter Boat and to reduce off-peak trips on weekdays and weekends for the Quincy/Hull/Boston/Logan Commuter Boat.

For the Hingham service this would mean eliminating the 7:40 p.m. trip from Hingham Shipyard and the 8:30 p.m. trip from Rowe's Wharf. It is also proposed there be no service on Martin Luther King Day and Presidents Day. A reduced holiday schedule is proposed for Patriot's Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day and the day after Thanksgiving.

One of the workshops was held Wednesday night in Quincy after the Cohasset Mariner went to press.

The second workshop is slated for 6-7:30 p.m. Monday (Sept. 15) at the Abigail Adams Middle School Auditorium, 89 Middle St., Weymouth.

Written feedback on the plan will be accepted through Sept. 30.

Here at the Mariner, we have supported restoration of Greenbush service, which has been up and running for nearly a year.

However, we have also supported the continuation of a vibrant commuter boat service and think cutting back on that service is a bad idea.

The commuter boats have staunch advocates in our local legislators: state Rep. Garrett Bradley and state Sen. Robert Hedlund.

Both men opposed Greenbush, largely due to its exorbitant cost and its environmental impacts.

Many commuter boat enthusiasts will no doubt say "I told you so." Many commuters warned that local train service could spell reduction or even the demise of commuter boats.

However, this is not the time to reopen the "train debate." The train is here and more people need to use it!

Also, more people need to ride the commuter boats!

Gasoline prices are high and could go higher.

Public transportation needs to be encouraged not discouraged.

More cars need to come off the road – for the sake of the planet and our pocketbooks.

We do not have the answer in terms of what the MBTA needs to do to get its costs/expenses/revenue picture under control.

But cutting service should be off the table. If anything, the MBTA should be offering incentives for people to use public transportation.

If any of our readers have not tried the commuter boat, we urge them to do so. It is a very pleasant, convenient way to travel to Boston.

Please attend Monday's workshop in Weymouth and send a "loud and clear" message to the MBTA: do not cut boat service!

Rep. Bradley put it best: "My fear is that they're starting to chip away at overall boat service."

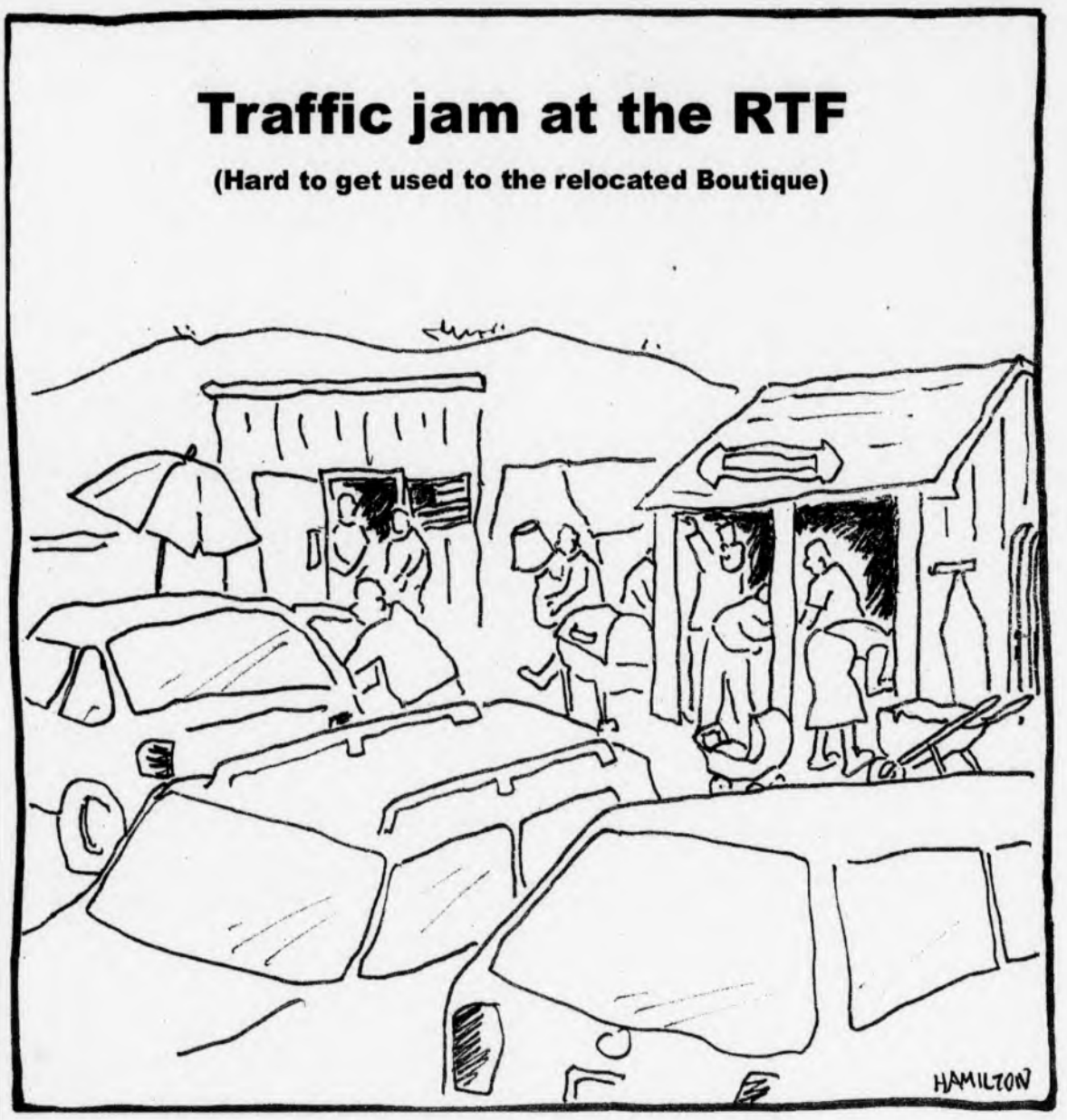
It is time for an overhaul at the MBTA. They need some creative, forward-looking thinkers. Massachusetts needs a viable, multi-faceted public transportation system that also includes commuter boats.



Join the debate and take our on line poll!

What's your opinion on the proposed wind turbine project?

To respond, visit: www.wickedlocal.com/cohasset



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Planning board commended for well-run meeting

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to commend and thank the planning board for a well-run meeting on the discussion around the wind turbines proposed for the Graham Waste site. Chairman Moore did a nice job of keeping the focus on the factual issues rather than a debate on the merits of wind power. It was clear from the developer presentation and thoughtful questions from the board and audience that there are many unresolved issues around the economic, noise, health, visual, safety, environmental, engineering, and other aspects of the project that require substantially more research and discussion.

While many in town may have assumed this project was a pre-wired "done deal," the board and the town engineer seemed open to exploring all the relevant facts and potential impacts. Many more meetings, forums, and debates are sure to follow, and all of Cohasset should get involved. A project of this scale, precedent, and controversy deserves nothing less.

Conrad Langenhagen
24 Sanctuary Pond Road

Heartfelt gratitude

TO THE EDITOR:

To Our Friends and Neighbors:

We are deeply grateful for the prayers, incredible gestures (both large and small), best wishes and encouragement from so many of you. In late August, our son Derek was seriously injured during a CHS football scrimmage, and it quickly became apparent that the injury was far more extensive than originally diagnosed. Two weeks later, with the help of some remarkable doctors and the nursing staff at Children's Hospital, he's doing well and hoping for a full recovery. During his 10-day stay, Derek's hospital room was full of friends, their parents, his coaches, well wishes and encouragement from people all across Cohasset.

Like all of you, we've read the letters to the editor from grateful families acknowledging the friendship and support that helped them through difficult times. It never occurred to us that we would write a letter like this ourselves.

It doesn't nearly cover it, but from the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

The Schwantner Family

Pockets of beauty praised

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset, I would like to commend the wonderful people who have provided the town with the tastefully planted road dividers and triangles. These good neighbors planned, planted, and maintained the flowers that add such life and charm to our roads.

The islands near grade crossings include the Pond Street crossing, planted by Mark Remlinger; lower King Street (3A side), Peter Laugelle; lower King Street (North Main side), Wayne Robbins; Forest and North Main, Trish Morse and Dick Avery; and North Main at Cohasset Golf Club, the Club (waiting until construction work completed). Our town manager, Bill Griffin, notes that two crossings are awaiting adoption: Sohier Street crossing and Beechwood Street crossing. Anyone interested in doing so, please email him at wgriffin@townofcohasset.org.

We would also like to applaud the lovely planting in the horse trough at Beach Street and Atlantic Avenue, courtesy of Ginger King, Nancy Sandell, Carmen Schramm and Jennifer Willms from the Cohasset Garden Club. That club has also designed and maintained the charming garden at the Captain John Wilson House and the Bates Ship Chandlery-Maritime Museum.

At Beechwood, Joan Brown and Mary Ward are responsible for the three round planters in front of the ballpark, and Kelley and Jack Nash are to be thanked for the planting at the Beechwood and King Street intersection.

Despite our best efforts, we are sure that we have missed several people who should be mentioned. We would very much like to know who they are so that we can give them the credit they deserve. Again, if you would like to adopt a town space for next season, please contact Bill Griffin.

Thanks to all of you for adding these pockets of beauty and color, especially during this time of infrastructure upgrades.

Lee Jenkins, President
Community Garden Club of Cohasset

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Board of Health, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.
Cohasset Housing Partnership, Sept. 18, 6:20 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Sept. 15 & Sept. 18, 7 p.m.
School Committee, Sept. 17at 7 p.m. at the high school.
Selectmen, Monday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m; Thursday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Sept. 8 at 339 King St. and Sept. 30, 6 p.m.
Town Hall Restoration Committee, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.
Water Commission, Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. at the King St. plant.
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Little to inspire confidence in turbine project

COMMENTARY

JEFFREY PATTERSON

As residents of 10 Sanctuary Pond Road, probably the closest single-family home to the proposed site of the new Graham Waste wind turbine project, my wife, two daughters, and I are closely following the consideration of the proposed project. Based on the serious and potentially drastic impact the wind turbines will have on our home in terms of noise, flicker, strobe, and shadow effect, we are understandably concerned. In fact, as my daughter states, the whole situation is "scary." Based on what was presented at Monday's hearing, this fear and concern should be shared by many Town residents.

At the hearing, a number of facts became clear.

First, there is currently NO agreement in place that requires the Town to receive ANY benefit from the project.

Second, the only "experts" who reviewed the project were selected and paid by the developer and they have NEVER analyzed and presented another wind project for public permit.

Third, the "experts" have conducted NO investigation of actual turbines to determine noise, flicker, visual, and shadow effect. Instead, they simply plugged numbers into a hypothetical computer model.

Fourth, the reason the "experts" have no real-life experience or analysis to support their "guess-timates" is turbines of this enor-

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'Why does construction take so long?'

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Little Harbor Project – Very often we get calls about various construction projects around Town. One of the questions we are often asked is, "Why does construction take so long?" In fact, there are so many variables that it is tough to be specific. Weather is always a serious factor. Some say that one day of rain sets a project back two days — one for the rain delay, one to correct the things that a rainfall ruined. Unplanned events are also quite an important factor. This week we had a really good example of an unplanned event. While the contractor was removing the asphalt in Jerusalem Road, for the new water main, they ended up breaking a Comcast cable line. But that line was actually buried in the asphalt of the road surface — not even below the road. It was in the road surface! Buried equipment (power lines, cable lines, water lines) are OK as long as they follow the rules — but, not in the surface of the road.

When the project finds unexpected situations like this the work is delayed until Comcast can figure out what to do.

The traffic light system has been installed on Jerusalem Road to permit regulated two-way traffic around the wall problem on the downhill portion when traveling from Main Street to Bow Street. A small problem did develop and the lights had to be readjusted a tad. It seemed that the light cycles that were set initially did not allow enough time for a fully loaded truck to start from rest at the bottom of the hill and make it safely to the top before the opposing traffic was sent down the hill. Obviously, "this is not a good thing," as Martha Stewart would say! We'll keep an eye on the traffic flow and make other adjustments as warranted. If you have comments about this light, please let us know.

As we go to press we are working on the possibility of relocating the light near Bow Street. Practice has shown us that we'd be better off with the stoplight on a flat surface, rather than on a hill. This will make traffic safety substantially better this winter when the roads become slippery.

Greenbush – Well, best laid plans of mice and men oft go astray…This past week we were all set to get a new catch basin installed in the Town Parking Lot on Monday, followed by paving on this past Tuesday. And POOF, there went the plans. There was a problem with other underground utilities so the catch basin could not be



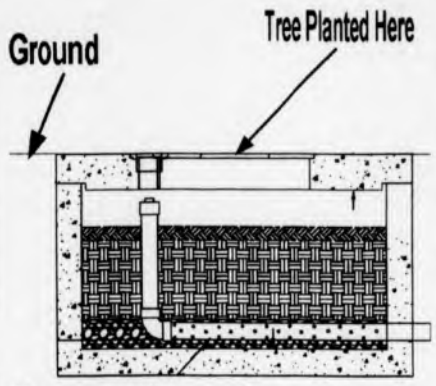
Top of concrete box.

installed in the parking lot driveway on Monday. And, the rains came, so paving had to be curtailed before it was completed. As of now, several of the spots were paved and the area adjacent to the Teen Center was paved with its final coat. As of now, the catch basin will be installed on Monday, Sept. 15th. We don't have a schedule date for finishing the paving, but CBB has assured us that it will be done quickly. Then, we'll finally be ready for striping. That will be a glorious day for the Town Parking Lot users.

Storm Water cleanup – We have spoken about the storm water devices being installed at Cushing and Norfolk roads as well as at Pond and Spring streets. Now there is a "new guy" being installed adjacent to St. Anthony's on S. Main Street. This clean-up device performs similarly to all of the other devices, yet it looks very different. If you remember from previous articles, these devices all clean up the first rain that comes off of the streets with all of the "nasties" and cleans them by passing them through plant/soil field before they are released to the regular storm-drain system. At this site a large concrete box has been placed in the ground with a slit in its side open to the street. Rainwater flows through the slit into the box and is cleaned up by special soils in which is planted a tree. (The tree will be planted in the box shortly.) After clean up the storm water drains out through a pipe in the bottom of the box to a near-by storm drain. With a large rain, water merely bypasses by this device and goes into the near-by storm drain.

The drawing shows a cross section of the box. For the purposes of illustration we have shown where the ground level is as well as where the tree will be planted. The excess water leaves via the pipe shown in the lower right and is directed to the adjacent catch basin.

Extra paving work – We have been asked by the Water Department to manage the final paving



Cross section of concrete box.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Broken Jerusalem Road Comcast line.

on several streets where they installed new pipes last year. This current week we will start this work by grinding sections of Church, Doane, Beechwood, and South Main in that order. The paving will follow in about two weeks. Please be very careful, since the rough roads will be around for these two weeks. This work also ties in with the Little Harbor Project (but is NOT being paid for by that project). But, by combining this paving with paving from the Little Harbor Project we can amass the necessary volume of paving to get the pavers into Cohasset earlier that we otherwise would be able to do.

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Only tornado on South Shore

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



We've all grown familiar with hurricanes, floods, droughts, tornados — all sorts of natural disasters in recent weeks, but there are not many of us alive today who remember the South Weymouth tornado of 1920.

True, it wasn't the equal of the Worcester tornado of 1953 or a Nebraska tornado of most any year and no one was killed or injured but it did $100,000 damage at a time when that was more than pocket change for most folks.

And, to my knowledge, it was the only time a tornado ever visited the South Shore.

It started on Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 4:15 in the afternoon during a thunderstorm at the base of the Blue Hills in Braintree and cut a 500-foot wide swath across Randolph, Holbrook and Weymouth before vanishing in Hingham.

But the heaviest damage was in South Weymouth and the weekly Weymouth Gazette & Transcript recorded it in excruciating detail, starting with the demolition of Adolph Barth's outhouse on Forest Street.

Dr. E. E. Taylor's estate on Main Street suffered $3,000 damage, including his new hen house with 20 hens and a sleigh that was blown onto the property of William Holbrook.

Mrs. Alfred Torrey's barns, sheds and part of the house on Pleasant Street were demolished and a wagon and grindstone were found in a tree.

John Ronan's house at 200 Park Ave. was moved fully six feet off its foundation and was thought to be a total loss with the chimney falling through the roof and the cement floor of the porch broken up.

Olaf Peterson's barn was demolished, killing nine pigs, and three hen houses, recently built for $300, were blown away, taking with it some 300 hens. Peterson's losses were so severe that sightseers began passing the hat for him.

Everywhere chimneys were blown down, windows smashed, trees uprooted, roofs and shingles torn off and Harry Poole's orchard on Pleasant Street was destroyed and his pigeons escaped.

There was no FEMA or MEMA or a governor to declare an emergency in those days so the people of South Weymouth handled their recovery as they had done for generations. They did it themselves.

Three weeks after the tornado, a field day netted $3,000 for the benefit of those who suffered the most and a souvenir booklet was printed and sold. (I wonder if any of them exist today, long forgotten in some Weymouth attic.)

The ladies of the Old South Union Church made and sold nearly 400 doughnuts and coffee, the Baptist Church women sold many gallons of ice cream and the ladies of Trinity Church hustled their pies.

Mrs. Orcutt closed her store near the depot and sold confectionary. The Lovell's Corner Improvement Society sold cake, fruit and vegetables and the Fore River Band and the Navy Yard Band entertained.

Congressman Olney dropped by and spoke to the crowd — "briefly," according to the Gazette & Transcript — and John Fitzgerald, the former mayor of Boston, showed up to sing "Sweet Adeline."

The South Weymouth Tornado of 1920 was history.

Comedy 101

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

I'm always so flattered when people compliment my writing.

"You have a really odd sense of humor," they say.

"Thanks!" I say.

"And your articles aren't overlong. I think that's best for everyone."

"Thanks!" I say.

I'm gratified by these comments, but I worry too. I won't be around forever, and when I'm gone, who will take over my work? None of my kids is particularly funny. The other morning my youngest daughter tried to wake me by tapping my forehead with a hot dog, but I did not find that funny. My middle daughter thinks telling a joke means quoting a line you've never heard from a TV show you've never seen. And my oldest — well let's just say she makes Sinbad Junior and Salty the Parrot look like Smith and Dale!

Clearly my family is not going to step up when the time comes for me to hang up my pen, and according to my wife that time is coming sooner than anyone suspects. So although I hate to spoil the magic, I think my only option is to reveal the writing secrets the humorist community doesn't want the general public to know, in hopes that one of you will be inspired to contribute a column of your own to the Mariner some day. So where do you start? Let's find out!

The first and most important step is the procrastination. That's where you'll spend the bulk of your time. The Internet can help, and long showers, and eating up Halloween candy you bought in mid-September, foolishly imagining that you were stocking up early. But you will inevitably run out of ideas —it's the nature of the creative process and you can't beat yourself up over it. Procrastinator's Block is something all writers deal with from time to time, but what distinguishes a real artist from a hack is the innovative spirit he brings to the avoidance of writing. Earnest Hemingway, Mariel Hemingway's grandfather, was a writer famous for his procrastination methods, which often involved participating in World Wars and trying to kill himself. I certainly don't recommend going that far, but when you have a deadline looming and all the miniature golf courses in your area are closed for the winter, you'll understand why joining the Navy can be tempting.

This first phase of work should take you right up to the night before your article is due. The next step is to think of something lighthearted to write about, which can be difficult when you're having a nervous breakdown. You may get so desperate that you decide to write about the writing process itself, but for dignity's sake you must back away from the edge of this precipice and start over. There are many, many other interesting things to write about at any given time — far too many to list here I'm afraid.

Once you've settled on a topic that doesn't feed on itself like some grotesque snake bent on swallowing its own tail, it's time to add the laughs. The key is to remember the three cardinal rules of comedy:

1) Any subject can be made funny except hot dogs that wake you out of a sound sleep for goodness sake.

2) The best jokes often rely on a surprise, first building an expectation and then defying that expectation. For example you might begin a statement in a deadpan tone that doesn't suggest a punch line is coming, and then simply continue in that vein and complete the statement without a payoff.

3) Assume your audience is sophisticated. Don't insult their intelligence by using terms like "elephant bums," "mastodon booty," or "pachyderm butts."

The last step is to write a final paragraph that awkwardly returns to your initial theme, which was introduced with good intentions but soon abandoned in favor of silly digressions and poor excuses to write things like "hippo hineys" in a newspaper.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. A representative from the humorist community paid him an angry visit this afternoon, jump-starting his latent fear of evil clowns.

LIBRARY CORNER

Independent Film Night is Sept. 21

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Independent Film Night — The library will show the independent film *XXY* on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 6pm. Free admission and free refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Library Book Group – Join us for coffee and discussion of *The Gathering* by Anne Enright on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 10 am in the Meeting Room. All are welcome. Call the Reference Librarian at 383-1348 if you need a copy of the book.

New Printing Policy– Due to the increased cost of printing supplies, the library will begin charging 10 cents per page on Monday, Sept. 8. The printers have been moved behind the circulation desk where you may pick up your print jobs.

Genealogy Workshop– Genealogist Michael Brophy will present *Beginning Genealogy and Family History – Part 2* on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7 pm. Topics to be covered are U.S. military history records, city directories, church records, town reports, tax records and more. Anyone interested in tracing their family roots are welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Download Audiobooks in the Library – Patrons can now download Overdrive audiobooks in the library. Using an Internet station specifically set up for downloading, people can begin listening to favorite books on a portable device. Library staff are available to assist with the downloading process. Grab an MP3 player and library card and come to the library.

SENIOR SCENE

Stop by Cohasset Day booth!

Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring the following upcoming events. Call 781-383-9112 to register.

Cohasset Day — Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs will have a table in front of Sotheby's on South Main Street on Cohasset Day, Saturday, Sept. 20, noon to 5:30 p.m.

Those visiting the booth can: Learn about the Friends; find out about two upcoming fundraisers; have a free bag of popcorn; and take a chance to win two Patriot tickets to the Monday, Oct. 20, Patriots vs. Denver Broncos game.

The Friends will be dressed in Patriot's gear at Cohasset Day.

Line Dancing – Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. with instructor Nancy Kramer. Cost: $5 per Class. Need six registrants to begin class.

Senior Dance Aerobics – Thursday, Sept. 18 from 8 to 8:45 a.m. and then Tuesdays and Thursdays with instructor Karen Kirkendall. Cost: $3 per class.

Fall Foliage Turkey Dinner Train – Wednesday, Oct. 1. Will depart from St. Anthony's at 8:20 a.m.

Travel by luxurious motor coach to Meredith, New Hampshire. There you will board the HOBO TURKEY TRAIN and travel around Lake Winnipesauke. Harts Turkey Farm will serve a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Cost: $59. The last day to register and pay is Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Selectmen praise island maintenance

The Board of Selectmen acknowledged the residents and groups that have come forward to maintain and beautify the islands near the Greenbush grade crossings.

"They are really good looking islands," said Selectman Ralph Dormitzer.

Selectman Karen Quigley also acknowledged and thanks those residents and groups who have maintained many islands throughout town for years.

Town Manager Bill Griffin is still looking for residents or groups to adopt the Sohier and Beechwood streets crossing islands. Contact the Town Manager's office at 781-383-4105, if interested.

Turbine talk on Our Town

"Our Town" co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with Chairman of the Alternative Energy Committee Andrew Willard and Private Energy site Developer Jim Sweeney to talk about the new windmill proposed on Route 3A at the site of the former Cohasset Heights Landfill.

The Cohasset High School chorus also provides a song from the recent spring art night.

Our Town airs on local Comcast Channel 10 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 9pm.

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- Video of David Wadsworth talking about the Cohasset Maritime Museum
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- Breaking news, updates, slideshows and full-color photo galleries throughout the week
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A vision for Cohasset Day

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He moved to Cohasset in June 2007 and jumped head first into the community. His ears perked up at the discussion last summer about the village zoning bylaws.

"It was striking to me as quaint and very beautiful the village is, it was sleeping," said Pinel. "I thought it was kind of sad."

In August 2007, he wrote a commentary to the Mariner about what he saw as the special and unique characteristics of Cohasset — the sea and the art scene. In November, he spoke at Town Meeting. And by December, he had been recruited to the Economic Development Committee, just when the committee was looking to re-vamp and re-focus its charter.

When he saw the draft charter, he immediately said, "we have to go well beyond that." Inspiration came to him by recalling the grand town-wide celebrations of his youth in France.

"When we have a celebration, it is a true celebration," says Pinel. He knew one thing for sure, he wanted to have the event go into the evening.

"People let their hair down in the evening…going (into the night) makes the event not merely games, shopping, fashion shows…its music and food and people celebrating themselves and having fun. I think it's wonderful, I really do," says Pinel.

Months in the making, Cohasset Day is an initiative of the Economic Development Committee in partnership with the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce.

The Cohasset Day festivities begin at 1p.m. and will continue, just like Pinel envisioned, into the evening (8p.m.). The afternoon will have games, a mini-triathlon and parades for kids. The First Annual Classic Car Concours will make its way to the village and about 20 rare automobiles will be on display in the village (South Main Street) from 2 to 3p.m. Local musicians will play throughout the afternoon and there will be a Cohasset Carillon "sing along" at 4:10p.m. Local restaurant and food purveyors will cook up some of their best recipes for sampling from 4 to 7p.m. at the "Fine Food Galore" on South Main Street. ***(See sidebar for complete schedule of events.)***

While Pinel may have been the visionary behind Cohasset Day, it has taken the hard work of many individuals to make the event a reality. The five-member EDC board has lent its expertise and enlisted many residents to help. The members of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce have worked closely with the EDC to put together the event.

"Our role is to help Cohasset be the best it can be. One way to enhance the viability of the village and the downtown is to ensure the merchants are thriving and being supported by the people in and out of town," says EDC Chairman Peter Brown.

The organizers are hoping and praying for a picture perfect Cohasset fall day for the event.

"It is not about us, it is about Cohasset. Cohasset as such is going to have a great time and be proud," says Pinel.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Economic Development Committee members, Peter Brown (chairman), and Alain Pinel, who is the visionary behind Cohasset Day, stand on South Main Street in Cohasset Village.

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First annual Cohasset Day program

On Saturday, Sept. 20, the Town of Cohasset will hold its first annual Cohasset Day – a celebration of all that is Cohasset.

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

- 12:40 to 1 p.m. St. Stephens Carillon by Mary Kennedy
- 1 to 1:30 p.m. Decorated bicycle parade on South Main St., between Brook Street and Depot Court. Registration required.
- 1:30 to 2 p.m. Soccer and other athletic teams parade on South Main St.
- 2 to 3 p.m. First annual Cohasset Classic Car Concours. At 1:30 p.m. cars will proceed north on Atlantic Avenue to Jerusalem Road to North Main Street to Sohier Street to Depot Court to set up at 2 p.m. in the municipal parking lot. The cars will then parade from Brook Street down South Main St. to the Common, around the Common and back to settle along South Main Street in parked positions until 3 p.m.
- 3 to 5 p.m. Fun games for all ages, a mini triathlon for kids between the ages of 6-13. Registration required.
- 4 to 7 p.m. dinner on South Main St., between Brook Street and Depot Court. Served by Cohasset restaurants, eateries and Cohasset based food purveyors.
- 4 to 6 p.m. Country music, with Jim Armstrong's band at the corner of South Main and Elm streets.
- 5 to 6 p.m. Special recognitions. Prizes to all winners.
- 6 to 8 p.m. Dancing on the street with live band, corner of South Main and Elm streets.

During the afternoon session, several "side-shows" will go on:

- Art exhibits on South Main St., organized by the South Shore Art Center with local artists in attendance
- Special Farmer's Market on E. side of Jason St., by the church.
- Cohasset Historical Society will open both houses to the public, on Elm Street, for the entire day.
- Fashion shows on South Main, organized by local boutiques
- Special displays at discounted prices on sidewalks of South Main, by local gift stores.
- Live music with various small bands along South Main St.

Commemorative "First Annual Cohasset Day, 2008" T-shirts on sale on South Main Street shops

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Cohasset Day tickets on sale

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Tickets for Cohasset Day & Fine Food Galore's are currently on sale. They can be bought at the following locations: Buttonwood Books, Carmela Drew, Cohasset Jewelers, French Memories and The Good Sport. The price now, for advance purchase, is $25 for a family, instead of $30 at the event; and $12 for an individual, instead of $15.

Cohasset Day is an event organized by Cohasset Economic Development Committee in partnership with Cohasset Chamber of Commerce.

Historic Town Hall Tours on Cohasset Day

The Town Hall Restoration and Renovation Committee will hold tours of the Historic Town Hall from noon to 3 p.m. on Sept. 20th "Cohasset Day". The tours take about 15 to 20 minutes and are free to the public. Come and learn about the rich history of Cohasset and the proposed restoration of the Historic Town Hall.

Cohasset Day road closings

- **From noon to 8 p.m.:** no parking in the Village (Elm St., Brook St., S. Main St. and Depot Court and the interior of the Common).
- **From noon to 8 p.m.:** no thru traffic in the Village (from S. Main at Depot Court to S. Main at Brook St.).
- **From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.:** North Main from Sohier St. to Depot Court will be closed to traffic for the mini-triathlon.
- Parking is available in the town parking lot and at the South Shore Music Circus (shuttle bus provided).
- Detour routes off S. Main will include Spring Street to Cushing Road to Pleasant Street.
- An emergency lane set off by cones will be available throughout the event for police and fire apparatus from Elm St. to Depot Court.
- All times are approximate, police will judge when it is safe to re-open the roads.



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HEALTH NOTES

Health Fair for one and all is Tuesday

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The board has always maintained that the principal agent for managing your health is you.

Cohasset Heath Fair will take place from 1 to 5 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 16. All Cohasset residents are welcome.

Probably one of the most important and comprehensive events the Board of Health has put on will be this year's Health Fair. Each year we sponsor an event in which a great variety of health, fitness, personal care professionals and advisers gather to provide free of charge advice, assistance and counseling for the citizens of Cohasset. In general, those who will be gathered at the Second Congregational Church in Bates Hall this year are dedicated to providing help. No high pressure or fancy displays and advertising; just plenty of ideas that may improve your personal situation.

The board has always maintained that the principal agent for managing your health is you. Everybody else provides advice, help and treatment at your discretion. What better way to find what's available than to attend the Health Fair?

Free screenings and demonstrations will include:

• New: Free bike helmets. Cohasset Cycle Sport will be on hand to fit children who participate in the fair with a free bicycle helmet while supplies last. In addition to the free helmets, a drawing will be held to give away a child's booster car seat.

• Car seat checks. Jeff Treanor from the Cohasset Police Department will check infant car seats and make sure they are correctly installed. He will also talk about the new laws on car and booster seats.

• Blood pressure clinic.

• Brain fitness demonstration. Try out the new brain fitness game complements of Paul Pratt Library and the Board of Health.

• Cholesterol (total and HDL), blood sugar, PSA by Health Watch.

• Eat well. All the best Natural Foods with David Bigley.

• Medication screening by Scituate Pharmacy.

• Osteoporosis by Norwell VNA.

• Oral cancer screening with Dr. Robin Lawrence.

• PSA testing. For those with prostate worries, we have a limited number of kits for conducting tests for prostate specific antigen, simple painless and effective.

• Vision: Cataract and glaucoma screening by Dr. Richard Strecker of Strecker Eye Center.

• Skin analyzer – Melanoma Education Foundation.

• Children's Melanoma Prevention Foundation.

• Nutrition with Paula Pozniak.

• Massage therapy – Nantasket Therapeutic Massage and Wellness Associates.

• Reiki by Linnell Reed.

• Chiropractic care by Scituate Harbor Chiropractic.

• Holistic health and acupuncture.

• Mental health; sleep and anxiety screening by Peggy S. Chapman, RN, CS.

• Emergency preparedness information. Swing by to enter raffle for free emergency preparedness kits.

• Snacks and beverages. Provided by Stop & Shop, Shaw's, Dunkin' Donuts coffee, Starbucks ice coffee and Atlantic Bagel.

Health Fair supported by donations from Pilgrim Bank, Cohasset Rotary Club and Goodwin Graphics.

For more information call Mary Goodwin, RN, at 781-383-2210 or Tara Tradd at 383-4116.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Little to inspire confidence in turbine project

COMMENTARY

JEFFREY PATTERSON

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mity have never been used in New England before. For comparison, the proposed Cohasset turbines are 50 to 60 percent larger than the turbines used in Hull.

Fifth, the project does NOT comply with recognized safety guidelines and placement recommendations created by even pro-wind industry and pro-wind advocacy groups like General Electric and the American Wind Energy Association.

Sixth, the project proponent is considering the use of turbines in Cohasset, which are more than two years old and no longer under warranty or service agreement. (These same turbines were rejected by voters in Orleans, Mass.)

Seventh, despite the fact that Zoning By-Laws require the project proponent to minimize the visual, flicker, and noise impact of any proposed turbine project, the project proponent has failed to even consider or analyze the possibility of using smaller turbines or placing them on the property farther from residences and commercial property.

In sum, there was little in Monday's meeting to inspire confidence in the project, the project proponent, or the project experts. However, it was reassuring to hear the Town Engineer and Planning Board members express their commitment to obtaining truly independent and qualified expert information for public review and consideration before any decision is made. As this is the first turbine project considered under the Town's Zoning By-Laws, it will set a precedent for all future wind turbine projects in town. What happens at Graham Waste today will set the rules for the Transfer Station tomorrow. And what happens there tomorrow will set an undeniable precedent for what the Town must allow on the coast and off-shore in the future. For that reason, before approving any wind turbine project, the Town and the Board should demand that any project be subject to independent, experienced, qualified expert review to determine if the project is safe and if it will actually provide any demonstrable benefit to the Town in terms of energy and cost savings.

Jeffrey Patterson lives at 10 Sanctuary Pond Road

No open meeting violation, DA says

In early August, the Mariner filed an Open Meeting Law compliant against the School Committee alleging an inappropriate use of executive session. The Norfolk County District Attorney has ruled there was no violation.

On June 18, the School Committee went into executive session for two purposes: one, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining matters and two, to discuss non-union contract personnel. According to the minutes from the executive session, the committee discussed negotiations relating to the cafeteria workers contract and then a second item concerning a revised contract with a non-union employee, the Food Service Director.

Lastly, according to the minutes, the committee instructed the Superintendent of Schools to cover the existing deficit in food services with operational budget money available prior to the close of fiscal 2008. It was the Mariner's belief this last item discussed in the executive session constituted a violation of the Open Meeting Law and should have been discussed in open session.

The School Committee discussed the food services deficit at meeting throughout 2008. The schools had hired a consultant to devise strategies to increase participation and profits for the school lunch program.

According to the School Committee's response to the complaint (prepared by Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh) the School Committee asserted the background information regarding the current food services deficit was a necessary part of the discussion and it was only discussed as it related to the negotiation of the Food Service Director's contract and the cafeteria workers collective bargaining.

The School Committee addressed the complaint publicly at its meeting Aug. 27.

Assistant District Attorney Varsha Kukafka reviewed the complaint and the School Committee's response before ruling there was no violation. She found credible that the food service deficit was a necessary part of the discussions relating to the negotiations.

"Furthermore, there was no vote taken in executive session regarding the food service deficit, although the minutes state that the School Committee instructed the Superintendent to cover the existing food service deficit with operational budget money available prior to close of fiscal year 2008. In any event, at the School Committee meeting five days later (June 23), there was open discussion on the food service deficit," states the ruling from the DA.

At the June 23 meeting, the School Committee voted to cover the food service deficit (and other budget line deficits). The food service deficit was $47,212.

"So even if discussion of the food service deficit did not fall within the exemption and should not have been discussed in executive session, any technical violation was cured by the subsequent discussion in open session," the ruling states. "This office finds no violation of the Open Meeting Law."

'Apples' focus of garden club program

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday Sept. 23 in Bates Hall, Second Congregational Church, Highland Avenue. The public is invited to attend free of charge.

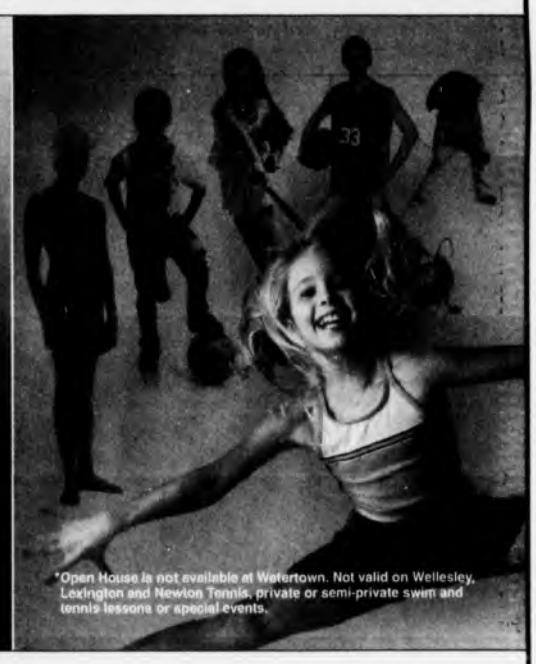
The speaker will be Nancy Hubert and the program is called APPLES, APPLES, APPLES. With slides, anecdotes and recipes, Nancy will provide an overview of the natural, social, and economic history of the apple. The program reflects her interest in the preservation of historic landscapes - in this case the apple orchard.

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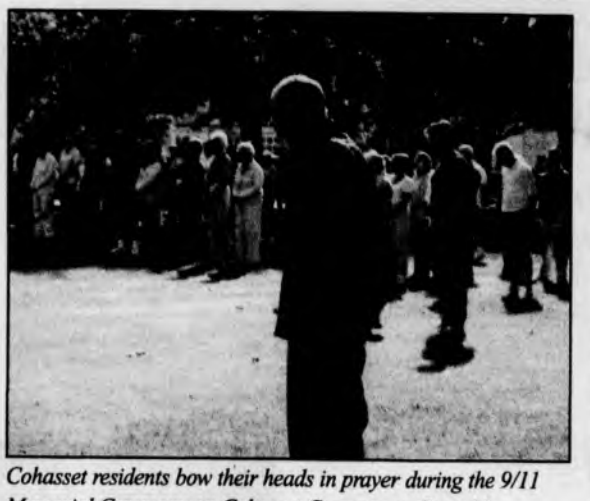
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Firefighter Dan Cunningham stands at attention while Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey bows his head in prayer during the 911 Memorial Service yesterday morning.



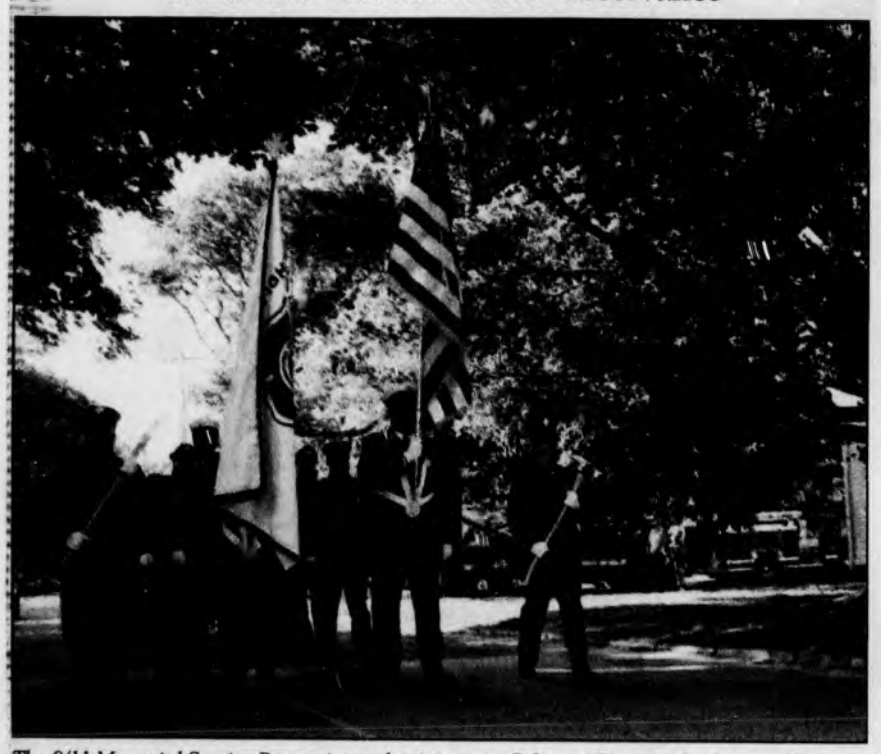
Cohasset residents bow their heads in prayer during the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony on Cohasset Common on Sept. 11.



Trumpeter Conor Ofsthun plays Taps following the laying of the wreath during the 9/11 Ceremony.

9/11 remembered

Town holds seventh annual observance



The 9/11 Memorial Service Procession makes its way to Cohasset Common for the seventh annual service.

Photos by Laura Sinclair



Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey, Tom Wigmore, commander of the Sons of the American Legion, and Cohasset Fire Chief Robert Silvia lay the wreath at the base of the flag pole on the common.

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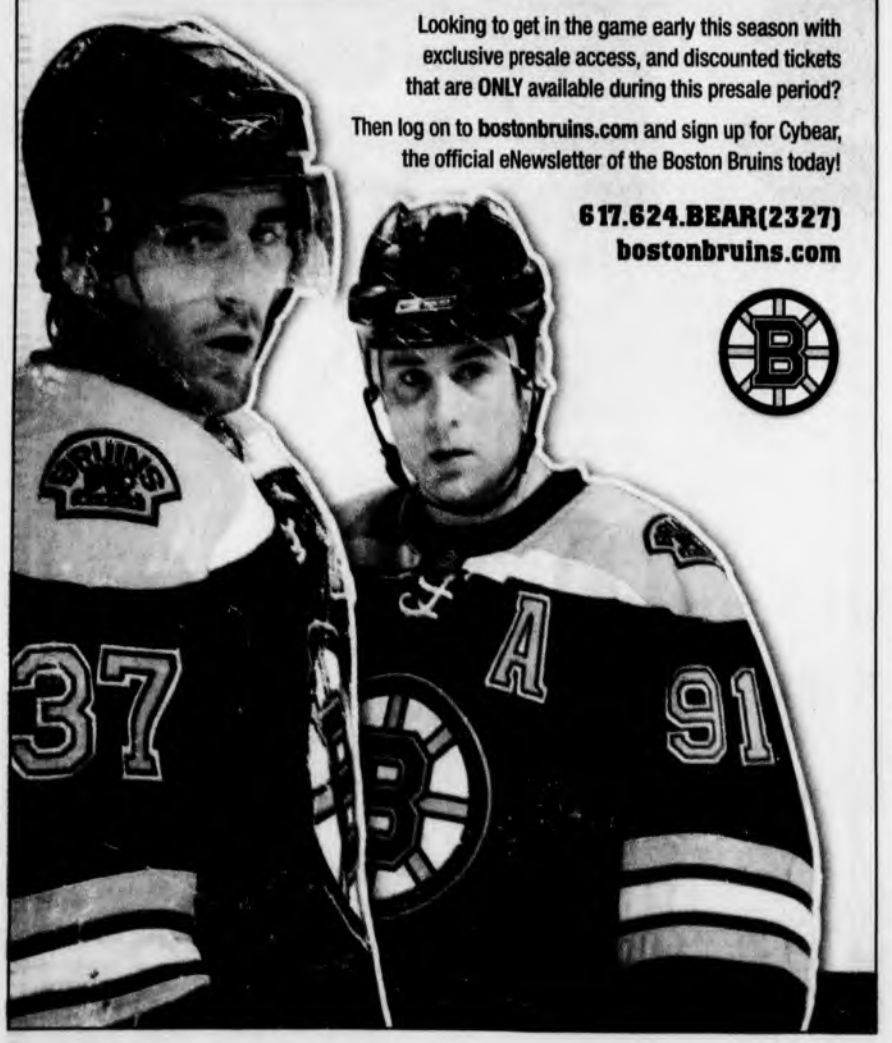
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Wild win against Presidents

Offense clicks on all cylinders in opener

By Joel Racicot
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Emotions ran high long before Cohasset knocked off Quincy 28-27 in overtime Friday night on the road. When Cohasset head coach Pete Afanasiw ran into the locker room to grab a medical kit for the sidelines before the game, he could here a loud cheer from his players outside on the field.

That's because CHS senior Derek Schwantner was standing on the sidelines after suffering a potentially life threatening throat injury during a pre-season scrimmage.

"He was out of the hospital at 2 o'clock and in my office at 3 o'clock, I couldn't believe he was there," said Afanasiw. "It was just awesome to have him on the sidelines."

That unexpected boost was the start of what turned out to be a very exciting opener for Cohasset. Trailing 27-20 in overtime, running back Dana Valentine scored on a 6-yard scamper to answer the Presidents initial score in the extra frame. Down by one on the road, Cohasset went for two.

Quarterback Jeff Cavanaro set up a trips offense with Dean Driscoll, Brendan Doonan and Valentine all on his left side. Like he had done all night, Cavanaro hit his man, finding Doonan on a crossing pattern in the back of the end zone for the win.

Afanasiw was impressed with the young signal caller who made his first varsity start in only his second year of playing football.

"There was no decision," Afanasiw said. "I've had two ties [as a coach] and I never want to tie another game again. When you show up there has to be a winner and a loser. You got to take a chance. I'd rather try and fail than never try at all."

Cohasset showed that old cliché, heart, Friday night. Cavanaro, Doonan, Drsicoll and Valentine helped relinquish their non-league foe with a number of outstanding plays on offense.

Valentine scored on a 55-yard run on the third play of the game. Cavanaro hit Driscoll and Doonan for touchdowns in the first half and the Skippers led 20-12 heading into the locker room.

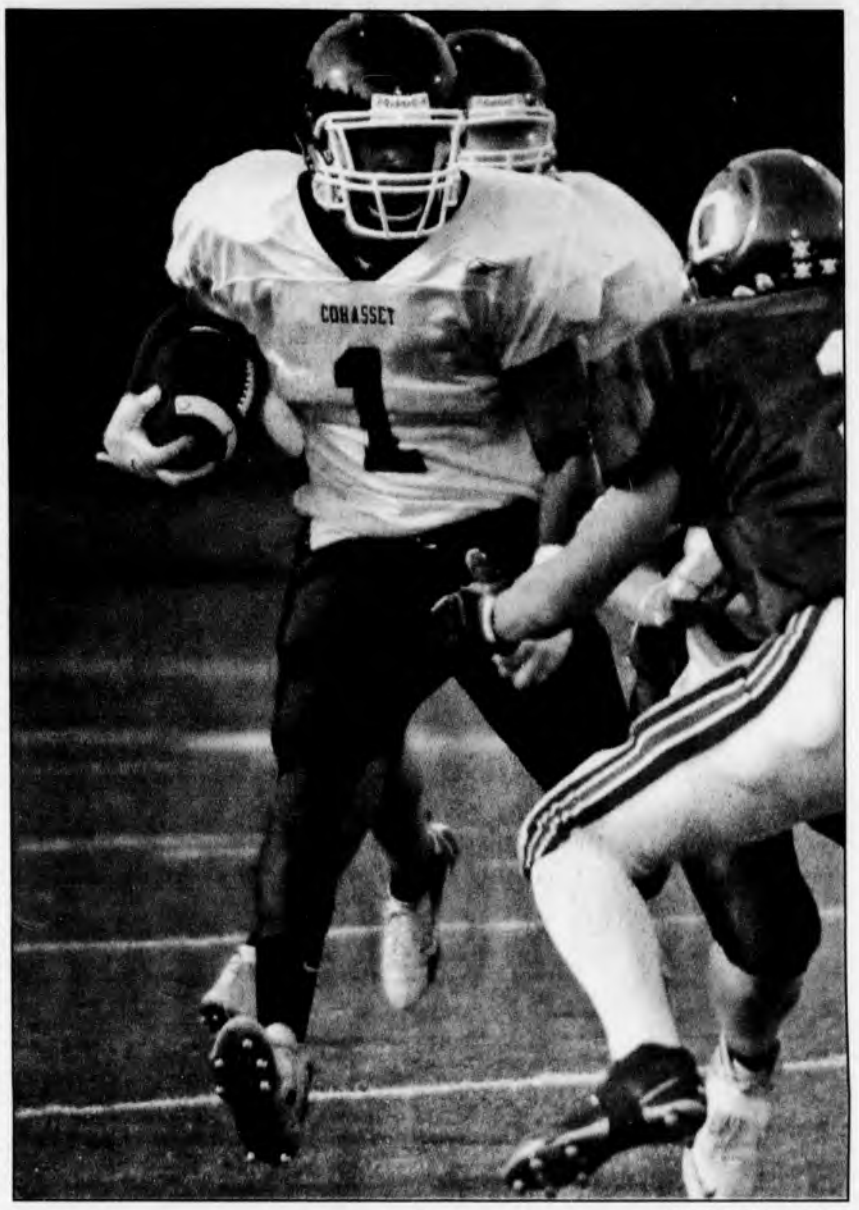
Valentine finished with 127 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries. Cavanaro went 13-for-19 with 233 yards, 2 touchdowns and 2 interceptions.

Afanasiw was impressed with the young signal caller who made his first varsity start in only his second year of playing football.

"We were pleasantly surprised," he said. "He showed a lot of poise running the offense. He made some unbelievable throws and he made some mistakes but he will learn. He is a very talented individual."

Cohasset still has a long way to go according to Afanasiw, but he was pleased most with his team's effort. "They tried hard and they never quit."

Cohasset will play at home against Pembroke, Friday night at 7 p.m. The Titans lost to Hull Saturday.



PHOTO/AMELIA KUNHARDT

Dana Valentine rushes the ball for the Skippers. The super sophomore was a vital part of Cohasset's win against Quincy

Youth will be served

CHS boys look to surprise after heavy graduation toll

By Mike Spellman
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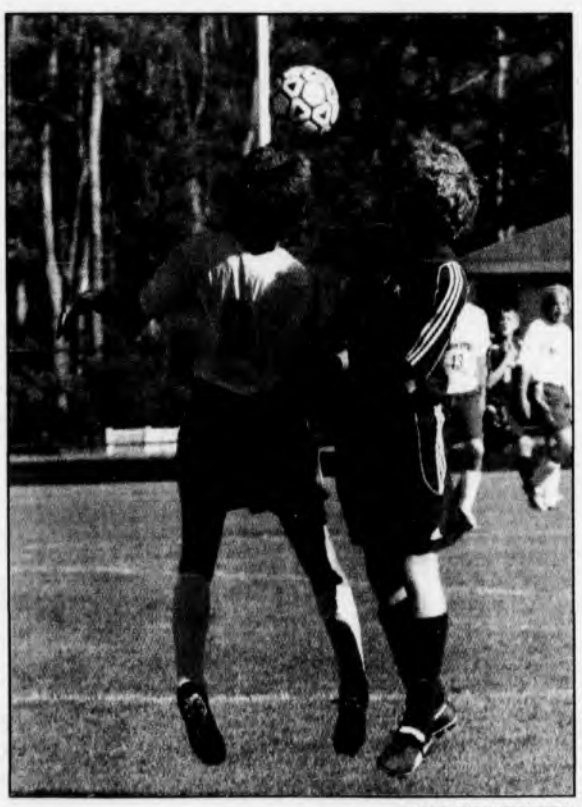
You often hear coaches at this time of year expressing the hope that they will see "game-to-game" improvement from their teams, but "20 minute-to- 20 minutes improvement"? That's a new one.

But that is precisely what Jim Willis contends he saw from his young Cohasset High boys soccer team in this past weekend's jamboree at Hingham High.

"I thought we made some real strides as a team," said Willis. "We got hammered by four quick goals in the first (20-minute) half against Arlington, and you never know how your players are going to respond to something like that, especially when there are a lot of newer players out there, but these guys dug down and came out much better in the second half, and then just kept getting better the rest of the day. I was very encouraged."

Arlington only scored one more goal against Cohasset in the second half. The Skippers then played perennial state power Hingham to a 2-0 loss in the second 40 minute set before finally pulling out a win over Boston Latin. With seven starters from last year's state tourney team lost to graduation and a senior

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PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Abington's Ryan Vantine and Cohasset's August Oddliefson go up for a ball in a recent game.

Bittersweet start to field hockey season

Skippers 1-1 ready for tough slate ahead

By Susan Franklin
CORRESPONDENT

After only a few short weeks of preparation, the Cohasset High field hockey team took the field against Scituate. Last year's quarterfinalist not only faced a skilled opponent, the young team had a new coach and the big shoes to fill of many talented graduated seniors.

The defense would have to replace the focus and skill of Paige Strecker, the midfielders would have to fill the space left by the hard driving, ferocious play of Sally Meehan and the forwards would have to replace the lightening fast Olivia Kimla.

Graduated seniors aside, a cohesive group of veterans returned to play for the Lady Skippers, including captains Marissa Tangherlini, Jenny Cahill and Alyssa Mullin and juniors Lucy Noble, Hilary Gaumer, Jean Thomae, Izzy Franklin, Kate Durant and Hannah Burgess.

The poised squad took the field and immediately set the pace for the game. Cohasset

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Kelsey Erler (11) moves the ball upfield ahead of Scituate players.

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captain out of action, Willis is looking for any signs of progress, particularly in the area of team cohesion.

"With all of the turnover we've had, it's still pretty difficult to predict what kind of team we're going to have, but this was definitely a positive sign," said the Skippers' second year head coach.

Of course, Willis could say the same thing about the rest of the South Shore League, which features several teams in the same boat as the Skippers, the caps and gowns having taken a heavy toll virtually across the board. All but two of the 2007 SSL all-stars graduated.

"I think the South Shore League is totally up in the air right now, with no clear favorites" said Willis, who directed the Skippers to a third place finish last season and a regular season record of 10-6-2. "I like that. There's no reason my guys should be intimidated by any team going in."

Last year's Skippers were certainly not intimidated by anyone. They played league champ East Bridgewater to a scoreless tie in the first meeting then lost a 1-0 decision later in the season. The playoff run ended when perennial Patriot League power Hanover (a far larger school) took a 1-0 decision by virtue of a goal with 27 seconds left in regulation.

"That was obviously a pretty brutal way to end my first year as head coach," said Willis. "We had a lot of seniors, and expectations were pretty high, so to lose the way we did was pretty crushing for a lot of people, myself included."

Gone from that team are seven starters, among them four captains. Included in both those categories were two-time SSL all-stars Mike Grimm and Sam Roth.

So the Skippers return just four starters

Lennart Brown was a leader both on and off the field last year, and will take on a far greater role in both areas this fall. The soccer-loving senior was a no-brainer choice as a tri-captain and Willis plans to use him as a middle man in whatever third of the field the team is the most wanting.

"I could start Lennart at center mid, move him up front a while later, then finish the game with him at sweeper, and I doubt he'd ever miss a beat," lauded Willis, "He's performed awesome in every role we've played him in. He loves the game so much that you never have to worry about him settling into a rhythm."

The team's other senior captain will be Conor Ofsthun, who has yet to practice this fall due to a severe ankle sprain suffered late in the summer. Ofsthun was a semi-regular starter at outside back last fall, and will likely return to that role once healthy.

"Conor is just one of those rock solid defenders you don't worry about," said Willis. "He just gets the job done."

The third captain will be junior Will Wise, the team's starting keeper since his freshman year.

"I expect Will to be one of the league's top keepers again this year," said Willis of Wise, who is also a star lacrosse player and top student. "I think he was one of the top keepers last year, but he had two very good seniors in the league who got the all-star choice ahead of him, but I think you're going to see him getting a lot of recognition this season."

It appears as if the Skippers will be building from the back, as senior Owen Landon and sophomore Mike Monaco also return to a starting roles in the back, Landon playing in the middle of the three fullback alignment, Monaco flanked opposite Ofsthun.

Until Ofsthun returns, juniors Mike Filby and Jack Murphy appear to be the two players who will be most counted upon to fill that void. One will start, the other likely to be the first player off the bench.

"It's been kind of a baptism under fire for both those guys, but that's actually a positive aspect of (Ofsthun) being out," said Willis. "These guys are being forced to develop a lot quicker than they might otherwise have had to. It's helping us develop some depth at a key spot."

The loss of Roth will be difficult to overcome at the offensive end, but senior Ivan Sceery was Roth's running mate last fall and finished second to him in the team scoring race.

"If Ivan can pick up where he left off, and a few other guys step it up like I think they cane, I think we're going to be a pretty solid team offensively," Willis assessed.

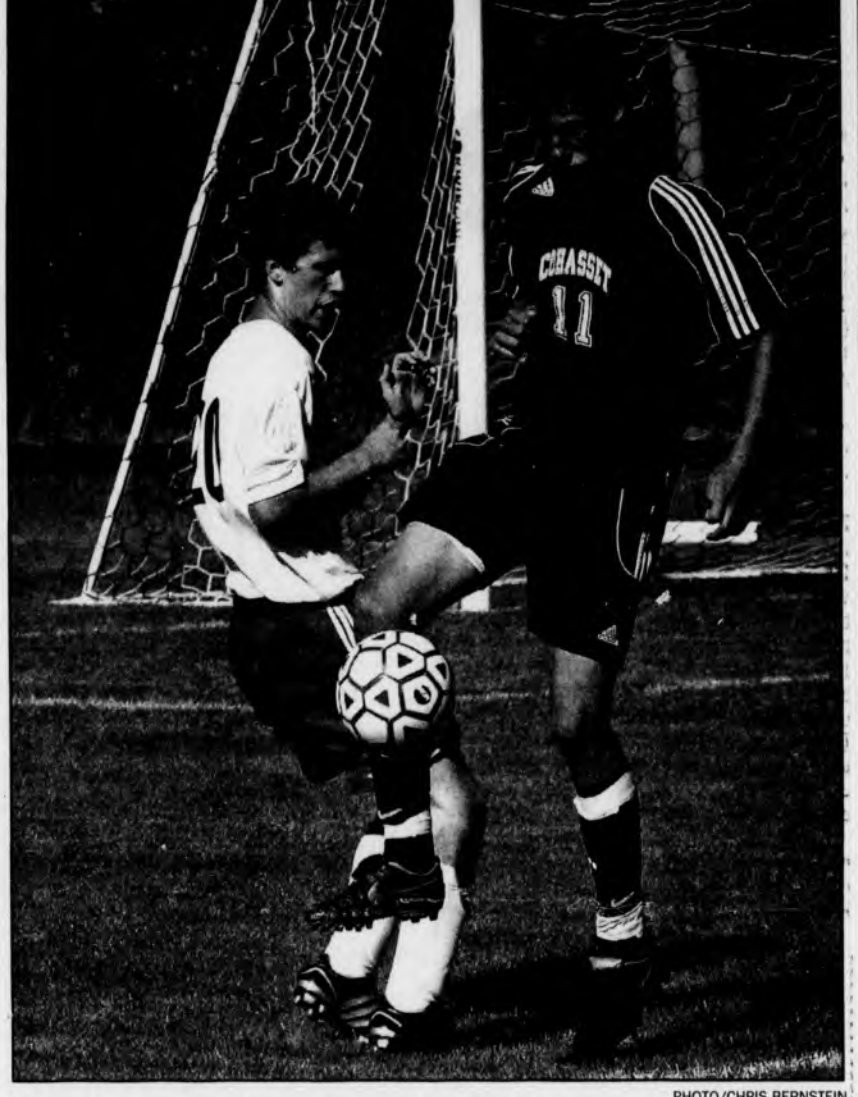
Sophomore Anders Goetz saw some varsity time last year as well, and is the favorite to succeed Roth as the second striker.

Freshman Jonah Adkins, probably the most pleasant surprise to date for Willis, may also see some time up front, though the coach sounds more inclined at this time to have him bolster a midfield that was hit hard by graduation. The loss of Grimm as a quarterback of the offense leaves a sizeable void.

"Jonah already appears to be one of our most skilled players overall," said Willis, who was previously a head coach at neighboring Scituate High.

Two juniors who have earned themselves starting nods in the midfield are Andrew Littauer and Tyler Durant. Senior August Oddliefson was a key player off the bench last fall, and will most certainly be a key player in the midfield again this season.

Depth is likely to be provided in the early going by sophomores John McGoldrick (a tourney call up last year), Drew Cobin and Travers Craven, and freshman Jamie Timothy.



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Abington's Rob Chiardi and Cohasset's Ivan Sceery battle for a 50/50 ball.

The JV team will start out carrying 20 players, several of them worthy of varsity consideration, according to Willis.

"We've got a lot of younger players down there who have definitely shown me they wouldn't be out of place with varsity," said Willis, "but, all things being equal, I'd rather see them get as much playing time as possible at the JV level and continue to develop by playing."

The Skippers opened their 19-game regular season last Friday at home vs. Scituate, Willis' old team.

The Skippers played their first league game against Abington on the road last Monday, then followed that up wit ha trip to Harwich Wednesday.

"There's a lot of mystery around this season right now, but I think I'll have a much better idea of where we stand come Tuesday," concluded Willis. "These first two games should be very nice tests."

Test scores not good

Unfortunately, these test scores have not been very good.

The Skippers have dropped their first three matches by a combined score of 10-1, sandwiching shutout losses of 5-0 and 3-0 to Scituate and Harwich, respectively, around a 2-1 loss to Abington Monday.

Jonah Adkins has the Skippers lone goal of the season to date.

Next up

The Skippers play two more SSL matches next week, hosting longtime archrival Norwell on Monday night (5 p.m. start), then hitting the road to take on defending league champion East Bridgewater Wednesday (3:30 p.m. start).

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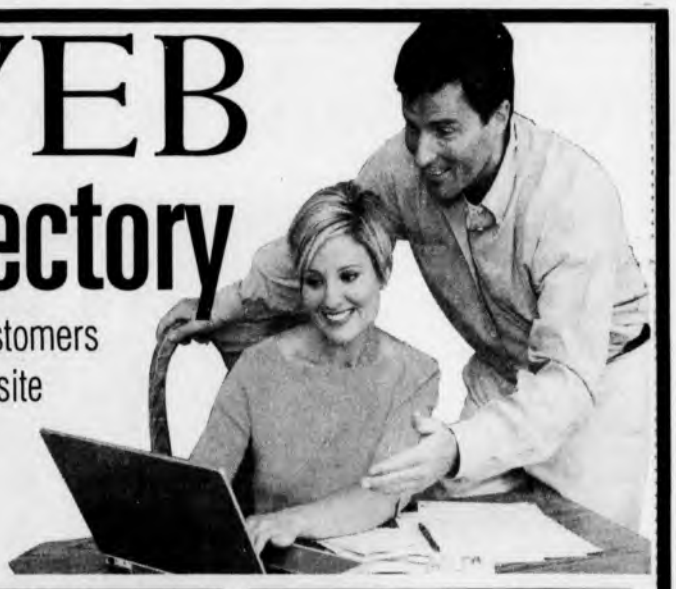
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Lady Black Jacks entering fifth season in 2009

By Ben Woodson
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As they finish their fourth season this fall, the Lady Black Jacks of 21 Lacrosse continue to impress college coaches throughout the country. For the fourth year, they come off a busy summer after traveling to The National Draw in Marlton NJ, The Rumble in Trumbull, (Trumbull, CT) and the Long Island Elite Showcase in early August.

The National Draw hosted almost 200 teams from all over the country. This is a very well run and highly recruited summer 'showcase' tournament. The Rumble in Trumbull pulled in many of the same teams from the Draw, but on a smaller scale which has its positive sides participating in a smaller tournament. At Rumble, many recruiting coaches were in attendance as well. After traveling down the day before to Long Island, The LIE tournament (usually 100 teams in attendance), was cancelled mid day due to bad weather.

This year's team members are the following: Goalie Lindsey Cahoon, Sr. (Falmouth), Shayla Entwistle, Sr. (Marshfield), Carly Pleines, Sr. (Marshfield), Julia Daly, Jr. (Thayer), Mary Lee Mahony, Jr. (Yardley, PA), Kelsey Conroy, Jr. (Marshfield), Krista Stengrevics, Jr. (Concord Carlisle) Devan Bahr, So. (Duxbury), Cory Conley, So. (Norwell), Jenna Cusick, So. (Duxbury), Laura Ferzoco, So. (Norwell), Megan Finneran, So. (Scituate), Sarah Giardino, So. (Foxboro), Eliza Kinnealey, So. (**Cohasset**), Kaci Kucinski, So. (**Cohasset**), Olivia Murphy, So. (**Cohasset**), Chappy Scheller, So. (Norwell), Maddie Schopshire, So. (Barnstable), Sara Varano, So. (Duxbury) and Alanna Woodford, So. (Scituate).

When Coach Meghan Sweeney was asked to comment on the summer, she said, "The players worked extremely hard this summer. With some extra hard work, they saw their rewards pay off – especially at the Rumble where they went 4-1-1 and their only loss was by one point. They are a young and extremely talented team. I anticipate this fall to be as successful as last summer."

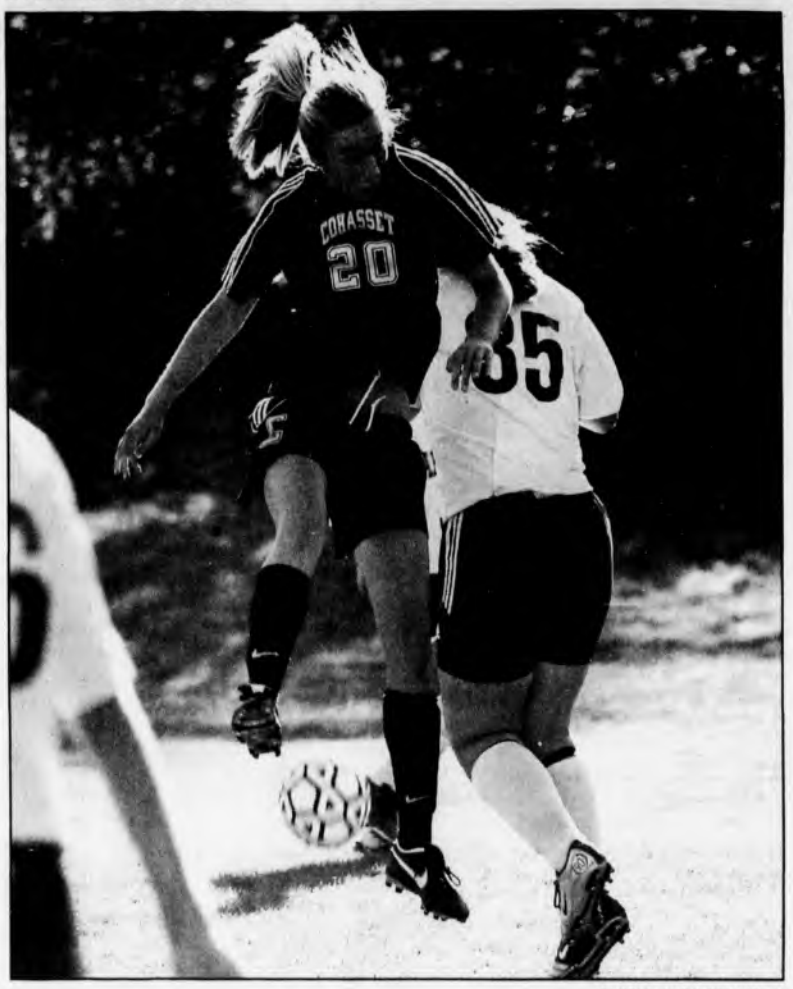
With the competition getting harder and harder to get into college today, these tournaments are very important venues for the girls to be seen at in order to get a leg up in the college recruiting process.

"We have, and will continue, to maintain our "boutique" approach to our teams," said coach and founder of 21 Lacrosse, Rick Bagby. "We will always maintain our rosters at approximately 22-24 players. We keep the same team together at all tournaments. This affords everyone ample opportunity to play in the team camps and tournaments we attend. In some eyes, bigger means better (in regards to program size.) But, we have found that is not necessarily true. We pride all of our team's successes and spirit on the ability to play with the same team members over each season and year after year."

If you are interested in trying out for the Lady Black Jacks, the tryouts for the 2009 team will be held Sunday September 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Ryan Flannery Field in Scituate.

For more information contact Andrea Kinnealey, GM, at akinnealey@comcast.net, or coach Sweeney at msweeney@hinghamschools.com or go directly to 21Lacrosse.com to register.

UNBEATEN EARLY



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Cohasset defeated Harwich, 7-0 , Wednesday night to improve to 3-0 on the season Maggie McGoldrick scored two goals. Juniors MacKenzie Hart and Megan Richardson also scored for Cohasset. (Pictured) Samantha Crough goes up for Cohasset in a win over Abington.



Allyson Nagle and Sabrina Gardiner in pursuit of Cohasset's Torey Hart. The Skippers are at home against Norwell for a huge game, Monday at 7 p.m.

Joshua's Run



The 12th Annual Joshua's Run and introducing the 1st Annual Andrea's Apres Art Auction, event proceeds to benefit the Andrea Gaziano Memorial Fund within The Jimmy Fund. Race and Auction to be held Saturday, October 25, 2008 at St. Mary of the Nativity Parish Center located at 1 Kent Street , Scituate , Ma.

Race applications for the 5 Mile Cliff Challenge, 2 Mile Fun Fun/Walk and Kid's Fun Run can be downloaded at www.joshuasrun.com. Pre-registration is encouraged and participants are asked to consider raising $50 or more for the fight against childhood cancer. All race applications received by October 20, 2008 will be automatically entered into a special raffle and will receive a free t-shirt.

Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at St. Mary of the Nativity Parish Center with a post-race party beginning at 12:00 noon to include food, race and pledge prizes, live music and the 1st Annual Andrea's Apres Art Auction. All checks are to be made payable to The Jimmy Fund. Race fees and pledges are tax deductible and non-refundable. All pledges must be received on race day.

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Bittersweet start to field hockey season

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monopolized the ball, enabling them to maintain strategic field position. Less than three minutes into the game, Jenny Cahill broke out of traffic in the Scituate zone and streaked to the goal. Her shot on goal was deflected but Lucy Noble controlled the rebound and scored.

Cohasset's defense was tenacious and Scituate could not get a rhythm going. A Cohasset corner by Lucy Noble set Izzy Franklin up but scrappy stick play foiled her shooting attempts. Cohasset dominated possession time and Scituate failed to get the ball over to their offensive end for long stretches at a time.

Control of the ball yielded Cohasset many scoring opportunities but they were unable to capitalize. Scituate called a time out to regroup. With a short time left in the half, it appeared Cohasset was in command of the game, but the score only read 1-0.

After the time out Jenny Cahill found Hilary Gaumer in front of the goal and she sealed the score. Up 2-0, Scituate pushed on goal but a series of shots were quelled by goalie Alyssa Mullin. When half time was signaled, many Cohasset players had seen field time.

The second half started out with Cohasset again in control of the tempo and the ball. However, the team faced an emotional challenge when senior captain Marissa Tangherlini was knocked down at midfield in a collision that resulted in injury.

Removed from the field (later taken by ambulance to the hospital), Marissa suffered numerous injuries including a sprained clavicle and dislocated shoulder. But before the momentum could shift, Cohasset's Elise Quebec put one in the goal.

A clear by Lucy Noble, now taking a turn at the defensive end of the field, was chased down by Hilary Gaumer but Scituate sticks hindered the offensive push. A Scituate scoring attempt was thwarted when Jean Thomae got her stick on the ball in front of the Cohasset goal. A flurry of back and forth ensued with midfielders Izzy Franklin, Lesen Haracz and Natalie Dignam running up and back, and up and back again.

Finally, Erika Readon was able to find Jenny Cahill for a goal taking the score to 4-0.

With a minute remaining Scituate found the goal bringing the score to 4-1. A final push by Scituate resulted in a corner but the shot was saved by Alyssa Mullin and the game was history.

The following day, the squad traveled to formidable opponent East Bridgewater to square off in the hot, humid weather. The Skippers started off strong, but East Bridgewater posted two back-to-back goals and Cohasset was unable to bounce back until late in the second half when Alyssa Mullin made a great save on a penalty stoke.

Feet calls against Cohasset lead to a number of corners for East Bridgewater, one of which resulted in their third goal. When the clock ran out, Cohasset left the field on the short end of a 3-0 loss.

The girls have three away games at Norwell (Sept. 8 after *Cohasset Mariner* deadline), Notre Dame (Sept. 16) and at Harwich (Sept. 18) before returning to Cohasset to host Nantucket High School, Saturday, September 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Sports Notes

First Annual Melanoma Education Foundation Race and Walk

The Melanoma Education Foundation is a non-profit organization devoted to saving lives by increasing awareness about melanoma, a skin cancer that is often deadly unless detected early. MEF provides teacher training and curriculum materials about melanoma to over 450 Massachusetts high schools and middle schools, including most schools on the South Shore. Please join us in this premier event as we honor the memory of those we have lost and as we work to protect the future health of families in our community. Visit our website at www.skincheck.org for more about MEF.

The race is Sunday, September 21, 2008 at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham MA (5 Mile USATF sanctioned Run, 3 Mile Family and FriendsWalk).

Place: Race and Walk start and finish in Wompatuck State Park

Time: 11:00 am

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Black Jacks Lacrosse

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Fall basketball program

HOOPS is an instructional program with league play for boys and girls at Pembroke High School. Grades 4-6 will play Tuesdays and grades 7-9 will play Wednesdays. SKILLS will be Saturdays, Sept. 13 to Nov. 1. It is an eight-week program developing skills and competitive games. Boys only, held at Furnace Brook School in Marshfield. Visit www.popsbasketball.com or call 781-837-6005 for more information.

AAU Girls Basketball Tryouts

AAU Girls Basketball Tryouts will be September 14, 21, 28. Players Born on or after July 1, 1996 are eligible. Tournaments are at Mass Premier: October 4-5, Oct. 11-12, October 25-26, November 8-9. Contact: Jack Wholey (e-mail ywholey@aol.com) Cell: (781) 363-6923.

Bay State Thunder announces softball tryouts

Bay State Thunder Softball, a highly competitive Junior Olympic girls fast-pitch softball program based in Braintree, will be holding tryouts for their 18U, 16U, 14U and 12U teams Sunday, September 7 and Sunday, September 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Flaherty Fields in Braintree.

For more detailed information on the tryouts, specific time for your age group and the team in general please visit our Web site at www.baystatethundersoftball.com or contact Rob Spofford at (781) 383-8338 or Al Saluti at (781) 380-3864.

Wahoos swim team

The developmental swim team, the Wahoos, is open to all swimmers 7 to 16, who have reached American Red Cross swim level 5 or the equivalent. The head coach this year is Joe Smith, who has an extensive coaching history in Virginia, with the Cape Cod Swim Club, SCS Masters program and Sandwich High School. The swim team is part of the Southeastern Massachusetts Swim League, which hosts six other teams in the South Shore area. There are no extra fees for the meets, relay carnivals or sprint meets that are held during the league's season. The team meets for practice from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays; and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays at the Sandwich Community School pool. A number of swimmers come from Plymouth and the surrounding areas. For information, call the SCS office at 508-888-5300.

Extra Innings upcoming events

Extra Innings is taking early registration for its annual Fall Ball program for both baseball and softball. Fall Ball will begin Sept. 6 this year and will be played every Saturday for six weeks. Teams that sign up before Aug. 1 will save $45 on registration. Individuals will be placed on an Extra Innings team, coached by staff and will receive 12 games, uniform, practice time at Extra Innings and umpire fees. Teams will get 12 games, practice time at Extra Innings umpire assignments and equipment discounts. Scheduling and assigning of umpires will be done by Extra Innings. Baseball will be 13u, 12u and 9u. Softball will be 12u and 9u. Register early to save on fees.

To register for these or any other clinics visit extrainningswbridgewater.com or call 508-580-3113.

Preseason Basketball Clinics at the South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond

The South Shore YMCA in Hanover is offering a great new preseason basketball clinic for girls ages 10- 14. This 10 week clinic will meet on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and starts September 18. The clinic is designed for basketball players interested in honing their skills in the off-season. The class will focus on improving fundamentals while teaching team systems and concepts. There will be lots of skills drills and scrimmaging for practice. For more information or to register for the clinic, please contact Linda at 781-829-8585, ext 260.

Basketball Conditioning at South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond

The South Shore YMCA in Hanover is offering a great new conditioning class to youths ages 11-15. This clinic will help get participants in better shape for the basketball season. This conditioning program works on strength and explosives as well as improving speed, agility, and overall endurance. This eight week program meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45-4:45 p.m. and starts Monday, September 22. For more information or to register for the clinic, please contact Linda at 781-829-8585, ext 260.

Instructional Youth Hockey

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Carol Mulloy Cuttle Classic 5k road race

Runners and walkers are encouraged to participate in the Annual Carol Mulloy Cuttle Classic 5K Road Race to be held Saturday, October 18 at Bridgewater State College. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. with the race starting at 9:00 a.m.

The race is a living memorial to Carol Mulloy Cuttle, a 1982 graduate of Bridgewater State College. All proceeds from the event will benefit a scholarship fund in her name. The income from the fund will be used to support student clinicians or group leaders involved in BSC's Children's Physical Development Clinic. The clinic provides services to disabled and handicapped children from the greater Eastern Ma., area.

Pre-registration is suggested. Registration is $12 in advance and $15 on race day. The fee for college and high school students is $8. The Road Race is part of Homecoming and Parent and Family Day activities.

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For a registration form or additional information please call the Alumni Relations office at (508) 531- 1287.



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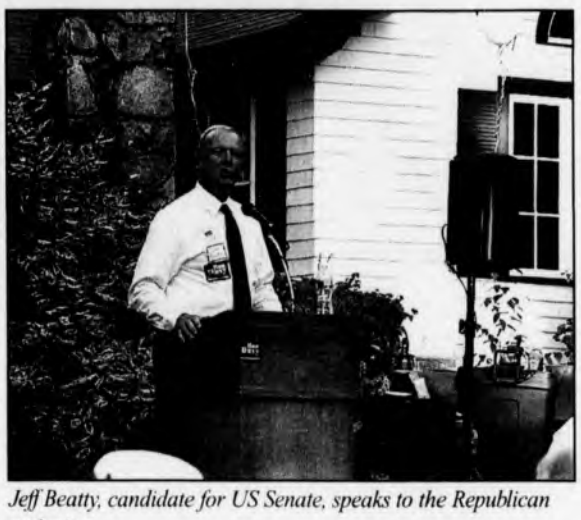
Crowd gathers for annual GOP cookout

On Sunday, Sept. 7th the 25th Annual Cohasset Republican Town Committee Cookout was held at Lou Harvey's House on King Street in Cohasset.

Approximately, 200 people enjoyed the camaraderie of like minded individuals, and a number of speakers. The Featured speaker was Charlie Baker is CEO & President of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. Prior to joining Harvard Pilgrim, Baker spent eight years in Massachusetts state government, where he served as Secretary of Administration and Finance and Secretary of Health and Human Services during the Weld and Cellucci administrations. Baker currently serves on the Massachusetts Board of Education, and on the boards of the Pioneer Institute, the Big Brother Association and the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation.

Also, featured was Jeff Beatty, candidate for US Senate, is a former Army Delta Force Officer (wounded in the first Blackhawk shot down in Somalia). Jeff earned the Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge for helping to rescue hundreds of Americans. He is a former FBI Agent advising the National Hostage Rescue Team and a former CIA Counter-terrorism Officer. Jeff founded TotalSecurity.US, an anti-terrorism consulting firm that has helped protect U.S. citizens here in Massachusetts and across our country.

Among the invited speakers were: Plymouth County Sheriff Joe McDonald, State Senator Bob Hedlund, Ed O'Connell, candidate for Plymouth County Treasurer, and Ron Davy, candidate for Plymouth County Commissioner.



Jeff Beatty, candidate for US Senate, speaks to the Republican gathering.



Plymouth County Sheriff Joseph McDonald (center) speaks with Rick Collins of Sen. Bob Hedlund's office. At right, is Ed O'Connell, candidate for Plymouth County Treasurer.



"The chefs" from left: Therese D'Urso, Donna O'Donnell, and Dan Volungis.

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Seated from left, Dr. Edward Woods of Cohasset; Nino D'Urso of Cohasset; Peter Guild of Hingham, R. Murray Campbell, and Maria and Pat Plante, all of Cohasset.



Charlie Baker, CEO & President of Plymouth Health Care; John Cafferty, Republican State Committeeman; Bill Ramsey, Chair of the Hingham Young Republicans; Wayne Robbins of Scituate; and Dave Farrag, Vice-Chair of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee.

Cohasset Democrats celebrate unity and welcome Obama Independents

Cohasset Democratic Town Committee welcomed more than 130 Democrats and Obama Independents from Cohasset and other South Shore towns to celebrate Democratic Party unity and support for the Obama-Biden ticket Saturday night at the Cohasset home of Helene Lieb and Ed Lappen.

Entertained by the music of members of the Cohasset High School jazz band, partygoers greeted old friends and made new acquaintances at a gathering that shall be an annual end-of-summer event sponsored by the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee. Energized by both the Democratic and the Republican conventions this summer, attendees agreed that active citizen participation in this year's presidential election is the key to a Democratic victory in November.

Feathered speakers were Joe Stanganelli, Cohasset resident and member of the Obama campaign steering committee, John Walsh, chairman of the Massachusetts Democratic Party, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley. The evening was catered by Michelle Rizzo of Carmela Drew Fine Foods, Margot Cheel provided photography services for the evening and the floral arrangements were designed by Jon Mongeau.

Anyone interesting in volunteering, can contact Kevin McCarthy at kemcar68@comcast.net, Sally Sisson at salsisson@comcast.net; or Joe Stanganelli at jstanganelli@hblaw.com.



Amyra O'Connell, Jane Lanzillotti.

Agnes McCann, Susan Kent and Alison Callahan.

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Donna and Jim Montgomery, Ed Lappen, Joseph Lappen, Sam Kopper.



Sarah Murphy, Paulette Marino, Russ Colbeth, Joanne Kaplan, Diane Kennedy.



Kit Coffey, Susan Etkind, Craigie Zildjian, Peg and John Chapman.

SCHOOLS

New tardy policy is a wakeup call

LIFE AT CHS



LAUREN MACK

With the summer of 2008 now fondly behind us, I'd like to welcome all students, faculty, and parents back into the brisk September season! I'm also proud to announce that I, along with the rest of my class, have successfully endured the first full week of senior year with only minor bumps and bruises. And by bumps and bruises, I mean copious amounts of homework and a wake-up call that I'll never get used to. Especially this year because, again, the tardy rules have gotten even stricter. In addition to the new closely enforced tardy policy, there are also several other new additions to Cohasset High School! New this year:

Rather than the usual three-term English classes, freshmen this year will have English all four terms; but with a twist! The period three classes will meet every other day with the rotating schedule, rather than the regular four days and drop once a week.

There will be a musical this year, and it has been confirmed by the music department that the production will be "West Side Story". So to all students looking to try-out, mark your calendars, because auditions are said to start as early mid-September!

And as I'm sure most of us have probably heard, Monday is a professional day for students, meaning no school and a wonderful three-day weekend!

In addition to these changes around the school, there are also many new faces in the high school faculty. One in particular, who was actually a teacher in the middle school previously, has become the new Journalism teacher, taking the place of Ms. Berman who retired last year. This individual goes by the name of Mr. McCabe and he will not only be advising the award-winning Spinnaker newspaper, but is also teaching an English class.

I caught up with Mr. McCabe for the Teacher Quote of the Week and asked him what he does on a typical morning: "Well, I wake up, get ready, eat Grapenuts and come to school. I love Grapenuts; they are far superior to Nutty Nuggets. That's the generic brand and it just isn't the same." So there you have it: the power cereal that gets one of the newest additions to the high school through the day.

Stay tuned for next week, everyone! And have a fun and safe long weekend! Also, if there is anything in particular that you would like me to cover in my articles, please don't hesitate to send me an email at redhead20891@yahoo.com and I'll be sure to include whatever it is you'd like to hear about! Adios!

Lauren Mack is a senior at Cohasset High. Her column appears weekly during the school year.



COURTESY PHOTO

Fifty percent of sales go to the PSO, providing more than a third of the PSO's operating budget. All wrapping paper is processed on recycled paper; all ink is 100 percent water-based, and all leftover ink is recycled.

PSO swings into action with annual gift-wrap sale

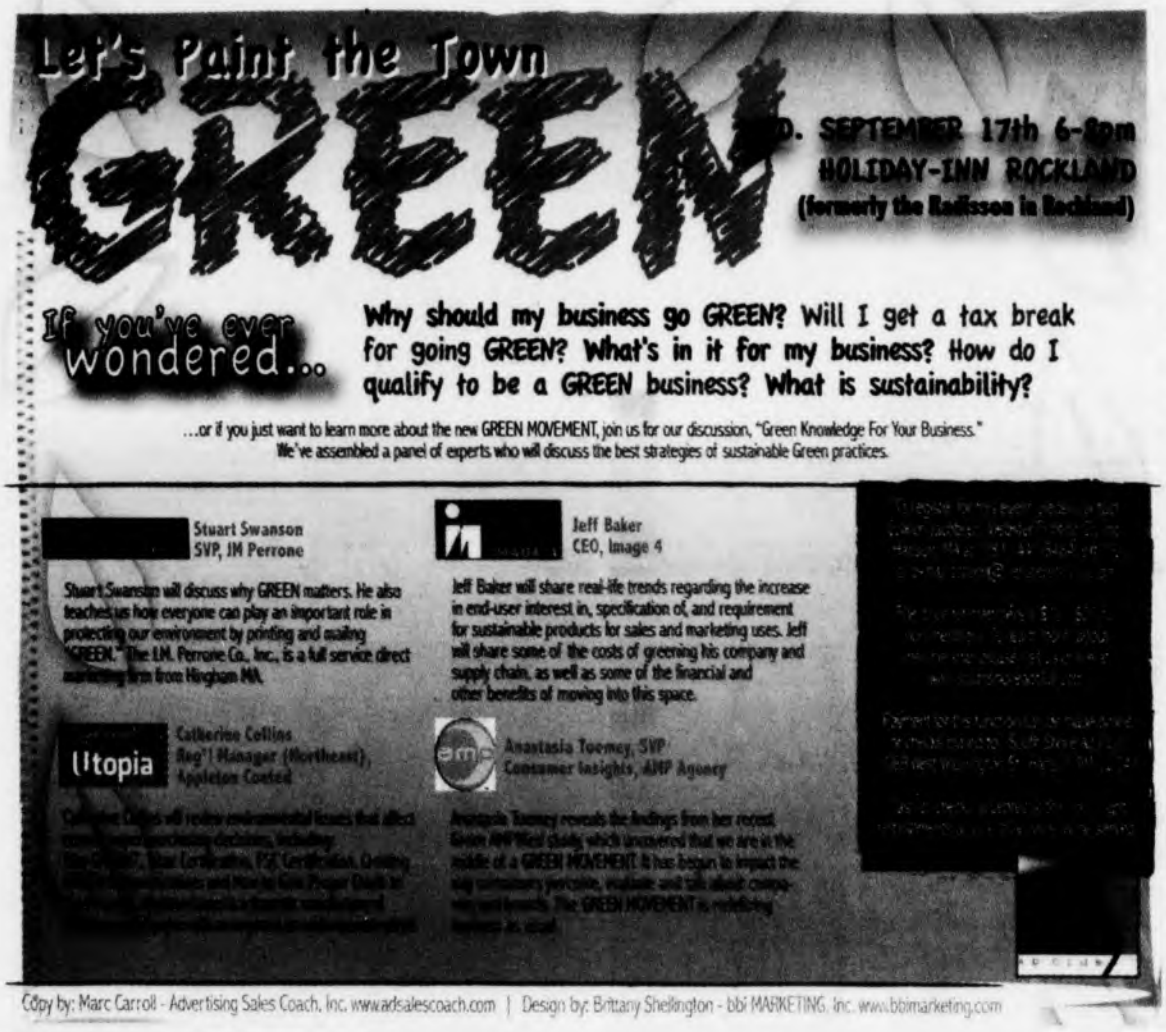
People will see cute, colorful monkeys flying high at Osgood and Deer Hill schools this week as the PSO launches its fall Innisbrook Gift-wrap Fundraiser. The PSO and Innisbrook have been successfully teaming up every fall for several years now, offering gift-wrap and one-of-a-kind gift and hostess items, as well as Helen Grace Chocolates. With 50 percent of sales going to the PSO, this fundraiser provides more than a third of the PSO's operating budget and enables the carrying out of the PSO mission, which is "to provide important, supplemental, curriculum materials and programs to the schools here in Cohasset." The monkeys are part of several incentives designed to get students and their families aware of and excited about this sale.

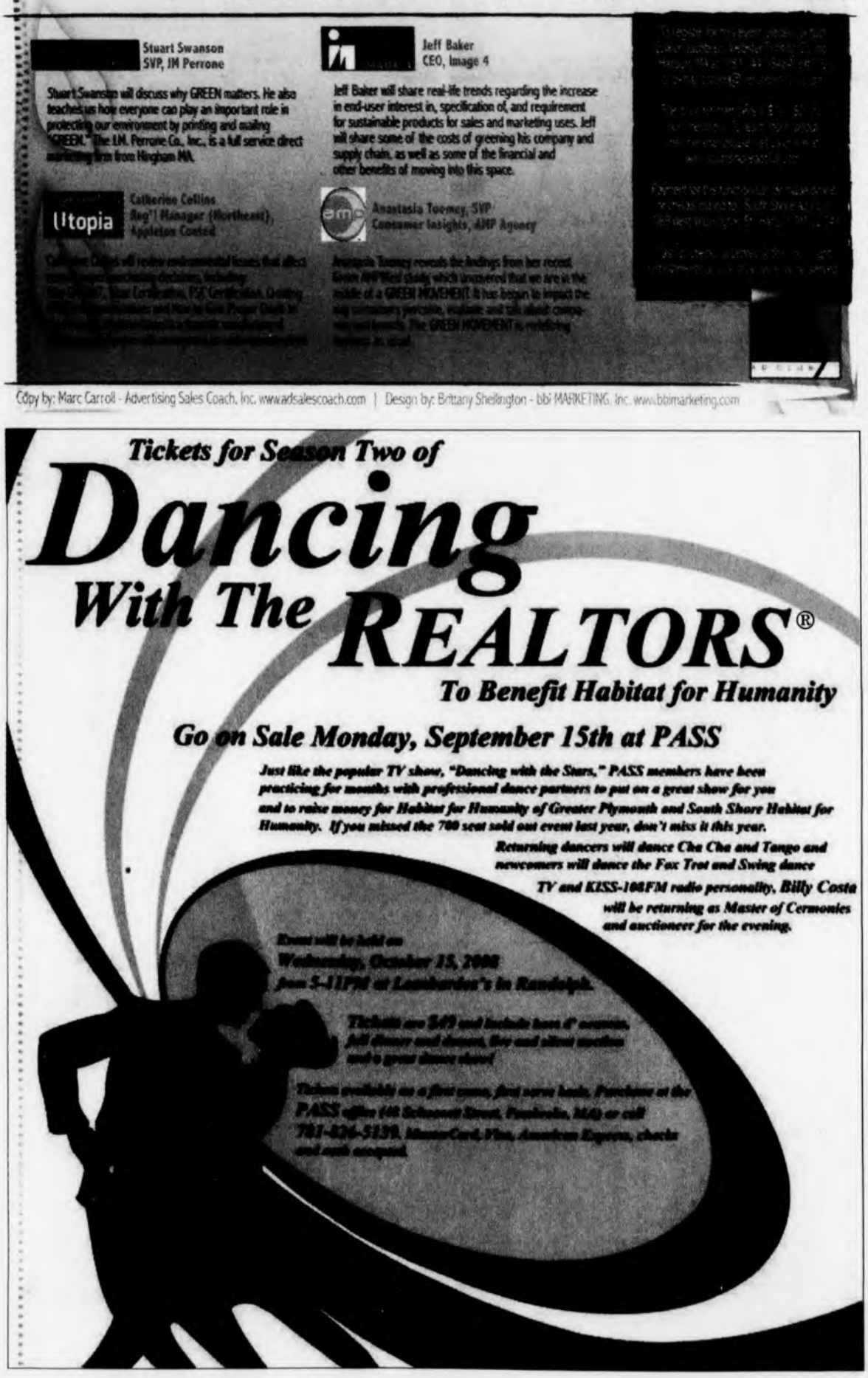
The fall fundraiser started Sept. 10 and will continue through Sept. 26. Stop by Osgood and Deer Hill schools to see the monkeys and displays of gift-wrap and accessories.

While this fall's catalog offers new and fun prints and gift items, the most exciting change in this year's sale is that **Innisbrook has gone green**. For the first time, all wrapping paper is processed on recycled paper, all ink is 100 percent water-based, and all leftover ink is recycled. Paper is only bought from mills that support local and global environmental initiatives, and all cardboard is made of recycled materials, as are the pallets on which the items are delivered. Additionally, there are several items offered in the catalog and on the Web site that are green or environmentally friendly, such as rechargeable flashlights, aluminum water bottles and reusable canvas totes. The PSO is excited with the green changes at Innisbrook, and feel that the wrapping paper is still high quality and stylish, which is why the sale has been successful each year. Last year's sales were more than $42,000, with more than $21,000 then going to the PSO. Those profits were used to fund many programs designed to enhance learning at the Osgood and Deer Hill schools such as Character Education programs, teacher classroom grants, library grants for new and updated books, and curriculum enrichment programs aimed at sparking children's interest in science and engineering, as well as funding some of the upcoming improvements to the Middle/High School auditorium.

The fall fundraiser started Sept. 10 and will continue through Sept. 26. Stop by Osgood and Deer Hill schools to see the monkeys and displays of gift-wrap and accessories. See the large totes stuffed with wrap, food items and gifts that will be given to the teacher at each school with the highest percentage of student participation in the sale. Look for a neighbor or friend selling from their catalog or stop by the schools, the library, nursery schools or town hall and pick up a catalog. Orders can be made with students or placed online, which is easier than last year as Innisbrook has updated the Web site to make it user friendly. The PSO would like to thank all families, members of the school community and the town for support and participation in this PSO fundraiser. The funds are used for the betterment of our children's school experience.

For more information, call Osgood PSO organizer, Carolyn Coffey at 781-383-8182 or Deer Hill PSO organizer, Mary Jo Blackington at 781-383-0626.





Free practice tests for PSAT, SAT, and ACT

Summit Educational Group is offering free practice tests this fall for the PSAT, SAT and ACT at Hingham High School. The next scheduled test date is Saturday, Sept. 20.

Summit's free practice tests are an opportunity for students to gauge their strengths and weaknesses under realistic test-taking conditions. Exposing students to standardized testing before the real SAT takes away some of the mystery of the test, helps to reduce anxiety and increases student confidence.

Summit's free practice tests for the PSAT, SAT and ACT are open to all students who wish to get a head start on test preparation. An extended time option is available for students who have been approved to take the SAT with extended time. Summit will score the test and provide a detailed analysis and score report to each student within seven days. The score analysis will pinpoint each student's strengths and areas in need of improvement.

For a complete listing of dates and locations, visit the Web site at mytutor.com or call the Summit program director at 800-698-8867.

Class of 2003 planning five-year reunion

The five-year reunion for the CHS class of 2003 will be held Wednesday, Nov. 26th from 7-11pm at the George Mealy American Legion Post (98 Summer St.). Make your parents happy by coming home for Thanksgiving. Then catch up with old friends and share your new exciting experiences. Appetizers and drinks will be served. Questions? Contact Curt (curt.kahn@gmail.com) or Ross (rlieblappen@gmail.com).

It's Happening

ASP gears up for next trip; informational meeting planned

Gearing up for their 22nd trip, Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (ASP) will hold its informational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church (next to Town Hall) for all interested teenagers (10-12th graders) and their parents. The presentation will include guest speakers and slides from this past summer's trip, and pertinent information for the 2009 trip (June 27 – July 5, 2009). Necessary registration forms will also be distributed (deadline for registration: Oct. 1, 2008). Forms and information will be available on line at www.cohassetasp.org beginning Sept. 23.

ASP also needs adults to go on the trip.

Mark your calendars - Grand Opening of the Pumpkin Patch will be on Friday, Oct. 9 in Wheelwright Park on N. Main Street (sponsored by Cohasset ASP)!!

Tai Chi open house

Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi of Cohasset will host a Tai Chi Open House Sunday, Sept 14, from 1 to 2 pm.

Long time Tai Chi teacher and author John Loupos will introduce attendees to the intricacies of Tai Chi theory, stretching, Qigong, as well as its many health benefits. Jade Forest is currently involved in a health research project with Harvard University to explore Tai Chi's efficacy for osteopenic women.

Guests for the open house should wear loose comfortable clothing as this event is participatory. Jade Forest is located at 130 King St., Route 3A, in Cohasset in the Jonathan Livingston Plaza, rear. Call 781-383-6822 for info or visit www.jfkungfu.com. Participation is free, but call ahead to pre-register.

FARMERS MARKET BACK AT COMMON



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset Farmers' Market will continue to take place on Cohasset Common on a week-to-week basis until Water Department work commences. Visit the Web site at cohassetfarmersmarket.com for updates. Here, Blanca Meleo of Freitas Farm hands a bag to a customer as he was shopping for fresh produce last week when the market was held at the Little League fields.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF OLYMPICS



Cohasset Mariner photographer Robin Chan and his father, Laris, pose in front of the Bird's Nest while exploring the Olympic Green after the handball games and before our baseball game. To see Robin's photo journal, audio slideshow and Olympics commentary visit: www.wickedlocal.com/cohasset

Robine Andrau to speak at Historical Society

Cohasset Historical Society will welcome Robine Andrau as guest speaker for the first of the Wednesday night lectures on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

During World War II, Andrau and her family were interned in a Japanese Prisoner of War camp in Indonesia. Her father was a captain in the Royal Dutch Air Force at the outbreak of World War II. Because of his engineering expertise, he was temporarily released from military service on the European front and sent, along with Andrau's Hungarian mother, two sisters and Robine, to Indonesia to build an aviation fuel plant. When the Japanese overran Indonesia, Andrau's father, along with the other Dutch military men, was taken prisoner, shipped to Japan, and forced to work in a coal-mining town for the duration of the war. Meanwhile Andrau and the rest of her family, along with the other Dutch women and children, were rounded up and detained in concentration camps in Indonesia, where the living conditions and food were so inadequate and harsh that many died of starvation or disease, and beatings at the hand of the Japanese occurred at the smallest infraction of the rules. Keeping written records was forbidden, but Andrau's mother kept a diary and was able to keep it from being discovered. Years later, the Dutch Red Cross discovered a suitcase filled with her father's papers and restored the case to the family. That suitcase, along with the diary, is helping Andrau to record this part of her family's history. This is the story she will share on Wednesday evening.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m., in the Society's headquarters, the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St., Cohasset. There is no charge for the program and light refreshment will be served.











Obituaries

Edward Bayley Long

1920-2008

In celebration of his life, a memorial reception will be held in his honor from 2-to-5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18th at the Long family home: 31 Nichols Road, Cohasset.

Clement Micarelli

South Shore art community loses mentor

When Clement Micarelli passed away on Aug. 28, 2008, at age 79, a canvas sat at the ready in his studio, prepped for a new portrait commission. It was a testament to a respected artist who remained in demand for his masterful technique and ability to reveal the individuality and spirit of his subjects.

Known as "Mic" to his family and friends, he was a beloved mentor to scores of artists over the years. He taught privately and as a faculty member of the Rhode Island School of Design. His connection with RISD began in 1941 when, at the age of 12, he attended his first figure drawing course. After serving in the Army during the Korean War, Mic went on to study at Pratt Institute in New York City where he lived with his wife and childhood sweetheart Mary Amalfitano. As he and Mary raised their three children, Joe and Domenic of Hingham and Paula Micarelli Sullivan of Marshfield, Mic built a successful career as a fashion illustrator, while never abandoning his work and identity as a painter and fine artist. Domenic owns the Christopher Gallery in Cohasset.

After moving the family to Massachusetts in 1971, Mic eventually settled in Marshfield where he became a valued member of the vibrant South Shore art community. He was also the center of a loving clan that grew to include five grandchildren – Ray, Christopher, Tori, Noelle and Julianne – whom he adored and, naturally, painted often.

Some of Mic's portraits, illustrations and landscapes can be seen at www.cmicarelli.com. To honor Mic, donations can be made to the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association (www.nvna.org), which was so supportive during his battle with lung cancer, or the American Cancer Society.

A private memorial will be held for family and friends.

Worship News

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints celebrates anniversary

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will celebrate its 40th anniversary Sept. 12 through 14. Congregation members come from more than 13 towns on the South Shore. For more information, call Jennifer Ashley at 781-925-9939.

Events will include:

• Friday night social at the Erickson's home, 883 Main St., Norwell, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., on Sept. 12. The event will start with appetizers and end with desserts, and will include casual socializing, a brief presentation of the history of the last 40 years presented by Karren Tomey, WBZ radio, and a Jeopardy/Memory Lane Game.

• Saturday family activity at Kress Field, 301 Gardner St., Hingham, from 3 to 6 p.m., on Sept. 13. Barbecue featuring food and fun. Members will bring salads, sides and desserts to share. Activities during the day will be a softball game, Ultimate Frisbee and relay races, while younger children can enjoy the playground and play on the bikes and toy cars at the park. An ice cream truck/van will come to the park and distribute ice cream bars for an afternoon snack after the dinner.

• Sunday events will be at the church, 379 Gardner St., Hingham, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 14. Former congregational leaders, Bishop John Howe of Pembroke, Jennifer Ashley of Hull, and president Leif Erickson of Norwell, will present talks during the worship meeting. There will be a Munch and Mingle Social at 1:30 p.m., and an electronic presentation at 2:30 p.m.

Upcoming events offered at Sha'aray Shalom

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom located at 1112 Main St., in Hingham will offer the following events during the month of September. To register call the temple office at 781-749-8103, or visit shaaray.org

Breast and Ovarian Cancer Risk – Hear Dr. Jonathan D. Herman speak about the importance of genetic testing for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer, particularly as it relates to the BRCA gene mutation. This is of particular importance to women of Jewish Ashkenazi background. Free to the public as well as members of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom. Sunday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. RSVP by calling the Temple office 781-749-8103 or emailing (cssadm@aol.com_).

Developing a child's love for Jewish life through music, movement and more – JCC of Greater Boston presents an award winning eight-week class for children (birth through 5 years old) and their families. Fall Session taught by Jana Kahn from 11 a.m. to noon on Sundays Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 19, 26, and Nov. 2 and 9. Free music CD and Music Book for each Family. Cost: $120 for first child; $60 for siblings. All are welcome. Families need not be members of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom to participate.

For information and to register, contact: Suzanne Robins at 617-558-6414, or srobins@jccgb.org

Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Sept. 14:

10 a.m. Worship led by Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull in the Meeting House

A service in which we'll introduce our Coming of Age program and participants and our minister will preach on "Gifted," with a gifting opportunity not to be missed!

9 -9:45 a.m. – Breakfast for RE Parents & Children

If you are parents with children, plan now to attend breakfast with your religious education leaders before RE classes and our worship service begins. Members of our RE Committee, Jim, and Jan will be there to greet you and register your children for this year's RE program!

9:50 a.m. – Childcare for our youngest and religious education classes for children through 2nd grade begin in the Parish House. Third graders and up are invited to worship in the Meeting House as we spotlight our Coming of Age program and more.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

FALL BOOK STUDY Wednesday, Oct 1st: We will discuss A New Earth *Awakening to Your Life's Purpose* by Eckhart Tolle.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the Reverend Margot Critchfield,

Welcome to an exciting new program year at St Stephen's! This Sunday we'll be celebrating our Ministry Fair, registering children in our nationally recognized Godly Play program, and kicking-off the 17th year of our afternoon Organ Concert Series. This fall — in addition to our youth group activities, adult Bible studies, outreach and service activities, and monthly lunch for seniors — St Stephen's will be offering an 8-week course called "A Church for the 21st Century," a monthly class on Ignatian Prayer, and our new Rector, the Rev Margot Critchfield is offering monthly Individual Spiritual Direction. Be sure to join us for a Carillon Sing-a-Long on Cohasset Day on Sept. 20th and at our Parish Picnic the Common on the 21st.

If you are looking for a spiritual home or exploring your faith, we invite you to visit us. You can learn more about us, and the Episcopal Church, from our website, www.ststephenscohasset.org.

Services at St. Stephen's are at 8 am and 10 am on Sundays, including a Healing Eucharist at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. All are invited.

You can reach the church at 781-383-1083. The Rev. Margot Critchfield is rector; she can be reached at mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.org. Our offices, which are open Monday through Friday, can be accessed by coming to the back of the church, up the Highland Ave hill. We are handicap accessible.

Going on this week at St. Stephen's:

• Sun. Sept. 14th: Services at 8 – 10 am. At 11:30 we will be hosting a Ministry Fair for parishioners to learn about the different ministries available at church. Godly Play children's program is at 10; Jr. High Youth group at 10 am; high school youth group at 11:30 am.

• Mon.: Sept. 15th: 3 pm, Christian Meditation

• Wed. Sept. 17th: 9:30 Holy Eucharist with healing; 10:30 Bible Study

• Fri. Sept. 19th: 9:30 Yoga

• Sat. Sept. 20th: 7 Bible Fellowship

• Sun. Sept. 21st: Services at 8 – 10 am Godly Play children's program is at 10; Jr. High Youth group at 10 am; high school youth group at 11:30 am. Parish picnic at 12.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

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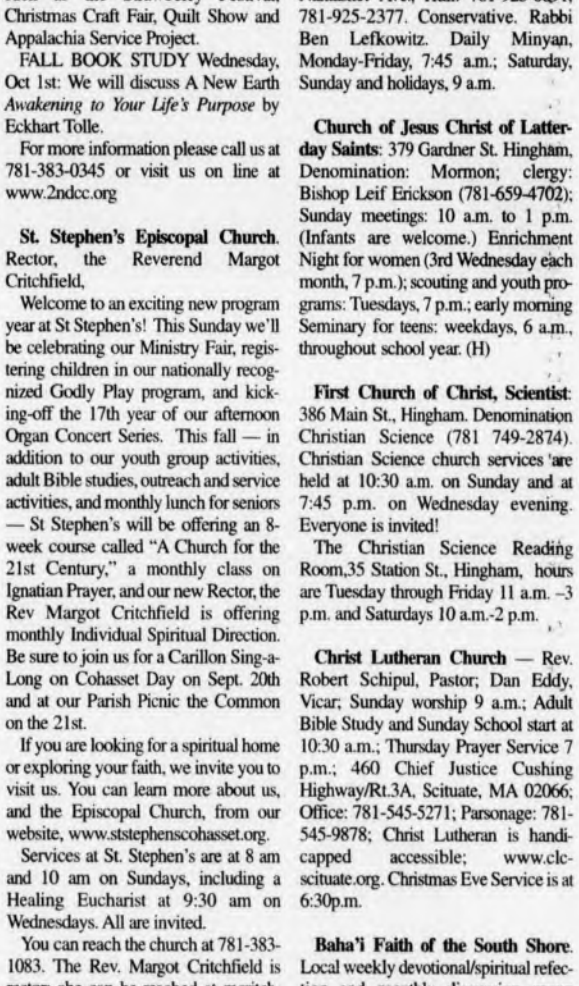
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, AUG. 21

10:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, B&E – motor vehicle, caller reports her vehicle was entered while her and her son were in the store and her son's wallet was stolen from the vehicle.

11:13 a.m. **School Buildings**, building checks, officer reports all schools check ok.

1:56 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a vehicle parked in the woods with a male party lying in the front seat. Detail officer on scene with the male party now, officer responding. Male party checks out ok at this time he is an employee at Shaw's and has been confirmed by store manager, he was on break taking a nap in the shade.

2:11 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports the house next door to her the residence are away and a window in the back of the house has been pushed in. Officers report the home is not being lived in, the window is open from a water main break in the house over the winter. No problems, home has been secured.

2:38 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports clearing a group from the bridge.

5:24 p.m. **Parker Ave., and Border St.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking, officer reports a large truck blocking one lane of traffic at this location, no one around the vehicle. Officer spoke with the owner of the truck, they are leaving.

5:52 p.m. **Border St.**, parking enforcement, five cars tagged.

7:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports a male in a pink visor was passed out in front of Walgreen's and is now walking around the parking lot sticking his arms in open windows of parked vehicles. Officer reports an intoxicated male was waiting to be picked up, no problems at this time.

8:30 p.m. **Stanton Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports she has a bat in her house, ACO notified and responding.

9 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, public service, caller reports she has had trouble with her neighbor in the past and would like it logged that her neighbor had given a delivery person a hard time about where they had parked, reporting party states her neighbor is very hostile towards her and does this often.

9:19 p.m. **Sohier St., and Green St.**, parking complaint, caller reports his neighbor parks cars on the sidewalk blocking any way to pass by, officer reports there are two cars parked on the side of the road the sidewalk is passable.

9:36 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports a party going on in the reservoir.

FRIDAY, AUG. 22

12:39 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:39 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

5:18 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious vehicle, 911 caller states "there are 2 motor vehicles at the end of the driveway." They are idling and have been there for about 10 minutes. Motor vehicles belong to a couple of fishermen.

6:42 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire.

6:56 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire.

8:02 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle violations. Lt. reports a vehicle sped up and went through the red flashing lights at the train crossing.

9:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, fire, inspections, Fire Capt. to this location for a code enforcement issue.

1016 a.m. **Ledgewood Drive**, larceny, walk in party to speak to an officer regarding checks that were stolen from her home while a painter was working in the home. The male attempted to cash them today at a bank in Cohasset but was denied.

11:19 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, parking enforcement, officer reports vehicles tagged at this location.

11:32 a.m. **Border St.**, parking enforcement, officer reports no violations at this location.

11:33 a.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports clearing a group from the bridge.

11:40 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:47 a.m. **Pleasant St., and Depot Ct.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking, a dump truck blocking the sidewalk and the crosswalk at this location. Truck has been moved.

12:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, investigation, officer at this location on a follow up investigation.

12:14 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Depot Ct.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:35 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking enforcement, parking ticket issued. Officer reports four vehicles ticketed at this location.

2:43 p.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, check of high school.

3 p.m. **Gammons Rd.**, investigation.

3:21 p.m. **N. Main St.**, suspicious person.

4:27 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, lifeguard reports multiple cars with no stickers.

5:16 p.m. **Cedar St.**, open door/window, boy scout shed at the dump.

5:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

5:45 p.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

6:07 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a small (lost) dog running around. Informed caller to leave dog where it is and it will find its way home.

6:23 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, lifeguard reports multiple cars without stickers.

9:32 p.m. **Hull St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Hingham reporting erratic operator.

10:13 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

10:30 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Cedar Acres Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SATURDAY, AUG. 23

1:08 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:42 a.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, building checks.

1:43 a.m. **North Main St.**, building checks.

11:20 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint, caller reports a possible sick raccoon.

11:33 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, larceny, walk in party reports someone switched stone in her wedding ring.

11:59 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, keep the peace.

1:11 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, kids removed from bridge.

4:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports 2 suspicious men in a black car in the parking lot of the bank. Checked all banks in that area, area search negative.

5:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation, Water Dept. notified the inn that the hydrant were recently flushed and the water is now clear.

5:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, investigation, caller reports a grill in the middle of 3A. Officer reports grill is on the side of the road. Not a traffic issue.

6:16 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:33 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:09 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, AUG. 24

12:59 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

9:57 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3:33 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance, harbormaster reports kids throwing rocks at boaters.

5:13 p.m. **Linden Dive**, animal complaint, small brown Lab found.

6:40 p.m. **3A, Scituate**, motor vehicle crash, Scituate Fire requests Rescue 3 for motor vehicle accident. Rescue 3 cancelled.

7:24 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, parking complaint.

MONDAY, AUG. 25

12:08 a.m. **North Main St.**, erratic operation of a motor vehicle. Caller states there is a SUV in front of him operating erratically. Motor vehicle is just entering Cohasset on Main Street. Officer out with motor vehicle on Jerusalem Road. Officer spoke to the caller. Motor vehicle operator is fine.

1 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks. Both elementary schools check secure.

1:01 a.m. **High School, Pond St.**, building checks.

4:51 a.m. **Ripley Road,** structure fire. Passerby states there is a building on fire. Fire is under control. Checking for extension.

6:16 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** traffic enforcement.

6:21 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

7:01 a.m. **Margin St.,** public service. Caller reports low water pressure and brown water. Water Department notified.

8:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** traffic enforcement.

8:56 a.m. **King St.,** disturbance. Caller reports he would like an officer to remove a few male parties from the pond. Males have been removed from the area.

10:28 a.m. **East and Kilby streets,** assist Fire Department. Cohasset R3 reports sighting a motor vehicle accident in Hingham at this time. They are off on portable.

11:29 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** traffic enforcement. Officer doing radar at this location.

11:36 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

1:41 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

1:48 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

2:02 p.m. **Elm and South Main streets,** traffic enforcement.

3:26 p.m. **Spring and South Main streets,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

4:07 p.m. **Forest Lane,** mutual aid provided. Scituate Fire requests R3 for an elderly male that fell out of his chair.

5:03 p.m. **Elm St.,** parking complaint. Caller reports a brown truck parked on the sidewalk in front of the old hardware store. Officer reports vehicle has been tagged.

5:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

5:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

5:58 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

7:23 p.m. **Sohier and King streets,** hazard. Caller reports large potholes ripped the oil pan on the bottom of his vehicle while pulling out of the Mobile station onto Sohier Street. OIC notified of the situation. Caller was advised of his options.

8:14 p.m. **Schofield Road and Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

8:55 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued. Officer requesting wrecker for expired registration.

11:15 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** property found. Walk-in party turned in a wallet he found on the ground.

TUESDAY, AUG. 26

1:23 a.m. **Elm St.,** noise complaint. Caller states he can hear a man and woman arguing. He states they are in the vicinity of the Treatment Plant. No one in area now.

8:40 a.m. **Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle crash. Several callers reporting a crash at this location. Injuries on scene. Sergeant requesting 3A be shut down at this time.

11:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.,** officer wanted. Caller requests an officer for a very minor accident just to assist in paper exchange. Officer clear, very minor damage, no services needed.

11:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** suspicious activity. Caller reports three parties walking along 3A with shopping carts full of unknown items. The parties all check out OK. Sergeant is clear at this time.

1:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** suspicious person. Caller reports a male party walking in the parking lot with a cane claiming to be homeless and is asking people for a ride to the T station. Sergeant is off with male party at this time and transporting him to the train station. Units clear.

1:33 p.m. **Whitney Woods Lane,** animal complaint. Caller reports her 7-month-old yellow Lab has run off and she cannot locate him. The puppy should have on a Red Sox collar, no tags and will come to the name of "Rollie." Resident reports she has located the puppy.

1:47 p.m. **Country Way,** mutual aid provided. Scituate Fire requests R3 for a motor vehicle crash as the second ambulance to the scene. Transported SSH/BLS.

1:49 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** traffic enforcement.

1:56 p.m. **Jerusalem Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

2:43 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

2:44 p.m. **Border St.,** disturbance. Caller reports kids on the rock by the Harbormaster's shack throwing glass bottles onto the street at passing vehicles. Group gone on arrival and no evidence of glass in the street. Officer clear.

4:58 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** dead animal. Walk-in party reports she has just struck a fox with her car.

5:21 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** parking enforcement. Officer reports three tagged parking violations. No permit.

5:28 p.m. **Forest Ave.,** traffic enforcement.

5:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** erratic motor vehicle operation. Caller reports vehicle all over the road.

6:23 p.m. **Norfolk Road,** suspicious vehicle. Caller reports strange car is parked in neighbor's driveway and the neighbor is out of town.

6:39 p.m. **Sohier St. and Ripley Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

7:24 p.m. **Red Gate Lane,** suspicious activity. Caller reports kids in a black pickup truck removed the picnic table from Wheelwright Park and are now entering the woods with it.

9:04 p.m. **Pond St.,** building checks.

9:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

9:10 p.m. **N. Main St.,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

9:33 p.m. **Forest St.,** motor vehicle stop; arrest. Routine traffic stop. Driver put under arrest for OUI. Arrest: Jonathan Hall, 21, 34 Persimmon Drive, Scituate. Charges: OUI liquor; marked lanes violation; operating a motor vehicle with suspended license.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27

12:14 a.m. **HQ,** rape. Officer investigating the charge.

1:55 a.m. **Pond St. and Woodland Drive,** public service. Broken glass on the roadway. Glass has been moved to the side of the roadway. Left message for the DPW.

10:25 a.m. **North Main St. and Redgate Lane,** traffic enforcement.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fall Special Town Meeting Nov. 17

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen has scheduled the fall special town meeting on Monday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. In addition, the Board of Selectmen has voted to close the warrant for that meeting on Friday, Sept. 19 at 1 p.m.

Pursuant to Article II of the Cohasset General Bylaws, the Selectmen shall insert any article in the warrant for a special town meeting upon written request by one hundred (100) registered voters of the Town provided it is submitted by the above deadline. The names and address of the first ten (10) registered voters requesting insertion of an article shall be printed in the warrant immediately following such article.

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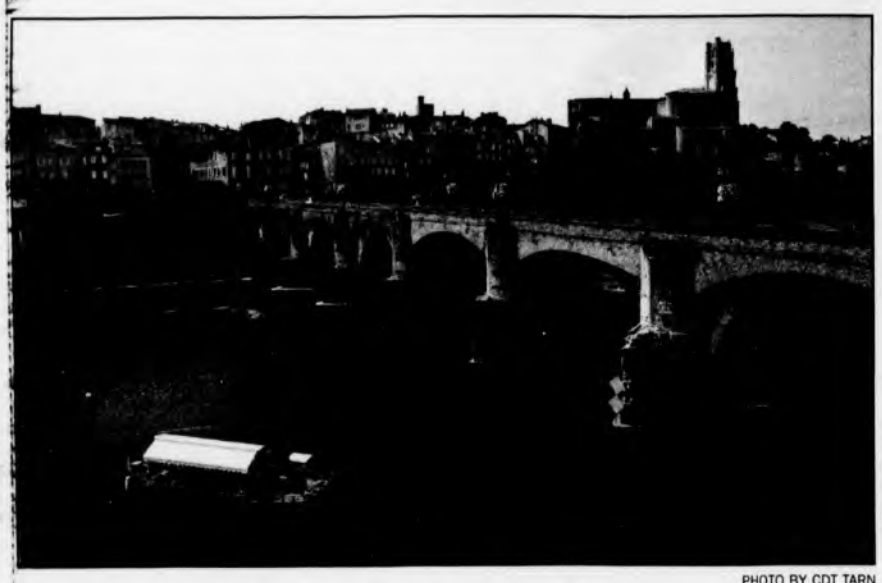


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Historic Albi, France, is the hometown of artist Henri Toulouse-Lautrec.

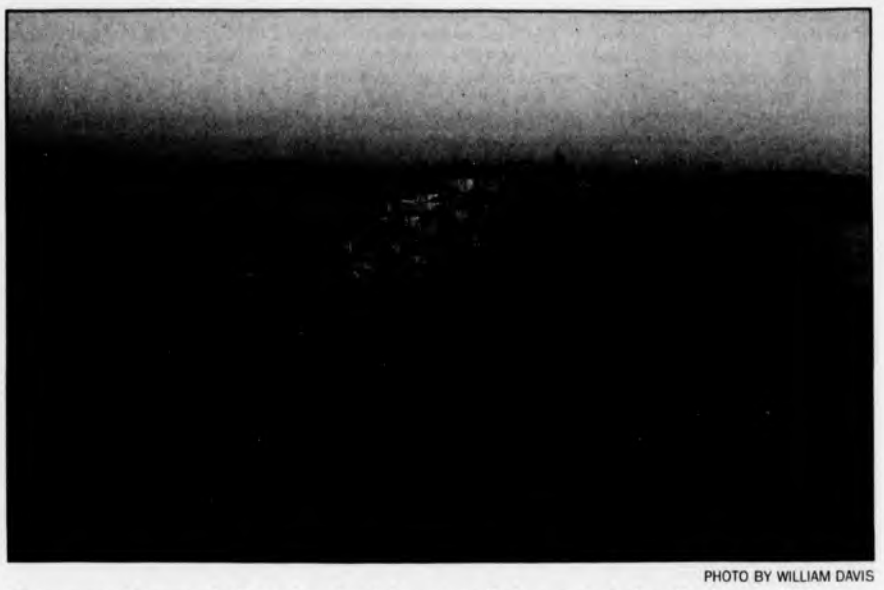


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The countryside around Albi is dotted with historic walled towns, including Cordes-sur-Ciel (Cordes in Heaven), now home to artists and artisans.

Toulouse-Lautrec-ing in France's Midi-Pyrenees

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ALBI, FRANCE - Artist Henri Toulouse-Lautrec famously reveled in the seamy but colorful nightlife of Paris in the last decades of the 19th century and captured it brilliantly in paintings, prints and posters that are icons of the age. An unlikely person, one might think, to be deeply rooted in a mostly rural area of the Midi-Pyrenees region of Southwest France.

However, although Toulouse-Lautrec spent most of his life in the City of Light, he was born in Albi in 1864 and grew up in a chateau belonging to his aristocratic family (his father was a count) in the lush nearby countryside. Today, the artist's birthplace is marked by a modest plaque, but there is nothing modest about the local art museum. The Toulouse-Lautrec Museum (www.musee-toulouse-lautrec.com) in Albi contains the world's largest collection of the artist's work: More than 1,000 paintings, sketches and lithographs, including originals of all the Parisian cabaret posters that made him famous.

When Toulouse-Lautrec died in 1901, at the age of 37, from the effects of alcoholism, he left his estate to his mother. The estate contained nearly all his paintings, and she first offered the collection to the Louvre Museum in Paris, which refused it. The art museum in the city of Toulouse likewise said no, with the director declaring that most of the paintings and drawings - many depicting prostitutes and racy nightclub performers - should be burned.

Finally, in 1922, the artist's mom donated the collection to the Albi museum - newly opened and in need of art.

Visiting this remarkable museum, housed in a former medieval bishop's palace, is like walking through the artist's tumultuous life. Virtually all of his best-known works are on view, including sketches and original prints of all the colorful advertising posters, most associated with the famous Moulin Rouge.

Among the posters are several of both the graceful dancer Jane Avril, the "toast of Paris," and the outrageous La Galoue, "The Glutton," so called because she liked to snatch food and drinks from patrons' tables.

These advertisements, with their unusual compositions and dramatic use of color, caused a sensation in their day. When the singer Yvette Guilbert, known for her trademark long black gloves, complained that one lithograph made her look ugly, Toulouse-Lautrec played a joke and created a striking image with a poster that emphasized the gloves and showed the rest of her only from the neck down.

The flamboyant showman Aristide Bruant was so pleased with the famous poster depicting him with a black slouch hat, thick walking stick and a long bright red muffler that he put it up all over Paris, enhancing both his and the artist's reputations.

The museum also has sketches made by the artist while he sat at a table in the Moulin Rouge with a glass of absinthe at his elbow. There are drawings he did as a boy and others done near the end of his life along with paintings and drawings of his friends and relatives. One gallery features depictions of the artist himself by his artist friends.

The museum building is as distinctive as the art it contains. In the 13th century, a Christian sect based in Albi rejected the authority and most of the tenets of the Catholic Church and became known as the Albigensian Heresy. The sect was suppressed only after a series of brutal crusades by armies from northern France that ravaged the region. The massive, thick-walled bishop's palace, which resembles a military bastion, was also headquarters of the infamous Inquisition, the arm of the church charged with rooting out heresy.

Some of the rooms used as art gallery space today were once torture chambers.

Known as "Albi the Red" for its many rose-red buildings, Albi is an attraction town in its own right, and a good base for exploration of the Midi-Pyrenees region.

The town grew up around a bridge built over the Tarn River in the 11th century, which is still in use. The heart of Albi is a web of narrow, cobblestone streets lined with centuries-old brick buildings - many housing restaurants, art galleries and antique shops.

Looming over everything is the turreted bulk of Saint-Cecile Cathedral, which stands on the highest point in town and looks more like a fortress than a house of worship. Like the bishop's palace, it was built to symbolize the might of the Catholic Church.

In contrast to the grimly severe exterior, the interior is richly decorated with bright colors and much gilded ornamentation. Over the main altar is an enormous and terrifying painting of the last judgment showing hordes of hideous devils dragging damned souls, presumably heretics, down to the fires of hell.

A more attractive legacy of the Albigensian crusades - which are still talked about here as if they only happened a few decades ago - are the many picturesque walled towns, called bastides, that dot the countryside around Albi.

A favorite is Cordes-sur-Ciel (Cordes in Heaven), located on a steep hill and often engulfed in morning fog so that the ancient ramparts seem to float magically. Once an Albigensian bastion, Cordes now carries on a more lasting tradition as a vibrant artist and artisan colony.

The artist's early years

Chateau du Bosc (http://toulouse-lautrecbosc.com), about 30 miles from Albi in Aveyron, is Toulouse-Lautrec's boyhood home. The small 11th century castle is still owned by the artist's family and furnished much as it was in the artist's day.

Here you learn the history of Toulouse-Lautrec's diminutive stature, blamed on a genetic disorder (inbreeding was not uncommon among aristocratic French clans in the 19th century). When Toulouse-Lautrec as a child broke both thighbones in separate accidents, the story goes, his legs stopped growing. As an adult, he stood only 4 feet, 11 inches, with a man's torso but boy-sized legs.

A dignified, diminutive woman in her 80s, his third cousin, Madame Tapie de Celeyran, shows visitors around the home. In a room of the castle that was once the playroom, a wall shows pencil marks measuring the growth of various children in the family. "We've shown Henri's mark so much we've made a hole in the wall," she said, pointing to the mark.

Toulouse-Lautrec's bedroom includes his childhood books, games and toys along with a model sailboat he made after his first fall. It was while bedridden that he first began to draw. Poignantly, many of those early sketches were of the horses he loved and now could no longer ride.

Tapie de Celeyran says her cousin is remembered as a lively boy with a mischievous sense of humor. A favorite prank, she said, was putting a goldfish in the water carafe on the dining room table. "Not everyone in the family understood Henri," she said, "but he won people over with his charm."

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Staying there: Hotel Mercure in Albi (www.mercure.com; rates from $114 per night) is a 56-room hotel in a restored 18th century mill. Many rooms have views of the cathedral, dramatically illuminated at night. The hotel has an excellent, riverside restaurant, Le Moulin, with a Toulouse-Lautrec theme (entrees from $26).

Eating there: L'Esprit du Vin (05 63 54 60 44; entrees from $43) is a Michelin-starred restaurant where owner, chef and Albi native David Enjalran brings imaginative touches to traditional regional dishes.

Le Lautrec (05 63 54 86 55; entrees from $20) is housed in the former stable of the house where Toulouse-Lautre was born, and serves hearty regional cuisine.

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Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE WEEK OF
SEPT. 8, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With your Arian charm quotient at an almost all-time high this week, plus all the facts to back you up, you just might win over the last doubters to your proposal.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might be in line for that job change you applied for. But be advised that you could be called on to defend your qualifications against supporters of other applicants.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a new approach to an old idea is one way to get beyond that workplace impasse. No such problems in your personal life, where things continue to flow smoothly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be more forthcoming about your feelings concerning a proposed change either in your workplace or in your personal life. Your opinions are valuable. Don't keep them hidden.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A changing situation in your life needs more patience than you appear to be willing to offer. Allowing it to develop at its own pace is the wisest course you can take at this time.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With more stability in your life — on both personal and professional levels — this could be a good time to strengthen relationships with both friends and colleagues.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) People have always relied on your integrity not only to get the job done, but to get it done right. So don't be pressured by anyone into cutting corners to save time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While others might get rattled over unexpected changes, your ability to adapt calmly and competently helps you make a positive impression during a crucial period.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A changing environment might be daunting for some, but the adventurous Sagittarian takes it all in stride. A friend from the past could awaken some meaningful memories.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your self-assurance rising to full strength, the bold Goat should feel confident about opening up to new ventures as well as new relationships.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reaching out to someone who has been unkind to you might not be easy. But in the long run it will prove to have been the right thing to do. A friend offers moral support.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your keen insight once again helps you work through a seemingly insoluble problem in your workplace. The weekend offers a good chance to develop new relationships.

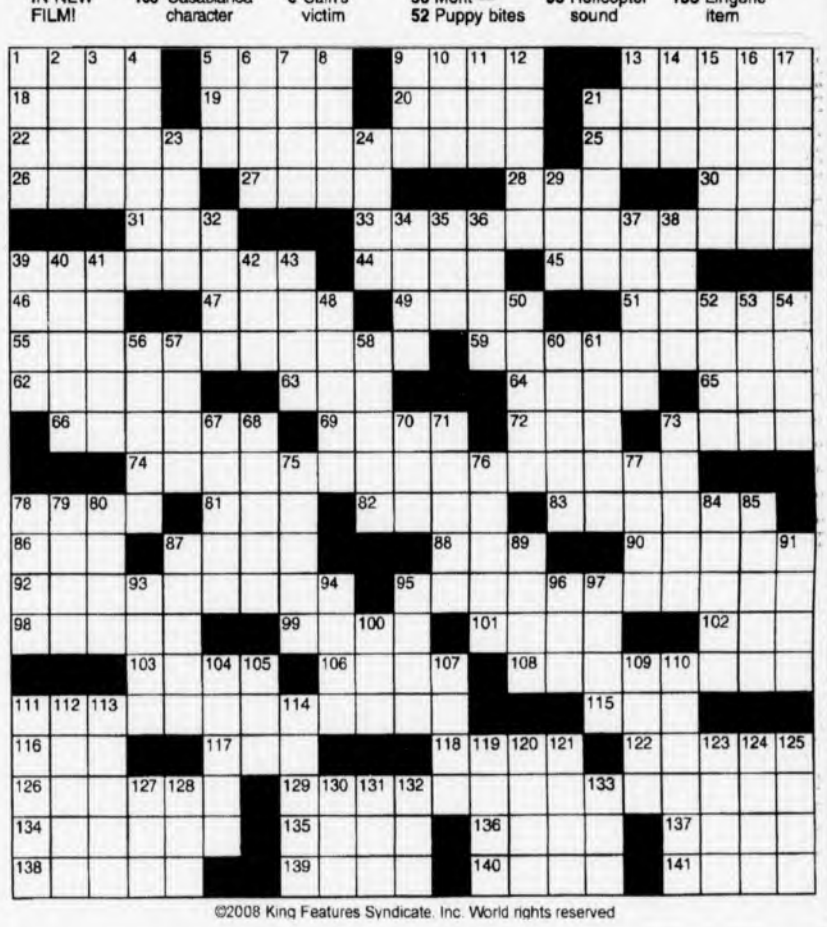
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BORN THIS WEEK: You have a knack for finding details that others would overlook. You would make a fine research scientist.

Crossword - Hollywood Headline

ACROSS
1 Hirt hit
5 Kudrow or Hartman
9 Lucas character
13 Gullible one
18 Rueful cry
19 Certain Semite
20 Imported cheese
21 Extragalactic object
22 DIRECTOR PICKS KAPLAN TO PLAY LINCOLN!
25 Author Le Guin
26 Prepare to propose
27 Valueless
28 Hum bug?
30 ABA member
31 Fix a fight
33 "WHEEL" RATINGS PLUNGE!
39 More meager
44 "Graf —"
45 Navigation hazard
46 Film, for short
47 Castilian custard
49 Commoner
51 Arm bones
55 CARNEY IN NEW FILM!
59 Vaudeville staple
62 Disdain
63 Unduly
64 "— -Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)
65 JFK Library architect
66 Beethoven symphony
69 Velvety plant
72 Pro-gun grp.
73 Little helper?
74 SANDLER GOES ON TOUR!
78 Ever's partner
81 Slugger's stat
82 Attempt
83 Sulky
86 Moon crawler
87 "— a Song Go . . ."
88 TV's "The — Patrol"
90 Prelim
92 Plumbing tool
95 AFFLECK WINS SECOND OSCAR!
98 Ho hi
99 — Kong
101 Roof part
102 "Holy cow!"
103 "Casablanca" character
106 Crucifix
108 Agitated
111 HAGMAN PLANS NUPTIALS!
115 Piggy
116 Khan opener?
117 Castilian cry
118 Head set?
122 Croc's kin
126 Mideastern mall?
129 PAQUIN GETS STARRING ROLE!
134 In public
135 Row
136 General Bradley
137 Final
138 Alarm button
139 Raucous noise
140 — Hari
141 Actress Merrill

DOWN
1 Item in a trunk
2 Economist Greenspan
3 Ming thing
4 Behind a windjammer
5 Fall behind
6 OPEC member
7 "Elephant Boy" star
8 Cain's victim
9 "Of course!"
10 Harem room
11 Apply gently
12 Petite parasite
13 Mongrel
14 Owns
15 Nothing special
16 Mediterranean island
17 Brooklyn school
21 Suppress
23 Skirt feature
24 Skiers' mecca
29 Wee one
32 Present
34 Datebook abbr.
35 — Aviv
36 Charges
37 "The March King"
38 Fedora fabric
39 Mineral springs
40 She brought out the beast in men
41 Part owner?
42 Urban transport
43 Absorbed
48 Ruth's mother-in-law
50 Mont —
52 Puppy bites
53 Fighter pilots
54 "SNL" bit
56 Haunted-house sound
57 Oklahoma city
58 Alex Haley book
60 Pianist Chasins
61 Bandleader Perez
67 Bergonzi or Ponti
68 "Waves of grain" color
70 Fast flier
71 Bright
73 Between three
75 Bum a ride
76 Humble
77 Soprano's showcase
78 Jessica of "Dark Angel"
79 Comic Carter
80 Melville novel
84 Play ground?
85 Great Lake natives
87 Po land
89 It'll give you a lift
91 Change for a five
93 Helicopter sound
94 Circle dance
95 Sikorsky or Stravinsky
96 First offender
97 Jay's house
100 Negative correlative
104 It may be tall
105 Internet acronym
107 Colors
109 Demetrius' duds
110 Inclined
111 Sweat and slave
112 Dumbstruck
113 Brings down the house
114 Thought-provoking
119 Particle
120 Maffia or Downey
121 Petty clash?
123 Prepare to fly
124 — even keel
125 Sita's husband
127 Chemical suffix
128 PC key
130 Long or Peeples
131 Unused
132 Dadaism founder
133 Lingerie item



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Sudoku

9					2	3		
	5		7		8		1	
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6		1		5				8
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		2			9	4		
	1		8				2	7
7				1				5

Level: Moderate

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Magic Maze - Flooding

D S T Q S N L J G S E C Z X V
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N L K E I R G I E D C B R Z X
W U V S E R C P T B R E A C H
O E M C L T P U N A E L C J R
L N A T I O N A L G U A R D E
I S R E V I R U G S E C D B S
T A Y X S R E T L E H S A W C
U T S Q P O S P R O C N L V U
K J H G K C O T S E V I L F E

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Breach
Clean up
Crest
Crops

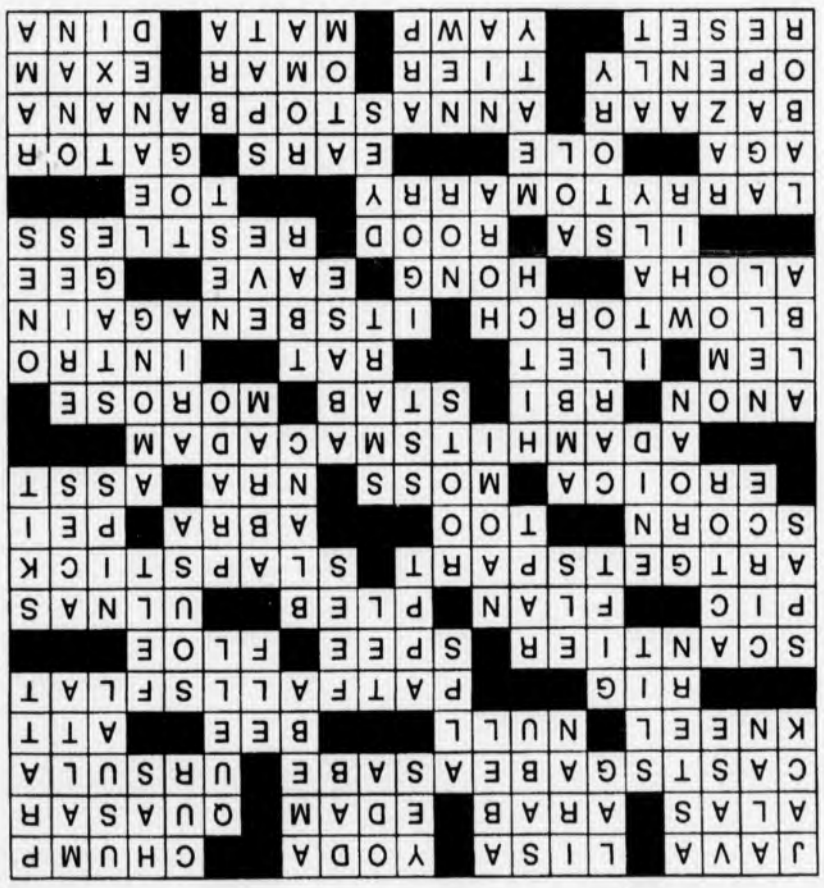
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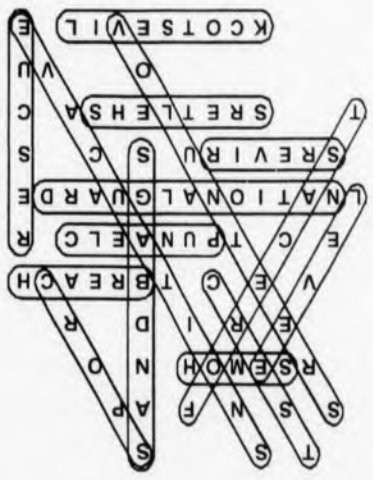
Sandbags
Shelters
Volunteers

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Crossword Solution - Hollywood Headline



Magic Solution - Flooding



Sudoku Solution

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2	1	6	8	9	7	3	5	4
4	5	3	4	6	1	8	7	9

TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

SEPTEMBER 11-19, 2008

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Sept. 11

The Daniel Webster Estate at 238 Webster St., Marshfield is open every Thursday through September from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Marshfield is the Home of Daniel Webster, so come and have a guided tour of this lovely 1880s house, which is a tribute to Webster. Admission is free. Visit danielwebsterestate.org.

Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a 12-Step program for individuals suffering from food obsession, overeating, undereating and bulimia. There will be a free community information meeting held at 7 p.m. on both Thursday, Sept. 11, and on Tuesday, Sept. 23. The Thursday night meeting is in Sharon at the First Congregational Church, 29 North Main St. The Tuesday night meeting is at the VA Hospital in West Roxbury, 1400 VFW Parkway, in the Barsamian Auditorium. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. Everyone is welcome, including those who think they may have a food problem or are concerned about someone who may. For more information call Elissa at 781-784-1468 or visit foodaddicts.org

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, Stump Team Trivia at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 11 **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Sept. 11 **Soul Drivers blues jam**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnew-bluesrevue

Friday, Sept. 12

Painting Outside - new works of Priscilla Levesque exhibit at The South Street Gallery. 149 South St., Hingham. The opening event will take place Sept. 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and visitors will have a chance to meet the artist at that time. The exhibit will be on display until Thursday, Oct. 2.

Market at the Harbor, an artisan, farmer, and fish market featuring local goods and cultural experiences presented by Destination Community Development, Inc., takes place at HRBA Bayside Property, Nantasket Avenue, Hull, between Bay Street and Edgewater Road. Every Friday, rain or shine, through Oct. 17. Market times are 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 19, 3:30 p.m. - **Artist Lenore Schneider**, from Art on the Avenue in Hull, will discuss her trilogy of children's drawing and coloring playbooks: **Imaginary Creations, Yours and Mine** for children from ages 5 to12 years. The books come with lesson plans and will be available for sale at the market. Lenore will also be introducing her newly-created three-dimensional paintings.

Massbluegrass Jamboree – Sept. 12, from 4 to 10 p.m.; Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Yogi Bear Maple Park Campground, Glen Charlie Road, Wareham. Three days of bluegrass music entertainment including national and local bands such as **The Chapmans, Nothin' Fancy, Buddy Merriam and Back Roads, Southern Rail, Back Eddy Bluegrass, Blackstone Valley Bluegrass, Falmouth Fiddlers, Monadnock, Stillhouse Jammers, CrabGrass, The Hemingway Brothers, NewFound Grass, Dan Helman & Marking Time, Crossfire and No spare Parts.** Food and craft vendors available throughout the weekend. Cost/registration: $55 weekend early bird festival rate until Aug. 15. Daily rates also available. For information call 508-866-1028 or visit mapleparkfamilycamp-ground.com or massbluegrass.org

Shazam, featuring **Jamie Leigh Green** on keyboards and **David Moody** on guitar, performs Top 40 music at The Pub in the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12 and 13, at 8:30 p.m. For details, call The Pub at 508-591-5036.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **Chambers & Tobias** Sept. 12, 8:45 p.m. to closing.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 12 **3rd Left** 781-829-6999.

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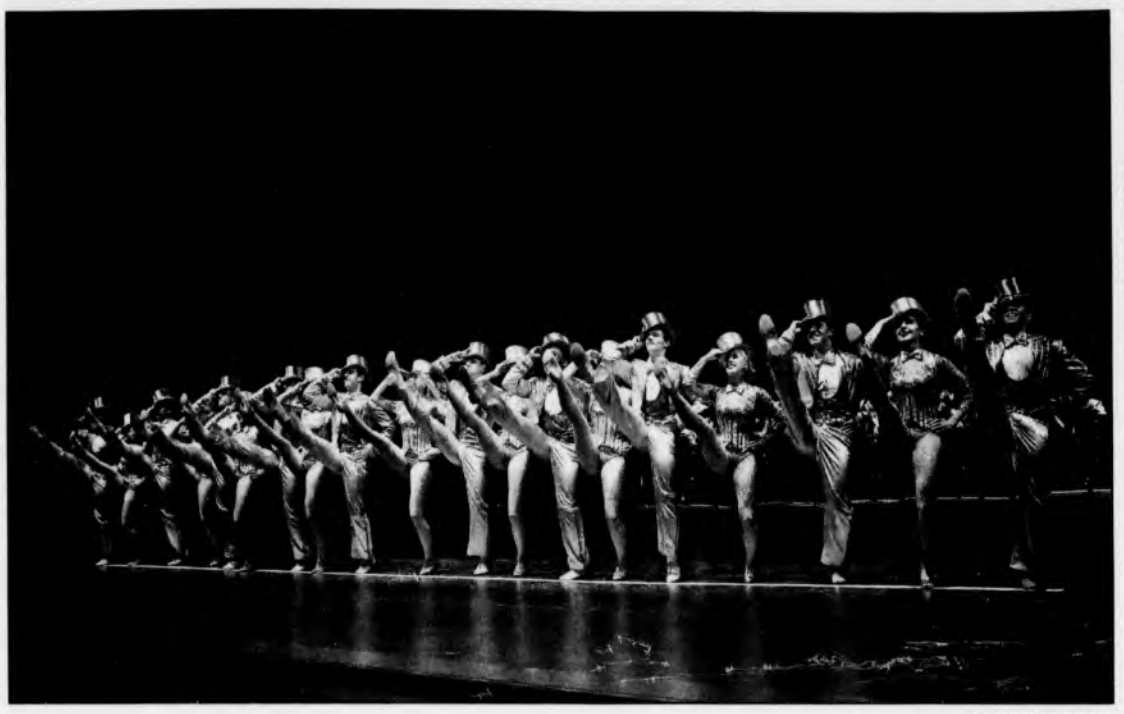
Saturday, Sept. 13

Boston Ballet School will host an open house for all ages on noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 at the school's Norwell branch. School principal, Boston Ballet company member and Braintree resident Jared Redick will be joined at the Norwell studio by fellow company members from Boston Ballet at this special event. This unique open house event features classes for new and returning students, as well as arts and crafts projects for children ages 2 to 6 and a special appearance by Boston Ballet company members **Misa Kuranaga, Sarah Wroth, Krista Ettlinger, Melanie Atkins, Sabi Varga and James Whiteside.** The dancers will be on-hand to sign autographs and talk with visitors. Advanced students from Boston Ballet School will provide a demonstration for visitors and prospective students. Boston Ballet School will welcome dance students and fans from the South Shore to a free open house on Saturday, Sept. 13, from noon to 3 p.m. The school is located at 34 Accord Park Drive, Norwell.

18th Anniversary Down East Dancers Country Line and Couples Dance at Taunton Elks, 119 High St., Taunton, Sept. 13. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. with DJ and Dance Instructor, Donna Shea. Dance 8 to 11:30 p.m. Dancing includes Line dancing and Couples: Two step, Waltz, East Coast and West Coast Swing, Pattern/Flow dances, Cha Cha, Nightclub 2, dance mixers and more. Potluck refreshments, cash bar. $7. Over 100 dancers expected. 781-925-1170; 508-695-4548.downeastdancers.com

Christ Lutheran Church in Scituate is planning two very different events, First up is the **Hullabaloo Family Carnival** Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This fantastic festival has something for everyone, with games, food, pony rides, bouncy castles, and entertainment including The Bubble Music Man and Big Ryan's Tall Tales. There will also be home-made pies for purchase and a silent auction table that will offer a wide variety of items: Red Sox tickets, a Retro Patriots Helmet, zoo tickets, children's toys, sports memorabilia, and other surprises. All the proceeds from this fifth annual celebration will be given to The Ruth House in Brockton, the Herring Brook

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The company on the line in "One" the climactic, high-kicking, all-chorus number.

Reigniting 'A Chorus Line'

Co-choreographer of original trailblazer takes on the revival

By R. Scott Reedy
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PHOTO/RYAN MILLER.

Peter Pileski, Bob Avian, John Breglio (producer) and his wife Nan Knighton.

Bob Avian was with his late friend and co-choreographer Michael Bennett every step of the way on "A Chorus Line" from its very beginning almost 35 years ago, so when the idea of reviving the Tony- and Pulitzer Prize-winning musical was broached a few years back, Avian says nothing could have kept him away.

"I knew I had to be involved from the moment Michael's attorney, John F. Breglio, said he wanted to remount Michael's version of 'A Chorus Line.' I'm the keeper of the flame. I knew if Michael Bennett's masterpiece was to be remounted, I had better do it," explained Avian, who shared the 1976 Tony and Drama Desk Awards for Best Choreography with Bennett, by telephone from his home in Connecticut recently. "I couldn't imagine sitting in the audience and seeing what someone else might do with this show."

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Understandably so, since Avian — along with composer Marvin Hamlisch, lyricist Edward Kleban, and librettists James Kirkwood and Nicolas Dante — had helped director Bennett develop the landmark show about dancers auditioning for spots in a chorus line, gleaned from countless hours of taped sessions with actual Broadway dancers, from workshops to an off-Broadway run at Joseph Papp's Public Theatre and then to Broadway, where the original production opened on July 25, 1975, and ran for 15 years. Bennett died of AIDS on July 2, 1987, at age 44, leaving control of his estate to Avian and Breglio.

Oct. 5, 2006, the Avian-directed revival of "A Chorus Line" — complete with a score that includes the oft-recorded ballad "What I Did for Love" and the climactic, high-kicking, all-chorus number "One" — opened on Broadway. That production closed last month, but this week a national tour comes to the Boston Opera House featuring Bennett and Avian's original choreography re-staged by Bayoork Lee, another longtime Bennett collaborator, who played Connie Wong ("Four-Foot Ten") in the original production.

Avian has an idea why the show still works.

"The first time around, it was all very inside in the way it looked at the experiences of dancers in the chorus. It surprised all of us when it took off and became the hit that it did. We didn't expect it would have that kind of broad appeal. It worked, however, partly because it was shocking for its time. The show expressed things people never said out loud back then.

"This time around it is all about the dancers and their amazing gifts as performers. The original kids were in rehearsal for over a year before we played to an audience. This revival, of course, has been very different, and most of our dancers now are too young to have even seen the original production. Our cast is so young that many of them don't even have a technique yet. Many times, as we were casting, I would just speak directly to them and learn what they are all about.

"They are a living amoeba on stage where keeping it real is what is most important. It only works when you keep the falseness out."

Avian, who first met Bennett in 1960 when the young dancers were cast for a European tour of "West Side Story," was Bennett's good friend and frequent collaborator. He worked with Bennett on "Company" in 1970 and both "Follies" and "Twigs" in 1971. The pair earned another shared Tony Award for Best Choreography for1979's "Ballroom," which Avian also co-produced on Broadway.

In 1981, Avian shared producing duties with Bennett, Geffen Records and the Shubert Organization on Bennett's Broadway smash, "Dreamgirls." Avian produced the subsequent national tour of "Dreamgirls" and supervised its 1987 Broadway revival. In 1993, Avian choreographed the Stephen Sondheim revue "Putting It Together" off Broadway with Julie Andrews. He also choreographed the 1999 Broadway production of the show that starred Carol Burnett.

Avian also choreographed the London and Broadway productions of "Miss Saigon," and "Sunset Boulevard," earning two more Tony nominations, in 1991 and 1995 respectively, in the process. In 2000, Avian returned to London to choreograph a musical version of "The Witches of Eastwick" for producer Cameron Mackintosh.

Avian, 70, came out of retirement for the revival of "A Chorus Line."

If reuniting with Breglio and Lee to both honor and protect Bennett's legacy weren't enough, Avian has also been able to share the experience of reviving "A Chorus Line" with his partner of 23 years, Peter Pileski, who serves as his assistant director. A Brockton native and, like Avian, a graduate of Boston University, Pileski admits that sharing a home and work life can present challenges.

"There are always certain situations that arise, because we're partners in life and now professionally, too. It can be very funny to work together all day and then go home together at night. We have our disagreements, of course, but we're able to separate the personal from the professional. And when it comes to 'A Chorus Line,' Bob is totally in charge. What's been interesting, though, is that he hired me to bring a fresh eye to the show. He wanted me to be an objective participant in the whole process. Our personal relationship has allowed much of our communication to be unspoken. We can say an awful lot with just nods," said Pileski by telephone from New York last week.

Plieski still has family in the Boston area. His brother, Tom Pileski, lives in Brockton and is a football coach at Coyle and Cassidy High School in Taunton, while another brother, Bob Pileski, lives in Canton, and nephews make their homes in Walpole and Boston. Pileski, who has produced and directed for the USA and Sci-Fi cable television networks, divides his time between homes in New York City, Fort Lauderdale, and Kent, Conn., which he shares with Avian.

Even though Bennett has been gone for over 20 years, Avian acknowledges that his memory remains vivid.

"I'm constantly aware of Michael's presence. When I mess around with this show, I always wonder what Michael would think and what he would want.

"This is the show Michael was born to do. It is his legacy. The memories, both joyous and painful, are tremendous. Michael and I shared so much together over 25 years. From the moment we met in 'West Side Story,' we instantly became best friends.

"I've often thought about the shows he would have done had he lived. I think about him all the time and still miss him very much."

"A Chorus Line" will be at the Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston, through Oct. 5. For tickets and information, 617-931-2787 or go online at BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com/boston.

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Day School Scholarship Fund, the Scituate Food Pantry, and missions in Kenya. Both events, part of Christ Lutheran Church's outreach programs, are open to the public. For information about Hulabaloo or how to purchase tickets to the Fashion Show, call Christ Lutheran Church in Scituate, 781-545-5271.

Strawberry Shortcake will be on hand for a meet and greet at Edaville USA on Sept. 13 and 14. between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Edaville USA. The admission ticket is $18 for anyone ages 2 and over. Children under the age of 2 are admitted free. The admission ticket includes unlimited access to all rides and attractions including a meet and greet with Strawberry Shortcake. Also included is a two-mile train ride through a 1,300-acre cranberry plantation. Parking is free. Group rates are available for groups of 15 or more people. Edaville is located just minutes from Boston, Providence, and Cape Cod. Visit www.edaville.com or call 877-edaville for dates, hours and directions.

Corn Maze – Sauchuk Farm, Plympton. 234 Center St., (off Route 58) Plympton. Opening day Sept. 13 through Oct. 26. Also available hayride, face painting, cow train, corn box, goat walk, pumpkin patch. Hours: Saturday10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday school groups only. Last admission 5 p.m. Adults and Teenagers (13 and up) $8; children (4-12) $6; Toddlers (3 and under) free. 781-585-1522 sauchukfarm.net

Union Jack will return "home" to **Mount Blue**, Main St., Norwell with a special performance on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 9 p.m. Visit mountblue.com or unionjackband.org for more information.

Rick Larsen Horsemanship presents **Honoring The Horse - A Demonstration** taking place from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday Sept. 13, at the corner of Forest and Pine in North Marshfield. This free all ages horse demo will help people understand how horses think and what they can teach us about ourselves. Call 781-910-9745 for more info or directions.

Third annual Family Fun Day at Scituate Town Librar,y Sept. 13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Live Performance schedule:11 a.m. – Singing family favorites Ana and Thomas Buckley; 12:30 p.m. – Big Ryan's Tall Tales; 1:30 p.m. – Magic with Joe Carota; 2:30 p.m. – Gary the Silent Clown; 3:30 p.m. – Zumba! with Jody Craft. Information: 781-545-8727 or www.scituatetownlibrary.org.

The historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, in association with the **North River Arts Society** of Marshfield, will host **A Colorful History:** a fundraiser combining Marshfield history and original artwork on **Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.** Marshfield artists will exhibit their original representations of local historic sites, landmarks and structures. Participating artists include: **Margaret Farrell Bruno, Sue Charles, Mary Felton, Dominic Farrell, Sandy Donnellan, Jody Regan, Dorit Flowers, Dorothy Simpson Krause, Viola Kaumlen, Betty Rogers, Laura Harvey, Mary Taylor, Patricia Smith, Mary Callahan, Mary Hufnagle Murray, Gary Irish, Rosemary Zalinsky-Coyle.** Artwork will be offered for purchase by silent auction and can be viewed – and bid on with a special preview available for members prior to the auction. All are invited. Admission is $10 per person and is available by calling the Winslow House at 781-837-5753 or by logging onto the website: www.winslowhouse.org. Admission may also be paid at the door. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar available. Meet the artists and take advantage of this opportunity to own an original piece of Marshfield's history!

The Daniel Webster Estate "History Comes Alive!" Fall Theatre Series" Sept. 13, **"Paul and Rachel Revere Ride Again!"** A living portrayal set in 1803 starring Cambridge historic re-enactors, **Lee K. Riethmiller and Jessa Piaia**. relive life in Boston when America was still a British Crown Colony and the drama of unrest culminated in the America's Revolution. A spirited questions and answer discussion will follow with the actors. This play is suitable for young people 12 years and over. Performance will take place at the North Community Church Parish House, Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Doors open at 7 p.m. Performance is from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tickets - $18. Purchase tickets by calling 781-837-2403 or 781-837-7579. Refreshments will be served and raffle items offered. Information visit www.DanielWebsterEstate.org

Shazam, featuring **Jamie Leigh Green** on keyboards and **David Moody** on guitar, performs Top 40 music at The Pub in the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12 and 13, at 8:30 p.m. For details, call The Pub at 508-591-5036.

Blind Ambition will perform Sept. 13 at Damiens in Hanson.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **Irish Seisiun** Sept. 13, at 5:30 p.m.

Bag Full of Blues will perform at 9:30 p.m. Sept. 13, at **Joe's American Bar and Grille**, 2087 Washington St., Hanover. 781-878-1234. No cover charge

Sunday, Sept. 14

Bone marrow donor drive for Donovan Sands – Sept. 14, Donovan's parents - Paul Sands and Trish McClentic - are teaming with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to hold a drive for a matching donor at the Weymouth Elks Club, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth, from noon to 4 p.m. The screening process is painless and takes only a couple of minutes. Potential donors have the inside of their cheek swabbed several times with a Q-tip and DNA samples are then sent to the Dana-Farber laboratory for testing. Those being screened must be between the ages of 18 and 61, and in good health. Potential donors who are not available on Sept. 14 can still be screened. A mail-in test kit can be provided by the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Call 866-875-3324 for further details. Please note that all those screened will be asked to donate bone marrow for other patients in the registry if a match is found. Participation is voluntary.

Clift Rodgers Library, Marshfield Hills is sponsoring a **Family Drum Circle** led by Ed Sorrentino from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Sept. 14, at the North Community Church Parish House on Old Main Street in Marshfield Hills. This fun, family, hands-on drumming activity is appropriate for 3 year-old children to adults, and an adult must accompany children. The $5 per-person fee may be paid at the door, however, participants must call 781-834-9676 to pre-register. Due to limited space, early registration is encouraged. Light Refreshments will be served at the end of the program.

First Parish Church, 842 Tremont St., Duxbury presents ***Sea Change: Reversing the Tide***, a dramatic one hour lecture by biologist **Roger Payne** and his wife, actress, **Lisa Harrow** at 2 p.m. Sept. 14. ***Sea Change*** is a project of Ocean Alliance, a non-profit organization that educates policy makers on ocean stewardship, regarding pollution reduction and other topics to benefit ocean life and human health. Booksigning, ***What Can I Do? An Alphabet for Living*** after the lecture by Lisa Harrow plus green environmental information tables. Tickets: $10. 781-934-3283. sustainableduxbury.org

Corn Maize – Sauchuk Farm, Plympton. 234 Center St., (off Route 58) Plympton. Also available hayride, face painting, cow train Hours: Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday school groups only. Last admission 5 p.m. Adults and teenagers (13 and up) $8; children (4-12) $6; Toddlers (3 and under) free. 781-585-1522 sauchukfarm.net

Dale and the Duds will perform at the **Hanover Bandstand**, Route 139, Hanover at 6 p.m. Sept. 14. This is a make-up concert from the original that was rained out July 27. Free and open to the public.

Monday, Sept. 15

John Nutter of Hanover, will be the :featured artist at the Dickinson Art Gallery, Weymouth, though Sept. 19. They will display a collection of his pastels depicting familiar scenes and landmarks in the South Shore area. . He creates pastel paintings of New England and South Shore subjects, "in all the beauty of our four seasons," including "North River Sunset" and "Mary's Boat Yard;" the "Island Bouquet," the colorful island in Boston's swan boat pond; and "The Cove" at Duxbury.

Choral Art Society's 50th Anniversary season: open rehearsals Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m., First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate. No auditions, but ability to read music helpful, all voices welcome. Concerts Dec. 7 and May 30. www.choralartsociety.org or 781-545-8295.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

Wellspring's Computer Learning Program is now accepting registrations for its fall term of classes. The computer center, located at 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, offers professional, personal classes for all levels from beginner to advanced including Microsoft certification for some levels. Classes begin Sept. 16. Cost is $45 for a 2-class session. and financial assistance is available. For schedule of classes go to www.wellspringhull.org/computerlearning or call 781-925-3211.

The Law Offices of Bokavich and Kelleher, LLC, 1076 Washington St., (Route 53), Hanover, are providing **free educational Estate Planning** workshops in September; titled "The Truth About Estate Planning." The workshop is educational in nature with participation and attendee questions encouraged. All are welcome to attend. Sept. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.

South Shore Men of Harmony invite men of good character who love to singe but do not necessarily read music to come to a weekly meeting. The acapella barbershop chorus rehearses every Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 pm. At the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. Call Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-7464.

Island Grove Chorus, a women's acappella singing group, meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Abington. Call 781-848-5843 for more information.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

The Cohasset Historical Society will present the first of its fall lecture series on Wednesday, Sept. 17 when **Rabine Andreau** will speak about her family's experience as prisoners of war in a Japanese camp in Malaysia during World War II. All Wednesday evening programs will begin at 7:30 in the Society's Headquarters at 106 S. Main Street in Cohasset. There is no cost for these programs and light refreshments will be served. For information call the Cohasset Historical Society at 781-383-1434.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Route 3A Cohasset, welcomes author **Hallie Ephron** Sept. 17, 7 p.m. Ephron will be discussing her new book, **1001 Books for Every Mood**, a lighthearted guide to great reads sorted by what the reader is in the mood for ("a good laugh," " a good cry,"or "a shot in the arm"…and so on through more than 70 moods.) If you would like to order a personalized or signed copy, call 781-383-2665.

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston, Route 3 to exit 10 to route 3A south to Green Street). The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 17, at 7 p.m.. No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630 for more information.

Thursday, Sept. 18

Cancer and Caregivers Support – The Wellness Community (TWC) at Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover, provides free supportive and educational programs for those in the South Shore area with cancer and for their loved ones. TWC at Pathways offers support, education and hope through several support and networking groups, yoga, tai chi, art exploration and educational workshops. Support groups are led by trained clinicians. Beginning Sept. 16 the Caregivers Support Group will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at the new time of 6 to 8 p.m. This group is led by professional TWC facilitator, Kelley O'Neele, PhD. Information or to register call 781-829-4823. Information: 781-829-4823 or visit wellnesscommunity.org.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Satuit Camp 3188 is having an organizational meeting at 7 p.m., Sept. 18 at GAR Hall on Country Way in Scituate. The Sons of Unions Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a patriotic and educational organization. Membership is open to males, ages 14 and older, who are direct descendants of a solider, sailor, or Marine who served during the Civil War. Junior and associate memberships are also available. The camp will help prospective members with the paperwork to determine eligibility. Members do not have to be Scituate residents. For information contact Conley Ford at cfordcon@comcast.net or call 781-545-0054.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 18, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

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Friday, Sept. 19

South Shore Art Center's Bancroft Gallery will host **New England Watercolor Society's 11th Biennial Open Show**, juried by nationally known artist and teacher Don Andrews of Florida. The exhibition includes over 100 pieces, all on paper and done with only water soluble media. South Shore/Cape artists represented include **Anne Belson** (Falmouth), **Julie Blanchard** (Dennis), **Mary Callahan** (Marshfield), **JoAnne Chittick** (Cohasset), **Jane Flavell Collins** (Duxbury), **Becky Haletky** (Pembroke), **Jack Haran** (Duxbury), **Burton Longenbach** (Hingham) and **Betty Rogers** (Marshfield). The show can be viewed at South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, through Nov. 2. **An opening reception** will be held on Friday evening, Sept. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove St., (Route 28) Middleboro. **Comedy Show** at 7 p.m. Sept. 19, featuring Mike Donovan. **Other Comics: Davy B, Annette Pollack, Colleen Morrissey, Rick Sinnott, Your Host: Mike Hanley.** Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833. tuscanhouserestaurant.com myspace.com/annettepollack



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(l to r): Union Jack members: David Porter, Scott Armstrong, Bob Hoffman and Don Packer. South Shore rock and blues favorites Union Jack will return "home" to Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell with a special performance on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 9 pm.

Union Jack performs American and British rock and blues featuring the music of Eric Clapton, The Black Crowes, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Van Morrison, Tom Petty, Cream, The Allman Brothers Band, the J. Geils Band, The Rolling Stones and many others. The band will feature new member Steve Vietro, who recently joined the band after a number of years with The Instigators, a popular North Shore rock group. Special guests are also being featured on the bill. The band has been playing up and down the New England coastline this summer and is looking forward to returning to "home " to Mount Blue with new songs and the same high energy. Reservations recommended. Visit mountblue.com or unionjackband.org for information.

The Company Theatre announces its 2009 concert season

Tickets on sale Monday, Sept. 15, at 11 a.m.

The Company Theatre in Norwell, has announced its 2009 Concert Season, providing the area with the best in music, dance and comedy. Tickets for all shows go on sale Monday, Sept. 15, at 11 am. Tickets can be purchased at the box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at companytheatre.com

The 2009 Concert Season lineup is as follows:

Beginnings Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. – Direct from New York. A horn-filled tribute to the music of CHICAGO. Ticket price $33.

The Music of Simon & Garfunkel Jan. 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. – The combination of AJ's warm baritone and Jonathan's tenor, flawlessly capture the magic of the music of Simon & Garfunkel in Greenwich VillageTickets price: $28.

The Piano Men II Jan. 31 at 4 and 8 p.m. – Jim Witter's new show now captures the music of Elton John and Billy Joel through the 70s and 80s, with images from the two eras. Ticket price: $33.

The Queen of Bingo Feb. 7, at 4 and 8 p.m.; Feb. 8 at 3 p.m. – The hilarious Off-Broadway show about America's REAL National Pastime! It's all about Bingo, diet crazes, widowhood, and hot flashes! And a lucky audience member wins a 10 lb. frozen turkey during every intermission. Ticket price: $25.

A Tribute to Garth Brooks Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. – Take a pull on a cold longneck with songs like "Ain't Going Down ("Til the Sun Comes Up)," "Friends in Low Places," "Standing Outside the Fire." Ticket price: $32.

Tony Kenny's Ireland Feb. 28 at 4 and 8 p.m. – Tony Kenny, Ireland's "Entertainer of The Year," brings his troupe direct from Ireland to the United States, with their special brand of Irish music, songs, dance and fun. Ticket price: $34.

The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron? April 16 at 7:30 p.m., Apr. 17 and 18 at 8 p.m., Apr. 19 at 3 p.m. –Bob Dubac once again asks, "What do women want?" His hit one-man show is a multi-character comedy with him playing all the roles. Tickets: $31.

Working Class Hero: A Tribute to John Lennon May 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. – Come together as Tim Piper and his band tell the John Lennon story through videos, history, and quotes— from his Beatle days through his solo career. Ticket price: $32.

Touch The Names: Letters to the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial May 16 at 4 and 8 p.m. –Eight actors speak the words and share the emotions from actual letters left at The Wall, accompanied by the soulful music of Chic Street Man, performed live. An Off-Broadway hit. Tickets: $25.



Bob Dubac stars in one-man show "The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?" at the Company Theatre April 16, 17, 18 and 10, 2009





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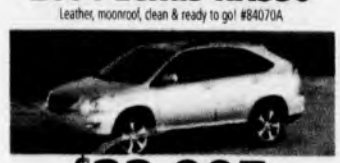
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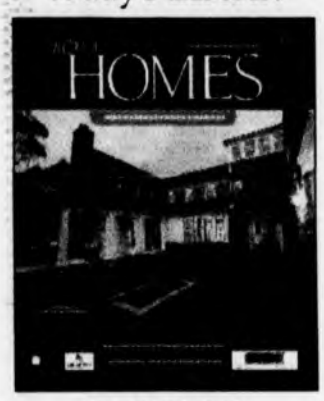


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Pond talks no Treat

Selectmen grapple with access to drainage pipe

By Nancy White
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After laying low during the summer months, the Treat's Pond issue was back on the Board of Selectmen's agenda Monday night. Opinion hadn't changed much over the past two months on the issue, but Selectmen seem poised to take action.

At issue is the town's easement to the pond and, more controversially, its associated Sandy Cove drainage pipe that took center stage. The 1964 document (the "Bigelow deed") granting the easement to the town is still in conflict as members of the Board of Selectmen do not see eye-to-eye with some of the property owners the easement crosses.

The conflict could eventually lead the town to a lawsuit in Land Court or turn into a Town Meeting article. But, Selectmen said they are hoping to negotiate with the affected property owner to avoid litigation.

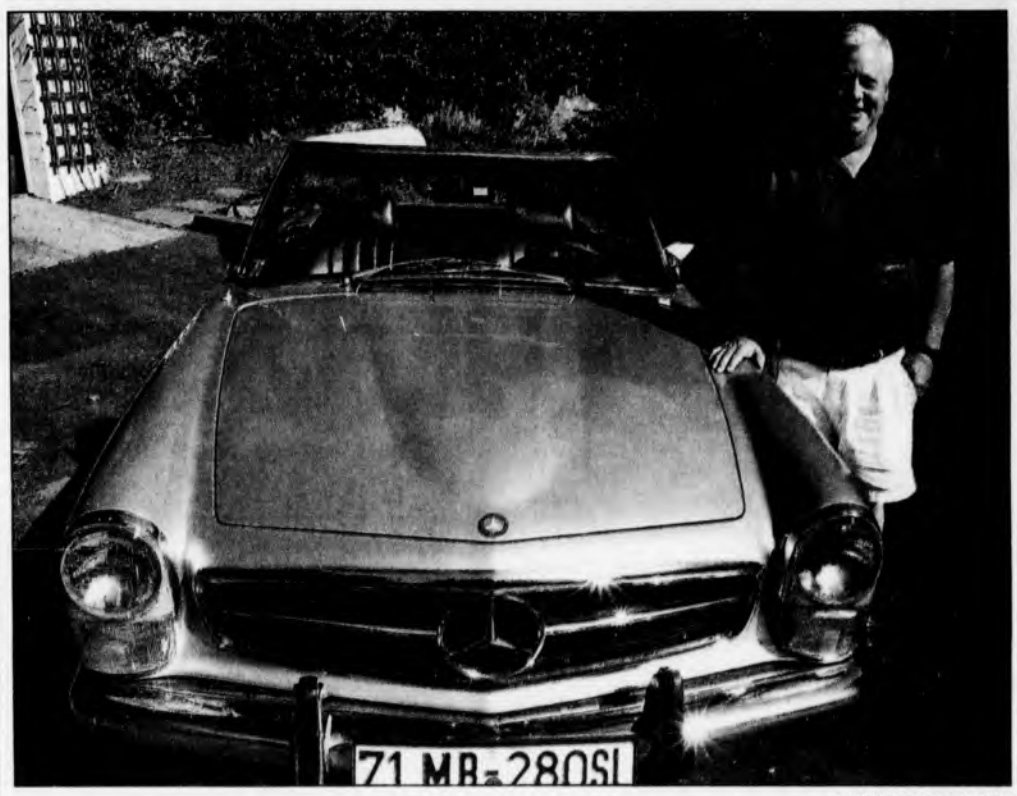
The pond, located off of Atlantic Ave. near the intersection of Whitehead Road, has been the subject of much discussion since the summer of 2007.

The easement issue is key to the greater scheme of Treat's Pond and its associated Atlantic Ave. flooding because it allows the town a legal way to maintain the drainage pipe. Keeping the outfall clear is crucial to preventing and alleviating flooding in the area while a more comprehensive solution is developed.

"I feel we should make a decision on how to service the pipe and the pond," said Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr in his opening remarks Monday night.

Carr peppered Town Counsel attorney Louis M. Ross of Deutsch Williams with questions on his reading of the deeds and gave the public a glimpse into what the town's options are. Yet, in the end, it was clear Carr and selectmen would prefer to resolve this issue without pursuing legal action. Following the two-hour public airing of the issue, the board went into executive session to further discuss strategy as it related to litigation and to consider acquisition of real estate as it pertains to Treat's Pond (Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer, who has recused himself as a Selectmen from discussion on the Treat's Pond issue,

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Woody Chittick stands next to his car, a Mercedes-Benz 1971 280 SL, which will be one of many classic cars taking part in Saturday's Cohasset Day event.

Start your engines!

Classic car owners revved up for Cohasset Day

By Nancy White
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Weather forecasters are calling for sunny skies Saturday for the first Cohasset Day and there's no event where sun is more important than the Classic Car Concours. If there's even a hint of rain, the pristinely maintained, well-loved and almost priceless cars stay tucked in the garage.

Cohasset Day is all about showing off the treasures of the town and, in that spirit, the majority of the classic cars that will be on display are owned by Cohasset residents.

"Ninety percent of the car owners are owned by Cohasset residents, which is really what we intended to do," said Peter Brown, chairman of the Economic Development Committee, the organization behind the Cohasset Day initiative.

A total of 26 classic cars will be on parade and display at Cohasset Day. From the oldest vehicle, a 1928 Ford Model A Speedster, to the newest, a 1992 Ferrari 348 TS, car enthusiasts or simply lovers of beautiful machines will find plenty to gawk at.

The Classic Car Concours starts with a parade through one of Cohasset's most scenic drives — Atlantic Avenue

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Cohasset Day schedule of events

On Saturday, Sept. 20, the Town of Cohasset will hold its first Cohasset Day – a celebration of all that is Cohasset.

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

- 12:40 to 1 p.m. St. Stephens Carillon by Mary Kennedy
- 1 to 1:30 p.m. Decorated bicycle parade on South Main St., between Brook Street and Depot Court. Registration required.
- 1:30 to 2 p.m. Soccer and other athletic teams parade on South Main St.
- 2 to 3 p.m. First annual Cohasset Classic Car Concours. At 1:30 p.m. cars will proceed north on Atlantic Avenue to Jerusalem Road to North Main Street to Sohier Street to Depot Court to set up at 2 p.m. in the municipal parking lot. The cars will then parade from Brook Street down South Main St. to the Common, around the Common and back to settle along South Main Street in parked positions until 3 p.m.
- 3 to 5 p.m. Fun games for all ages, a mini triathlon for kids between the ages of 6-13. Registration required.
- 4 to 7 p.m. dinner on South Main St., between Brook Street and Depot Court. Served by Cohasset restaurants, eateries and Cohasset based food purveyors.
- 4 to 6 p.m. Country music, with Jim Armstrong's band at the corner of South Main and Elm streets.
- 5 to 6 p.m. Special recognitions. Prizes to all winners.
- 6 to 8 p.m. Dancing on the street with live band, corner of South Main and Elm streets.

During the afternoon session, several "side-shows" will go on:

- Art exhibits on South Main St., organized by the South Shore Art Center with local artists in attendance
- Special Farmer's Market on E. side of Jason St., by the church.
- Cohasset Historical Society will open both houses to the public, on Elm Street, for the entire day.
- Fashion shows on South Main, organized by local boutiques
- Special displays at discounted prices on sidewalks of South Main, by local gift stores.
- Live music with various small bands along South Main St.

Commemorative "First Annual Cohasset Day, 2008" T-shirts on sale on South Main Street shops.



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Cohasset residents Jim Contis and Kay Lincoln, poll workers for precincts 1 and 2, share a laugh while waiting to check off incoming voters Tuesday afternoon at Cohasset's Town Hall auditorium.

Slow day at the polls in Cohasset

By Nancy White
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It was, as predicted, a paltry turnout at the polls for Tuesday's State Primary. Just 7.8 percent of Cohasset's registered voters, a total of 408 residents, showed up to vote at Town Hall.

"There really wasn't too much on the Democratic ballot and there wasn't much on the Republican ballot," said Town Clerk Marion Douglas of the sleepy election.

It came as no surprise more Democrats came out than Republicans, as the Democratic ballot did have two races. Likely what was the biggest incentive for Democrats to get out and vote was the race for Senator in Congress where John F. Kerry was challenged by Edward J. O'Reilly. Kerry won Cohasset — and the state. Out of 344 Democratic ballot voters, 211 filled in the circle next to Kerry's name and 130 voted for O'Reilly.

The results of this primary determined which names end up alongside the presidential candidates on Tuesday,

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Occupation: Math specialist teacher.

Best day of your life: The time I saw the Southern Cross constellation.

Best vacation: Galapagos Islands.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite junk food and meal: Pecan pie/turkey dinner.

Best book: The Red Tent.

Best actor: Gwyneth Paltrow.

Best TV show: The Office.

Favorite music group or artist: REM or Barenaked Ladies.

Most embarrassing moment: Too embarrassing to tell!

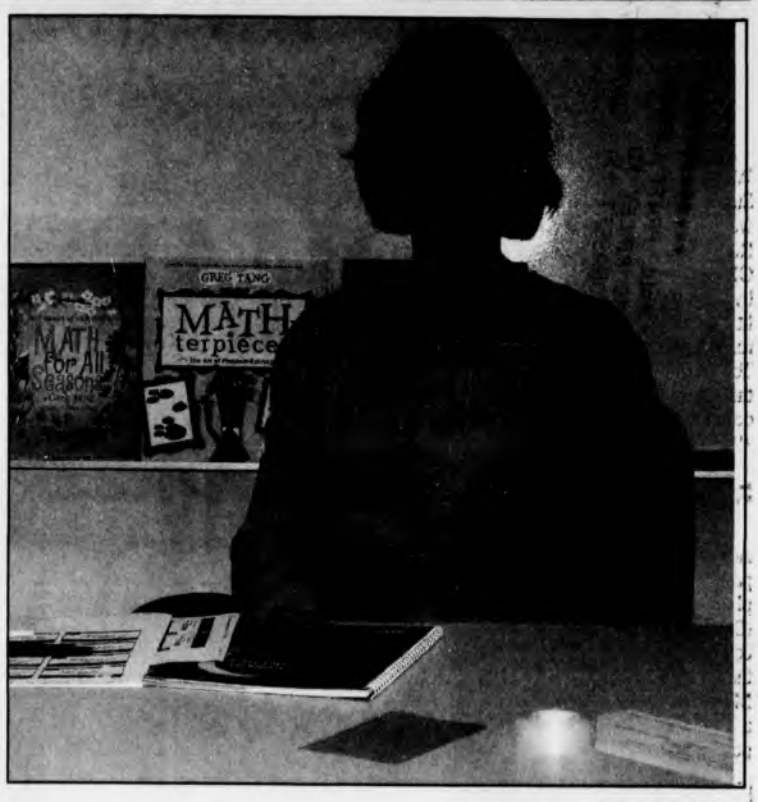
Pet peeve: Waiting.

Goal: To climb Macchu Picchu.

Person you'd most like to meet: Tim Russert.

Biggest worry: Global climate change.

Best part of Cohasset: Little Harbor



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This week, the Mariner caught up with Kathryn Brooks in her office at Deer Hill. Ms. Brooks is the new math specialist teacher shared between Deer Hill and Osgood.

Historical Society to offer Afternoon of History

Cohasset Historical Society will host an Afternoon of History from 2 to 4 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 21. The program is titled "Town Hall: Past and Future."

Since Town Hall is being revitalized, this is an opportunity to learn about the building, its place in Cohasset history and what is in store for its future. David Wadsworth will talk about the building's past, from its beginnings in 1857. Speakers detailing the options for Town Hall's future will include David Farrag, chairman of the Town Hall Restoration and Renovation Committee, and Jim Sandell, consulting architect.

There is no charge for this program and light refreshment will be served.

South Shore Tide Chart

EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Sep.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 18	1:41	9.7	1:57	10.3	7:42	-0.2	8:13	-0.7
Sunrise: 6:27a.m.					*Sunset: 6:47 p.m.*			
Fri. 19	2:29	9.4	2:43	10.3	8:28	0.0	9:03	-0.6
Sunrise: 6:28 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:45 p.m.*			
Sat. 20	3:20	9.1	3:35	10.1	9:17	0.3	9:58	-0.3
Sunrise: 6:29 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:43 p.m.*			
Sun. 21	4:16	8.7	4:31	9.9	10:12	0.7	10:57	0.0
Sunrise: 6:30 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:41 p.m.*			
Mon. 22	5:18	8.3	5:34	9.6	11:12	1.0	—	—
Sunrise: 6:31 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:40 p.m.*			
Tues. 23	6:24	8.2	6:41	9.5	12:00	0.3	12:16	1.2
Sunrise: 6:32 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:38 p.m.*			
Wed. 24	7:31	8.2	7:49	9.4	1:06	0.4	1:23	1.1
Sunrise: 6:33 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:36 p.m.*			
Thurs. 25	8:36	8.5	8:54	9.5	2:11	0.3	2:28	0.8
Sunrise: 6:34a.m.					*Sunset: 6:34 p.m.*			

Tides between Cohasset and Plymouth are within 10 min.

BRIEFLY

Residents concerned about train idling

There is a growing concern among North Main Street residents located near the MBTA commuter rail station that the evening trains are excessively idling at the station. The residents wrote a letter to the MBTA to express their concerns, which the board of selectmen elected to sign as well. Greenbush engineers and liaisons Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan are discussing the issue with the MBTA. Town Manager Bill Griffin will also alert State Sen. Bob Hedlund and State Rep.Garrett Bradley to the issue to see what they can do.

Goal-setting postponed

The Board of Selectmen's Monday (Sept. 15) agenda originally included a "goal-setting" session, but the discussion on Treat's Pond ran longer than anticipated. The goal-setting agenda item will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Brush chipping

Residential brush may be dropped off in the Public Works parking area from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the following Saturdays: Sept. 27 and Oct. 25. No trees over five inches, no stumps, firewood, briars or weeds allowed.

Farm fresh news

Due to Water Dept. work in progress at the Common, the Cohasset Farmers' Market will be held at the Little League field on North Main Street for the remainder of the season.

There are a many new vendors featuring unique, handmade items as well as artisan cheeses, breads, honey, soaps, wool and plenty of local produce including just-picked corn and tomatoes.

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POLICE BEAT

Three-car collision near Stop & Shop Plaza

By Nancy White
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A three-car pile up occurred last Wednesday (Sept. 10) near the Stop & Shop Plaza. All three cars were heading northbound on Route 3A. The driver of a 1989 Oldsmobile, owned and operated by a Rockland resident, dropped a lit cigarette, took his eyes off the road to retrieve it and hit the 2008 Toyota in front of him stopped at the red light. With the force of the collision, the Toyota then hit the 1989 Volvo in front of him.

Fender-bender

A 1999 Chevy, owned and operated by a Scituate resident hit a parked 2001 Mercury in the CVS plaza parking lot last Monday (Sept. 8) around 4:30 p.m. The contact caused minor damage to the driver side front corner of the Mercury. The Mercury, owned by a Cohasset resident, called the police for assistance. There were no injuries. The officer responding helped the parties exchange information.

Grade crossing cross up

Last Monday, the police dispatcher was given a heads up that the Pleasant Street grade crossing may have a malfunction. The MBTA contacted the dispatcher to alert them that work they were doing on the track may have tripped up part of the mechanism at the crossing. They were sending a crew out to address the problem, but wanted to give the police warning in case they received any calls about the crossing lights.

Police Chief James Hussey said the instances of grade crossing malfunctions have gone down considerably over the past couple of months.

"We've seen a dramatic decrease…it seems like the glitches have been worked out for the most part," said Hussey. The Greenbush commuter rail will have its one-year operating anniversary the end of next month.

Flashing lights ignored

A Cohasset police officer observed a car go through a school bus's flashing light and stop sign last Tuesday (Sept. 9) around noon. The officer pulled the car over immediately. In talking to the driver, he found out he was visiting from Ireland, not paying close enough attention and was not familiar with the roads. With that in mind, the officer gave the driver a verbal warning.

However, Chief Hussey said that is not typical.

"When a school bus is flashing its lights, people usually abide by the rules, but when it does happen, it's serious. Normally, we would handle the instance in a more severe way," said Hussey.

Whitehead bridge

A delivery of 75-foot steel beams for the construction of the Whitehead Island bridge made for some difficult maneuvering. Seven large tractor trailer flatbed trucks arrived on Atlantic Ave. to make the delivery last Tuesday afternoon.

"I think the delivery trucks were probably amazed how narrow the roads were," said Hussey.

With the help of several police details, the bridge pieces were brought down for delivery one by one. During approximately two-hour time span, Atlantic Ave. had to be shut down temporarily as the trucks entered and exited Whitehead Road.

Downed trees

Following a severe rainstorm last Tuesday, several calls came in concerning downed trees. Chief Hussey reminds residents to call the police anytime a tree limb makes contact with a wire, or other structure a resident perceives as potentially dangerous.

In most cases of downed trees or limbs falling on wires, police and fire officials are dispatched to the scene to assess the danger. Whether it is a telephone wire or an electrical wire, the appropriate vendor is called to respond to the problem.

"Anytime a tree or limb is blocking a public way in any fashion, we appreciate that residents contact us," said Hussey. DPW is usually called in to assist.

If a tree or limb falls on private property it is the owner's responsibility to remove the tree.

Smashed mailbox

A resident of Highland Ave. returned home last week to find his mailbox smashed and fence knocked down. The resident originally reported the incident as vandalism, but later found someone had left a note about the accident and offering to pay for the repairs. Sometime while the homeowner was away, a car hit the mailbox and fence. The police are working with the Highland Ave. resident to work out an agreement to pay for the damage.

"It's a nice thing, usually cars take off and not make themselves known," said Hussey.

Rear-ended

A car turning left off of Route 3A onto Brewster Road was struck from behind Thursday evening (Sept. 11). The cars were heading southbound on Route 3A, when a 1999 Honda owned and operated by a Cohasset resident stopped to make the turn. The car immediately behind, a 1997 Volvo driven by a Scituate resident, rear-ended the Honda. The driver of the Volvo told the police he did not see the Honda's directional. Neither party was taken to th hospital, but the Volvo was towed from the scene. The driver of the Volvo was cited for following too close.

Erratic operation

The Cohasset dispatch received an alert for erratic operation of a gold four-door sedan heading toward Cohasset on Route 3A from the Hingham police. Cohasset cruisers responded, but were unable to find the vehicle. The alert indicated the gold car had been passing cars in a no passing zone.

Cats on a boat

A boat hailing from Beverley tied up to the Government Island pier after one of the cats they were traveling with appeared to be having a seizure. They pulled in to find a veterinarian and called the police department for help. Animal Control Officer Paul Murphy responded. When Murphy arrived it appeared the cat that had the seizure had expired and another cat, also on the boat, seemed was lethargic and showing other signs of sickness. Murphy brought both cats to Crazy Paws veterinary hospital to be checked out. Some tests were run at Crazy Paws to determine what caused the cat's death and some blood work was done on the other cat. Murphy and the boat owners were concerned the cats got into something toxic while on the boat.

"We did the best we could for them," said Murphy. He is still waiting for a complete report from the vet on the deceased cat.

Bait fish

A load of bait fish that apparently fell off a moving vehicle was splattered over a portion of Forest Ave. last Saturday morning. A resident called the police reporting raw fish at the end of his driveway. DPW was called to clean up the smelly mess.

OUI arrest

A 58-year-old woman in a pink hat was arrested for her second offense of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. A 911-caller reported what he believed to be an intoxicated woman getting into her car and driving away from the library.

Units were notified to look out for a green Toyota with a woman driving wearing a pink hat. An officer saw the car driving northbound toward Hingham on North Main Street. The cruiser followed the car for a short way and observed the car crossing the center line and, at one point, completely cross over to the other lane. The officer put on the blue lights and pulled the Toyota over near Joy Place.

Based on the officer's observations, the woman was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol (second offense) and marked lanes violation. She was transported to the station and her car towed.

Tools stolen

Roughly $2,000 in tools was stolen from a new home on Stratford Terrace, a new street and development off Heritage Lane. A contractor locked up the home/job site around 5 p.m. on Saturday then returned on Sunday around 5 p.m. to find the tools missing. The house is still under construction, but is able to be locked up. On Sunday, he found numerous tools missing from the secured building. A few power drills, a sander, a Shop Vac vacuum and a nail gun was among the missing tools. Detectives are looking into how the house was accessed. The incident remains under investigation.

Music Circus exit plan worked well

The new exit strategy for the South Shore Music Circus was a success.

With the startup of the Greenbush train, the Police Department and Music Circus staff got together earlier this summer to talk about potential safety issues that might arise when hundreds of cars exit at the end of the performances. A MBTA train crosses the Sohier Street grade crossing at approximately 10:40 p.m., about 10 minutes after shows are over.

The police and Music Circus staff came up with a new traffic plan. In the past, cars have been directed both east- and westbound on Sohier Street. The new exit strategy made Sohier Street one-way. All traffic leaving the Music Circus was directed toward Route 3A, using both lanes of Sohier Street.

Police Chief James Hussey said the exit plan was only implemented when the ending of the show conflicted with a Greenbush train, but things went smoothly when it was used.

"The nights impacted it seemed to work very well," said Hussey. The police adjusted the plan slightly after the first couple of shows by placing cones at the end of each Music Circus driveway that exited onto Sohier Street to ensure cars did not turn against the one-way traffic.

Although a test run for getting an emergency vehicle up Sohier Street was not done, Hussey said he has "total confidence" there was enough room to maneuver an emergency vehicle up the street without a problem.

"We'll evaluate the plan again, listen to resident feedback, make changes and reconsider before next season," said Hussey.

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Slow day at the polls in Cohasset

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Nov. 4 in the General Election. (See complete Primary election results on page 22).

Sixty-four voters requested the Republican ballot. Of note on the results was nearly 100 percent of the voters (63 of 64) cast a vote for State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, running was unopposed in the Primary.

"It was fairly slow all day," said Douglas, adding they possibly gained a few voters who happened to be attending the Heath Fair next door at the Second Congregational Church.

Of the Cohasset's 5,193 registered voters, 1,157 are registered Democrats; 1,176 are registered Republicans; two are Green-Rainbow; one is Working Family and 2,851 are unenrolled. Although ballots were available for the Green-Rainbow and Working Family parties, there were no candidates on the ballot and no one in Cohasset requested one. Voters registered to the Libertarian or Reform parties are not eligible to vote in this state primary (Cohasset has five registered Libertarians and one Reform voter).

Although this year's turnout was low, the 2004 state primary election was even lower. Less than 5 percent of voters took the time to vote in that election. The 2008 state primary ties the 1988 primary as the second lowest voter turnout. In 1988, 371 voters, or 7.8 percent, went to the polls.



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

The Cohasset Town Hall auditorium was quiet during Tuesday's State Primary.

The turnout for this Primary is expected to pale in comparison to the numbers predicted for Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4 when the nation will choose a new president. She considered Tuesday's Primary somewhat of a "warm-up" for her office and her poll workers.

"Many of them are excited about working the November election," said Douglas. While there was plenty of down time yesterday, that won't be the case in a month and a half as Douglas said the state is predicting a 90 percent turnout of registered voters.

Many of the poll workers have been doing it for years, but Roger Whitley, along with his wife, Kitty, is a relative newcomer. He has worked the last three elections.

Working the polls makes for a long 13 and half hour day. With a couple of New Yorker magazines to read and a lot of friendly chat, Whitley passed the day checking in just 190 voters in Precinct 1 (218 checked in for Precinct 2).

"It's a long day, you're exhausted by the end," said Whitley, adding he is often concerned with holding up voters waiting in line as he finds them in the registered voter list, especially looking ahead to the very busy November election.

To keep the poll workers' energy up, food is provided to them. Whitley recalled when Douglas came before the Advisory Board when he was chairman to ask for money in the budget to provide meals to the poll workers.

"While eating my bagel yesterday, I told Marion (Douglas), I assume this bagel was paid for by the town budget," he said with a laugh. "I really got a kick out it."



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Policy aimed to protect privacy

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Should there be a school policy on providing parents with information when — and why — a teacher leaves the Cohasset School District?

The answer seemed to be parents can find out when a teacher leaves, but in order to protect the privacy of the individual and reduce the school's liability, they won't find out why — at least from the school department.

Spurred on by parent inquires into the departure of several teachers, Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh requested a legal opinion on what was the school's obligation when it came to providing information to parents when a teacher leaves the district.

School Counsel attorney Andrea Bell of Stoneman, Chandler & Miller developed a seven-page document outlining the relevant case law and her recommendation on a policy. Walsh reviewed the advisory opinion with the School Committee on Wednesday night.

It was the recommendation of counsel to not adopt a school district policy when it came to employee departure, but rather make an effort to communicate directly with the parents to notify them when the child's teacher has resigned or taken leave mid-year.

The information could inform parents of the students who are impacted that the teacher had left and provide the contact information of the replacement teacher, but it would not divulge the circumstances of the former teacher's departure.

If parents ask the school for more information or suspect misconduct, the attorney suggested the school advise the parent to independently seek information from other local and state agencies. As examples, the attorney offers local police, the court system and the Department of Education's licensure office.

"It takes the ownership off of us and provides parents with a direction to take those questions," said Walsh.

School Counsel cautioned the School Committee against establishing any clear policies on the issue, because it could increase the school's liability.

"…by having a policy, Cohasset creates a standard that must be followed and could incur liability if it failed to follow the policy," the advisory states. "It is difficult to say whether or not Cohasset would further insulate itself from liability with such a policy or inadvertently increase its liability in the event that it failed to follow the policy."

While Attorney Ross stated she recognized a letter informing parents of a replacement teacher would not satisfy the parent's desire to know the details behind a teacher leaving Cohasset, she said given the liability associated with further disclosure she felt it was an appropriate amount of information that Cohasset could offer parents over and above the current practice (i.e. mandatory reporting, public records requests, and common law duty to protect students from injury).

According to the letter, the School Department has denied all requests for information about teachers who no longer work for the district, regardless of whether the departure was "completely benign or related to possible misconduct." In these cases, they have cited a public records law exemption, which exempts personnel and medical files of a specifically named individual because the disclosure may constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

School Committee Vice Chairman Alfred Slanetz suggested perhaps a guideline statement in the policy manual, "we have to balance child safety with the teacher's right of privacy."

The School Committee did not adopt a policy or take any vote on the issue. There seemed to be a consensus to follow the attorney's advice on communicating with parents to notify them when a teacher leaves the district mid-year in the future.

Cohasset exploring club girls' ice hockey team

The School Committee approved the formation of a club girls' ice hockey team on Wednesday night. The team will be a cooperative team with Scituate High. The proposal came together over the last few weeks, so Athletic Director Ron Ford was hesitant to ask the School Committee to create a varsity sport.

"We can't march out a varsity team in three months," said Ford.

The program had many variables — interest in the student body, fundraising and availability of ice time.

"I want at least a year lead time on this," said Ford. At the end of the 2007-2008 school year, Ford tried to locate another area town interested in a cooperative team, but found no takers. A few weeks ago, Scituate approached him again about the program.

With the club status, Ford hopes the program will gain interest and in a couple of years the team could become a self-funded cooperative team, like the swim team.

Ford will return to the School Committee in the spring to re-evaluate the program.

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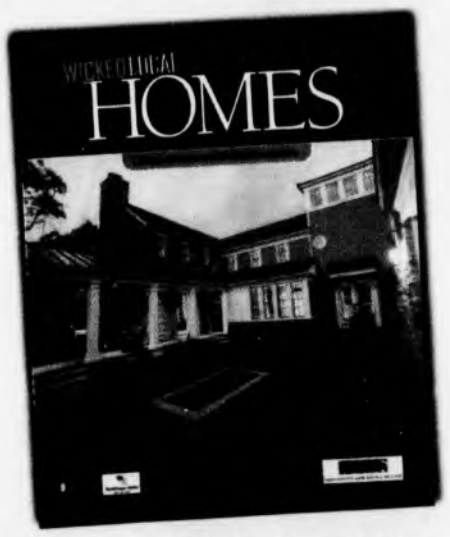
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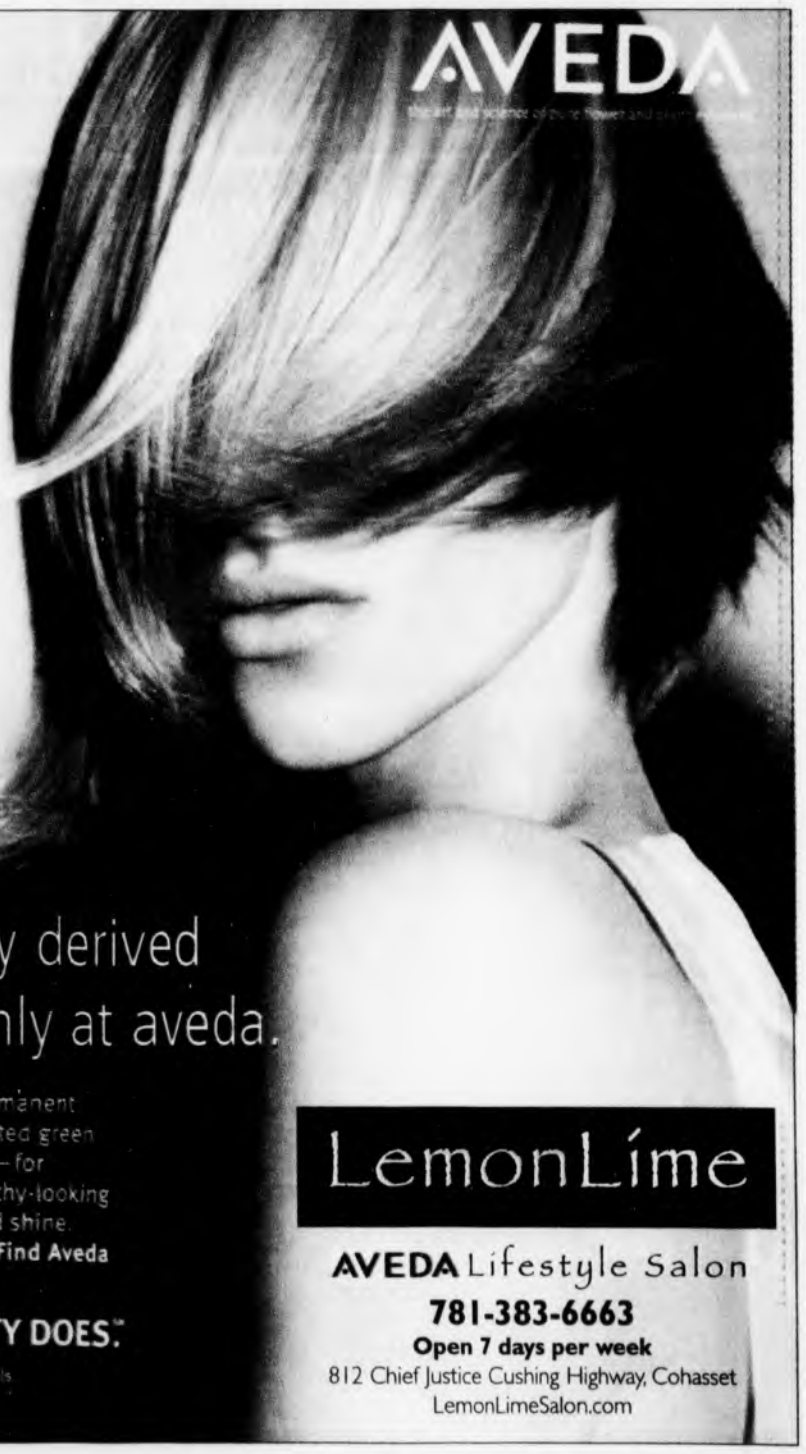
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Hello Cohasset. What a great weekend in store for all in and around town and the South Shore. Cohasset Day is tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 20 and everyone who goes is bound to have a wonderful time and feel the true sense of "community" for young and old and everyone in between! As you read this week's column, you will find some other wonderful activities going on around the area as well. Have a great weekend, enjoy the wonderful weather and take the time to enjoy everything happening both big and small.

5-YEAR REUNION

The five-year reunion for the CHS class of 2003 will be held Wednesday, Nov. 26 from 7-11 p.m. at the George Mealy American Legion Post (98 Summer St.) in Cohasset. Make your parents happy by coming home for Thanksgiving. Then catch up with old friends and share your new exciting experiences. Appetizers and drinks will be served. Questions? Contact Curt (curt.kahn@gmail.com) or Ross (rlieblappen@gmail.com).

TOY TALK

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes author/illustrator David Shannon on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 11 a.m. at Buttonwood, Shaw's Plaza in Cohasset. David will be reading and signing his new book "Too Many Toys" about a little boy with too many toys. The house is overflowing and his mother says it is time to give some away, a daunting task for any kid. The subject allows Shannon to deliver more of what made his "David" books irresistible, bright colorful pictures and an irrepressible preschooler. David Shannon is an award-winning artist and bestselling author. He is the author of "No, David" (a Caldecott Honor Book), "David Gets in Trouble," and "David Goes to School." Shannon is the illustrator for "How I Became a Pirate" and "Pirates Don't Change Diapers" by Melinda Long." The event is free. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665. What a nice event to attend.

TOWN HALL

The Cohasset Historical Society will host an Afternoon of History on Sunday, Sept. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. The program is "Town Hall; Past and Future".

Since our historic town hall is being revitalized, this is an opportunity to learn about the building, its place in Cohasset history and what is in-store for its future. David Wadsworth will present the buildings past, starting with its inception in 1857.

Speakers detailing the options for Town Hall's future will include David Farrag, Chairman of the Town Hall Restoration and Renovation Committee and Jim Sandell, consulting architect.

There is no charge for this program and light refreshment will be served.

CUTE KITTENS

Oh my goodness, if anyone out there is looking for a cute new kitty or two, we have some news to share.

The Wrenn family of Cohasset has a beautiful new momma cat and several sweet baby kitties that are looking for some homes. If you would like to see a picture of them, come on by to the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum (under the Paul Pratt Library) or give Barbara Wrenn a call at 781-383-9609.

CHILD CARE

Here is a great piece of news for some families around town. Sweet Relief Playcare, owned and operated by Lyni Previte, has afternoon openings for 3 and 4 year old children: Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 12-3:30. We are looking for friends who would like to have some socialization in this afternoon enrichment curriculum. There is a 10 child ratio with two teachers since the addition of Ms. Kelli Rodgers. Lyn has over 20 years experience, a fenced playpark, a brand new classroom and is licensed and insured. Come and have a blast with us! Please contact Lyn at 781-383-9723 to set up a peek at the program!

BLACK GOLD

Farmers refer to it as "Black Gold." Come on by and learn all about compost this Saturday, Sept. 20 from 2- 3:30 p.m. when Holly Hill Farm hosts a workshop devoted to the tricks involved in making this magical growing compound at home or in the classroom.

Instructor Janice McPhillips will discuss a "worm bin," one of the smallest compost operations going!

Cost is $15/person and $10/person for members of Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc., sponsor of the workshop.

APPLES

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 23 in Bates Hall, Second Congregational Church, Highland Avenue, Cohasset. The public is invited to attend free of charge.

The speaker will be Nancy Hubert and the program is called APPLES, APPLES, APPLES. With slides, anecdotes and recipes, Nancy will provide an overview of the natural, social, and economic history of the apple.

The program reflects her interest in the preservation of historic landscapes - in this case the apple orchard. If you have an interest in the club and its activities or just an interest in this program, please join us.

A NIGHT TO BOND

Ian Fleming's 100th anniversary and the premier of the next James Bond movie set the stage for Wellspring Multi-Service Center 's fall gala. On Sept. 27, For Your Eyes Only – A Night to Bond for Wellspring will capture enough glamour and excitement to impress any James Bond or Bond Girl, but will (thankfully) lack the danger! An historic home overlooking Hingham Harbor gets transformed into a James Bond set that guarantees a view to a thrill. Over 200 taste-makers from the South Shore and Boston will be dressed to kill for an evening of fine food and beverages, entertainment, music by Dr. No and the Martinis and a silent auction that includes travel packages, wet suits, golf outings and exquisite paintings from12 notable South Shore artists who were invited to participate. For Your Eyes Only committee members from Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Scituate have been astonishing each other with their imaginative ways of working the James Bond theme into all aspects of the event. The committee met throughout the summer and each meeting contained at least one Omigosh! Bravo! moment when members came up with = a new idea or donation. The combination of a cause that touches everyone's heart, a connected group of dedicated volunteers and a killer theme promises that For Your Eyes Only will be an amazing party for a compelling cause. Guests will enjoy food stations by Burton's Grill, Hingham; dessert and appetizers by Square Café, Hingham; a 007 Martini Bar thanks to A Street Liquors and champagne imported from Champagne Henriot.

The party begins at 6:30, Saturday, Sept. 27.

CORN FESTIVAL

Hayrides and 4H farm animals are always popular at the Corn Festival, South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. Enjoy a day of fun with the family at the 32nd annual Corn Festival, Saturday, Sept. 20 (rain date Sept. 21) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Other activities include: Bob the Balloonist will twist and sculpt balloons into animals, flowers and hats from 11-noon – with environmentally friendly balloons. Other activities include children's games and crafts, a moonwalk, face painting, 4H farm animals, and craft booths and demonstrations along with plenty of food including hotdogs and baked goods, and all things related to corn with corn chowder, corn on the cob, popcorn and corn salad. View the Web site www.ssnsc.org for a complete schedule of events. Admission is $5 for adults ($4 members) and $3 for children over 2 years of age ($2 members). Maximum fee of $20 per family.

For more information contact the Science Center at 781-659-2559.

That is all for this week Cohasset. Send in all of your news and info no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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Cohasset residents join Jimmy Fund Walk this Sunday

Five Cohasset residents will be participating in the 20th annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, Sunday, Sept. 21, to join the fight against cancer.

Allyson Andrews, Jane Henderson, Beth Golden, Ashley Faber and Digna Moneypenny will be among the more than 7,000 walk participants, who are expected to raise $7.2 million for cancer research and care for children and adults at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

In the past 19 years, walkers and their supporters have contributed more than $51 million to Dana-Farber. This funding supports cancer research to find cures and better treatments for all forms of the disease. It also provides special services and assists with costs of patient care and treatment.

The Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk is the only event, other than the Boston Marathon itself that is sanctioned by the Boston Athletic Association to use the historic 26.2-mile route from Hopkinton to Boston. Walkers can choose from five different routes: 26.2 miles or 13.1 miles from Hopkinton; 13.1 miles from Wellesley; 5 miles from Boston College; or the 3-mile route that begins at the Harvard Medical School Quad, at 2 p.m.

Participants on the Hopkinton and Wellesley routes must raise a minimum of $250 in contributions; for the Boston College route and the Boston Walk, the requirement is $250 for walkers age 13 and older and $100 for walkers age 12 and younger.

Pacesetters, those who raise $1,000 or more, receive special recognition from the Jimmy Fund, and are invited to a celebration at the start of the next walk season. Participants are encouraged to form teams and walk in honor of those who have been affected by cancer.

One in three people will face cancer in their lifetime but no one has to face it alone. Help change the odds by walking or supporting a walker. To register, or make financial contributions, visit the Web site at jimmyfundwalk.org. Contributions can also be mailed to: Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, 10 Brookline Place West, Sixth Floor, Brookline, MA 02445. For more information, call 866-JF-1-WALK.

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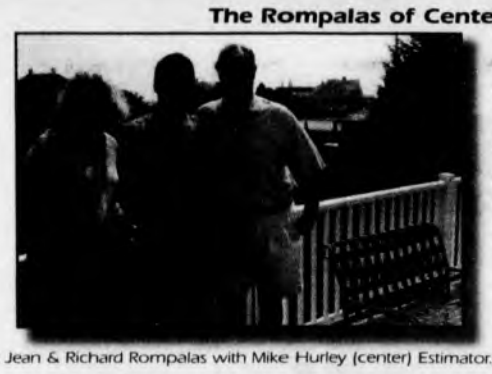
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Up to the challenge

Bike ride latest in long list of accomplishments for Special Olympics athlete

By Nancy White
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Competing in athletics takes a lot of grit, determination, hard work and passion.

Jessie MacDonald has all that and more.

A Special Olympics Massachusetts athlete and lifelong Cohasset resident, MacDonald is a multi-sport contender and a focused athlete. Since 1993, she has competed in the Special Olympics in 12 different sports.

This past weekend, she completed a 22-mile bike on the North Shore as part of the "Ride with the Champions," a benefit ride for the Special Olympics.

Always setting challenges for herself, MacDonald chose the longer route to bike.

"I decided to ride the 22-mile bike ride because I like to challenge myself. I knew if I did the 12-mile one I would finish early and the longer the ride the more land to see and explore the town you don't really know much about," said MacDonald, 34. The race started and ended at the Topsfield Fairgrounds.



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Jessica "Jessie" MacDonald shows off the bike she used to complete a 22-mile bike ride to benefit Special Olympics.

"The Ride with the Champions was an experience for me," said MacDonald. Personally, she raised $300 and the event raised more than $100,000 for Special Olympics.

But, this most recent competition is only the tip of the iceberg for MacDonald.

She has trained and competed in alpine skiing, swimming, basketball, bowling, fishing, golf, power lifting, snowboarding, soccer, softball, track and field and tennis.

"It's kind of hard to choose (a favorite sport)," said MacDonald, but admits softball definitely ranks high on her list. Softball, bowling and soccer were among the first sports she competed in.

With a determined and competitive spirit, MacDonald loves to go to the Special Olympics events not only to test her own athletic prowess but also to cheer and visit with friends.

"I've met friends at the state games and the world games that I don't really get to see until the next event," said MacDonald. For her, one of the most rewarding aspects of the Special Olympics is meeting new friends and visiting friends she doesn't get to see that often. She keeps in touch with her fellow competitors and teammates by e-mail.

A few years ago, MacDonald became a "Global Messenger" for Special Olympics.

"(My role) is to spread the word about Special Olympics," said MacDonald. Through the role, Klete Squires, Associate Section Director at Special Olympics Massachusetts,, said she has really grown as a person. Self-described as shy, being a Global Messenger requires MacDonald to get up in front of both small groups and large audiences to speak about Special Olympics.

Squires worked with MacDonald as she completed her Global Messenger training and learned how to write and give a speech.



Special Olympian Jessica MacDonald holds her Special Olympics Hall of Fame Medal that was awarded to her at a ceremony at Harvard University.

"She is a model athlete in so many ways," said Squires. The normally reserved MacDonald learned to speak in public and break out of her shell a little bit, he said.

Despite the challenges of the role, MacDonald knows its importance.

"Getting the word out about (the organization) helps Special Olympics," in fundraising and raising awareness, said MacDonald.

Earlier this year, MacDonald received the prestigious honor of being inducted into the Special Olympics Massachusetts Hall of Fame at a black tie event held at Harvard University. She was one of only 11 Special Olympics athletes to receive the honor.

"It made me feel proud of myself," said MacDonald of the honor.

MacDonald joins in for nearly every Special Olympic event, including the annual "Passion Plunge" where participants dive into the frigid February waters of Nantasket Beach in Hull to raise money and awareness for the Special Olympics.

MacDonald also works part-time at the Hanover YMCA and often trains there for her events. During the current fall season, she is participating in soccer and tennis. To play soccer, MacDonald travels to Newton to play on the "Newton Hooligans" team.

"Jessie does so many sports to participate she bounces around from team to team," said Squires, which is something Special Olympic organizers encourage their participants to do.

Squires said she is not afraid to pick up a new sport and when her competitive streak kicks in she can be unstoppable. Of her many accomplishments is her power lifting. She can dead lift 350 pounds, squat 320 pounds and bench press 150 pounds.

Yet, MacDonald keeps a grounded perspective on the competition and her success.

"I think of it as if I get a medal, it's a good feeling; if I don't, it gives me a good feeling just to represent the team and compete," said MacDonald.

MacDonald shows no sign of slowing down. Earlier this week, she began her training for the World Games where she plans on competing in the skiing events. At the 2001 Winter Games, which took place in Alaska, she returned with a gold in downhill skiing and a bronze in the giant slalom.

"Doing these activities allows me to do the things I like best in my life and to challenge myself to be a better athlete," said MacDonald.

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Author of 'The Case for Make Believe' to speak at Inly School

Psychologist, professor and award-winning producer Susan Linn, author of the new book "The Case for Make Believe: Saving Play in a Commercialized World," will speak at Inly School in Scituate at 8:45 a.m., on Friday, Sept. 19, in the library. Part of the Inly Insight Speaker Series, this talk is free of charge and open to the public.

Linn is associate director of the Media Center at Judge Baker Children's Center; instructor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School; and co-founder and director of the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood. An award-winning ventriloquist internationally recognized for her pioneering work using puppet therapy with children, she was mentored by the late Fred Rogers.

Linn will discuss her new book, which is on sale at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset. Reading the book is not required for participation – just a willingness to learn and be engaged by thoughtful conversation.

In "Consuming Kids: Protecting our Children from the Onslaught of Marketing & Advertising," Linn provided a look at how modern childhood is molded by commercialism. The resulting threat to children's play is the subject of her new book. In "The Case for Make Believe," Linn argues that, while play is crucial to human development, nurturing creative play in modern-day America is not only counter cultural – it's a threat to corporate profits.

At the heart of the book are stories of children at home, at school and in a therapist's office using make believe to grapple with real-life issues from entering kindergarten to the death of a sibling. In an age when toys come from TV shows, dress-up means wearing Disney costumes and parents believe Baby Einstein is educational, Linn lays out the links between play, creativity and health, showing why people need to protect children from corporations that aim to limit their imaginations.

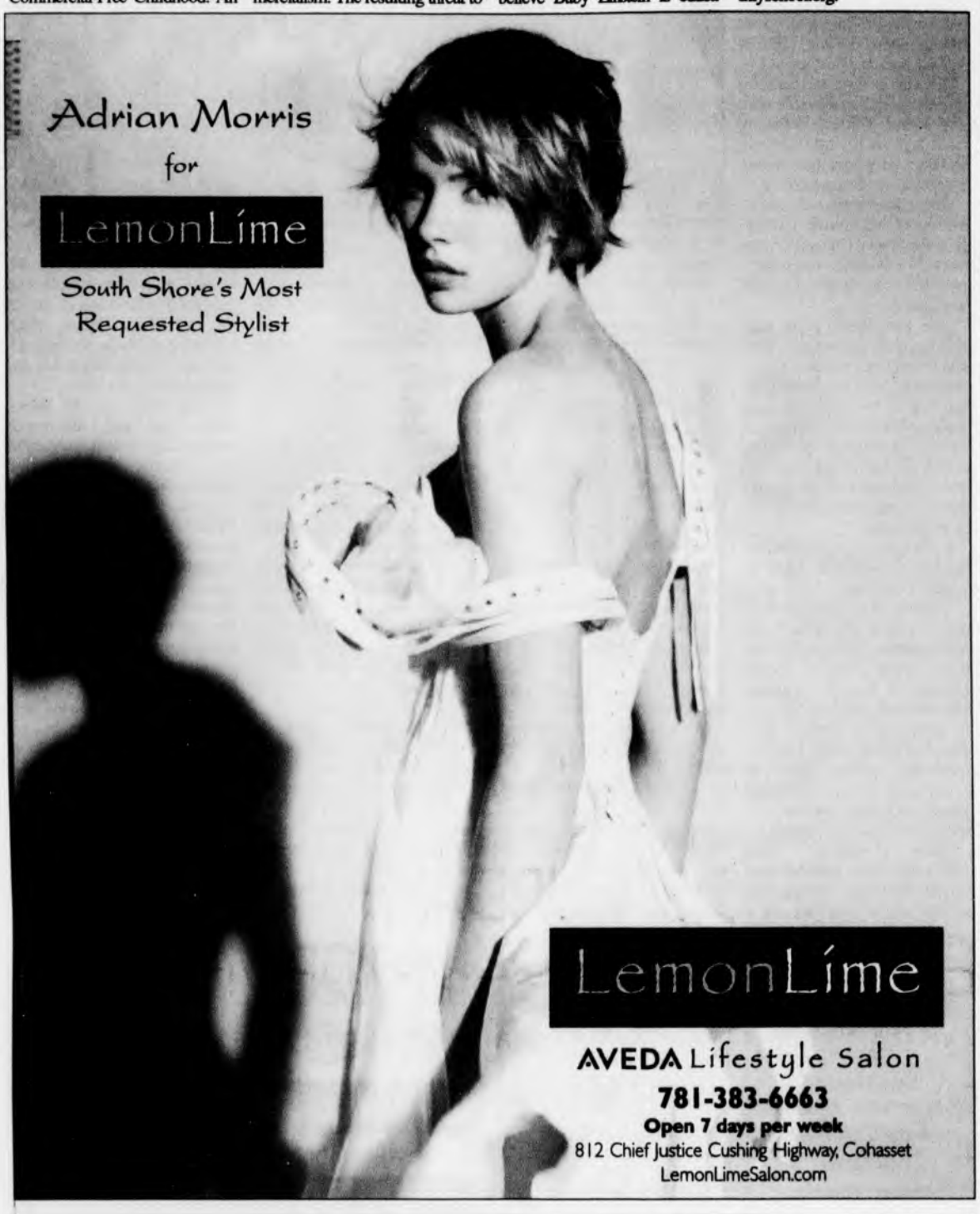
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PUMPKIN PATCH CONTEST



COURTESY PHOTO

Here is Austin Ronan, 4 years old, with his Austin's Big Guy Pumpkin growing here in Cohasset by his grandpa. Can you guess how much it weighs? Winner will get to take this pumpkin home. Stay tuned for details. Pumpkin Patch will be open from Oct. 11 through Halloween daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All proceeds from this fundraiser support Cohasset Appalachia Service Project.



IT'S HAPPENING

ASP gears up for next trip; informational meeting planned

Gearing up for their 22nd trip, Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (ASP) will hold its informational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church (next to Town Hall) for all interested teenagers (10-12th graders) and their parents. The presentation will include guest speakers and slides from this past summer's trip, and pertinent information for the 2009 trip (June 27 – July 5, 2009). Necessary registration forms will also be distributed (deadline for registration: Oct. 1, 2008). Forms and information will be available on line at www.cohassetasp.org beginning Sept. 23.

ASP also needs adults to go on the trip.

Mark your calendars - Grand Opening of the Pumpkin Patch will be on Friday, Oct. 9 in Wheelwright Park on N. Main Street (sponsored by Cohasset ASP)!!

South Shore Art Center offers new classes

The South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset, is offering a new class, Fun Furniture Painting, taught by Marshfield resident Sharon Perlmutter, who has extensive experience in painted furniture as a set designer and artist. She will offer simple, quick and fun techniques in her Monday morning class, which begins Sept. 22.

Esterh Maschio, the center's printmaking instructor, will teach another new course, Collage to Bookmaking, an introduction to bookmaking for artists at all levels, on Thursday evenings.

Fall term classes begin Sept. 22. To register for these or other classes, call 781-383-2787 or visit the Web site at ssac.org.

Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

Calling all singers

Choral Art Society welcomes new and returning voices to experience the joy of choral singing. There will be an open rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept 22, at Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate, as the group prepares for its winter season.

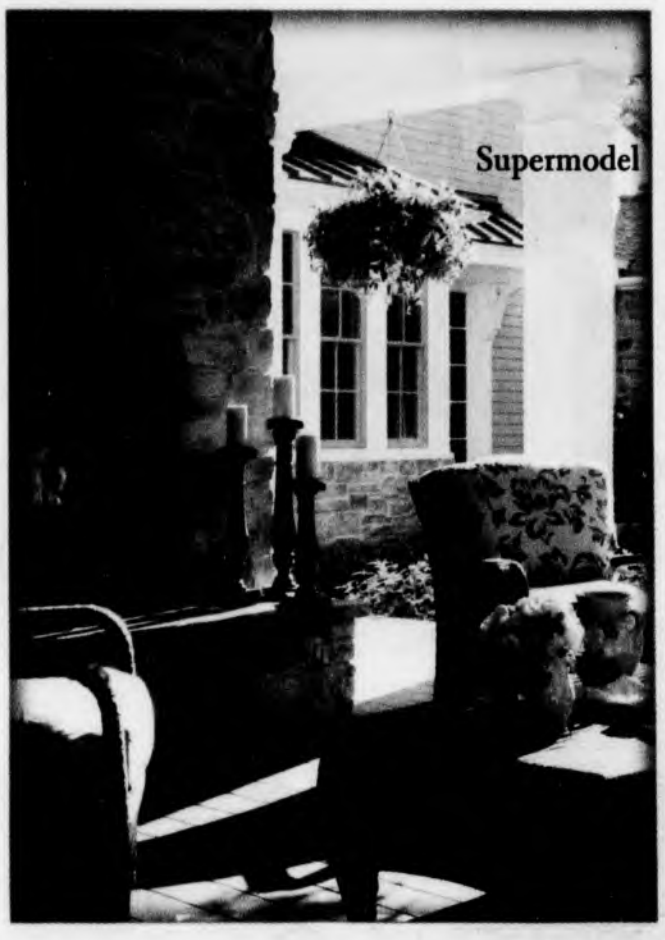
The winter concert, to be performed Sunday, Dec. 7, at St. Luke's, will feature "Carols of the Southwest" by Conrad Susa, classic carols from around the world and the holiday sing-along. In addition, Choral Art Society will sing a selection of shorter pieces, including three pieces from Mendelssohn's "St. Paul," as a preview for spring.

The non-auditioned chorus meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Trinitarian Congregational Church. Singers of all experience levels are welcome; tenors and sopranos are particularly needed.

Bikram Yoga to host open houses next two Saturdays

Two free yoga open houses will take place anytime between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., on two Saturdays, Sept. 20 and 27, at Bikram Yoga in the Stop & Shop Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. Those attending can learn about Bikram's beginner yoga classes, and get a gift certificate for a half-hour massage. Students, teachers and therapists will be available to answer questions.

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OBITUARIES

Frank Allan MacDonald

Retired educator and environmentalist


Frank "Allan" MacDonald

Frank "Allan" MacDonald, 76, of Cohasset formerly of Scituate, died at home on Sept. 7, 2008 after a long illness.

Born and raised in North Quincy, he was a Scituate resident for 30 years before moving to Cohasset 16 years ago. Mr. MacDonald was a graduate of North Quincy High School, a 1949 graduate of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree, 1954 graduate of Boston University and Wesleyan College receiving advance degrees.

He was an educator who taught AP English at Cohasset High School for 29 years, he co-founded the Alternative School in the mid 70s and was the director in to the mid 80s. After retiring he did free lance carpentry and most recently, a "Blue Bag" monitor at Cohasset Transfer Station.

He served in the U.S. Army First Lieutenant in 1955 with the Ranger Division in post-war Germany.

He enjoyed hiking and had gone on numerous trips with his students to the White Mountains, swimming, instructing survival workshops, organic gardening, writing, poetry, art and Reggae music.

Mr. MacDonald wrote a column for the Cohasset Mariner on the environment and recycling issues for several years.

He was a member of First Parish Church, Cohasset, chairman of Green Sanctuary Committee, member Sustainable Cohasset, Voluntary Simplicity, Cohasset Recycling Committee Publicity Chairman, Vedanta Centre devotee.

Mr. MacDonald leaves his wife Marie Caristi-MacDonald; his daughter Alison L. MacDonald and her partner Kathrine Moore of Nantucket and his son Rod A. and his wife Amy (Miles) of E. Hampton, Conn.; two sisters Jean Peterson of Aptos, Calif. and Nancy Cultrera of Elliot, Maine; his brother Fred MacDonald of N. Quincy; six grandchildren Ian, Nathan and Alyssa MacDonald, Megan Mahoney, Alexis Marie Caristi and Jack Farris.

He was the father of the late Andrew S. MacDonald.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Oct. 5 at 4:30 p.m. at the First Parish Church, Cohasset.

Arrangements were handled by the Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to First Parish Church, 23 N. Main St, Cohasset, MA 02025 and/or the Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Marjorie E. Parker

Avid sports fan

Marjorie E. (York) Parker, 78, a Hingham resident for more than 50 years, died Monday, Sept. 1, 2008, at the Colonial Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Weymouth.

Mrs. Parker was born in Waverly and spent her early life in Watertown.

She was an avid sports fan who enjoyed bingo, crocheting and knitting.

Wife of the late Robert L. Parker, she leaves her children, Robert L. Parker, Jr. and his wife Elizabeth and Denise E. Barbuto and her husband Daniel, all of Hingham, Diane R. Downes and her husband Brendan of Broken Arrow, Okla., Debra A. Russell and her husband Denis of Woburn, Gregg R. Parker and his wife Dina of Sandown, N.H., Steven C. Parker and his wife Nancy of Pembroke and Jeffrey A. Parker and his wife Tiffany of Cohasset; three sisters, Lois Smith of Waltham, Dorothy Hansen of Sudbury, Judy Waters of Georgia; and a brother, Jack York of Kittery, Maine. She also leaves her companion, James Greelish of Quincy; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Richard York and the late Phyllis York.

A memorial service was conducted Sept. 6 at First Baptist Church, Hingham.

The Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel in Hingham handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association, 720 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02118-2371.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

More than ever, it's important to vote

Since 2000, it has become a cliché to say that each presidential election is the most important of our lifetime.

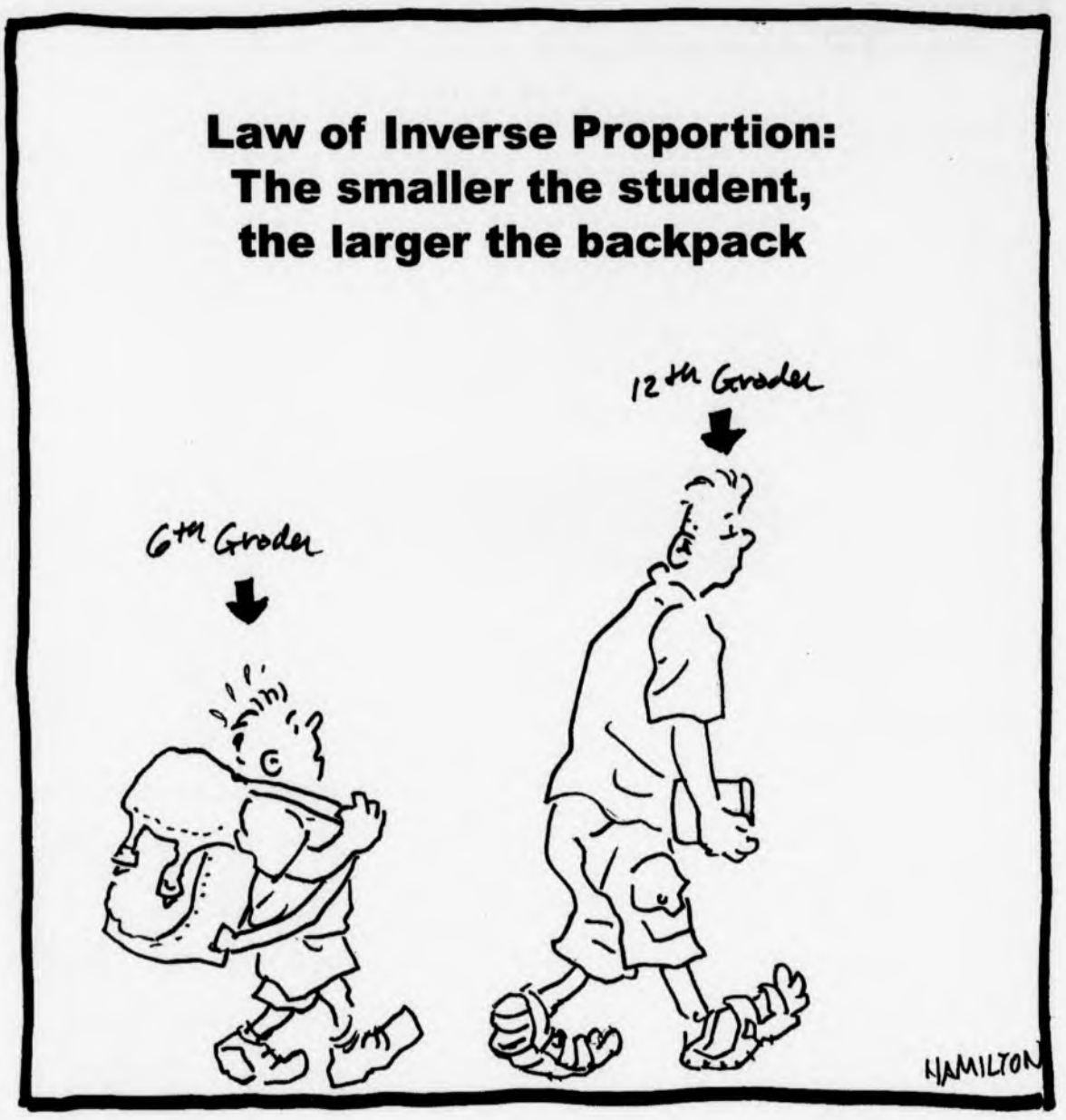
But it's one cliché that becomes truer with each presidential election. Consider the events of the past eight years: The U.S. was attacked seven years ago this month and since then has been engaged in two wars abroad. Those wars, in which victory is neither assured nor in sight, have resulted in the deaths of thousands of America's young people and are a severe drag on the federal budget.

Meanwhile, the chief justice of the Supreme Court died and another justice retired. Recent appointments have pushed the court to a solid 5-4 conservative majority. Moreover, the more moderate and liberal justices are aging, with liberal Justice John Paul Stevens approaching his 89th birthday next year. The next president will surely have an large impact on the makeup of the Court moving forward.

Then there is the federal budget, which will continue to have record deficits in the coming years, unless Congress and the next president slash spending or raise taxes, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Congress has not acted to ensure that Social Security will be solvent for the generations following the baby boomers. The nation's infrastructure continues to crumble.

Then there's the economy. In the last three days, Wall Street has been transformed overnight with the failure of former financial giants related to the housing and subprime mortgage crisis.

So urging our readers to educate themselves on the issues and vote on or before Nov. 4 is an easy case to make.



Current results for poll on wind turbines

A developer is before the Planning Board with a proposal to install two wind turbines off Route 3A. The project application, put forth by a private developer, CCI-Energy, proposes the installation of two 1.65-megawatt sized wind turbines sited on the Graham Waste Services site located on the hill behind Hingham Lumber. The application is the town's first under the Wind Energy Conversion Facility bylaw passed at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting.

The turbines will be 141-meters tall (including the height of the blades) which converts to 462-feet. The proposed turbines are larger than Hull Wind II which is situated next to the Weir River.

The project is shaping up to be highly controversial. The first of what will likely be several Planning Board public hearings on the project was held Monday (Sept. 8). Residents of Sanctuary Pond Road and the Avalon apartment complex developers came out in opposition of the project. Others, some who live near the Hull turbines and members of the Alternative Energy Committee, spoke in favor of the project.

Question: What's your opinion on the proposed wind turbine project?

Answers	**Votes**
• Wind power is the wave of the future. Cohasset should welcome this development.	141
• The impacts on Cohasset residents will be too great and it doesn't meet the zoning guidelines	94
• I'm holding off judgment until the turbine developer provides the Planning Board with more information	40
• None of the above.	1
Total votes	**276**

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Board of Health, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Sept. 30, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. at the King St. plant.
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A day to remember

TO THE EDITOR:

Without equivocation, The Cohasset Mariner has been there for the EDC and our partner, the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, in support of the idea for Cohasset Day from our very first meeting with Nancy White and Mary Ford many months ago. We have relied on their excellent reporting and Cohasset Day updates to support our efforts and keep the public informed. Your reporting has been a true source of moral and functional support. I am sure that we would all recommend Nancy and the Mariner for a Pulitzer for Cohasset Day coverage.

We look forward to next week's Mariner issue when you will treat us with your coverage of the day's events and with lot's of great photographs – hopefully in color.

The EDC created – through its new charter – the idea for Cohasset Day, which was approved by the Board of Selectmen October 2007. Specific plans were then drawn up by the EDC and presented to the BOS, which they approved in early 2008. After nine months of planning and building a logistical infrastructure and cadre of support people, Cohasset Day is soon to be a reality.

On behalf of the EDC, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed their valuable time, energy and ideas to bring the idea of Cohasset Day into reality. As you will see, many folks had multiple responsibilities.

Cohasset Day creator/marketing/PR/and overall event organization: Alain Pinel.

Media support: Cohasset Mariner and Tiny Town Gazette.

Fine Food Galore (restaurants/chamber): Darilynn Evans, Carmela Drew and Arthur Roebuck.

South Shore Arts Center and art exhibits: Diane Kennedy and Frank Neer.

Special Farmers Market coordination: Diane Kennedy and **Tina Watson.**

Cohasset Historical Society: Kathy O'Malley.

Ticket sales: Jackie Ralston and Darilynn Evans, and the following Cohasset stores: Darilynn's, Carmela Drew, French Memories, Good Sport, Buttonwood Books and Cohasset Jewelers.

SSMC shuttle transportation and logistical support: Tim O'Brien and Mike Milanoski.

Music coordinator and MC for Cohasset Day: Jim Armstrong.

Music logistical support: Tim Chamberlain and Jim Armstrong.

Decorated Bicycle Parade: Christine Cunning.

Parade logistics: Karen Hurd and Candy Ford.

Mini Triathlon and EMT coordination: Bill Burnett.

Kids games on Common: Thom and Chris Powers.

Fashion Show coordinator: Lisa Lynch of Ports.

Classic Car Concourse: Pete Brown, Mike Westcott Jim Theriault, Brian Wilkin, Jim Sandell, Jim Hazen and Peter Richardson.

Event Day Volunteer Support: Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and Cohasset Rotary.

Commemorative T-shirt production and sales: Alain Pinel.

Carillon Music and St. Stephen's Sing Along: Mary Kennedy.

IT/Web page/Power Point: Tim Chamberlain.

Sponsorship sales: Pete Brown and Darilynn Evans.

Signage, banner, logo and brochure design: Joyce Whitman of Twist Creative.

Telephone pole banner installation: Glenn Pratt.

Waste and trash logistics: Glenn Pratt.

Bottled water: Glenn Pratt.

Electrical support: Wayne Sawchuck.

Police support: Chief Hussey and Lt. Quigley.

Fire/EMT support: Chief Silvia and Captain Trask.

Parking support: Hajj Auto Station and South Shore Music Circus.

Banking support: Pilgrim Bank.

Event treasurer and legal advisor: Lisa Hewitt, Esq.

Support staff: Daniel Allen (EDC summer intern – Hobart College).

Boats for Kids games: Cohasset Sailing Club.

Town liaison: Ted Carr, Bill Griffin and Glenn Pratt.

We also want to thank the following Cohasset businesses for their services at reduced rates: Boston Form for brochure printing; Hassan Sign, signage; and Goodwin Graphics for T-shirts.

Alain Pinel
Darilynn Evans
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Peter Brown, chairman
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Windy discourse

TO THE EDITOR:

Wind turbines will displace a significant amount of fossil fuels for generating electricity, although the huge demand from industry and from large cities can only be addressed effectively by substituting nuclear for fossil fuels. We are unlikely ever to achieve energy independence, despite the political posturing, but we must reduce dependence on foreign oil and greatly reduce the burning of all fossil fuels. Especially coal, which currently generates about 52 percent of the nation's electricity. (Nuclear produces 19.7 percent of our electricity, hydro about 7.3 percent, wind 0.7 percent, solar 0.01 percent, geothermal 0.9 percent, biomass 1.1 percent; total generation from re-newables 10 percent).

So clearly we need all we can get from improving efficiency of energy use, as well as from non-fossil sources. But offsetting all efforts to conserve electricity are ever-new uses for electricity, switching to electricity from other forms of energy for transportation and industrial usage, growing utilization of electronics etc.

So we are ill served by the NIMBY plague, which manifests itself in objecting to every source of energy (unless cited far away). Competent scrutiny of proposed projects is of course essential, but most of the public yawping (especially against nuclear energy) is based on gross misconceptions and encouraged by full time activist organizations and by weak and ill-informed political leaders.

As for the wind turbines proposed for Cohasset, some of the objections are nonsense. For example, that the turbines may make a profit for somebody. Don't people realize that our high standard of living results from the vitality of the free enterprise system? Even if the financial viability is somewhat dependent on government grants, it is the profit motive that stimulates the necessary initiative. The former Soviet Union demonstrated the deadening effect of eliminating the profit incentive.

As to the allegations of noise and visual pollution, I have a friend who lives as close to Hull Wind 2 as it is possible to be, and who is quite comfortable with the machine. The Hull experience seems to be such that there is great enthusiasm for more.

By all means let us scrutinize the proposed wind turbines, but take conclusions of competent professional experts into account and discount objections that are emotional rather than rational. True, we will have to live with the final decision, but we also are having to live with the deleterious effects of having done too little in the past to reduce the use of fossil fuels, especially of imported oil. Our energy and environmental future depends on constructive activism, activism that recognizes the long-term good of the public at large.

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More room to move on Route 3A

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush Goings On — The MBTA project of widening Route 3A and Lower King Street is almost completed. During the construction traffic was very constricted, but now that's over. If you have driven through that area this week you will probably agree that there is significantly more room on 3A. Left turns, coming from the Hingham direction, can now be made into Lower King Street much more safely.

This week the MBTA was also busy in the Town Parking Lot. They added a new catch basin that will, hopefully, eliminate some of the standing water puddles. We worked closely with CBB, the contractor, to make sure the lot would be serviceable for Cohasset Day, even though the final paving will not be done in this area until next week. They were very helpful and did a very good job in this regard.

Greenbush-Wompatuck Bike Path — We continue to receive questions about the walk/bike path that starts on Route 3A at the Greenbush Station and crosses Route 3A, ultimately ending up in Wompatuck Park. To confirm, once again, this path is NOT OPEN. We have been in communication with DCR (Department of Conservation and Recreation) about the path. At our request, they have now been kind enough to post signs at Route 3A and at Sidehill Road, where it crosses the new path, stating that the path is not open. The reason it is not open is twofold: 1) The final surface has not been placed on the path yet. 2) At the entrance to Wompatuck Park there is a very large gate that is closed. The reason the gate is closed is that that portion of the park still contains some of the old unsafe structures that have not been removed. These make personal safety in this part of the park a potential serious problem. So, for now – No Admittance!

Another quick thing, there is a removable bollard in the center of the path. The reason it is removable is so that emergency forces can use the path for access, if necessary. However, CBB has not removed the large stones that were placed the prior to the installation of the bollard. DCR recently has asked CBB to remove the stones.

Greenbush North Main St. Crossing — We continue to see serious bicycle accidents at this crossing, in spite of all the warning signs that have been posted. Cohasset safety forces have had substantial dialog with the MBTA regarding the urgency of fixing this situation. On this past Wednesday, we were told that construction to fix this nagging problem could start as early as today (9/19/08). That would be great!



New Catch Basin Waiting for Cohasset Day



Please Keep Out



Old Beach St. Culvert

Little Harbor Project — This past week another batch of base coat paving was completed. Streets now sporting their first coat of paving are Smazell Lane, Sandy Beach Lane, an unnamed private road (all off of Nichols Road), and the Jerusalem Road end of Rust Way.

If you have driven in the South Main Street or Beechwood Street areas you probably noticed that the roads are a bit rough. We have worked with the Water Department and the DPW to prepare these roads for paving. By doing the preparation work now, these can be paved along with some of the roads from the Little Harbor Project. Unfortunately, the preparation consists of grinding the road surface back so the new surface will adhere well and the final road will not be raised too high. With these roads ready for paving the Town can combine this work with the Little Harbor paving to meet the minimum paving quantities for the lowest cost.

Beach Street Culvert — We have spoken about the culvert that will be replaced on Beach Street. When the new sewer line goes through this area, the culvert will need to be replaced in order to get adequate clearance for this and other utilities. Originally, this work was to have been done earlier this month. However, the stonework you see is going to be replaced by a precast concrete structure. The delivery of the precast components has been postponed several times. Now, it looks like we will be able to go ahead with the culvert construction around the end of September.

Getting this done shortly is very important. As you can see from the photo there is marsh and wetland alongside the culvert. Consequently, this culvert replacement had to be permitted by the Conservation Commission (ConCom). One of the conditions they imposed on the culvert replacement project was that it had to be done during the "dry" season. The reason is that there will be a much lower chance of having a large amount of water in the wetlands with a corresponding lower chance of affecting the fragile marsh area.

When the contractor does his culvert replacement work, Beach Street will need to be closed. So, those of you who routinely use Beach Street as an access road need to be aware that you may lose this route for about a week, once the construction starts. We'll try to keep you posted as we get closer to the "bewitching" day.

Farmer's Market — The Farmer's Market has had to seek an alternate site for when the water/sewer project reaches the Common. The Market tried a move to the Little League Fields on N. Main Street several weeks ago. But, that didn't work too well. So that site is off of the table. For now, the Market will stay on the Common until they absolutely have to move. It currently looks like the Music Circus parking area will be the alternate site for the Market. The location decision will be made one week at a time. We suggest that you call the Selectmen's office at 781-383-4105 to find the current location for the Farmers Market.

Dirty dancing in Bountiful

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



About 20 years ago, one of the more popular movies had handsome dance instructor Patrick Swayze rescuing pretty teenager Jennifer Grey from the clutches of an old fuddy-duddy, namely her father.

They called the picture "Dirty Dancing."

The phrase must have finally penetrated the great state of Utah because I learned last week that the protectors of all that was good 50 years ago have slapped a ban on "dirty dancing" at the high school in a place called Bountiful.

Dirty dancing is defined as "vulgar, seductive or inappropriate movements," and those who are caught in the act are to be escorted from the premises, even if the only participants left on the dance floor are the band.

Girls are forbidden to wear any dresses too tight, too short or too low-cut, and duennas will be stationed at the doors with rulers to measure the width of straps, which must be at least two inches wide. Sheer fabric … don't even think about it.

Boys will be rusticated for wearing "slovenly" clothing and T-shirts with messages "for protest, defiance, dissent or display obscene, illegal substances or suggestive words or pictures," which my experience tells me will leave them pretty much naked.

The list of no-nos, known formally as "Dance Participation Regulations," were handed out in printed form and every pubescent student — and some who weren't — was expected to sign. Those who didn't were banned from all school frolics.

"We're just giving them some guidelines so we don't have to deal with issues that are uncomfortable for them or us," said Principal Ryck Astle. "Some kids will say, 'We didn't know that.' With this in hand we can say 'Yes, you did.'"

A number of high schools of my acquaintance have codes of dance conduct but most of them involve leaving the student's Uzi at home or at least checking it at the door until the dance is over and he'll need it to get home.

I can understand the "dirty dancing" ban in Bountiful, since Utah is a Mormon state and the Saints are somewhat to the right of Queen Victoria, but what are the school folks in Chicago going to do about the new high school that could be opening in 2012?

It's going to be called the Social Justice High School-Pride Campus, with the welcome mat out for gay, lesbian, transgender and sexually questioning students in an atmosphere that is free of violence.

The Chicago school board is holding hearings on it as we speak.

I don't know about you, but I was once a sexually questioning student, which is why, after reaching puberty, I could be found at the Thayer Public Library's Quincy Avenue branch most Saturday nights looking up dirty words in the dictionary.

But I don't think that's the kind of questioning they have in mind.

Are we prepared for an emergency?

HEALTH NOTES

STEPHEN N BOBO

The recent experience of Galveston has once again prompted discussions and considerable concern about preparedness of facilities and towns in the Greater Boston area. In particular, Cohasset has a special problem since many of our roads are now torn up with limited ability for rapid traverse by emergency vehicles. For this reason, the centralized Public Health Emergency Preparedness organization for the Greater Boston area, known as Region 4b, has significant benefits, especially for little Cohasset. The region is staffed by a regional coordinator and others who are funded by state emergency preparedness dollars from Washington. We have made use of this largesse by equipping our emergency personnel with the newest technical gear and practices. Also, the 4b headquarters in Cambridge is able to render day-to-day assistance for all communities in the region including Cohasset. They provide guidance to local and state health officials on serving the needs of all 4b communities and assist local health officials with development of our plans for public health emergencies as well as helping with training and exercises that test these local plans.

In meetings here in Cohasset the 4b regional staff have facilitated the recruitment of over 60 qualified volunteers to support public health emergency response. The Region 4b Medical Reserve Corps has recruited more than 2,000 medical and non-medical volunteers from throughout the region. Cohasset has, with other Region 4b communities, participated with the Cambridge Advanced Practice Center in the development of procedures and supplied valuable resources that supplement our very limited capacity to manage the complexities of public health preparedness. These resources have been adopted for use by Region 4b and are shared, through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health with the other Emergency Preparedness Regions in the Commonwealth.

Representatives from Cohasset and the 26 other Greater Boston communities that make up the 4b network meet monthly to plan, train and conduct exercises for our respective towns to prepare for public health emergencies. Further they provide information to help implement a local emergency notification system that coordinates with MDPH to provide constant notification and communication capacity within the region. They assist in numerous other tasks including: developing plans for emergency dispensing site setup and operations; coordinating development of a model public health mutual aid agreement; designing a regional model for epidemiology services, including data assessment and communicable disease support for local communities; and measuring regional progress toward preparedness. This work has been shared nationwide through the National Association of County and City Health Officials and the American Public Health Association.

Some of the management and organization tools provided or available from 4b headquarters that Cohasset has implemented or is considering:

- Local Emergency Notification System: A centralized notification system nearing fulfillment to ensure 24/7/365 capacity to receive and respond to notification of public health emergencies.
- Mutual Aid: Provided sample and supported Cohasset's enactment of a model public health mutual aid agreement through leadership and advocacy training.
- Health Data Watch Reports: Created and distributed demographic and leading health indicators, allowing Cohasset to compare our health status to that of Region 4b and Massachusetts.
- Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network: Support services to Cohasset and basic technical assistance as needed using the Advanced Practice Center for Emergency Preparedness in Cambridge.

Regional Resources Database: To enhance mutual aid and information sharing in the region.

- Pictogram-based Signage: Developed a series of pictograms designed to promote universal access to Emergency Dispensing Site clinics.
- Staff Training: Developed and evaluated a series of training publications for mass prophylaxis operations including the mechanics of an Emergency Dispensing Site and facilitating clients through an EDS.
- Epidemiology Just in Time Training: Developed basic epidemiology training texts for staff on How to Create a Line Listing, How to Create an Epidemic Curve and Interviewing Techniques.

As to how well Cohasset is prepared, we won't know until it happens.

Bringing up Brodie

THE FAR SIDE OF PERFECT

DIANE K. DANIELSON



When my husband started playing with the infant at the next table while we were on vacation this summer, he got as far as raising an eyebrow in my direction before I cut him off with a "don't even think about it." You see, unlike him, I'm not exactly a baby person; I mean, I liked the one I already had, not that I remember too much due to sleep deprivation. But, I've always preferred children old enough to carry on a conversation and wipe their own bottoms (although not at the same time). On top of that, we already had a large blended family which means I spend my nights searching our kitchen for a secret door from which Alice of "Brady Bunch" fame would suddenly appear with a basket full of freshly folded laundry ready to make us all pork chops and applesauce.

Needless to say, with an already overflowing dinner table and no sign of Alice, more babies were not in this bunch's story. Yet, less than a month later, there I was at a local breeder, trying to find the perfect little fur ball to pacify my son's non-stop requests for a puppy. Surely puppies couldn't be as much work as babies, right? Look at them. At eight weeks, they're already walking on their own.

As I sat down in what looked like puppy paradise, I was immediately pounced on by an overly enthusiastic pudgester, his addled brain running in overdrive: "Me. Me. Me. Pick Me. Pick Me. Pick Me. Let's Go. Let's Go. Let's Go. Me. Me. Me. Let's Go. Let's Go. Let's Go!" Fortunately, I had read "Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog" and while he was adorable with his energy and antics, I didn't want a life condemned to Puppy Prozac and Doggie Downers.

This is why I was relieved when I finally wrestled the butterball off of me to find that another pup had been sitting right beside me the whole time with his head on my lap. As I glanced down at him, he gave me a look that said "You done with the pudgeball yet? Can we go now? I need to get the heck out of here – that dog is nuts."

This is how I found myself bringing up Brodie despite my claims that I didn't want any more babies.

Fortunately, Brodie is calmer than most pups. But, even so, flip-flops have become the world's greatest chew toy; random undergarments find their way out to the garden; my grandmother's dining room chairs are the latest craze in teeth sharpening; and a least once per day, he gets his head stuck in some bizarre place. I also never really processed the fact that I would be getting up at all hours of the night to walk around the yard asking, begging and even ordering him to "go poopy." I have to admit, it's a bit difficult to sound authoritative when using the word "poopy" in a sentence.

After finally falling into a routine, Brodie decided to really test me by scarfing down a dead mouse he had found in my cousin's yard (courtesy of their appropriately nicknamed, "mean cat"). Before he could swallow, I wrestled him to the ground, pried open his jaws and put my hand between those razor-sharp teeth to remove what was left of the deceased rodent. My 10-year-old niece jumped up and down nearby screaming, "That's sooooo disgusting! That's the grossest thing I've ever seen!" She didn't seem to understand that she wasn't helping matters much. Clearly, if I thought about it for even one second longer I would've joined her in the screaming and let Brodie munch away on his petrified prey.

Luckily for Brodie, my mother's instinct kicked into overdrive and without that second thought, I reached down, grabbed it and tossed it far into the marsh (the dead mouse, not the dog). Then I sat Brodie down, looked him in the eye, and realized that while I was likely to suffer from some Post-Traumatic Rodent-Inspired Distress, he'd already completely forgotten the incident and was ready to go bury some more underwear in the rose bushes.

Not knowing what else to do, I resumed our nightly ritual of me following him around begging him to "please go poopy;" after which, I headed straight for the shower. My niece was right – that was pretty much the most disgusting thing I'd ever seen. But, I did what I had to do. After all, Brodie was officially part of our family now, which means you act first, ask questions later, and continue to love them unconditionally no matter what goes in or comes out of their mouths.

Diane K. Danielson is a Cohasset resident who is having way too many conversations about peeing and pooping these days. She and Brodie will be dutifully attending puppy school starting next week on the common.

SENIOR SCENE

Stop by Cohasset Day booth!

Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring the following upcoming events. Call 781-383-9112 to register.

Cohasset Day — Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs will have a table in front of Sotheby's on South Main Street on Cohasset Day, Saturday, Sept. 20, noon to 5:30 p.m.

Those visiting the booth can: Learn about the Friends; find out about two upcoming fundraisers; have a free bag of popcorn; and take a chance to win two Patriot tickets to the Monday, Oct. 20, Patriots vs. Denver Broncos game.

The Friends will be dressed in Patriot's gear at Cohasset Day.

New school Web site to launch Oct. 1

The Cohasset Schools will launch an entirely new Web site on Oct. 1. The re-vamped site will still be able to be accessed at www.cohassetk12.org.

"We know it has been a problem, but we want to let everyone know it is coming," said School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy. The site will be composed of five sites, each one to be frequently updated by administrators, teachers and staff. Teachers will be able to have their own site to post homework assignments, the Superintendent will be able to post messages, and the daily school lunch menu will be available as well. The ability to purchase school lunches online will be available around the time of the new Web site launch.

To get a sneak peek at the new platform, visit http://cohasset.schoolfusion.us.

Start your engines!

FROM CARS, PAGE 1

to Jerusalem Road to North Main Street to Sohier Street to Depot Court. The cars will then regroup in the municipal parking lot and then drive from Brook Street down South Main Street to the Common, around the Common and back to settle along South Main Street in parked positions until 3 p.m. Most of the cars' owners will be on hand to tell the stories of their cars and answer any questions from car enthusiasts.

"We have a great cross section of cars and some cool classes including; pre-war, racing, and trucks," said Peter Richardsson, head judge of the event.

The cars will be judged on a traditional 100-point scale, which Richardsson has slightly modified. In addition to the awards chosen by the judges, there will be a People's Choice and a Kid's Choice. To encourage kids to get involved, a prize will also be given to the child whose vote best matches the "pro judges."

The event judges include Peter Brown (chairman), Peter Richardsson (head judge), Jim Theriault, and Jim Sandell. Kate Richardsson will serve as scorekeeper and Reed Westcott, 13, will serve as her assistant.

The Mariner caught up with some of Cohasset residents who will be a part of the event to find out a little about their cars and the stories behind them.

1967 Austin Healy 3000 MK III

One of only 1,000 1967 models made by British car manufacturer Austin Healy, this practically all-original car is a rare gem, said owner Al Moore.

"It was one of the very last few ever made," said Moore. In 1967, Austin Healy stopped production; only 70,000 (approximately) Austin Healys were ever made.

In the 50s and 60s, the hey-day for Austin Healy, the cars were built primarily as racing vehicles.

"They evolved a little bit and to the untrained eye they don't look much different," from the early models of the 1950s to the later models of the 60s. Moore said by the time 1967 rolled around "they were basically building antiques," because car technology had come so far and contributed to their ultimate demise.

"With a aluminum body and a big engine, they were not your town runabouts, by today's standards," said Moore, but on the racing track they were very competitive. Despite the rich racing history of the Austin Healys, Moore's particular car was never raced.

Moore bought the Austin Healy in 1970 from its the original owner, "it was practically brand new." Over the years, Moore has kept it in tip-top shape and describes the car as being in "extraordinary good condition."

The black top convertible has a white body and a red interior.

"In all the years I've had it I think it's been in the rain once to twice and that was only when I got caught," Moore said with a laugh. "I have it and I enjoy it."

1964 Porsche C

Dick Avery wouldn't trade his 1964 Porsche for any other car. The light ivory, black interior touring car was purchased in New Hampshire, interestingly from George Hamilton, the father of Aerosmith bassist Tom Hamilton.

Avery doesn't usually enter the car into car shows, but wanted to be a part of Cohasset Day.

"Mine is a wonderful little car, but it's never been totally restored. It's very nice, well-maintained and a delight to drive," said Avery.

The engine has a Volkswagen foundation, meaning the engine could be exchanged with an old VW bug, "it's a very basic car...the engine is stock with no high performance modifications," but that doesn't make it any less fun to drive.

"It's lightweight, roomy—four adults can go to dinner," said Avery. It gets pretty good gas mileage, too – 25 miles per gallon.

"Now that it is old and precious, I only drive it on nice days," said Avery. During the summer it comes out more often and, weather permitting, he takes it out for a ceremonial spin on New Year's Day.

"My kids all argue who is going to get it when I die, but I hope that's not for awhile," said Avery.

1928 Ford Model A Speedster

Each of the classic cars are unique in their own way, but being the oldest car of them all makes Brian Wilkin's completely restored Ford Model A speedster stand out from the crowd.

The daffodil yellow and white racing style body is nearly one of a kind. Wilkin said perhaps only one other exists in the U.S. Over the past year and a half, the two-seater black interior Model A has been completely restored.

"We've taken everything apart and put it back together," said Wilkin, adding at one time the entire engine was just in a big bucket. Each engine part was checked for wear and tear and some of the not-so-good parts were replaced by parts found on the Internet. The entire car weighs 1,600 pounds and has a 40-cylinder Model A engine.

He describes himself as not mechanically inclined ("but I've learned a lot") and has counted on a mechanic in Middleboro to restore the Model A.

"I think it is an eye catcher," said Wilkin. "It is an unusual car, there's nothing close to it."

To make this weekend even more special, it will be the first time Wilkin will get behind the wheel of the car.

"I'm really looking forward to it," said Wilkin.

Wilkin got into car collecting a few years ago, "I was going to retire and I wanted something to do besides play golf," he said. He bought an antique Ford, then another the next week, and in a matter of months he was the proud owner of three classic cars. Although he still has yet to retire, Wilkin knows the cars will be waiting for him.

"I'll have the hobby laid out for me," Wilkin notes with a laugh. He has joined local chapters of Model A, Model T and Porsche car clubs. He often travels to local parades and He currently owns five antique Fords, including the one that will be a part of the Classic Car Concours.

1971 Mercedes convertible 280 SL

It's only been his for a year, but Woody Chittick is no less in love with his car than any of the other car owners. Chittick purchased the silver exterior and dark blue convertible from another Cohasset resident.

"It didn't need much restoration, just some mechanical work," said Chittick. Not a car restoration enthusiast, Chittick just loves to drive it.

"It drives well, I love a convertible. It handles well. It truly hugs the road," he gushes. The Mercedes is his first sports car since he's been "grown up and married and had kids."

The car recently played a supporting role in his daughter's wedding. The bride and groom used it in lieu of a limousine.

"I enjoy it most when the weather's good," said Chittick. Some Cohasset residents may have seen him buzzing around town with the top down.

He'll give it a good washing before Saturday's drive.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Woody Chittick wipes excess wax off his car while getting it ready for Cohasset Day Saturday.

Cohasset Day – Sept. 20, 2008

Cohasset Classic Car Concours Classes

FOREIGN

No.	Make	Model	Year
Touring Open/Closed			
1	Aston Martin	DB 2/4	1954
2	Triumph	TR-3	1959
3	Porsche	C	1964
4	Austin Healy	3000 MK III	1967
5	Mercedes	SL Roadster	1969
6	Mercedes	280 SL Convertible	1971
7	Ferrari	348 TS	1992
8	Ferrari	308 GTS	1978
9	Rolls Royce	Corniche Convertible	1986
Racing/Competition			
10	Jaguar	C-Type	1953
11	Jaguar	XKE - Race Coupe	1962
12	Porsche	944 Turbo G Class Racer	1986
13	Porsche	C-4 Racing	1990

DOMESTIC

No.	Make	Model	Year
Pre-War			
14	Ford	"A" Speedster	1928
15	Ford	Delux A Door	1939
Touring Open/Closed			
16	Chevrolet	Corvette	1961
17	Ford	T-Bird	1963
18	Ford	T-Bird	1964
19	Cadillac	Fleetwood 60 Special	1964
20	Dodge	Dart Convertible	1965
21	Oldsmobile	Delta 88 Convertible	1975
Truck/Commercial			
No.	**Make**	**Model**	**Year**
22	Kaiser Willys	1T Pick-up	1959
23	Land Rover	Series IIA	1968
24	International Harvester	Scout 800A	1970
25	Mercedes	Unimog 504	1973
26	VW	Rabbit Pick-Up	1981

Judging Committee
Peter Richardsson, Head Judge
Jim Theriault, Judge
Jim Sandell, Judge
Kate Richardsson, Scorekeeper
Reed Westcott, Assistant Scorekeeper, age 13

COHASSET DAY ACTIVITIES

Don't miss the art on Cohasset Day

The South Shore Art Center will participate in Cohasset Day, Saturday, Sept. 20. Art Center galleries will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., showcasing New England Watercolor Society's Biennial North American Open Show in the Bancroft Gallery and work of Art Center Gallery artists in adjacent galleries. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the Art Center, view the exhibitions, check out the fall schedule of courses and workshops, and see faculty demonstrations of upcoming courses.

Cohasset's natural beauty has long attracted artists to the community and countless residents are accomplished painters, printmakers, illustrators, photographers and craft artists. Many will join the festivities on Cohasset Day by demonstrating, painting en plein air throughout the village, and showcasing their work at the Art Center.

For more information on the South Shore Art Center, visit the Web site at ssac.org.

Cohasset Day tickets

Tickets for Cohasset Day & Fine Food Galore will be on sale at the event. Individual tickets cost $15 and family, $30. Those who bought tickets in advance need to turn in their tickets for a hand stamp at the ticket booth. Booths will be located at the intersections of South Main and Brook, North Main and Depot Court and Elm Street near Fleming's Lighting.

A hand stamp will be required for the Fine Food Galore portion of the event (4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on South Main Street). A complete program of events and voting ballots will be provided at the ticket booth.

David Ogden to perform at Cohasset Day

New England singer/songwriter David Ogden will perform songs from his new CD, "No Better Place," at Cohasset Day, Saturday, Sept. 20, at 2 p.m., on the Acoustic Café stage beside St. Stephen Church, next to the Common.

For information on Ogden, visit his Web site at davidogdenmusic.com.

Decorated bike parade

Cohasset kids are invited to join in the decorated bike parade down South Main Street in the village. Bikes must be decorated and there will be prizes for the most creatively decorated bikes. Each bike will be given a registration number for judging. To register, e-mail Christine Cunning at c.cunning@comcast.net. Please include the full name of participant, his/her age and contact information (address, phone and e-mail address). Mention "Bicycle Parade" in email subject.

Registrations must be made by Friday, Sept. 19 others are welcome to join in on the day of the event, but will not be guaranteed a number for prize awards.

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Pond talks no Treat

FROM POND, PAGE 1

was not a part of the executive session.)

Monday's meeting drew a smaller crowd than past Treat's Pond discussions, but the room was still packed with Sandy Cove residents and other interested citizens.

The easement issue was discussed in detail during the June 8 Selectmen's meeting, when Town Counsel explained to the board the easement deed was vague, especially when it came to how the town could use the easement. He reiterated this interpretation during Monday night's meeting.

"(The rights of access) is still unclear. There is evidence it was the intent of the deed to be able to access the pipe and that is the general widespread belief," said Ross. Legally speaking, that intent is not clearly spelled out in the deed.

From Chairman Carr's questions, it was evident the town was exploring several options to resolve the easement issue.

The town could file a lawsuit in Land Court seeking a declaration as to the meaning and scope of the easement. The town would have to prove the later deeds subdividing the Bigelow estate contained an error, omission, mistake or misdescription that deviated from the original Bigelow deed, which granted the town the easement to the pond and the drainage pipe. If Land Court agreed with the town, a monetary compensation would be awarded from the state assurance fund and the decision would effectively reform the easement to reflect the deed's original intent.

The other option is to make the Bigelow driveway and/or Lothrop Lane a public way, giving the town the right to access it. With this option, there may still be an issue in getting from the driveway to the beach/outfall pipe.

To create a public way the town would have to first acquire ownership of or an easement over private property, which it can do by purchasing those rights or taking them by eminent domain. Both methods of acquiring the land require a two-thirds majority vote of Town Meeting. To make the way public, the board would, among other requirements, have to lay it out as a public way (i.e., open to the public and the obligating the town to maintain it) and the layout would need by a majority vote approval at Town Meeting.

Ross said creating a public way was a "reasonable concept" given the town already performs services on the road like it was a public way (i.e. snow plowing). Near the close of discussion, Carr requested Town Counsel to begin drafting a Town Meeting article(s), if the Selectmen decided to pursue this option. A Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 17.

With those options in front of them, Carr turned to the several Bigelow driveway property owners to see where they stood in working with the town to find a reasonable solution. Carr said he felt a letter selectmen received from three affected property owners indicated they were not willing to work with the town to find a compromise.

"We have no objection to maintaining the pond or entering the pond," said John Connolly of 85 Atlantic Ave., adding he had consulted with three lawyers on their opinion of the deeded easement and all agreed it only applied to the pond.

"The beauty of that is we are trying to avoid a lawsuit," said Carr. "I happen to think the town has the right to service the pond and the easement around the pond and pipe."

Carr repeatedly asked Connolly if he was willing to work with the town to find a reasonable solution to the access to the pipe. During the meeting, Connolly never seemed to give a clear 'yes or no' answer to the question.

Later in the meeting, Connolly gave practical, legal and personal examples as to why he believed the easement off the Bigelow driveway was not the way to go. He said Lothrop Lane allowed for easier access.

Two residents of Lothrop Lane spoke on the issues and what they perceived as negative effects of having the DPW backhoe (which clears the outfall) go down their private lane and across the beach, including increased flooding. Although the town has used Lothrop Lane for a number of years to gain access to the beach and the pipe's outfall, it has never had the legal authority to do so.

Eli Manchester of 85 Atlantic Ave., one of the property owners the easement crosses, said the question of the easement paled in comparison to the greater stormwater issue plaguing the Atlantic Ave. area.

"We have spent a huge amount of time on this…this problem ought to go away so you can focus on stormwater," said Manchester.

Carr agreed, "I hope reasonable people will prevail. This is a very sticky first step to a bigger problem."

One of the issues with the Bigelow driveway access is during winter storms, when often the need to clear the pipe is often the most great, the driveway floods. Manchester suggested a compromise where the easement is used in the summer and Lothrop Lane in the winter.

To further complicate the issue, according to Ralph Dormitzer who spoke as a resident not as a Selectman (he has recused himself from Treat's Pond discussion as he is Sandy Cove resident), there is a somewhat worn walking path that has little vegetation on the Bigelow driveway side of the beach, but the town's easement and the pipe does not follow this path. Dormitzer said he measured 750-feet of vegetation covering the town's easement.

"We need to realize the realities of these things," said Dormitzer.

Selectman Karen Quigley clearly spelled out her view on the easement question.

"I think everybody agrees the town has the right to maintain the pond in its natural state, whatever that natural state is determined to be," said Quigley. Her definition of natural state included a historical connection between Treat's Pond and the ocean through Sandy Cove.

"I don't see how the town can maintain the natural state of the pond if it doesn't have a connection to the ocean," said Quigley. Further, she believed the town did have the right of the easement calling the town "derelict" in its duties if they did not fight to protect its easement.

Yet, Quigley saw there was an "elephant in the room" nobody was willing to talk about.

"There is such a willingness to have negative impacts on private property the town does not have an easement to," said Quigley, citing the Army Corps of Engineers proposal to construct a pipe through Whitehead Road to Whale Meadow or a pipe on Atlantic Ave. and using Lothrop Lane as a way to get to the beach to clear the Treat's Pond outfall pipe.

"Nobody has been willing to discuss, before tonight, the easement the town already has," said Quigley.

A recent letter from the Army Corps of Engineers on the $700,000 proposal requests the town indicate its interest in the project by the end of the month (Sept. 30). A letter from the Army Corps Chief of Planning John Kennelly requests that Selectmen confirm their intent to serve as the non-federal sponsor for the Treat's Pond Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration project and, if interested, identify a preferred restoration alternative.

The Selectmen can confirm the town's interest and choose a preferred option, but cannot commit the town financially. Only Town Meeting has that authority.



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LIBRARY CORNER

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of "The Gathering" by Anne Enright at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 24, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome. Call the Reference Librarian at 383-1348 if you need a copy of the book.

New Printing Policy – Due to the increased cost of printing supplies, the library began charging 10 cents per page on Sept. 8. Printers have been moved behind the circulation desk where you may pick up your print jobs.

Genealogy Workshop – Genealogist Michael Brophy will present Beginning Genealogy and Family History – Part 2, at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 23. Topics to be covered are United States military history records, city directories, church records, town reports, tax records and more. Anyone interested in tracing their family roots are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

New Museum Passes – Explore the following museums free with passes from the library: Institute for Contemporary Art, Sports Museum and Wheelock Family Theatre. Paul Pratt Library offers a long list of passes available to Cohasset residents. Visit the Web site or stop by the library for more information.

Library kids

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Eyes On Owls – Saturday, Oct. 4, in the Meeting Room. Marcia Wilson, owl rehabilitator, will bring her owls and her knowledge to provide an experience for all. Due to popularity of this show there will be two performances: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Free tickets will be available at the Circulation Desks beginning Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 10 a.m. Don't miss this opportunity to see several kinds of owls up close. For more information about Marcia Wilson and her commitment to nature go to the Web site at eyesonowls.com.

Story & Craft – Online registration will begin Sept. 19 for Story & Craft, which will take place on Thursdays Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23, at either 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m., in the Story Room. Story & Craft is for Cohasset residents ages 3 and older and is a four-week commitment. To register go to the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on calendar. Choose either the morning session or the afternoon session and fill out the registration form. Include child's name and age in the name field.

MamaSteph – Performances at 10:30 a.m., on Mondays, Oct. 6, 20 and 27, in the Meeting Room. Join others for children's music and more. Doors close promptly at 10:35 a.m. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library. All ages and communities are welcome.

Drop In Story Time – In the Story Room at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28. All ages and communities welcome.

Local quilt guild to present show

The Herring Run Quilt Guild, representing over 100 quilters from 16 South Shore communities, including Cohasset's Betsy Millard, will present its 10th Biennial Quilt Show at the Norwell Middle School on Rte 123 (330 Main Street) on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 5p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 21, 10a .m. to 3 p.m.. More than 150 traditional and art quilts will be on display including quilts judged viewers' favorites from the past 9 shows. Entrance fee is $6. Door prizes, vendors, demonstrations, snacks and a boutique will be available as well as a silent auction to benefit breast cancer research.

The mission of the Herring Run Quilt Guild is to educate and encourage its members in the art of quilt making and to do charitable works. Last year the guild made and distributed 49 quilts to social service organizations from Weymouth to Plymouth. A queen sized quilt of red and orange poppies on a white field, hand appliqued by members, will be raffled off on Sunday. Participants need not be present to win. New members are welcome to join the guild. See herringrunquiltguild.com for more information.

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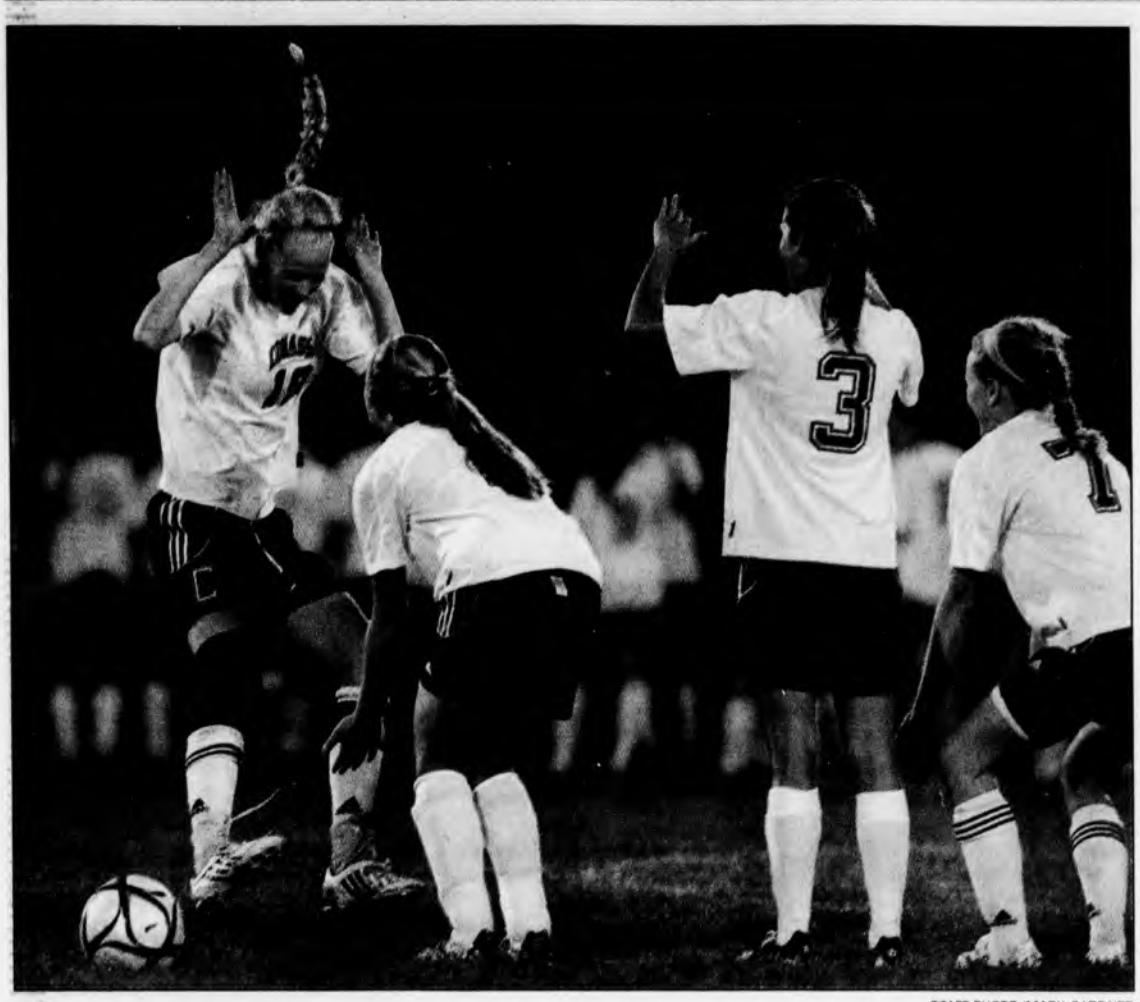
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Torey Hart high fives a teammate as the teams are announced.

After all these years

Veteran Skippers knock off young Clippers for first time in over a decade

By Joel Racicot
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Weird things happen during full moons. Werewolves, really high tides, maybe Dunkin Donuts will give away a free coffee with your choice of munchkin—stuff like that. Cohasset beating Norwell in girls soccer? Well, yeah that too.

The Skippers won 1-0 Monday night at home over South Shore League rival and longtime older soccer sister, Norwell (you know, the one that beats you at everything). It happened. After 11 years at the helm, take a breath, Deb Beal.

"Lets just say it is a big load off my mind," Beal said afterwards. "It is one of those things. It's not the be all and end all of soccer, but it is one of those things that is always on the backburner. It's always there and it's always on my mind."

Norwell's Bruce Emerson, gracious as always, was happy for the Skippers.

"I can't remember the last time they beat us. I have no idea. It has been a long time I know, [Deb Beal] is psyched about it."

Torey Hart (Sr.) scored the only goal at 6:20 of the first half. Christine Coner (Jr.) had the assist. Both teams played fairly even after that. The second half featured a few opportunities for both teams, none closer than a ball that skirted inches from the far side of the Skippers net on a pass in by Norwell late in the game.

It was the fluke type goal that would have been typical on this full moon. But maybe the earth was a little off its axis. Pulled just so slightly to the left.

"I think that they are on a mission," Emerson said about

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Win number two

Franklin gets game-winner against Clippers

By Susan Franklin
CORRESPONDENT

Coming off a tough loss to East Bridgewater, the Cohasset High field hockey team wanted a win to even its record. There is no doubt the team has talent. Team veterans have honed skills, game sense and the confident drive needed to lead on the field.

Many newcomers possess the athletic prowess that will translate to great skills in this game of speed and finesse. With only a few short weeks on the field together this group of talented individual players had not yet become a cohesive team, but the Norwell game Monday went a long way to getting them there.

Things started out a little slow in the first half. It appeared the players had a case of the Monday blues, but a short way into the half, things started to pick up. Verbal communication on the field was key, helping players work well together to deliver targeted passes and execute plays.

Midfielders Izzy Franklin, Lesen Haracz, Hannah Burgess and Natalie Dignan played very strong, getting passes up field to forwards like Erika Reardon and Jenny Cahill, who scored the first two goals from inside the circle. At the halftime whistle, Cohasset had the lead 2-0.

The team came out and looked even better in the second half as the defense led by Jean Thomae and Lucy Noble came alive, taking ball control and driving up the field. The Cohasset squad worked well as a unit putting together key plays between midfield and defense. Cohasset dominated possession time, making good passes and carrying the ball from one side of the field to the other.

However, control led to complacency and when Cohasset let their guard down, Norwell took advantage, putting two goals on the board to tie the score at 2-2. With little time left in the contest, Cohasset brought it home with a big goal from Izzy Franklin off an offensive corner. The exuberant squad left the field with a 3-2 win and that great feeling of knowing that each dedicated and enthusiastic player had today played like a team.

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Gridders unbeaten

Archbishop Williams on deck, Scituate in the hole

By Joel Racicot
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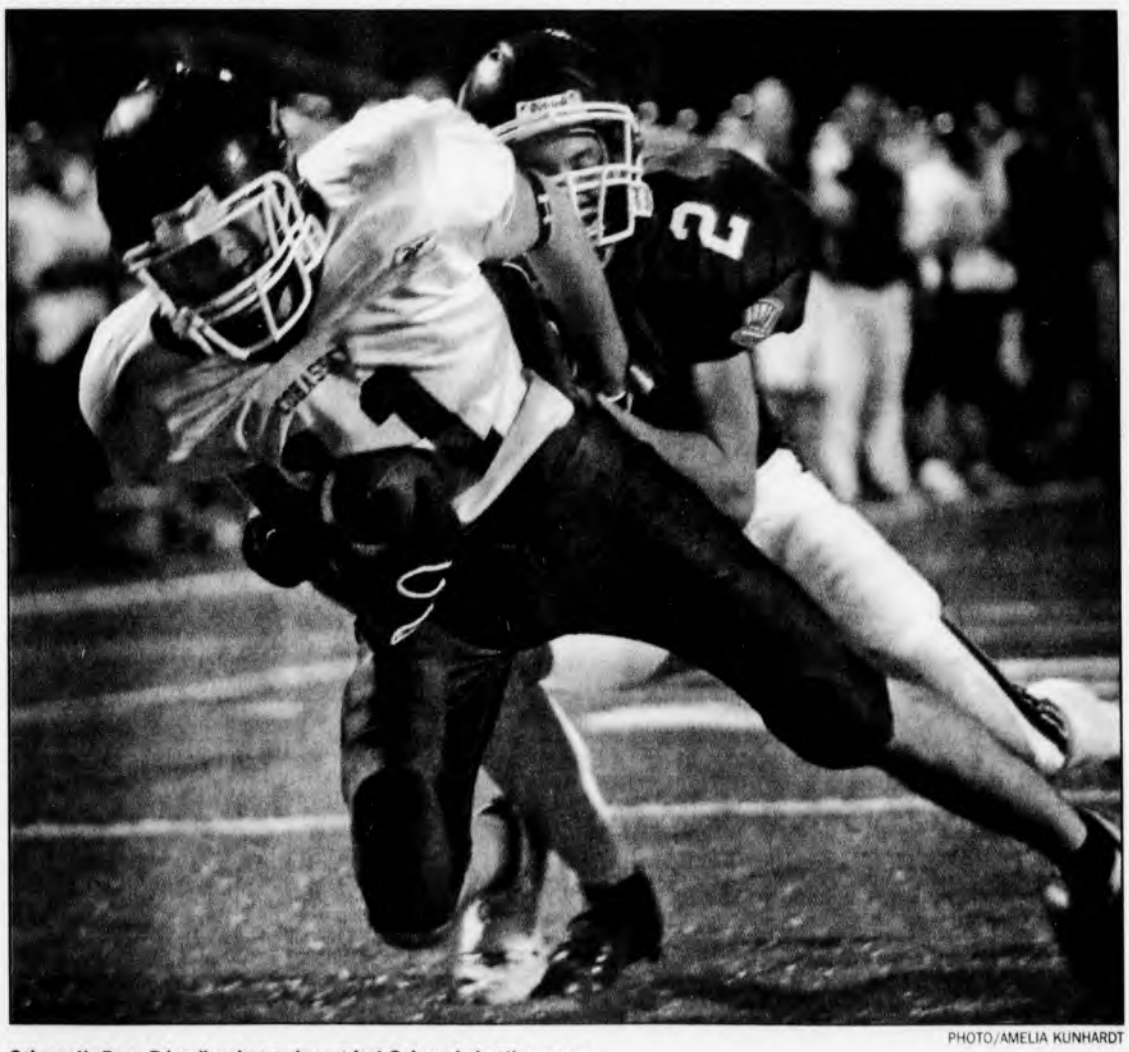
The Cohasset High School football team defeated Pembroke 20-14 at home Friday night. The Skippers are now 2-0 with both wins coming against Patriot League opponents.

They play next at Archbishop Williams Saturday for a 1 p.m. game.

Thomas Flibotte led the rushing attack for Cohasset, gaining 142 yards on 16 carries against the Titans. He also rushed for a touchdown. Jeff Cavanaro continued strong play at quarterback with a 5-for-12, 130 yards, 2 touchdowns and 0 interceptions performance.

Brendan Doonan had a pair of catches for 84 yards and two scores. Dean Driscoll added one catch for 37 yards. The defense played very well, albeit

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Cohasset's Dean Driscoll makes a play against Quincy during the opener.

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giving up a couple big plays.

Jake Kissick had a great game with six tackles, five assisted tackles and two tackles for losses. Anderson Lynner had two sacks and four tackles, including two assisted tackles, from the defensive line position. Alec Livingstone also provided a lot of pressure from the outside at defensive end.

"I'm very happy with what we are getting from the offense right now, although there is room for improvement," said Cohasset head coach Pete Afanasiw. "The defense needs to ratchet it up a bit. They are givng up too many big plays and too many points."

Afanasiw admitted that the team has made considerable improvement defensively, but he knows stiffer challenges lay ahead for his football team. There can be little room for error as the season progresses.

Dana Valentine was limited with an injury but should be back for Saturday. John Maher returned from an injury and played defensive back.

Cohasset led 7-0 at halftime thanks to a Doonan 79-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter. Doonan was on the other end of another Cavanaro touchdown in the third, this time making the score 14-0. Pembroke scored on a three-yard run after a miffed punt late in the third to make the score 14-6.

The Titans connected on a 68-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter, to tie the game 14-14

"It was a brand new ball game at that point," Afanasiw said. 'They had a lot of momentum. I told the guys that they haven't won too many games over the last couple seasons so they were hungry for this win. They were flying high, but at this point it was about staying composed."

Some hard running by Flibotte, and some designed sneaks by Cavanaro, set up Flibotte's 22-yard go-ahead touchdown on the ensuing drive with just over two minutes to play. Cohasset's defense managed to shut down the Titans for the remainder.

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Cohasset. "They really worked hard. I felt all along they've been the team in the South Shore League to knock off, they have returned just about everybody."

Emerson did find a silver lining in the loss.

"I was pleased that we played them as we did. I was very excited at the fact that we play with a very young team and I think it bodes well for us for the rest of the season. We are young and I think we are going to gel and get better."

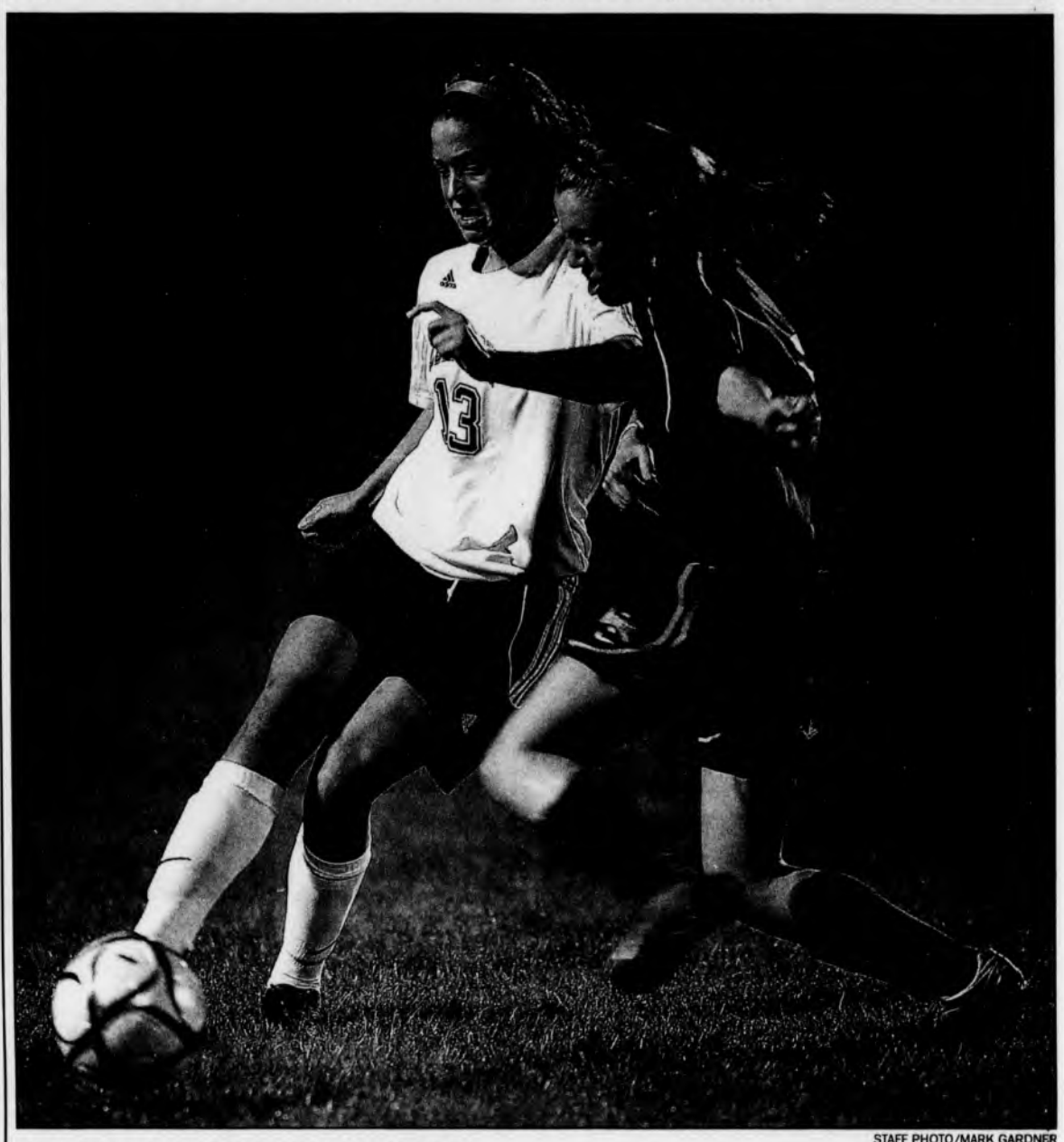
Cohasset's Charlotte Malone (Jr.) filled in admirably in net again for Johanna Brophy. Cohasset won, though, because of the defense in front of her. Sammi Lehr played everywhere from sweeper. Younger sister Tori, along with outside backs Meredith Kelly and Samantha Crough were tough as nails.

The type of defense that Norwell so often inflicts on its opponents, thanks to current stars Kara O'Connell, Molly Lodigiani and Jill Sheeran, was given back.

Looks like 2008 could be a special season for Cohasset. But given the intensity and limelight in the early September throwdown, this looks like it could also be a special rematch when these teams get together in Norwell, and possibly the postseason.

"We know Norwell, Norwell knows us," Beal said. "It's always a good game. It is fun, it is good stuff."

Cohasset played East Bridgewater, Wednesday, passed *Cohasset Mariner* deadline.



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Maggie McGoldrick beats a Norwell opponent to the loose ball.

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Sept. 19-21, 2008 (new dates)

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By Elena Lombardi, Freelance Writer

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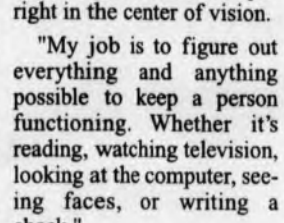
"Many of my patients consider me the last stop for people who have vision loss," said Dr. Kinkade.

Dr. Kinkade specializes in Low Vision Rehabilitation Optometry. He also has a Masters of Public Health and has adapted his studies to concentrate on prevention of disabilities related to visual impairments.



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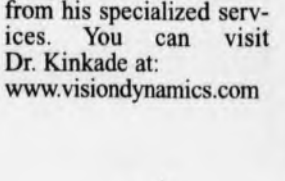
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"Telescopic glasses for driving cost around $2,300," states Dr. Kinkade. "Reading glasses can cost between $800 and $1900."



Sally Konecny, age 91, reports, "I can once again see some piano music and watch Wheel of Fortune on television."

"Every case is different because people have different levels of vision loss and different desires," explains Dr. Kinkade. "If these specialty glasses are not able to help my patients there is other assistive technology available that can."

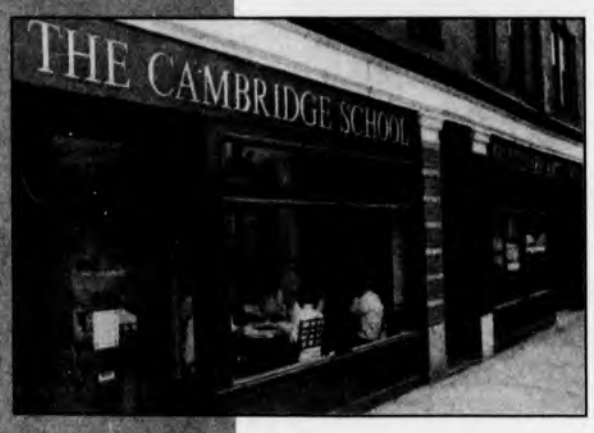
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Clippers best CHS boys late

Skippers rebound with tie Wednesday

By Joel Racicot
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Things haven't come easy for the Cohasset High School boys soccer team early on, nor will they as the season progresses. Youth combined with a very even and competitive schedule should make for a lot of close ball games, similar to Monday's 1-0 home loss against Norwell.

The goals have not come easy for the Clippers this year either, but they kept pressing against Cohasset. With a good size crowd on hand for the first of a double-header, the sense of urgency grew as the minutes counted down in the second half.

The league is very balanced this year. It's neither top heavy or bottom heavy according to Willis and Norwell head coach Jack Browne. That makes for a good game almost every time out.

After a free kick by PJ Tribuna with only a few minutes remaining, the ball fumbled around in the goal box. Carton picked up the ball and found the back of the net for the game-winner.

"I got a good foot on it," said Norwell senior Bryan Carton. "I thought I might have sliced it but it turned out pretty well."

The win is Norwell's first of the year. Cohasset coach Jim Willis acknowledged that his team played hard throughout but slipped at the end.

"Today was the best game they played until the last minute and a half and they got a call they didn't like and got disgruntled and fell apart," an obviously agitated Willis said after the game. "They're (Skippers) getting there. They have played better every game so far, tonight in the first half Norwell took it to us, but in the second half we actually controlled play."

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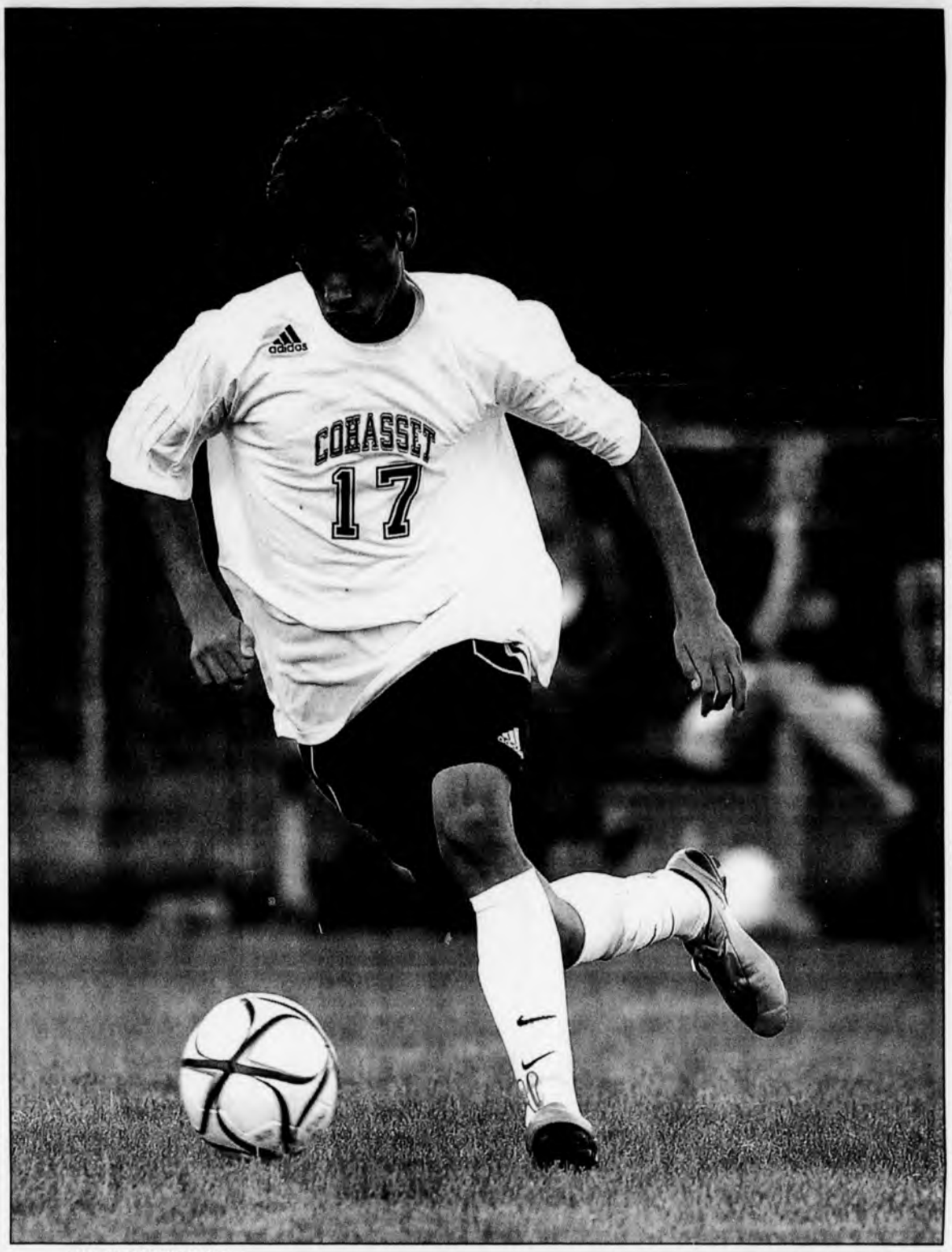
"It is a tough league this year," Willis said. "Last year there were really two top teams and a group in the middle, and this year there aren't any days off. The best team we played this year was Harwich and that was a 3-0 game and two of the goals were in the last two minutes."

Cohasset is 0-4-1 with losses to Scituate, Abington, Harwich and Norwell and a 1-1 tie Wednesday against another tough squad East Bridgewater. Ivan Sceery scored his first goal of the season in the tough road match, earning the Skippers a point.

Sceery, a senior, and freshman Jonah Adkins are relied on for much of the offensive push. Lennart Brown, the main scorer in the pre-season was moved to sweeper after the 5-0 loss to Scituate. Recent low score indicate the move is paying off, even though the Skippers have to sacrifice a lot of offense with the move.

"He has really stabilized us in the back," Willis said. "Unfortunately that has cost us in the offensive end. In the pre-season, we scored plenty and he was one of our big scorers.

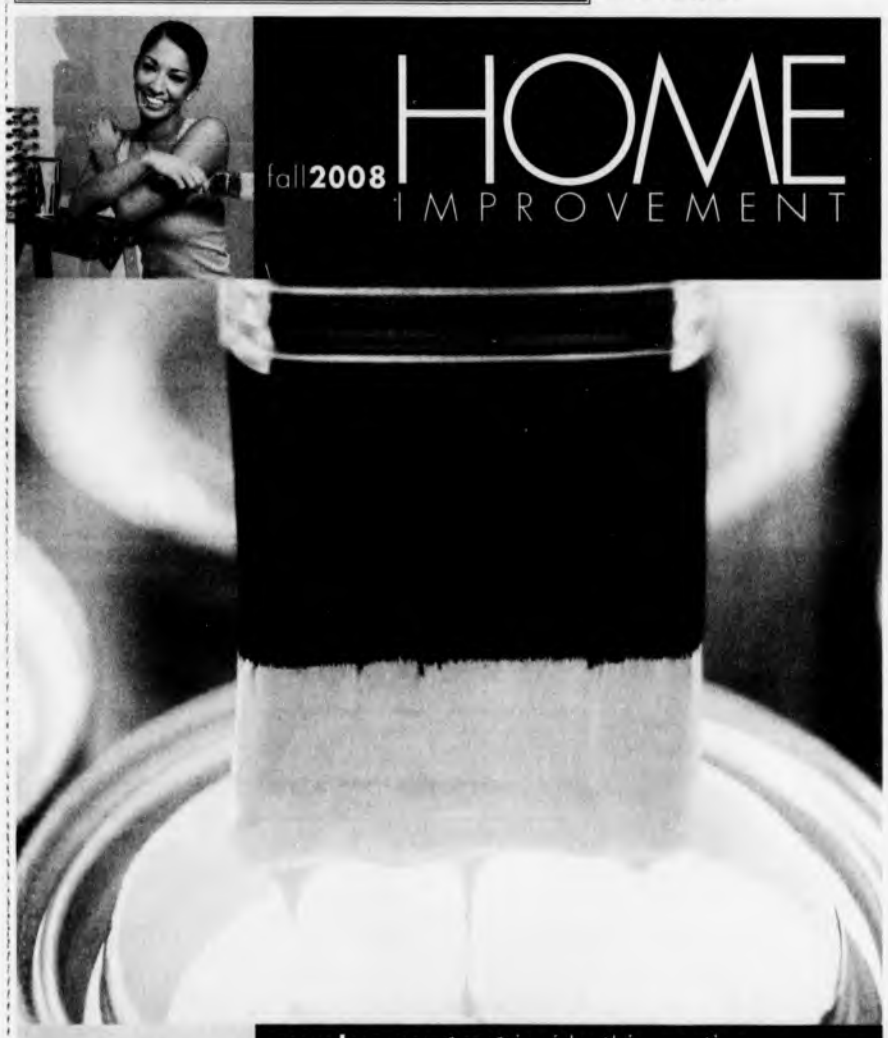
"Now a senior and a freshman playing up front. Both guys are playing well individually, but they are still trying to learn how to play together."



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Jonah Adkins launches an attack for the Skippers.

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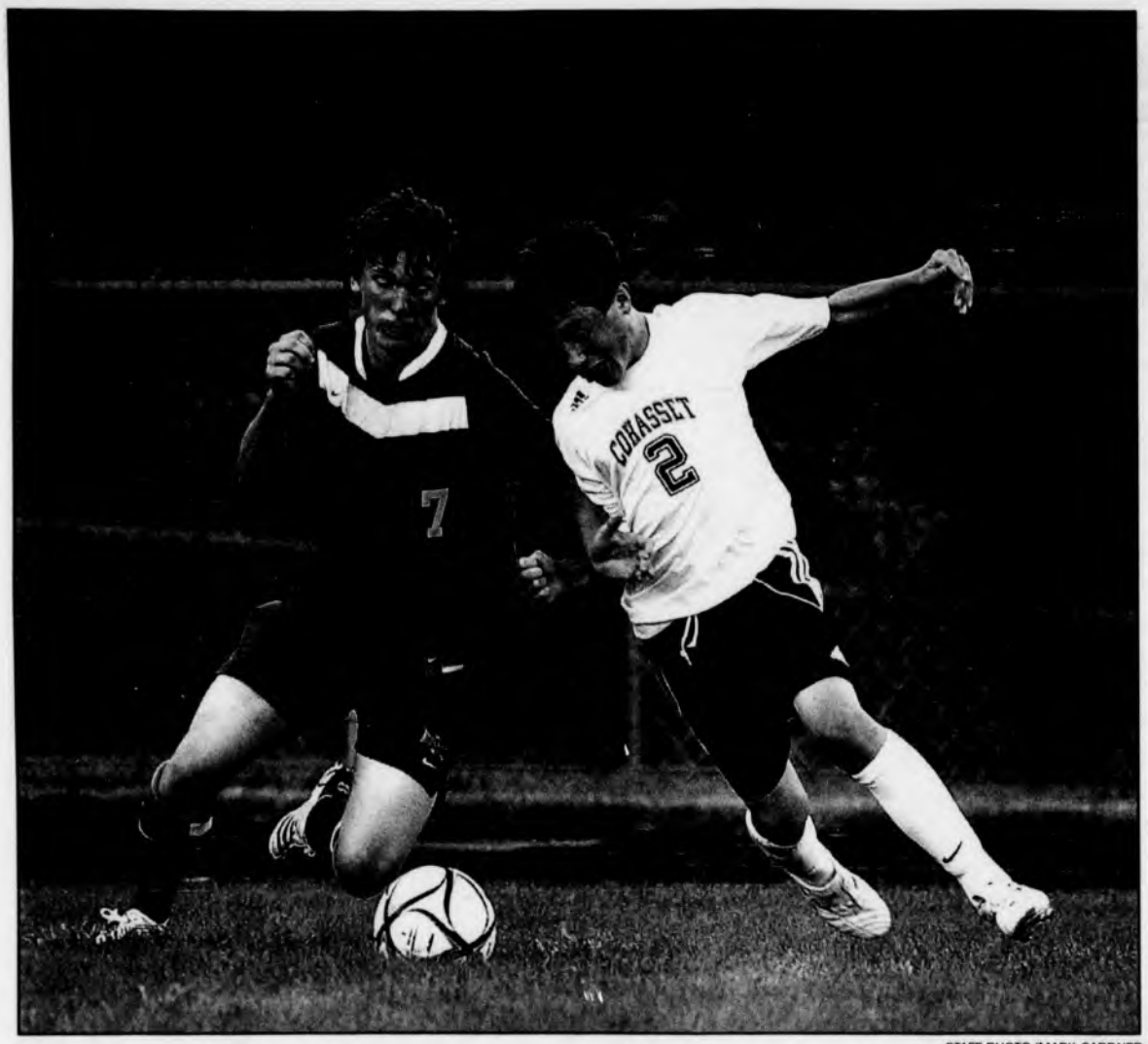
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Anders Goetz goes toe to toe with a Norwell opponent.

SPORTS NOTES

Fall Lacrosse program sign ups

Fall Lacrosse programs for youth girls and boys are currently accepting registrations. Programs run Sundays for all age groups throughout the fall with the first sessions starting this Sunday Sept. 21. For more information and to register, please visit our Web site at www.cohasset-lacrosse.com.

CYBSA major league tryouts

The tryouts for the 2009 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held Monday, September 29 at Barnes Field from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All boys and girls who are ages 10 prior to May 1, 2009 and no older than age 12 on April 30, 2009 and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try-out.

All 12 year olds (born between May 1, 1996 and April 30, 1997) who attend the tryouts are automatically selected for a Major League team provided that these players attend the tryout.

Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 3:30 p.m. This will be the only opportunity to tryout. The rain date will be Monday, October 6. Please visit our website CYBSA.net for more information. Questions regarding the tryouts may be directed to Mark Federle at (781)383-3545 or Nancy Froio at (781)383-1897.

First Annual Melanoma Education Foundation Race and Walk

The Melanoma Education Foundation is a non-profit organization devoted to saving lives by increasing awareness about melanoma, a skin cancer that is often deadly unless detected early. MEF provides teacher training and curriculum materials about melanoma to over 450 Massachusetts high schools and middle schools, including most schools on the South Shore. Please join us in this premier event as we honor the memory of those we have lost and as we work to protect the future health of families in our community. Visit our website at www.skincheck.org for more about MEF.

The race is Sunday, September 21, 2008 at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham MA (5 Mile USATF sanctioned Run, 3 Mile Family and FriendsWalk).

Place: Race and Walk start and finish in Wompatuck State Park

Time: 11:00 am

Distance: 5 mile race 3 mile walk

Entry fee: $20.00

Entry fee waived for those who raise $100.00 or more.

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For more detailed information on the tryouts, specific time for your age group and the team in general please visit our Web site a www.baystatethundersoftball.com or contact Rob Spofford at (781) 383-8338 or Al Saluti at (781) 380-3864.

Preseason Basketball Clinics at the South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond

The South Shore YMCA in Hanover is offering a great new preseason basketball clinic for girls ages 10- 14. This 10 week clinic will meet on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and starts September 18. The clinic is designed for basketball players interested in honing their skills in the off-season. The class will focus on improving fundamentals while teaching team systems and concepts. There will be lots of skills drills and scrimmaging for practice. For more information or to register for the clinic, please contact Linda at 781-829-8585, ext 260.

Basketball Conditioning at South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond

The South Shore YMCA in Hanover is offering a great new conditioning class to youths ages 11-15. This clinic will help get participants in better shape for the basketball season. This conditioning program works on strength and explosives as well as improving speed, agility, and overall endurance. This eight week program meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45-4:45 p.m. and starts Monday, September 22. For more information or to register for the clinic, please contact Linda at 781-829-8585, ext 260.

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A student volunteer from New England Wildlife Center shows off Pig the snake.

Going wild at Second Congregational Church



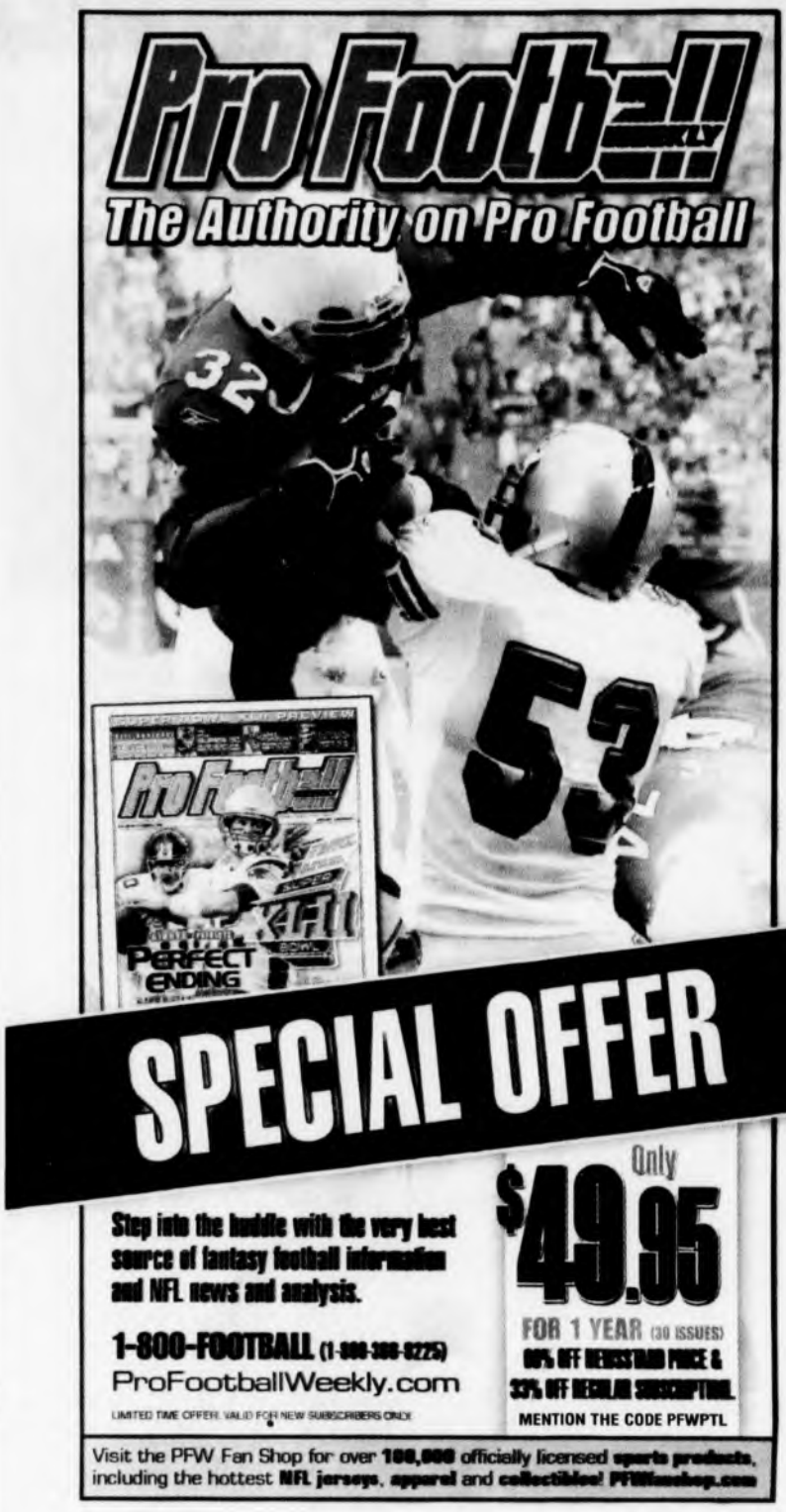
Steve Martin of New England Wildlife Center introduces his bearded dragon to the group.

Recently, staff from New England Wildlife Center visited the Sunday School of Cohasset's Second Congregational Church. Children ages 4 through 14 had the chance to pet and visit with some of God's creatures, including a chinchilla, a bearded dragon, a parrot, a hedgehog and a special snake with a flat snout named Pig. Lisa Cooper, Second Congregational director of Christian Education since June, has similar interactive activities planned throughout the year as a way to grab and keep the attention of the children while making the teaching of traditional stories of the Bible fun.

New England Wildlife Center, based in South Weymouth for nearly 25 years, provides veterinary and rehabilitative care to thousands of sick, injured and orphaned wild animals each year. Patients are brought to the center from individual citizens, families and animal control officers – and care is provided by a variety of paid, volunteer and student personnel. The center receives no state or federal funding and relies on support from donations, birthday parties, toddler playgroups and youth programs.

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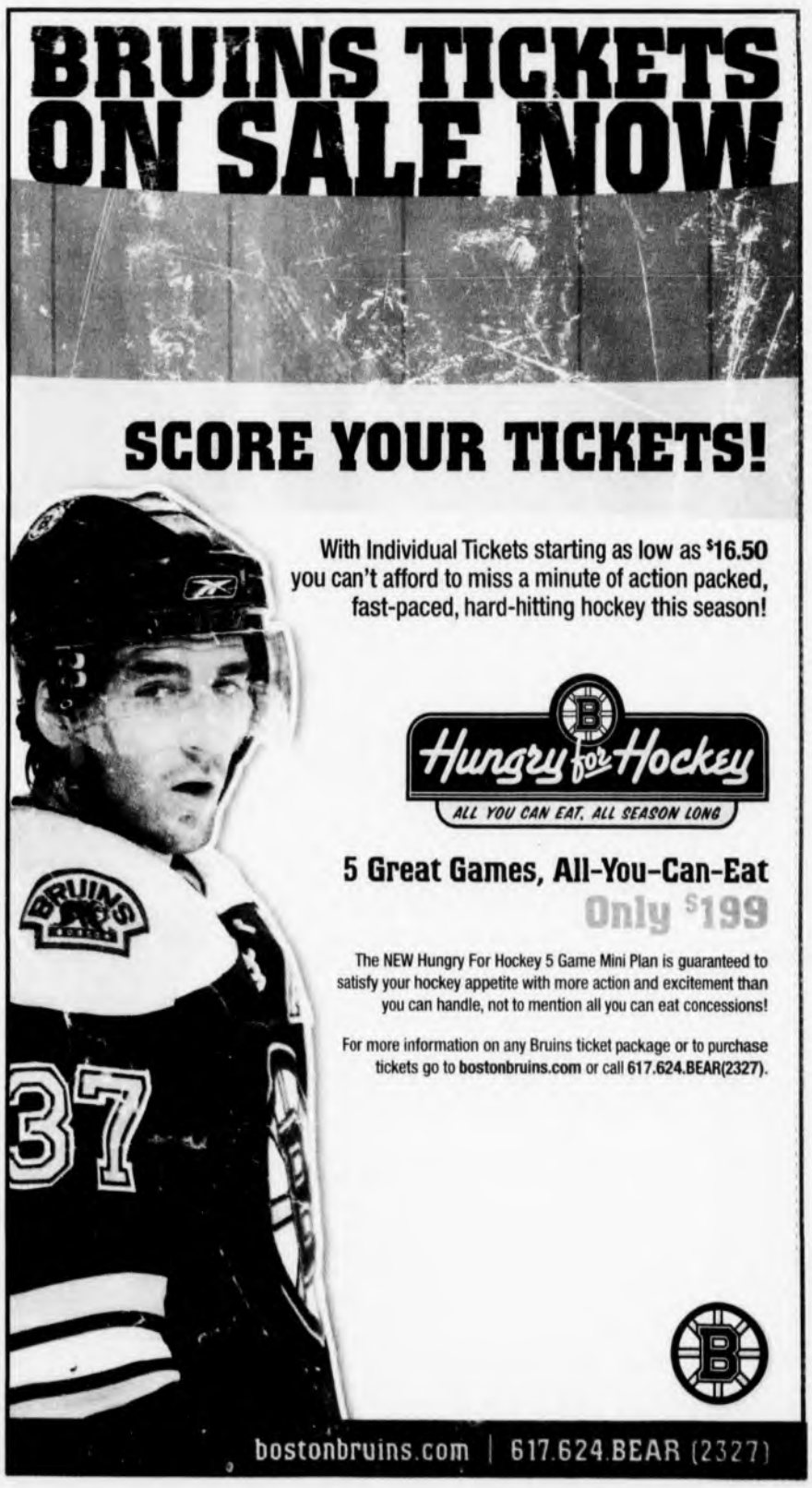
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As the leaves turn

Barbara Radcliffe Rogers and Stillman Rogers
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

NEW ENGLAND — "We can look forward to another brilliant fall foliage season," said Ginger Anderson, chief of Forest Management for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

And although she was speaking for her own state when she made this prediction last week, experts in other states agree that all early weather signs point to a knock-out year for leaf-peepers.

While everyone wants to see the fall foliage at "the peak," that's actually a moving target. The leaves change day by day and region by region over a six-week span. Beginning in Maine, northern New Hampshire and Vermont's mountains in mid-September, the color rolls south through central New Hampshire and into Massachusetts, culminating in late October and even early November in coastal Connecticut and Rhode Island.



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A classic Berkshires fall scene.

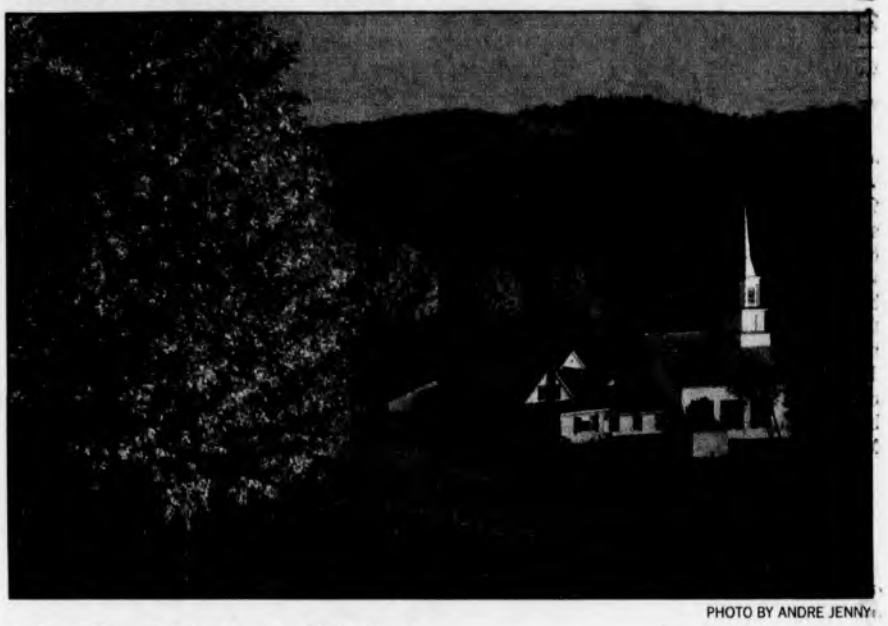


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A classic Vermont foliage scene at Waits River.

Maine

Maine may be the Pine Tree State, but don't underestimate the number of maples and birches, with gold and orange leaves that stand out in bright contrast to the deep greens of pines and firs. Peak in northern and central inland Maine usually lasts from mid-September through early October - head to Moosehead Lake for excellent views. By the first week in October, the Rangeley Lakes and Rte. 27 through the Carrabassett Valley and Kingfield are ablaze.

The central coast usually reaches its color peak between Oct. 7 and 19, followed by the southern coast. See the wooded islands off Camden from the top of Mount Batty, on the way through the historic coastal towns on Rte. 1, and detour to follow roads down the many peninsulas that jut far out to sea. Keep posted via Maine's foliage hotline, 888-MAINE-45, or visit www.maine.gov/doc/foliage.

New Hampshire

In mid-to-late September, New Hampshire's leaves begin to turn in the Great North Woods, reflecting in the waters of the Androscoggin River along Rte. 16 through 13-mile Woods, or seen from Rte. 3 along the Connecticut River. In late September and early October, head north on I-93 to Plymouth, following Rte. 25 West then, at Orford, take Rte. 10 north or south along the Connecticut River - it's beautiful in either direction. Or leave I-93 at Lincoln to follow Rte. 112 over the Kancamagus Pass, for spectacular views of the White Mountains.

Around central New Hampshire's 275 lakes and ponds, where foliage peaks in the two middle weeks of October, roads wind through rolling countryside, covered bridges and pretty lakeside villages. The seacoast is the last area in New Hampshire to catch the color, even after it has faded inland. Many New Hampshire businesses are offering to help you pay for your trip with "Gas Saving Offers" (www.visitnh.gov/why-new-hampshire). For a map showing the day-by-day color progress, visit http://foliage.visitnh.gov, or call the foliage hot line, 800-258-3608.

Vermont

Vermont's foliage doesn't take the expected north-to-south route. Instead, in late September it begins simultaneously in the Northeast Kingdom and a strip down the state's center, where the Green Mountains form a long spine. It reaches peak here the first week in October, then radiates west and east, to the Champlain and Connecticut valleys, usually at their best between Oct. 10 and 20.

On I-91 you'll get the high route view above the Connecticut River and across to New Hampshire. Or leave I-91 at Brattleboro to follow Rte. 5 along the riverbank past farms selling fresh-picked produce. Rte. 9 leaves Brattleboro to climb Hogback Mountain, with views of three states, and then over the spine of the Green Mountains. A turn north in Wilmington follows Rte. 100 for the entire length of Vermont's mountains to Stowe. Get foliage updates at www.vermontvacation.com/seasons, or 800-VERMONT.

Massachusetts

In Massachusetts, Rte. 7 travels the heart of the Berkshires, where color peaks the first two weeks in October. A scenic drive on Rte. 20 leads west to Hancock Shaker Village and the Taconic Range. Foliage paints the farmlands along the wide Connecticut River in shades of red, orange and gold between Oct. 3 and 18. The Mohawk Trail (Rte. 2) connects this area with the Berkshires. Drive through Charlemont, and down the famed hairpin curve at the west peak of Whitcomb Summit, to Williamstown.

Cape Cod's foliage lasts longer, peaking the third week in October. Travel there via Rte. 58 through North Carver to see the cranberry bogs bright red with ripe berries. For pretty villages, tidy farms and fall-painted coastal scenes north of Boston, follow Rte. 133 through Essex, Ipswich and Georgetown. Massachusetts keeps travelers updated with its foliage hotline at 617-973-8500 or 800-227-MASS and at www.massvacation.com (click Science and Nature).

Connecticut

Fall color sweeps through Connecticut from mid-October into early November. Expect the best show in western Connecticut, where Rte. 7 drops down from the Massachusetts border through several state parks to Kent. In eastern Connecticut, Rte. 97 parallels I-395 and is designated a Scenic Highway - it travels through rural landscapes from North Woodstock, through Pomfret, to the Georgian architecture of Canterbury. Learn more about Connecticut travel at 800-282-6863 or www.ctvisit.com.

Rhode Island

Rhode Island's fall colors, like Connecticut's, appear mid-October to early November. For top viewing, follow Rte. 2 from Slatersville, near the Massachusetts line, south through charming Chepachet and then through farmland and forests to Wickford, on Narragansett Bay. Cross on bridges to Jamesown Island and Newport (where you can stop and check out the mansions) returning north on Rte. 114 along the other side of the bay. For fall travel information, call 800-556-2484 or visit www.visitrhodeisland.com.

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Clubs kick into high gear

LIFE AT CHS

LAUREN MACK



Hi everyone. It has been another smashingly successful week at Cohasset High School, filled with learning and high spirits! All of the CHS clubs have begun to start up again, and with meetings left and right, it's been hard to keep up with everything going on! Art Magazine had their first meeting this past Tuesday, and in addition to the magazine meeting, it has also been confirmed that the Art Major class will be repainting the murals in downtown Cohasset next to Tedeschi's. Auditions for "West Side Story" were held this past Wednesday and call-backs were on Thursday, everyone did great and fortunately there was quite the turnout! Tuesday was also the annual parent-teacher back to school night. So hopefully all of the parents got to meet all of the teachers that we students talk so highly of.

Speaking of teachers, allow me to introduce this week's Teacher Quote of the Week. It's a common sight to see Ms. Nina Berkowitz walking the halls of the school, always looking for creative ways to brighten and decorate our academic environment. Why, you ask? Because Ms. Berkowitz is the art department head of CHS, teaching several classes including Art Major, Portfolio Art, Ceramics, and many others. Just the other day, the question arose if administration ever questions her usually colorful and untraditional attire: "No, actually, it's quite the opposite," she responded, "art teachers can really get away with anything. They just kind of expect me to wear ugly clothes now."

I hope everyone has a fun and safe weekend! Adios!

Lauren Mack is a senior at Cohasset High. Her column appears weekly during the school year.

Signup for circus trip by Sept. 26

Cohasset Recreation Center is at 41 Highland Ave. For more information or to sign up for activities, call 781-383-4109 or visit recreation@townofcohasset.org.

Fencing – Recreation Center. Hand, eye and foot coordination, concentration and jousting skills will be taught. Fun and safe with equipment provided. Sneakers, T-shirt and sweatpants should be worn. Class instructor: Jim Mullarkey, a championship fencer who has been teaching for years on the South Shore. Cost is $125 per students. The 10-week program will begin Sept. 19. Meets Fridays: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for beginners; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for intermediate students.

Tennis – Milliken Field Tennis Courts Cohasset Recreation will be offering a Sunday afternoon tennis clinic taught by members of the Cohasset High School tennis team. The clinic will focus on the fundamentals based on USTA lessons. Cost is $35/per person. Fall session: begins Sept. 21, and runs for six weeks. Beginners, ages 6 through 8 noon; 1 p.m. – beginners, ages 9 through 12; 2 p.m. advance beginners, ages 9 through 12.

Preschool Stories and More – Recreation Center. Paulina McDonald will incorporate stories with an arts and crafts project on Mondays, from 4 to p.m., for four weeks. Session 1, Sept. 22 through Oct. 20. Cost is $50.

Yoga – At Cohasset Town Hall. Vinyasa yoga class will feature flowing meditation style class including moving from one pose to the next on an inhale or an exhale in a smooth way that the poses run together and become like a dance. Starts Sept. 23, and meets Tuesdays, at 9:30 a.m. Cost is $8.

Hatha Yoga Class – Moving meditation including gentle stretching and strengthening postures with breathing exercises to decrease stress and increase flexibility. Starts Sept. 25, and meets Thursdays, at 10:30 a.m. Cost is $8.

Middle School Night at Healthtrax in Hanover – Saturday, Oct. 4, 7 to 11 p.m. Students in grades five through eight can hang out with friends, get some exercise and have fun. Activities will include basketball, volleyball, racquetball and swimming. A fun and safe experience chaperoned by Recreation staff. Cost is $20 per session and includes transportation from Cohasset Town Hall.

Circus Trip – Sunday, Oct. 12 Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus at TD Banknorth Garden. "Bellobration" is a high-energy circus extravaganza featuring comic daredevil Bello, whose orange hair, antics and approach to daredevilry have prompted his rise in popularity. Bus leaves at 4 p.m. for the 7 p.m. show and will arrive back in Cohasset by 10 p.m. There will be time to visit Faneuil Hall before the show for shopping and dinner. Cost is $25 per person. Parents are required to accompany all children. Space is limited, register by Sept. 26.

Drive in Control – Sunday, Oct. 19 from 1 to 5:30 p.m. In Control Advanced Driver Training is the first Massachusetts certified driver skills course in the state. Drivers are taught how to avoid crashes and how to best respond in a variety of high speed driving situations, including ABS braking, tailgating (and what safe driving distances really are), car control, handling distractions while driving, etc. Students will have the opportunity to get behind the wheel with a professional driver and practice these emergency situations. Class will take place in South Weymouth. Group class rate for Cohasset Recreation is $274, $225 for second/subsequent member of same family. Insurance deductions are available with most insurance carriers.

New York City – Spend a day shopping and touring New York City. Open to ages 18 and older. Children younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Invite friends and enjoy a day in the Big Apple that participants plan on their own. Deluxe motor coach leaves Town Hall at 6 a.m. sharp. Arrives in NYC about 10:30 a.m. Midtown drop off near Rockefeller Center and pick up in the same area at 7 p.m., sharp. Saturday, Oct. 18. Limited enrollment. Cost is $44 per person.

Recreation Department seeks donations

Cohasset Recreation Department is sprucing up the Teen Center and are looking for cash donations, bar stools, folding tables and chairs, pool tables, ping pong tables, foosball tables, air hockey tables, arcade games, video game systems and televisions. Maybe that flat screen TV bought a few years ago doesn't seem quite as big as it used to. All donations are eligible for tax deduction. With help, the Recreation Center will be a safe and enjoyable after school destination and the best spot in town to host a party.

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Senator in Congress			
John F. Kerry	96	115	211
Edward J. O'Reilly	61	69	130
Write-Ins/Scattering	0	0	0
Blanks	2	1	3
Total	159	185	344

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Rep. in Congress			
William D. Delahunt	111	135	246
Write-Ins/Scatterings	2	1	3
Blanks	46	149	95
Total	159	185	344

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Councilor			
Christopher A. Iannella Jr.	57	69	126
Stephen F. Flynn	49	64	113
Robert L. Toomey Jr.	10	16	26
Write-Ins/Scattering	1	0	1
Blanks	42	36	78
Total	159	185	344

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Senator in General Court			
Write-Ins/Scattering	24	25	49
Blanks	135	160	295
Total	159	185	344

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Rep. in General Court			
Garrett J. Bradley	113	153	266
Write-Ins/Scattering	1	0	1
Blanks	45	32	77
Total	159	185	344

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Register of Probate			
Patrick W. McDermott	87	113	200
Write-Ins/Scattering	3	0	3
Blanks	69	72	141
Total	159	185	344

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
County Treasurer			
Joseph A. Connolly	94	116	210
Write-Ins/Scattering	0	0	0
Blanks	65	69	134
Total	159	185	344

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
County Commissioner			
John M. Gillis	82	108	190
Francis W. O'Brien	73	96	169
Write-Ins/Scattering	0	0	0
Blanks	163	166	329
Total	318	370	688

REPUBLICAN PARTY

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Senator in Congress			
Jeffrey K. Beatty	27	30	57
Write-Ins/Scattering	0	0	0
Blanks	4	3	7
Total	31	33	64

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Rep. In Congress			
Write-Ins/Scatterings	3	7	10
Blanks	28	26	54
Total	31	33	64

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Councilor			
Write-Ins/Scattering	2	4	6
Blanks	29	29	58
Total	31	33	64

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Senator in General Court			
Robert L. Hedlund Jr.	30	33	63
Write-Ins/Scattering	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	1
Total	31	33	64

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Rep. in General Court			
Write-Ins/Scattering	3	7	10
Blanks	28	26	54
Total	31	33	64

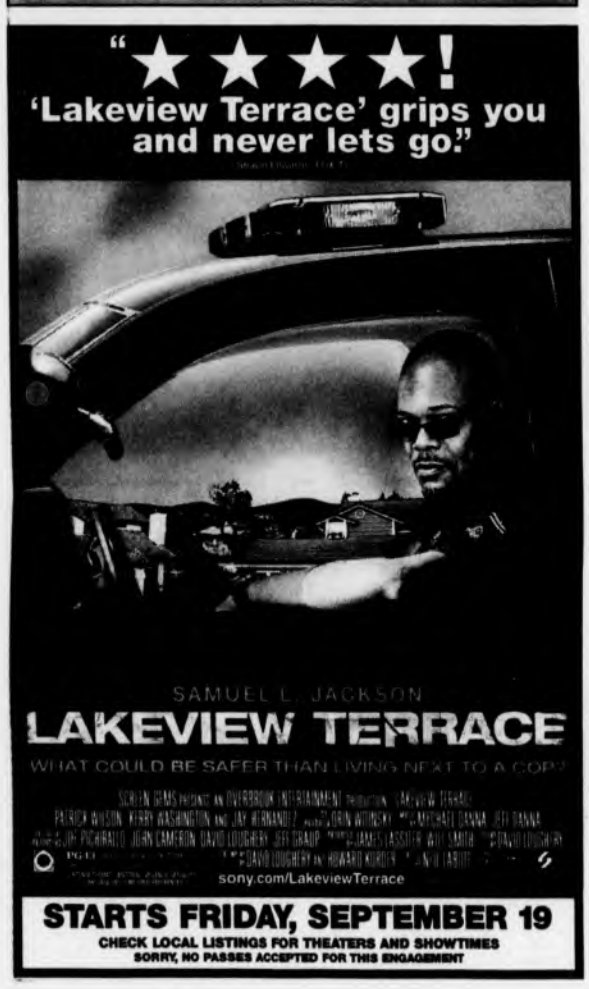
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Blanks	28	27	55
Total	31	33	64

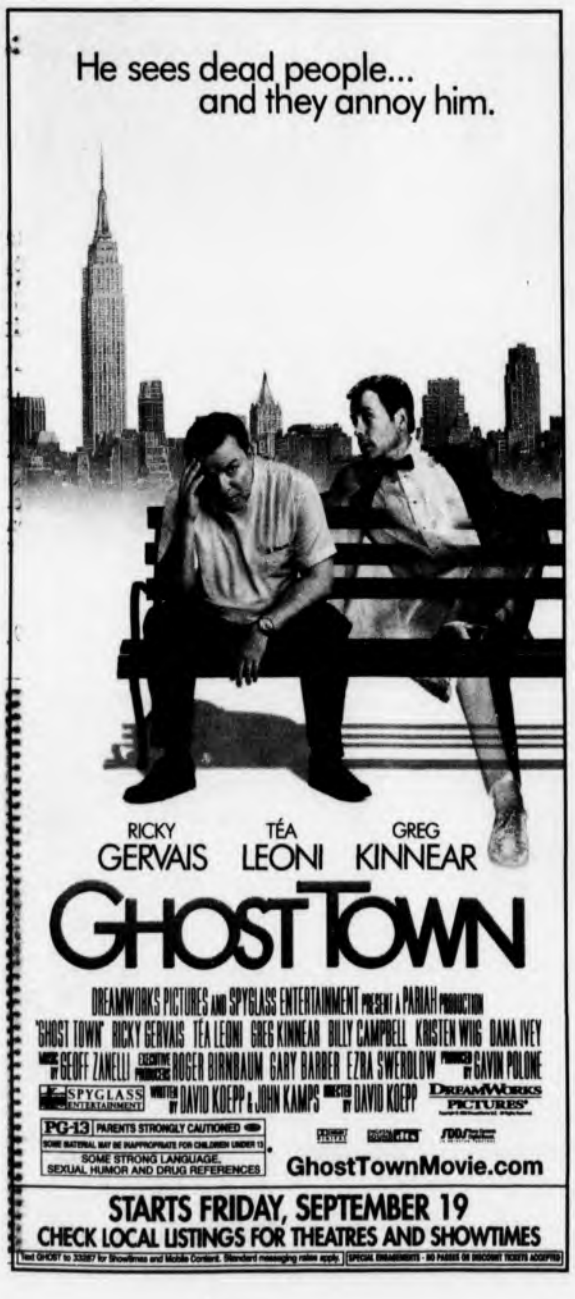
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County Treasurer			
Write-Ins/Scattering	3	8	11
Blanks	28	25	53
Total	31	33	64

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
County Commissioner			
Thomas Gorman	27	26	53
Write-Ins/Scattering	1	2	3
Blanks	34	38	72
Total	62	66	128

Green Rainbow and Working Family ballots were available. No one opted to vote for those parties.











POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27

11:30 a.m. **Border St.,** parking enforcement; zero violations.

12:15 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** escort. Cohasset Ladder 1 and Car 20 along with police cruiser tied up for funeral detail.

2:11 p.m. **Elm St.,** lost property. Walk-in party to speak to an officer regarding losing her passport at this location and needs to get back to her country next week.

2:14 p.m. **Lamberts Lane,** hazardous materials. Caller reports his neighbor has a large drum of a substance being delivered to his house and it is leaking; possibly heating oil. Fire lieutenant reports they have used Speedy Dry in the area of the leak and will be clearing at this time.

2:47 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks. Deer Hill/Osgood school check.

2:59 pm. **Deer Hill/Sohier St.,** building checks.

2:59 p.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

3:25 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** animal bite. Caller reports his daughter was bitten by a dog yesterday.

3:51 p.m. **Hull St.,** animal complaint. Lost small gray dog.

6:47 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

9:10 pm. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** traffic enforcement.

9:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** investigation. Pharmacist called to report a false prescription. A 40-year-old Mansfield man being summonsed for uttering false prescription.

9:48 p.m. **Black Rock Road,** disturbance-drunks. Caller reports kids partying in the woods at the end of Black Rock Road.

11:32 p.m. **Border St.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. 911 caller reports an erratic operator. Office reports driver checks out. Verbal warning.

THURSDAY, AUG. 28

12:03 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** noise complaint. Caller states there is a loud group of kids on the basketball court. No one in area now.

12:41 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

12:41 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks. Both elementary schools check secure.

1:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** erratic motor vehicle operation. High rate of speed. Motor vehicle is now in Hingham. Hingham Police notified.

5:19 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.,** traffic enforcement.

5:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Road,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation/warning.

10:47 a.m. **Summer St.,** escort for a funeral to Beechwood Cemetery.

3:39 p.m. **Border St.,** disturbance; bridge jumpers. Officer cleared a group from the bridge.

5:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle crash. Caller reports she has rear-ended another vehicle.

5:42 p.m. **Elm St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

5:56 p.m. **Border St.,** motor vehicle stop. **Arrest: Alan A. Sammartino, 49, 44 Longfellow St., Dorchester. Charges: Possession of Class B Drug; Possession of Class D drug.**

6:02 p.m. **South Main St.,** erratic motor vehicle operation. Caller reports a white Escalade swerving all over the road. Officer reports the driver was talking on his cell pone.

8:46 p.m. **Old Coach Road,** disturbance. Caller reports kids throwing rocks at her house. Youth were gone on arrival. No damage to the house. Will stay in the area.

9:09 p.m. **Surry Drive,** vandalism report. Caller reports that kids just threw a rock through her window. Kids are now hiding in yard next door.

10:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop; arrests. Scituate K-9 en route for a vehicle search. Arrest: Ted Bowes, 20, 1 Rainbow Court, Scituate. Charge: Possession of Class D drug. Arrest: Timothy Hemphill Dickinson, 18, 29 Country Club Circle, Scituate. Charge: Possession of Class D drug.

FRIDAY, AUG. 29

1:18 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

1:19 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

7:12 a.m. **Square,** officer reports dog is running loose in the above area.

7:29 a.m. **Margin St.,** dead animal. Caller reports there is a dead bird on the side of the road next to the telephone pole near the small dock at above location. Left message with West Nile hotline.

8:16 a.m. **Ripley Road,** found property. Walk-in party reports she has found a check on the road in front of the station.

8:31 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks. Deer Hill/Osgood school check.

8:43 a.m. **High School/Pond St.,** building checks.

10:10 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

11:33 a.m. **Highland Ave.,** public service. Caller reports she noticed her van had been hit yesterday while she was at the Farmer's Market. Her vehicle was parked on North Main Street. She has been advised to make out an accident report and has contacted her insurance company.

11:53 a.m. **Fisher Road,** larceny report. Walk-in party reports she wrote a check for $2,700 to a roofer who never showed and she hasn't been able to contact him. Reporting party reports the check has been cashed.

3 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** animal complaint. Caller stated that there is a sick raccoon in the parking lot.

5:14 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** arrest. Woman on motorcycle with a pink shirt and half helmet failed to stop for officer. Woman in custody. Motorcycle is being towed. Arrest: Cheryl E. Hernan, 42, 46 Stockbridge St., Cohasset. Charges: Failure to stop for a police officer; marked lanes violation.

6:23 p.m. **Margin St.,** suspicious activity.

7:22 p.m. **Brewster Road,** disturbance. Caller reports yelling and screaming going on at the house across from him. Officer reports verbal fight. Situation under control.

9:14 p.m. **Clapp Road and Booth Hill,** mutual aid provided. Scituate Police chase. Motor vehicle crash. Officer at scene to assist in blocking off street at Clapp Road and Summer.

10:18 p.m. **Windy Hill and Jerusalem roads,** parking complaint. Caller reports a car is parked across the end of his driveway.

11:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop. No trailer lights showing.

SATURDAY, AUG. 30

12:35 a.m. **Summer St.,** disturbance-drunks. Caller reports subjects inside refusing to leave above location. Office reports subjects left the scene prior to officer arrival. Officer spoke to parties involved and they are at hotel. They will be in for the night.

12:49 a.m. **Elm St.,** officer wanted. Caller wanted to talk to officer in reference to previous call.

1:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** assist other police department. Scituate is attempting to stop motor vehicle on 3A near Hingham Lumber. Vehicle at high rate of speed; Cohasset units notified; vehicle at rotary. Hull, Hingham, Cohasset units involved. Scituate Police Department has one male in custody and en route to Scituate Police Department. An 18-year-old Scituate man being summonsed on the following charges: Speeding in violation of special regulation; failure to stop for police; reckless operation of a motor vehicle; unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

4:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** traffic hazard. Walk-in party reports the orange barrels have been moved into the highway, some are on the ground. Officer reports barrels have been reset.

4:58 a.m. **Jerusalem Road,** motor vehicle crash. Caller reports he heard a noise – vehicle may have broken down. Officer reports motor vehicle accident/no personal injury. Officer requesting fire – vehicle struck pole.

6:26 a.m. **Border St.,** noise complaint. Walk-in party reports the trash truck was making a lot of noise at the above location.

9:47 a.m. **Bow St.,** traffic complaint. Walk-in party reports the do not enter signs on Bow Street are very confusing and would like someone to check for safety. Advised party that the safety officer will be in at 4 p.m. and will check it out. Checked the area and all signs are clear and understandable. No problems at all.

12:22 p.m. **Heritage Lane,** officer wanted. Walk-in party would like to speak with officer regarding people trespassing at the work site.

5:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.,** disabled motor vehicle. Caller reports there is a motor vehicle broken down; may be a traffic hazard. Officer reports they moved vehicle to a parking lot. AAA is en route.

6:04 p.m. **Ripley Road,** recovered property.

8:50 p.m. **Wadleigh Park,** mutual aid provided. Hull Police Department requesting Cohasset police to block road at above location. Hull has a motor vehicle accident on Atlantic Avenue.

9:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop; traffic citation issued.

10:27 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

11:32 p.m. **Border St.,** noise complaint. Caller reports there is a loud party with fireworks going on. Officer reports noise may be at Border Street, Scituate.

11:35 p.m. **Border St.,** mutual aid provided.

SUNDAY, AUG. 31

12:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

12:52 a.m. **Elm St.,** suspicious activity. Out with two male parties who may be carrying liquor.

1:25 a.m. **White Head Road,** suspicious vehicle. Caller states there is a suspicious motor vehicle at the end of the first White Head driveway. Officer is out with caller. Two parties from residence are looking for the motor vehicle. One has a flashlight; one has a baseball bat. All driveways checked. Motor vehicle not in the area.

3:46 a.m. **Margin St.,** noise complaint. Caller states there is a loud group of people playing loud music on the dock.

8:35 a.m. **South Main St.,** fire. Problem with the elevator.

10:50 a.m. **South Main St.,** larceny report. Walk-in party would like to file a report for some solar lights that were stolen last night from her walkway.

11:11 a.m. **King St.,** traffic enforcement.

11:14 a.m. **Beechwood St.,** motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

2:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** traffic enforcement.

3:51 p.m. **Brook and Elm streets,** motor vehicle stop. A 39-year-old Quincy woman being summonsed on the following charges: Operating a motor vehicle with suspended license; failure to wear seatbelt.

5:38 p.m. **Forest Ave. and Jerusalem Road,** overturned kayak. Harbormaster notified; police and fire en route. Hull Police Department also sending a unit. Officer reports the kayaker is safe and out of the water.

10:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** traffic enforcement.

11:23 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** noise complaint. Caller reports a group of kids in the ballpark being loud. Officer reports four kids playing basketball. They are leaving shortly.

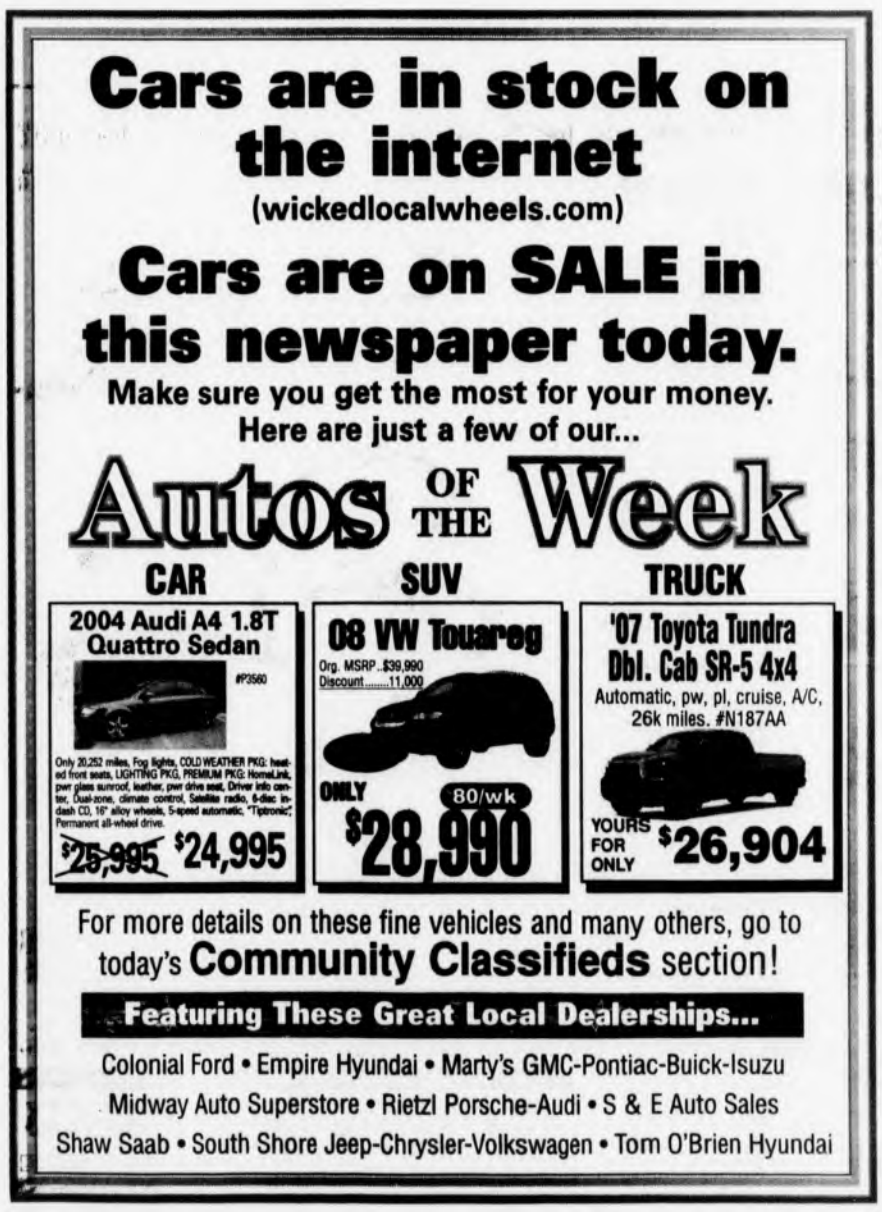
11:44 p.m. **High St., Norwell,** structure fire. Working structure fire at this location. Ladder 1 responding for second alarm. Ladder being cancelled by Plymouth County. They are now requesting an engine to Station 1 in Norwell.

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A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 7:35PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §9.6, §9.11 and§8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Architects Carr, Lynch & Sandell (land owner Janice Reiter), seeks to build a guest house at **357Atlantic Ave,** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08.09.12.

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PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOMES'S STARS FOR RELEASE WEEK OF SEPT. 15, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Aspects favor new romances for unpaired Ewes and Rams. Already-paired Arian twosomes experience renewed harmony in their relationships. Money matters also take a bright turn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Use that strong Bovine determination to help you keep the faith with your convictions while you move through a period of uncertainty. Things begin to ease by the week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Pay attention to your intuition. It could be alerting you to be more careful about accepting a "statement of fact" simply on trust. Don't be shy about asking for more proof.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Concern for the well-being of someone in need is admirable. But don't forget to take care of yourself as well. Ask a family member, close friend or colleague to help you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's OK to focus on the demands of your career. But try to avoid misunderstandings by also reaching out to family and friends. Your sharp intuitive sense kicks in by midweek.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Keep a rein on that green-eyed monster. Jealousy is counterproductive. Instead of resenting a colleague's good points, concentrate on developing your own abilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Spending time on a creative project during this high-energy week can pay off both in emotional satisfaction and in impressing someone who is glad to see this side of you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Now is a good time to start planning that trip you've put off because of the demands on your time. Be sure to choose a destination that is new and exciting.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) That upbeat mood in the first part of the week makes you eager to take on new ventures. A more serious note sets in later to help you assess an upcoming decision.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A high energy level gives the Goat the get-up-and-go to finish outstanding tasks before deadline, leaving time for well-earned fun and games with friends and family.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Dealing with disappointment is never easy. But the wise Aquarian will use it as a vital lesson and be the better for it. A close friend has something important to say.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Best bet is not to get involved in an argument between colleagues until you know more about who started it and why. And even then, appearances could be deceiving. Be alert.

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BORN THIS WEEK: You have creative gifts that inspire those who get to see this sometimes-hidden side of you.

Sudoku

9					2	3		
	6		7	3			4	
		1		8				9
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Level: Hoo Boy

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

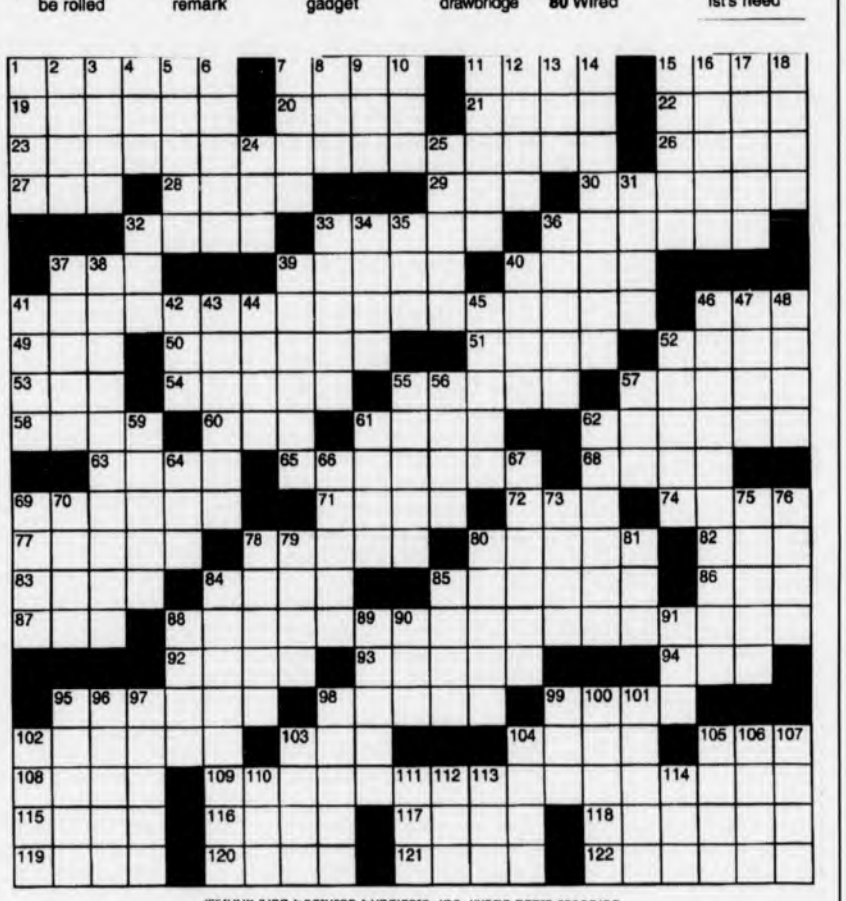
Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Crossword - Who Needs It?

ACROSS
1 Pay hike?
7 Chore
11 Styptic pencil stuff
15 Predicament
19 Model Kim
20 Press
21 It's a long story
22 "Inter —"
23 Start of a remark
26 Fluff the flour
27 Mr. Hammarskjold
28 Composer Satie
29 Majors or Marvin
30 Layers
32 Had kittens?
33 Postern and portcullis
36 Main squeeze
37 "— culpa"
39 Heavenly hunter
40 "I bet!"
41 Part 2 of remark
46 Faux —
49 Fireworks reaction
50 "— Boulevard" ('50 film)
51 They may be rolled
52 Billings or Mostel
53 Neighbor of Miss.
54 "— Blade" ('96 film)
55 Leans
57 It's taken by nurses
58 Sharp taste
60 Skater Midori
61 Wine choice
62 Nabokov novel
63 Kukla's colleague
65 Part 3 of remark
68 Fail to mention
69 Tedious
71 Sues or Shepard
72 Boathouse item
74 Objectives
77 Take on
78 Pack of partridges
80 Like many gyms
82 Cornfield cry
83 Calcium oxide
84 Non-stereo
85 Peaceful
86 Chemist Remsen
87 Singer Joey
88 Part 4 of remark
92 Heady quaffs
93 Respond to an alarm?
94 "Ask — Girl" ('59 film)
95 Fop's neckwear
98 Marsh bird
99 Facts, for short
102 Georgia athletes
103 Brit. fliers
104 Way to go?
105 Clean-air org.
108 Serenade accompaniment
109 End of remark
115 Fragrance
116 Peace of mind
117 "My word!"
118 Swimmer Gertrude
119 "Circus Boy" prop
120 Prophet
121 Lorre role
122 Triangular sail

DOWN
1 Spoke out
2 — Romeo
3 — shui
4 Medieval weapon
5 Kitchen gadget
6 Grenoble's river
7 Walrus weapon
8 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
9 NCO
10 It may be major
11 Fatheads
12 — bloomer
13 "Yuck!"
14 Mehta and Muti
15 Iraqi city
16 Homeric work
17 Cool
18 Base stuff?
24 Bream of baseball
25 Actress Graff
31 "— Angel" ('60 smash)
32 "Pshaw!"
33 "Peer Gynt" composer
34 Non-standard contraction
35 "Mazel —!"
36 Fills the bill
37 Dough
38 Wharton work
39 "Smilla's Sense —" ('97 film)
40 Actuary's fig.
41 Ditch under a drawbridge
42 Road curve
43 Decree
44 Step — (hurry)
45 Nick of "The Deep"
46 Party animal?
47 Guy Fri.
48 Queens stadium
52 Raul of "The Addams Family"
55 At present
56 Rock's — Butterfly
57 Petite pooch
59 Bellyache
61 Journalist Ernie
62 Mime Yarnell
64 Picnic crasher?
66 Devastation
67 Fashionable event
69 Like Mussorgsky's mountain
70 Garfield's pal
73 Actor Guinness
75 Tie the knot
76 Fluctuate
78 Telescope view
79 Responsibility
80 Wired
81 — Plaines, IL
84 Exemplar of slowness
85 Cut cuticles
88 Cut coupons
89 "84 Charing Cross Road" author
90 Psychic Geller
91 — Paulo, Brazil
95 Uncouth
96 Boca —, FL
97 Ward off
98 Morley of "60 Minutes"
99 Charged atom
100 Puzo product
101 Singer Payne
102 Ink stain
103 Trick
104 Carthaginian queen
105 Raison d'—
106 Soccer superstar
107 Mideastern gulf
110 — kwon do
111 Jewel
112 Inflatable item?
113 Use a shuttle
114 Lepidopterist's need



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Magic Maze - Bacon

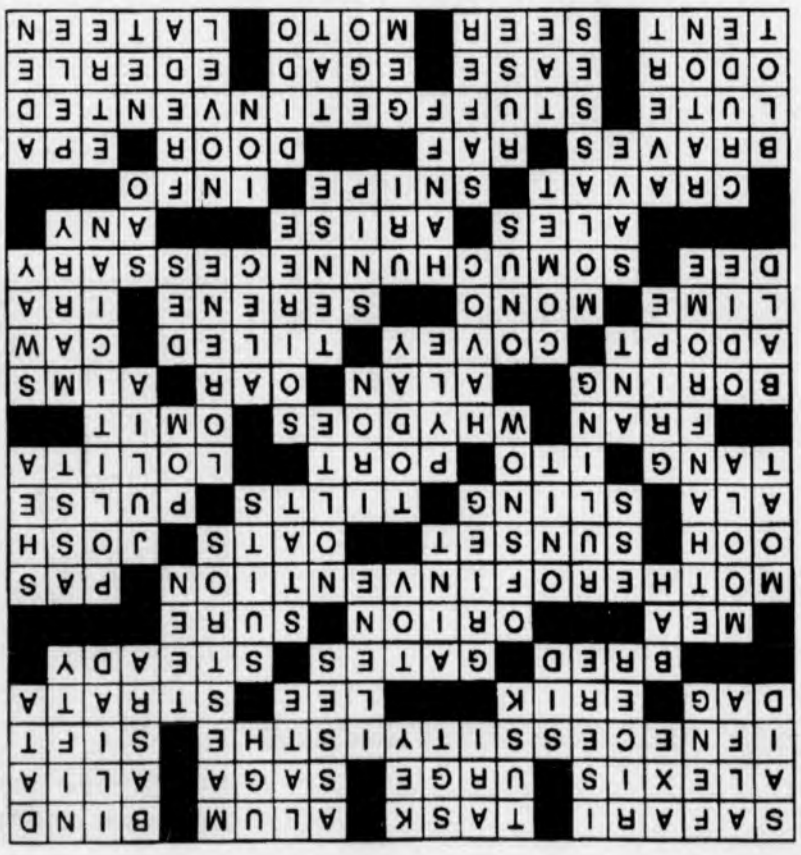
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Z D B X V W S B O E K E U D S
C A N A D I A N R R A T E H P
O M L A C L N J U U E I I S R
G E D N S K B T A C R H Y I E
X W A U T G S Q P F B W S N G
O R N L K J G H G F D C B A O
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

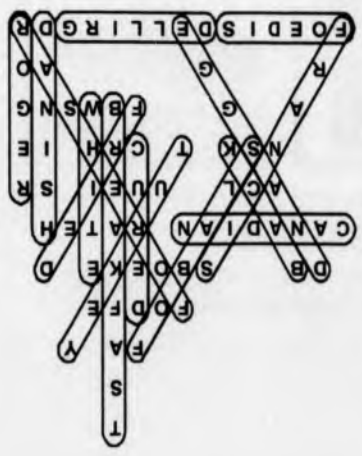
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Cured
Danish
Eggs and
Francis
Fried
Grilled
Rasher of
Roger
Side of
Slab of
Turkey
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Crossword Solution - Who Need It?



Magic Solution - Bacon



Sudoku Solution

4	3	2	6	9	5	7	8	1
6	9	1	7	4	8	2	5	3
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1	4	5	9	3	7	8	6	2
7	8	3	2	6	1	5	4	9

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. **Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague.** Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Sept. 21:

10 a.m. Worship in the Meeting House. Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull will lead worship and preach on "Family Circles."

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

9:50 a.m. – Childcare for our youngest and religious education classes for children and youth in the Parish House.

11:30 a.m. Circle Ministry (small group ministry) Sample Session in the Parish House. This is your chance, if you've wanted to try this much-loved ministry in our midst.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

FALL BOOK STUDY: Wednesday, Oct. 1st at 7 pm in Bates Hall. We will discuss A New Earth Awakening to Your Life's Purpose by Eckhart Tolle. This is a life transforming study that Oprah Winfrey presented in a 10-week web cast series. For more information you can check out www.oprah.com or www.eckharttolle.com. Come and join us!

TIME AND TALENT AUCTION: Saturday, Oct. 4th at 7 pm in Bates Hall. The auction is open to the public and will feature a wide variety of selections including dinners, sailing expeditions, vacation homes and a wide variety of services. Come and check it out!!

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Rector, the **Reverend Margot Critchfield,**

Welcome to an exciting new program year at St Stephen's! This Sunday we'll be celebrating our Ministry Fair, registering children in our nationally recognized Godly Play program, and kicking-off the 17th year of our afternoon Organ Concert Series.

This fall — in addition to our youth group activities, adult Bible studies, outreach and service activities, and monthly lunch for seniors — St Stephen's will be offering an 8-week course called "A Church for the 21st Century," a monthly class on Ignatian Prayer, and our new Rector, the Rev Margot Critchfield is offering monthly Individual Spiritual Direction. Be sure to join us for a Carillon Sing-a-Long on Cohasset Day on Sept. 20th and at our Parish Picnic the Common on the 21st.

If you are looking for a spiritual home or exploring your faith, we invite you to visit us. You can learn more about us, and the Episcopal Church, from our website, www.ststephenscohasset.org.

Services at St. Stephen's are at 8 am and 10 am on Sundays, including a Healing Eucharist at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. All are invited.

You can reach the church at 781-383-1083. The Rev. Margot Critchfield is rector; she can be reached at mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.org. Our offices, which are open Monday through Friday, can be accessed by coming to the back of the church, up the Highland Ave hill. We are handicap accessible.

Going on this week at St. Stephen's:

- Sun. Sept. 14th: Services at 8 – 10 am. At 11:30 we will be hosting a Ministry Fair for parishioners to learn about the different ministries available at church. Godly Play children's program is at 10; Jr. High Youth group at 10 am; high school youth group at 11:30 am.
- Mon.: Sept. 15th: 3 pm, Christian Meditation
- Wed. Sept. 17th: 9:30 Holy Eucharist with healing; 10:30 Bible Study
- Fri. Sept. 19th: 9:30 Yoga
- Sat. Sept. 20th: 7 Bible Fellowship
- Sun. Sept. 21st: Services at 8 – 10 am Godly Play children's program is at 10; Jr. High Youth group at 10 am; high school youth group at 11:30 am. Parish picnic at 12.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

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Design Home™ 2008 is located at the Five Lanterns development at The Pinehills in Plymouth. An open house style of touring will allow visitors to roam throughout the house, spending as much time in each room as they wish. During the open house tours, rooms will be staffed with knowledgeable volunteers to provide information on design overview and general information about participating vendors.

Tickets for Boston magazine's Design Home™ 2008 tours are available for purchase online and all proceeds will benefit The Greater Boston Food Bank.
Log on to www.design-home.com to purchase tickets.
Ticket price is $20 in advance and $25 at the door.

TOUR DATES
Friday, September 12 through Sunday, October 26

TOUR TIMES
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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

SEPTEMBER 18-26, 2008

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Sept. 18

The Daniel Webster Estate at 238 Webster St., Marshfield is open every Thursday through September from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free. Information visit danielwebsterestate.org.

Cancer and Caregivers Support The Wellness Community (TWC) at Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover, provides free supportive and educational programs for those in the South Shore area with cancer and for their loved ones. TWC at Pathways offers support, education and hope through several support and networking groups, yoga, tai chi, art exploration and educational workshops. Support groups are led by trained clinicians. Beginning Sept. 16 the Caregivers Support Group will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at the new time of 6 to 8 p.m. This group is led by professional TWC facilitator, Kelley O'Neele, PhD. Information or to register call 781-829-4823. Information: 781-829-4823 or visit wellnesscommunity.org.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Satuit Camp 3188 is having an organizational meeting at 7 p.m., Sept. 18 at GAR Hall on Country Way in Scituate. The Sons of Unions Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a patriotic and educational organization. Membership is open to males, ages 14 and older, who are direct descendants of a solider, sailor, or Marine who served during the Civil War. Junior and associate memberships are also available. The camp will help prospective members with the paperwork to determine eligibility. Members do not have to be Scituate residents. For information contact Conley Ford at cfordcon@comcast.net or call 781-545-0054.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 18, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Sept. 18, **Ryan Fardy blues jam**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Sept. 19

Story Time resumes Friday, Sept. 19, at 10 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Friday mornings from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. 781-545-5011 or frontstreetbookshop.com.

Sinners, a comedy by Norm Foster, and directed by Joe McAlarney, will be performed at **North River Theater,** 513 River St., Norwell. Theater-goers are welcome to bring snacks into the theater, but drinks must be purchased at the bar. Performance dates: Friday, Sept. 19, Saturday, Sept. 20, Friday, Sept. 26, and Saturday, Sept. 27. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. All shows start at 8 p.m. Tickets are $18 each. To reserve tickets, call 781-826-4878. For information, visit the Web site at northrivertheater.com.

Ventress Library Gallery, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield, presents the works of Mary Taylor, **Local Color and Sacred Valley series: Mary Taylor** through Oct. 3. Hours: Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday - Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Closed Sunday.



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KING RICHARD'S FAIRE RETURNS FOR ITS 27TH SEASON

By Will Drayton
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Visitors can travel back in time to the Renaissance as King Richard's Faire kicks off its 27th season. Stage performers and staff roam 80 acres in Carver dressed in period costumes and staying in character. Spectators often arrive in costume, too.

"Some of the people who have been coming for many years really do escape into the period,'" says Bonnie Shapiro, producer of King Richard's Faire. "Sometimes it's hard for us to figure out who are our performers and who are our patrons.'"

This year's fair has some new attractions, including a "Renaissance Idol'" competition.

"People will have the opportunity to perform in front of a panel of celebrity judges and one lucky individual will win the coveted title of 'Renaissance Idol,'" Shapiro said.

"Also new this year is the dashing Jacques ze Whipper, who flirts with danger in his show featuring a man and his whip.'"

Animals new to the fair will include Siberian tigers and "'ligers,'" a cross between tigers and lions.

"They weigh up to 900 pounds and stand 11 feet tall on their hind legs,'" Shapiro said.

This year's theatrical performance, titled 'Dis-Enchanted,' will feature lots of swashbuckling and swordplay. The plot line follows a beautiful lost princess and her dashing hero as they clash with an evil sorceress and her menacing minions."

Jousting matches feature professional stunt men who travel all over the country from fair to fair.

Vicki Donnellan of Weymouth said she enjoys watching the jousting matches and the stage shows.

"I'm looking forward to taking my kids this year,'" she said. "They love to dress up and really like the live animals.'"

Some musical acts are joining the fair this year.

"A loud and lively group of singers and guitar players called the Barleymen are joining us, as is Diabolis in Musica, who play Renaissance music like you've never heard before,'" Shapiro said.

The Lost Boys, a rock 'n' roll act that spoofs Renaissance songs, will also play.

Kids who come in costume can be knighted by the king and queen and can pretend they are a lord or a lady as they attend a puppet show and hear Renaissance stories and fairytales.

Shapiro created the fair 27 years ago with her late husband, Richard, a producer of live events and off-Broadway when he met Bonnie, who was a singer and dancer.

King Richard's Faire is open Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 19, including Monday, Columbus Day. Gates open at,10:30am. Faire closes at 6 p.m. For information call 508-866-5391 or visit kingrichardsfaire.net

The Phil opens 93rd season

Karidoyanes celebrates his 15th season by conducting Beethoven's Ninth

By Emily Wilcox
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STAFF PHOTO

The Plymouth Philharmonic begins its 93rd season with its opening concert Sept. 20, featuring Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony, Ode to Joy*.

He didn't' start the way he ended. The transformation was as dramatic as his symphonies, opening with effervescence, crashing through fury and soaring into triumph.

A simple lock of his hair may have revealed the culprit. Scientists found unusually high lead levels, indicating that the transformation of Ludwig Von Beethoven from cheerful youth into the tormented genius he became may have had physical as well as mental origins.

No one has ever been able to figure out the cause of his deafness.

Whatever the reason, Beethoven's journey to genius was a difficult one, fraught with the abdominal pain, depression, anger and despair that are trademarks of lead poisoning. His hearing was failing as he penned his last symphony, which is arguably one of the best pieces of music ever written, the incomparable *Ninth, Ode to Joy.* Out of his ruin came greatness.

It was his crowning achievement.

The Plymouth Philharmonic will open its 93rd season with Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony.*

"There are pieces that become cliché for some, like Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony*," Phil Music Director and Conductor Steven Karidoyanes said. "But anybody to have the audacity to say something like that has never heard it live. Then you go, 'Ah, *that's* what makes Beethoven's *Fifth* great.' And Beethoven's *Ninth* makes it just that much better."

To listen and watch as the musicians sweat on the edge of their seats to recreate a masterpiece is truly a beyond-words-experience, Karidoyanes said. Hear it and see it live, and goose bumps raise on your flesh as you try to wrap your mind around the otherworldly power of a creator who taps into divinity the way people make ordinary phone calls.

Renowned soloists Barbara Kilduff, Victoria Avetisyan, Philip Lima and Neal Harrelson will perform, and The New World Chorale will sing the *Ode to Joy* finale.

"This is the only symphony Beethoven wrote with a chorus," Karidoyanes said. "It is, in essence, a symphony within a symphony. I'm always excited about people attending who haven't heard it. They will have their socks handed to them, not just knocked off."

The concert is set for 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20 at Plymouth's Memorial Hall, with a pre-concert talk by Karidoyanes at 7 p.m. Tickets are $50, $45, $35 and $20 depending on seating. And join Phil patrons for a Symphony Soiree just down the block at Pilgrim Hall Museum, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., for $20 more ($25 at the door). Senior, youth and group discounts are available. Students may obtain $5 "rush" tickets one hour before the performance if the concert isn't sold out. Advance tickets may be purchased from the Phil office by calling 508-746-8008.

The concert opens with the *National Anthem* at 8 p.m., followed by Samuel Barber's *Second Essay for Orchestra.* Seeing as it is the Phil's 93rd season, Karidoyanes said it seemed important to pick a rousing American piece to celebrate America's Hometown.

"Not only is he (Barber) one of the great American Romantic composers, but being a songwriter and symphonist, he just knows how to handle a melody," Karidoyanes said. "It's very American and attractive. We're the orchestra of America's hometown. If we celebrate the orchestra, we have to celebrate America's music."

The 11-minute Barber piece will help listeners "cleanse their palet," Karidoyanes said, in preparation for Beethoven.

And, once the final notes are sounded, Karidoyanes will answer any questions the audience may have.

"Now our entire evening is designed for enlightenment," Karidoyanes "You don't have to know a thing about anything in our program. If you want lots of detail, show up at the concert. You'll get the music delivered to you straight to the heart. Read the program notes. At the end of the concert, when you have the most burning questions to ask, we hang around to answer them."

And another anniversary will be celebrated Sept. 20. It will be Karidoyanes' 15th season with the Phil. In all that time, this symphony has never performed a piece of music twice in a concert. So, don't miss the show. It may be your one and only chance to hear the Phil play Beethoven's *Ninth.*

For more information visit plymouthphil.org.

Painting Outside - new works of Priscilla Levesque exhibit at The South Street Gallery. 149 South St., Hingham, through Oct. 2.

Market at the Harbor, an artisan, farmer, and fish market featuring local goods and cultural experiences presented by Destination Community Development, Inc., takes place at HRBA Bayside Property, Nantasket Avenue, Hull, between Bay Street and Edgewater Road. Every Friday, rain or shine, through Oct. 17. Market times are 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 19, 3:30 p.m. - **Artist Lenore Schneider**, from Art on the Avenue in Hull, will discuss her trilogy of children's drawing and coloring playbooks: **Imaginary Creations, Yours and Mine** for children from ages 5 to12 years. The books come with lesson plans and will be available for sale at the market. Lenore will also be introducing her newly-created three-dimensional paintings.

South Shore Art Center's Bancroft Gallery will host **New England Watercolor Society's 11th Biennial Open Show**, juried by nationally known artist and teacher Don Andrews of Florida. The exhibition includes over 100 pieces, all on paper and done with only water soluble media. South Shore/Cape artists represented include **Anne Belson** (Falmouth), **Julie Blanchard** (Dennis), **Mary Callahan** (Marshfield), **JoAnne Chittick** (Cohasset), **Jane Flavell Collins** (Duxbury), **Becky Haletky** (Pembroke), **Jack Haran** (Duxbury), **Burton Longenbach** (Hingham) and **Betty Rogers** (Marshfield). The show can be viewed at South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset, through Nov. 2. **An opening reception** will be held on Friday evening, Sept. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Information call 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

South Shore Folk Music Club Coffeehouse featuring-**The New Bedford Sea Shanty Chorus & Starry Night** Open Mike to follow Sept. 19. 8 p.m. doors open at 7:30 p.m. Members- $5 Non-Members- $6 Location: Beal House of the Kingston Unitarian Church, Route 106, Main St,. Kingston. Information: www.ssfmc.org or 781-871-1052

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night through September.

The Leah Souza Duo will perform jazz and other popular music at The Pub in the **Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor** on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19 and 20, at 8:30 p.m. 508-591-5036.

Tuscan House Restaurant, 58 E. Grove St., (Route 28) Middleboro. **Comedy Show** at 7 p.m. Sept. 19, featuring Mike Donovan. **Other Comics: Davy B, Annette Pollack, Colleen Morrissey, Rick Sinnott, Your Host: Mike Hanley.** Advance reservations required by calling 508-923-0099 or 781-843-4833. tuscanhouserestaurant.com myspace.com/annettepollack

Tex, Mad Dog and the Cat will perform at **Run of the Mill Tavern**, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, Sept. 19, 8:45 p.m. to closing.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 19, **Chain Drive** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Sept. 10, **Monster Mike Welch.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

New England Singles Dance Sept. 19, 8 p.m. to midnight, VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Sandwich bar and hors d'oeuvres. Admission $10. singlesdancesnewengland.com 617-325-4900.

Saturday, Sept. 20

Fall Rummage Sale, Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Ladies Group Viking Club**, 410 Quincy Ave. Route 53 Braintree.781-337-0736.

The Norwell Garden Club is holding it's **Autumn Fair** Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jacobs Farm House on Jacobs Lane in Norwell. There will be items for ALL ages. Garden Club members will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding club membership, gardening techniques, plants and planting, garden insects and pesticides.

Edaville USA will partner with Cradles to Crayons and Green Planet Concerts Sept. 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to entertain and educate guests about how to reuse, recycle and replenish resources. Cradles to Crayons will also be on hand to collect items for children ages 2-12. ***Any guest that brings in an item for Cradles to Crayons will receive $3 off each admission ticket.*** Attached is a list of the 10 most needed items for Cradles to Crayons. Green Planet Concerts will be presenting *Effi* live in concert. *Effi's* music is a mix of rich vocals and the edgy guitars of rock & alternative music. For more information on Effi and samples of her music visit www.effi.com.

Admission includes the Green Planet Concert, unlimited amusement and train rides, Ellis' Playhouse and attractions. Parking is free.

Billy Novick and Guy Van Duser will perform at **The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square** on Sept. 20, at 8 p.m. The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., in Hingham Square just up from the Loring Hall Theater and on the MBTA's 220 bus from Quincy Center. Admission for this concert is $10 at the door. The concert begins with an open mike at 8 p.m. For further information, visit **www.billynovick.com.**

The Backroads of the South Shore a collaborative of historic venues and associations in eight towns along the South Shore of Massachusetts — will hold its annual symposium Sept. 20 at Allerton Hall, Church of the Pilgrimage, Town Square, Plymouth. The cost is $15 per person, which includes morning refreshments. Registration begins at 9 a.m., and presentations are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a break for lunch on your own in downtown Plymouth. To make reservations, contact the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society at 781-934-6106 or the Plymouth Antiquarian Society at 508-746-0012 or by email at pasm@verizon.net. Deadline for reservations is Sept. 17. For information or to learn more about South Shore historical organizations, visit www.southshorebackroads.org.

The Hull Nantasket Chamber of Commerce will host the fourth **Annual Endless Summer Waterfront Festival** on Sept. 20 (rain date the 21st) from noon to 6 p.m. on Nantasket Ave. For more details on being a vendor or sponsorship opportunities please contact info@hullchamber.com or hullchamber.com/endlesssummerpage.htm

Mt Hope Coffee House hosted by **Bear** Sept. 20, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Mt Hope Coffee House, Scituate A nite of live performances of blues, rock, original, folk at an old schoolhouse with an open mike. $5 donation at the door. 781-544-3122 for info or www.mthopeimprovementsociety.com

Drift Away Duo will perform Sept. 20, from 3 to 3:45 p.m. at "Cohasset Day" ~Downtown Main St., Cohasset. Music all day.

Jo's Nautical, Hull. Sept. 20, from 9 p.m. to midnight ***DRIFT AWAY*** **Trio** (Joe, John, & J) Sept. 20, **/No Cover**

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'Rent' to rock, Pascal does it all

Singer takes the stage at Boston Center for the Arts this week

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT


Adam Pascal

It has been a dozen years since Adam Pascal first burst onto the Broadway scene — and earned Tony, Drama Desk and Theatre World nominations in the process — as rock musician Roger Davis in the original company of "Rent."

Since then, Pascal has originated the role of Radames in Disney's "Aida," stepped into the part of the Master of Ceremonies in the acclaimed roundabout revival of "Cabaret," and even returned to "Rent" for a few months last year along with his co-star and longtime friend Anthony Rapp. Between Broadway gigs and a stint in the London company of "Rent," Pascal has found time for television and film roles including the 2005 Chris Columbus-directed feature film version of "Rent."

While Pascal, 37, will forever be linked to the landmark Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning Jonathan Larson rock musical based on Puccini's "La Boheme" — he and Rapp are slated to top line a new national tour of the show in 2009 — the performer has always managed to carve out time for concerts like those he'll give at Boston's Wimberly Theatre this week.

Pascal's song list will, of course, include songs from "Rent," "Aida" and "Cabaret," but also music by artists like Elton John, Billy Joel, The Beatles and Pink Floyd, all of whom inspired the Bronx native to become a singer. These days, when Pascal takes to the concert stage he is often joined by Larry Edoff, his songwriting partner turned bandmate. Two years ago, the pair formed "Me and Larry." The two musicians perform original material as well as new versions of some familiar Broadway favorites. Pascal and Edoff's first CD, "Blinding Light," was released in May on Pascal's own label.

The Huntington Theatre Company will present "Adam Pascal Live," Sept. 18-20, at the Virginia Wimberly Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion, at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., Boston. For tickets and information, call 617-266-0800 or go online at huntingtontheatre.org.

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17th annual Soule Homestead Harvest Fair and Joe Davies Folk Festival Sept. 20, - 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Sept. 21, 2008 - 11 a.m.- to 5 p.m. Continuous Folk Music All Day Long Featuring performance in the Round (Saturday at 3:30 p.m.) Plus: Mike Delaney, Austin & Elliot, Ross Robinson, Teresa Storch, Jen Murdza, Dick Webb, Matt Borrello, and Rick Fetters The Kennedys (Sunday at 3:30 p.m.) *Plus:* **Tom Irving, Susan Levine, The Remnants, Bethel Steele, Chris O'Brien 2 Emerging Youth Artists- Casey Sullivan and Maria Ventura & 1 Emerging** *Artist 18+* - **Bill Monroe** Soule Homestead Education Center, 46 Soule St., Middleborough, Soule1@verizon.net - 508-947-6744 - www.soule-homestead.org

The Duxbury Interfaith Council and the No Place for Hate Committee will hold a vigil on Sept. 20 at 5 p.m. on the Town Green to honor the United Nations International Day of Peace, this is a nonpartisan vigil to pray for worldwide peace and goodwill towards all. The vigil will be in memory of Duxbury Police Officer Mel Dyer. Vigils such as this will take place all over the world on September 20 and 21st. The Duxbury High School Chorus amongst other groups will also participate. For more information please call 781-934-8388 or www.duxburyinterfaithcouncil.org. In case of rain the Vigil will take place at the First Parish Church next to Town Hall. Immediately following the service, the Muslim Families of Duxbury will host the sixth annual Ramadan Celebration dinner. This event is free but reservations are required. Tickets will be available at the senior center or by calling Aboud Alzaim at 781-319-9812 or Razia's Tailor Shop at 781-934-6169.

Singer/songwriter, David Ogden, will perform at the First Annual Cohasset Day, Saturday, Sept., 20, at 2 p.m.on the Acoustic Café Stage located beside St. Stephen's Church next to the Common.

Join Dead of Night Paranormal Researchers for a night of adventure in the Winslow House—Saturday, Sept. 20. You will learn to be a Ghost Hunter and how to use the proper tools. The tour will begin at 11 p.m. and will last through the evening. SEE if you can capture SPIRITS on film. Join us if you DARE! Information or reservations, call Dead of Night Ghost Tours at 508-277-2371 or email deadofnight-tour@aol.com

Family fun at the 32nd Annual Corn Festival at South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell, Sept. 20, (rain date Sept. 21) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults ($4 members) and $3 for children over 2 years of age ($2 members). Maximum fee of $20 per family. For information call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

Corn Maze – Sauchuk Farm, Plympton. 234 Center St., (off Route 58) Plympton through Oct. 26, hayride to the pumpkin patch, face painting, cow train, corn box, goat walk. Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday school groups only. Last admission 5 p.m. Adults and teenagers (13 and up) $8; children (4-12) $6; Toddlers (3 and under) free. 781-585-1522 sauchukfarm.net

Opening Night of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra's 93rd season heralds the start of **Steven Karidoyanes'** 15th eason This event takes place in Plymouth's Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth on Sept. 20 The concert begins at 8 p.m. A pre-concert talk by Conductor Karidoyanes begins at 7 p.m. Memorial Hall is fully accessible. Individual ticket prices are $50, $45, $35 and $20. Senior, Youth and Group discounts are offered. $5 student "rush" tickets sold at the door one hour before performance, as available. Advance tickets can be purchased at 508-746-8008.

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Blind Ambition will perform Sept. 20, at Players Sports Bar and Restaurant, VFW Drive, Rockland.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **Irish Seisiun** Sept. 20, 5:30 p.m.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 20, **Mercury Crush** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Sept. 20 **Cheryl Aruda & Dirty Blonde Aruda Brothers benefit**

Sunday, Sept. 21

"The Bay State Antique Auto Club is presenting its **16th Annual Vintage Era Days at the Endicott Estate,** 656 East St., Dedham, on Sept. 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a day of appreciation and enjoyment of vintage automobiles, 1942 and older. Dree on site spectator parking. Refreshments will be available. Admission donation of $5 per adult, children under 12 free, and a $5 charge per vintage car entry. Information www.bsaac.com."

NSRWA sponsors Rexhame Dunes Plant Walk Sunday, Sept. 21, 9 to 11 p.m. Join naturalist, Ellyn Einhorn and NSRWAboard member, Carolyn Sones to explore the different habitats and their plant life. Meet at the Rexhame Beach parking lot at 9 a.m. The program is limited to 20 participants. Preregistration required. Suggested donation is $5 per person. To register, email paula@nsrwa.org or call NSRWA office at 781-659-8168.

Free Composting seminar at Smith & Hawken, 94 Derby St., Hingham Sept. 21, from 1 to 2 p.m. Call 781-740-0890 for reservation. Seating is limited.

Sixteenth annual Alzheimer's Association South Shore Memory Walk Sept. 21, which is also World Alzheimer's Day. The walk begins at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth. For information, call Alison Stockman or Shawn Bertram at 508-830-9990 or email alison@stafford-hill.com or shawn@stafford-hill.com or go to our website at www.memorywalkma.org.

Edaville USA - Sept. 21 **Clifford the Big Red Dog** will visit Edaville for meet and greets from noon to 2 p.m. Admission to the park is $18.per person for anyone ages 2 and over. Admission includes meeting Clifford, unlimited amusement and train rides, Ellis' Playhouse and attractions. Parking is free.

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The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, presents **Haiga** through Nov. 9. The exhibit will feature contemporary *haiga,* which are Japanese paintings that accompany *haiku,* a seventeen-syllable poem usually describing a fleeting, seasonal moment. **A reception is Sept. 21,** from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Information: 781-934-6634x12 laura@artcomplex.org

Autumn Colors/Sparkling Lights A fall/holiday fashion show to benefit The Ruth House of Brockton. Sept. 21, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at The River Club, 78 Border St., Scituate. Tickets: Adults: $30/Teens: $25 - Includes appetizers and light lunch. Call: Christ Lutheran Church: 781-545-5271. The show will feature: Fashions by Crossing Main of Hingham, Ports of Cohasset, and Pink Tulip Clothes & Accessories of Cohasset Accessories by DeScenza Jewelers of Hingham & Boston Hair styling by Hair Imports of Cohasset.

Monday, Sept. 22

Food for Thought, a benefit for the North and South Rivers Watershed Association takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 22 at Mill Wharf Restaurant, Scituate Harbor. Tickets can be purchased by credit card by calling the NSRWA at 781-659-8168, or by sending a check to the NSRWA, P.O. Box 43, Norwell, MA 02061. Ticket price is $60 per person Information visit www.nsrwa.org

Ventress Library Gallery, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield, presents the works of Mary Taylor, **Local Color and Sacred Valley series: Mary Taylor** through Oct. 3. Hours: Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday - Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Closed Sunday.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,700 South Shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. They offer a safe place for healing and encouragement as you start a new chapter of your life. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. **Sept. 22, Michael Brophy,** a professional, renowned genealogical researcher, author and lecturer in the Boston area. He will provide basic information on tracing your family ancestry. Information: call Peggy Loud, 781-659-1857 or email Cheryl Pimental NBNorwellMA@aol.com

Tuesday, Sept. 23

The Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield hosts an ongoing book discussion group that seeks to delve into classic literature and find fresh insights while considering modern-day perspectives Sept. 23, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the library's Historical Room and will feature the book "A Passage to India" by E.M. Forster. Contact reference librarian Chris Woods if you need a copy of the book. Sign up in advance to reserve a seat, or just come on the day to listen. Free and open to the public. New members are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Information 781-834-5535 or ventresslibrary.org

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will meet at 9 a.m. Sept. 23, in Bates Hall, Second Congregational Church, Highland Avenue, Cohasset. The public is invited to attend free of charge. The speaker will be **Nancy Hubert** and the program is called APPLES, APPLES, APPLES with slides, anecdotes and recipes. All are welcome if you have an interest in the club and its activities or just an interest in this program.

Marine Technology Careers Symposium in Scituate – a free series of educational lectures highlighting present and emerging technical careers will be held on six consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. commencing on Sept. 23 and concluding on Oct. 28. The site will be the lecture hall at the NOAA facility on Scituate Harbor. The series is hosted by Massasoit Community College, the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary (NOAA) and the newly-formed Marine and Environmental Education Coalition, and supported by the Scituate Public Schools. The focus of these talks is the current status of research, monitoring and stewardship of marine resources. Lectures will key on educational responses to the technical skills required for each job. The topics include marine archeology, Geographic Information System, Whale research, and work aboard a modern marine research vessel. The lectures are aimed principally at high school and college students, but guidance counselors, science teachers, and people interested in the future of our marine environment should also find them enlightening. Seating is limited, so early registration is recommended by calling 508-588-9100, Ext. 1851 http://www.massasoit.mass.edu/workforce_development/scituate/FL08ScituateMarineTechSeries.pdf.

James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. Norwell A new monthly story time series for children ages 2.9 to 5 begins at the Sept 23 at 10 a.m. Age appropriate songs, stories and movement games will be led by experienced storytellers. The series will be held once a month on Tuesday mornings. Free. Call 781-659-7100 to sign up. www.jameslibrary.org

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor – Books and Beauty, **Sept. 23,10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.:**. Take a few minutes to relax with a complimentary hand treatment courtesy of MaryKay representative, Mary Pillsbury. Check out MaryKay's biography: The MaryKay Way: Timeless Principles from America's Greatest Woman Entrepreneur. Refreshments. Call 781-545-5011 for info or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

South Shore Men of Harmony invite men of good character who love to sing but do not necessarily read music to come to a weekly meeting. The acapella barbershop chorus rehearses every Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 pm. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. Call Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-7464.



Family fun at the 32nd Annual Corn Festival at South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell, Sept. 20, (rain date Sept. 21) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other activities include children's games and crafts, a moonwalk, face painting, musical entertainment, 4H farm animals, and craft booths and demonstrations along with plenty of food including hotdogs and baked goods, and all things related to corn with corn chowder, corn on the cob, popcorn and corn salad. Try milking a goat or using a cross cut saw to chop wood. Admission is $5 for adults ($4 members) and $3 for children over 2 years of age ($2 members). Maximum fee of $20 per family. For information call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

Island Grove Chorus, a women's acappella singing group, meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Abington. Call 781-848-5843 for information.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

The Dickinson Art Gallery 1132 Main Street (Route 18), Weymouth has extended its two exhibits of New England landmarks and landscapes to Sunday, Sept. 28, their **"Surf & Shore"** exhibit that opened in August, and their current exhibit of pastel paintings by the Hanover artist, **John Nutter.** For information and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384. Preview the artists online at www.dickinsonartgallery.com.

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. **Drift Away** featuring **J Place** singing and playing harmonica, together with **John Litwin** on the drums, and **Joe Micarelli** on the piano every Wednesday night 7:30 to 11 p.m. Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. 781-925-1115 www.theredparrot.com

Thursday, Sept. 25

The Great Costume Sale Sept. 25 from to 8 p.m. and Sept. 26 from 9 to 11 a.m. Reed Community Building, 33 Summer St., Route 3A, Kingston. The third annual Great Costume Sale offers a great selection of hundreds of new and gently used costumes and dress-up accessories with all proceeds benefiting breast cancer research, education, screening, and treatment in Massachusetts. Donations of new and gently used costumes and accessories will be accepted at the Kingston Recreation Department office, the Kingston Public Library, or by contacting info@favoredevents.com. Information is available at favoredevents.com

The Daniel Webster Estate at 238 Webster St., Marshfield is open every Thursday through September from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free. Information visit danielwebsterestate.org.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, Stump Team Trivia at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 25 **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. **Sept. 25 Ripchordz.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Sept. 26

Sinners, a comedy by Norm Foster, and directed by Joe McAlarney, will be performed at North River Theater, 513 River St., Norwell. Theater-goers are welcome to bring snacks into the theater, but drinks must be purchased at the bar. Performance dates: Friday, Sept. 26, and Saturday, Sept. 27. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. All shows start at 8 p.m. Tickets are $18 each. To reserve tickets, call 781-826-4878. For information, visit the Web site at northrivertheater.com.

Comedy Night, Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St. (Rt. 53) E, Weymouth featuring **Harrison Stebbins** a special performance by **Rex Trailer.** Other comics include **Leigh McConnell, Pat Mcloud, Annette Pollack, Rick Sinnott, Matt McConnell.** Your host: **Scott Higgins.** Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. Tickets: $20. Call 781-843-4833 to reserve your seats. www.elks.org/lodges or www.myspace.com/annettepollack

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night through September.

New England Singles Dance Sept. 26, 8 p.m. to midnight, Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree**Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Sandwich bar and hors d'oeuvres. Admission $10. singles-dances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.**

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **The Hot Sauce Band** Sept. 26, 8:45 p.m. to closing.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 26, **Too Fast Zero** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Sept. 26, **Erin Thornton & The Soul Drivers** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

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Cohasset Day story told in photos



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Farmers Market changes location

Due to Water Dept. work in progress at the Common, the Cohasset Farmers Market will be held at the Music Circus on Sohier Street for the remainder of the season.

There are a many vendors featuring unique, handmade items as well as artisan cheeses, breads, honey, soaps, wool and plenty of local produce including just-picked corn and tomatoes.

Come on down, check out the new vendors and take home some of the season's local bounty!

Dog Day at the Market is Oct. 9.

Hours are: Thursdays from 2:30-6:30 p.m. until Oct. 16.

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★★★ And the Emmy goes to... ★★★

Cohasset native Cara McKenney earns TV's top honor

By Nancy White
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The Emmys are by their very nature a star-studded event. Among those familiar faces of television was one of Cohasset's very own stars. Cohasset native Cara McKenney was part of the team that won the Creative Arts Emmy Award for outstanding main title design. The winning piece was the title sequence for the AMC series, "Mad Men."

"The work is so good, I'm so proud of it," said McKenney. "It was really exciting to have what I think is the strongest work I've been a part of be recognized (in the industry)."

The 28-year-old McKenney, works as a producer for Imaginary Forces, a design and production company based in New York and Los Angeles, is still exuberant about the Emmy experience a week after.

"It was a really fun experience," she said.

The day of the Emmy event began "extraordinarily early," said McKenney. She wore a dress that "found her" while shopping in New York City's SoHo neighborhood. At 1p.m. she and her co-workers at Imaginary Forces were whisked away to the red carpet at the Nokia Theatre in L.A.

> **"Overall it was a fun and exhilarating experience."**
> — Cara McKenney, Emmy winner

Once seated they were unaware when their category would be announced.

"You're just sitting there and all of a sudden your category is up," said McKenney, then it was her project named as the winner. Everything happened so fast from there she said it was hard to recall all the details.

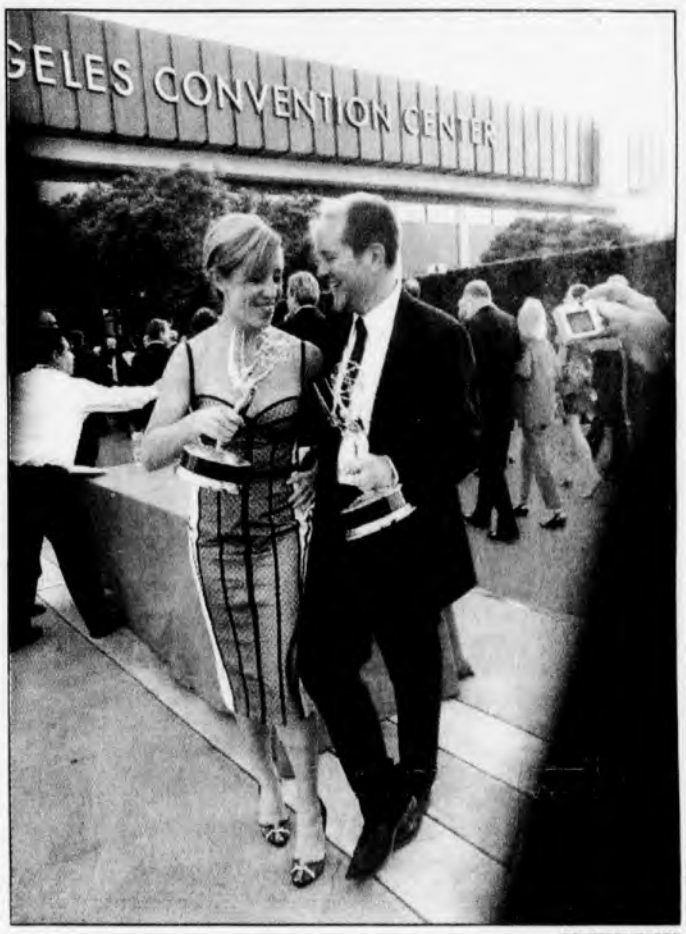
The "Dog Whisperer" Cesar Millan, along with a dog that looked a lot like "Lassie," presented McKenney and her co-workers, creative directors Mark Gardner and Steve Fuller, with the Emmy Award.

McKenney spoke on behalf of the group to offer her thanks to all who made the project happen, including the team that worked on the project and "Mad Men" creator Matt Weiner whose vision they made come alive in the title sequence.

After receiving the Emmy, McKenney headed backstage for photos in front of the official Emmy backdrop. Then, they headed back to the audience to sit for another three hours of awards.

"(After we received the Emmy) it felt like a release," she said. Later in the evening, she attended the Governor's

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COURTESY PHOTO

Cara McKenney of Cohasset leaves the Emmys with fellow winner, Mark Gardner. They, along with director Steve Fuller, won the Creative Arts Emmy for outstanding main title design for "Mad Men."

Cohasset Day a success!

First annual event gets warm welcome

By Nancy White
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The streets of Cohasset Village were full of life this past Saturday as hundreds basked in the sunny autumn day and took in all that they love about Cohasset. At the First Annual Cohasset Day, Cohasset came out to celebrate in style.

"We got very lucky with the weather. Very, very, very, very lucky," said one of the chief organizers Alain Pinel, adding he had personally guaranteed the event would have fabulous weather, so he was extremely glad the sun came out for the day. "We couldn't have had a better day...it was gorgeous."

From the opening Cohasset Carillon concert at noon to the Classic Car Concours to the kids' mini-triathlon to the local restaurants of "Fine Food Galore," the young and old came together to have fun.

"It was better than anyone could have anticipated," said Pinel in a phone interview. As he walked around the event he saw smiles everywhere and neighbors getting to know each other. The fact they were in the village made the day even more special.

"Cohasset was in Cohasset having a marvelous time," said Pinel. "We couldn't have written a better script. It was great because of the cast of people, the people of Cohasset were the stars of the show."



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

French Memories Bakery's Hannah Buckley serves Maureen Thomas of England an apricot tart during "Fine Food Galore" on Cohasset Day. Thomas is visiting her niece in Cohasset.

> **"We couldn't have written a better script. It was great because of the cast of people, the people of Cohasset were the stars of the show."**
> — Alain Pinel, Cohasset Day

Cohasset Day was an initiative of the Economic Development Committee in partnership with the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce. The event was designed to celebrate Cohasset and bring together its townspeople, while inviting those from the all over the South Shore to come see what this seaside town has to offer. It is the hope the impact of Cohasset Day will reverberate in additional shoppers to the village fueling a prosperous economic community.

"I know (the people who attended) discovered the shops and will be willing to come back," said Pinel.

Economic Development Committee Chairman Peter Brown

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Open meetings

Keeping the public's business in public

By Nancy White
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The Open Meeting Law is the cornerstone of municipal government by ensuring public business remains public. Last Thursday (Sept. 18), members of town boards and committees as well as employees of town departments came out to learn about the Open Meeting Law.

Norfolk County Assistant District Attorney Alexei Tymoczko came to present the ins and outs of the Open Meeting Law as well as answer general questions from the audience.

"The Open Meeting Law is the basic constitution on how town business should be conducted," said Tymoczko. "Essentially, the purpose is to make sure public business is public."

Before delving into his presentation, Tymoczko advised that specific instances, concerns or possible complaints would not be addressed at the meeting.

"We prefer to handle specific open meeting law questions in writing," said Tymoczko to ensure the appropriate thought and effort is given to the issue. Three Selectmen, one School Committee member, several heads of town departments and other committee members were present at the meeting.

The Board of Selectmen asked a representative from the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office to come to

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Best vacation: Trip to Rome, Italy (Donna). Visiting my grandparents on Cape Cod (Ellen).

Favorite season: Fall (Donna and Ellen).

Favorite holiday: Memorial Day (Donna). Fourth of July (Ellen).

Favorite food: Skyline Chili (Donna). Ice cream (Ellen).

Best book: "The Zahir" by Paulo Coelho (Donna). "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand (Ellen).

Best movie: "Something's Gotta Give" (Donna). "The Quiet Man" (Ellen).

Best TV show: "Gilmore Girls" (Donna). "Saturday Night Live" (Ellen).

Favorite music group or artist: Van Morrison (Donna). The Rolling Stones (Ellen).

Fun Fact about yourself: I am Irish Step Dancing Again!! (Donna).



PHOTO/MARY FORD

This week, the Mariner caught up with Donna Marie and Ellen Tarpey, who are part of the "A-Team" at JJ's. This Sunday JJ's is closing for the season, a sure sign that fall has arrived. JJ's, which has been in business for more than 50 years, will reopen in April.

Dumbest thing you've ever done: Dropping a whole bag of soft-serve mix on the floor during a rush (Ellen).

Pet peeve: Stepping in gum (Donna). Rude people (Ellen).

Goal: To open my own business (Donna). To be a writer for a comedy (Ellen).

Person you'd most like to meet: Jimmy Buffet (Donna). Old Gregg (Ellen).

Biggest worry: Money (Donna). What to do next (Ellen).

Best part of Cohasset: JJ's (Donna and Ellen).

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The Cohasset Recreation Dept. is proud to announce the launching of its new website with the capability for online registration. You can locate the site by entering **CohassetRec.com** into your Internet browser.

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The Rec looks forward to providing Cohasset with up to date recreation information at **CohassetRec.com**.

If you have any questions please stop by the Rec office at Town Hall, email: recreation@townofcohasset.org or call 781-383-4109.

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Fri. 26	9:35	8.9	9:53	9.6	3:10	0.1	3:28	0.5
Sunrise: 6:35 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:33 p.m.*			
Sat. 27	10:27	9.3	10:47	9.7	4:03	0.0	4:23	0.1
Sunrise: 6:36 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:31 p.m.*			
Sun. 28	11:13	9.6	11:35	9.6	4:51	-0.1	5:13	-0.1
Sunrise: 6:37 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:29 p.m.*			
Mon. 29	11:55	9.7	—	—	5:35	0.0	5:58	-0.3
Sunrise: 6:38 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:27 p.m.*			
Tues. 30	12:19	9.5	12:34	9.8	6:16	0.2	6:42	-0.2
Sunrise: 6:40 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:26 p.m.*			
Wed. 1	1:01	9.2	1:13	9.7	6:56	0.4	7:24	-0.1
Sunrise: 6:41 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:24 p.m.*			
Thurs. 2	1:43	8.9	1:52	9.5	7:35	0.7	8:05	0.2
Sunrise: 6:42a.m.					*Sunset: 6:22 p.m.*			

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New Cohasset Mariner 'drop box'

The Cohasset Mariner has a new "drop box" and pickup location at Tedeschi's in the village. The drop box is on the counter in the front window around the corner to the left after you enter the front door.

The Mariner picks up at 8 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. The drop box can be used to drop off glossy photographs, letters, flyers or other editorial copy.

The Mariner thanks Bill Ducharme at Tedeschi's for allowing Tedeschi's to be our new pickup location. For years the Mariner pickups were at Cohasset News, which is now a new dance studio. The Mariner thanks John and Larry Scott at Cohasset News for accepting Mariner items over many years. John and Larry are still at the Cohasset Butcher & Deli on Brook Street.

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Library offers homework help

Program with high school set to kick off Sept. 30

By Nancy White
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The Homework Center will be open in the library meeting room every Tuesday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 30 through June.

With the back-to-school kinks worked out, students are settling into daily homework assignments, pop quizzes, essays and research papers. It's a constant grind and students sometimes need a helping hand to sift through their assignments and to understand difficult concepts.

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is starting a weekly Homework Center this fall to aid students with their homework. With cooperation from the Cohasset High's National Honor Society students, the program provides peer-to-peer tutoring.

"It is quite common to have kids doing their homework in the library, but this is the first time we'll have a dedicated space for them," said Library Director Jackie Rafferty. The program idea was gleaned from a library convocation early this year where libraries from across the region came together to share ideas. Students from the Stoughton Public Library spoke about how being involved in their library's Homework Center was a positive experience.

"One of the students said after he had been tutored he went from flunking to the honor roll," said Rafferty. Beyond strict academic achievement, the student explained how the tutors became role models for him.

"We decided right away we really needed to make this work in Cohasset," said Rafferty.

The Cohasset Homework Center will be available free of charge to all Cohasset students of both public and private schools. The Homework Center will be open in the library meeting room every Tuesday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 30 through June. The Friends of Library is funding the program coordinator and will also provide dinner and beverages to all participants. Local pizza shops - Papa Gino's, Cohasset Pizza, 3A Pizza & Grill, Simply Fresh (formerly Goodfellas) and Victoria's - are pitching in to help defray the cost of the weekly dinners.

Kate Nelligan, guidance counselor at the Cohasset Middle School, is serving as the program coordinator. She has been in Cohasset schools for four years, but she was previously involved in a similar program at Braintree Middle School.

"It's a winning proposition for the students and the tutors," said Nelligan. She plans to have all 30 members of the National Honor Society involved in the program and participating on a rotating schedule. Four or five students would be the tutors each week.

There will be specialty tables, so students looking for help in specific areas can get help from a tutor in all subjects. Nelligan envisions four or five tables each night, each devoted to a different subject: English, math, science, foreign language and social studies.

"I'd like to have the whole school be recommending students go to the program," said Nelligan. "It is going to be a really positive place for kids to be."

Police Beat

Two Route 3A accidents and a tractor rollover

By Mary Ford
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• At 1:40 p.m. on Wednesday (Sept. 14), police investigated a two-car accident at the intersection of Beechwood Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway. A 1995 GMC pickup, owned and operated by a Hanson man, was traveling west on Beechwood through the intersection when it was hit by a 2008 Toyota, driven by a Cohasset woman. The Toyota was traveling south on Route 3A and ran the red light at the intersection according to witnesses, police said. The driver of the Toyota was cited for failure to stop for a red light. Both vehicles were towed; there were no apparent injuries, police said.

• On off-duty police officer responded to an accident at 5 p.m. on Wednesday (Sept. 14) near Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood Street. Police said at 2006 Toyota driven by a Marshfield woman was headed northbound in the inside lane when a 1996 Pontiac, driven by a Cohasset woman, made a right onto Route 3A from a private driveway near the 700 block of CJC Hwy. A truck stopped to let the Pontiac enter the lane. But the Pontiac crossed over the outside lane into the center lane and into the path of the Toyota. The operator of the Pontiac was cited for failure to yield upon entering a roadway. Neither car was towed and there were no apparent injuries, police said.

• A Kubota 350 excavator, valued at $15,000, that was being operated by a Cohasset resident, tipped over Saturday at about 1 p.m. The resident, who was doing work at his residence, told police he jumped off when the tractor started to tip over and he landed on his back. He complained of pain and lightheadedness and was transported to the hospital. Driftway towing righted the tractor and towed it away, police said.

Car keyed

The owner of a 2000 Ford Windstar that had been parked at Shaw's Plaza on Monday (Sept. 15) came to the station to report that the vehicle had been "keyed" on both sides. Police are reviewing videotapes of the parking lot. The man reported the incident at 6:43 p.m.

Warrant

Police took a Cohasset man into custody last week after a computer check revealed he was wanted on a criminal warrant. A constable had asked police for assistance in serving a civil warrant. As police prepared to assist, they checked their database that revealed a default warrant for an OUI charge. A default warrant means the person charged did not appear in court as scheduled.

The man was taken to Quincy District Court, where the constable can also take the civil action, police said.

Medical issue

A woman, who was reported as driving erratically, turned out to have a medical issue; she had had recent brain surgery, police said. A caller notified police at about 10 a.m. Friday (Sept. 19) that a vehicle that was headed south on Route 3A was "all over the road" and was stopping at green lights.

Police stopped the car near the Scituate line and approached the operator who was in her 70s. Paramedics evaluated her and her sister was called, who was driven to the scene where she took custody of the car and her sister. Police filed what is called an "immediate threat" with the registry to have the woman's license suspended because they felt she should not be driving. The North Quincy woman can file an appeal with the registry, police said. She was cited for failure to stay within marked lanes.

"Officers can be put in a tough position when they see someone who should not be driving," Chief James Hussey said, explaining that it is a public safety issue.

Intoxicated

A 36-year-old Scituate woman was taken to the station in protective custody after police found her sitting on the ground in a parking lot off Route 3A. She was highly intoxicated, police said. Police received a call from a concerned citizen at about 8:30 p.m. on Friday (Sept. 19) about a woman who appeared to be drunk and was trying to get into her vehicle.

Police tried to contact the woman's family but were not immediately successful so she was taken to the station where she was held until sometime later when her mother came to pick her up.

Facing charges

A 34-year-old Scituate man with possible mental health issues is facing a host of charges including attempted murder, assault and battery on a disabled person over 60 and assault and battery on a person over 60 with a dangerous weapon following an incident at a Cohasset home last week. Police said the Scituate man's brother called to ask for a welfare check on their father who lives in Cohasset. Police said the 34-year-old was out of control and had beaten up the father. Both father and son were transported to South Shore Hospital; the father was transferred to a Boston Hospital. Because of the seriousness of the assault, police sought a warrant for the 34-year-old's arrest and took him into custody this week.

Exhausted swimmer

A 911 caller at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday (Sept. 20) reported that a person was in trouble in the water off Atlantic Avenue. The 24-year-old Scituate man was able to make it to the shore on his own where paramedics evaluated him. He had been trying to swim against the current and became exhausted, police said. The man went home with his friends but was warned not to swim in the area due to the strong current.

Vandalism

A 17-year-old Cohasset boy is facing charges of vandalizing property after he broke a window at his house. The teen had not been staying at home and was not allowed in the house unless his parents were home but tried to gain entry when his sister was home alone. Police said the boy banged on the door and broke a window.

Living in car

Police checked out a report last week about the possibility that the owner of a white pickup truck parked at the harbor was living in his car. Police ran a computer check on the plate that showed the pickup was registered and everything was in order. The vehicle owner owns a boat. The pickup, which was gone when police arrived, had been parked at the harbor for sometime.

Unruly kids

An officer talked to students on a school bus from a private school in Braintree after the driver called police. The incident occurred at 5 p.m. on Friday (Sept. 19) on Route 3A. The bus driver reported that he was having trouble with the students who were yelling, screaming and being generally unruly; he did not want the situation to escalate further. They were not being violent. The officer spoke to the students, peace was restored, and the bus was sent on its way.

Radar trailer

Police received a report about kids potentially tampering with the radar trailer, which was parked at Pond Street and Woodland Drive, when the call came in last week. When police arrived, the kids were gone. There was no problem with the trailer, but police stress the radar trailer should not be touched.

Parking problem

Police received complaints Saturday afternoon (Sept. 20) about "out of control" parking on Norfolk Road by Milliken Field during a sporting event. An officer was sent to the area where some cars were ticketed. Chief Hussey said cars blocking driveways or that are illegally parked can be tagged. He explained that most of the sports programs at Milliken Field are considerate of the neighborhood. He is not sure what went wrong this particular time.

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Cross-country team to use Wheelwright

After close to a 30-year dormancy, a Cohasset High cross-country team is back. The Cohasset High runners have teamed up with runners from Hull High to field a complete team. Athletic Director Ron Ford came before the Selectmen to seek permission to use Wheelwright Park for the team's occasional practices and track meets against other area cross country teams.

"This would be a great site, if we could use it," said Ford. He hopes to build interest in the sport and the high school team over the next two years and eventually be able to field a strictly Cohasset High team. Wheelwright Park was partly chosen because there is no off-street area in Hull to have a cross-country course.

"They need the place off street," said Ford.

The Selectmen advised Ford to have a schedule placed at both the N. Main Street and Forest Avenue entrances to alert users of the park of the runners' presence. In a unanimous vote, the Selectmen gave the team permission to use the park for the season.

North Main rail crossing concerns addressed

'Jug handles' to protect cyclists

By Nancy White
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At long last, a solution to prevent the recurring North Main Street grade crossing bicycle accidents is being implemented. Multiple adjustments to the crossing are in the process of construction this week and next.

"That crossing has been a very long saga," said Mark Brennan, the town's Greenbush engineering liaison.

Since the summer of 2007, several serious bike accidents have occurred at the crossing. The angled train tracks cause bicycle tires to get stuck often sending the rider over the handlebars and, in some cases, causing serious injury. The MBTA will implement a specially designed pathway for bikes to facilitate a perpendicular crossing over the tracks.

In addition, the yellow sand barrels, which have temporarily blocked left turns into Woodside Cemetery for over a year, will be replaced with a more aesthetically pleasing extended island.

Brennan and Tom Gruber, the town's Greenbush engineers and MBTA liaisons have worked closely with the MBTA and their contractor Cashman, Balfour/Beatty over the course of 2008 to come up with a safe resolution to the grade crossing issues.

"The primary goal is to improve safety at the crossing," said Brennan, adding the MBTA took a lot of input from he and Gruber and included nearly all their suggestions. "In this case, they were as equally concerned as we were. We worked very collaboratively on this one for the best result."

Next to Route 3A, North Main Street is the main byway in which to enter Cohasset. With an entrance to the train station and parking lot, the residential street is expected to have increased traffic during morning and evening commuter hours.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

The engineering designs at the North Main crossing call for two "jug handle"-type pathways, like the one shown above, on both sides of the street.

"The primary goal is to improve safety at the crossing."
— Mark Brennan, Greenbush liaison

The engineering designs call for two "jug handle"-type pathways on both sides of the street. The jug handle is basically a small bike path — in the shape the name implies — to allow bicycles to hit the track at a less severe angle. The grade crossing rubber matting on the tracks will extend a few feet on each side to accommodate the bike path. To complement the jug handles, additional signage and painting on the road to notify those bicyclists with their head down will be added to the crossing, said Brennan.

It is the hope these pathways will put an end to the bicycle accidents.

Additionally, the median island closer to the Hingham line will be extended to prevent left turns into Woodside Cemetery. When cars were allowed to make left turns into the cemetery, cars backed up onto the tracks creating a dangerous situation in the event a train was coming down the tracks.

The entrance to Woodside will also be narrowed to further restrict left turns from the northbound side of North Main. These changes will make permanent what funeral processions have had to do over the last year.

The dearly departed and their processions have to enter Woodside Cemetery heading southbound on North Main, re-routed to Route 3A or Cedar Street or Jerusalem Road.

Since the majority of Cohasset funerals originate from central Cohasset, they will still need to go over a grade crossing at some point during the procession (via Beechwood Street, Sohier Street, or Lower King Street) but will not necessitate turning or stopping on the tracks.

At one point, creating a second entrance to the cemetery off Route 3A was floated, but there are wetlands between the cemetery and the road making it not feasible. With the entrance changes, funeral processions will have to go out of Cohasset into Hingham, just to come back again. Visitors to Woodside will also have to abide by the "no left turn" signage as well.

Earlier this summer, the problem of cars veering off North Main and onto the tracks was corrected with a change in line painting.

The Greenbush commuter rail has been in operation will celebrate its one-year anniversary next Monday on Oct. 31. Addressing the North Main Street crossing concerns is the last major item on the Cohasset Greenbush punch list.

"The list certainly has dwindled down," said Brennan.

BRIEFLY

Sports off to great start

Athletic Director Ron Ford reported the Cohasset Skippers are off to a great fall season. A total of 215 students are a part of a fall sport this year. All the teams have complete rosters and no cuts were made. This fall, Cohasset has its first boys and girls cross country team in perhaps three decades; the cooperative team is also fielded with Hull High students. Ford said interest in the program is strong with five girls and five boys. He hopes to be able to field a strictly Cohasset team in the future.

"No cuts were made and the coaches and kids are doing a great job," said Ford.

Ford thanked the School Committee for their support of having eighth graders participate in high school sports. The ability to tap into eighth grade came in handy to field the JV boys soccer team when three high school students went out with injuries.

Wind turbine hearing postponed to Oct. 27

The continued public hearing on the proposed wind turbines originally scheduled for October 6, will be postponed to Monday, Oct. 27 at 7:15 p.m. The Oct. 27 meeting will take place in the Town Hall Auditorium.

The applicant, Jim Sweeney of CCI-Energy, has requested additional time to conduct the additional studies and gather additional data requested by the Planning Board.

As a procedural matter, the applicant has requested the postponement and the continued public hearing will reconvene on Oct. 6 only to immediately be continued to Oct. 27. No discussion on the project will take place on Oct. 6.

CCI-Energy is proposing installing two turbines on the Graham Waste site off of Route 3A behind Hingham Lumber. The project calls for two 1.65-megawatt turbines each approximately 141-meters, or 462-feet, from ground to the top of the blade.

The Planning Board will still meet on Monday, Oct. 6 to discuss other agenda items.

New school website to launch Oct. 1

The Cohasset Schools will launch an entirely new website on October 1. The re-vamped site will still be able to be accessed at www.cohassetk12.org.

"We know it has been a problem, but we want to let everyone know it is coming," said School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy. The site will be composed of five sites, each one to be frequently updated by administrators, teachers and staff. Teachers will be able to have their own site to post homework assignments, the Superintendent will be able to post messages, and the daily school lunch menu will be available as well. The ability to purchase school lunches online will be available around the time of the new website launch.

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Planning Board wrestles with village guidelines

By Nancy White
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The village is never far from the Planning Board's mind. Over the past year and half, the Planning Board has dedicated hours upon hours of meeting time to the current state and future development of the town's center.

One of the last pieces of the village planning puzzle, before the real projects come forth, is the village business district design guidelines. On Monday night, the Planning Board again devoted nearly two hours to discussion during the second public hearing on the guidelines.

The design guidelines, simply stated, is a set of regulations to go with the village zoning bylaws to aid both the Planning Board and the applicants during the permitting process. It includes a set of guiding principles as well as specific areas for application assessments — everything from rooflines to materials to signage to landscaping. By setting clear expectations for development, the Planning Board aims to have a smoother review process.

With the professional consulting help from Angus Jennings of Concord Square Planning and Development, the Planning Board has a 21-page draft of the guidelines, which include text and graphic components. Minor changes had been made to the draft.

The latest draft of the village design guidelines contained new, more Cohasset-centric photos to illustrate what the Planning Board is looking for in development and re-development. The Cohasset Historical Society provided several photos and renderings, including a village zoning plan from 1960. Jennings said he made some minor, but strategic text changes in the document.

Planning Board member Mike Westcott, who has been the lead on the village zoning amendments, was not present at the meeting. However, through Jennings, he conveyed a message that the board should not feel they need to approve the guidelines that night. Jennings stressed the board should all feel comfortable with the document because they would have to defend the regulations to future applicants.

The Planning Board members that were present agreed and decided to postpone endorsing the guidelines until their next meeting on Monday, Oct. 6 to allow for thorough board member and public review.

One of Planning Board Chairman Al Moore's fears was that a development could be permitted according to all the bylaws and design guidelines, built and then a few years down the line, changes could be made to the building that would negatively impact the village visually. Satellite dishes and antennas were mentioned as possibilities.

"People need to understand once permitted it doesn't give (the applicant) carte blanche to do whatever you want," said Moore. He suggested something like, "any future additions to the approved plan that would have a visual impact to the downtown must be reviewed."

Jennings said Moore's point revealed a greater issue the board needed to address as to when the guidelines came into effect and when a change to a building triggered a need to come before the Planning Board.

According to the zoning bylaws, the design guidelines legally kick in when a project is before the board for a special permit.

"Part of the intent in putting forward the guidelines is to define what kind of design the board would like to see," said Jennings in a phone interview. "An applicant has every reason to put forth something the board likes and fits into the overall vision for the village."

'Second Main Street' sidewalk

The bulk of the night's village discussion centered on the development of a second main street on the parking lot side of South Main and the construction of a pedestrian sidewalk from Depot Court to the Red Lion.

"It has been a concept from the early days of our involvement," said Angus Jennings of Concord Square Planning and Development. A series of meetings have been held with some of the landowners and Planning Board member Clark Brewer. While there seemed to be an agreement among all that the sidewalk was a good idea, there is a sense of urgency in getting something accomplished.

"If something doesn't get done in the near term, the opportunity could be lost," said Jennings. With the Depot Court building near completion and a building proposed behind the gas station, things are happening in the area. Unless a cohesive plan is developed, the town and the building owners could miss out on the opportunity to develop a contiguous sidewalk.

"We want there to be an active, vibrant, economic community on that side. A sidewalk could contribute to the economic vitality in ways that should not be ignored," said Brewer.

Jennings outlined a three-step process that would need to be accomplished in the near term. First, the board would have to determine the best location for the sidewalk and have it on paper. Second, the sidewalk would have be designed and engineered. And third, it would have to be decided who would pay for the construction and legal matters like land swaps and easements would have to be dealt with.

Medical building for 'new face' of village

'Second Main St.' hoped for town parking lot

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In the coming months, the village could have a new building added to its "skyline." A medical building to be constructed behind the village gas station is before the Planning Board for consideration.

Dr. Roger Pompeo, who currently runs his practice in an office building on Route 3A (760 Chief Justice Cushing Highway), is proposing plans to construct a one-story building to relocate his practice to the village. Monday night was the first of what is expected to be two nights of public hearings on the project.

Not only will the proposed 2,000 square foot building occupy what is currently a vacant paved lot in the village, but also it will be the first step to creating the "second main street" along the town parking lot, one of the key goals of the amended village zoning bylaws. The proposed project is the first development to come under the amended village business district bylaws.

Architect Don Ritz, A.I.A. of Hull has designed a striking building with a classical pediment front building, with a colonnade porch, classical columns and a tower featuring a smaller pediment to mirror the main buildings lines. The 50-by-40 foot foundation will be have a six-foot wide porch on two sides of the building.

"We are trying to keep it simple, but elegant," said Ritz describing the closest architectural style as "Greek revival." The building itself, he said, has a traditional New England appearance.

The most distinct architectural feature is the tower, which allows for a double height entryway.

The tower will allow natural light to flow into the waiting area space, "we want to have it be a super dramatic space," said Ritz. There will be a mezzanine balcony type overlook down from the tower to the waiting area.



ARCHITECT'S RENDERING BY DON RITZ, A.I.A

An architect's rendering of the proposed new medical building behind the gas station in the village. This is the view facing the town parking lot. The address would be Parking Way, however, it has been suggested the name of Parking Way be changed.

Inside, the building will have a reception area, a nurse's room, Dr. Pompeo's office and two exam rooms. On the upper level, inside the tower space will be a small storage area. There will be a "crawl space" basement for mechanical purposes.

Pompeo has had his practice in Cohasset since 1970. He said he is currently leasing his space on Route 3A and would like to invest in his own space.

"Many of my patients are getting older…and I envision having as few steps as possible" to get into the doctor's office. In that same spirit, the office will be entirely handicap accessible.

Although the project is not required to have parking spaces per the zoning bylaws, six spaces have been incorporated into the plan. Both Dr. Pompeo's patients and the general public will be able to utilize the spaces.

"It's a win-win for the parking lot," said John Cavanaro of Cavanaro Consulting of Norwell, the consulting engineering firm for the project.

Planning Board member Clark Brewer, who is also an architect, made a few suggestions for ways to optimize green space while still giving the same number of parking spaces.

Cavanaro is still working out which plants will be a part of the ultimate landscape, but stressed Pompeo's commitment to having a substantial landscaping plan with irrigation.

"The project is a substantial improvement over what is there today," said Cavanaro.

Of note, the Sewer Commission has approved a town sewer connection for the proposed building.

The building's address was discussed briefly. The lot was a part of James Lane before the Greenbush train revival and the application said 1 James Lane, but the Assessor's office has rejected that address and assigned 20 Parking Way.

From the audience, Wayne Sawchuk, property owner of 35-39 South Main, suggested the Planning Board look into changing the name of "Parking Way" to something more "classy" to complement the board's vision of a second main street along the parking lot.

"Parking Way is not an appropriate name for something we want it to be," said Sawchuk, throwing 'West Main Street' out as an option. Fire Captain Mark Trask said the address needed to be clear and concise to ensure emergency vehicles could respond promptly.

"I don't want anybody to have any problem finding the building," said Trask.

All in all, the Planning Board responded favorably to the project.

"I love your building," said Vice Chairman Stuart Ivimey.

"It is a really good looking building," said Brewer.

Some details like the specific building materials and colors were yet to be determined. The Planning Board asked the applicant to return with those specifics at the continued public hearing on Monday, October 6. In the meantime, the applicant is scheduled to meet with the newly re-constituted Design Review Board this coming Tuesday, Sept. 30.

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WET WEEKEND

Hello Cohasset. Well, we have been so spoiled lately by this wonderful weather but I think it will be a bit wet this weekend. Make sure to find some great indoor things to do and make the best of it. For all of those involved with Cohasset Day last week, whether you were there enjoying the festivities or were a driving force in the planning and execution of the day, a wonderful time was had by all. Enjoy this last week of September as October is right around the corner with goblins, ghosts, apples and pumpkins galore! October is also Fire Safety Month so make sure to take a bit of time to talk with your family about home fire safety and change the batteries in the smoke detectors.

LATIN AWARD



Alex Shipp, BC High grad

Congratulations go out to **Alexander Shipp** of Cohasset, a 2008 graduate of Boston College High School who recently won a special award at Senior Class Night, an evening set aside to celebrate and reward its seniors. Alex won a *Cum Laude* award for his high score in the National Latin exam. Nice work Alex.

'GODSPELL'

Cohasset Dramatic Club is thrilled to announce it has assembled the cast for its fall production of "Godspell." Mark your calendars!! Show dates are Nov. 14, 15, 21, & 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 16th & 23rd at 2 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall. Director and Music Director, **Mark Bono** set out in search of a diverse, energetic cast of 10 adults to recount the telling of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, through both parables and great music, and find them he did. The show ensemble is led by **Stephen Lee** as Jesus. Supporting Stephen in the tight-knit ensemble, and each singing their own piece from the "sparkling" score by Stephen Schwartz, are **Mark Alves**, Cohasset; **Eric Braun**, Hanover; **Nicole DiRuzza**, Quincy; **Denise Feeney**, Abington; **Lisa Pratt,** Cohasset; **Anne Thornton** of Hanover and **Sharon White** and **Bill White** of Scituate.

Tickets will be available soon at Paperscapes in Cohasset Village, at Buttonwood Books, or via CDC's ticket reservation and information line at 617-697-2115. Tickets are $15, and reservations are presently being accepted.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Hagearty family and Congressman Lynch in Washington.

DAY IN DC

Dan and Christa Hagearty of Cohasset won a "Day in Washington DC" at a charity fundraiser at BC High. With the upcoming Presidential election, the Hagearty Family thought it would be a great time to take advantage of this unique opportunity. The day included lunch with Congressman Stephen F. Lynch (MA 9th District) at the Capital's Congressional dining room and a private tour of the US Capital building. Appearing in the picture are; Christa Hagearty, Congressman **Stephen F. Lynch**, **Dan Hagearty, Patrick Hagearty** (Deer Hill Grade 3), **Madison Hagearty** (CMS, grade 6) and **Elizabeth Hagearty** (CHS, grade 9).

The Hagearty Children were allowed onto the House Floor while Congressman Lynch voted on an Energy Bill. Congressman Lynch talked to the Hagearty Family about important issues going on in Congress including the bail out of financial institutions, energy issues and educational issues. Congressman Lynch invited the Hagearty Family back for a tour of the White House during the Holiday season.

PAGES WANTED

The Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset is interviewing Cohasset high school age students for a Page position. Duties include shelving library materials, light cleaning and shelf reading. After school hours are available. Contact Reference Librarian Gayle Walsh for more information at 383-1348.

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From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society

October 6, 1970

Mrs. R. B. Waterman
141 Union Street
Athol, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Waterman:

I appreciated my conversation with you a week or so ago but have been delayed in getting to your historical museum. What I have been interested is the old fog bell that went to the bottom of the sea with the first Minot's Light in 1851.

Probably about 1858 it was recovered and sometime thereabouts Mr. Dwight Faulkner bought it and put it in the tower of the old mill in Turner, Maine. Here it stayed for fifty years when his son, Francis Faulkner, was burned to death trapped in the tower ringing the bell to announce the fire. The molten bell was recovered, recast and placed in the Baptist Church in Bryant Pond, Maine, where it still resides.

Two weeks after his daughter and, I believe, his nephew, J. Osborne Faulkner, had it put in the tower, J. Osborne was drowned in a canoeing accident in the nearby river. These are a few of the missing links I am trying to pick up, possibly through some notations by these various Faulkner family members.

I will let you know when I can come out but thought it perhaps would interest you to know that the nature of my mission was less the genealogy of the Faulkner family than it is to pick up the missing links in the old Minot's Light fog bell story.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore L. Badger, M.D.

TLB:mm

This is a copy of a letter Dr. Theodore L. Badger, resident of Cohasset, had sent to the then current President of the state Historical Society in 1970. Dr Badger was a descendant of Erastus B. (Beethoven) Badger, of the E.B. Badger & Sons Brass Works. Erastus Badger was one of the engineers for the original Minots Light. Dr. Badger spent several years trying to solve the mystery of the Fog Bell, so necessary to the sailors in those times. Now we count on the Coast Guard, and Coast Guard Auxiliary to serve and protect us on these waters.

The Historical Society's "At the Edge of the Sea" Benefit/Art Show, Oct. 3, honors these seamen and asks you to join us for this evening presentation. Call 781-383-1434 for more information.

The Cohasset Historical Society is grateful to those who remember us with donations of Cohasset photographs, textiles and memorabilia. We would like to take this occasion to thank you for your continued generous support.

If you have enjoyed reading our columns and discovering some of what we hold in our archives, please consider supporting the Historical Society. Your tax-deductible donation can be sent to: Cohasset Historical Society, PO Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025. All donations are gratefully appreciated.

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WEDDINGS

Heald - Goff

Courtney Phyllis Goff, daughter of Jane and Ed Goff of Cohasset, married Derek Vincent Heald, son of Gerri and Ron Heald of Tewksbury, on June 14, 2008, at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. The Rev. John Mulvehill celebrated the nuptial Mass.

Matron of honor was Priscilla Donatelli of Providence, sister of the bride. Serving as bridesmaids were Lauren Goff, Marisa Walsh, Jennifer Pinto, Nadine Calla, Shannon Williams, Alyson Goyette and Elise MacCurtain-Cogan. Brooke Evans served as the flower girl.

Ronald and Douglas Heald served as their brother's best men. Ushers were Ted Goff, Peter Donatelli, Jason Calichman, Thomas Pallotta and Ryan Minior.



Mr. and Mrs. Derek Vincent Heald

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Cohasset High School and received a bachelor of arts degree in marketing from Assumption College in Worcester in 2001. She is an executive assistant with Thomas H. Lee Partners in Boston.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Tewksbury High School and received a bachelor of science degree in health management and policy in 2000 and a master's degree in health administration in 2001 from UNH. He is employed by B. Braun Medical as a medical device salesman.

Following a reception at the Wharf Room at Boston Harbor Hotel the couple honeymooned in Hawaii.

They reside in South Boston.

Matthews - Meehan



Mr. and Mrs. Brian F. Matthews

Jennifer S. Meehan, daughter of Barbara Meehan of Cohasset, married Brian F. Matthews of Scituate, on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008, at St. Anthony Church in Cohasset. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Robert Meehan. Maid of honor was Dawn Meehan of Huntington, N.Y., sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Maura Duffy of San Francisco, Calif., and Siobhan O'Malley of Norwood.

Christopher Matthews of Waltham, brother of the groom, served as best man. David Berry of South Boston and Jon Witkowski of Plymouth served as groomsmen. Jason Andruk of Austin, Texas, Shaun Bodah of Austin, Texas, and Andrew Valentino of Baltimore, Md., served as ushers. Thomas Pologruto of Huntington, N.Y., and Robert Meehan presented the readings at the ceremony.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Cohasset High School and a 2005 graduate of Emmanuel College, where she earned her bachelor's degree in education. She holds a master's degree from Boston College in curriculum and instruction. Currently, she is pursuing her doctorate degree in education from Boston College.

The groom is a graduate of Boston College High School and Syracuse University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in political philosophy. He is pursuing his master's degree in business administration from the Carol School of Management at Boston College. Currently, he is employed as a product analyst in Newton.

A reception was held in the Governor's Room at the Four Seasons, Boston.

After a wedding trip to St. John's Cannel Bay, the couple resides in Norwell.

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Jake Ward of Cohasset sits in the driver's seat in an antique Cohasset Fire truck. More than a dozen different types of trucks and equipment were available for kids to honk, climb, and explore during Touch A Truck at the Hingham Bathing Beach parking lot on Saturday. The annual fundraiser is sponsored by Hingham Nursery School.

IT'S HAPPENING

Writers' workshop to meet Sept. 30

Grub Street South at Buttonwood, a workshop for writers, will meet at 7p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset. Freelance writer Amy MacKinnon will speak about "How to Position Yourself for Getting Published." MacKinnon will discuss networking, publicity and pitching a book to agents and editors. Bring questions, a draft of a query letter and a box of stationery.

MacKinnon's commentaries have appeared in several publications. She is the author of "Tethered," published in August 2008 by Shaye Areheart Books, an imprint of Random House Publishers.

Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Coffee with the Authors

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host writers Catherine Goldhammer, Jennifer Haigh and Joan Wickersham during its semi-annual Coffee with the Authors, Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m., at Atlantica Restaurant, Cohasset.

Goldhammer's new book, "Winging It: Dispatches from an (Almost) Empty Nest," describes the changing dynamic of her family as her daughter prepares to leave for school. Haigh will speak about "The Condition," the story of a New England family that comes apart when the daughter is diagnosed with Turner's syndrome. Wickersham will discuss her book"The Suicide Index," which describes the painful path her life took after her father commits suicide.

Reservations and tickets are required. Tickets are $16 and may be picked up at Buttonwood, or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a check to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Anyone unable to attend can call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to reserve or order a signed copy of the books.

Musical Treasure Hunt

Derby Street Shoppes will become a musical treasure chest, as more than 14 participating stores host fun and creative music-centered activities from 1 to 4 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 28.

After checking in On Stage next to J Jill, kids and families can follow a map to such activities as Shake It at Whole Foods Market, Cut a Rug at Company C, Climbing Wall Ta-Da! at REI, Name that Composer at London Harness, musical stories at Barnes & Noble, and the Kitchen Sink Percussion Orchestra led by ASO drummer Aziz Luce. Be prepared to sing, dance, drum, paint, draw, search, listen and think – all related to music. The $5 per person fee will be matched by Derby Street Shoppes, to benefit Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, the South Shore's own professional orchestra.

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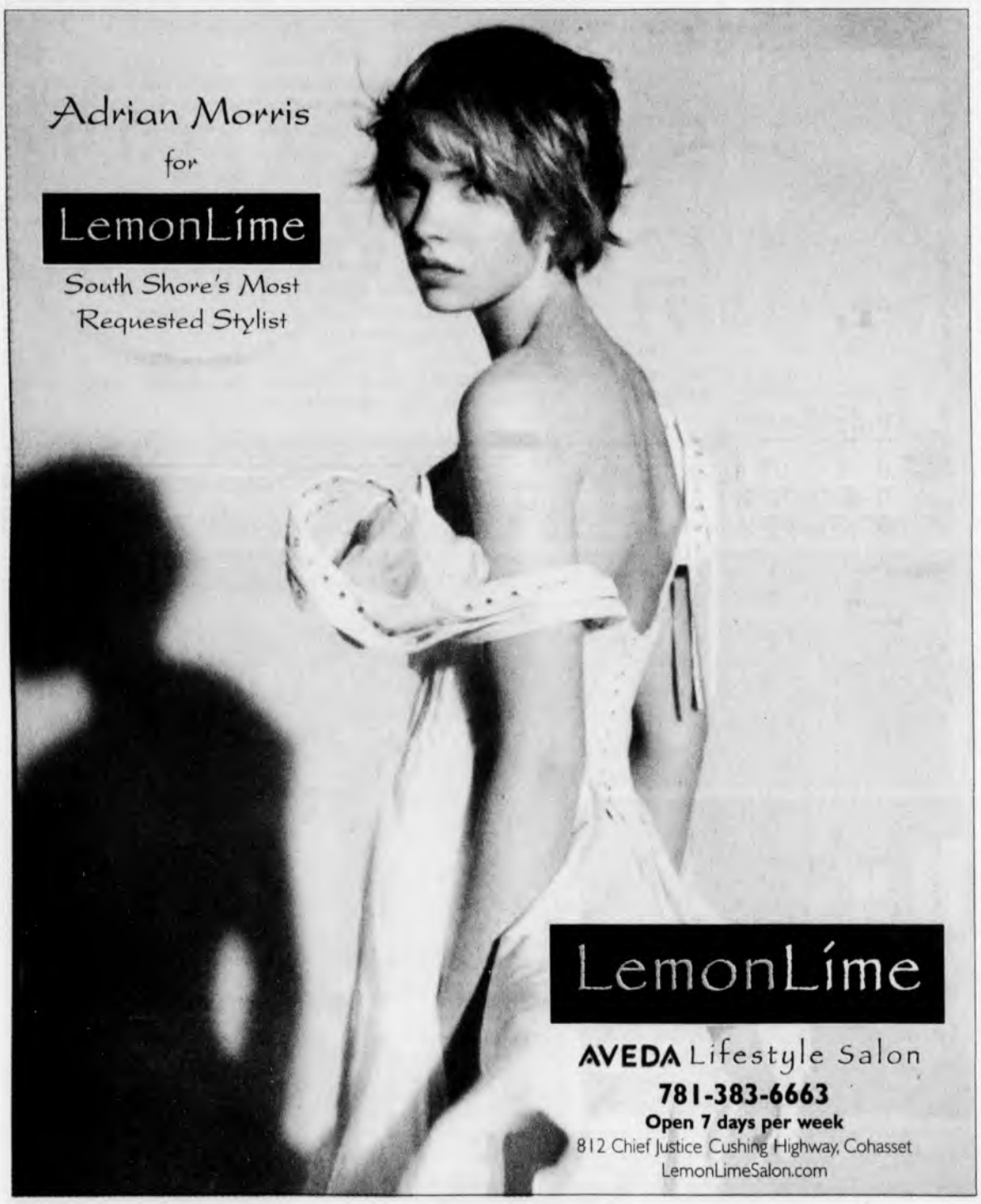
Inly Arts Festival Oct. 5

This year's Inly Arts Festival has an international theme, integrating an eclectic collection of art forms from the four corners of the world. On Sunday, Oct. 5, from 1 to 4 p.m., explore world fusion music and folk art, dance, and storytelling with a funky twist through interactive workshops, hands-on projects, and live performances. The event is open to the public, geared for all ages, and will be held rain or shine on the Inly School campus in Scituate.

The festival will be held rain or shine on the Inly School campus, 46 Watch Hill Drive, off Route 123, near the junction of Route 3A), in Scituate. Visit www.inlyartsfestival.com for complete information.

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Cohasset Native Cara McKenney earns TV's top honor

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Ball. "Overall it was a fun and exhilarating experience."

McKenney grew up in Cohasset, attended Milton Academy then Middlebury College majoring in film before heading to New York City to get into movie production. Her proud parents Monica and Brian McKenney of Spring Street can't wait for her to come home and show off the Emmy.

It was a long road to the Emmy ceremony. The winning project, which took about four months to complete, had its own set of challenges. "Mad Men" was AMC's, (the American Movie Classics cable television station) first foray into original programming.

"It was a large gamble," said McKenney explaining the television executives had to get their viewers used to the idea of watching a television drama series on their channel rather than strictly old westerns.

Lionsgate and AMC approached Imaginary Forces to pitch a title sequence for their new show. They pitched and landed the contract — series creator Matt Weiner said the Imaginary Forces pitch was exactly what he envisioned. Matt Weiner earned fame as an executive producer and writer for HBO's The Sopranos.

The creative team approached the title sequence more in the way they approach a live action film sequence, rather than an animated piece.

The television show "Mad Men" is set in a fictional 1960s ad agency and centers on the dichotomy of its main characters, all of whom play key roles at the agency. The men balance a work life characterized by the free-wheeling social mores of the times, while at home they play the roles of dedicated husbands and fathers.

The opening sequence was designed to capture ongoing internal struggle of the main character Don Draper played by Jon Hamm.

The sequence is executed in a 2-D style that suggests cut-out animation. A man wearing a traditional business suit enters an office and sets his briefcase down. The man — whom viewers can assume Draper — is largely seen in silhouette wearing a dark suit and tie with a white shirt.

Suddenly, the office falls away — pictures drop off the walls, the windows and blinds fall off into space, the floor drops, and the character is suddenly in free fall, hurtling down the skyscraper in slow motion.

The cityscape through which the man falls is a mix of abstract and photo realistic depictions of a stylized metropolis. There are giant ad images, many of them real vintage ads, which are a mix of sexy and familiar, images of leggy models juxtaposed with smiling wholesome families, representing the conflicting worlds in which Draper lives.

At the close of the 30-second sequence the man is seen from behind, sitting in a lounge chair and striking an insouciant pose, arm extended casually, unlit cigarette between his fingers as the program title crawls up the screen. That final frame has become an icon for the series and is used in much of the marketing and promotion for the show. The title sequence is set to the RJD2 song, "A Beautiful Mine," chosen by Weiner.

It was McKenney's role job as producer was to oversee the project from the initial pitch to the final product. She managed the production — animators, budget, design — and maintained constant communication with the client.

"I had to make sure we were all working on the same thing and toward the same vision," said McKenney.

The other nominees in the category were the title sequences of HBO's "Bernard And Doris," Fox's "New Amsterdam," TNT's "The Company" and NBC's "Chuck" (also designed and produced by Imaginary Forces).

Right now, McKenney is working on a title sequence for Pink Panther 2 and Terminator 4.

"Title sequences is an interesting way you can be a part of a television show or film. In a way, it sets a mood and tone…and when successfully done for a show it can be intricately linked with the program."

To view the winning title sequence, visit www.imaginaryforces.com, click on "Featured Work."



COURTESY PHOTO

Steve Fuller, director; Cara McKenney; and Mark Gardner, director, at the LA Convention Center holding their Emmys for "Mad Men." The 28-year-old McKenney, works as a producer for Imaginary Forces, a design and production company based in New York and Los Angeles.

Recreation Department to offer Sunday Jams

Recreation Department director Ted Carroll has tapped music industry veteran and Cohasset resident Howie Altholtz to help coordinate Sunday Jams, a program of music for teens. Altholtz has been involved in the music business for more than 25 years, as a writer, performing artist, producer and lawyer.

Carroll and Altholtz envision starting with Sunday Jams at the Recreation Center. Depending on interest, additional services may include advice on the business of music, songwriting clinics and guest music business insiders, including artists, producers and managers.

For information, email Carroll at tcarroll@townofcohasset.org or call 781.383.4109. A schedule is in the works, and any input and ideas would be welcome.

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Lecture series continues with armchair tour of Cohasset's history

The Cohasset Historical Society will present the second of its fall lecture series on Wednesday, Oct. 15, when Historian David Wadsworth explores another fascinating aspect of Cohasset 's history as the audience accompanies him on an armchair tour of the Village and the Common.

November's offering, on Nov. 19, will be a lighthearted adventure into the objects of yesteryear. Participants will be asked to identify items from the museums and guess what it was used for. You are invited to bring an item from home and 'stump' the audience.

All Wednesday evening programs will begin at 7:30 in the Society's Headquarters at 106 S. Main St. There is no cost for these programs and light refreshment will be served.

Other events planned for the fall include a program on the "History of Town Hall" on Sunday, Sept. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m.. Speakers for this program that details the past as well as the future of Town Hall will include David Wadsworth, David Farrag and Jim Sandell.

The Society will hold its Annual Meeting and Fall Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Cohasset Harbor Resort from 5:30 to 9 p.m. with speaker, John Horrigan talking about "Bay State Phantoms". In December, the Annual Wassail Party will be held on Dec. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Pratt Building.

The Society invites all to attend the programs. For additional information please call the Cohasset Historical Society at 781-383-1434.

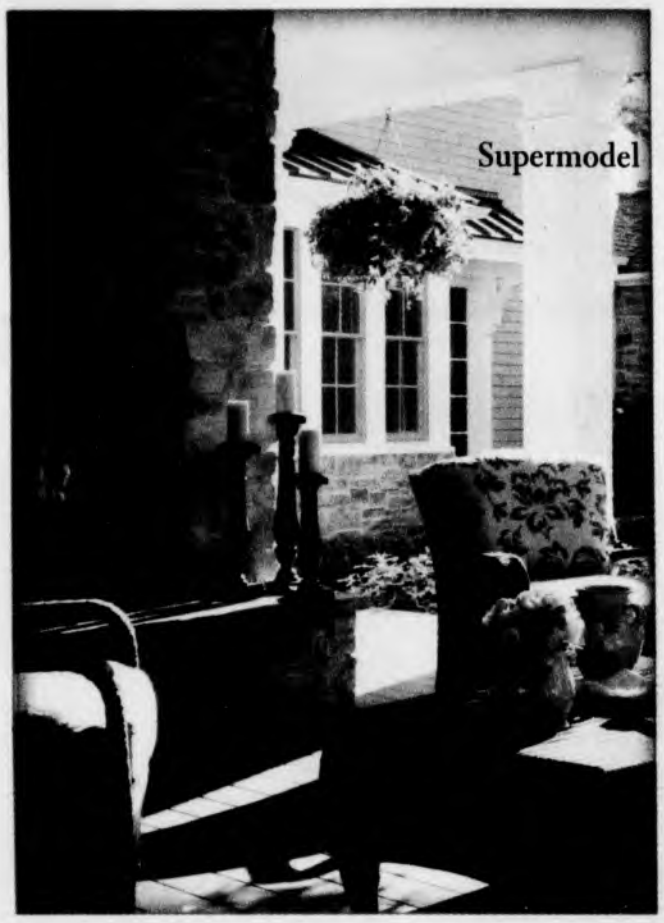
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COURTESY PHOTO

While driving his own bulldozer, Jake Ward, Pre-K student at the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, intently studies the bulldozing workers across Depot Court from the school. For information about community center programs call 781-383-0088 or stop by the center at 3 N. Main St.

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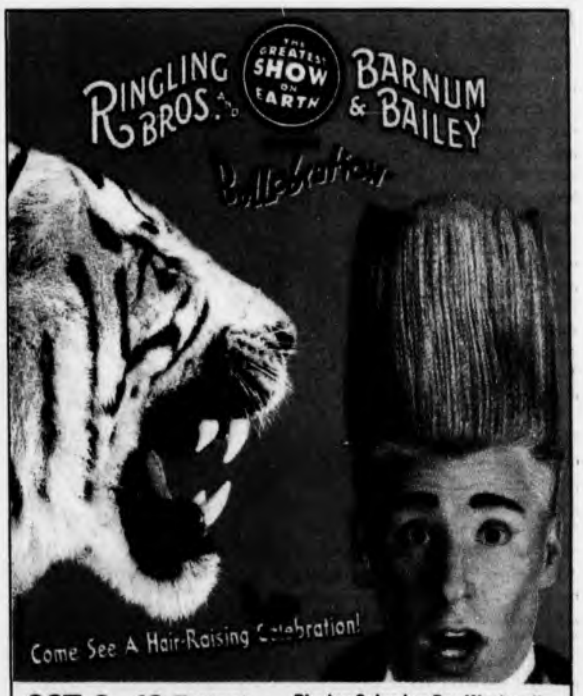
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Rec Notes

Signup for one-day, three-hour babysitting course

Cohasset Recreation Center is at 41 Highland Ave. For more information or to sign up for activities, call 781-383-4109 or visit recreation@townofcohasset.org.

Babysitting Course – At Paul Pratt Library. This one-day, three-hour course is designed to assist fifth to seventh graders to be better babysitters and to learn the do's and don't's of being home alone. The course will cover information on child development, playing with younger children, basic first aid, fire safety and prevention, and the overall responsibilities of babysitting. Instructor: Kim Cleary, nurse and mom. Each class is limited to 18 pre-registered students; fee $18. Meets Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Boot Camp Fitness – Cohasset Common. This is an interval callisthenic training program for men and women. Class includes running/walking, jump roping, jacks, lunges, squat thrusts, single running knees, skipping, push-ups, sit-ups, stairs and hills. Class goal is to improve cardio endurance, and strength. Bring water, jump rope, running shoes and dress in layers. Get ready to bring your fitness level to the next phase. Instructor: Betsy Callanan 10 weeks $100. Monday and Wednesday 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Sept. 29-Dec. 1

Circus Trip – Sunday, Oct. 12 Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus at TD Banknorth Garden. "Bellobration" is a high-energy circus extravaganza featuring comic daredevil Bello, whose orange hair, antics and approach to daredevilry have prompted his rise in popularity. Bus leaves at 4 p.m. for the 7 p.m. show and will arrive back in Cohasset by 10 p.m. There will be time to visit Faneuil Hall before the show for shopping and dinner. Cost is $25 per person. Parents are required to accompany all children. Space is limited, register by Sept. 26.

CPR – American Heart Association CPR courses instructed by members of the Cohasset Fire Department; CPR instruction includes adult, child and infant CPR. Two-year certification card. Cost $45 per class. Class one meets Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Drive in Control – Sunday, Oct. 19 from 1 to 5:30 p.m. In Control Advanced Driver Training is the first Massachusetts certified driver skills course in the state. Drivers are taught how to avoid crashes and how to best respond in a variety of high speed driving situations, including ABS braking, tailgating (and what safe driving distances really are), car control, handling distractions while driving, etc. Students will have the opportunity to get behind the wheel with a professional driver and practice these emergency situations. Class will take place in South Weymouth. Group class rate for Cohasset Recreation is $274, $225 for second/subsequent member of same family. Insurance deductions are available with most insurance carriers.

Kids Love Crafts – Recreation Center Join us for a jammed filled program of goey, gooey arts and crafts, stories and songs. Watch your 2 to 4 year old child make a mess and have some fun as they create crafts that can be treasured for a lifetime. You don't want to miss out on all of the fun! Space is limited to 10 children with parent. Tuesdays: 10 to 11 a.m. Six Week Session Cost $60. Session 1: Sept. 30 through Nov. 4; Session 2: Nov. 18 – Dec. 23; Session 3: Jan. 6 – Feb. 10; Session 4: March 3- April 14; Session 5: May 5 - June 9.

Kitchen Kids – Kitchen Kids is a great way to introduce kids to the joy of creative cooking in a fun and safe atmosphere. Even the fussiest eaters will be thrilled to eat something they have made with their hands. The class is hands on with step-by-step instructions, in a safe and clean environment. Instructor: Sandy Tremblay. Saturday, Oct. 18, Freakish Feasts - $30. Times: Ages 5 to 8 – from 9 to 11 a.m. Ages 9 to 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Master Fit – This is an outside fitness program for men and women ages 40 and over. There are only two exercises necessary to achieve a fit body; one exercise for endurance and one exercise for strength (work at your own pace: walk/run/ jump rope mixed with push ups). The class allows all abilities to participate no matter your fitness levels. Bring water and a jump rope. Instructor: Betsy Callanan. Ten weeks $50. Saturday Mornings 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.: Sept. 27 through Nov. 29 at Cohasset Common

Middle School Night at Healthtrax in Hanover – Saturday, Oct. 4, 7 to 11 p.m. Students in grades five through eight can hang out with friends, get some exercise and have fun. Activities will include basketball, volleyball, racquetball and swimming. A fun and safe experience chaperoned by Recreation staff. Cost is $20 per session and includes transportation from Cohasset Town Hall.

New York City – Spend a day shopping and touring New York City. Open to ages 18 and older. Children younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Invite friends and enjoy a day in the Big Apple that participants plan on their own. Deluxe motor coach leaves Town Hall at 6 a.m. sharp. Arrives in NYC about 10:30 a.m. Midtown drop off near Rockefeller Center and pick up in the same area at 7 p.m., sharp. Saturday, Oct. 18. Limited enrollment. Cost is $44 per person.

Rock Climbing – Quarry Hills, Quincy. South Shore Center for Outdoor Education—Students (ages 8 and up) have fun while learning techniques and how to use the equipment necessary to climb with confidence with professional guides. Top-roping allows for a safe climbing experience that builds confidence. All equipment is provided. Transportation to Quarry Hills is needed. Cost - $140/session. Session 1: Tuesdays: Oct. 7 through 28. from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m.

Sport Ready – Cohasset Common Saturday Mornings- 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Sept. 27 – Nov. 29 This program is designed to build strength and endurance for those athletes (male and female) participating in Middle and High School fall sport programs. This class is based on timed intervals. All abilities are welcome. Bring a jump rope and water. Instructor: Betsy Callanan 10 weeks $50.

Shutterbug Series – Recreation Center. Does your child have a digital (or film) camera? Is he/she always taking pictures? This fun class will show her/him what to do with the photos once they are printed and teach a bit about digital storage and photo preservation. All materials - except photos - for the completion of a fabulous album are included in the cost of this series - album, paper, embellishments (stickers, etc), adhesives and pens - all acid free to make your memories last a lifetime! Instructor Jeanne Astino. Cost $100. Session 1: Tuesday Afternoons 3:30 to 5 p.m. Four Weeks. Ages 9 and up. Class begins Oct. 7.

Ski and Snowboard Lessons – Improve your skiing and snowboarding at Waterville Valley and Bretton Woods with four days of skiing and two 1 1/2-hour lessons. Luxury motor coach to and from Cohasset Town Hall. Ski days are Sunday, Dec. 14; Saturday, Jan.3; Saturday, Jan. 24 and Saturday, Feb. 7. Cost: $279.99

Recreation Department seeks donations

Cohasset Recreation Department is sprucing up the Teen Center and are looking for cash donations, bar stools, folding tables and chairs, pool tables, ping pong tables, foosball tables, air hockey tables, arcade games, video game systems and televisions. Maybe that flat screen TV bought a few years ago doesn't seem quite as big as it used to. All donations are eligible for tax deduction. With help, the Recreation Center will be a safe and enjoyable after school destination and the best spot in town to host a party.



OPINION

EDITORIAL

Open Meeting Law

We applaud the town for holding an informational session on the Open Meeting Law last week.

We only wish that more board members attended, especially those individuals who sit on committees that do not get the same coverage and scrutiny as the Selectmen and School Committee do, for example.

Selectmen asked a representative from the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office to come to speak to town committee members and town officials on the Open Meeting Law following a citizen complaint last spring. The complaint was over a planned "sub-committee" meeting of the Board of Selectmen (a meeting that never happened).

The Open Meeting Law — which requires public business be conducted in public — is one of the few tools we journalists and you, the public, have to force town boards to be forthcoming and open at all times with a few limited exceptions. There are narrowly defined exemptions to the Open Meeting Law that deal with strategy related to litigation matters, some private personnel issues and collective bargaining.

Norfolk County Assistant District Attorney Alexei Tymoczko urged officials to proceed with caution when establishing subcommittees, which cannot be formed to circumvent the law.

He also pointed out that the mere absence of a quorum does not mean that the public's business can be discussed free of the Open Meeting Law. He said a simple exchange of views on a public matter by members of a board constitutes a meeting.

Tymoczko warned officials to be careful with e-mail and phone conversations, even if the original purpose is for scheduling.

"A discussion on scheduling can quickly go from the schedule to the subject to be discussed to throwing out opinions on those subjects," said Tymoczko.

While social engagements or "chance meetings" are not subject to the Open Meeting Law, Tymoczko said board members should stay away from any discussion of political or town business related issues. If town officials are discussing public business then the public should be given the opportunity to be involved.

With only two exceptions — the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health of an employee or discipline of an employee (the individual in question can opt to have the discussion in open session) — boards never have to convene an executive session.

Minutes of an executive session can be withheld until the reason for the executive session is no longer valid. But without knowing the substance of executive sessions, it's tough for us to tell when the minutes should be made public. It would be nice to see those minutes, which are no longer restricted, released without having to ask for them.

Here at the Mariner, we believe that town officials should always err on the side of open government. Executive sessions should be used sparingly; copies of correspondence (including emails) and other documents and materials should always be readily available.

There is nothing — absolutely nothing — that tears at the hearts of reporters more than closed government. We can't do our jobs if the hatches are battened down and not only that, you won't find out what's going on.

Cohasset Day

The Economic Development Committee, in particular Alain Pinel, Chairman Peter Brown and Darilynn Evans, should be congratulated on the first-ever and first-annual Cohasset Day held Saturday. There was an army of volunteers and merchants who also pitched in on so many levels.

What a fun day for everyone. We looked at faces and interpreted much of the happy looks and smiles we saw as an expression of love for this town.

That was really the purpose of the event: a way to enjoy being part of Cohasset while also encouraging others (who live out of town) to pay us a visit.

It is amazing what can happen with an idea and the energy, enthusiasm and determination to carry it out.

We think Cohasset Day captured the unique spirit of this community.

What a wonderful place to call home. We are so grateful that many residents have taken leadership roles in creating a vision that can keep Cohasset moving while maintaining its true charm and character. A lot of towns have missed this opportunity. Thankfully, Cohasset has not.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.

Alternative Energy Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 21 & Nov. 18.

Board of Health, Oct. 22 7 p.m.

Capital Budget Committee, 7:30 p.m., Sept 30, Oct. 7 & Oct. 21.

Cohasset Housing Authority, Sept. 30, 1 p.m. at 60 Elm St.

Conservation Commission, Oct. 2, 7 p.m.

Historical Commission, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Library Trustees, Oct. 14, 7 p.m. at the library.

Recreation Commissin, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 1 & Nov. 5.

School Committee, 7 p.m. Oct. 1 & Oct. 15 at the high school.

School Improvement , 2:30 p.m. Oct. 1 & Nov. 5 at the high school.

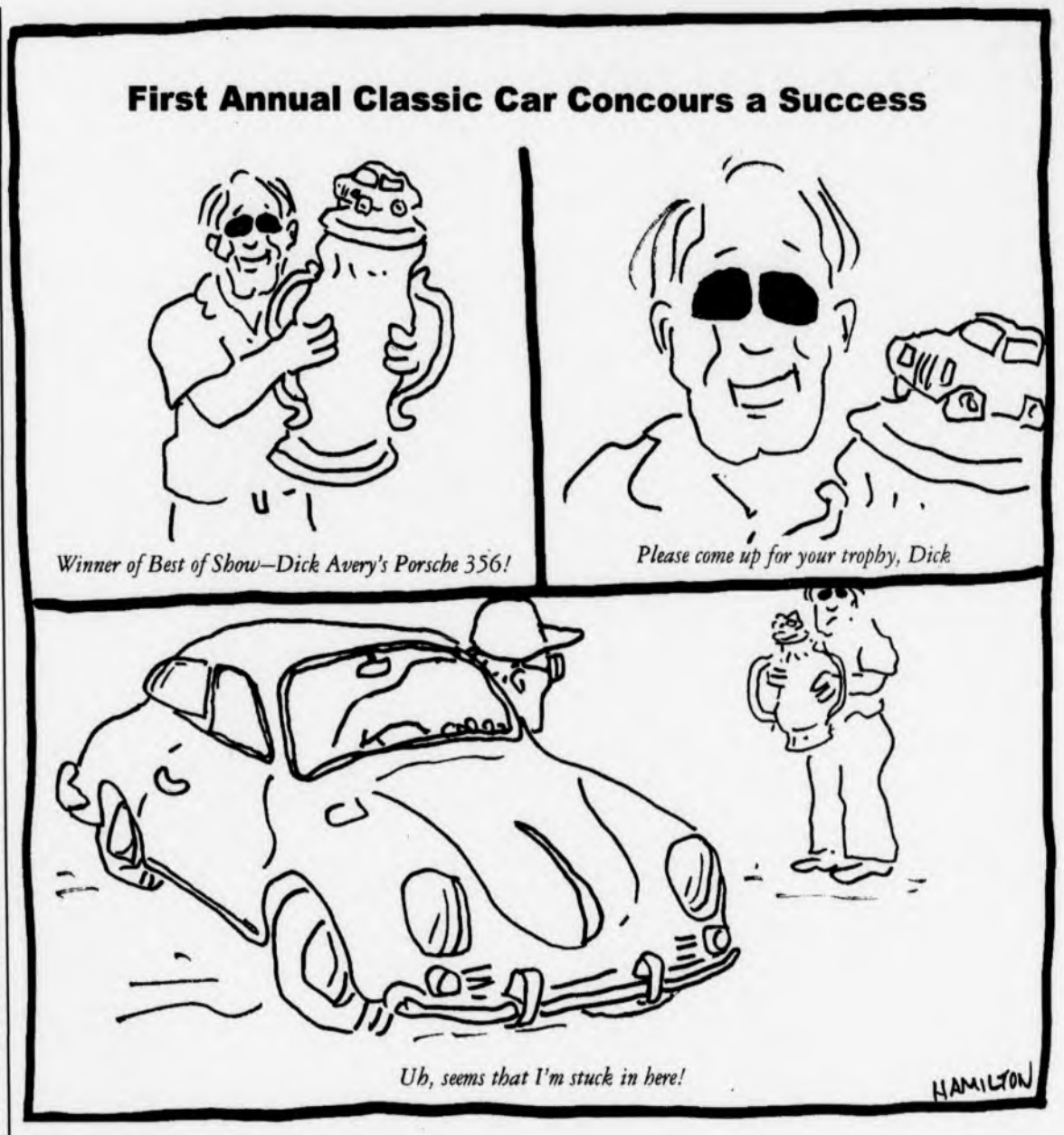
Selectmen, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m.,

Sewer Commission, Sept. 30, 6 p.m.

Water Commission, Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. at the King St. plant.

ZBA, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 7.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Higher fee structure for dog licenses

TO THE EDITOR:

Chief Hussey recently responded to citizen's expression of concern that the Town of Cohasset does not respond to calls for the Animal Control Officer to pick-up dogs that are wandering the streets apparently lost. Chief Hussey responded that it is best to let the dog wander and in all likelihood it will return home or be found by the owner(s). Chief Hussey's response not only violates town bylaws that dogs should be on a leash or under the supervision and/or voice control of the owner, but it is also a lose-lose answer. A. Cohasset ends up with dogs with undetermined dispositions wandering loose and, B. the dog may not find its way home and may be attacked by a predator, hit by a vehicle or die a slow death of starvation.

Three years ago, I suggested that the current annual dog registration fees of $8(fixed)/$15(not-fixed) be increased to $15/$25, respectively. The current fee structure has been in-place at least 11 years (as far as memory takes us) and perhaps much longer. The Animal Control Officer is underpaid and cannot fulfill his responsibilities. The increased fee structure would more than pay for the Animal Control Officer to turn in stray dogs to the Scituate Animal Shelter and cover boarding fees charged back to Cohasset (when an owner retrieves his dog; the Shelter asks the owner to pay all applicable fees and Cohasset is off the hook).

Those of us who own dogs are animal lovers. I am confident that the higher fee structure would be accepted gracefully by dog owners if the reason for the fee increase were explained to them in a mailer (about 700 dogs are licensed in Cohasset). This solution does not impose a cost on those who do not own pets.

We have two dogs so I don't think I am being hypocritical.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

More courtesy needed

TO THE EDITOR:

I have been very upset not once, but two times in the last two weeks with the actions of our Transit Police detail at the bottom of King Street and Route 3A. My Mom is 78 years old and still a good driver and totally on the ball for the most part. She was going from my home to a doctor visit and came out of lower King Street only to be stopped, or so she thought since the police officer had both his hands out to the sides. She stopped and he proceeded to shout at her repeatedly at "why aren't you coming out, come out, don't you know what this means," etc. He had her nearly in tears – the average person does not know what a police person is gesturing unless they are waving a clear hand up to stop, or waving to go, or side to side. Both hands up to the sides would make me think to stop as well. I know he was not "one of our own" policemen, as my husband is one of our own officers and would not put up with an officer treating the public in such a way.

Secondly, my uncle ran into the same (large older man) Transit Officer this week while attempting to turn into the same office. He proceeded to yell as well, this time using the "f" word at him and his wife repeatedly – and really putting him down.

There is no need. This man chose a job of serving the public – not ridiculing and harassing the elderly population. Maybe the MBTA should observe this particular officer – he does not deserve our tax money paying his salary.

I might note another day a nice officer that is on our own force stopped traffic to let us out and I stopped to thank him. It seems people are either getting screamed at or the Transit Officer has his back to traffic and is not even doing his job.

I am not a writer, but hope that I have conveyed my opinion of this particular officer to you. He should not be in a public service position if he cannot do his job in a courteous way.

Joni Conte
Forest Avenue



COURTESY PHOTO

Silk Mist brought joy to one and all.

Silk Mist will be missed

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank everyone, especially the children that befriended my dear horse, Silk Mist.

She lived for 43 years, 30 of those were on South Main Street at Saltmarsh Farm.

I believe she brought great joy to one and all.

Tina Watson
118 S. Main St.

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Correcting a dangerous situation

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Greenbush-North Main Street Crossing – Work continues on the reconstruction of the North Main Street crossing. The accompanying photo shows the granite curbing being set at the entrance to Woodside Cemetery. To recap, the work being done will 1) extend the traffic island on the Hingham end of the crossing, 2) narrow the entrance to Woodside cemetery, and 3) add special bike "jug handle" paths so that bicycles will be able to cross the tracks at a less dangerous angle.

Items 1) and 2) in the above list are designed to absolutely prohibit left turns into the cemetery. If you remember, over a year ago, when the MBTA was in the process of having the State and Federal authorities approve this crossing, they witnessed a funeral cortege that came to a rest across the tracks. This obviously is a very dangerous situation. The only way the authorities would permit the MBTA to use this crossing was to reconstruct it in such a way that left turns into the cemetery are not only prohibited, but impossible to make.

The Town Parking Lot saga – This past week saw another milestone event. CBB finally completed all of the paving in the Town Parking Lot. This past Tuesday, the lot was closed for the day for striping. When striping is finished there will finally be a bit of organization in the lot. We have asked the DPW to erect one way signs at the Depot Court driveways so that the "in" and "out" driveways can be re-established.

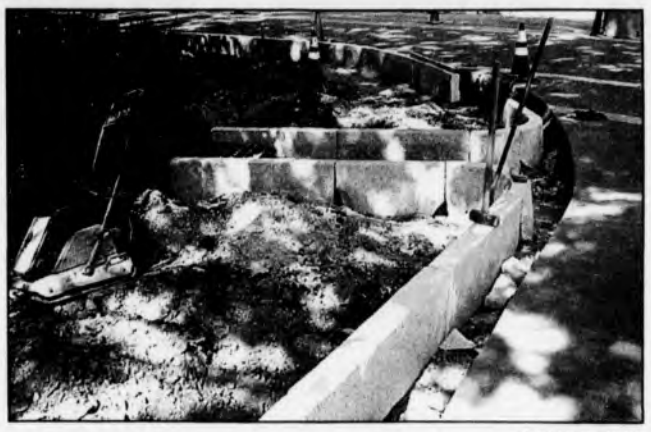
But, this past Tuesday was absolutely chaotic. On Monday, we notified all of the business in the Village that the lot would be closed on Tuesday for striping. We made alternate plans for Village merchant and employee parking. The striper was to start at 7 a.m. that morning. By 9 a.m., no striper. By 1 p.m., no striper. We were in nearly constant contact with the CBB superintendent, and he couldn't get any more information. Finally, the striper arrived at 3:45 p.m. They had been unavoidably delayed on another job. We huddled together with a CBB supervisor and directed them to at least stripe the parking row against the businesses on Parking Way. (Parking Way is the name of the road that runs through the Town Parking Lot.)

So what's the upshot? We will need to close the lot once again, much to the consternation of the Village businesses. However, the bright side is that this time there will be access to the businesses on Parking Way, especially the medical and service businesses, while the balance of the lot will be closed. We don't have an exact date for the additional work as we go to press. Once we have that information we will contact the businesses in the Village.

Street pollution remediation – The Conservation Commission project currently installing bio-retention facilities to clean up storm water are receiving their plantings this week. We are not sure that planting will be completed this week, but it will be close. If you have a chance, drive by and take a look. Two areas on Cushing Road are designed so that the storm water is dumped into a settling area so that the particles in the water (sand, etc.) can settle out. Then, the water is directed to an area full of plants that will absorb some of the "nasties." Ultimately, the water is released to the adjacent wetlands. In the event of a giant "gulley washer" the water flows directly to the wetlands from the settling area. But, keep in mind, before the "gully washer" there is usually a lighter rain. It is this early rain that really cleans most of the "nasties" from the street. By the time the "gully washer" happens, the street water will be appreciably cleaner. Thus, the rain garden will have done its job.

Other bio-retention locations are on Norfolk Road at Cushing, Pond at Spring Street and on South Main Street at St. Anthony's. Stop by these other sites and see if you can figure out how they work.

Little Harbor Project – Farmer's Market – The Little Harbor project continues down Main Street toward the Common installing new water lines. Since the contractor has a good chance of being near or at the Common this week, the Farmer's Market had to think about relocating. The Music Circus made a very generous offer to host the market for the balance of the year. This past Thursday will have been the first time at their new location. There will be ample parking, very adequate space for the vendors and electrical service for the sound system. We hope you continue to enjoy all of the benefits of the Farmer's market at the Music Circus for the balance of their year.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Woodside Cemetery gets a narrower entrance.



The Town Parking Lot earns part of its stripes!

Paving – One quick note on paving… We mentioned last week that we expected to be paving Church, Doane, Beechwood and South Main streets in the areas that have been cold planed. Due to equipment issues and the expected rain late this week this paving has been postponed until Monday, Sept. 29th. We expect the paving to take two or three days with the road striping to follow within a week or two.

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My friend Ruby

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Her name was Ruby Weil and, when I knew her, she wrote captions and assigned photographers for Wide World Photos, which shared office space with us in our shop on the fifth floor at 50 Rock.

She was a quiet, soft-spoken woman, not really shy but not really effusive, either. We were not close friends. Nor were we casual acquaintances. I'd put us somewhere around a four on a scale of ten.

Every now and then we'd have lunch together at the Redhead's, a restaurant in the bowels of Rockefeller Center that we writers would repair to when the press agents and their expense accounts weren't around.

Once, when I was confronted with a $400 hospital bill that fell through a gap in our health insurance plan, it was Ruby who came up with a loan to see me through. I paid it back, of course, mostly by downsizing the three-martini lunch to a two.

She was, as the phrase prominent at the time had it, "a nice lady."

But through it all, I got a sense that there was something hidden in Ruby's past that didn't fit her present mould. Her oldest friends at the office never spoke of it and I, being a gentleman, never asked.

Lately, like so many of us old folks who are referred to gently as senior citizens, I have become addicted to the Internet, particularly a little box in the upper right corner that says "Google."

I think I may have googled everyone I ever knew going back to the first grade at the Central School in Hubbardston. I found some of them, too, and one of them was Ruby Weil.

The first reference to Ruby identified her as a writer and a Socialist. The second cited her contribution of an article titled "Job Insurance — At Last," for the Jan. 15, 1938, issue of the publication People's Press.

The third reference, in book called "Verona Secrets," told me what I sought — my friend Ruby was revealed as the woman who introduced Sylvia Ageloff to Jacques Mornard.

Unless you're a history buff or an octogenarian, you're probably scratching your head over that one, but it was the first act in a play that ended all internal opposition to Joe Stalin as the dictator of Russia.

Sylvia Ageloff was a confidante of Leon Trotsky, Stalin's avowed enemy living in a closely guarded exile in Mexico City. Mornard was actually Ramon Mercador, a Spanish communist sent by Stalin to kill him.

Ageloff and Mercador became lovers and, as time went on, the assassin came to move freely in and out of Trotsky's hideout until, on Aug. 20, 1940, he buried a hand ax in the old Bolshevik's head.

Did Ruby know what she was doing when she introduced Ageloff to Mornard? Another googled reference, "The Secret World of American Communism," says she did. Me? I'd rather not believe it.

Ruby Weil was in her 50s when I knew her, and that was more than 40 years ago now, so I assume she has passed on to her reward.

I hope it was a good one.

Going positive

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

I know that in the past much of my column space has been devoted to complaining about this or that trivial thing, but I'm really a very positive person by nature, and to prove it I'm not going to complain about anything this week. The weather has been beautifully clear and dry, my kids are safely back in the custody of the State for six hours every weekday, and there's a good chance my mortgage company will go bankrupt, which I'm pretty sure would wipe the slate clean and allow me to afford a tummy tuck. Things are looking up, and there's no justification for the usual whining that passes for observational humor around here.

One thing I am wondering, though, and it's just a question, is why the roads in Cohasset are treated like the National Rototiller Testing Grounds. This is not meant as a complaint. I'm just curious whether there will ever come a day when my children or perhaps my children's children can bicycle from one end of this 7000-person village to the other without losing a filling. I know I should be glad I live in a town that can afford major infrastructure improvements, and I am. I'm very proud. Of all the towns I've seen with mile upon mile of exposed temporary water mains, Cohasset's are definitely the most colorful and easiest to tap for illicit lawn-irrigation purposes. I'm just asking when all these terrific improvements for which I'm truly thankful might stop helping so much, that's all. No biggie.

The only other issue bugging me slightly this week — and again I hate to use the word "bugging" — is bugs. Here's the thing: they know we don't like them, that's obvious, and yet they never do anything to try to win us over. Doesn't that strike you as elitist? When was the last time you had an encounter with a bug that you would describe as friendly? I've got a daughter so entophobic that a tiny ball of lint will send her tearing through the house screaming about a spider, and I want to reassure her, but seriously what can I say? "Most spiders are actually beneficial, because they eat the other bugs that can inject you with venom or destroy our house or step on dog poop and then fly over and get stuck in your oatmeal."

Do bugs really expect this argument to be effective with children? "Oh yeah, honey, the more bugs you have crawling all over your room, the better!" Gimme a break. You know what? They could just stop with the blood sucking. That would be good PR. But I feel like I'm starting to complain a little here so I'll switch to a less contentious topic: politics.

The main reason I decided not to be negative about anything this week is that the two presidential campaigns are ramping up their negative campaign ads, which always tick me off to no end. We've got Obama accusing McCain of changing his tune on government regulation of banks, so McCain has to accuse Obama of wanting to teach science to kindergarteners. Then Obama fires off an ad suggesting that because McCain's campaign staff consists of 18 lobbyists and one large brown moth, his pledge to rid Washington of the influence of lobbyists and moths is called into question, and of course McCain has to respond by saying Obama smells like a camel. It's just back and forth all week long, and these obvious attempts to manipulate voters' emotions don't even work. Why can't Obama explain some of the positive aspects of smelling like a camel, for instance, while McCain touts his war record? Those are things we'd all like to hear more about.

It feels good to write about the world's many upsides rather than being cynical and sarcastic all the time. The Patriots are doomed this season, which will spare us another crushing last-minute Super Bowl loss. Financial markets may be in a tailspin but that should hardly affect a farming and fishing community like Cohasset. And on January 20th, unless the Supreme Court intervenes again we will have a president who can accurately pronounce "nuclear" and many other common English words. The vice president may be a different story, but in that case at least she'll be a decent shot.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset, which has the highest number of orange cones per capita than any town in the U.S. besides Coneville, Alaska.

LIBRARY CORNER

Free screening of 'A Shot in the Dark'

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Genealogy Workshop – Genealogist Michael Brophy will present Beginning Genealogy and Family History – Part 2, at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 23. Topics to be covered are United States military history records, city directories, church records, town reports, tax records and more. Anyone interested in tracing their family roots are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Movie Matinee – Enjoy a free screening of the movie "A Shot in the Dark" starring Peter Sellers and Elke Sommer at 11 a.m., on Friday, Oct. 3, in the Meeting Room. Inspector Clouseau (Sellers) finds himself falling for the prime murder suspect – the beautiful maid (Sommer), whose talent for being in the wrong place at the wrong time rivals Clouseau's. Light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Independent Film Night

The library will show the independent film "Choking Man" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 16. Free admission and free refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Free Database Access – As Cohasset library cardholders, patrons can access a variety of free databases from the library's Web site. Whether information is needed for a school assignment, or recent articles from newspapers and magazines are wanted, the Research Databases can provide 24/7 access from one's home, office or at the library. Call the library for more details or visit the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org.

FOR CHILDREN

Letters About Literature 2009 – Letters about Literature is a national reading and writing program that asks students in grades four through 12 to write letters to authors whose books have made a difference in their lives. LAL is looking for personal and reflective writing about the importance of written work in the lives of young readers. Massachusetts winners, their families, friends, teachers and librarians are invited to an awards ceremony at the State House in the spring. The state program is sponsored by the Massachusetts Center for the Book & the Calderwood Writing Initiative at the Boston Athenaeum. The national program is sponsored by the Library of Congress and Target Stores. Visit the Web site at massbook.org for more information and guidelines, or pick up the guidelines in the Children's Room or Young Adult Room of the library.

Eyes On Owls – Saturday, Oct. 4, in the Meeting Room. Marcia Wilson, owl rehabilitator, will bring her owls and her knowledge to provide an experience for all. Due to popularity of this show there will be two performances: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Free tickets are available at the Circulation Desk. Don't miss this opportunity to see several kinds of owls up close. For more information about Wilson and her commitment to nature go to eyesonowls.com.

Story & Craft – Online registration has begun for Story & Craft, which will take place Thursdays Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23, at either 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m., in the Story Room. Story & Craft is for Cohasset residents ages 3 and older and is a four-week commitment. To register go to the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on calendar. Choose either the morning session or the afternoon session and fill out the registration form. Include child's name and age in the name field.

MamaSteph – Performances at 10:30 a.m., on Mondays, Oct. 6, 20 and 27, in the Meeting Room. Join others for children's music and more. Doors close promptly at 10:35 a.m. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library. All ages and communities are welcome.

Drop In Story Time – In the Story Room at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28. All ages and communities welcome.

Turbine talk on Our Town

"Our Town" co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with Chairman of the Alternative Energy Committee Andrew Willard and Private Energy site Developer Jim Sweeney to talk about the new windmill proposed on Route 3A at the site of the former Cohasset Heights Landfill.

The Cohasset High School chorus also provides a song from the recent spring art night.

Our Town airs on local Comcast Channel 10 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 9pm.

Stay tuned and stay informed.

Check out the Web

Check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

- Photographer Robin Chan's slideshow of the Beijing Olympics
- Video of construction of new cancer center at South Shore Hospital
- Pet of the Week Video: Funds needed to neuter feral cats
- Breaking news, updates, slideshows and full-color photo galleries throughout the week

Assistant DA speaks to town officials on Open Meeting Law

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speak to town committee members and town officials on the Open Meeting Law following a citizen complaint last spring. The complaint was over a planned "sub-committee" meeting of the Board of Selectmen (a meeting that never happened).

Fittingly so, sub-committees was among the first issues addressed by Tymoczko. He told the audience to "proceed with a lot of caution" with sub-committees because in most cases sub-committee meetings are subject to the same rules as full board meetings.

"Sub-committees can't be delegated in order to circumvent the Open Meeting Law," said Tymoczko.

Often times Tymoczko said committees misunderstand the meaning of quorum and believe if a quorum is not present they are not subject to the regulations of the Open Meeting Law.

Tymoczko said a simple exchange of views on a public matter by members of a board constitutes a meeting. The mere absence of a quorum does not mean that public business may be discussed free of the requirements of the Open Meeting Law.

Tymoczko also told the audience to be careful with e-mail and phone conversations, even if the original purpose is for scheduling.

"A discussion on scheduling can quickly go from the schedule to the subject to be discussed to throwing out opinions on those subjects," said Tymoczko.

While social engagements or chance meetings are not subject to the Open Meeting Law, Tymoczko encouraged town board members to stay away from any discussion of political or town business related issues. If town officials are discussing public business then the public should be given the opportunity to be involved.

"A meeting is convening and deliberating," said Tymoczko. That means even sub-committee meetings need to be posted.

"My experience is deliberation takes a long time and then there is a defining moment. We want to have those defining moments in an open meeting."

Tymoczko said the District Attorney's office carefully looks at these complaints to determine if the board members were looking to evade the Open Meeting Law.

"If town officials are trying to work around the Open Meeting Law, my only caution is you will violate it," said Tymoczko. "Try not to talk politics outside a public meeting."

Next up for discussion was executive session is probably where the most controversy occurs. Before delving into the very specific reasons boards can go into a closed-to-the-public meeting, Tymoczko advised just because a board can go into executive session doesn't mean they have to.

"Executive session is not something a municipal body ever has to go into," said Tymoczko with two exceptions being the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health of an employee or discipline of an employee (the individual in question can opt to have the discussion in open session).

Reasons for executive session must be enumerated and voted on in a roll call vote. The minutes from executive session cannot be kept secret indefinitely. Records of executive session may remain secret as long as publication of the minutes may defeat the purposes of the executive session, but no longer. In other words, as soon as the reason for executive session is over (an employee's contract is renewed, litigation resolved, etc.), the minutes should become available to the public.

When in doubt, Tymoczko advised to "always err on the side of being more public."

Tymoczko spent about 20 minutes fielding questions from the audience.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas asked if it was illegal to have public meetings on Sundays or holidays — and the answer was yes. He said even emergency meetings on Sunday should be given a second thought.

Planning Board administrator Jo-Ann Pilczak asked if e-mails sent by one member of a board to the other members of the board, not for comment or reply but just to keep them up to date on an issue or project, would be a violation.

Tymoczko cautioned against the practice, "I don't know many town officials who don't have an opinion to throw in there…the public is entitled to know the opinions and ideas of their elected officials."

Selectman Karen Quigley asked if three Selectmen happen to attend a Planning Board meeting for informational purposes, did that constitute a violation?

The answer was as long as the Selectmen were watching the meeting and not discussing issues in the audience or solicited for an opinion, they were in the clear.

"You can quickly bleed into the area of a dual meeting" between two boards, said Tymoczko.

The Norfolk County District Attorney William Keating's Office enforces all aspects of the Open Meeting Law.

To view a full handbook on the Open Meeting Law, visit http://www.mass.gov/da/norfolk/ and click on publications, then "open meeting handbook."

Key points of the Open Meeting Law

- A simple exchange of views on a public matter by member of a board constitutes a meeting.
- Sub-committees appointed by a governmental body are subject to the Open Meeting Law.
- Administrative matters such as scheduling the date, time, and place of a meeting, or soliciting agenda items do not need to be conducted at an open meeting.
- Discussions at meetings must be audible to everyone in attendance.
- Discussions at meetings must be intelligible to all presents. If discussions can be understood only by reference to written materials, the written materials must be made available to the public.
- The Open Meeting Law provides no general right for a member of the public to address a governmental body.
- A board that uses its formal meetings merely to ratify decisions made in private is in violation of the Open Meeting Law.
- Except in an emergency, a notice 48 hours in advance of every meeting of any governmental body shall be filed with the Town Clerk. Notice includes Saturdays, but not Sundays and legal holidays. The meeting must be posted on the official bulletin board in Town Hall.
- Minutes are public records and the person having custody of the minutes must permit them to be inspected and examined by any person, under the supervision of the custodian.

Adapted from the Norfolk County District Attorney Office "Understanding the Open Meeting Law" handbook.

HEALTH NOTES

Health Fair – a review and what's next…

Last week, the Health Fair, sponsored by the Board of Health was our best to date. Over a hundred visitors came to the Second Congregational Church, Bates Hall, and received advice, assistance and not a little booty. Over 40 bicycle helmets were fitted and given away free, as were pillboxes and other health aids. Snacks were available as well as diagnostic screenings by dedicated health, fitness, personal care professionals and advisers who provided free of charge advice, assistance and counseling for the citizens of Cohasset.

The Board of Health is now contemplating a number of new initiatives.

With support by donations from Pilgrim Bank, Cohasset Rotary Club, Goodwin Graphics and others, clinicians provided a long listing of services including measurements of Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, Osteoporosis, Medication Screening, PSA Testing for those with prostate worries; Oral Cancer Screening, Vision - Cataract and Glaucoma Screening. The Melanoma Education Foundation provided skin analysis to detect melanoma, a growing problem in our sun bathing and tanning population.

Of special interest was the Brain Fitness Demonstration in which people could try out the new brain fitness program games, complements of the Paul Pratt Library and the Board of Health. Soon the Paul Pratt Library will have computers available with the latest easy to use brain fitness exercise software that can be used to improve memory, visual comprehension and hearing.

Numerous Emergency Preparedness kits were given away free. Others are available at the Board of health with full instructions on how to prepare your family for an emergency.

What's next? Well, the BoH is now contemplating a number of new initiatives. Of course, the "Whole Health and Fitness" concept will be broadened. We are working with the Recreation Department in their new expanded program. The Rec Department has begun publishing a Town mailing, listing its activities. This document is mailed out to every household in Town three times a year; January, April and September. It lists the recreation activities available in Cohasset, such as dog training classes, babysitting classes, yoga and Summer Playground activities, a new Summer Xtreme program for teens, a Summer Band Program, Summer Drama Workshop, Youth Tennis Lessons, a Summer Band Concert Series, Fitness programs, Kitchen Kids Workshops, Technology Class, Intro to Fencing Clinic, Rock Climbing in Quincy, etc. All of these programs can also be looked into at their new website

The Recreation Commission meets once a month. All meetings are open to the public and are held in the Recreation Commission office on the first floor of Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

The purpose of the Board's new outlook is the burgeoning recognition by doctors and medical researchers that a diversity of activities is as important to general health as diet, physical and mental training and of course, disease control, i.e. a healthy environment.

Perhaps the Nation's turmoil is a time to examine our present overcharged lives and select a different lifestyle; one in which we set ourselves more modest goals and less pretentious ambitions. We're surely in for a slowdown of our breakneck pace; maybe we should examine how fast we should be traveling to get into a very uncertain future.

For more information on any of the aforementioned topics, call Mary Goodwin, RN, 781-383-2210; Tara Tradd 383-4116; or Ted Carroll, Recreation Director, 781 383-4109.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Green buildings open in Cohasset

Have you been wondering what you can do to save money on your utility bills?

Some buildings in Cohasset have implemented heat and electricity cost saving methods and are willing to share their knowledge. On Saturday, October 4 (most open from 10a.m. to 4p.m.) four buildings in Cohasset for visitors as part of the annual Northeast Sustainable Energy Association open house tour.

The Cohasset locations are among 30 South Shore homes, schools and businesses that are a part of the open house tour. Visit www.nesea.org and type in your zip code or the kind of improvement you would like to learn about to find the sites.

In Cohasset, visitors can compare the new Sun Pipes at the Deer Hill School (10 a.m. to noon) with the new Velux Sun Tunnels at the Center for Student Coastal Research, 40 Parker Ave. Student will be on hand at the CSCR and Alternative Energy Committee member Sally Ayers will be at Deer Hill to answer visitors questions.

Those interested in solar hot water systems can speak to Mike Bliss at 76 Summer Street and Henry Rattenbury at 7 Briarwood Lane off Bancroft Way, which is off Pond Street. The systems have been saving owners money for a number of years.

Beyond Cohasset, you can discover both new and old buildings that are energy efficient. For example, there is geothermal heating systems at the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Headquarters in the converted Scituate Coast Guard building and at a new house under construction in Middleborough. You can find out how to build your own low-cost solar air heater at a century-old house in North Weymouth. While in Hull, you can compare three different brands of new solar hot air panels that are being installed as a demonstration at the Weir River Estuary Center.

At the New England Wildlife Center in Weymouth you can see how much electricity comes from its photovoltaic shingles. At the Charlie Horse Restaurant in Kingston, you will find a new 54-panel photovoltaic array valued at $78,000 that cost $11,000 after a Massachusetts Technology Collaborative rebate, federal tax credits and deductions, and sales tax credits. The array will pay for itself in three and a half years. In Braintree, you can speak with the owner of a combined heat and electricity-producing furnace.



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Will Hoffman, left, and Liam Lynch following the Kids' Tri on Cohasset Day.

Kid's Tri, Car Concours a success!

There were more than 110 children who participated in the first Kid's Tri.

The top finishers follow:

9 and older

First place/overall: Justin Fein (4:51).

Second place/overall: Max Whetstone (4:53).

Third place/overall: Liam Lynch (4:56).

First place/girl: Ellen Jackish.

Second place/girl: Melissa Alves.

Third place/girl: Maggie Littlejohn.

8 and younger:

First place/overall: Will Thomas (4:50).

Second place/overall: Jackson Roberts (4:57).

Third place/overall: Will Bowen (5:01).

First place/girl: Kate Quigley (fourth overall).

Second place/girl: Anna Thomas.

Third Place/girl: Morgan Langenhagen.

Winners at Classic Car Concours event at Cohasset Day announced

The following people were the winners of the CCCC event at Cohasset Day. There were 24 vehicles that competed.

Best of Show: Dick Avery, 1964 Porsche C 356.

First place: Paul Wuori, 1992 Ferrari 348 TS.

Second place: Brian Wilkin, 1928 Ford A Speedster.

Third Place: Rob Willms, 1990 Porsche C-4 Racing.

Fourth Place: Peter Bourassa, 1978 Ferrari 308 GTS.

People's Choice Award (adults): Mike Russell, 1939 Deluxe Ford Convertible.

Kid's Choice Award: Tim Horigan, 1953 Jaguar C-Type.

First annual Cohasset Day gets warm welcome

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said he has received dozens of e-mails, phone calls and face-to-face comments in response to the event.

"Everybody seemed energized and happy," said Brown. The broad age range from the barely walking one-year-old playing a game on the common to the town's elders catching up with the neighbors. Most importantly, Brown said, the event got people to discover Cohasset Village.

"It was a concentrated group of people looking at and experiencing the village. They were discovering things they may not have seen before," said Brown. He hopes the experience of Cohasset Day will get people to come down to the village to enjoy its geography and its merchants on a regular basis.

"I haven't found something that was really negative about the day," said Brown.

Darilynn Evans, owner of Darilynn's Home Presence and a member of the Economic Development Committee, said event offered a chance for businesses to get their name out there.

"Many people got to know the businesses and got to know each other," said Evans. Restaurants on Route 3A got to meet the owners of village establishments and vice versa. Those new to town or unfamiliar with a shop or restaurant got a taste of the business, she said.

Pinel and Brown estimate as many as 3,000 people made their way to the village and common to enjoy the Cohasset Day events. Restaurants participating in the "Fine Food Galore" doled out between 1,000 to 2,000 samples of their creation. About 700 tickets were sold for the food portion of the event, said Pinel, but the majority were family tickets for multiple people.

"Unfortunately, a lot of people helped themselves to food without tickets," said Pinel. Next year, organizers will be looking into a more visible way to identify ticket holders. Pinel offered brightly colored wristbands might work better than the hand stamp used this year.

Already organizers are looking at the ways they could enhance the day. Pinel said there were some lulls in the action, both in time and in the event layout.

"I think we can do even better," said Pinel. "Now, it is about tweaking and imagining an even better day."

Brown agrees. "The formula we came up with is great, now we just need to refine it. The key will be to never let it get commercialized because it pulls away from the real old-fashioned fun of the day."

The Economic Development Committee will be meeting next Wednesday, Oct. 1 to debrief after the event. Suggestions or comments are welcome. Visit www.cohassetchamber.org, or e-mail info@cohassetchamber.org

BRIEFLY

Cohasset receives cultural grant

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, announce the town of Cohasset has been awarded a $4,300 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Cohasset Cultural Council will use the money to help support local cultural and educational programs.

"It is important to support the programs that make our communities a better place to live," said Hedlund.

Bradley said, "I am always pleased to support funding for the Massachusetts Cultural Council annual grant program. Their continuous strong support for enrichment and education programs benefits our towns, schools and all residents who enjoy local arts and entertainment."

In all, the Massachusetts Cultural Council awarded $93,200 in grants to cultural councils, cultural organizations and schools within Hedlund's district, up from $85,400 last year.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council supports cultural organizations, schools and artists across the state. More information on the council can be found on the Web site at massculturalcouncil.org.

Cohasset receives community policing grant

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, announce that the Town of Cohasset has received a $11,299 community policing grant from the state Executive Office of Public Safety.

The grant money can be used for an assortment of community policing activities and services, such as extra patrols, training or youth programs.

"Given the tough economic times our communities are facing, any extra money from the state is helpful to make sure our neighborhoods are kept safe," Hedlund said.

"The overall health of a community depends upon the safety and security of our citizens," said Bradley. "This funding provides our police departments with the tools to assist them in keeping our communities safe."

Lunch dates for veterans announced

All veterans are welcome to lunch at noon, on the third Wednesday of each month. Upcoming dates include Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. The purpose of the luncheons is to foster camaraderie and assist those in need.

Luncheons will take place at Hearth 'n Kettle, 151 Main St., Weymouth. Menu will include a choice of chicken, fish or steak tips with coffee or soft drink with refills. Cost is $16 and includes gratuity. For more information, call coordinators Paul Salvas at 781-337-0533 J McElroy 781-383-0505.

Fall Special Town Meeting Nov. 17

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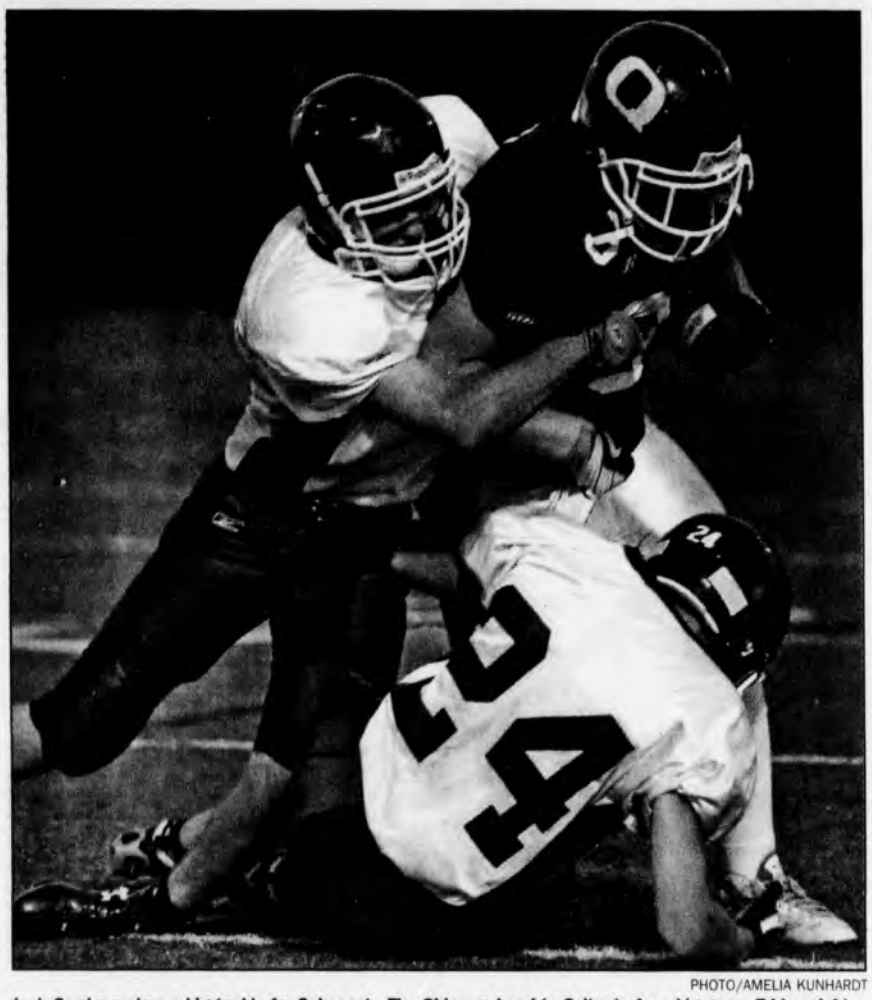
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Jack Carrier makes a big tackle for Cohasset. The Skippers head to Scituate for a big game Friday night.

Friday night showdown

Battle of the unbeaten at Scituate

By Joel Racicot
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Here comes the biggest game of the high school football season, so far. Cohasset versus Scituate Friday night-lights; SHS 7 p.m.

The Skippers defeated Archie's Saturday, 29-8. They led 2-0 at the half. What did head coach Pete Afanasiw say to his charges in the locker room?

"Nothing," the coach said with a slight chuckle. "We were just making too many mistakes. The offense was shooting itself in the foot."

Things got better. Brendan Doonan finished with 3 catches for 90 yards. Dana Valentine added 75 yards rushing, including a 7-yard touchdown scamper. And Jeff Cavanaro continued his young and successful campaign at quarterback, going 7-for-17 with 123 yards passing and two rushing touchdowns (26, 1).

Cohasset is now 3-0, and for a second consecutive season is hot out of the gate.

The Scituate High football team has already equaled last year's win total of two games. The Sailors, 2-0, defeated Medfield, a perennial playoff team out of the Tri-Valley League, 14-6 at home Friday. Wins against North Quincy and Medfield are nice, but everyone involved with the program from players to trainers know that Friday's home game against Cohasset is the real deal.

"This is a very intense rivalry in all sports."
—Pete Afanasiw

Talent wise the Red Raiders and the Warriors are very good. Scituate versus Cohasset in anything, especially football, just brings a higher level of excitement. Considering both programs share one united youth program, the rivalry and general feeling for each side is pretty solid.

The Sailors have plenty to play for after the Skippers dismantled them last season at home. Still, Sailors coach Herb Devine doesn't think his guys are out for the big "R" word.

"It's not revenge, these kids just have a renewed spirit for the game of football," Devine said at practice Tuesday afternoon. "We are going to go out there [and play our game] no matter who we are playing."

That said, he admitted that anticipation and excitement for the upcoming game is going to build as the week rolls on.

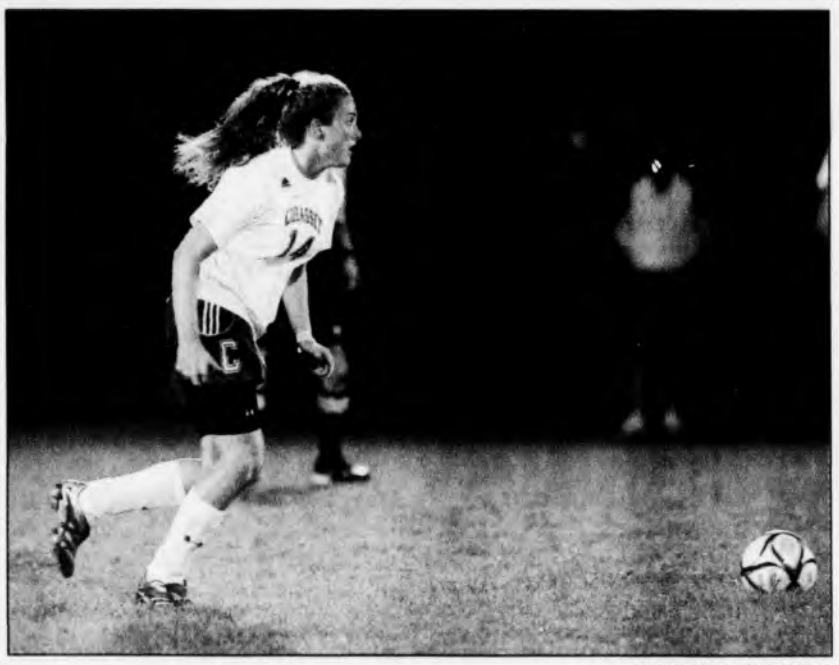
"I coached against Cohasset when I was at Abington and they are always a tough opponent," Devine said. "Whatever they do, they do it excellent…they have some real talented receivers and running backs, and their quarterback is real accurate so we are just going to try and contain them. Hopefully we don't make mistakes and give up the big play because they are a very talented squad."

Cohasset has the unenviable task of slowing down the Scituate running game, led by senior Kyle Crowley. The two-way starter ran for 258 yards on 23 carries, including an 84-yard touchdown scamper and another 50-yard run that set up the winning touchdown against Medfield.

The Sailors usually balance the attack but the shifty back ate his spinach and went Popeye on the Warriors.

Afanasiw can tell this is no ordinary week at practice for his guys.

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STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Meredith Kelly drives up field for the Skippers.

Not just about wins

Coach Beal looks for more from 5-1 CHS lady booters

By Mike Spellman
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Winning and losing are often relative

Case in point, most girls' soccer coaches would be thrilled with a 5-0 win over a league rival. But Deb Beal is not like most coaches these days. The veteran Cohasset High coach knows she's got a team capable of some truly special things. What she's seen of late from her charges, however, has not been special.

Even Tuesday's 5-0 victory over a struggling Carver squad did little to assuage the frustration that's been building up.

"Honestly, I feel like I've got to go back to the drawing board with a lot of things," said the 11th year head coach. "We're not playing well. That's the bottom line. It's not attitudinal, and it's not like the girls aren't working hard. It's frustrating because I can't really put my finger on it."

Specifically, Beal is troubled by the way the passing game that worked so well for the Lady Skippers during last fall's run to the sectional finals has inexplicably ceased to click. That was most definitely the case in last Wednesday's 2-1 loss to SSL rival East Bridgewater, and the situation wasn't much improved (according to Beal) against a weaker team Tuesday… and this after several practices devoted to focusing on this element of the game.

"We're possessing the ball well, we're shielding it well, but then we go to pass the ball the key connections just aren't being made," said Beal. "That generally means you're not moving the way you need to."

With Tuesday's victory, the Lady Skippers improved to 5-1 on the season, more than halfway to state tourney qualification with better than two-thirds of the season remaining.

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Hard goals to come by

Boys soccer team winless after Carver loss

By Joel Racicot
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The Cohasset High boys soccer team can't catch a break.

After a recent loss to Norwell in the final minutes of play, Carver got in on the fun skirting in a goal in the last two minutes to win 1-0, Tuesday. This of course has not been fun for the Skippers.

Recent scores for the Skippers, 2-1, 1-0, 1-1, 1-0. The defense has been great. The offense hasn't been. One goal losses are starting to weigh on Cohasset, 0-5-1 (0-4-1 in the South Shore League).

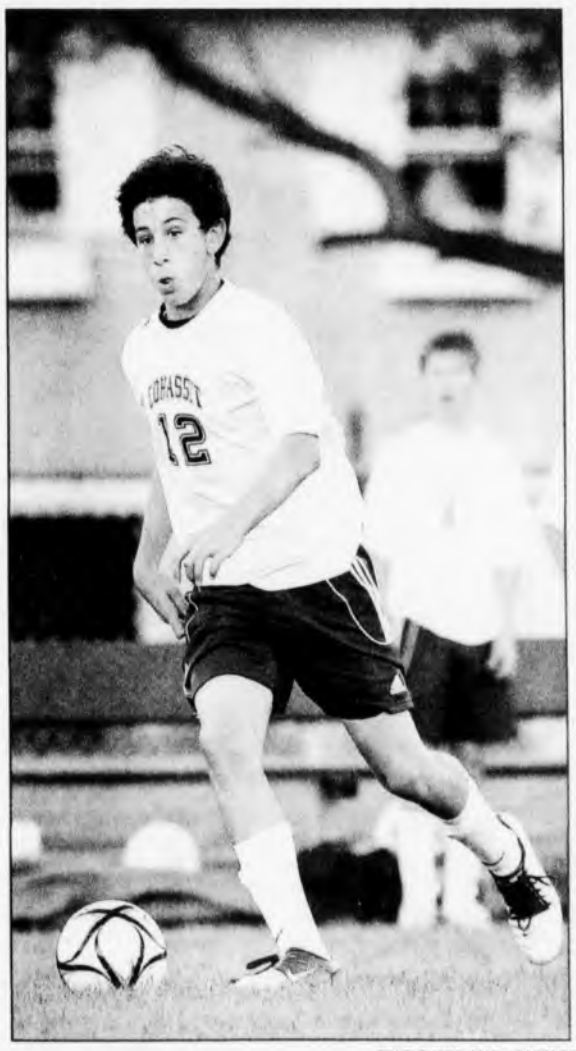
"The defense has been great but we only have two goals in the last five games."
Cohasset head coach
Jim Willis

"We have to find a way to score," said Cohasset head coach Jim Willis. "The defense has been great but we only have two goals in the last five games."

Willis acknowledged that no defense could be asked to play 100 percent all of the time. But if Cohasset wants to win games having a defense playing out of its mind soccer might have to take place. Lennart Brown, Owen Landon, Conor Ofsthun and goalie Will Wise have been the backbone of that defense. In fact, even the offensive guys have been playing strong defense up the middle.

"Our offensive guys are playing well in the defensive end and at the middle but they aren't attacking," explained Willis.

Cohasset tries to get in the win column Thursday night against Hull at home. Game time is 5:30 p.m. There next game after that is scheduled for Monday at King Philip for a 4 p.m. start.



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Drew Cobin looks for an opening.

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12-year old all stars reach district final

After an exciting Williamsport Tourney run, the Cohasset 12-year old all-stars played through a summer district baseball schedule, and entered the district playoffs as one of the top offensive teams. After advancing against a classy and tough Sharon team, the playoffs heated up with a rematch against the boys from Rockland, undefeated in district play, and eager for revenge against the Cohasset squad that had stunned them with a 12-2 defeat in the Williamsport tourney.

The rematch suggested an instant classic, and it did not disappoint. Under threatening gray skies in Rockland, the teams took the field, with Cohasset winning, 5-4.

The final pitted Cohasset against a tough, and top seeded, Braintree National squad. Braintree sent early notice that it meant business, as it sent seven men to the plate in the first, and scored two to take an early 2-0 lead. Cohasset escaped further damage in the second, keyed by a great play by Joe Buckley in right, who made a terrific catch and gunned out a Braintree runner for a double play.

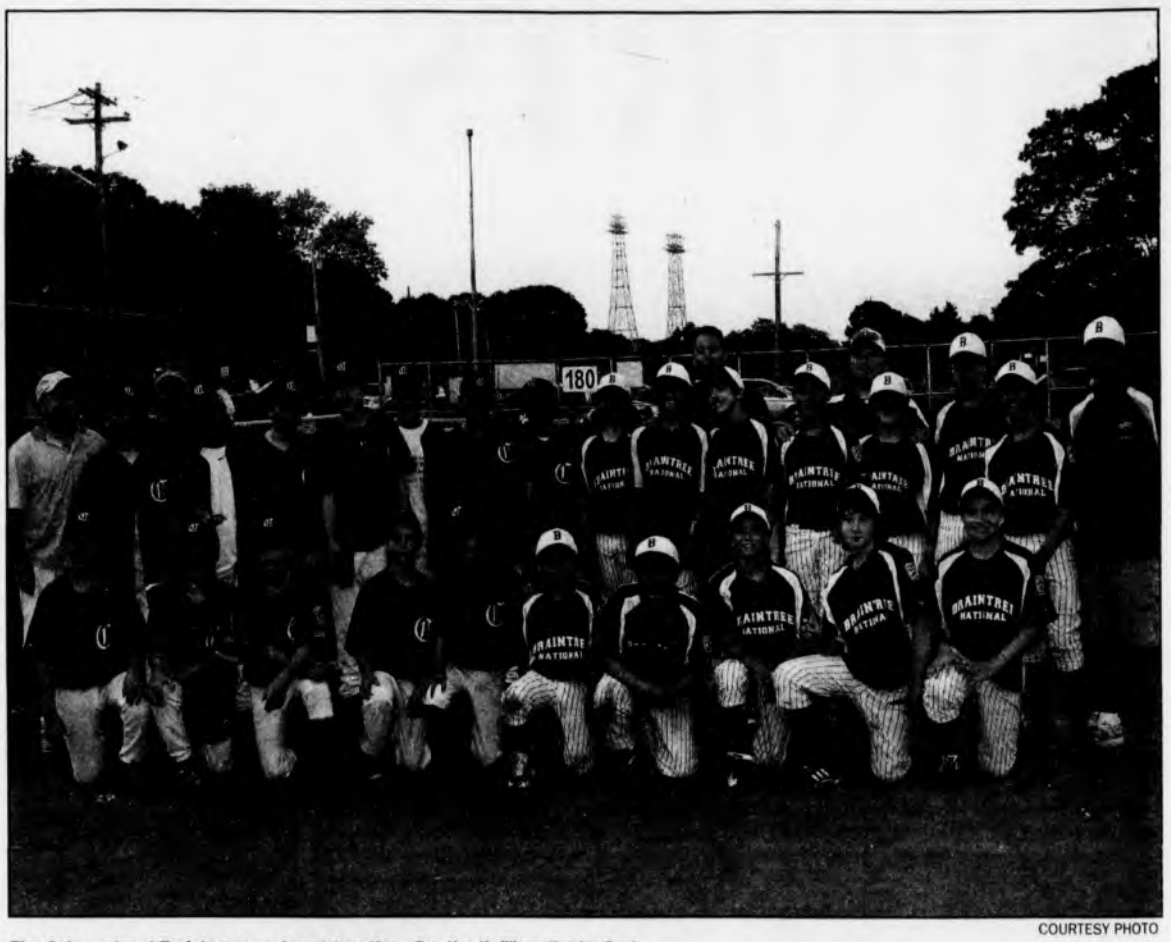
In the third, Cohasset got busy. Ryan McKeon led off with a great at bat, fouling off several tough pitches before working a walk. Catcher Chris Cohen followed with a hard line drive single. Braintree got the next two Cohasset batters, but second baseman Brendan O'Connell followed a blast over the right field fence for a three run home run – Cohasset now led 3-2.

The lead, however, was short-lived, as Braintree battled back in their half of the third, exploding for five runs and a seemingly safe 7-3 lead as the game moved in to its later frames.

Still, the Boys in Blue authored a terrific summer, closed their Little League careers out in style, and represented the town with class and distinction.

The Boys in Blue, however, added to a summer full of comebacks and memories – in the bottom of the fourth, Tommy Ryan walked with one out, and Jack Kuppens hit another dinger that shaved the Braintree lead to 7-5. Cohasset retired the Braintree side in order in the bottom of the fourth behind the stellar defense of Terence Doonan at short, Max Montgomery at catcher, a great catch by Tommy Powers in left, and the sure hands of Mickey Barry at first. Cohasset went to the fifth trailing by two.

Braintree retired the first two. Shortstop and lead off hitter Terence Doonan then strode to the plate, and delivered big time, smacking a line drive home run over the centerfield fence to narrow the Braintree lead to one. With the Cohasset faithful now on their feet, Brendan O'Connell followed with his second home run of the game – back to back two out dingers, and Cohasset had tied it at 7-7.



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The Cohasset and Braintree squads get together after the thrilling district final.

But Braintree was the better squad in the end – with two outs in the bottom of the fifth, Braintree's clean up hitter responded in the clutch with his own home run, pushing Braintree back on top. Cohasset rallied again in the sixth, as Barry and Powers delivered clutch singles, but the Boys in Blue came up just short of tying the game again, as Braintree held on for the win, ending Cohasset's dream of a district title.

Still, the Boys in Blue authored a terrific summer, closed their Little League careers out in style, and represented the town with class and distinction. Congrats to them all: Sam Asnault, Mickey Barry, Joe Buckley, Liam Burke, Chris Cohen, Terence Doonan, Jack Kuppens, Ryan McKeon, Max Montgomery, Brendan O'Connell, Tommy Powers, Tommy Ryan.

CYBSA major league tryouts

The tryouts for the 2009 CYBSA major league baseball season will be held Monday, September 29 at Barnes Field from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All boys and girls who are ages 10 prior to May 1, 2009 and no older than age 12 on April 30, 2009 and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to tryout.

All 12 year olds (born between May 1, 1996 and April 30, 1997) who attend the tryouts are automatically selected for a Major League team provided that these players attend the tryout.

Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 3:30 p.m. This will be the only opportunity to tryout. The rain date will be Monday, October 6. Please visit our website CYBSA.net for more information. Questions regarding the tryouts may be directed to Mark Federle at (781)383-3545 or Nancy Froio at (781)383-1897.

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Challenging week for CHS Field Hockey

By Susan Franklin
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Regardless of the final 7-0 score, the quality play and overall skill level of the game was memorable.

With a 2-1 record, Cohasset faced Notre Dame and Harwich on the road before returning to host Nantucket. Against Notre Dame, the Skippers got off to a slow start and the only two goals in the game came in the first half off Notre Dame sticks. In the second half, the Skipper defense was oppressive which sparked the offense led by Hillary Gaumer, Hannah Burgess and Elise Quebec. Kate O'Callaghan, Chelsea Sylvia and Emily Toomey stepped up to fill holes in the field and spark offensive play. However, the Skippers would not overcome the two goal deficit and Notre Dame went away victorious.

Thursday, the Cohasset squad traveled to Harwich who had beaten Cohasset less than a year earlier in the 2007 MIAA South Division 2 quarterfinals, before losing to Canton in finals. The bus ride was long, but high energy, and the Skippers arrived ready and excited to play. The team worked hard from the starting whistle and according to coach Abbey Coakley "played one of the best high school level games I and the Harwich coaches have ever seen."

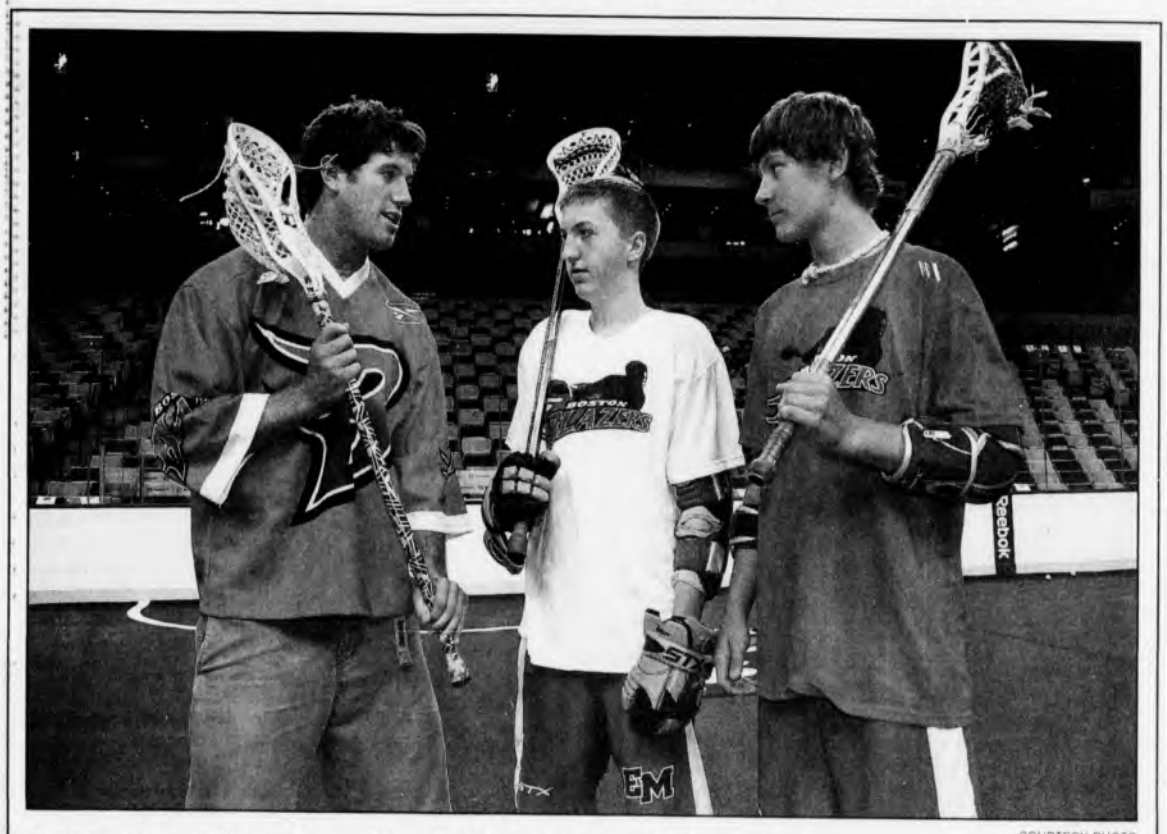
Regardless of the final 7-0 score, the quality play and overall skill level of the game was memorable. The lopsided score may be attributed to an abundance of adrenaline that caused the Skipper squad to loose sight of key mark ups in their circle. However, the players, like the athletes they are, held their heads high and played through to the final minute. The undefeated Harwich head coach complimented the Cohasset team on their challenging level of play.

On a glorious fall Saturday, Cohasset hosted Nantucket. Pumped up from the Harwich game the Skippers came out strong, but missed marks in the circle resulted in Nantucket corners that translated to three goals early in the first half. With support on the sidelines from former Head Coach Deb Bostwick, the Skippers settled back into their game.

Keeping their heads down and their eyes up the Skippers worked on playing the game of field hockey instead of worrying about the score. Together the forwards, midfielders, and defense worked together to move the ball down the field.

Defenders Jean Thome, Marissa Tangherlini and Lucy Noble held Cohasset's ground, clearing the ball to mid-fielders like Lesen Haracz, Izzy Franklin and Natalie Dignam who all had big plays. The forward line of Hillary Gaumer, Erika Reardon, Jenny Cahill and Chelsea Sylvia made solid passes on breakaways that lead to shooting opportunities.

Working together as a team, Cohasset was awarded seven penalty corners that set up eight shootings opportunities, one being a drive into the net by senior captain Jenny Cahill. But one goal would not be enough and Cohasset left the field on the short end of the 2-1- score.



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The Boston Blazers, the National Lacrosse League's (NLL) newest franchise, hosted "Blazers Day" to celebrate the team's inaugural season. The indoor - outdoor fan festival, held September 6th, gave lacrosse fans a chance to meet some of the NLL's best young prospects. Before taking the field for a youth exhibition game, Charlie Neaves and Danny Czerkawski of Cohasset, met Boston Blazers player Mitch Belisle who showed them a thing or two about the game.

Friday night showdown

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Excitement and anticipation is up.

"They know what's going on," he said about his team "This is a very intense rivalry in all sports, its [neighboring] town bragging rights. Other than Hull this is the most heated rivalry for us and the guys can't take it lightly. [Scituate] has a new coaching staff, they are 2-0 and are ready to do battle."

Scituate doesn't pass like it did last year. And this year they are much bigger than Cohasset. They play a more grind down the clock offense under Devine compared to the five wide under former coach Steve Castle.

"The big thing is, we have to put them in a situation where they throw the ball," Afanasiw said. "We can't let them get into rhythm or they will crank out first down after first down."

As far as negating the Sailors size advantage, Afanasiw hopes his lighter, faster line can get use its speed.

"We have to take the fight to them."

Sports Notes

Fall Lacrosse

Fall Lacrosse Programs for youth girls and boys are currently accepting registrations. Programs run on Sundays for all age groups throughout the fall with the first sessions starting Sunday 9/21. For more information and to register, please visit our Web site at www.cohasset-lacrosse.com

Hot Shots girls' soccer registration Sept. 27

Hot Shots Soccer is a non-competitive, fun, supportive approach to developing soccer skills and self-esteem for preschool through 5th grade girls (ages 2-11). The program uses puppets, parachutes, pillow fights and other imaginative, kid-friendly activities to develop soccer skills while having fun at the same time.

Hot Shots is open to girls from Marshfield and surrounding towns.

The first registration session for the 2009 season is Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ventress Library in Marshfield Center. Registration forms and more information are also available on the web (www.hotshotssoccer.org).

The season begins Sun., Jan. 18 and runs for ten Sundays through March 29 with one Sunday (March 22) off. The sessions are held at the Furnace Brook Middle School gym. The fee is $65 and includes a Hot Shots T-shirt and medal. The times: preschool and K girls (9, 10, 11 and noon); grades 1-2 (1 p.m.).

Questions? Call John Wilpers (617-688-0137-cell), write HotShotsSoccer@aol.com or go to www.hotshotssoccer.org.

AAU girls basketball tryouts

AAU Girls Basketball tryouts will occur September 28. Eligible players must be born on or after July 1, 1996. Tournaments at Mass Premier: Oct. 4-5, Oct. 11-12, Oct. 25-26, and Nov. 8-9.

Contact: Jack Wholey e-mail ywholey@aol.com or cell: (781) 363-6923.

South Shore Crusaders

South Shore Crusaders 13U AAU Baseball tryouts for next spring will occur soon. For more information please call or e-mail John Kopacz (781) 659-2425 (johnkopacz@mertech.org) or Tim Foley (781) 659-1864 (foley6@verizon.net).

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Not just about wins

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Skippers have played of late, they will most certainly be viewed as the favorites heading into their next four matches against SSL rivals Hull (yesterday on the road), Mashpee (Wednesday at home, 4 p.m. start) Abington (next Friday at home, 3:30 p.m.) and Harwich (on the road, 4 p.m. start).

The former two opponents have struggled out of the gate, and the Lady Skippers already handled the latter two in relatively easy fashion.

"But you never know," insisted Beal. "Any given day in high school sports, there are big upsets. We can't look past anyone.

"The thing we need to focus on in these next few games is getting back to the soccer we're capable of playing. The last thing we need is for complacency to set in, especially with those big games we've got a couple of weeks down the road, and then the tourney will be here before you know it."

"The win was more than a win; it was a huge step in the progress of this program and it would not be possible without all the hard work and coaching the youth in the Town of Cohasset receives through the Cohasset Soccer Club."

Head coach Deb Beal

The "big games" Beal is referring to are the rematches with archrival Norwell on Oct. 10 and East Bridgewater on Oct. 15.

It is not an exaggeration to say that Beal enjoyed one of the highlights of her coaching career when her Skippers topped Norwell by a 1-0 score last Monday. Not only did this win avenge last fall's sectional finals loss of 1-0 to the Lady Clippers, but it was the first time in Beal's tenure she had coached to a win over Norwell.

"Certainly beating Norwell was a great feeling and one that will I will remember for a while," said Beal. "The win was more than a win; it was a huge step in the progress of this program and it would not be possible without all the hard work and coaching the youth in the Town of Cohasset receives through the Cohasset Soccer Club. I am extremely fortunate that I have a very hard working and talented group of girls under my charge. I am more proud of their determination and effort than I am about the win. When you see a group of young athletes accomplish something that you know they have worked hard for it is so rewarding as a coach and educator."

Now it will be the Norwell girls who will be seeking revenge in the second go-round, along with gaining a foothold in the SSL title chase. At the time of this writing, East Bridgewater, Norwell and Cohasset were in a three-way tie for first, each with one loss—Cohasset to E.B, E.B to Norwell, Norwell to Cohasset.

"We can't wait until next week or even tomorrow to start making progress," said Beal. "This isn't the time for us to suffer a little meltdown. If I don't find a way to light a fire soon, we could be in trouble."

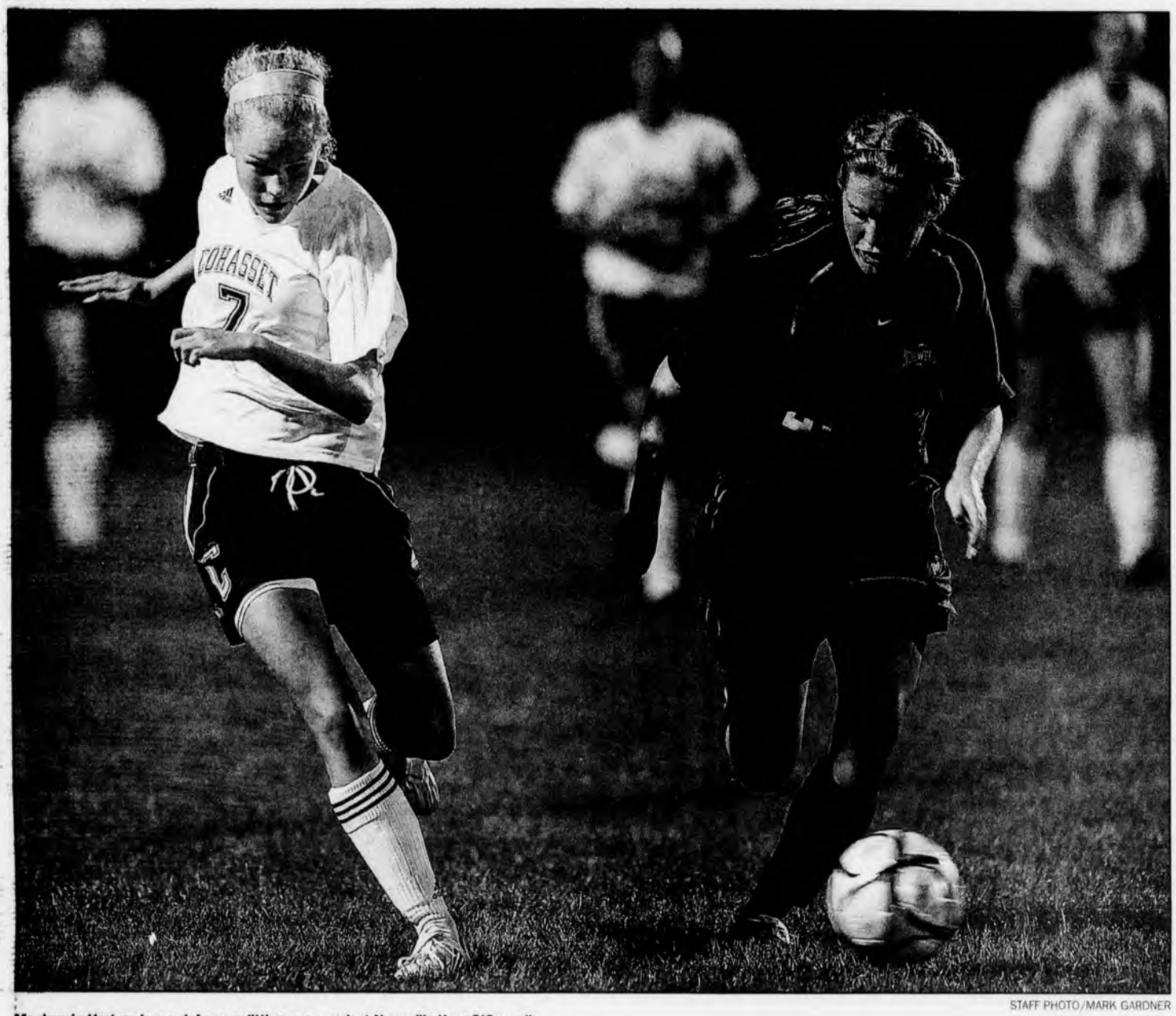
Two players Beal did make a point of singling out for praise for their play over the last week were juniors Megan Richardson and Samantha Crough.

Skippers 5, Carver 0

Senior Corey Hart continued her torrid streak, scoring the only goal the Lady Skippers would need a few minutes in. This was the gifted striker's third goal in succession for the Skippers, her having scored the lone goals in both the Norwell and E.B. games, and sixth overall through six games.

Sophomore Caroline Fein and junior Alex Foley followed with goals to send it into the break a 3-0 game. For Foley, this was her first varsity goal.

Sophomore Carli Haggerty likewise notched her first varsity tally a few minutes into the second half and senior Maggie McGoldrick closed out the scoring a short time later.



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Mackenzie Hart makes a defense-splitting pass against Norwell's Kara O'Connell.

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Scituate-Cohasset midget Sharks start 3-0

Win first three games all within eight days

In their season opener, Sunday Sept. 14 on the turf at Scituate High School, the Sharks (8th grade) won convincingly against an inexperienced team from Silver Lake, 22-6. The Sharks got off to an early start as Joe Daileader took a handoff on the first offensive play and scurried 38 yards for a touchdown.

Shane Haggerty converted the 2-point conversion for a quick 8-0 lead. Later in the first quarter Matt McCrae found himself on the receiving end of a Haggerty pass for a 14-0 lead, as well as the 2-point conversion attempt, making the score16-0 Scituate.

Haggerty added to the scoring for the Sci-Coh Sharks on a heads up scramble around the right end off of a broken play. Haggerty was stuffed on his sneak attempt and the Sharks had a 22-0 halftime lead. With the game now in hand Silver Lake managed to find the end zone in the fourth quarter.

Game two of the young season was Wednesday night in Norwell. Once again the Sharks jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. Shea McCarthy getting the Sharks on the scoreboard first with a 29 yard-scamper-down the left sideline. Haggerty again converted the 2-point conversion and the Sharks led 8-0. After a tough defensive stand forced a Norwell punt, Haggerty caught the punt in stride and went 56 yards to pay dirt for a 14-0 lead.

The conversion pass failed and the teams headed to midfield for the ensuing kickoff 14-0. After another defensive stop, Haggerty hit McCrae for a 24-yard touchdown pass. Haggerty once again ran in the 2-point conversion for a 22-0 Sci-Coh lead. Norwell returned the kickoff for a touchdown and converted their extra point to the close the gap to 22-8. Norwell then kicked off to Scituate and Jordan Kelly returned the favor by dashing 70 yards for another Sci-Coh touchdown. Grady Comeau ran in the 2-point conversion for a 30-8 Sharks lead. Norwell returned the ensuing kickoff for another touchdown but were stymied on their conversion attempt for a 30-14 score.

Norwell threatened on their next possession but on the half's final play Daniel Buckley intercepted a Norwell pass and the teams headed to halftime with the score 30-8.

The Sharks put the game away on their first possession of the second half, when Michael Stewart powered his way to a 3-yard touchdown run. Patrick Thowig ran in the 2-point conversion and the score resulted in a 38-14 lead. As darkness settled in at Norwell High School the SciCoh defense, led by Joe Daileader and Daniel Buckley, turned out the lights the rest of the way and the Sharks had a convincing 38-14 victory.

Just four days later the Sharks strapped on their gear for a Sunday tilt against the Plymouth Jaguars at Cohasset High School's Alumni Field. Shane Haggerty got the Sharks on the board first with a nifty 7-yard bootleg around the left end and followed that with a 2-point conversion rush for an early 8-0 lead for the Sharks.

Plymouth came right back after a Shark fumble and powered their way into the end zone for a touchdown and 2-point conversion to even things at 8-8. The determined Sharks marched right back down the field and on third and long Haggerty found McCrae on a mismatch with a much smaller defender.

McCrae grabbed the pass and darted down the sideline for a 36-yard touchdown catch and also hauled in the 2-point conversion pass for a 16-8 lead. The Sharks next possession was stymied by Plymouth's massive front line and forced the Sharks to punt from their opponent's 48-yard line.

Haggerty's punt sailed over the Jaguar's return man's head and the Sci-Coh punt coverage downed the ball at the 11-yard line. Four plays later Plymouth was forced to punt from its own end zone. A strong surge from Sci-Coh's front seven resulted in a blocked punt which was converted into a touchdown when the ever alert Craig Davis fell on the loose ball for a six more points.

Haggerty hit a wide-open Shea McCarthy for the two points and Scituate headed to the break with a 24-8 lead.

On Scituate's first offensive series of the second half, McCrae got behind the Plymouth defender, Haggerty threw a perfect spiral to the wide open McCrae who sprinted 62 yards for a 30-8 advantage Scituate.

Plymouth's double wing offense was held in check by the stellar defensive play of John Foster from his linebacker position, Jordan Kelley and Tyler Serra. Plymouth manufactured a couple of late scores but Scituate recovered the attempted onside kick and proudly exited the field with a satisfying 30-24 win.

The next game is Sunday Sept. 28 at Scituate High School against their division power Bridgewater Badgers. Game time is 1:00p.m.

SCHOOLS

Gearing up for Spirit Week!

LIFE AT CHS

LAUREN MACK



...make sure you get your Homecoming Dance tickets before Tuesday because they are going to sell out fast this year.

Hello, hello everybody. This week has been a busy one full of eagerness and preparation due to the much-anticipated CHS spirit week that begins on Monday! A note to all underclassmen if they might've missed the memo: Monday will be "Decade Day," Tuesday will be "Professional Day" (note: do not take literally — you must go to school), Wednesday will be "Clash Day," Thursday will be "Sailors and Pirates Day," and then finally Friday will be the annual "Blue and White Day," so everyone should plan their outfits accordingly this weekend because everyone loves school spirit!

And of course, the annual Homecoming Dance will be held next Friday night in the cafeteria after the football game. However, make sure you get your tickets before Tuesday because they are going to sell out fast this year. In addition to the homecoming and spirit week planning, there was a yearbook committee meeting last Wednesday night discussing all of the potential themes and layouts.

Attention senior parents: All senior ads for the yearbook are due Oct. 1st, they should be dropped off at the office no later than that date. All proceeds from these ads will benefit the senior class of 2009. Next Tuesday, there will be a meeting at the high school at 7:30 pm for senior parents regarding *The Spinnaker*, which you may recognize as the school paper. This informational meeting will simply go over some of the content that students in the Journalism class will review and hopefully answer any questions that may arise regarding anything related to the school publication.

This week has also been busy (as well as stressful) for those in the music department, who have been hard at work conducting auditions for this years' musical, "West Side Story" And finally, after much deliberation, the parts for the play have finally been announced! Starring as Maria and Tony, we have **Jenny Magruder** and **Ian Porter**. **August Oddleifson** will be Riff, **Ellie Baumgarten** will be Anita, **Andrew Bell** will be Bernardo, and many, many other supporting roles will be contributing to make this years' show a great one!

As for this week's quote of the week, I happened to run into a man who many people know as "Coach A". Teacher in the Social Studies department, Mr. **Peter Afanasiw**, or Mr. A as students know him, has been notorious for his presence in the history halls and lunchroom just as much as on the field. When I asked him his thoughts about the big game against Scituate on the 26th, he replied: "Oh dear god. It's gonna rain...we're going to get pretty wet." And with that, I will leave you all to a wonderful weekend! Adios!

Lauren Mack is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly during the school year.

Commended students in National Merit Scholarship program

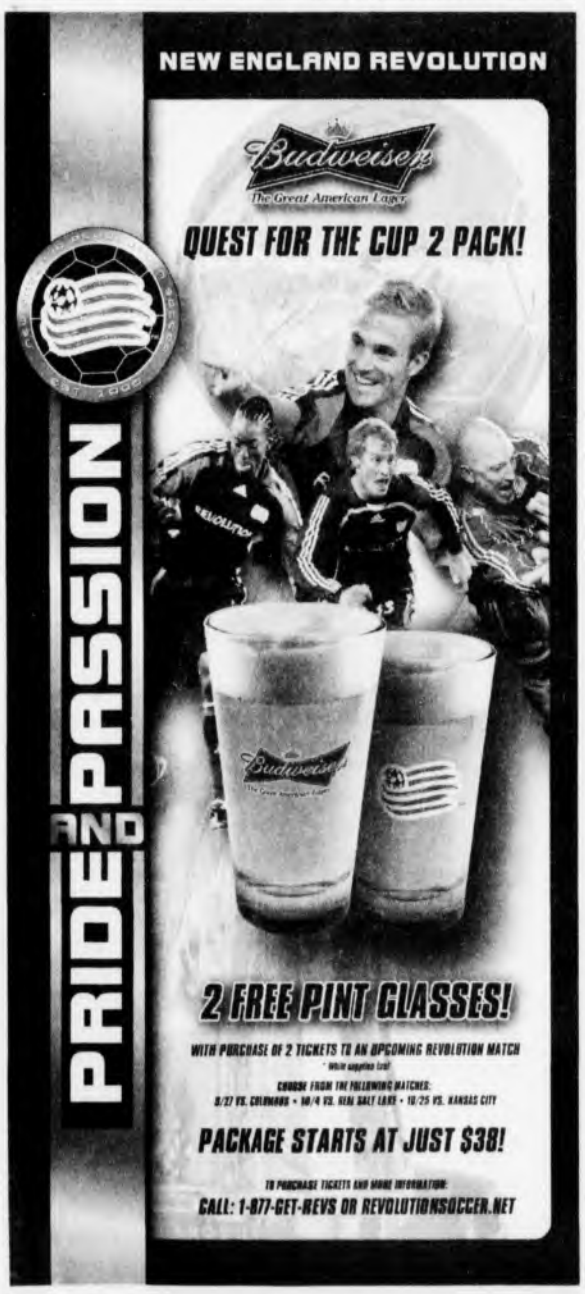
The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 54th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than $35 million, that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

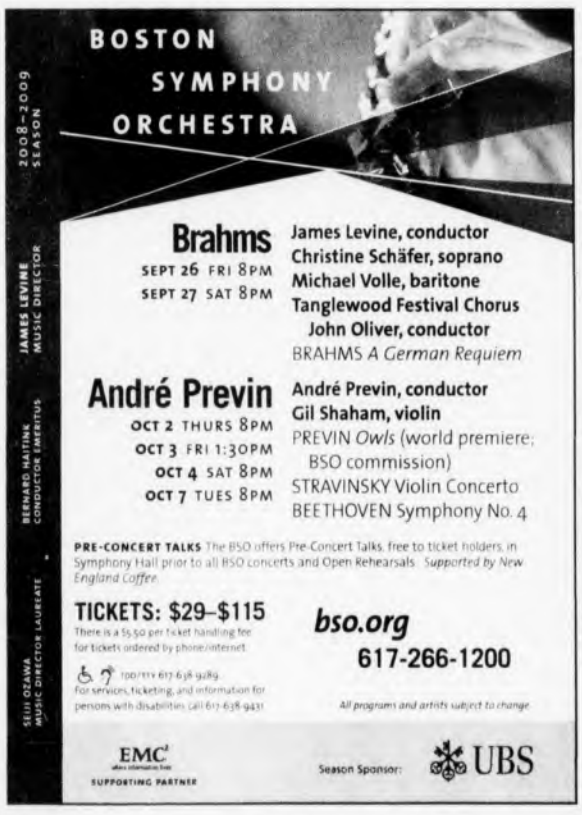
Jessica Fitts, a senior at Cohasset High School, is a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. The Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self-descriptive essay and information about the Semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

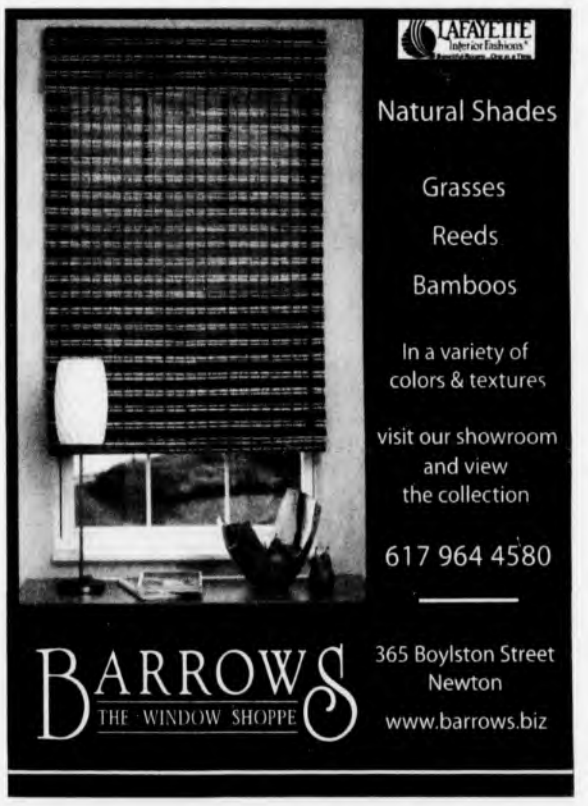
CMHS Principal Joel Antolini also announced that **Johanna Brophy**, **Margaret Goodwin, Fiona McBride, David Oddleifson, Graham Sinclaire**, and **Timothy Treese** have been named Commended Students in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented by the principle to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed amount the top 5 percent of more than 1.4 million students who entered the 2008 competition by taking the 2006 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, SEPT. 1

1:30 a.m. **School Buildings**, building checks.

10:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:50 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:10 a.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, vandalism report, caller reports he would like to see an officer regarding vandalism. Officer reports investigating vandalism to a motor vehicle.

1:21 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer reports clearing a group from the bridge.

1:42 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, officer waved down by a resident reporting a dog running around in the square.

2:23 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicles are parked everywhere at this location and would like them tagged. Officer has removed a group and issued a couple parking tickets.

2:27 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement, officer on traffic post at this location.

3:09 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, officer removed group from the bridge, will be standing by in the area for a bit.

4:44 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance - bridge jumpers.

7:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, services rendered. Expired registration, car being towed.

9:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10:11 p.m. **Lantern Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop.

11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2

12:06 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, noise complaint.

1:07 a.m. **Cedar St.**, building checks.

1:13 a.m. **Wheelwright Park**, building checks.

1:38 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, building checks.

2:01 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

7:03 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:09 a.m. **Pond St., and Woodland Drive**, traffic enforcement.

9:19 a.m. **School Buildings**, officer reports all schools check ok.

10:25 a.m. **Officer wanted**, walk in party would like to speak to an officer regarding a problem he is having with a tenant.

10:47 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

11:02 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Surry Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:28 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Heather Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:08 p.m. **Vandalism report**, walk in party reports her vehicle was either broken into or vandalized sometime overnight and would like to see an officer.

12:10 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious person, caller reports there was a male party walking around his backyard early this morning wearing a plaid shirt and would just like it logged and did not want to see an officer.

12:13 p.m. **North Ave.**, suspicious person, caller reports a male party sitting down in the middle of the train tracks for about 5 minutes, wearing a blue shirt and jeans. Train operators have been notified. Male party is in custody at this time. Arrest: Steven Legere, 21 Fore River Ave., South Weymouth. Charges: Trespassing on railroad right of way, warrant.

12:57 p.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious person, Lt. is checking the area for a male party that is reported to be going door to door collecting money for Children's Hospital and he gets part of the money for him to go to London. Male party is wearing baggy jeans, red striped shirt, long blonde hair and acne.

1:22 p.m. **Fernway**, fire, investigation, detail officer reports construction crew has struck the gas main. Keyspan is on the scene. Evacuating houses in the area.

4:16 p.m. **Elm St.**, fraud, walk in party reports checks signed and cashed.

7:45 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:48 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:06 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop/traffic citation/warning.

8:17 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a female in a black Sedan came at him head on, caller is now behind the vehicle traveling north on 3A towards Hingham. Hingham PD notified. Hingham has the car stopped.

8:35 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, missing dog, caller reports a missing yellow Lab, the dog is not wearing it's collar at this time.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3

12:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:29 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:21 a.m. **Cedar St.**, building checks, buildings and school buses appear secure.

1:30 a.m. **Wheelwright Park**, building checks, park appears secure.

1:32 a.m. **North Main St.**, building checks, ball fields appear secure.

1:33 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, swim center appears secure.

6:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:08 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Hill St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:09 a.m. **Pond St., and Woodland Drive**, traffic enforcement.

7:30 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, public service, Jerusalem Road, between Jerusalem Road Drive and Sandy Beach will be down to one lane.

8:25 a.m. **Fernway**, fire (misc.), detail E2 reports gas service line has been hit by the construction company. National Grid on scene.

9:02 a.m. **Fernway**, fire, (misc.), Keyspan on scene.

10:51 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

10:58 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

11:30 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:12 p.m. **Elm St.**, warrant services, units are out to serve a warrant of apprehension, 1 in custody transporting to court.

2:33 p.m. **Diab Lane**, officer wanted, units out to speak with individual regarding neighbor dispute.

8:53 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, assist citizen, officer assisting a party gathering personal belongings.

9:35 p.m. **Elm St.**, notification, DSS reporting they are on their way.

11:19 p.m. **Ox Pasture Lane**, officer wanted, caller reports he is a cab driver from Shore Taxi out of Quincy. The male party he dropped off at the above address went in the house 10 minutes ago for money and hasn't been back out to pay the fare. Officer was able to raise a family member who paid the fare.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4

1:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:30 a.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:33 a.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, public service, officer reports area appears secured.

1:34 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, officer reports area appears secured.

7:12 a.m. **Pond St., and Woodland Drive**, traffic enforcement.

8:05 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, notification, temporary traffic light in place.

8:06 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire (misc.), detail officer reports LM Holding struck a gas main. Fire Capt. requests an out of town engine to cover HQ. Gas Company has the scene, all units are clear.

1:46 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, downed tree, 911 caller reports a very large limb just broke off a tree and is resting on the wires. Fire Capt. requesting National Grid to the scene.

2:35 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, detail officer reports a vehicle just came through the work site at a high rate of speed and also hit another vehicle and failed to stop. Officer reports this is a hit and run property damage at this point, surrounding towns notified. Message sent out to surrounding towns via leaps. Male party has been taken into custody at this time in Weymouth. Cohasset man being summoned on charges: Marked lanes violation, leaving scene of property damage, failure to stop for police, negligent operation of motor vehicle.

3:17 p.m. **Building checks**, officer reports all schools check ok.

3:48 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, public service, walk in party to turn over ammunition that was located while cleaning out this residence.

4:04 p.m. **North St., and Red Gate Lane**, parking complaint, caller reports the parking situation is "out of control" at this location from the Farmers Market. Several parking tickets issued.

4:59 p.m. **Linden Drive**, investigation.

5:52 p.m. **T Crossings**, hazard, received a call from the MBTA reporting a problem with all the crossings in town. The train will be held at Cohasset Station until repairs have been made to the crossing so the train can proceed safely.

6:05 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:08 p.m. **King St.**, disturbance, caller reports kids in a red car pulled into and out of their driveway going really fast, one kid came from nowhere and got in the car, caller also stated that recently there have been kids soliciting in the neighborhood from universities looking for donations. Both incidents are unrelated. Kids just turning around in driveway, solicitors were yesterday.

6:42 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, (misc.), 911 caller reports her gas propane grill is on fire.

8:20 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation, CID requests incident number for investigation concerning custodial interference.

8:55 p.m. **Linden Drive**, investigation.

10:15 p.m. **Hill St.**, disturbance, caller who wanted to be anonymous requests a police officer to check on the well being of his neighbor. Officer reports old and new boyfriend of the neighbor were out front of house having an argument.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5

12:59 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller reports there are kids hanging around the area. Officer reports both males were fishing – they are leaving at this time.

2:19 a.m. **Border St.**, mutual aid, Scituate PD requesting Cohasset PD to check above area for 2 males that ran into woods. Scituate PD reports suspicious activity at the River Club. Scituate has their K-9 on location.

7:10 a.m. **Pond St., and Woodland Drive**, traffic enforcement.

1:56 p.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

3:33 p.m. **Doane St., and Bates Lane**, downed tree, caller reports a large tree branch in the road, she states the road is impassible. DPW has been notified and is responding. Officer reports the downed tree is just past the Scituate line.

3:41 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Forest Ave.**, dog with injury, caller reports at about 1:30 p.m. today, her dog was struck by a woman in a vehicle, the dog was taken to the vet in South Weymouth, the woman left her first name and cell phone number only, caller did not get the license number on the vehicle that struck the dog, the dog is a Wheaton Terrier.

4:42 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, parking complaint, officer off at CHS tagging vehicles blocking the fire lane in the rear of the building, 2 vehicles tagged.

5:09 p.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:16 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party would like to speak to officer, caller would like to seek A&B charges at QDC.

5:36 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

5:41 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports sounds like a male screaming, location is back of above location, units clear, most likely kids playing.

5:48 p.m. **Hill St.**, well being check, officer enroute to above location to check on female at above location.

6 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:27 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:35 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:37 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:17 p.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:28 p.m. **Wadleigh Park**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Hull PD reports erratic motor vehicle possibly in area, officer checked area, unable to locate.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

1:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:14 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:41 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious person, male party on bicycle out in the area.

3:39 a.m. **HQ.**, power outage, surrounding area out for approximately 2 minutes.

5:14 a.m. **West Gate Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports a bat trapped in her telescope. Officer reports removing a flying squirrel.

8:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

9:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

10:15 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

1:56 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, keep the peace.

2:31 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – bridge jumpers, kids cleared off bridge.

2:40 p.m. **Hull St., and Lambert's Lane**, hazard, caller reports that a sewer cap or storm drain is in the middle of the road, called Aquarian Water Dept. to notify that the cap for the water main shut off; Aquarian Water to respond to fix covers.

5:05 p.m. **S. Main St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports her lights were flickering and a tree limb on wire was smoldering. E1 reports primary wire down at 211 S. Main Street. E1 requesting National Grid to respond.

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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6:39 p.m. **Hill St.**, animal complaint, caller reports her dog ran out the door, male Huskey – black and white with blue eyes. Caller reports the dog has been found.

8:43 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:46 p.m. **Sheldon Rd.**, officer wanted, caller reports a motor vehicle just shot a golf ball at callers window, no damage was done – caller wanted to speak to an officer. Officer reports there was damage done.

9 p.m. **Doane St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she can hear kids in the woods – there is a vehicle parked in front of above location, neighbor is having house party – all adults – no problems.

9:20 p.m. **North Main St.**, domestic (in progress).

11:09 p.m. **Joy Pl.**, hazard, caller reports a pipe broke in the middle of the street, water is coming out.

11:23 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports he has a flat tire due to traffic hazard – large pothole from construction.

11:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard (traffic), 911 caller reports construction barrels in the roadway "between the little rotary and Route 228." Hingham notified.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

12:54 a.m. **South Main St.**, hazard, metal scraping sound in the area of the square.

1:05 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, there is household trash blowing around the parking lot.

1:13 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, both elementary schools check secure.

6:45 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, downed tree, caller states there is a branch blocking half of the roadway, location given as "straight past the ball field towards the reservoir."

6:51 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, downed tree, caller states there are tree branches on the wires. National Grid notified.

6:59 a.m. **King St.**, downed tree, branch was moved to the side of the road.

7:03 a.m. **King St., and Shore St.**, dead animal.

8:02 a.m. **Hill St.**, disturbance, caller reports his neighbors are having an argument outside the house, officers have spoken to the parties there was no argument, everything appears ok, they have been set on their way, units clear.

11:10 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard, caller reports two civilians directing traffic at this location for the construction crew.

2:39 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, walk in party with a small dog that they found on South Main Street, caller was advised ACO would like the dog placed back where it was found. Dog is a small Pomeranian.

3:29 p.m. **Hill St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports he was speaking to his female friend at this location when a male party in the background told her to hang up and she called him back and the phone got disconnected again. Verbal argument, male party left on his own. Peace restored.

4:52 p.m. **Beach St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a German Sheppard is walking down the road and looks as if it has been struck by a car, the dog is now in the driveway of 100 Beach Street. Tried to contact the resident at the above address, no answer at this time. Officer has located the dog and it appears to be hurt, contacted owner of the dog. Officer is transporting the dog owner to the scene.

4:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8:39 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation.Nancy

MONDAY, SEPT. 8

12:26 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, suspicious person.

1:19 a.m. **James Lane**, fire, 911 caller states "there is a broken water pipe in her house and she needs assistance shutting it off."

3 a.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller states there is a motor vehicle in the middle of the roadway.

10:16 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party would like to turn in some ammunition he no longer would like it kept at his home because he now has children. Officer to take items for safekeeping at HQ.

10:34 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party to turn in a large bullet that he has located from his deceased brothers home.

3:08 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, caller reports two solicitors at her door, they have already been told once to cease for the day. Officers have explained the need for a solicitors permit in the town. They have been sent on their way, units clear.

4:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports she was hit in the parking lot of the above location, caller also reports no injuries. Officer reports minor damage.

7:48 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, hazard, MBTA reports they may get calls regarding the Pleasant Street Crossing. The gate arms may be down with the sirens going off but no train coming through. They had to reverse the train for a short time, which may have caused the malfunction, they are sending a crew out to check this location. All units advised.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

11:17 a.m. **North Main St., and Green St.**, downed tree, detail officer reports a garbage truck just hit a tree and left. Unknown direction of travel and unknown company name of the truck.

12:01 p.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, officer witnessed vehicle go through a school bus red flashing lights and stop sign.

1:12 p.m. **Doane St.**, fire investigation, caller reports a large limb down resting on the wires. Officer reports the branch is on the power lines. National Grid notified.

1:40 p.m. **Beach St.**, downed tree, caller reports a tree down on the wires. Fire Lt. reports the tree is on fire at this time and there is a blown fuse. National Grid notified. National Grid on scene. National Grid taking control of the scene.

1:51 p.m. **Beach St.**, downed tree, Fire Lt. reports a large tree down on the wires at this location. National Grid on scene.

2:36 p.m. **South Main St.**, property (recovered), walk in party reports finding a set of car keys, keys were held at HQ for safekeeping, a Ford key, a gold key and an automatic locks device.

5:39 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, hazard, caller reports the gates going up and down, no train coming through. MBTA is sending out a workman.

7:33 p.m. **Beach St.**, fire, caller reports low hanging wires in her yard from the house to the pole, they are resting on bushes. National Grid notified.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

12:27 p.m. **Elm St.**, bomb (device found), party arrived at Fire HQ with a device in the motor vehicle that he has been driving around with. Mass State Police Bomb Squad notified and responding, all units, Police and Fire on scene. Bomb Squad Unit on scene. State Police are taking possession of the device, all units have been cleared.

2:42 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, fire investigation, E3 to investigate toxic fumes from new flooring. E3 reports house has poor ventilation, occupant asked to leave.

4:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, no injury, caller reports there is a three car accident on CJC Highway.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

8:19 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, vandalism report, caller reports he's been away for a while and has come home to find his mailbox smashed and his fence knocked down. Operator left name and telephone number, will repair same. Officer to contact operator.

1:06 p.m. **Bow St.**, noise complaint, caller complains of loud music coming from his neighbor's house. Music is at an acceptable level, on going neighbor dispute.

3:22 p.m. **Bow St.**, noise complaint, caller complains of loud music, officer reports everything settled for now.

4:33 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports her dog is missing – brown and white Chihuahua.

4:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports there are 2 subjects male and female acting suspicious inside store.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

8:24 a.m. **Hull St.**, dead animal, Hingham Police report they received a call for a dead cat in this area on the Cohasset side. Message left for ACO.

10:13 a.m. **Border St.**, animal complaint, 911 caller reports they are on a boat and just tied up at the pier because their cat has had a seizure and is unconscious but breathing. ACO notified and responding. ACO still tied up at this scene one cat has expired the other cat that was also aboard is now sick as well. ACO clear cats have been transported to the local animal hospital.

6 p.m. **Hill St.**, well being check, caller requesting officer to check on his friend that lives at above location – has not heard from her. Officer reports no one home at above location.

10:45 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports loud party – several kids hanging out in the driveway. Officer reports spoke to homeowner – everything is fine.

10:59 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, suspicious activity.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

8:27 a.m. **Margin St.**, downed power lines, caller reports a wire down.

8:46 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, officer wanted, caller reports a load of raw fish has been accidentally dumped at the end of the driveway and truck did keep going. Officer requesting DPW to assist in clean up. DPW notified and will respond.

9:02 a.m. **Hill St.**, disturbance.

10:08 a.m. **Beechwood St., and South Main St.**, downed tree, caller reports a truck has hit a low hanging tree and the tree is stuck on the truck.

10:24 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, downed tree, several callers report a large tree has fallen and is blocking the lane. Officer requesting DPW to the scene.

4:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disturbance, caller reports two parties arguing one male walking and the other driving beside male. Area search negative.

5:50 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller stated he was just up the library parking lot and observed a woman whom he believed to be intoxicated get into a car and drive away. Arrest: A 60-year-old female. Charges: Marked lanes violation, OUI of liquor (2nd offense).

10:41 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, noise complaint, services rendered. Noise complaint. Reports party has been advised to keep the noise down.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

8:28 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire investigation, 911 caller reports his carbon monoxide detectors are sounding. Fire Lt. reports no problems at the residence possible low battery, all units clear.

10:53 a.m. **Heritage Lane**, B&E, caller reports his new home was broken into overnight and over $2000 worth of tools were stolen.

1:52 p.m. **Sohier St.**, credit card fraud, caller reports credit card fraud, detective notified.

4:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller reports a male has ordered food and left without paying, caller reports this is the third time he has done this.

8:31 p.m. **Beach St.**, downed power lines, caller reports a large tree branch in the road.

9:13 p.m. **Doane St.**, downed tree, caller reports a large tree branch has fallen, the branch is out of the road at this time, Sgt. notified the DPW of this

MONDAY, SEPT. 15

12:24 a.m. **Rocky Lane**, assist citizen, assisted in pushing a motor vehicle off of the bridge.

12:28 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:57 a.m. **Pleasant St., and Cushing Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

6:58 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

9:32 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

9:55 a.m. **Old Coach Rd., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicles top, verbal warning.

10:01 a.m. **Beach St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports he is from a tree company and they need a cruiser just for a couple of minutes while they cut up a tree that came down the other day.

1:43 p.m. **Pond St.**, notification, speed trailer is at this location.

5 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:25 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:29 p.m. **Pond St.**, animal complaint, caller reports her neighbor lets her dogs out all day and all they do is bark, caller also left a message for the ACO, she states this is an ongoing problem.

6:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, vandalism, walk in party reports his vehicle was keyed.

8:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a red Buick headed north bound on 3A tailgating and cutting people off, caller states the Buick has had some close calls with passing vehicles. Info was also given to Hingham PD. Officer reports nothing from 3A/228 to Stop & Shop.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16

1:05 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:06 a.m. **Sohieri St.**, building checks.

6:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, officer reports Scituate had papers to be serviced to male party – male has been serviced – male sent on his way.

7:18 a.m. **Sohier St.**, dead animal.

9:29 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

12:13 pm. **Jerusalem Rd.**, officer wanted, caller requests police for unwanted people on his property. Officer reports this is a civil complaint, he explained to the caller that he will need to file a complaint with Quincy Court.

1:22 p.m. **South Main St., and Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:16 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, suspicious person, harbormaster called reporting a man in a white pick up with a green stripe is parked at the harbor and she thinks he is living out of his car. Officer reports party not there at this time, ran plate, all active. Officer also reports he has seen this truck before and thinks the party owns a boat.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

1:26 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:35 a.m. **South Shore Hospital**, notification, South Shore Hospital reports they are on code stroke diversion until 12 noon.

9:31 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:56 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted.

1:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, animal, call into ACO regarding rabies testing.

1:40 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, multiple callers report a motor vehicle accident at this location, officer requesting two wreckers.

3:34 p.m. **Bow St.**, disturbance.

4:21 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

4:26 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:37 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:54 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash, no injury.

7:21 p.m. **Tupelo Rd.**, fire – public assist, caller reports her water main broke – water is going all over.

8:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports motor vehicle all over the road.

8:12 p.m. **Sohier St.**, dead animal, caller reports there is a dead raccoon in his driveway.

8:14 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:40 p.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports he found a black Lab, the Lab has no collar on.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

1:36 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:37 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

5:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard (traffic), 911 cell caller states there is a large "oil drum" in the southbound travel lane, 2nd caller states the object is an "orange barrel." Plastic bait barrel was moved to the side of the road.

7:02 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:42 a.m. **North Main St., and Green St.**, public service, roadway is down to one lane.

11:15 a.m. **Sohier St.**, warrant services, constable called requesting assistance at this residence with an arrest warrant. Arrest: Robert A. Jones, 52, 163 Sohier St., Cohasset. Charges: WMS warrant.

11:46 a.m. **James Lane and Cushing Rd.**, property (recovered), two cell phones turned in.

OBITUARY

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Doris A. Cosgrove Lahage

Longtime teacher at Cohasset High School

Doris A. Cosgrove Lahage, 77, of Jupiter, Fla., formerly of Cohasset, Plymouth, and Carver, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2008 after a long illness.

She was the wife of Edmund P. Lahage and the daughter of the late Clement B. Cosgrove and Mary A. Cosgrove.

Mrs. Lahage worked for more than two decades as a business teacher at Cohasset High School. Mrs. Lahage taught thousands of students in her long and rewarding career.

She was active in the local community and her church community. She served on the Town of Hull School Committee before re-entering the workforce as a high school teacher. She donated her time as a religious outreach volunteer and hospital chaplain. She was a gregarious person with a huge network who made an impact on many lives.

Mrs. Lahage graduated first in her undergraduate class from Boston University and received her Masters from Boston State College. She received numerous awards and commendations through her academic career.

In addition to her husband, she leaves two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean Lahage Cohen and Reuben Cohen of Manhasset, New York, and Miriam Lahage and Andrew Pakula of London, England, two grandsons, Jesse Cohen of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and Jacob Pakula of London, England, and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Mrs. Lahage was predeceased by her sons Joseph and Peter.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26, at St. Joseph's Assisted Living Community at 350 Bush Road in Jupiter, Fla.

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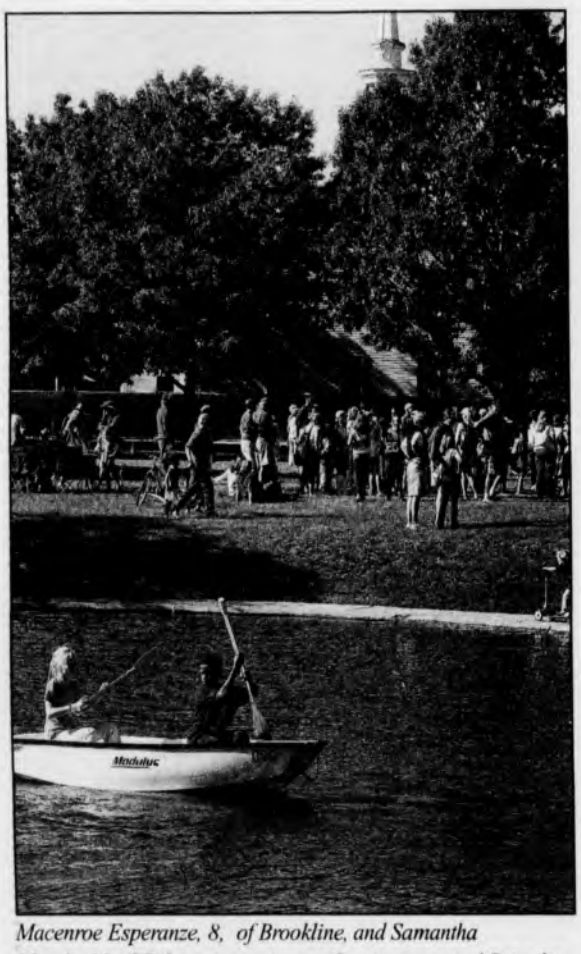
Fifteen-year-old Jenna Neer of Cohasset sings "Stay Beautiful." a Taylor Swift song, with Jim Armstrong during Cohasset Day along South Main Street.



Luca, an Italian greyhound, guards his owner's 1983 Rolls Royce Corniche Convertible, listed under the foreign touring category during the Classic Car Concours Saturday afternoon. The classic car is owned by Cohasset resident Jon Campanelli.



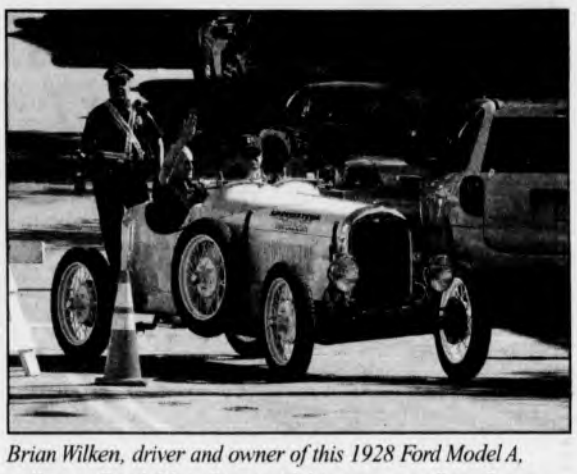
Kids take part in a tug of war game on the Cohasset Town Common Saturday during Cohasset Day. A number of children's games were played throughout the afternoon.



Macenroe Esperanze, 8, of Brookline, and Samantha Murphy,11 of Cohasset, row across the common pond Saturday afternoon during Cohasset Day. Both took part in a rowing contest earlier.



Ports and Company models gather on the stage one more time after the completion of its Fashion Show held Saturday along South Main Street during Cohasset Day.



Brian Wilken, driver and owner of this 1928 Ford Model A, pulls onto South Main Street with his passenger Peter Brown Saturday afternoon during the Classic Car Concours.



Four-year-old Connor Nicholls of Cohasset decorated himself as a tree for the Decorated Bicycle Parade Saturday.



Children line up at the starting point on South Main Street with their multi-colored decorated bicycles for the Decorated Bicycle Parade Saturday during Cohasset Day held Saturday.



Ten-year-old Corey Golden, left holds her balloons, while her friend Katie McKeon,9 grabs the string to a loose balloon while handing out the balloons from Paperscapes along South Main Street.



Brenda Hunter of Shaw's Supermarket fills a cup with lobster bisque during the Food Galore part of Cohasset Day held Saturday along South Main Street.

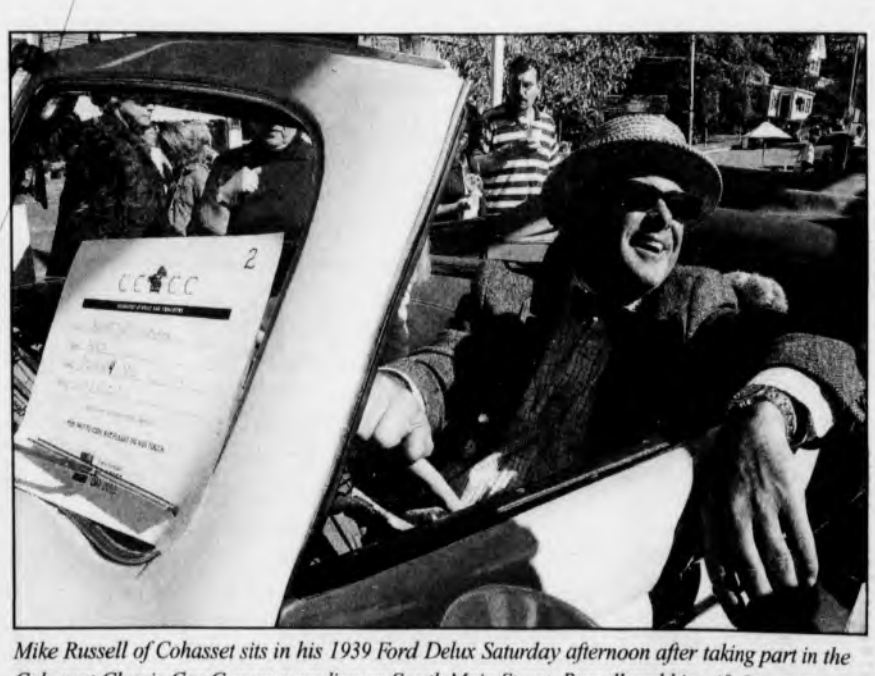


French Memories Bakery's Hannah Buckley serves Maureen Thomas of England an apricot tart. Thomas is visiting her niece in Cohasset.

Photos by Craig Goedecke



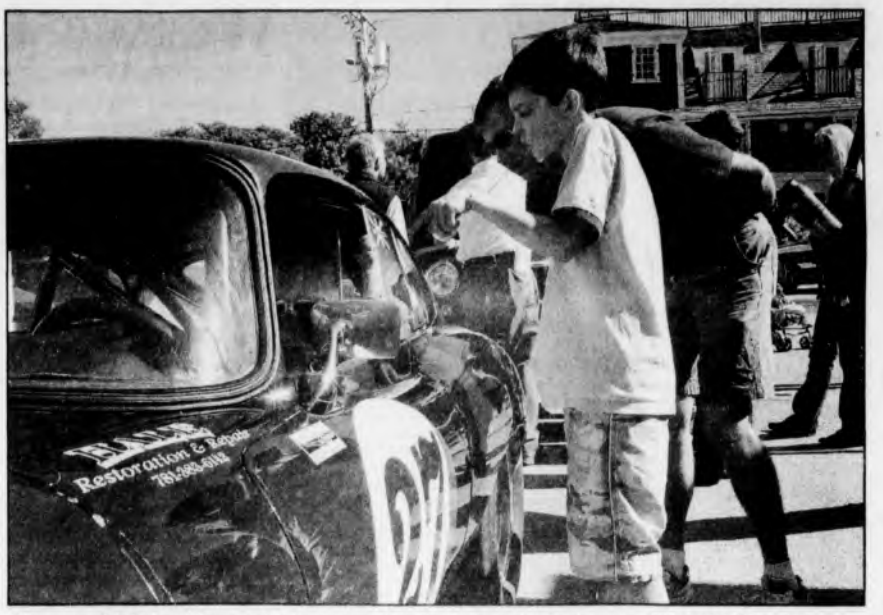
Bia Bistro's Jeff Gillis serves up orchette, that includes pasta with tomato meat sauce during the Cohasset Day Fine Food Galore on South Main Street Saturday afternoon.



Mike Russell of Cohasset sits in his 1939 Ford Delux Saturday afternoon after taking part in the Cohasset Classic Car Concours ending on South Main Street. Russell and his wife Jane were among many classic car owners who showcased their cars Saturday



Children take an ice cream break while awaiting the start of the Classic Car Concours Saturday along South Main Street.



Ten-year-old Dylan Marat of Cohasset and his Dad, Pascal, check out a 1962 EXK Race Coupe, owned by Cohasset resident Marty Hale during the Classic Car Concours.



Susan Franklin of Del's Fresh Fruit scoops a cup of fresh fruit ice for a young customer along South Main Street.



All Fairy Tale Princesses must have their lunch, such as Elizabeth Mitterando, 7, of Cohasset, who wore her costume Fairy Tale Princess on a Unicorn for the Decorated Bicycle Parade Saturday.



Mike and Jane Russell of Cohasset drive their 1939 off white Ford Delux down South Main Street during the Classic Car Concours Saturday afternoon.



Classic Car admirers talk cars while being framed in the window of this 1954 Black 148 Foreign Touring Aston Martin DB 2/4 that was parked on South Main Street. The car is owned by Cohasset resident James Hazen.

Photos by Craig Goedecke



Five-year-old David Mitterando of Cohasset rides his Speedracer bike down South Main Street to Depot Court.



Large crowds of children and adults gather on the Cohasset Town Common Saturday afternoon during the first annual Cohasset Day.



Seven-year-old Mason Fitzgerald of Cohasset attempts to take a bite out of the donut while taking part in a donut eating contest held on the common.



The Satuit Band plays on while children line up with their decorated bikes along South Main Street for the Decorated Bicycle Parade.



Singer-songwriter David Ogden entertains the crowd on Cohasset Day.

Worship News

St. Joseph Retreat Center schedule

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset is hosting the following programs:

Sunday, Oct. 5, Day of Prayer for Caregivers, 9 a.m. to 4:30 pm. "Come, Rest Awhile" with a day of prayer including lunch and ending with liturgy.

Tuesday, Oct. 7, Morning of Prayer, 9 to 11:45 a.m. "Praying with Our Ordinary Lives."

Wednesday, Oct. 8, day workshop, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. "Perceptions and Emotions in Prayer: Resistance and Surrender."

Wednesday, Oct. 22, day of prayer, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. "Aging Gracefully: The Challenges and Joys of Deepening Discipleship in the Later Years of Life."

Thursday, Oct. 23, morning of prayer, 9 a.m. to 12;30 p.m. "Essential Dispositions for Prayer." This is the first in a special series of Mornings of Prayer titled "Growing in Relationship with Jesus Through the Dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises Using Art, Poetry, Music and Scripture." Discount available for registration in all seven programs: Nov. 10, Dec. 11, Feb. 9, March 30, April 16 and May 1.

The Retreat Center is also available for private retreats for individuals and for groups. For more information and to register, visit the Web site at csjretreatcenter.org or call 781-383-6024/6029.

Abrahamic Religions topic of Glastonbury lecture slated

Glastonbury Abbey's Inter-Religious Lecture Series Listening to Other Voices will present a program titled "Old Faiths in New Times: The Abrahamic Religions Today and Tomorrow" at 7:15 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Glastonbury Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham.

Guest speaker will be Alan Wolfe, chairman of the Religion and Democracy in the United States task force of the American Political Science Association, TV commentator on the Pew Report on Religion in America, founding director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life at Boston College and a teacher there and elsewhere. He will give a talk titled "Who's Afraid of American Religion?," focusing on the role of religion in recent American politics, whether it is dead among the young, how the faiths are faring and what it may mean for everyone.

Wolfe is the author of more than a dozen books, including "The Transformation of American Religion: How We Actually Practice Our Faith." He has written numerous articles and lectured across the United States, Europe and the Middle East.

The lecture is free, but donations will be accepted.

Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Sept. 28:

9:50 a.m. – Childcare for our youngest and religious education classes for children and youth in the Parish House.

10 a.m. Worship in the Meeting House

Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull will lead worship and preach on "Life Happens, Meaning Follows." We will celebrate a child dedication as part of our morning worship.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

FALL BOOK STUDY: Wednesday, Oct. 1st at 7 pm in Bates Hall. We will discuss A New Earth *Awakening to Your Life's Purpose* by Eckhart Tolle. This is a life transforming study that Oprah Winfrey presented in a 10-week web cast series. For more information you can check out www.oprah.com or www.eckhart-tolle.com. Come and join us!

TIME AND TALENT AUCTION: Saturday, Oct. 4th at 7 pm in Bates Hall. The auction is open to the public and will feature a wide variety of selections including dinners, sailing expeditions, vacation homes and a wide variety of services. Come and check it out!!

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: Coming up this fall is our new "Episcopal Church for the 21st Century" class being taught by Rev. Margot Critchfield. This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal faith and anyone preparing for Confirmation or Reception into the church. The eight-week course begins Oct. 5 from noon until 2 p.m.. On Oct. 5, we will also offer a "Blessing of the Pets" at 2:30 in our church courtyard in honor of St. Francis' day! All are welcome.

Rev. Critchfield is also offering individual spiritual direction this fall. If you are looking for a spiritual home or exploring your faith, we invite you to visit us. You can learn more about us, and the Episcopal Church, from our website, www.ststephenscohasset.org.

Other programs this fall includes bible study for adults, youth group activities, the children's Christian education program "Godly Play", outreach programs serving the hungry and homeless, yoga, meditation and a monthly luncheon for seniors.

Services at St. Stephen's are at 8 am and 10 am on Sundays, including a Healing Eucharist at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. All are invited.

You can reach the church at 781-383-1083. The Rev. Margot Critchfield is rector; she can be reached at mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.org. Our offices, which are open Monday through Friday, can be accessed by coming to the back of the church, up the Highland Ave hill. We are handicap accessible.

Going on this week at St. Stephen's: Sun. Sept. 28: Services at 8:00 – 10:00 am. Godly Play children's program is at 10:00; Jr. High Youth group at 10:00 am; high school youth group at 11:30 am. A reception at the rectory at 4:00 pm.

- Mon. Sept. 29: 3:00 pm, Christian Meditation
- Oct. 1: 9:30 Holy Eucharist with healing; 10:30 Bible Study
- Fri. Oct. 3: 9:30 Yoga
- Sat. Oct. 4: 7:00 Bible Fellowship
- Sun. Oct. 5: Services at 8 – 10 am Godly Play children's program is at 10; Jr. High Youth group at 10 am; high school youth group at 11:30 am. Parish picnic at 12 p.m.. "Blessing of the Pets" at 2:30 in our church courtyard in honor of St. Francis' day! All are welcome

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

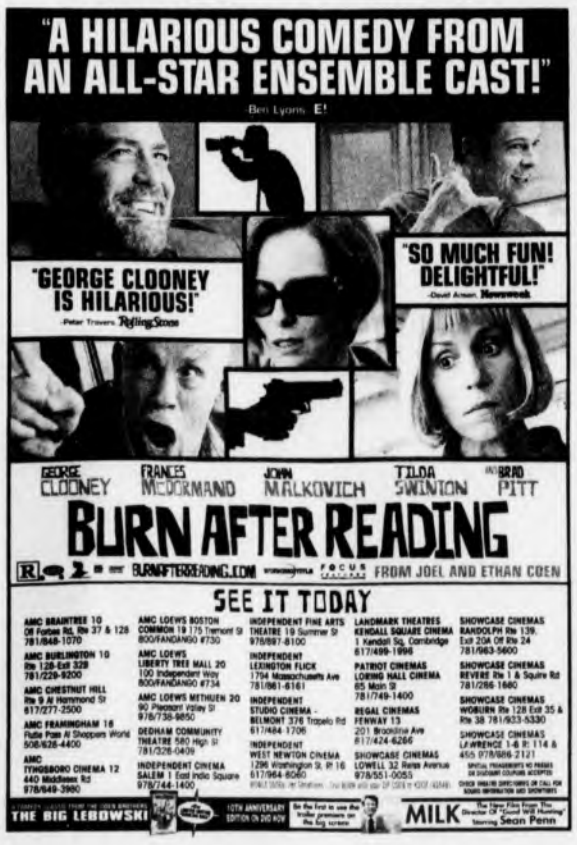
Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

"The earth is but one country and mankind it's citizens" 1(800)22-UNITE www.bahai.us

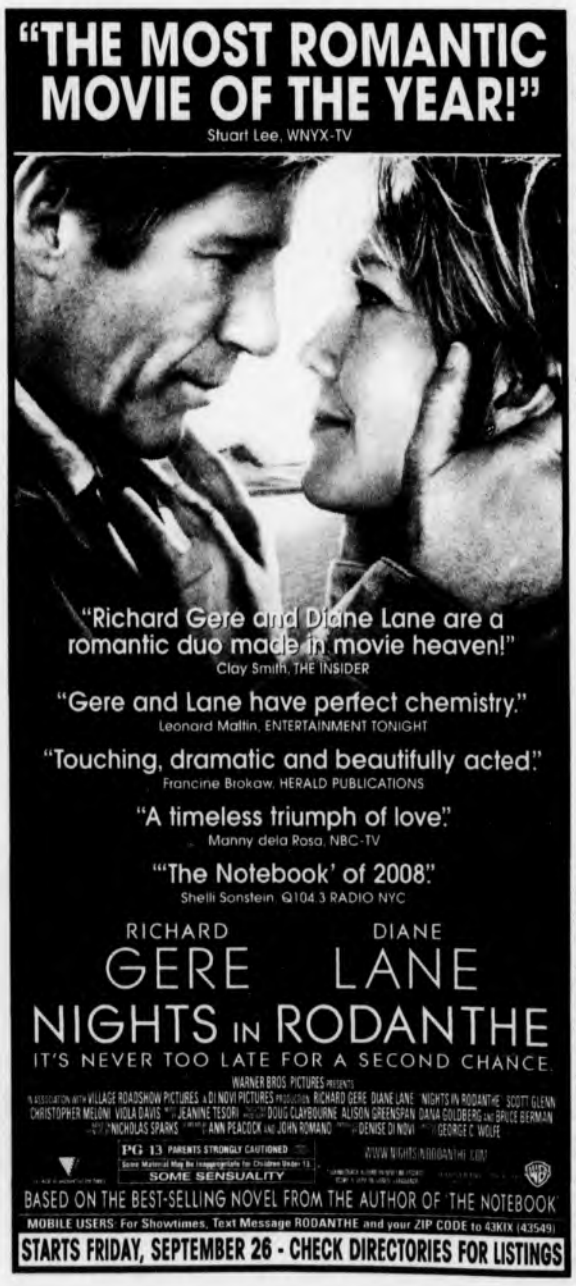
Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.











OBITUARIES

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Mary Jane Elizabeth McArthur

Former teacher, author, genealogist, town official

Mary Jane Elizabeth McArthur, 79, of Cohasset, died Sept. 21, 2008.

Mrs. McArthur, a former member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, retired in 1989, after teaching for 30 years in the Cohasset, Duxbury and Scituate public schools. She was a member of the Cohasset Board of Selectman from 1981 through 1986, and chairperson from 1984 to 1985. She was the former member of many town government committees, including the Advisory Committee, Conservation and Historical Commission and the Government Island Study Committee. She was a director of the Cohasset Bicentennial Inc.

She was a member of Cohasset Historical Society, South Shore Genealogical Society and Maine Old Cemetery Association. She was a member of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants and a direct descendant of four Pilgrims. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution as a direct descendant of Brig. Gen. John Crane, a participant in the Boston Tea Party. She was the author of "The Ancestors and Descendants of Oliver Chase and Sarah Elizabeth Crane of Whiting, Maine," published in 2000. Mrs. McArthur, daughter of the late Louis and Bernice (Lewis) Doyle of Baileyville, Maine, was born at St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada, in 1928. She graduated from Saint Croix High School at Baileyville in 1946 and Boston University in 1950.

Mrs. McArthur and her husband and family spent many summers at their log cabin on the Saint Croix River in Baileyville, Maine.

She leaves her husband of 55 years, Earl R. McArthur Jr.; her daughters, Susan M. Hamilton and her husband, Philip, of Portland, Maine, and Dr. Katherine McArthur and her husband, Bruce Creswell, of Cohasset; four grandchildren, Philip Chase Hamilton, Rachel Sprague Hamilton, Andrew Ovide Lemieux and Nicholas Paul Lemieux.

She was the sister of the late Philip Doyle.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 4, at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Private interment will be at Cohasset Central Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Cohasset Historical Society, 106 South Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025 or Cohasset Central Cemetery, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Martha L. Mello

Licensed practical nurse, nursing home administrator

Martha L. (Maynard) Mello of Lake Village, Ariz., died Sept. 21, 2008.

Mrs. Mello grew up in Cohasset and spent most of her married life in Norwell. She was a licensed practical nurse and a licensed nursing home administrator. Prior to this, she worked for a number of years at John Hancock in Boston.

She was a longtime member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Hanover, most recently St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Scituate.

She leaves her husband, Augustine L. Mello; her children, Janet (Mello) Conte and her husband, Thomas, of Lake Village, Ariz., and Walter M. Mello and his wife, Felicia, of Medfield; her sister, Florence Baker of California; her brother, Herman Maynard of



Martha L. Mello

Cohasset; her grandchildren, Abigail (Conte) Shattuck and her husband, Adam, of Birmingham, Ala., Christopher Conte and his wife, Emily, of Mobile, Ala., Walter M. Mello Jr. and his wife, Susan, of New York City and Nicole Mello of Medford; and her great-grandchild, Kealon Thomas Conte.

She was the sister of the late Walter Maynard Jr.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the graveside service at 12:30 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 27, at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset. Visiting Hours will be Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon, at Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St., off Central Street, Hingham.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts Chapter, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.Keohane.com.

Jeanne T. Walsh

Enjoyed gardening and swimming

Jeanne T. Walsh, 80, of Scituate, died Sept. 1, 2008, at her home, following a brief illness, surrounded by her family.

She was born in Memphis, Tenn., the daughter of the late Viola and Lauristen Tyler. She was a graduate of Brunswick High School, Brunswick, Maine.

Mrs. Walsh was devoted to her family. She worked on the Guild at St. Luke's in Scituate for 20 years, and loved to garden and swim.

Wife of the late R. William Walsh, she leaves four daughters, Laurie Walsh of Cohasset, Leslie Wickfield of Groton, Tyler Wheeler of Carver and Stephanie St. John of Cohasset; her sister, Shirley Foss of Newburg, Ore., her sister-in-law, Stella Walsh of Portland, Maine; her daughter-in-law, Marilyn Walsh of Hingham; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was the mother of the late Russell W. Walsh Jr.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 4, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Scituate.

Rocco Sorrentino

Formerly of Cohasset

Rocco Sorrentino, 75, of Carver, formerly of Cohasset, died Sept. 22, 2008.

Mr. Sorrentino was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, having served with the United States Air Force.

He leaves his wife, Ilene (Taggert) Sorrentino; his children; Daniel R. Sorrentino of Tampa, Fla., and Rose Murray of Cape Cod. He also leaves four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m. in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset. Visiting hours Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St. (across from St. Anthony's Church), Cohasset.

Donations in Mr. Sorrentino's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1115 W. Chestnut St., Brockton, MA. 02301. To sign an online guestbook, visit mcnamara-sparrell.com.

First Parish launches plan for religious education

A new year and a new phrase of religious education has begun at First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset. At the helm of these happenings are Interim Religious Education Director, Jim FitzGerald, and a cadre of enthusiastic teachers, many of them parents. This autumn is particularly exciting, because last year under Mr. FitzGerald's able guidance the Religious Education Committee adopted the first five-year plan for the Religious Education program, beginning this month and running through June 2013.



COURTESY PHOTO

Children from First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset help clean up on an autumn Sunday at Holly Hill Farm.

Last winter and spring religious education leaders solicited the entire congregation for input. A team of church members representing youth, parents, and the wisdom generation then used this input and resources of the Unitarian Universalist Association to draft a program that spotlights Unitarian Universalist identity, while acknowledging the traditions of Christian, Hebrew and Islamic faiths and other World Religions. It is a program which also continues to honor First Parish's commitment to environmental and social justice activism such as stewardship of Great Brewster Woods, partnership activities at Holly Hill Farm, volunteering at the non-profit *Cradles to Crayons*, and learning about and supporting a humanitarian program of the children's choosing. Younger children and toddlers will continue using beautifully crafted *Spirit Play* stories which include Bible stories, contemporary stories and myths to focus attention on questions about morality, belief, differences, and the environment.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist is continuing its outstanding program for middle school age youth. Youngsters who participated in last year's OWL (Our Whole Lives) program, which dealt with issues of healthy relationships including human sexuality, are this year following the Unitarian Universalist *Coming of Age* curriculum. *Coming of Age* includes visiting the homes of other faiths as well as Unitarian Universalist congregations and builds in discussions with adult mentors and advisors about how a free thinking person arrives at a personal credo. Participating youngsters — primarily 7th through 9th graders — develop a strong sense of community with one another through both programs and continue this collaboration through their high school years in First Parish's Senior High Youth Group.

Rituals such as the opening Church School ceremony, sharing joys and concerns, Rites of Passage at the conclusion of Coming of Age years, and shared intergenerational experiences through activities such as grandparent letter writing, and One Room Schoolho.uses on holiday weekends introduce the children to people and ideas beyond their church community, rounding out the RE program. The cornerstone of this Religious Education program is to provide children and youth opportunities to grow into a deep appreciation of their Unitarian Universalist identity and an enthusiastic commitment to give back to their church community and the larger community

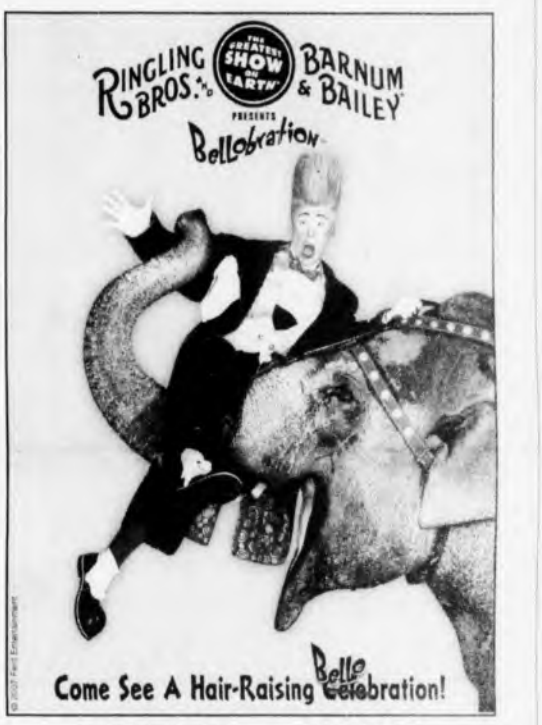
For families who are looking for a liberal and accepting church school program for their children, First Parish Unitarian Universalist invites you to visit, to pick up an RE brochure at the Parish House at 23 North Main Street, or to phone Jim FitzGerald, Interim Director of Religious Education, at 781-383-1100.

All are welcome to celebrate high holidays

The high holidays will be celebrated Sept. 29, with Rabbi Shmuel Bronstein and Cantor Zalmen Schurder at the Hingham Quincy Chabad located at 20 Downer Ave., Hingham.

Start the New Year on a high note with a warm and friendly atmosphere. No background or affiliation necessary. Hebrew/English prayer books are available. No membership fees. Suggested donation for services sponsor, $180; family, $180; per person, $72. A Rosh Hashana dinner will be held at 7 p.m.

For information or RSVP to shevybronstein@gmail.com_or call 617-850-5935.



ENTER TO WIN

Find Bello and enter for a chance to win a **Family 4-pack** of tickets to see **Bello** at the **Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus!**

Name
Address
State
Zip Code
Day Phone

How to Enter: Find the 2 Bello pictures in today's CommunityClassifieds section, clip them out and paste them to the grid above for a chance to WIN.

Mail by Wednesday, October 1, 2008 to: Community Newspaper Company
Bello Contest • P.O. Box 9113 • Needham, MA 02492-9113

October 8th through 13th • TD Banknorth Garden, Boston.

Rules: No purchase necessary. Five winners will be chosen at random on the above prize. Entries must be received by Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008. Winners will be notified by phone. Entries may not be exchanged or redeemed for cash. Limit one entry per person/per envelope. Photocopies or other mass reproduced entries and incomplete entries will be rejected. Only hand cut accepted. Entries become the property of Community Newspaper Company. The sponsor reserves the right to suspend or cancel this contest, or to change the contest guidelines or specifications, at any time without prior notification. Each winner, by accepting a prize, agrees to allow their name, town of residence and photos to be used for any lawful purpose, including promotional materials.

Legal Notices

MOORE MATTER
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P2074GI

In the Matter of
MARION MOORE
Of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP

To MARION MOORE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK, her spouse, and heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said MARION MOORE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK is a mentally ill person and praying that DONNA KELLY of EAST BRIDGEWATER in the County of PLYMOUTH or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety of the person- and property - with the authority to administer antipsychotic medications in accordance with the treatment plan.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **OCTOBER 22, 2008**.

WITNESS, HON. Robert W. Langlois, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, September 10, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11777411
Cohasset Mariner 9/26/08

LAMPSON ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P2188EP

In the Estate of MABEL W. LAMPSON AKA MABEL ELIZABETH WARFIELD LAMPSON
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death June 8, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARGARET L. ERDMAN of TARPON SPRINGS, in the State of Florida, and KATHLEEN KIM REIFF also known as KATHLEEN KIM LAMPSON REIFF of MERCER ISLAND, in the State of Washington, or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **OCTOBER 22, 2008**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11777415
Cohasset Mariner 9/26/08

ZBA/ 57 ATLANTIC AVE
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 7:35PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Special Permit** pursuant to §9.6, §9.11 and§8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Architects Carr, Lynch & Sandell (land owner Janice Reiter), seeks to build a guest house at **357Atlantic Ave**, according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08.09.12.

AD#11775304
Cohasset Mariner 9/19, 9/26/08

BOHMER ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P2189AD

In the Estate of MARY R. BOHMER
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death June 19, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that SALLY E. BANNICK of WORTHINGTON in the County of HAMPSHIRE or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **OCTOBER 22, 2008.**

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS , ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, September 10, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
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To Place A Legal Ad Call Mary (781) 433-7902

PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE WEEK OF
SEPT. 22, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The changing season brings new experiences as well as challenges for the ever-adventurous Aries. Your social life expands, as do the opportunities at your workplace.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That recent period of uncertainty has passed. You can now feel more confident about making decisions, especially those that relate to an important personal relationship.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although you might be faced with a number of tasks on your to-do list, try to take time out to enjoy the arts. Music, especially, can be soothing to the sensitive soul of a Gemini.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A disagreement with a colleague or friend is best resolved with open and frank discussion. Trying to force the other party to see things your way is bound to backfire.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That Leonine pride might be ruffled by a colleague's challenge to one of your pet ideas. But stop growling and listen. You could learn something that will work to your advantage.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone in authority might decide to select you as a candidate for a project that carries more responsibilities. Be prepared to show why you're the right choice for the job.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) That new workplace problem should be dealt with as soon as possible. Leaving it unresolved for too long could lead to an even more unsettling and time-consuming situation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might have to do some fancy juggling to keep both your work responsibilities and personal obligations on track. But ultimately, you'll work it all out, as you always do.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might hear some upsetting things about a situation in your life. But don't be swayed by talk. Demand proof before making any decisions on the matter.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't risk depleting those precious energy levels by taking on more tasks than you can realistically handle. Also, remember to ask for help when you need it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It might be difficult for the Aquarian who is used to giving advice to take counsel when offered. But it's a good idea to listen to what trusted friends feel you should know.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Things might be a little unsettled as you move through a period of reassessment. But once you get your priorities sorted out, you should be ready to tackle an important decision.

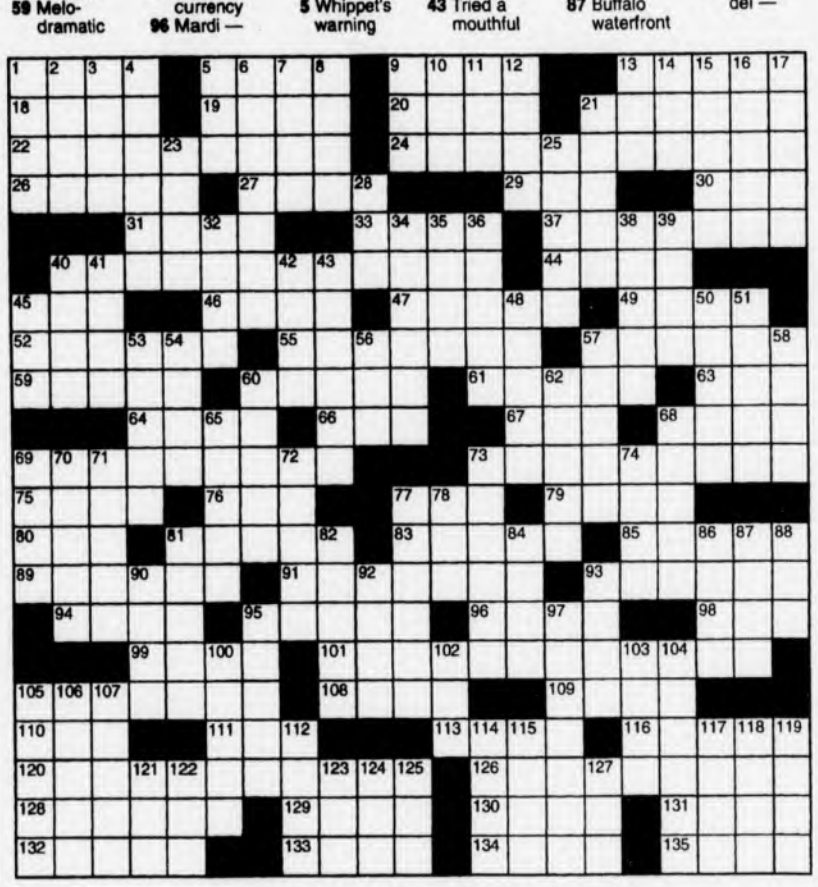
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BORN THIS WEEK: You're able to achieve a happy balance in your productive life by never feeling overwhelmed or underappreciated.

Crossword - Strictly Speaking

ACROSS
1 Summer stinger
5 Sailor's quaff
9 In the sack
13 Master, in Madras
18 "Dies —"
19 Melodious McEntire
20 —— Valley, CA
21 Walked confidently
22 Tenured?
24 Ex-wife, sometimes?
26 Roman official
27 Umps
29 Bus. bigwig
30 Plant part
31 Writer Blyton
33 Tabula —
37 At full tilt
40 Violin bows?
44 Evils
45 Terry-cloth inscription
46 Cookbook author Rombauer
47 Deed
49 Wraps up
52 Incompetent
55 Neighbor of Latvia
57 TV's "The — Game"
59 Melodramatic
60 Progress
61 Chaka Khan's group
63 Pigeon English?
64 To boot
66 Spud bud
67 Bulldog, for one
68 "Blame — Rio" ('84 film)
69 Capone impersonator?
73 Hire a private eye?
75 Landed
76 Palm Sunday animal
77 Humbug lead-in
79 Act like an antelope
80 Oxford figure
81 Vote in
83 "Watership Down" author
85 Defy a dictator
89 Salad veggie
91 Geronimo's birthplace
93 Draw
94 Donated
95 Swedish currency
96 Mardi —
98 It may be white
99 Signor Ferrari
101 Stockbrokers?
105 Petite pet
108 Blood components
109 Kid at court
110 Former govt. agcy.
111 Carpenter —
113 Wine valley
116 Exit
120 FDA-approved snack?
126 "Equus," for instance?
128 Inventor Otis
129 Dingy digs
130 Pat on the buns?
131 Kuwaiti ruler
132 Blackboard
133 Type of chalcedony
134 Holler
135 Odense denizen

DOWN
1 Man's altar ego?
2 Like the Kalahari
3 Agra attire
4 Prepared a pineapple
5 Whippet's warning
6 Keep the shelves stocked
7 Crumhorn cousin
8 Sail support
9 Furniture wood
10 Jacket info
11 Big bird
12 — brakes
13 Canonized Mlle.
14 "— you for real?"
15 Was an optimist
16 Unimprovable
17 Juicy fruit
21 Toast word
23 Await judgment
25 Macabre
28 — Lanka
32 Tennis pro Nastase
34 Moss Hart's autobiography
35 "— Game" ('71 film)
36 Up and about
38 Requests
39 Ain't right?
40 Spanish sherry
41 Author Dinesen
42 "Peter Pan" pirate
43 Tried a mouthful
45 "What?"
48 Crack up
50 Proclamations
51 A nose that shows
53 Coat-of-arms figure
54 Lovett or Waggoner
56 Italian greyhound, e.g.
57 Ignoramus
58 Used up
60 Gaggle gal
62 Wood and gas
65 Sedimentary stuff
68 Force
69 Lose luster
70 "— Comes Mary" ('66 song)
71 Dano or Darnell
72 Messy Madison
73 Nickels and dimes
74 Designer Lagerfeld
77 Church sale
78 Bustle
81 Happening
82 Latin class no-nos
84 Scratches the surface
86 Zodiac animal
87 Buffalo waterfront
88 Actor Horsley
90 Currier's partner
92 Memo start
93 On a whale watch, perhaps
95 Asian nation
97 Clothes
100 African equine
102 Quayle or Blocker
103 Eye appreciatively
104 Acted like a chick
105 Garden supplies
106 In the slightest degree
107 "GoodFellas" group
112 Return address?
114 "Hi, sailor!"
115 Battery part
117 — mater
118 Self-smitten
119 Thornfield governess
121 Cornerstone abbr.
122 "Evita" character
123 "— -Tiki"
124 TV Tarzan
125 King's handle?
127 Costa del —



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Sudoku

3			9		2		5	
	1			7				4
		4	6			2		
		1		9			7	
5			8					2
2	6				1	3		
6					4			5
	9		7					8
		8		3		6	4	

Level: Moderate

Fun By The Numbers

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Magic Maze - Outer Banks

W V S Q N K K W A H Y T T I K
D A E H S G A N A I F D A X S
V T A Q O I M O N J H F C A I
Y K I L L D E V I L H I L L S
W U R P L T N K L B N L J O A
H F D B N O V A O Z X V V T R
R Q O A T M R D R C K L I H E
F D M X B Z I O A Y A W V T T
K C U D R E Q O C S I R F O T
N B L S I E K O N A O R C K A
I H F S E V A W D C A Z X O H

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Bodie Is.
Buxton
Corolla

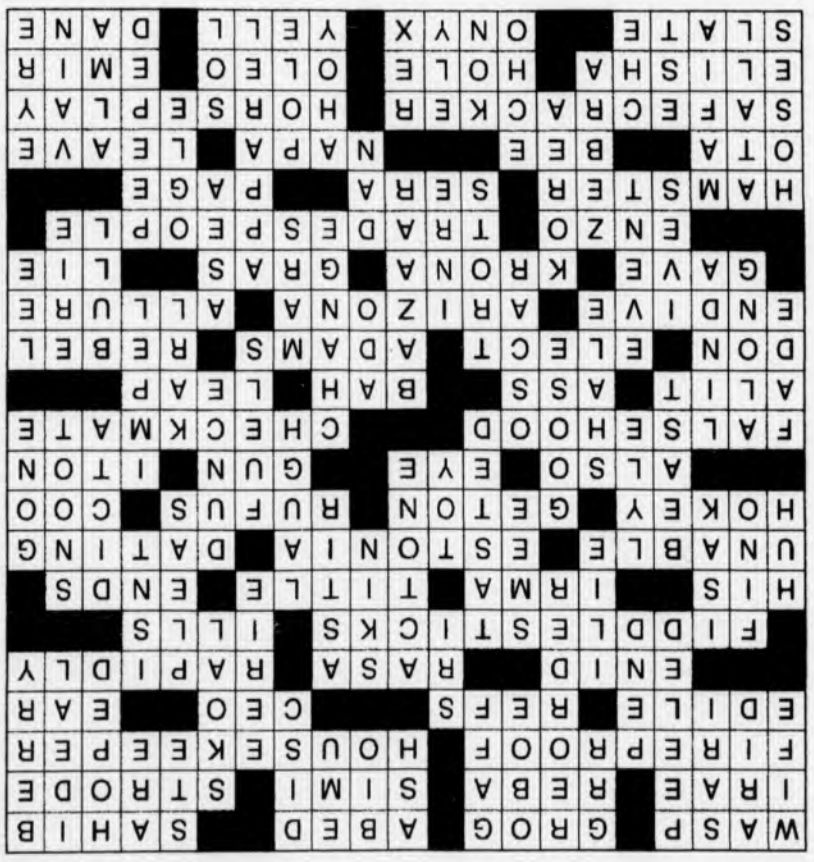
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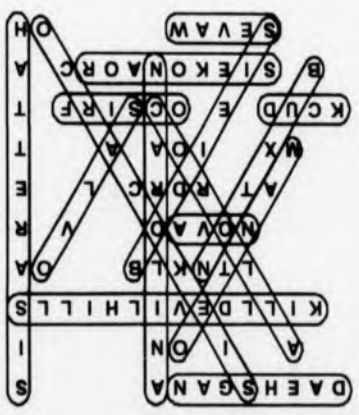
Roanoke Is.
Salvo
Waves

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Crossword Solution - Strictly Speaking



Magic Solution - Outer Banks



Sudoku Solution

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8	3	1	6	2	7	5	9	4
5	2	9	4	8	1	3	7	6
9	8	3	1	5	4	7	6	2
2	1	4	7	6	8	9	3	5
6	7	5	3	9	2	1	4	8
3	5	7	2	4	9	6	8	7
4	6	8	5	7	3	2	1	9
1	9	2	8	1	6	4	5	3

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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 3, 2008



Curious George will be at Edaville USA for meet and greets throughout the day on Saturday, Sept. 27 and Sunday, Sept. 28. George will visit throughout day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Edaville USA. The admission ticket is $18 for anyone ages 2 and over. Children under the age of 2 are admitted free. The admission ticket includes unlimited access to all rides and attractions including a meet and greet with Curious George. Also included is a 2 mile train ride through the cranberry plantation. Parking is free. Group rates are available for groups of 15 or more peopleVisit edaville.com or call 877-edaville for dates, hours and directions.

BEST BET

Connecting Rods Auto Club, Route 58 and 106, Halifax Wal-Mart. (weather permitting) featuring **hot rods, antiques, classics, motorcycles, 50/50 raffle for charity** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday night through September.

Sinners, a comedy by Norm Foster, and directed by Joe McAlarney, will be performed at North River Theater, 513 River St., Norwell. Theater-goers are welcome to bring snacks into the theater, but drinks must be purchased at the bar. Performance dates: Friday, Sept. 26, and Saturday, Sept. 27. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. All shows start at 8 p.m. Tickets are $18 each. To reserve tickets, call 781-826-4878. For information, visit the Web site at northrivertheater.com.

Comedy Night, Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St. Route 53 E. Weymouth. Sept. 26, 8 p.m. Featuring: **Harrison Stebbins** and a special performance by **Rex Trailer** Of "Boomtown Fame" A 1950-1970's T.V. Legend. Other Comics: include **Leigh McConnell, Pat Mcloud, Annette Pollack, Rick Sinnott, Matt McConnell.** Your Host: **Scott Higgins**. Free parking www.Elks.Org/Lodges or www.Myspace.Com/Annettepollack Tickets $20. Call 781-843-4833 to reserve your seats.

The Hat Trick Theatre presents **Peter Colley's spine-chilling thriller *I'll Be Back Before Midnight*** at Kendall Hall at First Parish Church, Town Square, Plymouth. Tickets are $18 and will be available at the door, or call for reservations at 508-747-6856. The cast includes Mark Logue and Keith Grassette from Hyde Park, Sharon Evans from Hingham and Sally Wright from Plymouth. Tonight's performance is at 8 p.m. at Kendall Hall, First Parish Church, Town Square, Plymouth.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **The Hot Sauce Band** Sept. 26, 8:45 p.m. to closing.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 26, **Too Fast Zero** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Sept. 26, **Erin Thornton & The Soul Drivers** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, Sept. 27

Corn Maze – Sauchuk Farm, Plympton. 234 Center St., (off Route 58) Plympton through Oct. 26. hayride to the pumpkin patch, face painting, cow train, corn box, goat walk. Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday school groups only. Last admission 5 p.m. Adults and teenagers (13 and up) $8; children (4-12) $6; Toddlers (3 and under) free. 781-585-1522 sauchukfarm.net



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The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Sept. 27, **Sweet Melissa with Chris Stovall Brown.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

CALENDAR, see next page

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Sept. 25

Talbot's at Colony Place will hold a shopping night to benefit **The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra**. The event, Highballs and Hobnobbing, will take place Sept. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. Twenty percent of the evening's proceeds will benefit the Plymouth Philharmonic and shoppers will receive 20 percent off all merchandise purchased during the evening. Information, call Talbot's of Colony Place at 508-732-0464.

The Great Costume Sale Sept. 25 from to 8 p.m. and Sept. 26 from 9 to 11 a.m. Reed Community Building, 33 Summer Street (Route 3A), Kingston. The third annual Great Costume Sale offers a great selection of hundreds of new and gently used costumes and dress-up accessories with all proceeds benefiting breast cancer research, education, screening, and treatment in Massachusetts. Donations of new and gently used costumes and accessories will be accepted at the Kingston Recreation Department office, the Kingston Public Library, or by contacting info@favoredevents.com. More information is available at favoredevents.com

The Daniel Webster Estate at 238 Webster St., Marshfield is open every Thursday through September from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Marshfield is the "Home of Daniel Webster", so come and have a guided tour of this lovely 1880's house which is a tribute to him. Admission is free. Information visit danielwebster-estate.org.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, Stump Team Trivia at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 25 **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. **Sept. 25 Ripchordz**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Sept. 26

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett St., (Route 58), Halifax. Sept. 26 **Boston Best Comics** includes buffet dinner and three stand-up comics. Doors open at 7 p.m. Advance tickets $30 by calling Erin 781-293-2116.

Reunions

SOUTH BOSTON HIGH CLASS OF 1963 – 45th reunion Oct. 4 at Best Western Adams Inn, The River Room, 29 Hancock St., Neponset Circle, North Quincy. Cocktails 6 p.m.; buffet dinner 7 p.m. Tickets $75 per person. Information: Nadia(Litwinow) Annese at Nlannese@aol.com or 781-729-7969; Jim Kelley at spiderkelley43@hotmail.com or 617-438-7930; Fran Madden at fmadden@townofbraintreegov.org or 781-812-7595; Linda Murray at mlindapat@yahoo.com or 781-749-5257; Herb Muscato at hmuscato@mpcprinting.com or 781-864-6276; Marie(Skotniczny) Yacubovich at marie.yacubovich@bmc.org or 617-471-8443.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973 is holding it's 35th Reunion on Nov. 1, 2008 at the Plymouth Radisson Hotel, Plymouth. Information: www.bhs73.com or email Cherie (Woolf) Riley at cherie@bhs73.com

PLYMOUTH-CARVER HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1968, is holding its 40th reunion Nov. 1, at the Beachmoor Inn on Buzzards Bay. Any classmate interested in helping with this event, please call Linda Souza at 508-746-8333, or Linda Luce at 508-224-4352, or Marilyn Colburn at 508-224-3668, or Cathy Pratt at 508-746-4036.

THE PLYMOUTH-CARVER CLASS OF 1985 plans to celebrate its 25th year reunion. The reunion committee is actively searching for the addresses of classmates. Contact Linda Flattery at 508-747-5277, ext.230, or LFlattery@Hanover.com and leave your name and phone number/e-mail to update the class list and for more information about the event. Looking for all members and the committee wants to hear from you.

Send your reunion listings to ddinsmore@cnc.com or fax 781-837-4543Attention Dorothy Dinsmore.

Quick Flix

BABYLON A.D. (PG-13) Vin Diesel plays a mercenary who escorts a pregnant woman who is carrying a genetically modified Messiah through an apocalyptic landscape. (Not reviewed)

BANGKOK DANGEROUS (PG-13) Nicolas Cage is an assassin who travels to Thailand for business but winds up falling for a couple of locals, a young pickpocket and a beautiful shop girl. (Not reviewed)

BOTTLE SHOCK (PG-13) The husband and wife team of Randall Miller and Jody Savin tell the true story about a 1976 event that put California wines on the map. **(C)**

BRIDESHEAD REVISITED (PG-13) Based on Evelyn Waugh's novel about life among the rich and famous, the film is a star-crossed love story that falls flat. **(C-)**

THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) In his last role, Heath Ledger delivers a chilling performance as the demonic and despicable Joker. Director Christopher Nolan's exciting film is full of layers and complicated characters. **(A)**

DEATH RACE (R) Framed for a murder he didn't commit, an ex-con is forced to enter a racing competition with murderous prisoners to win his freedom. The movie plays like a really bad video game. **(D)**

DISASTER MOVIE (PG-13) Like its predecessors, "Epic Movie," "Scary Movie," etc., this spoof promises to deliver the same cheesy parodies of films far more clever than itself. (Not reviewed)

ELEGY (R) Ben Kingsley plays a solitary college professor obsessed with a beautiful student played by Penelope Cruz. With Patricia Clarkson and Peter Sarsgaard. (Not reviewed)

FLY ME TO THE MOON (G) An animated tale about three flies stowing away on the Apollo 11 moon mission. Young ones might be amused by the colors and slapstick humor, but adults will find it a snore. **(D)**

FROZEN RIVER (R) A destitute mother of two is so desperate for cash she enters into a human smuggling ring sneaking illegal immigrants into the U.S. out of Canada. **(C)**

A GIRL CUT IN TWO (Not rated) An old author, a mentally imbalanced playboy and a hot TV weather girl engage in a deadly love triangle. **(C)**

HAMLET 2 (PG-13) Funny and smart film about a drama teacher who's trying to save the drama department from being cut from the school curriculum, so he stages a musical version of "Hamlet." **(B+)**



Sylvia (Annette Bening) shops and walks and talks and takes care of her pooch in "The Women."

THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG-13) Anna Faris and Emma Stone team up for a comedy about a disgraced Playboy Playmate (Faris) who becomes a housemother to a bunch of nerdy sorority girls. **(C+)**

I SERVED THE KING OF ENGLAND (R) This black comedy follows a diminutive man on an eventful path that will take him from a brothel to the arms of a beautiful woman who adores Hitler to a Soviet prison. **(B)**

KIT KITTREDGE: AN AMERICAN GIRL (G) Abigail Breslin stars in this Depression-era drama based on a character from the American Girl doll series. Breslin creates a heroine for the ages. **(B-)**

THE LONGSHOTS (PG) Limp Bizkit frontman Fred Durst directs this tale about a girl trying out for the boys' football team. Ice Cube stars. (Not reviewed)

MAMMA MIA (PG-13) The film version of the musical about a soon-to-be bride trying to determine which of her mother's three exes is her father. Meryl Streep's performance is the only reason to see this. **(C+)**

MAN ON WIRE (PG-13) Acclaimed documentary about the man who walked a tightrope between the towers of the World Trade Center gets to the heart of what makes a man so eager to cheat death. **(A)**

THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) Brendan Fraser as a poor man's Indiana Jones searching for artifacts and finding nothing but trouble. The adventure takes him to China with Maria Bello. Jet Li plays a mummy. **(D)**

PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) Comedy with Seth Rogen and James Franco as stoners on the run from a killer cop is dumb but also sweet and endearing. Rogen and Franco make a great comedy team. **(A)**

PROUD AMERICAN (PG) Docudrama celebrating the American the free enterprise system combining aerial photography and history with a collection of personal vignettes. (Not reviewed)

RED ROSES AND PETROL (R) The family of Enda Doyle (Malcolm McDowell) gathers in Dublin for his wake, who left behind self-recorded video diaries containing secrets he never shared. (Not reviewed)

RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) The pairing of Robert De Niro and Al Pacino as cops hunting a serial killer isn't much more than a "Law & Order" episode with foul language and sex scenes. **(C-)**

THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) Themes of friendship, forgiveness and resiliency, remain central in the follow-up to the 2005 hit in which teen girlfriends shared a magical pair of jeans that brought good fortune to each. **(B-)**

SPACE CHIMPS (G) Low-rent animated tale about three chimps going into space to conquer an evil dictator on a distant planet. Formulaic storytelling, entertaining for only very young kids. **(C)**

STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) Animated "Star Wars" spinoff has a Saturday-morning cartoon feel to it, but the dogfights and lightsaber battles are engaging and the story conjures up suspense and humor. **(B)**

STEP BROTHERS (R) Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly are 40-year-olds who've never left home and are forced to share a bedroom when their parents get married. **(C-)**

TELL NO ONE (Not rated) From France, award-winning romantic thriller brings to life Harlan Coben's bestseller about a man who eight years after his wife's murder suddenly has reason to believe she's alive. **(A-)**

TRAITOR (PG-13) Don Cheadle puts a human face on an American Muslim torn between doing what's righteous and what's right. **(B+)**

TROPIC THUNDER (R) Ben Stiller directs and stars in a comedy he co-wrote about actors playing soldiers who accidentally get caught up in a real battle. Be prepared to laugh - hard. **(B)**

TROUBLE THE WATER (Not rated) Documentary shot by amateur filmmaker Kimberly Rivers Roberts, who chronicled her experiences before, during and after Hurricane Katrina. **(B+)**

TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13) Two women make a cross-country trip to escape the turmoil in the lives of their adult children and rediscover themselves. Kathy Bates and Alfre Woodard star. (Not reviewed)

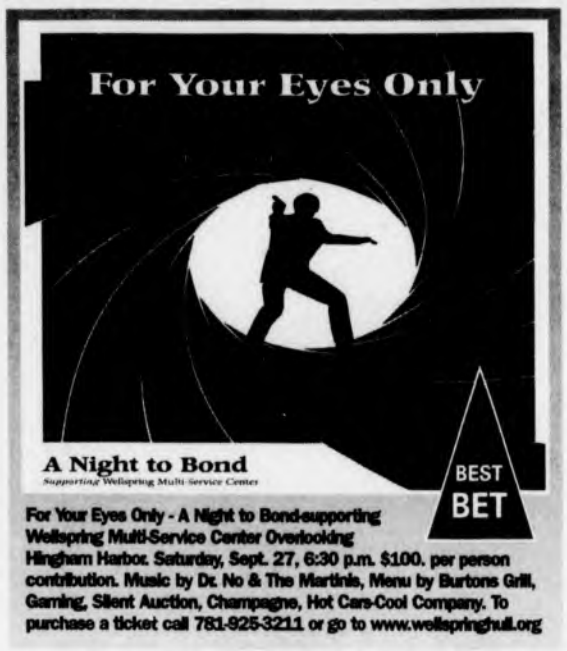
VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG-13) Woody Allen's latest romantic comedy about a philanderer (Javier Bardem), his two lovers (Scarlett Johansson, Rebecca Hall) and his wife (Penelope Cruz). **(B)**

WALL-E (G) The latest Pixar entry follows the exploits of a robotic trash compactor trying to woo another droid in the year 2805, long after humans have abandoned the Earth. (B)

THE WOMEN (PG-13) An all-star cast (Meg Ryan, Annette Bening) in the 1939 classic about how a group of women react when they find one of their husbands having an affair. **(C-)**

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For Your Eyes Only - A Night to Bond-supporting Wellspring Multi-Service Center Overlooking Hingham Harbor. Saturday, Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m. $100. per person contribution. Music by Dr. No & The Martinis, Menu by Burtons Grill, Gaming, Silent Auction, Champagne, Hot Cars-Cool Company. To purchase a ticket call 781-925-3211 or go to www.wellspringhull.org

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Sinners, a comedy by Norm Foster, and directed by Joe McAlarney, will be performed at North River Theater, 513 River St., Norwell. Theatergoers are welcome to bring snacks into the theater, but drinks must be purchased at the bar. Performance dates: Sept. 26, and Saturday, Sept. 27. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. All shows start at 8 p.m. Tickets are $18 each. To reserve tickets, cal' 781-826-4878. For information, visit the Web site at northrivertheater.com.

Winslow House Annual Turkey Dinner, Saturday, Sept. 27. The historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell Street, Marshfield, welcomes one and all to attend its annual Turkey Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 27, beginning at 6 p.m. The ancestral home of Marshfield's founding family has hosted this New England tradition since the 1920's and it has become a way to celebrate the autumn season with old acquaintances and new friends. Each table will have its own turkey to carve. Bring friends, family, renew acquaintances and enjoy the season. Tickets are $35 for non-members, $ 30 for members and $ 15 for children to age 14. Reservations are strongly recommended, as this event sells out quickly. Reservations can be made by going online to the Winslow House website at www.winslowhouse.org or by contacting the Winslow House at 781-837-5753.

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The South Street Gallery will once again offer its **Art Appraisal Day** Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hingham resident Arthur Garrity, a professional fine art appraiser, will offer verbal appraisals at the Gallery at 149 South Street. Etchings, prints or original oil or watercolor paintings may be submitted for review. There is a fee of $10 per appraisal, or $25 for three appraisals, with all of the proceeds being donated to the Second Parish Church in Hingham. **There is a limit of three items per customer per visit**. Garrity notes, "In the past, artwork has always been a hedge against inflation. Many wealthy families that once lost their fortunes during the Depression, for example, but held on to their art collections, were able to rebound by selling their artwork years later."The South Street Gallery is located at 149 South Street, one minute from the Square in Hingham. **Hours are from Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** For additional information, please call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com

The Weymouth Elks Lodge is holding a **comedy and hypnotist show**, starring **Don Sanders** from Kitty Hawk, N.C, Sept. 27, at 8 pm. The cost per ticket is $15, or $135 for a table of 10. Bring your own munchies that night. Contact Manager Debbie Baker for tickets. She can be reached at 781-337-8878, Ext. 5.

Lakota Kidz will present "**A Native Heritage Celebration**" Sept. 27, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the New England Wildlife Center, 500 Columbian St.,, South Weymouth. Peruvian national treasure **Inca Son** will perform traditional music of the Andes. The menu will feature such authentic Native dishes as buffalo stew, Indian tacos, venison lasagna, and fry bread. Beer and wine will be served and a tour of the Wildlife Center will be offered. Tickets are $35, and may be purchased at www.LakotaKidz.org or by calling 781-925-9395.

Bag Full of Blues will perform at **Great Chow**, 497 Bedford St., Abington at 9 p.m. Sept. 27, No cover charge. 781-871-8832.

Run of the Mill Tavern, 6 Spring St., Plymouth, will present **Irish Seisiun** Sept. 27, at 5:30 p.m.

The British Beer Company, Washington St., Pembroke. Sept. 27, Sweet Melissa with **Chris Stovall Brown** 781-829-6999.

Sunday, Sept. 28

Musical Treasure Hunt for kids and families Sept. 28 1 - 4 pm throughout Derby Street Shoppes, Hingham. Check in "On Stage" next to J Jill for a map of fun musical activities throughout more than 14 participating stores, plus join the Kitchen Sunk Percussion Band! $5 per person, to benefit Atlantic Symphony Orchestra. www.atlanticsymphony.org for more information

The Friends of Thayer Public Library Sunday Concert Series resumes on Sept. 28, at 3 p.m. in the library's Logan Auditorium, located at 798 Washington St., Braintree. The concert will feature **Emil Altschuler** on violin, accompanied by **Pei-yey Tsai** on piano and **Asron Larget-Caplan** on guitar. The program is free and open to the public. Information call 781-413-1327.

Family Concert featuring **The Armstrong Brothers,** Hingham Bathing Beach, Sept. 28, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets: $5 per person/ maximum of $20 per family. All children under the age of 1 are free.

The Weymouth Elks will be hosting a **Family Fun Day** on Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Weymouth Elks Lodge from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be a Moon Walk, Basketball Shoot, Bean Bag Toss, Spin Art Game, cotton candy, a Disc Jockey, clowns, and a K-9 show, all for kids up to 12 years old. There will be plenty of food...burgers, hot dogs, chips and soda. Sign up for a chance to win a boys or a girls bicycle.

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The Art Complex Museum at Duxbury, 189 Alden St., Duxbury, will hold its **final tea ceremony presentation** of the season on Sept. 28, at 2 p.m. The experience of the centuries-old tradition of *Cha-do*, the Way of Tea, provides an excellent opportunity to understand Japan's art and culture. The ceremony is presented in the Wind in the Pines Hut which was built for the museum in Kyoto, Japan, and reassembled on the museum grounds. Admission is free but seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Guests are advised to dress with weather conditions in mind. In case of extreme heat or rain, the ceremony will be performed in one of the museum's air-conditioned galleries. In addition, guests may want to view "Haiga", "Artists and Books" and "Glass En Masse", current museum exhibitions.

Monday, Sept. 29

Nutrition, Beauty & Vitality presented by **Mark Mincolla** Monday, Sept. 29, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Armand Salon Spa at The Kingsbury Club located between Duxbury and Kingston, just off Route 3 at the intersection of 3A and Route 53. Tickets: $40. To reserve your space log on to www.HealthyLivingVideo.com or call Candita at 781-834-2728.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,700 South Shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. They offer a safe place for healing and encouragement as you start a new chapter of your life. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. Throughout August, separate support groups for both women and men in order for both to be able to speak openly with persons of the same sex about any topic they chose will be held. Information: call Peggy Loud, 781-659-1857 or email Cheryl Pimental NBNorwellMA@aol.com **Sept. 29 guest speaker, Attorney Melissa Whish** on the topic, "Mediation Matters."

Tuesday, Sept. 30

South Shore Men of Harmony invite men of good character who love to sing but do not necessarily read music to come to a weekly meeting. The acapella barbershop chorus rehearses every Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 pm. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. Call Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-7464.

Island Grove Chorus, a women's acappella singing group, meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Abington. Call 781-848-5843 for information.

Grub Street South at Buttonwood, a workshop for writers, will meet Sep.30, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The instructor is **Amy MacKinnon**, and her topic is "How to Position Yourself for Getting Published." Topics that MacKinnon will discuss include networking, publicity and pitching your book to agents and editors. Bring your questions, a draft of a query letter and a box of lovely stationery. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

Rockland Garden Club Meeting Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m. at Rockland Memorial Library, Belmont St. Program: "**Choosing and Caring for Hydrangeas**" Guests are welcome to attend. 781-878-8629.

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Wednesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. **Drift Away** featuring **J Place** singing and playing harmonica, together with **John Litwin** on the drums, and **Joe Micarelli** on the piano, every Wednesday Night (7:30 to 11 p.m.) at 781-925-1115 www.theredparrot.com

Thursday, Oct. 2

A Whale Affair featuring the work of area artists will take place on at 7 p.m. **Oct. 2, at the Isaac Winslow House located in Marshfield.** Tickets are $35, which includes a catered evening with many of the artists, a silent auction, and a live auction. Thirty percent of the proceeds of the art sold will be donated to the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society, an international non-profit working to protect whales, dolphins and the ocean. Information awhaleaffair.org or 508-746-2522.



Pat Mcloud Rex Trailer

Comedy Night, Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St. Route 53 E. Weymouth. Sept. 26, 8 p.m. Featuring: Harrison Stebbins and a special performance by Rex Trailer Of "Boomtown Fame" A 1950-1970's T.V. Legend. Other Comics: include Leigh Mcconnell, Pat Mcloud, Annette Pollack, Rick Sinnott, Matt Mcconnell.Your Host: Scott Higgins. Free parking www.Elks.Org/Lodges or www.Myspace.Com/Annettepollack Tickets $20. Call 781-843-4833 to reserve your seats.

The Alzheimer's Care Partners Group will meet Oct. 2, at 10:30 a.m. at The John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., (Route 139) Hanover. We are people who are participating in the care of someone with Alzheimer's Disease. We are an open group and welcome you to come join us free of charge. This month we will be talking about the stages of Alzheimer's to help us distinguish how advanced our loved ones are in this disease. It can be very helpful to know what symptoms to expect and to have some strategies for living with them. Information, contact Penny Peterson, LCSW, at 781-544-4571.

Support Group for friends and families of individuals who suffer from a serious mental illness, sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Located at South Shore Baptist Church in Hingham, first and third Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call Cathy at 781-749-5232 or Betty at 781-749-1541.

The Daniel Webster Estate at 238 Webster St., Marshfield is open every Thursday through September from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Marshfield is the "Home of Daniel Webster", so come and have a guided tour of this lovely 1880's house which is a tribute to him. Admission is free. Information visit danielwebster-estate.org.

The Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will meet on Thu. Oct. 2, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "No Shame, No Fear" by Ann Turnbull. The facilitator is Ms. Shelley Sommer. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, Stump Team Trivia at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. **Sept. 25 Ripchordz**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Oct. 3

Family Fun Night at St. John the Evangelist 172 Main St. Hingham Oct. 3 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. All children pre-kndergarten to Grade Five are welcome. Games, board games and puzzles will be provided by the Gamewright, a Newton company that has been creating family games that transcend age since 1994. These games are designed to "foster learning and laughter." Tickets for the event are $5 per person or $20 per family. Games will be available for purchase as well Any proceeds from the evening will be donated to the Susan Suarez- Brown Memorial Fund. For further information visit: www.stjohns-hingham.org or to reserve your space call: Marybeth Desai- 781-749-4829 or email: Marybethd@mac.com

Sculptor Barney Zeitz, the creator of Plymouth's Immigrant Monument, will demonstrate his craft and answer questions between 1 and 3 p.m., Water Street at Brewster Gardens in Plymouth. Stop by and enjoy some refreshments with the artist and the Plymouth Cultural Council. Rain date is Oct. 6. For information about the event or to purchase commemorative stones contact the Plymouth Cultural Council at plymouthculturalcouncil@yahoo.com or 508-747-1620 ext. 341.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth will hold its third annual "Art, Wine and All That Jazz" fundraising event Oct. 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North St., Plymouth. Enjoy an evening of wine education, art, music and conversation. Wendy Koder of www.uncorkedonline.com will be there to educate your palate with some new and exciting wines while you are enjoying works of art by many talented local artists. The event will be catered by Simply Divine Catering and Ivy's Fine Cakes and Pastries and entertainment will be provided by the Middle Street School of Music. Donation is $30 per person. For reservations or more information, call 508-866-4188 or visit www.hfhplymouth.org.

Join the **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra in celebrating Steven Karidoyanes' 15th season**, at 6 p.m. at the Waverly Oaks Golf Club in Plymouth. There will be music, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dancing, silent and live auctions and more. Black tie optional. Tickets are $75 each. A limited number of full tables are available for $600 each. RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 24. Call 508-746-8008 or visit www.plymouthphil.org.

New England Singles Dances Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Dance music with New England's top DJ's. Oct. 3, 8 p.m.-midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington, MA. Sandwich Bar. $10. www.singlesdancesnewengland.com 617-325-4900.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Oct. 3, **The BlackJax** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Mark your calendar

NORTH RIVER ARTS SOCIETY'S ArtsOn! – Ten Marshfield and Norwell artists will open their studio doors to the public Oct. 4, from noon to 4 p.m. to raise funds to support its campaign to revitalize its home, the historic G.A.R. Hall and adjacent Firehouse. Artists will be on hand to talk with visitors about their work and inspirations, and art will be available for purchase. Advance tickets $20. Tickets day of tour: $25. Map and full description of artists and their studios available with ticket purchase. Call 781-837-8091 for information - www.northriverarts.org.

THE FRIENDS OF THE BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS is organizing a lighthouse cruise up the North Shore Oct. 4. The boat leaves Long Wharf (closest T stop Aquarium, Blue Line) in downtown Boston at 10 a.m. and arrives back at 3 p.m. This fully narrated excursion is ideal for those interested in viewing lighthouses as they were meant to be seen – from the water. After passing the lighthouses of Boston Harbor, we will get close-up views of the lighthouses at Hospital Point, Fort Pickering, Ten Pound Island, Marblehead, Gloucester Breakwater, Eastern Point and Bakers Island. The Twin Lights on Thacher Island will be our farthest destination. Information visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

INLY ARTS FESTIVAL Global Folk Fusion" will have an international theme, integrating an eclectic collection of art forms from the four corners of the world. On Oct. 5, from 1 to 4 p.m., explore world fusion music performances by Entrain and Afro-Cuban drum circle and folk art, dance, and storytelling with a funky twist through interactive workshops, hands-on projects, and live performances. The event is open to the public, geared for all ages, and will be held rain or shine on the Inly School campus, 46 Watch Hill Drive (off Rte. 123, near the junction of Rte. 3A), in Scituate. Visit www.inlyartsfestival.com for complete information. The admission price of $10 per person ($40 max per family) covers all activities. Food will be available for purchase.

HISTORY COMES ALIVE as The Daniel Webster Estate and Heritage Center welcomes back Boston actor, writer and producer, Robin Lane in a fascinating One-woman dramatization of one of America's most important First Ladies, Eleanor Roosevelt. The performance will take place at Oct. 11 at North Community Church Parish House, Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Doors open at 7 p.m. Performance at 7:30 to 8:30; Refreshments to follow. Tickets: $18. Purchase tickets by calling Virginia - 781-837-2403 or Eileen - 781-837-7579. Information and directions visit danielwebsterestate.org

BARKTOBER-FEST, the first event of its kind in Plymouth tailored to dog lovers of all ages and, of course, their furry companions. This one-day canine festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18, on the Plymouth waterfront featuring games and prizes, food for dogs and their owners, demonstrations, live entertainment, and vendors offering dog-related services and items. Other events include a pet/owner photo look-alike contest, a pet costume contest, a dog trick competition, an adoption presentation and obedience training. For the safety of animals and owners, this is an on-leash event. All dogs must be on a leash at all times. Information: www.plymouthbarktoberfest.com or 508-830-1620.

12TH ANNUAL JOSHUA'S RUN and introducing the first annual Andrea's Apres Art Auction, event proceeds to benefit the Andrea Gaziano Memorial Fund within The Jimmy Fund. Race and Auction to be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, at St. Mary of the Nativity Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate. Race applications for the 5 Mile Cliff Challenge, 2 Mile Fun Fun/Walk and Kid's Fun Run can be downloaded at www.joshuasrun.com.



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New ships to cruise the high seas

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GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

BOSTON — The big cruise lines are preparing to introduce their new generation of ships, and cruise travelers are in for some innovations and surprises. We're talking merry-go-rounds, giant water parks, hot nightspots and a big focus on the ocean and outdoors.

Dream a big Dream

When it debuts in September 2009, Carnival's new 130,000-ton Carnival Dream will be the largest ship in the "Fun Ship" fleet.

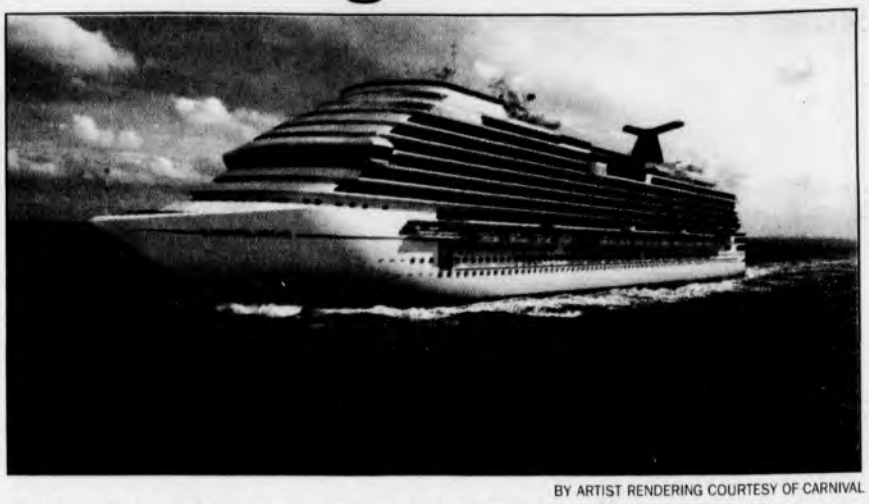
Currently under construction in Italy, the 3,646-passenger ship will offer a new space called The Piazza, an indoor/outdoor cafe and live music venue with a circular dance floor and whirlpools that extend over the ship's beam so you feel like you're floating above the water. The ship will also have what are being promoted as the "most elaborate" children's facilities at sea, including a huge Carnival WaterWorks water park with two waterslides.

Adults will get their own quiet outdoor retreat and pool called Serenity, and the ship's Cloud 9 Spa is being billed as the "largest and most elaborate" to date. Other cool features include a two-level mini golf course.

The Carnival Dream will introduce new cabin configurations including family cabins for five with two bathrooms (one full with shower and the other with a mini-tub and sink) and "cove" cabins with balconies near the waterline. There will also be spa cabins and suites with special amenities.

The ship debuts in Europe and will do two cruises from New York on Nov. 15 and 23, 2009, before taking up its permanent home in Port Canaveral, Fla., sailing on alternating, weeklong eastern and western Caribbean itineraries year-round. The New York cruises will visit Nassau and Freeport in the Bahamas as well as Port Canaveral (near Orlando).

For reservations, call 800-327-9501 or visit www.carnival.com.



BY ARTIST RENDERING COURTESY OF CARNIVAL

The Carnival Dream is under construction in Italy and will debut as the biggest ship in the Carnival fleet.

Big, bigger, biggest

Royal Caribbean is the current record holder for world's largest ship with its Independence of the Seas, a 160,000-ton vessel. But the line will top itself when it debuts the much anticipated, 220,000-ton Oasis of the Seas in December 2009.

That is a lot of additional space, and at the shipyard in Finland, Royal Caribbean is adding all sorts of first-time-on-a-cruise-ship features for the 5,400 passengers to enjoy, including an outdoor boardwalk area with a hand-crafted merry-go-round, beachside-style shops and eateries, and carnival games.

The ship will have an extensive water park and a Sports Zone with such first-on-a-cruise-ship innovations as a zip line. But what would you expect from a company that earlier brought ice skating rinks and rock climbing walls to cruise ships?

And there's more. The upper center of Oasis of the Seas, Central Park, will be a lush park spanning the length of a football field, with scenic pathways, real flowers and trees, and alfresco dining as well as outdoor entertainment including concerts and street performers. The first moving bar at sea, the Rising Tide Bar, will ascend three decks above the park providing views while you imbibe.

The first Beach Pool at sea will feature a sloping entry through shallow water, sans sand but with beach chairs, umbrellas and private cabanas. And other new and notable features include AquaTheater, a kidney-shaped pool area with tiered platforms for sunning. During the day, guests will be able to take scuba lessons in the pool. At night, the place will be transformed into a setting for fountain shows synchronized to lights and music.

Of the 37 different types of cabins, those with big bucks can book the first two-level, loft-style cabins at sea (the upper level bedroom overlooks the living room and others offer expansive ocean views).

Oasis of the Seas will cruise the Caribbean from its homeport of Fort Lauderdale. For reservations, call 800-ROYALCARIBBEAN, or visit www.royalcaribbean.com.

Cruising goes hot and icy

Norwegian Cruise Line's new generation of ships is supposed to debut in 2010, with the first of two 150,000-ton, 4,200-passenger vessels, currently known as F3. But details of the ship have been announced. Here, one big emphasis is on nightlife, with a club scene inspired by Vegas, South Beach and other hip locales.

The shipboard hotspots will include the POSH Beach Club, an adults-only venue on top of the ship. During the day, cushioned day beds and private cabanas will provide a place to catch rays and ocean breezes and a 35-foot waterfall a place to cool off. At night, the scene will include bottle service on silver trays and dancing under the stars.

The F3 will also debut the first Ice Bar at sea. In the frozen chamber - temperatures kept below 17 degrees - guests will be able to enjoy ice cold vodka and a Northern Lights display while donning a fur coat, hat and gloves (all provided). Cabins will have the unusual feature of wavy walls and separate shower and toilet compartments.

Norwegian Cruise Line has not yet disclosed itineraries for the ship, nor opened reservations. Stay tuned. For more information, call 866-234-0292 or visit www.ncl.com.

Celebrity cruising

Premium line Celebrity Cruises launches the first of its new generation of ships this November with the German-built Celebrity Solstice. While perhaps not aiming to make as many waves as the new mainstream ships, the 122,000-ton, 2,850-passenger vessel will introduce treats of a more cerebral sort including the first glassblowing demonstrations at sea - operated in conjunction with The Corning Museum of Glass.

The ship will also boast a half-acre Lawn Club, with real grass, where passengers can play bocce ball and croquet, practice their golf putting, picnic or go barefoot in the park - while also enjoying the passing sea views.

Celebrity Solstice will have a broad variety of dining options, and accommodation choices including AquaClass spa cabins, with special spa privileges.

The ship will sail the Caribbean from Fort Lauderdale in winter and cruise Europe in the summer.

For reservations, call 800-437-3111 or visit www.celebritycruises.com.

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Pumpkin Patch to open



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The Pumpkin Patch will be open from Oct. 11 through Halloween from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Wheelwright Park.

All proceeds from pumpkin sales go directly to the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project.

Art teacher loves her work



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Skippers kick into gear



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Schools tough stand on user fees

Committee denies waiver request

By Nancy White
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The School Committee took a stand on facility user fees Wednesday night and pledged to better educate the booster clubs and other youth groups on the user fee structure.

"Either way we go, this is an opportunity to draw a line in the sand."
— Rick Flynn, School Committee

Ellen Maher, a member of the Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading program, came before the board to request a waiver of the school's $1800 user fee for use of Alumni Field on three days. In a letter to the committee, Maher said the group was unaware of the user fee policy. They didn't get charged for the use of the facility the year before and did not budget appropriately for the expense.

"At the end of our fiscal year, we'll look at the budget and see if we can make a donation to the school," Maher offered instead.

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn said the request brought him back to numerous past discussions of the school's responsibility to maintain the fields and buildings. The committee came up with user fee structure in recent years as a way to fund regular

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Treasure chest of volunteers

Sea Chest to have new sponsor

By Nancy White
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The Sea Chest Consignment Shop is undergoing somewhat of a transformation. While it is business as usual for the most part, the gears are in motion to have an entirely new charity sponsor the consignment shop.

At the fourth annual volunteer luncheon held on Tuesday morning at the Lightkeepers, shop manager Andi Merrill recognized the continuing efforts of 70 volunteers — and let them know what the future looks like.

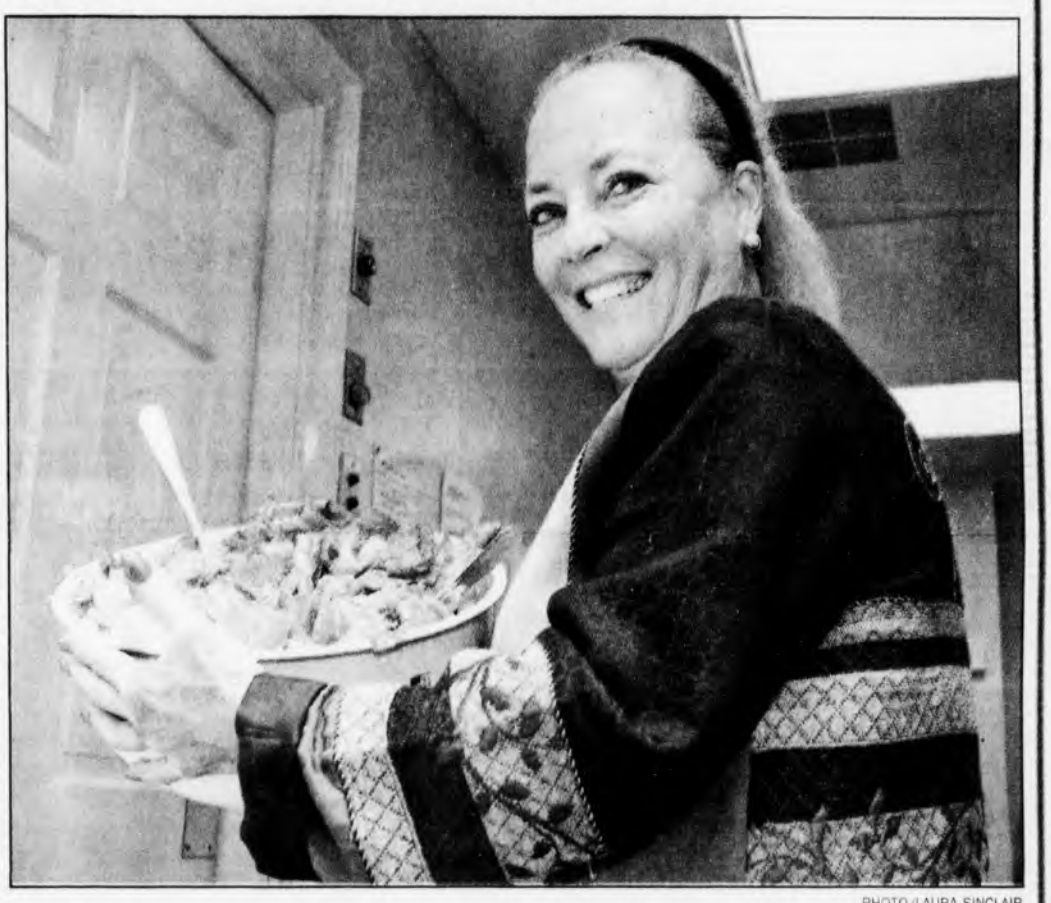
"You people are the shop," said Merrill. "We absolutely would not be successful without you."

Some volunteers have worked with Merrill for decades and consider the people at the shop their second family. Merrill was the long-time manager of the Cohasset Consignment Shop run by the Social Service League and when she left many of the volunteers followed her to Sea Chest.

One of those volunteers, Joan Graham, started volunteering at the Cohasset Consignment Shop 48 years ago and has donated her time through many changes. She recently "retired" from regular duty, but said she would be available if they got desperate one day.

When she started to volunteer,

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PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Linda Thomas not only volunteers for the Sea Chest Consignment Shop but also catered the luncheon honoring the volunteers. Linda's catering company is called Comfort Foods and here she holds a mandarin orange almond salad.

Treat's on the table

Three 'pond' articles proposed

By Nancy White
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At least three articles proposing solutions for the Treat's Pond/Atlantic Avenue issues could be before Special Town Meeting in November.

On Monday night, the Board of Selectmen again held court on the contentious and complicated Treat's Pond issue. This week, the focus was on the Army Corps of Engineers project and the $700,000 of federally earmarked funds that go with it.

Although Selectmen have discussed Treat's Pond in recent weeks, this was the first time the Army Corps project has been discussed in detail before the board since Annual Town Meeting in March when a resolution was made requesting additional time to review possible solutions.

It was clear, once again, there is no easy answer to the Treat's Pond area flooding. Every option proposed seems to have roadblocks and there are major outstanding questions that need to be answered in the near term.

How much is the town responsible for paying toward the project? Will a freshwater outlet to the harbor from Treat's Pond negatively impact the harbor? Will the town be able to get the easements they need and at what cost? What properties does the town need to look to for an easement?

These were just some of the questions raised during the 2-1/2 hour discussion. As Town Meeting approaches, many of the issues have to be addressed before the warrant heads to the printer on Friday, Oct. 24. Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 17.

The three proposed Town Meeting articles would put the issue before the voters to determine the best means, if any, to address the degrading quality of Treat's Pond and/or the flooding issues plaguing the area. The articles could put the town on the line for anywhere between $50,000 and $500,000 depending on which, if any, option passed muster (*see sidebar for options*).

A recent letter from the Army Corps of Engineers requested the town indicate its interest in the project by the end

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Cohasset making strides on MCAS

All schools meet English, math targets

By Nancy White
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The scores are in. And Cohasset students made the grade.

This past week, the 2008 MCAS scores were released. Cohasset is making strides in all areas and achieved its annual yearly progress goals mandated by the federal government.

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, or MCAS, is an annual statewide test in its 11th year of administration. The School Committee received an overview from Supt. Of Schools Denise Walsh on Wednesday night. At their next meeting scheduled for Oct. 8, each school's principal will give an in-depth look at their strengths and weaknesses — and the ways they plan to improve scores for the next round of testing.

"Overall, we are very pleased," said Walsh in a phone interview. While the district did well, she was quick to note that there were areas where improvement was needed. "We never can get too complacent…we are pleased with the progress but we still have work to do."

Areas where Cohasset has devoted resources in the past few years (new textbooks, technology and teacher professional development) has reflected immediately and significantly in MCAS scores, said Walsh.

"We are pleased with the progress but we still have work to do."
— Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh

She noted in grade five math, grade seven and eight English and math, and grade 10 science, Cohasset ranked at number one for percentage of proficient and advanced scores in the South Shore region.

MCAS tests include multiple choice, open response, and short answer questions and writing prompts. School and

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Name: Colleen Roth.

Occupation: Wife, mother, grandmother and assistant manager at Sea Chest Consignments.

Best day of your life: Must have been that blind date in college when I met Kenny and his crazy pilot friends.

Best vacation: The wine country in France…the B&B was a beautiful winery.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite or meal: Mexican…the hotter the better.

Best magazine: Southern Living.

Best movie: "My Cousin Vinny."

Best TV show: "Heroes" and "The Tudors" on Showtime

Fun fact about yourself: When I get angry or upset I become a backward talker…therefore losing the argument.

Pet peeve: Rude people.

Goal: To stay healthy and enjoy my family.

Person you'd most like to meet: My mother's mother.

Biggest worry: I don't have one.

Best part of Cohasset: Sea Chest Consignments…the volunteers, consignors, and customers…we're the biggest and best family in town.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

The Mariner caught up with Colleen Roth, assistant manager of Sea Chest Consignments, at the shop's annual volunteer luncheon on Tuesday at the Lightkeepers Residence.

New Cohasset Mariner 'drop box'

The Cohasset Mariner has a new "drop box" and pickup location at Tedeschi's in the village. The drop box is on the counter in the front window around the corner to the left after you enter the front door.

The Mariner picks up at 8 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. The drop box can be used to drop off glossy photographs, letters, flyers or other editorial copy.

The Mariner thanks Bill Ducharme at Tedeschi's for allowing Tedeschi's to be our new pickup location. For years the Mariner pickups were at Cohasset News, which is now a new dance studio. The Mariner thanks John and Larry Scott at Cohasset News for accepting Mariner items over many years. John and Larry are still at the Cohasset Butcher & Deli on Brook Street.

Historical society event at Town Landing

The Cohasset Historical Society, as it continues to celebrate its 80th anniversary, will be at the Town Landing on Border Street from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, Oct. 4th, weather permitting. Internationally known artist WK Gilbert will be signing his marine prints and the United States Coast Guard will have a Defender Class Coast Guard Cutter docked there open to visitors. Come join the society for this unique opportunity to talk to those who protect the shoreline.

In addition to Saturday's event, the Society is exhibiting Coast Guard artifacts, uniforms and marine paintings at its headquarters, 106 South Main St., until the end of October.

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Village sewer tie-ins at a standstill

Commission reevaluating plant capacity this fall

"We try to be as responsible and responsive as we can, but do it in a conservative way."
— John Beck, Sewer Commission

By Nancy White
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Right now, there is no capacity available in the central sewer district — and the waiting list for village properties is eight names deep. The Sewer Commission will undertake a thorough review of the capacity of the wastewater treatment plant to be complete by the end of November.

The Village is not part of the Little Harbor sewer expansion project, which will connect 487 homes to the town system.

Calling determining if there is sewer capacity a balancing act, Sewer Commission Chairman John Beck said there are multiple variables that go into determining if there is capacity at the plant located on Elm Street.

"It's a tough equation," said Beck, in a phone interview. More than simply the average daily use, unknowns like weather, groundwater levels and resulting inflow and infiltration (I&I) have to be taken into consideration.

"We try to be as responsible and responsive as we can, but do it in a conservative way," said Beck.

For example, during the rainstorms this past weekend the wastewater treatment plant processed as much as 670 gallons in one day due to stormwater infiltrating the system and groundwater rising, said Beck. The partially finished upgrades and new membranes at the plant "performed very well," Beck said.

Yet, he said the membranes will lose efficiency over time and that as well must be taken into consideration when adding more homes and businesses to the system.

"Nobody wants another overflow," said Beck. In recent years, significant rainstorms created an influx of water to the plant causing it to overflow on multiple occassions.

Following the passage of the new village business district bylaws, which allow mixed-use commercial/residential buildings, many village property owners put their name in for additional sewer capacity. Because capacity had been available, several properties have made it off the waiting list, including the Samuel Bates building (35-29 South Main St.), the hardware store, the new Depot Court building and the to-be-permitted medical building behind the gas station.

Connections are measured in equivalent dwelling units, or EDUs. One EDU is equal to 440 gallons per day of capacity. When a connection is granted, the property owner had six months to pay for the connection in full. The cost can run from about $8,500 for houses or businesses with increased capacity needs (such as adding apartments) to $15,000 for new construction. At the end of six months, if the connection is not paid for in full, the property owner may file for an few months extension or the connection can be put back into the town's inventory.

While there are eight village properties currently on the waiting list, most of the requests are for multiple EDUs, some request as many as 23 EDUs. As actual plans are filed with the town, the number of EDUs currently requested may change.

The ongoing Little Harbor sewer project — the $15.2 million sewer distribution and plant expansion — will tie-in an additional 485 homes to town wastewater treatment plant. It is expected the homes will be tied in by late 2010. Then after homeowners hook up to the sewer, the Sewer Commission will have to re-evaluate the capacity again and see if any more connections are available. The associated sewer plant upgrade and expansion will increase the capacity from its current 300,000 gallons per day to 450,000 gallons per day.

There is a separate waiting list for sewer connections for vacant, but buildable, lots in the Little Harbor district. Currently, there are five lots on that list.

This fall, the Sewer Commission will also be installing a flow meter for effluent in the North Cohasset district, which is connected to the Hull wastewater treatment plant.

"It will give us a pretty good handle because it will measure the exact effluent flow," said Beck. Currently, the flow is measured by the water use, which does not take into account outside watering that doesn't go into the sewer system. Cohasset has an intermunicipal agreement with Hull to send as much as 80,000 gallons per day to their wastewater treatment plant.

POLICE BEAT

Minor accidents, copper theft and noise issues

By Mary Ford
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• At 5:26 a.m. on Wednesday (Sept. 24), a 2007 Honda being driven by a Hull man pulled out of a parking space into the travel lane on Ripley Road striking a 2007 Audi that was heading toward Depot Court. There were no apparent injuries. The Audi was owned and operated by a Hingham man.

• At 1:16 p.m. on Friday (Sept. 26) a 2004 Toyota, owned and operated by a Cohasset woman, was on Atlantic Avenue traveling toward Nichols Road in heavy rain when the Toyota went around the corner and slid into the northbound lane. The Toyota sideswiped a 2002 BMW, also owned and operated by a Cohasset woman. Police said neither woman was injured. There was damage to the front driver's side of the Toyota and to the left side of the BMW. Neither car was towed, police said.

• At 2:52 p.m. on Saturday (Sept. 27), a 2004 Dodge Stratus, driven by a Quincy man, slid in the mud and went off the road. There were no injuries. The car was initially stuck but was able to get out. A tow truck was called for but was later cancelled.

Copper theft

A business on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) reported that about $1,000 worth of copper had been stolen from a shed on the property last week. The incident occurred sometime between Tuesday (Sept. 23) and Thursday (Sept. 25). Police are interviewing some of the abutters and the theft remains under investigation.

Noise issues

A caller notified police about a BFI truck picking up trash before 5:30 a.m. last week at the Cohasset Golf Club. Another caller complained about trash being picked up at Atlantica before 6 a.m.

In both cases, police said the management of both facilities wanted to be good neighbors and will ask the trash services not to come so early.

Speeding

Police will increase patrols and possibly use the speed board to slow traffic along North Main Street in the mornings. A caller, who walks to the train, complained last week that cars coming into town from East Street in Hingham are speeding and therefore making it difficult to walk safely.

"We have put this on the list of places for officers to conduct enforcement and we will move the speed board to that location to see if it will help influence drivers," Chief Hussey said. The chief said the speed board helps alert motorists who do not realize how fast they are traveling.

Red light

Police received a complaint last week about a vehicle in the neighborhood that kept going through the temporary light on Jerusalem Road. The incident was called in two days after it occurred. Chief Hussey said police have received few complaints about cars running that light.

Welfare check

Police and fire personnel went to a home last week after a letter carrier reported four days of mail were piling up and windows were open. As it turned out no one was home at the time.

Chief Hussey explained that letter carriers contact police to conduct welfare checks when they see something unusual such as several days of mail piling up when it appears that the homeowners are not away.

Mailboxes

Police responded to a report of damage to several mailboxes overnight (Friday, Sept. 26 into Saturday, Sept. 27) on Doane Street. However, when police arrived the mailboxes were back in place. Police talked to the caller. No one had seen anything regarding the vandalism and there was no evidence at the scene.

Wheel on fire

Police notified the MBTA after callers reported an inbound train had a wheel on fire on Saturday. The MBTA contacted the engineer and the train stopped in Hingham, police said.

Arrest

A woman was arrested after allegedly hitting her Cohasset boyfriend with a telephone receiver last week. Police determined there was evidence to charge her with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Flat tires

A hole near a raised catch basin in the roadwork on South Main Street caused on car to get two flat tires on Sunday. The caller notified police who confirmed there was a hole and notified the DPW.

Faded crosswalk

A concerned caller notified police that the crosswalk at Pond Street and Clay Spring Road is so faded that cars do not stop. It also poses a safety hazard for children trying to cross, the caller said. Chief Hussey said the information was passed on to the DPW.

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'Freeze' on school spending

On the advice of Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh, the School Committee directed the central office to put a "freeze" on all spending except for classroom essentials. The report of state budget cuts, the first of which was expected to be announced Thursday as the Mariner went to press, caused Walsh and the committee to consider being very fiscally conservative.

"Anything not necessary for the classroom," Walsh said would be put on hold. That includes supplies, materials, professional development programs. Fortunately, Walsh said, some materials were prepaid out of remaining funds in last year's budget.

"Anything not necessary for the classroom."
— Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh

Although Cohasset does not depend on the state for a great portion of their budget — most of the operational budget comes from local aid — they depend on state aid for special education through the state's "circuit breaker" fund. Walsh said this award is the most likely of the monies Cohasset receives to be affected.

The state special education reimbursement fund, or "circuit breaker," is a revolving account established by the state legislators for use on special education costs. The account is outside of the operational budget exclusively for monies reimbursed by the state for special education costs. The circuit breaker can be used to pay (or pre-pay) out- of-district tuition or costs associated with special education in-district.

Chapter 70 funding and various grants also come from the state and could be impacted in state budget cuts.

"It is pretty frightening to think about," said Walsh. "If the circuit breaker funding is cut, we don't have a cushion."

Walsh said she and business manager Dave DeGennaro have been considering a freeze for a couple of weeks now.

With the exception of two open positions Walsh classified as crucial, there will be no additional hiring either. A school nurse at Osgood and the Osgood adjustment counselor will be hired in the next couple of weeks.

"We don't know what's going on at the state," said Walsh after the meeting. "It's for the sake of caution."

Schools take tough stand on user fees

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maintenance of the school buildings and fields.

Flynn said a lot of time and though was put into putting a fee schedule together a few years ago. Although the user fee structure was established approved by the School Committee in February 2005, but this year the schools have been consistent about charging all users.

"Either way we go, this is an opportunity to draw a line in the sand," said Flynn.

The general reasoning behind the facility user fee is to help the school pay for the necessary maintenance of the facilities as well as use of water, heat and other utilities.

"We're not trying to make money on it," said Flynn. However, Maher said it was unclear where or how the user fees would be utilized.

"I'd like to know the money is going directly back to the maintenance of the facility (we are using). It would make it more palatable," said Maher. A specific project or maintenance expense specific to the sport may make the fee easier to digest. School officials said the user fees do go into a "use of facility" line item for use in maintaining the fields or to share in the utility cost.

School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy said the bottom line for her was the budget. The current fiscal 2009 budget includes a roughly $24,000 offset — a revenue generated outside the operational budget — from use of facilities.

"I'm not sure it would be prudent to take the $1800 off the table," said MacCarthy. "It is unfortunate you did not have the information in a timely manner. My feeling is to waive the fee is not being fiscally prudent."

School Committee member Lucia Flibotte agreed, "as a town we have decided we're going to be a fee for service town," who has spoken on many occasions against this increasing practice, but she said the needs of the budget require it. "My job here is to look out for this budget," said Flibotte.

For School Committee member Steve Fusco, the issue came down to a policy was in place and needs to be enforced.

"We have a fee structure requirement. Even if we had excess cash, I'm not sure it would be relevant," said Fusco.

In order to utilize the school facilities, groups or individuals must fill out an authorization form and get approval from the school principal as well as the central office. Rates vary depending on the type of facility (field, classroom, gymnasium) and for indoor locations, heating or non-heating season.

"None of us wants to be the bad guy. If we give one exception then there's always another," said Flynn.

The School Committee voted unanimously to not waive the user fee for the youth football program.

After the vote was taken, several of the School Committee members said "sorry."

Summit with boosters a possibility

As a part of the discussion of the Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading program's request for a waiver of user fees, the School Committee said they needed better communication with the boosters clubs. Not only to convey the user fee message to ensure all groups understand their responsibility, but also to understand how much the booster clubs contribute to the athletic programs.

"Getting one message to all users I think would be beneficial for everyone," said School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn. Making sure field users understand the fee structure, why it is what it is and why it is important was a necessary step. Flynn suggested the School Committee, or a sub-committee, meet with the boosters to discuss these issues.

While the School Committee recognized the important monetary contributions the various booster clubs make to the athletic teams, the felt they needed to get a better handle on the numbers.

"The offset numbers have grown (in percentage of the budget)," said Flynn and understanding how much the booster clubs are contributing would lead to a better understanding of what it takes to run the athletic department.

"I think we need to have a dialogue," said Flynn.

Part of the problem is the booster clubs often buy items or pay for service for teams without going through the School Committee. Then, the funding is not on paper and the School Committee doesn't know about it.

"The bottom line is it has to come in as a gift or a grant" in order for the school to account for it donation and properly report it, said Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh.

The more money the boosters get credit for, the better is for the School Committee to get a complete picture of the real costs of the athletic program and the real costs of running the school district, said Flynn.

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Cohasset making strides on MCAS

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district results are used to evaluate, revise, and update the curriculum and instruction programs, aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

Beginning in the third grade, each year students take the MCAS tests yearly until eight grade and then again in grade 10. Passing the grade 10 MCAS is a requirement for high school graduation.

All three Cohasset schools — Deer Hill, the middle school and the high school — met their targeted annual yearly progress scores on both the English and math. If Cohasset keeps on pace with its yearly gains, all students should score proficient and above by 2014 when all students are required to be proficient in reading and math by the federal No Child Left Behind act.

"We can't point to one thing an say this is why we are seeing results," said Walsh. When changes add up to significant score improvement, they do know they are going in the right direction.

The move to block scheduling at the middle-high school gives students more time in each subject. For math, students now take an additional "math lab" period to ensure they are understanding the material. Walsh called the practice the "gift of time." A new middle school "spiral" science curriculum where kids review and expand their understanding of all MCAS-covered topics each year.

In an effort to improve the math curriculum, math learning and, in turn, math scores, a math specialist split between Deer Hill and Osgood was added this year. Walsh said the new position creates opportunities for teachers to hone in on their teaching methods.

The principals and teachers of every school analyze the testing scores closely, looking at each student's progress and the areas where a grade struggled to tailor their classroom learning.

About two-third of Massachusetts middle schools did not meet their annual yearly progress goals. That stands in contrast to Cohasset Middle School's numbers, which were the highest in the South Shore region.

As Cohasset and the state moves closer to 2014 and 100 percent proficiency for their students, Walsh said task gets a little bit harder.

"Eventually, all the schools are going to hit a wall," said Walsh.

Individual student scores were sent home to parents and Walsh encouraged parents to look closely to ensure their children is progressing.

"As educators, it is all about children reaching proficiency," said Walsh.

This past week, the Boston Globe printed the statewide MCAS ratings. The Globe and Boston.com ranked them by adding the percentage of students who scored either "advanced" or "proficient" in English and Math. Statewide, Cohasset High School ranked 52nd in English, 17th in Math and seventh in science/technology for grade 10. Ninety percent or above of students scored in those categories. None of Cohasset's 10th graders failed the math, English or science/technology portions of the test.

BRIEFLY

New school website up and running

The Cohasset Schools launched an entirely new website on Oct. 1. The re-vamped site can be accessed at the same web address, www.cohassetk12.org.

The site will be composed of five sites (one for each school and one for the central office) and each one is designed to be frequently updated by administrators, teachers and staff. Teachers will be able to have their own site to post homework assignments, the Superintendent will be able to post messages, and the daily school lunch menu will be available as well. The ability to purchase school lunches online will be available soon.

Lunch dates for veterans announced

All veterans are welcome to lunch at noon, on the third Wednesday of each month. Upcoming dates include Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. The purpose of the luncheons is to foster camaraderie and assist those in need.

Luncheons will take place at Hearth 'n Kettle, 151 Main St., Weymouth. Menu will include a choice of chicken, fish or steak tips with coffee or soft drink with refills. Cost is $16 and includes gratuity.

For more information, call coordinators Paul Salvas at 781-337-0533 Joe McElroy 781-383-0505.

School enrollment up

Hot off the presses on Wednesday night was the complete school enrollment numbers for the 2008-2009 school year.

"We can see the beginning of trends. We actually have numbers and it is a good place to start as we go into the budget season," said Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh. A total of 1442 students started in the Cohasset Public Schools this September.

The entire district (kindergarten through grade 12) is up 41 students. The jump is mainly due to a large incoming kindergarten class of 137 (half-day and full-day) at Osgood School. From the 2007 numbers, Deer Hill School gained 12 students over last year, the middle school lost 17 and the high school gained 15.

The numbers, by school: Osgood, 418 students, Deer Hill, 356, the middle school, 311, and the high school, 381. An increase in students could translate into a higher allocation for state chapter 70 funding, Walsh said.

Walsh said she was "very comfortable" with the class sizes across all schools. Osgood class size hovered between 19 and 20 students, Deer Hill was a little higher averaging 22-23 students per class. The high school and middle school class sizes varied by subject and class but were generally between 20 and 30.

Blood drive scheduled for Oct. 10

In order to give blood, potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with a parent's authorization), weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

Everyone, whether it is realized or not, depends on blood. Every two seconds, someone needs blood. At this time, donations of all blood types are needed to meet the needs of patients in local hospitals as well as those throughout New England.

The American Red Cross hopes the residents of Cohasset will give the Gift of Life. A Red Cross blood drive will take place from 1 to 7 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 10, at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 10 Summer St. Childcare will be available from 3 to 5 p.m.

Because of the uncertainty of the times, the Red Cross seeks to maintain a five to 10 day community blood supply. The fact is, nearly 2,000 units of blood are needed each day to help those in need in the South Shore region. It is a challenge to collect enough blood to meet the needs of hospital patients year around. Across the United States, 70 percent of the population is eligible to give blood, but only 5 percent actually do so.

In addition to supporting cancer treatment, blood is used for a variety of other life-threatening medical conditions. Transfusions are used daily in the treatment of trauma victims, to replace blood lost during surgery and to restore blood cells damaged from genetic disorders. Without the availability of transfusions, such medical miracles as bone marrow transplants would not be possible. The importance of a volunteer blood donor to the health and wellbeing of the community cannot be overstated. Blood donors save lives every day.

In order to give blood, potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with a parent's authorization), weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Most medications and medical conditions do not prohibit a person from being a blood donor. Donors can give blood safely every eight weeks. To make an appointment to donate at this blood drive or for more information, call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 781-383-1290, the Red Cross Blood Services at 800-448-3543 or visit givelife.org. For more information on the blood donation process and current eligibility guidelines, visit the Web site at newenglandblood.org.

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Young animal lover helps Scituate shelter

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HAPPY OCTOBER

Hello Cohasset, happy October to all! This past week or so has been a tricky one for us personally and my mind has been a bit all over the place. I am so sorry if I have forgotten anything in this week's column or missed out on returning someone's call or message but will be back in action next week. In the meantime, here comes this week's column with some wonderful news and events that will be taking place soon.

GENEROSITY

At his ninth birthday party on Sept. 27th, **Jerome Vainisi**, who loves animals, was able to raise over $200 for the Scituate Animal Shelter with the help and generosity of his friends.

Jerome asked for donations to the shelter in lieu of gifts so he and his friends could provide many wonderful animals with much needed help. His parents, **Jerry and Tracey,** and sister, **Grace**, are very proud of him. Jerome thanks his many friends who were happy to help.

HARVEST SUPPER

The Annual Harvest Supper and Auction will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church for the 85th straight year! In years past, members have personally made calls to people in surrounding towns in order to make dinner reservations. This policy is being phased out. Instead, the first 100 people will be seated on a first come basis. Those, who want to, can call the church and order reservations on the voice mail at 781-383-0808. Seating begins at 5:30 for dinner, which will be served at 6:30. This year's menu includes ham, herbed roasted potatoes, green beans, Harvard beets, coffee and dessert. Dinner is $9 for adults and $4.50 for children. An auction of locally harvested produce, pies, homemade goods and various donated items will take place immediately following dinner.

FIVE-YEAR REUNION

The five-year reunion for the CHS class of 2003 will be held Wednesday, Nov. 26th from 7-11pm at the George Mealy American Legion Post, 98 Summer St. Make your parents happy by coming home for Thanksgiving. Then catch up with old friends and share your new exciting experiences. Appetizers and drinks will be served. Questions? Contact Curt (curt.kahn@gmail.com) or Ross (rlieblappen@gmail.com).



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Jerome Vainisi, his sister Grace Vainisi, and their friend, Virginia Coffey. Jerome raised $200 for the Scituate Animal Shelter on his ninth birthday!



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Pran Teelucksingh, 5, decorated himself as a tree for the Decorated Bicycle Parade during Cohasset Day on Sept. 20. In last week's issue, the Mariner misidentified Pran in the photo page about the event. Sorry about the mix-up, Pran!

BRYANT

Bryant University has admitted the following local student to the Class of 2012. **Eric MacCarthy**, who is a communication student from Cohasset, is off to a wonderful start to the year at Bryant College. We look forward to hearing about your days at college Eric, have a super time!

HOOP SIGNUPS

Cohasset Youth Basketball Registrations will take place on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 8-11 in the basement conference room at Town Hall. Registration fee remains at $75. Anyone registering after Oct 31 will be charged a $25 late registration fee. Teams will be selected on Nov. 15 and they will be posted online. Registrations will close on Nov. 7. Any late registrations will be subject to the approval of the CBBC.

Also on Oct. 18, signups for Travel Basketball tryouts will be held. No money or registration is required at this time. In order to plan properly, the CBBC needs to know how many kids are planning on trying out for Travel Basketball.

More information about Youth Basketball and Travel Basketball will be available on Oct. 18.

UNH GRAD

Caitlin M. Gontarz, daughter of **Donna and Bob Gontarz** of Cohasset, graduated *cum laude* from the University of New Hampshire on Saturday, May 24, 2008. Caitlin received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. Congratulations Caitlin!

OUR WORLD

There are some new classes and programs taking place at the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum including an indoor sports class on Tuesday afternoons, Drama Kids, Toddler programs and more. Please call 781-383-3198 or go to www.ourworldcgdm.org for more information.

That is all for this week. Send in all of your news and photos no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm to me for that weeks Friday column.

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SENIOR SCENE

Surviving the stock market!

Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring the following events. Call 781-383-9112 to register.

• Wednesday, Oct. 8, 11 a.m. to noon. "How to Survive in a Down Market During Your Retirement Years" with presenters, Richard Gilman, financial specialist, Matthew Cunningham, registered principal and financial advisor, Securitas Financial Group, Hingham. In addition to answering questions, this seminar will cover: Easy ways to avoid probate, proper ownership of accounts and how to protect assets. Following the seminar, Securitas Financial will provide a complimentary lunch.

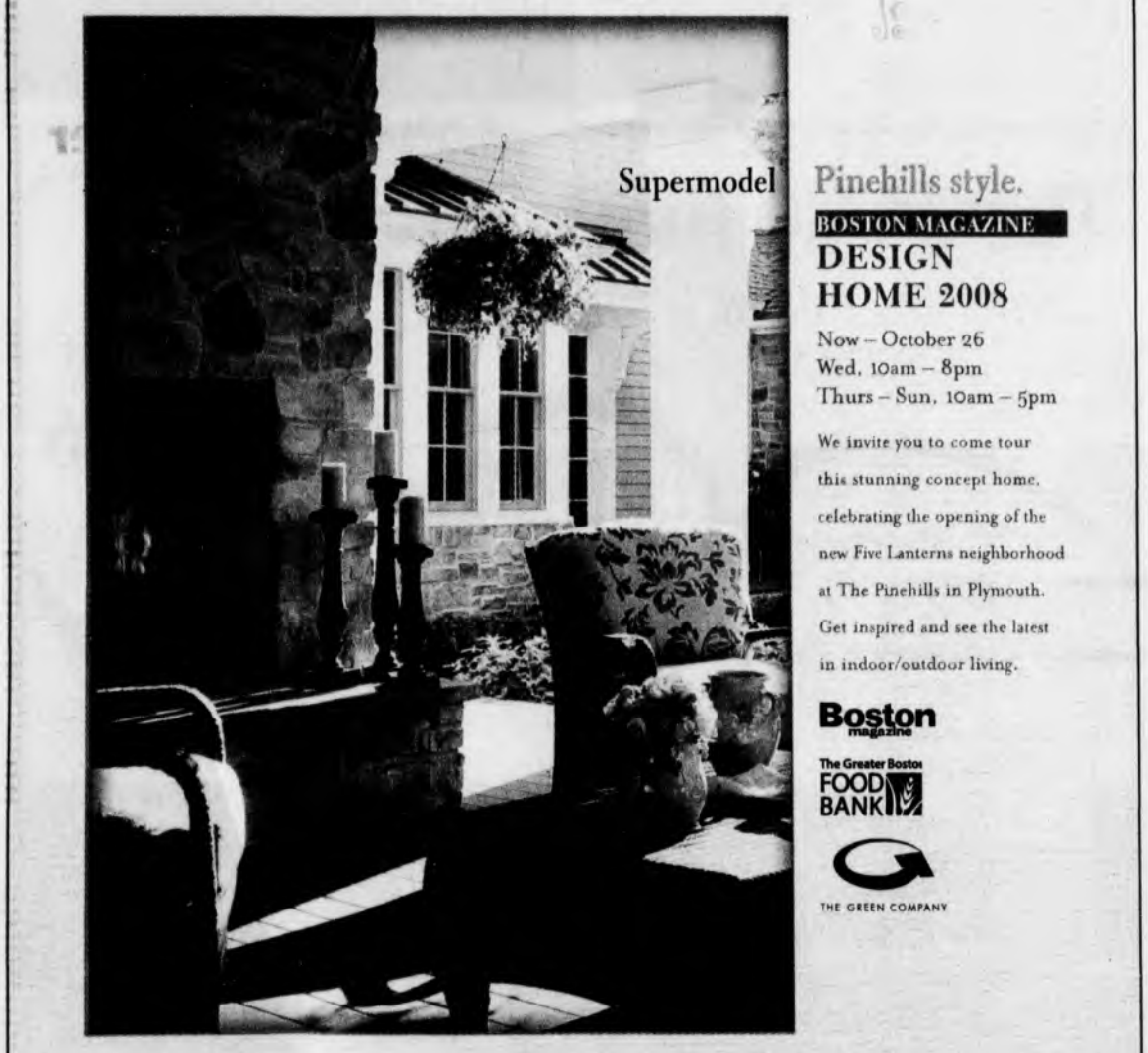
• Wednesday, Oct. 15, 11 a.m. to noon. "The Purple Cow," presented by Dr. Joseph Santelli, DDS. He will speak on mini dental implants that involve no surgery. Following the seminar, a gourmet lunch will be provided by the Angel Food Project. Donation: $2.50.

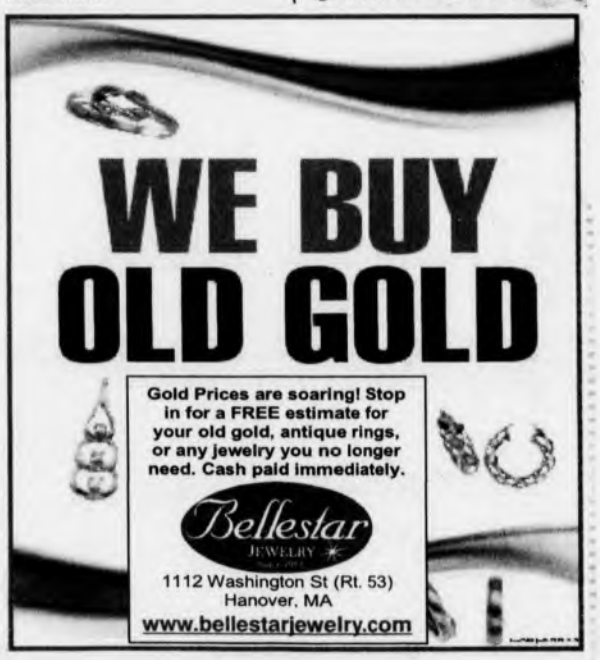
• Wednesday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m. to noon. "Using Newest Technology & Collaboration to Improve Our Connections," presented by Lucille Sorrentino, Tina Dwyer and Anna Hall. Dessert will be provided by Weymouth Health Care. Gourmet lunch provided by Arthur Roebuck. Donation is $2.50.

David Wadsworth to speak Oct. 15

Historian David Wadsworth will lead participants on a walk around town, without leaving one's seat, when he presents "The Common and Village" in his talk on Wednesday evening, Oct. 15, at Cohasset Historical Society, Pratt Building, 106 South Main St. Wadsworth will relate the significance of the buildings and their histories with his slides and knowledge of the town and its people. Always a fascinating storyteller, his ability to recount the who, what and where of Cohasset makes the town's past alive again.

All are invited to attend this program, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge and light refreshment will be served.







Sea Chest Consignment Shop honors its volunteers

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spurred on by an interest in retail, the consignment shop was located in the old railroad station in the village.

Beyond knowing she was doing a good thing for charity, Graham said the social aspect of the shop has been rewarding for her and other volunteers.

"Many friendships have been made," said Graham.

Volunteer coordinator Carol Rankin agrees 100 percent with Graham.

"My favorite part is being with the people and interacting with the people. I've always said this is a family, a support system for each other as well as customers," said Rankin, who started volunteering in 1996 when she was shopping at the Cohasset Consignment Shop and one of the volunteers working asked if she would like to volunteer. Now at the Sea Chest, she is the one asking customers if they'd like to volunteer.

The volunteers range from high school students looking for community service hours to volunteers in their nineties. They come from all over the South Shore, too. Most are from Cohasset and Scituate, but some come as far as Quincy, Hanson and Duxbury.

"It's good time and a good service; you feel good leaving. My philosophy is you can come in and leave with a smile," said Rankin.

Merrill said each day is staffed with different volunteers yields a unique dynamic.

"Each day has its own personality and the customers pick up on that. Customers have their favorite day to come in depending on who's there," said Merrill.



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Joan Graham was recognized for her many years of volunteer service at the consignment shop.



Polly Logan and Andi Merrill enjoy the luncheon at the Lightkeepers Residence.



Lillian Peters and Ernie Grassey, Sea Winds Charity, Inc. board members; Andi Merrill, Sea Chest Consignment Shop Manager; Louis Harvey, Sea Winds Charity, Inc., board member; and Colleen Roth, assistant manager at Sea Chest.

Formerly sponsored by the non-profit organization Road to Responsibility, the consignment shop has broken ties with that organization. The new sponsor of the consignment shop will be a new charity, Sea Winds Charity Inc., which is currently waiting for approval from the IRS for their official non-profit status.

As Sea Winds Charity, there will be a Board of Directors, a fundraising committee and a committee to determine how to distribute the funds. The volunteers will be given a choice of four or five different South Shore non-profit human service charities and then the profits will be distributed according to their will.

"Their input is going to make the decision," said Merrill.

It is the intent to garner funds for the Sea Winds Charity, Inc. through the consignment shop as well as other fundraising efforts. It is expected the final non-profit status paperwork for Sea Winds Charity will be coming in about six months.

Sea Chest is located in the Dwyer Building along Rt. 3A, behind Cohasset Cycle Sports, Mullaney's fish market and Lapels dry cleaners. For information about volunteering, call the consignment shop at 781-383-2293.



Volunteers for the Sea Chest Consignment Shop gather outside the Lightkeepers Residence where a luncheon was held in their honor.

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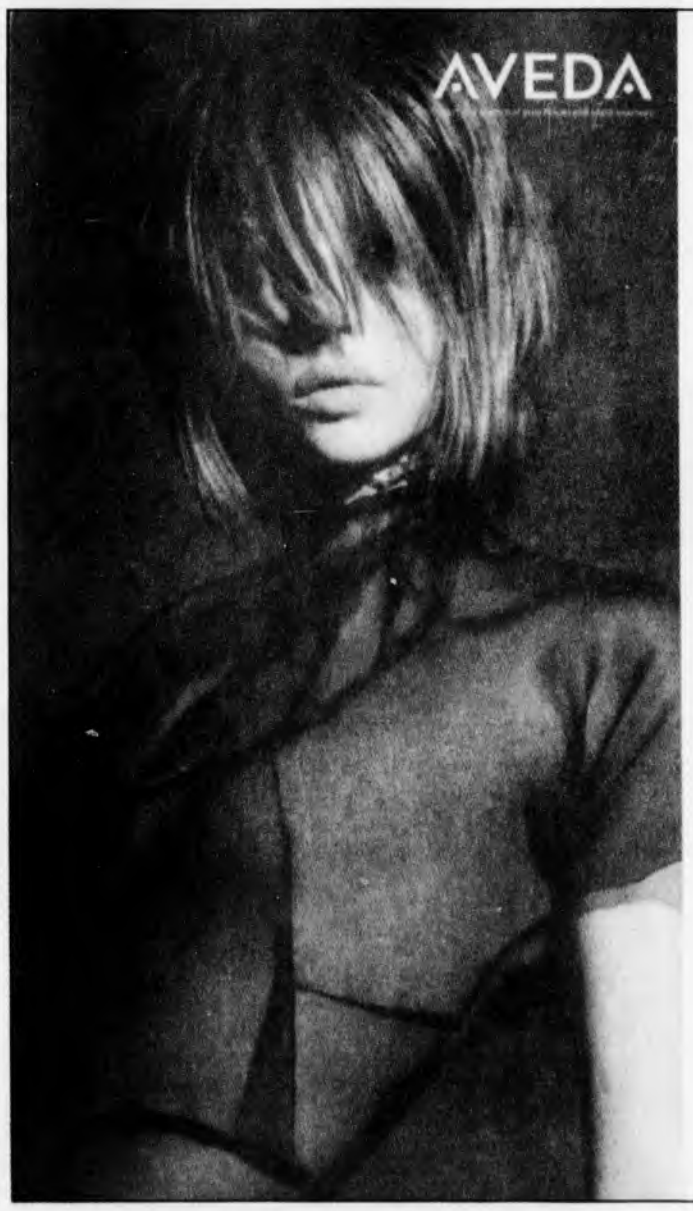
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Stop and Shop, a major sponsor of Cohasset Day presents a $1,000 check to Darrilyn Evans. Stop and Shop was also one of the food vendors which served the public in the Fine Foods Galore at Cohasset Day. From left: Rob Gray, Assistant Manager at Stop and Shop; Economic Development Committee member and Chamber of Commerce member Darrilyn Evans of Darrilyn's; and Steve Cronin, Manager of Stop and Shop. ***Following are the winners of the Fine Foods Galore contest at Cohasset Day****: Best Decorated Table, Zuppa; Best Dressed, Windsor Tea Shop; Most Seasonal Flair, Shaw's; Most Inviting, Bia Bistro; Best Presentation, Stop & Shop; and Most Personable, Mullaney's Fish Market.*

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— TEACHERS WITH CLASS —

Ann Berman has always loved art

By Kathryn Hillman
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Ann Berman, art teacher at Deer Hill School, has been teaching in the Cohasset schools since 1992 and has become known to a generation of students and parents. Aside from the imaginative art projects she has done with the third through fifth graders in her 16 years at Deer Hill, Berman has also started projects such as the Deer Hill Favorites, an art exhibition of the children's artwork from over the course of the year, and the well-loved Hats for Rosie's Place.

Berman lives with her husband Jeff, a professional musician (who plays the piano at the Favorites event) and her three children, Samantha, who now attends the University of Massachusetts at Amherst; Alice, who is in 10th grade; and Ben, who is in eighth grade. The family also has a 13-year-old golden retriever named Molly and an eight-year-old cat named Camus.

Even as a child, Berman said that she "...always loved art". In college, she combined her love of art with education, first earning a Fine Arts degree in Printmaking. Realizing that she wanted to teach children, she returned to school and earned a degree in teaching at the Mass College of Art to get a master's degree in Art Education. Her first position in art education was at the Mather School in Dorchester, and later in Marshfield. Berman came to teach in Cohasset in 1992. Berman says, "[Cohasset is] such a nice place to work."

In Cohasset, Berman has pioneered many lasting projects. She has started an after-school art program for students who would like to do a little more with art than they have time to do during the 40-minute class periods. Two of the best known of these projects are the Hats for Rosie's Place project and Deer Hill Favorites Night.

Berman has directed the Rosie's Place project since 1996. Introducing the project early in the year, she teaches students how to knit during after-school art. She says that the students love doing it, and as many as 50 students will show up to learn. "They love the idea that they can make a difference." The hats are personally delivered to Rosie's Place, and the shelter volunteers are extremely grateful. Berman says that over the years they have knitted approximately 18,000 hats and that many of the students become life-long knitters. "If they realize at this young age that they can make a difference, they will keep helping."

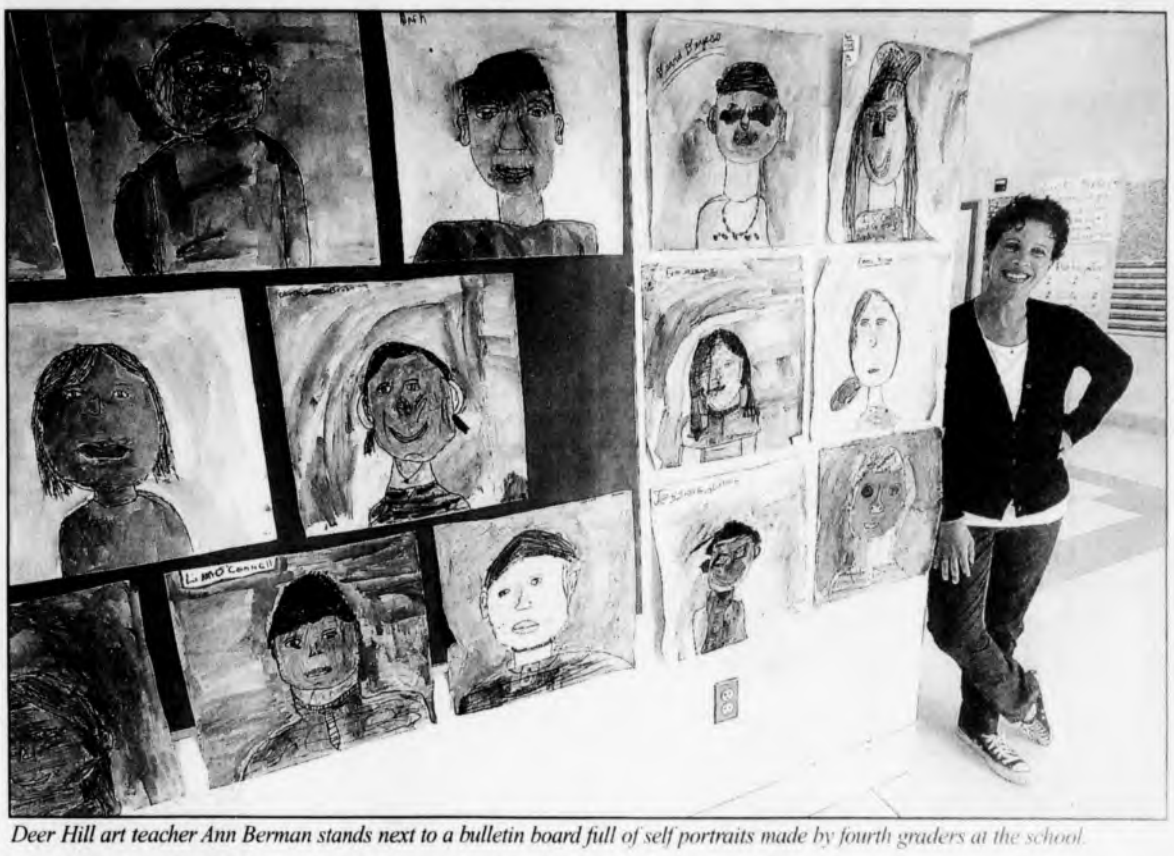
Another big project is the annual Deer Hill Favorites Night, which Berman started it in 1992. "It's a celebration of their artistic ability," she says, "in which the students get to experience a real art opening." Berman stressed how much people in Cohasset really value art and music. She says that parents in Cohasset have always helped out and she truly appreciates that help.

Berman has many creative projects planned for her students this year. She wrote a grant application to the National Endowment to the Humanities, an award that she has used to obtain full-size prints of famous American paintings. Using these prints, she hopes to teach a unit on American artists. She also intends to carry on her tradition of having the fifth graders (the grade that graduates from the Deer Hill School) make "clay memories." Each fifth grader decorates a clay tile with whatever they loved best from their years at Deer Hill. The tiles are mounted together on a panel and decorate the hallways of the school.

When asked what museum she would recommend for her students if they wanted to learn more about art, she directed the students to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She also expressed a desire to take the students on a field trip to the MFA to show them the original paintings of the prints she displays in class.

Berman has participated in programs with the South Shore Art Center in past years, inviting artists to come and demonstrate art techniques for the students. She enjoyed organizing these programs because they were a "...connection to the community, ...outside the art room."

When asked to give a statement about Cohasset and the arts, Ms. Berman said, "I love what I do, I love working with the children of Cohasset. I feel lucky to say that I love my job. The parents are very supportive. It's very nice working here."



Deer Hill art teacher Ann Berman stands next to a bulletin board full of self portraits made by fourth graders at the school.



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Art teacher Ann Berman explains to the fifth graders from Ms. Jordan's class their lesson for the day. They were to apply a clear protective layer to their self-portraits.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Grading MCAS

A decade ago, the annual release of the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) test results prompted hand wringing and outrage in some communities. Newspapers rushed to rank the results, as if the blizzard of numbers could, by some simple formula, be converted into a single list, with the "best" schools on top and the "worst" on the bottom.

Homeowners and real estate brokers in many towns fretted about the test scores' impact on home values. Politicians, parents and educators complained about the tyranny of standardized testing.

While test results aren't meant to determine real estate values, MCAS results — which are supposed to give teachers and administrators a tool to determine whether the curriculum frameworks are working and students are learning the subject matter — continue to provide a way to "grade" a school system.

Properly used, aggregate scores can tell something about the quality of a school or even the performance of a teacher. While dubbed "high-stakes" (meaning a student has to pass MCAS in the 10th grade to graduate), MCAS, unlike the SATs, is not supposed to be a reflection of a student's individual performance or a predictor of how well they will do in college.

In fact, it has been reported some state college professors have noticed no improvement in their freshmen's readiness for college-level work since the MCAS tests were initiated. (It is also interesting that some colleges no longer want to see SAT scores as part of the admission process).

Here in Cohasset, MCAS results continually translate into a "good news story" which is two-fold.

On the one hand, Cohasset has much to be proud of. Cohasset students do well on the MCAS, which means the schools are doing their job in teaching the curriculum.

On the other hand, as Supt. of Schools Denise Walsh points out, MCAS also shows areas where the schools can do better.

We can state with authority that the school department and school committee take the MCAS very seriously. School curriculum and MCAS requirements are constantly being analyzed.

In fact at the School Committee's next meeting at the middle-high school, each school's principal will give an in-depth look at their school's strengths and weaknesses — and the ways they plan to improve scores for the next round of testing.

Standardized tests like MCAS have always raised concern about "teaching to the test." MCAS will no doubt continue to evolve and be a "one size fits all" solution to education across the state.

However, Cohasset schools continue to do well and did so before the MCAS era. Wisely, Cohasset schools do not waste time whining about MCAS, which will be with us for the foreseeable future. They just "get on with it."

If Cohasset keeps on pace with its yearly gains, all students should score proficient and above by 2014 when the federal No Child Left Behind act requires all students be proficient in reading and math.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporting the 'bailout'

TO THE EDITOR:

The tsunami of telephone calls and emails to our Congressmen and Senators objecting to the "bailout" illustrates the downside of universal suffrage, where democracy has be reduced to counting heads without regard for what is in them.

The knee jerk conclusion that the bailout served only to reward those Wall Streeters guilty of greed and misjudgment revealed total ignorance of the nation's plight and the pressing need to act massively and immediately to avert collapse of the financial system, and of course made it difficult for those representatives who understood the issue to vote responsibly. Granted, some representatives were as cement headed as their angry constituents, and their public statements help fuel the misconceptions.

Whether the tax payers' money infused to prevent disaster, by buying up a large portion of the questionable mortgages, will largely be recouped in time is unknowable, but retaining a healthy economy certainly will discourage defaults on the loans, whereas allowing financial meltdown would guarantee massive defaulting as jobs are lost and businesses are failing. The downward spiral would continue.

The label "bailout" is unfortunate, because it implies that the main objective is to rescue the financial institutions and their managers. Of course, the truth is that the financial institutions will be paying dearly for being prevented from collapsing, and their managers probably have lost or will lose fortunes.

It's natural to be angry at the expenditure of taxpayers' money, but to express the anger by refusing to take massive and rapid remedial action is like cutting off one's nose to spite one's face. Or like refusing to bail out the boat because keeping it from sinking would save the life of the stupid navigator that steered you into the storm.

R .Murray Campbell
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MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Oct. 7 & Oct. 9, 7 p.m.
Alternative Energy Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 21 & Nov. 18.
Board of Health, Oct. 22 7 p.m.
Capital Budget Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 7 & Oct. 21.
Historical Commission, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees, Oct. 14, 7 p.m. at the library.
Planning Board, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.
Recreation Commission, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 5.
Selectmen, 7 p.m., Oct. 14 & Oct. 20.
School Committee, 7 p.m., Oct. 15 at the high school.
School Improvement , 2:30 p.m., Nov. 5 at the high school.
ZBA, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 7.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Saint Stephen's accepting book donations

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., is accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, books on tape, DVDs, and CDs for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair on Dec. 6.

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Wind turbine project answers

COMMENTARY

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE

With CCI Energy's recent application to construct two wind turbines on the Graham Waste property the Cohasset Alternative Energy Committee (AEC) felt it important to answer questions raised in recent newspaper articles and asked at the Sept. 8 Planning Board meeting. As the AEC has spearheaded the idea of bringing wind power to Cohasset we feel it is important that residents fully understand the technical aspects of wind energy and specifics regarding this project as we understand them.

The benefit to our town is twofold. First, there will be an increase in tax revenue. The amount of the tax revenue will ultimately be determined by the size of the project. The second benefit is a long-term energy purchase agreement between CCI Energy and Cohasset. There is a benefit to CCI to sell energy to the town as the retail rate is higher than wholesale. Cohasset is likely to purchase from CCI only if we if can be assured a lower and more stable rate than we currently have. In January, Cohasset received a 30-plus percent increase in electrical costs from our current provider; this is a six-figure impact on our town's budget. In addition to the rate increase, the length of the contract was shortened. No one can predict where energy costs are headed but we feel there is little chance our current supplier is planning to lower our costs. Anything we can do to lower and stabilize our electrical costs is a tremendous benefit for taxpayers. With long-term rate stabilization the town can make new decisions on transportation along with heating and cooling of our buildings. Future building renovations can include the possible replacement of natural gas boilers with electric driven heat pumps and school buses can be battery driven instead of diesel. With wind energy in Cohasset, our long-term thinking can change and we can look to eliminate fossil fuels and their growing costs where possible.

The United States now has over 20,000 MW of wind generation equipment placing us equal to the world leader Germany and ahead of Spain and Denmark. Currently the USA obtains less than 2 percent of its electricity from wind; Denmark is the world leader obtaining 20 percent. Most studies show the existing electrical grid can handle 20 percent of our energy from renewable sources such as wind and solar. Most of the USA's equipment is concentrated in Texas and California but there is a growing install base in New York, Pennsylvania, and Iowa as well as the Dakotas and Maine

The idea of modern wind energy in Cohasset dates back to December 2004 when a member of the Advisory Board asked the Board of Selectmen: "Look at what Hull has been able to accomplish with wind, can Cohasset do the same?" Over the summer of 2005 the Troika appointed nine Cohasset citizens to the Alternative Energy Committee; their first meeting was held Aug. 17, 2005. Wind energy was discussed at that first meeting along with energy conservation, solar, tidal, and alternative transportation ideas. Since that meeting the AEC has held over 30 open monthly meetings and two public forums. We have also met with eight separate town committees and presented at Town Meeting twice. Locally we have presented to the Rotary Club, Old Goats, have been interviewed by the local TV and radio shows and have had multiple articles published in the Mariner, Patriot Ledger, and mention made in the Boston Globe. Our outreach has been extensive and our message consistent, we know wind energy will work in Cohasset and we support the placement of wind turbines on both town owned land and privately developed land.

Wind bylaw

Drafting of a Wind Bylaw became a primary focus for the AEC in 2007. Our research had shown placement of turbines in New England towns was difficult as they fell outside most zoning bylaws. Passage of a comprehensive wind energy bylaw would be needed to move forward. The committee first researched other towns' efforts and found a guide from the Cape Light Compact and the Massachusetts Department of Energy.

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Station parking count going up

MAKING TRACKS

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Greenbush – Last week we had a chance to stop by the Greenbush Commuter Rail Station to take a census of the cars in the parking lot. For this census we assume only one rider per car and we count the number of bikes and add that number to the number of cars. So the number of cars actually includes bikes, as well. Keep in mind that there may be riders who are dropped off which would be in addition to our car count.

As you can see the number of riders has increased pretty steadily. The count of 190 is a little over 90 percent of the ridership that the MBTA projected for the year 2010 when they wrote the Final Environmental Impact Report in May of 2001. It looks like their estimate may be pretty close to reality.

North Main Street crossing – The MBTA has pretty much completed the major construction work that was required to improve the safety at this crossing. However, as of early Wednesday of this week, the road had not been re-marked and the necessary signs have not been placed. We asked the MBTA to post a reflective sign at the northern end of the lengthened island immediately. Otherwise, there is no warning that the island has been lengthened for cars approaching from Hingham. We viewed this as an immediate hazard, especially in low light conditions. As of noon on Wednesday, CBB notified us that they had erected a temporary sign, for which the Town is grateful. That's good response!

Little Harbor Water/Sewer Project – For the last several weeks this project has been very visible along North Main Street. This week they have worked their way down to the Common. Just to give you an idea of the logistics that this project involves, we spent quite a bit of time working with the Carriage House Nursery School to assure safe passage for the schoolchildren and their parents during construction. The water line construction on the Common will require substantial work in front of the school that could be a safety hazard. Consequently, we arranged with the school, that at a convenient time, (this week Oct. 2nd and 3rd) they would rearrange their schedule and close for two days so the work can be done without potential hazard to the children.



COURTESY PHOTO

Staging area to the right of church.



COURTESY PHOTO

Working in the common area.

Now the question is how can we handle the completion of the water service and construction of the new sewer line in this area and still keep the area safe for the schoolchildren? The contractor, LM Holdings, has generously offered to do all of the remaining construction work in an area about 300 feet wide, which spans the school property, during the second shift. Even thought there would be a bit of inconvenience to the abutting homes for about one week, it would assure the safety of the children during construction and seems like it might be a prudent move. Currently it is expected that this might take place the week of Oct. 20th.

You may have noticed that there is a strange green enclosure on William B. Long Road next to the First Parish Church. This is a staging area for the construction project. This is a place where the construction workers can store material and equipment in the area of the Common without making the whole place look like a construction yard. At night and on weekends the staging area can be closed up and all of the miscellaneous construction material is hidden from sight. During the day, if you drive by, you might be able to peek in and see what delectable stuff lies within.

Beach St. Culvert – We are told by LM Holdings that the Beach Street culvert will finally be replaced this coming week. To refresh your memory, this will entail closing Beach Street at the area where the work in being done. Homes from #140 Beach St. and greater will only have access to Atlantic Avenue, while houses with numbers #130 and lower will only have access to Highland Avenue during the construction. This work is expected to take about one week.

Sample Date	# of Cars
Opening Day Oct. 31, 2007	75
Nov. 20, 2007	130
Dec. 4, 2007	152
Dec. 11, 2007	169
Jan 7, 2008	165
Feb 14, 2008	164
April 15, 2008	183
June 10, 2008	178
July 23, 2008	150
Sept. 24, 2008	190

Greenbush parking lot data.

Farmer's Market – Last week the Farmer's Market had its first week at its new location, the Music Circus. The change in location worked quite well. Both the vendors and patrons seemed to adapt to the new location. However, there was a bit of confusion in the patron parking area. We will make a few small changes this week to improve the situation. By the time you read this, you will know whether it did. The only thing we ask of the patrons is to be respectful of where you park. Please leave enough space for other cars to maneuver, enter and exit.

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Elections past

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



My first adventure in the big leagues of the American political process came in the election of 1952. I lost. I elected the wrong governor of Rhode Island and, for a few brief moments, a Republican was the chosen head of the most Democratic state in the union.

I had been working for the Boston office of the Associated Press for about four months at the time, which explains why I was assigned the job of taking returns from the outlaying precincts and writing them down on preprinted cards: How can you screw that up? I proceeded to show 'em.

When our Providence correspondent called with the results of the presidential contest between Republican Dwight Eisenhower and Democrat Adlai Stevenson, I picked up the card that was prepared for the gubernatorial race, filled it in and passed the result on to my unwitting editor.

A friend who worked at the Providence Journal later told me they had the poor guy on the radio telling listeners what he was going to do for Rhode Island but Steve was always funning with me so I didn't believe it. I got my comeuppance in the same election, though.

That was also the election in which Christian Herter defeated Paul Dever for governor of Massachusetts. When his election was finally assured, I was sent down to report on his victory party, mostly, I think, to keep me from doing any more damage to the AP's image.

Usually a victory party means a couple of pops to allay the thirst that can build up over a hard day's night, but I arrived in time to hear Herter's handler, a state rep from out west named Heselton, announce that ginger ale was the choice of the candidate but milk and cookies could be arranged.

Four years later, the Democratic candidate for vice president, Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, was in town on a campaign swing and The Tennessean, a newspaper in Nashville, wanted a special story on his visit. I was dispatched to his "time" at a Boston hotel.

I looked up the senator and explained to him that The Tennessean wanted me to interview him but I never got it all out.

"The Tennessean!" he said, clapping his hand on my shoulder. "How's old Jim McLean?"

I started my explanation again but Estes had wandered off, clutching a glass of bourbon and branch water. A few minutes later I braced him again but he was too fast for me.

"From The Tennessean, eh!" he said, clapping his hand on my shoulder. "How's old Jim McLean?"

I was plotting my next move when I felt a familiar clap on my shoulder and a familiar voice booming out, "How's old Jim McLean?"

"He's fine," I said. "He wants me to interview you."

Local pols can be just as frustrating or interesting as the ones that wander in from afar. Take Kevin White, the former mayor of Boston and candidate for governor, for instance.

He was running for some office or another and I was spending the day with him for The Boston Herald when we visited a plant in Roxbury that made ice cream cones (just the cones, not the ice cream).

The process genuinely fascinated White. He expounded on it as we were driven to the next stop. Then he further expounded on all the different things he had learned while campaigning in factories, offices and other places where the voters gathered. Finally, he stopped as a thought occurred to him.

"You know," he said, "politics may be the last refuge of Renaissance Man."

HEALTH NOTES

Flu season round the corner

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Now that we no longer need be concerned with suntans and their effects, we begin to think about sniffles and worry about the inevitable flu.

First: a cold, is not the flu — They are both viruses but the symptoms of a cold, stuffy nose, sneezing and sore throat, are different as is duration and severity. Colds take their time arriving and are milder in the long run. The average duration of a cold is 9 days. So, most people tough it out, but if you're having a really bad time, call the Town Health Nurse and she'll tell you which specific treatment will work best depending on your symptoms. The flu virus is a different matter.

How is the Flu Spread? — The flu spreads mostly through droplets (like spit and mucus) from the mouth, nose, and throat. This happens when a person with the flu coughs or sneezes near another person (within 3-6 feet). Sometimes people become infected by touching something like a doorknob or telephone that has been touched by someone with the flu, and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes.

People who have the flu can spread it to other people one day before they become sick and up to 3-5 days after they feel symptoms. Children with the flu can spread it to others for up to 7 days after they become sick.

Adopt the following procedures to help prevent getting the flu or spreading it to others; good habits whether or not people around you are sick.

Get the flu vaccine — The best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated each year. for more information about flu vaccine.

Cover your mouth — Sneeze or use a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue away right after you use it. or: Cough or sneeze into your sleeve, not your hands, if you don't have a tissue.

Clean your hands — Clean your hands after you cough or sneeze.

Wash hands with soap and warm water — if they are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (such as Purell or a store brand). Wet your hands with warm water and put soap on them. Rub your hands together to make a lather. Scrub all parts of your hands. Continue rubbing your hands for 15-20 seconds. Rinse your hands well under running water. Dry your hands with a towel or paper towel. Throw used paper towels away right after use. Someone who is sick should use a separate towel or paper towel to dry off. In public restrooms, dry your hands using a paper towel or air dryer. If possible, use a paper towel to turn off the water. Don't allow your clean hands to touch the faucet.

To use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer — Put the sanitizer on the palm of one hand. Rub it over all surfaces of your hands and fingers until dry. Young children should be supervised when using alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Also, store hand sanitizers out of children's reach. The contained alcohol may be dangerous if swallowed.

Flu symptoms — Most people who get the flu have a sudden onset of fever, dry cough, body aches, sore throat, headache, and extreme tiredness or weakness. The fever and body aches usually last 2-3 days and rarely more than 5 days. Cough, tiredness, and weakness may last longer. Some people who get the flu may feel tired or weak for 2 or more weeks after the fever goes away.

Flu clinic

The Board of Health has not yet announced a date for a full flu clinic. The reason, of course is that, although, we have some vaccine for this year's flu virus, we will only have the full amount we will need when we've received the shipment from the MA Dept. of Public Health.

- **Where**: Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, 41 Highland Avenue
- **When:** Date to be announced
- **Who:** Open to all Citizens of Cohasset (Adults Only)
- **Parents of young children** — please check with your pediatrician to see if the shot is available at your physician's office.
- **Remember:** Wear a short sleeve shirt
- **Also:** Seniors please bring Medicare part B and/or Senior Health Insurance cards

For more information please contact Mary Goodwin , RN, at 781-383 – 2210

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LIBRARY CORNER

Part 2 of Genealogy Workshop is Oct. 23

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Movie Matinee – Enjoy a free screening of the movie "A Shot in the Dark" starring Peter Sellers and Elke Sommer at 11 a.m., on Friday, Oct. 3, in the Meeting Room. Inspector Clouseau (Sellers) finds himself falling for the prime murder suspect – the beautiful maid (Sommer), whose talent for being in the wrong place at the wrong time rivals Clouseau's. Light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Genealogy Workshop – Genealogist Michael Brophy will present Beginning Genealogy and Family History – Part 2, at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 23. Topics to be covered are United States military history records, city directories, church records, town reports, tax records and more. Anyone interested in tracing their family roots are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Independent Film Night — The library will show the independent film "Choking Man" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 16. Free admission and free refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Author Visit – Catherine Goldhammer, author of "Still Life with Chickens," will discuss her new book "Winging It: Dispatches from an (almost) Empty Nest," at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 26, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to this free event. Goldhammer's books will be available for purchase.

FOR CHILDREN

Letters About Literature 2009 – Letters about Literature is a national reading and writing program that asks students in grades four through 12 to write letters to authors whose books have made a difference in their lives. LAL is looking for personal and reflective writing about the importance of written work in the lives of young readers. Massachusetts winners, their families, friends, teachers and librarians are invited to an awards ceremony at the State House in the spring. The state program is sponsored by the Massachusetts Center for the Book & the Calderwood Writing Initiative at the Boston Athenaeum. The national program is sponsored by the Library of Congress and Target Stores. Visit the Web site at massbook.org for more information and guidelines, or pick up the guidelines in the Children's Room or Young Adult Room of the library.

Eyes On Owls – Saturday, Oct. 4, in the Meeting Room. Marcia Wilson, owl rehabilitator, will bring her owls and her knowledge to provide an experience for all. Due to popularity of this show there will be two performances: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Free tickets are available at the Circulation Desk. Don't miss this opportunity to see several kinds of owls up close. For more information about Wilson and her commitment to nature go to eyesonowls.com.

Story & Craft – Online registration has begun for Story & Craft, which will take place Thursdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23, at either 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m., in the Story Room. Story & Craft is for Cohasset residents ages 3 and older and is a four-week commitment. To register, go to the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on calendar. Choose either the morning session or the afternoon session and fill out the registration form. Include child's name and age in the name field.

MamaSteph – Performances at 10:30 a.m., on Mondays, Oct. 6, 20 and 27, in the Meeting Room. Join others for children's music and more. Doors close promptly at 10:35 a.m. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library. All ages and communities are welcome.

Drop In Story Time – In the Story Room at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28. All ages and communities welcome.

Turbine talk on Our Town

"Our Town" co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with Chairman of the Alternative Energy Committee Andrew Willard and Private Energy site Developer Jim Sweeney to talk about the new windmill proposed on Route 3A at the site of the former Cohasset Heights Landfill.

The Cohasset High School chorus also provides a song from the recent spring art night.

Our Town airs on local Comcast Channel 10 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 9pm.

Stay tuned and stay informed.

Check out the Web

Check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

- Photographer Robin Chan's slideshow of the Beijing Olympics
- Video of construction of new cancer center at South Shore Hospital
- Pet of the Week Video: Meet Paige, a scared hound-beagle mix.
- Breaking news, updates, slideshows and full-color photo galleries throughout the week

Treat's Pond could go before Special Town meeting

FROM TOWN MEETING, PAGE 1

of September. The letter requested a confirmation of the town's interest in the project and intention to serve as the non-federal sponsor for the Treat's Pond Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration project and, if interested, identify a preferred restoration alternative.

The Board of Selectmen did one of those things. In a 3-1 vote (Selectman Karen Quigley was the sole nay vote and Selectman Ralph Dormitzer continued to recuse himself as a selectmen from the Treat's Pond discussion), Selectmen reaffirmed Cohasset's interest in the Army Corps project and desire to put the question to Town Meeting. Yet, the Selectmen were not ready to express the town's preferred route.

In lieu, they voted (again, 3-1) to send a second letter to the Army Corps with a list of questions, including asking the impacts additional freshwater from Treat's Pond would have on the harbor and what properties are affected by each option as the lot numbers would need to be included in any Town Meeting article on the project.

Options and roadblocks

Last summer, the Army Corps proposed building a pipe across Whitehead Road to outfall at Whale Meadow and the outer harbor or a pipe down Atlantic Avenue to outfall in the inner harbor. The primary goal was saltmarsh restoration. Both options had drawbacks. Whitehead Road residents expressed strong opposition to having the pipe installed under their property. Others opposed the Atlantic Avenue option because it would add freshwater and pollution to the inner harbor.

The Treat's Pond issue is multi-faceted and the solutions proposed each come to the issue from different angles.

On the one hand, the Army Corps project is primarily designed and engineered to enable two-way flushing to facilitate a saltmarsh restoration. The project engineers have said there could be some benefit to alleviating the recurring flooding in the area, but addressing flooding was not the primary focus.

On the other, the flood control master plan done by Coughlin Environmental Service is looking at Treat's Pond and Atlantic Avenue solely from the perspective of mitigating flooding. One of Coughlin's concepts is to install an "interceptor pipe" on Atlantic Avenue so during significant rain events a considerable portion of the stormwater that currently ends up in Treat's Pond would instead be conveyed to the harbor.

The Army Corps does not recommend an extension of the pipe on Sandy Cove because they found it did not yield enough flushing to enable the saltmarsh restoration. Dan Coughlin, principal engineer for Coughlin Environmental, found the extension of the pipe would not provide reliable relief of flooding because it could get clogged with sand/debris or damaged in a storm surge.

"The (current) pipe is not a satisfactory long-term solution," said Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr, but could provide temporary relief to flooding while a more permanent solution is sought, which led the Selectmen to put that option on the table for Town Meeting.

Selectman Karen Quigley came out strongly against nearly all the project's manifestations, except doing something with the current pipe on Sandy Cove.

"There are legal and financial blocks significant enough in my mind to take the Army Corps project off the table," said Quigley. She said she was aware and sympathized with the Atlantic Avenue residents affected by the flooding, but "did not believe this particular (the Army Corps) project will resolve the problem of flooding."

As discussion drew on and the obstacles of the issue became more apparent, Selectman Fred Koed expressed frustration with the lack of a clear answer to the problem.

"I can't believe this is the only place in the world this has happened," said Koed. Quigley, too, shared in the frustration, half-joking they should give the problem to MIT students to solve.

Questions need to be answered

Along with Koed, Quigley opposed the addition of freshwater into the inner harbor. "The harbor is terribly impaired and the amount of freshwater is a greater problem…than pollution," said Quigley.

"(There is) a lot of political opposition to freshwater to harbor, we could talk about it for the next two months, it's not going to change," said Koed.

The lack of specific scientific data on the impact of additional freshwater in the harbor brought in by the proposed Army Corps project caused some audience members to call for a study or, at least, for the Army Corps to provide an data-backed answer. The Selectmen included the question of freshwater impact on the environmental health of the harbor in their second letter to the Army Corps.

"What do we think we're going to learn that we don't already know? I don't want to spend taxpayer money on what we already know," said Quigley, who voted against the content of both letters to the Army Corps.

It was unclear whether this request for more information from the Army Corps could trigger any town obligation to pay for the project.

It is estimated roughly $600,000 has been spent on the project thus far. As the Selectmen understood at Monday's meeting, the town is currently not responsible to pay for any percentage of the project because a Town Meeting vote never authorized the town's involvement or its funding. If the town does agree to the project, then the town and/or other non-federal funding sources will be responsible for 35 percent of the total cost. The entire project, whether the Whitehead Road or the Atlantic Avenue route is pursued, is estimated around $1.7 million, making the town share approximately $600,000.

A matter of priorities in addressing town-wide flooding issues was something Quigley felt needed to be addressed.

"Are we leapfrogging this project over others because we might get a million dollars in federal funds? For a true stormwater remediation solution, it needs to be wrapped into a town-wide solution," said Quigley. A town-wide flood control plan is in the final stages of development by Coughlin Environmental Services. Jacob's Meadow and Elm Street residents have called for help with their recurring flooding issues many times over the past few years, said Quigley.

"We do owe it to Jacob's Meadow," said Koed.

Despite the issues, or perhaps because of them, a majority of the Selectmen determined to put the issues — and the multiple proposals — in front of Town Meeting.

Proposed Town Meeting articles

Voters could consider as many as three different options for the Treat's Pond/Atlantic Avenue flooding issues at Special Town Meeting. Since all options would involve borrowing and/or real estate transactions, a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting would be required. This is only a preliminary description of the articles as discussed this week at the Board of Selectmen's meeting. A more detailed draft of the articles will be available in the coming weeks and more discussion should follow.

Army Corps of Engineers saltmarsh restoration project

Details: As of Monday, the Selectmen have not chosen a desired route for the restoration to take place.

The Army Corps proposed building a pipe across Whitehead Road to outfall at Whale Meadow and the outer harbor or a pipe down Atlantic Avenue to outfall in the inner harbor. Both options have received strong opposition from affected residents (from which the town would have to acquire easements and, particularly for the harbor option, the larger community).

Estimated cost: $1.7 million (85 percent federal grant, 35 percent town and other non-federal funding sources).

Construct an overflow pipe down Atlantic Avenue

Details: The pipe is proposed in the townwide flood control master plan. The present pipe on Sandy Cove would be maintained, this pipe would be used during intense rainfall to alleviate Treat's Pond flooding.

Estimated cost: $500,000.

Extend pipe on Sandy Cove

Details: Extend the Treat's Pond outlet pipe on Sandy Cove 100-feet from current outfall, still above the low tide mark and accessible to a backhoe. Permission and easements of Sandy Cove residents would have to be given in order to extend the pipe.

Estimated cost: $50,000.

Sandy Cove easement update

At this week's Selectmen's meeting, Priscilla Dewey Houghton of 91 Atlantic Ave. asked what the status of the town's easement to Treat's Pond and its associated outfall pipe to Sandy Cove. She expressed her hope of a resolution as soon as possible. Houghton's property is severely impacted by flooding when during severe rain events and has even offered her own property as a means to reach the pipe on the beach.

Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr said he hoped to have a decision on the issue within the next few weeks. He hoped a member of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager Bill Griffin and the affected residents would meet in the next week or two to discuss a resolution. If a suitable agreement could not be reached, Carr said the town could move forward with litigation.

Two weeks ago, the Board of Selectmen held extensive discussion regarding the town's easement to Treat's Pond and its outfall pipe to Sandy Cove. The 1964 document (the "Bigelow deed") granting the easement to the town was and remains in conflict, as the Board of Selectmen are not seeing eye-to-eye with some of the property owners the easement crosses.

Although the Selectmen indicated they would like to resolve the easement issue without litigation, the town's legal options to enforce their easement were discussed in detail with Town Counsel during open session. In addition, the Selectmen held an executive session to further discuss litigation strategy and possible real estate acquisition.

The easement issue is key to the greater scheme of Treat's Pond and its associated Atlantic Avenue flooding because it allows the town a legal way for the town to maintain the drainage pipe. Keeping the outfall clear is crucial to preventing and alleviating flooding in the area while a more comprehensive solution is developed.

New scale may cause delays

Will help with revenue, fairness

By Nancy White
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A visit to the Recycling Transfer Facility is a weekend ritual for most in Cohasset. Beginning in mid-October, residents may notice some delays as they make their way through the facility. A truck scale to weigh construction and demolition (C&D) material has been installed and will begin operation in mid-October.

The construction and demolition scale was a $30,000 capital purchase authorized by the 2007 Town Meeting. Now that the scale has been procured and installed, the Board of Selectmen set the fee for C&D disposal.

Before the scale was installed, Town Manager Bill Griffin said the RTF staff would give each load "an eyeball assessment."

"It wasn't fair," said Griffin. " The scale will help with revenues and fairness."

Currently, all C&D material is brought to the Bourne landfill for a fee of $75 per ton for disposal. The transport to the landfill costs the town approximately $20 per ton. It is estimated a cost between $3000 and $5000 per year will be required to maintain and certify the scale. Lastly, the town is hoping to pay back the purchase price of the scale through its revenues.

Given the costs, Griffin proposed implementing six cents per pound fee, or $120 per ton, for C&D disposal.

The truck entering the RTF would be weighed on the scale, would deposit the C&D material, then be weighed again empty and then charged accordingly. Homeowners with small amounts of C&D in trash barrels will be charged $5 per barrel for a maximum of two barrels. With more than two barrels, the car/truck would have to weighed.

The Selectmen approved the fee structure in a unanimous vote.

"This is new, so let's implement this fee and then we'll track it over the next few months," said Griffin.

For the first few weeks of operation, Griffin recommended the C&D be allowed into the RTF on all days the facility is open (Friday through Sunday) as well as Thursday when the staff is working at the site. There are some concerns the weighing of the vehicles on the weekend may cause delays for other users.

"This is new, so let's implement this fee and then we'll track it over the next few months."
— Town Manager Bill Griffin

"We need to watch how this goes…It is a very limited site and we're trying to do a lot," said Griffin.

Merle Brown, who has been involved with the RTF, advised to make sure the town does everything it can to let residents know the changes being made — and the delays it may cause.

"You get more people upset than there needs to be," said Brown. As a result, the implementation of the new fees will begin the week of Oct. 20. "It will take some time, I'm sure we'll have some screaming and hollering, but that's just the way it is."

According to state laws, C&D material must be separated from regular household trash.

"I hope the public is patient and understanding. They are good guys (who work at the RTF) and they do a good job — give them a break," said Selectman Karen Quigley.

Recreation Notes

Shutterbug Series starts Oct. 7

Cohasset Recreation Center is at 41 Highland Ave. For more information or to sign up for activities, call 781-383-4109 or visit recreation@townofcohasset.org.

Shutterbug Series – At the Recreation Center. This class will teach children who have a digital camera and enjoy taking pictures what to do with the photos once they are printed and teach a bit about digital storage and photo preservation. All materials, except photos, for the completion of an album are included in the cost of this series – album, paper, embellishments, adhesives and pens – all acid free to make memories last a lifetime. Instructor: Jeanne Astino. Cost for the four-week class is $100. Session 1: Tuesdays, 3:30 to 5 p.m., starting Oct. 7. For ages 9 and older.

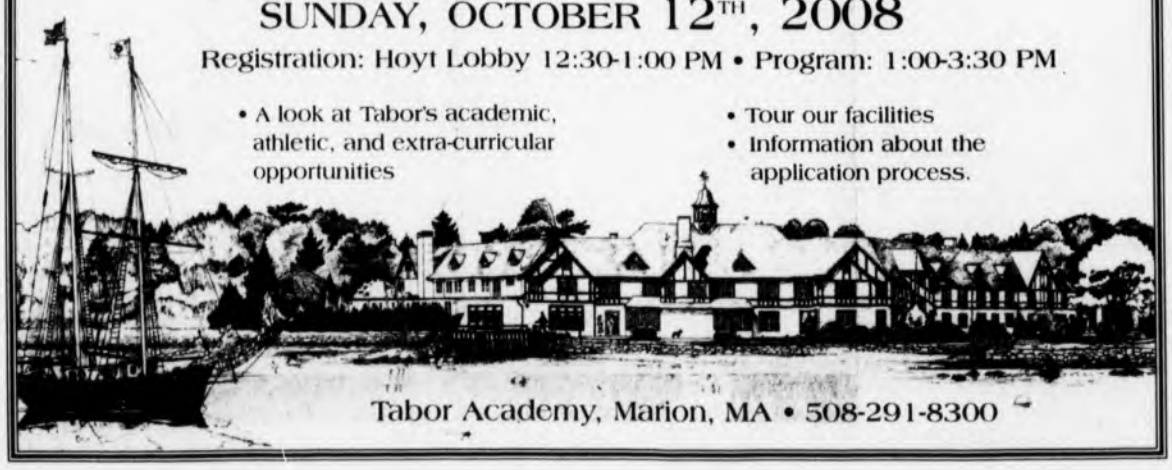
Rock Climbing – Quarry Hills, Quincy. South Shore Center for Outdoor Education. Students, ages 8 and older, can have fun while learning techniques and how to use the equipment necessary to climb with confidence with professional guides. Top-roping allows for a safe climbing experience that builds confidence. All equipment is provided. Transportation to Quarry Hills is needed. Cost is $140/session. Session 1: Tuesdays, Oct. 7 through 28, from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m.

Hatha Yoga Class – Moving meditation including gentle stretching and strengthening postures with breathing exercises to decrease stress and increase flexibility. Meets Thursdays, at 10:30 a.m., at Town Hall. Cost is $8.

Kitchen Kids – This is a great way to introduce kids to the joy of creative cooking in a fun and safe atmosphere. Even the fussiest eaters will be thrilled to east something they have made themselves. The class is hands-on with step-by-step instructions in a safe, clean environment. Instructor: Sandy Tremblay. Saturday, Oct. 18, Freakish Feasts. Ages 5 through 8 meet from 9 to 11 a.m.; ages 9 through 12, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is $30.

Drive in Control – Sunday, Oct. 19 from 1 to 5:30 p.m. In Control Advanced Driver Training is the first Massachusetts certified driver skills course in the state. Drivers are taught how to avoid crashes and how to best respond in a variety of high speed driving situations, including ABS braking, tailgating (and what safe driving distances really are), car control, handling distractions while driving, etc. Students will have the opportunity to get behind the wheel with a professional driver and practice these emergency situations. Class will take place in South Weymouth. Group class rate for Cohasset Recreation is $274, $225 for second/subsequent member of same family. Insurance deductions are available with most insurance carriers.

Babysitting Course – Meets at Paul Pratt Library. This one-day, three-hour course is designed to assist fifth- through seventh-graders to be better babysitters and learn the do's and don'ts of being home alone. The course will cover information on child development, playing with younger children, basic first aid, fire safety and prevention, and the overall responsibilities of babysitting. Instructor: Kim Cleary, a nurse and mom. Each class is limited to 18 pre-registered students. Cost is $18. The class will meet 9 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, Oct. 25.

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Wind turbine project answers

COMMENTARY

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE

The AEC understands that the size of the machines will have a visual impact on Cohasset; for some this is a major concern, for others they are seen as sculpture.

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Locally the Town of Scituate had already amended its bylaws. The bylaw drafting process included multiple publicly held meetings with the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen. Input was also obtained from the Advisory Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and town counsel. Finally a presentation, debate and vote were taken at Town Meeting this past March. At Town Meeting the discussion included statements by the AEC chair that there were three primary locations targeted, the Middle High School, the Transfer Station and the Graham Waste location. The bylaw passed with a unanimous voice vote.

The reason for our bylaw allowing the 100-meter height is simple, the power of the wind is significantly better the higher you go. Our wind data from Turkey Hill shows an increase in the average wind speed from 3.3 meters per second (m/s) at 20 meters, to 5.28 m/s at 49 meters. Our final report extrapolates the speeds will be greater than 6.68 m/s above 80 meters. With wind, a doubling in wind speed creates a four-time increase in energy production. The higher CCI or Cohasset can place the turbines the more energy can be generated. The more energy that can be harnessed the lower the cost per kWh of energy produced.

Graham Waste

Cohasset's knowledge of the Graham Waste project began on April 25, 2006, when Mr. Jim Sweeney presented to the AEC his credentials and plans to place up to four 2.5 MW turbines on site. Mr. Sweeney explained that he was soon to construct a MET tower to begin collecting wind data for a year. As the AEC was also working to construct a MET tower there was discussion of sharing of information. Since that first meeting, Mr. Sweeney has presented regular updates on his progress as documented in our monthly minutes. On July 16 of this year at the request of the AEC, Mr. Sweeney presented his project at a well-attended public forum at the Paul Pratt Library.

The issues being raised today go to the very heart of any large development. As we have seen with changes to Cohasset Village, Avalon Bay, the Train Overlay District and such, residents want to understand the scope of the work and the impact on the community. They are also asking good questions about the technology as well as critical safety issues.

CCI's scaled-down proposal now consists of two 1.65 MW machines, on par with size of Hull 2 which is 1.8 MW. The machines being considered are from AAER of Canada and Vestas of the Netherlands. The turbines are to be placed on 100-meter towers (328 feet) with an 80 meter rotor diameter (262 feet) for a total height from base to tip of the top blade of 140 meters (460 feet). The bylaw allows for the tower height not to exceed 350 feet (107m) from grade to the top of the nacelle. By comparison Hull 2 uses a 60-meter tower on top of a 20 meter hill for a total nacelle height of 80 meters. Hull 2 uses the same size rotor as Graham Waste. Hull was not able to place their turbine on a taller tower because the size of the crane needed to lift the blades would have risked a collapse of the landfill. It is important to note the Graham Waste project will not be placing turbines on the landfill nor will CCI be in any way disturbing any of the landfill as was done in Hull.

Visual impact

The AEC understands that the size of the machines will have a visual impact on Cohasset; for some this is a major concern, for others they are seen as sculpture. There are things to keep in mind; first the towers and blades are to be painted in a non-reflective color of white or a light blue so they better blend in with the sky. Secondly the towers and blades are not lit. The FAA will require a single, synchronized, red light on the top of each nacelle, similar to what is seen on top of communication towers in the region and Hull 1 & 2. Unlike so many commercial buildings, schools and local storefronts, there are no spotlights on the ground illuminating the turbines.

The second concern residents have is Shadow Flicker. Flicker is when the turbine is rotating with the sun behind the blades; this can create a strobe effect if you are in front of the blades. With this project there may be a strobe effect for some homes on the east side of 3A at sunset, primarily in the Rose Hill development. As there are no houses to the west of the project strobe effect in the morning hours is moot. Computer models can accurately predict when flicker may occur, just like they can predict an eclipse of the moon. Homes in Rose Hill at maximum could experience 30 hours of flickering annually. This flicker effect will be concentrated into a six-month time period of (September-November) and (January-March) when wind production is greatest. Assuming all 30 hours takes place in six months this equals an average of 5 hours per month or less than 30 minutes per day, in the late afternoon. If you were to look at the flicker over 12 months the impact is less than 2.5 hours per month.

However, these 30 hours are the maximum if the turbines rotated 24 hours per day every day, we never had any clouds, rain, or snow falling and the wind was always from the same direction. But because the sun does not always shine, wind comes from different directions and turbines rotate less then 60 percent of the time, the actual impact to the neighborhood will be significantly less. As well, any landscaping such as trees will disrupt the flicker effect. Finally Rose Hill residents are far enough away that they will not experience a hard shadow crossing their property but will notice a flicker if they are staring at the turbines while the sun is directly behind the rotating blades. Hull residents who live much closer to Hull 2 find if they are home at the time and the flicker is bothersome, closing the shades for the short time period resolves any issues.

Noise

Noise is the final primary concern residents may have. Many of us live along well-traveled streets such as 3A, Main, Sohier, and Atlantic so we understand the concern that this project could add to the existing background levels. The bylaw references the Mass State noise regulation (310CMR 7.10). Manufactures of large-scale turbines have been addressing noise in a number of ways; the primary being slowing down the speed of rotation. The turbines in question spin at some of the slowest speeds in the industry, less than 18 rotations per minute; this slow rotation has reduced the noise level dramatically compared to even Hull 1.

The World Health Organization Guidelines to prevent sleep disturbance is 30 dB inside the bedroom, the equivalent of a quiet library or a whisper. The outside the bedroom guideline with windows open is 45 dB. The turbines projected noise rating is 45 dB at one-quarter mile. Currently there are no residential homes within a quarter mile of the project. Within one quarter to one half mile it is estimated there are 80 dwellings, those 80 homes could experience noise of 45dB or less when the turbines are rotating. Although the 80 number sounds large, there are well over 100 residents (homes and apartments) within the same diameter of Hull 2 including a development built by Avalon, The Avalon Estates. Further, ambient noise is not necessarily lower at night because road noise is replaced with crickets and toads during the summer months (55dB in some cases); during winter months people normally have their windows shut. The AEC urges concerned residents to visit the areas surrounding Hull 2 and experience the noise levels first hand.

Safety

There have been some general health and safety questions raised that are worth mentioning. The turbines are equipped with fire suppression equipment and the blades are heated to avoid ice build up. In the AEC's review of medical issues we can find no peer reviewed and published reports of health related issues in the US or in Europe where turbines have been a way of life for over 20 years. Like all large developments, CCI has been required to obtain permits from the FAA and Fish & Wildlife, which included an endangered species and migratory bird review. The turbines are fully grounded for lighting strikes and the equipment used to connect the turbines to the main electrical grid insure there are no power surge issues.

The impact on home values is not a part of the bylaw because there is no way to measure property values impact based on any development. Changes in home values with the addition of the Greenbush train, the Train Overlay District, Avalon Bay, or wind turbines are subjective. We again look to Hull and find no measurable change in home values from the placement of either turbine.

The AEC has worked for three years on many projects in our effort to bring alternative energy to town as a way of stabilizing our long-term energy costs. Every kilowatt of electricity we do not need to purchase at market rate has a direct impact on the town budget. We feel the CCI Energy proposal is well researched and is located in the right location, we support this project. It is our hope the Planning Board and, more importantly, our fellow Cohasset residents come to support the project as well.

Written by the Alternative Energy Committee: Andrew Willard, chairman; Mimi White, Mike Bliss, Rob Hobson, Sally Ayers and Marie Caristi-MacDonald; and Jim Shipsky, former member.

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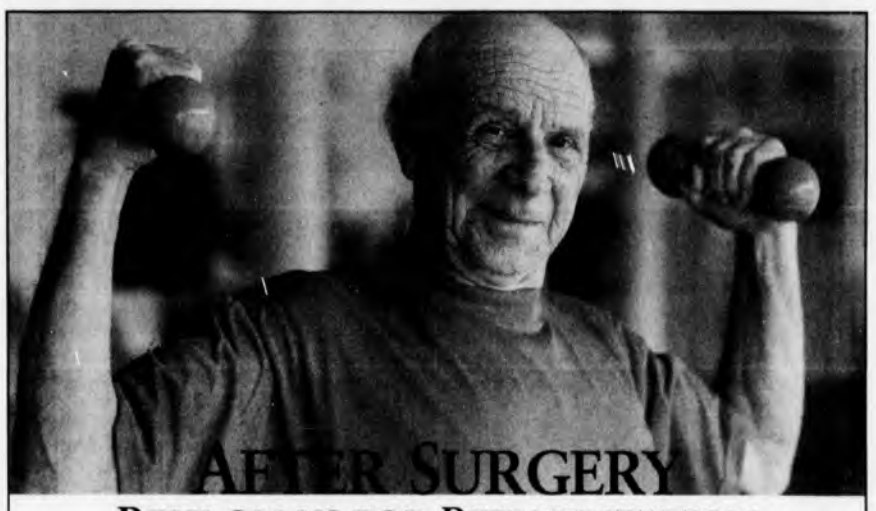
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CHS girls impressive in shutout of Hull, recent practices

By Mike Spellman
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The members of the Cohasset High girls' soccer team have not seen a lot of field time over the last week, between the rain, poor field conditions, Holidays and medical emergency.

Friday through Sunday was lost due to steady and sometimes pelting precipitation, the result of which were an unplayable pitch on Monday. The fields were pretty well dried out by Tuesday, but, in deference to Rosh Hashanah, the team could not practice until after sundown. No way was Coach Beal going to lose the opportunity to get back out there, though. She simply reserved Alumni Field, and hit the lights.

"It was a little bit of a different environment out there (Tuesday) night," said the Lady Skippers 11th year head coach. "Going so long without a practice, then doing it under the lights, something new don't really experience that much anyway, but I think it gave the girls a little boost. They were happy to be back out there with each other. I saw a lot of good things out there."

Beal had recently expressed concern with some of the complacency that seemed to be hitting her team. Of course, she never used that word. She defended her team's collective work ethic and attitude in one breath, but then in the next called out the lack of movement away from the ball.

It seems that public declaration may have done the trick, as Tuesday's practice seemed to the veteran coach "a nice continuation" of Thursday's 3-0 win over South Shore League rival Hull.

"I think that game was something of a rebound for us," said Beal, who saw her team go to 6-1 with the shutout victory and remain in a three-way tie for first place with East Bridgewater and Norwell. "Our movement off the ball was improved, and the girls worked hard. They had to because Hull is a much improved team that also works very hard."

While the Lady Skippers dominated the possessional battles, the only thing that prevented them from going into the halftime break in a nil-nil deadlock was a pretty tally from sophomore standout Caroline Fein in the 20th minute.

Junior Christine Coner gave the visiting Skippers some breathing room 18 minutes into the second half, and senior tri-captain Sarah Coggins essentially iced it with the game's third goal six minutes later.

The Lady Skippers protected well from there. In fact, junior keeper Charlotte Malone needed to stop only one shot to record her fourth shutout of the season.

"It was a real good day, starting with the fact it was one of the nicest weather days we've had at Hull in my 11 years of coming here," said Beal, pointing to the off-the-chart windy conditions that are prevalent at Hull High's field, which is literally surrounded on three sides by the Atlantic Ocean.

The Lady Skippers were supposed to get back into action on Wednesday with SSL rival Mashpee, but one of the Lady Falcons' players passed out on the bus and the trip north ended at Plymouth's Jordan Hospital. There was no word at the time of this writing regarding the unnamed player's condition.

"Obviously, that situation was a lot more important than a game," said Beal. "We all just hope she's OK."

The Lady Skippers could not let the nice fall day and a dry field go unused, however. The girls were geared up for action, so Beal split the varsity and JV squad into two competitive teams and ran them through a modified scrimmage.

Beal said she was pleased with the overall level of play, and pleasantly surprised by what she saw from several of the candidates for varsity promotion next season, among those Emily Castro, Carly Oddleifson, Isabelle Robinson and Michaela Brophy (the younger sister of senior keeper Johanna Brophy).

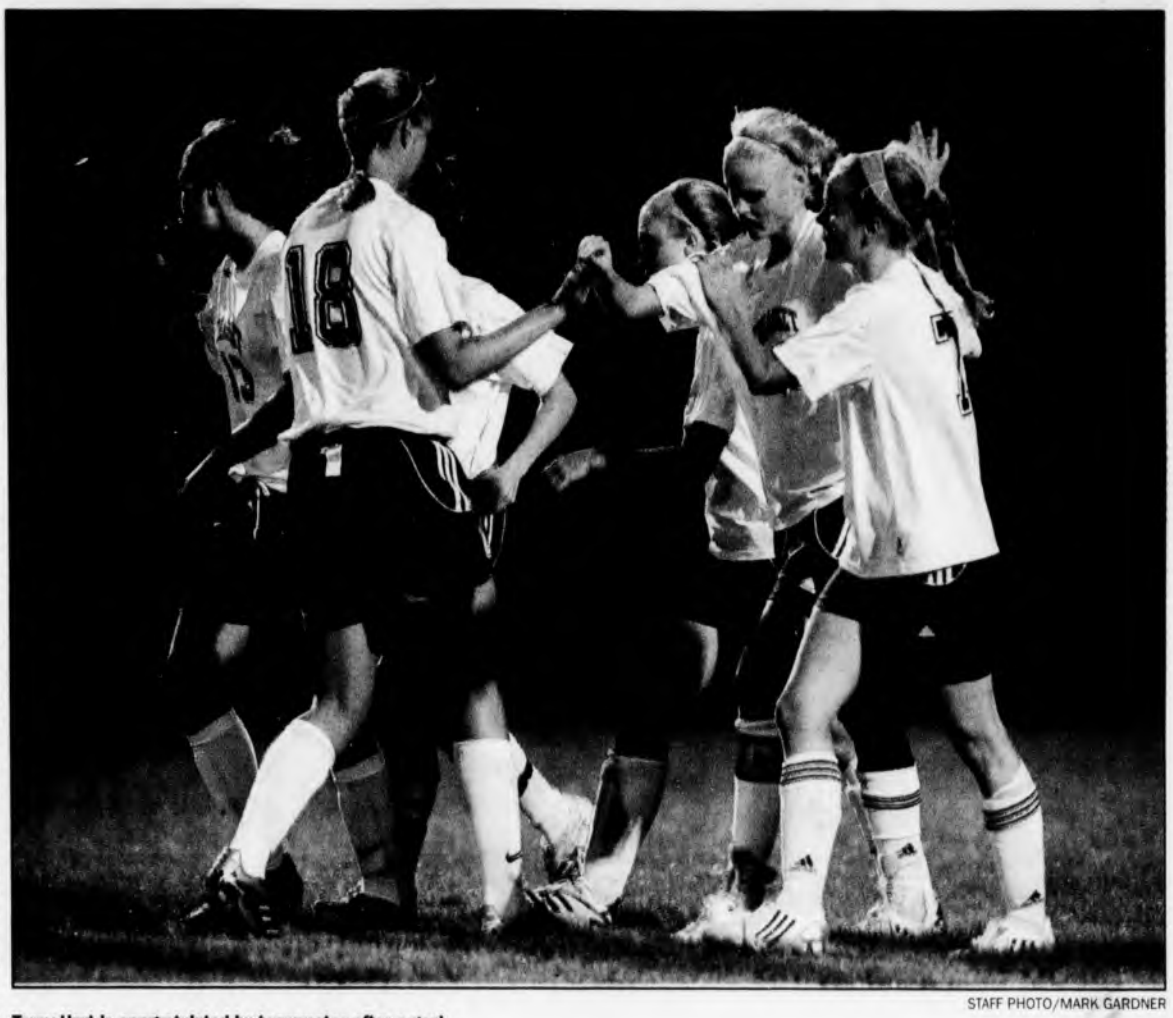
Speaking of Johanna, she may finally be able to return to action next week. The standout senior keeper was elbowed in the face in a collision 20 minutes into the season opening win over Notre Dame, and sustained heavy damage to her front teeth. She's finally schedule to have root canal surgery next Monday, and may be available to play as soon as next Friday's clash with archrival Norwell—a game that may well determine this year's SSL championship.

"Charlotte (Malone) has done a phenomenal job filling in for Johanna, but we really want to get Johanna back out there," said Beal. "This is her senior year. She's been such a huge part of the growth we've made these last few years. It's only right that she finishes it off."

Next up

At 6-1, the Lady Skippers are nearly two-thirds of the way to reserving their return to the Div. 3 South Sectionals, where they hope to advance beyond last season's program best run to the finals.

The girls are slated to host Abington this afternoon (3:30 p.m. start) to kick off a day of Homecoming action, then play two more league games next week. They'll be at Harwich on Tuesday (4 p.m. start), then at Norwell for the much anticipated rematch Friday (3 p.m. start). The Lady Skippers gave Beal her first ever win over Norwell back on Sept. 15. Win number two would put the locals in prime position to put a stranglehold on the SSL title chase when they travel to East Bridgewater a week from Wednesday intent on avenging their lone loss of the season, a 2-1 setback on Sept. 17.



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Torey Hart is congratulated by teammates after a goal.

Skippers sink

Ready for Homecoming this weekend

By Joel Racicot
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This is definitely one of those games where the final score was not indicative of how close a game it really was. It was hard to imagine the final score, 27-6, after leaving a rainy SHS, Friday night. Two fourth quarter turnovers by Cohasset that led to defensive touchdowns for Scituate turned a 14-6 game into a seemingly lopsided blowout.

"We were toe-to-toe for three and a half quarters," said Cohasset head coach Pete Afanasiw. "They made the big plays. We didn't."

Despite the loss, Afanasiw took some positives from the game. Notably the play from the offensive line; Eric Wasel, Matt Wasel, Dan Sullivan, Andersen Lynner and Will Lynner.

"They executed well against guys that weighed 45 or 5o pounds more than them," Afanasiw said. "They never gave up their ground. They opened up good holes and played very disciplined."

Dean Driscoll scored Cohasset's only touchdown on a pass from Jeff Cavanaro early in the first half.

Brendan Doonan, Jake Kissick and Nick Lieberman all made crucial plays on defense.

Scituate is much improved from a year ago and should make some power moves in the Patriot League.

"Scituate is an up and coming football team," Afanasiw said. "I give them a lot of credit they executed and played well."

Cohasset will host Cardinal Spellman for the Homecoming Game, Friday night at 6 p.m. There will be a lot of festivities, so make it down to Alumni Field for the fun.



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Senior Captain Marissa Tangherlini lunges to keep the ball out of the Cohasset zone in a recent game against Mashpee. The squad controlled the ball for the entire first half but with few shots on goal were unable to tally points. A second half goal by Mashpee went unanswered and the Skippers lost this battle 1-

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Youth basketball registrations

Youth Basketball Registrations will take place Saturday Oct. 18 from 8-11 in the basement conference room of the town hall. Registration fee remains at $75. Anyone registering after Oct. 31 will be charged a $25 late registration fee. Teams will be selected on Nov. 15 and they will be posted on this Web site. Registrations will close on Nov. 7. Any late registrations will be subject to the approval of the CBBC.

Also on Oct. 18, we will be holding signups for travel basketball tryouts. No money or registration is required at this time. In order to plan properly, we need to know how many kids are planning on trying out for travel basketball.

More information about youth basketball and travel basketball will be available Oct. 18.

CYSBA major league baseball tryouts rescheduled

The try-outs for the 2009 Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association (CYBSA) major league spring baseball season are rescheduled for Monday, Oct. 6 at Barnes Field from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All boys and girls who are age 10 prior to May 1, 2009 and no older than age 12 on April 30, 2009 and who are not currently on a CYBSA major league baseball team are invited to try-out.

All 12 year olds (born between May 1, 1996 and April 30, 1997) who attend the tryouts are automatically selected for a Major League team; provided that these players attend the tryout.

Players should register at Barnes Field beginning at 3:30pm. This will be the only opportunity to try-out.

Please visit our website CYBSA.net for more information. Questions regarding the tryouts may be directed to Liam O'Connell at (781)383-9538 or Nancy Froio at (781)383-1897.

South Shore Crusaders

South Shore Crusaders 13U AAU Baseball tryouts for next spring will occur soon. For more information please call or e-mail John Kopacz (781) 659-2425 (johnkopacz@mertech.org) or Tim Foley (781) 659-1864 (foley6@verizon.net).

Basketball Conditioning at South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond

The South Shore YMCA in Hanover is offering a great new conditioning class to youths ages 11-15. This clinic will help get participants in better shape for the basketball season. This conditioning program works on strength and explosives as well as improving speed, agility, and overall endurance. This eight week program meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45-4:45 p.m. and starts Monday, September 22. For more information or to register for the clinic, please contact Linda at 781-829-8585, ext 260.

Instructional Youth Hockey

Boys and girls born between 01/01/2000 and 12/31/2004. Game and practice per week. $600, register online at www.coastalstars.com.

Preseason Basketball Clinics at the South Shore YMCA at Mill Pond

The South Shore YMCA in Hanover is offering a great new preseason basketball clinic for girls ages 10- 14. This 10 week clinic will meet on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and starts September 18. The clinic is designed for basketball players interested in honing their skills in the off-season. The class will focus on improving fundamentals while teaching team systems and concepts. There will be lots of skills drills and scrimmaging for practice. For more information or to register for the clinic, please contact Linda at 781-829-8585, ext 260.

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Kristian LaPointe
ABINGTON

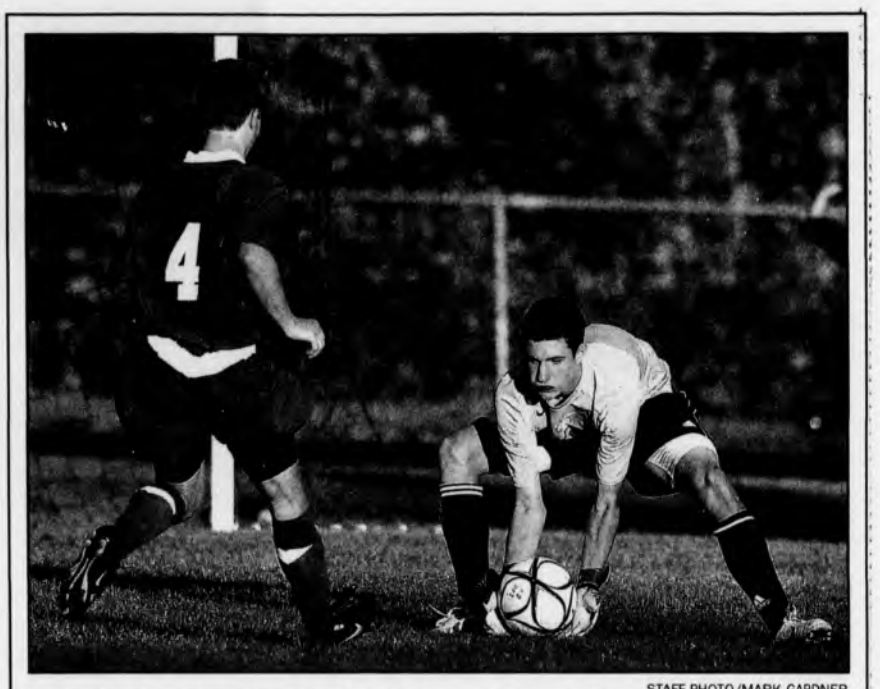


Name: Kristian LaPointe
Family: Mother Diane, father Glenn, brothers Glenn, Marcus and Josh, sisters Renee, Shawna, Kacie and Tessa
Hobbies: Watching movies, being with friends, going to the beach
Favorite Athlete: Chris Paul
Favorite Athletic Accomplishment: Winning back-to-back South Shore League titles in football (2006,2007)
Favorite Subject: History
Favorite Teacher: Ms. Dwyer
Favorite TV Show: Sportscenter
Favorite Food: Pizza
Most Underrated Teammate: Ian Campbell

The nominees for the South Shore Athlete of the Month for September are: Kristian LaPointe, Abington; Amy Harrington, Braintree; Brendan Doonan, Cohasset; Michelle Montilio, Hanover; Jake Quinn, Hingham; Kelsie DeKarski, Marshfield; Kara O'Connell, Norwell; James Gonsalves, Rockland; Kyle Crowley, Scituate; Royce Terrell, Weymouth.

The Costal Nissan South Shore Athlete of the Month for September is Abington's Kristian LaPointe. LaPointe has kicked off his junior year in phenomenal fashion, notching up eight touchdowns in three games, including four in the Green Wave's 46-6 blowout of Arlington Catholic. The South Shore League's curret leading scorer, LaPointe also plays basketball and baseball for Abington.

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Cohasset goalie safely gathers the ball for the Skippers. Cohasset tied Mashpee 0-0, Wednesday. The Skippers are 1-6-2 on the season.

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Scituate-Cohasset midget sharks remain unbeaten

On a day better suited for Ducks, it was the 8th grade Sharks who weathered the storm and held on for a 12-6 victory over the division power Bridgewater Badgers. This game was a battle from the very first play of the game and was still in doubt until the last minute when second string quarterback Jack White, who was filling in for the injured starter Shane Haggerty, executed a perfect bootleg on fourth and four from midfield, scampering 7 yards for a first down and sealing the victory for Scituate-Cohasset.

The first half started with each team feeling each other out and adjusting to the difficult weather conditions. After numerous changes in possession, Bridgewater put together a drive in the final minutes of the half. Bridgewater reached the two-yard line with under a minute to play and the Badgers could taste the endzone. However Sci-Coh's defensive line led by Tyler Serra, Sean Shea, Craig Davis, Jordan Kelley and Conor Dooley stonewalled the Badgers four plays in a row and Scituate took over at the one foot line with only seconds remaining. Halftime score 0-0.

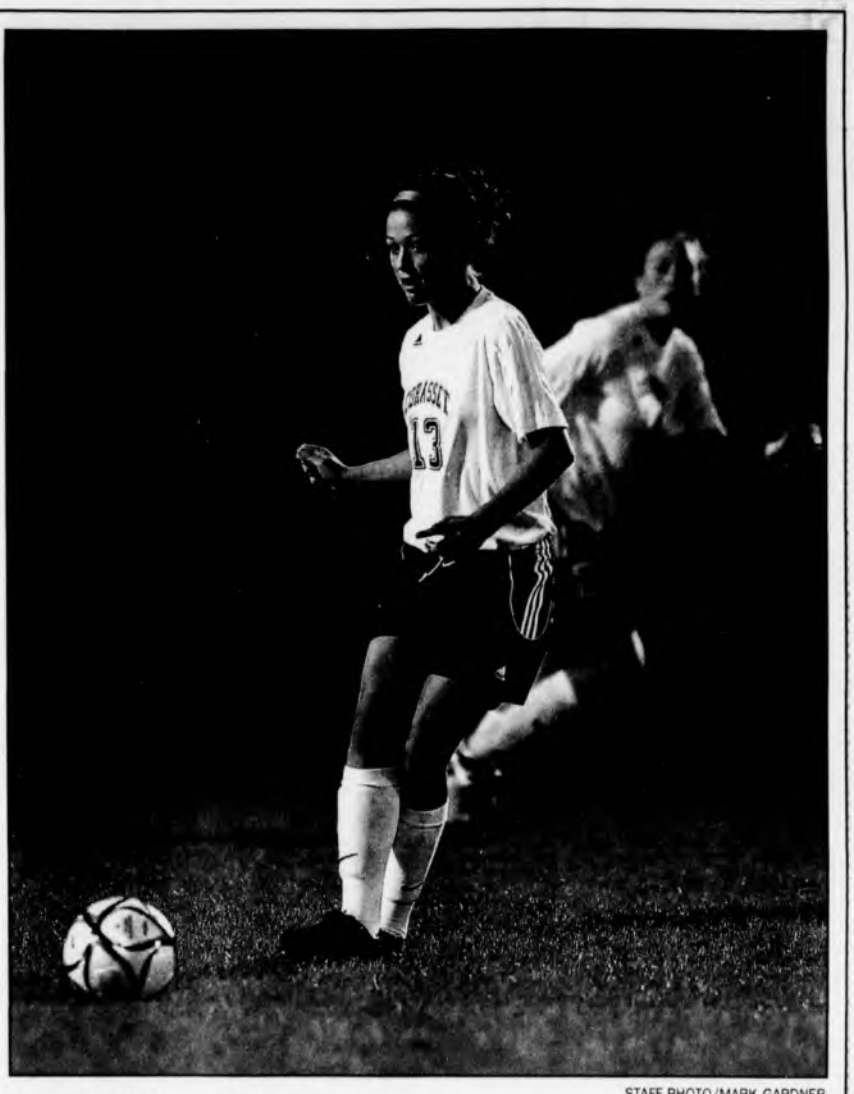
On Scituate's kick-off to open the second half, Shea McCarthy recovered the football that bounced off an opponents face-mask. First down Scituate. Five plays later, Shane Haggerty found an open Conor Dooley in the corner of the endzone for the Sharks first touchdown. On the conversion attempt Haggerty was not only stopped short of the goal line but was also injured on the play. Scituate 6, Bridgewater 0.

Scituate's defense took over from here, not allowing Bridgewater to gain any momentum or yardage on their ensuing possession. Joe Daileader and Jack White, play after play, met the much larger Bridgewater runningbacks head on all afternoon. The linebackers, Michael Stewart, John Foster and Danny Buckley held the opponents number one receiver to zero pass completions.

Three plays into Sci-Coh's next offensive series, their franchise, Haggerty, hobbled back onto the field long enough to hit Conor Dooley with a quick pass over the middle and watched as Dooley sprinted 55 yards for his second touchdown of the game. 12-0 Scituate. Feeling comfortable with a two touchdown lead it was time for Haggerty to call it a day and begin icing his injured ankle.

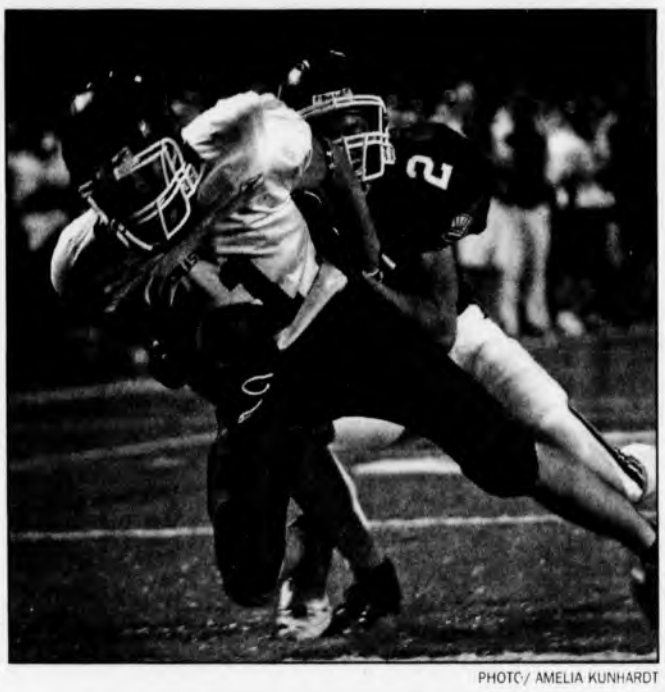
Bridgewater was able to break off a long run setting up their only touchdown late in the fourth quarter. On the ensuing onside kick Bridgewater was successful recovering the ball leaving the Scituate sidelines a little nervous. However 6'4 Matt McCrae, filling in on defense for Haggerty, stepped in front of a Bridgewater receiver, intercepting the pass which set up White's bootleg four plays later, completing the victoty for the 4-0 Sharks.

Next up the Barnstable Silver Bullets in Barnstable on Sunday.



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Maggie McGoldrick passes to a teammate.



Dean Driscoll is brought down by a defender during the Skippers' 28-27 win over South Shore League newcomers Quincy on September 5. Cohasset, who stand at 3-1 so far on the fall, will host Cardinal Spellman tonight at 6 p.m.

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Registration now open for Joshua's Run

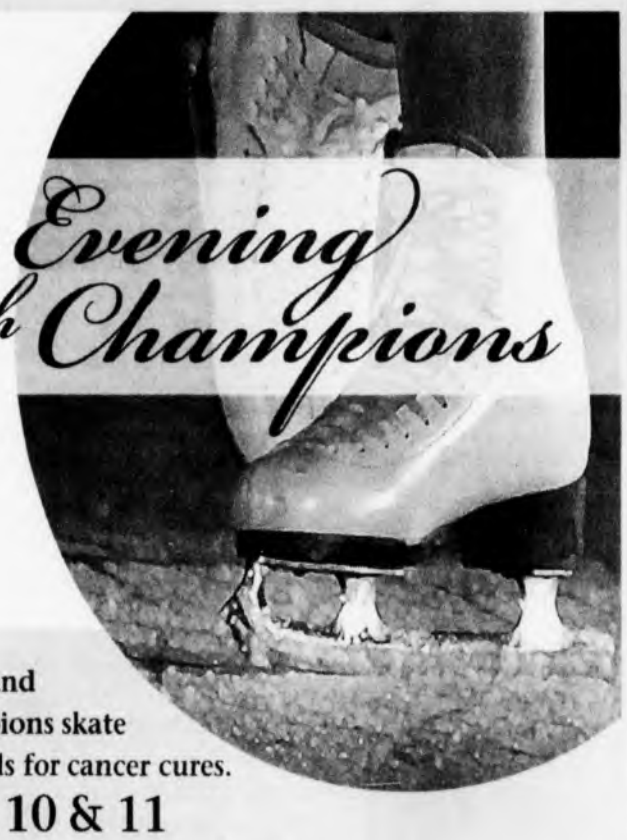
12th Annual Joshua's Run and introducing the 1st Annual Andrea's Après Art Auction, event proceeds to benefit the Andrea Gaziano Memorial Fund within The Jimmy Fund. Race and Auction to be held on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at St. Mary of the Nativity Parish Center located at 1 Kent Street, Scituate, Massachusetts.

Race applications for the 5 Mile Cliff Challenge, 2 Mile Fun Fun/Walk and Kid's Fun Run can be downloaded at www.joshuas-run.com. Pre-registration is encouraged and participants are asked to consider raising $50 or more for the fight against childhood cancer. All race applications received by October 20, 2008 will be automatically entered into a special raffle and will receive a free t-shirt.

Race day registration begins at 7:30 A.M. at St. Mary of the Nativity Parish Center with a post-race party beginning at 12:00 noon to include food, race and pledge prizes, live music and the 1st Annual Andrea's Après Art Auction. All checks are to be made payable to The Jimmy Fund. Race fees and pledges are tax deductible and non-refundable. All pledges must be received on race day.

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LIFE AT CHS

LAUREN MACK



Hello again, everyone. As most of you have probably heard, all of the CHS students as well as some of the staff have been participating in Spirit Week! This is the one week a year that allows students to break the normal dress standards and use their imagination to create interesting arrays of outfits corresponding with the assigned "spirit days".

As I mentioned last week, the days for this week were Decades Day on Monday, Professional Day on Tuesday, Tacky Day on Wednesday, Nautical Pirates and Sailors Day on Thursday, and ending with a pep rally on the annual Blue and White Day on Friday. The little twist that has been a longstanding Spirit Week tradition, though, is that the seniors have always had separate special days.

However, this year the administration felt that school unity was more important and therefore eliminated this tradition. But that is no matter, because the seniors this year love everyone equally, from the freshmen to our own lovely class of '09, making it all okay. In any case, the homecoming dance is scheduled for this Friday night at 7:30pm, so everyone planning on going should plan accordingly. And don't forget to catch some of the homecoming games on Friday with soccer starting at 3:30pm followed by football at 6 pm! Also at the football game, the homecoming king and queen will be announced. The court for this year goes as follows: for boys we have **Conor Ofsthun, Marcus Barrett, Marcus Charles,** and **Nick Simonds**, and for girls we have **Anna Roberts, Ashley Thompson, Madeline Leahy**, and **Margaret Goodwin**. So best of luck to everyone in the court!

This week's Teacher Quote of the Week comes from a well-respected member of the science department. She is commonly seen smiling in the halls wearing her tie-dyed lab coat and often makes references to her Scottish heritage. This woman's name is Dr. Anne Thomae, or "Doc T," as the students say. I had the pleasure of catching up with Doc T this week and asking her what her opinion was on Spirit Week this year.

She responded to me saying, "Oh, it's so great! You see, I always need to be comfortable and these days have been great for me, because I'm very comfortable in my tie-dye and tackiness. And I just love how tacky I look! Pirate Day might be an issue though, 'cause peg legs and parrots just don't do it for me". And with that, I'll leave everyone to a wonderful homecoming weekend! Adios!

Lauren Mack is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly during the school year.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 3

French bread pizza, baby carrots and celery sticks with ranch dressing, cinnamon applesauce.

MONDAY, OCT. 6

Chicken nuggets, baked potato smiles, snappy green beans, fresh strawberries.

TUESDAY, OCT. 7

Turkey and cheese wrap, fresh baby carrots and celery sticks with ranch dressing, fruit cup.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

Penne pasta with meat sauce, side Caesar salad, Macintosh apple.

THURSDAY, OCT. 9

Taco meat served over nacho chips with lettuce, tomato and shredded cheese, steamed white rice, pineapple tidbits.

FRIDAY, OCT. 10

Cheese pizza, fresh garden salad, chocolate pudding.

First PAC meeting of school year Oct. 7

Cohasset PAC meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7. All are welcome to the first Parents Advisory Council meeting of the school year. This will be a general meeting to talk about organization needs and upcoming workshops. Consider becoming involved, take a moment and speak to any of the PAC officers or A.P.P.L.E. participants. The meeting will be at Osgood School, behind Deer Hill School, 210 Sohier St., Cohasset. All workshops and presentations are free. Sponsored by Cohasset PSO.

Cohasset PAC has joined the South Shore PAC to promote communication, combine workshops and establish a broader network. South Shore PAC Network hopes to meet informally throughout the year. To be added to the email network for updates, forward contact information to southshorepac@comcast.net.

• Landmark Parents Association & Landmark Outreach will present "The Reading Brain: Current Research and Interventions," with presenters Nadine Gaab and Joanna Christodoulou. The program will take place at Landmark Elementary/Middle School, 167 Bridge St., Manchester, on Saturday, Oct. 18. Coffee and registration at 8:30 a.m., will be followed by the presentation at 9 a.m. Gaab and Christodoulou will answer the following questions in their "The Reading Brain" presentation: Does learning to read change the brain? Does the brain of a struggling reader work differently? Can reading interventions rewire the brain? Are music, language and reading skills linked? Admission is free and registration is required. Gaab is assistant professor of pediatrics at Children's Hospital/Harvard Medical School; faculty member, Harvard Graduate School of Education; principal investigator, Gaab Lab, Division of Developmental Medicine/Laboratories of Cognitive Neuroscience at Children's Hospital Boston/Harvard Medical School. Christodoulou is a doctoral student and instructor in education, Harvard Graduate School of Education and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Register online at landmarkoutreach.org/saturday. For information, call Irena Sinclair at 978-927-1456 or email irenasinclair@comcast.net.

• Youth Health Connection-South Shore Hospital will present an evening with Richard M. Lerner, author of "The Good Teen: Rescuing Adolescence from the Myths of the Storm and Stress Years. Competence, Confidence, Connection, Character, Caring." Learn more about these attributes. Why they are of such importance during adolescence and how to help guide teens to attainment of these attributes. The presentation will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at Notre Dame Academy, Hingham. This is a free community event for parents and teens. For more information, call Karin Farrell at 781-794-7849 or email karin_farrell@sshosp.org. Books, provided by Barnes & Nobles-Hingham, will be available for purchase at the event. Program made possible through the support of the Sean McDonough Charitable Foundation.

Dance, art, fun at Inly Arts Festival

This year's Inly Arts Festival has an international theme, integrating an eclectic collection of art forms from the four corners of the world. On Sunday, Oct. 5, from 1 to 4 p.m., explore world fusion music and folk art, dance, and storytelling with a funky twist through interactive workshops, hands-on projects, and live performances. The event is open to the public, geared for all ages, and will be held rain or shine on the Inly School campus in Scituate.

World fusion music by Entrain and Afro-Cuban drum circle. Don't miss the thundering beats of the Afro-Cuban drum circle performance, which will take place from 1:30 to 2 p.m. From 2 to 4 p.m., the campus will rock to the rhythms of Entrain, a favorite Boston band that has been praised for its ability to shift effortlessly between musical styles — from rock, blues, reggae, calypso and ska, to zydeco, jazz and funk—often within the same song.

Interactive dance workshops – Two workshops will be held from 2 to 2:30 p.m. and from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Jump right in and learn a variety of simple folk dances from around the world—anything from a Yiddish wedding dance, a Tahitian "canoe" dance, and a lively Mexican dance (La Raspa) to traditional dances from Ghana, Russia, Scandinavia, England and France. Led by a teacher from the Folk Arts Center of New England, the workshops are for all ages. Important: Wear sneakers if you'd like to participate!

Hands-on folk art activities – Dress to get messy and try different art projects all afternoon long. Ongoing interactive art activities include Chinese brush calligraphy, Rangoli ground art from India, Russian Matryoshkas, Spanish Milagros, Vietnamese water puppets, and Aboriginal bark paintings. A special hands-on project courtesy of the South Shore Art Center will feature Moroccan-style tiles. In keeping with the mission of the school, activities will be hands-on, interactive, experiential, process-oriented, and educational; encourage people to look at things in new and different ways; and endeavor to integrate life and art.

Global folk art exhibit – Presented by Native, a gallery in Scituate Harbor, this exhibit is an eclectic collection of indigenous, tribal, and folk art from around the world. Display items may include Zulu baskets, African masks, South American body masks, Indian elephant masks, felt clothes from the Middle East, Mexican day of the dead skeletons, Yoruba lizards, Middle Eastern decorative fabric wall hangings, shields from South Pacific islands, Asian purses, and dolls from South Africa.

The festival will be held rain or shine on the Inly School campus, 46 Watch Hill Drive, off Route 123, near the junction of Route 3A), in Scituate. Visit www.inlyartsfestival.com for complete information.

The admission price of $10 per person ($40 max per family) covers all activities. Food will be available for purchase.

Recreation Department to offer Sunday Jams

Recreation Department director Ted Carroll has tapped music industry veteran and Cohasset resident Howie Altholtz to help coordinate Sunday Jams, a program of music for teens. Altholtz has been involved in the music business for more than 25 years, as a writer, performing artist, producer and lawyer.

Carroll and Altholtz envision starting with Sunday Jams at the Recreation Center. Depending on interest, additional services may include advice on the business of music, songwriting clinics and guest music business insiders, including artists, producers and managers.

For information, email Carroll at tcarroll@townofcohasset.org or call 781.383.4109. A schedule is in the works, and any input and ideas would be welcome.

'Godspell' to be performed by Cohasset Dramatic Club

Cohasset Dramatic Club has announced it has assembled the cast for its fall production of "Godspell." Show dates will be at 7:30 p.m., on Nov. 14, 15, 21 and 22, and 2 p.m., on Nov. 16 and 23. The production will take place at Cohasset Town Hall auditorium.

Director and music director, Mark Bono set out in search of a diverse, energetic cast of 10 adults to recount the telling of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, through both parables and music, and find them he did. The ensemble is led by Stephen Lee from Randolph as Jesus. Lee has done this show before, and it is one of his favorites, so he is thrilled to be a part of this cast bringing this show to life for the first time on the Cohasset Town Hall stage. Supporting Lee in the ensemble, and each singing their own piece from the score by Stephen Schwartz, are Mark Alves, Cohasset; Eric Braun, Hanover; Nicole DiRuzza, Quincy; Denise Feeney, Abington; Lisa Pratt, Cohasset; Anne Thornton of Hanover; and Sharon White and Bill White of Scituate.

"Godspell" boasts a string of songs led by the hit "Day By Day." As the cast performs "Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord," "Learn Your Lessons Well," "All For the Best," "All Good Gifts," "Turn Back, O Man" and "By My Side," the parables come to life. Drawing from various theatrical traditions such as clowning, pantomime, charades and vaudeville, "Godspell" is a unique reflection of the life of Jesus, with a message of kindness, tolerance and love.

Tickets will be available soon at Paperscapes in Cohasset Village, Buttonwood Books on CJC Highway in Cohasset, or via CDC's ticket reservation and information line at 617-697-2115. Tickets are $15, and reservations are presently being accepted.





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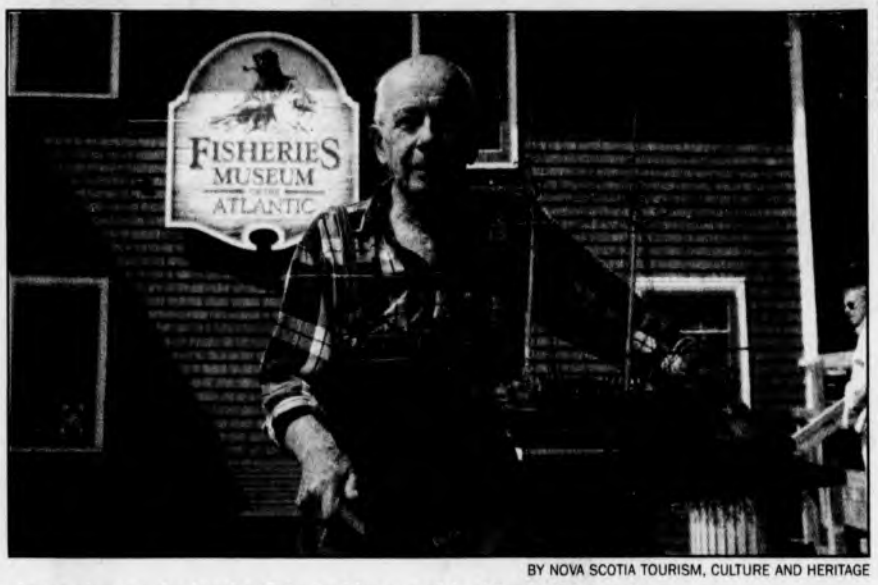
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Take the train to Halifax to explore charming Nova Scotia

David L. Harris
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

You can get there by car, boat or plane, but gliding on the rails to Halifax, Nova Scotia, you have the time to sit back and appreciate the Kodak moments: lush forest, rolling hills, a couple of dusty mills, and gorgeous rivers.

Halifax is one of the eastern-most port cities in North America. VIA Rail Canada's Ocean train travels there from Montreal every day but Tuesday, a 772-mile overnight journey through Canada's Maritimes region that's truly captivating.

The train offers the option of sleepers, complete with comfort-able, duvet-covered bed, bath-room with shower and access to the train's dining room a few cars away. If you book the top-category Easterly sleeper-class your lesson in local culture begins immediately with an onboard "learning coordinator" lecturing on topics including history and how lobsters are caught. Easterly passengers also enjoy wine tastings and access to the rail's signature dome viewing car – with 360-degree views.

We left in the early evening. By early morning, as the fog burned off, we train passengers crossed time zones from Eastern to Atlantic and were mesmerized by the glistening Bay of Chaleur.

Shortly thereafter we were in the heart of Nova Scotia, winding along the carved-out hills on the outskirts of Halifax. As you enter the city, you can catch a glimpse of one of the cemeteries where some victims of the Titanic are buried – three ships from Nova Scotia were involved in the task of recovering bodies from the disaster.



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The lighthouse at Peggy's Cove.

The train disembarks in down-town Halifax, and from the station you can easily walk to almost any downtown hotel. The city is easy to explore, a compact place with a college-town ambiance (thanks to the University of King's College, Dalhousie University and other schools).

Founded in 1749 by Gov. Edward Cornwallis, Halifax grew up around the star-shaped Halifax Citadel, a huge stone fort – the present structure was completed in 1856 – that's the biggest remnant of the British Empire's hold on Canada. The site was designated a national landmark in 1951. Kilt-wearing historical re-enactors offer guided tours. And every day at noon, they fire off a cannon that today points to down-town office buildings.

A short walk away is the active waterfront and Pier 21, Canada's version of Ellis Island, first stop for about 1 million immigrants, mostly from Ireland, Scotland, Germany, France and Italy. Pier 21 features a museum, an eye-popping multime-dia show and a research center you can use to find Canadian ancestors. The museum is the centerpiece of a renaissance around Halifax Harbour, which has undergone a series of major cleanups: New lux-ury condos are being built and a boardwalk makes it easy to walk along the water. Along the board-walk is the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, featuring a collection of artifacts from the province's rich marine history, including Titanic information.

Near the waterfront, a must-do stop on a Saturday is the Halifax Farmer's Market (7 a.m. to 1 p.m.; open Saturdays year-round). Vibrant and crowded, it is housed in the historic Keith's Brewing Co. building at 1496 Lower Water St., next to the Courtyard Marriott. You'll find here a dizzying array of the finest in local produce – fresh vegetables, fruit, bread, meats and cheeses.

While the city impresses, it is in the outskirts that you'll gain an appreciation for Nova Scotia's local charm. Picturesque towns dot the province, from the craggy granite boulders of Peggy's Cove to the vineyards of Wolfville, and many options are within an hour's drive from Halifax.

Rent a car and drive to Lunenburg, a historic fishing village listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The town hasn't changed much at all since it was founded as a British colonial settlement in 1753. Colorful pastel-painted shops, homes and other buildings surround the harbor and it's easy to get lost in the beauty. The other draw to Lunenburg is the *Bluenose II*, a replica of the celebrat-ed 1921 Canadian racing and fishing vessel. For $35, from June through September, you can take a two-hour cruise on the schooner. You may even spot seals flopping in the water.

Those hungry for seafood knowledge should stop by the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic, an aquarium and museum right next to the *Bluenose II* pier. Here you can check out what halibut, salmon and lobster look like when they're not being served on a plate. And then dine on fresh seafood at the museum's The Old Fish Factory, with a great view of the harbor to boot.

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Eating there: For some of the freshest fish you'll ever eat and a delicious salad bar, try The Five Fisherman (902-422-4421; www.fivefishermen .com) at 1740 Argyle St. in Halifax. McKelvie's, housed in a former fire station at 1680 Lower Water St., features deli-cious seafood and pasta. In Lunenberg, try Fleur De Sel (902-640-2121; www.fleurde-sel.net), a French restaurant that features some of the most creative dishes from one of the region's most celebrated chefs, Martin Ruiz Salvador.



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Triathlon drama makes run at being the next Rocky

"Know Regrets" – Author uses the long hours of training for triathlons to create the scenes in his novel about fulfilling a dream and competing in the Ironman Triathlon World Championship in Hawaii.

Finally, a novel centered on triathlons. There are hundreds of novels dramatizing many great sports, none of note focused on triathlons. Tim Durant has changed that statistic with "Know Regrets: the Story of Trip Johnson," a single father of two, who at the age of 40 has a second chance to act on his dream of competing in the Ironman Triathlon World Championship Hawaii.



Tim Durant, a former Cohasset resident, has penned a novel centered on triathlons.

Everyone has a dream. Not everyone has the courage to act on it. Trip had always dreamed of racing in the Ironman. His dream hidden for so long, he became numb to its fire. When the dream reignites, and he finds the courage to act on it, the journey begins. Trip has a chance to swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles and run 26.2 miles among the best tri-athletes in the world. In order to reach his goal, he will draw upon more than physical strength, endurance and determination. His voyage takes him from the comfortable suburbs of Boston, to the wild nightlife of Waikiki, over to the forbidding lava fields of the Big Island, all on the path of pursuing a deeply seeded dream.

The scenes in "Know Regrets" had been developing in Durant's head for over 20 years. They started as day dreams during his long runs and rides as he trained for his first triathlons while living in Hawaii, serving in the United States Navy. Through the sweat and miles, these dreams slowly formed into a fun, adventurous and inspiring tale. "Know Regrets" shows insight into the mystic of Hawaii, and reveals the greatness of triathlons and the athletes that compete in them, a glimpse of human nature and strength of the human spirit. If you liked "*Rocky*," "*American Flyers*" or "*The Rookie*," you will love "*Know Regrets*."

"Tim has written about the Ironman like a true insider. I was reliving all the fears, exhilaration, drudgery, and pain," said Karen Smyers, Ironman Triathlon World Champion. "'Know Regrets' takes you on a mental and physical rollercoaster that we all feel when chasing something important."

Living with Crohn's disease has also motivated Tim to donate some of the proceeds from this book to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. "Know Regrets" is available direct from the publisher at lulu.com and at many other retail outlets such as Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and Borders. You can also check bookfinder4u.com to find a bookseller in your country.

Tim Durant, a former Cohasset resident, is a first-time novelist who lives in Massachusetts with his wife, three kids and their two dogs. Some of his family still lives in Cohasset. He is available for comment at tkdurant@gmail.com or www.know-regrets.com.

Head of the Weir River Race

Hull Lifesaving Museum's 21st annual Head of the Weir River Race is a celebration of the estuary at the height of its fall beauty and the array of the region's open water rowers. The race will take place Saturday, Oct. 18. Fee is $20 per rower; free for spectators.

As many as 60 boats jockey for position racing out the narrow estuary and into open water, traveling from West Corner on the Hingham/Hull/Cohasset line, past Bumpkin Island, across Hull Bay, to the museum's Windmill Point Boathouse at Hull Gut. A highly contested 5-fi miler, the Weir draws coxed youth and adult rowers in gigs, single and double livery and workboats, currachs and ocean shells, as well as experienced paddlers in kayaks and canoes. In the head of the river format, boats kick-off from the starting line at one-minute intervals, and times are collated at the finish to determine the race winners. The Weir is an exciting race and a great spectator event, featuring more than 150 rowers from all over New England and New York. Best spectator views are from the bridge on George Washington Boulevard – 10 to 20 minutes after the start; at the tip of Hull's Sunset Point, or at the Windmill Point Boathouse finish line. Spectators should show care crossing the road on George Washington Boulevard, watching for fast moving traffic.

Registration, required for all participants, will begin at noon at the race starting line behind the Hull Public Works building at the Hull town line on Route 228. Registration closes at 1:30 p.m. The coxswains' meeting will be at 1:45 p.m., and race start at 2:30 p.m. All coxed boats must contact the race organizers before the day of the race. There is no parking available at the race starting line; the put-in for trailered boats is at Nantasket Pier, 1 mile from the starting line, where car and trailer parking is available. For more information, call Ed McCabe, Hull Lifesaving Museum's maritime program director, or Lory Newmyer, executive director at the museum, at 781-925-5433, email info@hulllifesavingmuseum.org, or visit the Web site at lifesavingmuseum.org.

Mountain biking day at Wompatuck State Park

Friends of Wompatuck State Park will host Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day at Wompatuck State Park at 9 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 4. Participants will meet at the Visitor Center parking lot. Bring children for this opportunity to pass on one's passion for pedaling.

The event will feature guided tours of trails, rail beds and some paved sections suitable for young cyclists. There will be several ride leaders, and the rides will be determined by age and skill level. All are welcome.

Call 781-249-0010 for more information.

Derby Fall Fair postponed to Oct. 4

Due to heavy rains last Saturday, The Derby Fall Fair is being postponed until Saturday, Oct. 4. Hours are from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and the entire South Shore community is encouraged and welcome to attend. There will be fine foods and exciting rides and games for children and adults alike.

Fall farm celebration and art exhibit at Weir River Farm

Join The Trustees at Weir River Farm for a Fall Farm Celebration and Art Exhibit on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Weir River Farm inspired the well-known Boston area artist Polly Thayer Starr, who donated the property to The Trustees. Join us to celebrate her gift at our annual farm celebration, where we'll display the work of local artists depicting this iconic landscape. Polly's daughter Vicki and several other members of the community who were integral in preserving this special place will be there to join us and share their memories. We'll also have a Polly Thayer Starr artwork exhibit, the Armstrong Brothers Band, pony rides, local vendors, food, crafts, and pumpkins for the children. Members $3, nonmembers $5. For information, call 781-740-7233 or visit www.thetrustees.org.

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Worship News

St. Joseph Retreat Center schedule of events

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, is hosting the following programs:

Sunday, Oct. 5, Day of Prayer for Caregivers, 9 a.m. to 4:30 pm. "Come, Rest Awhile" with a day of prayer including lunch and ending with liturgy.

Tuesday, Oct. 7, Morning of Prayer, 9 to 11:45 a.m. "Praying with Our Ordinary Lives."

Wednesday, Oct. 8, day workshop, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. "Perceptions and Emotions in Prayer: Resistance and Surrender."

Wednesday, Oct. 22, day of prayer, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. "Aging Gracefully: The Challenges and Joys of Deepening Discipleship in the Later Years of Life."

Thursday, Oct. 23, morning of prayer, 9 a.m. to 12;30 p.m. "Essential Dispositions for Prayer." This is the first in a special series of Mornings of Prayer titled "Growing in Relationship with Jesus Through the Dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises Using Art, Poetry, Music and Scripture." Discount available for registration in all seven programs: Nov. 10, Dec. 11, Feb. 9, March 30, April 16 and May 1.

The Retreat Center is also available for private retreats for individuals and for groups. For more information and to register, visit the Web site at csjretreatcenter.org or call 781-383-6024/6029.

Faith in the voting booth

Local religious leaders will discuss how faith and religion might or might not inform the citizen in the voting booth. The event will take place at 7 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 5, at Second Parish Church, 685 Main St., Hingham.

Memorial Services

Frank Allan MacDonald

Memorial service Sunday at First Parish

A Memorial Service will be held for Frank Allan MacDonald or "Al MacDonald", as he was better known, at the First Parish in Cohasset on the Common. The service will take place at 4:30 p.m. Sunday (Oct. 5) with a light supper reception following in the Parish House at 23 North Main St. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to First Parish in Cohasset and or the Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

"Allan" or" Al "taught at Cohasset High for 29 years and was beloved for his Advanced Placement English courses, co-founding and directing the Alternative School. He chose Jack Buckley as his successor, who continued the program into the 1990s. His survival classes were especially popular as they included hiking (25 trips) to the White Mountains with students. He was an environmental activist in recent years.



Frank Allan MacDonald.

Edward Bayley Long

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In celebration of his life, a memorial reception will be held in his honor from 2-to-5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18th at the Long family home: 31 Nichols Road, Cohasset.

It's Happening

Organist Gail Archer to play at St. Stephen's Church

Celebrating its 17th year, St. Stephen's Concert Series in Cohasset will present organist Gail Archer of New York City in a recital at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 26, in a program featuring the music of 20th century French organist Olivier Messiaen. The music of this composer is highly controversial and uses elements of bird song, Gregorian chant, Far Eastern scales and scales of his own construction – all in a mission to bring the music of the church into the world and to musically present Christian truths in the concert hall. Archer lives in New York and serves as chairman of the music department at Barnard College, Columbia University.

This year, St. Stephen's is also celebrating the partial restoration of its 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ, portions of which had been rendered unplayable by spring storms several years ago/

The church is at 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and there is plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

Beechwood Church Harvest Supper and Auction

The annual Harvest Supper and Auction will take place Thursday, Oct. 23, at Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., Cohasset, for the 85th straight year. In years past, members have personally made calls to people in surrounding towns in order to make dinner reservations. This policy is being phased out. Instead, the first 100 people will be seated on a first-come basis. Those who want can call the church and order reservations on the voice mail at 781-383-0808. Seating begins at 5:30 for dinner, which will be served at 6:30.

This year's menu will include ham, herbed roasted potatoes, green beans, Harvard beets, coffee and dessert. Dinner is $9 for adults and $4.50 for children. An auction of locally harvested produce, pies, homemade goods and various donated items will take place immediately following dinner.

Holly Hill Farm to sponsor races

Friends of Holly Hill Farm will sponsor two races on Sunday, Oct. 19, through the 120 acres of woods at Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset. Sign in for the 5k is at 8 a.m., and 9 a.m. for the 1-mile fun run.

Proceeds will benefit educational activities at Holly Hill Farm. For information, contact Janice McPhillips at fhhfarm@verizon.net or call 781-383-6565.

Coffee with the Authors

Buttonwood Books & Toys will host writers Catherine Goldhammer, Jennifer Haigh and Joan Wickersham during its semi-annual Coffee with the Authors, Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m., at Atlantica Restaurant, Cohasset.

Goldhammer's new book, "Winging It: Dispatches from an (Almost) Empty Nest," describes the changing dynamic of her family as her daughter prepares to leave for school. Haigh will speak about "The Condition," the story of a New England family that comes apart when the daughter is diagnosed with Turner's syndrome. Wickersham will discuss her book"The Suicide Index," which describes the painful path her life took after her father commits suicide.

Reservations and tickets are required. Tickets are $16 and may be picked up at Buttonwood, or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a check to Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Anyone unable to attend can call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 to reserve or order a signed copy of the books.

Blood drive set for Oct. 10

Everyone, whether it is realized or not, depends on blood. Every two seconds, someone needs blood. At this time, donations of all blood types are needed to meet the needs of patients in local hospitals as well as those throughout New England.

The American Red Cross hopes the residents of Cohasset will give the Gift of Life. A Red Cross blood drive will take place from 1 to 7 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 10, at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 10 Summer St., Cohasset. Childcare will be available from 3 to 5 p.m.

In order to give blood, potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with a parent's authorization), weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Most medications and medical conditions do not prohibit a person from being a blood donor. Donors can give blood safely every eight weeks. To make an appointment to donate at this blood drive or for more information, call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 781-383-1290, the Red Cross Blood Services at 800-448-3543 or visit givelife.org. For more information on the blood donation process and current eligibility guidelines, visit the Web site at newenglandblood.org.

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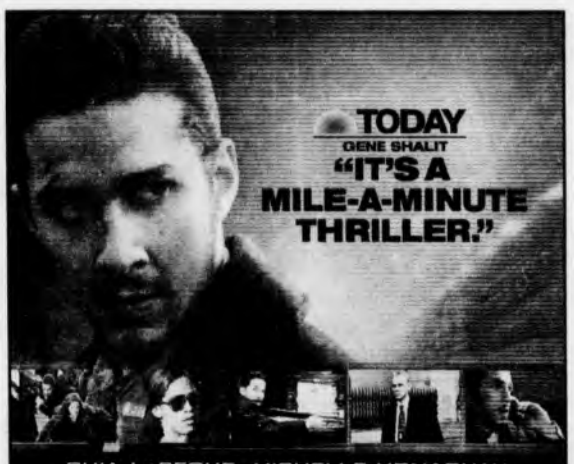


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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Oct. 5

8 a.m. - Circle Ministry (group led by Joan Kovach & Susan Meikleham and meeting on the 1st & 3rd Sundays in the Parish House)

9:50 a.m. – Childcare for our youngest and religious education classes for children in the Parish House. Coming of Age and Senior High youth are invited to join their parents for worship in the Meeting House.

10 a.m. Worship in the Meeting House

We welcome guest minister, Rev. Jory Agate, to our pulpit. Rev. Agate will preach on "Living Out Loud." She will be joined for this service by Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull and members of the Welcoming Congregation Committee, sponsors of this special service.

Rev. Jory Agate is the Ministerial Development Director at the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). For ten years, she served as the Minister of Religious Education at First Parish in Cambridge and for six years as the Youth Programs Director at the UUA.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

Directly after Coffee Hour, everyone is invited to a post-service conversation with Rev. Agate. We'll also welcome her wife, Jeb Mays, and their two teenage daughters, who will discuss the joys of being raised by two Moms. We'll also welcome Rachel Judelson, who will be present as an interpreter, since one of our teenage guests is deaf.

11:30 a.m. - Bell Choir Practice - Meeting House

4:30 p.m. - Memorial Service for Allan MacDonald - Meeting House

All are welcome to this Celebration of the Life of Allan MacDonald, a beloved member of this community, English teacher at Cohasset High School for 29 years, co-founder of the Alternative School at Cohasset High School, hiker, organic gardener, environmentalist, an active member of this congregation, and the much loved husband of Marie Caristi-MacDonald. A reception will follow in the Parish House. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Parish UU - Cohasset, 23 North Main St., or to the Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

TIME AND TALENT AUCTION: Saturday, Oct. 4th at 7 pm in Bates Hall. The auction is open to the public and will feature a wide variety of selections including dinners, sailing expeditions, vacation homes and a wide variety of services. Come and check it out!!

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: Starting this Sunday Oct. 5th is our new "Episcopal Church for the 21st Century" class being taught by Rev. Margot Critchfield. This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal faith and anyone preparing for Confirmation or Reception into the church. It is an eight-week course running from noon until 2 p.m.. On Oct. 5th, we will also offer a "Blessing of the Pets" at 2:30 in our church courtyard in honor of St. Francis' day! All are welcome.

Rev. Critchfield is also offering individual spiritual direction this fall. If you are looking for a spiritual home or exploring your faith, we invite you to visit us. You can learn more about us, and the Episcopal Church, from our website, www.ststephenscohasset.org

Other programs this fall includes bible study for adults, youth group activities, the children's Christian education program "Godly Play", outreach programs serving the hungry and homeless, yoga, meditation and a monthly luncheon for seniors.

Services at St. Stephen's are at 8 am and 10 am on Sundays, including a Healing Eucharist at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. All are invited.

You can reach the church at 781-383-1083. The Rev. Margot Critchfield is rector; she can be reached at mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.org. Our offices, which are open Monday through Friday, can be accessed by coming to the back of the church, up the Highland Ave hill. We are handicap accessible.

Going on this week at St. Stephen's:

- Sun. Oct. 5: Services at 8 – 10 am. Godly Play children's program is at 10 a.m.; Jr. High Youth group at 10 am. Noon- "Episcopal Church for the 21st Century" class begins. Pet blessing 2:30 pm in the courtyard.
- Mon. Oct. 6: 3 pm, Christian Meditation
- Wed. Oct. 8: 9:30 Holy Eucharist with healing; 10:30 Bible Study
- Fri. Oct. 10: 9:30 Yoga, noon Soup and Sandwich
- Sat. Oct. 11: 7 p.m. Bible Fellowship

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

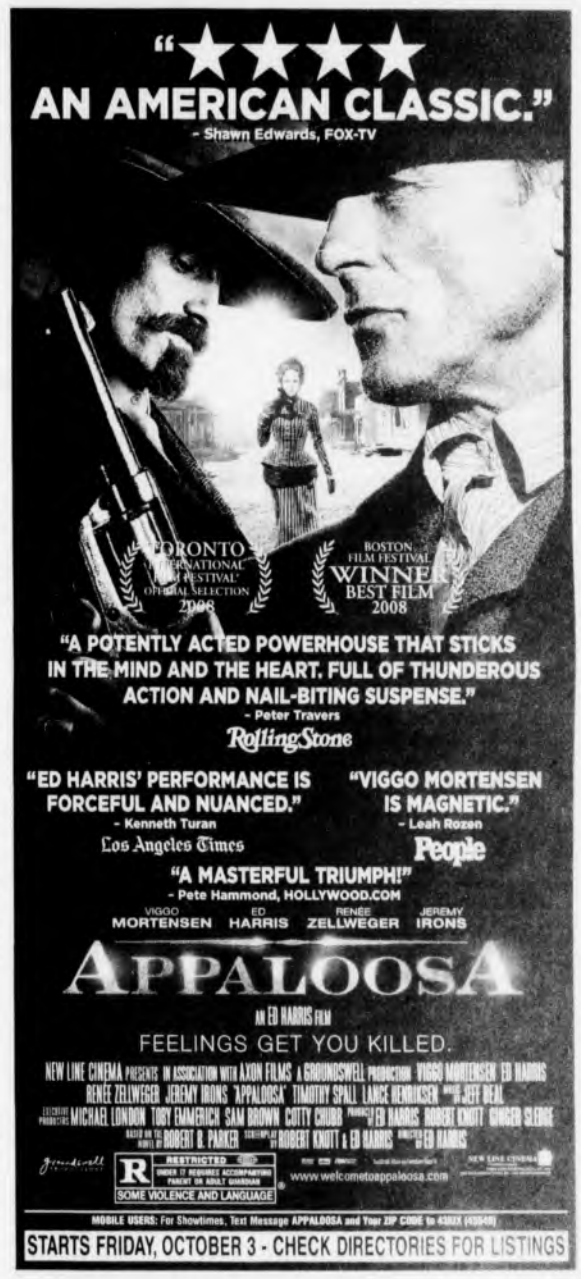
Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

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Abrahamic Religions topic of Glastonbury lecture

Glastonbury Abbey's Inter-Religious Lecture Series Listening to Other Voices will present a program titled "Old Faiths in New Times: The Abrahamic Religions Today and Tomorrow" at 7:15 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Glastonbury Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham.

Guest speaker will be Alan Wolfe, chairman of the Religion and Democracy in the United States task force of the American Political Science Association, TV commentator on the Pew Report on Religion in America, founding director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life at Boston College and a teacher there and elsewhere. He will give a talk titled "Who's Afraid of American Religion?," focusing on the role of religion in recent American politics, whether it is dead among the young, how the faiths are faring and what it may mean for everyone.

Wolfe is the author of more than a dozen books, including "The Transformation of American Religion: How We Actually Practice Our Faith." He has written numerous articles and lectured across the United States, Europe and the Middle East.

The lecture is free, but donations will be accepted.



Legal Notices

LONG ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P2299EP

In the Estate of EDWARD B. LONG AKA EDWARD BAYLEY LONG
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death August 24, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that EDWARD L. REDPATH of NORWICH in the State of VERMONT and MAGDA L. FLECKNER of WESTON in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **NOVEMBER 5, 2008.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, September 24, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11787152
Cohasset Mariner 10/3/08

HINES ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P1346EP

In the Estate of DONALD F. HINES
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death August 5, 2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARGARET HINES of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **OCTOBER 29, 2008**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, September 17, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11785669
Cohasset Mariner 10/3/08

SEL/RENOVATION BIDS
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Cohasset, MA seeks sealed price bids for exterior renovations to the town owned building at 43 Parker Avenue, Cohasset, MA occupied by the Cohasset Maritime Institute. Any interested party may obtain a copy of the bid specifications the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025. A non-refundable fee of $25 payable by cash or bank check is required. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Friday, October 10, 2008 at 1:00 PM at the site. Sealed price proposals are due to the Town Manager's Office at the above address no later than Friday, October 17, 2008 at 12:00 Noon.

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PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE
WEEK OF SEPT. 29, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might need to get more facts to help you work out those problems with your new project. As always, a friendly approach shows the charming Arian at his or her persuasive best.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Information is what energizes ambition, and this is a good time for the ambitious Bovine to expand his or her range of knowledge and to be ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is a good time to consider making some long-overdue decorating changes at home or in your workplace. A splash of color can help raise spirits, even on the grayest day.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Learn more. Earn more. That's the formula for Moon Children looking to expand their career horizons. Investigate the best places to get those training courses you'll need.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your creative side helps gain attention for many of your ideas. But don't neglect the practical aspects involved in implementing their move from paper to production. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A health problem should not be ignored. The sooner you check it out, the sooner you can deal with it and then move on. Some job advice comes from an unlikely source.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship takes an unexpected shift that could leave you puzzled and hurt. Asking for an explanation could help uncover the reason for this sudden turn of events.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your busy schedule has drawn down much of your energy levels. Restore them by spending a well-earned time out enjoying the arts — perhaps with that special someone.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Make that presentation with confidence. Remember: When you show you believe in yourself, it helps persuade others that you truly know what you're doing.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although you usually prefer doing things on your own, a group effort might be advisable at this time. Try to keep an open mind about suggestions from colleagues.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This could be a good time to reassess some of your recent decisions and see if any adjustments should be made based on facts that you might have just uncovered.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An emotionally charged situation creates uncertainty about the future of your relationship. Best advice: Talk things out while there's still time to reach a new understanding.

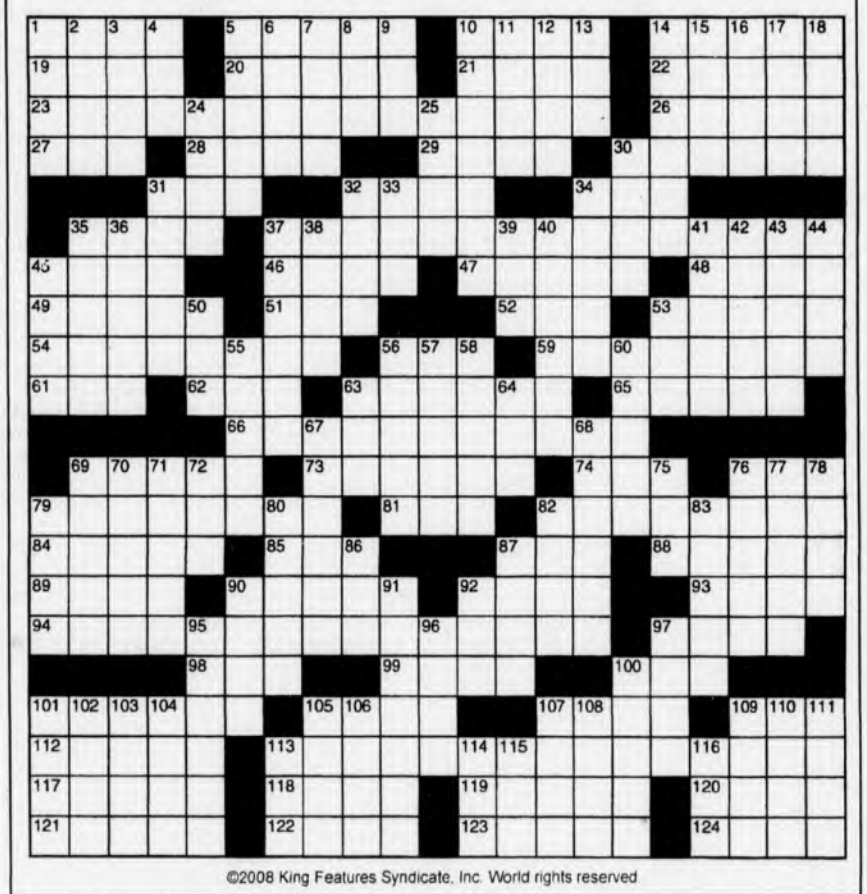
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BORN THIS WEEK: You tend to act on matters of principle despite what others might advise.

Crossword - Self-possessed

ACROSS
1 Myron Floren's boss
5 Malcolm- — Warner
10 Priam's kingdom
14 Daddy duck
19 Adams or Sedgwick
20 Napoleon's fate
21 Something to skip?
22 De Valera of Ireland
23 Start of a remark by Dan Post
26 Rectify
27 Sprinted
28 Part of a suit
29 Pastoral poem
30 Sherbet flavor
31 Norm
32 Rib —
34 One of "Them!"
35 Dirty
37 Part 2 of remark
45 Colleague of Dolly and Loretta
46 Mature
47 Peachy-keen
48 Plumb crazy
49 "Maria —" ('41 song)
51 College growth
52 Before, to Byron
53 Mendicant monk
54 Utter
56 See 90 Across
59 Dispute
61 Pigment
62 Hibachi residue
63 Oaf
65 "Love — the Ruins" ('75 film)
66 Part 3 of remark
69 "I Got a Name" singer
73 Add info
74 Mil. group
76 Genesis vessel
79 "Little —" ('64 hit)
81 "Be my guest!"
82 God with a trident
84 Storms
85 — Dinh Diem
87 Paw part
88 Jergens or Astaire
89 Field of knowledge
90 With 56 Across, common appetizer
92 Chimney part
93 Duel tool
94 Part 4 of remark
97 Domino or Waller
98 Herriot title start
99 "Excuse me"
100 Western st.
101 Mugabe of Zimbabwe
105 Whetstone
107 Out of control
109 She's a sheep date
112 Venerate
113 End of remark
117 "The Kiss" sculptor
118 One of the Waughs
119 "East of Eden" director
120 Imminent
121 Upright
122 Michael of "Cabaret"
123 Unkempt
124 "Vissi d'—" ("Tosca" aria)

DOWN
1 Sport
2 O'Brien or Skinner
3 Mortgage, e.g.
4 Beer barrel
5 Baseball's Derek
6 Shaft
7 Freshen a fuchsia
8 Cover girl Carol
9 Kapaa keepsake
10 Auto transaction
11 Actress Schneider
12 Fall birthstone
13 Craving
14 Lack
15 "— Lama Ding Dong" ('61 tune)
16 Prayer finale
17 Hong —
18 "The NeverEnding Story" author
24 — Office
25 Regret audibly
30 In the know
31 Nero's instrument
32 Duplicate
33 Savored the seitan
34 Fall flower
35 David of "Dark Shadows"
36 Too tubby
37 Twist and turn
38 Bee flat?
39 Born
40 You'll get a kick out of it
41 Texas landmark
42 Symbol
43 Buttercream, e.g.
44 Laramie or Sumter
45 Devour Dostoevsky
50 — carte
53 "Fee, Fi, Fo, — . . ."
55 Leading man?
56 Container
57 Arm bones
58 Annie of "Designing Women"
60 Jets and Sharks
63 Opening
64 UK honor
67 Delayed
68 Worn down
69 Cugat consort
70 Mississippi or Missouri
71 New York city
72 Bk. offerings
75 It's in the bag
76 Skilled
77 Romeo and Juliet
78 Banjo locale
79 Grouch
80 Register
82 Hogan or Hindemith
83 Perfect
86 Word with baby or snake
87 Horner's fruit
90 Sensed
91 New Jersey town
92 Adversary
95 One who no's best?
96 "What a relief!"
97 Charlatan
100 Uncool
101 Hard to find
102 Miasma
103 Portend
104 Rohmer or Carmen
105 Sign of sanctity
106 "Glad All —" ('64 hit)
107 Carpenter's tool
108 Knight's quaff
109 Kind of pitcher
110 "Huh?"
111 Bronte heroine
113 Horse hash
114 Endorses
115 Duncan's denial
116 "Jurassic Park" stuff



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Sudoku

5			9				6	
	9			1		8		
		3			5		4	1
	8			7			3	
9	6		4			5		
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3	7		1			2		
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Level: Challenging

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Magic Maze - Born in the 17th Century

Y	Q	N	K	H	E	B	Y	V	S	P	R	M	J	H
E	B	Y	V	T	Q	O	L	I	G	D	E	B	Y	W
T	R	P	M	K	I	F	D	B	Y	W	M	U	S	T
H	Q	O	M	K	R	I	F	D	B	Z	B	E	L	F
X	C	L	W	K	C	E	E	B	E	I	R	U	E	I
U	A	A	A	N	K	N	E	R	W	I	A	S	D	W
Q	S	O	B	C	O	N	O	M	A	R	N	N	N	S
L	S	J	O	H	S	T	N	T	R	F	D	D	A	J
C	I	L	A	Y	W	A	L	E	W	E	T	V	H	T
S	N	Q	P	N	L	O	P	I	P	E	V	K	I	H
F	I	D	L	A	V	I	V	E	M	W	N	C	B	Z

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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J. Swift
Locke

Milton
Newton
Pascal
Perrault

Rembrandt
Riebeeck
Vermeer
Vivaldi

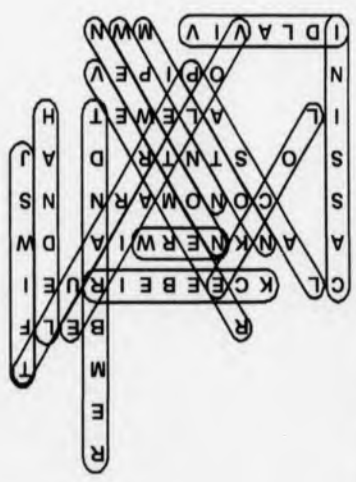
Voltaire
W. Penn
Wren

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Crossword Solution - Self-possessed



Magic Solution - Born in the 17th Century



Sudoku Solution

4	7	3	6	8	2	9	5	1
8	9	2	4	5	1	6	7	3
6	5	1	9	3	7	2	4	8
2	1	6	8	9	5	7	3	4
7	8	5	3	2	4	1	6	9
9	3	4	1	7	6	5	8	2
1	4	9	5	6	8	3	2	7
5	2	8	7	1	3	4	9	6
3	6	7	2	4	9	8	1	5

POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

4:27 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop.

4:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:06 p.m. **Pond St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle driving fast and passing vehicles.

6:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:16 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, open door/window, caller reports at the end of above location – yellow building the front door is open – no lights on, officer reports there is a vehicle outback, officer reports all rooms have padlocks – officer locked front door, made contact with owner of building.

8:35 p.m. **Spring St.**, suspicious vehicle, officer reports vehicle parked on the side of the road, no one around it.

9:02 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports his vehicle is broken down at above location, he will remove it in the morning.

9:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Hull PD reports erratic motor vehicle on 3A headed towards rotary, gray vehicle all over the road.

9:51 p.m. **Forest Notch**, officer wanted, caller reports she wanted to speak to an officer.

10:15 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, officer reports 3 vehicles tagged.

10:23 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

12:59 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:21 a.m. **HQ.**, assist other PD, Hull Police report motor vehicle stolen from Central Ave., Hingham Police have the motor vehicle stopped on GW Boulevard.

2:05 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window, open backdoor, ongoing problem.

5:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6 a.m. **Border St.**, noise complaint. Caller states "they are picking up the trash at the restaurant." Caller states, "This is the third time I've called and nothing has been done.": Then he hung up. Lt. left a message for the restaurants director of operations advising him of complaint.

6:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:57 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

6:58 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:05 a.m. **Cushing Rd., and Ash St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:21 a.m. **North Main St.**, fire, narrow travel lane on North Main Street between Depot Ct. and Barnes Field.

7:26 a.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a vehicle all over 3A heading southbound, officer reports vehicle is failing to pull over at this time, officer reports slow speed pursuit at this time heading towards Scituate, Scituate PD notified, officer requesting the rescue for evaluation, Fire Capt. reports rescue has evaluated the female and she checks out ok, they are clear with a patient sign off, police units still on scene, officers are clearing at this time, the driver's sister has taken custody of the vehicle and the operator.

11:41 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, noise complaint, caller reports she lives directly across from the golf course and every morning between 5:30-5:45 the trash truck is very loud picking up the dumpster at this location and would like to see if they can come a little bit later in the morning.

1:25 p.m. **Elm St.**, hazard (traffic), Fire Capt. reports while enroute to a call there was a trailer truck right in the middle of the street making it difficult for the fire engine to get through.

4:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Red Fox Lane**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, traffic citation issued, 911 caller reports a motorcycle is passing cars and is driving at a high rate of speed, citation is given.

5:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, report of a school bus driver having trouble with unruly but not violent kids on the bus, officer reports spoke with the bus driver and all parties involved, officer clear, this was a bus from a private school in Braintree.

5:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:55 p.m. Well being check, walk in party reports mentally ill person possibly out of control. 34-year-old man being summoned on charges: Attempted murder, A&B on an over 60-year-old disabled with serous injury, A&B with dangerous weapon over 60.

6:58 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, vandalism report, calling party requests an officer to check on daughter's well being, she is home alone and thinks she heard a window break in the back of the house, calling party also stated their son is not allowed in the house and this could involve him. Arrest: Andrew T. Liberty, 17, 541 Beechwood St., Cohasset. Charges: Vandalizing property.

7 p.m. **Pond St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports that a group of kids are in the road, no units available at this time, units will check when they are clear.

7:45 p.m. **Pond St., and Woodland Drive**, suspicious activity, caller reports kids tampering with CPD radar trailer, no officers available to respond at this time, officer will check trailer when a unit is clear.

8:15 p.m. **Route 3A North**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports erratic driver heading North on Route 3A, all officers where unavailable, contacted Hingham to let them know the vehicle was heading their way, Hingham has located the motor vehicle.

8:33 p.m. **North Main St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

8:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports a woman that is acting intoxicated is trying to get into her vehicle, reporting party has called back to say the woman is now on the ground. A 36 year-old Scituate woman in protective custody.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

5:01 a.m. **Beach St.**, search warrant.

7:01 a.m. **HQ.**, public service, in Hull, Nantasket Ave, between Park Ave., and Wharf Ave., will be closed from sunrise to sunset, due to the endless festival.

7:59 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, fire investigation, 911 caller reports an outside odor of gas, Fire Capt. requesting Keyspan to the scene for a very strong outside odor.

9:05 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:19 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking enforcement, vehicle being towed from the square that is affecting the festivities, three announcements made over loud speaker, nobody is coming forward to move car, owner of car is from Andover, vehicle tagged and towed.

12:59 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, motor vehicle crash, transported SSH/ALS, 911 caller reports a worker has flipped over his excavator and is laying on the ground, officers report there are injuries at the scene.

1:49 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, well being check.

2:33 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, drowning/water rescue, 911 caller reports there was a person in the water in trouble, caller now reports that he is on the rocks at shore line, officer reports man down on the rocks, male was trying to swim against the current, he became exhausted and finally made it to shore on his own, 24-year-old from Scituate was evaluated by medics, he is refusing transport to hospital, his friends will take him home.

2:45 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, walk in party reports she left her pocketbook in a carriage at CVS and the employees state it is not there now, female would like to file a report.

3:23 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking, caller reports "parking is out of control" cars are reportedly blocking her driveway – has to do with sporting event, officer detailed to area, cars tagged.

3:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning, person was just confused with directions, checks out ok – was operating erratically.

5:16 p.m. **Clay Spring Rd., and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued, vehicle is being parked on private property – citation issued.

6:26 p.m. **South Main St., and Elm St.**, animal complaint, ACO reports that above family dog is loose in the square, message left for the dog owner on her cell phone.

7:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:47 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

8 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:57 p.m. **Cedar St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:16 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

12:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:32 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:35 a.m. **Town Wide**, public service, units assisting with motorcycle run through town.

12:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, traffic enforcement.

12:31 p.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports the resident at this location passed away recently and there is a male party at the house removing items and when questioned by the caller the male appeared suspicious, officers are clear of the residence, spoke to the parties on scene it is confirmed that they have been hired by a family member to remove belongings from the home.

2:03 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

2:32 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, confused person, walk in party to HQ to speak to officers regarding his son living with him and believes his son stole his pennies, male is an elderly male and we did contact his daughter via telephone to discuss the situation.

5:33 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, officer wanted, kids throwing rocks, officer reports this group of kids are from Scituate and have been sent on their way.

5:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle.

6:24 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Margin St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports motor vehicle swerving in and out of his lane and hitting the curb at times, caller reports vehicle turned on to Elm Ct., officer reports party checks out ok.

7:27 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, caller reports her mother called her stating someone was jiggling door handles trying to get into her apartment, officer reports there is no one in the area at this time, he also states you have to be buzzed in to enter the building.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22

12:55 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:56 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

11:54 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, well being check, detail officer reports the mail carrier is requesting an officer to check the party at the above address, he states the car is home, windows are open and there is four day of mail piling up. E1 gained entry to the home, searched with an officer, no one is home at this time.

5:05 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, fire, structure, 2-story wood frame chimney fire.

5:32 p.m. **King St.**, mutual aid, transported SSH/ALS, an 85-year-old male ALS to SSH.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

8:15 a.m. **North Main St.**, downed power lines, National Grid notified.

9:27 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic complaint, caller reports when walking to the train station in the morning, the traffic coming from East Street on to North Main Street is a speeding issue. Caller states cars speed by making it dangerous to walk.

9:38 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, public service, caller reports his neighbor is digging holes in his yard to put up a fence and complains he does not have a permit and is concerned he may strike a gas line. The building inspector was called and is responding.

9:41 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:47 a.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, fire, (misc.), caller reports an outside odor of gas in the area, E3 reports this was the gas detector in the house, the house has been cleared, residents are back inside at this time.

10:06 a.m. **Elm St.**, public service, walk in party would like to speak with an officer regarding a neighborhood problem, walk in party left before the officer met with him.

1:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:03 p.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Cushing Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

2:34 p.m. **Cushing Rd., and Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

2:35 p.m. **Elm St.**, warrant services, at approximately 2:35 p.m. the party listed above was taken into custody on a WMS warrant from the Bourne Wood Hospital in Brookline Mass. Arrest: Timothy G. Getto, 91 Front St., #209, Scituate. Charges: WMS warrant.

2:54 p.m. **Pleasant St., and Cushing Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:08 p.m. **Cushing Rd., and Norfolk Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation /warning.

3:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:19 p.m. **Elm St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, walk in party reported that a motor vehicle was all over the road.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

12:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, the orange light on the side of the building is flashing, left message for the contact person.

12:51 a.m. **Deer Hill and Soher St.**, building checks.

12:55 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity.

5:26 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, noise complaint, caller states; "a BFI truck was at the golf course picking up the trash," caller states; "this is an ongoing problem," caller states; "someone was going to notify the golf course last week," caller did not want a response, just something to be done.

6:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, dead animal, caller states; "there is a dead deer in the road." location states; as "by the right hand turn to Nantasket." 2nd caller states; the deer is by Sunrise Assisted Living, animal is a hazard, State DWP notified.

7:36 a.m. **Howe Rd.**, animal complaint, caller states; "there is a cat on her shed roof," caller states; the mailbox of the ACO is filled.

8:44 a.m. **Elm St.**, transport prisoner, prisoner being transported to QDC.

POLICE STATUS REPORTS

Busy June, quiet July for police

The most recent police status reports were for June and July.

Chief James Hussey said June was a very busy month for Cohasset Police Department. There were 30 arrests, two for possession of a Class D substance; two for minors transporting alcohol; five for minors in possession of alcohol; two for assault and battery; one for larceny of a motor vehicle; one for operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license; one courtesy booking; 12 for protective custody; and four for outstanding warrants.

In June, the police department investigated nine motor vehicle accidents, three of which resulted in personal injury. There were 61 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,345 in fines. Additionally, there were 94 parking tickets issued totaling $2,925 in fines.

The Emergency Dispatch Center also received a total of 990 calls for police services, and of those 237 were Emergency 911 calls.

There were 13 reports of breaking and entering, 12 involving motor vehicles, and one involving a business. Also in June there were eight criminal complaints issued for the month.

In contrast July was a relatively quiet month for Cohasset Police Department. Chief Hussey said there were six arrests, two for operating under the influence of liquor; one for assault and battery; one for possession of a Class D substance; one for breaking and entering a motor vehicle; and one for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

The police department investigated 16 motor vehicle accidents, five of which resulted in personal injury. There were 61 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,325 in fines. Additionally, there were 156 parking tickets issued totaling $5,250 in fines.

The Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 986 calls for police services, and of those 226 were Emergency 911 calls.

Also in July, there were 14 reports of breaking and entering, all involving motor vehicles and all leading to arrests. Also in July, there were four criminal complaints issued for the month.

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Fall Farm Celebration and Art Exhibit at Weir River Farm, Hingham on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Weir River Farm inspired the well-known Boston area artist Polly Thayer Starr, who donated the property to The Trustees. Celebrate her gift at our annual farm celebration, where the work of local artists depicting this iconic landscape will be displayed. Polly's daughter Vicki and several other members of the community who were integral in preserving this special place will be there to join us and share their memories. We'll also have a Polly Thayer Starr artwork exhibit, the Armstrong Brothers Band, pony rides, local vendors, food, crafts, and pumpkins for the children. Members $3, nonmembers $5. Information: call 781-740-7233 or visit www.thetrustees.org.

Movie review

'Duchess' explores royal pains

The Duchess (C+)

Film Review
BY: AL ALEXANDER



Georgiana Spencer (Keira Knightley, right) will remind you of Princess Diana.

"The Duchess" is a sumptuous tale of Whigs, wigs and a synthetic marriage in which the strands of coincidence link the 18th and 20th centuries.

That's Georgiana Spencer, the estimable Duchess of Devonshire, up on the screen, but it's her great-great-great-great niece, Diana Spencer, the doomed Princess of Wales, who director Saul Dibb wants you to see.

The similarities are striking, too, from their loveless marriages to their abilities to entrance the zeitgeist with their candor, empathy and extremely strong fashion sense. But beyond that, what's the point?

Well, there isn't one, except an underlying message that royals, especially those of the male variety, are foppish bores who can't control their scepters.

That's why "The Duchess" never rises above the rank of a mild diversion. But unlike the surly, unsociable Duke of Devonshire, don't dare sell this lovely vivacious woman short, especially when she is being played by the charismatic Keira Knightley.

With corsets pulled tighter than the state budget and wigs towering taller than wedding cakes, Knightley is a picture of grace and obscene opulence. But her acting still remains decidedly mediocre.

Not a good thing when she appears in virtually every scene. The result is a wildly uneven ride, gyrating between rapturous moments of insight and clarity to long slogs of dull, predictable drawing-room intrigue based on the betrayal and bed-hopping chicanery that have become the low standards of this genre.

It's also a bit much to expect people who can barely afford a movie ticket these days to exude sympathy for a woman of privilege who had her choice of castles and a designer wardrobe so gilded it would make Cindy McCain blush.

What sets Georgiana apart from all the other wronged women through history is that she was close to her husband's lover, even shared the same castle.

How amazing is that? Just think of Hillary and Monica, Diana and Camilla or Jackie and Marilyn doing each other's hair, sharing lustful secrets, and exploring each other's bodies for purely hypothetical reasons, as was the case for Georgiana and her BFF, the sexually liberated Lady Bess Foster.

Seductively played by Hayley Atwell ("Cassandra's Dream"), the Lady is such a guiltless tramp that she becomes infinitely more memorable than the duchess and the celebrated actress playing her.

Both women, however, are usurped by Ralph Fiennes as the distant duke, a man who thinks more of his prized hounds than he does his wife and their numerous daughters, each a reminder of Georgiana's repeated failures to deliver a coveted male heir.

Fiennes is devilishly villainous without ever being evil. If anything, his unmitigated boorishness is often hilarious, a running punch line much like Prince Charles, another man seemingly devoid of warmth and compassion.

It's Oscar-caliber work rooted in nuance and subtly instead of the Henry VII bombast you half-expect, making the duke the best reason to see "The Duchess." Well, that and the spectacular sets, each more dazzling than the next, and of course all those lavish costumes that made Georgiana famous.

What's missing though is any sense of perspective, especially concerning how the commoners viewed her and her influence on the reform-minded Whig Party, a passion born out of her secret trysts with prime minister-to-be Charles Grey ("Mamma Mia's" Dominick Cooper), the love of her life.

That hypocrisy and sexism kept them from ever becoming a couple is the most heartbreaking aspect of "The Duchess" and one of the few times when Georgiarta's plight resonates more than her bling.

Rated PG-13. "The Duchess" contains sexual content and brief nudity.

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Oct. 2

The Derby Fall Fair at Derby Academy, 56 Burditt Avenue, Hingham Saturday, Oct. 4. Hours are from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., and the entire South Shore community is encouraged and welcome to attend. There will be fine foods and exciting rides and games for children and adults alike

The Alzheimer's Care Partners Group will meet Oct. 2, at 10:30 a.m. at The John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., (Route 139) Hanover. We are people who are participating in the care of someone with Alzheimer's Disease. We are an open group and welcome you to come join us free of charge. This month we will be talking about the stages of Alzheimer's to help us distinguish how advanced our loved ones are in this disease. It can be very helpful to know what symptoms to expect and to have some strategies for living with them. Information, contact Penny Peterson, LCSW, at 781-544-4571.

The Daniel Webster Estate at 238 Webster St., Marshfield is open every Thursday through September from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Marshfield is the "Home of Daniel Webster," so come and have a guided tour of this lovely 1880s house which is a tribute to him. Admission is free. Information visit danielwebsterestate.org.

A Whale Affair featuring the work of area artists will take place at 7 p.m. **Oct. 2, at the Isaac Winslow House located in Marshfield.** Tickets are $35, which includes a catered evening with many of the artists, a silent auction, and a live auction. Thirty percent of the proceeds of the art sold will be donated to the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society, an international non-profit working to protect whales, dolphins and the ocean. Information: awhaleaffair.org **or 508-746-2522.**

The Buttonwood Middle School Book Group will meet on Thu. Oct. 2, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. The selected book is "No Shame, No Fear" by Ann Turnbull. The facilitator is Ms. Shelley Sommer. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome. 781-383-2665.

Support Group for friends and families of individuals who suffer from a serious mental illness, sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) at South Shore Baptist Church in Hingham, first and third Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call Cathy at 781-749-5232 or Betty at 781-749-1541.

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"Red Boots" by Sally Dean

North River Arts Society's ARTSON! – Ten Marshfield and Norwell artists will open their studio doors to the public Oct. 4, from noon to 4 p.m. to raise funds to support its campaign to revitalize its home, the historic G.A.R. Hall and adjacent Firehouse. Artists will be on hand to talk with visitors about their work and inspirations, and art will be available for purchase. Advance tickets $20. Tickets day of tour: $25. Map and full description of artists and their studios available with ticket purchase. Call 781-837-8091 for information.

Mark your calendar

HISTORY COMES ALIVE as The Daniel Webster Estate and Heritage Center welcomes back Boston actor, writer and producer, Robin Lane in a fascinating One-woman dramatization of one of America's most important First Ladies, Eleanor Roosevelt. The performance will take place at Oct. 11 at North Community Church Parish House, Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Doors open at 7 p.m. Performance at 7:30 to 8:30; Refreshments to follow. Tickets: $18. Purchase tickets by calling Virginia - 781-837-2403 or Eileen - 781-837-7579. Information and directions visit danielwebsterestate.org

BARKTOBER-FEST, the first event of its kind in Plymouth tailored to dog lovers of all ages and, of course, their furry companions. This one-day canine festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18, on the Plymouth waterfront featuring games and prizes, food for dogs and their owners, demonstrations, live entertainment, and vendors offering dog-related services and items. Other events include a pet/owner photo look-alike contest, a pet costume contest, a dog trick competition, an adoption presentation and obedience training. For the safety of animals and owners, this is an on-leash event. All dogs must be on a leash at all times. Information: www.plymouthbarktoberfest.com or 508-830-1620.

12TH ANNUAL JOSHUA'S RUN and introducing the first annual Andrea's Apres Art Auction, event proceeds to benefit the Andrea Gaziano Memorial Fund within The Jimmy Fund. Race and Auction to be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, at St. Mary of the Nativity Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate. Race applications for the 5 Mile Cliff Challenge, 2 Mile Fun Fun/Walk and Kid's Fun Run can be downloaded at www.joshuasrun.com.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. Oct. 2 **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Oct. 2, **Delaware Floyd and Brad Faucher** blues jam. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpage-cafe.com myspace.com/satch-snewbluesrevue

Friday, Oct. 3

StoryTime Friday, Oct. 3 from 10 to 10:30 a.m.: Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Join us as Sue reads age appropriate stories. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age, along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or see frontstreetbookshop.com.

Bay Players, a local community theater group, will be performing **Mourning Becomes Electric** - comedy one acts at a new location at 822 Webster St., in Marshfield - the Zone Theater on Oct. 3 and 4 and Oct. 10 and 11 starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets are $12 general admission, $10 students and seniors. Information or reservations call 800-290-6825.

Family Fun Night at St. John the Evangelist 172 Main St. Hingham Oct. 3 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. All children pre-kndergarten to grade five are welcome. Games, board games and puzzles will be provided by the Gamewright, a Newton company that has been creating family games that transcend age since 1994. These games are designed to "foster learning and laughter." Tickets for the event are $5 per person or $20 per family. Games will be available for purchase as well Any proceeds from the evening will be donated to the Susan Suarez- Brown Memorial Fund. For further information visit: www.stjohns-hingham.org or to reserve your space call: Marybeth Desai- 781-749-4829 or email: Marybethd@mac.com

Sculptor Barney Zeitz, the creator of Plymouth's Immigrant Monument, will demonstrate his craft and answer questions between 1 and 3 p.m., Water Street at Brewster Gardens in Plymouth. Rain date is Oct. 6. For information about the event or to purchase commemorative stones contact the Plymouth Cultural Council at plymouthculturalcouncil@yahoo.com or 508-747-1620 ext. 341.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth will hold its third annual **"Art, Wine and All That Jazz"** fundraising event Oct. 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North St., Plymouth. Enjoy an evening of wine education, art, music and conversation. Wendy Koder of www.uncorkedonline.com will be there to educate your palate with some new and exciting wines while you are enjoying works of art by many talented local artists. The event will be catered by Simply Divine Catering and Ivy's Fine Cakes and Pastries and entertainment will be provided by the Middle Street School of Music. Donation is $30 per person. For reservations or information, call 508-866-4188 or visit www.hfh-plymouth.org.

New England Singles Dances Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Dance music with New England's top DJ's. Oct. 3, 8 p.m.-midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington, MA. Sandwich Bar. $10. www.singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Oct. 3, 8:30 to midnight Holiday Day Inn, (formerly the Radison Hotel) Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Route. 228, off Rte.3. se-4u.com 781-446-0234. Dance music by award-winning DJ. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 9-10. Free door prizes, raffles, and additional MATCH game prizes. For singles & couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Admittance is only $12 all night. Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club USA.

The Shaw's Center First Comedy Show, 1 Lexington Ave., Brockton, Oct. 3 at 8:30 p.m. featuring **Frank Santorelli** other comics include **Christine Hurley and Paul Keenan**. Host **Annette Pollack.** Reservations Recommended. Free appetizers. Free parking. Tickets $30. www.theshawscenter.com or www.myspace.com/annettepollack 508-559-7070 or 781-843-4833 For tickets/reservations.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. Oct. 3 **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Friday, **karaoke with Ed.** 781-337-9905.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Oct. 3, **Rob Benton**. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Oct. 3, **The BlackJax** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, Oct. 4

The 21st annual CoastSweep Beach Clean-up is Oct. 4, at Duxbury Beach. The event is sponsored by Battelle, the Duxbury Beach Preservation Society and the Jones River Landing Environmental Heritage Center. Volunteers are needed in this nationwide effort to remove debris and prevent pollution in our oceans. Meet at the east end of the Powder Point Bridge between 9 a.m. and noon. Refreshments will be provided. Information: call Jeanine Boyle at Battelle 781-934-0571.

Annual craft fair Oct. 4 at Halifax Mobile Home Estates, Route 106, Halifax Henrich Hall, 33 Redwood Dr. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Derby Fall Fair at Derby Academy, 56 Burditt Avenue, Hingham Saturday, Oct. 4. Hours are from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., and the entire South Shore community is encouraged and welcome to attend. There will be fine foods and exciting rides and games for children and adults alike

In an effort to raise financial support for Mission Honduras, members of the First Baptist Church are planning a **fundraising benefit Oct. 4, at 7 p.m.** featuring a live band, dancing, food, cash bar, and a 50-50 raffle. At the Sons of Italy Hall, 88 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy, Route. 3A, Hingham. All proceeds will go to support Mission Honduras. Tickets are $20 for adults, $10 for students. To reserve tickets or for further information contact Amanda Kaulins at 781-740-8419, Judy Margetts at 781-749-0559, or Peggy Hirtle at 781-337-7824.

The Friends of The Boston Harbor Islands – lighthouse cruise up the North Shore Oct. 4. The boat leaves Long Wharf (closest T stop Aquarium, Blue Line) in downtown Boston at 10 a.m. and arrives back at 3 p.m. After passing the lighthouses of Boston Harbor, get close-up views of the lighthouses at Hospital Point, Fort Pickering, Ten Pound Island, Marblehead, Gloucester Breakwater, Eastern Point and Bakers Island. The Twin Lights on Thacher Island will be our farthest destination. Information visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

The South Shore Folk Music Club located at The Beal House of the Kingston, presents **Joyce Andersen with Harvey Reid** Oct. 4, at 8 p.m. doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: members- $13; non-members- $15.**www.ssfmc.org** or 781-871-1052. Handicapped accessible.

Paint South Shore Boats to open on Oct. 3 at the **South Street Gallery** in Hingham. Artists will capture the beauty of a boat in the water or stored in a boatyard and then they will submit their paintings to the South Street Gallery for the opening event which will take place at the South Street Gallery on Friday, Oct. 3, from 6 to 9 p.m., refreshments will be served. The "Paint South Shore Boats" exhibition will be on display from Oct. 3 through Oct. 16.

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Design Home 2008 Tour benefits The Greater Boston Food Bank. Tours of this innovative luxury home located at the Five Lanterns development at the Pinehills in Plymouth will allow visitors to roam throughout the home spending as much time in each room as they wish. During the tours, rooms will be staffed with knowledgeable volunteers to provide information on design overview and general information about participating vendors. Ticket price is $20 in advance at www.design-home.com and $25 at the door. Tour times are Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Monday and Tuesdays. The Design Home 2008 Tour runs until Oct. 26.

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Fall Farm Celebration and Art Exhibit at Weir River Farm, Hingham Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Weir River Farm inspired the well-known Boston area artist Polly Thayer Starr, who donated the property to The Trustees. Celebrate her gift at our annual farm celebration, where the work of local artists depicting this iconic landscape will be displayed. Polly's daughter Vicki and several other members of the community who were integral in preserving this special place will be there to join us and share their memories. We'll also have a Polly Thayer Starr artwork exhibit, the Armstrong Brothers Band, pony rides, local vendors, food, crafts, and pumpkins for the children. Members $3, nonmembers $5. Information: call 781-740-7233 or visit www.thetrustees.org.

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A Look At Adoption – Oct. 4, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. **Adoption Community of New England,** Inc.45 Lyman Street, #2 South Terrace, Westborough, $20 per person/ ACONE members, $25 per person/non-members. 508-366-6812 info@AdoptionCommunityofNE.org www.AdoptionCommunityofNE.org

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Sunday, Oct. 5

A Piccolo Arte, 237 Broadway, Hanover is holding a special free event with a classical music performance by the violin/cello duo of **Jane Hemmenway and Cameron Sawzin** Oct. 5 from noon to 5 p.m. Events for kids along with sweet treats, raffles for gas card, car detailing and more. 781-267-3766 apiccoloartgifts.vpweb.com.

Go Green Expo at Colony Place, Plymouth. Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. www,CMRevents.com 508-224-4044.

Kennedy Library Forums presents **George McGovern and Michael Dukakis: Reflections on Running for President** Oct. 5, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. Free and open to the public. To make reservations call 617-514-1643 or call jfklibrary.org.

The Four-Hand Piano Duo announce that Graham Howard, an Australian composer, will be at The Art Complex Museum concert to hear their performance of his rhythmically energetic composition, "Short Piece No. 1," at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5. The composer will be available after the performance to answer questions and discuss his music with members of the audience. Bonnie Anderson and Donna Gross Javel, members of the duo, The Art Comples Musuem is located at 189 Alden St., Duxbury, 781-934-6634.

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Lighthouse Theatre's Children/ Teen Workshop. Registration is now open. Rehearsals for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will begin on Sunday, Oct. 5 and be held at the Beal House, 224 Main St., Kingston. Space in the workshop is limited. To reserve a space or for more information call 508-747-6857.

Monday, Oct. 6

Dr. Elizabeth Englander, a Massachusetts expert in cyber-immersion, will speak at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St., Duxbury) on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. With a PhD in Clinical Psychology, Dr. Englander speaks nationally on the world of cyber-immersion and how it affects your kids, their lives, and your lives. Be informed about the new definitions of Internet safety and cyber bullying. See live examples of what goes on and what's out there. Officer Friend Weiler (DARE Officer for Duxbury Public Schools) will also be on hand to reveal the kinds of things he sees in Duxbury. This event is sponsored by The Parent Connection and open to the public. Tickets can be purchased at the door for $7 or reserved at **www.theparentconnection.org** in advance for $5. Tickets can also be purchased by check at Westwinds Bookshop, Foodies and the Duxbury Free Library.

North River Arts Society presents an exhibit of pastels by **Christine Bodnar and Susan Rogers** at the Ventress Gallery. Opening reception. Oct. 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ventress Public Library, Marshfield Center. The exhibit runs *through Nov. 21.* Open: Monday to Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Sunday

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,700 South Shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. They offer a safe place for healing and encouragement as you start a new chapter of your life. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday and is highly recommended for newcomers. Throughout August, separate support groups for both women and men in order for both to be able to speak openly with persons of the same sex about any topic they chose will be held. Information: call Peggy Loud, 781-659-1857 or email Cheryl Pimental NBNorwellMA@aol.com Oct. 6 guest speaker **Sharon L. Fisher**, Come to Order, Professional Organizer, talking about organizing and simplifying your lives so you can "get energized" in either your home or work environment.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. Oct. 6 **Free Texas Hold-Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

The Wellness Community (TWC) at Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Hanover provides free programs for those on the South Shore with cancer and for their loved ones. TWC at Pathways offers support, education and hope through several support and networking groups, yoga, tai chi, art exploration and educational workshops. The support groups are led by trained clinicians. Those interested in finding out more about the free programs offered at TWC Pathways are urged to attend a **Newcomer's Orientation** which is held **every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.** Information regarding these free programs, call 781-829-4823 or visit www.wellnesscommunity.org.

Buttonwood Books & Toys hosts its semiannual event **Coffee with the Authors** on Oct. 7, from 9:45 to11:30 a.m. at the Atlantica Restaurant, Cohasset. The authors are **Catherine Goldhammer, Jennifer Haigh, and Joan Wickersham**. Goldhammer's new book, "Winging It: Dispatches from an (Almost) Empty Nest," is her memoir that describes the changing dynamic of her family as her daughter prepares to leave for school and she realizes that she needs to "let go." Haigh will be discussing "The Condition," the story of the McKotches, a New England family that comes apart during one fateful summer. The catalyst is the diagnosis of their only daughter with Turner's syndrome, a genetic condition that prevents her from physically maturing. Joan Wickersham discusses "The Suicide Index" which describes the painful path her life took after her father commits suicide. Reservations and tickets ($16 per person) are required. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 to reserve or order a signed copy if unable to attend.

South Shore Men of Harmony invite men of good character who love to sing but do not necessarily read music to come to a weekly meeting. The acapella barbershop chorus rehearses every Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 pm. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. Call Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-7464.

The Bar Association of Norfolk County presents **a free legal clinic** from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 7 at Quincy District Court. A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one on one consultation to discuss your legal questions. All consultations are strictly confidential. For information contact Adrienne C. Clarke at 617-471-9693.

Island Grove Chorus, a women's acappella singing group, meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Abington. Call 781-848-5843 for information.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, every Tuesday **Wicked Trivia** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Organization Workshop hosted by **South Shore Women's Business Network** will be held at IKEA of Stoughton on Wednesday Oct. 8 from 8 to 10 a.m. Organizing Specialists will also lead a tour of IKEA. Includes Breakfast, Materials, Presentation and Tour $30 members / $40 non-members. Register on line at www.SSWBN.org or call 781 749 8883.

The Hull Lifesaving Museum's fall youth open-water season is underway. Sign-ups will be open through Oct. 8. The program is open to girls and boys ages 12-18; no experience is needed – novices welcome. The program takes place at the Hull Lifesaving Museum's Boathouse, 185 Main St., at the tip of Hull. Fall is a season of racing, camaraderie, and self-discovery, and includes two of HLM's signature races, the Head of the Weir (October 18) and The Icebreaker: Youth Open Water Rowing Championships (November 22). The season cost is $140 for HLM members and $180 for non-members; scholarships are available upon request. Information or to register, visitwww.lifesavingmuseum.org, or call 781-925-5433.



Artwork by Christine Bodnar *Artwork by Susan Rogers*

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The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St,. (Route 18) Weymouth will exhibit the paintings of **Dianne Panarelli Miller,** as their featured artist for the month of October. The arist, a native of Braintree, is a prolific "plein air"artist who paints out of doors to capture the variety and vitality of natural light; she does 95 percent of her painting "on location" rather than in the studio. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For information and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384. Preview many of the gallery's artists online at www.dickinsonartgallery.com.

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. The next meeting is on Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston. (Route 3 to exit 10 to route 3A south to Green Street). No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Information: Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Oct. 8 **Country Music Night with DJ Pat Lally**. 781-829-6999.

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Wednesdays, Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29. **Drift Away** featuring **J Place** singing and playing harmonica, together with **John Litwin** on the drums, and **Joe Micarelli** on the piano, every Wednesday Night (7:30 to 11 p.m.) at 781-925-1115 www.theredparrot.com

Thursday, Oct. 9

October Book Club Meeting at Front Street Book Shop, Oct. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. 165 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. October's title is non-fiction: Infidel by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. Everyone welcome to attend. Free. 781-545-5011.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, **Stump Team Trivia** at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Oct. 9, **Ryan Fardy** blues jam. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Oct. 10

Haunted Pirate Ship aboard *Mayflower II* – Weekend of Oct. 10 through 12, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Also, Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 17 and 18, Oct. 24, and 25, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Come aboard *Mayflower II* and experience the transformation from a historic landmark to a haunted pirate ship - with ghostly pirates willing to share their pirate's booty. Don't miss this fright-night with a family-friendly twist—lite fright for little ones. Members: Adults $6; Children (Under 12): $4. Non-members: Adults $8; Children (Under 12) $6. www.plimoth.org

DOUBT comes to **The Company Theatre Stage** Oct. 10 through 26. Tickets are priced at $24-$22 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

Michael Dutra's Tribute to Frank Sinatra with 10 piece orchestra at Lombardo's in Randolph on Thursday Oct. 9. Tickets are available by calling 508-472-5004 or Lombardo's 781-986-5000. Also visiting websites: www.strictlysinatranow.com or www.lombardos.com Price: $50 includes Prime Rib dinner at 7 p.m. and show at 8 p.m.

A free lecture by Vicki Weinstein titled "Poetry As Pilgrimage" about Colonial era poet Anne Bradstreet will be held at The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. This program is part of the James Library's free Lyceum series and is free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org for information.

StoryTime at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St. Scituate Harbor. **Oct.10 at 10 a.m.:** Join Sue reads age appropriate stories Friday mornings from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age, along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. 781-545-5011 or www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

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Friday Night Practice Parties offered by **South Shore Dancers** at the First Parish Church Hall, 24 River St., from 8 to 11 p.m. in Norwell every Friday through June 12, 2009. Recorded music with printed program. Casual, friendly environment. Cost is $7. Information: call Tom at 781 659-4703 or visit SouthShore Dancers.org.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Oct. 10, 8:30 to midnight The Lantana, 43 Scanlon Dr., Randolph, Exit 5A, route 28 off Route 128. Dance music by award-winning DJ. Free door prizes, raffles, and additional MATCH game prizes. For singles and couples 35+ years old. Proper dress required, sports jackets recommended. Admittance: $12 all night. Information: se-4u.com 781-446-0234.



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Reunions

WEYMOUTH NORTH HIGH CLASS OF 1978 – The Weymouth North Class of 1978 30th reunion will be held at the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth Harbor on Friday, Nov. 28, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. For updated information go to classmates.com. RSVP Jen Palmer Morse at: Jmorse2@its.jnj.com

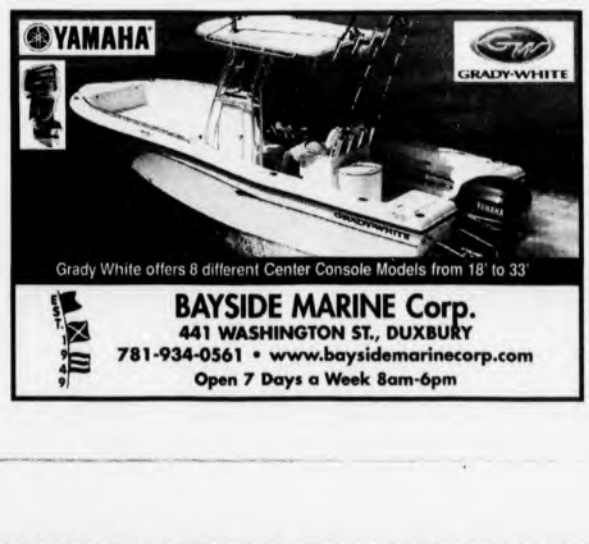
Send your reunion listings to ddinsmore@cnc.com or fax 781-837-4543 Attention Dorothy Dinsmore.



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Inly Arts Festival Global Folk Fusion" will have an international theme, integrating an eclectic collection of art forms from the four corners of the world, on Oct. 5, from 1 to 4 p.m., explore world fusion music performances by Entrain and Afro-Cuban drum circle and folk art, dance, and storytelling with a funky twist through interactive workshops, hands-on projects, and live performances. The event is open to the public, geared for all ages, and will be held rain or shine on the Inly School campus, 46 Watch Hill Drive (off Rte. 123, near the junction of Route. 3A), in Scituate. Visit www.inlyartsfestival.com for complete information. The admission price of $10 per person ($40 max per family) covers all activities. Food will be available for purchase.







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PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Creative Dance Center owner, Becky Ford, leads her students in some stretching exercises during their ballet class. The center is now occupying the former Cohasset News site on Brook Street.

Dancing in the village

Creative Dance Center opens on Brook Street

By Nancy White
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Creativity comes in many forms — some paint, some write, some sculpt and some make art with their bodies through dance. One of the newest additions to the Village cultivates the art of dance for some of the South Shore's aspiring dancers. Creative Dance Center opened its doors in September in the former Cohasset News space.

In a short time, the space has been completely transformed from the convenience store into a bright and airy dance studio. Each day, dozens of girls from age two to 18 flock to the center to dance.

Becky Ford, or "Miss Becky" as her students know her, is the owner and director of Creative Dance Center.

A dancer since age six, Ford is a former professional dancer with the Peninsula Ballet Theatre of San Mateo, California. She has performed in various classical ballets such as Giselle, Swan Lack, Les Sylphide and the Nutcracker, to name a few. She was even featured in the documentary, "A Life of Dancing." She was a former principal dancer with San Francisco Ballet.

To continue her passion for dance, she began teaching on the South Shore in 1990. Then she opened her own studio with her own vision in 1999. In its nine years existence, Creative Dance Center has been in multiple locations in Scituate and Cohasset. As Ford's following grew, she needed more space. She most recently was located above Feng Shui restaurant in Cohasset Plaza on Route 3A.

On the hunt for a new space this past summer, she saw a sign in the Cohasset News window and inquired within. She loved it almost immediately. Although hard to visualize when she first stepped into Cohasset News, the renovations came out beautifully, Ford said. The high ceilings, glimmering hardwood floor and wall of mirrors beg for visitors and dancers alike to do a twirl.

"It's definitely my favorite so far," said 13-year-old Zoë Ryan, a five-year veteran of Creative Dance. It's the biggest space they've had, "I can finally fit in two leaps."

A Scituate resident, Zoë has been taking ballet classes since she was two and recently took up hip-hop dance.

"I want to continue to take dance as long as I can," said Zoë, hoping she can keep up with her dance classes as

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Turf on the table

Citizen's petition requests funding for turf field

By Nancy White
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It was once a pipe dream, a pie in the sky vision on the town's 10-year capital plan but, depending on how Town Meeting votes, a turf field at the high school's Alumni Stadium could become a reality.

The Cohasset Sports Partnership has submitted a citizen's petition to request Town Meeting support for a turf field — and the funding to build it. Numbers are not firmed up yet, but the Cohasset Sports Partnership is estimating between $500,000 and $600,000 of public funds are needed for the project. Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 17.

"This field when used more than a couple of times a week becomes a mud puddle."

— George McGoldrick, Cohasset Sports Partnership

The model behind the turf field campaign — many might have seen the "got turf?" signs about town last spring — is to build a public-private partnership so the million dollar project doesn't seem so daunting (and hard to swallow) in front of Town Meeting.

Even though fundraising is still in a preliminary stage, Sports Partnership member George McGoldrick said they have received over $200,000 in private funding commitments.

While the field will be on school grounds and be utilized by high school sports teams, the Sports Partnership has made it clear the field would be a town-wide project and town asset. Youth groups, Sunday afternoon pick-up games and adult leagues would all be able to schedule the field.

Right now, the current state of the field limits its use.

"This field when used more than a couple of times a week becomes a mud puddle," said McGoldrick. That means

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Capital budget requests are lining up

Ambulance, library computers top list

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Town Meeting voters will have the final say on what capital items ultimately gets purchased.

The Capital Budget Committee began to wade through the multiple requests from town departments for capital expenditures on Tuesday night. The committee is hearing from various town departments on their most pressing needs.

The 2-1/2-hour meeting is the first of what will be several meetings with town departments as the committee puts together its recommended spending for Special Town Meeting on Nov. 17. Town Meeting voters will have the final say on what capital items ultimately gets purchased.

Town Manager Bill Griffin let the Capital Budget Committee know there would be no free cash available to devote to capital items. The only available funds are in the capital stabilization fund, which was established and funded with $250,000 at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting, or the town could turn to bonding to pay for capital expenses.

Griffin also advised the committee that there were several other big-ticket items on the table for Town Meeting.

The Capital Budget Committee didn't seem willing to recommend to Town Meeting the spending of all the capital reserves.

But, that didn't stop town departments from coming forward to present their best case for capital purchases. The school department, the library, the fire department as well as members of the Cohasset Sports Partnership to speak on their efforts for a turf field.

Schools

Up first was the school department with a request for a replacement plan for both school buses and classroom computers. The schools also requested that a $45,000 item for the track refurbishment remain on the committee's radar in case the efforts to get a turf field get waylaid.

The capital budget committee asked for more information about the buses before it could advise on a plan. The committee asked the school department to provide utilization reports, mileage and past (and expected future) vehicle repairs.

Steve Gaumer, chairman of the Capital Budget Committee, suggested the schools look into contracting out bus service, perhaps teaming up with a near-by district to attract more bids. Gaumer also asked the schools to do a cost-benefit analysis of buying the buses (as they do now) versus leasing the vehicles.

The goal through the research is to determine whether the current transportation model is the most cost efficient, said Gaumer.

As far as the classroom computers, the committee wanted more information. A technology committee was established to look into establishing a town-wide technology replacement plan, but the capital budget committee hadn't heard from them in awhile.

"We were looking for a more town-wide approach to technology to increase the overall efficiency for the town," said Gaumer. The school department has about 500 computers and many of the classroom models at the lower levels are aging.

"We need to start planning on replacing equipment," said School Committee

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PICTURE THIS/Rose Marie Engel-Conn



PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Mariner caught up with Rose Marie Engle-Conn, a fabulous octogenarian, at the Senior Center this week. Rose Marie, who comes from Germany, is taking a class in Italian at the center.

Name: Rose Marie Engel-Conn.

Occupation: Retired teacher and principal.

Best day of your life: Each day when I entered a class during my teaching career and was able to see children absorb new things.

Best and worst vacation: Best: Turkey. Worst: Tunisia in West Africa.

Favorite season: Autumn, I love it!

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite food: I am addicted to jellies and marmalades.

Best book: "The Bible as History," by Werner Keller.

Best actor: Cary Grant, a wonderful British-born, American actor.

Best movie: "The Odd Couple."

Best TV show: "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" on PBS.

Fun fact about yourself: Positivity, creativity and activity are the keys to my life!

Pet peeve: Impoliteness.

Goal: To live to my last day in a good mood and being positive.

Person you'd most like to meet: Martin Luther.

Biggest worry: The downturn in the economy and the clash of religions around the world.

Best part of Cohasset: Everything! I love Cohasset!

BRIEFLY

New Cohasset Mariner 'drop box'

The Cohasset Mariner has a new "drop box" and pickup location at Tedeschi's in the village. The drop box is on the counter in the front window around the corner to the left after you enter the front door.

The Mariner picks up at 8 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. The drop box can be used to drop off glossy photographs, letters, flyers or other editorial copy.

Sports writers wanted

The Cohasset Mariner is looking for students, parents and grandparents who might like to cover youth or high school sports as a community service.

The Cohasset Mariner believes that coverage of high school and youth sports is important and a great way to provide young athletes with some recognition.

Please contact editor Mary Ford at: mford@cnc.com

All ages of sports writers are welcome. Access to a computer and email is a must.

Brush chipping

Residential brush may be dropped off in the Public Works parking area from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday Oct. 25. No trees over five inches, no stumps, firewood, briars or weeds allowed.

Paint collection

Paint collection days: Residents can drop off paint at the Recycling Transfer Facility on the last Saturday of the month from April through October. Residents are encouraged to dry out any latex paint using cat litter, sand or paint hardener, which can then be disposed of with regular household trash. Empty cans can then be thrown in the tin can container.

New school Web site launched

The Cohasset Schools has an entirely new Web site. The revamped site will still be able to be accessed at www.cohassetk12.org.

The site will be composed of five sites, each one to be frequently updated by administrators, teachers and staff. Teachers will be able to have their own site to post homework assignments, the Superintendent will be able to post messages, and the daily school lunch menu will be available as well. The ability to purchase school lunches online will be available around the time of the new Web site launch.

Lodge to hold open house

On Saturday, the 18th of October the Konohassett Lodge, located at 7 Brook St., will host its second open house of 2008 in conjunction with the 275th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Celebrating Freemasonry throughout the Commonwealth, "Square & Compasses Day" will be held on Oct. 18. Building on the tremendous success of the event over the last three years, more than 150 Masonic Lodge buildings in the state will be hosting Open Houses and welcoming the public through their doors between 9am - 3 pm to learn more about the positive impact Freemasonry has on its members, their families and communities.

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POLICE BEAT

Stolen car processed for evidence

By Mary Ford
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The sergeant on duty told the officer to keep a safe distance and not to engage in a pursuit for safety reasons.

At noon on Tuesday (Sept. 30), an officer's attention was drawn to a Honda Civic that had made a quick left from Route 3A onto Sohier Street and then make another quick left into the Mobil Mart. The officer ran the plate in the cruiser's mobile data terminal that revealed the car had been stolen out of Belmont. He confirmed that information with the dispatcher and then pulled into the Mobil Mart. The officer started to get out of the cruiser and asked the operator to turn off the car. However, the subject did not turn off the car and took off onto Route 3A northbound.

The sergeant on duty told the officer to keep a safe distance and not to engage in a pursuit for safety reasons. Hingham police were kept apprised of the situation and the car turned left onto Route 228 (East Street). It traveled through Hingham and sped into Weymouth. The car was recovered later in Quincy. The car was brought back to Cohasset where detectives processed it for evidence. Police also have a good description of the suspect. Police will be working with other police departments to identify the suspect, Chief James Hussey said.

Suspended license

A 44-year-old Cohasset man is being summonsed to court for operating on a suspended license. A Cohasset officer, who was aware the man had been arrested recently for operating under the influence of alcohol in Hingham, observed him driving at about 9:43 a.m. on Monday (Sept. 29). A computer check revealed the man's license had been suspended, police said.

Tire, rim

Cohasset police advised a resident whose car's tire and rim were damaged from a raised sewer cap on South Main Street last week to contact the town about the process to follow. Police made a log entry of the time, date and location of the incident.

Hit truck

A caller reported that his daughter had backed up and hit a truck parked across their street on Monday (Sept. 29) at about 6 p.m. Police said the 1998 Ford that the woman was driving hit a 2003 Dodge pickup, owned by a Hingham resident. She apparently did not see the Dodge, which sustained damage the right rear area, police said. There were no injuries and neither vehicle had to be towed.

Sideswiped

Two cars traveling in opposite directions on Hull Street last Friday (Oct. 5) at 5 p.m. sideswiped each other causing damage. The driver of the 2004 Subaru, who lives in Cohasset, reported the incident to Cohasset police, and the driver of the 2005 Toyota, who is from Brockton, reported the accident to Hull police. Chief Hussey said it is not clear which vehicle crossed over the centerline but the side-view mirrors on the driver's side of both cars made contact. Police conducted an accident report but it could not be determined who was at fault, Hussey said.

Card reader

A walk-in to the police station reported being billed on a credit card statement for more food than was actually purchased at a local pizza shop. As it turned out, there appeared to be a problem with the magnetic card swipe reader at the shop. The clerk apparently swiped the card more than once thinking the charge had not gone through. The purchase was made on Sept. 18 and the customer received the statement on the 30th, police said.

The shop is resolving the matter, police said.

Being summonsed

At about 12:17 p.m. on Thursday (Oct. 2), Cohasset police assisted Plymouth police in locating a resident allegedly involved in the larceny of car keys and a pocketbook from that town. Cohasset police checked the vehicle registration confirming the subject lived in town and later saw the car in the driveway. Plymouth police will summons the subject to court on larceny charges.

Suspicious email

A Cohasset woman went to the police station last Thursday afternoon to report receiving a suspicious email at work. The woman, who is going through a divorce, was advised by her attorney to have the incident logged. Police said there was no crime involved.

Bike not free

A resident reported that about 4 p.m. last Thursday (Oct. 2) on Sohier Street an older brown minivan with two women inside stopped in front of a house and tried to put a bicycle that was lying on the ground into the minivan. When confronted, they said they thought the bike was free and was there for the taking, police said. Police were unable to locate the minivan.

Intoxicated

Police responded to a report of a disturbance involving an intoxicated man in the Town Parking Lot at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday (Oct. 2). His girlfriend had become concerned that the man might try to drive. When police arrived, the 44-year-old Hingham man walked toward the officers. He was glassy eyed and showed signs of being intoxicated, police said. Police said the man became a little uncooperative and was taken into protective custody. He later apologized to the officers, police said.

Rolex taken

A resident filed a report with police about a Rolex watch that had apparently been stolen during a recent garage sale. Police said the resident had a garage sale at his house on Sept. 22; at some point he took off his watch and put it in the cash box during the sale. When he went to retrieve it, the watch was missing. As it turned out the man's son had taken the watch out of the cash box during a transaction and put it on the table temporarily.

The man, who searched the house for the watch, believes it was stolen from the table during the garage sale. He supplied police with the serial number and a good description. Police put the information out on the NCIC (National Crime Information Center) database that provides other police departments with information on stolen property.

Credit card

A walk-in to the police station at 12:16 p.m. on Friday (Oct. 3) reported having received a credit card bill for charges in excess of $5,000 for medical services the individual did not obtain. In fact, the woman had never been to the medical center nor had she visited a doctor on the date in question. Police had the victim fill out an identity theft packet so her credit card companies and banks can be notified and determine if her social security number has been stolen. They will then work with the medical center's billing department to resolve the issue.

Fraudulent hours

A business reported last week that a former employee submitted fraudulent hours worked and was paid for them. Police said there have been ongoing conversations between the employer and former worker to resolve the matter in lieu of the employer seeking a criminal complaint. Police said the employer wants the money back. The potential charge could be larceny over $250.

Brazilian license

A 56-year-old Quincy man is being summonsed to court for operating without a license. On an unrelated matter, police responded to a burglar alarm at a local facility and when they arrived they saw a blue Toyota Camry pull into the driveway. They spoke to the operator who showed them a Brazilian license even though he had been in the country for 10 years. His car was towed.

Barrow trial gets continuance

The car accident happened shortly before 1a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, on Route 3A near Pond Street.

The trial of Christopher Barrow, the driver in a fatal Cohasset crash last winter that took the life of 16-year-old Timothy Mahoney of Scituate, has been postponed until Dec. 5.

Barrow, 18 years old and a Scituate resident, faces multiple charges including, motor vehicle homicide by negligent operation, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, minor in possession of alcohol and minor transporting alcohol.

The car accident happened shortly before 1a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, on Route 3A near Pond Street. Barrow suffered serious injuries in the accident and is now in a wheelchair.

During a pre-trial hearing at Quincy District Court on Wednesday morning, Barrow's attorney, Robert Jubinville, a Milton-based criminal lawyer, told Judge Sydney Hanlon he hoped to resolve the case without going to trial and explained he needed extra time. Judge Hanlon granted the continuance and Barrow will appear again on Dec. 5.

Members of the Mahoney family and the Barrow family were in attendance at the pre-trial hearing.

The maximum sentence for the misdemeanor charge of vehicle homicide is imprisonment for 30 days to two and one-half years or a fine of $300 to $3,000, or both.

When a defendant is convicted of motor vehicle homicide, either the felony or the misdemeanor, his driver's license is revoked for a period of 10 years; upon a subsequent conviction, it is revoked for life.

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Fri. 10	8:22	7.9	8:36	8.6	1:59	1.3	2:16	1.6
Sunrise: 6:51 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:09 p.m.*			
Sat. 11	9:09	8.4	9:26	8.9	2:48	1.0	3:07	1.1
Sunrise: 6:52 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:07 p.m.*			
Sun. 12	9:53	9.0	10:13	9.3	3:34	0.6	3:56	0.5
Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:05 p.m.*			
Mon. 13	10:36	9.5	11:00	9.5	4:18	0.2	4:43	-0.1
Sunrise: 6:54 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:04 p.m.*			
Tues. 14	11:17	10.1	11:46	9.7	5:01	-0.1	5:29	-0.7
Sunrise: 6:55 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:02 p.m.*			
Wed. 15	—	—	12:00	10.5	5:45	-0.2	6:15	-1.1
Sunrise: 6:56 a.m.					*Sunset: 6:01 p.m.*			
Thurs. 16	12:32	9.7	12:45	10.7	6:30	-0.3	7:03	-1.2
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Citizen's petition requests funding for turf field

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about two varsity games are played on Alumni Field each week. "It's an asset that's woefully underutilized."

At first glance on a sunny afternoon this week, the field looks pristine. But, McGoldrick notes, it hasn't rained recently. The current field, which was built in 1995, is plagued with drainage problems due to poor soils, said McGoldrick. This fall, the field is being used just for varsity boys and girls soccer and varsity/JV football games. For the most part, practices are held on other fields.

While youth sports have grown by leaps and bounds over the last 10 to 15 years, the amount of fields has stayed the same. In 1995, youth soccer had 400 registered children, this fall there are 706. Before 1994 there was no youth lacrosse program and when it started it had 25 boys, in 2008 upwards of 250 boys and girls in grades 3 through 8 are involved. One hundred first and second graders recently attended a youth lacrosse clinic. Participation in field hockey has nearly tripled in five years from 23 girls in 2003 to 65 girls in 2008. The Scituate/Cohasset youth football team has grown from 57 Cohasset youth in 2006 to 100 in 2008.

"There's been a significant increase in kids doing outside activities," said McGoldrick. The increased participation is a positive development, but has put stress on the current fields, he said. Bancroft and Norfolk Roads are swarming with kids and parents on a Saturday morning and high school teams have to practice all over town, instead of right in their backyard.

With the turf field, McGoldrick said, use of Alumni Stadium could increase dramatically.

"It's like creating three new fields because of the increased use," said McGoldrick.

Ellen Maher, a member of the sports partnership and the football boosters, attests the Scituate turf field is used constantly, "it can literally have 24/7 use."

"In Cohasset, sports have a proud tradition. I see this as a key component—give the town an asset they can utilize," said McGoldrick

Synthetic turf fields are popping up all over the South Shore. Scituate, Weymouth, Archbishop Williams, Quincy, and Thayer Academy all have built turf fields in recent years. There are about 100 turf fields exist in the greater Boston area. In fact, Maher said, three out of four of Cohasset High's opening football games were played on turf fields.

"There's an intangible value of what the field brings," said Maher naming community spirit and sport program prestige as a couple.



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The Cohasset Sports Partnership has submitted a citizen's petition to request Town Meeting support for a turf field at Alumni Field, which has drainage problems.

What the turf field would cost

The current construction estimate for the turf field is between $800,000 and $900,000. Track re-construction could also be wrapped into this project at a cost anywhere between $50,000 for a repair to $350,000 for a complete new synthetic track.

Part of the Partnership's argument for the turf field is to point out how much is spent yearly just to maintain the current grass field. Between watering, mowing, fertilizer, lining and other expenses, the schools are spending over $40,000 to keep the field in use.

A significant portion of the debt incurred by the purchase and installation of the turf field could be re-paid through this offset and new revenue (field user fees, etc.), said McGoldrick of the Cohasset Sports Partnership. If Town Meeting supported the project and with the $200,000 already committed, the town would have about $250,000 remaining. Corporate contributions, Community Preservation Act, in-kind contributions and/or additional private donations will be sought.

As far as maintenance is concerned, the cost is significantly less than traditional grass. Weymouth High pays about $1,200 annually to maintain the field. Scituate High contracted with the turf construction company for maintenance at an annual cost of $4,000.

"It makes sense, financially, economically, and practically," said George McGoldrick.

The turf field looks much like real grass. The field is covered with 2.75-inches of infill (small pieces of recycled rubber tires) and then 3.5-inch blades of grass.

"It's a comfortable surface to play on," said McGoldrick and makes for must faster play.

If built, the turf fields come with a warranty between eight and ten years with an actual life expectancy of up to 15 years or more.

The members of the Cohasset Sports Partnership met with the Capital Budget Committee and the Advisory Committee this week and will continue those conversations with town boards and various constituencies in Cohasset over the next month.

"The town believes in this project philosophically. It's a town concept that the partnership took a lead in trying to make it a reality," said McGoldrick.

To find out more information or to make a donation to the turf field, visit the Cohasset Sports Partnership website at www.cohassetsportpartnership.org.

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BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Lightkeepers' Assoc.; 15 Lighthouse Lane; $438; 16' x 16' frame tent. Conners; 35 Nichols Road; $58,000;demo second level over garage, rebuild as per plans. Dooley; 241 Pond St.; $3,500; replace existing 10' x 20' deck. Johnson; 130 No. Main St.; $1,981; one replacement window, no structural changes. Bell; 75 Elm St.; $25,000; 27 replacement windows, no structural changes. Schmidt; 57 Lambert's Lane; $12,000; construct 24' x 30' garage.

Revoir, 13 Haystack Lane, insulate existing bldg. as temp. housing, $45,000; Cohasset Realty Trust, 380 CJC Hwy., 8 feet by 6 feet metal back-lit pylon sign, $5,000; Janssens, 20 Nichols Road, add second level over existing garage as per plans, $100,000; Lanuto, 45 Little Harbor Road, 16' by 12 feet inground pool, $26,600; Cohasset Lightkeepers, 15 Lighthouse Lane, 16 feet by 16 feet tent 09/27/08-09/28/08, $348; Kasdon, 88 Beach St., 6 feet by 61 feet and 40 feet by 50 feet tents 09/19/08-09/22/08, $2,458; 355 Atlantic Trust, 355 Atlantic Ave., demo roof on kitchen, add second floor bathroom suite and redo kitchen, $190,000; Healy, 394 Atlantic Ave., replace 16 windows, no structural changes, $22,731; Quirk, 187 Beechwood St., construct 36 feet by 24 feet ranch as per plans, $60,000; Moy, 33 Ledgewood Dr., construct 30 feet by 24 feet one-car garage, family room, master bedroom suite addition, $385,000; Whitley, 120 Jerusalem Rd., Kitchen and bath remodel; update three bedrooms; new insulation, $150,000; Rackowski, 181 Linden Drive, replaster walls; tile, bead board trim, trim doors and windows, paint three bathrooms, $16,500.

Bestick, 555 Beechwood St., replace nine windows and 200 SF of siding; replace two deck footings, $3,000; Bertolami, 24 Stevens Lane, gut and remodel second floor bathroom; remove existing deck sliders and replace with solid wall and double hungs, $20,000; Carnes, 11 Mohawk Way, remove and replace garage; re-roof entire house; new kitchen and bath, $300,000; Scott, 3 Brook St., remove 4 feet section of wall, finish, trim, $1,000; Lucier, 93 Black Rock Rd., remodel existing home as per plans, $950,000; Amer. Tower, 132 CJC Hwy, co-locate USCG on existing 150' monopole, new pad, new shelter, $60,000; Seebeck, 36 Riverview Dr., replace four windows, 20 sq. cedar sidewall, $12,500; Chepelle, 35 Whitehead Rd., install wood stove, $1,000; Kuppens, 36 Fernway, rebuild front entryway and existing deck, $20,000; Karoff, 19 Border St., remove exist. Structure, build new 16 feet by 25 feet shed. Replaces permit no. 08-126 fee pd on 08-126, 0; Gainey, 55 Black Horse Lane, interior demolition, $10,000; Whitney, 39 Smith Place, install 10 feet by 12 feet greenhouse, $600; Ogden, 76 Smith Place, three room, one full bath basement remodel, $36,000.



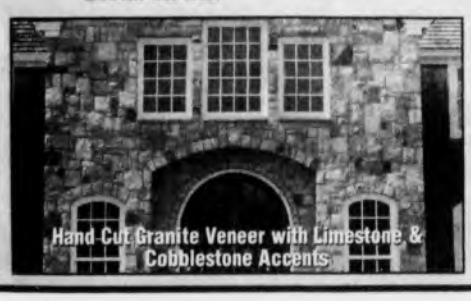




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Fire Dept. teams up with Vo-Tech

Shelving added to fire engine

By Nancy White
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"I was really impressed with the students and the work they did."
— Lt. Bob Protulis



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South Shore Vo-Tech students stand by their finished shelving project on Cohasset Engine 3. The shelving keeps fire equipment organized, secure and accessible. From left, Zach Wyndham, Kevin Lloyd, Andrew Holland (kneeling), James Sorrentino, and Mike Patten.

The Cohasset Fire Department recently teamed up with the South Shore Vo-Tech to enhance one of the fire trucks. The metal fabrication and welding classes at the Vo-Tech designed and built new shelves in one of the town's fire trucks to make their tools organized and accessible.

The project was largely coordinated between Cohasset's representative to the South Shore Vo-Tech School Committee Kenny Thayer, Fire Lieutenant Bob Protulis and the Vo-Tech administration. Cohasset Engine 3 was brought to the Vo-Tech on two separate days to complete the project.

"We now have the ability to access the equipment quickly while keeping the tools securely mounted," said Protulis. "I was really impressed with the students and the work they did."

The metal fabrication and welding class at the vo-tech tackled the project. Typically, between two and three students work on the project at any one time, South Shore Vo-Tech Assistant Principal Gene Kelly said, but as many as 15 could work on it over the course of its progress. Each student must sign in and record their time spent on their project and what they accomplished. Some students may be working and some may be observing. Each one is getting something out of it, he said.

"We're constantly looking to do community service projects. We think it's our responsibility to the towns to put our resources to work," said Kelly.

This isn't an isolated collaboration. The Vo-Tech has done projects in nearly every town it draws students from. Located in Hanover, the South Shore Vocational Technical High School draws students from Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Whitman.

Many years ago, Vo-Tech students helped with the reconstruction and renovation of the Lightkeeper's Residence in the nineties.

"The projects have different scopes and require different specialties," said Kelly. Each project gives the student a hands-on, real life component to their learning and the satisfaction of knowing they are helping a community.

All the projects have to align with what the student is supposed to be learning and the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

There are a wide breadth of trades available that kids can specialize in including, cosmetology, culinary arts, healthcare, electrical, automotive, autobody, computer information technology, graphic arts and welding/metal fabrication, to name a few.

"We make sure we're not teaching (the students) an obsolete skill. We want to teach them skills they'll be able to use," said Kelly.

All parties are happy with the collaboration.

"Everything worked out really great," said Thayer and, as an extra bonus, the project saved the town quite a bit of money. If done by a professional contractor, the shelving would have cost between $500 and $600, the Vo-Tech completed it for the cost of the materials — under $100.

"We're always short on money when we're trying to get these type of things done," said Protulis. When he was casually talking about it with Thayer, both jumped at the chance to have the Vo-Tech help out. Protulis drove the fire engine up to the Vo-Tech campus on two separate days, one so he could explain what he was wanted and one to have it installed.

"It really was relatively painless, the teacher, Mr. Bob Petrino and the students took care of it all," said Protulis. Now, Protulis is looking to bring some of the other equipment up to the Vo-Tech for some more work. He'd like to bring the ladder truck up for some work so all the equipment the firefighters may need to use at an emergency will be handy. He might even add additional shelving and brackets to the engine.

"It's helped us out tremendously," said Protulis.

Thayer is Cohasset's representative to the South Shore Vo-Tech school committee. Although relatively new to the school committee position (he was appointed this past summer), Thayer has been involved with the Vo-Tech for many years.

"I was always over there," said Thayer. He was involved in the automotive committee and enjoyed being a part of the students' education. When he was asked by the Assistant Principal Gene Kelly to become Cohasset's representative, he couldn't say no. He said he gets a thrill seeing the kids complete a project they can be proud of.

Now, it's his goal to get more Cohasset kids thinking about South Shore vocational school as a secondary education option.

"I want to try to make more awareness of the vo-tech," said Thayer. Only a few Cohasset kids attend the vocational regional high school.

"There's so much stuff going on over there…it's fantastic," said Thayer. Thayer welcomes any parent or student interested in learning more about the vo-tech and the education provided there to take a tour or find out more information. Visit their website at www.ssvotech.org.

Historical Society Fall Dinner and Annual Meeting

The Cohasset Historical Society will hold its annual meeting and fall dinner on Oct. 26 at the Cohasset Harbor Resort, 124 Elm St. The featured speaker will be Historian and Folklorist, John Horrigan presenting "Bay State Phantoms". From the beginning of time, history has been filled with superstition and the supernatural. John will tell of encounters with 'phantoms' witnessed by residents of Massachusetts from 1638 to the present. Hear stories of strange lights, odd creatures, popular ghosts and dangerous animals observed by the people of our state over the past five centuries. Some of the topics discussed will be *"The Great Light in the Night"* (1638), *"The Wolves of Newbury"* (1704), *The Gloucester Sea Serpent"* (1817), *"The Lady in Black"* (1861), *"The Mysterious Air Ships"* (1909), *"Scituate Sea Monster"* (1969), *and "The Red-Headed Hitchhiker of Route 44"* (1998). This meeting will begin at 5:30 PM with a cash bar and is open to members and guests at a cost of $31 per members and $36.00 per guests. The entrée choices are Cranberry and Sage Stuffed Chicken or Grilled Pork with Apple-raisin glaze. Reservation are needed by Friday, Oct 17th and can be made by calling the Historical Society at 781-383-1434 or by sending a check with your desired entrée choices to The Cohasset Historical Society, PO Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Wadsworth talk is Wednesday — Historian, David Wadsworth, will lead us on a walk around town when he presents "The Common and Village" in his talk on Wednesday evening, Oct. 15th at the Cohasset Historical Society, in the Pratt Building, 106 South Main Street. Without leaving the comfort of our seats, David will relate the significance of the buildings and their histories with his slides and vast knowledge of our town and its people. Always a fascinating storyteller, David's ability to recount the 'who, what and where' of Cohasset makes our town's past alive again. All are invited to attend this program, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge and light refreshments will be served.

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Cohasset native Steve Bowen to head back to space

AROUND TOWN



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FALL BEAUTY

Hello Cohasset. What a beautiful fall week we have had and will continue to have throughout the weekend. The leaves look so pretty on the trees and on the ground. I am getting a bit nervous as we look ahead to the winter months, I want to have a lot of snow with warm temperatures, HMMM.... Anyways, I will enjoy all that we get regardless of what it brings and hope that all of you do as well. It is so nice outside when we see all the kids playing in the leaves, playing fall time sports and more. In this week's column, we have a lot of events and programs to share so here we go.

BOOKS IN BLOOM

Here is a great program. On Oct. 15, 16, and 17, the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will transform the Paul Pratt Library with a show called Books In Bloom. Club members will interpret a book title of their choosing through fresh flower and plant material. This is not a standard flower show where all arrangements need to adhere to strict rules. The show is meant to be interpretive, creative and fun. Junior Gardeners (grades 3, 4, and 5) spent their last meeting preparing for this show. Arrangements can be viewed from 10 am to 5 pm. Admission is free and open to the public.

NEW OFFICER

Sheriff Andrea J. Cabral and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department are pleased to announce that Ian Hickey of Cohasset has graduated from the Sheriff's Department Training Academy Class 08-02 and is now an officer within the Department. Wow, what an accomplishment.

REUNION

The five-year reunion for the CHS class of 2003 will be held Wednesday, Nov. 26th from 7-11pm at the George Mealy American Legion Post, 98 Summer St. Make your parents happy by coming home for Thanksgiving. Then catch up with old friends and share your new exciting experiences. Appetizers and drinks will be served. Questions? Contact Curt (curt.kahn@gmail.com) or Ross (rlieblappen@gmail.com).

HISTORIAN

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TENNIS

The Middlebury College Panther women's tennis team hosted the second annual Gail Smith doubles tournament on campus. Seniors Elizabeth Stone **(Cohasset)** and **Elizabeth Emery (McLean, Va.)** advanced out of their bracket and into the quarterfinals. The pair of seniors fell in a tiebreaker to Williams, 9-8 (5). They had previously picked up three wins in round robin play to advance to the championship bracket.

ASTRONAUT

Astronaut **Steve Bowen,** a Cohasset native, will make his first trip into space aboard the shuttle Endeavour on Nov. 14. The endeavor's 15-day mission to the international space station launches from NASA's Kennedy space center in Florida. Steve, 44, graduated from Cohasset High in 1982 before earning an electrical engineering degree from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1986 and an ocean engineering degree from MIT in 1993. Steve will conduct three spacewalks during the shuttle flight, according to NASA. The shuttle will deliver equipment and supplies necessary to double the station crew size from three to six in May 2009.

NEW ARRIVAL

Thank heaven for little girls! Parents **Scott and Kara Bianchi** and big two-year-old sister **Julia** welcomed a new baby girl to their family. **Celia Maris Bianchi** arrived on Sept. 5th, 2008. Her proud grandparents are **Richard and Susan Pope** as well as **Steve and Jane Bianchi**, all of Scituate. This was wonderful news to receive on your new addition to a super family! Have so much fun with your girls.

CLEANUP DAY

You can get out and enjoy the beautiful fall weather with family and Make a Difference at the same time.

This year the annual Make-A-Difference-Days sponsored by the PSO are as follows: Come to the Joseph Osgood School on Oct. 18th from 9-11 am. Volunteers are wanted to clean up the nature trails and other outdoor areas along with general fall clean-ups involving the various shrub and flower beds and other assorted jobs.

Any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated!

The Deer Hill School event is on Oct. 18th as well from 12-2 pm. If anyone would like to donate or add to the beautiful daffodils that graced the entrance to the lower school campus, come and help to plant some bulbs!

FALL CLEANUPS

Last, the Cohasset Elder Affairs is looking for 2-hour commitments on Nov. 22nd and 23rd, which is the weekend before Thanksgiving. Generally, help is asked for a 2-hour commitment to assist the neighbors with general fall clean up (i.e. leaves, storage of lawn furniture, etc.). This is a wonderful opportunity to bring generations of the town together and make some new friends. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering please contact: **Patty Cunningham** 383-1378 or **Vanessa Simone** 383-8832.

BUTTONWOOD

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza welcomes Beth A. Grosshans, Ph.D. on Wed. Oct. 22, at 7 p.m.. Beth will be discussing her book, "Beyond Time-Out: From Chaos to Calm," written with Janet Burton. The book describes the havoc current parenting trends have caused, and then outlines the necessary tools to lead children to more controlled, respectful and cooperative behavior. This is a free event that all are invited to attend.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Come enjoy an artful evening of wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres sampling at the South Shore Art Center in on Friday, Oct. 17th from 6-9 pm. Music is by jazz, cabaret, and pop vocalist Krisanthi Pappas. Tickets are $45 each and available at the Sotheby's International Real Estate Office at 1 South Main Street in Cohasset Village and at the Scituate Animal Shelter. All proceeds benefit the Shelter. For information, please call 617-967-5175.

HARVEST SUPPER

The Annual Harvest Supper and Auction will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church for the 85th straight year on **Oct. 23rd at 6:30**! In years past, members have personally made calls to people in surrounding towns in order to make dinner reservations. This policy is being phased out. Instead, the first 100 people will be seated on a first-come basis. Those who want to, can call the church and order reservations on the voice mail at 781-383-0808. Seating begins at 5:30 for dinner, which will be served at 6:30. This year's menu includes ham, herbed roasted potatoes, green beans, Harvard beets, coffee and dessert. Dinner is $9 for adults and $4.50 for children. An auction of locally harvested produce, pies, homemade goods and various donated items will take place immediately following dinner.

This is all for now. Please send *in all of your news to me no later than 5:00 on Tuesday evenings. Don't forget that it is Fire Safety Month. Talk with your family about what to do in the event of a fire and how to escape from your home if needed.*

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PEDALING FOR PREEMIES



COURTESY PHOTO

Cohasset resident Trish Morse joined her friends in a 100-mile bike ride through Norwell. The event Pedaling for Preemies, raised more than $82,000 for the Neonatal Intensive Care Units at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Children's Hospital. Trish, center, is flanked by Katy Karr and Alexis Reilly.

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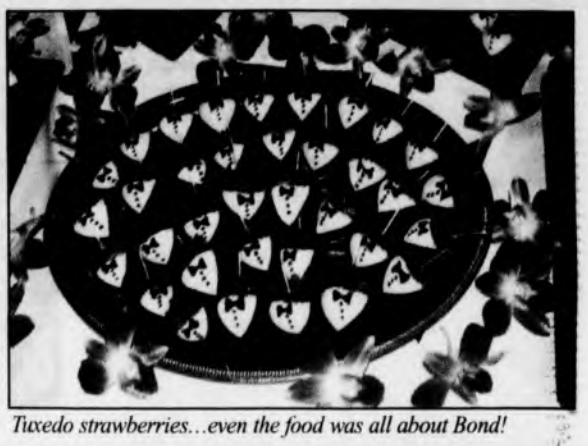
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Cohasset's Kathy Ofsthun dealt blackjack all evening competing with husband Rich who manned another table. The guests won great prizes and Wellspring won all around!



Bernadette Faulkner, and Ann Musto, both of Cohasset, art lovers and event committee members.

A Night to Bond for Wellspring

The drizzle didn't dampen the excitement when 230 supporters joined in the fun for the recent A Night to Bond for Wellspring. The sold-out event set a fundraising record for Wellspring Multi-Service Center.

According to Executive Director Vinny Harte, "It was a dazzling night of style and fun, but the spotlight never left our mission of Wellspring. While many dollars were raised, the need continues. The support received on that Saturday night helped Wellspring immediately assist people in need on the following Monday morning."



Trish Kilroy pushing poppers for the cause!

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Ballet dancers, Jordan Tripp, Emma Watts and Kara McLaughlin, are at the front of the line at the ballet bar.

Dancing in the village

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she heads to high school.

The dance center happened to be a good fit to share the same building — and parking spaces — with the Village Deli. Most of her younger-student classes are held during the morning hours, then go on hiatus during the lunchtime hours (when the deli is busiest), later she returns for the after-school and evening classes.

Sometimes she sees parents who wait in the dance center's waiting room head over to grab a quick lunch or dinner sandwich while they wait.

The mission statement of Creative Dance Center is to offer classes that will motivate, inspire and instill a love for dance while teaching the fundamentals in a positive atmosphere.

"I'm the luckiest person to be able to do what I've always loved to do," said Ford. The key to her teaching philosophy is to teach her students in a positive manner so have that similar passion and love for dance. She'd like to see all her students continue to dance into their adult life. Her classes start with girls as young as two-and-a-half all the way up to high school aged.

At Creative Dance Studio, dance is less about the steps and more about movement and creativity.

"I want them to come into class being creative and expressing themselves," said Ford. "I love to see the students, especially the young ones, really take an idea and make it their own."

To get those creative juices flowing, she often gives the kids things to act out, often choosing season-appropriate ideas, like leaves falling to the ground or snow blowing in the wind.

"It is amazing to see what they come up with," said Ford. The kids will transform into everything from blades of grass to sun shining. "You never know what they will do."

Classes in ballet, tap, hip hop and jazz are offered. There is even a creative movement class



A dancer since age six, Becky Ford is a former professional dancer with the Peninsula Ballet Theatre of San Mateo, California.

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Creative Dance Center opens on Brook Street

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for two to three year olds. Ford's specialty and background is ballet so Tina Combs-Fabrizio helps her with the hip-hop and jazz classes. Fabrizio also teaches many after-school programs on the South Shore and has performed and choreographed for many local theatre groups.

Each May, all of the classes take part in an end of the year performance. Unlike some dance studio recitals that can go on for hours with each class having its own vignette, Ford uses the talent across her classes to tell a story in about 90 minutes.

In the past, her students have told the stories of the Wizard of Oz, Rainbow Fish, Charlotte's Web, Little Mermaid through dance.

Ford, who has two teenagers of her own, knows how busy kids can be between school, homework, sports and other activities, and tries to make dance classes as easy as possible to participate in.



Emma Watts points her toe during her ballet class at Creative Dance Center.



Becky Ford, or "Miss Becky" as her students know her, is the owner and director of Creative Dance Center on Brook Street in the Village.

Photos by Laura Sinclair



Kara McLaughlin moves gracefully to her spot on the dance floor.

"We want to give kids the technique and the foundation in class," said Ford. As they begin to put together the show (preparation doesn't start until January), the students begin to string together the pieces they've learned.

A keystone of her teaching is dance is not a competition, "I look at dance as an art," said Ford.

In the past, her studios have been in shopping plazas on Route 3A with not a lot of walking traffic. In the village, it is a whole other story.

"I love the hustle and bustle of the village," said Ford. She said friendly faces pop in to ask how she is doing or mothers stop in to pick up a brochure.

"I've always loved this area," said Ford. For her, she is optimistic this is her last move — "this is perfect."

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Pink balloons and white lights will mark the establishments participating in this event. And 10 percent of all sales will be again donated to Hope in Bloom, a local non-profit organization that provides indoor and outdoor gardens for those undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Last year's festivities on a perfect October night resulted in a $700 donation.

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Enjoy music and a coffee sampling at French Memories, a wine tasting at Village Wine and Spirits and Octoberfest at the Red Lion Inn. Carmela Fine Foods will offer delicious appetizers and have a trunk show featuring fine Italian hand painted pottery by Giardini di Sole. Look for the live models once again in the windows of Ports showing off the latest in fall fashion.

Come meet the owners of the village's newest businesses, Cindy Doody of Mariposa Massage and Body, and Kellie Lynch of Balance Studio. Order your holiday cards at Paperscapes. Preview gift ideas for everyone on your holiday list at Darilynn's, Fleming's Lighting, Sagestone Beads, and Twist. Round out your evening at Bia Bistro.

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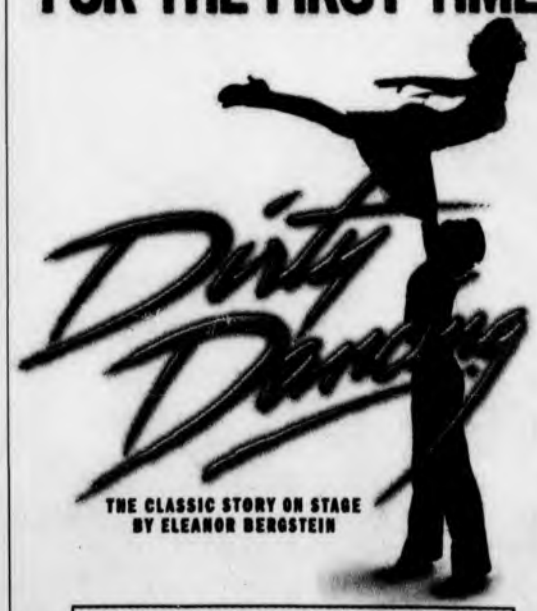
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Proposed commuter boat cuts on hold

Rider comments made a difference

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Commuter boat riders are breathing a sign of relief.

The MBTA's recent proposal to cut Hingham and other commuter boat service has been taken off the table at least for now.

The MBTA initially assured commuter boat advocates that Greenbush restoration would not impact boat service, so the recently proposed cutbacks were not well-received.

"The proposed service changes to the water transportation network have been removed from consideration as part of the 2008 service plan," said MBTA manager of service planning Melissa Dullea. "Some proposals will be modified or reconsidered as part of a separate process at a later date."

A number of residents from Hingham and surrounding communities who regularly take the boat to work and other destinations and some local legislators were upset when the proposal was first presented. Many attended public meetings about the issue hosted by the MBTA to air their concerns.

At a recent meeting in Weymouth, Dullea said that the proposed elimination of some weeknight boat trips was based on ridership figures, which have dropped off somewhat since the Greenbush line started up again.

Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, testified in opposition to the proposed changes at the same hearing and thinks that the comments he and others made affected the outcome. "I really appreciate that people wrote to me about their personal commuter boat experiences, which I used in my written comments and in my testimony at the hearing," he said. "It's a well-utilized boat, and some of the holiday service cuts that were proposed are full work days for some folks."

While he's pleased that the cuts have been put on hold, Bradley promised "to be every vigilant going forward. I don't think the proposed cuts are completely off the table for the long term," he said.

At the same time, Bradley appreciated the MBTA's willingness to listen. "This enabled those who aired their concerns to have more of an impact than in the past," he said.

MBTA Spokesperson Joe Pesaturo explained how the process worked. "Shortly after the draft 2008 Service Plan was released, Transportation Secretary Bernard Cohen convened a meeting of all parties (public and private) involved in the delivery of water transportation services to discuss an overall coordinated water transportation strategy for the Commonwealth," he said. "As a result, the MBTA decided it was best to defer any immediate changes to its own services while the Executive Office of Transportation leads the efforts to advance a comprehensive approach that will take into account all water transportation activities and develop a suitable plan for meeting the demands and needs of the public."

Hingham resident Thomas Maloney is among those cheering the MBTA's most recent decision. "I am very happy the T has dropped its plans to cut some of the commuter boat service. I was amazed it was even considered in these times," he said. "With the current high gas prices, everyone trying to be 'more green' by commuting by public transportation, and the fact that the Hingham Shipyard development [which is adjacent to the commuter boat terminal] is just coming on line, to consider cutting service is insane."

Maloney suggested that the Shipyard developers and the T "could benefit by marketing to people in the city who might want to take the boat to Hingham, enjoy a movie and the restaurants that will be opening at the Shipyard soon, and return later in the evening. I hope they both take advantage of this new, untapped resource," he said.

"It's a well-utilized boat, and some of the holiday service cuts that were proposed are full work days for some folks."
— State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham

The MBTA's initial "Preliminary 2008 Service Plan" included proposals to eliminate the last round trip and to reduce or eliminate service on certain holidays on the Hingham/Boston commuter boat.

For Hingham this would have meant eliminating the 7:40 p.m. trip from Hingham Shipyard and the 8:30 p.m. trip from Rowe's Wharf. There was also talk about eliminating commuter boat service on Martin Luther King Day and Presidents Day. A reduced holiday schedule was proposed for Patriot's Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, and the day after Thanksgiving.

Several schedule changes were also proposed for the Quincy/Hull/Boston/Logan Airport commuter boat, including reducing the number of trips operating during off-peak periods on weekdays and weekends and to eliminate the second stop at Logan Airport on weekends.





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Have you been walking around the past two weeks wondering why people are still going about their business as usual?

Have you been wondering why Planet Earth is still on its axis? Why the sun is still rising in the a.m. and setting in the p.m.?

After the current economic meltdown started and the fact that our economy shows little signs of recovery in the short term and maybe the long term, many of us are fearful about the future. At times, with the 24-hour-news-cycle, that fear can almost be paralyzing.

But could there be an upside – other than a bull stock market returning?

Is there a message in all this? Maybe, maybe not. But at the very least, perhaps we can all try to stay positive and try to offer a random act of kindness every day.

One thing we have noticed and we cannot say with certainty that it is a trend – but some people are feeling less rushed and could be taking the time "to smell the roses," to coin a phrase.

It could be just us – but we have noticed friendlier and "neighborlier" shoppers in the supermarket, for example. We've witnessed folks with a cart full of items allow someone with just a few to cut in line. No one else objected!

This week, a motorist let us pull out in front of them on a busy street. Earlier in the week that also happened on Route 139 in Marshfield where one can sit for a good 10 minutes waiting for a lull in the traffic.

We also saw a little boy who had just come home from school. He was heading back out apparently to meet some of his friends and was skipping down the sidewalk. His skipping was so full of joy – that if skipping were an Olympic sport, he would be a candidate for the gold medal. Skipping is nothing new and occurs in good times and bad, but we *noticed* it. When we are in our usual rush-back-to-work mode, the only thing we usually notice is the time and the fact we are running late!

On a personal note, we have unearthed a cookbook from a woman's club in Wisconsin that dates back to the mid-70s. It is full of casseroles. While it is possible to find casseroles in a more modern cookbook, this cookbook has a plethora of one-dish meals. We have found ways to substitute some of the "full fat" ingredients with light or non-fat substitutes. We have found the old-fashioned recipes to be money savers and the left-overs are great for lunch.

Is there a message in all this? Maybe, maybe not. But at the very least, perhaps we can all try to stay positive and try to offer a random act of kindness every day.

The other alternative, as a friend reminded us this week: Stop watching television!

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Oct. 14 & 22, at 7 p.m.
Alternative Energy Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 21 & Nov. 18.
Board of Health, Oct. 22 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.
Capital Budget Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 21.
Library Trustees, Oct. 14, 7 p.m. at the library.
Planning Board, Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m.
Recreation Commission, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 5.
Selectmen, 7 p.m., Oct. 14, Oct. 20, & Oct. 27
Sewer Commission, Oct. 28, 6 p.m.
School Committee, 6:30 p.m. (will convene in open session and then go into executive session); 7 p.m. open session, Oct. 15 at the high school.
School Improvement , 2:30 p.m., Nov. 5 at the high school.
ZBA, Nov. 5 & Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Sports writers wanted

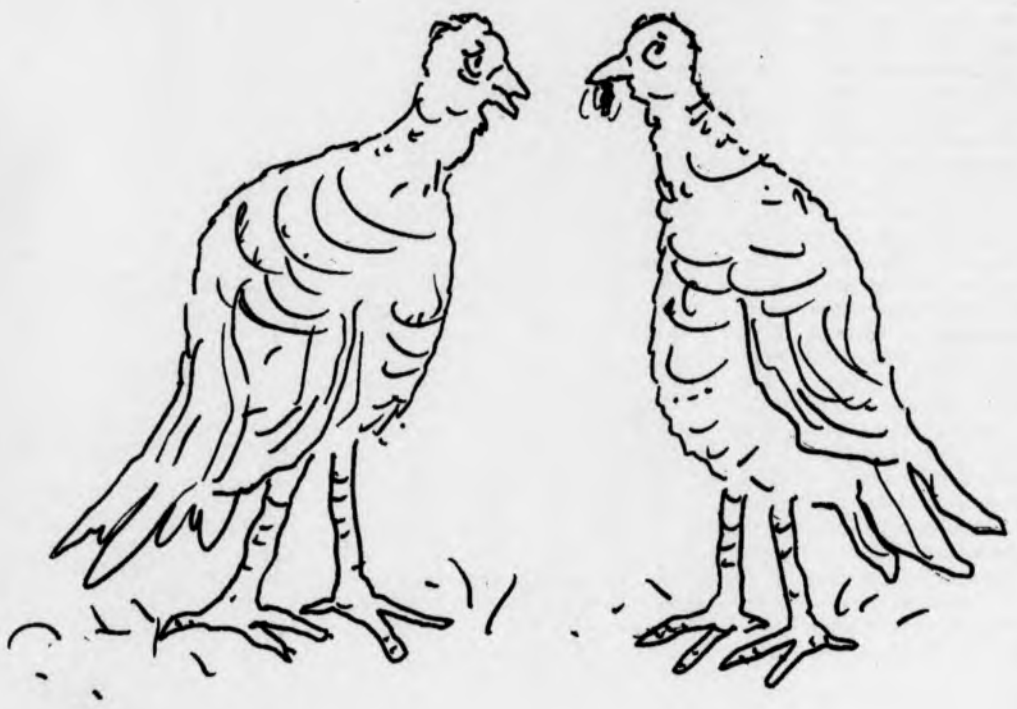
The Cohasset Mariner is looking for students, parents and grandparents who might like to cover youth or high school sports as a community service.

The Cohasset Mariner believes that coverage of high school and youth sports is important and a great way to provide young athletes with some recognition.

Please contact editor Mary Ford at: mford@cnc.com

All ages of sports writers are welcome. Access to a computer and email is a must.

Proposed turf field is before the Capital Budget Committee



What the heck is so good about artificial turf if it doesn't have any grubs?

HAMILTON

Inaction exacerbates state budget troubles

THE HEDLUND REPORT



SEN. ROBERT HEDLUND

While it's nice to send back millions in earmarks for pet projects, all we have really done is blown through billion-dollar surpluses during the boom years that we should have saved to ensure we would never have to cut local aid during the lean years.

"Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it."
— George Satayana

We've seen elements of this situation before.

Years of fiscal irresponsibility coupled with the ballooning cost of entitlement programs. A grim national economy brought on by housing speculation and bank failures. The state's Democratic leadership fiddling while actual budget deficits grow by the month. Budgets that contain tens of millions worth of legislative earmarks despite known budget problems. Increased short-term borrowing just to pay bills and make local aid payments.

Is it 2008? Or 1988?

We know how the state budget crisis that began in 1988 ended more than two years later: $1.5 billion in debt, a credit rating near junk-bond status, and hundreds of millions of dollars in new taxes.

The question now, of course, is where will the state's current budget troubles lead us?

We were about $1 billion in the red the second as soon as the budget was signed in July, according to the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation and other fiscal watchdog groups. And we were told this past week that revenue collections are down by more than $250 million and that number could quickly rise depending on how fast our stumbling economy eats away at sales tax and capital gains tax revenues.

All told, we easily could be looking at a $1.5 billion budget deficit this year.

The main lesson we learned back in 1988-1990 was that delaying action and staying the course just makes a budgetary problem worse.

For example, back in 1989, despite plummeting revenue estimates, the lame-duck Dukakis Administration refused to make any real cuts or layoffs, and insisted everything was going to be fine. They increased spending by 10 percent, exceeded personnel budgets, and raised fees by more than $200 million. The following summer, we were treated to the spectacle of Michael Dukakis being held hostage in the State House by his lieutenant governor who threatened to enact a series of spending cuts once he left the country on a trade junket.

Fiscal year '89 ended with the state $1.5 billion in the red. The infighting on Beacon Hill over how to fix the problem led a vice-president with Standard & Poor at the time to say at the time: "In my 12 years in the business, this is the worst fiscal management I've ever seen."

Rather than enacting reforms, the Legislature eventually voted to "temporarily" raise the income tax first to 5.95 percent and then 6.25 percent. And as we know now, that temporary tax hike is still with us.

On the bright side, the resulting anger amongst voters helped bring change to the state in 1990 by voting out several sitting legislators.

There are some differences this time around. For example, Treasurer Timothy Cahill has been a model of fiscal responsibility by publicly calling for immediate action. "The issue is clear," he was quoted as saying recently. "You either cut now or you cut later. But I don't see any way around cutting. I keep saying that, I've been saying it for six months."

But mainly, the Patrick Administration has been somewhat forthright about the state's fiscal situation, more so than the Dukakis Administration ever was. The budget cuts he announced last week at least demonstrate recognition of the problems we are facing. Time will tell, however, if he is sincere in his interest to abolish the Turnpike Authority and reform the state pension system, or if that is just a politically motivated gesture intended to save the state's income tax.

I remain concerned, however, by the lack of action from House and Senate leadership. They are particularly responsible for irresponsibly bloated state budget that they allowed to be stuffed with pork and new spending, even over the objections of Gov. Patrick. And their response so far has consisted of cutting the Legislature's $59 million budget by 10 percent, and continuing their wait-and-see attitude.

It was a wait-and-see attitude that got us into such a big mess in 1989, and it would be foolhardy to simply cross our fingers and hope things work out in 2009.

It's easy to be a legislator when times are good and we can pass $750 million spending bills that allow us to build gazebos and fund corporate sailing races. But we really earn our money as elected officials when times are bad.

I have been telling my town officials for at least three years now that Beacon Hill has been playing a cruel game with them. While it's nice to send back millions in earmarks for pet projects, all we have really done is blown through billion-dollar surpluses during the boom years that we should have saved to ensure we would never have to cut local aid during the lean years.

We have seen how political inaction can destroy a state's economy for years. It's a lesson we as your state leaders need to learn from, otherwise we'll just be repeating history.

State Senator Robert "Bob" Hedlund represents the eight-town Plymouth-Norfolk District that includes Cohasset, Hingham, Scituate, Marshfield, Duxbury, Hull, Norwell and Weymouth.

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Parking, paving and a little excitement

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Little Harbor Water & Sewer Project – Last week, the Farmer's Market was at the Music Circus for the second week due to the Water/Sewer work on the Common. The Music Circus parking situation was much improved from the prior week. Cars kept the in and out drive area clear and parking was very orderly. Remember, the Farmer's Market will be at the Music Circus for the remainder of the season.

Beach Street Culvert – Last week we mentioned that Beach Street would be closed this week so that the Water/Sewer Project could replace the large culvert under the road not far from Atlantic Avenue. This past Monday, LMH started their construction with a vengeance. The head and tail walls (These are the walls on either side of the culvert pipe that support the roadway.) are amazing to see before they are dropped into place. Each wall weighs in at about 15,000 pounds. This particular design is called an "L" wall. If you look carefully, you can see two feet at the bottom of the wall, with one foot appreciably longer than the other. When this type of wall is placed at the side of the culvert the longer foot will be under the road. The full weight of the roadway sits on the wide foot, holding the whole wall in place. You can also notice in the photo, that the exposed surface of the wall has been textured to simulate a stonewall. To give you an idea of how large this wall is the oval hole in the center will hold two 36-inch diameter pipes. These two pipes will be the actual culvert which will carry the water under Beach Street.

In order to excavate the present old culvert, the water from Little Harbor must be kept out of the work area. To do this a cofferdam has been erected to hold back the tidal water so is does not enter the work area. The accompanying photo shows the cofferdam in place. If you have an eagle eye, you will notice a small hose that goes from behind the cofferdam to Little Harbor. Actually, there is a pump that carries any water that leaks past the cofferdam back to Little Harbor where it came from.



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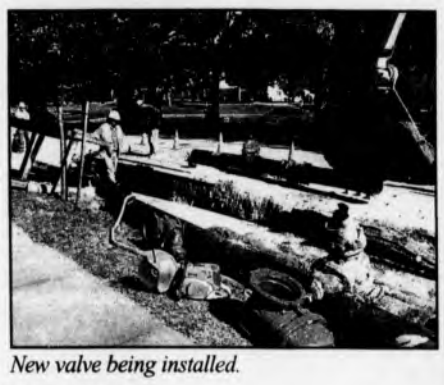
One of two "L" walls.



The cofferdam in place.

Paving – Whitehead and Caravel Cove Roads are on tap to be paved Thursday of this week. By the time you read this you will know whether we were successful at getting the paver here along with suitable weather. If the gods are favorable, Bow Street and Little Harbor Road should be ready for and paved next week.

A little excitement this week – Last Monday evening there was quite a bit of excitement in front of the Community Center on N. Main Street. A very large water main valve decided that it just couldn't stand the pressure of every day life so it gave up the ghost, flooding the village and down Ripley Road as far as the Post Office. The scenario of events that led to this failure is quite interesting. The valve was quite old (1880's we are told) and it was shut so that there was no pressure in the water main along N. Main Street. But, at the same time the other side of the valve was at full line pressure, since it was connected to the main line in the village. Also, since the pressure in the system comes mainly from the water tanks high on our surrounding hills, the fact that the tanks were full means the pressure was at its maximum. And poof, the old valve just let go. We just happened to drive by the Community Center just after the valve had failed and water was about 4 inches high in the street. There was a lot of late night work to get this water flow shut off.



New valve being installed.

The accompanying photo shows the new valve and a short section of pipe being installed in front of the Community Center.

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Remember when

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I was doing what I do best the other day, staring stupidly at a political analyst on the boob tube, when a thought occurred to me. I used to get more excited watching a test pattern.

A test pattern, for those who were born after ice no longer covered the earth, was a series of lines, boxes and circles that used to cover your 10-inch TV screen so you could stay tuned while the networks thought of something else to put on the screen.

Like the hula hoop, saddle shoes and the 15-cent hamburger with a 10-cent soft drink at McDonald's...

Like the hula hoop, saddle shoes and the 15-cent hamburger with a 10-cent soft drink at McDonald's, it's the kind of recollection that leads you to ask: "Hey, whatever happened to that?" There are a lot of them when you reach the age of four score and three.

Like carbon paper, for instance. That was a sheet of treated black paper you put between two sheets of white paper to make two copies of the same thing. Now you belt it out on a computer keyboard, punch a button and you're buried in copies.

We used manual typewriters in those days, then electric typewriters, then computers. I can recall an intern in our office, a girl brought up on modern conveniences, staring helplessly at a manual typewriter and asking "How do you turn it on?"

Or like the favorite extracurricular activities of college boys, like jamming bodies into telephone booths (the record, I believe, was 19), or swallowing goldfish or panty raids on the girls' dorm, in which coeds at some schools joined enthusiastically.

I wonder if any veteran of World War II still has the little lapel pin he was given along with his discharge, the one we called "the ruptured duck," although I can't for the life of me remember why.

Remember when Lucky Strike cigarettes came in red and green packages until one day after Pearl Harbor when the pack suddenly became red and white and the company announced proudly that "Lucky Strike Green has gone to war!"

I often wonder if it ever came back and what it had to do with the war effort to begin with.

Remember when Nov. 11 was Armistice Day, celebrating the end of the "war to end all wars," until the powers that be recognized the irony of that phase and changed it to Veterans Day to include those who fought in future wars.

Remember when you tuned in to the Bob Hope Show on radio and heard the jingle, "You wonder where the yellow went, when you brush your teeth with Pepsodent." And Santa told Bob to "Put a little something in the pot, boy."

Does anyone still use the Denver boot, the clamp that used to be put on the wheels of illegal parkers to make sure they didn't get away; and do women still wear silk stockings now that nylon seems to have taken over the chore of shaping their gams.

And does anyone besides me ever use the term "gams" anymore.

HEALTH NOTES

Facts about melamine found in formula

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Melamine use in direct addition to human or animal food in the U.S. is not permitted, nor is it permitted to be used as a fertilizer in the U.S., as it is in some parts of the world.

On Sept. 11, the Food and Drug Administration,(FDA) learned that melamine may be contained in an infant formula manufactured by a firm in China. As of Sept. 21, the FDA learned that a total of 52,857 cases of nephrolithiasis (kidney stones) and, in some instances, renal failure had been reported in China linked to consumption of this contaminated powdered formula. There have been approximately 13,000 hospitalizations, and at least 3 deaths have been confirmed to date. The vast majority of illnesses involved children under the age of 3 years (82 percent < 2 years; 17 percent 2-3 years; 0.8 percent > 3 years; and no cases involved adults). The results of an investigation conducted in China indicated that Chinese-produced powdered infant formula was linked to these illnesses; no cases were associated with liquid infant formula. An investigation of powdered formulas was conducted nationally by China's General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) and revealed contamination of powdered formulas produced by 22 companies. Test results conducted in China on samples of the powdered infant formula showed that they contained a wide range of concentrations (0.1 ppm. to greater than 2,500 ppm. melamine).

In addition, other countries have reported detection of melamine in other product categories, such as confections and beverages.

The FDA points out that available analytical methods can reliably detect a level of 1 ppm. melamine in some food matrices. *A food matrix is a group of concentrated nutrients, extracted from a selected food, which have been bound together so that the body can use them for nourishment.*

Illnesses were reported in more than 10 different regions of China. A press release from the Ganzu Health Bureau on Sept. 11, stated that during the first half of 2008, one hospital in Ganzu treated 16 infants who had kidney stones. The 16 infants varied in age from 5 months to 11 months; some of the cases reportedly developed renal insufficiency. In a record review conducted for the period 2006 to the present, hospitals in Ganzu identified a total of 59 cases of kidney stones in infants, including 1 infant who died. Most of the cases were from rural areas. All of the cases occurred in 2008; none were identified in 2006 and 2007. Unfortunately, it is difficult to pinpoint the specific causes of ailments like kidney stones, however, they are detectable by several methods. Symptoms are related to blockage of the urinary tract and their makeup gives a clue to their origin.

Medical authorities in China indicated that some cases of kidney stones were visualized by ultrasound and CT scan, but not by routine x-ray, indicating that other cases may not have been diagnosed.

Melamine, in its chainlike "polymerized" form, has been used for decades in manufacturing of dishes, plastic resins, etc. generally resulting in negligible contamination. Melamine use in direct addition to human or animal food in the U.S. is not permitted, nor is it permitted to be used as a fertilizer in the U.S., as it is in some parts of the world.

On Oct. 1, a Chinese news outlet, Xinhuanet, cited a Beijing Times report about several kinds of Cadbury-brand candies having been pulled from shops in China and elsewhere. These reports coupled with other news releases about contaminated Chinese confections in Connecticut and Utah lead one to wonder how much Chinese candy has been imported for consumption in the US and for how long.

Massachusetts is continuing surveillance and investigation into all milk-based products from China containing ingredients such as nonfat milk powder, whey powder, lactose powder, whole milk powder and casein. If you are aware of retailers or individuals in possession of such products, you are requested to contact the Board of Health.

Unfortunately, it is difficult to identify the specific causes of ailments like kidney stones, and even more difficult to relate the incidence of the ailment in any specific location to diet in that location. Similarly cancer clusters are difficult to ascribe to conditions within a localized area because the accuracy of statistical probability determination generally depends on the accumulation of far more data than is usually available. And so, in the case of Chinese chocolate and kidney stones, there may never be sufficient information to reveal the proverbial smoking gun. As usual, the only advice in this case is be careful what you eat.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

Drop-in story time on Tuesdays

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

FOR CHILDREN

Letters About Literature 2009 – Letters about Literature is a national reading and writing program that asks students in grades four through 12 to write letters to authors whose books have made a difference in their lives. LAL is looking for personal and reflective writing about the importance of written work in the lives of young readers. Massachusetts winners, their families, friends, teachers and librarians are invited to an awards ceremony at the State House in the spring. The state program is sponsored by the Massachusetts Center for the Book & the Calderwood Writing Initiative at the Boston Athenaeum. The national program is sponsored by the Library of Congress and Target Stores. Visit the Web site at massbook.org for more information and guidelines, or pick up the guidelines in the Children's Room or Young Adult Room of the library.

Story & Craft – Online registration has begun for Story & Craft, which will take place Thursday, Oct. 16 and 23, at either 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m., in the Story Room. Story & Craft is for Cohasset residents ages 3 and older and is a four-week commitment. To register, go to the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on calendar. Choose either the morning session or the afternoon session and fill out the registration form. Include child's name and age in the name field.

MamaSteph – Performances at 10:30 a.m., on Mondays, Oct. 20 and 27, in the Meeting Room. Join others for children's music and more. Doors close promptly at 10:35 a.m. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library. All ages and communities are welcome.

Drop In Story Time – In the Story Room at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesdays, Oct. 14, 21 and 28. All ages and communities welcome.

Coloring/Decorating Contest – Create a unique owl by decorating the template found on Mrs. Moody's desk. You can use markers, glitter, beads, pipe cleaners, tissue paper, and things found in nature to create an owl that reflects your personality. Contest ends on Friday, Oct. 24, at 4 p.m. Winners in all age groups. Winners will be called.

FOR ADULTS

Genealogy Workshop – Genealogist Michael Brophy will present "Beginning Genealogy and Family History – Part 2" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23. Topics to be covered are U.S. military history records, city directories, church records, town reports, tax records and more. Anyone interested in tracing their family roots are welcome. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Choking Man" at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16. Free admission and free refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Author Visit – Catherine Goldhammer, author of "Still Life with Chickens," will discuss her new book "Winging It: Dispatches from an (almost) Empty Nest" on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 3 p.m. in the Meeting Room. All are welcome. Free. Ms. Goldhammer's books will be available for purchase.

Library Book Group – Join us for coffee and discussion of Junot Diaz's Pulitzer Prize winning book "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" at 10 a.m. Oct. 29, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome. Free.

Party politics on Our Town

"Our Town" co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with Kevin O'Donnell, chairman of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee, and Kevin MacCarthy, chairman of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, to debate from each party's perspective the issues, platforms and candidates in the presidential election.

Our Town airs on local Comcast Channel 10 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 9pm.

Stay tuned and stay informed.

Check out the Web

Check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

- Photographer Robin Chan's slideshow of the Beijing Olympics
- Video of construction of new cancer center at South Shore Hospital
- Pet of the Week Video: Meet Becky, a five-year-old Siamese mix.
- Breaking news, updates, slideshows and full-color photo galleries throughout the week

Concession stand supports the troops

By Brian P. Nanos
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"It's nothing compared to what these men and women do for us."
Colleen Kelly

Years ago, Colleen Kelley worked one shift at a New England Troop Supporters-run concession stand at Gillette Stadium. The group collects money to send care packages to servicemen and women who are either overseas or have recently returned home.

She was hooked, and what started as a one-day affair became something of a third job. Kelley is now the vice president of the organization, along with working at Rockland Trust and attending nursing school. Kelley is now looking for more volunteers to help her staff the concession stand during New England Patriots home games and other Gillette Stadium events.

She said her original motivation for working at the stand was simple.

"He did it," she said.

"He" is Kelley's brother, Sgt. Michael Kelley of Scituate, who had volunteered for the organization before going overseas himself. On June 8, 2005, Michael was brought down by enemy fire at his base in Afghanistan. A member of the National Guard's 101st Field Artillery Battalion, he was the first combat-related fatality in Afghanistan for the Massachusetts National Guard and also the first Scituate soldier to die in the War on Terror.

"I wanted to do something in honor of my brother," Colleen said of her first shift at the stand.

Each of the concession stands at Gillette Stadium is run by a nonprofit group, and Kelley said the stadium owners allow the charities to take up to 14 percent of the money they raise in a weekend, depending on how well they clean up and how much food they serve. The groups also get to keep their own tips.

The take-home can be large. During May's NCAA men's lacrosse final four, the group earned $4,400 in one weekend. With football under way, Kelley anticipates many more busy weekends.

"I always need volunteers and I am always open to them," she said.

According to Kelley, she has had trouble finding the 14 volunteers needed to operate the stand each weekend. If the group has less than 14 people show up, it has to choose between operating short-handed or taking workers from another group, in which case New England Troop Supporters would have to split its tips.

The work is hard, Kelley said, especially during the ends of each quarter. When there's time, she said she tries to give each volunteer a break to watch five minutes of the game. But even when they don't get a break, she said the work is a rewarding way to serve the troops.

"It's nothing compared to what these men and women do for us," she said.

Anyone interested in volunteering for New England Troop Supporters should call Colleen Kelley at 617-347-6439 or send e-mail to netroops@yahoo.com.

Be aware of the Asian Longhorned Beetle

By Barbara Canney
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Look up! Look down! Look all around! Be aware – the Asian Longhorned Beetle is threatening our hardwood trees including maples, birch, horse chestnut, poplar, willow, elm and ash. This beetle has the potential to cause more damage than Dutch Elm disease, chestnut blight and the gypsy moth combined.

The Asian Longhorned Beetle, which probably entered the U.S. in solid wood crates used for importing goods from China, was first sighted in 1996 by a man in Brooklyn, N.Y. Earlier this month, September 2008, a sighting was reported and confirmed by the USDA in Worcester, where 33 square miles have been quarantined. Inspection crews will perform surveys in suspected host trees by groundwork, specially trained tree climbers and bucket trucks. They will have to cut and burn infected trees.

The Asian Longhorned Beetle has a distinct appearance – big, shiny, and black with white spots all over. It has black and white banded antennae shaped like the horns of longhorn cattle. A mature beetle measures 1 to 1 1/2 inches long, perhaps the length of your thumb joint to the tip of your nail.

One female will chew a depression in the tree bark and lay 35 to 90 eggs. In 10 to 15 days, white, grub-like creatures hatch and become caterpillars (larvae) that crawl deep beneath the bark where they feed and develop during the winter. When summer arrives, the adult beetles emerge from within the tree bark by boring a round exit hole in the tree. They will feed off the twig bark and leaves for several days. The adult beetle will be active all summer until frost. In the fall, they perish. This breeding process interferes with the tissues that carry water and nutrients from tree roots to the trees leafy canopy. Once the beetle has sufficiently disrupted the tree's survival paths, the limb or the entire tree will die. At home, we can unknowingly move the pest in firewood and fallen timber. It is important as homeowners and a community that we keep a vigilant eye out for signs of this treacherous creature.



COURTESY ILLUSTRATION

Asian Longhorned Beetle.

Signs to look for: Yellow or drooping leaves in tree canopy in dry weather; coarse sawdust in branch crotches or at base; sap flows may appear; round exit hole in trunk; oval pit where female chewed to lay eggs.

Call the USDA at 866-702-9938 if you suspect the presence of the ALB in your area. Information is available online at aphis.usda.gov.

Been wondering about the tree trunks wrapped in cloth along Route 228 in Hingham? They are to protect the trees during road construction presently going on.

Editor's note: the article was reprinted, with permission from the Community Garden Club of Cohasset, from the October newsletter.

Books in Bloom coming to library

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will transform the Paul Pratt Library with a show called "Books In Bloom" on Oct. 15, 16 and 17. Club members will interpret a book title of their choosing through fresh flower and plant material. This is not a standard flower show where all arrangements need to adhere to strict rules. The show is meant to be interpretive, creative and fun.

The junior gardeners in grades three four and five spent their last meeting preparing for this show. Arrangements can be viewed at Paul Pratt Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

Register to vote for state election deadline Oct. 15

The last day to register to vote for the state election on Nov. 4 will be Wednesday, Oct. 15. Registration will take place at the Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or Election Day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If people move, they may register to vote as soon as they move into a new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. Those who register during a "closed" period, will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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October 2, 2008

QUESTIONS

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives and senators' votes on two roll calls from prior legislative sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

BORROW $3 BILLION FOR "GENERAL GOVERNMENT" EXPENSES (H 5055)

158-0, Senate 38-0, approved and Gov. Patrick, after vetoing some spending, signed into law a bill allowing the state to borrow $3 billion for a variety of government projects including $250 million for "costs associated with the purchase and procurement of equipment for general government operations." The package is full of hundreds of state and local projects but the Patrick administration is required to adhere to the state's annual bond borrowing cap and ultimately decides which projects are affordable and actually get funded. Other provisions include $90 million for the state police including funds for cruisers and helicopters; $452 million to improve the state's information technology systems; $137 million for public library projects; $35 million for projects at three zoos and millions of dollars for local projects in cities and towns across the state. The package also includes a controversial plan to rescue the Mass Turnpike Authority (MTA) by allowing it to lower its interest costs through refinancing $800 million in debt using the state's higher credit rating. Supporters of the $3 billion package said that it is a fiscally responsible one that will fund many worthwhile projects. They defended the turnpike plan and argued that without this refinancing of debt, tolls would be raised to help the MTA pay its debts at a higher interest rate. They also noted that the rescue plan includes provisions that would hold the MTA more accountable in the future. Although no one voted against the package, critics say that the MTA plan is nothing more than a bailout of this fiscally irresponsible agency and does little or nothing to make it more accountable in the future. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill).

ROSE KENNEDY GREENWAY (H 5013)

House 136-21, Senate 33-5, approved and Gov. Patrick signed into law the bill authorizing the nonprofit Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy to lease for 20 years and take control of the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway away from the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (MTA) which currently controls it. The greenway is a series of outdoor parks located in the path of the old elevated Central Artery. The state would immediately provide the conservancy, funded mainly by private donations, with $2 million and the MTA would hand over $5 million to the conservancy. In future years, the conservancy would be eligible to receive up to $5.5 million annually from the state, depending on the conservancy's budget for that year. Supporters said that this would allow the nonprofit conservancy, rather than the troubled MTA to operate, manage, improve and maintain the greenway. They said that this jewel is on track to become one of America's premier urban parks. Opponents said that the state should not be giving millions of dollars, with few strings attached, to this private group run by corporate executives and lobbyists who will operate the greenway to benefit their clients - the local businesses in the greenway corridor. They noted that there are hundreds of parks across the state and that none receive anywhere near this amount of funding. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill giving the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy the authority to operate the greenway and providing it with millions of dollars. A "No" vote is against the bill).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MAKE SALVIA ILLEGAL (H 4434) - The House gave initial approval to a proposal classifying Salvia Divinorum as a class C substance and making its use illegal in Massachusetts. Salvia Divinorum, found primarily in Mexico, is also known as Salvia, Diviner's Sage and Sage of the Seers. Supporters of the ban said that Salvia, already illegal in eight states, is a dangerous mind-altering drug that produces debilitating hallucinations and long-term perception disorders. They noted that it is being glamorized on YouTube and that its use by teenagers is rising. Opponents of the ban said that Salvia is not a hallucinogen and is legal in all countries except Australia. The Salvia Divinorum Research and Information Center's website says that Salvia is an herb used in divination, healing, meditation and the exploration of consciousness. The website also notes that it should always be used in a "thoughtful, intelligent manner, and only by responsible adults that are of sound mind and clear intent."

ANIMAL CRUELTY (H 1527) - The House adopted a new version of a bill increasing the penalty for being present at an animal fight from a fine of up to $250 and/or 30 days in jail to a fine of up to $1,000 and/or five years in jail. The new version eliminates a section from the original bill that made it a new crime to possess or distribute videos or audio recordings that depict the torture of or cruelty to animals. Gov. Patrick had urged the Legislature to eliminate the section because it is unconstitutional and would have prohibited free speech. He cited the case in which a court struck down on free speech grounds a federal law prohibiting the sale of animal cruelty videos. The governor also noted that the creation of the new crime "could result in the prosecution of members of an animal rights group that hosts on its website depictions of animal cruelty for consciousness-raising or protected artistic speech in a movie depicting a bull-fight."

PUBLIC CHARITIES (H 274) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Patrick legislation changing the current law that requires charities that receive more than $100,000 in gross support and revenue annually to file an audited financial statement along with their regular annual report. The proposal would require the report only from charities that receive more than $200,000. Supporters said that audited financial statements are costly for small nonprofits to prepare.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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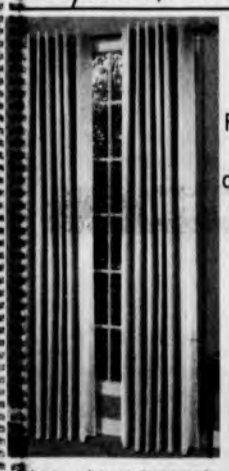


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Village design guidelines on hold

Waiting for Design Review Board

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After the meeting it was determined the Design Review Board was never officially populated and has not yet been able to meet as a group to discuss the guidelines.

The Planning Board put off approving the village business district design guidelines for a little bit longer. Citing a desire to consult and get feedback from the not quite official Design Review Board, the Planning Board will wait a few more weeks to approve.

"We didn't do anything with them," said Planning Board Chairman Al Moore in a phone interview. "We don't have any special permits in the pipeline so we have some time."

While the spirit of the guidelines may apply to all village projects before the planning board, the design guidelines would only be enforceable with applicants seeking special permits. A special permit is needed when a property is requesting a change of use. For example, a special permit would be needed for an application seeking to change a strictly commercial building to a mixed-use retail/residential building.

With the lack of urgency, Moore said the board would like to have the expertise and keen eye of the Design Review Board take a thorough look at the guidelines before final approval.

"We want to have as many people look at it and comment on it as possible," said Moore.

During a September meeting, the Planning Board requested the "unofficial" Design Review Board, which includes former Planning Board member Bill Good, to look over village design guidelines.

They even gave the design review board specific items to focus on. After the meeting it was determined the Design Review Board was never officially populated and has not yet been able to meet as a group to discuss the guidelines.

At last fall's Special Town Meeting, voters overwhelmingly supported the revival of the Design Review Board, which was set for the chopping block. Nearly a year later, the board is still does not have members. A Troika appointed board, the Design Review Board in the past has worked cooperatively with the Planning Board to put forth desirable projects for the town. The Troika is made up of the chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee and the Town Moderator.

The town received five interested citizens willing to do the job in the late spring, but the Troika has yet to meet to appoint the members. As the Mariner went to press Thursday morning, no Troika meeting was scheduled.

The design guidelines, simply stated, is a set of regulations to go with the village zoning bylaws to aid both the Planning Board and the applicants during the permitting process. It includes a set of guiding principles as well as specific areas for application assessments — everything from rooflines to materials to signage to landscaping. By setting clear expectations for development, the Planning Board aims to have a smoother review process.

With the professional consulting help from Angus Jennings of Concord Square Planning and Development, the Planning Board has a 21-page draft of the guidelines, which include text and graphic components. Over the past two months, there have been three nights of public hearings on the design guidelines.

Moore is hopeful to have the village design guidelines approved and in the books within the next couple of months.

Ambulance, library computers top list of capital budget requests

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member Alfred Slanetz. A brief discussion was held on whether the computers because of their high use and therefore shortened useful life were really a capital purchase.

"Anything expendable that quickly does not fit the town's definition of capital," said Gaumer.

School officials said they would return to the committee for their meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 21with more information.

Library

The library had several capital purchase requests, a few had been before the board for consideration previously and others were brand new.

The library ranked them in order of importance placing the replacement of 20 public computers at the top of the list. The library requested the replacement of the computers during the last Town Meeting cycle, but the need for staff computers was more immediate and $15,000 was allocated to that purchase.

"The cost of the computers has gone down," said Library Trustee Stacey Weaver, who had a firm estimate of $19,500 for 20 computers.

Also on the list was replacement of the library's carpeting, which was peeling away from the floor and, if not addressed soon could cause a serious fall. New gutters and downspouts for the outside of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library were on the list.

"Like the school budget, I'm not sure some of these are capital budget items," said Peter Decaprio, Capital Budget Committee member.

It was the computers that topped the discussion. Library director Jackie Rafferty spoke passionately about the need for the computers, which are used constantly by library patrons.

"People recognize and understand that technology is integral to the library," said Rafferty. "It is a busy hub of constructive activity."

The computers, which are five to six years old, are almost constantly in a state of repair. Parts from compatible older computers were being used to repair the current computers, "we certainly got our money's worth…we're not that far away from out of order signs on those computers."

Yet, some members of the capital budget committee felt the carpet replacement should be the first priority because if someone ever got hurt him by tripping on the rug, it would open up the town to a lawsuit.

The Capital Budget Committee requested the library representatives to seek out a few quotes for both the downspout/gutter work and the carpet replacement.

Fire Department

For the third Town Meeting cycle in a row, Fire Chief Bob Silvia came before the Capital Budget Committee to request a new ambulance. Although money was allocated a year ago to repair the 2001 ambulance to extend its life ($25,000), the ambulance was recently placed on the state's Office of Emergency Medicine Service on a "watch list" meaning the vehicle has issues with its age, mileage and general health of the vehicle.

Silvia proposed a five-year lease-to-purchase plan that would allow the town to pay approximately $36,500 each year for five years and then the town would own the ambulance. The other option is to pay for the ambulance 100 percent up front, which is what the town has done in the past.

Fire Captain Mark Trask spoke on behalf of the fire department union on their frustration with the ambulance and its safety.

"This ambulance has been stretched as far as any I've ever seen (during my 30 years with Cohasset Fire)," said Trask. "It's a shame year after year we're wondering where the money is going to come from, (the town) knows every five or six years they are going to have to purchase an ambulance."

"I speak for the guys and women in the department, please give us safe equipment to work on," said Trask, who said some in the department feel unsafe working in the vehicle and transporting patients in what has become a bumpy ride.

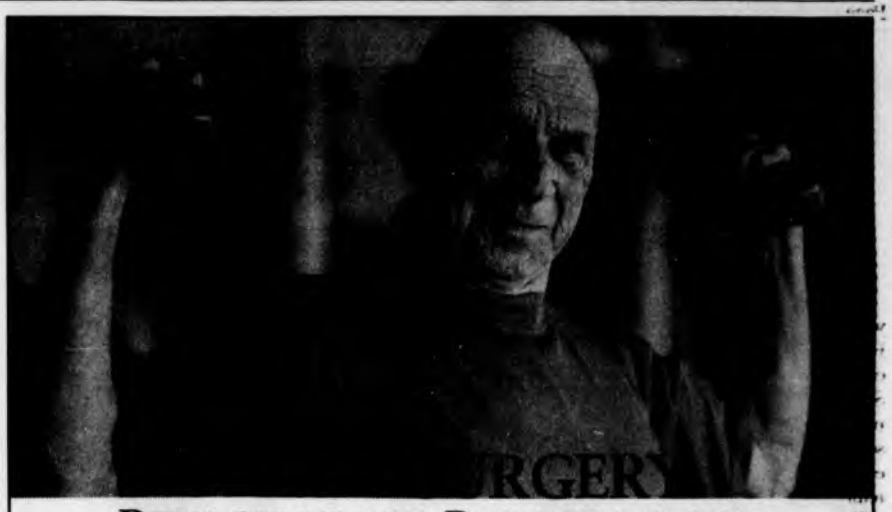
The town's ambulance is one of the few capital items that pays for itself. Approximately $372,000 in revenue was brought into the town in fiscal 2008, said Silvia.

Silvia's plan is to move the current ambulance into a reserve role,

Capital Budget Committee chairman Steve Gaumer said if the vehicle was considered unsafe, would it be wise to use it in a reserve role.

"The vehicle has reached the end of its service life as a frontline piece, but I think it would be okay in a reserve role" where it might take four years to get the same amount of mileage a frontline piece gets in one year, said Silvia.

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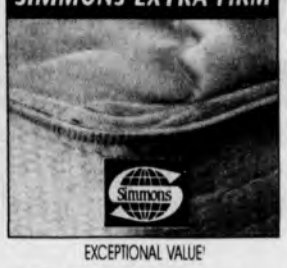
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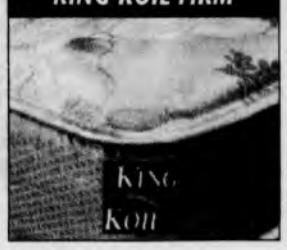
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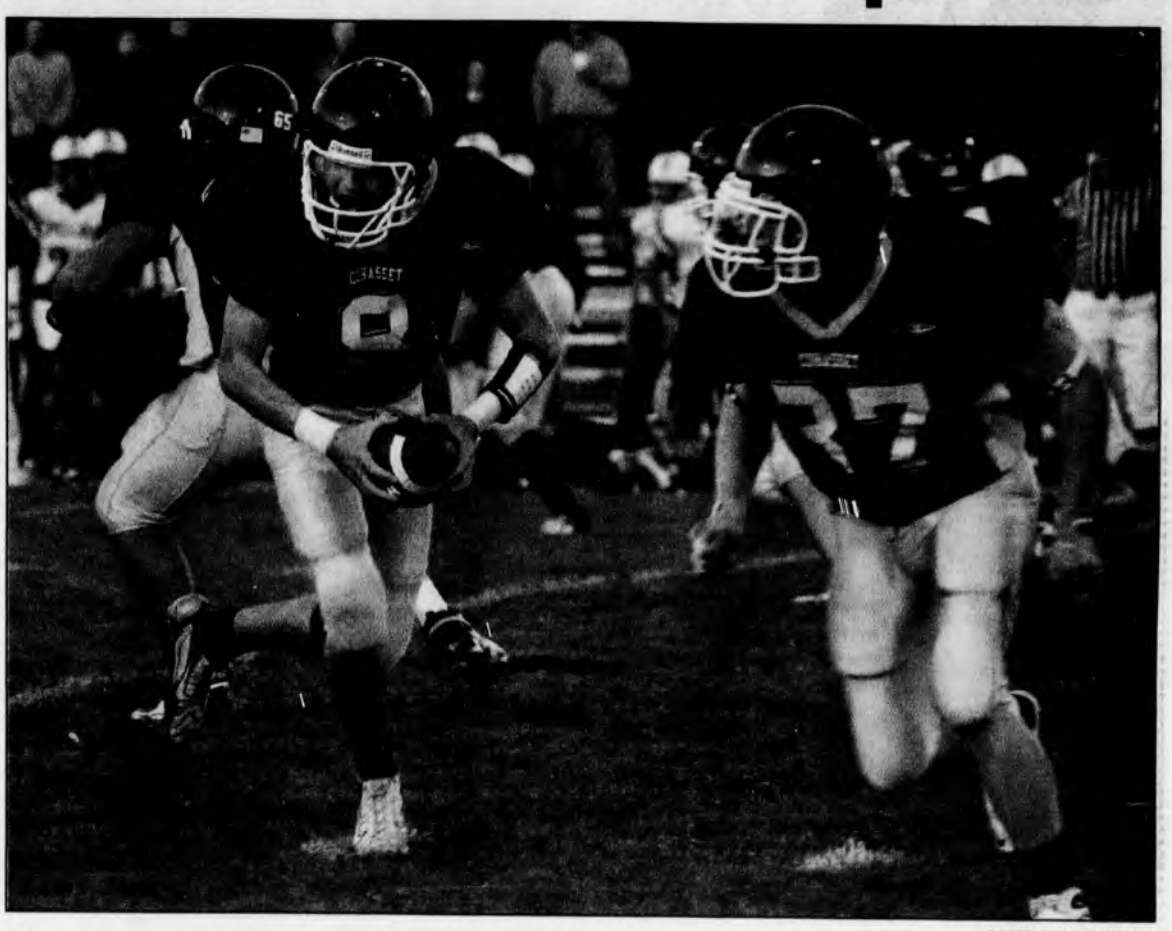
Homecoming, Oct. 3. The forecast wasn't predicting rain, but it seemed to be par for the course as the big black clouds rolled over Alumni Field. Friday night lights, might yet again be Friday night umbrellas. But the clouds kept moving, a raindrop fell here and there and by kickoff at 6 pm, the sky didn't look so ominous, the balloons were flying in the wind, and the boys in blue, looked strong, tough and prepared to take on Cardinal Spellman.

The first quarter was a tug of war. Three and out for Cohasset, three and out for Spellman. The stalwart Cohasset defense (led by Jake Kissick with 11 tackles in the game, 3 for losses) kept Spellman in their own territory for much of the first quarter, not allowing them to build any momentum. The quarter ended as Cohasset failed to convert on 4th and 12 from the Spellman 16. CS took over on downs to start the 2nd quarter, but failed to convert and punted. Cohasset went on offense from the Spellman 46 yard line. Strong running by Dana Valentine (120 yards on 15 carries for the night) set up Jeff Cavanaro (7/14 passing, 125 yards, 1 TD) to hit Johnny Maher from the 20-yard line for the first score of the night. The conversion failed, and Cohasset led 6-0 at the 5:52 mark of the second quarter.

CS got the ball back, it was 3rd down with 4 yards to go, when the CS quarterback rolled to his left and was met in the backfield by Maher (8 tackles in the game) in what many called the hardest hit of the game. CS punted and Cohasset got the ball back. A turnover by Cohasset and CS got the ball back. And they marched down the field. A couple of reverses, a couple of screen passes, a draw up the middle and they were in the red zone and converted to score. The extra point counted, and the Skippers were down 7-6.

The icing on the cake was an interception by Jake Wheelwright who returned it 55 yards for the score that put the game out of reach for CS.

Third quarter, CS received the opening kickoff. A couple of big runs, one up the middle and one to the left gave CS good field position. A facemask penalty against the Skippers got CS closer to the end zone. It was 3rd and goal from the Skipper 6 yard line and a play action fake put the Cardinals in the end zone. A terrific, body-sacrificing block by Brendan Doonan prevented the extra point. The Skippers went on the offensive and a tough, gritty ground attack by Valentine and Alec Livingstone set up Cavanaro to hit Doonan (3 catches for 68 yards) at the 5-yard line. They were knocking on the door, but unfortunately nobody answered and the CS defense kept the Skippers out of the end zone. It was the end of the 3rd quarter.



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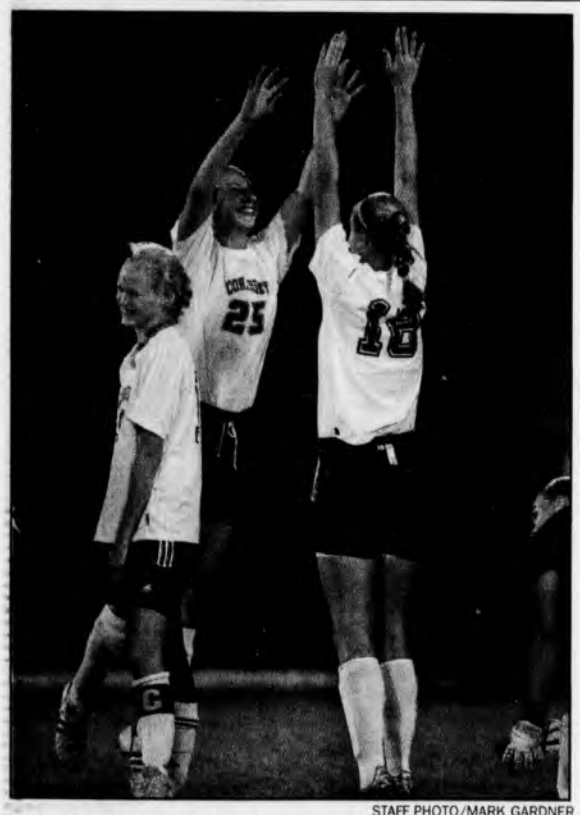
Cohasset's Jeff Cavanaro moves the ball down the field during Friday's Homecoming game against Cardinal Spellman. The Skippers rolled over Spellman with a final score of 27-13.

Fourth quarter. It was the tenacious and relentless work by the Cohasset "O" line,

Matt Wasel, Will Lynner, Dan Sullivan, Co-Captain Andersen Lynner and Nick Lieberman that opened up holes that allowed the Skippers to continue their ground assault culminating in a 30+ yard run by Valentine into the end zone. The critical 2-point conversion was made by Cavanaro to Doonan. Cohasset was now on top 14-13 midway through the 4th quarter. CS went three and out on their next possession.

Cohasset took over in great field position to set up Valentine again at the 1-yard line for a score. The extra point failed, but Cohasset was leading 20-13 with less than 3 minutes on the clock. The icing on the cake was an interception by Jake Wheelwright who returned it 55 yards for the score that put the game out of reach for CS. The final score 27-13 Cohasset.

Coach Pete Afanasiw commented: "Overall the kids played very physical football in all three aspects of the game. There was a lot of hard hitting and our conditioning really paid off late in the game when we were a step quicker off the ball, able to execute crisply and play mistake free football when it counted most. It must be mentioned that even though we were trailing into the fourth quarter, we never lost our composure and actually played some of our best football down the stretch"



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Sammy Lehr high fives little sister Tori before the beginning of a recent game.

"They know my style of coaching — respecting your opponent, your teammates and yourself — and they strive to meet and exceed my expectations every day."

Deb Beal, Cohasset High girls coach

Back to the grind

SSL title on line today as Lady Skippers face off with archrival Norwell

By Mike Spellman
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Deb Beal is ready to get back to normal soccer.

Three games against rebuilding South Shore League opponents came at a good time, as it allowed the veteran Cohasset High girls coach to both lighten the load on her stalwarts and get her reserves some prime playing time.

The end result was three wins by a combined score of 13-1 over Abington, Harwich and Mashpee, an output that probably could have been more than doubled had Beal not ordered a shift to ball control play rather than shooting once a "comfortable lead" was obtained.

"The girls know how it feels to lose and they as a group make a point to not embarrass any team they play," said Beal. "They are truly class acts. We have some very talented players on our team who are very competitive and play on some serious club soccer teams, but in the end they are respectful and kind kids who love to play soccer.

"They know my style of coaching — respecting your opponent, your teammates and yourself — and they strive to meet and exceed my expectations every day."

That said, the coach is happy to see a return to the primary focuses. This afternoon, the Lady Skippers will take archrival Norwell on the road (2 p.m. start) in a match that will quite likely determine the league championship.

The two longtime SSL rivals enter the game tied for first in the standings with matching 7-1 marks in league play. The Skippers won the first go-round, played at Cohasset High back on Sept. 15, which marked the first time a Beal coached team had ever topped a Norwell team.

Unfortunately, the locals let down a bit after that emotional victory and lost two days later to East Bridgewater (5-2-1 in league play), a team Norwell has twice bested.

"Our rematch with Norwell is much anticipated," noted Beal. "It appears as though we have to beat Norwell and remain consistent throughout the second half of the league schedule and we should be able to claim the league title. It is all very exciting."

Beal saw the elation that came with the first win over Norwell, particularly from her seven seniors— four of whom have played varsity all four years, the other three since their sophomore years.

"I want this group of seniors to claim that title this fall," the 11th year head coach continued. "They have worked long and hard for it and finished second too many times. I believe we can win the league as long as we do our jobs. These past few games we have really played and worked together as a team."

At 8-1 overall (7-1 in league play), the Lady Skippers will secure their spot in the the Div. 3 state tourney with their next win— which would, by far, be the earliest Beal has seen a team clinch.

Skippers 5, Mashpee 0

Scorers: Maggie McGoldrick, Christine Coner, Mackenzie Hart, Carli Haggerty, Caroline Fein

"We seemed very relaxed and comfortable," said Beal of the Wednesday home win. McGoldrick took all of 12 seconds to put the host Skippers on the board, and there never seemed much doubt from that point forward.

"Lots of kids have seen lots of playing time over the past three games, which helps our fitness," said Beal. "I have really enjoyed seeing some of them take risks on the field and challenging themselves to play smarter and more efficiently. When we lost to EB, we worked too hard on the field. We need to let the ball do the work we just need to adapt our runs and hit our shots and I know we'll do just fine."

Skippers 4, Harwich 1

Scorers: Kaci Kucinski, Maggie McGoldrick, Caroline Fein, Rachel Fredey

Beal always has concern about lethargy after this annual trek to the lower Cape, but her worries were quickly eschewed on Tuesday afternoon, as the Skippers again scored early and often, doing all their tallying before the first half's mid-point.

It was all about possession soccer from that point forward, and shooting was pretty much verboten.

"We concentrated that afternoon on possession of the ball and making clean to-feet passes using one and two touch," reported Beal. "I was very impressed that we were able to stay on task for 80 minutes and remain moti-

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Scituate-Cohasset Sharks notebook

The undefeated 8th grade Sharks traveled to a wet and rainy Barnstable last Sunday trying to defend their unbeaten status at the top of the league.

Last year the Sharks upset Barnstable handing them their first loss in over two years. Looking to avenge last year's outcome, Barnstable pounded the ball down Scituate's throat all afternoon building a comfortable 18-8 margin, a minute into the fourth quarter. As the sky started to brighten so did the hopes of the Scituate faithful when Shane Haggerty returned a kickoff 81 yards to close the gap to 18-14 with just eight minutes left in the contest.

The momentum now shifted to the visitors sidelines, as both the fans as well as the players loudly encouraged the Sci-Coh defense to hold on. On the first play from scrimmage, the defense led by Tyler Serra, Craig Davis, Sean Shea, Danny Buckley and John Foster forced the Barnstable running back to fumble, recovering on Scituate's 46-yard line.

The offense, which had struggled all day, finally came alive.

A third down screen pass to Conor Dooley was followed by another completion to Matt McCrae on fourth and four. Shea McCarthy, Joe Daileader, Jordan Kelly and Mike Stewart took turns carrying the ball as the offensive line pounded away at the tired Barnstable defense.

Scituate's offensive line led by Mike Rosen, Serra, Buckley, Shea, Davis, Dooley and McCrae dug in deep as Barnstable tried their best to put up a goal line stand on first and goal from the 4-yard line. Employing their new blocking technique taught to them this past week in practice by special assistant Paul Farren, these seven determined youngsters bulled their way to victory when little Joe Daileader, on fourth and one reached across the goal line as Rosen and Buckley drove their opponents backwards to give Scituate a 20-18 lead.

Sunday brings a new challenge to the Sharks when their rival and also unbeaten Marshfield travels to Scituate for a 1:00 p.m. tilt with the victor claiming first place in division one of the OCYFL.

Scituate kicked off to Barnstable but Drew Nahill and Patrick Twohig did not allow the Barnstable returner to cross the 35-yard line. The defense shutdown any attempt at a passing game that Barnstable threw at them. Facing one of the toughest running backs they will see this year, Michael Stewart, Jack White and an injured John Foster stepped up their game and turned the ball over on downs to Scituate. All that was left to do was put the ball in Haggerty's hands and let him run out the clock sealing the victory for the Sharks.

After Barnstable took a quick 6-0 lead in the first quarter, Haggerty broke loose for a 36 yard bootleg, diving into the end zone for Scituate's first score of the afternoon. Matt McCrae hauled in the conversion pass and the Sharks led 8-6. The ever-determined Barnstable offense scored right before the half and led 12-8 at the break.

The second half opened with Scituate receiving the ball and their running game starting to gain the advantage, until a questionable spot of the ball on fourth down turned the ball back over to Barnstable. Barnstable quickly capitalized and a minute into the fourth quarter built the 18-8 lead.

This victory completed an exciting weekend for the Sharks, whose junior varsity team beat Hanson, Saturday morning 28-0. These junior varsity players are the reason for the success on Sundays because not only do they perform on special teams and fill in for the injured starters, they also practice as hard as they can each night allowing the starters to prepare for their next opponent.

Hats off to Tommy Ryan, Andrew DelGrosso, Mark DelGrosso, Ryan Gillis, Chris Leclair, Gideon Bernstein, Matt Gregory, Michael Rosen, Jack White, Drew Nahill, Patrick Thowig, David Mavilia, Greg Hurley, Paul Harrigan and Jake Brady who all performed admirably Saturday.

A special call out to the following "teammates" who due to injuries are not able to participate in games but have attended every practice encouraging and supporting their teammates at all times: Christian Davis, Grady Comeau and Thomas Fogarty.

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Back to the grind

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vated when the score could have been much more lopsided."

Skippers 4, Abington 0

Scorers: Torey Hart, Maggie McGoldrick, Caroline Fein, Danielle Sookiasian

This home win last Friday was pretty much a ditto of the two victories that followed.

There's Gold in them thar feet

Maggie McGoldrick has been the team's most consistent scorer of late. The senior captain has found twine in each of the last three games, bringing her season total to eight goals and three assists.

She's ba-ack

Senior keeper Johanna Brophy returned to action for the first time since being lost quite literally to busted-in teeth in the season opener way back on Sept. 4.

The splint was taken off Brophy's front teeth earlier in the week, and she had a mouth guard fitted by her dentist. She played the first half of the Mashpee game before giving way to heir apparent Charlotte Malone, who surrendered just four goals in her 9.5 games between the pipes.

"I just wanted to get Johanna's head back in it before the big showdown with Norwell," explained Beal. "Johanna has been our keeper the last few years, and this is a start she's earned. This season is really about the seniors who've been through so much with me over the last four years.

"Believe me; it's not reflection at all on Charlotte. She's done a tremendous job for us. She's really made the most of her opportunity to shine. She's had some very solid defense in front of her, but she's made the saves when called upon too to earn that 0.42 goal's against average. She's still got another whole season in front of her, and I know the keeper position is in great hands next season too with her."

Some closing thoughts from Coach Beal

"I am looking forward to the remaining weeks and find it hard to believe we are 10 games in," said Beal. "In the next few weeks we crank up the fitness and we perfect the skills we have already."

The Lady Skippers finish the regular season with big non-league tilts against higher division teams from Notre Dame, Rockland and Plymouth North).

"I scheduled those to help us prepare for the tournament," said Beal. "We have been fortunate to date with (no) cancellations, but the rest of the season is tight as far as recovery time goes, so we need to stay healthy and injury free, which gets harder as the kids get tired and their school work load increases.

"That's the nice thing about fall sports; they don't have much work during the first part of the season but it catches up very quickly around this time with the midterm here and the first term over in early November. Not only are these kids great athletes but they are also great students. They are forced to balance their time efficiently."

Forwards

Torey Hart leads the way with six goals and three assists. Said Beal of sophomores Kaci Kucinski and Caroline Fein: "up top together is some serious speed and they have been great job together."

The coach also lauded the play of Danielle Sookiasian, Alex Foley, Brittany Dunn and Christine Coner, who has three goals and three assists out of an outside flank position.

Midfielders

Said Beal: "Megan Richardson has been working very hard in practice and has found herself in the starting line up for some games. Mackenzie Hart and Christine Coner are providing a lot of speed on the outside flanks and creating some great scoring opportunities."

Center-mids Sarah Coggins and Maggie McGoldrick continue to lead the offensive attack and distribute the ball precisely to the forwards and flanks. Both these seniors have plans to play college soccer. Coggins has already committed to UVM, while McGoldrick is deciding between NYU and Holy Cross.

"They have the ability to take control of a game and change it," said Beal of the dynamic midfield duo. "They communicate very well with Sammi (Lehr) leading the defense and Torey (Hart) up leading the offense. The four of them on the field together is such an asset."

"Kristin Monaco has provided some great play and continues to improve her game," continued Beal. "She is a hard worker who creates opportunities for her teammates by just doing her job. Melissa Campedelli has worked herself into the rotation and is jumping around a little bit for us helping out on the flanks and the center mid. Olivia Yerardi and Rachel Fredey also have been training with the varsity and giving some quality minutes on the game field."

Defense

Sammi Lehr, Meredith Kelly, Samantha Crough and Tori Lehr are, according to Beal, "in tip top shape."

"Not much gets by them," she added. "Sammi has taken the defensive leader role very seriously and makes sure everyone is moving and supporting one another back there."

Beal also noted that sophomores Carli Haggerty and Lindsay Davis seem to be learning from what she calls the "best defensive unit in the league."

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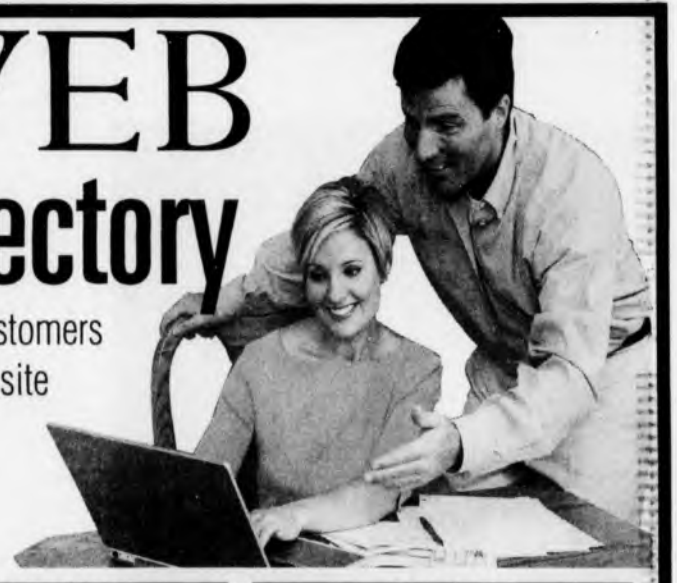
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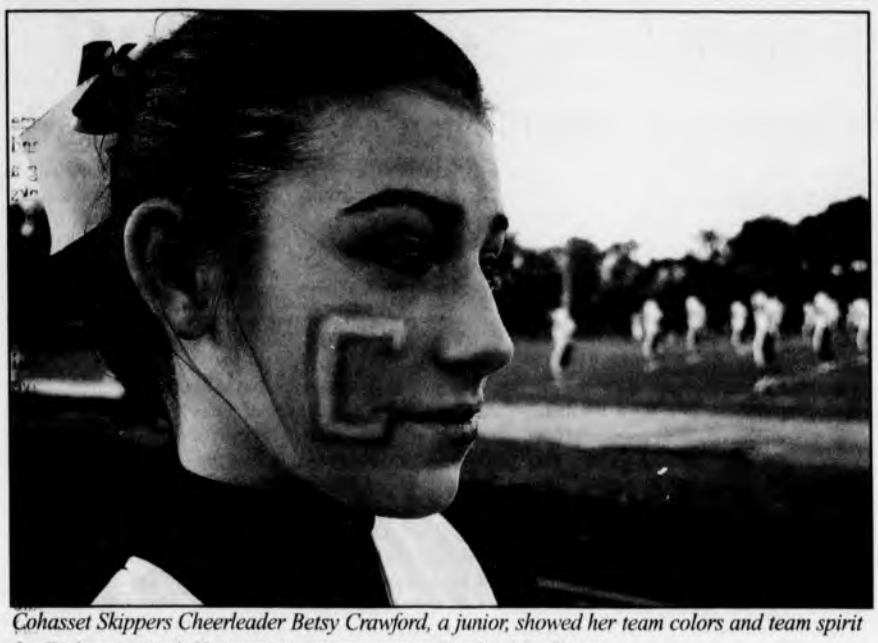
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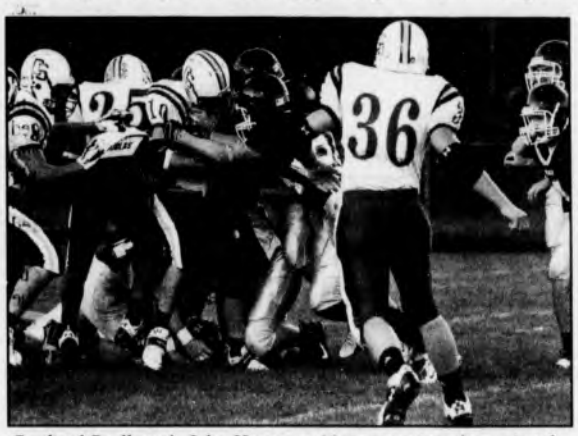
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Cohasset Skippers Cheerleader Betsy Crawford, a junior, showed her team colors and team spirit for Friday evening's Homecoming game against Cardinal Spellman.



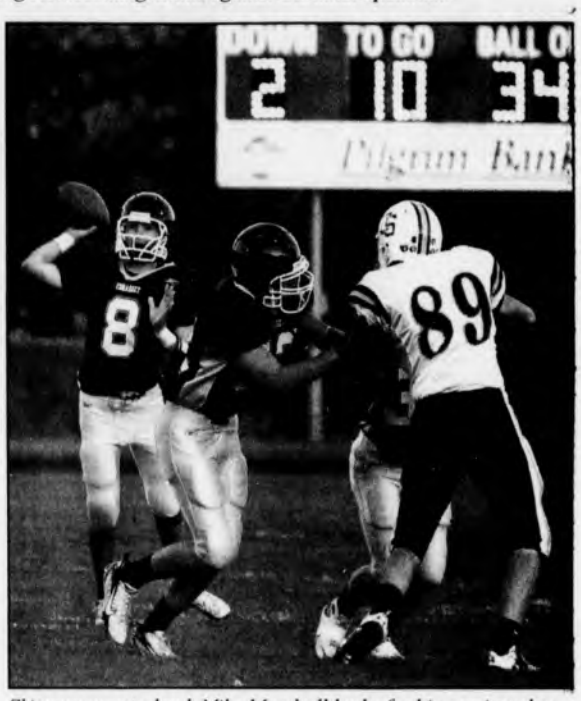
A football player makes a grand entrance as he heads into the Cohasset Skippers Cheerleaders Team banner for the Friday evening Homecoming Game against Cardinal Spellman.



Cardinal Spellman's John Haggerty-10 goes against the grain of the Cohasset Skippers during Friday's Homecoming Game. Cohasset resistance pushed them past Spellman with a final score of 27-13.



The Skippers run through a tunnel of Skipper Cheerleaders with pompoms during last Friday evening's Homecoming game.

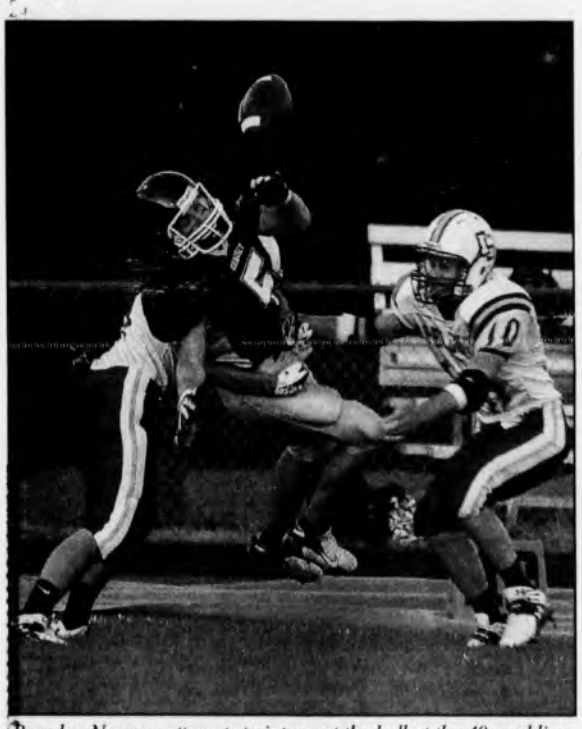


Skippers quarterback Mike Marshall looks for his receiver during the homecoming game.

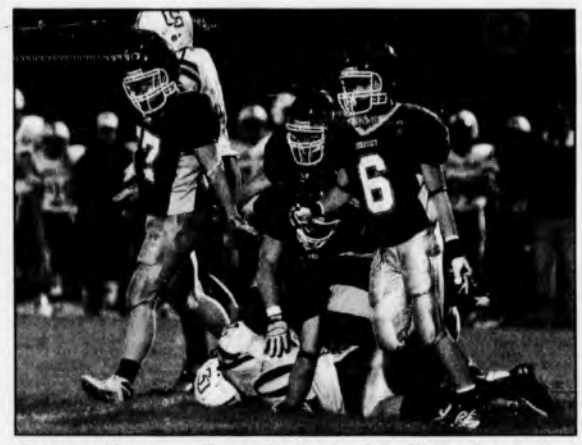
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Skippers tackle Spellman under Friday night lights

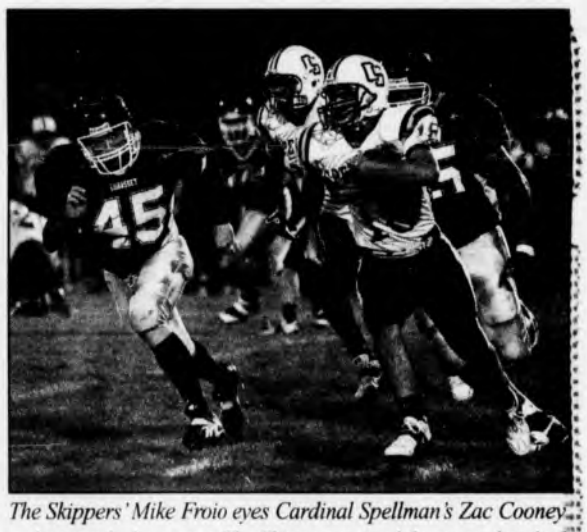
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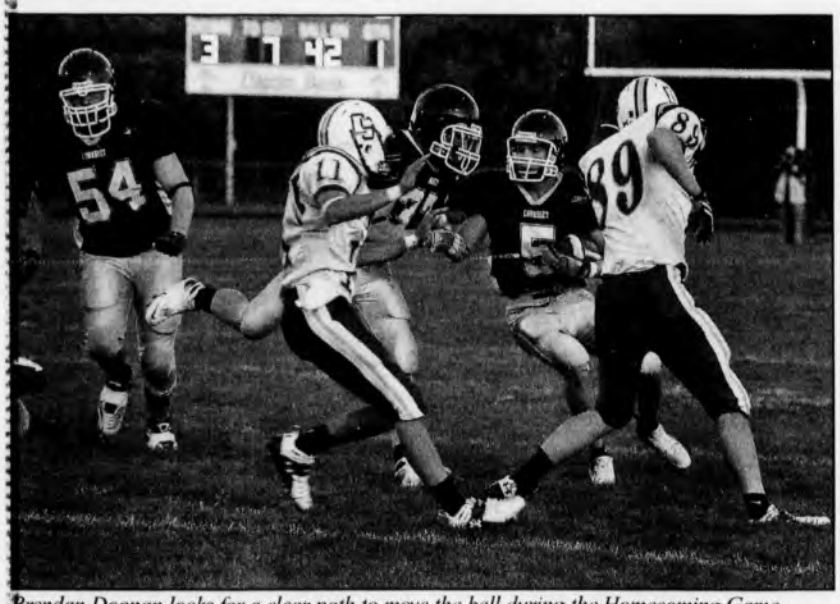
Brendan Noonan attempts to intercept the ball at the 40 yard line, but a Cardinal Spellman player had other plans for Noonan. The Skippers faced Spellman during Friday evening's Homecoming.



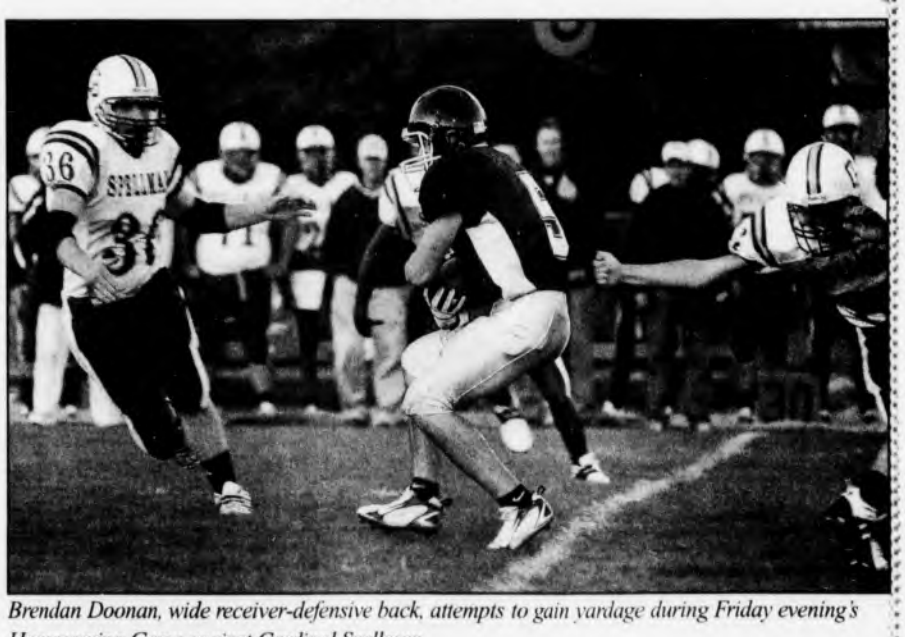
Cohasset Skippers roll over the Cardinal Spellman players during Friday's Homecoming Game.



The Skippers' Mike Froio eyes Cardinal Spellman's Zac Cooney as he rounds the corner. The Skippers gained the upper hand of the ball and won.



Brendan Doonan looks for a clear path to move the ball during the Homecoming Game against Cardinal Spellman.



Brendan Doonan, wide receiver-defensive back, attempts to gain yardage during Friday evening's Homecoming Game against Cardinal Spellman.



Cohasset Skippers Head Coach Pete Afanasiw applauds his team after winning Friday's Homecoming game against Cardinal Spellman with a final score of 27-13.



Defensive tackle Nick Simonds raises his helmet after being named Homecoming King Friday evening during Halftime. Nick was joined soon after by Homecoming Queen Ashley Thompson.



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Ashley Thompson and defensive tackle Nick Simonds, both seniors, pose for a photo after being named Homecoming King and Queen during halftime last Friday evening.

Students made spirit week a success!

LIFE AT CHS

LAUREN MACK



First of all, I'd like to recognize all those who participated in the spirit week festivities. But I'd especially like to congratulate the senior class for stepping up to the plate by not only participating, but also by behaving incredibly responsible with the restrictions put on us and showing our school spirit.

Overall, the week went extremely well, and aside from a few issues such as old rivalries and crowd surfing at the homecoming dance, there were no significant issues. If you happened to catch the game last Friday night, you'd know that not only did Cohasset win, but that we also have a new homecoming King and Queen! Ashley Thompson and Nick Simonds now hold the throne, however, I heard from an inside source that last year's king, Matt Blaze, is reluctant to give up his crown.

This year's French Exchange, a joint program with Scituate High School, begins next week. The foreign exchange students will be arriving from suburbs around the Paris area to stay with their assigned American students and will live with their host families for 10 days and then in February, the American students will stay with their host families, also for 10 days. Also, big news this week is that today was a half day, which is significant because it is extremely rare for a Friday to be a half day, not to mention the fact that Monday is Columbus Day, making an already long weekend even longer.

A new face in the high school faculty but no stranger to the student body, Ms. Carolyn Crimmins really brings a ray of sunshine into the English department. Formerly an 8th grade teacher, Ms. Crimmins was promoted to teach in the high school. However, she teaches freshmen, meaning that she has a large majority of the same students that she had last year. Anyone who's ever had Crimmins knows that her affection for Leonardo DiCaprio is just as deep as her love for Shakespeare. When asked why she loves her Romeo so, she responded that, "He's a humanitarian, an environmentalist, and an intellectual l— except I hate that he dates 21-year-old models. Whatever. You can't get everything you want, right?" And with that, I leave you all to a wonderful super-extended long weekend! Adios!

Lauren Mack is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly during the school year.

DEER HILL, OSGOOD MENUS

MONDAY, OCT. 13
Holiday.

TUESDAY, OCT. 14
Homestyle waffles with maple syrup, sausage patty, fresh orange quarters.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15
Rotini past with meatballs, side garden salad, sweet grapes.

THURSDAY, OCT. 16
Create your own cheeseburger with all the fixings, baked shoestring fries, animal cookies.

FRIDAY, OCT. 17
French bread pizza, fresh baby carrots and celery sticks with ranch dressing, diced peaches.

SCHOOLS

Cohasset students earn AP Scholar Awards

Twenty-eight students at Cohasset High School have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP) provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the 1.6 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams.

One student qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. This student is Sarah Brown.

Ten students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exam taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are: **Marcus Barrett, Samantha Burgoon, Jacqueline Cahill, Jonathan Choi, Jessica Fitts, Fiona McBride, Rachel McMorris, Sara Meehan, David Oddleifson,** and **Emerson Oronte.**

Seventeen students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are **Matthew Blaze, Oliver Brennan, Lennart Brown, Jennifer Cahill, Melissa Castro, Evan Deutsch, Colin Dignam, Brittany Dunn, Margaret Goodwin, Sondra Hart, Chloe Koines, Alexandra Lesniewski-Lass, Jesse Meade, Conor Ofsthun, Charles Sceery, Graham Sinclaire,** and **David Toomey.**

Of this year's award recipients at Cohasset High School, 15 are juniors: **Marcus Barrett, Lennart Brown, Jennifer Cahill, Melissa Castro, Jonathan Choi, Brittany Dunn, Jessica Fitts, Margaret Goodwin, Fiona McBride, Rachel McMorris, David Oddleifson, Conor Ofsthun, Charles Sceery, Graham Sinclaire,** and **David Toomey.** These students have at least one more year in which to complete college-level work and possibly earn a higher-level AP Scholar Award.

Through 37 different college-level courses and exams, AP provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admissions process. Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers, ensuring that our exams are aligned with the same high standards expected by college faculty at some of the nation's leading liberal arts and research institutions. AP is accepted by more than 3,600 colleges and universities worldwide for college credit, advanced placement, or both on the basis of successful AP Exam grades. This includes more than 90 percent of four-year institutions in the United States. Research consistently shows that AP students who score a 3 or higher on AP exams (based on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest) typically experience greater academic success in college and higher graduation rates than students who do not participate in AP.

The College Board is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the association is composed of more than 5,400 schools, colleges, universities, and other educational organizations. Each year, the College Board serves seven million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools, and 3,500 colleges through major programs and services in college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment, and teaching and learning. Among its best-known programs are the SAT, the PSAT/NMSQT, and the Advanced Placement Program (AP). The College Board is committed to the principles of excellence and equity, and that commitment is embodied in all of its programs, services, activities, and concerns.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

New school Web site launched

The Cohasset Schools has an entirely new Web site. The revamped site will still be able to be accessed at www.cohassetk12.org.

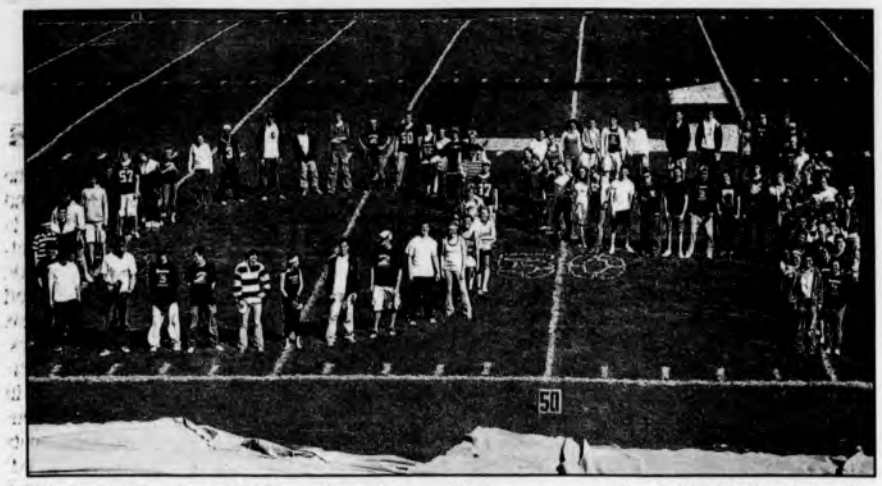
The site will be composed of five sites, each one to be frequently updated by administrators, teachers and staff. Teachers will be able to have their own site to post homework assignments, the Superintendent will be able to post messages, and the daily school lunch menu will be available as well. The ability to purchase school lunches online will be available around the time of the new Web site launch.

Recreation Department to offer Sunday Jams

Recreation Department director Ted Carroll has tapped music industry veteran and Cohasset resident Howie Altholtz to help coordinate Sunday Jams, a program of music for teens. Altholtz has been involved in the music business for more than 25 years, as a writer, performing artist, producer and lawyer.

Carroll and Altholtz envision starting with Sunday Jams at the Recreation Center. Depending on interest, additional services may include advice on the business of music, songwriting clinics and guest music business insiders, including artists, producers and managers.

For information, email Carroll at tcarroll@townofcohasset.org or call 781.383.4109. A schedule is in the works, and any input and ideas would be welcome.



Members of the class of 2009 spell out their graduation year on the football field after their rally.

Skipper pride!



The cheerleading squad goes through its routine during the pep rally.

Pep rally caps off school spirit week

Staff photos by Robin Chan



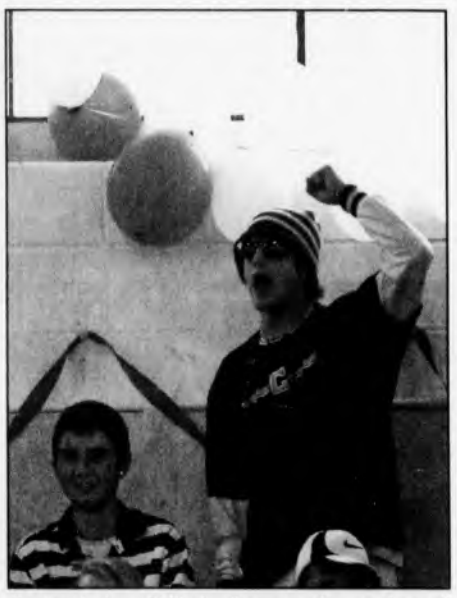
Junior Ian Porter cheers on the Skippers as the various fall sports are introduced to the student body during the pep rally last Friday.



Science teacher Ann Thomae is overjoyed about getting a superfan shirt for being one of the teachers who helped out with the pep rally.



Junior, Melissa Campedelli, wears her Skipper pride with her face paint and soccer jersey while playing the flute , during the pep rally.



Senior Andrew DiPaolo cheers on the members of the golf team as they are introduced to the student body.



Music teacher Brian Marks leads the student body in the Cohasset fight song that hadn't been sung in years.



Boys soccer captain Lennart Brown announces the winners of the super fan T-shirts for those students who showed the most spirit throughout the week.



The homecoming court stands before the student body near the end of their pep rally. The court includes Margaret Goodwin, Conor Ofshtun, Nick Simonds, Maddelyn Leahy, Ashley Thompson, Marcus Barrett, Anna Roberts, and Marcus Charles.

A Village Night Out
COHASSET

Thursday, October 16th
5:00pm-9:00pm

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10% of all sales will be donated to Hope in Bloom, a local Non-profit organization that provides indoor and outdoor gardens for those undergoing treatment for breast cancer

Rec Notes

Introducing kids to the kitchen

Cohasset Recreation Center is at 41 Highland Ave. For more information or to sign up for activities, call 781-383-4109 or visit recreation@townofcohasset.org.

Hatha Yoga Class – Moving meditation including gentle stretching and strengthening postures with breathing exercises to decrease stress and increase flexibility. Meets Thursdays, at 10:30 a.m., at Town Hall. Cost is $8.

Kitchen Kids – This is a great way to introduce kids to the joy of creative cooking in a fun and safe atmosphere. Even the fussiest eaters will be thrilled to east something they have made themselves. The class is hands-on with step-by-step instructions in a safe, clean environment. Instructor: Sandy Tremblay. Saturday, Oct. 18, Freakish Feasts. Ages 5 through 8 meet from 9 to 11 a.m.; ages 9 through 12, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is $30.

Drive in Control – Sunday, Oct. 19 from 1 to 5:30 p.m. In Control Advanced Driver Training is the first Massachusetts certified driver skills course in the state. Drivers are taught how to avoid crashes and how to best respond in a variety of high speed driving situations, including ABS braking, tailgating (and what safe driving distances really are), car control, handling distractions while driving, etc. Students will have the opportunity to get behind the wheel with a professional driver and practice these emergency situations. Class will take place in South Weymouth. Group class rate for Cohasset Recreation is $274, $225 for second/subsequent member of same family. Insurance deductions are available with most insurance carriers.

Babysitting Course – Meets at Paul Pratt Library. This one-day, three-hour course is designed to assist fifth-through seventh-graders to be better babysitters and learn the do's and don'ts of being home alone. The course will cover information on child development, playing with younger children, basic first aid, fire safety and prevention, and the overall responsibilities of babysitting. Instructor: Kim Cleary, a nurse and mom. Each class is limited to 18 pre-registered students. Cost is $18. The class will meet 9 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, Oct. 25.

CPR – Meets at Cohasset Town Hall. American Heart Association CPR courses instructed by members of the Cohasset Fire Department. CPR instruction will include adult, child and infant CPR. Two-year certification card. Cost is $45 per class. Class one meets 6 to 10 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Kids Love Crafts – Meets at the Recreation Center. Join others for a jammed-filled program of ooey, gooey arts and crafts, stories and songs. Watch one's 2-to 4-year old child make a mess and have some fun as they create crafts that can be treasured for a lifetime. Space is limited to 10 children with parent. Meets Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. Cost for the six-week session is $60. Session 2: Nov. 18 through Dec. 23; Session 3: Jan. 6 through Feb. 10; Session 4: March 3 through April 14; and Session 5: May 5 through June 9.

Boot Camp Fitness –Meets on Cohasset Common. Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., through Dec. 1. This is an interval calisthenic training program for men and women. Class includes running/walking, jump roping, jacks, lunges, squat thrusts, single running knees, skipping, push-ups, sit-ups, stairs and hills. Class goal is to improve cardio endurance, and strength. Bring water, jump rope, running shoes and dress in layers. Get ready to bring fitness level to the next phase. Instructor: Betsy Callanan. Cost for 10 weeks is $100.00.

Ski and Snowboard Lessons – Improve skiing and snowboarding at Waterville Valley and Bretton Woods with four days of skiing and two 1 fi-hour lessons. Luxury motor coach to and from Cohasset Town Hall. Ski days are Sunday, Dec.14, Saturday, Jan. 3, Saturday, Jan. 24, and Saturday, Feb. 7. Cost is $279.99.

Yoga – At Cohasset Town Hall. Vinyasa yoga class will feature flowing meditation style class including moving from one pose to the next on an inhale or an exhale in a smooth way that the poses run together and become like a dance. Meets Tuesdays, at 9:30 a.m. Cost is $8.

Recreation Department seeks donations

Cohasset Recreation Department is sprucing up the Teen Center and are looking for cash donations, bar stools, folding tables and chairs, pool tables, ping pong tables, foosball tables, air hockey tables, arcade games, video game systems and televisions. Maybe that flat screen TV bought a few years ago doesn't seem quite as big as it used to. All donations are eligible for tax deduction. With help, the Recreation Center will be a safe and enjoyable after school destination and the best spot in town to host a party.

Senior Scene

Dental implants without surgery

Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring the following events. Call 781-383-9112 to register..

- Wednesday, Oct. 15, 11 a.m. to noon. "The Purple Cow," presented by Dr. Joseph Santelli, DDS. He will speak on mini dental implants that involve no surgery. Following the seminar, a gourmet lunch will be provided by the Angel Food Project. Donation: $2.50.
- Wednesday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m. to noon. "Using Newest Technology & Collaboration to Improve Our Connections," presented by Lucille Sorrentino, Tina Dwyer and Anna Hall. Dessert will be provided by Weymouth Health Care. Gourmet lunch provided by Arthur Roebuck. Donation is $2.50.

Legion seeking donations for those deployed

Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

The George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 is seeking donations of toiletries and other items for those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations may be dropped off at the Legion Post on Summer Street daily after 3 p.m. or at Pilgrim Cooperative Bank branches on 3A or in the village.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. The following items are being collected at the American Legion for deployed servicemen and women:

Batteries - AA and AAA, razors, mouthwash, Chapstick, nuts, shaving cream Ziploc bags of all sizes, hand warmers, baby wipes, pens and notepaper, Pringles, toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss.

Also, sports magazines, local newspapers, socks, T-shirts, candy (no chocolate), phone cards, peanut butter and crackers, dry tuna in a bag, deodorant, winter hats and gloves, gum, mints, Lifesavers, Q-Tips, sunscreen, soap and body wash, dry soup, beef jerky, Tylenol, Advil, Excedrin and cameras.

Also, athlete's foot cream or spray, bandanas, socks, Bounce dryer sheets, chap sticks, ground coffee, CoffeeMate, antibiotic cream, duct tape, used CD or DVD's, paperbacks, knee-hi hose, cologne, Band-Aids, a variety of shoe inserts, playing cards, black pens, writing pads, envelopes, puzzle magazines, flea collars, lens cleaner for glasses, Ramen noodles in the cup, breakfast bars, gum, single-serve packets hot chocolate or soup, Pringles, hard candy, and microwave popcorn. Personal notes or cards are encouraged.

Beechwood Church Harvest Supper and Auction

The annual Harvest Supper and Auction will take place Thursday, Oct. 23, at Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., Cohasset, for the 85th straight year. In years past, members have personally made calls to people in surrounding towns in order to make dinner reservations. This policy is being phased out. Instead, the first 100 people will be seated on a first-come basis. Those who want can call the church and order reservations on the voice mail at 781-383-0808. Seating begins at 5:30 for dinner, which will be served at 6:30.

This year's menu will include ham, herbed roasted potatoes, green beans, Harvard beets, coffee and dessert. Dinner is $9 for adults and $4.50 for children. An auction of locally harvested produce, pies, homemade goods and various donated items will take place immediately following dinner.

Author Beth A. Grosshans discusses new book

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset, welcomes Beth A. Grosshans, Ph.D. at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22. Grosshans will be discussing her book, "Beyond Time-Out: From Chaos to Calm," written with Janet Burton. The book describes the havoc current parenting trends have caused, and then outlines the necessary tools to lead children to more controlled, respectful and cooperative behavior.

Beth A. Grosshans, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist in private practice with more than 15 years of clinical experience working with children and their families. She has taught a child development course at Princeton Center for Montessori Teacher Education for over eight years, and has been a frequent speaker in the New Jersey Montessori Network of Schools since 1992. Free event, adult refreshments will be served. If you would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

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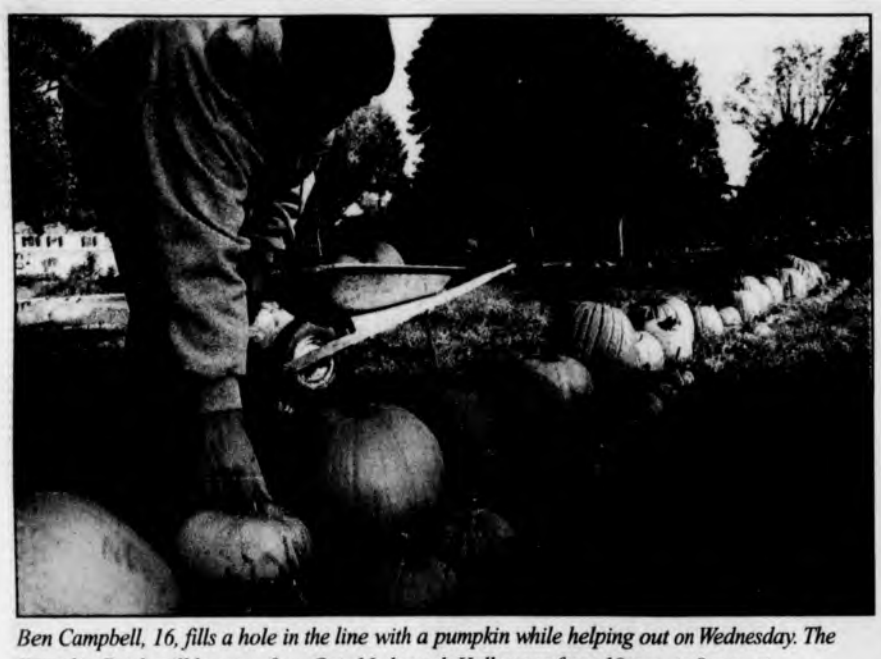
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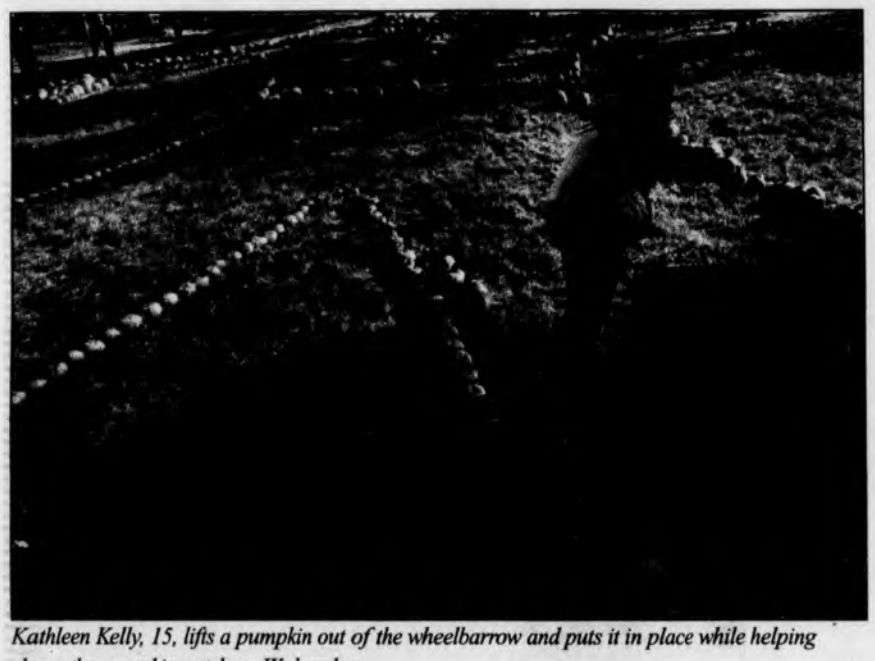
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Ben Campbell, 16, fills a hole in the line with a pumpkin while helping out on Wednesday. The Pumpkin Patch will be open from Oct. 11 through Halloween from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Wheelwright Park.



Kathleen Kelly, 15, lifts a pumpkin out of the wheelbarrow and puts it in place while helping shape the pumpkin patch on Wednesday



Ayla Suncanson, 2, of Hingham picks out a pumpkin from the patch while enjoying the pumpkins with her grandfather.

Special delivery

Pumpkins arrive at Wheelwright Park

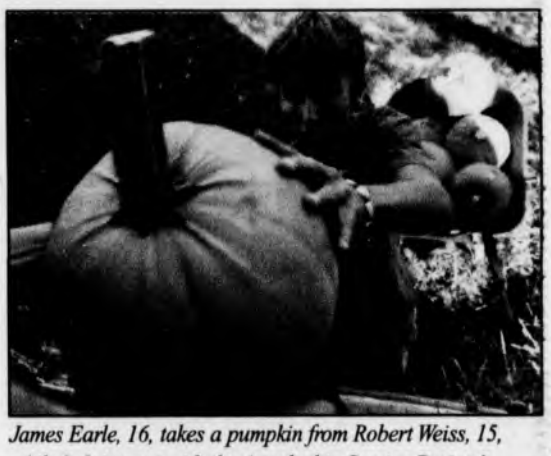
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Mike Fithian, 17, helps put the pumpkins in the right spot while helping piece together the pumpkin patch with the other Appalachia Service Project volunteers. The Pumpkin Patch will be open from Oct. 11 through Halloween from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Wheelwright Park.



Ashley Howard, 15, hands a pumpkin off to Kathleen Kelly, 15, while helping unload the truck on Wednesday afternoon. The Pumpkin Patch will be open from Oct. 11 through Halloween from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Wheelwright Park.



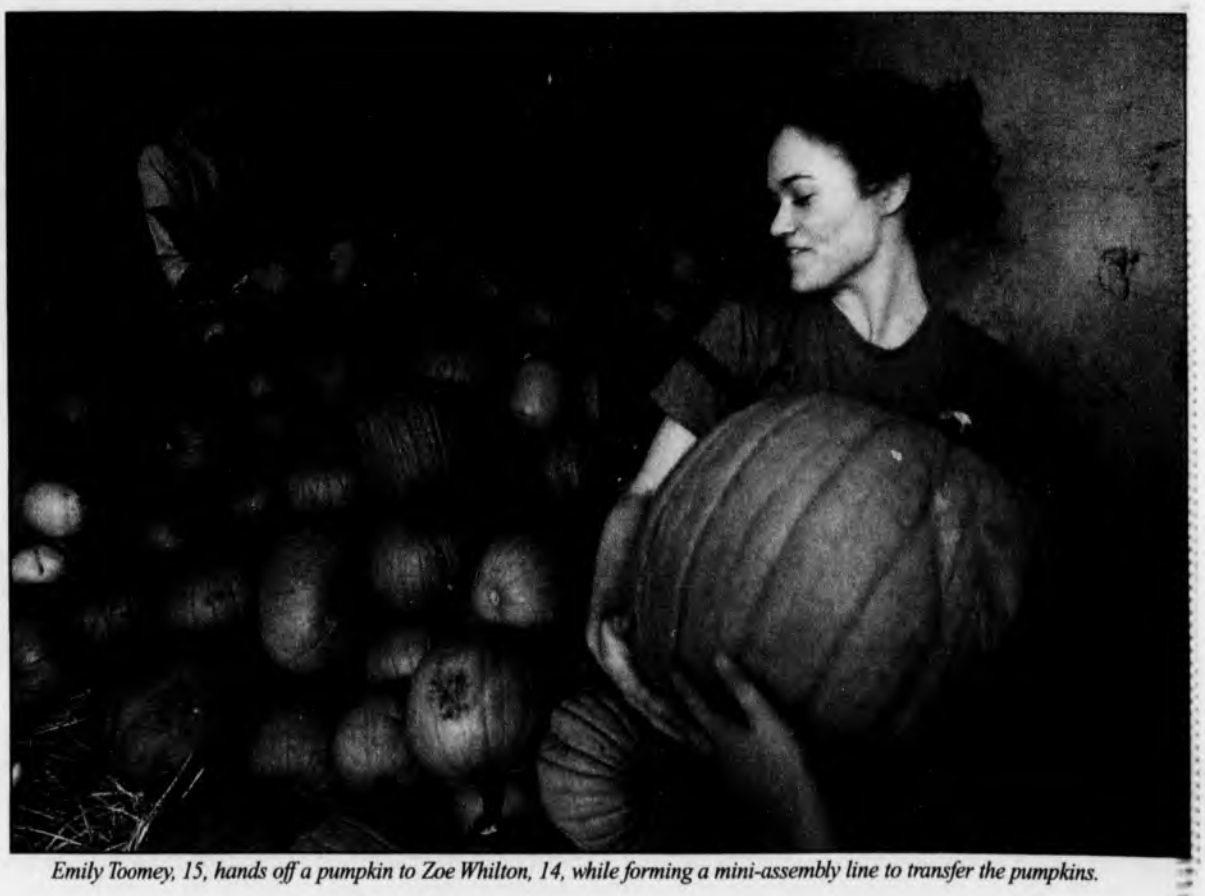
James Earle, 16, takes a pumpkin from Robert Weiss, 15, while helping out with the Appalachia Service Project's annual pumpkin sale at Wheelwright Park.



Andrew Fewsmith, 15, quickly grabs two pumpkins from rolling down the mound while helping out with transferring the pumpkins from the back of the truck. There are roughly 4,000 pumpkins large and small that the Appalachia Service Project will be selling at Wheelwright park.



Emily Baumgarten, 14, picks up a pumpkin from the back of the truck while helping out on Wednesday. The Pumpkin Patch will be open from Oct. 11 through Halloween from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Wheelwright Park.



Emily Toomey, 15, hands off a pumpkin to Zoe Whilton, 14, while forming a mini-assembly line to transfer the pumpkins.

Business Notes

Bixby appointed chairman of Bar Association Taxation Law Section

Cohasset resident Brian D. Bixby has been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association president Edward W. McIntyre as the chairman of the association's Taxation Law Section for the 2008-09 year, beginning Sept. 1. Bixby is co-chairman of the Private Client Group at Burns & Levinson LLP in Boston, where he concentrates on estate and tax planning, fiduciary administration and probate court litigation.



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Brian D. Bixby

The MBA's Taxation Law Section is a driving force behind estate tax reform in Massachusetts. It acts as a forum for members to foster ties with the government, Internal Revenue Service, and the Department of Revenue while suggesting legislation; providing services to the section and the bar and acting as the liaison between the section's membership and the MBA House of Delegates.

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Bixby has received the AV rating from *Martindale-Hubbell*, the highest professional excellence rating category awarded based upon opinions solicited from members of the bar. This rating is given only to lawyers who have "Very High to Preeminent Legal Ability" and who embrace "Very High Professional Standards." Since 2007, Bixby has been on the Board of Directors for the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston & Affiliates. He also works with Senior Partners for Justice, a program where lawyers offer legal assistance to low-income Massachusetts residents in family law matters.

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Organist Gail Archer to play at St. Stephen's Church

Celebrating its 17th year, St. Stephen's Concert Series in Cohasset will present organist Gail Archer of New York City in a recital at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 26, in a program featuring the music of 20th century French organist Olivier Messiaen. The music of this composer is highly controversial and uses elements of bird song, Gregorian chant, Far Eastern scales and scales of his own construction – all in a mission to bring the music of the church into the world and to musically present Christian truths in the concert hall. Archer lives in New York and serves as chairman of the music department at Barnard College, Columbia University.

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The church is at 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and there is plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

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Activities scheduled for the day include two morning fun runs, a 5K and a 1-miler, a mapping game for anyone older than 12 years, and a nature discovery game for families with children younger than 12. In the afternoon, starting at 2, local environmental scientist Steve Ivas will lead a guided tour of the woods highlighting many of the features that have made the woods such a wonderful source of recreation and education. During the noon hour visitors are invited to bring a picnic, listen to music, visit the farm animals and historic barns and explore the nearby fields and woods.

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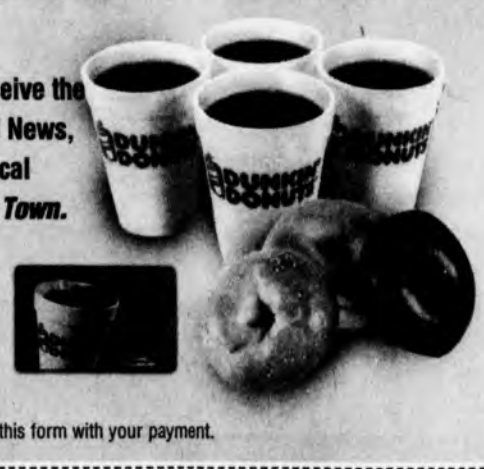
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

10:27 a.m. **North Main St., and Sohier St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports one of his excavators just hit the gas main. Fire Capt. requesting Gas Company to the scene.

12:55 p.m. **Bow St.**, disturbance – neighborhood, ongoing neighbor dispute. Officers have spoken to parties involved in the volume of music that did not seem excessive for the time of day, but it could be heard from the caller's back deck. Caller stated that she could not work, could not enjoy her home and was forced to keep all of her doors closed to block out the music which she said was offensive to her. Responding officers did not think the music was loud enough to become too offensive but spoke with male party about being more considerate of his neighbors. Male party agreed to turn the music down a little to keep peace with the neighbor but was not forced to do so because of any police action.

4:50 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:40 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, animal complaint, ACO requesting officer to assist at above location – sick cat –

ACO is out of town. Officer reports – no one home.

5:52 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:35 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, assist citizen, caller reports there is a vehicle in the neighborhood that keeps on going through the red light on Jerusalem Road, this occurred 2 days ago.

8:58 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious person, walk in party reports there is a white male outside her building cutting tree limbs, officer report male checks out – he is a resident of the complex.

9:09 p.m. **Hull St.**, well being check, caller reports her daughter (21-year-old) is out at above location – possibly on drugs, officer checked above location – no one home.

9:29 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:18 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

1:05 a.m. **South Main St.**, open door/window.

3:32 a.m. 209A violation, one violation occurred in Boston and one occurred in Hingham. Caller was advised to contact Boston Police and Hingham Police.

7:06 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

8:33 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, officer wanted, 911 caller states that she is home alone but hears someone upstairs. House checked and secure.

2:08 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, minor motor vehicle crash.

3:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, caller reports a dog locked in a vehicle with the windows up, caller is concerned for the dogs well being. Vehicle not located.

4:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, B&E (past/report), caller reports a past B&E.

5:24 p.m. **Joy Pl.**, investigation, calls reporting no water at area of Joy Place. Left messaged with the Water Dept. L&M Holding and Water Dept. on scene finishing up. Water to be turned back on. Water Dept. confirms water to be turned back on 5:30.

8:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:59 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Scituate dispatch called to let them know of a call they received from a party driving on Route 3A heading south into Cohasset of a motor vehicle driving erratically. Officer followed motor vehicle through Cohasset on Route 3A and reports the driver shows no sign of driving erratically. Called Scituate to inform them.

9:55 p.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, mutual aid, 911 caller reports her husband had back problems and is unable to get out of his car. Mutual aid ambulance from Hull responding.

10:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

1:49 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:50 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:03 a.m. **Border St.**, noise complaint, caller reports "disturbing the peace." Caller states he has called several times about the trash being picked up at Atlantica before 6 a.m. Caller "wants to know why something hasn't been done." Lt. spoke with the manager, the restaurant has advised their disposal company to change the pick up time to later in the morning. The restaurant will recall the disposal company. Manager is very cooperative and apologetic.

6:19 a.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, caller states "there is a cat in the middle of the road." Location given as "Main Street between the golf course and Route 3A." Caller was unsure if the cat was deceased. It is a raccoon.

10:37 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party to HQ requesting to speak to an officer.

1:16 p.m. **Nichols Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports his wife has been involved in a motor vehicle crash.

2:09 p.m. **Grace Drive**, downed tree, DPW reports a large tree down on the wires at this location. National Grid notified and responding.

4:37 p.m. **Sohier St.**, fire investigation, caller reports an unknown alarm going off in her basement.

6:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:54 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8;05 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports kids on the railroad tracks at this location, officer reports the kids weren't walking on the tracks, they have been advised.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

1:03 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:04 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:53 a.m. **Doane St.**, vandalism report, caller reports several mailboxes damaged overnight.

11:13 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious person, walk in party is a minister, came into speak to an officer regarding a suspicious male that approached her to talk to her and he wanted to talk to her alone but she refused to do so and he said he was just released from jail and was offended that she wouldn't talk to him and he left the area.

11:20 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

11:20 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

11:26 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deer Hill/Osgood School check.

2:06 p.m. Domestic, walk in party to speak to an officer regarding his girlfriend that he is breaking up with, she has stolen his car and locked him out of the house and took the keys and has not been heard from in about 3 days.

2:29 p.m. **North Main St.**, hazard, 911 callers report the train leaving Cohasset Station heading inbound has a wheel on fire. MBTA notified via bapern 3 as well and the MBTA Chief's Office. They have notified the engineer and the train is stopped.

2:52 p.m. **Hobart Lane and Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports a motor vehicle has gone off the road, unknown injuries. Vehicle just slid on mud, no reports needed.

4:51 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a black Chevy Suburban swerving all over the road, caller reports the vehicle has pulled into the Stop & Shop. Officer reports he has found the vehicle in the parking lot, no one in the area at this time.

5:03 p.m. **Diab Lane**, officer wanted, caller reports a female party wanted by the police has come back to the above location where she is not wanted. Arrest: Sonja Kirstina Dahlberg, 44, 174 Main St., Norwell. Charges: A&B with dangerous weapon.

5:40 p.m. **Elm St.**, 209A service.

6:57 p.m. **Lower King St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports at the above location the train gates stayed down for a few minutes without a train passing through, MBTA notified. Officer on scene reports the train is now coming through.

9:42 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, caller (wrecker driver) requesting officer to above location – there is a motor vehicle parked in no parking area – blocking vehicle that is stuck in driveway.

10:44 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28

11:03 a.m. Officer wanted, walk in party would like to speak with an officer regarding an emergency restraining order.

4 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, assist citizen, 4 p.m. 911 cell caller states; "the gates are down and the lights are flashing." "This has been going on for 5 minutes and there hasn't been a train."

4:12 p.m. **Pond St., and Clay Spring Rd.**, assist citizen, caller states the crosswalk at this location is faded, motor vehicles do not stop for people in the crosswalk, there are a lot of school children using this crosswalk, caller requests the crosswalk be painted.

4:36 p.m. **South Main St.**, hazard, caller states he got 2 flat tires while driving on the roadway, he thinks it was from a raised catch basin, he further states the resident of a nearby house states several motor vehicles had the same problem today, there is a sink hole by the catch basin.

4:48 p.m. **Pond St.**, assist other Police Department, Lakeland Florida Police checking on the status of a notification.

4:54 p.m. **North Main St., and Joy Pl.**, hazard (traffic), there is a sinkhole in the roadway.

5:18 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, hazard, caller states there is a sinkhole in front of this residence.

5:48 p.m. **Beach St., and Atlantic Ave.**, fire investigation, caller reports an outside odor of gas.

8:11 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

8:11 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:30 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

MONDAY, SEPT. 29

1:15 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:18 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:43 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Nichols Rd.**, motor vehicle stop. A 44-year-old Cohasset man being summoned on charges: Operating motor vehicle with license suspended.

11:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:20 a.m. **Sohier St.**, Deerhill/Osgood School, building checks.

11:31 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash, walk in party reports on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 10:45 a.m. on South Main Street a raised sewer main cover in the road caused damage to a tire and rim on her vehicle.

1:10 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard, callers report the traffic lights are malfunctioning at this location, officer reports he has observed two cycles of lights and they appear to be working properly at this time.

1:33 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party would like to speak with an officer.

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3:30 p.m. **Brook St., and South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:45 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, animal complaint, officer reports there is a heavy set black Lab with silver choker chain running loose on the tracks.

5:59 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports his daughter backed up and hit a truck across from above location, officer reports heavy damage.

6:55 p.m. **Flintlock Ridge Rd.**, missing child, caller reports his 11-year-old son is missing, 4'8", 95 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, wearing blue shirt, shorts, sneakers. Officer reports child has been found, officer reports child went to dinner with neighbor – parents were not told – child is fine.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30

12:42 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop.

12:59 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

7:22 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, assist citizen, 911 caller states "there are motor vehicles racing up the road that are going to kill a child." No one in the area now, unit will remain on scene for traffic enforcement.

9:06 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning for tinted windows violation.

10:22 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:41 a.m. **Brewster Rd.**, public service, speed board has been placed at this location.

12:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, pursuit/vehicle, officer in pursuit of a stolen motor vehicle at this time. Officer reports high-speed chase at this time, vehicle heading into oncoming traffic passing vehicles. Hingham and Weymouth PD notified high-speed pursuit. Chase has been called off by Sgt. because of the dangerous operation.

12:34 p.m. **King St.**, investigation, unit off at this location for investigation and to review tapes.

4 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, animal complaint, light blue parakeet on the bird feeder.

5:36 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party reports they were overcharged on their credit car for food.

5:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:58 p.m. **Pond St.**, barking dogs, caller reports 4 dogs in the backyard barking – this is an ongoing problem. This is an ongoing neighbor dispute about the loud dogs, the calling parties stated that they would call the ACO about the issue.

6:28 p.m. **Pond St.**, officer wanted, caller wanted to speak to an officer in reference to gate left open – she thinks someone is leaving gate open. Officer spoke with calling party about her dogs barking, she stated she was only out for a few minutes and they usually have bark collars on, she also stated that she believes her gate was left open by someone and that no one is to be on her property.

7:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, notification, caller (Cohasset Water Dept.) reports they will be flushing hydrants on 3A, Brewster, Pond and Mendel Street.

9:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:48 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:18 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, suspicious activity, caller reports last building on left – lights are flashing inside building – no alarm going off, officer reports lights are flashing – no smoke or fire, Fire Dept enroute to check building.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

5:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:58 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:04 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:10 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:57 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement. No violators.

8:28 a.m. **Pleasant St., and Reservoir Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

1:05 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Bound Brook Lane**, traffic enforcement.

1:31 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard (traffic), caller reports debris in the road.

2:04 p.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:06 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2.20 p.m. **Spring St., and South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:10 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, officer reports parties informing him of strong odor of gas. Keyspan has been notified.

5:58 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:10 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, walk in party reports a small sign has been posted on the door of the Tedeschi's stating they will be back at 10:15, door is locked and all lights are on in the store. Officer reports talked with clerk of the store and he did leave the note and was back at 10:15.

10:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, OCT. 2

12:13 a.m. **Brewster Rd.**, 209A violation. Cohasset man being summoned on charges: Trespassing and larceny over $250 by single scheme.

12:17 a.m. **Elm Ct.**, assist other Police Department. Plymouth Police requests a stop and hold on motor vehicle, female operator was involved in an incident in their town, female party believed to have stolen a set of car keys and a pocketbook. Motor vehicle is now at the residence. Plymouth Police notified, they will issue a summons.

1:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:12 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

2:02 p.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:07 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

2:10 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

2:51 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

4:38 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, walk in party wants to log that she received a suspicious e-mail at work. It stated, "(name of female) sells cocaine. What a loser" Her attorney said to have it logged at the police station. This is part of an ongoing divorce. No crime involved.

6:04 p.m. **Sohier St.**, suspicious activity, walk in party reports around 4 p.m. an older brown mini van with two Hispanic females (mother and daughter) stopped in front of this address and tried to put a bike that was lying near the street in their car, when confronted they said they thought the bike was free. All units notified of the description of the vehicle.

7:44 p.m. **Schofield Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop/verbal warning.

9:32 p.m. **Town Parking Lot**, disturbance, caller reports there is a message on his daughter's phone of people arguing, he has identified the parties arguing in the message, he thinks the phone was dialed accidentally while in the pocket of the party listed above, he would like an officer to check the area. A 44-year-old Hingham man in protective custody.

10:54 p.m. **Cedar St.**, transport citizen, Norwell PD requests to meet a Cohasset cruiser to transport two females to Cedar Street who were involved in a motor vehicle accident.

FRIDAY, OCT. 3

1:03 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:04 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:05 a.m. **Bradford Rd., Weymouth**, suspicious activity, officer in returning from South Shore Hospital reports a car is parked on the side of the road and the passenger is passed out. Weymouth PD has been notified.

6:20 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted.

6:30 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:01 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:39 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:21 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, hazard, caller reports the traffic lights are stuck on red heading southbound.

9:53 a.m. **Border St.**, parking enforcement, zero violations.

10:25 a.m. **Elm St.**, larceny, walk in party to file report for a stolen expensive watch.

10:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

10:59 a.m. **Parking Way**, parking complaint, caller reports the two cars that are blocking motor vehicle, officer reports this is an issue with the way the parking lines were done, superintendent of the project has been notified and is responding to speak to the officer. Officer reports she has been able to contact a couple vehicle owners and they are going to be moving their car.

12:16 p.m. **Border St.**, identity theft/fraud.

4:54 p.m. **Elm St.**, larceny, caller requests to speak with an officer regarding larceny.

5 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports at 3:50 p.m. today her vehicle was hit on the driver's side and smashed the window, the vehicle that hit her kept driving, she describes the vehicle as a tan or beige Sedan, no plate number was taken. Hull PD reports they have a report on the same incident, the calling party has been sent to Hull PD to straighten out the situation. Determined the accident occurred in Cohasset/Hingham.

6:47 p.m. **Red Gate Lane and Fernway**, suspicious activity, caller reports seeing a suspicious black Sedan hanging in the area of his home, he is concerned it may be a party that is not wanted in the area, caller states the car headed in the area of Red Gate Lane. Officer has checked the area, nothing found, the license plate also does not match the vehicle in question.

8:25 p.m. **Elm St.**, notification, Blue Hills Towing notified to pick up a stolen vehicle from the police garage – Delta units all set with vehicle, Belmont PD also notified.

SATURDAY, OCT. 4

12:01 a.m. **Brewster Rd.**, B&E to motor vehicle, caller reports there is a male that has a No Trespass order inside of her car in the driveway, he left running up the street. Cars detailed to the area. Arrest: David Barrow, 43, 283 King St., Cohasset. Charges: Larceny over $250 and trespassing.

1 a.m. **Elm St.**, 209A service, 209A served in-hand to above subject.

10:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller listed above reports his ex-girlfriend has a restraining order against him and yesterday while riding his bicycle her new boyfriend spotted him and drove by him, turned around and drove by again, caller asked to have this incident logged.

10:42 a.m. **Summer St.**, officer wanted, caller reports a male talking on his cell phone in front of this location "gave him the finger" and was yelling at him. Caller doesn't know why. He would like to speak with an officer. Officer reports no problem at this time, subject is known to have problems.

12:23 p.m. Assist citizen, officer to assist citizen gather belongings due to a restraining order in place.

1:32 p.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle violations, D1 reports a vehicle towing a boat on a trailer with no tags.

2:14 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:33 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:13 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:24 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:33 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party reports her daughter is receiving threatening text messages on her cell phone. Officer reports everything is fine, it is a harmless prank from daughter's friend.

SUNDAY, OCT. 5

12:19 a.m. **Lamberts Lane**, alarm – commercial/business. A 56-year-old Quincy man being summoned on charges: Unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

1:10 a.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports there was a fight out front of above location, caller reports subject left in a small SUV headed towards the PD, officer reports party has left prior to officer arrival, clerk inside unaware of fight.

4:48 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, investigation, caller reports a large spill 10x10 of what looks like gas in the parking lot of Wheelwright Park. Fire Department applied Speedy Dry to the soiled area.

5:21 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, investigation, caller reports his sister has just been assaulted by her ex-husband at the Mobil Mart.

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ACO -Animal Control Officer

ALS - Transport, Ambulance-Transporting - Advanced Life Support (High level of care with paramedics administering drugs)

BLS Transport - Ambulance-Transporting, Basic Life Support (Usually not life threatening)

BOLO - Be On the Look Out

BT - Breath Test (having to do with liquor offenses)

CID - Criminal Investigation Division (Cohasset Detectives)

D/K - Drunk

E1 - E4 - Cohasset Fire Engines

GOA- Gone on Arrival

HQ - Headquarters

Juvenile -Person under the age of 17

L1 - Cohasset Fire Ladder Truck

LEAPS/NCIC - Police Computer System (National)

ME - Medical Examiner

M/V - Motor Vehicle

OIC - Officer in Charge

OUI - Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)

PC - Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody – not a criminal charge)

PI - Personal Injury

PT - Patient

QMC - Quincy Medical Center

R3 - Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)

RMV -Registry of Motor Vehicles

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Horoscope

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RELEASE WEEK OF
SEPT. 29, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might need to get more facts to help you work out those problems with your new project. As always, a friendly approach shows the charming Arian at his or her persuasive best.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Information is what energizes ambition, and this is a good time for the ambitious Bovine to expand his or her range of knowledge and to be ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is a good time to consider making some long-overdue decorating changes at home or in your workplace. A splash of color can help raise spirits, even on the grayest day.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Learn more. Earn more. That's the formula for Moon Children looking to expand their career horizons. Investigate the best places to get those training courses you'll need.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your creative side helps gain attention for many of your ideas. But don't neglect the practical aspects involved in implementing their move from paper to production. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A health problem should not be ignored. The sooner you check it out, the sooner you can deal with it and then move on. Some job advice comes from an unlikely source.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship takes an unexpected shift that could leave you puzzled and hurt. Asking for an explanation could help uncover the reason for this sudden turn of events.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your busy schedule has drawn down much of your energy levels. Restore them by spending a well-earned time out enjoying the arts — perhaps with that special someone.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Make that presentation with confidence. Remember: When you show you believe in yourself, it helps persuade others that you truly know what you're doing.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although you usually prefer doing things on your own, a group effort might be advisable at this time. Try to keep an open mind about suggestions from colleagues.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This could be a good time to reassess some of your recent decisions and see if any adjustments should be made based on facts that you might have just uncovered.

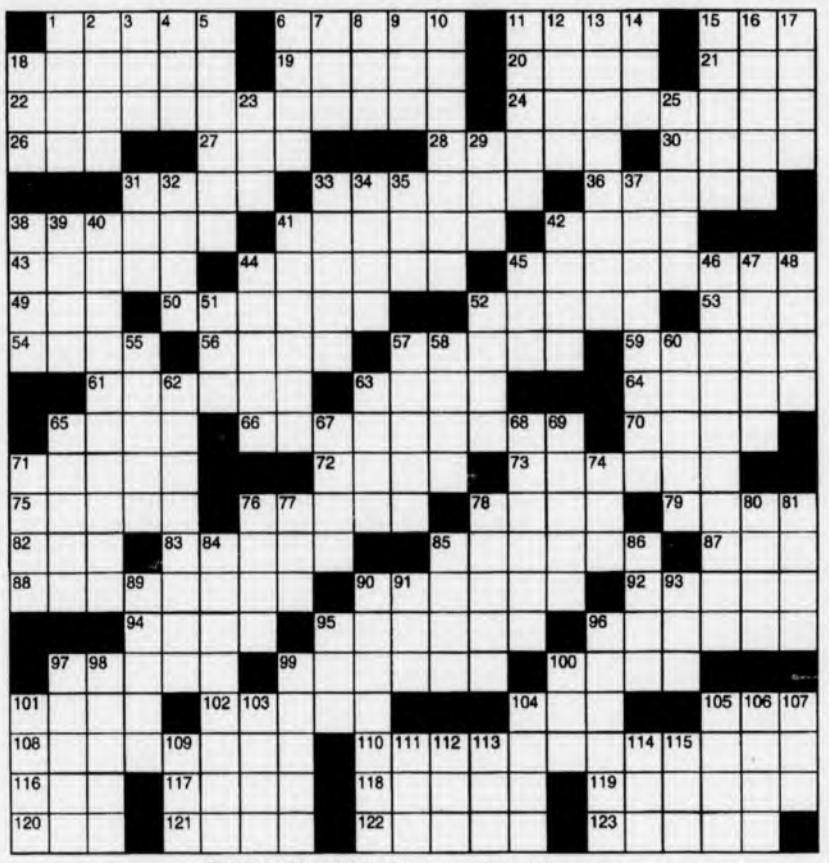
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An emotionally charged situation creates uncertainty about the future of your relationship. Best advice: Talk things out while there's still time to reach a new understanding.

BORN THIS WEEK: You tend to act on matters of principle despite what others might advise.

Crossword - Everybody's Irish

ACROSS
1 Auctioneer's item
6 Column style
11 Tiff
15 Wallace or Ayres
18 Revenue
19 Ann —, MI
20 Well-ventilated
21 Have bills
22 Irish mobster?
24 Irish singer?
26 Fluffy female
27 — contact
28 Frighten
30 Corduroy ridge
31 Sean of "Colors"
33 Covered thickly
36 In any way
38 Furnish
41 "The Dating Game" producer
42 Young follower?
43 "Rigoletto" composer
44 Adams' apparatus
45 Home wreckers?
49 "Make — double!"
50 Last name in fashion
52 Diva Leontyne
53 "— been had!"
54 Baseball's Bucky
56 Evangelist Roberts
57 Sag
59 Bottled spirits?
61 Box
63 Kind of carpet
64 Fit for a king
65 Easy stride
66 Irish explorer?
70 "East of Eden" character
71 Dancer Gregory
72 They may be wild
73 Porthos' pal
75 Turn inside out
76 Cremona craftsman
78 Clarinetist Artie
79 School founded in 1440
82 Always, to Auden
83 Less available
85 Bartlett bits
87 Space —
88 Ally Walker series
90 Country gentleman
92 — cotta
94 Bruins' sch.
95 Compare
96 Castle feature
97 Greek island
99 Celtic cultists
100 Sociable starling
101 Bluenose
102 Actress Davis
104 Rainbow shape
105 Scholastic abbr.
108 Irish composer?
110 Irish boxer?
116 Infamous Amin
117 Chip off Woody's block
118 Carve a canyon
119 Ill-tempered
120 Rock's — Zeppelin
121 AMEX rival
122 Impressionist painter
123 Elbow

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1 Tackle a bone
2 Lot size
3 Cubic meas.
4 Philips of "UHF"
5 Saga
6 Knight's wife
7 Planet, for one
8 McGwire stat
9 Noun suffix
10 Balkan area
11 Bar food?
12 Wharf
13 Like potpourri
14 Cobb and Hardin
15 True-blue
16 Tom of "Adam's Rib"
17 "You — on My Mind" ('65 hit)
18 Complete the cake
23 Writer Rand
25 Oscar or Tony
29 Meyerbeer's "— Huguenots"
31 Seal school
32 Author Ambler
33 Sahara sight
34 Turgenev's birthplace
35 O'Hare info
37 Wire
38 Fired up
39 Jubilee
40 Irish actor?
41 Bite for Bonzo
42 Freighter or ferry
44 Pool shot
45 — -Magnon
46 Irish musician?
47 European health resort
48 — Patrick Harris
51 Torrid
52 Kelly's possum
55 Candle
57 Delhi wrap
58 Shoots the breeze
60 A la King?
62 Curb
63 "Git, Garfield!"
65 Bile producer
67 Circus sound
68 City in Pakistan
69 Talk really big
71 Dickens villain
74 Veneration
76 — code
77 Sea, to Seurat
78 Decks have four
80 Grimm creature
81 Tidy
84 Extended metaphor
85 College courtyard
86 Amaze
89 Tierra del —
90 Multiplied 2 X 2
91 On the — vive
93 Significant years
95 Directional suffix
96 Industrialist
97 — oil
98 Unbending
99 Crusoe's creator
100 "The A-Team" actor
101 Skier Mahre
103 Architectural features
104 Aphrodite's lover
105 Evigan or Gumbel
106 Unwind a rind
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109 Ashen
111 Northwestern st.
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113 Author LeShan
114 Joanne of "Red River"
115 Sturm — Drang



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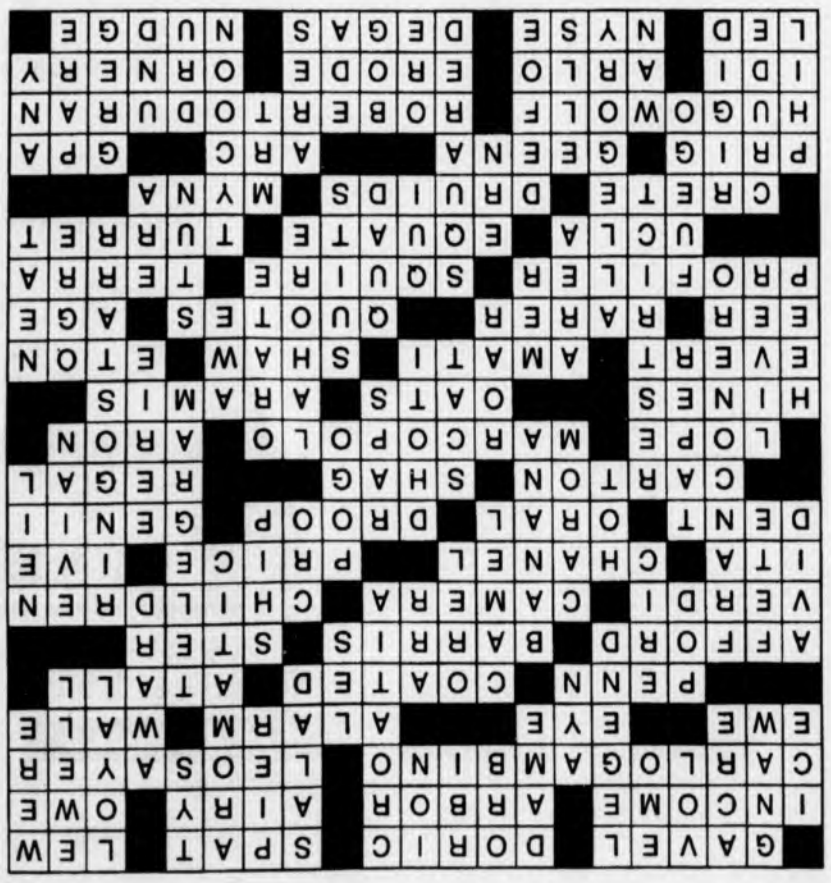
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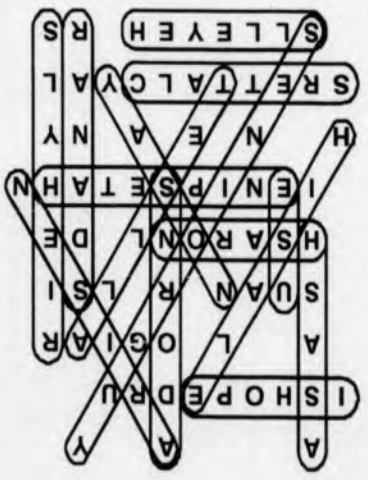
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8	6	5	7	2	4	3	1	9
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Sunday, Oct. 12

8 a.m. - Circle Ministry (group led by Bill Baird and John Kornet and meeting on the 2nd & 4th Sundays in the Parish House)

9:50 a.m. – Childcare for our youngest and religious education classes for children and youth in the Parish House. For pre-K through 6th grades, one of our young adult members, Filip Cerny, will lead a "One Room Schoolhouse" on UU Identity and Spirituality expressed through art. Our Coming of Age class will visit the Islamic Center of New England in Quincy.

10 a.m. Worship in the Meeting House

Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull wil lead worship and preach on "Discovery."

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

FALL BOOK STUDY: Every Wed., through Nov. 19th at 7 pm in Bates Hall. We are discussing A New Earth *Awakening to Your Life's Purpose* by Eckhart Tolle. This is a life transforming study that Oprah Winfrey presented in a 10 week web cast series. For more information you can check out www.oprah.com or www.eckhart-tolle.com. Come and join us!

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: Members of SCC are already at work creating homemade crafts for the annual Village Fair to be held on Sat. Dec. 7th New crafters and helpers are always welcome!

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: Welcome to St. Stephen's church!

Next Sunday, Oct. 19th, Massachusetts diocesan Bishop Thomas J. Shaw, SSJE, will be visiting St. Stephen's, highlighted by a 9 a.m. worship service that day. Following a parish wide fellowship hour, the Bishop will be meeting with parish committees, including the youth group.

We are also currently underway with our new "Episcopal Church for the 21st Century" class taught by Rev. Margot Critchfield. This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal faith and anyone preparing for Confirmation or Reception into the church. It is an eight-week class running from noon until 2:00.

Rev. Critchfield is also offering individual spiritual direction this fall. If you are looking for a spiritual home or exploring your faith, we invite you to visit us. You can learn more about us, and the Episcopal Church, from our website, www.ststephenscohasset.org.

Other programs this fall includes bible study for adults, youth group activities, the children's Christian education program "Godly Play", outreach programs serving the hungry and homeless, yoga, meditation and a monthly luncheon for seniors.

Services at St. Stephen's are at 8 am and 10 am on Sundays, including a Healing Eucharist at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. All are invited.

You can reach the church at 781-383-1083. The Rev. Margot Critchfield can be reached at mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.org. Our offices, which are open Monday through Friday, can be accessed by coming to the back of the church, up the Highland Ave hill. We are handicap accessible.

Going on this week at St. Stephen's:

- Sun. Oct. 12: Services at 8 – 10 am. Godly Play children's program is at 10; Jr. High Youth group at 10 am. Noon- "Episcopal Church for the 21st Century" class begins.
- Mon. Oct. 13: 3 pm, Christian Meditation. Office closed
- Wed. Oct. 15: 9:30 Holy Eucharist with healing; 10:30 Bible Study
- Fri. Oct. 17: 9:30 Yoga, High School "Lock-In" at the rectory
- Sat. Oct. 18: 7 p.m. Bible Fellowship
- Sun. Oct. 19: 9 a.m. One service with Bishop Thomas J. Shaw, SSJE

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

"The earth is but one country and mankind it's citizens" 1(800)22-UNITE www.bahai.us

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Obituaries

June C. Fahey

Grandmother of four

June C. (Comeau) Fahey, 71, of Cohasset, died Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008.

Mrs. Fahley was the wife of the late Joseph C. Fahey. She leaves two daughters Michele A. Fahey of Bolton, and Jacqui Fahey Sandell of Cambridge; a brother Donald Comeau of Sandwich and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 9 in St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment Cohasset Central Cemetery, Cohasset.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset handled the arrangements.

For an online guestbook, visit mcnamara-sparrell.com

Phyllis L. Chamberlain

Great-grandmother

Phyllis L. (Donahue) Chamberlain of Hingham, formerly of Cohasset, died Oct. 5, 2008.

Wife of the late John P. Chamberlain, she leaves her children, Thomas Chamberlain of Scituate, Peter Chamberlain of Pembroke, John Chamberlain of Rockland and Stephen Chamberlain of Scituate; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rockland. Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Anthony Church, 10 Summer St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

Donald Conroy

Retired tree foreman for the Town of Hingham

Donald Conroy of Weymouth formerly of Hingham died Oct. 2, 2008.

Mr. Conroy grew up in Hingham and worked for the Town of Hingham as a tree foreman in the Parks Department for 35 years retiring back in 1989.

He enjoyed watching football and baseball and really enjoyed singing. He was a devoted husband, father, brother and grandfather. He was an easygoing man who enjoyed spending his time with his family. They will always remember him for his funny sense of humor and his compassion ways. He will be missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

He leaves his wife of 53 years Jean (Ward) Conroy; two daughters Patricia Ann White and her husband Charles of Bridgewater and Mary T. Simonds and her husband Paul of Cohasset; three sisters Mary Louise Cargill of Melrose, Mildred Stopyra of Florida, and Joan Conroy of Melrose; three grandchildren Diana, Jessica and Nicholas.

He was the brother of the late Paul, Joseph and Eleanor Conroy.

A life celebration service was held in Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, in Hingham, on Oct. 6 followed by a funeral Mass in Saint Paul's Church, Hingham. Interment was in Saint Paul's Cemetery, Hingham.

Visit www.Keohane.com to sign the online condolence book.

Abrahamic Religions topic of Glastonbury lecture

"Who's Afraid of American Religion?" will focus on the role of religion in recent American politics, whether it is dead among the young, how the faiths are faring and what it may mean for everyone.

Glastonbury Abbey's Inter-Religious Lecture Series Listening to Other Voices will present a program titled "Old Faiths in New Times: The Abrahamic Religions Today and Tomorrow" at 7:15 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Glastonbury Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham.

Guest speaker will be Alan Wolfe, chairman of the Religion and Democracy in the United States task force of the American Political Science Association, TV commentator on the Pew Report on Religion in America, founding director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life at Boston College and a teacher there and elsewhere. He will give a talk titled "Who's Afraid of American Religion?," focusing on the role of religion in recent American politics, whether it is dead among the young, how the faiths are faring and what it may mean for everyone.

Wolfe is the author of more than a dozen books, including "The Transformation of American Religion: How We Actually Practice Our Faith." He has written numerous articles and lectured across the United States, Europe and the Middle East.

The lecture is free, but donations will be accepted.

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Cosmos, still life with flowers from the artist's garden

The Dickinson Art Gallery, 3152 Main St., (Route 18) Weymouth will exhibit the paintings of Dianne Pennell Miller, as their featured artist for the month of October. The artist, a native of Braintree, is a prolific plein air artist who paints out of doors to capture the variety and vitality of natural light; she does 95 percent of her painting "on location" rather than in the studio. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For information and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384. Preview many of the gallery's artists online at www.dickinsonartgallery.com.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Oct. 9

Oktoberfest – The Red Lion Inn 1704 of Cohasset 71 S Main St., Cohasset. Oktoberfest will be celebrated offering authentic German specialties and German beers. The Oktoberfest celebration will run through Oct. 29. Kicking off the celebration Oct. 17, from 6 p.m. to midnight. Make your reservations early, as limited space is available. This is a standing celebration featuring, German beer and food tastings. Dance to the Ompapa Band - **The Jolly Kopperschmidts** Band tunes in true German fashion. Call to reserve your space. Information: redlioninn1704@aol.com www.redlioninn1704.com 781-383-1704

October Book Club Meeting at Front Street Book Shop, Oct. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. 165 Front Street, Scituate Harbor. October's title is non-fiction Infidel by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. Free and open to the public. 781-545-5011.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Oct. 9, **Satch Romano and Mike Parent** blues jam. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Oct. 10

Breakfast with the Authors Friday, Oct. 10, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Hyannis Golf Club 1860 Iyanough Road, Route 132, Hyannis. Join the Cape Cod Writers Center for continental breakfast a three authors discuss their work. Admission is $12. CCWC members pay $10. Reserve by e-mail or phone and pay at the door. Authors at this event will be Poet Lisa Beatman, author of ***Manufacturing America, Poems from the Factory Floor*** *Renee Bergland, author of* ***Maria Mitchell and the Sexing of Science, an Astronomer among the American Romantics*** Coleen Paratore, author of the children's book ***Catching the Sun*** For reservations or further information, contact the Cape Cod Writers' Center by E-mail writers@capecodwriterscenter.org

DOUBT comes to **The Company Theatre Stage** Oct. 10 to 26. Tickets are priced at $24-$22 and are available at The Company Theatre box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

Michael Dutra's Tribute to Frank Sinatra with 10 piece orchestra at Lombardo's in Randolph on Thursday Oct. 9, Tickets are available by calling Michael Dutra 508-472-5004 or Lombardo's 781- 986-5000 and visiting www.strictlysinatranow.com or www.lombardos.com Price: $50 includes Prime rib dinner at 7 p.m. and show at 8 p.m.

A free lecture by Vicki Weinstein titled "Poetry As Pilgrimage" about Colonial era poet Anne Bradstreet will be held at The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. This program is free and open to the public. Call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org for information.

StoryTime – Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St. Scituate Harbor. Sue reads age appropriate stories from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age, along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. 781-545-5011 for more info or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Bay Players, a local community theater group, will be performing **Mourning Becomes Electric** - comedy one acts at a new location at 822 Webster St., in Marshfield - the Zone Theater on Oct. 10 and 11 starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets are $12 general admission, $10 students and seniors. Information or reservations call 800-290-6825.

Friday Night Practice Parties offered by **South Shore Dancers** at the First Parish Church Hall, 24 River St., from 8 to 11 p.m. in Norwell every Friday through June 12, 2009. Recorded music with printed program. Casual, friendly environment. Cost is $7. Information: call Tom at 781 659-4703 or visit SouthShoreDancers.org.

New England Singles Dance Oct. 10, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Halifax Country Club, 100 Country Club Dr., Route 106, Halifax. Light buffet $10. Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Hors d'oeuvres. Door prizes. Music from the 70's to the present and requests with New England's top DJ's. Admission $10. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Oct. 10, 8:30 to midnight The Lantana, 43 Scanlon Dr., Randolph, Exit 5A, route 28 off Route 128. Dance music by award-winning DJ. Free door prizes, raffles, and additional MATCH game prizes. For singles and couples 35+ years old. Proper dress required, sports jackets recommended. Admittance: $12 all night. Information: se-4u.com 781-446-0234.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. Oct. 10 **Spank** 781-829-6999.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Friday, **karaoke with Ed.** 781-337-9905.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Oct. 10, **Jason Smith** 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Oct. 10 **Cindy Daley Band.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, Oct. 11

North Weymouth Civic Association – Meat Raffle every Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Cathay Center Restaurant, 211 Bridge St., Route 3A, North Weymouth.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum, 1904 Canton Avenue, Milton, will hold its annual **Columbus Day Fest O'fall/Annual Yard Sale** on Oct. 11, 12 and 13 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Kids of all ages are welcome to join in on the fun. Learn more about where our food comes from and how to "Eat Local. There will also be live animal presentations, pumpkin painting, and more. All yard sale proceeds support the many nature-related programs at the museum. Donations for the yard sale are also appreciated and may be dropped off at the Museum between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday Oct. 8-12. To have items picked up or for further information, please call 617-333-0690.

The Hull Artists Studio Connection will hold its last **Open Studios Weekend Tour** of the year Oct. 11, 12, and 13. Hull and Hingham locations— 25 artists on the tour. Maps are available on line: hullartisits.com or Art on the Avenue at 1037 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-5619.

Autumn Blast Craft Fair And Yard Sale – Trinity Episcopal Church, Marshfield. Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (new location) Furnace Brook Middle School, 530 Furnace St., Marshfield. $30 per space. 781-834-8575 or 781-640-1617 dbeals@verizon.net

Design Home 2008 Tour benefits The Greater Boston Food Bank. Tours of this innovative luxury home located at the Five Lanterns development at the Pinehills in Plymouth will allow visitors to roam throughout the home spending as much time in each room as they wish. During the tours, rooms will be staffed with knowledgeable volunteers to provide information on design overview and general information about participating vendors. Ticket price is $20 in advance at www.design-home.com and $25 at the door. Tour times are Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Oct. 26. Closed on Monday and Tuesdays.

Corn Maze – Sauchuk Farm, Plympton. 234 Center St., (off Route 58) Plympton through Oct. 26. Activities include hayride to the pumpkin patch, face painting, cow train, corn box, goat walk. Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday school groups only. Last admission 5 p.m. Adults and teenagers (13 and up) $8; children (4-12) $6; Toddlers (3 and under) free. 781-585-1522 sauchukfarm.net

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'Ambiguity, tension and the silence of women'

Prize-winning 'Doubt' examines hierarchy of the Catholic Church

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



Photo: (L-R), Christian Potts of Braintree, Jennifer White of Whitman and Mikkl Joseph of Weymouth perform in Doubt: A Parable" at the Company Theatre Oct. 10-26.

The 2005 Tony and Pulitzer-prize winning drama "Doubt" — which deals with possible clergy sex abuse in New York in 1964, but which will likely also remind some of the similar scandal in the Boston Archdiocese — opens with a young priest asking, "What do you do when you're not sure?"

Father Flynn, a follower of Vatican II, believes the clergy should be more accessible to the parish which conflicts with the more traditional views of his parochial school colleague, Sister Aloysius, who insists that her students not be coddled. These two approaches come into direct conflict when Aloysius suspects Flynn of an inappropriate relationship with the school's first African-American student. The drama, which begins performances at Norwell's Company Theatre on Friday, poses many questions including whether the older nun is right that something untoward is going on between the young priest and the pre-teen boy in his charge at a Bronx parochial school or whether the cleric is being wrongly accused. While raising provocative issues, playwright John Patrick Shanley asks playgoers not only to ponder Father Flynn's guilt or innocence, but also to consider the more fundamental question of just what is doubt?

First produced off-Broadway at the Manhattan Theatre Club four years ago, "Doubt: A Parable" transferred to Broadway in March 2005 and closed on July 2, 2006. Cherry Jones, a former A.R.T. company member, starred in both the off-Broadway and Broadway productions and also headlined the 2007 national tour, which played Boston's Colonial Theatre. Jones won her second Tony Award as Best Actress for her unforgettable portrayal of Sister Aloysius.

"It's incredibly exciting to be involved with this show," explained director Steve Dooner by telephone last week. "It was the play to see in New York."

Dooner, who teaches Drama and English at Quincy College when he is not either acting or directing, acknowledges the show's New York success, the December release of a Shanley-directed feature film version starring Meryl Streep and Philip Seymour Hoffman, not to mention this summer's Gloucester Stage Company production, have heightened awareness of all things "Doubt."

"I knew the level of scrutiny on this subject matter would, of course, be great, and that many would also have pre-conceived opinions on how the play itself should be performed. With that in mind, we've been rehearsing intensely. Our actors are working very hard to bring out the ambiguity and tension, and to show the silence of women in the church. We understand how very important it is to present the value of both sides," says Dooner of his cast, which includes Duval White, Christina Bynoe, and company theater veterans Christian T. Potts ("The Full Monty," ("Cabaret") as Father Flynn and Miki Joseph ("Showboat") as Sister Aloysius.

"There is a misunderstanding about what the play is about. It is about certainty and when you begin to doubt, not unlike when people began to doubt the Catholic Church," says Dooner, who is quick to point out that Shanley has not written a two-act indictment of the church. "This play never looks down on Catholicism. It's actually celebratory in the way it presents what a good priest and nun are all about."

Dooner went directly to Shanley to learn more about the subject he knew firsthand from his own childhood.

"I have very good memories of being raised in the Catholic Church and being an altar boy about 10 years later than when this story is set. I knew, however, that the system of hierarchy was very much in place in the 1960s," says Dooner. "This is one of the topics I raised when I wrote to Shanley. I wanted his input on just how nuns and priests interacted in that time. Shanley wrote back and told me, 'You shouldn't torture yourself too much about siding with Father Flynn, because there is no solid shred of evidence against him in the play.'"

Dooner says he has reexamined his own thoughts on the play and the Catholic Church since he took on his latest assignment.

"What this play is really supposed to do is raise the power of doubt in our minds — a kind of suspension of judgment — so that we can try and reexamine ourselves and get rid of the junk and baggage that we bring to judgment. It also asks us to look at authority and how priests and nuns use and abuse their authority and how they often benefit from the structure they inhabit. The conflict between the priest and the nun is so beautifully pregnant for that reason. It has isotopes shooting off in all directions as to whether the nun, in her certainty and the older form of her Catholic faith, is in a position to see Father Flynn clearly or whether Father Flynn, because of his openness, is the one who sees things more clearly.

"What you have all through the play is that tension between the new and the old, between black and white, between the outgoing and introverted. It is a very fascinating look at how the church and society have evolved over the past 40 years."

Shanley himself put it best, according to Dooner, when he wrote: "Certainty is often a feeling and not often anything more. The power of that feeling can be corrupt and not founded on anything truthful or just."

The Company Theatre will present "Doubt: A Parable" from Oct. 10-26 at 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 781-871-2787 or go online at companytheatre.com



Robin Lane

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History Comes Alive as The Daniel Webster Estate and Heritage Center welcomes back Boston actor, writer and producer, Robin Lane in a fascinating One-woman dramatization of one of America's most important First Ladies, Eleanor Roosevelt. The performance will take place at Oct. 11 at North Community Church Parish House, Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Doors open at 7 p.m. Performance from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Refreshments to follow. Tickets: $18. Purchase tickets by calling Virginia - 781-837-2403 or Eileen - 781-837-7579. Information and directions visit danielwebsterestate.org.

Halloween Happenings

HAUNTED PIRATE SHIP ABOARD *MAYFLOWER II* – Weekend of Oct. 10 through 12, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Also, Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 17 and 18, Oct. 24, and 25, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Experience the transformation from a historic landmark to a haunted pirate ship - with ghostly pirates willing to share their pirate's booty. Don't miss this fright-night with a family-friendly twist—lite fright for little ones. Members: Adults $6; Children (Under 12): $4. Non-members: Adults $8; Children (Under 12) $6. www.plimoth.org

THE HAUNTED SHIP ATTHE USS SALEM at the Fore River Shipyard, 739 Washington St., Quincy. Open to the public on weekends starting Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m. This year's event will a two-part attraction with a new haunted house features as well as guided ghost tours conducted by team members from Mass Paranormal. Family HauntTimes on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. 617-479-7900 or hauntedship.com

HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER, Berwick Boys Foundation, 335 West St. West Bridgewater. REGION 335 open weekends Oct. 10 through 25 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Admission $8. www.berwick.org 508-586-0059.

Send your Halloween Happenings to DDinsmore@cnc.com or fax 781-837-4540.



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Mark your calendar

BARKTOBER-FEST, the first event of its kind in Plymouth tailored to dog lovers of all ages and, of course, their furry companions. This one-day canine festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18, on the Plymouth waterfront featuring games and prizes, food for dogs and their owners, demonstrations, live entertainment, and vendors offering dog-related services and items. Other events include a pet/owner photo look-alike contest, a pet costume contest, a dog trick competition, an adoption presentation and obedience training. For the safety of animals and owners, this is an on-leash event. All dogs must be on a leash at all times. Information: www.plymouthbarktoberfest.com or 508-830-1620.

12TH ANNUAL JOSHUA'S RUN and introducing the first annual Andrea's Apres Art Auction, event proceeds to benefit the Andrea Gaziano Memorial Fund within The Jimmy Fund. Race and Auction to be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, at St. Mary of the Nativity Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate. Race applications for the 5 Mile Cliff Challenge, 2 Mile Fun Fun/Walk and Kid's Fun Run can be downloaded at www.joshuasrun.com.

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Paint South Shore Boats at the South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham. The current exhibit features paintings of various coastal scenes with boats of the South Shore by many local and regional plein-air artists. Thirty artists captured the beauty of a boat in the water, or stored in a backyard and then they submitted their paintings to the South Street Gallery. The "Paint South Shore Boats" exhibition will be on display until Oct. 18. Information: 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

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Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Saturday, **Tony Perez** 781-337-9905.

South Shore Dancers 20th Anniversary Ball will be held Oct. 11, at the Cushing Center, 673 Main St. (Rt. 123) in Norwell. Black tie is requested. There will be a lesson at 7:30 p.m. with dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. Special events are planned. $9 for members and $10 for non-members. Reservations are required. Call Tom Osterland at 781 659-4703 or e-mail at SouthShoreDancers.org.

Halifax Mobile Home Estates October dance is Oct. 11, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. and it is not a dinner dance just a dance with Dave Burbank and the DB Orchestra. The dance is a BYOB and everyone is welcome. Henrich Hall Redwood Dr. Halifax. reservations call Sally Burke at 781-754-0647 or Dottie Martel at 781-754-0645.

Hingham Open Studio Tour Sat. and Sun., Oct. 11 and 12. **Gini Pomeroy and Lois Peterson** artists display their art "The Way We See It." 24 Talbot Road, Hingham. This show is in conjunction with the Hull Artist Studio Connection Open Studio Tour In Hull. Maps are available or go on line to www.hullartists.com

Reflections: North & South Rivers Fine Art Show Oct. 8 though Nov. 22 at the South Shore Natural Science Center – Opening Wine and Cheese reception Oct. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. Open to the public. The SSNSC is located on Jacob's Lane in Norwell. Information: Paula Christie at 781-659-8168 or email paual@nsrwa.org

The mixed media art of Joyce Cole Olsen will be on display in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery through Oct. 30, during Library hours.

Art at the Larches, 26 South Main St., Route 58 Carver. Oct. 11, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 20 high quality New England Artisans will display their works for sale including watercolors, pastels, acrylics, hand blown glass, pottery, hand painted clothing, baskets, photography, jewelry, handbags and more all on the front lawn of The Larches Inn, hosted by Innkeeper Rain Phillips.Live music and art demonstrations from noon to 4 p.m.

The Daniel Webster Estate and Heritage Center, as part of their "History Comes Alive" series, welcomes back Boston actor, writer and producer, **Robin Lane** in a fascinating One-woman dramatization of one of America's most important First Ladies, **Eleanor Roosevelt**. The performance will take place at North Community Church Parish House, Old Main St., Marshfield Hills, Oct. 11. Doors open at 7 p.m. Performance from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Refreshments to follow. Tickets $18. Purchase tickets by calling Virginia - 781-837-2403 or Eileen - 781-837-7579. Interesting Raffle items will be offered. Information and directions visit danielwebster-estate.org

Country Line and Couples Dance at Taunton Elks, 119 High St., Taunton, Oct. 11. Dance workshop from 1 to 5 p.m. 781-925-1170. downeastdancers.com

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Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell, **Union Jack** performs at 9 p.m. Oct. 11. 781-659-0050.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. Oct. 11 **3rd Left** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Oct. 11, **Friends of Harvey** 781-849-7007.

Sunday, Oct. 12

The National Cranberry Festival is held on Oct.11 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. firework show at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 12 and 13 (Columbus Day) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival is held on a 1,300 acre cranberry plantation during the cranberry harvest. At the festival guests enjoy live musical entertainment, dance and cranberry cooking shows, many crafters, a 2-mile train ride throughout the cranberry plantation, amusement rides, Cranberry World museum, pony rides and more. Many different types of music such as rock, bluegrass, jazz, calypso, and acoustic jams will be available. Dance shows that include Irish Step dancing, Hip Hop, Tap and Ballet. Cranberry related products throughout the park. Antique car owners will receive free admission for themselves and one guest if they come in and show off there car on Sunday Oct. 12 or Monday Oct. 13 They must arrive between 10 a.m. and noon and stay until 4 p.m. General admission plus unlimited train rides is $12 per person. Full access pass for $18 per person includes general admission, unlimited train rides and unlimited use of the amusement rides. Visit edaville.com for a ride listing and restrictions. Pony rides are an additional charge. Parking is free.

Corn Maze – Sauchuk Farm, Plympton. 234 Center St., (off Route 58) Plympton through Oct. 26. Activities include hayride to the pumpkin patch, face painting, cow train, corn box, goat walk. Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday school groups only. Last admission 5 p.m. Adults and teenagers (13 and up) $8; children (4-12) $6; Toddlers (3 and under) free. 781-585-1522 sauchukfarm.net

The New England Herpetological Society will host its annual **Fall Show and Sale** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 12, in the New England Wildlife Center, at 500 Columbian St., South Weymouth. Live reptiles and amphibians will be on exhibit and for sale. For information, visit neherp.com.

Kennedy Library Forums presents feminist **Gloria Steinem** and **Boston College professor and author Alan Wolfe** to pay tribute to the public intellectual. **The Role of the Public Intellectual.** Oct. 12, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. Free and open to the public. To make reservations call 617-514-1643 or call jfklibrary.org.

Monday, Oct. 13

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New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,700 South Shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Information: call Peggy Loud, 781-659-1857 or email Cheryl Pimental NBNorwellMA@aol.com

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke every Monday night **Free Texas Hold-Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

La Leche League meeting on Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. at Mamas Move Wellness and Fitness Center, 45 Pond St., (Rt 228), Norwell. The program will be "Baby Arrives: The Family & the Breastfed Baby. All mothers and mothers-to-be are welcome. Babies are welcome, too. Other LLL services include a lending library and 24-hour telephone help. For information, call Christie 781-740-7808, Kathleen 781-749-2404 Heather 781-544-9230

Grub Street South at Buttonwood, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset welcomes novelist and Backspace co-founder, **Karen Dionne** on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. Karen's topic is The Fiction Author' s Platform: How to Stand Out From the Pack (Without Stepping on Your Fellow Authors' Back" Reservations are requested for Grub Street and can be made by calling 781-383-2665. www.buttonwoodbooks.com

South Shore Men of Harmony invite men of good character who love to sing but do not necessarily read music to come to a weekly meeting. The acapella barbershop chorus rehearses every Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 pm. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. Call Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-7464.

Island Grove Chorus, a women's acappella singing group, meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Abington. Call 781-848-5843 for information.

Singles Dining Out Dinner and Dance, Oct. 14, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Skyline Restaurant, Marina Bay, Quincy, Exit 12 Neponset off Southeast Expressway, for single professionals age 40-55 years old. Cost is $45 reservations required by calling 781-283-5900. Seating limited to 20 men and 20 women. Includes a complete dinner, tax, and tip. Cash bar cocktail party from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Each guest changes seats after every course to insure personally meeting each person of the opposite sex. Dancing after dinner.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke every Tuesday night **Wicked Trivia** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

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Nutrition for Kids and Teens – Join local nutritionist Cathy O'Brien and Manager of Gourmet Services, Michelle Conway at Foodie's Duxbury Market, for a 30 minute tour of the store highlighting healthful products and nutritious foods for kids and teens. They will help you navigate through the aisles to find new ideas for snacks, lunch boxes and the dinner table. The tour is FREE, but advance registration is requested. Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. Stop by Customer Service at Foodies, 46 Depot St., Duxbury or call 781-934-5544, ext. 21 to register.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, every Wednesday is **Country Music Night with DJ Pat Lally**. 781-829-6999.

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Wednesdays, Oct. 15, 22, 29. **Drift Away** featuring **J Place** singing and playing harmonica, together with **John Litwin** on the drums, and **Joe Micarelli** on the piano, every Wednesday Night (7:30 to 11 p.m.) at 781-925-1115 www.theredparrot.com

Thursday, Oct. 16

North River Arts Society presents an exhibit of pastels by **Christine Bodnar and Susan Rogers** at the Ventress Gallery. Opening reception. Oct. 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ventress Public Library, Marshfield Center. The exhibit runs *through Nov. 21.* Open: Monday to Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Sunday

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local South Shore businesses. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month and participate in group discussions and have guest speakers. For information on the group and meeting, go to http://www.network4success.org or e-mail info@network4success.org

The Paul Pratt Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset will show the independent film **Choking Man** Oct. 16, at 6 p.m. Free. Refreshment. 781-383-1348.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Oct. 16, **Flip Top Head**. 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Oct. 16, **Brickyard Blue Band** blues jam. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Oct. 17

Oktoberfest – The Red Lion Inn 1704 of Cohasset 71 S Main St., Cohasset. Oktoberfest will be celebrated offering authentic German Specialties and German beers. The Oktoberfest celebration will run through Oct. 29. Kicking off the celebration Oct. 17, from 6 p.m. to midnight. Make your reservations early, as limited space is available. This is a standing celebration featuring, German beer and food tastings. Dance to the Ompapa Band - **The Jolly Kopperschmidts** Band tunes in true German fashion. Call to reserve your space. Information: redlion-inn1704@aol.com www.redlion-inn1704.com 781-383-1704

Fall Harvest Festival at Market at the Harbor. Oct. 17, from 2:30 to 6:30 pm on Nantasket Ave. between Bay St. and Edgewater Rd. (HRA bayside property). Activities include pony rides, kids crafts, hay rides, cookie decorating, a pumpkin carving demonstration and contest, a pie contest, giant pumpkin photographs with photographer Lindsey Buchleitner, plus our regular market vendors, Presented by Destination Community Development, Inc. For entry information and questions call 339-236-1518.

StoryTime Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Join us as Sue reads age appropriate stories Friday mornings from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age, along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Sixth annual Hoedown For Hospice Oct. 17, from 6 to 11 p.m. Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth Raffle ticket drawing for $10,000 highlight of evening. For tickets and more information, please call Margie Kirby-Light at (781) 340-1728 or Membership Services at 781-340-4170.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Friday, **karaoke with Ed.** 781-337-9905.

Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell, **Elbow Room**, Oct. 17. 781-659-0050.



Union Jack members (l to r): Scott Armstrong, Bob Hollman, David Porter, Don Packer and Steve Vistro

Union Jack to 'encore' at Mount Blue on Oct. 11

Union Jack's return "home" to Mount Blue in September was so successful that the South Shore classic rock 'n' blues band will return to the Norwell bistro and lounge on Saturday evening, Oct. 11, at 9 p.m. for an encore performance.

The group performs rock hits from both sides of the Atlantic, featuring the music of The Rolling Stones, The Black Crowes, Aerosmith, Eric Clapton, The Allman Brothers, J. Geils Band, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Tom Petty, Peter Gabriel, Neil Young and many others.

Union Jack's most recent appearance at Mount Blue featured several special guests, including noted Boston area harp player Tom Perez and the legendary "voice" of the J. Geils Band, Peter Wolf, who performed several songs with the band. Call Mount Blue for reservations at 781-659-0050. For information, visit unionjackband.org or mountblue.com.



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Bay Players, a local community theater group, will be performing Mourning Becomes Electric - comedy one acts at a new location at 822 Webster St., in Marshfield - the Zone Theater on Oct. 10 and 11 starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets are $12 general admission, $10 students and seniors. Information or reservations call 800-290-6825.

Reunions

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973 – 35th Reunion Nov. 1, at the Plymouth Radisson Hotel, Plymouth. Information: www.bhs73.com or email Cherie (Woolf) Riley at cherie@bhs73.com

PLYMOUTH-CARVER HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1968 – 40th reunion Nov. 1, at the Beachmoor Inn on Buzzards Bay. Any classmate interested in helping with this event, please call Linda Souza at 508-746-8333, or Linda Luce at 508-224-4352, or Marilyn Colburn at 508-224-3668, or Cathy Pratt at 508-746-4036.

WEYMOUTH NORTH HIGH CLASS OF 1978 – The Weymouth North Class of 1978 30th reunion will be held at the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth Harbor Nov. 28, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. For updated information go to classmates.com. RSVP Jen Palmer Morse at:Jmorse2@its.jnj.com

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1978 – 30th reunion at The Salon at Tosca Nov. 15, 7 to 11 p.m. Information: Jennifer Lubrano Clayton at 781-749-6645 or Terry Dwyer Hurley at 781-749-2620.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1988 – reunion *Atlantica Restaurant,* Cohasset Harbor. Nov. 29, 7 to 11 p.m. Cost: $50 per person. Checks payable: to HHS Class of 1988.Mail to 66 Presidential Circle, Marshfield, MA 02050

THE PLYMOUTH-CARVER CLASS OF 1985 – plans to celebrate its 25th year reunion. The reunion committee is actively searching for the addresses of classmates. Contact Linda Flattery at 508-747-5277, ext.230, or LFlattery@Hanover.com and leave your name and phone number/e-mail to update the class list and for more information about the event. Looking for all members and the committee wants to hear from you.

Send your reunion listings to ddinsmore@cnc.com or fax 781-837-4540 Attention Dorothy Dinsmore.



The Hull Artists Studio Connection will hold its Open Studios Weekend Tour of the year Oct. 11, 12, and 13. Hull and Hingham locations— 25 artists on the tour. Maps are available on line: hullartists.com or Art on the Avenue at 1037 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-5619.



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Fall foliage and festivals go hand-in-hand

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Suggest a drive through the country to look at the changing leaves at my house and you'll be greeted with moans and groans.

Bring up a harvest festival or other cool event that just happens to require a drive through colorful foliage areas and you actually get excited responses. Try one of these options to help get the gang out the door.

Massachusetts

Head to the gorgeous Berkshires to go apple picking at Hilltop Orchards. You can take a free hayride (weekends from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) to pick from more than two dozen varieties of apples. Or hike up one of the farm's backcountry trails. At the top of the hill, you'll be rewarded with 20-mile views of the southern Berkshire Mountains. Afterward, enjoy a glass of wine or cider from the orchard's winery and pick up some baked goodies to bring home (800-833-6274) ; www.hilltoporchards.com).

New Hampshire

The White Mountains offer beautiful vistas, no matter the season, but in the fall take a trip to the charming town of Jackson and you can also enjoy quirky Pumpkin People. Thanks to a local contest, businesses and homeowners display their pumpkin creations throughout the village. You can take a self-guided tour - businesses offer maps. You might see pirates, "three pumpketeers," or a bride and groom, all with pumpkin heads. A judging contest to pick the favorites takes place this weekend (Columbus Day Weekend), but the pumpkins remain on display at least through Oct. 20. (603-383-9356); www.jackson-nh.com.

Rhode Island

Every weekend day in October at the historic, family-owned Pachet Brook Tree Farm in Tiverton, you can go on a 30-minute hayride and pumpkin hunt - $8 per person, offered 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Look for scarecrows and other Halloween decorations and surprises (not scary) as you go through the woods and fields of the farm. At the end of the ride, you'll end up in a pumpkin patch, where everyone gets a pumpkin. You can also do the hayride on weekdays, by appointment, (401-624-4872); www.pachetbrook-.com).

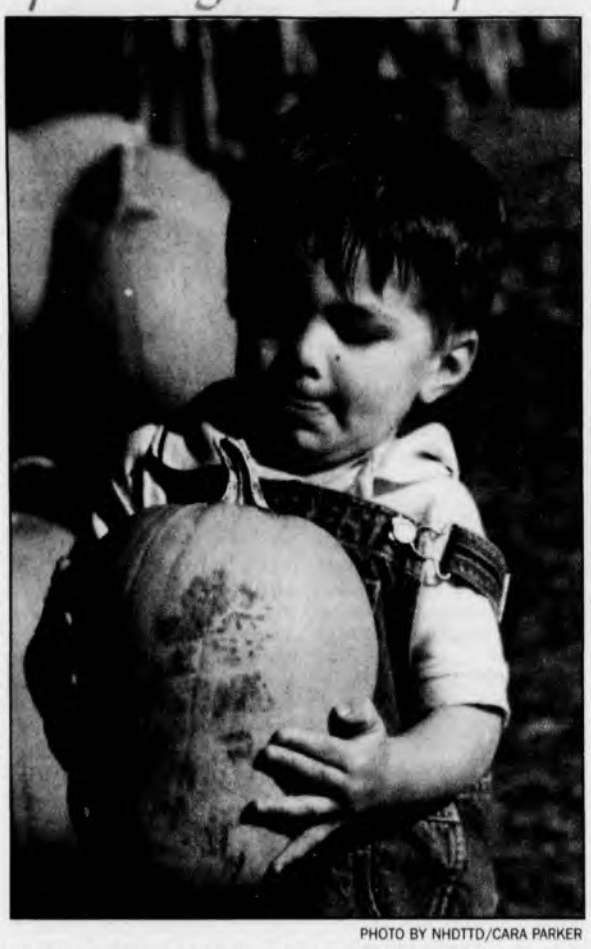


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The perfect pick at Appleview Orchard in Pittsfield, New Hampshire.

Vermont

The historic Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock has its third annual Wagon Ride Weekend on Oct. 18 and 19. Take a 30-minute, narrated horse-drawn ride around the farm fields and along the Ottauquechee River. The working dairy farm, opened in 1871, has farm life exhibits, a restored and furnished farmhouse, plus programs and activities for the whole family. You might see the cows being milked or help make ice cream. Check online for other programs (802-457-2355; www.billings-farm.org).

Maine

Take a trip back in time, and through Maine, at the 24th annual Harvestfest, Oct. 17-19. It's a colonial-themed celebration in York Beach and York Village. Enjoy an old-fashioned marketplace with crafts from across the country, hay rides, an ox roast, a corn toss challenge and a pumpkin stroll (bring your own carved pumpkin to participate). There's also a classic car show, Native American Pow-Wow, food and live music planned. (207-363-4422) ; www.gatewaytomaine.org.

Connecticut

All aboard the Pumpkin Patch Trolley in East Windsor at the Connecticut Trolley Museum. Take a ride on an authentic trolley to see the pumpkins (enjoying the foliage en route), pick your pumpkin, and return for decorating and games. The program runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, through Oct. 26. The museum's collection of passenger and freight streetcars, interurban cars, elevated railway cars, service cars and locomotives is also impressive. (860-627-6540) , www.ct-trolley.org.

Fall weekend getaways

If you are venturing a couple of hours or more from home, or just want to make a special weekend of leaf-peeping and other activities, many hotels and inns in New England offer special fall packages. Here are a few options.

The "Happy Trails" package at the Orchards Hotel (800-225-1517; www.orchardhotel.com) in Williamstown, Mass., has a great deal: Starting at $189 per couple, you get accommodations, breakfast for two, a knapsack filled with hiking maps and local guides, homemade granola, water bottles and a disposable camera. Offered through November.

At the Eagle Mountain House (800-966-5779); www.eaglemt.com), near Jackson, N.H., book the Eagle Escape package, which includes two nights' accommodation, dinner for two one evening and full country breakfasts daily. The historic inn, which opened in 1879, is listed on the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Rates are from $159 per person, through December.

Close to Woodstock, Vt., the 45-room Hartness House (800-732-4789); www.hartnesshouse.-com) offers a New England Fall Foliage deal that includes two nights' accommodations for two, plus two breakfasts and one dinner. Prices start at $309, through October.

The "Escape in Farmington" package at the Hartford Marriott Farmington (800-228-9290; www.marriott.com) in Connecticut, starts at $199 and includes accommodations, plus dinner and breakfast for two, through December.

Read more travel features and the Get Away with Fran blog at www.wickedlocal.com/getaway

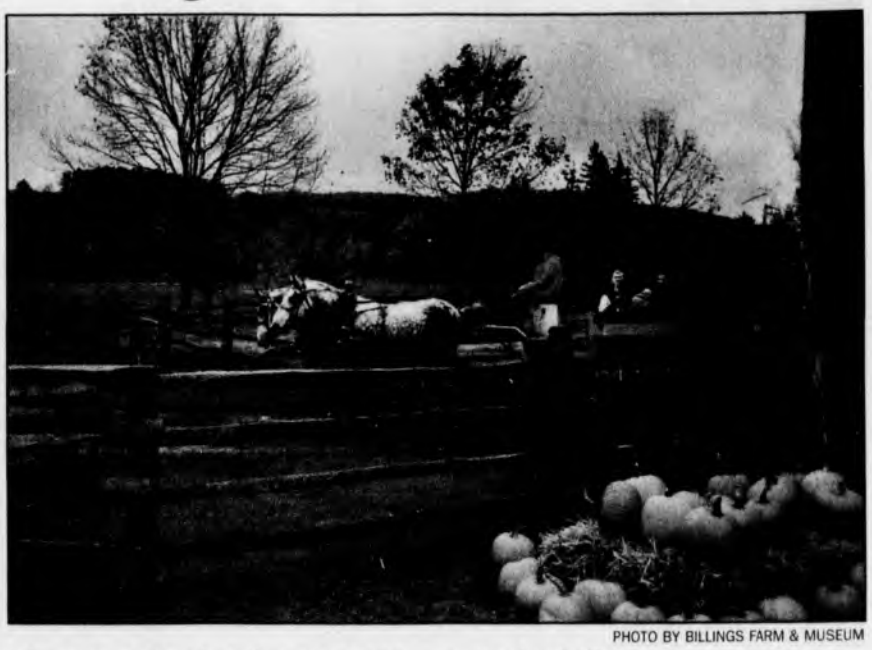


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Take a wagon ride at the Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, VT.

IF YOU go... Tracking the Foliage

Check with the state tourist offices for foliage updates. Most of the Web sites have maps detailing where to find the best colors each week.

Massachusetts
800-227-6277 or
www.massvacation.com/scienceNature/fallfoliage.php

New Hampshire
800-258-3608 or http://foliage.visitnh.gov

Rhode Island
800-556-2484 or visit
www.visitrhodeisland.com

Vermont
800-VERMONT or
www.vermontvacation.com/seasons/

Maine
888-MAINE-45 or www.maine.gov/doc/foliage

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Ballot questions to consider

Voters will choose more than President Nov. 4

By Carol Britton Meyer
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Unlike the recent state primary, which drew just over four hundred Cohasset voters, the Nov. 4 State/Presidential election and controversial ballot questions are expected to attract a larger crowd.

First, there's the contest between Presidential candidates Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama.

Then there are the three controversial binding statewide ballot questions related to reducing and then eliminating the state personal income tax; decriminalizing marijuana use and instituting a new system of civil penalties; and prohibiting dog races on which betting or wagering occurs. There is also a non-binding wind power question that will be on the ballot in several South Shore communities, including Cohasset. (See information box.)

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said it's important for voters to realize that the first three questions are binding. "These are not [just] questions gauging voters' opinions on these issues [except Question 4]," he said. "No legislative approval is needed for them to become law."

While he said he understands voter frustration over the state of the economy and the rising costs of oil and gas,

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A treasure among trash

Recycling Transfer Facility guys get the job done

By Nancy White
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For some it's a chore, for others it's a treasure hunt and still others it's an opportunity to do their part to save the environment. It just may be the only place in Cohasset where nearly every household must make at least one stop every weekend—the Recycling Transfer Facility.

To greet, guide and generally keep residents in line through the sometimes-tricky process are three guys who stand ready for whatever residents throw their way. Charlie Guarente, Phil Edgett and Chuck Baker are the guys who keep things moving as the facility accepts the town's refuse.

"It's three guys versus the whole town," jokes Phil Edgett, one of the RTF workers, but on many occasions, like every Sunday, when the facility it overwhelmed with cars and residents it couldn't be more true.

"It can get pretty crazy up here," says Charlie Guarante, the working foreman at the RTF. Although there has never been an official car counter, the guys estimate as many as 1000 cars can make their way to the RTF, located off Cedar St., in a single day.

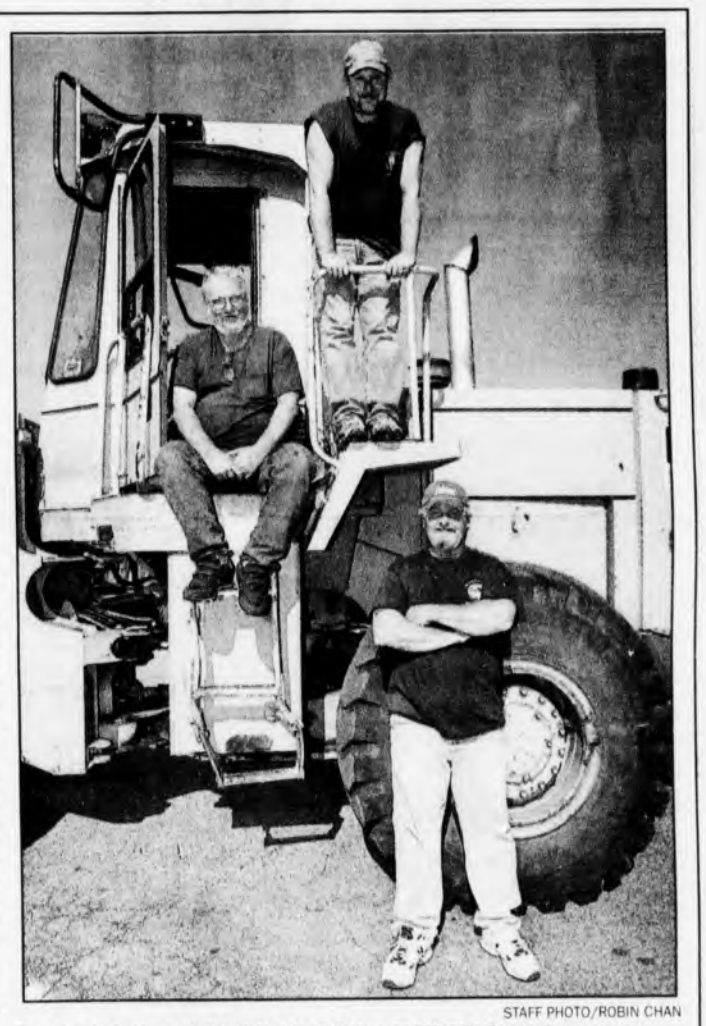
Cohasset is ahead of the curve when it comes to recycling — and in doing so has saved the town a lot of money along the way. In 2007, Cohasset disposed 1755 tons and recycled 1023 tons of paper, cardboard, bottles and cans. Cohasset has one of the highest recycling rates (37 percent) on the South Shore. Part of the reason for the recycling success is the the RTF has been on a "pay as you throw" system since 2001, only three other South Shore communities (Marshfield, Holbrook and Scituate) are on the pay-as-you-throw system.

Being a transfer station has made all residents change the way they think about the Cohasset "dump."

"For the most part, people have their routines," said Guarante, with some being zealous about recycling, most being diligent and a few who haven't adjusted well to change.

"Whatever you want to throw away, you have to break it down into parts,"

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From top to bottom, Phil Edgett, Chuck Baker, and Charlie Guarente pose on a loader at the Recycling Transfer Facility.

DRESSED FOR SUCCESS



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Laces, left, held by Taylor Kelley, and Charley, right, held by Megan Kelley, are owners of the dogs, who won for best costume following Cohasset's Annual Costumed Dog and Pet Parade held Thursday afternoon at the South Shore Music Circus Parking Lot. For more on the event, see page 4.

Fiscal outlook not good

By Nancy White
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It comes as no surprise, but Town Manager Bill Griffin made it clear this week the town and its finances are in for some challenging years ahead. Town departments will be buckling down with their expenses for the foreseeable future.

Essential spending only. No vacant positions will be filled. Revenues must be maximized. Those were the directives given from Griffin to keep the town afloat for this fiscal year and the next.

"The national and international economic crisis combined with its negative impact on the finances of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts place local finances in a precarious position," Griffin stated in the memo sent to all department heads, boards, commissions and committees on Oct. 7.

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This week the Mariner caught up with JoAnne Lehr, the volunteer coordinator for the Appalachia Service Project's Pumpkin Patch fundraiser. ***For more on the Pumpkin Patch, see the story on page 7.***

Name: JoAnne Lehr.

Occupation: Teacher and Pumpkin Patch volunteer coordinator.

Best day of your life: The day I met my husband...I was life guarding and he faked drowning in front of me so I would 'save' him. The rest is history!

Best vacation: Myrtle Beach.

Favorite season: Fall in New England.

Favorite holiday: Christmas, with all our traditions and family and friends gathered together, is such a wonderful time of year.

Favorite junk food: Utz Cheese Curls.

Best book: "The Da Vinci Code."

Best actor: Johnny Depp, especially in "Bennie and June."

Best TV show: "House."

Favorite music, song or artist: Rod Stewart, "The Great American Song Book."

Fun fact about yourself: I've been involved with Cohasset ASP for 20 years, and the Pumpkin Patch for 6 years.

Pet peeve: Inconsiderate people.

Goal: To raise a healthy, happy family.

Person you'd most like to meet: Leonardo da Vinci or Ben Franklin...amazing minds!

Biggest worry: The safety and happiness of my family, friends...and our world.

Best part of Cohasset: The wonderful, caring people of our community who help to support programs like ASP!!

BRIEFLY

New restaurant for Pacini's

The Board of Selectmen have received an application for a new all alcoholic restaurant licenses for the Route 3A property formerly occupied by Pacini's. However, the Selectmen can't entertain the application because Pacini's still holds the liquor license for the premises. When Pacini's closed last winter they did not surrender their liquor license.

The Selectmen will hold a hearing to consider the revocation of Pacini's license due to the fact they have ceased to conduct the licensed business and there is a demand for it.

Selectmen review Town Meeting articles

The Selectmen reviewed nine articles that are set to go before voters at Special Town Meeting Nov. 17.

Fiscal 2009 budget adjustments: First, additional funds (number to be determined) are needed for the town's unemployment compensation. The $20,000 budget has nearly been exhausted due to unemployment claims in the school department. Second, the debt service budget needs to be adjusted due to some refinanced bonds and the state paying the remaining Osgood School reimbursement in a lump sum. The Selectmen did not vote on their recommendation.

Union contracts and other salary adjustment: This article requests funding for those fiscal 2009 cost items contained in collective bargaining agreements between the town and unions representing the firefighters, library employees, clerical employees, and non-union and contract employee salary adjustments. The Selectmen did not vote on their recommendation.

Release of easements: The Water Commission is requesting Town Meeting authorization to release two easements no longer of use to the town: one, at 100 Pleasant St. and two, on Nichols Road. With the release of the 100 Pleasant Street easement, the Water Department will begin using another town owned piece of land to access the Bear Hill water tower. The Selectmen postponed their recommendation to allow the Water Commission time to talk with the abutters to the new Bear Hill water town access point.

Conservation restrictions for open space: The five-year process of acquiring open space around Lily Pond, the town's primary drinking water supply, is nearing an end. An article requests the town to support the establishment of a conservation restriction on approximately 200 acres of land in the watershed. The Selectmen recommended approval of the article in a 4-0 vote (Selectmen Paul Carlson was absent).

Zoning bylaw reconciliation: This housekeeping article seeks to correct several typographical and grammatical errors in the zoning bylaws. It contains no substantitive changes to the zoning bylaws. The Selectmen recommended approval of the article in a 4-0 vote (Selectmen Paul Carlson was absent).

Gas line easement: St. Stephen's church has requested a gas line easement from Highland Ave. over the grassy area between the Town Hall parking lot and their property at 29 Highland Ave. The Selectmen recommended approval of the article in a 4-0 vote (Selectmen Paul Carlson was absent).

Elder Affairs Center: The Council for Elder Affairs seeks up to $10,000 from free cash to do feasibility studies and preliminary design plans on several possible locations for a new or renovated Elder Affairs Center. Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer said this project was not a "must have" for the town given the town's current financial state. Selectmen Fred Koed disagreed, applauding the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs efforts to raise money to couple with town funds. The Selectmen held off on making a recommendation until they could get a better idea of the town's bigger financial picture.

Alternative Energy Committee: The Alternative Energy Committee is seeking $10,000 in a free cash appropriation to keep their energy consultants for another year. The town previously allocated $20,000 for energy consultants. To date, the town had received $17,000 in grant funding because of the consultant's work. The Selectmen held off on making a recommendation until they could get a better idea of the town's bigger financial picture.

Town Hall restoration: The Town Hall restoration committee will be seeking the authority to accept grants on behalf of the town as part of their restoration efforts. No funding will be sought at this town meeting, rather the committee is looking for the opportunity to present the project to the town and receive feedback.

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Lothrop Lane article removed

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Selectmen Fred Koed and Karen Quigley received several phone calls after word got out an article was on the Special Town Meeting warrant seeking a permanent easement over Lothrop Lane to gain access to Sandy Cove beach and the Treat's Pond drainage pipe.

The land taking article requests Town Meeting to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain a permanent easement or right of entry over 19 properties on both Lothrop Lane and Atlantic Ave.

The Board of Selectmen have had numerous discussions with the residents of Lothrop Lane who have expressed a desire to cease using their private street as means to access Sandy Beach except in emergency circumstances. The town has an easement (which is currently in conflict) on the other side of the beach via a private driveway, often called the Bigelow driveway.

"I think it is counter-productive to our negotiation stand to have this article in there," said Koed.

Selectmen chairman Ted Carr said he might be responsible for the inclusion of the article on the warrant; he said he asked Town Counsel to draft articles for all the opportunities so the Selectmen could then narrow their focus. Carr agreed with Koed and Quigley that the Lothrop Lane option was not a viable solution.

In a 3-0 vote, Selectmen removed the article from the draft warrant.

Excluding the now removed Lothrop Lane article, a total of four articles are on the warrant in regards to Treat's Pond. One article asks the town to consider seeking rights of access to Sandy Cove via Atlantic Ave. Another requests the town to commit to the Army Corps of Engineers saltmarsh restoration project (no funding amount is currently listed). Another requests funding for a Treat's Pond Atlantic Ave. overflow pipe project according to Coughlin Engineering Services flood control master plan. A fourth article seeks funding for a Sandy Cove outflow pipe extension. The articles are still in draft form with no cost estimates. Selectmen will review these articles at their meeting next Monday night, Oct. 20.

Inclusionary bylaw not ready for prime time

The inclusionary zoning bylaw may have to wait another Town Meeting cycle before heading to the prime time. The Housing Partnership Committee brought forth a proposal for a re-vamped inclusionary bylaw leading up to the 2008 Annual Town Meeting in March, but the article was scratched after the Planning Board suggested the bylaw wasn't ready for the Town Meeting floor. It was the intention to have the Housing Partnership Committee continue working on the bylaw and return to the Planning Board with subsequent drafts.

According to a memo sent from the Planning Board office to the Town Manager, since the withdrawal of the article, the Planning Board had not heard from the Housing Partnership Committee on the inclusionary bylaw issue. They found out recently an inclusionary zoning bylaw article was submitted for the Special Town Meeting (Nov. 17) warrant.

"For an article of this scope, the Planning Board would expect such discussion and review to require several meetings prior to public hearings," states the memo. The current Planning Board schedule and application load limits their availability for a public hearing on the inclusionary zoning article.

The Planning Board voted unanimously to alert the Town Manager of their inability to advertise and hold adequate public hearings on the article prior to Town Meeting.

POLICE BEAT

Dirt Bike 'fire' on S. Main Street

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What was originally thought to be a burning building turned out to be a dirt bike burning rubber in a garage. A cruiser driving near the corner of S. Main and Summer St. saw heavy smoke coming out of the second floor of the building. The officer went over to the building (147 South Main St.) with his spotlight to see if he could see the origin of the smoke. He found the smoke was coming from a second floor window. The officer knocked on the door to no response. He broke a pane of glass and then reached inside to open the door. Immediately, he was hit with heavy acid smoke in the doorway.

A resident met the officer in the smoke filled hallway and told him the smoke was coming from a dirt bike in the garage met the officer. One of the apartment residents was spinning the wheels of a dirt bike creating the smoky conditions.

The fire department was called in to help in ventilating the building. They opened the garage doors and windows in the apartment.

The building inspector was asked to come down the following day to see if any damage was done to the building.

Temporary lights

The temporary street lights regulating one-way traffic on Jerusalem Road went into a flashing mode a few times last week. Residents called in the problem on several occasions and police officers responded to help direct traffic while a fix was made.

Police Chief James Hussey said the lights run on solar power and after several cloudy days it no longer had power stored up. When the lights no longer have power, it goes into a flashing mode, said Hussey. A generator was installed as a backup to the street light system. The Little Harbor sewer project contractor L&M Holdings is overseeing the light. Police dispatch has an emergency number to call in the event the lights malfunction again.

Early trash pick-up

A complaint was logged about early morning trash pick-up at a local business. A nearby resident called in about 6:20a.m. to say a dump truck was picking up trash before 7p.m. There isn't a specific bylaw regulating the time trash can be picked up, but there is a bylaw regulating no construction work between 11p.m. and 7a.m. The caller indicated this was an ongoing problem.

"In this case, the business is trying to work with the trash provider to get them to come later," said Hussey.

Tractor hits car

Last Monday afternoon around 1:30p.m. near the intersection of North Main St. and Sohier St., a large tractor working on the Little Harbor sewer project moved abruptly hitting a car traveling on North Main. A piece of the tractor hit the side of the car causing minor damage to the car. The two parties exchanged papers with the help of an officer. In many cases where there has been damage to property, the project contractor LM Holdings has corrected or paid for the damage.

Drunken disturbance

A woman who had been drinking elsewhere showed up at the Legion Post on Summer St. looking to get in last Tuesday shortly after midnight. The bartenders didn't let her in and called the police when she objected. In talking to the woman, it was clear to the responding officers she was under the influence of alcohol. Because the woman was local and there was a responsible party at the home, the officers drove her home.

"If someone is local or if someone is available to take care of the person to make sure they are safe, we will bring them home," said Hussey. Protective custody, where a person is kept at the police station, is used to protect the person from themselves.

Vandalism

The owner of a commercial building on Ripley Road that is currently being rehabbed noticed tiny holes in five windows. The damage could have been done by BB gun fire. However, the owner is unsure of when the damage was incurred.

"The owner has no idea if it happened two months ago or two weeks ago," said Hussey. The former tenant has never mentioned the damage to the building owner or may not have even realized it.

Because of the lack of a time frame, Hussey said it would be fruitless to devote manpower to investigating the matter. The matter was logged so the building owner may seek an insurance claim.

"The only way we as a police department will have a chance to investigate it is if it reported soon after it happens. It's hard to do any follow up on something like that," said Hussey.

Walking in the street

An intoxicated man was found walking in the middle of traffic near the intersection of Sohier St. and Ripley Road last Wednesday afternoon around 2p.m. He was transported back to his home.

"It was in everyone's best interest to get him off the street," said Hussey.

Lost

Last Thursday around 2:50 p.m. a call came in about an erratic driver crossing the yellow line on South Main St. When the police responded they found the car in St. Anthony's Church parking lot.

As it turns out, the car was driven by an out-of-state couple looking for a specific address on South Main St. They were driving slow on the road to look for the address numbers and admitted they did swerve a little.

Although this specific instance turned out to be innocent, Hussey said he would never discourage citizens from calling in what they believe to be an erratic driver.

"We appreciate those calls from the public and it's something we don't mind responding to. Lots of times we do find people under the influence of drug and alcohol," said Hussey.

Stop sign

A large flatbed truck turning from Depot Court onto South Main St. last Friday morning hit the stop sign bending it over. A caller was able to give the police department a partial plate number and the police are following up to determine who owns the truck and who was driving.

"If any restitution is needed, we will pursue it," said Hussey, adding the truck driver may not have even realized he hit the sign.

OUI arrest

A 39-year-old male Cohasset resident was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol early Sunday morning at 1:37a.m. An officer in a marked cruiser observed a blue Land Rover speeding on Sohier St. toward N. Main, then ignored the stop sign and turned onto N. Main heading toward the village. The officer activated his blue lights and pulled the car over just before it entered the village.

Based on the officer's conversation, observation and investigation with the driver, he determined the driver was driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and failure to stop. The driver was brought to the station and his car was towed.

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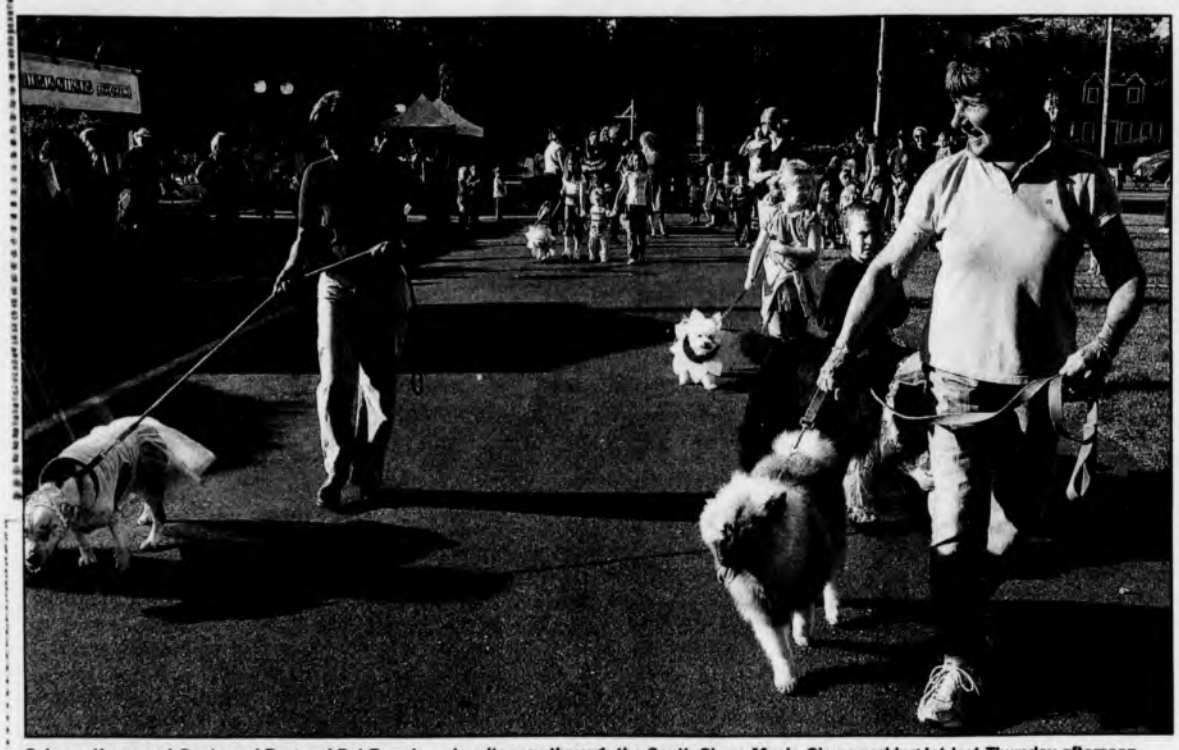
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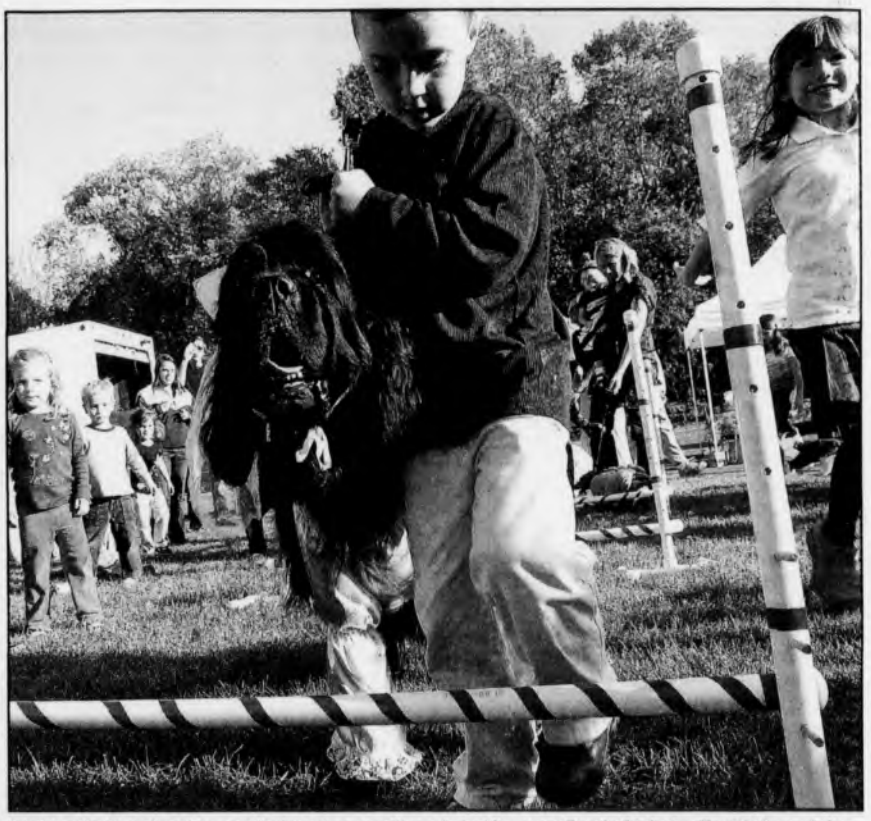
Cohasset's annual Costumed Dog and Pet Parade makes its way through the South Shore Music Circus parking lot last Thursday afternoon. The event, which was held in conjunction with the Farmers Market, was hosted by the Cohasset Dog Wash.



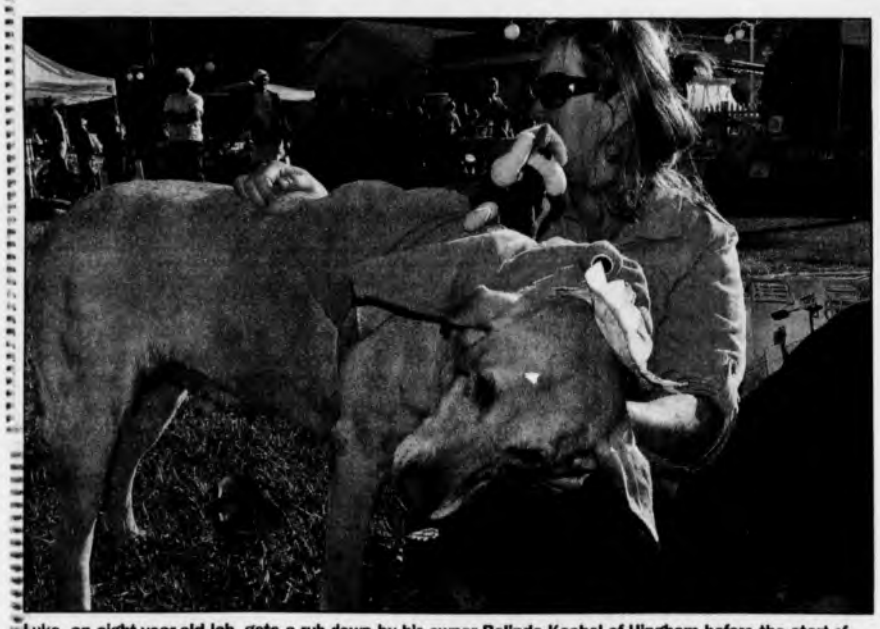
Eleven-year-old Sydney, a Basenji shepherd, shows off her purple butterfly antler-like costume while taking part in Cohasset's annual Costume Dog and Pet Parade. Her owner, Deanne McDonnell of Cohasset, is walking Sydney.



Lucy sports a pink tie-dyed wrap along with a pink headband during Cohasset's annual Costume Dog and Pet Parade. Owners Trish and Noel Hart of Cohasset are walking Lucy.



Misty, a Newfoundland, is coached to step over the pole by his owner Bernie Mulcahy, 5, of Cohasset during an agility game held after Cohasset's annual Costume Dog and Pet Parade Thursday afternoon. Misty came dressed as a pet bride.



Luke, an eight-year-old lab, gets a rub down by his owner Belinda Kachel of Hingham before the start of the annual dog parade. Luke later won for the most obedient dog.



Two-year-old Hannah Nicholls of Cohasset gives Misty, a Newfoundland, a little pat on the head before taking part in Thursday's dog parade at the South Shore Music Circus parking lot. Misty came dressed as a bride.



Billy Steverman of Minot, formerly of California, slices up some watermelon while helping his Parents Coop Farmstand during the Farmers Market held during Cohasset's Annual Costumed Dog and Pet Parade held Thursday afternoon in the parking lot of the South Shore Music Circus.

Photos by Craig Goedecke

Interpreting the MCAS scores

Assessment guides changes in classroom at all levels

By Nancy White
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"We're focusing on the development of open response answers, our focus needs to be on writing."
— Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan

The three principals from the four schools paid a visit to the School Committee to give them an in-depth look at the MCAS scores.

News was mostly positive: all Cohasset schools and grade levels made their annual yearly progress target and in some cases students scored among the highest on the South Shore. Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh had given the school committee a birds' eye view of the MCAS scores at a meeting two weeks ago.

Each school's principal brought forth a presentation delving into the scores and what they mean for the school district. The presentation attempted to not focus on the straight scores rather offer some interpretation of the scores—what they mean and how they serve as a basis for planning for the current and future school years.

The high points include some of the best scores in the South Shore region. Cohasset ranked number one for percentage of proficient and advanced scores for grade five math, grade seven and eight English and math, and grade 10 science. The region included the nearby public school districts of Hanover, Hingham, Norwell, Scituate, Duxbury, and Marshfield.

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, or MCAS, is an annual statewide test in its 11th year of administration.

MCAS tests include multiple choice, open response, and short answer questions and writing prompts. School and district results are used to evaluate, revise, and update the curriculum and instruction programs, aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Beginning in the third grade, each year students take the MCAS tests yearly until sixth grade and then again in grade eight and 10.

Passing the grade 10 MCAS is a requirement for high school graduation.

As the district — and all other Massachusetts public schools — move toward 100 percent proficiency, it becomes increasingly difficult to achieve the set achievement goals, said curriculum director Nancy Mrzyglod. This is evidenced by two-thirds of the middle schools in the state not making their annual yearly progress goals for the 2008 test, she said. According to the federal No Child Left Behind act, all students are required to be proficient and above in reading and math by 2014.

"I expect by 2012 we won't be making annual yearly progress goals," said Mrzyglod.

Deer Hill Grade 3

Although the third grade students attend Deer Hill, Osgood Principal Janet Sheehan presented the grade three scores because Osgood's curriculum prepares the students for the test while in kindergarten through second grade. Seventy-five percent of students scored in the proficient and advanced categories for the English language portion of the MCAS. About one-fifth of the students scoring in the needs improvement category were just one or two points away from a proficient score.

Sheehan found the student areas of strength were vocabulary and open response to fiction, while they struggled with the open response to non-fiction and writing portions of the test.

Ninety minutes of reading instruction daily, more professional development on teaching writing and open response, the expertise of a reading specialists and the establishment of a remedial reading group in grade 2 are just some of the efforts put in place to target MCAS problem areas.

On the math portion of the MCAS 68 percent of students scored proficient and above. Sheehan said there would be a focus on fine-tuning the students' math open response skills and numbers sense questions.

"We're focusing on the development of open response answers, our focus needs to be on writing," said Sheehan. She wants to both challenge students to move them not only from needs improvement to proficient, but also proficient to advanced.

Deer Hill Grades 4 and 5

At the fourth and fifth grade levels Deer Hill Principal Jennifer deChiara said the students were keeping up with the state standards and the school was still meeting its annual yearly progress mandated by the state. At the same time, she said the test results were a "mixed bag." In both the math and reading portions of the test, students excelled at the multiple-choice questions, but has lower scores on the open response questions.

The fourth grade reading tests showed a nice increase in the long composition scores and the fifth grades scores has notable increases on the math and science scores, deChiara said.

"It concerns all of us that kids are still struggling with the open response," said deChiara and a continued focus will be placed on writing in the classroom.

In many respects, the MCAS scores reflect what's going on in the classroom and the scores initiate changes in the classroom. This year, deChiara changed the structure of some of the classroom teachers instruct in all subjects. In the past, some teachers specialized in math or English.

"I think it strengthens the faculty overall," said deChiara. The addition of a math specialist and a math instructional consultant for teacher professional development are on board to help teachers and students. More technology aspects have been added to the classroom as well to aid in instruction.

DeChiara said the fourth and fifth grade students do need new social studies books in the near future, "the current texts are not well aligned (with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks)."

"We are seeing improvement and there is no reason why we shouldn't be seeing more," said deChiara.

Middle-High School Grades 6 to 10

Middle-High School Principal Joel Antolini proudly reported the sixth, eighth and tenth grade students exceeded the state performance targets.

"We're seeing more students in advanced in progressive years," said Antolini. He credits improved scores to block scheduling, math labs (an extra block of math instruction per week) and the new science spiral curriculum, to name a few. Recently implemented changes such as increased graduation requirements and changes to the high school schedule including two semesters of English per year he expects to make a difference on test scores.

Like the other two schools, Antolini is not seeing the students excel at the open response questions. Antolini said the students have done fairly well with topic development and writing conventions, but fall short in expanding on topics. The struggle with open response was found in both the math and English portions of the MCAS.

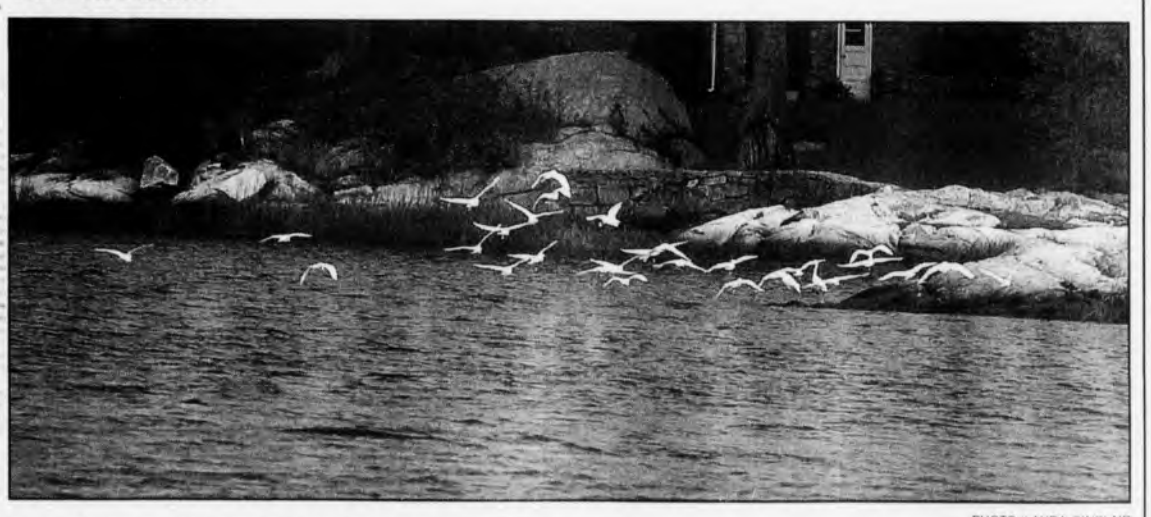
Special services director Linda Gill said the special education students were making strides on all levels. She attributed their continuing improvement to the co-teaching mode, access to the curriculum and having higher expectations for the students.

"The higher expectations made an enormous difference," said Gill. As one example, she said two special education students who failed the MCAS exam in eighth grade turned around and scored advanced in grade 10.

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Town offers flu clinics for high-risk residents

The Cohasset Board of Health has scheduled two flu clinics from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Oct. 21, and Tuesday, Oct. 28, in the auditorium of Cohasset Town Hall, 42 Highland Ave.

The clinics are only for residents 65 and older and for high-risk adults, which includes those with asthma, chronic pulmonary disease, diabetes or heart disease.

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Hello Cohasset, how is everyone doing? I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend that happened last week. This weather has been amazing and pumpkins, apples and fall time fun is around all over the place.

Please send in news, photos and event information about some of these fun-filled fall activities to share with the community. Have a great week!

RUN FOR A CAUSE

Congratulations go out to **Courtney Culhane** who completed the Boston Athletic Association's 8th Annual 1/2 Marathon to benefit Dana Farber Cancer Institute and The Jimmy Fund. She was the youngest female in the competition placing fourth in her division, 1442/3702 overall, and 602/2052 for all females. She completed the race in under two hours, finishing at 1:53:13. The competition took place around Boston's Emerald Necklace, beginning and ending at Fenway's Roberto Clemente Field. Courtney was proud to donate her time and effort to such a great cause and honor her family members who have both survived and died of cancer.

Courtney is an NDA scholar and is one of the top runners for the NDA varsity cross country team; she also enjoys playing ice hockey for NDA in the winter months. Her parents are so proud of her accomplishments (and amazed that she had the energy to help her mom go food shopping later that day!). This was a nice piece of news to write about Courtney, Cohasset is very proud of you.

BATES OFFICER

Allison Earon has been named an officer of the 2008-09 Chase Hall Committee at Bates College. The Chase Hall Committee is the largest student-run entertainment organization at Bates. It sponsors concerts, coffeehouses, dances, the Winter Carnival and other all-campus events. Allison, a senior neuroscience major, is the daughter of **William Earon**, and **Mary Sheppard**, Cohasset. Allison spent the winter semester of her junior year in Seville, Spain, studying through the Council on International Educational Exchange.

Allison is a 2004 graduate of Cohasset High School.

Nice news Allison!

WRITE STUFF

Here is another exciting bit of news about a great young lady from here in Cohasset. Storytelling has always come naturally for **Amanda Thompson**, Cohasset High graduate and Gordon College sophomore. The 19-year-old has already published two novels and is currently working on a new fantasy series. As a child, her father encouraged her storytelling and reading.

"I've been writing as long as long as I could form letters," Amanda said. "I remember writing stories and giving them to my teacher in second grade." Amanda self-published her first novel, "Millennium Girl," while attending Cohasset Middle School, and published her second novel, Season, shortly after her high school graduation. She is currently completing The Broken Sword, the first book in her new fantasy series, due in 2010.

OUR WORLD

Some new classes, programs and workshops are happening at the Our World Museum for children of many ages.

There are programs in drama, cooking, art, Mr. Dykas classes, music and more. For more information call 781-383-3198 or check out the Web site at www.ourworldcgdm.org. Holiday Happenings at Our World is also getting ready to kick off with Halloween Nites and many other programs and nights for November and December. A whole lot of fun for all.

JR. GARDENERS

The Junior Gardeners of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will meet this month on Monday, Oct. 20 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. They will be working in the Deer Hill courtyard planting bulbs, and putting the garden to bed for the winter.

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WALK IN WOODS

Noted local naturalist Norwell's Steve Ivas will lead a walk through the woods, fields and salt marsh of Holly Hill Farm on Sunday, Oct. 19 starting at 2 p.m. at the main barn at 236 Jerusalem Road. Steve's tour completes the farm's first annual "Discover the Woods Day," a day starting at 8 in the morning with fun runs, games for children, bring your own picnic, visits with the farm animals, and music. Children, as well as adults, will find that Steve makes nature come alive. For information, please call 383-6565.

CLASS REUNION

Another reminder about a great event for the CHS class of 2003. The five-year reunion for the CHS class of 2003 will be held Wednesday, Nov. 26 from 7-11p.m. at the George Mealy American Legion Post (98 Summer St.) in Cohasset.

Appetizers and drinks will be served. Questions?

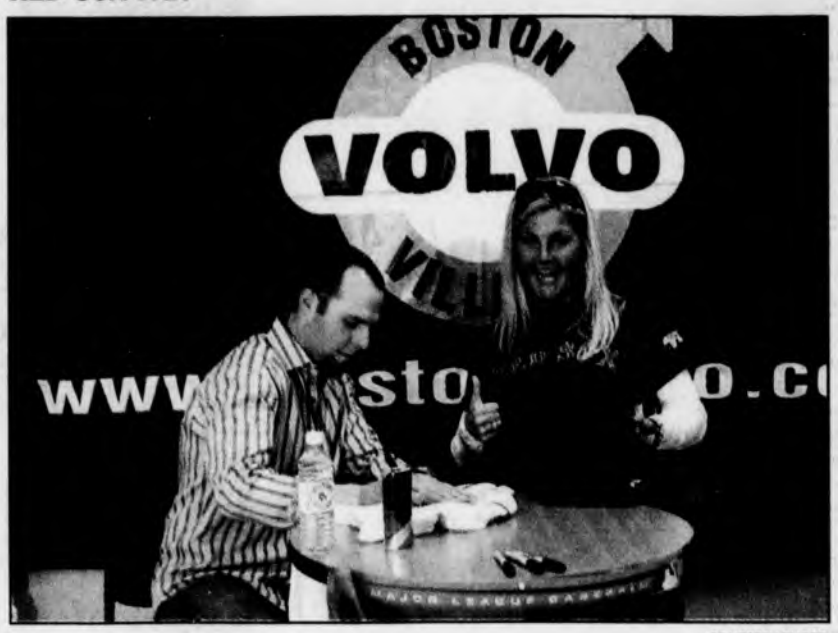
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Cohasset resident Meagan K. Leahy recently had the opportunity to meet Boston Red Sox All-Star Second baseman and MVP candidate Dustin Pedroia at a Boston Volvo Village of Brighton customer appreciation event that raised money for The Red Sox Foundation.



Congratulations to over 50 Cohasset Girl Scouts who celebrated their Bridging on Sept 24th during a wonderful ceremony held at St. Anthony's parish center. Six Troops bridged to various level's of Scouting and will now continue on making new friends, trying new activities, helping in their communities and learning leadership skills along the way!



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'Magical' pumpkin patch returns to park

ASP fundraiser open until Halloween

By Nancy White
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Like magic, a pumpkin patch has popped up at Wheelwright Park.

For the sixth year running the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Pumpkin Patch has painted the town orange, so to speak, with thousands of pumpkins taking over the entrance of Wheelwright.

What has quickly become an October town tradition and attraction, the Pumpkin Patch raises money for the annual trip of more than 150 teenagers and adults making the trip to Appalachia to help repair homes.

"It's fun to be here," said Phil Lehr, one of the founders of the Pumpkin Patch. He said some families excitedly await the arrival of the patch to buy their pumpkins and fall decorations, some come simply to bask in the orange glory of the pumpkin patch and there has even been a birthday party held at the patch.

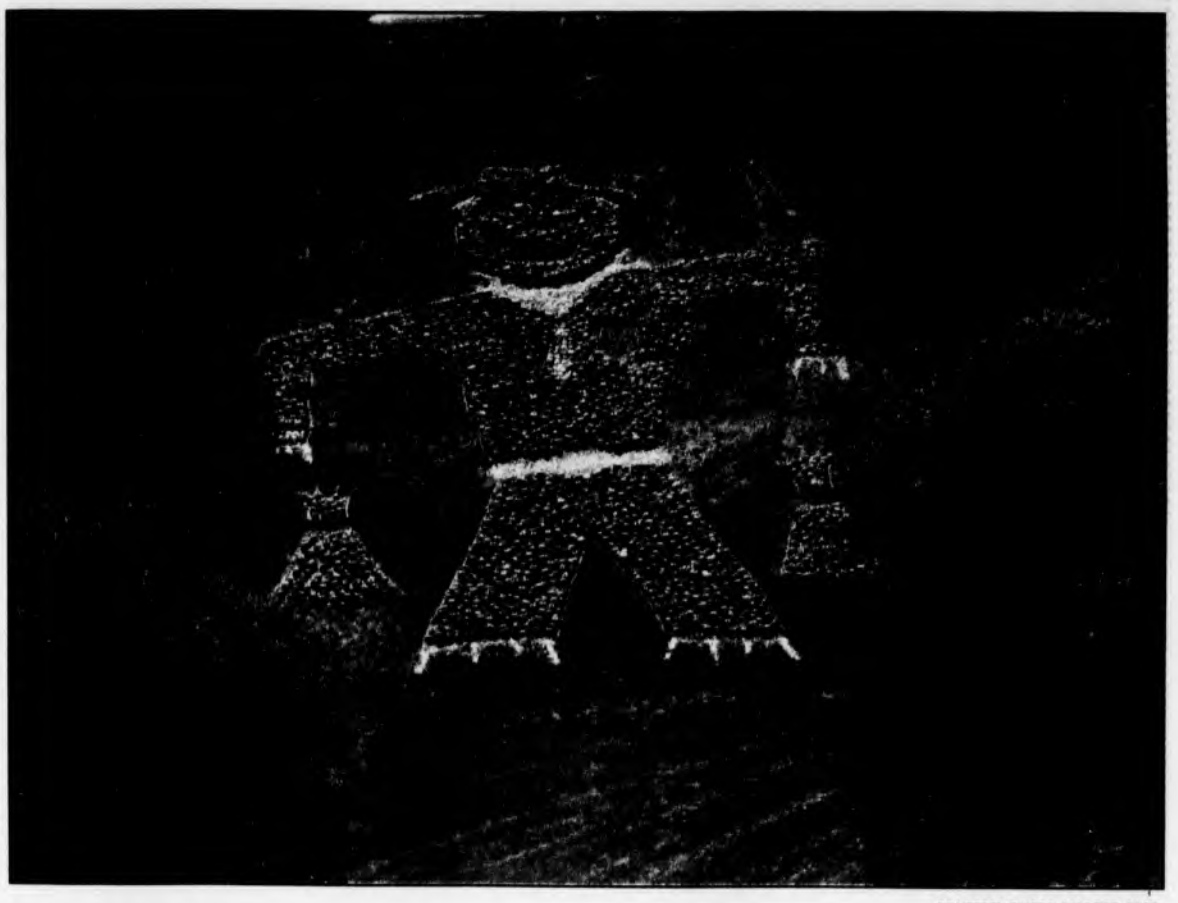
"The field takes on a magical kind of feel," said JoAnne Lehr, one of the patch's organizers. "For kids, it's an event."

The Pumpkin Patch started in Cohasset in 2003 with David Bigley, Phil Lehr, and their business partner Pumpkins USA located in North Carolina. The pumpkins currently on Wheelwright Park are grown on Navaho land in New Mexico and arrive in Cohasset by the trailer load.

Pumpkins USA only sells their pumpkins to non-profits, mostly church groups. Each fall, the pumpkins are delivered to over 1,300 locations in 48 states. The pumpkins are consigned so the group doesn't owe anything until the pumpkins are sold so there is little up-front cost.

A typical load of pumpkins contains just over 2,500 large pumpkins and 1,500 to 2,000 smaller ones of various sizes. In past years, the Cohasset ASP has ordered one and half trailer of pumpkins, splitting the second truckload with another local non-profit. Following the success of last year's Pumpkin Patch where ASP raised about $7,000, two full trailer of pumpkins have been ordered.

All profits from this fundraiser go directly to support Cohasset Appalachia Service Project, an ecumenical home repair ministry. Cohasset sends about 180 teenagers and adults to Virginia, West Virginia or Kentucky to make homes safer under the direction Appalachia Service Project, Inc. based in Johnson, Tennessee.



COURTESY PHOTO/MARGOT CHEEL

This year's pumpkin patch is arranged in the shape of a scarecrow. When the pumpkin patch opened last week it contained over 4,000 pumpkins of all different sizes.

The Pumpkin Patch is completely staffed by volunteers. Between 170 to 190 volunteers will work at the Pumpkin Patch this month. The Patch opened last Saturday, Oct. 11 and will be open daily from 10a.m. to 8p.m. through Halloween.

Part of the excitement each fall is the patch is configured in a different pattern on the field. Phil Lehr is the mastermind behind the patch design.

The unloading process begins with the smaller pumpkins, which are offloaded first and placed around the perimeter of the Pumpkin Patch shape. The shape is roughly outlines with spray paint. Then the medium and large sized pumpkins are offloaded to fill in the spaces between. In total, the offloading effort takes about two hours with a crew of 35 to 40 people from high school students to parents.

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The pumpkin patch has been a spider web, a jack-o'-lantern, a chessboard and a pirate skull and bones. This year, the design is a whimsical scarecrow, complete with an ASP "monogrammed" pocket.

With each design, Lehr has to consider and reconcile many different variables.

"I have a lot of ideas, but not all of them work," said Lehr. He begins by designing the shape on a paper grid then expands it to fit the Wheelwright Park field. He always wants to incorporate pathways so visitors and buyers can easily move about the patch in search of their perfect pumpkin and likes to have a design with a Halloween or fall association.

Once the patch is set up, Cohasset aerial photographer Margot Cheel flies above to capture the patch's shape before the patch gets picked over by customers. There's a small window to get the shot and each year they hope for clear skies. The aerial photos of each year's pumpkin patch design are available for purchase at the patch.



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At three weeks old, this little pumpkin, Thaddeus Vair, is the Pumpkin Patch's youngest visitor ever.

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Class of 2003 planning five-year reunion

The five-year reunion for the CHS class of 2003 will be held Wednesday, Nov. 26th from 7-11pm at the George Mealy American Legion Post (98 Summer St.). Make your parents happy by coming home for Thanksgiving. Then catch up with old friends and share your new exciting experiences. Appetizers and drinks will be served. Questions? Contact Curt (curt.kahn@gmail.com) or Ross (rlieblappen@gmail.com).

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A treasure among trash

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said Chuck Baker. And all those parts get sent to different places to be recycled. Newspapers, glass, cardboard, paint, plastic, tin, household trash all have their own drop-off location and then ultimate destination.

Cohasset's blue pay-as-you-throw bags can be purchased at the DPW Building, Recycling Transfer Facility, Stop & Shop, Joseph's Hardware, Fiori's Exxon, Hingham Lumber, Hingham Tedeschis, Cohasset Food Mart, Cohasset Mobil and All The Best. The town sells a 33-gallon package of 10 bags for $15.00 and a 16-gallon package of 10 bags for $7.50.

"We answer about 18,000 questions everyday," said Edgett and often they are the same questions over and over. Where do the newspapers go? (Look at the signs!) When can I bring my yard brush? (The last Saturday of every month May through October) Where does the glass go? (Look at the signs!) I have an old television; can I bring it here? (If it still works, put it in the 'boutique.')

In spite of the many questions that are asked over and over, the guys at the RTF have somewhat of a motto they say to each other—"always with a smile."

When the gates open on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays promptly at 7:30a.m., there are always a few (or more) cars waiting at gate.

But, whatever you do, don't try to get into the RTF after 3:30p.m.—it's not going to happen. The closing of the gate is carefully timed on two different clocks.

"The devil himself won't get me to let him in after 3:30," said Edgett.



DPW workers Chuck Baker, Phil Edgett, and foreman Charlie Guarente pose in the glass recycling area at the Recycling Transfer Facility.

Turning trash into treasure

Although going to the RTF is something everyone has to do, the RTF workers try to make it as pleasant an experience as possible. Every dog knows a treat is coming his way and every kid knows they're in for a lollipop. Reggae music, classic rock and the Patriots game (when kickoff is at 1p.m. on Sunday) is played in the background to keep the workers and visitors spirits up. The speakers and sound system were constructed from stuff Cohasset residents threw away.

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At the glass recycling hut is another treasure made of "trash." Chuck Baker, who typically mans the glass hut on the weekends, has chosen and collected dozens of stuffed animals, toys and other colorful objects to create Cohasset's very own "aquarium."

"The kids like to come in and name the ones they know," said Baker. "It's good to see their faces light up."

Baker recently started collecting buoys and began stringing them up on the side of the building.

The RTF guys are also able to turn trash into goodwill. They collect General Mills' boxtops for education for a school in Appalachia. So far, they have collected over 2500 boxtops.

One of the most popular spots at the RTF is the 'boutique,' it's where residents can leave something no longer of use to them and others can pick it up. For some residents, the boutique can be the highlight of weekend. The RTF guys say there are even a few residents who incorporate multiple stops to the boutique into their weekend plans.

By the RTF workers' own estimation, about 90 percent of the stuff that arrives at the boutique is junk and about 10 percent of it is actually useable. Children's toys and any kind of book tend to fly off the shelf fast, while some stuff, like broken lawn furniture or well-worn rugs will be passed over all day long.

Charlie Guarente, Phil Edgett and Chuck Baker work as a team each week to keep the RTF orderly, organized and a generally pleasant experience. They ask residents to their part to make that possible.

"Keep recycling and be nice and considerate of others. Patience is a virtue," said Guarente.



Spunky, the Thursday mascot peeks out of a DPW truck while his owner Chuck Baker was busy with a photo shoot for the newspaper.



The workers have been collecting box tops for a young boy in the Appalachia region. They have collected approximately 2,000 box tops.

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Absentee ballots available for Nov. 4 state election

Absentee ballots for the Nov. 4 state election are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours up until noon on Monday, Nov. 3, when the office will close to prepare for the election.

Voters who are in town on Election Day and are able to come to the polls you should vote in person. Only the following voters may use an ababsentee voting ballot:

- those absent from town during the hours the polls are open;
- those with physical disabilities; and
- those whose religious beliefs prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant. Also, applications may be downloaded from the Secretary of State's Web site, www.sec.state.ma.us//, and mailed or hand delivered to the Town Clerk's office. The ballot will be mailed to the voter.

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A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absentee voter; sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by November 4, 2008, to be counted.

The town will be using the Accu-Vote optical scan system for the Nov. 4 election. Voters' instructions are printed on the ballot. Any pen or pencil can be used to completely fill in the oval to the right of the voter's choice. The scanner will read the ballots whether they are inserted face up or down. Secrecy sleeves are available at the check-in tables.

BRIEFLY

Historical Society Fall Dinner and Annual Meeting

The Cohasset Historical Society will hold its annual meeting and fall dinner on Oct. 26 at the Cohasset Harbor Resort, 124 Elm St. The featured speaker will be Historian and Folklorist, John Horrigan presenting "Bay State Phantoms". From the beginning of time, history has been filled with superstition and the supernatural. John will tell of encounters with 'phantoms' witnessed by residents of Massachusetts from 1638 to the present. Hear stories of strange lights, odd creatures, popular ghosts and dangerous animals observed by the people of our state over the past five centuries. Some of the topics discussed will be "*The Great Light in the Night*" (1638), "*The Wolves of Newbury*" (1704), *The Gloucester Sea Serpent*" (1817), "*The Lady in Black*" (1861), "*The Mysterious Air Ships*" (1909), "*Scituate Sea Monster*" (1969), *and* "*The Red-Headed Hitchhiker of Route 44*" (1998). This meeting will begin at 5:30 PM with a cash bar and is open to members and guests at a cost of $31 per members and $36.00 per guests. The entrée choices are Cranberry and Sage Stuffed Chicken or Grilled Pork with Apple-raisin glaze. Reservation are needed by Friday, Oct 17th and can be made by calling the Historical Society at 781-383-1434 or by sending a check with your desired entrée choices to The Cohasset Historical Society, PO Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Insights series to begin at Scituate Library

The first of four Insights programs, Atlantic Symphony Orchestra's informative and entertaining musical educational series, will take place at Scituate Town Library, 85 Branch St., at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 21. Annotator Steve Ledbetter, a musicologist and former Dartmouth College professor, will explore the works on the theme of "National Treasures" that form the orchestra's opening night program with works by Copland, "Fanfare for the Common Man" and "Lincoln Portrait"; Gershwin, "An American in Paris"; and Dvorak, Symphony No. 6.

What is the form of a symphony? How does Dvorak use that form to express ideas about nationality? A popular presenter in the Insights series, Ledbetter's style and understanding of music make this a learning experience not to be missed.

Aimed at adults and teens, Insights one-hour sessions led by ASO musicians combine performance, commentary and demonstration to delve into an aspect of classical music. For more information about Atlantic Symphony, visit the Web site at atlanticsymphony.org.

The Insights series is sponsored by the Friends of the Scituate Town Library. Tickets at $10 for adults and $5 for ages 18 and younger are available in advance at the library or at the door on the evening of the program. For more information or directions to the library, call 781-545-8727 or visit the Web site at scituatetownlibrary.org.

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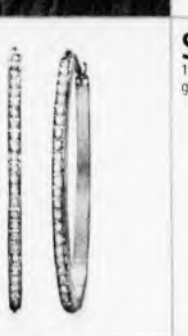
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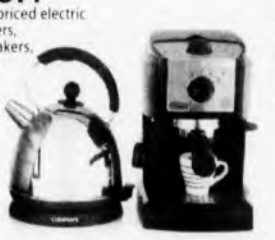
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Flu shots good for young and old

Public health officials bet if they can stop the spread of the flu among children this season, they will make inroads into an illness responsible for 200,000 hospitalizations each year.

So the message is clear: If you are a parent of children aged 6 months to 19 years old, get them vaccinated — for their own protection as well as everyone else's.

The recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been expanded from previous guidelines in which vaccination was recommended for children only up to 4 years old.

The standard advice still holds. Get vaccinated for the flu if you are in certain high-risk categories: health-care workers, pregnant women, people 50 and older, people of any age with chronic medical conditions or compromised immune systems and people who live in nursing homes or long-term care facilities.

Vaccine makers project as many as 143 million to 146 million doses of influenza vaccine will be produced for use in the United States during the 2008-09 influenza season.

Getting vaccinated, however, is good advice across the board. This year, more than ever, people can take the advice. Vaccine makers project as many as 143 million to 146 million doses of influenza vaccine will be produced for use in the United States during the 2008-09 influenza season. "This is an all-time high supply of vaccine making it possible for more people than ever to seek protection from the flu," according to the CDC Web site at cdc.gov/flu.

This is a change from previous years, in which the supply was not so plentiful and the government recommended only people in high-risk groups get vaccinated.

To protect against the flu season, which typically peaks in January or February, vaccine is available already in many places. See your doctor, visit a county health clinic or consult the CDC's Flu Clinic Locator at fluclinicslocator.org. Getting vaccinated now offers protection for the entire flu season.

That's just the first step in fighting the flu, which kills about 36,000 people a year (including 100 children). Wash your hands — a lot. Keep your distance from sick people. Don't touch your eyes, nose and mouth.

And, if you do get sick, get treatment immediately. There are several antiviral drugs that can help shorten the progression of the disease.

Flu is not just a bad cold and it's not an upset stomach. It's a serious illness that everyone has a stake in preventing. Get your shot.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m.
Alternative Energy Committee, Oct. 21 & Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m.,
Assessors, Oct. 24, at 8:45a.m.
Board of Health, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m.
Capital Budget Committee, Oct. 21., at 7:30 p.m.
Harbor Committee, Oct. 21, at 7p.m.
Planning Board, Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m.
Recreation Commission, Nov. 5., at 6:30 p.m.
Selectmen, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m.,
Sewer Commission, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m.
School Improvement , Nov. 5, 2:30 p.m., at the high school.
Water Commission, Oct. 30, 6p.m., at King St. plant.
ZBA, Nov. 5 & Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



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TIME TO REFLECT
Cohasset's Minot Light is reflected on the Antoine and Wilson Monument overlooking Cohasset Harbor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Board of Health appreciates Health Fair support

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Cohasset Board of Health, I would like to thank all those who made our recent health screening day such a success.

Every year we depend on the generosity of community businesses and agencies to provide the services we offer free of charge to all who attend. The Cohasset Rotary Club and Pilgrim Bank's donations supported the cholesterol, glucose, and PSA screenings that are so popular each year. The reusable shopping bags were generously donated by Goodwin Graphics. Our food table was once again full of delicious snacks and coffee from Atlantic Bagel and Deli, Dunkin Donuts, Shaw's, Starbucks and Stop and Shop.

Attendees and participants enjoyed taking a break during the day and sitting and visiting with each other while snacking on the complimentary "goodies" presented so attractively by our faithful volunteers, Merle and Ed Graham, Mary Hartwell, Madeline Hargadon and Barbara Hopey, who help us each year. We couldn't conduct the annual health fair without them!

Many thanks to the following providers for their services:

The Second Congregational Church

Health Watch Inc., cholesterol, glucose and PSA monitoring

The Norwell VNA , osteoporosis screening

Dr. Robin Lawrence, oral cancer screening

Maryellen Maguire, of the Children's Melanoma Prevention Foundation

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South Shore Hearing Center, hearing screening

Council on Elder Affairs

Officer Jeff Treanor of the Cohasset Police Department, car seat safety checks

South Shore Hospital Injury Prevention Program

Peggy Chapman RN, MSN, and Cohasset Board of Health Chairwoman, mental health screening

Judy Fitzsimmons RN, andCorinne Cahill, RN, helped us throughout the day ensuring things ran smoothly.

American Diabetes Association

Dr. Richard Strecker, M.D., Strecker Eye Center

Paul Wilson, Nantasket Therapeutic Massage

Dr. Christina Saylor D.C., Scituate Harbor Chiropractic

Janet Wilke, Cohasset Cycle Sports

Jane Tenaglia, pharmacist, Scituate Pharmacy

Tom Wigmore, communication supervisor, 211 and 911 info

Tara Tradd and the Cohasset Board of Health, emergency preparedness,

Cohasset Recreation Department

Steve Bobo of the Cohasset Board of Health, Posit Science Brain Fitness program

Thanks to all of you, and we hope to see you again next year!

Mary Goodwin, RN
Public Health Nurse
Cohasset Board of Health

Massachusetts should set 'Zero Waste' goal

TO THE EDITOR:

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) officials are now talking about lifting the 1989 statewide moratorium on building new waste incinerators. This will open the door for new waste burners including unproven gasification technologies to be built in Massachusetts. This is at odds with efforts to increase recycling and waste diversion. The Commonwealth is at a crossroads: a commitment to either waste reduction or more dirty and dangerous waste disposal sites.

Our current system for dealing with garbage is to burn it or bury it, and neither is a safe solution. Incinerators emit harmful pollutants into the air and landfills leak toxic chemicals into soil and groundwater. As Carl Pope, the executive director of the national Sierra Club says, "Incinerators and landfills are relics of an unsustainable past that have no place in our green economy."

Our current system for dealing with garbage is to burn it or bury it, and neither is a safe solution.

In a state that prides itself on leading the way environmentally, it is difficult to believe that we still produce so much waste. Massachusetts currently generates 14 million tons of waste, or over two tons per person each year. Over the years this number has changed very little. Even worse, recycling rates across the state actually dropped in recent years.

In this day and age with all the talk and concerns of global warming, DEP should be sending the message that the Commonwealth is serious about making our "carbon footprint" smaller not increasing it by allowing more pollutants into the air by lifting the moratorium on incineration.

Massachusetts should follow the lead of other regions and towns across the world and set a Zero Waste goal. We can use strategies including waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting, anaerobic digestion, and producer responsibility to reduce waste by 70 to 90 percent. Central Vermont has already implemented this plan and our state is looking into it as well. We should follow their lead and decrease our "carbon footprint."

Write to DEP Commissioner Laurie Burt, One Winter Street, Boston MA, 02108 and tell her not to lift the moratorium on building new waste incinerators.

John McNabb
53 Pond St.

Cohasset Cultural Council seeks funding proposals

The Cohasset Cultural Council has set an Oct. 17, deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

According to Council spokespersons Diane Kennedy, Selene Eymer and Betts Murray, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Cohasset—including exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops and lectures.

The Cohasset Cultural Council will also entertain funding proposals from schools and youth groups through the PASS Program, a ticket subsidy program for school-aged children.

Cohasset Cultural Council is part of a grass-roots network of 329 local councils that serve every city and town in the state. The program is the largest, most decentralized one of its kind in the United States. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which then allocates funds to each local council. This year, the Cohasset Cultural Council will distribute about $4,300 in grants.

Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available on the Web at www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.asp. Contact Diane Kennedy, Cohasset Cultural Council Chair, at 781-383-1304 with any questions.

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Rainy days get in the way of paving

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Little Harbor Water & Sewer Project – As most of our readers are aware, the Greenbush Guys have been tapped to do the paving on the Little Harbor Water/Sewer/Drainage Project. Consequently, we get lots of calls regarding when streets will be paved. We certainly understand the interest that residents have regarding when their roads will be put back into a passable.

But, as many have seen, paving sometimes is not always done when it was scheduled. The reasons for this are many. For example, one or more rainy days may cause the paving company to fall behind in their schedule. Thursday, Oct. 9 is a good example of what can happen to delay things. On this day, both Whitehead Road and Caravel Cove were scheduled to be paved, in that order. In fact we had distributed flyers to all the homes to make sure that residents knew what was happening and could make appropriate plans. The paving contractor had brought all of his equipment and machines to Cohasset the night before to make sure they could get an early start on Whitehead Road.

Well, the first thing early Thursday morning it was raining. Paving on a wet road base is not a good idea, so we had to wait about two hours until the train stopped and the roadbed dried a bit. If you are familiar with Whitehead, it is a very narrow one-lane road almost 2,000 feet long. The paving process started at the ocean end and all the asphalt trucks had to back all the way down the road to unload their asphalt into the paving machine. This took a lot of time. In the middle of the morning the pavers ran out of asphalt and had to wait about an hour for the next truck. So another hour was lost.

When the pavers arrived at Caravel Cove at around 2:30 p.m., they were now about three hours behind schedule. They got up to speed quickly with multiple crews. Then another disaster – the caterpillar type track broke on the paving machine, bringing the day to a screeching halt. So much for the plans to get two roads paved with the base coat.

Now, on Thursday, Oct. 16, the paver is scheduled to do the remainder of Caravel Cove, then Little Harbor Road. Again, by the time you read this you will know whether we were successful at meeting this schedule. Let's hope we did!



COURTESY PHOTOS

The paving stops here.



The culvert wall after installation.



Town Lot showing off its new stripes.

Beach Street Culvert – We have talked about the new culvert on Beach Street and showed a photo of the new culvert "L" wall before it was installed. Now it is in place and the water is happily going back and forth with the tides from Little Harbor. The two 36-inch culvert pipes can be seen in the accompanying photo. Please drive carefully across the new culvert until the road is patched, which should be done by the time you read this.

Town Parking Lot – We owe our sincere appreciation to several groups for reasons associated with the Town Parking Lot work. First of all to the very patient businesses in the Village who have suffered through multiple closures of the Town Parking Lot as it underwent the work necessary to re-do and complete the paving and add the striping. Finally on Tuesday of this week the final striping was completed. So, thank you businesses.

Second, we'd like to thank the Contractor, CBB, for working with us closely to schedule and arrange the striping in such a way that it would minimize the disruption the service businesses that abut the Town Parking Lot. We mentioned before, that the last time striping was scheduled the striping contractor didn't show up until almost 4 p.m. Of course this left them almost no time to complete their work before dark. But, they were able to complete the row of spaces that were against the backside of South Main Street. So, we asked CBB to make sure that this time, the lot could be kept open for these spaces to be used for all of the service businesses that abut the lot. They did. So, thanks to CBB.

To wrap up the Town Parking Lot, the DPW will be placing "One Way" signs at the entrance and exits on Depot Court as well as directional arrows on the travel way in the lot. So there will be an "In" driveway and an "Out" driveway, the way it used to be. Hopefully, this will let us get back to a semblance of order in the lot.

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It's been 65 what?

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I was sitting at the table, clutching a glass of merlot, surrounded by old folks, when a sudden thought occurred to me.

I was one of them.

It was the 65th anniversary reunion of the Class of 1943 at Braintree High School at Isaac's Restaurant on the Plymouth waterfront.

There were about 90 of them when they graduated from the old high school on Washington Street, the one that has long since gone to condos.

There were still 20 of them in a position to attend the 65th reunion, a testimony to a hardy generation that had grown through adolescence during the Great Depression and left the graduation stage to be fitted for uniforms.

Another reunion, maybe it was the 30th, was held in the Lantana in Randolph at a time when most had settled into their niches in life and looked around to see how their classmates were doing. Conversation and dress held more than a little one-upmanship.

They wore nametags, which is a good thing, because how do you recognize someone you haven't seen or have seen only occasionally in 65 years?

The meetings go like this. You shake hands tentatively. You sneak a look at the nametag. After a moment, it rings a bell. You search the face for recognition. It's there, just needs a bit of study. The handshake gets warmer.

The first reunion of the Class of '43, on its fifth anniversary, if I recall right, was held in Popeye's or whatever Morey Pearl was calling his saloon on Bridge Street in North Weymouth at the time.

It was notable because it gave classmates a chance to see how many of them survived the late unpleasantness over there in Europe and out there in the Pacific and because Verle King ordered a Black and White and ginger and the bartender refused to mix good scotch with ginger ale.

There was drinking at the 65th reunion, too, but the contents of most of the glasses looked a lot like wine and the erstwhile showoffs in the group downed them slowly with one fist, not two.

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By the time the 65th rolled around, nobody cared anymore. As one who attended to see that her friend did not have a second merlot put it, "You guys were like a bunch of kids."

An acquaintance recently received notice of the 65th reunion of his class at Woburn High School. In it, he and his classmates were warned that this would be their last reunion.

Not so the Class of '43 at Braintree High School.

As classmates were leaving, most for their afternoon naps, some were already planning for the 70th.

HEALTH NOTES

Facts and myths about the flu

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Folks in town have at least three opportunities to obtain flu shots depending on age, inclination and several other factors: There will be a flu clinic for seniors, 65-plus year, and those people with chronic health problems such as asthma, chronic pulmonary disease, heart disease and immunosupressed individuals, including those receiving chemotherapy or with HIV/AIDS, from 10 a.m. to noon, on Tuesday, Oct. 21, and 10 a.m. to noon, on Tuesday, Oct. 28, in the auditorium at Cohasset Town Hall. Parents of children under 18 years of age should consult their pediatricians.

The flu vaccine is free, but seniors are reminded to bring their Medicare insurance card or Medicare HMO card with them and are asked to wear a short sleeve shirt for ease of administration. The money the Board of health receives from Medicare registration and reimbursement during flu clinics will assist in paying for flu shots for a broader segment of town citizens, thus reducing the likelihood of flu being transferred between individuals.

A third opportunity, the town-wide flu clinic for all Cohasset residents, will be announced at a later time.

Flu is caused by viruses of several types:

• Seasonal flu viruses infect humans every year causing respiratory disease – fever and cough – that can lead to more severe disease, and even death in infants, the elderly or those with chronic health problems. In Cohasset, flu season usually begins in December and can last into March or April.

Parents of children under 18 years of age should consult their pediatricians.

• Avian or bird flu occurs naturally among wild birds. The H5N1 strain currently circulating has caused significant illness and death among wild birds and domestic poultry. Bird flu is not easily passed to humans, but some people have become sick after extensive direct contact with poultry.

• Pandemic flu. Sometimes a new strain of influenza virus emerges to which humans have no natural protection. If the new virus is easily transmitted from person to person, it can result in a pandemic affecting people worldwide. Influenza pandemics have occurred in 1918, 1957 and 1968. The next influenza pandemic will occur when a new strain of influenza virus emerges that is easily transmitted from person to person.

Over time, flu has produced a number of myths, the most prevalent of which are:

Myth 1."The flu isn't a serious disease." In fact, flu is a serious disease of the nose, throat and lungs, and it can lead to pneumonia. Each year about 200,000 people in the United States are hospitalized, and about 36,000 people die because of the flu. Most who die are 65 years and older. But small children less than 2 years old are as likely as those over 65 to have to go to the hospital because of the flu.

Myth 2. "The flu shot can cause the flu." No! A flu shot cannot cause the flu. Some people get a little soreness or redness where they get the shot. It goes away in a day or two. Serious problems from the flu shot are very rare.

Myth 3. "The flu shot does not work." Most of the time the flu shot will prevent the flu. In scientific studies, the effectiveness of the flu shot has ranged from 70 percent to 90 percent when there is a good match between circulating viruses and those in the vaccine. Getting the vaccine is the best protection against this disease.

Myth 4. "The side effects are worse than the flu." Nonsense; the worst side effect you're likely to get from a shot is a sore arm. The nasal mist flu vaccine might cause nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat and cough. The risk of a severe allergic reaction is less than 1 in 4 million.

Myth 5. "Only older people need a flu vaccine." Truth: All with reduced immunity. Adults and children with conditions like asthma, diabetes, heart disease and kidney disease need to get a flu shot. Doctors also recommend children 6 months and older get a flu shot every year until their 5th birthday.

Myth 6. "You must get the flu vaccine before December." Actually, the best time to get vaccinated is October or November, but you can get vaccinated in December or later.

For more information, call Mary Goodwin, the town health nurse at 781383-2210; your healthcare provider; call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636); or visit the Web site at cdc.gov/flu.

LIBRARY CORNER

Learn to trace your family's history

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

FOR CHILDREN

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Letters About Literature 2009 – Letters about Literature is a national reading and writing program that asks students in grades four through 12 to write letters to authors whose books have made a difference in their lives. LAL is looking for personal and reflective writing about the importance of written work in the lives of young readers. Massachusetts winners, their families, friends, teachers and librarians are invited to an awards ceremony at the State House in the spring. The state program is sponsored by the Massachusetts Center for the Book & the Calderwood Writing Initiative at the Boston Athenaeum. The national program is sponsored by the Library of Congress and Target Stores. Visit the Web site at massbook.org for more information and guidelines, or pick up the guidelines in the Children's Room or Young Adult Room of the library.

Story & Craft – Online registration has begun for Story & Craft, which will take place Thursday, Oct. 23, at either 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m., in the Story Room. Story & Craft is for Cohasset residents ages 3 and older and is a four-week commitment. To register, go to the Web site at cohassetlibrary.org and click on calendar. Choose either the morning session or the afternoon session and fill out the registration form. Include child's name and age in the name field.

MamaSteph – Performances at 10:30 a.m., on Mondays, Oct. 20 and 27, in the Meeting Room. Join others for children's music and more. Doors close promptly at 10:35 a.m. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library. All ages and communities are welcome.

Drop In Story Time – In the Story Room at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesdays, Oct. 21 and 28. All ages and communities welcome.

Coloring/Decorating Contest – Create a unique owl by decorating the template found on Mrs. Moody's desk. You can use markers, glitter, beads, pipe cleaners, tissue paper, and things found in nature to create an owl that reflects your personality. Contest ends on Friday, Oct. 24, at 4 p.m. Winners in all age groups. Winners will be called.

FOR ADULTS

Genealogy Workshop – Genealogist Michael Brophy will present Beginning Genealogy and Family History – Part 2, at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 23. Topics to be covered are United States military history records, city directories, church records, town reports, tax records and more. Anyone interested in tracing their family roots are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Author Visits – Catherine Goldhammer, author of "Still Life with Chickens," will discuss her new book "Winging It: Dispatches from an (almost) Empty Nest," at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 26, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to this free event. Goldhammer's books will be available for purchase.

Kathleen Kent, author of "The Heretic's Daughter,' will discuss her new book at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Novs. 12. The book is a liteary imagining of the events surrounding the Salem witch trials. Kent, a descendant of one of the first women to be accused as a witch, brings her family's legacy to life. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. All are welcome to these free events.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of Junot Diaz's Pulitzer Prize winning book, "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao," at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, oct. 29, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to this free event.

Books in Bloom – Community Garden Club of Cohasset will display flower arrangements throughout the library on Friday, Oct. 17. All are welcome to this free display.

Movie Matinee – The library will show the film "The Miracle Worker" starring Patty Duke and Anne Bancroft at 11 a.m., on Friday, No. 7. The Friends of the Library will provide light refreshments. Movie site license sponsored by Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Town Committee. The movie is free and all are welcome.

Party politics on Our Town

"Our Town" co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with Kevin O'Donnell, chairman of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee, and Kevin MacCarthy, chairman of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, to debate from each party's perspective the issues, platforms and candidates in the presidential election.

Our Town airs on local Comcast Channel 10 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 9pm.

Stay tuned and stay informed.

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Check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

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• Photographer Robin Chan's slideshow of the Beijing Olympics

• Pet of the Week Video: Meet Becky, a five-year-old Siamese mix.

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Ballot questions to consider

FROM QUESTIONS, PAGE 1

Bradley pointed out that reducing and then eliminating the state personal income tax would have dire consequences.

"Property taxes would need to be raised through operating overrides to maintain services – including police and fire departments, the schools, and public transportation," he said. "In my opinion, this would be an irresponsible way to address how the people of Massachusetts are taxed."

Cohasset polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, for the State/Presidential election. Precincts 1 and 2 will vote at the Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series. This week we look at Questions 1& 2 on the Nov. 4 ballot. Questions 3 & 4 will be examined in next week's issue of the Cohasset Mariner.

QUESTION 1 — STATE PERSONAL INCOME TAX

Besides concerns centering on the state's need to borrow at higher interest rates and tap funds set aside for "rainy day" use in order to cover current local aid obligations should Question 1 pass, local officials have their own reasons for opposing it.

A Yes vote would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65 percent for the tax year beginning on Jan. 1, 2009, and would eliminate the whole tax beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2010. A No vote would make no change in state income tax laws. Massachusetts has a flat personal income tax rate of 5.3 percent of federal adjusted gross income.

The repeal of the income tax would have a devastating impact on town services," said Town Manager Bill Griffin. "Even though we do not receive as much state aid as a lot of communities, a significant loss would be extremely difficult to address without a large override or reduction in services."

Cohasset School Committee members expressed concern during a recent meeting about the implications of Question 1 for the school budget. At their Wednesday night meeting, the School Committee voted 3-1 to oppose Question 1.

School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy looked at it as her job as a school committee member to protect the school budget—and that includes state funding.

"(The elimination of the state income tax) does affect us fiscally and how we run the district with the budget. We would be significantly impacted and might not be able to do what we do in the district," said MacCarthy.

School Committee vice chairman Alfred Slanetz, who did not vote with the rest of the committee, didn't believe the state would cut 40 percent of its budget in the event Question 1 gets a majority vote. He suggested there would be increased sales tax to make up for lost revenue. Slanetz also felt it was not the School Committee's place to take a stand.

"When it comes to tax policies, it's not our role. Our job is to allocate the money given to us in the best way possible," said Slanetz.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said he realizes some people are angry about the then-5 percent personal income tax being raised more than a decade ago (billed as a temporary move) but never restored to the original percentage. Whatever side of the issues citizens are on, though, Hedlund warns, "These binding questions would have the force of law if passed."

The Committee for Small Government supports Question i on the platform of "eliminating government waste." The Committee claims that a "yes" vote would create many new Massachusetts jobs and would not raise property or any other taxes or require cuts in essential government services.

Opponents note that this initiative would slash state revenues by more than $12 billion a year – nearly 40 percent of the state budget.

QUESTION 2 — POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

Passage of Question 2 would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties. This would be enforced by issuing citations and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state's criminal record information system (CORI).

Offenders age 18 or older would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a civil penalty of $100.

Those under the age of 18 caught with an ounce or less would be subject to the same forfeiture and, if they successfully complete a drug awareness program within one year of the offense, the same $100 penalty. Offenders who do not complete the drug awareness program within one year could also be required to pay a higher penalty – as much as $1,000.

Offenders under age 18 and their parents or legal guardian would be notified of the offense and the option to complete a drug awareness program developed by the state Department of Youth Services. Under the proposed law, possession of an ounce or less of marijuana could no longer be grounds for state or local government entities to impose any other penalty, such as denying student financial aid, public housing, public financial assistance, or the opportunity to serve as a foster or adoptive parent.

At the same time, the proposed law would allow local ordinances or bylaws prohibiting the public use of marijuana and would not affect existing laws, practices, or policies concerning operating a motor vehicle or taking other actions while under the influence of marijuana, unlawful possession of prescription forms of marijuana, or selling, manufacturing, or trafficking in marijuana.

Bradley said he thinks decriminalizing marijuana "would be a big step in the wrong direction" and would set a dangerous precedent. "Marijuana is a gateway drug that starts you down the path to more dangerous drugs," he said. "If we minimize its use, we're basically sending the message to young people that it's OK to do this."

Some opponents say that decriminalization would embolden and enable drug dealers. Police Chief James Hussey said the proposal is "worse than lowering the drinking age or selling alcohol in supermarkets…it is just not a well thought out questions, by any means."

Hussey said it may encourage dealers to carry lesser amounts of marijuana so, if caught, they would not face criminal charges.

"It's the wrong message to be sending to our youth that small amount of marijuana is okay," said Hussey.

In his experience, juveniles arrested on first time marijuana possession charges aren't arraigned and it is settled outside the court's jurisdiction and therefore doesn't end up on the person's criminal record.

"Let me put it this way, if a 16-year-old kid is found in possession of alcohol, he is charged with a crime, but a 16-year old kid with marijuana is not charged with a crime. It doesn't make sense," said Hussey.

Whitney A. Taylor of the Committee for Sensible Marijuana Policy holds an entirely different view. One of the committee's biggest arguments against the current law is that when individuals are placed under arrest, their names are entered into the Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) system. "It lists what the individual was arrested for but not the outcome, and that information is available to the public," Taylor said. "We don't support or condone marijuana use. This is just a smart criminal justice reform. The sky is not falling in and more people will not be breaking the law."

She notes that penalties for other marijuana-related crimes, such as sales or DUIs, remain untouched.

Furthermore, Taylor said, taxpayers would save $30 million a year in arrest costs. "Do the citations and confiscate the marijuana, but keep the cops on the streets to fight more violent and serious crimes," she said. "That money should be kept in police coffers."

Conversely, Hingham Police Lieutenant Michael Peraino said that in Massachusetts, 80 percent of the prisoners are incarcerated for crimes not involving drugs and that "17 percent are in there for drug offenses not involving marijuana; 0.3 percent of the people in our prisons are in there for marijuana possession only, and 2.4 percent are in there for offenses involving marijuana but excluding possession only – they are in there for dealing. Our jails aren't full of marijuana users."

In a press release, the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association further noted that "Marijuana charges represent an infinitesimal percentage of police work, and Question 2 does not reduce the time police will spend processing these cases."

Taylor claims that passage of Question 2 would not increase marijuana use. "Eleven other states have similar laws and have shown no increase in marijuana use," she said.

The committee's platform is, "Let the punishment fit the crime."

The eleven Massachusetts District Attorneys—as well as Governor Deval Patrick, Attorney General Martha Coakley, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, the Black Ministerial Alliance, the Boston Ten Point Coalition, The Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Mothers Against Drunk Driving oppose Question 2.

Supporters of marijuana decriminalization, on the other hand, note that laws governing the sale, trafficking, and purchase of marijuana would be left unchanged, as would any laws related to impaired driving.

Taylor said that "if everyone would stop and listen – and consider what Question 2 would do, they would realize that personal possession of one ounce or less remains illegal, but would not carry a criminal penalty."

In 2004, a majority of Cohasset voters supported a non-binding policy question placed on the ballot by the Drug Policy Forum of Massachusetts calling for marijuana decriminalization. The majority of Hull and Hingham voters also voted "yes."

Reporter Nancy White contributed to this report.

"These are not [just] questions gauging voters' opinions on these issues [except Question 4]; no legislative approval is needed for them to become law."

— Rep. Garrett Bradley, referring to Questions 1, 2, and 3.

Nov. 4 ballot questions

Hingham and 10 other South Shore communities will have four ballot questions to consider Tuesday, Nov. 4. Questions 1, 2, and 3 are binding, while Question 4 is a non-binding Public Policy Question to register public opinion with legislators.

Question 1 – State personal income tax: A Yes vote would reduce the state personal income tax rate of 5.3 percent of federal adjusted gross income to 2.65 percent for the tax year beginning on Jan. 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax altogether after Jan. 1, 2010. A No vote would make no change in state income tax laws.

Question 2 – Possession of marijuana: A Yes vote would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties. A No vote would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.

Question 3 – Dog racing: A Yes vote would prohibit dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective Jan. 1, 2010. A No vote would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

Question 4 – Alternative energy wind policy: This is a non-binding Public Policy Question on alternative energy wind policy to register public opinion to legislators representing the towns of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Hanover, Norwell, Rockland, Braintree, and parts of Holbrook and Randolph.

The question reads: Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would support the development of Cape Wind in Nantucket Sound and other possible future onshore and offshore wind power developments in Massachusetts?" Voters will be asked to vote either "Yes" or "No" on this question.

For further information about the statewide ballot questions, refer to "The Official Massachusetts Information for Voters" pamphlet recently mailed to every household or view this information online at: www.sec.state.ma.us. Click on the "Election Division" link and then click on the "Information for Voters Online Book" link under the "State Election 2008" heading.'

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QUESTIONS

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives and senators' votes on two roll calls from prior legislative sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$3,056,500 FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (H 4900)

House 142-14, Senate 34-3, overrode Gov. Deval Patrick's $3,056,500 veto reduction (from $11,038,500 to 7,982,000) in funding for workforce development grants. The governor also vetoed some of the earmarking of the grants for specific programs. These funds come from the Workforce Training Fund that was established in 1998 and is financed by Massachusetts employers. Supporters of keeping the $3,056,500 said that it is important to fund these grants that provide resources to Massachusetts businesses to train employees and improve their skills. In his veto message, Patrick said that he reduced the funding of earmarks for programs not recommended. Some opponents of keeping the $3,056,500 said that the funding is excessive and argued that earmarking is unfair because it favors employers in specific areas across the state. (A "Yes" vote is for overriding Patrick's reduction and for keeping the $3,056,500. A "No" vote is against overriding Patrick's reduction and against keeping the $3,056,500).

GREEN JOBS (H 5018)

House 156-0, Senate 38-0, approved and Gov. Patrick signed into law the Green Jobs Act that offers state support to help develop the clean energy technology industry. Supporters say that the measure would create thousands of "green jobs," reduce greenhouse gas emissions, encourage green startup companies to locate and expand in Massachusetts and put Massachusetts in the forefront of the new green economy. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill).

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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N

Y



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Y

Y







Wind turbine hearing Oct. 27

The Planning Board's continued public hearing on the proposed wind turbines originally scheduled for Oct. 6, has been postponed to Monday, Oct. 27 at 7:15 p.m. The Oct. 27 meeting will take place in the Town Hall Auditorium.

The applicant, Jim Sweeney of CCI-Energy, has requested additional time to conduct the additional studies and gather additional data requested by the Planning Board.

As a procedural matter, the applicant has requested the postponement and the continued public hearing will reconvene on Oct. 6 only to immediately be continued to Oct. 27. No discussion on the project will take place on Oct. 6.

CCI-Energy is proposing installing two turbines on the Graham Waste site off of Route 3A behind Hingham Lumber. The project calls for two 1.65-megawatt turbines each approximately 141-meters, or 462-feet, from ground to the top of the blade.

Beechwood Church Harvest Supper and Auction

The annual Harvest Supper and Auction will take place Thursday, Oct. 23, at Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., Cohasset, for the 85th straight year. In years past, members have personally made calls to people in surrounding towns in order to make dinner reservations. This policy is being phased out. Instead, the first 100 people will be seated on a first-come basis. Those who want can call the church and order reservations on the voice mail at 781-383-0808. Seating begins at 5:30 for dinner, which will be served at 6:30.

This year's menu will include ham, herbed roasted potatoes, green beans, Harvard beets, coffee and dessert. Dinner is $9 for adults and $4.50 for children. An auction of locally harvested produce, pies, homemade goods and various donated items will take place immediately following dinner.

Fiscal outlook not good

FROM OUTLOOK, PAGE 1

"This is a very difficult time this town and every other town in the Commonwealth is facing."
Town Manager Bill Griffin

Though the fiscal 2009 budget is a balanced one, several potential issues could arise to change that. Governor Deval Patrick has announced emergency budget reductions, which so far will not affect local aid to cities and towns but could down the line in this fiscal year or the next.

Painting a grim picture, Griffin stated there continues to be an increase in uncollected property taxes and a reduction in motor vehicles excise collections. In the memo, Griffin stated the increase in uncollected property taxes has already significantly impacted free cash for fiscal 2009—it's at its lowest point in many years. Both these issues will impact the town finances for fiscal 2010 and beyond.

Over the past two years, the town has has limited snowfall and therefore limited deficits in the snow removal line item. But, if this upcoming winter season is a snowy one, it could mean a large deficit that would need to be addressed in this current fiscal year or in fiscal 2010.

"Fiscal 2010 looms as a very difficult budget year. We can expect a reduction in state aid, less 'new growth' and less free cash to offset the budget," states Griffin.

While consideration will likely be given to bringing an override question to the voters, the town is also required to prepare a balanced budget without an assumed override for Town Meeting. More specific guidelines for budget preparation will be provided to town departments later in October.

For the time being, Griffin said at the Board of Selectmen meeting Monday night, expenses need to be reigned in. Discretionary spending must be avoided in order to allow as much out appropriations to close in surplus at the close of the fiscal year.

Griffin warned it is likely positions will have to be eliminated in the fiscal 2010 budget, "it is certainly preferable that those positions be eliminated by attrition and not be layoff."

Lastly, Griffin asked departments and committees to review their current fee structures to ensure the fees are recovering the cost of providing the associated service. If changes need to be made to the current fees, he asked they be brought to his attention.

"This is a very difficult time this town and every other town in the Commonwealth is facing," said Griffin at the Selectmen's meeting.

The Board of Selectmen intend to meet jointly with the School Committee, Advisory Committee, and Capital Budget Committee to discuss the state of the town's finances before Special Town Meeting (Nov. 17).

"I think we could be in for a rough ride," said Selectmen chairman Ted Carr. The meeting would also allow the committees to discuss and possibly prioritize some of the funding request items on the Special Town Meeting warrant.

The School Committee put a "freeze" on all non-essential spending and hiring at their meeting Oct. 1.

BRIEFLY

Singers, dancers and comedians to perform in Cohasset Cabaret

Cohasset Cabaret, a show featuring singers, dancers and comedians, will present their second show Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8, at St. Anthony's Church hall. The show will be directed again this year by Blanche Clarke, who has worked in theater for many years, including the Hingham Cabaret, Hingham Civic and other venues.

On both evenings, a social hour will take place from 7 to 8 p.m., where attendees can try their luck at the raffle table that will have items from local artists and merchants. Audience members are encouraged to bring their own snacks "cabaret style" or there will be a selection of sandwiches. A cash bar will serve wine, beer and soft drinks. Cohasset Cabaret is sponsored by the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs and will benefit the Friends of St. Anthony Youth Ministry.

The local cast will feature Doug Trudeau from Showstopper's fame as emcee. A sampling of what to expect: Lily Sestito will perform again. "Tina Turner" will appear with one of her popular numbers. Katherine, a star of the musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" will give a song and dance routine. Vere Brown, a singer from Boston, will dazzle with his strong baritone voice. And, a few of the guys from the "Full Monty: will give a revue.

Tickets are on sale, and cost $25 each. Tickets can be purchased at St. Anthony Parish Hall and the CEA office at South Shore Community Center. For more information, call 781-383-0021.

Atlantic Symphony to present oboe soloist

Atlantic Symphony invites the public to a special musical experience at 7 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 19, with oboist Andrew Price. Hear the sounds of one instrument stripped to its essentials: wood, reeds, breath, fingers and the energy it takes to bring them together into sound. While listening, sip or dine in the intimate setting of Asian C, a Pan-Asian restaurant on Route 53, Hingham.

Price performs occasionally with the Boston Pops and the



Andrew Price, Atlantic Symphony's principal oboist.

Boston Symphony orchestras, and as principal oboe for the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra. His stories compliment the sound of solo oboe.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for those who want to enjoy a prix-fixe buffet. Drinks may be ordered throughout the hour-long concert.

A limited number of tickets are available. For reservations, call 781-740-5694 or order online at atlanticsymphony.org. Cost is $15 for adults and seniors, $10 for youth. Buffet is $20. Cash bar available.

Organist Gail Archer to play at St. Stephen's Church

Celebrating its 17th year, St. Stephen's Concert Series in Cohasset will present organist Gail Archer of New York City in a recital at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 26, in a program featuring the music of 20th century French organist Olivier Messiaen. The music of this composer is highly controversial and uses elements of bird song, Gregorian chant, Far Eastern scales and scales of his own construction – all in a mission to bring the music of the church into the world and to musically present Christian truths in the concert hall. Archer lives in New York and serves as chairman of the music department at Barnard College, Columbia University.

This year, St. Stephen's is also celebrating the partial restoration of its 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ, portions of which had been rendered unplayable by spring storms several years ago/

The church is at 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and there is plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

'Godspell' to be performed by Cohasset Dramatic Club

Cohasset Dramatic Club has announced it has assembled the cast for its fall production of "Godspell." Show dates will be at 7:30 p.m., on Nov. 14, 15, 21 and 22, and 2 p.m., on Nov. 16 and 23. The production will take place at Cohasset Town Hall auditorium.

Director and music director, Mark Bono set out in search of a diverse, energetic cast of 10 adults to recount the telling of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, through both parables and music, and find them he did. The ensemble is led by Stephen Lee from Randolph as Jesus. Lee has done this show before, and it is one of his favorites, so he is thrilled to be a part of this cast bringing this show to life for the first time on the Cohasset Town Hall stage. Supporting Lee in the ensemble, and each singing their own piece from the score by Stephen Schwartz, are Mark Alves, Cohasset; Eric Braun, Hanover; Nicole DiRuzza, Quincy; Denise Feeney, Abington; Lisa Pratt, Cohasset; Anne Thornton of Hanover; and Sharon White and Bill White of Scituate.

"Godspell" boasts a string of songs led by the hit "Day By Day." As the cast performs "Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord," "Learn Your Lessons Well," "All For the Best," "All Good Gifts," "Turn Back, O Man" and "By My Side," the parables come to life. Drawing from various theatrical traditions such as clowning, pantomime, charades and vaudeville, "Godspell" is a unique reflection of the life of Jesus, with a message of kindness, tolerance and love.

Tickets will be available soon at Paperscapes in Cohasset Village, Buttonwood Books on CJC Highway in Cohasset, or via CDC's ticket reservation and information line at 617-697-2115. Tickets are $15, and reservations are presently being accepted.

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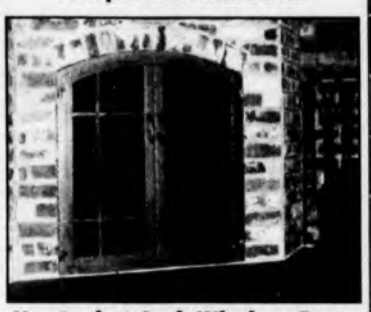
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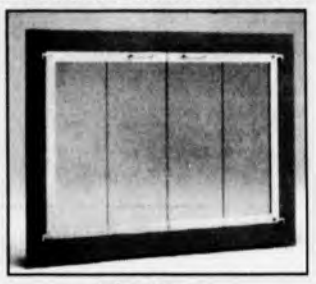


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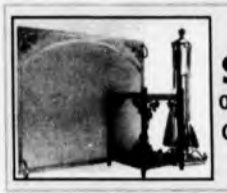


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Cohasset rally falls just short

Skippers lose to Carver, 28-22

Coach Pete Afanasiw is looking forward. After losing to Carver 28-22, the Cohasset High School varsity football team is now focused on taking on the always-impressive Mashpee team.

It was Carver's explosive ground assault, combined with timely aerial execution that gave Carver a big, and ultimately, insurmountable lead in the third quarter. Coach Afanasiw said, "I knew Carver was going to be a huge contest. They have a tremendous group of seniors and are always a physical team. We made a good push, we never gave up, but I wish we could have the third quarter back."

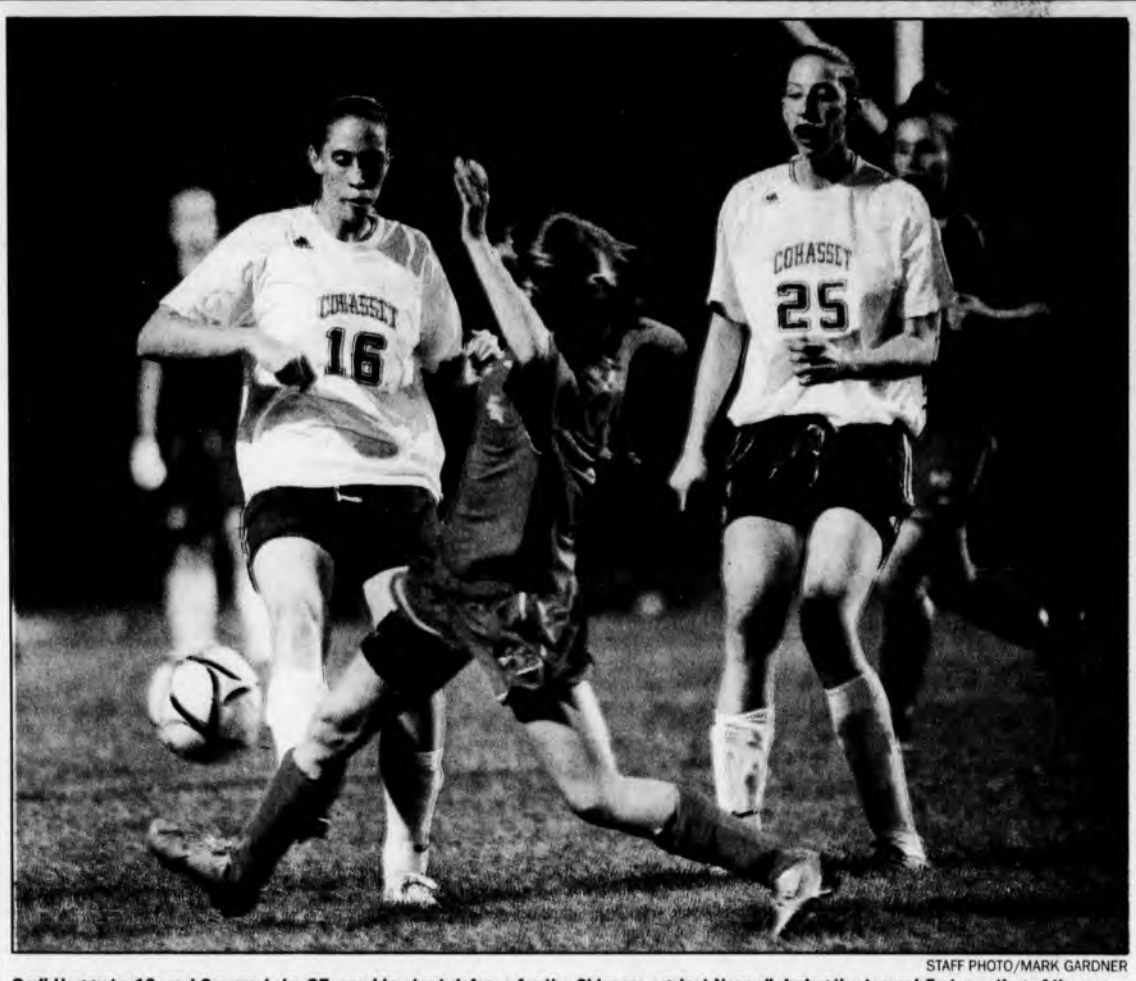
Cohasset got on the board first as Jeff Cavanaro (145 yards on 16 of 27 passing, 2 TDs and a rushing TD) connected with Johnny Maher late in second quarter for a 25-yard touchdown. Brendan Doonan (five receptions for 95 years, 1 TD and 1 conversion) converted the PAT and the Skipppers were leading 7-0 in the second quarter. But before the buzzer could signal halftime, the Crusaders from Carver, playing before their Homecoming crowd, marched down the field and unleashed their passing game, getting the ball inside the Skipper 20 and ultimately into the end zone. As the teams headed into the locker rooms, they were deadlocked.

As the second half began, and Carver received the kickoff, it was as if halftime never happened. On the first play from scrimmage, Carver ran right, 45 yards into the end zone. On their ensuing possession Cohasset got into Carver territory but failed to convert on fourth-and-six. The Skippers had plenty of opportunities to score in the third quarter, but Carver managed to hold them out of the end zone every time.

Carver scored two more times in the quarter, putting the game seemingly out of reach.

Coach Afanasiw "Carver's offensive line deserves credit, they pushed us around up front and really took the fight to the defense," said Afanasiw.

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Carli Haggerty, 16, and Sammy Lehr, 25, provide stout defense for the Skippers against Norwell during the teams' first meeting of the season in mid-September. The Skippers came away with a 1-0 win in the first contest, but fell 4-2 in the most recent showdown between the two South Shore League rivals.

Heartbreaker for CHS girls

Lady Skippers fall to Norwell SSL showdown

By Mike Spellman
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Time to adjust the goals.

This is the nature of high school sports, sometimes for better, sometimes for worse.

In the case of the Cohasset High girls' soccer team, it is, at least in the present, an adjustment for the worse.

Last Friday's 4-2 loss to archrival Norwell essentially quashed the Lady Skippers hopes for a South Shore League title.

With the victory, the Norwell girls (now 9-1 in league, 9-3 overall) not only avenged their lone loss of the season, a 1-0 setback to Cohasset three weeks ago, but broke the tie for first place with the Skippers (8-2, 9-2).

"The girls were pretty upset after that loss," reported Lady Skippers head coach Deb Beal. "It was especially disappointing to our seniors, who would have liked to hang a South Shore League championship banner in the (CHS) gym. But now our first goal needs to be finishing strong, getting a top seed and then hopefully doing something great with it."

Mathematically, the Cohasset girls would still appear to be in the running for a league title. If they win out over four SSL rivals they've already topped, all they'd need is for Norwell to lose once to create a first place tie. However, Norwell has league games remaining against only Mashpee, Abington, Harwich and Hull, teams they beat by a combined score of 31-3 in the initial go-rounds. The closest of those games was a 4-0 win over Abington (4-10).

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PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Junior Chase Stebbins.

CHS golfers swing for playoff berth

By Charlie Mushin and Ian Lyster

The 2008 Cohasset High School golf team has had its fair share of ups and downs this season. Being the South Shore League champs just a year ago, the team had high expectations going into this year.

"Everyone is playing well but we just can't seem to put it all together," said captain Jonny Wade, who added, they "aren't as good as we should be."

The team was 6-6 going into a crucial match with Scituate on Wednesday (Oct. 15) at 3 p.m. A win catapults the team into the state tourney while a loss effectively ends their season. Results were not available at press time.

As far as Wade's strategy heading into the critical match and potentially the playoffs, he said Clippers have to "just keep playing consistently and as long as everyone plays their game they will be fine into and

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The time is now for boys

CHS looks to offense to spark strong finish

By Mike Spellman
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It's rare when the coach of a 2-7-3 team can sound credible making the claim that a tourney spot remains within reach, but Cohasset boys coach Jim Willis actually makes a compelling argument.

"When I look at all of the games that were decided by just one goal or one play this season, I've got to believe there's still a chance," said the Skippers' second year head coach. "Especially with the way a few guys have been picking it up and the fact most of these teams we lost to by one goal on the road are now coming to our place."

Unfortunately, Monday's 2-1 loss down on Nantucket island dealt a palpable blow to the

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Cohasset keeper Will Wise, a junior, safely gathers the ball for the Skippers against Norwell earlier this season Wise has been a key to Cohasset's defensive success this fall.

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER/Jonny Wade



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The Mariner caught up with CHS golf captain Jonny Wade, a three-sport athlete, before a recent match against Mashpee at the Cohasset Golf Club.

Name: Jonny Wade

Grade: Senior

Sports played: Golf, hockey, lacrosse

Favorite subject: History

Favorite sport: Depends on the season. However, golf is a great way to start off the year!

Favorite professional team: Boston Bruins

Athlete you would most like to meet: Tiger Woods

Favorite music, band or group: Too many to pick from!

Best thing about CHS athletics: You get to know everyone really well. Because of the size of the school, freshmen can contribute to the varsity program. At other schools, there is more division between the grades.

Goal: To win the league match in golf and make it to the state tournament. (Cohasset has won the South Shore League Tournament, which is a one-day individual and team competition the last two years. CHS golfers have made it to the state tournament the last four years and won the South Shore League Title in 2005.)

Lady Skippers fall to Norwell SSL showdown

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"It would take a pretty big upset for us to have a chance," conceded Beal. "But we can't think about that right now. Our goal is to keep getting better and look to win every game. If our focus is on what Norwell is doing, we'll be in trouble."

If the Cohasset girls do, in fact, win out, they'd earn a higher seed than Norwell by virtue of fewer losses. That could mean something if the two teams meet before the sectional finals, in which case the higher seed hosts. Forget Friday's loss; the Lady Skippers would love a chance to avenge the 1-0 loss they suffered to the Norwell in the Div. 3 sectional semi-finals last fall.

"One game at a time, though," Beal warns.

Norwell 4, Skippers 2

After 30 minutes of hard-fought white-knuckle soccer, Cohasset captain Maggie McGoldrick opened the scoring with a pretty tally less than 10 minutes before the break.

"I really liked our chances after that went in," said Beal. "The game had been pretty even to that point, and I thought the first goal would give us a real lift and hopefully deflate Norwell."

Obviously, it did not play out that way. Norwell's Krista Prouty converted three minutes later to send the game into the half tied at one apiece.

Hillary Kitchen and Kara O'Connell followed with goals a few minutes apart after the break to stun the visiting Skippers.

The locals did not quit, however, and sophomore speedster Kaci Kucinski got behind the defense with 11 minutes to play and finished strong to make it a 3-2 game.

Five minutes later, however, Norwell sophomore forward Kelly Duffy scored to seal the victory.

"In terms of how we played, I was honestly not disappointed at all," said Beal. "We actually played a very good game, and I was very proud of the effort. We possessed the ball very well for 37 of 40 minutes in the second half, but Norwell took advantage of a couple of (defensive) breakdowns, and their girls definitely deserve credit for that. That's what good players and good teams do."

In particular, Beal lauded the play of senior captains McGoldrick and Torey Hart and sophomores Kucinski and Caroline Fein.

"We had great play up front from Kaci and Caroline, and they were very well supported by Maggie and Torey," said Beal. "It was a solid team effort, and our players stepped up in a very emotional game. I was very proud of that."

Skippers 4, Sandwich 0

Not that there was a lot of suspense regarding this matter, but the Cohasset girls sewed up their spot in the Div. 3 state tourney with this Columbus Day win on the Cape.

Sarah Coggins and Torey Hart had a goal and an assist each to lead the Skippers to their 10th win on the season.

Kucinski and McGoldrick scored the other two goals.

Senior keeper Johanna Brophy, playing her second straight game since missing a month of action due to injury, was sharp in net to record her first shutout.

Next up

The Skippers were looking to extract a little revenge when they traveled to East Bridgewater on Wednesday. E.B. handed Cohasset its only other loss, a 2-1 setback on Sept. 17, which now stands as the difference between a first place tie and second place.

"That game is more about bragging rights," Beal said prior to that match. "(E.B.) came into our place and took a win against us two days after we took a very emotional win (over Norwell). Our girls are hungry to return the favor."

The Lady Skippers don't have a lot on the league schedule after that one. They beat their remaining SSL rivals (Carver, Hull and Mashpee) by a combined score of 13-0.

Mixed in that stretch run, though, are some quality battle testers with larger division standouts Notre Dame (7-2-1), Rockland (3-4-1) and Plymouth North (9-2-2).

"When we scheduled those games I figured they'd be great tune up games to get us ready for the challenge," said Beal. "Those are all tough teams, and that should get us ready mentally and physically for what we'll face in the tourney."

CHS looks to offense to spark strong finish

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Skippers postseason aspirations.

"Yeah, 3-6-3 would have sounded a lot better," continued Willis. "But a 6-1 finish is not impossible for this team. Until we lose two more, we're going in to every game with the thought that this is doable."

If it is going to happen, there's no mystery as to where the improvement is going to have to occur: at the offensive end. Indeed, given the way the Skippers have executed up front to date six goals total seems nearly as great a long shot as six wins.

"It was the same old problem against Nantucket," said Willis, whose team has scored just eight goals total all season. "We've struggled with putting the ball on goal all season, and that came back to bite us again (Monday)."

The Skippers lone goal came off a blast from outside the 18-yard line by fullback Jack Murphy with under 10 minutes to play. This, the visitors' first shot on goal of the game, cut Nantucket's lead to 2-1.

"We're playing a lot of up and down soccer," continued Willis, whose team has surrendered just 10 goals in the last 11 games.

The Skippers have lost two games by a 2-1 score, two others 1-0 and also played to a couple of scoreless draws. One of those 1-0 losses came to 11-1 Carver, the game's lone goal coming with 40 seconds to play.

"Our defense has been pretty outstanding most of the season," continued the head coach, "but there's such a thin margin of error when you're not even scoring a goal a game. We've got a lot of youth, and we're just not putting ourselves in positions to score."

Willis is doing all he can think of to turn that around. Beginning with this past Wednesday's big showdown with East Bridgewater, seniors Lennart Brown and Owen Landon — the team's best defenders, if not overall players all season — were going to be playing with the front seven.

"We're at the point now we're I've got to roll the dice a little bit in the hopes of giving the offense a spark," said Willis. "Lennart has been a center mid most of his life, and he can lead an offense. Owen is a strong overall player who plays strong and aggressive around the ball. Those are things we need up front right now."

Brown started the season as the Skippers center midfielder, essentially quarterbacking the offense, but a season-opening 5-0 loss to Scituate convinced Willis he needed to put his top player at sweeper and build from the back forward.

Today, though, the coach feels the younger players on his team have now come far enough in their understanding of his system to do a passable jump manning the rear.

Among the younger players Willis will be looking upon to take it to the next level is sophomore Anders Goetz, who has inspired enough confidence from his coach to be assigned marking duty on top opposing wings for all 80 minutes

"Anders isn't the big kid, but he's just relentless and loves to battle top players," lauded Willis. "He seems to welcome those challenges."

Willis also feels his defense is in better shape now with senior fullback Conor Ofsthun back to just about 100 percent health. The tall and athletic multi-year varsity performer was slowed through the first several weeks of the season by a severely sprained ankle.

Of course, the coach also recognizes an even bigger load may well be required of star junior keeper Will Wise, the Skippers number one netminder since his freshman year.

"Will has had a sensational year," said Willis. "I don't want to think of where we'd be without him. Obviously, we're going to continue needing him to come up big if we're going to have any shot at this thing."

Next Up

Clearly, the Skippers have their work cut out for them with their stated goal of going 6-1 to finish up.

After Wednesday's tilt with East Bridgewater (3-4-3), they host Carver (11-1) this afternoon (Friday; 3:30 p.m. start) and Nantucket (7-3-2) Tuesday before traveling to Hull (1-8-1) Wednesday.

The Skippers sandwich hostings of Cape rivals Mashpee (6-4-3) and Harwich (12-0) — on Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, respectively — around an Oct. 29 trip to Scituate (4-5) to close out the regular season.

CHS golfers swing for playoff berth

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through the tourney."

This last match with Scituate is not the only thing on the line for a couple CHS golfers. Juniors Chase Stebbins and Ian Quinlan, along with sophomore Robbie Hill, are all vying for a number one spot in next year's rotation as well. Stebbins may be the early favorite as he is having a solid season, but Quinlan and Hill aren't too far behind.

Behind Wade, Stebbins, Quinlan, and Hill are juniors Harry Cipolla and Sebastian Braga and sophomore Morgan Grasz. With Wade being the only graduating senior, the rest of the team will look to add to its success and experience from this season to make a solid run for the state tournament next season.

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Close contests for Cohasset field hockey

By Susan Franklin
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

With 15 minutes left in the half, Cohasset was tenacious at both ends of the field. Players like Lesen Haracz were seemingly everywhere Harwich turned.

The Cohasset varsity field hockey team has had a couple of rough weeks on the field. Facing five opponents, including division champion Harwich, the team suffered four loses, all of which had the potential of being in the win column.

In the first half of the Mashpee game at Deer Hill, aggressive play by Lucy Noble, Marissa Tangherlini, Lesen Haracz, Hillary Gaumer and Isabelle Franklin set the tone early and Cohasset controlled the ball for 28 of 30 minutes. Unable to convert on numerous offensive bursts, by Kelsey Erler, Hillary Gaumer, Lesen Haracz and Jenny Cahill, the score at halftime stood 0-0. Cohasset's defense was tenacious, with dominant play by veterans Marisa Tangherlini and Jean Thome, key plays by Kate Durant and numerous saves by Alyssa Mullin. Erika Reardon, Kate O'Callahan, Taryn Donohue, Margaux Donze, Emily Toomey and Lauren Blaze jumped in and held Mashpee's offense at bay with strong defensive plays. Mashpee's only goal came in the second half off a corner with a high shot in the upper corner of the net. Alyssa Mullin reacted well but this type of shot is extremely difficult to save. At then end of this 0-1 content, Cohasset's conference record stood at 1-3 with the overall league record of 2-5.

The team traveled to Carver where the game ended in a 0-0 tie, before returning home to face Norwell. Cohasset came out on fire early. Six minutes into the contest, Jean Thome drilled a pass into the circle from midfield intended for Hillary Gaumer but it was too hot to handle. Norwell took it down the sideline, pursued by Lucy Noble who chased it all the way to the other end where she stole it and sent it back downfield. Nine minutes in Isabelle Franklin finds Gaumer in the circle who flipped it to Jenny Cahill whose shot on goal missed right. Over the next eight minutes, Cohasset's offense made three more attempts on goal, including a shot that went wide by Jenny Cahill and a blast from Hillary Gaumer that was knocked down by the Norwell goalie. A series of penalty corners gave Norwell its scoring opportunities but the Cohasset defense did not allow even a shot.

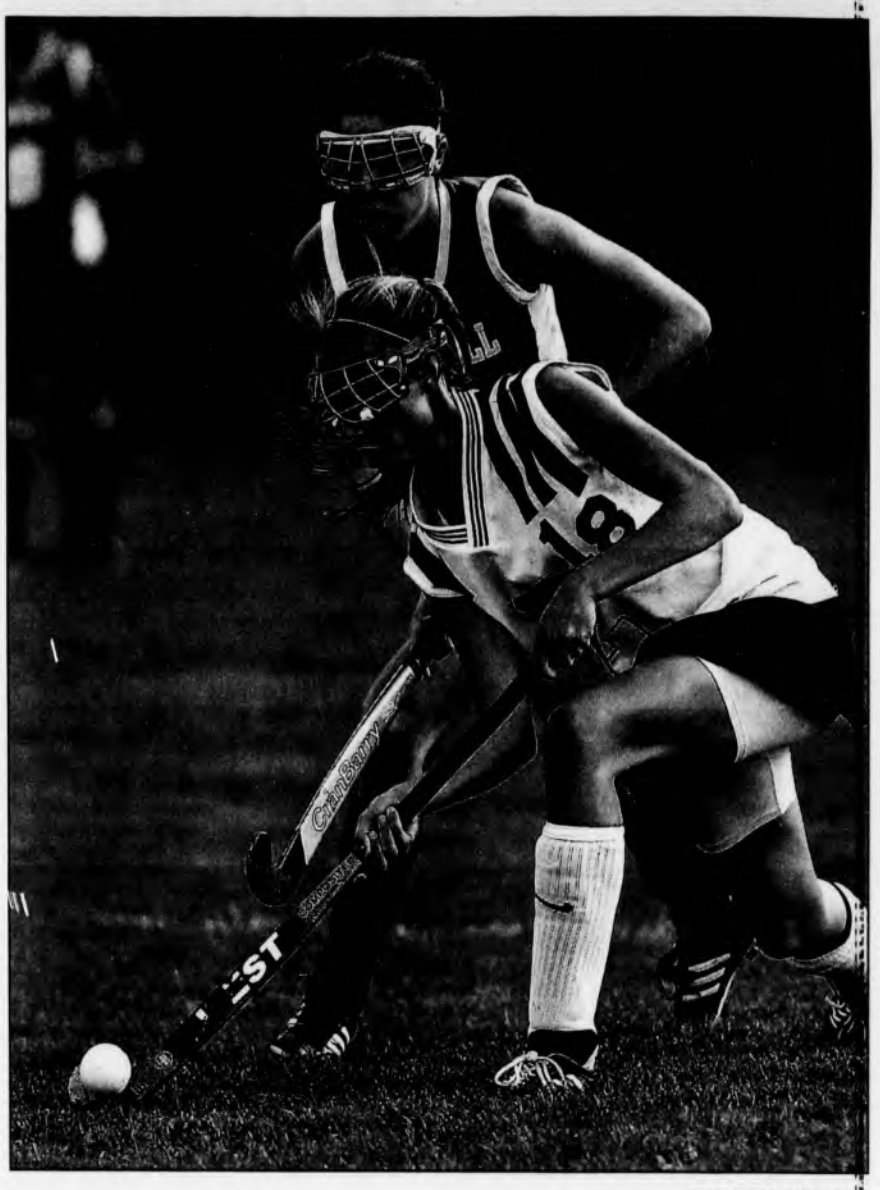
In the second half, Norwell made a push on the Cohasset goal, getting off a number of shots that did not materialize into goals. A period of fast paced activity ensued with the ball traveling and the players running all over this 100 x 60 yard field but neither team could gain enough control to generate scoring opportunities. Late in the second half, a penalty in the Cohasset zone set Norwell up for a series of corners, yielding them a goal. With the score now 0-1 and only minutes left in the contest, Cohasset attached the Norwell goal. Marissa Tangherlini hit the ball through a bevy of sticks but a foot fault gave it back to Norwell. Cohasset took it right back generating a corner where Lucy Noble passed to Hillary Gaumer who put it in the net, but the goal was called back. A Jenny Cahill shot off a series of passes from Kelsey Erler and Gaumer fell short, and the a follow-up shot went wide. Time ran out and Cohasset came out on the short end of the 0-1 score. Later that week, Cohasset and Hull tied in 2-2 game played at Deer Hill field.

Despite the tough losses, the team came out to play against division behemoth Harwich. The game at Deer Hill was on grass not the pristine artificial turf surface on which Harwich dominates. Harwich came in an aggressive man-to-man half field defense. For the first five minutes the ball never left the Cohasset zone but despite ball control, Harwich could not get a shot against Cohasset's pesky defenders. Eight minutes in Cohasset got the ball across the centerline to a streaking Hillary Gaumer just above the circle she had too much momentum to control a shot. Minutes later Harwich got its first shot on goal, but Cohasset stopped it. A Harwich corner ensued where two shots were fired, both stopped by Mullin. Cleared up the field by the Cohasset defense, a foot fault brought it back the other way.

Thirteen minutes in Harwich got a shot off a full field drive but Mullin saved it and sent it wide. Harwich generated four more attempts on goal but all were thwarted by the Cohasset defense and Mullin. Seventeen minutes into the scoreless half, the Harwich coach called a timeout. Returning to the field, Harwich successfully executed a play that resulted in a goal. Kelsey Erler sparked a breakaway with a lead pass to Gaumer but her shot was spoiled by a foot fault. Marissa Tangherlini took the penalty hit but Harwich turned the ball back. Cohasset brought it back on a penalty charged drive up field. Gaumer surrounded by Harwich sticks managed to get a three shots off in the circle but none of them materialized into goals.

A frustrated Harwich squad started the second half with a mission. Taking control of the ball, they attempted a series of shots on goal but they were foiled again by Cohasset's defense. Finally Cohasset cleared the ball from their zone and the offensive line comprised of Jenny Cahill, Isabelle Franklin, Lesen Haracz and Hillary Gaumer went on the attack. Spoiled by a foot fault Harwich gained a corner but their attempt to score was foiled by Tangherlini. Minutes later Gaumer made an unfettered shot off a Cohasset corner but it went wide. Turned back downfield, Harwich drove a loose ball in front of the Cohasset net at Mullin but the shot went wide.

With 15 minutes left in the half, Cohasset was tenacious at both ends of the field. Players like Lesen Haracz were seemingly everywhere Harwich turned. Harwich appeared frustrated and called a second timeout. Back on the field a Cohasset breakaway by Cahill, Erler and Gaumer brought the ball into the Harwich zone where another shot on goal was turned away. Harwich's fastest player took the ball, sprinting the length of the field to drill a shot at Mullin who turned it away with a kick save. With three minutes remaining in the contest, Haracz thwarted a well-designed play on a Harwich corner, but the errant rebound controlled by Harwich was shot into the goal. Cohasset lost this game 0-2 but overall, they played with intensely all game and gave Harwich their most difficult contest of the season.



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Cohasset's Izzy Franklin, 18, gets a shot off in the first half of their game against Norwell last week.

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YOUTH FOOTBALL

Sharks suffer first loss, 18-14

On a perfect afternoon for football the Marshfield Rams overcame a 14-12 deficit in the fourth quarter to knock off the previously undefeated Scituate Sharks, 18-14. Marshfield now takes over first place in Division One and Scituate secures at least a second place finish depending on the outcome of Marshfield's game against Plymouth.

Marshfield won all facets of this battle with superior special teams play, a physical attacking defense and an offense that took advantage of some mismatches defensively for Scituate.

Despite allowing Marshfield to return each kickoff past midfield, Scituate's defense kept rising to the challenge time and time again to keep the Sharks within striking distance. However, two illegal procedure penalties against Scituate in short yardage situations killed promising drives forcing Scituate to punt the ball back to Marshfield.

Marshfield got on the scoreboard first but was unable to convert their extra point try and led early 6-0. Scituate came right back thanks to some solid running from Jordan Kelly & Shea McCarthy. Shane Haggerty got the Sharks on the scoreboard thanks to a great lead block from Michael Stewart and Matt McCrae hauled in the conversion attempt to give Sci-Coh an 8-6 lead.

The score stood at 8-6 entering the third quarter when Marshfield decided to power the ball right at Scituate with their all-star running back Kevin O'Donnell. O'Donnell broke numerous tackles and scampered 32 yards to give Marshfield 12-8 lead. Once again Scituate's defense came up big on the conversion try stopping Marshfield short of the goal line.

Now it was Scituate's turn to put a little offense together. Joe Daileader, Stewart, Kelley and McCarthy took turns carrying the ball behind Scituate's line of Tyler Serra, John Foster, Danny Buckley, Craig Davis & Sean Shea. Kelley eventually powered his way into the end zone and Scituate regained the lead 14-12. However, once again Scituate's kickoff coverage was lacking and Marshfield returned the ensuing kickoff across midfield to their opponent's 38-yard line. After a personal foul penalty on Marshfield set up a third and long, O'Donnell once again beat a Scituate defender down the sideline, hauling in a long touchdown pass recapturing the lead for Marshfield 18-14.

Scituate's final possession stalled as Marshfield's defense pressured Haggerty to throw the ball away when he wasn't getting sacked. After a punt from deep in their own territory, Scituate could not stop Marshfield's offense and as a result Marshfield was able to run out the clock and capture first place with a grueling 18-14 victory.

Scituate travels to non-league opponent Taunton Saturday for their first and only night game of the season, game time 7:30 p.m.

Youth Basketball registration Oct. 18 at Town Hall

Cohasset Youth Basketball registrations will take place on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 8-11 a.m. in the basement conference room of the town hall. Registration fee remains at $75. Anyone registering after Oct 31 will be charged a $25 late registration fee. Teams will be selected on Nov. 15 and they will be posted on www.cohassetbasketball.com. Registrations will close on Nov. 7. Any late registrations will be subject to the approval of the CBBC.

There will also be signups for travel basketball tryouts on Oct. 18. No money or registration is required at this time. In order to plan properly, we need to know how many players are planning to try out for travel basketball.

More information about youth basketball and travel basketball will be available on Oct. 18.

Cohasset Youth Travel Basketball to hold tryouts Oct. 20-30

Cohasset youth are invited tryout for Cohasset Girls and Boys Travel Basketball teams according to the schedule below. Players who plan to try out must sign up on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8 to 11 a.m., in the basement conference room in Town Hall. No money or registration will be collected; this is just to get a count of how many players will be trying out.

These teams compete in the very competitive Girls South Shore League and the Boys Patriot League. The leagues are geared for the players who are committed to basketball. The teams practice twice weekly and play travel games on Saturdays and Sundays.

Girls tryouts

Fifth grade: Tuesday, Oct 21 and Thursday, Oct. 23, from 7 to 8:15 p.m., Deer Hill gym

Sixth grade: Tuesday, Oct 21 and Thursday, Oct. 23, from 7 to 8:15 p.m., Osgood gym

Seventh grade: Monday, Oct 20 and Wednesday, Oct. 22, from7 to 8:15 p.m., Deer Hill gym

Eighth grade: Monday, Oct 20 and Wednesday, Oct. 22, from7 to 8:15 p.m·· Osgood gym

Boys tryouts

Fifth grade: Tuesday, Oct 28 and Thursday, Oct. 30, from 7 to 8:15 p.m., Deer Hill gym

Sixth grade: Monday, Oct 27 and Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Deer Hill gym

Seventh grade: Monday, Oct 27 and Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 7 to 8:15 p.m., Deer Hill gym

Eighth grade: Monday, Oct 27 and Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 7 to 8:15 p.m., Osgood gym

For information about girls basketball, contact Steve Fredey at 781-383-6356; for boys, contact Chris Haggerty at 781-383-9930.

Exchange students have arrived at CHS

LIFE AT CHS

LAUREN MACK



Hello everybody! Thanks to Christopher Columbus, this week was a short one; however, that did not slow down the swing of the school week. On the holiday, the boys' soccer and girls' field hockey teams traveled to Nantucket to play against Whalers. The scores of both games were irrelevant, but the boys and girls teams enjoyed themselves on the island nonetheless. Also in regards to soccer, the annual Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Deer Hill on Sunday morning from 8 a.m.-noon. And for all of you who bought tickets, you are also automatically entered into a raffle to win many different prizes, including free gas for a year! The school-wide student council elections were also held this week, resulting in Chris O'Grady as our new School President, and Matt Brooks as his Vice President. More big news this week is that the French exchange students arrived on Wednesday evening to stay with their host families. The students included in this joint program with Scituate High School will host for ten days and then stay with a family in France for ten days.

With the exchange occurring, it seems fitting that my Teacher Quote of the Week comes from the teacher who is behind the scenes of this foreign exchange program, Ms. Beth Marat, or Madame as she is referred to in the classroom. This year will be her second year doing the French Exchange at CHS, and when asked about how she hopes this second time around will go, she responded: "Oh mon dieu, je suis heureux qu'il ne soit pas la semaine de spirit. Tous les etudiants Français penseraient que nous sommes absolument fous!" (Translation: "Oh my god, I am just glad that it's not spirit week. All of the French students would think that we are all absolutely insane!"). And with that I bid you all farewell until next week. Au revoir!

Lauren Mack is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly during the school year.

SCHOOL MENUS

DEER HILL, OSGOOD MENUS

MONDAY, OCT. 20

Chicken patty on a whole wheat roll, side Caesar salad, cinnamon apple slices.

TUESDAY, OCT. 21

Ham and cheese wrap, baby carrots and celery sticks with ranch dressing, goldfish.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22

Macaroni and cheese, buttered dinner roll, carrots, Macintosh apple.

THURSDAY, OCT. 23

Taco meat served over nacho chips with lettuce, tomato and shredded cheese, steamed rice, pineapple tidbits.

FRIDAY, OCT. 24

Cheese pizza, fresh garden salad, Jell-O with whipped cream.

MONDAY, OCT. 27

Create your own cheeseburger with all the fixings, baked shoestring fries, orange quarters.

TUESDAY, OCT. 28

Buttermilk pancakes with maple syrup, sausage patty, fresh strawberries.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29

Rotini pasta with marinara sauce, side garden salad, fruit cup.

THURSDAY, OCT. 30

Chicken nuggets, baked potato smiles, snappy green beans, vanilla pudding.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

French bread pizza, baby carrots and celery sticks with ranch dressing, cookie.

New school Web site launched

The Cohasset Schools has an entirely new Web site. The revamped site will still be able to be accessed at www.cohassetk12.org.

The site will be composed of five sites, each one to be frequently updated by administrators, teachers and staff. Teachers will be able to have their own site to post homework assignments, the Superintendent will be able to post messages, and the daily school lunch menu will be available as well. The ability to purchase school lunches online will be available around the time of the new Web site launch.

Skippers lose to Carver, 28-22

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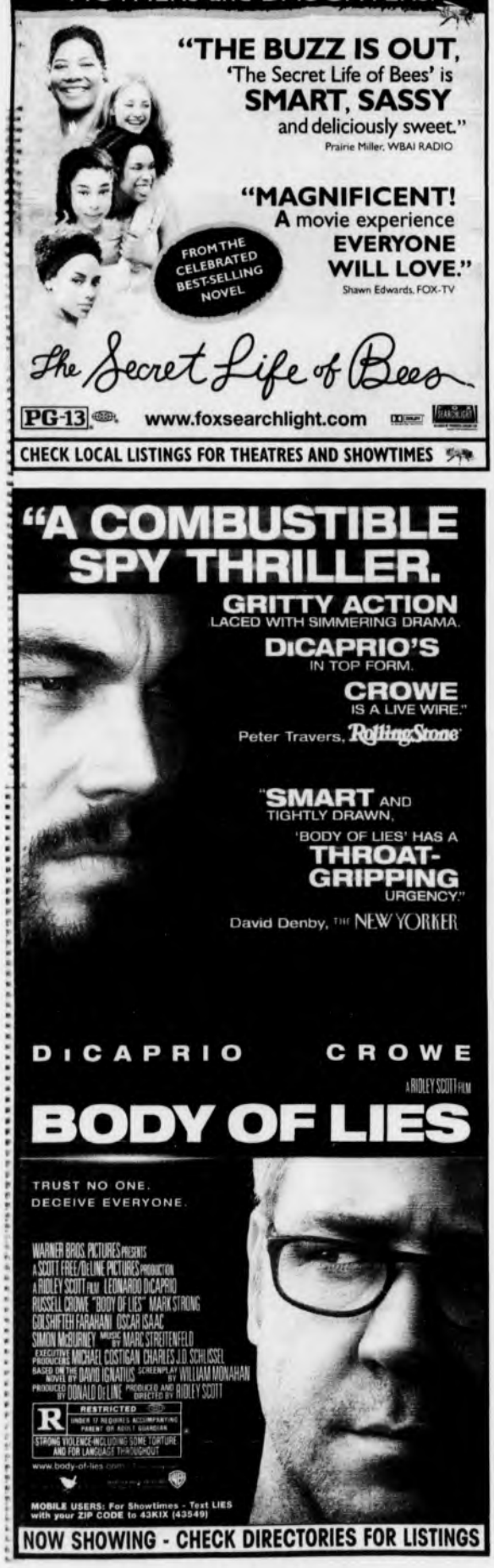
Jake Kissick had another strong performance with 11 tackles. Robert Jones played well at cornerback with some very strong hits.

At the start of the fourth quarter, the Skippers, not willing to go quietly into the dark night, marched down the field in an 11-play drive that resulted in Cavanaro taking it into the end zone for the TD. Key catches by Doonan, Dean Driscoll and Thomas Flibotte in that drive ensured the result. Doonan converted the PAT.

The ensuing on-side kick by Cohasset was unsuccessful, but it was no matter. On the second play from scrimmage, Carver fumbled and Maher recovered the ball, setting up Cohasset for an eight-play scoring drive. Cavanaro connected with Doonan from the 5-yard line. The score was 28-20 Carver. In the two-point conversion attempt, Carver was guilty of pass interference on Driscoll, giving the Skippers another attempt. Cavanaro hit Doonan for 2, and the Skippers were now down by 6. With time on the clock, Cohasset attempted another on-side kick, and this time Mike Froio came up with the ball midfield. It couldn't have been scripted better. Cohasset had another shot at the end zone. But the opportunity was short lived as Carver, in double coverage, intercepted a Cavanaro pass attempt to Maher. The Crusaders methodically ran down the clock grinding up yardage until time ran out.

Coach Afanasiw commented, "There is a lot of parity in the league this year and I truly think that the eventual league champ will not be an undefeated team," said Afanasiw. "That means we still have a shot at post season play. It's a tall task, be we need to win our remaining five games… difficult but very possible."

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Registration closes for Saturday's race at 1:30 p.m. The coxswains' meeting will be at 1:45 p.m., and race start at 2:30 p.m.

Head out to the Head of the Weir River Race Saturday

Hull Lifesaving Museum's 21st annual Head of the Weir River Race is a celebration of the estuary at the height of its fall beauty and the array of the region's open water rowers. The race will take place Saturday, Oct. 18. Fee is $20 per rower; free for spectators.

As many as 60 boats jockey for position racing out the narrow estuary and into open water, traveling from West Corner on the Hingham/Hull/Cohasset line, past Bumpkin Island, across Hull Bay, to the museum's Windmill Point Boathouse at Hull Gut. A highly contested 5-1/2 miler, the Weir draws coxed youth and adult rowers in gigs, single and double livery and workboats, currachs and ocean shells, as well as experienced paddlers in kayaks and canoes. In the head of the river format, boats kick-off from the starting line at one-minute intervals, and times are collated at the finish to determine the race winners. The Weir is an exciting race and a great spectator event, featuring more than 150 rowers from all over New England and New York. Best spectator views are from the bridge on George Washington Boulevard – 10 to 20 minutes after the start; at the tip of Hull's Sunset Point, or at the Windmill Point Boathouse finish line. Spectators should show care crossing the road on George Washington Boulevard, watching for fast moving traffic.

Registration, required for all participants, will begin at noon at the race starting line behind the Hull Public Works building at the Hull town line on Route 228. Registration closes at 1:30 p.m. The coxswains' meeting will be at 1:45 p.m., and race start at 2:30 p.m. All coxed boats must contact the race organizers before the day of the race. There is no parking available at the race starting line; the put-in for trailered boats is at Nantasket Pier, 1 mile from the starting line, where car and trailer parking is available. For more information, call Ed McCabe, Hull Lifesaving Museum's maritime program director, or Lory Newmyer, executive director at the museum, at 781-925-5433, email info@hull-lifesavingmuseum.org, or visit the Web site at lifesavingmuseum.org.

Holly Hill Farm fall program schedule

Holly Hill Farm's salt marsh on the north side of Peck's Meadow will be the site of a workshop on salt marshes on Sunday, Oct. 5. This workshop should be of interest to those who want to know about plant life in salt marshes, why preservation of salt marshes is so important for the environment and why salt marshes are in danger of being lost. Emily D.W. Sullivan, the Wetland Project coordinator in the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Management District will be the instructor.

On Sunday, Oct. 19, Friends of Holly Hill Farm will host its first annual Discover the Woods Day, a day packed with events that will celebrate the completion of a three-year project that has led to making the woods of Holly Hill Farm, next to Wheelwright Park, more accessible and enjoyable. Trails and paths have been cleared and improved, trail markers and entrance signs posted and a new trail guide, complete with trail map published and available for purchase at the farm stand. Featured will be a 5k cross country trail run, a 1-mile family fun run, a mapping game, a nature identification game and an afternoon guided tour of the fields and woods by local environmental scientist Steve Ivas.

Because of their popularity a year ago the next two activities will be repeated. Farm managers Hannah Hobbs and Ben Wolbach will once again lead an information-laden walk through the growing fields of the farm. This is where people can learn where the produce featured at the farm stand is grown, gain insight into organic growing techniques and have a chance to have gardening questions addressed. It will take place on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 25. The second repeat is the holiday wreath making workshop, which will take place in the farm's greenhouse on Saturday, Dec. 6. Participants will make their own wreaths from materials provided by the farm.

Those interested in more information should call education director Jon Belber at 781-383-6565 or via email to jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com.

Fall program schedule:

Sunday, Oct. 19, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Discover the Woods Day. More information available by contacting Jon Belber at jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com.

Saturday, Oct. 25, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Tour the growing fields of Holly Hill Farm. Instructors: Hannah Hobbs and Ben Wolbach. Cost: $5 per person; no charge for members of Friends of Holly Hill Farm.

Saturday Dec. 6, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wreath making with an instructor to be named. Cost: $15 per person; $10 for members of Friends of Holly Hill Farm.

Although registration by a week in advance of most events is optional as it assures a space, it is not required. For information and to register, email Belber. Registration, at least 10 days in advance of Discover the Woods Day running events, is required. By sending an email to Belber, interested parties will receive more details and registration forms.

All workshops, tours and events will start in front of the Main Barn at Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. Parking is available. Friends of Holly Hill Farm Inc., the not-for-profit organization that uses and makes available the resources of Holly Hill Farm for educational programs, sponsors the above activities.

Wine tasting to benefit Scituate Animal Shelter

The public is invited to an evening of music, wine and hors d'oeuvres tasting on Friday, Oct. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. Jazz, cabaret and pop vocalist Krisanthi Pappas will perform. Tickets are $45 each and available at the Sotheby's International Real Estate office, 1 South Main St., Cohasset Village, and at the Scituate Animal Shelter.

All proceeds will benefit the Scituate Animal Shelter. For information, call 617-967-5175.

Senior Scene

Improving our connections on Oct. 22

Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring the following events. Call 781-383-9112 to register.

• Wednesday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m. to noon. "Using Newest Technology & Collaboration to Improve Our Connections," presented by Lucille Sorrentino, Tina Dwyer and Anna Hall. Dessert will be provided by Weymouth Health Care. Gourmet lunch provided by Arthur Roebuck. Donation is $2.50.

• Wednesday, Oct. 29, 11 a.m. to noon. "Funding Your Lifestyle and Medical Expenses When the Cost of Living is Going Through the Roof" will be presented by Frank Callahan from Right at Home and Pat Dougherty from Coastal Finance. A special luncheon will be served following the presentation. Call to register.

• Monday, Nov. 3, 7 to 8:30 p.m. A discussion titled "Presenting the Boston Italians" will be given by author Stephen Puleo. Come meet the author at this event, which will take place at St. Anthony Parish Center. Puleo will tell the story of the people who came to America from Sicily, Aveleno, Abruzzi and Calabria to live on the streets of the North End of Boston and why they came. Call to sign up.

• Friday, Nov. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 8. Doors open at 7 p.m. Cabaret 2008, sponsored by Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs, will take place at St. Anthony Parish Center. This evening of entertainment will feature singers, dancers and comedians. The evening will include a social hour, raffle table and cash bar serving beer, wine and soft drinks. Cost is $25.

• Saturday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 23, will be "Make a Difference Days," which is sponsored by Deer Hill School PSO. Volunteers from Deer Hill School and their families will go to the homes of seniors to rake, put down storm windows and do other chores. Call the Senior Center before Nov. 14 to sign up.

• Tuesday, Nov. 25, noon. The Roy family and the staff at Atlantica Restaurant will host a Thanksgiving feast or Cohasset seniors. Each senior is asked to bring anon-perishable food or household items for Cohasset Food Pantry. Call the Senior Center before Nov. 20 to sign up.

Lunch dates for veterans announced

All veterans are welcome to lunch at noon, on the third Wednesday of each month. Upcoming dates include Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. The purpose of the luncheons is to foster camaraderie and assist those in need.

Luncheons will take place at Hearth 'n Kettle, 151 Main St., Weymouth. Menu will include a choice of chicken, fish or steak tips with coffee or soft drink with refills. Cost is $16 and includes gratuity.

For more information, call coordinators Paul Salvas at 781-337-0533 Joe McElroy 781-383-0505.

Lodge to hold open house Saturday

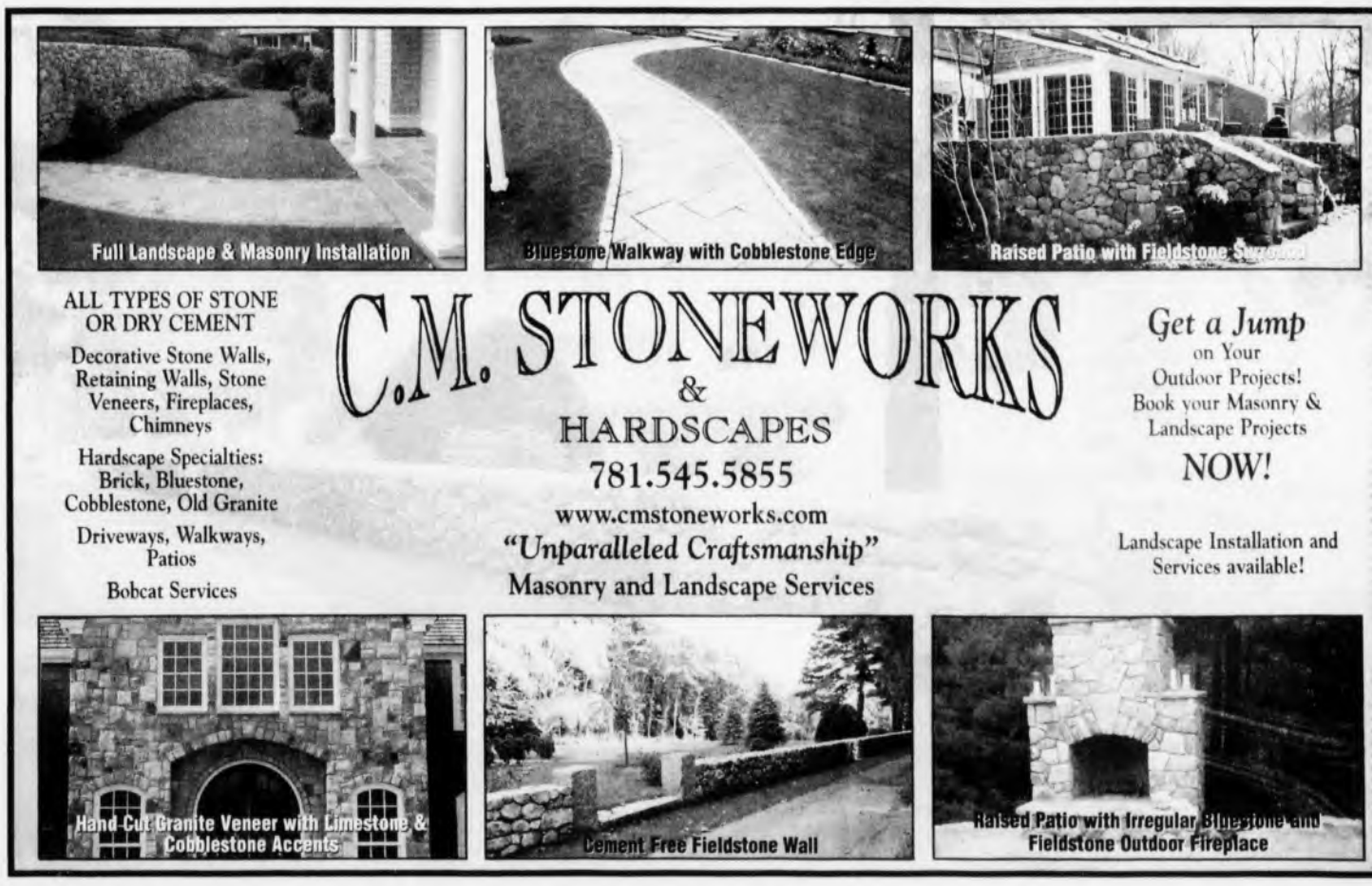
On Saturday, Oct. 18 the Konohassett Lodge, located at 7 Brook St., will host its second open house of 2008 in conjunction with the 275th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Celebrating Freemasonry throughout the Commonwealth, "Square & Compasses Day" will be held on Saturday. Building on the success of the event over the last three years, more than 150 Masonic Lodge buildings in the state will be hosting open houses and welcoming the public through their doors between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. to learn more about the positive impact Freemasonry has on its members, their families and communities.

The public is invited. For more information visit www.konohassett.org.







Troop 28 hikes in the White Mountains

On Oct. 11 through 13, scouts in Cohasset's Boy Scout Troop 28 traveled to the Presidential Range of the White Mountains in New Hampshire for a backpacking and hiking trip. On Saturday, the scouts backpacked all of their food and gear up to the Appalachian Mountain Club's Mizpah Springs Hut and set up camp near the hut.

On Sunday, the group left camp at dawn and hiked more than 12 miles of mountain trails, first over the summit of Mount Pierce (4,310 feet) and then above the tree line along the Crawford Path across Mount Eisenhower to the summit of Mount Franklin (5,004 feet). From Mount Franklin, the scouts ascended Mount Monroe (5,372 feet) and agreed that the best views along the trail were to be at this peak.

From Mount Monroe, the trail descends to the AMC's Lakes in the Clouds hut, which, while closed, provided a respite for lunch. After lunch, the scouts climbed to the summit of Mount Washington (6,288 feet). After a brief stop at the top, the scouts returned along the trail, skirting the peak of Mount Monroe and returning to camp at dusk.

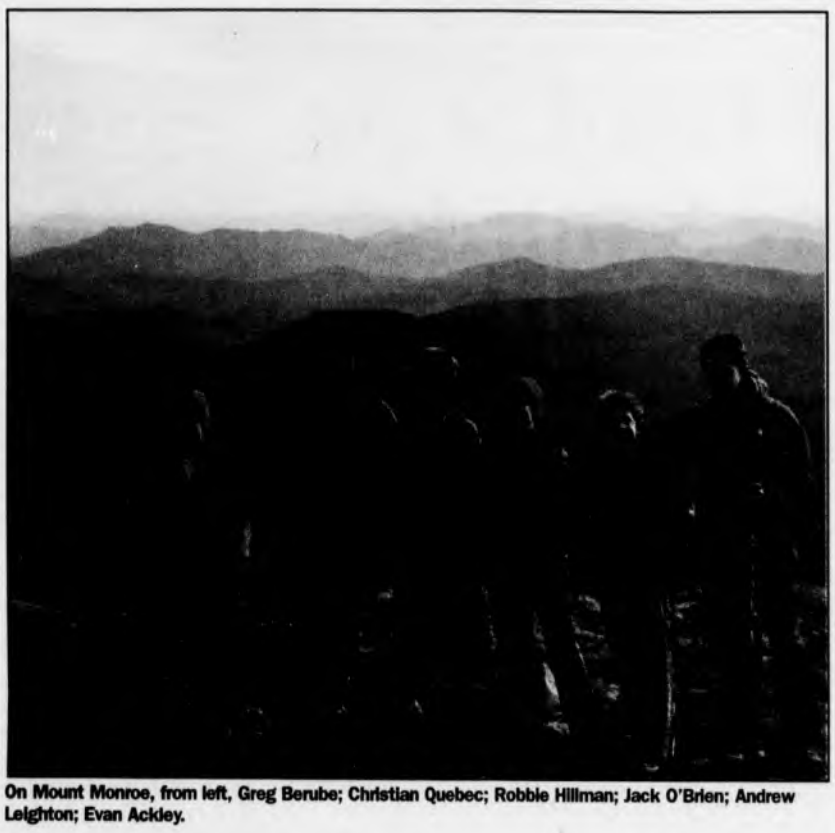
The weather was ideal for hiking – clear and cool, with occasionally stiff breezes. The views from the peaks, and from the trail above the tree line, were spectacular. All six scouts (and all three adults accompanying them) completed the hike.

On Monday, the scouts broke camp and packed out everything that they brought with them, following the Boy Scout's Leave No Trace guidelines. The return trip with full gear, descending nearly 2,000 feet, was difficult, particularly after the previous day's hike, but the weather remained clear and the hike was a success.

Boy's ages 12 to 17 interested in the fun, adventure and service opportunities offered by scouting should feel free to contact Troop 28 for more information through the Troop's Web site at www.troop28cohasset.org.



Summit of Mt. Washington, from left, Jack O'Brien; Rob Hillman; Evan Ackley; Paul Berube; Andrew Leighton, Kim Ackley; Christian Quebec; Greg Berube; Robbie Hillman.



On Mount Monroe, from left, Greg Berube; Christian Quebec; Robbie Hillman; Jack O'Brien; Andrew Leighton; Evan Ackley.

Rec Notes

Drive in Control class is Saturday

Cohasset Recreation Center is at 41 Highland Ave. For more information or to sign up for activities, call 781-383-4109 or visit recreation@townofcohasset.org.

Hatha Yoga Class – Moving meditation including gentle stretching and strengthening postures with breathing exercises to decrease stress and increase flexibility. Meets Thursdays, at 10:30 a.m., at Town Hall. Cost is $8.

Kitchen Kids – This is a great way to introduce kids to the joy of creative cooking in a fun and safe atmosphere. Even the fussiest eaters will be thrilled to east something they have made themselves. The class is hands-on with step-by-step instructions in a safe, clean environment. Instructor: Sandy Tremblay. Saturday, Oct. 18, Freakish Feasts. Ages 5 through 8 meet from 9 to 11 a.m.; ages 9 through 12, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is $30.

Drive in Control – Sunday, Oct. 19 from 1 to 5:30 p.m. In Control Advanced Driver Training is the first Massachusetts certified driver skills course in the state. Drivers are taught how to avoid crashes and how to best respond in a variety of high speed driving situations, including ABS braking, tailgating (and what safe driving distances really are), car control, handling distractions while driving, etc. Students will have the opportunity to get behind the wheel with a professional driver and practice these emergency situations. Class will take place in South Weymouth. Group class rate for Cohasset Recreation is $274, $225 for second/subsequent member of same family. Insurance deductions are available with most insurance carriers.

Babysitting Course – Meets at Paul Pratt Library. This one-day, three-hour course is designed to assist fifth- through seventh-graders to be better babysitters and learn the do's and don'ts of being home alone. The course will cover information on child development, playing with younger children, basic first aid, fire safety and prevention, and the overall responsibilities of babysitting. Instructor: Kim Cleary, a nurse and mom. Each class is limited to 18 pre-registered students. Cost is $18. The class will meet 9 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, Oct. 25.

CPR – Meets at Cohasset Town Hall. American Heart Association CPR courses instructed by members of the Cohasset Fire Department. CPR instruction will include adult, child and infant CPR. Two-year certification card. Cost is $45 per class. Class one meets 6 to 10 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Kids Love Crafts – Meets at the Recreation Center. Join others for a jammed-filled program of ooey, gooey arts and crafts, stories and songs. Watch one's 2-to 4-year old child make a mess and have some fun as they create crafts that can be treasured for a lifetime. Space is limited to 10 children with parent. Meets Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. Cost for the six-week session is $60. Session 2: Nov. 18 through Dec. 23; Session 3: Jan. 6 through Feb. 10; Session 4: March 3 through April 14; and Session 5: May 5 through June 9.

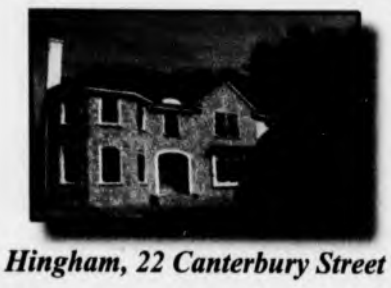
Boot Camp Fitness –Meets on Cohasset Common. Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., through Dec. 1. This is an interval callisthenic training program for men and women. Class includes running/walking, jump roping, jacks, lunges, squat thrusts, single running knees, skipping, push-ups, sit-ups, stairs and hills. Class goal is to improve cardio endurance, and strength. Bring water, jump rope, running shoes and dress in layers. Get ready to bring fitness level to the next phase. Instructor: Betsy Callanan. Cost for 10 weeks is $100.00.

Ski and Snowboard Lessons – Improve skiing and snowboarding at Waterville Valley and Bretton Woods with four days of skiing and two 1 fi-hour lessons. Luxury motor coach to and from Cohasset Town Hall. Ski days are Sunday, Dec.14, Saturday, Jan. 3, Saturday, Jan. 24, and Saturday, Feb. 7. Cost is $279.99.

Yoga – At Cohasset Town Hall. Vinyasa yoga class will feature flowing meditation style class including moving from one pose to the next on an inhale or an exhale in a smooth way that the poses run together and become like a dance. Meets Tuesdays, at 9:30 a.m. Cost is $8.

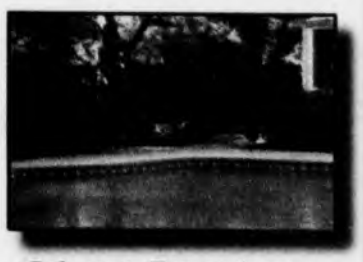
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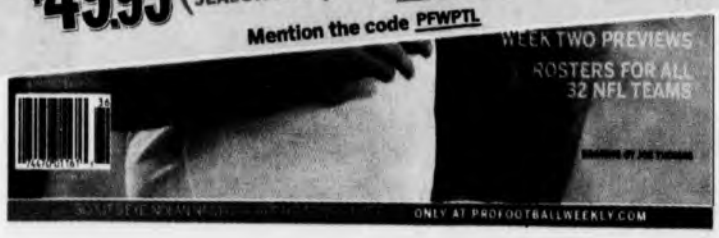
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OBITUARIES

Ruth I. Goodwin

Longtime Cohasset resident

Ruth I. (MacDonald) Goodwin, 96, died Oct. 13, 2008, at her home surrounded by family.

A resident of Cohasset for most of her adult life, Mrs. Goodwin was born in Medford, where she was an active athlete and later worked for John Hancock Insurance Co.

Over the years, Mrs. Goodwin was involved with many local groups and activities including Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, South Shore Hospital Consignment Shop, a garden club and Elder Affairs luncheons.

She enjoyed the beauty of Cohasset, spending many days at Sandy Beach and walking many miles along the roads with some of her special friends and different walking groups.



Ruth I. Goodwin

Wife of more than 60 years of the late Harold "Harry," Goodwin, who died in 2000, she leaves her daughter, Ruthie Sve and husband, Charles, of Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.; her sons, Brad Goodwin and his wife, Dee, and Ron Goodwin and his wife, Mary, of Cohasset; seven grandchildren, Charles Sve of Oregon, Jennifer Nowlin and her husband, Jim, of Arizona, Brad Goodwin Jr. of New Hampshire, Ben Goodwin and his wife, Ann, of Maine, Gabriel Goodwin and his wife, Caitlin, of New York, Margaret Goodwin and Tara Goodwin of Cohasset; and three great-grandchildren, Briauna Nowlin, Ryder Goodwin and Georgianna Goodwin.

A memorial service will be held at a date to be announced.

Peter C. Murray

Teacher, principal, real estate broker

Peter C. Murray, 69, of Cohasset, formerly of Somerville and Manomet, died Oct. 14, 2008, at his home.

Born in Somerville, Mr. Murray was a graduate of Somerville High School, Class of 1956, and Boston College, Class of 1963. He obtained his master's degree in education from Bridgewater State College in 1966. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict, having served with the U.S. Navy on the USS Charles R. Ware destroyer.

He began his teaching and education career as a fifth grade teacher at Deerhill School in Cohasset before becoming a guidance counselor in the Quincy Public Schools. Mr. Murray became the principal at Bryantville Elementary School in Pembroke, from which he retired. For the past 12 years, he had been working as a real estate broker.

He leaves his wife of 45 years, Sandra J. (O'Neil) Murray; his son, Sean T. Murray of Cohasset; his brothers, John Murray of Vermont and Philip Murray of Manomet; his sisters, Martha Murray of Maine and Jane Ferry of Georgetown; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the father of the late Michael P. Murray and Kevin Murray.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset. Interment in the VA National Cemetery, Bourne.

Memorial donations may be made to Camp Joslin, 1 Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215.

To sign the online guest book, please visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

Suzanne S. Straley

Owned Cards and Shards Gift Shop for 26 years

Suzanne S. (Spangenberg) Straley, 68, of Norwell, formerly of Hull, died peacefully Monday, Oct. 6, 2008, with friends and family at her side.

She was the daughter of the late Leonard and Dorothy Spangenberg of Waban. She graduated from Newton High School in 1958 and Lasell Jr College in 1960.

Sue and Dick Straley were high school sweethearts and married in 1961. Sue and her husband Richard were the proud owners of Cards and Shards gift shop in Cohasset center for 26 years. She will be deeply missed, but remembered forever.

An avid reader and student of life, she loved the ocean, flowers, photography and painting and had recently opened an art studio in her home with one of her lifelong friends, Diana Coyle, where they beautifully captured everything they loved for all to share. She loved to travel and recently fulfilled lifelong dreams to visit France and Ireland, which she said were so beautiful. Sue especially loved holidays, sitting around with the entire family, telling stories and playing cards.

Mrs. Straley was a member of the Church Council and a Deacon at the United Church of Christ in Norwell.

She leaves her husband Richard C. Straley; her children Richard G. Straley, Jennifer S. Sherman, and Kevin M. Straley and four grandchildren Jake, Alexei, Owen, and Ryan. She also leaves a bother, Robert Spangenberg and two daughter-in-laws Beth Straley, and Karen Straley and son-in-law Stu Sherman.

A funeral service was held Sunday, Oct. 12, at the United Church of Christ Church, Norwell. The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset handled the arrangements. Interment private. For an online guestbook, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com

Carol J. Nason

Grandmother

Carol J. (Hurley) Nason, 69, of Milo, Maine, formerly of Hanover, died Oct. 7, 2008, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth after a period of failing health.

Mrs. Nason was born in Boston, daughter of the late James M. and Josephine A. (Felton) Hurley, and was raised and educated in Cohasset. Mrs. Nason had been a longtime Hanover resident before moving to Maine 16 years ago.

Wife of the late Ralph A. Nason, who died in 1986, she leaves her children, Ralph A. Nason Jr. of Maine, LindaJo Sawyer of Abington and Scott M. Sawyer of Texas; her sisters, Jane A. Hopps of New Hampshire and Lois M. Hughes of Cohasset; her brother, James M. Hurley of California; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at Magoun-Biggins Funeral Home, Rockland. Interment in Washington St. Cemetery in Norwell.

Memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.magounbiggins.com.



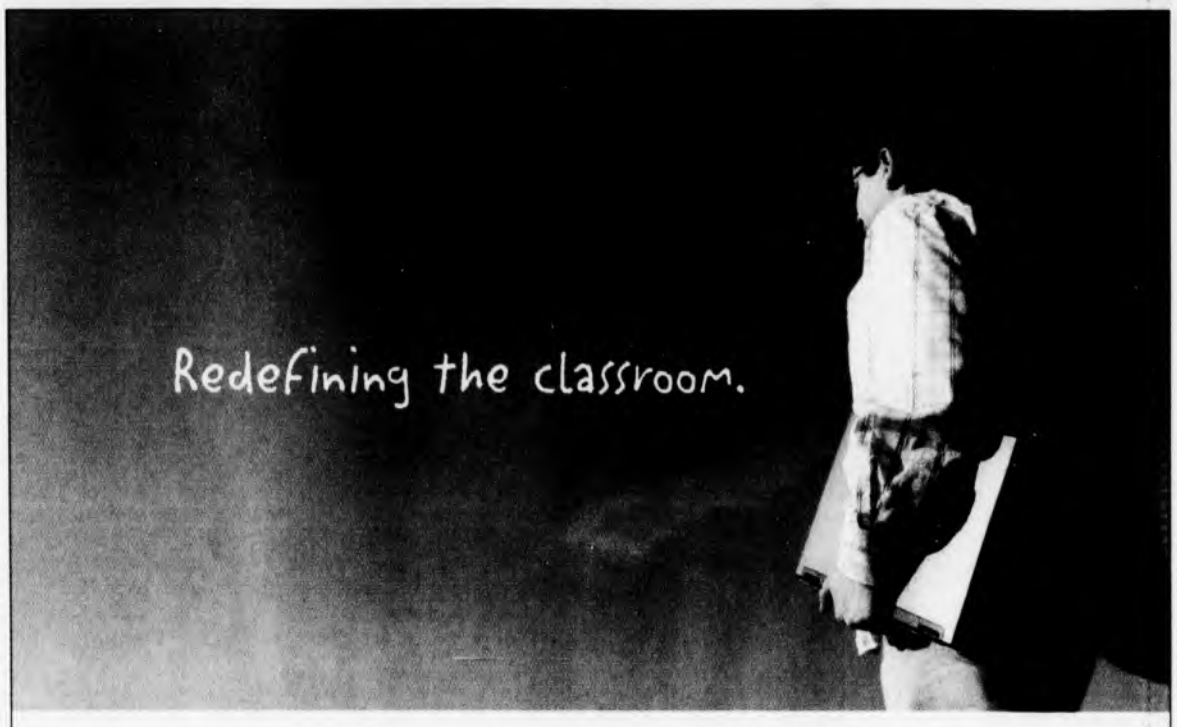
Carol J. Nason

Edward Bayley Long

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In celebration of his life, a memorial reception will be held in his honor from 2-to-5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Long family home: 31 Nichols Road, Cohasset.

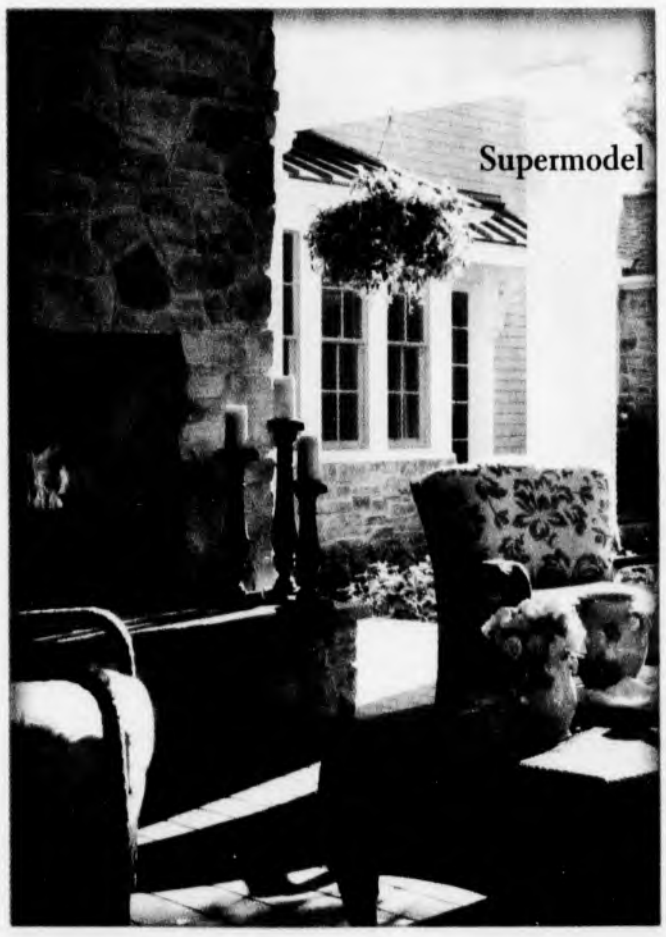
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Police/Fire Log

MONDAY, OCT. 6

5:20 a.m. **Border St.**, noise complaint, area search negative, caller states "they are picking up the trash and it is not 7:00, ongoing problem. Truck gone on arrival.

1:29 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, departmental action, walk in party would like to speak to an officer regarding him being assaulted a few days ago. Male party has decided not to press charges and left the station.

1:33 p.m. **Sohier St., and North Main St.**, officer wanted, detail officer reports a tractor swung around too fast and hit a vehicle, no injuries just requesting an officer at the scene.

2:37 p.m. **Stevens Lane**, suspicious activity, caller believes her dogs may have been poisoned by her neighbor. Hingham ACO notified and called the resident and advised her due to the dog's conditions to take them to the vet ASAP along with the vomit from the dogs. Hingham ACO will follow up after resident contacts the CPD with the results from the vet.

3:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports she was almost run off the road by a vehicle driving erratically, vehicle is almost in Hingham. Hingham PD notified, area search negative.

4:43 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted.

6:02 p.m. **Brewster Rd.**, suspicious person, caller reports there is a heavy set white male around the area wearing a green hood. Officer spoke with party, he lives on street.

9:49 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, fire, services rendered, Fire Dept. reports out at above location.

10:21 p.m. **Church St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports he can hear something at above location unsure if they are working on house. Officer reports spoke to caller – checked residence everything is fine.

TUESDAY, OCT. 7

12:02 a.m. **Summer St.**, disturbance – drunks, 911 caller states there is a female party causing problems, female party is outside, will be transporting female party to her residence.

9:56 a.m. **Joy Pl.**, fire, inspections.

3:28 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, assist citizen, caller requests a police escort to pick up some belongings at her mother's house.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

8:50 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, vandalism report, walk in party reports 5 windows were damaged sometime in August at this business, walk in party reports possible BB gun damage, unknown of exact time of damage.

2:51 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, suspicious person, caller reports a white male seems "under the weather," male is waking in the middle of traffic. Officer will be transporting the male to his residence on North Main Street.

7:33 p.m. **Stockbridge St.**, animal bite, caller reports her 8-year-old son was bitten by a black Lab who lives at the above location while playing at a friend's house, he was bitten on the side of the nose, caller reports boy has not been to a doctor, she reports this happened at approximately 5:30 p.m. today, caller reports she left a message for the ACO on his direct line.

11:19 p.m. **Elm St.**, lost property, walk in party reports her cell phone may have bounced out of a pocket on her wheelchair and onto the street, reporting party describes the phone as a silver Blackberry provided by Cellular One, date of loss is somewhere between Sept. 18 – Sept. 25.

THURSDAY, OCT. 9

2:52 p.m. **South Main St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle is crossing over the yellow line trying to pass other cars.

4:48 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party reports her purse was stolen from her daughter's vehicle while at the Farmers Market. Reporting party ran back home to check the house and found the purse.

9:42 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, check well being, caller reports an elderly male walking down Beechwood Street from South Main Street towards 3A looking disoriented. Officer reports he is now inside the Exxon Station, the male is fine at this time, no problems.

FRIDAY, OCT. 10

1:37 p.m. **Gammons Rd.**, traffic complaint, caller reports there are construction crews on either ends of the street making it hard to drive through. Officer reports they have moved around some trucks, the road is clear.

3:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a vehicle swerving all over the road has crossed the double yellow line several times. Officer reports an elderly driver, he observed no erratic operation.

5:12 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, hazard, delayed response; caller reports she is the owner of Epiphany Design which is now located at 103 Ripley (formerly Adreine's Barber Shop) has long cement parking blocks in her lot that are broken and she fell on one of them. Dispatch has notified DPW to have them inspect the area.

5:21 p.m. **North Main St., and Long Rd.**, motor vehicle crash, walk in party reports that he ran into the construction area on Long Road on September 23rd at about 10 p.m. on his motorcycle, he did not report it at the time because he was embarrassed, there is damage to his motorcycle, he reports that he contacted a lawyer and the lawyer told him to report the accident to the police.

SATURDAY, OCT. 11

1:21 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, officer requesting Fire to investigate possible building fire – there is smoke coming from second floor – building filled with smoke. Officer reports there is a subject with a dirt bike spinning tires inside the building – lots of smoke from dirt bike on 2nd floor. Police Lt. wants building inspector notified, possible illegal apartments above this business. Contacted building inspector – he will respond in the morning. Fire is ventilating the building.

5:11 p.m. **Parker Ave., and Border St.**, parking complaint, caller reports there is a white van parked at above location, caller reports this is an ongoing problem. Officer reports vehicle has been tagged – resident came out and confronted officer.

7:44 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, barking dog, caller reports there is a dog barking in the area.

SUNDAY, OCT. 12

1:37 a.m. **North Main St., and Highland Ave.**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: James Masson Brown, 39, 10 Beach St., Cohasset. Charges: OUI of liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, failure to stop at stop sign.

3:01 p.m. **King St.**, larceny, caller reports a gas drive off of $46.45, a gold Lexus SUV. Dispatch has left a message at the residence of the vehicle owner.

6:27 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, abandoned/hang-up 911, 911 hang-up call – called back static online, officer reports homeowner reports there is no phone at this location – she is angry that officer has responded.

9:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, well being check, walk in party reports there is an elderly male walking on the side of the road, caller reports he may be confused, he lives at the elderly apartments, officer spoke to elderly male – refused a ride "he is out walking." Officer reports male is fine.

10:15 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, noise complaint, caller reports he heard gunshots going off in the area. Officer unable to hear anything.

Norfolk County RSVP conducting needs survey

Norfolk County RSVP Volunteer Program is conducting a county-wide survey to identify needs for volunteer services in each community. Nonprofit community organizations that utilize, or wish to utilize, volunteers in their work are encouraged to contact Norfolk County RSVP with information about the organization, population served, and services needed, including schedule requirements and skills needed to perform tasks involved.

"We are here to serve all age groups throughout the county, from preschool children through aging seniors" said Francis O'Brien, Norfolk County Commissioners' chairman. "But very often, community organizations in need become so busy they don't have the time or the staff to recruit additional volunteers; our office can help recruit potential volunteers. We also encourage individuals looking for volunteer opportunities to contact us directly. Just give us a call – we work closely with community groups to match volunteers with necessary and worthwhile assignments."

Norfolk County RSVP is sponsored by the Norfolk County Commissioners and is affiliated with the Federal Corporation for National and Community Service, one of the nation's largest volunteer agencies. RSVP helps recruit and place volunteers who are 55-plus years of age in service positions throughout Norfolk County. Programs include reading tutors, emergency preparedness and other volunteer efforts intended to meet identified community needs.

To become an RSVP volunteer or for more information, call Elizabeth Larkin at the Norfolk County RSVP office, at 781-329-5728, or email rsvp@norfolkcounty.org.

Norfolk County recruiting volunteers for Friendly Visitor Program

Norfolk County RSVP Volunteer Program is recruiting kind and compassionate individuals for Friendly Visitor/Companionship programs throughout the county. Many visits occur weekly and last about one hour and may take place at a senior's home, a hospital, or a nursing home.

"Norfolk County RSVP is proud to participate in Companionship programs that provide visitors for homebound seniors or people who are recovering in a hospital" said Francis O'Brien, Norfolk County Commissioners' Chairman. "We have volunteers who tell us that what began as a weekly visit through a Companionship program has grown into a friendship that has lasted for years."

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. **Music Director: Allegra Martin**. **Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague**. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Oct. 19 - Association Sunday

8 a.m. - Circle Ministry (group led by Joan Kovach and Susan Meikleham and meeting on the first & third Sundays in the Parish House)

9:50 a.m. – Childcare for our youngest and religious education classes for children and youth in the Parish House.

10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House - Association Sunday

On this morning when we celebrate our interdependent association known as the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull will lead worship and preach on "Intersection." Over half of all Unitarian Universalist congregations nationally are participating in Association Sunday, when our full non-pledge plate is dedicated to the life and programs of our UUA.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes. Faith Works Sunday at coffee hour promises that representatives of all First Parish committees dependent upon volunteers will be on hand with information and sign-up sheets.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

FALL BOOK STUDY: Every Wed., through Nov. 19th at 7 pm in Bates Hall. We are discussing A New Earth *Awakening to Your Life's Purpose* by Eckhart Tolle. This is a life transforming study that Oprah Winfrey presented in a 10 week web cast series. For more information you can check out www.oprah.com or www.eckharttolle.com. Come and join us!

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: Members of SCC are already at work creating homemade crafts for the annual Village Fair to be held on Sat. Dec. 7th New crafters and helpers are always welcome!

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: Welcome to St. Stephen's church!

This Sunday, Oct. 19, Massachusetts diocesan Bishop Thomas J. Shaw, SSJE, will be visiting St. Stephen's, highlighted by a 9 a.m. worship and a parish-wide fellowship hour. After fellowship, the Bishop will be meeting with parish committees, including the youth group.

We are also currently underway with our new "Episcopal Church for the 21st Century" class taught by Rev. Margot Critchfield. This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal faith and anyone preparing for Confirmation or Reception into the church. It is an eight-week class running from noon until 2 p.m.

Rev. Critchfield is also offering individual spiritual direction this fall. If you are looking for a spiritual home or exploring your faith, we invite you to visit us. You can learn more about us, and the Episcopal Church, at www.ststephenscohasset.org.

Other programs this fall includes bible study for adults, youth group activities, the children's Christian education program "Godly Play", outreach programs serving the hungry and homeless, yoga, meditation and a monthly luncheon for seniors.

Services at St. Stephen's are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Sundays, including a Healing Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. All are invited.

You can reach the church at 781-383-1083. The Rev. Margot Critchfield can be reached at mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.org. Our offices, which are open Monday through Friday, can be accessed by coming to the back of the church, up the Highland Ave hill. We are handicap accessible.

Going on this week at St. Stephen's:

- Sunday, Oct. 19: 9 a.m.: One service with Bishop Thomas J. Shaw, SSJE
- Monday, Oct. 20: 3 p.m. Christian Meditation.
- Wednesday, Oct. 22: 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with healing; 10:30 Bible Study; deanery outreach meeting
- Friday, Oct. 24: 9:30 a.m. Yoga
- Saturday, Oct. 25: 7 a.m. Bible Fellowship
- Sunday, Oct. 26: Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Godly Play at 10 a.m. and youth group at 11:30 a.m.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/ Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

"The earth is but one country and mankind it's citizens" 1(800)22-UNITE www.bahai.us

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Christian Science lecture talks about prayer, healing



Michael Pabst will describe how he has found that turning to God's love provides answers and healing.

"Prayer, Healing and You!" is a lecture coming to Cohasset on Sunday, Oct. 19. It promises a lively and insightful discussion on how turning to God's love offers solutions to health problems, issues of addiction and safety, and other human challenges. The lecture will be held at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Ripley Road on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 3:30 p.m.

The speaker is Michael Pabst of New York, who is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. In his remarks, Pabst, who was trained as an engineer in Germany, will describe how he has found that turning to God's love provides answers and healing. Pabst draws from his own experience, beginning with his time as a university student in Germany when he began to heal other people through prayer. Two key sources for Pabst are the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scripture," by Mary Baker Eddy, a book which provides universally applicable ideas on practical spirituality. Pabst explains how insights and messages in these texts lead to an understanding of God's love, which in turn leads to healing. This lecture is sponsored by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hingham. For more information, call 781-749-1172 or 781-749-2874.

Events at St. Joseph Retreat Center

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset is offering the following progra.m.s in October and November.

Wednesday, Oct. 22 — Day of Prayer, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Aging Gracefully: The Challenges and Joys of Deepening Discipleship in the Later Years of Life

Thursday, Oct. 23 — Morning of Prayer, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Essential Dispositions for Prayer. This is the first in a special series of Mornings of Prayer entitled "Growing In Relationship with Jesus Through the Dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises, Using Art, Poetry, Music and Scripture." A discount is available with registration for all seven progra.ms, Nov. 10, Dec. 11, Feb. 9, March 30, April 16, and May 1.

Sunday, Nov. 2 — Day of Prayer in Spanish, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Dia De Oracion: Recordando Los Seres Difuntos en la Oracion

Sunday, Nov. 9 — Day of Prayer, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Horizons of Hope in the Midst of Loss

Monday, Nov. 10 — Morning of Prayer, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Growing In Relationship with Jesus Through the Dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises — The Unconditional Love of God for All

Monday, Nov. 24 — Morning of Prayer, 9 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.: Praying Psalm 23: Praying on our Life Experiences with the Good Shepherd

The Retreat Center is also available for private retreats for individuals and for groups. For more information and to register, visit www.csjretreatcenter.org or call 781-383-6024/6029.















PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
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WEEK OF OCT. 13, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A bid for you to step in and take over an incomplete project could prove to be an excellent learning experience that you can take with you when a new opportunity opens up.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for socializing, both with family and with friends. Your aspects also favor developing new relationships, any or all of which might become especially meaningful.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your success in handling a recent difficult situation prompts a request to handle another workplace problem. But this is one you should accept only if you get all of the relevant facts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) New information about a past decision raises some unsettling questions from an old friend. Be prepared to explain your actions fully and, if necessary, to make adjustments.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is not a good time to share personal secrets, even with someone you've known for a long while. What you don't reveal now won't come back to haunt you later.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Pushing yourself to meet a project deadline is admirable. But be careful not to leave out important details in your rush to complete your work and send it off.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch that you don't take on more than you can handle when offering to help someone with a personal problem. There might be hidden factors you weren't told about.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) That major move you've been considering could come sooner than you expected. Make sure you'll be ready with the facts you need when decision time arrives.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Languishing relationships can benefit from a break in routine. Get out of the rut and do something new and maybe more than a little unpredictable this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although you don't think of yourself as a role model, your ability to make a tough decision at this time sets an example for others, who admire your courage.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You need to move any remaining obstacles out of your way before you can take on a new challenge. Seek advice from close, trusted friends and associates.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A career change appears increasingly likely to happen during the next several weeks. It's a good idea to start now to prepare, so you can be ready to make the move when the time comes.

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BORN THIS WEEK: You have a strong sense of obligation to justice, which inspires others to follow your example and do the right thing.

Crossword - Art Work

ACROSS
1 Mushroom part
4 Demonic
8 Vatican-related
13 Heiss on the ice
18 Hasten
19 Pianist Lupu
20 Venus' sister
21 Speak one's mind
22 Art Carney role
24 Art Tatum recording of '49
26 Paper quantity
27 — the Hyena (Capp character)
29 Two — kind
30 Organ of equilibrium
31 South American capital
34 Laotian native
38 Wholly
41 Art Rooney's team
46 Palindromic dictator
47 Wing-ding
48 Croquet arena?
49 Model Carre
52 Pub orders
54 Flask
57 Zimbabwe, formerly
61 Celebratory suffix
62 Alliance
63 Tiriac of tennis
64 61, to Cicero
65 Hosp. areas
67 Stable youngster
70 Casino worker
73 Italian statesman Aldo
75 Art Garfunkel's partner
78 Travelers' aids
79 Food fish
81 Lhasa —
82 Drink like 81 Across
83 Business abbr.
84 Conger or moray
85 "Jeepers!"
88 "Back in the —" ('68 song)
92 Composer Verdi
95 Ms. Van Tassel
97 Yearn
98 "Hook" heavy
99 Chutzpah
101 Watch pts.
103 "Bali —"
104 Art Malik series
110 Annoying
113 Depart
114 Tabriz currency
115 Society column word
116 Claire or Balin
118 Bouquet
121 Kite part
124 Art Sansom cartoon
130 Art Fleming hosted it
133 Arrested
134 Hire
135 Mine feature
136 Sportscaster Berman
137 Stout
138 Boca —, FL
139 Kansas city
140 TV chef Martin

DOWN
1 "Dark Lady" singer
2 Helper
3 Gridiron calls
4 Drop a brick
5 Tub
6 Superstar
7 Debussy's "Clair de —"
8 Schoolboy's shot
9 Joan Van —
10 Mile High Center architect
11 Part of A.D.
12 Permissible
13 Dovecote sound
14 Mil. address
15 More mature
16 Actor Patrick
17 Suspicious (of)
20 Reduce to smithereens
23 Skip
25 Abominate
28 Say please too often?
32 Flavor enhancer
33 Problem solver?
35 Tropical spot
36 — impasse
37 Fresh
39 Walked
40 Ferrara first family
41 Chanteuse Edith
42 Eric of "Nuns on the Run"
43 — Bator
44 Rampur royalty
45 Fermi or Caruso
50 Long Island resort
51 At — and sevens
53 Baby bird?
55 Soybean product
56 "— Gay"
58 It holds plenty!
59 Lennon's widow
60 Tune
66 Caviar
68 Nile slitherer
69 Composer Franz
71 Actress Thurman
72 — New Guinea
73 Frenzied
74 Take place
75 Nest noise
76 Accuse tentatively
77 "Wuthering Heights" setting
79 Russian jet
80 Agt.
82 Head
86 Fade, as a flower
87 Move like molasses
89 Academic
90 "The Young Lions" author
91 Harness part
93 Tipplers
94 Canyon sound
95 Swiss artist
96 — breve
100 Shoemaker's tool
102 Biol. or chem.
105 Mideastern title
106 Decathlete Bruce
107 Tower material?
108 "Waking — Devine" ('98 film)
109 Pro — (proportionately)
110 Foreword, for short
111 Change for the better
112 New Hampshire city
117 Soprano Gluck
119 California resort
120 Try again
122 Concept
123 Actress Fontanne
125 Encore exclamation
126 "— Bad Apple" ('71 song)
127 Select, with "for"
128 — -mo
129 Tons of time
131 Garage supply
132 Child welfare org.

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Sudoku

8	2		6				1	
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		2			3		5	
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	7				4		6	

Level: Moderate

Fun By The Numbers

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Magic Maze - Towns of the Old West

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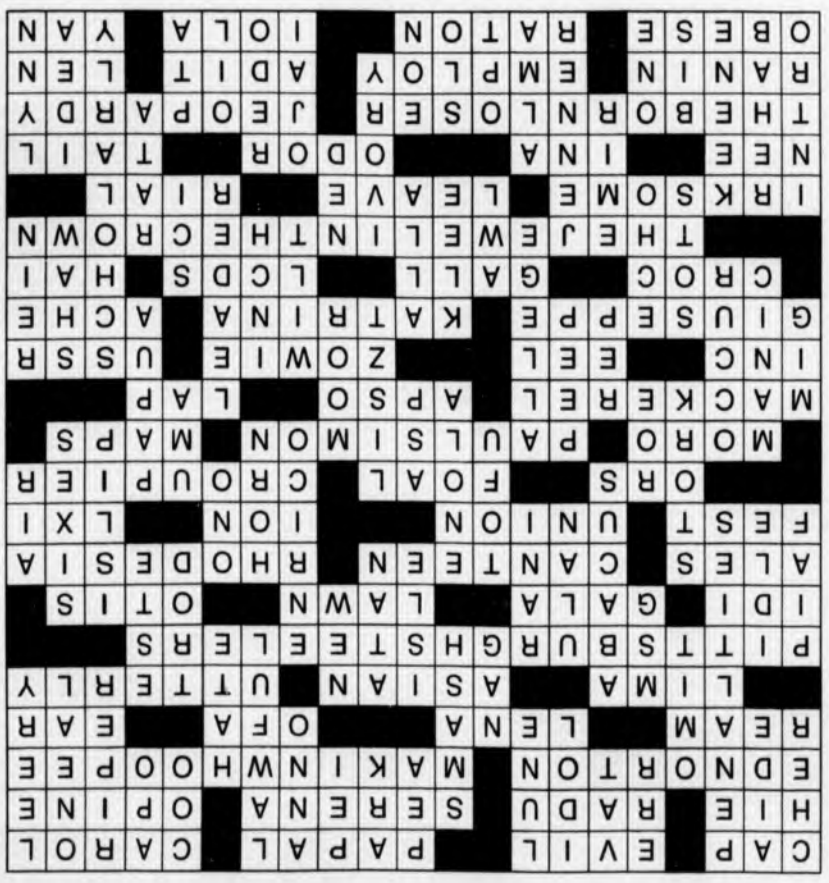
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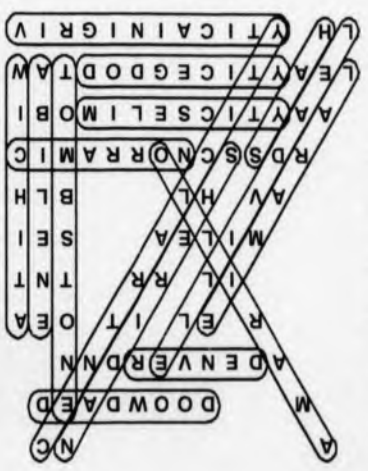
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Crossword Solution - Art Work



Magic Solution - Towns of the Old West



Sudoku Solution

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6	5	1	3	9	4	2	8	7
2	8	6	5	7	3	9	4	1
4	9	5	2	1	8	7	3	6
7	1	3	9	4	6	5	2	8

Pets have a religious experience



Five-year-old Julia Norton holds her friend, Peanut Butter, a coon cat that she brought to St. Stephen's Church Sunday afternoon (Oct. 5) to be blessed by the Rev. Margot Critchfield in the church's courtyard. Julia and her two older brothers, Jimmy and Will, took part in the St. Francis Day event at St. Stephens Church.



Nine-year-old Ryan Conforti of Cohasset brought his pet guinea pig Snowy to be blessed by St. Stephen's Rev. Margot Critchfield last Sunday.



St. Stephen's Rev. Margot Critchfield blesses Misha, a 10-year-old multi breed, Sunday afternoon (Oct. 5) during a Pet Blessing in the church courtyard. The Pet Blessing was part of St. Stephen's St. Francis Day Observance. Donald Kennedy of Cohasset owns Misha.

Photos by Craig Goedecke



Jackson, a 15-month-old terrier mix who was adopted from Jackson, Tennessee, and owned by Kathy and Brian Tyler, was more interested in the photographer then watching the Pet Blessing being performed by St. Stephen's Rev. Margot Critchfield and Rev. Colette Wood.

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What's happening on the South Shore

OCTOBER 16-23, 2008



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Open Studio, Duxbury artist, Charles Sorrento will hold his sixth open studio at 21 Penny Lane, Duxbury, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 and 19. All originals and prints are 30 percent off marked prices. Open to the public. To view samples of his work visit finearts bysorrento.com

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Oct. 16

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will transform the Paul Pratt Library with a show called **BOOKS IN BLOOM** Oct. 15, 16, and 17. Club members will interpret a book title of their choosing through fresh flower and plant material. Arrangements can be viewed at Paul Pratt Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset from 10 am to 5 pm. Admission is free and open to the public.

North River Arts Society presents an exhibit of pastels by **Christine Bodnar and Susan Rogers** at the Ventress Gallery. Opening reception. Oct. 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ventress Public Library, Marshfield Center. The exhibit runs *through Nov. 21.* Open: Monday to Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Sunday

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local South Shore businesses. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month and participate in group discussions and have guest speakers. For information on the group and meeting, go to http://www.network4success.org or e-mail info@network4success.org

The Paul Pratt Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset will show the independent film **Choking Man** Oct. 16, at 6 p.m. Free. Refreshment. 781-383-1348.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Oct. 16, **Flip Top Head**. 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Oct. 16, **Brickyard Blue Band** blues jam. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Oct. 17

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham will feature the works of two watercolor artists - **Kathy Ferrara** of Hanson, and **Nancy Gaucher-Thomas,** NWS of East Greenwich, RI. The opening event will take place at Oct. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and visitors will have a chance to meet both the artists at that time. The exhibit will be on display until Nov. 13. Information call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com. The Gallery will be closed from Oct. 28 through Nov. 1, 2008.

The Wizard of Oz opens at Sanborn Auditorium of Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St., Hingham, at 7:30 p.m. For six performances the weekends of Oct. 17-19 and Oct. 25-26, general admission is $18 and seniors/studnets are $15. Group rates are available. Tickets and information: 781-837-1499 or at hcmtstagemomma@comcast.net. hcmt.org.

Oktoberfest – The Red Lion Inn 1704 of Cohasset 71 S Main St., Cohasset. Oktoberfest will be celebrated offering authentic German Specialties and German beers. The Oktoberfest celebration will run through Oct. 29. Kicking off the celebration Oct. 17, from 6 p.m. to midnight. Make your reservations early, as limited space is available. This is a standing celebration featuring, German beer and food tastings. Dance to the Ompapa Band - **The Jolly Kopperschmidts** Band tunes in true German fashion. Call to reserve your space. Information: redlioninn1704@aol.com www.redlioninn1704.com 781-383-1704

Fall Harvest Festival at Market at the Harbor. Oct. 17, from 2:30 to 6:30 pm on Nantasket Ave. between Bay St. and Edgewater Rd. (HRA bayside property). Activities include pony rides, kids crafts, hay rides, cookie decorating, a pumpkin carving demonstration and contest, a pie contest, giant pumpkin photographs with photographer Lindsey Buchleitner, plus our regular market vendors. Presented by Destination Community Development, Inc. For entry information and questions call 339-236-1518.

Smith & Hawken, 94 Derby St., Hingham, free seminar, Bulb Planting, Oct. 17, 7 to 8 p.m. 781-740-0890 for reservations. Seating is limited.

StoryTime Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Join us as Sue reads age appropriate stories Friday mornings from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age, along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Sixth annual Hoedown For Hospice Oct. 17, from 6 to 11 p.m. Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth Raffle ticket drawing for $10,000 highlight of evening. For tickets and more information, please call Margie Kirby-Light at (781) 340-1728 or Membership Services at 781-340-4170.

New England Singles Dance Oct. 17, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Sandwich bar $10. Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Hors d'oeuvres. Door prizes. Music from the 70's to the present and requests with New England's top DJ's. Admission $10. singles-dances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

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Last of the grand old pols

Dick Flavin aims to capture the real Tip O'Neil

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



PHOTO/ANDREW BRILLIANT

Ken Howard performs as Speaker of the House Thomas P. 'Tip' O'Neill, Jr. in Dick Flavin's 'According to Tip.'

These days, partisan political rancor is often blamed for impeding the legislative process in Washington, but it wasn't always that way. In the 1980s, then Speaker of the House Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr., a staunch Democrat from Cambridge who represented Massachusetts in the U.S. Congress for 34 years, often led the opposition to President Ronald Reagan on his Republican administration's defense and domestic policies. At the end of the day, however, their political jousting stopped.

"O'Neill and Reagan would fight like cats and dogs all day, but they also had a 6 p.m. rule, which referred to the time that they put their political differences aside for the day. They were both Irishmen who actually really enjoyed each other's company socially," explained writer and Boston television personality and Quincy resident Dick Flavin.

Flavin's one-man show about O'Neill, "According to Tip," starring Broadway, television and film actor Ken Howard ("Crossing Jordan," "The White Shadow"), recently set up shop at Boston's Stuart Street Playhouse after a sold-out summer run at the New Repertory Theatre in Watertown. This play, without really stating it, is a call for a return to civility in politics.

Flavin, who got to know O'Neill while covering him for WBZ-TV, says the legendary Speaker held a Republican congressman from Georgia personally responsible for the negativity that still dominates Washington today.



Dick Flavin

"Tip blamed Newt Gingrich for spoiling things in Congress. Newt was a real back-bencher when he first attacked Tip on his leadership of the House. He baited Tip and Tip took the bait and spoke out very strongly against Gingrich on the House floor. The story made the front page of The New York Times and it also made Gingrich a big man among Republicans.

"Tip's words against Gingrich were ultimately stricken from the record, but I use them in the play exactly as Tip spoke them. Tip was sorry about the great partisan divide between Democrats and Republicans. The disappearance of civility really bothered Tip, because he had always gotten along with his colleagues on the other side of the aisle. He really genuinely liked people and was even comfortable with his own adversaries. He never treated them as enemies. If you go down to Washington now, there are Republicans and Democrats who don't even know each other and won't even talk to each other."

O'Neill retired from the House in 1987 and died of colon cancer on Jan. 5, 1994, at age 81. It was not until early 2001 that Flavin began work on what would become "According to Tip."

"I got the idea to do this when I read a book called "Tip O'Neill and the Democratic Century" by Jack Farrell. I thought it was a definitive work on Tip O'Neill, but with one glaring omission — it could not show you Tip in action. I thought to myself, I knew him, I covered him, and I want to be the one to show people what Tip was really like," said Flavin, who graduated from Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree and Stonehill College in Easton. "Tip was the same guy, and acted the same way, in and out of politics. I liked him and respected him very much. You couldn't know Tip and not like him. I thought to myself, this guy is going to fade from view unless someone does something to try to recapture him and show him in action.

"Tip's charm, humor, not to mention his use of song and stories, disarmed people and disguised the fact that he had a substantial mind and steely resolve,'" said Flavin. "The printed word, no matter how skilful the writer, cannot capture this.'"

According to Flavin, O'Neill never forgot his middle-class upbringing in North Cambridge. "Tip knew very well how to use his Irish blarney strategically. He was a seducer who masked his own intellect. His great genius was to disguise his genius. He could get what he wanted by making you think it was your idea."

Using O'Neill's own words and congressional records, the Farrell biography, and his own memories of his subject, Flavin set about writing his first play. Three months of writing were followed by ongoing rewrites and revisions.

"I didn't know that this kind of writing would be so different from what I did for television,' said Flavin, who won seven New England Emmy Awards and is known by some as "Poet Laureate of the Boston Red Sox" for his many poems and parodies about the baseball team and its storied history.

"A quirky thing about this kind of writing is that rewriting never stops. It starts as a chore, but then it becomes almost like a narcotic. I've just rewritten the section on Watergate. Tip was the Wizard of Oz in that situation. He was on to Nixon's modus operandi very quickly. Tip was heading up the Democratic National Committee's fundraising efforts at that time and he kept hearing horror stories from Democratic donors about the way President Richard M. Nixon's people were treating them. Tip told Jimmy Breslin at the time that it was a shakedown. Tip was not surprised at all by Watergate. And, when the time came, he was ready to push for Nixon's impeachment."

In the seven years since he first wrote "According to Tip," Flavin, 71, never stopped pushing to get it produced. Over the years, everyone from Cambridge-born comedian Lenny Clarke to Tony Award-winning actor Brian Dennehy and "Cheers" co-star George Wendt have been rumored to be attached to the project. Flavin initially met with Howard in L.A. in 2005. Later, the actor was in town for a charity golf tournament and made time to join Flavin and producer Paul Boghosian for a meeting with New Rep artistic director Rick Lombardo, who soon signed to direct the world premiere of the play at his Watertown theater.

"Writing this play and seeing it produced has set me off on this whole new direction.,'" said Flavin, who moved back to his childhood home in the Merrymount part of Quincy a decade ago. "I knew it was the best thing I had ever done and it deserved to be seen."

"According to Tip" is at the Stuart Street Playhouse, 200 Stuart St. Boston. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 800-447-7400 or go online at stuartstreetplayhouse.com.



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Bob Franke will perform at The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square Oct. 18, at 8 p.m. Come hear the author of "Hard Love" and "In a Kind of Sacred Way." The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St. in Hingham Square just up from the Loring Hall Theater and on the MBTA's 220 bus from Quincy Center. Admission for this concert is $10 at the door (sorry, no reservations). The concert begins with an open mike at 8 p.m. Beverages and desserts are 50 cents. For information or to volunteer (free admission) call 781-749-1767 or visit www.hinghambroadcastnews.com or visit www.bobfranke.com.

Mark your calendar

12TH ANNUAL JOSHUA'S RUN and introducing the first annual Andrea's Apres Art Auction, event proceeds to benefit the Andrea Gaziano Memorial Fund within The Jimmy Fund. Race and Auction to be held on Oct. 25, at St. Mary of the Nativity Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate. Race applications for the 5 Mile Cliff Challenge, 2 Mile Fun Fun/Walk and Kid's Fun Run can be downloaded at www.joshuasrun.com.

CELEBRATE THE NEW ENGLAND WILDLIFE CENTER'S 25TH BIRTHDAY from 1 to 8 p.m. Oct. 25. The Center is located at 500 Columbian Street, South Weymouth. Tickets are $10 per person and are available for pre-purchase beginning Oct. 1, by calling Kelly at 781 682 4878 x121 or Libby at x119. Tickets can be purchased the day of the event. $10 per person. Visit newildlife.com for information on all the day's activities.

THE GREAT IMPOSTER SHOW at South Shore Stars Dinner Theater, Braintree Sons of Italy Hall, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Comic impressionist Mark Verselli brings his repertoire of more than 100 characters. Opening will be singer Angela K. Dinner at 7 p.m. show at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $45 for dinner and show. Call QDT productions at 781-843-5862 for reservations.

FIRST ANNUAL ANGEL FAIR AND MASQUERADE PARTY Nov. 1 from 8 to 11p.m. at the Sons of Italy in Hingham, Route. 3A featuring South Shore's gifted angel readers, mediums and astrologers. Tickets: $50 includes a 15 minute reading. Music and Panera Bread sandwiches included. Cash Bar. 781-834-2728 or e-mail mmamet@verizon.net or visit healthylivingvideo.com to register.

ATLANTIC SYMPHONY'S OPENING NIGHT Nov. 1 at Roxbury's Performing Arts Center celebrates national treasures and the American spirit, just three days before the election. Jin Kim conducts the 60-piece orchestra in Gershwin's *An American in Paris,* Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man* and Dvorak's Symphony No. 6. Plus, in Copland's *Lincoln Portrait,* hear Abraham Lincoln's stirring words brought to life by Anthony Everett, the host of WCVB's Chronicle. For information, visit www.atlanticsymphony.org, or call 781-740-5694.

Halloween happenings

THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MARSHFIELD'S ANNUAL CLUB HAUNT event. Dress in costume. Club Haunt will be held at the Marshfield Fairgrounds Oct. 24, 25 and 26. Gates open at 6 p.m. Admission is $12 per person and covers all haunted activities. Frightening activities, spooky characters and games for all ages. Activities include a family hayride, which is "not-so-scary" and meant for young children, as well as a "scare you witless" haunted hayride. Club Haunt dining is available at an additional charge and will be provided by Crest Family Catering in Hanover. Tickets are available at the Club Haunt entrance. Discounted tickets may be purchased in advance at the Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield, Pre-Game Sports in Webster Square or at The Little Gym in the Christmas Tree Shop plaza. Visit www.marshfieldboysandgirlsclub.com or call 781-834-CLUB (2582).

HAUNTED PIRATE SHIP ABOARD *MAYFLOWER II* – Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 17 and 18, Oct. 24, and 25, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Experience the transformation from a historic landmark to a haunted pirate ship - with ghostly pirates willing to share their pirate's booty. Don't miss this fright-night with a family-friendly twist—lite fright for little ones. Members: Adults $6; Children (Under 12): $4. Non-members: Adults $8; Children (Under 12) $6. www.plimoth.org

THE HAUNTED SHIP AT THE USS SALEM at the Fore River Shipyard, 739 Washington St., Quincy. Open to the public on weekends starting at 6:30 p.m. This year's event will a two-part attraction with a new haunted house features as well as guided ghost tours conducted by team members from Mass Paranormal. Family Haunt Times on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. 617-479-7900 or hauntedship.com

GHOSTS & GRAVESTONES TOUR departs every night through Oct. 31, at 6, 7, 8 and 9 p.m. from the Old Town Trolley Ticket Center on Atlantic Avenue adjacent to The Marriott Long Wharf Hotel. Reservations (which are encouraged to avoid disappointment) are available by calling 617-269-3626.

HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER, Berwick Boys Foundation, 335 West St. West Bridgewater. REGION 335 open weekends Oct. 10 through 25 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Admission $8. www.berwick.org 508-586-0059.

HALLOWEEN HOWL –Oct. 25, 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell Pumpkin carving, crafts and live animal presentations. Wear a costume (optional) and bring a pumpkin to carve. Limited number of pumpkins for sale. Pre-registration required, children accompanied with an adult. Cost: $12 M/$15 NM per child and includes one trip through Spooky Woods. Suitable for children age 3 and above. Snacks available for sale. Info/ Register 781-659-2559, www.ssnsc.org

SPOOKY WOODS – Oct. 25, 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. Ongoing, guided walks through not-too-scary Halloween scenes in the woods.

Bring a flashlight and wear a costume (optional). $5 per person includes one trip through Spooky Woods. With inclement weather, event held inside. Snacks available for sale. Information contact: South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org

HALLOWEEN ON THE HARBOR – on Georges Island, Oct. 25 and Oct. 26, noon to 4 p.m. Admission to fort is Free. Special Ferry Rate: $10 per person, under age 3 ride Free. Park visitors are encouraged to dress the part, in their Halloween finest. Ferries to Georges Island will depart from Long Wharf in Boston, and the Hingham Shipyard, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., with return trips running from Georges 1 to 4 p.m. For reservations and exact departure times visit harborexpress.com or call 617-222-6999. For all other information, visit bostonharborislands.org or call 617-223-8666.

THE HISTORIC 1699 WINSLOW HOUSE, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, in conjunction with the Governor Winslow Elementary School PTO, will be the host to its third annual Halloween Party Oct. 25, from 1 to 3 pm. Children of fifth grade age and younger are encouraged to bring their parents along for a traditional Halloween extravaganza, complete with games and activities, as well as tours of the Winslow House itself. All are invited. Kids will be allowed to do crafts, have fun. Admission is free and each child is encouraged to wear a costume. Also, canned goods will be collected for the Marshfield Food Pantry, so families are requested to bring along a donation as well. www.winslowhouse.org.

AUTHOR JOHN DEMOS at Historic Winslow House – Oct. 26, at 7 pm, the historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, will host a special program particularly appropriate for the Halloween season. Award-winning author and historian John Demos will be at the House to discuss and sign copies of his newest book, "The Enemy Within: 2000 years of Witch-Hunting in the Western World." Tickets are $10 for non-members and $8 for members. Copies of the book will be on hand and light refreshments will be served. Reservations can be made by calling 781-837-5753 or visiting www.winslowhouse.org.

HALLOWEEN 'LORE' TOURS AT DALBY FARM –Experience a different perspective of Dalby Farm in Scituate, as they celebrate the Halloween spirit and share some farm legends and folklore with you during a guided tour of the farm. Tours will be held Oct. 26. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. $4 per person. Call 781-545-4952 to reserve your spot or e-mail at info@dalbyfarm.com.

GHOSTS, GOBLINS AND FAMILY TREES – an adult Halloween program at the Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. Dick Sullivan will blend themes of pagan festivals, human psychology and the occult and speak about the presence of coincidence in everyday life. The lecture is a unique pairing of scary and scholarly topics, with a dose of personal anecdote. Free and open to the public; no tickets are required. Cider and doughnuts will be served. Costumes optional. The library and the program room are handicapped accessible. 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org.

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Theater review

Framing a jumbled life with humor

Carrie Fisher on Carrie Fisher

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



Carrie Fisher's 'Wishful Drinking' runs through Oct. 26 at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston.

Carrie Fisher certainly has plenty of rich source material for her autobiographical one-woman show "Wishful Drinking," which opened last week at the Boston University Theatre. Fisher, after all, is the daughter of Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher, once stepdaughter of Elizabeth Taylor, and ex-wife of music legend Paul Simon, and, lest anyone forget, played Princess Leia in the original "Stars Wars" trilogy.

Autobiographical one-person shows have enjoyed considerable success in recent years. Elaine Stritch ("At Liberty") and Bea Athur ("Bea Arthur on Broadway: Just Between Friends") set their stories to the Broadway music that made them both stars, while Billy Crystal ("700 Sundays") wrote and starred in a funny and moving play about his family and growing up on Long Island.

Fisher seems content to tell her story tabloid-style. As the actress/author explains at the outset, "If my life weren't funny, it would just be true." She has great fun with the truth of her life —her father's infidelity, which led to her parents' divorce; her mother's financial fleecing at the hands of not one, but two subsequent husbands' her father's many additional marriages; her own failed relationships; and her long-running battles with alcoholism and bipolar disorder. While freely acknowledging that just this past July she underwent electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) for the first time, Fisher manages to find humor in the 2004 sleep apnea- and drug-induced death, in her bed no less, of 42-year-old gay Republican political operative R. Gregory Stevens. She even puts the house lights up to take questions from the audience on the subject.

"Was I naked in the bed with him?" she repeats back to one questioner. "I haven't been naked in 15 years and I haven't worn anything sleeveless in 20."

Fisher wrote the semi-autobiographical 1987 best-selling novel "Postcards from the Edge" and the screenplay for the hit 1990 film version starring Meryl Streep and Shirley MacLaine. She has a solid reputation as a script doctor, adept at retooling and improving other writers' work, so it is not surprising that she has given herself some wonderfully funny material. Anyone old enough to remember reading movie magazines will delight when a blackboard covered with publicity stills of everyone from Debbie, Eddie, and Elizabeth to Connie Stevens and Richard Burton appears. Fisher uses the clever prop to offer a crash course on Hollywood inbreeding that she says proves that real royalty has nothing on the kings and queens of show business.

Donning her now infamous Princess Leia wig, Fisher launches into a funny riff on all things "Star Wars" that finds her lampooning George Lucas and pointedly detailing how his ownership of her image led her Leia to be turned into everything from a Pez dispenser, shampoo bottle and bar of soap to some decidedly less clean collectors' kitsch.

The twice-married and divorced performer can be quite affecting, too, as she is when discussing her two-year marriage and longer relationship with singer-songwriter Simon. Details of their now long-over relationship are referenced in some of Simon's songs, including "Hearts and Bones," "She Moves On" and "Allergies," and are clearly well remembered even by the post-ECT Fisher, who is both poignant and reflective on the subject of Simon. She otherwise carefully navigates through the personal and emotional turmoil that has marked so much of her 52 years, seeming intent on looking back on her troubled past with only her present-day perspective as a self-proclaimed survivor who can laugh at her own misfortunes. This technique works well enough in Act I, where celebrity name-dropping buoys the action, but breaks down in Act II, when Fisher invites the audience along for group therapy that fast becomes all about her. Shows like this — of which Crystal's "700 Sundays" may be the prime example — work best when they illuminate a human experience, but Fisher stops short of doing this with her passages on addiction and mental illness. This child of show business has her own real talents as both a writer and performer, but looking outside herself does not appear to be among them.

Fisher — who bookends the show with a deep-voiced rendition of "Happy Days Are Here Again" as first real and later made-up headlines from her life float by on Alexander V. Nichols's imaginatively designed and executed video screen back-drop — is mostly well-directed by Tony Taccone. Her movements keep things interesting until act two when she often seems to be just pacing back and forth.

If you have ever wanted to know more about Carrie Fisher then this may be the show for you. Otherwise, don't expect more than a few good laughs and some Hollywood anecdotes from an insider.

The Huntington Theatre Company will present Carrie Fisher in "Wishful Thinking" through Oct. 26 at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-266-0800 or go online at huntingtontheatre.org.



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Left to right: Maureen Bates of Pembroke as "Pamina" Mike Lacey of Braintree as "Papageno" perform in "The Magic Flute" at Bridgewater State College.

Bridgewater State College Theatre & Dance Department in association with the Music Department, proudly present "The Magic Flute." The majestic and comedic opera by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (translated to English by Ruth and Charles Martin), explores the nature of life through the tensions between love and logic. The Magic Flute will be performed from Oct. 24-25 and Oct. 30 through Nov. 1 at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Oct. 26. Ticket prices are $15 for general admission, $10 for youth, seniors, military, and students with ID. Call the BSC Box Office at 508-531-1321 or visit www.bridgew.edu/theatre

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Design Home 2008 Tour benefits The Greater Boston Food Bank. Tours of this innovative luxury home located at the Five Lanterns development at the Pinehills in Plymouth will allow visitors to roam throughout the home spending as much time in each room as they wish. During the tours, rooms will be staffed with knowledgeable volunteers to provide information on design overview and general information about participating vendors. Ticket price is $20 in advance at www.designhome.com and $25 at the door. Tour times are Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Monday and Tuesdays. The Design Home 2008 Tour runs until Oct. 26.

Friday Night Practice Parties offered by **South Shore Dancers** at the First Parish Church Hall, 24 River St., from 8 to 11 p.m. in Norwell every Friday through June 12, 2009. Recorded music with printed program. Casual, friendly environment. Cost is $7. Information: call Tom at 781 659-4703 or visit SouthShoreDancers.org.

New England Singles Dance Oct. 17, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Sandwich bar $10. Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Hors d'oeuvres. Door prizes. Music from the 70's to the present and requests with New England's top DJ's. Admission $10. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

Players Sports Bar, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland Oct. 17, 9 p.m. Cover $5 **Satch & The Mighty HouseRockers** 781-681-9999, **http://www.playersrockland.com/**

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Oct. 17, **Didn't Panet** 781-829-6999.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Friday, **karaoke with Ed.** 781-337-9905.

Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell, **Elbow Room**, Oct. 17. 781-659-0050.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Oct. 17 **Walk that Walk**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, Oct. 18

Annual Craft Fair – Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ladies Group, South Shore Viking Club, 410 Quincy Ave, Route 53, Braintree. Donation $1. Children free. Snack bar. Tables $35. 781-337-0736.

Harvest Fair – Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The High Street United Methodist Church on the corner of High Street and Taylor Street on the Duxbury/Pembroke line. Rain or shine. Bake sale, silent auction, Grandma's attic, crafts, kids games and more. Kate Nugent 781-826-3102 or email katestuff@comcast.net

Smith & Hawken, 94 Derby St, Hingham will present a **free bulb planting seminar** from 7 to 8 p.m. Oct. 17. Call 781-740-0890 for reservations. Seating is limited.

Barktober-Fest, the first event of its kind in Plymouth tailored to dog lovers of all ages and, of course, their furry companions. This one-day canine festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18, on the Plymouth waterfront. All dogs must be on a leash at all times. Information: www.plymouthbarktoberfest.com or 508-830-1620.

Corn Maze – Sauchuk Farm, Plympton. 234 Center St., (off Route 58) Plympton through Oct. 26. Activities include hayride to the pumpkin patch, face painting, cow train, corn box, goat walk. Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday school groups only. Last admission 5 p.m. Adults and teenagers (13 and up) $8; children (4-12) $6; Toddlers (3 and under) free. 781-585-1522 sauchukfarm.net

Reference Department Expo & Open House at the Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, in Marshfield on Saturday, Oct. 18, from noon to 4 p.m. Learn how to find information using the many databases and reference books available within the library and through www.ventresslibrary.org. Free and open to the public; no tickets are required. Light refreshments will be served. Information call 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org.

NSRWA Sponsors Wild Rice Paddle, Oct. 18 at 2:30 pm from the Hanover Canoe Launch. Wild rice (Zizana aquatica), also known as Indian Rice is found on the slower flowing portions of the North River and Herring Brook river. It is a favorite food for many of the wildfowl that frequent the rivers. Join board member Andy Hebert for a couple of relaxing hours as we paddle and float our way down the river collecting wild rice into our kayaks. Bring a container to hold the rice you collect. Suggested donation is $5 per person. Pre-registration and PFD's are mandatory, as space is limited to eight boats. To register, email paula@nsrwa.org or call Paula Christie at 781-659-8168.

Massachusetts Archaeological Society's annual meeting and open house to be held on Oct. 18 Registration beings at 9:30 a.m. ($10 for members, $12 for non-members) for the MAS business meeting at the Robbins Museum of Archaeology, 17 Jackson St., Middleborough, and continues prior to the presentations 1 to 4 p.m. at the Middleborough Public Library, 102 N. Main St.

Bob Franke will perform at **The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square** 8 p.m., Oct. 18, at 107 Main St. in Hingham Square. Admission is $10 at the door. Open mike at 8 p.m. 781-749-1767 or visit www.hinghambroadcastnews.com or visit www.bobfranke.com.

Visit the Russell barn located at 748 Main St., Hingham from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 18 to view **Morgan Russell's new "small" studies among his oil paintings**.

Girl's night out with A Mom and Me Overnight Oct. 18 from 6 p.m. through the morning of Sunday, Oct. 19 at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Cost is members $70/mother-child pair, $30 extra child; non-members $80/mother-child pair, $40 extra child. Information and to sign-up call 781-659-2559. www.ssnsc.org

North Weymouth Civic Association – Meat Raffle every Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Cathay Center Restaurant, 211 Bridge St., Route 3A, North Weymouth.

Open Studio, Duxbury artist, **Charles Sorrento** will hold his sixth open studio at 21 Penny Lane, Duxbury, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 and 19. All originals and prints are 30 percent off marked prices. Open to the public. To view samples of his work visit fineartsbysorrento.com

1400 Main Street Grill, Weymouth Oct. 18, **Elbow Room**. 781-337-0801.

Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell. Oct. 18 **Who's 1st – The Who Tribute band.** 781-659-0050.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Oct. 18, **Friends of Harvey** 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Oct. 18, **The Dons** 781-829-6999.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Saturday, **Tony Perez** 781-337-9905.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Oct. 18 **Mission of Blues.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Sunday, Oct. 19

Touch- A -Truck Event to benefit Friends of Foster Care, Oct. 19, from noon to 3 p.m. Rain or shine at Maria Weston Chapman Middle School, 1051 Commercial St. Weymouth. Contact person: Jennifer Kitchenham-781-682-0800.

NSRWA Sponsors Camp Wing South River Walk in Duxbury Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. Off Franklin Street in Duxbury. Join **Lenore White**, a wetlands scientist, on a tour of Camp Wing Conservation area in Duxbury. Pre-registration is required. To register, email paula@nsrwa.org or call Paula Christie at 781-659-8168.

Classical Uncorked! Listen, sip or dine in the intimate setting of Asian C, Route 53 in Hingham. **Andrew Price,** Atlantic Symphony's principal oboist, performs a variety of works for solo oboe, and gives a glimpse of life as an accomplished professional musician at 7 p.m. Oct. 19. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for those who want to enjoy a prix-fixe buffet. Drinks may be ordered throughout the hour-long concert. A limited number of tickets are available. Adults $15, Seniors $15, Youth $10,Buffet $20. Cash bar. To reserve, call 781-740-5694 or order online at www.atlantic-symphony.org

Monday, Oct. 20

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. Oct. 20 **Free Texas Hold-Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

Fontbonne Academy's President and Director of Admissions invites eighth grade girls and their parents for coffee and dessert at The Sisters of St. Joseph Retreat House, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m. RSVP President's Office 617-615-3014 admissions@fontbonneacademy.org

South Shore Men of Harmony invite men of good character who love to sing but do not necessarily read music to come to an **Open House** Oct. 28, from 8 to 10 p.m. The acapella barbershop chorus rehearses every Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 pm. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. Call Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-7464.

Island Grove Chorus, a women's acappella singing group, meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Abington. Call 781-848-5843 for information.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke every Tuesday night **Wicked Trivia** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 781-829-6999.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

The Hingham Historical Society's second American Antiques Appraisal Show featuring **Wes Cowan**, star of the popular PBS television show ***History Detectives*** and a featured appraiser on ***Antiques Roadshow,*** Oct. 22, 6:30 pm at Old Derby Academy, 34 Main St., Hingham. Information or to reserve a seat contact Suzanne Buchanan 781-749-7721 or director@hinghamhistorical.org.

The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., (Route 18) Weymouth will exhibit the paintings of **Dianne Panarelli Miller,** as their featured artist for the month of October. For information and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384. Preview many of the gallery's artists online at www.dickinsonartgallery.com.

Mom's Support Group and Children's Story Hour 9:30 to 11 a.m. Oct. 22, Brookville Baptist Church, 781 S. Franklin Street, Holbrook Every other Wednesday. Ages 3 to 6. 781-767-0217

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books welcome Hingham resident and photographer **Bill Brett** Oct. 22, 7 p.m. at the Hingham Library. Brett will present a slideshow and discuss his new book, **Boston: A Year in the Life** a photographic chronicle of Boston on a daily basis. Free event. Refreshments will be served. 781-383-2665.

Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset, welcomes **Beth A. Grosshans,** Ph.D. Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. Grosshans will be discussing her book, **Beyond Time-Out: From Chaos to Calm**, written with **Janet Burton.** Free event, adult refreshments will be served. 781-383-2665.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, every Wednesday is **Country Music Night with DJ Pat Lally.** 781-829-6999.

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Wednesdays, Oct. 22, 29. **Drift Away** featuring **J Place** singing and playing harmonica, together with **John Litwin** on the drums, and **Joe Micarelli** on the piano, every Wednesday Night (7:30 to 11 p.m.) at 781-925-1115 www.theredparrot.com

Thursday, Oct. 23

Annual Harvest Supper and Auction at the Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., Cohasset Oct. 23. The first 100 people will be seated on a first come basis. Call the church and order reservations on the voice mail at 781-383-0808. Seating begins at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, which will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is $9 for adults and $4.50 for children.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Satuit Camp 3188 is having its next meeting at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 at Grand Army Hall, 353 Country Way in Scituate. Membership is open to males, ages 14 and older, who are direct descendants of a solider, sailor, or Marine who served during the Civil War. Junior and associate memberships are also available. The camp will help prospective members with the paperwork to determine eligibility. Members do not have to be Scituate residents. Information: Conley Ford at cfordcon@comcast.net or call 781-545-0054.

Osher Life Long Learning Institute at UMASS-Boston and the Hingham Public Library will present free "brown bag" seminars Session one: **What it takes to be Happy When You Retire** Oct. 23 at 11:30 a.m. **Dr. Bill Roiter,** a psychologist, is the program presenter. The library is located at 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. 781-741-1405, ext. 2600. www.hinghamlibrary.org

Free college financial aid night hosted by College Planning Group, Inc. at 7 p.m., Oct. 23, at the Knight's of Columbus Hall, 48 Schoosett St., in Pembroke. This workshop is free and open to the public. To reserve your seat, call 781-828-1114 or register online at thecollegeplanninggroup.com

The Paul Pratt Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, professional genealogist **Michael Brophy** will deliver his lecture **Basic Genealogy and Family History Part two** Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. All are welcome. 781-383-1348.

Reunions

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973 – 35th Reunion Nov. 1, at the Plymouth Radisson Hotel, Plymouth. Information: www.bhs73.com or email Cherie (Woolf) Riley at cherie@bhs73.com

PLYMOUTH-CARVER HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1968 – 40th reunion Nov. 1, at the Beachmoor Inn on Buzzards Bay. Any classmate interested in helping with this event, please call Linda Souza at 508-746-8333, or Linda Luce at 508-224-4352, or Marilyn Colburn at 508-224-3668, or Cathy Pratt at 508-746-4036.

WEYMOUTH NORTH HIGH CLASS OF 1978 – The Weymouth North Class of 1978 30th reunion will be held at the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth Harbor Nov. 28, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. For updated information go to classmates.com. RSVP Jen Palmer Morse at:Jmorse2@its.jnj.com

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1978 – 30th reunion at The Salon at Tosca Nov. 15, 7 to 11 p.m. Information: Jennifer Lubrano Clayton at 781-749-6645 or Terry Dwyer Hurley at 781-749-2620.

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2003 – five-year reunion. Nov. 24, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the American Legion, Cohasset Harbor. Info contact Curt Kahn — curt.kahn@gmail.com

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1978 30th Reunion will be held on Friday, Nov. 28, at the Quincy Marriott, Quincy at 7 p.m.Tickets $55 per person. Invitations have been mailed so if you have not received an invitation, contact Jill (Whitten) Coyle at 781-843-3275 or thejcoyles@verizon.net For further information visit www.braintreehigh.com and click on "1978."

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAMS GRAND REUNION for classes ending in three and eight, Nov.29 at 7 p.m. at the High School. E-mailTCahill@AWHS.org or call the Alumni Office at 781-535-6486.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1988 – reunion *Atlantica Restaurant,* Cohasset Harbor. Nov. 29, 7 to 11 p.m. Cost: $50 per person. Checks payable: to HHS Class of 1988.Mail to 66 Presidential Circle, Marshfield, MA 02050

THE PLYMOUTH-CARVER CLASS OF 1985 – plans to celebrate its 25th year reunion. The reunion committee is actively searching for the addresses of classmates. Contact Linda Flattery at 508-747-5277, ext.230, or LFlattery@Hanover.com and leave your name and phone number/e-mail to update the class list and for more information about the event. Looking for all members and the committee wants to hear from you.

Send your reunion listings to ddinsmore@cnc.com or fax 781-837-4540 Attention Dorothy Dinsmore.



BEST BET

Hingham's Joel Leonard, as the Wizard of Oz, rehearses with Savanna Norris, a Marshfield High School junior, playing Dorothy in Hingham Civic Theater's production of "The Wizard of Oz" at the Sanborn Auditorium at Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St., Hingham Oct. 17-19 and Oct. 25-26. 781-837-1499 hcmtstage momma@comcast.net



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Sailing's the life in Virgin Gorda

Michael Morton
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

VIRGIN GORDA — While our catamaran cut through turquoise Caribbean waters as translucent as mouthwash, I resisted the urge to jump in and focused on my next dazzling maneuver as captain: hurling myself from one side of the boat to the other as I tried not to hit my daydreaming shipmate in the head with the steering tiller.

We were at one of the worlds' premier sailing destinations, Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands. And I had more at stake than a good tan. I wanted a shot at nautical glory.

I had entered the weekly Sunday Regatta at the Bitter End Yacht Club.

Constant trade winds make the British Virgin Islands a sailing hotspot, and Bitter End is a popular stop on the yachting circuit for Richard Branson and other moguls.

But that doesn't mean commoners - and landlubbers - can't join in the fun.

So like other guests, I found myself in friendly competition under the watchful eyes of the resort's sailing school staff. After a quick session in the briefing room - think "Top Gun" in bathing suits - our boatload of four (including an instructor) pushed our Hobie Cat Getaway off the beach, secure in the knowledge that if all else failed we could always bribe the race official with a six-pack.

In the end, we didn't need to. After deftly navigating the buoys in the early rounds and earning a couple of top-three finishes, our instructor, Geoff, gave us a quick lesson in steering and adjusting the two sails. He then gave me the controls.

Turning the boat across the wind proved to be the hardest part. During each maneuver, I quickly switched sides while heaving the tiller over, wary of disrupting the human ballast otherwise known as one of my shipmates.

And I got results. We tied for second. A few salutes to our heroics ensued and a prize of a bottle of Mount Gay Rum resulted.



BY MICHAEL MORTON

At Bitter End Yacht Club, guests sail a Hobie catamaran during the Sunday regatta, a weekly resort tradition.

If you go...

Getting there: Most flights are via San Juan, Puerto Rico, to the British Virgin Islands and Terrence B. Lettsome Airport, also known as Tortola-Beef. From the airport, Bitter End Yacht Club guests can take a short walk or taxi ride to the dock for the North Sound Express, which departs Beef Island for Virgin Gorda; tickets $35 for adults, free for children 12 and under.

Staying there: Billing itself as the "finest watersports resort in the world," Bitter End Yacht Club (800-872-2392; www.beyc.com) offers guests free use of a fleet that includes sailboats, kayaks and windsurfing equipment. Nightly rates start at $650 per couple, per night, including three meals daily, accommodations in the recently renovated Beachfront Villas and an introductory sailing lesson. Packages include the option of dividing your stay between the resort and a captained yacht.

Having conquered sailing, my companions and I explored other ways to catch the wind, namely the relatively new sport of kiteboarding. With a large kite and trapeze-style handlebar connected to control lines and a short surfboard, the concept at first seemed to me a little extreme. But when I heard it was all the rage with Google co-founder Larry Page and other Silicon Valley geeks who visit the resort, I knew I had to step up.

Working with limited time, our teacher, Scottie, left the boards on the beach and taught us how to control an airborne kite as we stood in thigh-deep water. Shaped like an airplane's wing, the kite strained at its lines and shot back and forth whenever we moved the handlebar a fraction of an inch.

Trying to keep the airfoil aloft, I performed my next stunning feat: As the wind suddenly died, the kite's control lines slackened, and I found myself backpedaling toward Scottie. He quickly abandoned any thought of stopping me and I fell down, put one hand onto the sandy ocean bottom, caught myself and spun around while passing the handlebar behind my back. A miraculous save to be sure, but the control lines had crossed, and the kite soon plummeted.

"What did you just do?" an incredulous Scottie commented. But other guests later stopped me and complemented my kiteboarding moves, thinking I actually knew what I was doing.

After such active days, guests at Bitter End happily retire each night to luxury cabanas, perched high above the water on a hillside thick with frangipani and bougainvillea. Off the coast, brown pelicans can be spotted diving for a meal, soon replaced by sailboat mast-lights twinkling like stars. Chirping tree frogs and lapping waves provided a natural sound machine.

It was easy to see why colonial sailors named this spot the Bitter End - they would leave here for the desolate waters of the open Atlantic. It's also easy to see why the resort draws repeat visitors, many of whom have been coming for decades.

Not all the attractions are wind-related, of course. During a snorkel tour of Eustatia Reef, my companions and I watched purple sea fans waving lazily while fish of every stripe and hue darted among the coral. While hiking along one of the island's trails to the nearby resort of Biras Creek (www.biras.com), we heard workers belting out hymns while riding an evening commuter ferry.

And at The Baths, a National Park at Virgin Gorda's southern end, ladders, ropes and natural passageways revealed caves, pools and sheltered coves among a series of stacked boulders.

But the wind was still the most powerful draw.

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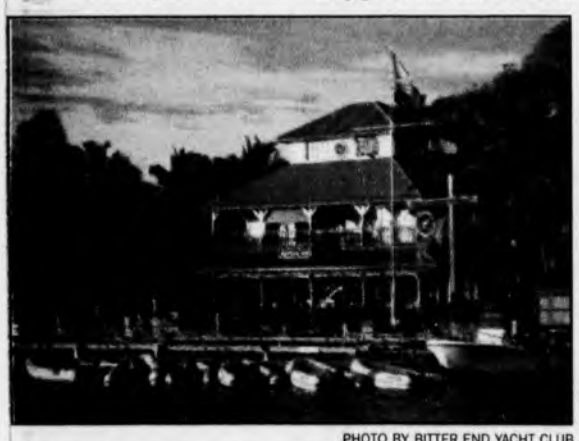


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The lobby building at the Bitter End Yacht Club on Virgin Gorda.



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A kiteboard lesson at Bitter End Yacht Club on Virgin Gorda.

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Treat's Pond gets tabled

Selectmen remove related articles from warrant

By Nancy White
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When the dust settled on Monday night's discussion of Treat's Pond, there wasn't much left for the town to consider. The controversial and complicated issue of Treat's Pond will not be up for another round of discussion on the floor of the upcoming Special Town Meeting.

A multitude of unanswered questions led a majority of the Selectmen to vote to remove the Army Corps of Engineers project and two proposed flood control solutions from the Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting warrant.

"The public needs to be educated."
— Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr

Before last week's meeting a total of five articles, each representing a different facet or option addressing the Treat's Pond flooding and access issues, were a part of the draft Special Town Meeting warrant. The articles could have led to eminent domain takings, an $80,000 Sandy Cove pipe extension, a million dollar-plus flood control project or a $1.7 million Army Corps of Engineers proposal with the town kicking in roughly $600,000.

It was, like it was in the spring, the Army Corps of Engineers saltmarsh restoration project that spurred the most debate among the Selectmen and audience members.

Despite recent and lengthy conversation on Treat's Pond, including the two-hour discussion Monday night, the general sense of a majority of the board was the issues surrounding Treat's Pond have not been properly vetted with the public.

"The public needs to be educated," said Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr when it came to the Army Corps project and the flood control solutions. In nearly the same breath, Carr worried the town would lose the over a million dollars in federal funding if they did not make a decision at Special Town Meeting.

"The Army Corps has been very clear

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Cohasset C.A.R.E.S.

Community leaders converse on how to help in bad economy

By Nancy White
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Help is out there.

But knowing where to turn when an individual or family is struggling is often difficult. As news of the national and international financial crisis continues to dominate headlines, increasing numbers of Cohasset families and individuals could be in trouble — both economically and spiritually.

Spurred on by the continually grim news about the economy, a cross section of community leaders from church leaders to human service providers are getting together to make sure Cohasset residents know they don't have to struggle alone. Community leaders are trying to take the guesswork out of seeking help in times of need, especially for those who might find themselves struggling financially for the first time in their lives.

Still in its infancy, the group tentatively named "Cohasset C.A.R.E.S.," with CARES standing for "caring and responding economically and spiritually," is working swiftly toward visible manifestations. This group is not affiliated with the Cohasset Cares organization started in 2006 by a group of concerned citizens after a house fire that displaced a local family.

The Mariner sat in on their third meeting of the group, which has involved members of various church organizations, the Social Service League, Cohasset Food Pantry, Wellspring Multi-Service Center, Elder Services and South Shore Friends of the Homeless.

St. Stephen's rector Margot Critchfield formed the group early this month. "I started the group in response to the financial crisis as a way for both social service providers and religious leaders to brainstorm about how we might best meet the needs of our community in this crisis," said Critchfield.

"This economic situation is so unique in that effects all of us, I figured if we got together to brainstorm we might not only discover who was doing what, but also might think creatively about new ways to reach out."

Critchfield said the economic crisis is creating a new group, those who are finding themselves economically vulnerable for maybe the first time in their lives — and that group may not know where to turn or be too proud to ask for help.

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LOCAL COLOR



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Garrett Drew is busy moving pumpkins at the Cohasset Greenery off Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A).

State CPA funding decreased

Town will get 67 percent match

By Nancy White
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For the first time since Cohasset instituted the Community Preservation Act the town will not receive a 100 percent match from the state. Announced this week, the state will provide a 67 percent match to the town's CPA tax.

The decrease in state match funding comes as no surprise to Community Preservation Committee chairman Stuart Ivimey. Since early 2007, Ivimey has been advising of the possible loss of the dollar-for-dollar state match for Cohasset and towns across the state that have adopted the CPA. Accordingly, he has been extremely conservative in his budget estimates when it came to the state match, predicting a 50 percent state match since 2007.

"Because we budgeted for a 50 percent match, we're actually in good shape with more money than we thought we'd have," said Ivimey in a phone interview. The committee now has more than $57,000 to work with than they thought they would last spring.

"We take very seriously that matches won't be 100 percent or won't even be what we think they will be," said Ivimey. Like nearly all state funding, the CPA funding is provided to the town in quarterly allocations and with cuts currently underway at the state level there is some measure of uncertainty.

"We never want to be in the predicament where we budgeted for more money than we actually receive...we always want to end the year with money in the bank," said Ivimey.

The CPA at a glance

- Funds from the CPA can be spent in three specific areas: open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation.
- Aside from minor administrative costs, the CPC does not spend money. The CPC only makes recommendations to the legislative authority in a town or municipality, (in Cohasset's case, Town Meeting).
- Each year, the CPC must spend or bank 10 percent of its annual revenue on each of the three specific areas.
- CPA funds are generated from two sources, a town real estate tax surcharge (in Cohasset 1.5 percent) and some level of state match, determined year-to-year. Up until this year, Cohasset and other participating towns received a 100 percent state match each year. This year, the state will match 65 percent of the town's dollars. The state funds are derived from a $20 surcharge on all documents filed in the Recorder of Deeds Office statewide (e.g. mortgages, deeds, homesteads, etc.).
- The average single family home valued at $848,000 paid $118.93 in CPA tax in 2008.

That means the CPC will continue to look carefully at the merit of each project and if it qualifies for CPA funding before making its recommendation to Town Meeting to ensure they aren't over-committing themselves.

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Name: Jeffrey R. Treanor

Occupation: Police Sergeant, Town of Cohasset

Best day of your life: The birth of my two children, Jake, 12 and Mairead,11.

Best vacation: Aruba, January 2008.

Favorite season: Fall

Favorite holiday: July 4th

Favorite junk food: Peanut M&Ms.

Best book: Most recent, "Russ and Me" and "The Greatest Generation," two great books with inspiring characters.

Best movie: "When Harry met Sally," "Sound of Music" and "It's a Wonderful Life." Best mini-series: "John Adams."

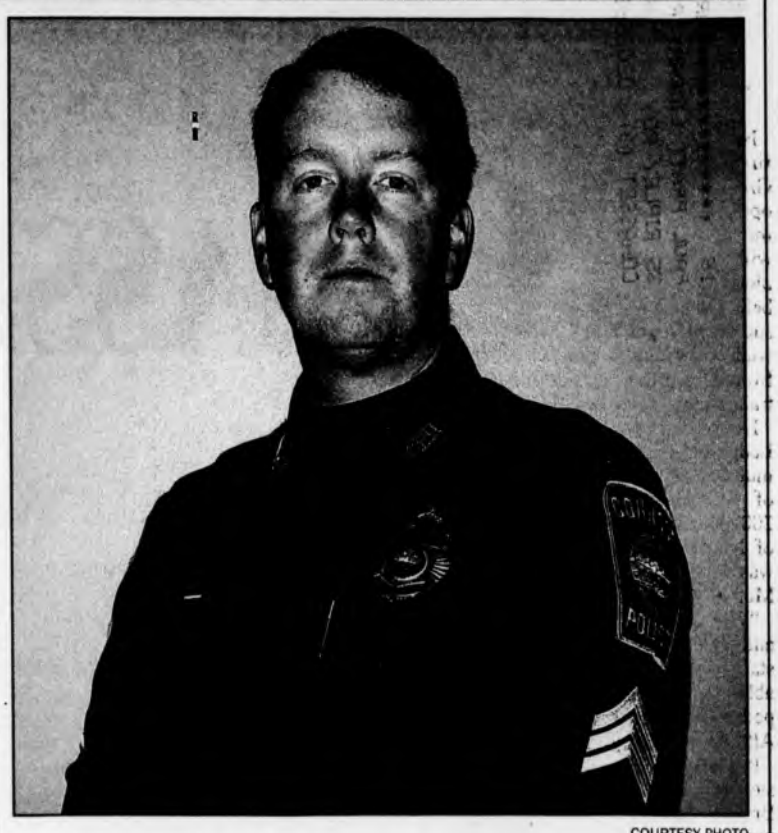
Best T.V. show:"The Wire," "The Shield," "Life on Mars" and old reruns of "Hill Street Blues," all well written and acted.

Best music group or artist: Dave Matthews, Toby Keith, Tom Petty, John Mellencamp.

Pet peeve: Growing lack of civility and respect in today's society.

Most embarrassing moment or fun fact: (Probably both) I wore a kilt at my wedding in Scotland.

Goal: For my children to grow up healthy and safe and to have a safe and successful career.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Mariner caught up with police Sgt. Jeffrey Treanor on Monday at the Cohasset Police Station. Treanor is the town's newest police sergeant.

Person you'd most like to meet: John F. Kennedy

Biggest worry: My family's continued well being.

Best part of Cohasset: Growing up here, I have always been drawn to the coastline and harbor.

BRIEFLY

Wind Turbine hearing postponed until Dec. 1

The Planning Board's continued public hearing on the proposed wind turbines at Graham Waste originally scheduled for this coming Monday Oct. 27, has been postponed to Monday, Dec. 1.

The applicant, Jim Sweeney of CCI Energy, has formally requested that the continued public hearing be postponed. According to an e-mail sent by Planning Board administrator Jo-Ann Pilczak on Thursday morning, Sweeney explained that although they have collected most of the requested data, his project team are still working on collecting further details.

"In fairness to all parties, such as the Planning Board, town engineer and the public, they need more time to provide this information well in advance of the meeting," stated Pilczak. Sweeney felt the month-long postponement would allow him to do this, Pilczak wrote. CCI Energy submitted additional data, studies and documentation to the Planning Board office earlier this week.

This is the second time the applicant has asked for a postponement in order to gather information since the first public hearing in September.

As a procedural matter, the continued public hearing will reconvene on Oct. 27 only to immediately be continued to Dec. 1. No discussion or information on the project will take place on Oct. 27.

CCI Energy is proposing installing two turbines on the Graham Waste site off of Route 3A behind Hingham Lumber. The project calls for two 1.65-megawatt turbines each approximately 141-meters, or 462-feet, from ground to the top of the blade.

New Cohasset Mariner 'drop box' at Tedeschi's

The Cohasset Mariner has a new "drop box" and pickup location at Tedeschi's in the village. The drop box is on the counter in the front window around the corner to the left after you enter the front door.

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Resident wants N. Main sidewalk

By Nancy White
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"We need a safe, convenient and logical access to the train station. To encourage sustainable travel, there needs to be pedestrian access."
— Howie Altholtz, 4 Cedar Ledge

Next Friday will mark the first anniversary of the Greenbush commuter rail operation. Although most of the major construction items with project have been completed, at least one resident believes the town should pursue one more project — a sidewalk on North Main Street from King Street to Cohasset train station.

Howie Altholtz of 4 Cedar Ledge and a regular train commuter came before the Board of Selectmen in November 2007 to discuss the possibility of North Main sidewalk. He was back before the board this Monday to re-visit the issue.

"We need a safe, convenient and logical access to the train station. To encourage sustainable travel, there needs to be pedestrian access," said Altholtz.

In preparation for the discussion, Greenbush liaisons Mark Brennan and Tom Gruber prepared a list of options for the sidewalk. A sidewalk is currently being constructed up Lower King St. and then north along Route 3A to the station entrance. The town received a transit-oriented district grant from the state for approximately $275,000 in 2006. The grant was given for the construction of a sidewalk up Lower King Street and then along Route 3A to the station entrance.

However, Altholtz said a sidewalk on North Main made more sense because it was a direct route to the station which people would be more apt to use. During Greenbush mitigation, the town wasn't able to negotiate the inclusion of a North Main Street sidewalk.

"It's counter-intuitive not to do (a North Main sidewalk). Pushing people out to 3A is dangerous for drivers and walkers, even if it's cheapest, a bad idea is still a bad idea," said Altholtz. A sidewalk on North Main has a conservative cost estimate of $1.3 million, said Brennan.

"It's a big price tag, but (the sidewalk) is forever," said Alholtz.

A sidewalk on North Main Street to the station has, like most Greenbush issues, a long history. In 2002, the Board of Health, in conjunction with the Rails with Trails program, hired a consultant to look at the possibility of a pedestrian/bike pathway to the commuter train station. The town talked with the MBTA about using the maintenance road next to the track for a pedestrian walkway, but in the end the proposal was turned down. When the Brennan and Gruber came on in early 2005, the options were a sidewalk via North Main or Route 3A. After meetings with representatives from the Board of Health, police, fire and DPW, it became clear the most practical solution was Route 3A. Two major developments, Scituate Hill (across from King Street on Route 3A) and the TOD shopping plaza, Old Colony Square, made the 3A sidewalk even more practical.

Altholtz, an attorney, offered his services to get a meeting with the MBTA to discuss the sidewalk options and possible easements.

The Board of Selectmen gave Altholtz the go-ahead to work with Town Manager Bill Griffin to see how far they could get.

POLICE BEAT

Woman arrested for OUI twice in same day

By Mary Ford
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Police said a Scituate woman was arrested twice on Monday (Oct. 13) for operating under the influence of alcohol: first in Scituate and later in Cohasset.

Scituate police saw the woman they had arrested earlier driving toward Cohasset and followed her into Tedeschi Plaza off Route 3A where Cohasset police made the arrest. Observations about her driving by Scituate police, as well as Cohasset's investigation at the scene, led to the motorist being charged with operating under the influence of alcohol (second offense) and operating after license suspension for OUI.

The Cohasset incident occurred at 2:55 p.m. on Monday (Oct. 13).

Attaching plates

• A 43-year-old Carver man is facing several traffic charges following a traffic stop at 8:05 p.m. on Saturday (Oct. 18) on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Police observed an older model Chevrolette sedan traveling south on Route 3A. Police had knowledge that the plates belonged to another vehicle and stopped the car. As it turned out the plates belonged to a 1998 VW Beetle.

The man was arrested on charges of driving an unregistered, uninsured motor vehicle, attaching plates and for an inspection sticker violation. There was also a warrant for his arrest for failure to appear for jury duty.

• An officer ran a check on the plate of a 2006 Honda that was parked behind Bank of America at Shaw's Plaza at about 9 p.m. on Saturday (Oct. 18). The computer revealed the plates belonged to another vehicle. The car pulled away and police stopped the car at Route 3A and Beechwood Street.

The driver, a 48-year-old Cohasset man, is being summonsed to court on criminal citations of attaching plates, and driving an unregistered, uninsured vehicle.

The plates were seized and the car was towed, police said.

• A 17-year-old Cohasset girl is being summonsed to court after being stopped for having a headlight out at about 10:20 p.m. on Saturday (Oct. 18) on North Main Street. The officer who saw the 2000 Pontiac reversed direction and pulled the car over on Beechwood Street by South Main. The girl is facing charges of driving an uninsured, unregistered motor vehicle, number plate violation, and headlight violation, police said. The plates were seized and the car was towed.

OUI charge

Cohasset police observed a car traveling south on Route 3A at about 1 a.m. on Sunday (Oct. 19) weaving over the centerline multiple times. The officer tried to pull the car over which initially slowed down but kept moving slowly eventually coming to stop. Based on the officer's observations and investigation at the scene, the woman was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of alcohol and marked lanes violation.

Vandalism

• Police are investigating damage done to a 2003 Toyota Highlander by vandals who apparently threw a pumpkin at the windshield, breaking it. The resident, who lives on Jerusalem Road, reported the incident at 8 a.m. on Wednesday (Oct. 15). Police said the resident heard something the night prior but did not see anything and did not think any more of it until the next morning. Chief Hussey said police are trying to determine if this resident was targeted or if this was a random act. Police observed pieces of broken pumpkin near the car; the front, driver's side of the windshield was hit and cracked.

• Police responded to a resident who reported that her son's car had been vandalized sometime overnight (Oct. 18-19). Police said the black Jeep was wrapped in toilet paper and several eggs were broken inside. Police are working with the family to determine if this was a random act of vandalism or if the son's car was targeted. Fingerprints were lifted from the scene and police hope to determine who was responsible, Chief Hussey said.

Pumpkin theft

A caller asked police to log in that four of her seven pumpkins had been stolen overnight (Oct. 14-15). Chief Hussey said unfortunately some youth participate in this kind of behavior this time of year.

Larceny

A contractor working on a house on Gammons Road discovered a laser tool and other tools were missing. He reported the incident on Wednesday (Oct. 15) and will be providing police with a list of the missing items and their serial numbers.

MV crashes

• A 2003 Chevrolet operated by a Cohasset resident failed to stop and rear-ended a 2006 Jeep, also operated by a Cohasset resident, that had stopped the lights at Pond Street. Both vehicles were traveling west. The operator of the Chevrolet said a jar rolled off the seat and got stuck under the gas and brake pedals. The driver of the Chevrolet was cited for failure to stop. The incident occurred at 12:48 p.m. on Wednesday (Oct. 15). There were no apparent injuries and the Chevrolet had to be towed.

• A 2001 GMC, owned by a construction company out of Hanover, and a 2007 Ford owned by a Cohasset resident, were damaged when a vehicle heading west on Jerusalem Road left the roadway and struck the GMC and Ford that were both parked in a driveway on Hull Street. The vehicle that caused the accident turned around and left the scene. The incident, which is under investigation, was reported at 8:46 p.m. on Thursday (Oct. 16).

• The operator (a Braintree resident) of a 2001 Ford traveling south on Route 3A at 6:50 p.m. on Friday (Oct. 17) said he took his eyes off the road for a second before hitting a 2007 Chevrolet, driven by a Hingham resident, at the lights at 3A & Pond Street. The Ford pushed the Chevy into a gray Audi, driven by a Duxbury resident. The driver of the Ford was cited for following to closely and for impeded operation. All three cars were towed. The two occupants of the Chevrolet were transported to the hospital with what appeared to be minor injuries, police said.

Fire hydrant

The driver of a car parked in front of a fire hydrant on S. Main Street returned to the scene just before the vehicle was to be towed, police said. Chief Hussey said police will issue a ticket and have a vehicle towed if the owner operator cannot be located because blocking a fire hydrant is a safety issue. The same holds true for parking illegally in a handicap spot. The fine for blocking a fire hydrant is $50 and it is a $100 fine for parking illegally in a handicap spot.

In this past week's incident, the officer ran the plate and had the dispatch center try the residence but could not make contact with the motorist. The tow company was contacted but in the meantime the motorist returned, was fined and allowed to drive away.

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Questions on the table

Dog racing and wind energy to consider

By Carol Britton Meyer
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In a week and a half, America will yield their collective voting power to pick a new President. The Presidential candidates Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama will be the big story of the Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4, but four controversial ballot questions to consider.

There are three binding statewide ballot questions related to reducing and then eliminating the state personal income tax; decriminalizing marijuana use and instituting a new system of civil penalties; and prohibiting dog races on which betting or wagering occurs. There is also a non-binding wind power question that will be on the ballot in several South Shore communities, including Cohasset. (See information box.)

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, said it's important for voters to realize that the first three questions are binding. "These are not [just] questions gauging voters' opinions on these issues [except Question 4]," he said. "No legislative approval is needed for them to become law."

Cohasset polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, for the State/Presidential election. Precincts 1 and 2 will vote at the Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

Editor's note: This is the second of a two-part series. This week we look at Questions 3 & 4 on the Nov. 4 ballot. Questions 1 & 2 were examined in last week's issue of The Cohasset Mariner..



COURTESY PHOTO

Russ Bonetti of Parker Ave. has adopted former racing greyhounds for nearly two decades. His current greyhound, Ditzy, was formerly known as "Snow Lady" at the Hinsdale, New Hampshire track.

QUESTION 3 — DOG RACING

Should dog racing involving betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs be banned in Massachusetts?

That is one of the binding questions voters will decide at the Nov. 4 ballot box. A Yes vote would prohibit such dog racing effective Jan. 1, 2010. A No vote would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

According to Jennifer Reardon, volunteer for The Committee to Protect Dogs, a massive grassroots effort to pass this referendum is underway. A similar law currently exists in 34 states. Proponents allege inhumane treatment and unacceptable living conditions for some of the dogs.

This project supports the Greyhound Protection Act, which is endorsed by many organizations and community leaders throughout Massachusetts, including the Animal Rescue League of Boston, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Animal Control Officers Association of Mass., the Humane Society of the United States, and major animal shelters in the state as well as scores of veterinarians, dozens of lawmakers, and hundreds of community leaders, Reardon said.

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals claims that according to state records, more than 800 Massachusetts racing greyhounds have been injured since 2002, including dogs who suffered broken legs, paralysis, and even death from cardiac arrest.

The Committee to Protect Dogs has prepared a report documenting information specific to Raynham Park and Wonderland Greyhound Park. According to the committee, all information is recent and nearly all data relates to ongoing practices. Sources of information are state records, industry statements, and mainstream news organizations, much of which has been submitted by the racing organizations themselves, Reardon said.

Here in Cohasset, Russ Bonetti and his wife, Ann Fogarty, have adopted former racing greyhounds for nearly 20 years. Looking to adopt a older dog due to their work schedules, a veterinarian pointed them in the direction of greyhound adoption and they haven't looked back since. They have adopted half dozen greyhounds since then.

"They make great pets," said Bonetti in a phone interview. His current greyhound, Ditzy, was formerly known as "Snow Lady" at the Hinsdale, New Hampshire track. While many might assume an animal bred for speed needs to get out and run, Bonetti says Ditzy sleeps more than his cats.

"Anyone who has been around a racing kennel realizes that our love for these dogs surpasses our financial investment as motivation to keep them as fit as possible."

Greyhound kennel operator/owner John O'Donnell

Despite his adoration for the breed, Bonetti was of two minds on Question 3. He has toured the kennels of one of the greyhound parks and was impressed with the cleanliness and care the dog owners took with the dogs.

"The kennels I saw were very clean, the dogs were all in cages...but the cages were good sized," said Bonetti. "The sport does have inherent cruelties but I don't think it's as prominent in Massachusetts."

In his own experience, the dogs he has taken in as pets were all well-adjusted and didn't show any signs of fearing humans.

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Ditzy, who was adopted by Russ Bonetti of Parker Ave., enjoys a nap with the family's cat. Although bred for speed, Bonetti says Ditzy sleeps more than her feline companions.

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"If the dogs are being abused, I have a problem with it. But, if regulated correctly and from what I've seen it appears to be happening, I'm okay," said Bonetti, adding it is in the owner's best interest to keep his dog's in tip top racing form because that's how he makes his money.

Beyond the welfare of the greyhounds, some are concerned with the loss of jobs and livelihood for workers at the two Massachusetts dog racing arenas.

Linda Jensen, President of Racing Owners Assisting Racers, Inc., posted a message on the www.protectdogsandjobs.org web site opposing Question 3. "[Passage of] Question 3 will put people out of work in the state's already faltering economy – at least 1,000 full- and part-time workers in a state with already high unemployment figures for college graduates and other displaced professionals," she stated.

Jensen notes that The Massachusetts Animal Interest Coalition was formed for the specific purpose of defeating Question 3. "The coalition represents the interests of racing greyhounds, greyhound adoption, working families that rely on jobs created by the Massachusetts greyhound racing industry, and dog owners under the state-regulated stewardship of the Wonderland and Raynham-Taunton tracks who are opposed to the passage of Question 3," she said.

Jensen further states that racing greyhounds are "under the constant supervision of the state police and the Massachusetts Racing Commission and are under the care of certified veterinarians. As a result of their careful scrutiny and faithful oversight, there has never been one documented case of dog abuse in any licensed track in Massachusetts," she said.

The Wonderland Greyhound Park Web site posts the "Protect Greyhounds and Jobs in Massachusetts – Vote NO on 3" logo on its homepage.

Conversely, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals claims that according to state records, more than 800 Massachusetts racing greyhounds have been injured since 2002, including dogs who suffered broken legs, paralysis, and even death from cardiac arrest. In a statement included in the official Massachusetts "Information for Voters" pamphlet mailed to all households in the state, MSPCA president Carter J. Luke stated that according to the Massachusetts State Racing Commission, "greyhounds have recently died from a mysterious illness and tested positive for cocaine, an illegal stimulant."

In a press release issued recently by Massachusetts Greyhound Kennel Operators and Owners opposing Question 3, greyhound kennel operator/owner John O'Donnell said that, "Massachusetts voters need to know the truth. A percentage of our purses is taken out and used to ensure that dogs are taken care of for adoption… Greyhounds are athletes, and they become pets after they retire from racing… Anyone who has been around a racing kennel realizes that our love for these dogs surpasses our financial investment as motivation to keep them as fit as possible."

Claiming facts have been a casualty in the campaign over whether to ban dog racing, proponents of Question 3 launched a site (www.question3facts.org) recently to challenge opponents.

If passed, the law would take effect in 2010, allowing employees of these facilities more than a year to seek other employment before the operations would close permanently.

Bradley said that the racing business is a declining one in the state. He is hopeful that jobs could be kept by using these facilities in a different manner and plans to have a more definitive statement in the near future.

Hedlund is listed on the Web site www.ProtectDogs.org as a Massachusetts lawmaker endorsing the ballot question.

QUESTION 4 — ALTERNATIVE ENERGY WIND POLICY

At a time when energy costs are rising rapidly, residents in nearly a dozen South Shore towns will decide whether to instruct their state representatives to vote in favor of wind power developments in Massachusetts.

Question 4 is a non-binding Public Policy Question on alternative energy wind policy to register public opinion with legislators in the towns of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Hanover, Norwell, Rockland, Braintree, and parts of Holbrook and Randolph.

"The AEC feels the 6-plus years of study and the extensive permitting process has shown the placement of turbines off of Cape Cod will produce a significant amount of clean renewable electricity and will have minimal to no effect on the regional fish or birds."

— Cohasset AEC Chairman Andrew Willard

In these towns, located in four state representative districts, wind power supporters collected the necessary 200 validated signatures per district to get the issue on the ballot.

The question reads: *Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would support the development of Cape Wind in Nantucket Sound and other possible future onshore and offshore wind power developments in Massachusetts?*

Cohasset's Alternative Energy Committee (AEC) supports a Yes vote to Question 4. At their September meeting to speak in favor of the question and to ask the Board of Selectman to pass a resolution requesting our State Representative to vote in favor of support for Cape Wind.

"The AEC feels the 6-plus years of study and the extensive permitting process has shown the placement of turbines off of Cape Cod will produce a significant amount of clean renewable electricity and will have minimal to no effect on the regional fish or birds," stated AEC Chairman Andrew Willard.

"It is our desire should the Federal Mineral Management Services provide final approval for Cape Wind that our State Elected Officials will not make any attempt to block the construction nor connection of the project to the local electrical grid."

A group of Hingham and other South Shore residents initiated the effort to get the question on the ballot.

"In view of increasing support for Cape Wind and of potential opposition to local wind projects – including Hull's initiative to build four offshore wind turbines and Cohasset's proposed onshore wind turbines – local activists felt strongly that South Shore communities should have a vote recorded as to whether they support local wind power development, both on- and offshore," said proponent Louise Z. Smith, a South Shore resident.

Opposition to local wind projects centers on such issues as noise, location, size, and environmental concerns.

Reporter Nancy White contributed to this report.

Nov. 4 ballot questions

Hingham and 10 other South Shore communities will have four ballot questions to consider Tuesday, Nov. 4. Questions 1, 2, and 3 are binding, while Question 4 is a non-binding Public Policy Question to register public opinion with legislators.

Question 1 – State personal income tax: A Yes vote would reduce the state personal income tax rate of 5.3 percent of federal adjusted gross income to 2.65 percent for the tax year beginning on Jan. 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax altogether after Jan. 1, 2010. A No vote would make no change in state income tax laws.

Question 2 – Possession of marijuana: A Yes vote would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties. A No vote would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.

Question 3 – Dog racing: A Yes vote would prohibit dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective Jan. 1, 2010. A No vote would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

Question 4 – Alternative energy wind policy: This is a non-binding Public Policy Question on alternative energy wind policy to register public opinion to legislators representing the towns of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Hanover, Norwell, Rockland, Braintree, and parts of Holbrook and Randolph.

The question reads: Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would support the development of Cape Wind in Nantucket Sound and other possible future onshore and offshore wind power developments in Massachusetts?" Voters will be asked to vote either "Yes" or "No" on this question.

For further information about the statewide ballot questions, refer to "The Official Massachusetts Information for Voters" pamphlet recently mailed to every household or view this information online at: www.sec.state.ma.us. Click on the "Election Division" link and then click on the "Information for Voters Online Book" link under the "State Election 2008" heading.

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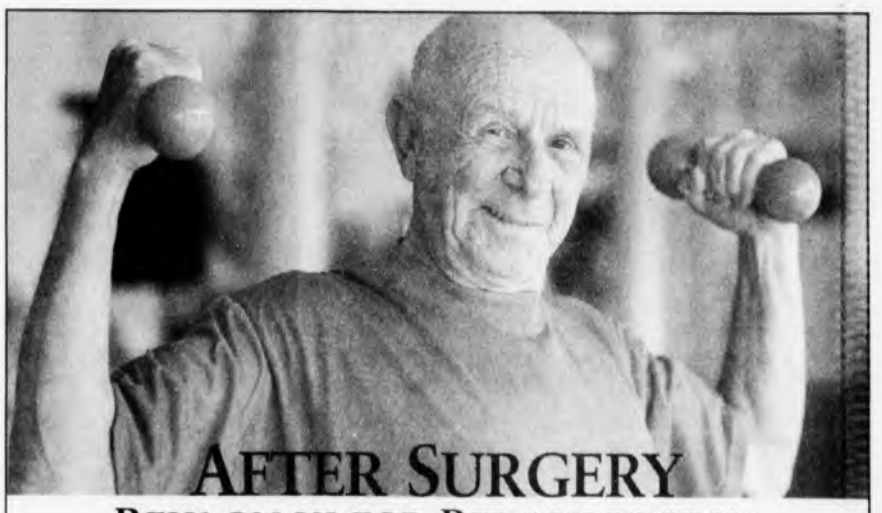

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HALLOWEEN FUN

Hello Cohasset. I hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for a fun-filled week of Halloween Fun.

While I am writing this column, the weather has been a bit unsettled and the ocean was amazing to watch the other day. I hope that the weather will hold out for all the different events and fairs this weekend as well as through the week.

MAGICAL MOON

Looking for a nice event the night before Halloween for all to enjoy? On Thursday evening, Oct. 30th from 6-9 pm, the Magical Moon Foundation will hold a "Not So Scary Halloween Party at the Magical Moon Farm, 575 Summer St. in Marshfield. There will be a carved pumpkin contest, hayrides, a haunted barn room with witches, worlocks and other creatures of the night and lots of fun for all. Prizes will be given for the best costumes and carved pumpkins. Bring your precarved pumpkin ready to be lit up for all to see.

A $5 donation for entrance will go to the Magical Moon Foundation for Children with Cancer. For more information, contact **Donna** or **Patty** at 800-840-0205 or, 781-837-1618. Hope to see many of you there!

BULBS, BULBS!

Attention all gardeners. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset has a nice selection of quality spring flowering bulbs available for sale to the public. To purchase bulbs please call **Liz** at 383-0998 or email her at ejrichardson@comcast.net. All purchases help to fund the club's programs including our junior gardener program, our beautification projects and our scholarship awards for graduating seniors.

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly general meeting on Tuesday Oct. 28 in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue. Garden historian, Allyson Hayward, will discuss her book about Norah Lindsay, an English woman who, faced with financial ruin in 1924, embarked on a career as a garden designer. This slide show and lecture includes archival and current images of gardens designed by Lindsay in England and across Europe. Allyson Hayward's book, Norah Lindsay: the Life and Art of a Garden Designer will be available for purchase at the meeting.

WENTWORTH

Wentworth Institute of Technology celebrated the graduation of 507 students during its summer commencement ceremony on Aug. 17.

Nicholas Murphy of Cohasset graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering technology.

FAIRFIELD

Fairfield University, a Jesuit university founded in 1942 in Fairfield, Conn., has announced the names of students who qualified for the fall 2007 dean's list. To be selected, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 out of a possible 4.0.

Marissa Evans of Cohasset, daughter of **Darilynn and Larry Evans**, was named to the dean's list. Marissa is majoring in finance.

'LITTLE WOMEN'

Here is another wonderful performance that you may wish to attend this weekend. The Notre Dame Players will perform Little Woman based on the novel by Lousia May Alcott. Cohasset residents, Rebecca Dickinson, Kathryn Hillman, and Gabrielle Rodman will be performing in this production. Performances will be Friday, Oct. 24 at 7p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 26 at 2p.m. at Notre Dame Academy, 1073 Main St., Hingham.

Tickets cost $5 for students and seniors; $7 for the general public. Call (781)749-5930 ext. 200 for details.

OUR WORLD

If anyone is reading this and looking for something fun to do with the kiddos tonight, why not consider sending them to the Creative Nite in Our World Event happening at the Our World Museum. Tonight's event is from 5:30-9:30 pm with a minimum of two hours and is a Halloween Happenings Bash.

Children may come with their costume if they like but it is not required. We will prepare a Spooky meal for all to enjoy along with some special Halloween books to read, crafts to make, a Halloween movie to enjoy and more. If you are looking for a "no kids allowed" night for some grown-up time and want the kids to have a blast while you are out, then this is the place to send them. For more information or to sign them up, call 781-383-3198 or send the information to info@ourworldcgdm.org!

CABARET

Cohasset Cabaret 2008, is only two weeks away and features a diverse show of singers, dancers, and comedians from the South Shore. The Cabaret had a great reception last year, just ask your friends and neighbors who attended the show, and we look forward to another great performance this year. The show again will be directed by Blanche Clarke, who has worked in theatre for many years including the Hingham Cabaret, Hingham Civic, and other venues. Mark the dates Nov. 7th and Nov. 8th on your calendars now!

Don't miss the opportunity to see this local talented cast featuring **Doug Trudeau**, from Showstopper's fame, as emcee. A little sample of what to expect: **Lily Sestito** and her brother **Tony Carbone** will perform a knockout number. **Tina Turner** will be appearing with one of her popular numbers. **Katherine**, a Star of the musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie," will be there with a great song and dance routine. **Vere Bowen**, a terrific singer from Boston, will be sending chills up your spine with his strong baritone voice. And to top it all off, a few of the guys from the "Full Monty" will be there for a really show-stopping review. On both evenings a social hour will take place from 7 to 8p.m. where you can try your luck at the raffle table which will have some great items from local artists and merchants. Audience members are encouraged to bring their own snacks "Cabaret Style" or we will be selling a selection of theatre sandwiches. There will be a cash bar serving wine, beer and soft drinks.

Cohasset Cabaret is sponsored by The Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs and will benefit the Friends and St. Anthony's Youth Ministry. Tickets are on sale now and the cost of each ticket will be $25. You can purchase tickets at St. Anthony's Parish Hall office and the CEA office at the South Shore Community Center. For further information please call 781-383-0021.

SCIENCE CENTER

Hmmm, another fun Halloween event to think about on Saturday, Oct. 25th is the Halloween Howl from 4:00-5:30 pm at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. Enjoy a not-too-scary evening of spook-tacular fun with pumpkin carving, crafts and animal presentations as well. Be sure to wear a costume and bring a pumpkin to carve. Also included in this time frame is 1 trip through the Spooky Woods.

The cost is $12 for members, $15 for non and pre-registration is required. After this event is the Spooky Woods event from 5:30-8:30 pm. The cost for this is $5 per person with no pre-registration required. Wear a costume to this and bring the whole family anytime during these bewitching hours to enjoy a not-too-scary walk through Halloween scenes in the Science Center's woods. For more information, call 781-659-2559 or go to www.ssnsc.org

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That is all for this week. Send in your news for next week no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Virginia Burbank, a former Cohasset High English teacher, has founded "An Orphan's Dream" charity to build an orphanage in Kenya. She recently purchased 11 acres of land in Kenya for the orphanage's site.

An Orphan's dream

Former Cohasset teacher raising money for Kenyan orphanage

Past

When Virginia Burbank retired from teaching high school English to Cohasset High students she figured she would spend the rest of her days growing old peacefully in a rocking chair. All that changed when she traveled to sub-Saharan Africa, to Nairobi, Kenya, and saw thousands of children living in poverty and filth — and without parents to watch over them. The region, like so many in Africa, has been badly stricken by the AIDS epidemic and many children lose their parents to the disease.

While in Africa, the wheels were put in motion to build an orphanage, a place to be called an Oasis of Peace, for dozens of children. She returned home last year to begin fundraising to purchase the land. In a matter of months, Burbank was able to raise over $50,000.

Present

The project is making strides. Earlier this year, Burbank returned to Kenya to purchase 11 acres of land off the main road about two hours outside of the capital city of Nairobi. The land is about 20 miles from the equator situated in the mountains. The land is close enough for the children to walk to a school. A chain link fence was installed around the perimeter and the next step will be to bring in water and electricity.

"This is the time to build," says Burbank. She hopes to return to Kenya in early 2009 with enough money (approximately $90,000) to construct the first two of what will be 10 bungalows.

Burbank is passionate and tireless about this project and feels personally driven to see this project to completion. She is reaching out to local churches, communities and media to spread the word.

Future

The philosophy of the orphanage is to create a family life within a small village of 10 homes. Each bungalow will be run by a "mom," a Kenyan woman who will be responsible for running the household with as many as 10 kids (cooking, cleaning, budgeting, etc.). The mom will share her love and tribal identity with her children.

"When the orphan's parents dies, the children lost their identity, with this orphanage they will gain a new identity from their mom," said Burbank.

Burbank estimates the Oasis of Peace orphanage will cost about $900,000. With such a lofty number, a team of 14 board members are doing all they can to spread the word about both the plight of the Kenyan orphans and the vision of building a home those orphans could call their own.

Through fundraising events, speaking at churches, and simply word of mouth, Burbank's hope is people will open their hearts and their wallets to these children halfway around the world living a very different life than here on the South Shore.

-Nancy White

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WEDDINGS

Stansell - Fatica



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arthur Stansell III

Nicole Paige Fatica, daughter of Deborah and Jon Fatica of Riverside, Conn., and St. Simons, Ga., was married July 19, 2008, to Robert Arthur Stansell III, son of Moira and Robert A. Stansell Jr. of Cohasset. The Rev. Stephen DeLuca performed the ceremony at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Riverside, Conn. A reception followed at Greenwich Country Club.

The bride is the investor relations officer at Primus Guaranty Ltd. in New York City. She graduated from Tulane University and is currently pursuing her master's degree in business administration at New York University. Her father is a director at Investment Technology Group Inc. in New York City. He specializes in post trade analysis and research. Her mother is a board member of The Greenwich Scholarship Association in Greenwich, Conn.

The groom is a design architect with Perkins & Will in New York City. He is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., with a bachelor's degree in architecture and building science. He also works independently on bar and restaurant design, most recently completing GalleryBar and Ella in Manhattan. His father is president of Beacon Architectural Associates in Boston. His mother is a volunteer for Cohasset Food Pantry.

The bride's sisters, Kate and Emily Fatica, served as co-maids of honor, and the groom's brother, Malcolm Stansell, was the best man. Also attending the bride were Aleeza Cooperman, Sarah Nickerson, Lauren Caplan, Sara Ephraim, Michelle Benson and sister-in-law, Caitlin Struble. Attending the groom were Tim Welsh, Matthew Menard, Ely Kahn, Matthew Belson, Kevin McKenna, Burke Davis, and brother-in-law, Tom Struble.

The couple honeymooned in Philippine Islands, Boracay and Palawan, and reside in Manhattan.

Parker - Whitehouse



Mr. and Mrs. Steven M. Parker

Kathryn L. Whitehouse, daughter of Ray and Gail Whitehouse of Cohasset, married Steven M. Parker, son of Steven Parker of Auburn, Ohio and the late Joyce Parker. The wedding was held at the First Parish Church in Plymouth and presided over by Rev. Gary Ritts.

Pauline Taylor, a college friend of the bride, was the Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Shayna Greiner, Jenny Montgomery, Carolyn Pratt and Jill Whitehouse. Junior bridesmaids were Rebecca and Lauren Parker, the groom's nieces.

Dusty Small, a childhood friend of the groom, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Marc Arnold, Sean Menchin, David Parker and John Whitehouse.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Cohasset High School, a 2002 graduate of Bryant College and recently Bentley College, where she received a Masters in Business Administration. Katy is employed as a technical recruiter for General Dynamics in Taunton.

Her husband is a 1996 graduate of Kenston High School, a 2001 graduate of Bowling Green University and received his Masters degree from the University of Phoenix. Steve is a supplier manager for General Dynamics.

A reception was held at Waverly Oaks Golf Club in Plymouth.

After a wedding trip to Aruba, Katy and Steve reside in Easton with their cats, Rosie and Cowbelle.

Halloween tradition on Cohasset Common

No matter what the costume, ghosts and goblins, princesses and pirates of all ages should get ready to take to the Cohasset Common on Sunday, Oct. 26. The annual South Shore Community Center Nursery School Halloween Fair steps off with its traditional costume parade at 1:45 p.m. around the duck pond. Little ghosts and goblins will want to stay around until the fair's end at 4 p.m. to try their hand at enchanting games of skill and luck, slide the giant slides, play on the obstacle course and the take advantage of the always fun pony rides.

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For more information about the Fair or the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, call 781-383-0036.

First Parish Unitarian to host Haunted House

First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset will host a Halloween Haunted House at its Parish House at 23 North Main St., from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 31. Sponsored by the congregation's Religious Education Committee, this event will welcome trick-or-treaters and their families from the entire community into this historic Parish House to celebrate Halloween.

The Parish House will be transformed into a haunted house inviting youngsters to walk down the spooky hallways into the large fellowship hall, where they'll find tasty treats and Halloween games for kids of every age.

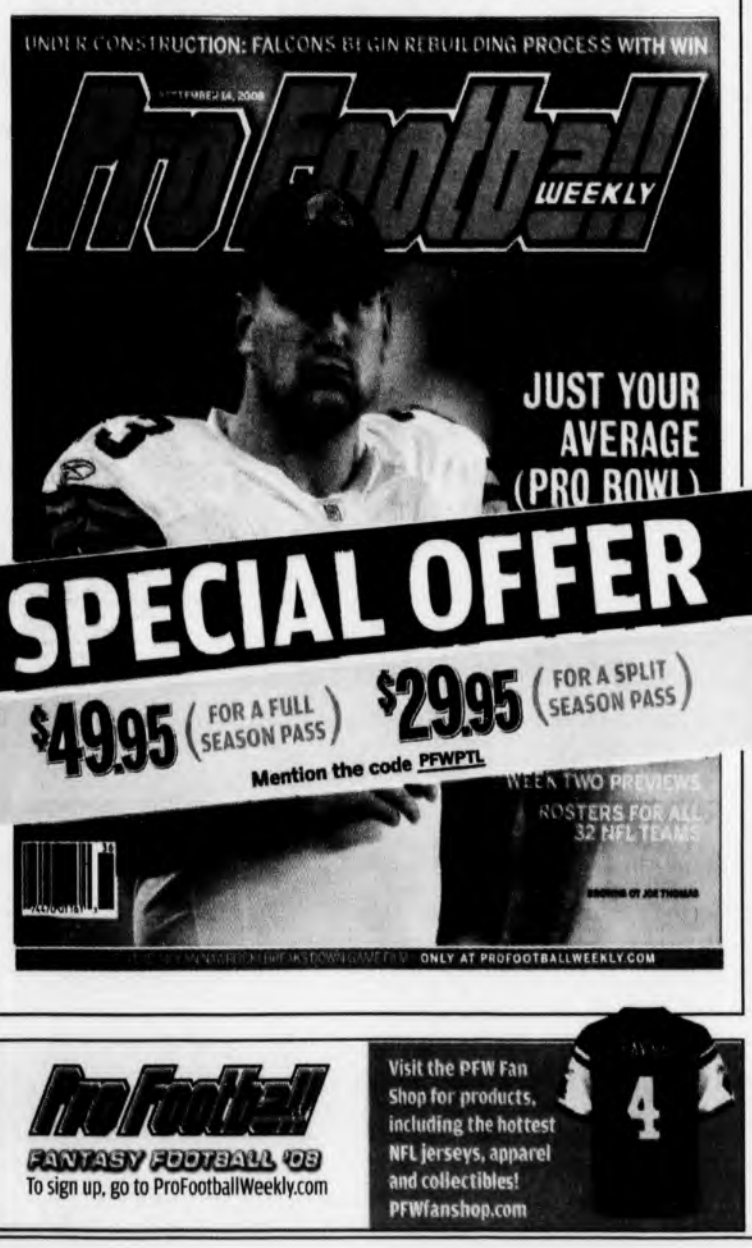
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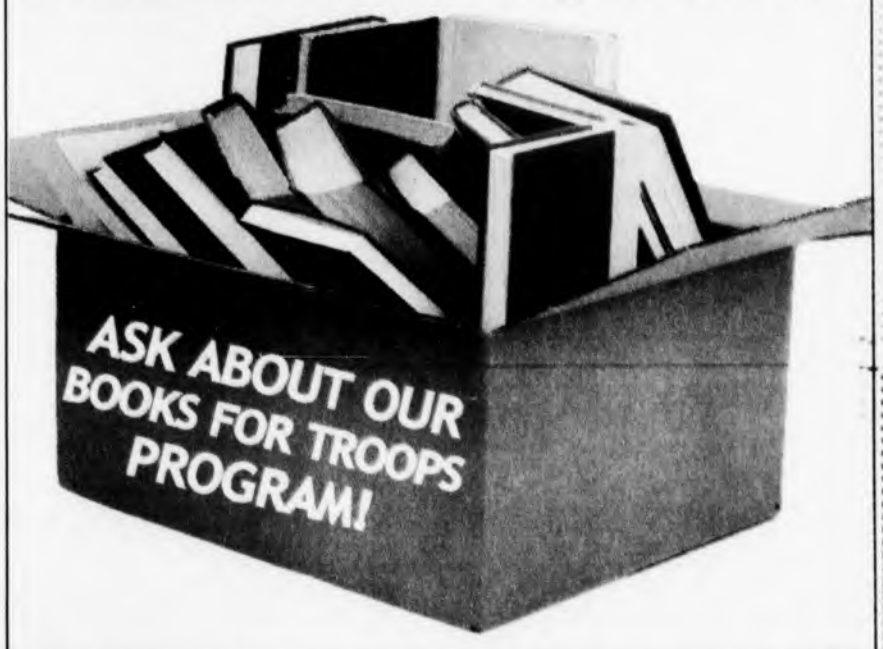
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Infrastructure repairs are needed

Town Meeting to consider two big projects

By Nancy White
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To spend or not to spend?

That will be the question facing Town Meeting voters as they consider funding two big-ticket items on the warrant. The proponents of both items say the funding is needed sooner rather than later.

First, a retaining wall on Jerusalem Road (between Gammons Road and Bow Street) collapsed during the course of Little Harbor sewer and water work. A 300-foot section of the 450-foot long wall buckled. The Water Commission and the Sewer Commission are seeking funding to repair the wall so it will be safe for two-way car traffic.

Second, the Jacob's Meadow channel wall near the Legion Hall is in great need of repair, said town engineer Mark Brennan. The immediate area around the collapse has been stabilized and concrete barriers keep cars away from the wall.

The Selectmen reviewed both projects, but did not take a vote to recommend (or not recommend) either project.

Jerusalem Road wall repair

The Water and Sewer Commissions, along the Little Harbor sewer project manager Dan Coughlin of Coughlin Environmental Services, presented four different options for the Selectmen to consider. They ranged in price and scope. The ultimate consensus choice for the Selectmen was the middle of the road option with a price estimate of $270,000.

The wall collapsed while the sewer project contractor, LM Holdings, was finishing up the work done in the area by paving over the trenches. Before work has begun in that area, Coughlin and other engineers has walked the wall to inspect its condition. They knew it was older, but didn't know how it had been constructed. They determined to proceed through the area gingerly, said Coughlin.

The new sewer pipes were installed and the trench was backfilled with soil. The following two days were rainy. Because the trench was unpaved, the road absorbed more water than it may have otherwise, saturating the soils underneath, Coughlin said. When the contractor came in with heavy machinery to begin paving the trench, they noticed the wall starting to give way and shortly after, a portion of the wall collapsed.

After the collapse, the immediate area around the collapse was stabilized and concrete barriers were placed to keep cars away from the wall. The road is now one-way with a temporary traffic light alternating traffic in either direction.

"Now the wall is as strong or stronger than it was before the (collapse), said John Beck, chairman of the Sewer Commission. The sewer project contractor and engineers repaired the wall, adding a secondary buttress wall, but the road still does not meet current state roadway code for vehicle traffic.

> **"We now have to deal with what is a pre-existing, sub-standard shoulder in the road."**
> — John Beck, Sewer Commission

"We now have to deal with what is a pre-existing, sub-standard shoulder in the road," said Beck and because the road is now a known problem, it could raise the town's liability if something was every to happen.

The first of Coughlin's options was a $100,000 Band-Aid approach that would leave the road safe, but not up to current engineering and design standards. The roadway would be offset by two or three feet, interlocking jersey barriers would provide a crash barrier and a sidewalk would be added.

The second and third option both add steel sheeting behind the wall where the wall is more susceptible to failure. The roadway would be offset, the shoulder expanded. In the second option, with a price tag of $250,000, would include a sidewalk and jersey barriers. The third option (which Coughlin referred to as "2B") would install a wooden guardrail, pedestrian rail and a four-foot wide passage area for pedestrians. The cost for this option was $270,000. In the first three options, the road would have to be narrowed slightly to about 20-feet.

The final option presented was a complete wall replacement with a pre-cast block wall system. A complete sidewalk would be installed as well and the road width would stay the same at 23-feet. The cost is estimated to be $500,000.

The last alternative, Beck pointed out, was to leave the road the way it was with the one-way traffic light.

Selectman Karen Quigley questioned why steps weren't taken to prevent the collapse from happening. She asked why the trenches weren't covered with steel plates to protect them from the rain.

Coughlin said they had no way of knowing how the wall was constructed until it collapsed. They thought it was more than a stack stonewall.

"There wasn't any indication a little water would make a big difference," said Coughlin, adding during the sewer pipe installation it was vibrations not water that primarily concerned them.

Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr asked if there was any liability on behalf of the contractor.

"For the most part, no. I don't think they were doing anything haphazard. It was saturated soil and (excessive) loading on to the street," said Coughlin. Water Commission chairman classified the collapse as "an act of God" due to the rains, not a misjudgment of the contractor.

Further, the funding for the repair of the road and wall would not be coming out of the water and sewer project budget. "Neither the sewer nor the project in any way, shape or form is responsible for the pre-existing condition of the road and wall. Putting this on the users of sewer would frankly be inappropriate and the Sewer Commission would vigorously oppose it," said Beck.

Quigley argued there were some residents out there saying the only reason this happened was because of a sewer project.

"Nobody wants to pay for it, but it's not just sewer users driving on Jerusalem Road," said Beck.

In the end, the Selectmen reached a consensus to bring the $270,000 option forward to Town Meeting, but did not vote on whether they would recommend the project for approval. If approved, the project would be bonded with payments coming out of the capital stabilization fund.

Jacob's Meadow culvert repair and upgrade

Next to the Legion Hall is the only means water from Jacob's Meadow is exchanged with water from Cohasset Harbor — and that pathway is in need of repair.

"The channel is in extraordinarily bad repair. It continues to deteriorate and gets worse everyday," said Mark Brennan, the town engineer overseeing this project. "The culvert is physically collapsing. I don't want to be an alarmist, but this is alarming."

The project comes with a cost estimate of $450,000 and the town would have to finance the project through a bond.

The bad repair of the channel and culvert is seriously constricting how fast and how much the water can leave Jacob's Meadow. That becomes especially vital in the event of a heavy rainstorm when Jacob's Meadow routinely floods. The repair will give the water the full opportunity to flow, possibly increasing flow by four-fold.

The installation of a new tide gates will give the town more precision when controlling the flow of water into and out of the meadow, said Brennan.

The project is currently on a waiting list for a hazard mitigation grant.

If the project is not done in the short term, there is a possibility the Legion building could collapse in the event the culvert failed.

Brennan expects if funds were authorized at Town Meeting, construction would begin in fall 2010, after the rainy season. But, permitting and other prep work would be done in the meantime.

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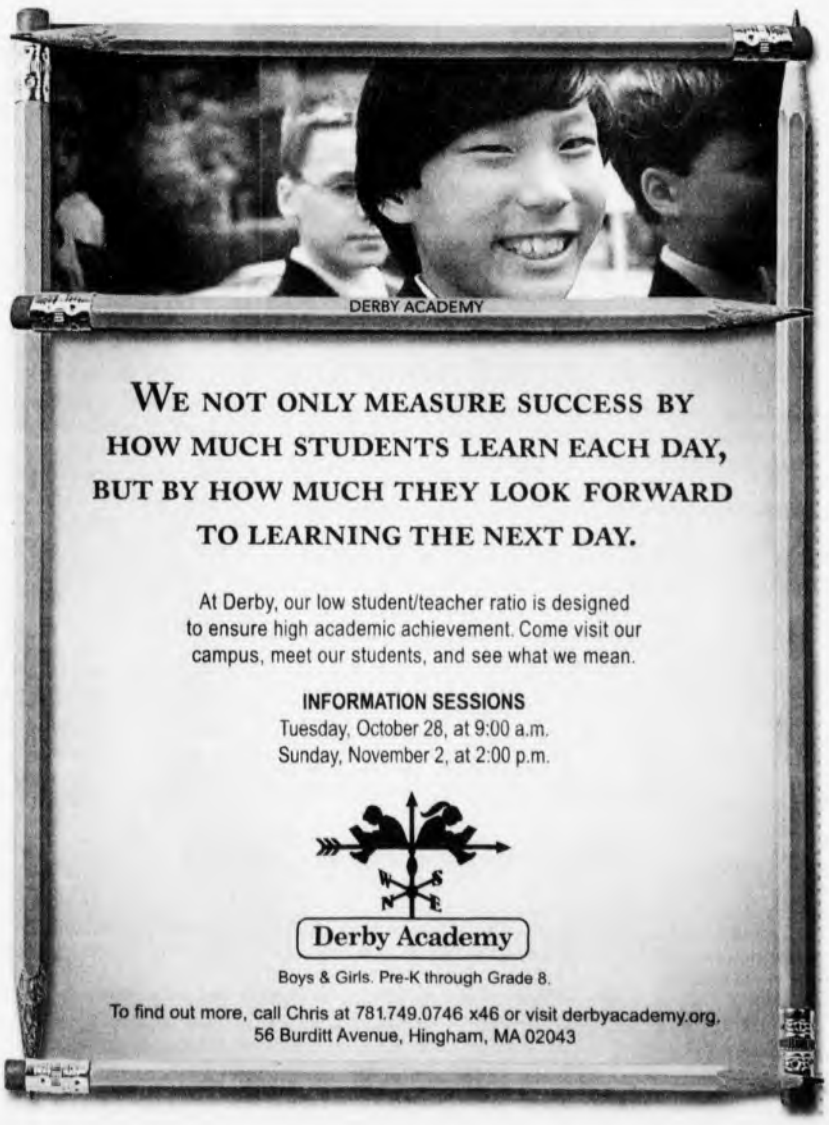
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

That sinking feeling

If we had our druthers, the Treat's Pond issue would be resolved and we would never have to write about it again!

Cohasset Mariner readers may recall the Lobster Lab, Cook Estate and of course, Greenbush – as examples of ongoing, long-term issues that took up a tremendous amount of newsprint.

Well, Treat's Pond has joined that elite group. We are not minimizing the importance of resolving the Treat's Pond "problem" – it is apparent that *something* needs to be done. We wish, however, that the Selectmen had allowed something on Treat's Pond to go forward to the Special Town Meeting so voters could decide once and for all what should be done.

A majority of selectmen has decided Treat's Pond needs more study and that more education is required and therefore, the issue has been postponed to the annual Town Meeting.

Those of you feeling as though you have a case of déjà vu are not alone.

At the 2008 Annual Town Meeting – after two hours of discussion on the topic (including four votes on proposed amendments) – voters approved a resolution requesting additional time (until this fall's Special Town Meeting) to review the project more thoroughly.

The resolution, which kept the project in play, expressed the town's interest in the Army Corps proposed saltmarsh restoration project and the federal funding to support it. The resolution, which stated the town did not want to foreclose the possibility of federal funds to support a possible solution, recognized both the serious nature of the environmental health of Treat's Pond and flooding issues in the surrounding area.

Selectmen this week have delayed a decision on the project again, pushing it off to this spring's annual Town Meeting. Only time will tell if the federal funding will stick around until then.

The postponement of Treat's Pond Army Corps restoration project ignores Town Meeting's will expressed in the resolution. It was apparent at Annual Town Meeting there was not widespread support for the project — and the hundreds of thousands in town money it would have required. The resolution gave the Selectmen the time to further review the project so the townspeople could make a more informed decision. For whatever reason, they did not go about this research in a timely or thorough manner.

We think there should have been ample time between the 2008 annual Town Meeting and this fall's Special Town Meeting to further study the issue. Yet little has been done to ensure the public was educated on the proposals. In fact, while Selectmen have discussed Treat's Pond several times in recent months mostly related to Sandy Cove easement issues – Sept. 29 was the first time the Army Corps project was discussed before selectmen in detail since the annual Town Meeting.

Therefore, a multitude of unanswered questions remain. Selectman Fred Koed said this week, "Right now, I don't think we have all the answers on the big picture." Selectmen Paul Carlson and Ted Carr agreed.

Selectman Karen Quigley disagreed and said the issue should come up for a vote and be resolved one way or another. (Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who is an abutter, has recused himself.)

So here we are. Mariner promises to continue to cover this controversial and convoluted issue to the best of our ability.

We hope the selectmen will live up to their promise to thoroughly educate the public and themselves, for that matter, on all the "ins and outs" of Treat's Pond, put it on the annual Town Meeting warrant and leave it there.



MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Oct. 28. 7 p.m.

Alternative Energy Committee, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m.,

Assessors, Oct. 24, at 8:45a.m.

Board of Health, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.

Capital Budget Committee, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m., public hearing at 7 p.m.

Recreation Commission, Nov. 5., at 6:30 p.m.

School Committee, Nov. 5 & Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at the high school

Selectmen, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m.,

Sewer Commission, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m.

School Improvement , Nov. 5, 2:30 p.m., at the high school.

Water Commission, Oct. 30, 6p.m., at King St. plant.

ZBA, Nov. 5 at 8:30 a.m. & Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Flu clinic for high-risk residents

The Cohasset Board of Health has scheduled a flu clinic from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Oct. 28, in the auditorium of Cohasset Town Hall, 42 Highland Ave.

The clinic is only for residents 65 and older and for high-risk adults, which includes those with asthma, chronic pulmonary disease, diabetes or heart disease.

Residents are asked to wear short sleeves, and seniors are reminded to bring Medicare part B and/or Senior Health Insurance cards.

Call Mary Goodwin at 781-383-2210 with questions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Global standards for wind power

TO THE EDITOR:

The letter submitted by the Alternative Energy Committee proudly lumps the US wind power growth in with worldwide leaders such as Germany, Spain and others. The US has only recently achieved this status, whereas the European nations have many years of experience. It is on the basis of this experience that global standards have evolved requiring minimum setbacks of 1 kilometer of 1-1/2 miles from wind turbines to protect people from the negative health impacts of these giant structures. As the global leader in wind power, Germany requires 1-mile setbacks to protect against the ill-effects of noise, while wind-rich areas of California and Wisconsin have followed Europe's lead and implemented similar setback mandates of up to 2 miles.

Following these guidelines, several hundred homes and businesses in Cohasset would fall within the danger zone. Hundreds of residents, including dozens of children and elderly who are the most vulnerable to the negative health effects, would be at risk. In addition, both the Deer Hill and Osgood Elementary schools fall within the danger zone. The Planning Board, Board of Health and Selectmen should do everything in their power to require wind power developments to abide by the emerging global standards.

Darlene Cronin
265 Fairoaks Lane

Bricks help maintain park

TO THE EDITOR:

This is an up date on the Beechwood Ball Park and the bricks that will help in maintaining the park.

The long awaited bricks are finally here. They are at Glenn Pratt's house waiting to be put in the ground at the park. They will be located at the granite stone under the score board. For those who are not familiar with the bricks, Michelle Loughlin sold bricks that could have a name or what ever else a person would like on the brick for $100 a brick. Any one interested in adding a brick should contact Michele.

The plan at this time is to get the bricks in the ground hopefully before winter and then have a dedication of the bricks and an opening day ceremony (any ideas are welcome for this) some time in early May of next year.

We are looking for volunteers to help on the Beechwood ballpark Committee. This would be to set up some type of maintains program of neighborhood people to help maintain the field above and beyond what the town does. This could include raking of the wood chips in the play area, weeding around the fence area, weed the flower beds and many other things that need to be done to help keep the field looking like new and for all to enjoy.

Anyone wishing to help can get in touch with Glenn Pratt or Merle Brown

Thank you very much. We are looking forward, with the neighborhood help, to keeping this park a gem of the town.

Merle Brown
Co-Chairman Beechwood Ball Park Committee

Farmers Market appreciates support

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Farmers' Market would like to thank the Cohasset Youth Baseball Association and the South Shore Music Circus for their willingness to let us use their facilities when the Water Department work at the common forced us to find an alternative location at the end of this season.

The Music Circus space ultimately was more conducive to our needs, and the staff could not have been more welcoming and helpful — right down to hanging a sign especially for us on their marquee! The overwhelming support that we received from the Music Circus from the very first time we approached them renewed our faith in our community.

Thanks also to Tom Gruber for his engineering genius and Carl Sestito of the DPW and Jim Lagrotteria for always answering our calls, no matter what the request! Finally, to all the vendors and patrons who continued to support the Market in spite of location changes, we look forward to seeing you on the common for another successful season in 2009!

Darcy Schramn
For the Cohasset Farmers Market

Absentee ballots available for Nov. 4 state election

Absentee ballots for the Nov. 4 state election are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours up until noon on Monday, Nov. 3, when the office will close to prepare for the election.

Voters who are in town on Election Day and are able to come to the polls should vote in person. Only the following voters may use an absentee voting ballot: those absent from town during the hours the polls are open; those with physical disabilities; and those whose religious beliefs prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant. Also, applications may be downloaded from the Secretary of State's Web site, www.sec.state.ma.us//, and mailed or hand delivered to the Town Clerk's office. The ballot will be mailed to the voter.

Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by Nov. 4, 2008, to be counted.

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Residents happy with roadway paving

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

The Little Harbor Project – Last week, we were finally able to complete the base coat paving on Caravel Cove after the paving machinery had broken down the previous week. Needless to say, the residents were happy to have their roadway put back into some semblance of order. Also, the base coat was applied to Little Harbor Road after we regraded the road a bit. Hopefully, the rainwater will be managed a little better than before the paving. When we do paving, if we are made aware, we will try to make grading adjustments to enable changes to be made to drainage. Unfortunately, sometimes we find that minor changes to the grade are not sufficient to appreciably improve the drainage. We do intend to monitor how the base paved road handles the rainwater. If adjustments are required, we can do so when the top coat is applied next year. Next week, we are looking forward to applying the base asphalt to Bow Street and possibly several other small roads.

Work on the Common – We sort of got ourselves into a confusing situation. We were approached by the Carriage House Nursery School, who as always, is concerned about the safety of their young charges as they arrive and are picked up both for the morning and the afternoon sessions. We share their concern, especially with the construction work on the Common in front of their school.

Working cooperatively with the school and LMH, the Water/Sewer Project contractor we decided that the safest way to handle construction directly in front of their building is to do it on second shift. We originally agreed to do it this week and so notified all of the residences on the Common. However, it turned out that LMH wasn't ready to do it this week, so it was moved out two weeks. But, that conflicted with the National Presidential Elections. So, we will work on the Common next week, for a period of one week, from 3:30 to 11:00 PM. We will notify all of the Common residents via reverse 911 about this change. We very much appreciate the cooperation and understanding of all of the residents on the Common.

Town Parking Lot one-way signs – This past week the Cohasset DPW was kind enough to reinstate the One Way signs and One Way arrows in the pavement that have been missing from the Town Parking Lot since the MBTA started work in the lot in spring of 2005. Without these markings the lot has turned into sort of a free-for-all. Cars have been going In and Out over either drive from of Depot Court at the Art Center. Please follow the signs and road markings. So remember, "One Way" in the Town Parking Lot!



COURTESY PHOTOS

New directional arrows in the aisles



The shy mystery sign.



New sidewalk construction.



New one-way entrance sign.

A very interesting sign — The Greenbush is approaching its first year of service anniversary on October 30th. Prior to the railroad operation the MBTA put a few directional signs around Town that direct people to the commuter rail station.

One such sign was installed at the corner of Depot Court and Main St. However, even with numerous calls to the MBTA they haven't gotten around to uncovering it yet. Or, perhaps we just have a shy sign.

A new sidewalk — As you may have noticed, a small sidewalk project is underway on Border Street. The plan is to construct a small piece of sidewalk to connect the Border St. Bridge sidewalk to the new harbor sidewalk constructed last year.

A small amount of ledge had to be removed and curb installed prior to sidewalk paving. Ultimately a crosswalk will added to enable pedestrians to cross the road safely. Now the sidewalk on the bridge finally goes somewhere.

Tom Gruber, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Affairs, Email: cgbaffairs@townofcohasset.org

Mark Brennan, Special Assistant to the Town Manager for Greenbush Engineering, Email: cgbengineering@townofcohasset.org

Phone: 781-383-3094

Paragon Carousel is in need of your help

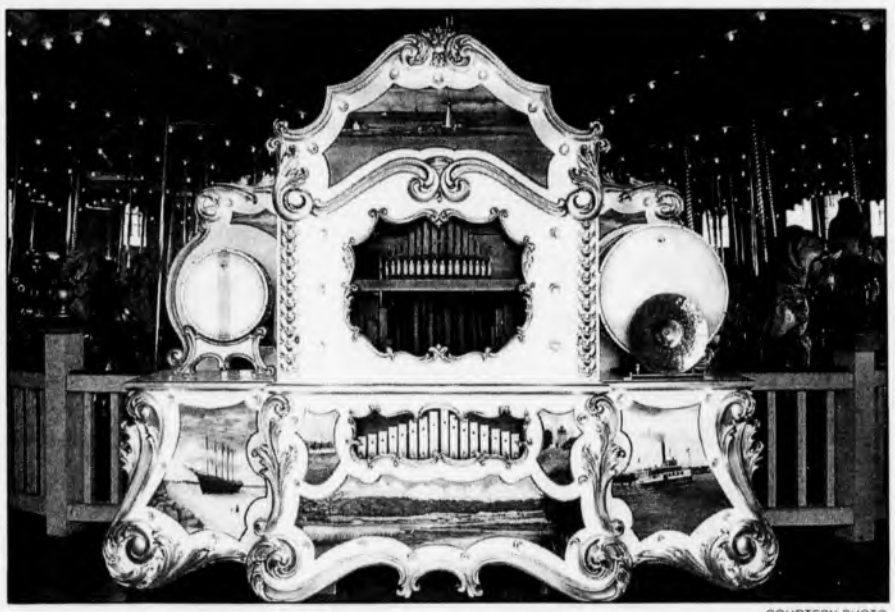
COMMENTARY

CATHERINE MORGAN

The Paragon Carousel on the heart of Nantasket Beach in Hull has brought great fun and memories to thousands for over 80 years. The Carousel's history boasts 66 hand-carved horses, two Roman chariots, 1,074 lights, 35 oil paintings, 36 cherubs, 18 goddesses, and the most beautiful canopy ever created for a carousel in this country. To date one Chariot, over 10 horses and the motor house have been restored. A recently restored 1926 Wurlitzer Band Organ and facade have been recently unveiled.

The carousel is in need of your help. The Carousel was saved from being sold off piece by piece in 1995 by a Friends Group and with the help of the Town of Hull, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and many many many generous donors was able to secure and keep the carousel in one piece. This left a huge mortgage that the Friends group has been paying off ever since. The Friends owe to date $373,073 in mortgages, this is down from close to $1 million. This is a big challenge. The carousel is open from Easter Sunday to Halloween — six months — leaving six months with no income other than membership and donations. So how can you help? First are you a member? If not please take out your checkbook and write a check. Memberships start at $25 to $100. Your membership is a tax-deductible donation and helps to pay off part of the debt. It also helps to continue the restoration of the horses, and gives you the right to vote at the annual membership meeting.

You can also volunteer. Send a letter of interest and come ready to work. We need people with all sorts of talents and time who are willing to donate it. We need an all sorts of skill sets: legal, marketing, financial planners, grant writers, accounting, office personnel, membership drive volunteers, Web designers, fundraising coordinators and planners, and people within the world of printing. We need volunteers willing to help with raking the lawn, pull weeds from between the bricks in the walkways, plant flowers around the signs, fill the flower boxes and water them. We need volunteers to pick up trash, sweep,wash the picket fence that surrounds the carousel, clean mirrors and wipe down the horses after a busy weekend of lots of kids and sticky fingers. We need people to flip pancakes and pour juice at the Summer Pancake Breakfasts Fundraiser. We need scrapers and painters willing to help get and keep the buildings painted. We need volunteers willing to give tours and help organize school tours.



COURTESY PHOTO

The recently restored 1926 Wurlitzer Band Organ at the Paragon Carousel.

The Friends of Carousel has always needed volunteers and now is asking for your help. Now is the time to pony up! Roll up our sleeves and pitch in.

I am requesting everyone who reads this to become a member of the Friends of the Paragon Carousel Inc. membership applications are available on line at www.ParagonCarousel.com or at the ticket counter at the Carousel.

The carousel opened this season 2008 with a deficit of $25,380 on gross revenue of $230,855 last year. The carousel and its building are valued at $1,103,285. Let's all get together make sure we as members of the South Shore communities are able to keep it in good order, painted and with a sound business operation, so we can all boast about it to all who come to visit the South Shore and Hull and take a ride on her.

The friends can be reached at: The Friends of the Paragon Carousel Inc. P.O. Box 100 Hull, MA 02045 /781-925-0472/ www.ParagonCarousel.com

Catherine Morgan is a member of the Friends of the Paragon Carousel.

SENIOR SCENE

Disaster Preparedness for Seniors Nov. 5

Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring the following events. Call 781-383-9112 to register..

• Wednesday, Oct. 29, 11 a.m. to noon. "Funding Your Lifestyle and Medical Expenses When the Cost of Living is Going Through the Roof" will be presented by Frank Callahan from Right at Home and Pat Dougherty from Coastal Finance. A special luncheon will be served following the presentation. Call to register.

• Monday, Nov. 3, 7 to 8:30 p.m. A discussion titled "Presenting the Boston Italians" will be given by author Stephen Puleo. Come meet the author at this event, which will take place at St. Anthony Parish Center. Puleo will tell the story of the people who came to America from Sicily, Aveleno, Abruzzi and Calabria to live on the streets of the North End of Boston and why they came. Call to sign up.

• Wednesday Nov. 5, 11 a.m. to noon "Disaster Preparedness for Seniors" will be presented by Louise Arnold from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and Jeff Dougan from the Massachusetts Commission on Disabilities. A gourmet luncheon following the presentation at the Cohasset Senior Center. Critical information that seniors need to know in case of a disaster. Call 781-383-9112 before Oct. 29 to register.

• Friday, Nov. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 8. Doors open at 7 p.m. Cabaret 2008, sponsored by Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs, will take place at St. Anthony Parish Center. This evening of entertainment will feature singers, dancers and comedians. The evening will include a social hour, raffle table and cash bar serving beer, wine and soft drinks. Cost is $25.

• Saturday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 23, will be "Make a Difference Days," which is sponsored by Deer Hill School PSO. Volunteers from Deer Hill School and their families will go to the homes of seniors to rake, put down storm windows and do other chores. Call the Senior Center before Nov. 14 to sign up.

• Tuesday, Nov. 25, noon. The Roy family and the staff at Atlantica Restaurant will host a Thanksgiving feast or Cohasset seniors. Each senior is asked to bring anon-perishable food or household items for Cohasset Food Pantry. Call the Senior Center before Nov. 20 to sign up.

Numbers are mind-numbing

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I don't know about you, but I'm having trouble wrapping what's left of my feeble brain around the mind-numbing figures that are being tossed around on the business, editorial, even the sports pages these days.

When I was young and ice covered most of the earth, a trillion meant the distance between two stars, not the national debt, which was at $11 trillion and climbing the last time I looked at the news out of Washington.

Think about it. That's $11,000,000,000,000. That's 11 thousand billion. That's 11 million million. That's more than $36,000 for each one of us. Enough to buy a BMW for everyone with enough left to fill the gas tank.

And they've just appropriated $700 billion more to fix the economy so they can spend even more!

It's not just numbers out of Washington that are stretching beyond my ken either.

Remember how upset we were when we learned that the expense of fighting World War II on two fronts half a world apart had run the national debt to $260 billion and conservatives groused that FDR was ruining the country?

It's not just numbers out of Washington that are stretching beyond my ken either.

I was reading the other day that the new Yankee Stadium in the Bronx is going to cost $1.4 billion by the time it is done next year and the Yanks — hold your breath now — will be charging $2,500 per game for the choicest seats.

Across the river in Jersey they're building with taxpayers money a new stadium for the football Giants and Jets where fans will pay a personal license fee of up to $25,000 per seat, and that doesn't include the price of game tickets.

I can remember sitting in the right field "jury box" at old Braves Field and cheering Tommy Holmes for 75 cents and getting a hot dog, coke and a score card for less than a buck.

Now, the Red Sox think nothing of paying $100 million just to talk to a Japanese pitcher and another $100 million to sign him to a multi-year contract. They have the second highest payroll in baseball and the most expensive ticket, averaging $48.80.

Team Marketing Report of Chicago has something called the Fan Cost Index (FCI) that shows it costs a family of four $320.71 cents to attend one Red Sox game.

That will get them two adult tickets, two child tickets, two draft beers, four soft drinks, four hot dogs, parking for their car, two game programs and two adult-size adjustable caps. But not the interest on the bank loan it cost them.

But that's nothing compared to the luxury suites high above the stands at Fenway Park.

The Sox have 49 of them, each with 16 seats, that can be leased for $216,000 to $220,000 for three years, including tickets, with an option to purchase up to four more tickets at $165 per ticket per game.

In fact, the only thing cheap about Our Olde Towne Team is the ballpark itself. Fenway Park cost $420,000 to build — in 1912.

Party politics on Our Town

"Our Town" co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with Kevin O'Donnell, chairman of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee, and Kevin MacCarthy, chairman of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, to debate from each party's perspective the issues, platforms and candidates in the presidential election.

Our Town airs on local Comcast Channel 10 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 9pm.

Stay tuned and stay informed.

Check out the Web

Check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

• Video of Roving Reporter Rich Ofsthun who visits French Memories.

• Photographer Robin Chan's slideshow of the Beijing Olympics

• Pet of the Week Video: Meet Danni, a shy, domestic shorthair cat

• Breaking news, updates, slideshows and full-color photo galleries throughout the week

Community leaders converse on how to help in bad economy

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The idea formed the central part of last week's discussion: how to best communicate and coordinate to individuals and families where they can turn to for help. The group stressed that financial troubles can be coupled with emotional and spiritual concerns.

"If I was someone who was living alone in real trouble emotionally, out jobless and living in Cohasset, I wouldn't know where to go," said Barbara Cook, a member of St. Stephen's parish and a volunteer at the Cohasset Food Pantry. Because of her association with a church, she said she would likely turn to the clergy for help, but if someone was without that connection he/she might not know where to turn.

Churches, town offices (Town Hall, library, police and fire stations), local newspapers, coffee shops could be sources of information about local organizations. But, part of the group's role is to raise awareness about what help is available locally and reduce the stigma associated with seeking help whether it be financially or emotionally.

"So much depends on the large community," said Critchfield to ensure members of the community are doing okay and getting the assistance (whatever that may be) they need.

Rev. Jan Carlsson-Bull of First Parish Church said there were many factors that might preclude someone in trouble from seeking out help. Pride can come into play, especially in a community of privilege and wealth, like Cohasset. This could be especially true for those individuals and families who have been used to supporting themselves. Accessibility is also a factor; while Wellspring (located in Hull) offers a wide array of support programs, it is hard to get to without a car, she said. Finally, there is a desperation factor where a parent in trouble might not go seek help if they are hungry, but if their kids are hungry.

"We need to create visible doors that people can go through," said Carlsson-Bull. Bridging the gap that exists between who might know of individuals or families struggling — friends, neighbors, school nurses, food pantries, veterinarians — and the help they need is one of the key goals of Cohasset C.A.R.E.S.

"We need to plan a system where everybody is respected. It's not about charity, it is about compassionate justice," said Carlsson-Bull.

In the coming weeks, the group will be putting together a comprehensive guide to service providers, including social service agencies as well as faith communities and other spiritual, physical, and emotional health resources.

Bringing together those who can help others and those who are in need is also one of their objectives. The group wrestled with finding a way to compassionately provide care without making the process seem like charity.

A significant need as the cold winter looms ahead is growing fuel assistance funding. They might ask those who are still well-off to match their fuel bill, or open up a couple of rooms in their home for transitional housing for a Cohasset family. It could also be providing a discreet location (where the person would not be seen by a co-worker, acquaintance) where residents could talk to a counselor.

The group brainstormed about having a meeting, or a series of workshops, to discuss the financial issues and how each person could help.

"Each person could put on a plate something they could offer: expertise, time, skill, money," said Carlsson-Bull.

Cohasset C.A.R.E.S. will continue to meet on a weekly basis, if you'd like to get involved contact Rev. Margot Critchfield at 781-383-1083.

Unique to faith communities

Many of the people in attendance were members of faith communities, so part of the discussion revolved around how churches and temples can uniquely help those who are struggling.

An interfaith service of healing, pastoral care and counseling, Bible study groups were just a few of the efforts mentioned. One of the things places of faith have readily available is space for meetings, lectures and counseling.

Colette Wood, assistant rector at St. Stephen's, said a faith community can provide a sense of connectedness to those who may feel disconnected. The reasons could be varied: they could live alone, lost a job or kids have moved away.

"As a faith community we have something to offer no one else does, we can offer hope," said Critchfield.

Town will get 67 percent CPA match

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statewide (e.g. mortgages, deeds, homesteads, etc.).

This year, the number of communities receiving matching funds reached 127. Due to the popularity of the program, the distribution for this year uses a formula so town's across the state who have adopted the Community Preservation Act, are slated to receive anywhere between a 67 percent match to a 100 percent match. The percentage match varied by community, with the statewide average being a 73.73 percent match to the local surcharge revenue. In total, $54.6 million were distributed across the 127 communities.

Cohasset collected $332,381 in local surcharge tax last year and the state will match that with $224,757.

Next year, under current legislation there is the possibility of lowering the state match to 35 percent, Ivimey said. But, there is legislation pending that would revise how the state assesses surcharges at the registry of deed in order to guarantee a 75 percent match for all CPA towns.

Special Town Meeting CPC applications

The Community Preservation Committee received four applications for CPA funding for this Town Meeting cycle. They met this past Tuesday to deliberate the projects in order to give their recommendation to Special Town Meeting (Nov. 17). Town Meeting has the ultimate power to spend CPC funding.

The first application is $30,000 to install a septic system for the Beechwood ballfield submitted by Glenn Pratt. The CPC is recommending a dollar for dollar match of any funds raised by the applicant, up to $15,000.

The second application requests $15,000 for engineering to overhaul the pond on Cohasset Common was recommended in full by the CPC.

The third application is for town-wide open space and recreation plan, which is needed to apply for a wide variety of federal and state grants. The last open space plan was drafted in 2002 and expired in 2006; the estimated cost for the plan is $25,000. The CPC recommended funding this project in full ($25,000).

The final application was to fund a $25,000 engineering study to look at the operation, maintenance and tide gate schedule of Cat Dam and inner Little Harbor required by the Conservation Commission. The CPC will not be recommending the funding of this study at Town Meeting.

Selectmen remove Treat's Pond articles from warrant

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on the money part of the project — the money will very likely get re-allocated (if the town does not give an answer soon)," said Carr.

Selectman Fred Koed agreed that the Treat's Pond flooding solutions were not ready for the primetime. "Right now, I don't think we have all the answers on the big picture."

Vice Chairman Paul Carlson said it didn't make sense to bring the Army Corps project proposal to Town Meeting without also bringing forth the other two flood mitigation proposals — extending the Sandy Cove outlet pipe and creating an overflow pipe on Atlantic Ave. that goes to the harbor.

"To determine the best solution, we need to keep the options open. My inclination is to take all three off warrant," said Carlson.

Not all the Selectmen were of the same mind; Karen Quigley wanted to see the Army Corps project go forward to a Town Meeting vote.

"In all honesty, I think we owe the Army Corps an answer," said Quigley. "This article should come up for a vote and be resolved one way or another...It would simplify everyone's life if we know how the town feels."

Quigley didn't see why this stormwater issue was being singled out for more attention than the other town stormwater problem areas. "I think (all flooding/stormwater issues) should be looked at as part of an overall package," said Quigley, but she still maintained the Army Corps project should be addressed because it was not flood related, rather it was a saltmarsh restoration.

Carr, Carlson and Koed outvoted Quigley to remove the Army Corp saltmarsh restoration article from the Special Town Meeting warrant. Whether or not the federal funds will stick around for another Town Meeting cycle remains to be seen.

With Treat's Pond, the town has been wrestling primarily with two distinct, but interrelated issues. First, there has been an issue of access to the Treat's Pond drainage pipe outfall on Sandy Cove in order to keep it clear during rainy weather. Carr reported the town has reached a verbal agreement with a group of residents off an Atlantic Avenue private driveway, often called the Bigelow driveway, to access Sandy Cove and the Treat's Pond drainage outlet.

Second, the Treat's Pond/Atlantic Avenue flooding has severe impacts on neighboring homes during rain events. There have been myriad solutions suggested and lobbied for. On the Special Town Meeting draft warrant, there were three options on the table: the Army Corps of Engineers saltmarsh restoration project (the primary purpose of this project is saltmarsh restoration, not flood mitigation), an overflow pipe to the harbor, and an extension of the current Sandy Cove pipe.

At Annual Town Meeting in March, voters agreed to a resolution to further study the issues and Army Corps proposal for the Treat's Pond flooding problems, little has been done since Annual Town Meeting to ensure the public was educated on the proposals.

The Selectmen have discussed Treat's Pond several times in recent months, mostly relating to the Sandy Cove access/easement issue. Sept. 29 was the first time the Army Corps project was discussed in detail before the Selectmen since Annual Town Meeting.

Proposed articles

None of these articles will appear on the Special Town Meeting warrant.

• Access to Sandy Cove via Lothrop Lane

The Board of Selectmen removed this land taking article at the Oct. 14 meeting of the Board. The Selectmen have has numerous discussions with the residents of Lothrop Lane who have expressed a desire to cease using their private street as a means to access Sandy Beach except in emergency circumstances.

• Access to Sandy Cove via Atlantic Avenue ("Bigelow driveway")

Citing a verbal agreement with the Bigelow driveway landowners, the Selectmen removed this land taking/eminent domain article Monday night. The verbal agreement to an easement would allow the town to go over the residents' property to access the Treat's Pond drainage pipe outfall on Sandy Cove. Because the original Bigelow deeded easement is now covered with vegetation, the new easement would follow a more worn path. The property owners also called for the removal of the article because of its "threatening eminent domain language" at the meeting.

• Treat's Pond restoration project funding

In a 3-1 vote (Selectmen Karen Quigley voted against), this article concerning the Army Corps of Engineers project was removed from warrant. One of the primary reasons for not bringing forth the article is the more public was not yet fully informed on all the issues.

• Treat's Pond/Atlantic Ave. overflow pipe project funding

This solution, proposed by the town's flood control master plan engineer, Coughlin Engineering Services, was tabled as well. The article was removed in a 4-0.

• Sandy Cove outfall pipe extension project funding

The lack of scientific data to support a pipe extension's positive effect on Treat's Pond flooding and Sandy Cove resident opposition led the Selectmen to remove this article from the warrant in a 4-0 vote.

More study needed

At the meeting several residents said in order for the town to make an informed decision, more study is needed to ensure an implemented plan would curb flooding.

With the exception of the a request to the Army Corps and the nearly complete flood control master plan (which does not include an analysis of the Army Corps project proposal) the town does not have any other study (or the funding authorization) in the works.

The town has written to the Army Corps to see if they had information or would be willing to study the environments effect an influx of freshwater to the inner harbor from Treat's Pond would have.

The Flood Control Master Plan, authorized and funded last November at the 2007 Special Town Meeting, is the only flood-specific engineering study the town has authorized. Two workshops were held over the summer on the master plan, with one night devoted to Treat's Pond/Atlantic Avenue. However, the flood control master plan's scope did not specifically look at the Army Corps of Engineer's project.

Mindy Evans of Sohier Street saw it differently.

"To continue to study this thing is a total waste of time and money," said Mindy Evans, adding it didn't matter if the town pays for the study or the federal government it was still taxpayer money.

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Cohasset history guidebook debuts next month

By Nancy White
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Each tour comes with two maps: one helps visitors find the area, such as Government Island, and the other points out specific sites within that area.

Imagine this scenario: you have friends flying in to stay with you a week during the summer. You want to show them around Cohasset and point out the many interesting stories, tidbits of history and sites of interest. The thing is when you get to Government Island; you realize you don't have anything much interesting to say.

This Christmas, visiting guests could get the complete tour of interesting points in Cohasset with the help of the latest release from the Committee on Town History.

Jacqueline Dormitzer has penned her fourth book on Cohasset history, "Exploring Historic Cohasset — Ten Tours and Concise History." Like the name implies, the guidebook points out areas of interest or historical significance throughout Cohasset.

"The guidebook is completely pictorial and has minimum text," said Jim Hamilton, a member of the Committee on Town History. Approximately 100 pages, it is printed four-color process throughout and mechanically bound so that the book can like flat when opened to make it easier to use a reference while touring the sights.

Dormitzer said the idea for the book came to her after showing visitors around Cohasset. Even as the author of three Cohasset history books, she found herself skipping over many places of interest because she had no plan and had little to say.

"Exploring Historic Cohasset is designed to remedy this situation," said Dormitzer. Six of the 10 tours can begin from the Common and be walked. Each tour comes with two maps: one helps visitors find the area, such as Government Island, and the other points out specific sites within that area. The exception is Central Cemetery is more easily navigated with verbal directions and therefore has no site map. Two tours, Jerusalem Road and Beechwood/Wompatuck, go beyond most people's walking endurance — a car or bicycle. The final two tours are hiking trails in Whitney Woods and Wheelwright Park. All the tours have been field-tested.

One of Dormitzer's favorite tours is through Central Cemetery where the walk takes the visitor to the old slate tombstones some that date back to the 1700s. A concise, brief history of Cohasset is included with the book as well.

"I expect people to enjoy this book and find it useful," said Dormitzer.

Kimberlee Alemian has designed the book and all photographs were contributed by Ralph Dormitzer, Richard Alemian and Margot Cheel.

To put icing on the cake, the publication will not cost the town any money. Funding is provided by the Committee on Town History's book account from sales of the Town's five history books in print — three volumes of the Narrative History of Cohasset and two anthologies. Jackie wrote three of these books, the Narrative History of Cohasset, Volume III 1950-2000; Treasury of Cohasset History and Savor of Salt.

Upon publication in November, Exploring Historic Cohasset, as well as all the Town's current history books, will be available for sale at the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall, the Cohasset Historical Society and Buttonwood Books. The price will be around $15.

Art Center recognizes volunteers at annual meeting

South Shore Art Center held its annual meeting of the corporation on Wednesday, Oct. 22, in the Art Center's Bancroft Gallery. Newly elected officers are Jennifer Willms of Cohasset, president; Elise Russo of Scituate and Belmont, president-elect; Douglas Smith of Scituate, treasurer; and William Wenzel of Norwell, secretary.

In addition to the slate of candidates, Art Center Executive Director Sarah Hannan announced the Volunteer of the Year Awards, which were presented to Pat Cammet of Norwell, Robert Montminy of Duxbury and Jeanne Wiley of Hingham. Pat and Robert are both instrumental in hanging the Art Center's gallery exhibitions and Jeanne is a talented ceramicist who is responsible for oversight of the Clay Studio including all kiln firings.

The annual Shirley Neer Award is given to an "outstanding children's art instructor," and was presented to Charissa Roberts of Cohasset. Charissa has taught both adults and children at the Art Center for the past few years and currently teaches a middle school art studio class.

South Shore Art Center has gallery exhibitions and offers four terms of classes for adults and children. For additional information, visit www.ssac.org.

HEALTH NOTES

Watch for signs of dehydration

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Illness, diabetes, excessive use of laxatives or diuretics can also cause dehydration. Even sore throat or loss of appetite can cause a fluids imbalance.

Dehydration is a threat even in cooler weather and at times when one doesn't expect it. The conventional wisdom is that dehydration is apt to occur during strenuous exercise or during warm weather through perspiration. Such is generally the case, but the body needs constant replacement of liquids. When one's body has insufficient water and fluids it becomes dehydrated naturally through perspiration, or insufficient water and liquids intake. Frequently, however, dehydration occurs through inattention, or when preoccupied with other maladies, through vomiting and diarrhea. Infants and children are more susceptible to dehydration than adults because of their smaller body weights and higher turnover of water and electrolytes. The elderly are also at higher risk. Illness, diabetes, excessive use of laxatives or diuretics can also cause dehydration. Even sore throat or loss of appetite can cause a fluids imbalance.

Symptoms include dry or sticky mouth, low or no urine output; concentrated urine (appears dark yellow), inability to produce tears, sunken eyes and in infants, markedly sunken *fontanelles* (the soft spot on the top of the head). A person who seems lethargic or comatose may be exhibiting severe dehydration and often symptoms of depression. A physical examination may reveal signs of: low blood pressure, rapid heart rate or blood pressure that drops when changing from lying down to standing. Poor skin turgor — the skin may lack its normal elasticity and sag back into position slowly when pinched up into a fold; normally, skin springs right back into position.

Treatment — Drinking fluids is usually sufficient for mild dehydration. Drink frequent, small amounts of fluid (using a teaspoon or syringe for an infant or child) rather than trying to force large amounts of fluid at one time. Electrolyte solutions, available at pharmacies, or freezer pops are especially effective. Sport drinks contain too much sugar and can cause or worsen diarrhea. In infants and children, avoid using water as the primary replacement fluid as it can also induce vomiting. Intravenous fluids and hospitalization may be necessary for moderate to severe dehydration. A doctor will try to identify and then treat the cause of the dehydration.

Outlook — When dehydration is recognized and treated promptly, the outcome is generally good. Stomach viruses (also called *viral gastroenteritis*) frequently accompanied by dehydration, tend to resolve on their own after a few days. On the other hand, untreated severe dehydration may result in seizures, permanent brain damage, or death.

When to Contact a Medical Professional — Call your doctor right away if you or your child has any of the following symptoms: Not producing tears, sunken eyes, little or no urine output for 8 hours, dry skin that sags back into position slowly when pinched up into a fold, dry mouth or dry eyes, sunken soft-spot on the top of your infant's head, fast-beating heart, blood in the stool or vomit, diarrhea or vomiting (in infants less than 2 months old), listlessness and inactivity.

Prevention — Even when healthy, drink plenty of fluid every day. Drink more when the weather is hot or you are exercising. Carefully monitor someone who is ill, especially an infant, child, or older adult. If you believe that dehydration is developing, consult a doctor before the person becomes even moderately or severely dehydrated. Begin fluid replacement as soon as vomiting and diarrhea start — DO NOT wait for signs of dehydration.

Always encourage the person to drink during an illness, and remember that a person's fluid needs are greater when that person has fever, vomiting, or diarrhea. The easiest signs to monitor are urine output (there should be frequent wet diapers or trips to the bathroom), saliva in the mouth, and tears when crying.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Chamber networking event is Nov. 13

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Fall Networking Event, to be held on Thursday, Nov. 13, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 15 Depot Court, the newest building in the Village. Sean Cunning of S, G, & D Insurance, the building owner, will be the host and provide the grand tour. Light refreshments will be served. All Chamber members and potential members are welcomed. Come meet some new folks and support your fellow business associates. Any questions, call Karen Kirkendall at 781-789-6288.

Delahunt office hours announced

Members of U.S. Rep. Bill Delahunt's staff will resume the ongoing schedule of office hour visits to local town halls. Congressional staffers will be on hand to field any questions of individual or community concern.

Local office hours are designed to make it as easy as possible for residents of the 10th Congressional District to seek assistance from Delahunt, and to get acquainted with services offered through his office, including help navigating the maze of federal bureaucracy. Future office hours are scheduled for Plymouth and Weymouth on Wednesday Oct. 29.

Anyone who is interested but unable to attend may call Delahunt's office toll-free at 800-794-9911 or visit his Quincy office at 1250 Hancock St., Suite 802N. For those with Internet access, more information is available on Delahunt's congressional Web site at house.gov/delahunt.

Delahunt's staff hosts office in hours in Abington, Carver, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rockland, Scituate, and Weymouth.

Open house at Brown Bear

Brown Bear Children's Center located at 152 King St. is holding an Open House on Saturday, Nov.15 from 10 am to 2 pm. Brown Bear is a brand new center, having just opened in September, offering infant through pre-kindergarten programs. The location has been completely renovated and Brown Bear is now enrolling in its preschool and pre-kindergarten programs.

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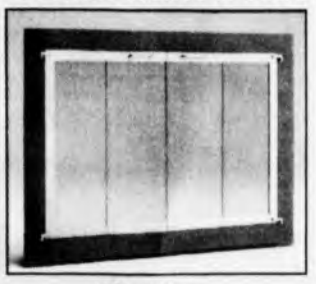
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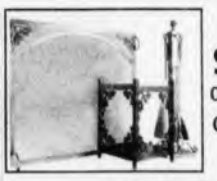
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Playing out the string

Boys soccer won't head to post-season

By Mike Spellman
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The Cohasset High boys soccer team saw its last gasp hope at a playoff spot snuffed out Tuesday with a 1-1 tie to Nantucket.

"That kind of typified our season," observed Skippers second-year head coach Jim Willis. "Like so many other games this year, we were just one narrowly missed play away from a much different outcome."

Visiting Nantucket got a goal from Emerson Guzman at the 20-minute mark, but the Skippers carried the balance of play from that point forward in a desperate all-out attempt to keep their slim post-season hopes alive.

"Once again, I was proud of the effort," said Willis. "Our guys played hard to the end. I just feel bad for them because we came so close to scoring the game-winner a few times."

Senior August Odbliefson netted the equalizer for the hosts early in the second half, off a pretty feed from fast-emerging sophomore midfielder Anders Goetz.

Odbliefson has missed several games this season due to illness and injury, but appears on his way to finishing the season strong. Even with the missed time, he is second to only Goetz in the team-scoring race.

"It was nice to see August finish on his chance," said Willis. "He's a player who's made a difference quite a few times when we've been able to get him out there."

With the score tied, three Skippers failed to convert on clean looks inside 10 yards, two shots going right at Nantucket

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STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Mike Monaco battles for the ball with Abington's Greg McDonnell at a game earlier this season.

Eye on the prize

Cohasset girls focus on post-season possibilities

By Mike Spellman
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The focus now has shifted entirely to the post-season.

With last Wednesday's second 2-1 loss of the season for the Cohasset High girls soccer team to South Shore League rival East Bridgewater, any shot at a league title is now completely gone.

Coach Deb Beal's overriding goal now turns to keeping her girls healthy, and getting them back to playing to their collective team capabilities.

Four of the Lady Skippers' final five games are scheduled to be played at home, which Beal said should help her girls focus and end strong, hopefully securing a top five slot for the Div. 3 south sectionals and at least a few more games at Alumni Field.

The loss to East Bridgewater (8-3-1) raised a few red flags that remained top of Beal's mind even after Friday's 5-0 victory over struggling Carver.

"We were a little timid to start the game, and the EB girls took advantage of that," said Beal, who's team checked into this week with a record of 11-3. "They were running through balls hard, and we were back on our heels a little. We eventually got back into our game but at that point it was too late. If that had been a tourney game, our season would be over right now. We have to come out ready to play hard from beginning to end.

"Hopefully, that game served as a wakeup call to a few players," added Beals. "We've got a lot of talented girls, but we're not so talented that we can take anything for granted."

Sarah Coggins' third goal of the year came after the Lady Skippers were down 2-0, and proved too little too late.

Lady Skippers 5, Carver 0

Captain Maggie McGoldrick led the charge two days later on the road, scoring the game's first two goals and setting up the third.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Cohasset's Sabrina Gardiner is in hot pursuit of the ball as she tries to outmaneuver three Abington players during a game earlier this season.

"I am amazed how quickly the regular season cruises by. I am looking forward to experiencing all the highs and lows with this group."

— Girls soccer coach Deb Beal

Sarah Coggins netted her fourth of the year before the break, and Kristin Monaco closed out the scoring with the lone goal of the second half.

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Practices earlier this week focused on getting back to the basics.

"We have really been working hard to play a calmer and more efficient style of soccer," said Beal. "We play so much better when we drop the weight off our shoulders and rely on one another like we should."

This is a push that has been rekindled by the seniors in general, and tri-captains Coggins, McGoldrick and Torey Hart in particular.

"I am very impressed with the unity our seniors have been able to maintain throughout the season including everyone in all activities," said Beal. "I could not have asked for a better senior class. Our three captains are doing an outstanding job. They have been a pleasure to work with. I expect that their leadership will kick up to the next level as the post-season approaches."

Beal has made a few tactical adjustments over the last week, eliminating the stopper position to create an extra midfielder and go with a greater focus on the offensive half. The veteran coach said she believes this will lead to better distribution of the ball and more scoring opportunities. Of course, anything that puts more balls at the feet of fast and talented forwards Torey Hart, Kaci Kucinski and Caroline Fein is a very good thing, in Beal's mind.

"As they gain more confidence I believe they will be a threesome to fear come tournament time," said Beal. "How can you defend that speed? Shut down two and the third one will burn you. Our midfielders have a little more room now and they have been creating time and space which has improved our possession game all over the field."

Midfielders Coggins and McGoldrick have also found themselves with a little more room in the new alignment. In the last four games, these two central midfielders have combined to tally seven goals and six assists.

"Maggie and Sarah are an integral part of their team's success because of their leadership on and off the field," said Beal. "These two are experienced year-round players who provide their team with support and confidence."

The switch up has created a few anxious moments on defense, but Beal is seeing progress on that front too, with sisters Sammi and Tori Lehr stepping up to anchor the backfield. "Defensively, we are still making some adjustments striving to find the perfect blend of speed and skill to enhance our chances of survival throughout the tournament," said Beal. "I have the

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More close calls for Cohasset Field Hockey

Scoreboard does not reflect level of play

By Susan Franklin
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Statistically the Cohasset varsity field hockey team won both of their two most recent games but the scoreboard showed otherwise. Facing Carver at home without defensive standout Lucy Noble (who was out with an injured left hand) the Cohasset squad dominated play, outshooting Carver 11 to four and earning seven offensive corners to their four. Fourteen minutes into the contest Carver got their first shot on goal but it was denied by Alyssa Mullin. Cohasset's defense led by Marissa Tangherlini, Jean Thome and Kate Durant turned Carver away from the Cohasset zone time and time again.

The offensive squad led by Lessen Haracz, Hillary Gaumer, Jenny Cahill, Kelsy Erler and Isabelle Franklin generated a number of exciting attacks on the Carver goal. In the last 10 minutes of play in the first half Cohasset got three solid attempts on goal including a lead pass by Haracz to Gaumer who made an inside pass to Cahill for a shot that was turned away by the Carver goalie. Later Franklin and Gaumer teamed up with Haracz for an attack on goal that generated a corner and a shot on goal by Franklin. At the half the score stood 0-0.

Cohasset came out quickly in the second half with Jean Thome sending a long ball to Franklin who flipped it to Erler. Erler's shot on goal was deflected and Erica Reardon got the rebound but her shooting attempted was foiled by a foot fault. Carver turned it around and got into the Cohasset circle where their shot

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COURTESY PHOTO/ SAM FRANKLIN

Lesen Haracz explodes out of a sea of Harwich players on a Cohasset drive up field with Hillary Gaumer in her left passing lane. Cohasset was near perfect against league dominating Harwich who fought extremely hard to take this 0-2 contest.

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Alyssa Mullin, Jenny Cahill and Marissa Tangherlini

Names: Alyssa Mullin, Jenny Cahill and Marissa Tangherlini.

Grade: Seniors.

Sports played: Field hockey and tennis (Alyssa and Jenny). Field hockey and softball (Marissa).

Favorite subject: History (Alyssa). French (Jenny). English (Marissa).

Favorite sport: Field hockey (Alyssa, Jenny and Marissa).

The Mariner caught up with CHS field hockey captains, Alyssa Mullin, Jenny Cahill and Marissa Tangherlini at the Deer Hill School Field before a recent match against Harwich.

Favorite professional team: Red Sox (Alyssa and Marissa). Patriots (Jenny).

Athlete you would most like to meet: Michael Phelps (Alyssa). Jonathan Papelbon (Jenny). Shawn Johnson (Marissa).

Favorite music, band or group: Jane's Addiction (Alyssa). The field hockey warm-up mix (Jenny). All music (Marissa).

Best thing about CHS athletics: The coaches (Alyssa). Team unity (Jenny). Fan support and school spirit (Marissa).

Goal: To get a shutout (Alyssa, who is a goalie). To score more goals (Jenny, who is a forward). To stop more shots (Marissa, who is a defender).

More close calls for Cohasset Field Hockey

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on goal was silenced by Mullin. Cleared to the side, Carver took it back into the Cohasset circle where Tangherlini blocked Carver's shot, but the rebound was sent back hard at the goal and Carver took a lead 0-1.

Cohasset answered with a line drive shot by Erler that went wide. Seconds later a shot by Cahill off a Cohasset corner fell short. Earning another corner, Franklin got off a strong shot but it was direct at the Carver goalie's kneepads. Sent upfield the ball was stolen by Erler who charged downfield surrounded by Carver sticks but could not get off a solid shot. With five minutes remaining in the game, Cohasset was determined to score. Gaumer found Franklin but her shot on goal was denied. Cahill attempted to resend the ball but was stopped by a barrage of Carver sticks. Haracz's stick stopped a hard hit ball at midfield and streaked toward the goal but her momentum pushed her past the ball. Franklin got off another shot and Cahill owned the follow up but both were stopped by the Carver goalie. The effort by the entire team was commendable but regardless of statistics, the score stood 0-1.

Hull 1, Skippers, 0

The squad traveled to Hull on Monday. From the starting whistle Cohasset dominated the play. Cohasset played a great game, making 10 shots on goal to only four made by Hull. The game was fast paced and there was not a blade of grass on the field that was not touched by the ball, a stick or a cleat. Skippers like Lesen Haracz played so hard that Hull fans were warning their team to watch number 21.

Cohasset came out quickly in the second half with Jean Thome sending a long ball to Franklin who flipped it to Erler.

Cohasset captain Jenny Cahill took the first shot of the contest but it went wide. Ten minutes into the game, Lucy Noble broke up a Hull corner, but the loose ball shot through a sea of bodies in the circle got past Mullin and Hull took the lead 1-0. A minute later Noble drilled a sideline pass through the Hull defenders into the circle, but it came in too hot for Cohasset's shooters to handle.

Cohasset came out strong in the second half intent on scoring. On a well executed full field attack, Noble cleared the ball to Haracz, who passed to Franklin, who found Cahill but her shot went wide of the net. Cohasset dominated ball control, but one popped out of the Hull zone and a player broke away from the Cohasset defense and made a solo streak downfield at Mullin who mastered a critical kick save. Seconds later Cohasset's Franklin made a solo breakaway, passing ahead of the Hull defenders and chasing her passes down. She found Cahill in the circle who got off a shot that was saved by Hull. The follow up shot by Franklin was forced wide and the ball went out of bounds.

Minutes later Cohasset made another run on the goal. Off a corner pass, Franklin sent the ball on a trip straight across the Hull goal line but Cohasset was not able to get a stick on it and Hull took it up field. The defense continued to quell Hull's bursts that gave the offense more opportunities to work. Tangherlini, Thome and Noble staved off the Hull offense at midfield while Durant shut down anything that got over the midfield line. Gaumer made a number of great offense plays, using her speed and stick skills to bring the ball around Hull defenders into the corner for an angle on goal. She found Cahill who got off a quick shot that was saved by Hull.

With less than 10 minutes remaining in the half, the offensive line, including Kelsy Erler and Hannah Burgess, continued to attack the Hull goal. Noble found Burgess who passed to Gaumer inside but her shot was deflected 12 feet into the air over the head of Cahill. When the ball landed Cahill sent it towards the goal but it went wide. A Hull attack made it to the front of the Cohasset goal, but Erler spoiled the party. Stolen back by Hull, their shot on goal was scooped up by Haracz who sent it wide up the sideline. Hull brought it back but Erler stole it and broke up the sideline on a full field burst accompanied by Gaumer, but a foot fault on her lead pass gave it back to Hull. In the final minute Gaumer converted to Franklin who hit Cahill in the circle but her shot was saved by the Hull goalie.

The game ended with Cohasset on the short end of the 1-0 score, but the team proudly left the field. Cohasset played a clean but tough game in which they manufactured many well-executed attacks on goal. Their defense was again a force to be reckoned with allowing Hull only four shots on goal the entire game. The Skippers round out their season with a game at Scituate followed by a home stand against East Bridgewater and Hingham.



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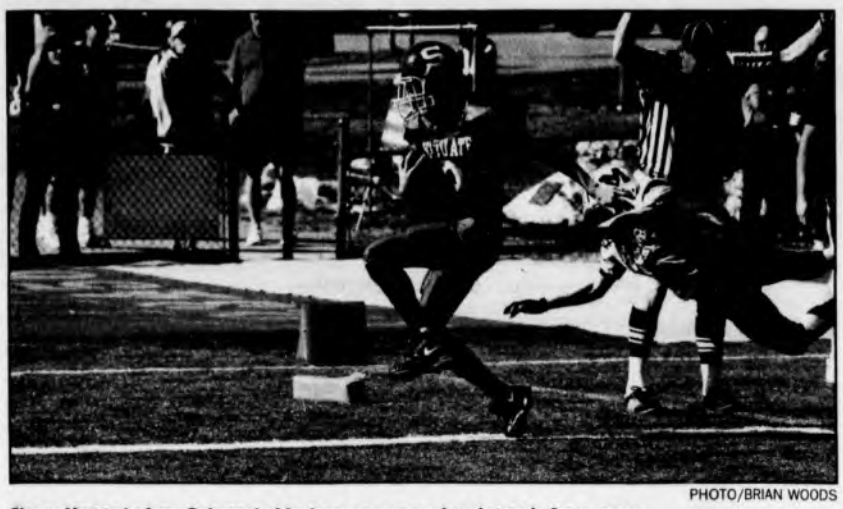
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Shane Haggerty from Cohasset sidesteps an opponent and goes in for a score.

Sharks regain winning formula

Scituate-Cohasset's eighth-grade Sharks wasted little time regaining their winning formula against non-league opponent Taunton on Saturday night under the lights in Taunton.

Michael Stewart returned the opening kick-off 65 yards to give the Sharks an early 6-0 lead. **Shane Haggerty** hit a wide-open **Conor Dooley** for the two-point conversion and the Sharks led 8-0 before the fans could reach their seats.

Determined to put last week's loss behind them, the defense did not allow Taunton's offense to convert a first down turning the ball back over to the offense.

Haggerty handed off to **Shea McCarthy**, **Joe Daileader, Stewart, Jordan Kelley, Drew Nahill** and **Patrick Thowig** play after play until Haggerty found an open **Dooley** in the end zone for six more. **Joe Daileader** hauled in the two-point conversion and the score was 16-0 with only four minutes off the clock.

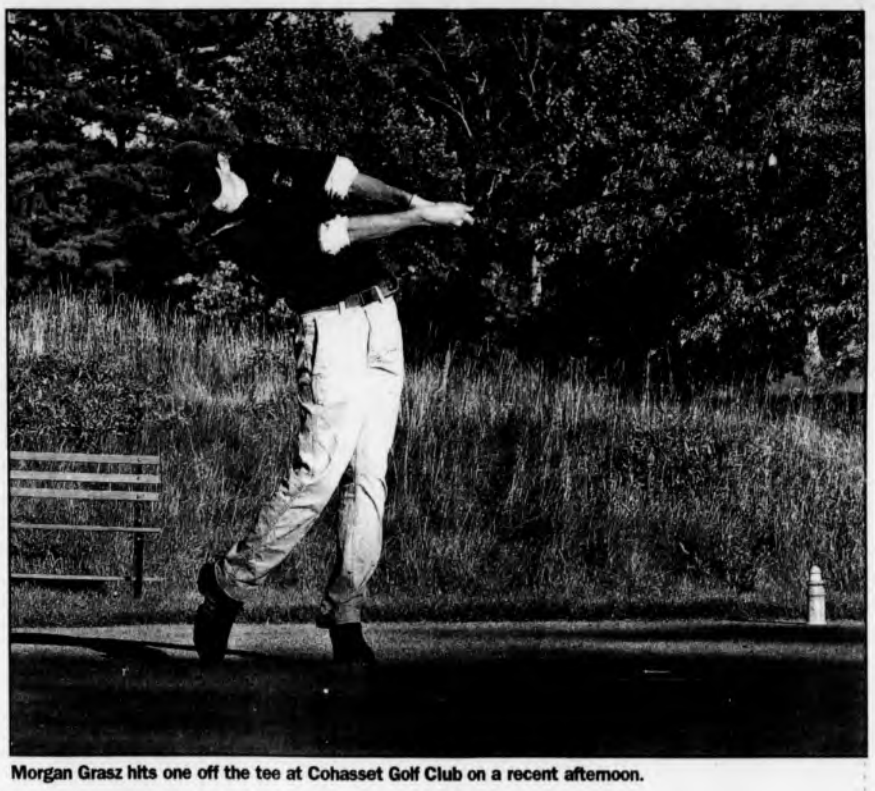
...the defense did not allow Taunton's offense to convert a first down turning the ball back over to the offense.

The Sharks substituted freely from here on out allowing all 31 players to see action in the first half. **Jack White** piloted the second offense behind a line of **A.J. Rosenquist, Jake Brady, Mark and Andrew DelGrosso**. **Tommy Ryan, Mike Rosen** and **Matt Gregory**. Runningbacks **Greg Hurley, Grady Comeau, Dante Saccheitella, Nahill** and **Thowig** took turns taking handoffs from White.

Defensively **Tyler Serra, Danny Buckley, Craig Davis, Sean Shea** and **John Foster** led the first unit. **Davis** also broke through Taunton's punt formation, blocking a punt for the Sharks. **David Mavilia, Garrett "Gunther" Byrne, Gideon Bernstein, Ryan Gillis, Paul Hannigan** and **"Shoo" Nick Shooshan** led the second defense. The Sharks' secondary shut down the high-powered passing game of Taunton. **Matt McCrae, White, Stewart** and **Haggerty** never allowed the receivers to get behind them and the front seven continuously pressured the Taunton quarterbacks.

The second half game plan consisted of running the ball (with **Comeau** nearly breaking one for 52 yards), keeping the clock running and getting home in time for the Red Sox. The Sharks managed to carry out their plan and ran their record to 6-1 with the 16-0 victory.

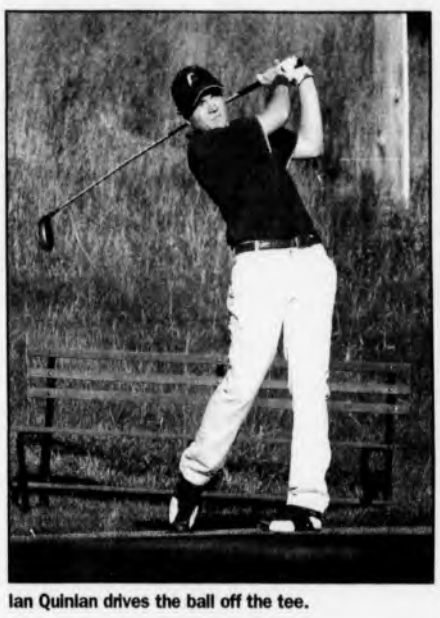
The Sharks wrap up their regular season at Hingham High School Sunday, Oct. 26. Game time is 12:30 p.m.



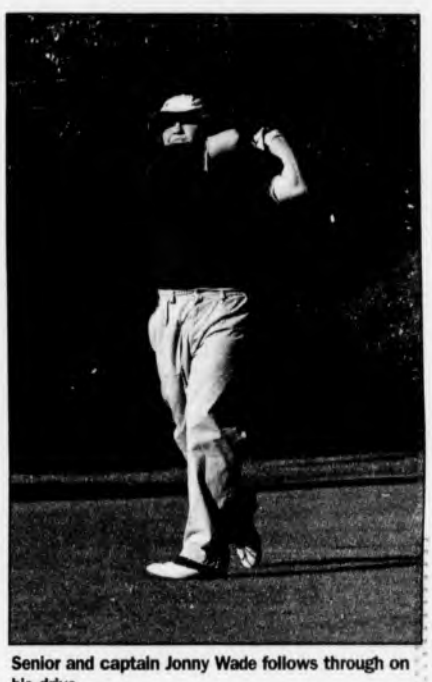
Morgan Grasz hits one off the tee at Cohasset Golf Club on a recent afternoon.

Golfers wrap-up season

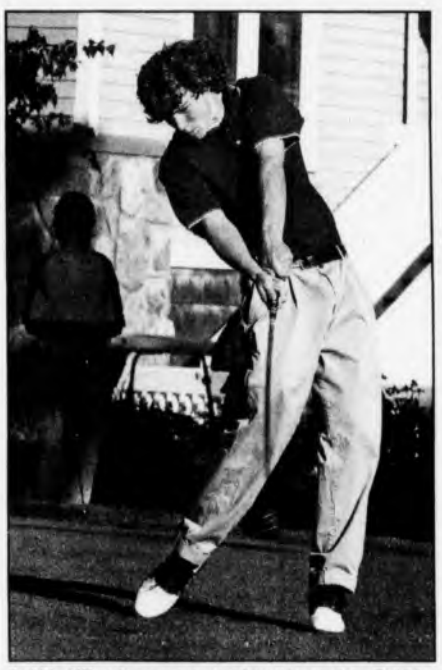
The golf team finished 6-6 (6-8 overall) in the South Shore league. The Skippers lost 2 non-league matches and did not qualify the team for the states for the first time in 5 years. Yet each team is allowed to bring one golfer to the states if he has a good average. Senior captain, Jonny Wade, played in the states and shot an 83, which is 11 over par. Wade's score was good enough for 20th place out of 124 golfers. The team is participating in the South Shore League Tournament, which they have won the last two years. Jonny Wade, Chase Stebbins, Ian Quinlan and Robbie Hill are participating in this tourney at Ridder Golf Course in East Bridgewater. Sebastian Braga, Harry Cipolla and Morgan Grasz rounded out the varsity this season and played well, coach Torin Sweeney said.



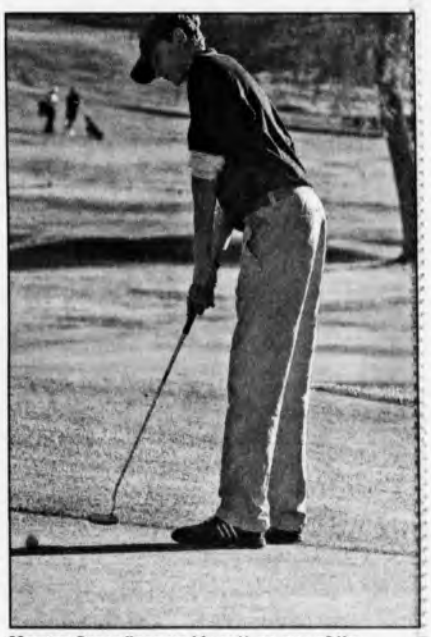
Ian Quinlan drives the ball off the tee.



Senior and captain Jonny Wade follows through on his drive.



Robbie Hill puts some power into his stroke. Robbie is one of the CHS golfers participating in this South Shore League Tournament at Ridder Golf Course in East Bridgewater.



Morgan Grasz lines up his putt on one of the Cohasset Golf Club greens.

Playing out the string

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keeper Alex Perkins (8 saves), the other flying inches over the cross bar.

"It's just been that kind of season," concluded Willis, whose team goes into action next week with a 3-8-4 record.

"I'm hoping we give the outgoing seniors some good memories to take with them, and we give the players coming back something to build on for next season."

- Coach Jim Willis, on the remainder of the season

Carver 3, Cohasset 1

It took Carver senior Victor Vainbrum all of 20 minutes to score three goals (giving him 11 for the season) in this South Shore League tilt last Friday.

The Skippers woke up after that, not that it mattered much in the final analysis.

"That was the worst 20 minutes of defense we've played all season," declared Willis. "Vainbrum scored three times on three different kids, and all of the goals came on breakdowns I can't explain."

As was the case in the Nantucket game, the Skippers played a much better game from that point forward. However, the effort this time couldn't yield an all-important point in the standings.

"Carver's a good team, and there aren't too many teams anywhere that could overcome spotting them a three goal lead," said Willis of the 13-1-1 Crusaders. "We played most of the second half in (Carver's) end, which was another nice testament to the fight in our players, but again we just couldn't put away those chances we created."

Willis counted four relatively open looks inside the goal area in the second half. Unfortunately, Goetz was the only one able to convert on one of those looks.

Willis made a point of lauding Goetz as well as junior Tyler Durant, another midfielder.

"Those guys are my frenetic bookends," praised Willis. "They both play at only one speed whether we're up 5-0 or down 5-0. It's the only way they know how to play the game. It's real nice to know I'm going to have them both back next season to build around."

In order to give the offense even more of a boost, Willis recently moved co-captain Lennert Brown from quarterback of the defense to quarterback of the offense, sweeper to center-mid, a move that has definitely helped the Skippers' possession game. The coach has also been moving lifelong defender Owen Landon, a powerful player, up front for short stints. The move paid off in last Wednesday's showdown with East Bridgewater, as Landers scored the first goal in a 2-1 win. Goetz scored the game winner late in the second half.

Senior co-captain Conor Ofsthum continues to anchor the defense, but he is now receiving considerable help from sophomore Travers Craven — who Willis reports has made steady strides since being moved into Brown's starting sweeper spot.

Next up

Wednesday's scheduled contest at Hull was postponed due to rain and wind, and the makeup moved to next Tuesday. This means the Skippers will play games in each of the first three days next week. They'll host Mashpee on Monday (4 p.m. start) and then play night games (6:30 starts) at Hull on Tuesday and Scituate on Wednesday.

"The focus now is on ending strong," said Willis. "I'm hoping we give the outgoing seniors some good memories to take with them, and we give the players coming back something to build on for next season."

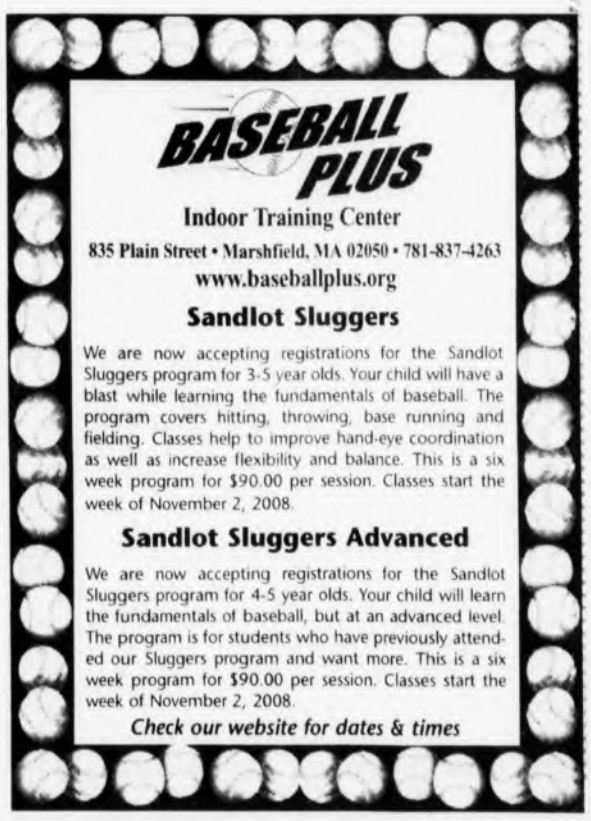
The boys will end the regular season by hosting currently unbeaten Harwich (13-0-1) a week from Tuesday (4 p.m. start).

"We're actually hoping Harwich stays unbeaten until the final game, because our guys would love the challenge of trying to knock them off of that," said Willis, who's Skippers dropped a hard-fought 3-0 decision at Harwich earlier in the season. "We felt like we played Harwich pretty tough in that game down there, and we were missing three starters for that one. We're healthy now, and that would be a great way to end the season."









Cohasset girls focus on post-season

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utmost confidence in Sammi and Tori, two very talented and hard-working athletes."

Meredith Kelly has been bounced around a bit of late from outside back to sweeper, but Beal said she's progressed steadily. Samantha Crough, Lindsay Davis and Carli Haggerty are also logging regular minutes in back these days and, according to the coach, "developing into tough defenders."

"The younger kids are certainly feeding off the experiences of our veteran players and watching them learn and strive to match their elders' performances is what coaching is all about," continued Beal. "It's really nice when you have kids that can do the job but watching them to be certain that the younger kids get it too and are able to carry it into the future is so rewarding. They are such a tight-knit group of girls all enjoying each others' company on and off the field.

"I am amazed how quickly the regular season cruises by. I am looking forward to experiencing all the highs and lows with this group. They are as prepared as they can be and now we focus on finishing strong and playing well as a team."

Next up

Hull was slated to come to town this past Wednesday.

"I think we have our plate full this week hosting Hull," said Beal. "Hull is a team that most likely will qualify for the tournament this year so I can only imagine the excitement that is building within their program right now. We cannot look past this game. I think that with some focus and energy we will play really well."

Last night (Thursday), the Skippers were slated to host Notre Dame. Hingham's high-powered private school program will be looking to avenge their season-opening 3-1 loss to Cohasset.

"I know that NDA is a well-coached team and has some of the top players in the area, but I believe that we have the skills necessary to match up well with them," said Beal. "At their place we played extremely well and even overcame the loss of (keeper Johanna Brophy). We need to show up and do our job and not let anything get in the way of that. I am confident that we are not looking past this and know that we have two big games on the docket this week and we will not let down."

The girls will make their final road trip of the season when they travel to Mashpee on Monday afternoon (4 p.m. start). This will also be the final league game.

The Lady Skippers host Rockland on Wednesday night, then Plymouth North the following Monday. Both of these games will be played under the lights, with 6:30 starts scheduled.

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Middle School Dance – There will be a dance for Cohasset youngsters in grades six through eight on Friday, Nov. 7, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Recreation Center (Garage). Dances are $6 per person and pre-registration at www.cohassetrec.com is required. Cohasset residents only and school ID is required. Late arrivals (after 7:30 p.m.) or students leaving early require a parent to be present. Snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

Pooch Parties – Events are one night only sessions and cost $30, or $100 for all four doggie parties.

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Halloween Pooch Party: Events include: bobbing for tennis balls, best costume contest, beginners agility and of course tricks for treats

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LIFE AT CHS



LAUREN MACK

Hello everyone! The temperature outside is finally beginning to cool down, and cooling down right along with it is the heat of the fall sports seasons. Many of the CHS sports teams are wrapping up their seasons in the next few weeks with the exception of the football boys, who have a home game this week, and those who made it into tournament. Bravo to those teams who made it to post-season! Note to all seniors: Nov. 1st is approaching quickly, so that means that all yearbook information, including senior pictures and write-ups are due! Also, Nov. 1st is also the deadline for a lot of early action colleges, so make sure that you're up-to-date with all of your applications! In other news, the CHS Newspaper *The Spinnaker* is scheduled to come out next Friday (which, conveniently, happens to be Halloween), so all students should plan to bring $1 into school in order to purchase one!

This week's teacher quote of the week comes from a familiar face in the history hall. Known for his Law class and ever-popular Civics and Community Service classes in addition to his participation in the CSCR and Crew programs, **Mr. Buckley** is a very popular teacher among the student body. When confronted with the question of how to deal with the day-to-day gossip that circulates around the high school, Mr. Buckley came up with quite the resolution: "When somebody talks about you behind your back, you should be honored!" he said to his fellow teacher, Mr. Afanasiw, and I, "because that means that they are thinking about you! It means that they care!" And with that, I leave you all with a new way of dealing with drama and a farewell! Au revoir!

Lauren Mack is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly during the school year.



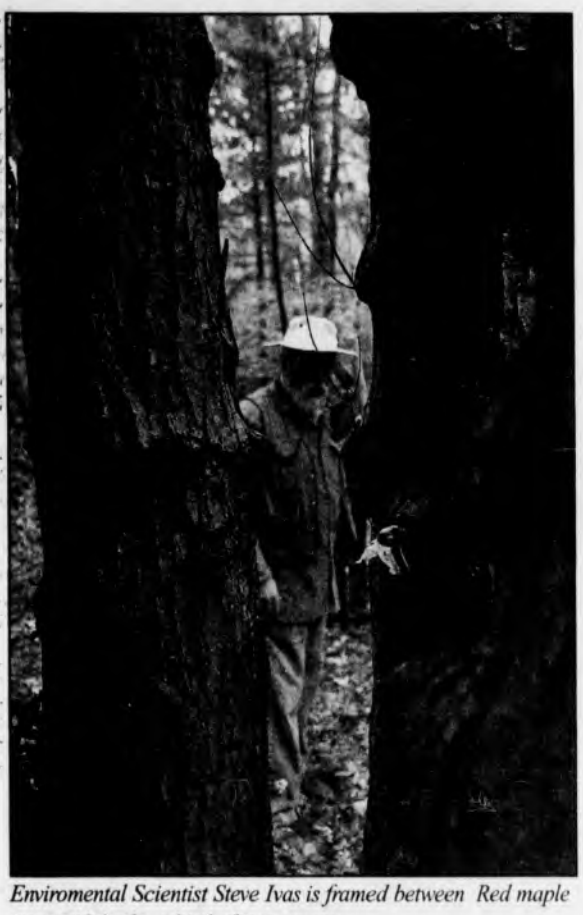
Environmental Scientist Steve Ivas talks about the trees and plants during the Discover the Woods Day at Holly Hill Farm Sunday afternoon.



Environmentalist Steve Ivas, center, leads the Discover the Woods Day at Holly Hilly Farm on Sunday afternoon. Ivas took a large group of nature seekers on a two hour walk at Holly Hill Farm.

Walk in the woods

Holly Hill Farm hosts outdoor enthusiasts



Enviromental Scientist Steve Ivas is framed between Red maple trees with burls, a kind of tree cancer.



Holly berries show their true colors.



These leaves show their true fall colors as noted along the Discover the Woods Day at Holly Hill Farm Sunday afternoon.

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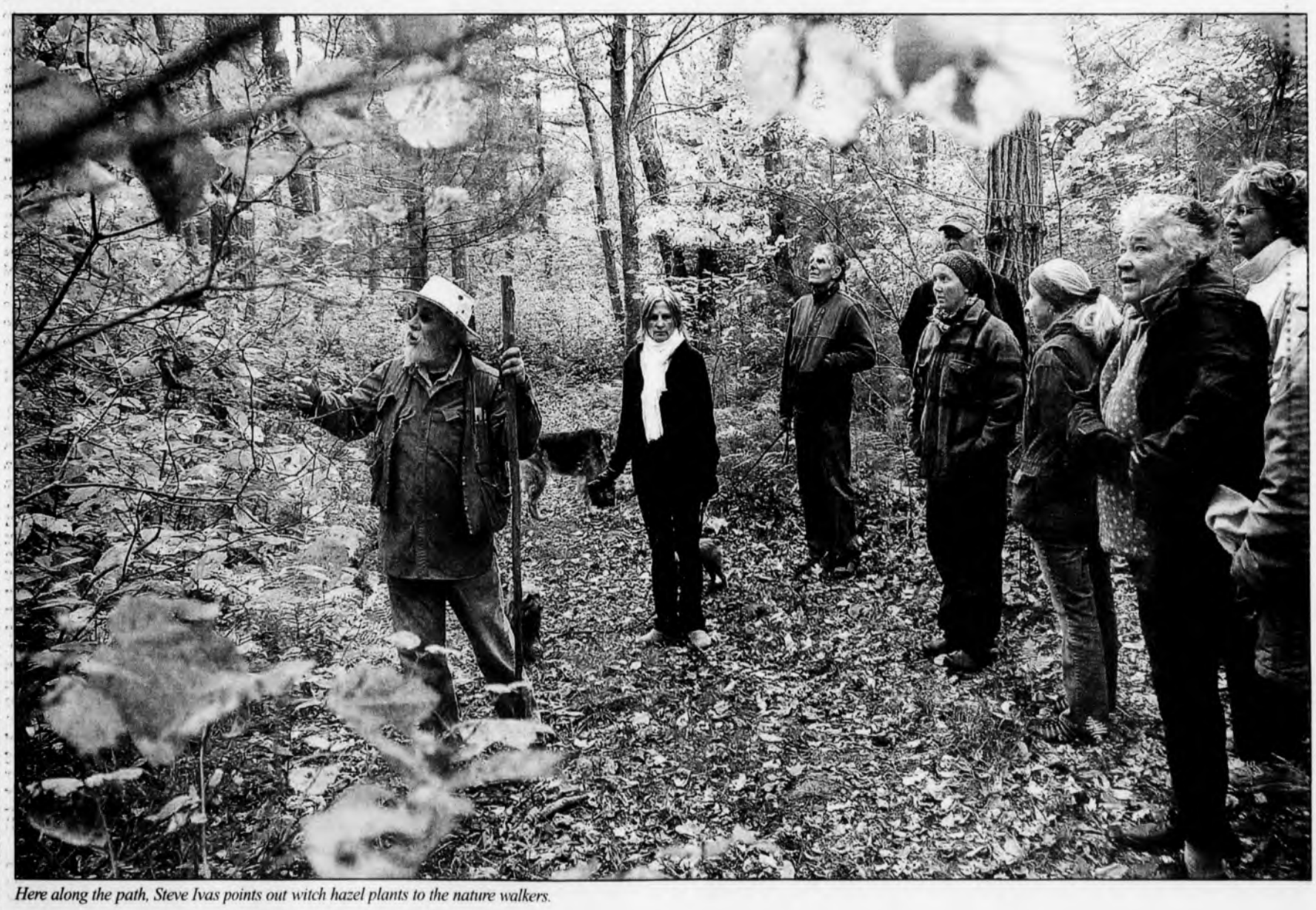
Steve Ivas spoke on several items of interest, such as the mushrooms in this image.



Steve Ivas talks about the various plant growth and trees along the trail to the crowd of nature seekers Sunday afternoon during the Discover the Woods Day at Holly Hill Farm off Jerusalem Road.



Cohasset resident Martha Hurtig,left, points out a sassafras tree to enviromentalist Steve Ivas during the Discover the Woods Day 2 hour walk at Holly Hill Farm Sunday afternoon.



Here along the path, Steve Ivas points out witch hazel plants to the nature walkers.

AWAY

Take me to the river

Fran Golden
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

DIJON, FRANCE — Sitting back in the plush comfort of The Amaryllis, a luxury barge owned by Orient-Express, I watched the scenery of Burgundy from the parlor windows as I sipped champagne and munched on caviar canapes with my four fellow passengers.

We were traveling on the historic Canal de Bourgogne, passing tiny towns with stone houses and gliding into ancient locks, where lock keepers still turn big wheels by hand, raising and lowering water levels so barges can pass through.

For a few days, we relaxed along the lazy waterway, indulging in gourmet meals prepared by our private chef, drinking bottles of Burgundy wine and sampling amazing French cheeses. The barge's guide took us by van to Clos de Vougeot, the medieval chateau that is headquarters of the Chevaliers du Tastevin wine society and to explore the wine city of Beaune and historic Dijon.

Our barge moved so slowly on the canal we could work off calories by biking or even walking alongside, chatting with locals and watching birds fly overhead.

That is the joy of cruising rivers and canals - the chance to appreciate local culture and sights close-up, at a slow pace.

"Slow boat" cruising is an increasingly popular way to travel, especially in Europe, and it is easy to see why.

Accommodations and meals and in many cases excursions to major nearby sights - a museum, a chateau - are often included in the cruise price. You travel on calm waterways and get views of river life - kids swimming, people fishing, boats and barges passing by with freight and passengers. If you want time on your own to explore, many itineraries allow for that, too.

Barges carry as few as four passengers, and in some cases you can rent the entire vessel for your family and friends. River ships carry more passengers, but even the biggest - at about 300 passengers - offer an experience that is more intimate than on larger cruise ships.

Public rooms may be limited - a dining room, a lounge, maybe a separate bar - but there is typically lots of open deck space for viewing the sights. There may even be a splash pool or gym. Cabins range from small to spacious suites, but in all cases you are hardly roughing it.



BY FRAN GOLDEN

The Amaryllis barge on the historic Canal de Bourgogne in France.

The following are some suggested barge and river cruising options:

The five barges of Afloat in France (www.afloatinfrance-.com) are all ultra luxurious - as one would expect from Orient-Express - and cruise the historic canals of France's Burgundy, Franche-Comte and Provence regions. Carrying just four to 12 passengers, each is staffed by a crew that includes a private chef and guide. Top-flight wines accompany gourmet meals. Three of the barges are reserved for full charters. For individual passengers, six-night cruises on the classic Burgundy wine route are priced from $5,400 per person.

German river cruise firm Peter Deilmann Cruises (www.deilmann-cruises.com) traverses the Danube, Rhine and other main European rivers, with eight ships carrying 70 to 200 passengers. Seven-night Danube cruises from Passau, Germany, include overnight dockings in Vienna and Budapest, so you can get off the ship and enjoy the local cuisine and nightlife. Priced from $1,535, on the 200-passenger Mozart (which boasts a full-size indoor pool).

Viking River Cruises (www.vikingrivercruises.com) is the "big Kahuna" of the river cruise industry as owner/operator of nearly two-dozen, hotel-like river ships, carrying 150 to 300 passengers. The 180-year-old European firm's ships cruise in places as far flung as Germany and China, and including Russia. A 12-night Waterways of the Czars trip between Moscow and St. Petersburg is offered on three deluxe ships, priced from $2,999.

A cruise in Egypt combined with a land tour, as offered by Boston-based adult travel specialist Grand Circle Travel (www.gct.com), takes you on a tour of ancient sites. Grand Circle owns a dozen 50- to 216-passenger river ships operating in Europe and Egypt and also charters smaller barges in France. Explore the Nile, with seven nights shipboard and six nights in a hotel in Cairo, from $2,395, including airfare.

In China, explore the Yangtze and visit the Three Gorges Dam with Victoria Cruises (www.victoriacruises.com), which serves up five-star cruising on seven ships carrying 130 to 308 passengers. The seven-night Explorer itinerary from Chongqing to Yichang and back is priced from $1,600 (shorter cruises also available).

When you think of river cruising you might not think of Portugal and Spain, but the Douro River is one of 35 itineraries on 12 rivers in Europe, China and Egypt, offered by California-based Uniworld (www.uniworld.com). New owners recently upgraded the firm's 10 ships, which carry 82 to 220 passengers (additional vessels are chartered). A seven-night Douro River cruise, combined with a two-night hotel stay in Lisbon, is priced from $2,099.

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Uniworld offers river cruises in destinations including the Douro River in Spain and Portugal.

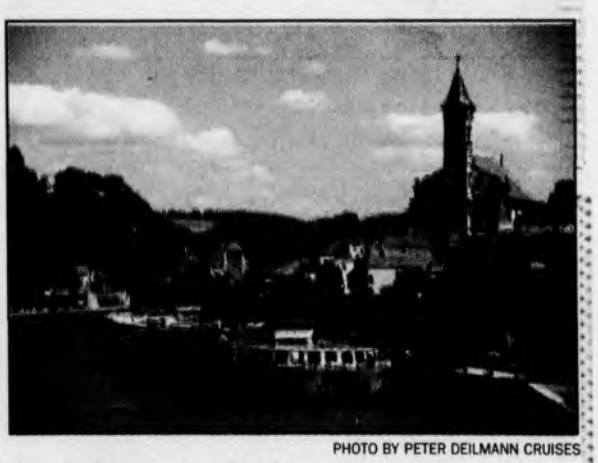


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Peter Deilmann's river ship Mozart on the Danube.

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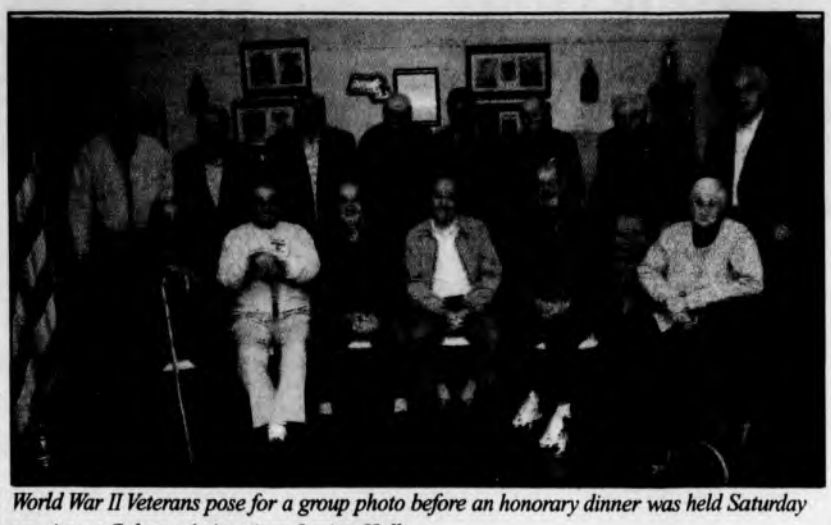
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World War II Veterans pose for a group photo before an honorary dinner was held Saturday evening at Cohasset's American Legion Hall.

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WWII vets honored at Legion

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Left, Mary Frances Barrett holds a picture of herself when she served in World War II as a Army Nurse in the Philippines. Mary Frances and her husband Benedict, at left, attended an honorary dinner held Saturday evening at George H. Mealy American Legion Hall Mary Frances cared for the Japanese prisoners of war as well as American soldiers.



The Cohasset Sons of The American Legion honored World War II veterans with a dinner and a chance for vets to exchange stories. US Marine Rocky Laugelle, center, shares some war stories with two fellow veterans.

First Parish to host Halloween Haunted House

In addition to the Halloween fun, First Parish members will be on hand to offer information about the congregation's religious education program and social justice outreach activities.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset will host a Halloween Haunted House at its Parish House at 23 North Main St., from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 31. Sponsored by the congregation's Religious Education Committee, this event will welcome trick-or-treaters and their families from the entire community into this historic Parish House to celebrate Halloween.

The Parish House will be transformed into a haunted house inviting youngsters to walk down the spooky hallways into the large fellowship hall, where they'll find tasty treats and Halloween games for kids of every age. Fair trade coffee, hot cider and cookies will be offered to adults while their trick-or-treaters play Halloween games to win candy and other prizes. In addition to the Halloween fun, First Parish members will be on hand to offer information about the congregation's religious education program and social justice outreach activities.

Halloween games will include: Trick-or-Treat Caldron – Children approach the caldron filled with small pumpkins. If a child reaches into the caldron and picks out a pumpkin that says "treat," more candy goes into their bag. But if the caldron gives them a pumpkin that says "trick," they'll have to earn their candy by acting out their favorite monster!

Tragic Sam – Poor Sam died of fright on Halloween and all that remains are his body parts – made out of various types of food. Those children brave enough to put on the blindfold and use their sense of touch to guess the right body part may be in for some more candy. A game definitely not for the squeamish!

All are welcome to the fun on Halloween night.

American Legion hosts Marine Corps Birthday Ball

The George H. Mealy Post 118 of the American Legion will host its second annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Legion Post, 98 Summer St., Cohasset.

The event, which is open to the public, will feature a complete roast beef dinner and entertainment. Tickets are $10 per person and are available at the Legion Post. Active and inactive Marines in uniform are free.

For tickets or more information contact the American Legion Post at 781-383-9657

Cohasset Cabaret

Cohasset Cabaret is only two weeks away, and will feature a diverse show of singers, dancers and comedians from the South Shore. It will take place at St. Anthony Church hall on Friday, Nov. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 8. The show, which had a great reception last year, will again be directed by Blanche Clarke, who has worked in theater for many years including Hingham Cabaret, Hingham Civic and other venues.

Tickets are on sale now and cost $25 apiece. Tickets can be purchased at St. Anthony Parish hall office and the CEA office at South Shore Community Center. For more information, call 781-383-0021.

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OBITUARIES

William A. Brown

Attorney, assistant professor

William A. Brown, 66, of Cohasset and Bethel, Maine, died suddenly Oct. 18, 2008.

Mr. Brown was a graduate of Northeastern University with a bachelor of science degree and master of science degree in electrical engineering, and received a juris doctor degree from Suffolk Law School. He was a former law clerk to United States District Judge Frank Murray. He was an assistant professor at Suffolk Law School and was also a former assistant attorney to the Unites States Attorney in Boston. He also worked as the former chief of the Civil Division for the United States Attorney's Office and later had a private practice, specializing in federal criminal, civil and administrative litigation.

Mr. Brown lived his life his way. His quiet generosity and compassion endeared him to his many friends here and abroad, from all walks of life. He loved competitive gardening, skiing in Maine, boating on the North River and cooking for his friends. He and his partner, Diane, enjoyed traveling extensively, especially to Alaska. He took great pride in his children and joy in his grandchildren.

He leaves his partner, Diane L. Esslinger of Cohasset; his children, Heidi K. Brown of Hyde Park and Christian B. Brown and his wife, Emily, of Manchester-by-the-Sea; his grandchildren, Henry, Annie, Gus and Abby; and his niece, Jenene Martell.

Arrangements were handled by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset. Funeral service and interment private. A celebration of Mr. Brown's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Suffolk University Law School, Office of Advancement, 8 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA02108-2270; to Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy, MA 02169; or a charity of the donor's choice.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

Interment service for Gertrude Bates and Vern Bates

Following a memorial service in Petersham, there will be an interment of Gertrude C. Bates and Vern M. Bates, wife and daughter of Nathan W. Bates, formerly of Cohasset, at 2:30 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 25, at Beechwood Cemetery, Beechwood Street, Cohasset.

WORSHIP NOTES

Saint Stephen's accepting book donations

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Avenue, Cohasset is currently accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, books on tape, DVDs, and CDs for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that will be held this year on Dec. 6 on Cohasset's scenic Common.

Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked "Church Offices". Use the "reserved parking" spot to unload your books during church office hours Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Books are sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted through Nov. 25. Old textbooks, romance novels, damaged, musty or moldy books or books with notes and/or highlighting cannot be accepted. For information, call D'Anne Avotins at 781-923-1104

The monies raised from the Book Sale will be used to send underprivileged children and their families to the Barbara C. Harris Camp in Greenfield, N.H. For more information about this facility, visit www.bchcenter.org.

Organist Gail Archer to play at St. Stephen's

Celebrating its 17th year, St. Stephen's Concert Series in Cohasset will present organist Gail Archer of New York City in a recital at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 26, in a program featuring the music of 20th century French organist Olivier Messiaen. The music of this composer is highly controversial and uses elements of bird song, Gregorian chant, Far Eastern scales and scales of his own construction – all in a mission to bring the music of the church into the world and to musically present Christian truths in the concert hall. Archer lives in New York and serves as chairman of the music department at Barnard College, Columbia University.

This year, St. Stephen's is also celebrating the partial restoration of its 58-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ, portions of which had been rendered unplayable by spring storms several years ago/

The church is at 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and there is plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 781-383-1083.

Events at St. Joseph Retreat Center

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset is offering the following progra.m.s in October and November.

Sunday, Nov. 2 — Day of Prayer in Spanish, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Dia De Oracion: Recordando Los Seres Difuntos en la Oracion

Sunday, Nov. 9 — Day of Prayer, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Horizons of Hope in the Midst of Loss

Monday, Nov. 10 — Morning of Prayer, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Growing In Relationship with Jesus Through the Dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises — The Unconditional Love of God for All

Monday, Nov. 24 — Morning of Prayer, 9 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.: Praying Psalm 23: Praying on our Life Experiences with the Good Shepherd

The Retreat Center is also available for private retreats for individuals and for groups. For more information and to register, visit www.csjretreat-center.org_or call 781-383-6024/6029.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Oct. 19 - Association Sunday

8 a.m. - Circle Ministry (group led by Joan Kovach and Susan Meikleham and meeting on the first & third Sundays in the Parish House)

9:50 a.m. – Childcare for our youngest and religious education classes for children and youth in the Parish House.

10 a.m. - Worship in the Meeting House - Association Sunday

On this morning when we celebrate our interdependent association known as the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull will lead worship and preach on "Intersection." Over half of all Unitarian Universalist congregations nationally are participating in Association Sunday, when our full non-pledge plate is dedicated to the life and programs of our UUA.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes. Faith Works Sunday at coffee hour promises that representatives of all First Parish committees dependent upon volunteers will be on hand with information and sign-up sheets.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

FALL BOOK STUDY: Every Wed., through Nov. 19th at 7 pm in Bates Hall. We are discussing A New Earth *Awakening to Your Life's Purpose* by Eckhart Tolle. This is a life transforming study that Oprah Winfrey presented in a 10 week web cast series. For more information you can check out www.oprah.com or www.eckharttolle.com. Come and join us!

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: Members of SCC are already at work creating homemade crafts for the annual Village Fair to be held on Sat. Dec. 7th New crafters and helpers are always welcome!

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: Welcome to St. Stephen's church!

This Sunday, Oct. 26, our 17th annual St. Stephen's Concert Series begins with organist Gail Archer performing at 3:00. Archer is an international concert organist, recording artist, and specializes in the music of Olivier Messiaen. The concert is free and open to the public.

We are currently underway with our new "Episcopal Church for the 21st Century" class taught by Rev. Margot Critchfield. This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal faith and anyone preparing for Confirmation or Reception into the church. Classes run from noon until 2:00.

Rev. Critchfield is also offering individual spiritual direction this fall. If you are looking for a spiritual home or exploring your faith, we invite you to visit us. You can learn more about us, and the Episcopal Church, from our website, www.ststephenscohasset.org.

Other programs this fall includes bible study for adults, youth group activities, the children's Christian education program "Godly Play", outreach programs serving the hungry and homeless, yoga, meditation and a monthly luncheon for seniors.

Services at St. Stephen's are at 8 am and 10 am on Sundays, including a Healing Eucharist at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. All are invited.

You can reach the church at 781-383-1083. The Rev. Margot Critchfield can be reached at mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.org. Our offices, which are open Monday through Friday, can be accessed by coming to the back of the church, up the Highland Ave hill. We are handicap accessible.

Going on this week at St. Stephen's:

- Fri. Oct. 31: 9:30 Yoga
- Sat. Nov. 1: 7 am Bible Fellowship
- Sun. Nov. 2: All Saints Day. Services at 8 and 10, Godly Play at 10 and youth group at 11:30

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

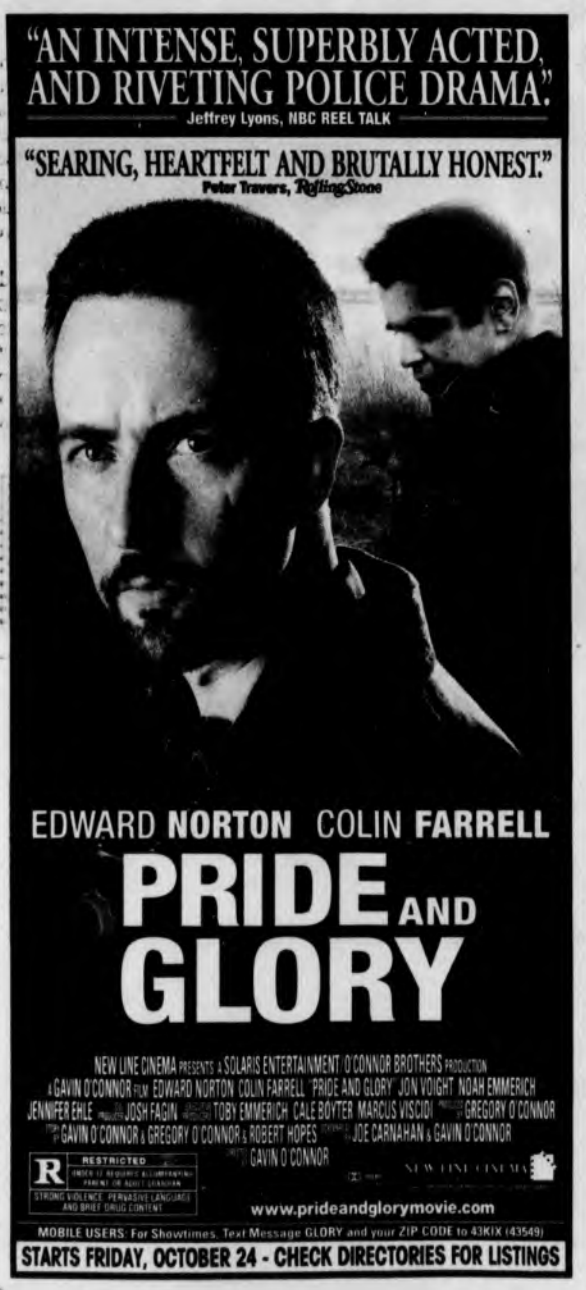
The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

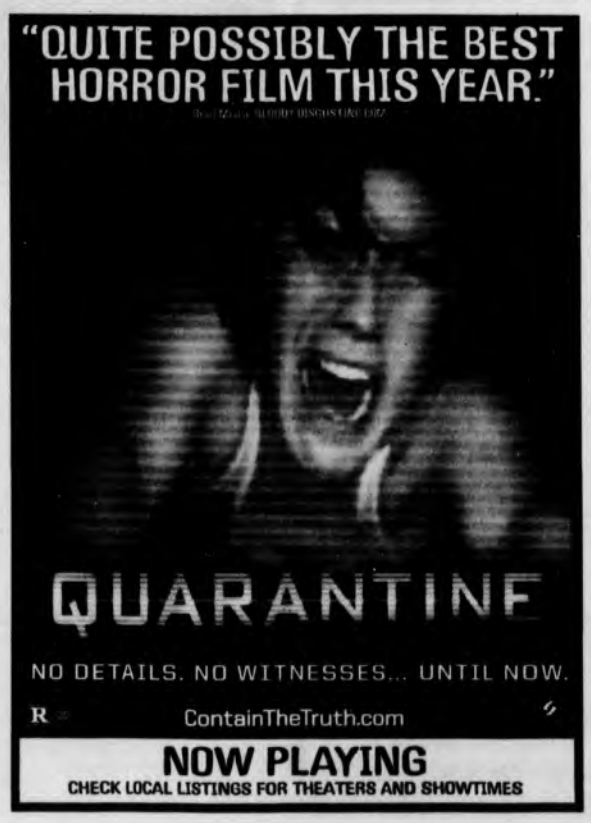
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Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.







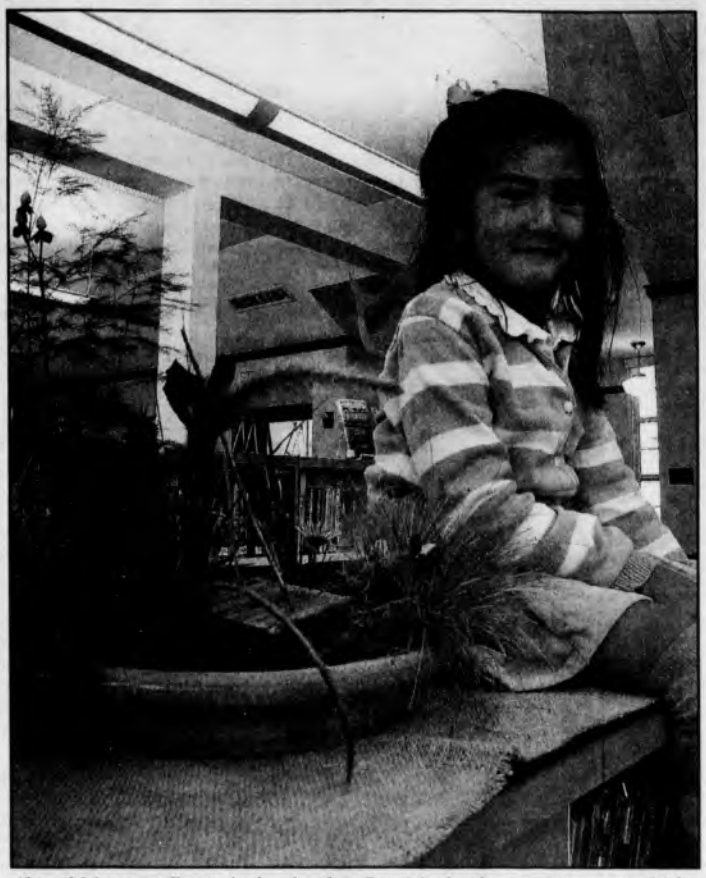




The Shell Seekers by Rosamond Pilcher was Eileen Rutledge's choice for her Books In Bloom arrangement. Her daughter Christine, a student at Villanova University joined in the fun.



Daisies make up this sunny arrangement created for the book Please Don't Eat The Daisiesby Jean Kerr.



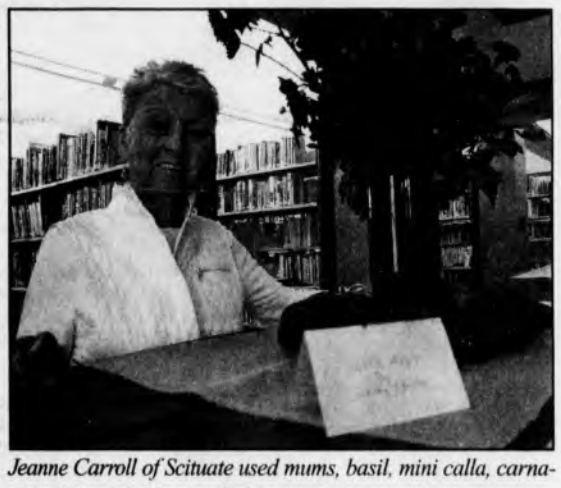
Abigail Moy proudly sits by her brother, Ben Moy's, plant arrangement which was inspired by "The Raft" by Jim LaMarche. Ben is a fifth grader at the Deer Hill School.



Peggy McCarthy added a family photo to her exhibit of holly based on the book "The Family Christmas," by Caroline Kennedy.

Books in Bloom

Community Garden Club hosts event at library



Jeanne Carroll of Scituate used mums, basil, mini calla, carnations, leucondendron and olstroemeria to create her arrangement based on the book "Black Magic" by Whitley Strieber.



"Gifts From The Sea" by Anne Morrow Lindbergh, a book that Delores Roy had in mind when she created her arrangement for Books In Bloom.



Serendipity Sundaes by Stephen Bruce was the inspiration for Lee Jenkins, President of the Community Garden Club. Lee's arrangement of carnations and ivy with a cherry on top was set in a ceramic vase that resembles chocolate and marshmallow.



Frannie O'Toole, Chairman of the Books In Bloom Flower Show at the public library, created her arrangement based on the "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," by Lisa See.

Photos by Laura Sinclair

Library Corner

Author visits planned for Oct. 26, Nov. 12

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Author Visits – Catherine Goldhammer, author of "Still Life with Chickens," will discuss her new book "Winging It: Dispatches from an (almost) Empty Nest," at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 26, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to this free event. Goldhammer's books will be available for purchase.

Kathleen Kent, author of "The Heretic's Daughter,' will discuss her new book at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 12. The book is a liteary imagining of the events surrounding the Salem witch trials. Kent, a descendant of one of the first women to be accused as a witch, brings her family's legacy to life. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. All are welcome to these free events.

Library Book Group – Join others for coffee and discussion of Junot Diaz's Pulitzer Prize winning book, "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao," at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, oct. 29, in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to this free event.

Movie Matinee – The library will show the film "The Miracle Worker" starring Patty Duke and Anne Bancroft at 11 a.m., on Friday, Nov. 7. The Friends of the Library will provide light refreshments. Movie site license sponsored by Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Town Committee. The movie is free and all are welcome.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "The Grocer's Son" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 20. Free admission and free refreshment courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

FOR CHILDREN

MamaSteph – Performances at 10:30 a.m., on Mondays, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17 and 24, in the Meeting Room. Join others for children's music and more. Doors close promptly at 10:35 a.m. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library. All ages and communities are welcome.

Drop In Story Time – In the Story Room at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesdays, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 18 and 25. All ages and communities welcome.

Coloring/Decorating Contest – Create an owl by decorating the template found on Mrs. Moody's desk. Markers, glitter, beads, pipe cleaners, tissue paper and things found in nature can be used to create an owl that reflects one's personality. Contest ends Friday, Oct. 24, at 4 p.m. Winners in all age groups. Winners will be called.

'Godspell' to be performed by Cohasset Dramatic Club

Cohasset Dramatic Club has announced it has assembled the cast for its fall production of "Godspell." Show dates will be at 7:30 p.m., on Nov. 14, 15, 21 and 22, and 2 p.m., on Nov. 16 and 23. The production will take place at Cohasset Town Hall auditorium.

Director and music director, Mark Bono set out in search of a diverse, energetic cast of 10 adults to recount the telling of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, through both parables and music, and find them he did. The ensemble is led by Stephen Lee from Randolph as Jesus. Lee has done this show before, and it is one of his favorites, so he is thrilled to be a part of this cast bringing this show to life for the first time on the Cohasset Town Hall stage. Supporting Lee in the ensemble, and each singing their own piece from the score by Stephen Schwartz, are Mark Alves, Cohasset; Eric Braun, Hanover; Nicole DiRuzza, Quincy; Denise Feeney, Abington; Lisa Pratt, Cohasset; Anne Thornton of Hanover; and Sharon White and Bill White of Scituate.

"Godspell" boasts a string of songs led by the hit "Day By Day." As the cast performs "Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord," "Learn Your Lessons Well," "All For the Best," "All Good Gifts," "Turn Back, O Man" and "By My Side," the parables come to life. Drawing from various theatrical traditions such as clowning, pantomime, charades and vaudeville, "Godspell" is a unique reflection of the life of Jesus, with a message of kindness, tolerance and love.

Tickets will be available soon at Paperscapes in Cohasset Village, Buttonwood Books on CJC Highway in Cohasset, or via CDC's ticket reservation and information line at 617-697-2115. Tickets are $15, and reservations are presently being accepted.

Scituate Cohasset Newcomers Club accepting new members

Whether one just moved to Scituate or Cohasset, or has lived here for years, Scituate Cohasset Newcomers Club is a great way to get involved in the community and make new friends. The club is currently accepting new members. For more information about becoming a member, visit the Web site at scnewcomers.com.

Every month, a newsletter is issued that includes the schedule of social events. Some events are geared toward adults, while others involve caregivers and tots or the entire family. Annual events include the Fall Kick-Off Party, Children's Halloween Party, Chili Cook Off and Summer Barbecue. Every season new events are added or revised depending on the needs of members. Special interest groups are constantly developing as creative ideas are presented.

SCNC prides itself on its dedication to community service, and has raised money and donated time to Habitat for Humanity and the Magical Moon Foundation, and continues to find ways to help those in need.

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UPPER SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)
Saturday, October 25
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MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)
Saturday, November 1
1:00 - 3:00 PM
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PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE
WEEK OF OCT. 20, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A colleague might offer to open a door for you professionally. But before you walk through it, be sure this "favor" isn't attached to an obligation you might find difficult to discharge.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your creativity, your persistence and your reliability could lead to a major career shift. Be sure to use that other Taurean trait, your practicality, when discussing what the job offers.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A changing situation might require some adjustments you might not have been prepared to make. However, flexibility in this matter could be the best course to follow at this time.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're in a period of fluctuating moods, which is not unusual for the Moon Child. Your emotions stabilize by the 26th. Meanwhile, try to hold off making major decisions until then.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That keen sense of perception helps you hunt down those minute details that others overlook. And, of course, your Leonine ego will accept the expected praise with good grace.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be careful not to be confrontational when raising a work-related issue. Better to make a request than a demand. And, of course, be prepared to back up your case with facts.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your ego might be hurt when a colleague turns down your offer to help. But accept it as a rejection of your offer, not of you. A friend from the past could re-emerge by week's end.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A flow of positive energy turns a work project you didn't want to do into something you actually love doing. Now, take that attitude into your social, intimate life — and enjoy what follows.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Working hard to meet your professional goals is fine. But don't neglect your private life, especially where it concerns your more cherished relationships.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) "Patience" remains the key word in dealing with an emotionally sensitive situation involving a close friend or family member. Help comes your way by week's end.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) With new information coming in, it's a good time to rethink some of your goals without taking suggestions from others, no matter how well-meaning they might be.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Making progress on your project is relatively easy in the early part of the week. A problem could arise midweek. But all goes swimmingly once it's resolved.

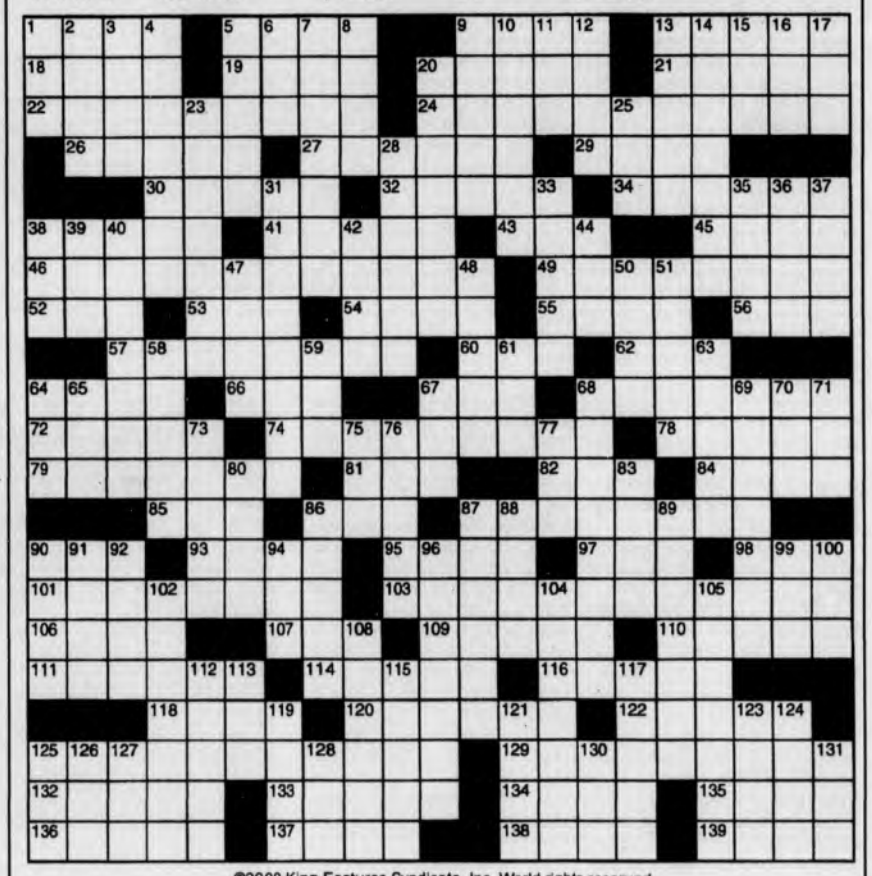
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BORN THIS WEEK: Holding fast to your principles, no matter what, inspires others to follow your example.

Crossword - Tea Party

ACROSS
1 Clean the decks
5 "Portnoy's Complaint" author
9 "Woe is me!"
13 Strength
18 — Krishna
19 Neutral tone
20 Manifest
21 Pointless
22 What the Three Stooges drank
24 What Yo-Yo Ma drank
26 — pole
27 "American Pie" singer
29 Overshoe
30 Range rope
32 Synthetic fiber
34 Brahman or lama
38 Broadway backer
41 Vulgar
43 He may woo ewe
45 Concerning
46 What Sasquatch drank
49 What Queen Victoria drank
52 Oklahoma city
53 Bull in a china shop
54 Exploit
55 Crucifix
56 "Howards —" ('92 film)
57 Had a hunch
60 Nonclerical
62 Assumed mane?
64 German chemist Otto
66 Hound or hamster
67 Forbid
68 Outtake
72 On the ball
74 What F. Lee Bailey drank
78 Billow
79 Longed for
81 Address abbr.
82 Exist
84 Tragic fate
85 What's between Serena and Martina
86 Bat wood
87 — clover
90 Paddle
93 Siren
95 Steel support
97 Myriads of moons
98 — Jima
101 What Isaac Newton drank
103 What Martha Stewart drank
106 Reside
107 Eyebrow shape
109 The sky, at times?
110 Beginning
111 Bright inventor?
114 Make Fido fetch
116 Starts a lawn
118 Banyan or baobab
120 Refer (to)
122 — point
125 What Lech Walesa drank
129 What Gregor Mendel drank
132 Saying
133 Take the reins
134 Pennsylvania port
135 Atty.-to-be's ordeal
136 Steven of "Wings"
137 Guam, for one: abbr.
138 Horned vipers
139 Actress Veronica

DOWN
1 "Quiet!"
2 Stick around
3 Singer Guthrie
4 '60s phenomenon
5 French city
6 "Fall back" mo.
7 Aftershocks
8 Former Cong. group
9 For the birds
10 Loewe's lyricist
11 — deco
12 Pencil piece
13 Sun screen
14 First
15 Gangster's gun
16 TV's "— Step Beyond"
17 Singer Chris
20 Supervise
23 Property professional
25 "Alley —"
28 Endured
31 Paul of "A Man for All Seasons"
33 Storch or King
35 Punta del —
36 Actress Anna
37 Warty one
38 Flock o' docs
39 Wordless greeting
40 Grinds
42 — -de-camp
44 Herd word
47 Interstate exit
48 Dwight's competitor
50 Cry of distress
51 "Later, Luis!"
58 Remove a brooch
59 Sault — Marie, MI
61 Pangolin's morsel
63 Dutch export
64 Possessed
65 Citrus cooler
67 Deli choice
68 Kind of clasp
69 Makes money
70 — trip
71 Sleep stage
73 Roman fountain
75 Helium or hydrogen
76 Plant pest
77 — Claire, WI
80 "L'—, c'est moi"
83 Wells creatures
86 In pieces
87 Feast's alternative
88 City near Provo
89 Produced a cryptogram
90 Eye amorously
91 Parched
92 Sitarist Shankar
94 "Cry — River" ('55 song)
96 "El Libertador"
99 Elfin
100 — bran
102 Trace
104 Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy
105 Teach
108 Kilauea, for one
112 Court cry
113 Teachers' org.
115 "Doe, —, a female . . ."
117 Rapiers
119 Formerly, formerly
121 Perlman of "Cheers"
123 "— Heartache" ('78 hit)
124 Shipbuilding wood
125 Shorten a slat
126 Horatian creation
127 Research site
128 Ideologue's suffix
130 Tear
131 Demolished dessert



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Sudoku

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		6	8	2			1	
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		9			1			4
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Magic Maze - Unsuccessfully ran for U.S. Vice President

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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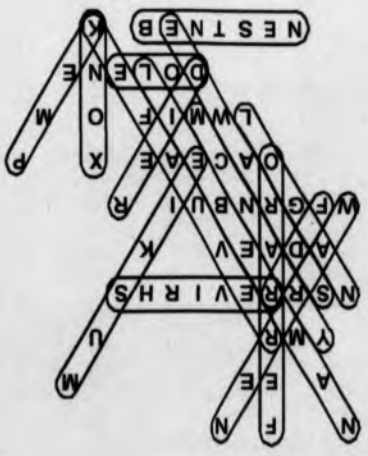
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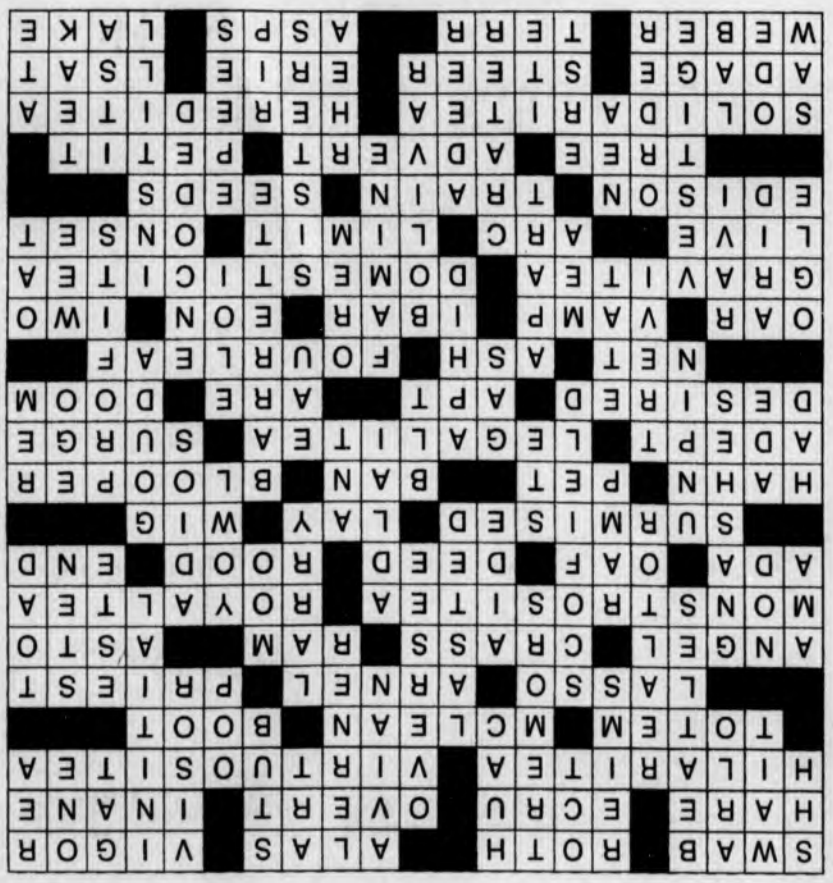
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Crossword Solution - Tea Party



Sudoku Solution

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8	7	2	6	9	3	5	1	4

POLICE/FIRE LOG

MONDAY, OCT. 13

12:36 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:38 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:38 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:57 a.m. **Schofield Rd.**, animal complaint, 911 caller states "a dog has been barking for at least 1 hour." The dog is "somewhere" between Schofield Road and King Street. The dogs are at King Street, no one home at the residence.

6:29 a.m. **Border St.**, noise complaint, caller states "this is the sixth time he has called about the trash pick-up at the restaurant." Caller states "send Johnny down." Ongoing problem.

7:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:05 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. Scituate reports having vehicle stopped in front of the CVS Plaza in the town. Units enroute. Officers off with Scituate units. Sgt. requesting a tow truck for vehicle. Bail commissioner notified and orders prisoner held on $10,000 cash bail. Arrest: Leslie R. Briody, 48, 38 Lincoln Park,, Scituate. Charges: OUI of liquor (2nd offense), operating motor vehicle with licenses suspended for OUI.

4:54 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, vehicle stored/impounded. Delayed entry: Officer requests tow company to respond.

6:35 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:51 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, investigation, caller reports she can see a light flashing from outside of her home that looks to be a house alarm. House is located on Nichols Road. Dispatch has not been notified by any alarm company. Officer reports area search negative.

TUESDAY, OCT. 14

6:36 a.m. **Gammons Rd.**, assist citizen, 911 caller "wanted the CPD." Caller hung up and called back on the business line.

6:44 a.m. **Mann Lot Rd.**, Scituate, motor vehicle stop, out with motor vehicle involved in an incident on 10/12. Male party was away for the weekend and just got the message. He will be resolving the matter later in the day.

6:45 a.m. **Beach St.**, assist citizen, caller states "there is a light flashing across Little Harbor, possibly on Gammons Road." The light is coming from a piece of construction equipment.

8:23 a.m. **Elm St.**, prisoner transport, officer transporting female prisoner to QDC.

10:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

11:10 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:58 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports her son is away and there is a vehicle parked on his front lawn that doesn't belong there. Male parties are hydroseeding in the backyard, no problems.

1:51 p.m. **Dolan Lane**, fire, brush, caller reports she was walking her dog at this location and spotted fire burning in the woods. Caller will stand by for Fire Dept.

4:07 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, hazard (traffic), caller reports there is a broken down bus on Lamberts Lane. Bus moved to side of road.

4:42 p.m. **Sohier St.**, animal complaint, lost yellow Lab.

6:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller reports something hit her windshield while driving on 3A and there is a strange liquid all over the windshield. Caller is parked in Stop & Shop parking lot and would like to see an officer. Officer reports there is no damage, something must have kicked up out of the road while driving and sprayed on the windshield.

9:13 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15

12:38 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1238 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

8:09 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism report, caller reports her vehicle had a pumpkin thrown at it last night and the windshield smashed.

9:46 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, notification, caller just wanted it logged that 4 of her 7 pumpkins were stolen last night, she does not want to see an officer.

10:56 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

11:09 a.m. **Forest Ave. and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:22 p.m. **Gammons Rd.**, larceny, caller reports tools missing from his residence.

12:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports she was just involved in a motor vehicle crash.

2:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Scituate PD reports erratic operation of a motor vehicle heading 3A northbound. Scituate PD reports vehicle is parked in front of Curtis Liquors at this time. Vehicle not in the area at this time.

2:21 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party into station with two other males stating that he was actually the operator of the vehicle in the accident.

2:55 p.m. **Highland Ave., and Beach St.**, fire, investigation, detail officer reports the construction crew has struck a major water main at this location. Rep from the Water Dept. is requesting Fire Department to the scene. National Grid Gas also on the scene. They are condition red for any mutual aid fire and medical responses at this time due to serous water main break.

3:38 p.m. **King St., and Lily Pond Lane**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:07 p.m. **Elm St.**, property (recovered), walk in party reports his kids found a bicycle in the woods.

5:55 p.m. **Elm St.**, well being check, caller reports he has been trying to call his mother all day and cannot reach her, he states he knows that she is home and would like someone to check on her. Officer reports the resident is fine, her phone has been off the hook.

6:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

7:53 p.m. **Howes Lane**, officer wanted, caller reports he lives in the Whitney Woods at the above address and has seen four people on bicycles riding through the woods and does not think it is safe at this time of night. Officer reports nothing showing in the area.

THURSDAY, OCT. 16

1:02 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:03 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

9:37 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10:59 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports a minor motor vehicle accident, no injuries, would like an officer present while exchanging papers, damage under $1000, no police report required, accident happened in the parking lot.

1:53 p.m. **Black Rock Rd.**, suspicious activity, female would like an officer to check her house with her, there is a window open that she doesn't remember leaving open. No problems, window was left open by accident.

6:07 p.m. **South Main St.**, parking complaint, store clerk states there is no parking in front of the store, parking is 30 minutes or less. Officer states there is a night out in the village, all merchants and shops are having open houses from 5-9 p.m.

8:46 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle crash, delayed entry: 911 caller reports they heard a loud sound like a car was just hit. 911 caller reports their vehicle was just hit out in front of their home.

FRIDAY, OCT. 17

12:53 a.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, public service.

12:57 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service.

1:01 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door/window, officer reports everything appears in order – front door secured.

1:17 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:18 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:02 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

9:49 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle violations, officer reports this vehicle is blocking a fire hydrant and he cannot find the owner, a call was made to the residence, no answer. Officer reports owner arrived as well as tow truck, citation has been issued, officer spoke with the tow driver.

10:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:29 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

12:52 p.m. **Sohier St.**, animal complaint, caller reports dogs are interfering with a gym class.

3:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Scituate Police reports a red Ford Explorer on 3A headed towards Cohasset with a male and female arguing inside the vehicle. Officer reports nothing showing on 3A.

5:30 p.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, property (recovered), walk in party reports she found a credit card in the parking lot of above location, Lt. made contact with credit card company – they will contact card holder.

6:48 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports a motor vehicle accident, officer requesting 2 wreckers.

7:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports there is a white ramp truck – passing everyone – just turned on 3A.

8:32 p.m. **Stockbridge St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports there is a vehicle parked in the middle of the road – no one around it. Officer reports area has been checked – nothing found.

10:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports there is a vehicle that pulled behind the above location – vehicle has turned lights off. Officer reports vehicle checkout out.

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

1:50 a.m. 209A violation. A 32-year-old Scituate man arrested on charges: Violating an abuse prevention order.

9 a.m. **Spring St., and Pond St.**, well being check, caller reports a male party lying in the woods at this location. All units clear, male party has been turned over to his girlfriend's custody.

9:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

9:55 a.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, walk in party reports a seagull standing in the middle of the road appears to be injured. Officer reports the seagull has a broken wing and cannot fly. ACO notified.

11:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

3:09 p.m. **Summer St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:24 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:34 p.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:46 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, suspicious person, caller reports there is a male sitting inside vehicle – green Explorer. Caller will be standing by waiting for officer to arrive. Officer checked male out – he is very upset – just left a funeral – refusing medical.

4:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:15 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:02 p.m. **King St.**, property (lost), caller reports her signs have been taken down or are missing – they were located in different areas of town.

8:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop. Arrest: Peter S. Young, 43, 58 Cranberry Rd., Carver. Charges: Forging/misuse of inspection sticker RMV document, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, attaching plates, WMS warrant.

POLICE/FIRE TERMS

ACO -Animal Control Officer

ALS - Transport, Ambulance Transporting - Advanced Life Support (High level of care with paramedics administering drugs)

BLS Transport - Ambulance Transporting, Basic Life Support (Usually not life threatening)

BOLO - Be On the Look Out

BT - Breath Test (having to do with liquor offenses)

CID - Criminal Investigation Division (Cohasset Detectives)

D/K - Drunk

E1 - E4 - Cohasset Fire Engines

GOA- Gone on Arrival

HQ - Headquarters

Juvenile -Person under the age of 17

L1 - Cohasset Fire Ladder Truck

LEAPS/NCIC - Police Computer System (National)

ME - Medical Examiner

M/V - Motor Vehicle

OIC - Officer in Charge

OUI - Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)

PC - Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody - not a criminal charge)

PI - Personal Injury

PT - Patient

QMC - Quincy Medical Center

R3 - Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)

RMV -Registry of Motor Vehicles

RO - Restraining Order

S/P - Suspicious Person

SSH - South Shore Hospital

WMS - Warrant Management System (Name for Massachusetts computer system that holds arrest warrants)

BUSINESS NOTES

Browne joins NAIOP Massachusetts

NAIOP Massachusetts announced recently that Melissa J. Browne has joined the chapter's staff as chief operating officer, responsible for overseeing all chapter operations including membership, marketing and programming, as well as chapter administration. She replaces outgoing chief operating officer Fran Shifman.

Formerly a senior vice president, partner and the director of marketing and research at Colliers Meredith & Grew, Browne has long been a member of NAIOP, working closely with NAIOP staff on several events and programs including serving as co-chairwoman of NAIOP's 2006 Bus Tour. With more than 25 years of experience working and volunteering in the commercial real estate industry, Browne brings with her a wealth of skills, including marketing, event planning and volunteer management, all of which have prepared her for the role of an association chief operating officer.

At Colliers Meredith & Grew, she directed an eight-person team responsible for all marketing, advertising, communications, public relations and research. Prior to joining CMG in 2004, Browne was chief marketing officer and managing director for Holliday Fenoglio Fowler LP, having joined HFF from its parent, Lend Lease Real Estate Investments Inc., where she was a principal and head of the client services group. Prior to joining Lend Lease, she was a vice president of client service at AEW Capital Management, and director of client service and regional vice president for The Boston Company Real Estate Counsel.

Browne graduated from Milton Academy and Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and was awarded a CPM designation in 1985 from the Institute of Real Estate Management in Chicago. She is a director of Pilgrim Bank, The Hingham Group and The Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund, as well as president of the Cohasset Golf Club. She and her husband live in Cohasset,

For more information on NAIOP, visit the Web site at naiopma.org.

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The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Route 18, Weymouth. Exhibit of the paintings of Dianne Panarelli Miller through Oct. 31. Miller paints a variety of subjects in oil paintings with brilliant, glowing colors: landscapes, Boston and South Shore landmarks, floral still life designs, portraits, and sights from an annual Bermuda trip. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For evening appointments, call 781-331-3384. Preview gallery's artists online at www.dickinsonartgallery.com.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Oct. 23

Landowners: Get information from *MassWildlife* about receiving financial and technical assistance to manage your land at 6 p.m. Oct. 23. This free event will be hosted by Mass Audubon at North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield,

Annual Harvest Supper and Auction at the Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St., Cohasset Oct. 23. The first 100 people will be seated on a first come basis. Call the church and order reservations on the voice mail at 781-383-0808. Seating begins at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, which will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is $9 for adults and $4.50 for children.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Satuit Camp 3188 is having its next meeting at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 at Grand Army Hall, 353 Country Way in Scituate. The Sons of Unions Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a patriotic and educational organization. Membership is open to males, ages 14 and older, who are direct descendants of a solider, sailor, or Marine who served during the Civil War. Junior and associate memberships are also available. The camp will help prospective members with the paperwork to determine eligibility. Members do not have to be Scituate residents. Information: Conley Ford at cfordcon@comcast.net or call 781-545-0054.

Osher Life Long Learning Institute at UMASS-Boston and the Hingham Public Library will present free "brown bag" seminars Session one: **What it takes to be Happy When You Retire** Oct. 23 at 11:30 a.m. **Dr. Bill Roiter,** a psychologist, is the program presenter. The library is located at 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. 781-741-1405, ext. 2600. www.hinghamlibrary.org

Free college financial aid night hosted by College Planning Group, Inc. at 7 p.m., Oct. 23, at the Knight's of Columbus Hall, 48 Schoosett St., in Pembroke. This workshop is free and open to the public. To reserve your seat, call 781-828-1114 or register online at thecollegeplanninggroup.com

The Paul Pratt Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, professional genealogist **Michael Brophy** will deliver his lecture **Basic Genealogy and Family History Part two** Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. All are welcome. 781-383-1348.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, Stump Team Trivia at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Oct. 23, **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Oct. 23, **Sokinwet Blues Band blues jam.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue



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Center for the Arts, 24 West St, Norwell, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. On the program are works by Rachmaninoff, Debussy, Chopin and Samuel Barber. Tickets available in advance by calling 781-659-7100 and at the door. $20/$18 senior/$10 student. www.jameslibrary.org

Jonathan Bass

A new take on '42nd Street'

Easton's Todd Lattimore leads the cast at North Shore Music Theatre

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

When the star of the show-within-the-show in the classic backstage musical "42nd Street" suffers an injury, a young performer is plucked from the chorus to take the lead. During his close to four years on Broadway in the 2001 Tony-winning revival of "42nd Street," Todd Lattimore put his dancing feet to good use in the ensemble, and, in a case of art imitating life, he even replaced the young male lead a few times, although no broken ankles were involved.

"In addition to being in the chorus, I understudied the role of Billy Lawlor," said Lattimore last week, during a rehearsal break from the upcoming North Shore Music Theatre (NSMT) production of "42nd Street" in Beverly. "And I got to play the role opposite Christine Ebersole (Tony Winner for Best Actress in a Musical for her portrayal of Dorothy Brock), and her replacements Shirley Jones and Beth Leavell."

An Easton resident, Lattimore will be spending the next month in Beverly, where he will take on the role of leading tenor Billy Lawlor full-time. It will be the performer's third time in the Harry Warren and Al Dubin musical, based on a novel by Bradford Ropes and the subsequent 1933 feature film of the same name.

David Merrick's original 1980 Broadway production, directed by the legendary Gower Champion and featuring a book by Michael Stewart and Mark Bramble, ran for 3,486 performances, and won five Tony Awards including Best Musical with a score that includes "You're Getting to Be a Habit with Me," "We're in the Money," "I Only Have Eyes for You," "The Lullaby of Broadway," and, of course, the title song.

"I did this show at the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse in my hometown of Auburn, N.Y., when I was still in high school and then, of course, on Broadway. To be honest, NSMT called me twice to come in and read for the show and I said no both times. I was just too busy. I had 'No, No Nanette' at New York's City Center in May and 'My One and Only' at The Muny in St. Louis in July, and I had been approached about doing the Detroit production of Irving Berlin's "White Christmas,' which I had done at the Wang Theatre in Boston in 2005 and 2007."



PHOTO BY PAUL LYDEN

Melissa Lone as Peggy Sawyer and Todd Lattimore as Billy Lawlor in "42nd Street" at North Shore Music Theatre, Oct. 28 through Nov. 23.

After taking time to consider all his options, Lattimore, 32, finally decided the time was right to once again lace up his tap shoes.

"I didn't really want to spend Christmas in Detroit, so when NSMT called me for the third time about Billy Lawlor, I went to New York to audition and I got the part. The choreographer for this production, Michael Lichtefeld, knew I had done this show before, so the thing he said to me was, 'Forget what you already know. What we're going to do is all new.'



Todd Lattimore

"I was very glad to hear him say that, because I knew it would keep me thinking and keep my work fresh. When you understudy someone else, you have to do what has already been set up by the other person because that is what the others are expecting. At NSMT, the role is all mine."

And so are the challenges of performing in NSMT's space.

"Doing a tap show in theater-in-the-round means the audience gets a 360 degree of everything that happens. It also means there is no chance for upstage breathers when you're not on, because you're always on. Everything is sort of 3-D, but it is also a very intimate space, which is really cool and very interesting. What's also really cool is that we're wearing the revival costumes that Roger Kirk designed and which I wore for the first time on Broadway. They're absolutely beautiful."

A 1998 graduate of the Boston Conservatory, Lattimore has worked extensively in theater, but also kept a hand in other things. For several years, he owned and operated a retail store, The Lily Pad, in Mashpee and more recently was with Marc by Marc Jacobs on Newbury Street in Boston. He and husband Brian Merrill, a creative director with the TJX Companies in Framingham, make their home in a former Swedish Lutheran church turned Masonic Temple that the pair renovated in 2005. Lattimore and Merrill recently decided to sell the house and are looking at relocating to Boston. In the meantime, Lattimore couldn't be happier with his current assignment.

"For me, tap dancing is like a perfect summer day. Just putting on my tap shoes brings a huge smile to my face. I've been tap dancing since I was 4 years old and I hope to be able to do it until I'm 92."

The North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, will present "42nd Street" from Oct. 2 to Nov. 23. For tickets and information, visit

Friday, Oct. 24

The North River Arts Society presents its **Fourth annual Art Calendar Competition and Exhibit** Oct. 22 to Nov. 2, at the G.A.R. Hall Gallery 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills, A gala opening reception will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Oct. 24. The 2010 calendar awards announced at 8:30 p.m. $10 per person. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Information: 781-837-8091 or northriverarts.org

StoryTime Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Join us as Sue reads age appropriate stories Friday mornings from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age, along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Curves of Hingham, 211 Lincoln St., Hingham – **Girls Night out,** featuring the music of Olivia Newton-John on video. Event is to raise awareness of breast cancer and early detection by using Liv-Aid tool. Activities include chiropractic tips, yoga demonstration, massage therapist and facial skin care. 781-749-8090.

Comedy Show at The Sons of Italy Hall @ 120 Quarry St., in Quincy, 8:30 p.m. Oct. 24, featuring **The Wild Man of Comedy Kevin Knox** other comics include **Alicia Love, Tim Grassey, Rick Fingerman, Annette, Bigg Nez. Hosted by Bill Farrell.** Tickets call 781-843-4833. www.myspace.com/annettepollack or www.quincysoi.com

Author Amy MacKinnon of Marshfield will discuss/sign her thriller: **Tethered** at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. 781-545-5011 or visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Friday Night Practice Parties offered by **South Shore Dancers** at the First Parish Church Hall, 24 River St., from 8 to 11 p.m. in Norwell every Friday through June 12, 2009. Recorded music with printed program. Casual, friendly environment. Cost is $7. Information: call Tom at 781 659-4703 or visit SouthShore Dancers.org.

Satch Romano's New Blue Revue & Blues Jam, Oct. 24. from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Rockland Son's of Italy Lounge at Rockland Golf Course, 276 Plain Street (Rt. 139) no cover. 781-878-5836 http://www.myspace.com/satchsnewbluerevue

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Oct. 24, **Rob Benton** 781-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Oct. 24, **Chain Drive** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Oct. 24 **The Paramounts.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, Oct. 25

Annual Craft Fair at High Pond Estates, 104 Pond St., Bridgewater from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 25. Rain or shine at the Community Center at High Pond Circle. Free and open to the public.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Oct. 25, **Deepwater Blues** 781-849-7007.

CALENDAR, see next page

Mark your calendar

FIRST ANNUAL ANGEL FAIR AND MASQUERADE PARTY Nov. 1 from 8 to 11p.m. at the Sons of Italy in Hingham, Route. 3A featuring South Shore's gifted angel readers, mediums and astrologers. Tickets: $50 includes a 15 minute reading. Music and Panera Bread sandwiches included. Cash Bar. 781-834-2728 or e-mail mmamet@verizon.net or visit healthylivingvideo.com to register.

ATLANTIC SYMPHONY'S OPENING NIGHT Nov. 1 at Duxbury's Performing Arts Center celebrates national treasures and the American spirit, just three days before the election. Jin Kim conducts the 60-piece orchestra in Gershwin's *An American in Paris,* Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man* and Dvorak's Symphony No. 6. Plus, in Copland's *Lincoln Portrait,* hear Abraham Lincoln's stirring words brought to life by Anthony Everett, the host of WCVB's Chronicle. For information, visit www.atlanticsymphony.org, or call 781-740-5694.

NO STRESS ALLOWED PLANS WOMEN'S GETAWAY, Nov. 7, through Sunday, Nov. 9, at Best Western Cold Spring, 188 Court St., Plymouth; includes two nights of deluxe accommodations, breakfast daily, one luncheon and dinner, daily yoga class, dance instruction, guided meditation, movie night, main workshop, additional workshops and time to relax. Guest speaker is Monique Morimoto Flaherty, a noted speaker, author and certified spiritual life and business coach, Email Monique at mmf@soulworkscoaching.com or Deb at forferns@aol.com visit http://book.bestwestern.com/packages/packageDetails.do.

BENEFIT FOR HANNAH LEBLANC The family and friends of the LeBlanc Family are hosting a benefit from 7 p.m. to midnight Nov. 8 at the Abington VFW, 30 Central St. All South Shore residents are invited to attend this night of live music, food and raffles. Three-year-old Hannah, was diagnosed with A.L.L. (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia). The cost is$10 per person. For information call 781-524-1015.

Reunions

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973 – 35th Reunion Nov. 1, at the Plymouth Radisson Hotel, Plymouth. Information: www.bhs73.com or email Cherie (Woolf) Riley at cherie@bhs73.com

PLYMOUTH-CARVER HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1968 – 40th reunion Nov. 1, at the Beachmoor Inn on Buzzards Bay. Volunteers call Linda Souza at 508-746-8333, or Linda Luce at 508-224-4352, or Marilyn Colburn at 508-224-3668, or Cathy Pratt at 508-746-4036.

WEYMOUTH NORTH HIGH CLASS OF 1978 – The Weymouth North Class of 1978 30th reunion will be held at the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth Harbor Nov. 28, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. For updated information go to classmates.com. RSVP Jen Palmer Morse at:Jmorse2@its.jnj.com

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1978 – 30th reunion at The Salon at Tosca Nov. 15, 7 to 11 p.m. Information: Jennifer Lubrano Clayton at 781-749-6645 or Terry Dwyer Hurley at 781-749-2620.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1983 – 25th class reunion, Nov 22, 7 p.m. at the Greatest Bar Boston (across from the Garden) e-mail for more info at bhsc1983@beld.net

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2003 – five-year reunion. Nov. 26, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the American Legion, Cohasset Harbor. Info contact Curt Kahn — curt.kahn@gmail.com

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1978 30th Reunion will be held on Friday, Nov. 28, at the Quincy Marriott, Quincy at 7 p.m. Tickets $55 per person. Invitations have been mailed so if you have not received an invitation, contact Jill (Whitten) Coyle at 781-843-3275 or thejcoyles@verizon.net For further information visit www.braintreehigh.com and click on "1978."

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAMS GRAND REUNION for classes ending in three and eight, Nov.29 at 7 p.m. at the High School. E-mail TCahill@AWHS.org or call the Alumni Office at 781-535-6486.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1988 – 20th reunion *Atlantica Restaurant,* Cohasset Harbor. Nov. 29, 7 to 11 p.m. Cost: $50 per person. Checks payable: to HHS Class of 1988.Mail to 66 Presidential Circle, Marshfield, MA 02050.

BLUE HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – Class of 1983, 25th reunion, Nov. 29, at Lombardo's in Randolph, at 7 p.m. Add your information to www.bhr.1983.com searching for fellow classmates. Cost: $50 for one or $90 per couple. Checks made payable to the Class of 1983 should be mailed to Michelle DiTullio, 75 Foundry St. Unit 28, Easton, MA. 02375-Money must be received by Nov. 6.

ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2003 – Fifth year reunion, Nov. 29, 8 p.m. at the Rattlesnake Bar & Grill, 2nd Floor, 384 Boylston St., Boston - Cost: $10 for AHS members, $20 for guests - AHSCLASS03@gmail.com, Nicole Paragona, Brendan Kelliher, Erin Smyth and Stacey Cobban.

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1988 – 20th reunion, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m., Papa-Razzi Loft, Hanover. $15 per person, $25 per couple, send checks to Scott Crowley by Nov. 15, 111 Hillside Drive, Hanover, MA 02339. Pay after the 15th or at the door $25 per person, $40 per couple. Info including the evite contact Joe Cristina, 508-523-8093 or joecri@comcast.net

ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1987 – 20th reunion Nov. 29 from 7:30 to midnight. at the Holiday Inn, 195 Westgate Drive, Brockton. Cost per person is $45 and overnight rooms at the Holiday Inn are available. RSVP by Nov.15 to Beth Scherer, 495 Westgate Drive, Brockton, MA, 02301. E-mail *RHSClassof1987@gmail.com* with any questions, updated contact info, or information on missing classmates.

THE PLYMOUTH-CARVER CLASS OF 1988 – 25th year reunion. The reunion committee is actively searching for the addresses of classmates. Contact Linda Flattery at 508-747-5277, ext.230, or LFlattery@Hanover.com and leave your name and phone number/e-mail to update the class list and for more information about the event. Looking for all members and the committee wants to hear from you.

Send your reunion listings to ddinsmore@cnc.com or fax 781-837-4540 Attention Dorothy Dinsmore.

TOWN COMMONS

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Mark Verselli

Opening for Verselli will be singer Angela K, recently named "Southeastern Massachusetts Singer of the Year." Dinner, 7 p.m.; show, 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $45 for dinner and show. Free parking, handicapped accessible. To reserve, call QDT Productions, 781-843-5862.

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Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Friday, **karaoke with Ed.** 781-337-9905.

Corn Maze – Sauchuk Farm, Plympton. 234 Center St., (off Route 58) Plympton through Oct. 26. Activities include hayride to the pumpkin patch, face painting, cow train, corn box, goat walk. Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday school groups only. Last admission 5 p.m. Adults and teenagers (13 and up) $8; children (4-12) $6; Toddlers (3 and under) free. 781-585-1522 sauchukfarm.net

Free Homebuyer Seminar, to be held at Hingham Public Library Oct. 25 and Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., The seminar is free. Register by calling 781-749-2200.

12th Annual Joshua's Run and introducing the first annual Andrea's Apres Art Auction, event proceeds to benefit the Andrea Gaziano Memorial Fund within The Jimmy Fund. Race and Auction to be held on Oct. 25, at St. Mary of the Nativity Parish Center, 1 Kent St., Scituate. Race applications for the 5 Mile Cliff Challenge, 2 Mile Fun Fun/Walk and Kid's Fun Run can be downloaded at www.joshuasrun.com.

The South Shore Model Railway Club Fall Show & Open House will, Oct. 25 and 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The club is located in Building 51, Bare Cove Park. In addition to the club's operating layout, there will be over 40 dealer tables, a "White Elephant Table" and demonstrations of model railroad construction. Admission is $4 for Adults, $2 Senior's (65+), Children (6-12, with an adult) $2. 781-740-2000 Directions are on the web at www.ssmrc.org

The Wizard of Oz opens at Sanborn Auditorium of Hingham Town Hall, 213 Central St., Hingham, at 7:30 p.m. It's the world's most beloved movie musical, brought to the stage in a delightful version with Savanna Norris as Dorothy and Joel Leonard as the Wizard. Tickets and information: 781-837-1499 or at hcmtstagemomma@comcast.net. The website is hcmt.org. For six performances the weekends of Oct. 17-19 and Oct. 25-26, general admission is $18 and seniors/studnets are $15. Group rates are available.

The Great Imposter Show, Oct. 25, South Shore Stars Dinner Theater, Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Comic impressionist **Mark Verselli,** straight from Vegas, with a cast of over 100 characters including Ray Charles, George Burns, Frank Sinatra and the entire Rat Pack, Willie Nelson and Kermit the Frog. Opening for Verselli will be singer **Angela K,** recently named "Southeastern Massachusetts Singer of the Year." Dinner, 7 p.m.; show, 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $45 for dinner and show. Free parking, handicapped accessible. To reserve, call QDT Productions, 781-843-5862.

Celebrate The New England Wildlife Center's 25th Birthday from 1 to 8 p.m. Oct. 25. The Center is located at 500 Columbian St., South Weymouth. Tickets are $10 per person pre-purchase beginning Oct. 1, by calling Kelly at 781 682 4878 x121 or Libby at x119. Tickets can be purchased the day of the event. $10 per person. Visit Newildlife.com for information on all the day's activities.

North Weymouth Civic Association – Meat Raffle every Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Cathay Center Restaurant, 211 Bridge St., Route 3A, North Weymouth.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Oct. 25, **Radio for the Blind** 781-829-6999.

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Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Saturday, **Tony Perez** 781-337-9905.

Sunday, Oct. 26

The Candlelight Concert series at Hingham's historic Old Ship Church opens its 35th eason of concerts with a free production of drama, music, and dance by the Revels Repertory Company at 4 p.m. Oct. 26, in the meetinghouse. The program titled 'Harvest Home,' features 40 costumed actors and singers performing harvest stories, hymns, anthems, and dances. Directions are available from the church office during business hours at 781-749-1679, or online at www.oldshipchurch.org. Call 781-749-1067 for large group reservations.

A Pancake Breakfast to benefit South Shore Habitat for Humanity will take place from 8 to 10 a.m. Oct. 26, (before worship service) at Church Hill United Methodist Church, Norwell. Pancakes, sausage, fruit, muffins, coffee, and juice (with milk for the children) will be served. Suggested donation is $5 for adults, $4 for children. Church Hill UMC is located at the corner of River and Church Streets in Norwell - fellowship hall is in back. Information: 781-826-4763.

The Hingham Public Library is proud to present a special performance by the **Aurora Borealis Duo.** The Duo is a NYC based ensemble featuring soprano, **Tiffany Du Mouchelle** and percussionist, **Stephen Solook**, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. Free and open to the public. This concert is a family-friendly event that adults and children alike are sure to enjoy. For information call Peter Thornell 781-741-1405 x2609.

Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield – **John Demos** will be at the House to discuss and sign copies of his newest book, **The Enemy Within: 2000 years of Witch-Hunting in the Western World,** Oct. 26, at 7 pm, Tickets are $ 10 for non-members and $8 for members. Copies of the book will be on hand and light refreshments will be served. Reservations can be made by calling 781-837-5753 or by logging onto the www.winslowhouse .org.

The Theater of Relativity brings their Boston production of Silly Einstein I to Marshfield and the new Zone Theater at 822 Webster St at Webster Place under the big red Z. With Marshfield's own Larry Loveridge, plus Jason Taylor, Michele Markarian, and Leslie Boisset-Dell'Elce **Silly Einstein** is playing Sundays Oct 26, Nov 2, and Nov 9 at 1 p.m. for a limited engagement. Tickets are $8 for kids $12 for adults. For reservations call 1-781-834-9161 x3 or email SillyEinstein @dancenfool.ws.

A Festival of Fun and Fashion by the Island Grove Chorus, a women's acappella chorus, will sponsor This show will feature the fashions of the Dress Barn and music of the chorus including Broadway Show tunes, old standards and all the songs you love. Sunday,Oct.26 at 2 p.m. at the Viking Club on Quincy Ave. in Braintree. Cash bar and raffles. Tickets are $15 and are available by calling Judy at 781-848-5843.

Sunday Concert at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, Oct. 26, at 3 p.m. featuring **Mark Goodman**, piano, and **Phil Rush,** viola, will perform music of Schubert, Toro Takemitsu, Ravel and George Rochberg. Free and open to the public. 781-413-1327.

Pianist Jonathan Bass will perform a piano concert at The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St, Norwell, **Oct. 26 at 3 p.m.** On the program are works by Rachmaninoff, Debussy, Chopin and Samuel Barber. Tickets available in advance by calling 781-659-7100 and at the door. $20/$18 senior/$10 student. www.jameslibrary.org

Monday, Oct. 27

Kennedy Library Forums presents **The President and the Arts** Oct. 27, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. **Dana Gioia**, chair of the National Endowment for the Arts, and **Sven Birkerts** will moderate. Free and open to the public. To make reservations call 617-514-1643 or call jfklibrary.org.

North River Arts Society presents an exhibit of pastels by **Christine Bodnar and Susan Rogers** at the Ventress Gallery. at the Ventress Public Library, Marshfield Center. The exhibit runs *through Nov. 21.* Open: Monday to Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Sunday

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,700 South Shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Information: call Peggy Loud, 781-659-1857 or email Cheryl Pimental NBNorwellMA@aol.com



Bill Farrell Tim Grassey Kevin Knox

Comedy Show at The Sons of Italy Hall, 120 Quarry St., in Quincy, 8:30 p.m. Oct. 24, featuring The Wild Man of Comedy Kevin Knox other comics include Alicia Love, Tim Grassey, Rick Fingerman, Annette, Bigg Nez. Hosted by Bill Farrell. Tickets call 781-843-4833. www.myspace.com/annettepollack or www.quincysol.com

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Tuesday, Oct. 28

Oktoberfest – The Red Lion Inn 1704 of Cohasset 71 S Main St., Cohasset. Oktoberfest will be celebrated offering authentic German Specialties and German beers. The Oktoberfest celebration will run through Oct. 29. This is a standing celebration featuring, German beer and food tastings. Dance to the Ompapa Band - **The Jolly Kopperschmidts** Band tunes in true German fashion. Call to reserve your space. Information: redlioninn1704@aol.com www.redlioninn1704.com 781-383-1704

South Shore Men of Harmony invite men of good character who love to sing but do not necessarily read music to come to a weekly meeting. The acapella barbershop chorus rehearses every Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 pm. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. Call Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-7464.

Island Grove Chorus, a women's acappella singing group, meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Abington. Call 781-848-5843 for information.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Route 18, Weymouth. Exhibit of the paintings of **Dianne Panarelli Miller** through Oct. 31. Miller paints a variety of subjects in oil paintings with brilliant, glowing colors: landscapes, Boston and South Shore landmarks, floral still life designs, portraits, and sights from an annual Bermuda trip. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For evening appointments, call 781-331-3384. Preview gallery's artists online at www.dickinsonartgallery .com.

Free Homebuyer Seminar by Mont Vernon Mortgage, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. Hearth & Kettle, 151 Main St., Weymouth. Call 781-337-2432x16 to pre-register. MtVernonMortgage.com/events

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, every Wednesday is **Country Music Night with DJ Pat Lally**. 781-829-6999.

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. Wednesdays, Oct. 29. **Drift Away** featuring **J Place** singing and playing harmonica, together with **John Litwin** on the drums, and **Joe Micarelli** on the piano, every Wednesday Night (7:30 to 11 p.m.) at 781-925-1115 www.theredparrot.com

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Thursday, Oct. 30

New Day Bereavement Group, in the rectory of St. Christine's Church, 1295 Main St., Route 3A, Marshfield. Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. Information: Dotty Gurry at 781-834-6003x18.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Oct. 30, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree every Thursday, Stump Team Trivia at 8:30 p.m. 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Oct. 30, **Blues Gils: Blues jam**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Oct. 31

StoryTime Friday, Oct. 31 from 10 to 10:30 a.m.: Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age, along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or see www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Friday Night Practice Parties offered by **South Shore Dancers** at the First Parish Church Hall, 24 River St., from 8 to 11 p.m. in Norwell every Friday through June 12, 2009. Cost is $7. Information: call Tom at 781 659-4703 or visit SouthShoreDancers.org.

The Red Lion Inn(Upstairs in the main dining room), 71 South Main St., Cohasset, **Spooky Blues Party**, Oct. 31, starting at 8:30 p.m. featuring live music provided by **The J Place Band** no cover charge Costume contest. 781- 383 1704, jplaceband.com

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Oct. 31, **Friends of Harvey** 781-849-7007.

New England Singles Dance Oct. 31, 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. **Halloween Dance and Costume Contest.** Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Sandwich bar. Door prizes. Music from the 70's to the present and requests with New England's top DJ's. Admission $10. singlesdancesnewengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Oct. 31, **Halloween Bash featuring Too Fast Zero**. 781-829-6999.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Friday, **karaoke with Ed.** 781-337-9905.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Oct. 31. **The Mighty HouseRockers: Halloween Blues Bash** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Halloween Happenings

HARBOR HAUNTS – *An Evening of Edward Rowe Snow Ghost Stories* Oct. 24, 7 p.m. $5 non-member adults, $3 members and children. Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, 781-925-5433.

THE 28th ANNUAL BRAINTREE'S HAUNTED HOUSE – Friday and Saturday night, Oct. 24 and 25 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at 10 Plain St., (near Bayshore Athletic Club) in Braintree. Admission is $6 for children and $8 for adults. A "Not So Scary" lights-on night appropriate for younger children will be held on Thursday Oct. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. for $5 All proceeds directly benefit the students of the Highlands and Liberty Elementary Schools. Free childcare is available and pizza, drinks and treats will be sold. Wheelchair accessible. Visit **gpvillage.com/highlandsschool** or **gpvillage.com/liberty** for information.

THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MARSHFIELD'S ANNUAL CLUB HAUNT event. Dress in costume. Club Haunt will be held at the Marshfield Fairgrounds Oct. 24, 25 and 26· Gates open at 6 p.m. Admission is $12 per person and covers all haunted activities. Tickets are available at the Club Haunt entrance. Discounted tickets may be purchased in advance at the Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield, Pre-Game Sports in Webster Square or at The Little Gym in the Christmas Tree Shop plaza. Visit www.marshfieldboysandgirlsclub.com or call 781-834-CLUB (2582).

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FAIR - Cohasset Common, Oct. 26 The annual South Shore Community Center Nursery School Halloween Fair kicks off with its traditional costume parade at 1:45 p.m. around the duck pond. Little ghosts and goblins will want to stay until the fair's end at 4 p.m. to try their hand at enchanting games of skill and luck, slide down giant slides, tackle the obstacle course and ride atop ponies while dressed in full Halloween garb. Tickets for activities and rides can be purchased at the event. 781-383-0036.

HAUNTED PIRATE SHIP ABOARD *MAYFLOWER II* – Oct. 24, and 25, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Experience the transformation from a historic landmark to a haunted pirate ship - with ghostly pirates willing to share their pirate's booty. Don't miss this fright-night with a family-friendly twist—lite fright for little ones. Members: Adults $6; Children (Under 12): $4. Non-members: Adults $8; Children (Under 12) $6. www.plimoth.org

THE HAUNTED SHIP AT THE USS SALEM at the Fore River Shipyard, 739 Washington St., Quincy. Open to the public on weekends starting at 6:30 p.m. This year's event will a two-part attraction with a new haunted house features as well as guided ghost tours conducted by team members from Mass Paranormal. Family Haunt Times on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. 617-479-7900 or hauntedship.com

GHOSTS & GRAVESTONES TOUR departs every night through Oct. 31, at 6, 7, 8 and 9 p.m. from the Old Town Trolley Ticket Center on Atlantic Avenue adjacent to The Marriott Long Wharf Hotel. Reservations (which are encouraged to avoid disappointment) are available by calling 617-269-3626.

HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER, Berwick Boys Foundation, 335 West St. West Bridgewater. REGION 335 open weekends through Oct. 25 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Admission $8. www.berwick.org 508-586-0059.

HALLOWEEN HOWL –Oct. 25, 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell Pumpkin carving, crafts and live animal presentations. Wear a costume (optional) and bring a pumpkin to carve. Limited number of pumpkins for sale. Pre-registration required, children accompanied with an adult. Cost: $12 M/$15 NM per child and includes one trip through Spooky Woods. Suitable for children age 3 and above. Snacks available for sale. Info/ Register 781-659-2559, www.ssnsc.org

SPOOKY WOODS – Oct. 25, 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. Ongoing, guided walks through not-too-scary Halloween scenes in the woods. Bring a flashlight and wear a costume (optional). $5 per person includes one trip through Spooky Woods. With inclement weather, event held inside. Snacks available for sale. Information contact: South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell 781-659-2559 or www.ssnsc.org

HALLOWEEN ON THE HARBOR – on Georges Island, Oct. 25 and Oct. 26, noon to 4 p.m. Admission to fort is Free. Special Ferry Rate: $10 per person, under age 3 ride Free. Park visitors are encouraged to dress the part, in their Halloween finest. Ferries to Georges Island will depart from Long Wharf in Boston, and the Hingham Shipyard, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., with return trips running from Georges 1 to 4 p.m. For reservations and exact departure times visit harborexpress.com or call 617-222-6999. For all other information, visit bostonharborislands.org or call 617-223-8666.

THE HISTORIC 1699 WINSLOW HOUSE, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, in conjunction with the Governor Winslow Elementary School PTO, will be the host to its third annual Halloween Party Oct. 25, from 1 to 3 pm. Children of fifth grade age and younger are encouraged to bring their parents along for a traditional Halloween extravaganza, complete with games and activities, as well as tours of the Winslow House itself. All are invited. Kids will be allowed to do crafts, have fun. Admission is free and each child is encouraged to wear a costume. Also, canned goods will be collected for the Marshfield Food Pantry, so families are requested to bring along a donation as well. www.winslowhouse.org.

AUTHOR JOHN DEMOS at Historic Winslow House – Oct. 26, at 7 pm, the historic 1699 Winslow House, 634 Careswell St., Marshfield, will host a special program particularly appropriate for the Halloween season. Award-winning author and historian John Demos will be at the House to discuss and sign copies of his newest book, "The Enemy Within: 2000 years of Witch-Hunting in the Western World." Tickets are $10 for non-members and $8 for members. Copies of the book will be on hand and light refreshments will be served. Reservations can be made by calling 781-837-5753 or visiting www.winslowhouse.org.

HALLOWEEN 'LORE' TOURS AT DALBY FARM –Experience a different perspective of Dalby Farm in Scituate, as they celebrate the Halloween spirit and share some farm legends and folklore with you during a guided tour of the farm. Tours will be held Oct. 26. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. $4 per person. Call 781-545-4952 to reserve your spot or e-mail at info@dalbyfarm.com.

GHOSTS, GOBLINS AND FAMILY TREES – an adult Halloween program at the Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. Dick Sullivan will blend themes of pagan festivals, human psychology and the occult and speak about the presence of coincidence in everyday life. The lecture is a unique pairing of scary and scholarly topics, with a dose of personal anecdote. Free and open to the public; no tickets are required. Cider and doughnuts will be served. Costumes optional. The library and the program room are handicapped accessible. 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org.

NOT SO SCARY HALLOWEEN PARTY at The Magical Moon Farm, 575 Summer St., Marshfield. Thursday, Oct. 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. Activities include a carved pumpkin contest, hayrides, a haunted barn room, with witches, worlocks and other creatures of the night and lots of fun. Prizes will be given for the best costumes and carved pumpkins. Bring your precarved pumpkin ready to light up. Refreshments will be served. Admission: $5 donation will go to the Magical Moon Foundation for children with cancer. Information contact Donna or Patty at 800-840-0205 or 781 837-1618.

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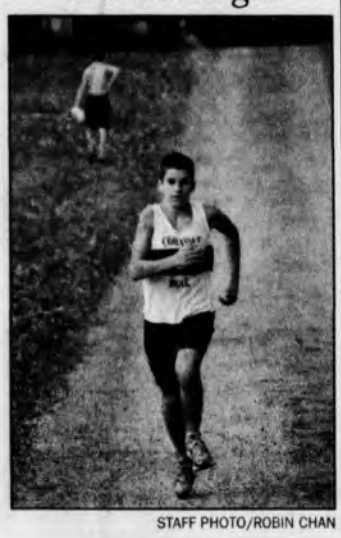
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It could be a surprise to many that McCain/Palin and Obama/Biden are not the only races on the ballot in Tuesday's State Election.

In fact there are four other "tickets" in the presidential race. Other races include: a three-way race for US Senator; there is a four-way race for two Norfolk County commissioner seats; and there are four ballot questions.

However, most would agree that the presidential race between Obama and McCain will be the biggest draw.

"People really want to vote," said Town Clerk Marion Douglas, evidenced by the 246 residents who have registered to vote since the September primary.

While the September state primary brought out just 7 percent of Cohasset voters, Douglas is expecting more than 90 percent of Cohasset's registered voters to turn up at the polls on Tuesday.

"The state is predicting 90 percent so we are expecting about that, but we are always hoping for more," said Douglas this week.

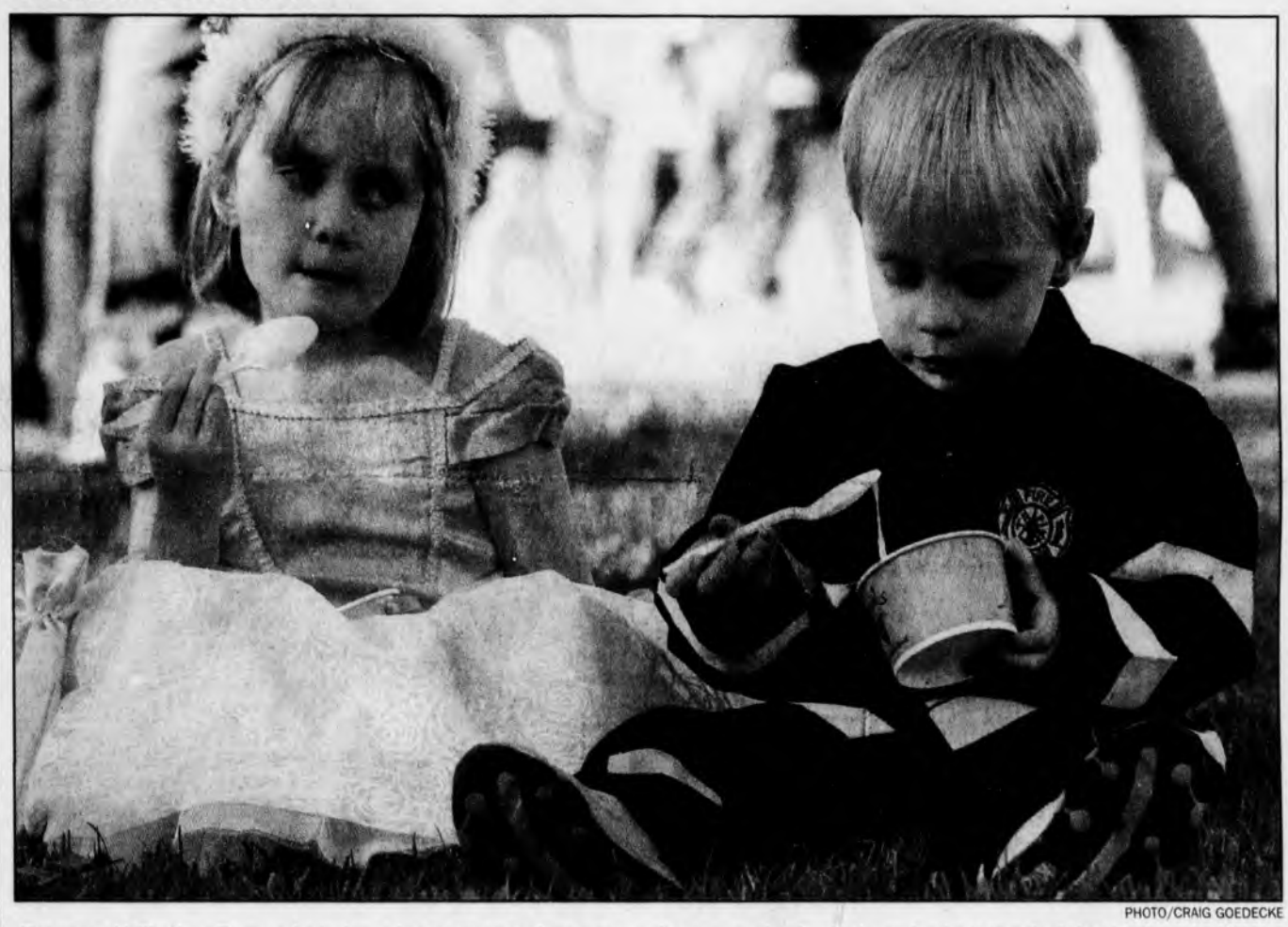
Describing the Town Clerk's office as hectic as of late, the office has been busy doling out and accepting absentee ballots. They have received 401 applications for absentee ballots as of Tuesday morning. About 240 ballots had been returned — 111 from Precinct 1 and 128 from Precinct 2.

Douglas said the number of requests for absentee ballots was a little higher than the typical town or state election, but added presidential elections, especially when there is not an incumbent candidate.

Voting for precincts 1 and 2 will be held in the Cohasset Town Hall auditorium from 7a.m. to 8p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Voters should expect a packed Town Hall, but Douglas has put on four

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COMMON OCCURRENCE



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Five-year-old Charlotte Torrey, who is dressed as a princess, glances over at her younger brother Ned, age 3, who is in a firefighter's suit, as he dives into his ice cream during the South Shore Community Center Nursery School's annual Halloween Fair held on the Town Common on Sunday. The kids' parents were close by. Both children were taking a break from all of the excitement of the fair, which is an annual tradition.

Turf talk

Alumni Field transformation on the table

By Nancy White
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They are cropping up all over the South Shore, Massachusetts and the country — and Cohasset could be the latest town to add a synthetic turf field to their assets.

On the Special Town Meeting warrant, a citizen's petition from the Cohasset Sports Partnership asks voters to support — in theory and financially — a turf field.

Numbers are still being confirmed on the town side, but it is estimated between $500,000 and $600,000 of public funds are required to complete the project. The remaining project costs

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Happy Birthday, Greenbush!



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Commuters on the Greenbush Line, Nancy Fink and Chris Childs, arrive at the Cohasset Train Station.

Ridership growing and shopping plaza on the way

By Nancy White
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It's been one year since Greenbush began running full speed ahead and more and more people are turning to Greenbush to get to work.

"The numbers clearly show that the Greenbush Line has become a very attractive transportation alternative for commuters heading to Boston each morning," said MBTA General Manager Dan Grabauskas.

The numbers of customers utilizing the Greenbush rail service has seen a steady up tick. In its first month of operation (November 2007), the five morning rush trains carried 1379 passengers. In July 2008, the combined count for the same five trains was 1817 passengers. On Sept. 24, the combined count for the five trains was 2118 passengers.

While there were no ridership projections made for the line's first year of operation, Grabauskas said the T is extremely pleased that more and more people are choosing to commute by train.

"Not even a year old, the Greenbush Line has become the preferred transportation alternative for thousands of residents in Cohasset, Scituate, Hingham, Weymouth, and Braintree," said Grabauskas in an e-mail.

Another very positive trend: last month (Sept 08) was the

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PICTURE THIS/Mr. Scarecrow



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This week the Mariner caught up with Mr. Scarecrow, who has dutifully watched over the Pumpkin Patch all month. Today (Halloween) is the last day the Appalachia Service Project Pumpkin Patch will be open for business. Head over to Wheelwright Park to scoop up a last minute pumpkin — and be sure to say hello to Mr. Scarecrow!

Name: Mr. Scarecrow.

Occupation: Guardian of the Pumpkin Patch.

Best day of your life: I have two — the day the ASP Pumpkin Patch opens and the day those irritating birds fly south.

Best vacation: Weekend trip to Halloween Town.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Halloween.

Favorite junk food: Pumpkin pie.

Best book: "How to Kill a Mockingbird."

Best movie: "The Wizard of Oz," a scarecrow finally broke into the business!

Best TV show: "Scarecrow and Mrs. King."

Favorite song: "If I only had a brain." It's the story of my life…

Most embarrassing moment: I turn red in the cheeks (so to speak) when my straw falls out.

Fun fact about yourself: In my opinion, plaid shirts are always in style.

Pet peeve: When birds don't give me the respect I deserve.

Goal: To sell all the Pumpkin Patch pumpkins.

Person you'd most like to meet: The Wizard — maybe I'd get my very own brain.

Biggest worry: All the Pumpkin Patch pumpkins won't sell.

Best part of Cohasset: Meeting the friendly people at the Pumpkin Patch!

BRIEFLY

Cohasset Mariner 'drop box'

The Cohasset Mariner has a "drop box" and pickup location at Tedeschi's in the village. The drop box is on the counter in the front window around the corner to the left after you enter the front door.

The Mariner picks up at 8 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. The drop box can be used to drop off glossy photographs, letters, flyers or other editorial copy.

Sports writers wanted

The Cohasset Mariner is looking for students, parents and grandparents who might like to cover youth or high school sports as a community service.

The Cohasset Mariner believes that coverage of high school and youth sports is important and a great way to provide young athletes with some recognition.

Please contact editor Mary Ford at: mford@cnc.com

All ages of sports writers are welcome. Access to a computer and email is a must.

Negotiation rights for health insurance

Cohasset has survived the first round of local aid cuts from the state, Town Manager Bill Griffin said at the Selectmen's meeting last week. In a discussion with other local town managers, Griffin said the issue came up of getting authorization with the state to negotiate health benefits for town employees.

"It would allow us to deal with what will be a very tight budget," said Griffin. He intends to write a letter to the Governor Deval Patrick to seek the authorization. Currently, the state has the ability to negotiate with the health insurance companies but that ability is not extended to cities and towns.

Flu clinic planned for Nov. 8

Cohasset Board of Health will host a flu clinic from 10 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, Nov. 8, in the auditorium at Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave. The flu clinic is open to any resident of Cohasset 9 years and older. Those attending should wear a short-sleeve shirt.

For more information, call registered nurse Mary Goodwin at 781-383-2210.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Oct. - Nov.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 30	12:40	8.7	12:44	9.5	6:27	0.9	7:00	0.0
Sunrise: 7:14 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:39 p.m.*			
Fri. 31	1:19	8.5	1:22	9.4	7:06	1.1	7:40	0.2
Sunrise: 7:16 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:37 p.m.*			
Sat. 1	1:59	8.2	2:01	9.2	7:46	1.4	8:21	0.5
Sunrise: 7:17 a.m.					*Sunset: 5:36 p.m.*			
Sun. 2	1:41	8.0	1:43	8.9	7:28	1.6	8:04	0.8
Sunrise: 6:18a.m.					*Sunset: 4:35 p.m.*			
Mon. 3	2:25	7.8	2:29	8.7	8:12	1.8	8:50	1.0
Sunrise: 6:19 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:34 p.m.*			
Tues. 4	3:12	7.6	3:17	8.4	9:00	2.0	9:38	1.2
Sunrise: 6:21 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:32 p.m.*			
Wed. 5	4:02	7.5	4:10	8.3	9:52	2.1	10:29	1.3
Sunrise: 6:22 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:31 p.m.*			
Thurs. 6	4:02	7.5	4:10	8.3	9:52	2.1	10:29	1.3
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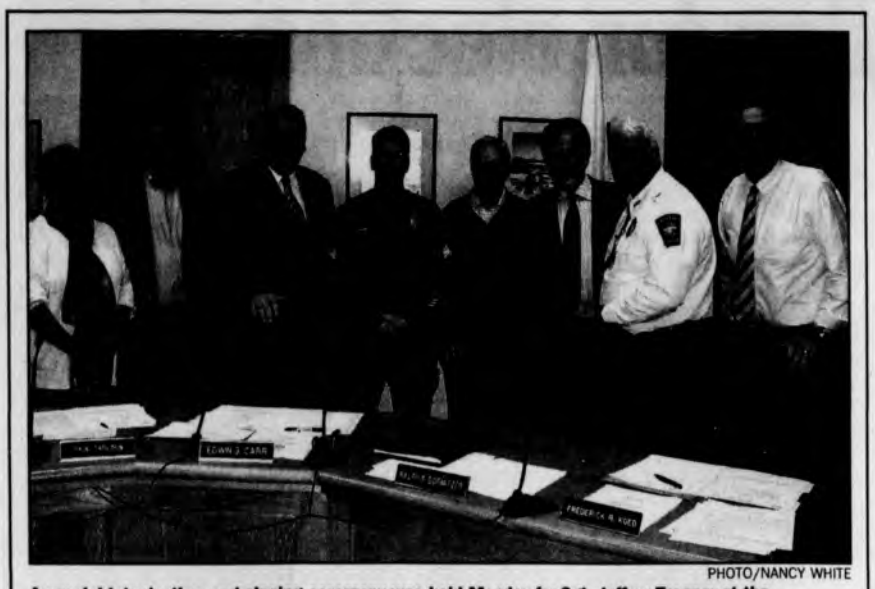
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A special introduction and pinning ceremony was held Monday for Sgt. Jeffrey Treanor at the Selectmen's Office. From left are: selectmen Karen Quigley, Paul Carlson and Ted Carr, Sgt. Treanor, selectmen Ralph Dormitzer and Fred Koed, Chief James Hussey and Town Manager Bill Griffin.

Ceremony for new sergeant

By Nancy White
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There's a new sergeant in town — and he is a familiar face. Jeffrey Treanor, a 15-year veteran for the Cohasset Police force, officially accepted his new role and title at introduction and pinning ceremony at the Board of Selectmen's meeting Monday night.

"It's always important to introduce our officers, especially when they take on new, exciting and critical positions," said Police Chief James Hussey.

Describing Treanor as having the ability to handle different (and difficult) situations with a calm demeanor, Hussey spoke highly of his newest sergeant.

"In the last three years I've been able to watch a young man grow into his role," said Hussey.

Treanor grew up in Cohasset, graduated from Cohasset High in 1986 and got his bachelor of science in criminal justice from Westfield State. He graduated from the Police Academy in the top third of his class and joined the Cohasset Police Department in 1993. Later, he earned a masters degree in criminal justice from Western New England College.

Treanor servers as the department's child passenger safety technician and as an Operation Lifesaver instructor teaching train safety to kids.

"I'm honored and humbled to serve in this position. I look forward to serving the town and its people," said Treanor.

Treanor succeeds retired Sergeant Shellee Peters. Peters came to the police department in January 1991 and served Cohasset for 17 years. An officer, currently at the Police Academy, has been hired to replace Treanor's vacated position. Hussey said the police will be hiring another new officer to fill an open position vacated when an officer took a job for the Quincy police.

Saint Stephen's accepting book donations

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave. is accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, books on tape, DVDs, and CDs for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that will be held this year on Dec. 6 on Cohasset's scenic Common.

Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked "Church Offices". Use the "reserved parking" spot to unload your books during church office hours Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Books are sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted through Nov. 25. Old textbooks, romance novels, damaged, musty or moldy books or books with notes and/or highlighting cannot be accepted. For information, call D'Anne Avotins at 781-923-1104

The monies raised from the Book Sale will be used to send underprivileged children and their families to the Barbara C. Harris Camp in Greenfield, N.H. For more information about this facility, visit www.bchcenter.org.

POLICE BEAT

Traffic enforcement is part of regular routine

By Mary Ford
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Calls and complaints to the police about traffic issues on Cohasset streets are a common occurrence.

Over the past week, two such calls were logged in. One caller asked for traffic enforcement to curtail speeding on Forest Avenue by Forest Notch, the other asked about traffic enforcement on Cedar Street.

Chief James Hussey explained that police routinely monitor traffic in high volume areas such as both the north- and southbound lanes along Route 3A, where there have been numerous accidents.

Police will also monitor traffic in response to problem areas. Citizen complaints help alert police to speeding and other traffic issues.

The police "speed board," which has become a familiar sight around town and displays the speed of an oncoming vehicle, has proved to be a good tool. Hussey said the speed board helps educate motorists to the true speed they are traveling. Many motorists do not realize they are exceeding the speed limit on a particular street, he said.

"It can serve as an eye-opener or a wakeup call," Hussey said.

The chief explained that the speed board can be installed on a street in response to citizen complaints about speeding to send motorists message. Once the speed board is removed, police will follow up and issue tickets if necessary.

The speed board also provides police with the ability to collect data on traffic. The device can record how fast cars are going, he said.

Hussey said police welcome reports about speeding and other traffic infractions. He said it is particularly helpful if callers can provide a plate number so police can follow-up with the alleged offender.

"It can serve as an eye-opener or a wakeup call."
— Chief James Hussey

In some cases, with the help of the caller, police can seek court action against a motorist who is a repeat violator, he said.

Civil matter

Police spoke with those associated with a local business that is being dissolved to act both civilly toward each other and to handle any dissolution issues in civil court.

There are some problems about who will take what equipment, for example. Police received calls last week about a dispute in handling the matter. There were conflicting stories, police said.

Signs taken

Cohasset police have received a couple of complaints over the past two weeks about the apparent theft of campaign signs. The sign removal appears to be bipartisan, as complaints have come in about the removal of both Obama and McCain signs.

Driven home

A Hingham woman who was parked at the former Boatworks site on Route 3A by the Scituate Town Line, secured her car, and was driven home by police after police found her distraught and disoriented last week.

Police said she had parked there after having a dispute with a family member. She was checked out by the ambulance but refused medical treatment. Police did not think it was a good idea for her to drive, so they took her home.

Flat tires

A former girlfriend of a Cohasset man is facing vandalism charges and the charge of violating a restraining order after she allegedly let the air out of the tires in two of his vehicles last week.

Police said both the right side tires in the two vehicles were flattened.

The victim called police who investigated. The woman, who is 44, will be summonsed to court on the charges.

Traffic stops

- A 52-year-old Cohasset man will be summonsed to court for driving on an expired license following a traffic top at 6:40 p.m. on Saturday (Oct. 25) at Beechwood Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

A police officer pulled the BMW over for a faulty license plate light. The officer ran the plate, which revealed the registered owner, had an expired license. The car was towed.

- An officer conducting radar along Forest Avenue clocked a Ford Escort traveling 46 mph in a 30 mph zone.

The officer activated the lights on the cruiser and pulled the car over at 8:10 p.m. on Sunday (Oct. 26). A computer check revealed the motorist, a 20-year-old Hull woman, was driving on a suspended license. She was able to call someone to take custody of her car so it did not have to be towed, police said. She is being summonsed on the suspended license charge.

Bike found

Local kids found an abandoned child's bike in the woods behind the tennis courts at Milliken Field and their father brought the red Next bike to the station where it was put into the abandoned bike inventory. Anyone missing a bike should stop by the station, police said.



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Town Clerk readies for election

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"We've never had a problem in the past with long wait times, so I don't anticipate a problem," said Douglas. There are plenty of voting booths, so she is hopeful no voter will have to wait long.

At the last presidential election in 2004, where Massachusetts Democrat John Kerry challenged President George W. Bush, 85 percent of voters turned out at the polls. The Kerry/Edwards ticket won Cohasset with 2284 votes to Bush/Cheney's 2164 votes.

In Tuesday's state election other presidential tickets include: Baldwin and Castle (Constitution Party); Barr and Root (Libertarian Party); McKinney and Clemente (Green-Rainbow Party); and Nadar and Gonzalez (independent, no party affiliation).

US Senator John Kerry is facing a challenge from Republican Jeffrey K. Beatty and Libertarian Robert J. Underwood.

"The state is predicting 90 percent so we are expecting about that, but we are always hoping for more."

— Town Clerk Marion Douglas

State Senator Robert Hedlund, a Republican, and state Rep. Garrett Bradley, a Democrat, are unopposed. US Rep. William Delahunt, a Democrat, is unopposed. Neither Christopher A. Iannella Jr. who is running for reelection for Fourth District Councillor, Patrick W. McDermott who is running for Register of Probate nor Joseph A. Connolly who is running for County Treasurer have opposition.

John M. Gillis, Francis W. O'Brien, Thomas E. Gorman and Michael F. Walsh are vying for two County Commissioner seats. Gillis and O'Brien are the incumbents.

Of the Cohasset's 5,381 registered voters there is almost an even number of Republicans to Democrats, 1197 to 1199, respectively. The majority of voters, 2,973, are registered unenrolled. There are also two registered green-rainbow, six libertarians, one reform and two registered in the working families party.

Also prominent on the ballot are three binding statewide questions related to reducing and then eliminating the state personal income tax (Question 1); decriminalizing marijuana use and instituting a new system of civil penalties (Question 2); and prohibiting dog races on which betting or wagering occurs (Question 3). There is also a non-binding wind power question that will be on the ballot in several South Shore communities, including Cohasset (Question 4).

Nov. 4 ballot questions

Hingham and 10 other South Shore communities will have four ballot questions to consider Tuesday, Nov. 4. Questions 1, 2, and 3 are binding, while Question 4 is a non-binding Public Policy Question to register public opinion with legislators.

Question 1 – State personal income tax: A Yes vote would reduce the state personal income tax rate of 5.3 percent of federal adjusted gross income to 2.65 percent for the tax year beginning on Jan. 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax altogether after Jan. 1, 2010. A No vote would make no change in state income tax laws.

Question 2 – Possession of marijuana: A Yes vote would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties. A No vote would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.

Question 3 – Dog racing: A Yes vote would prohibit dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective Jan. 1, 2010. A No vote would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

Question 4 – Alternative energy wind policy: This is a non-binding Public Policy Question on alternative energy wind policy to register public opinion to legislators representing the towns of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Hanover, Norwell, Rockland, Braintree, and parts of Holbrook and Randolph.

The question reads: Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would support the development of Cape Wind in Nantucket Sound and other possible future onshore and offshore wind power developments in Massachusetts?" Voters will be asked to vote either "Yes" or "No" on this question.

For further information about the statewide ballot questions, refer to "The Official Massachusetts Information for Voters" pamphlet recently mailed to every household or view this information online at: www.sec.state.ma.us. Click on the "Election Division" link and then click on the "Information for Voters Online Book" link under the "State Election 2008" heading.

Alumni Field transformation to turf on table

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would be paid for by private contributions. The current construction estimate for the turf field is between $800,000 and $900,000. Track re-construction could also be wrapped into this project at a cost anywhere between $50,000 for a repair to $350,000 for a complete new synthetic track. Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 17.

Even though fundraising is still in a preliminary stage, Sports Partnership member George McGoldrick said they have received over $200,000 in private funding commitments.

McGoldrick went through a list of the project's positives. The current field is in disrepair and has chronic draining problems making the utilization of the field about two times per week. A turf field would be able to be used two to three times per day.

"It is like creating three new fields," said McGoldrick. Turf fields have about a 15-year life. Maintenance would only be a few thousand dollars per year based on other area school's maintenance costs.

An approval vote at Special Town Meeting would authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow the amount being requested, provided the fundraising produces all the additional money necessary to undertake the project. In short, passage of the article would authorize the selectmen to borrow the money, not mandate it.

"We not asking for new dollars, only to take the money currently being literally put in the ground now."

— George McGoldrick, Cohasset Sports Partnership

The Selectmen spoke highly of the project, but did have financial and procedural concerns.

"As a general belief I don't like to do things like this for Special Town Meeting," said Selectman Ralph Dormitzer. His reasoning was in November the town does not have a firm handle on next year's budget numbers. Yet, he said the bigger question would be if the article would pass at regular Town Meeting.

"We have to take a good look at the offset costs, but, of course, the risk at regular Town Meeting is the town may be short money," said Dormitzer, adding ideally he'd like to see a 50/50 public-private match.

The Partnership is proposing the existing money used to maintain Alumni Field (water, mowing, fertilizing etc.), which is estimated to be $35,000, be used to fund the turf field debt service. That money would also be coupled with an estimated $15,000 in revenues gained from increased field use and the implementation of user fees from youth groups and private athletic programs.

"We not asking for new dollars, only to take the money currently being literally put in the ground now," said McGoldrick.

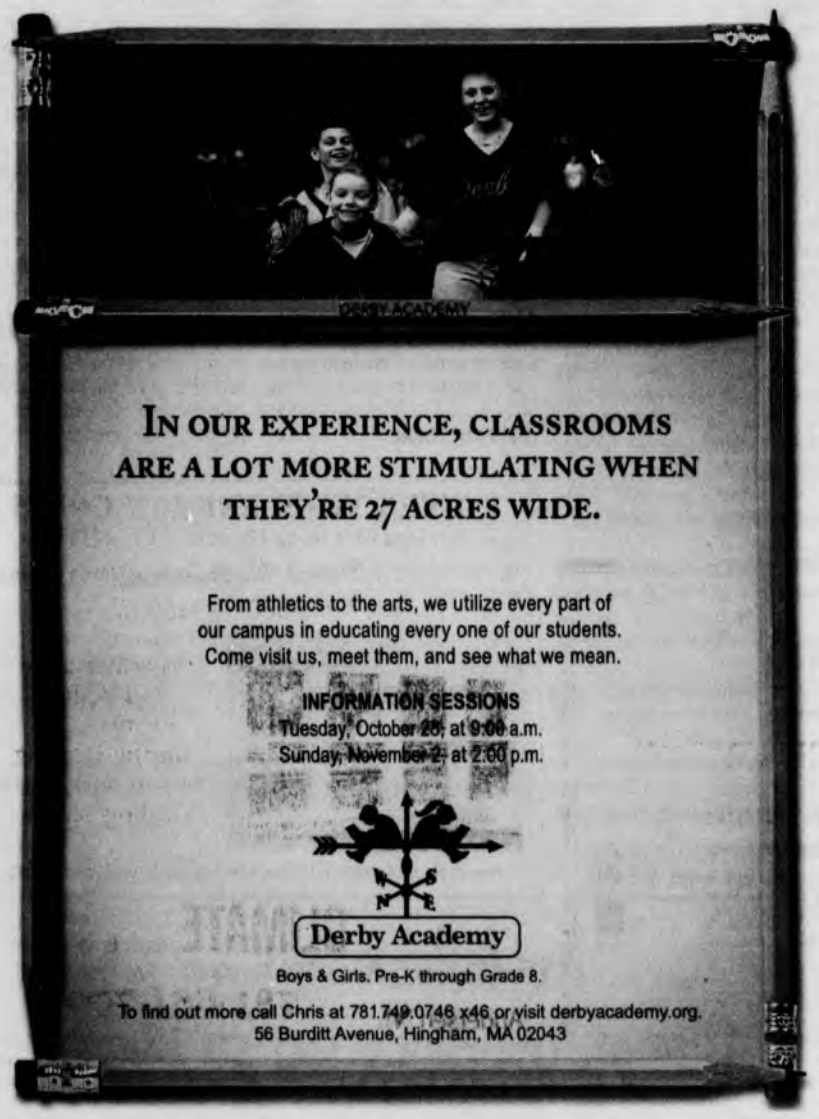
The Selectmen had some questions as to the accuracy of the Alumni Field maintenance numbers, particularly with the water bills. The Selectmen asked Town Manager Bill Griffin to work with Finance Director Mike Buckley to get a firm numbers for their next meeting.

"If the numbers are right, from a financial perspective it makes good financial sense," said Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr.

Like the Selectmen have done with all the Special Town Meeting large spending articles, they are holding off making a recommendation. When the first spending items came before the board, they determined to get together with the other boards (Advisory Committee, Capital Budget Committee, School Committee) to get a better financial picture before making their recommendation.

Selectman Karen Quigley recused herself from the discussion on the turf field because she is an abutter to the school property.

The Selectmen will make their recommendations for Town Meeting articles on Monday, Nov. 10.



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Effect of loss of state income tax

Resident spurs more conversation on Question 1

By Nancy White
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On Monday night, a discussion during the Selectmen comment period got a resident up from the comfort of her living room couch to get in the car and make her way to Town Hall. Adrienne MacCarthy of 85 Doane Street, and also a member of the School Committee, felt she had to respond to Selectman Paul Carlson's comments on Tuesday's ballot question 1, which could eliminate the state income tax.

During the comment period shortly after 7p.m., Carlson said the Selectmen had received a letter from Judith Chute of Beach Street asking what could be the ramifications on the town budget if the question passes.

"As a Cohasset resident I am very concerned that little has been said about the devastating effect that a yes vote on question 1 could have for the residents of Massachusetts, particularly the residents of Cohasset," Chute wrote. "I love living in this beautiful town but I cannot envision what it would be like if many services were cut back and my already high property tax were increased. Why has not a greater cry going out focusing on the possible consequences?"

In response to the letter, Carlson talked to Town Manager Bill Griffin about the portion of the town budget that comes from state sources.

"State aid is only about 10 percent of the tax levy," said Carlson. "It's not huge."

State aid is about $2.5 million and the tax levy is about $26.5 million, or about 9.4 percent. The operational budget, including schools, is about $36.5 million.

Carlson said he did the math and for him, and he guessed many in Cohasset, the elimination of the state income tax and the inevitable increase in property tax would be less than what he was paying now in state income tax.

"State aid is only about 10 percent of the tax levy. It's not huge."
— Selectman Paul Carlson

To that Selectmen Karen Quigley said, "we must be in different tax brackets."

The other Selectmen made no other comments at this time.

As a motion from the Board of Selectmen to adjourn was put on the table MacCarthy raised her hand to speak from the audience.

"I think the issue (of Question 1) needs more discussion and another perspective," said MacCarthy. "I don't think you can leave the public thinking (the loss of state income revenue) is not going to be a big deal."

MacCarthy said the schools received state money for their full-day kindergarten program, special education (circuit breaker), METCO program and Deer Hill STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) lab. She also mentioned things like plowing of Route 3A, a state highway, could be affected.

"If the income tax goes away, those things go away," said MacCarthy. "It may not devastate your side of the budget, but it will devastate the schools."

MacCarthy informed the Selectmen of the School Committee's recent 3-1 vote to oppose Question 1. MacCarthy said with the way the economy and that state budget is going, the town could stand to lose that funding anyway.

"There's no more rainy days…the point is state income tax pays for a lot more on the school side," said MacCarthy.

Carlson explained his point. He said while other cities towns would be severely impacted by the loss of tax revenue, Cohasset would not be as it comparatively relies very little on state aid.

Then, the conversation really got going. Selectman Fred Koed brought up the effect the loss of state income tax would have on state services many across the state depend on to live their day-to-day life. "There are lots of lives in jeopardy," said Koed.

Quigley said it may be harder for some segments of the population, like seniors on fixed incomes, to contemplate a drastic property tax increase as might be required without state income tax revenues.

MacCarthy said the town did not pass an $800,000 in 2006 override and may have a difficult time passing a $2.5 million override should Question 1 pass.

Town Manager Bill Griffin has said "the repeal of the income tax would have a devastating impact on town services. Even though we do not receive as much state aid as a lot of communities, a significant loss would be extremely difficult to address without a large override or reduction in services."

The Selectmen did not issue a statement or take an opinion vote on Question 1. At the polls, Massachusetts voters will decide whether to repeal the state income tax. The result of the ballot question is binding.

A Yes vote would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65 percent for the tax year beginning on Jan. 1, 2009, and would eliminate the whole tax beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2010. A No vote would make no change in state income tax laws. Massachusetts has a flat personal income tax rate of 5.3 percent of federal adjusted gross income.

Rain gardens are doing their job

Initial testing shows decrease in nutrients

By Nancy White
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Over the past two years, the Water Commission has installed 36 rain gardens and other low impact development designs throughout the Lily Pond watershed. It was the aim of the rain gardens to capture and clean the first flush of rainwater, which is usually the dirtiest, before it makes its way to the town's drinking water supply.

The initial results are in and the outcome is encouraging.

"We're seeing a dramatic decrease in nutrients and contaminants," said Water Commissioner John McNabb.

A recent sampling done by Norfolk Ram, the engineering firm behind all the Water Department's low-impact development, showed a drastic decrease in the amount of nitrogen (31 percent), phosphorous (58 percent) and petroleum hydrocarbons (85 percent).

While McNabb can't quantify the effect the decrease of nutrients will have on the water treatment plant, but said anything that improves the water quality in Lily Pond reduces the amount of work the plant has to do to clean the water. The cleaner water could increase the life of the filters, reduce plant costs and improve drinking water quality, said McNabb.

"This is a passive way of cleaning the water," said McNabb.

Lily Pond is the water supply for 90 percent of Cohasset's drinking water and the Water Commission found a few years ago that it received more nutrients and pollutants from its watershed than what was predicted for good water quality. The Water Commission tackled the problem in a two-prong approach — use low impact development (rain gardens) in the highly developed areas of the watershed and protect the undeveloped open space.

The town will vote whether to support the establishment of a conservation restriction on nearly 200 open space acres in the watershed.

The rain garden project was financed in part by a grant administered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The town received $255,000 in grant money; the rest of the project was funded by the Water Department through a low interest state-lending program. The entire project cost around $735,000, including design, permitting and construction.

Studies leading up to the rain garden project showed much of the nutrient and pollutant loading problem came from the Peppermint Brook sub-basin, located near Clay Spring Road, Route 3A and King Street.

The project was divided into three phrases. The first phrase was completed in 2006 with the construction of five rain gardens and two bioretention swales. The second phase was completed in spring 2008 with the construction of 15 more rain gardens and on oil water separator at the intersection of Route 3A and Pond Street to protect against associated oil/gas spills. The final phase of the project was completed in early summer of 2008 and included the installation of a further 13 rain gardens. In total 36 stormwater "best management practices" were constructed.

All the rain gardens were installed on town land, but the Water Commission worked with the abutting residents to ensure the project was something they could live with. In some cases, residents opposed it and the Water Commission sought other locations or abandoned that site.

While other communities are catching on to rain gardens and other types of low impact development, Cohasset is a pioneer.

"It's not a widespread practice, but it's catching on where people hear about them…this report shows the rain garden success and it's popular with many people," said McNabb.

The Water Commission plans to do another round of testing next year to allow all the rain gardens to take root and be operating at their full effectiveness. The Water Department is still perfecting the maintenance piece of the rain gardens; some are getting filled with leaves and other debris. In addition, Norfolk Ram recommended sampling during a storm event to determine the mass loading percentages.

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LIBRARY CORNER

See 'Miracle Worker' on Nov. 7

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Movie Matinee – The library will show the film "The Miracle Worker" starring Patty Duke and Anne Bancroft at 11 a.m., on Friday, Nov. 7. The Friends of the Library will provide light refreshments. Movie site license sponsored by Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Town Committee. The movie is free and all are welcome.

Author Visit –Kathleen Kent, author of "The Heretic's Daughter," will discuss her new book at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 12. The book is a liteary imagining of the events surrounding the Salem witch trials. Kent, a descendant of one of the first women to be accused as a witch, brings her family's legacy to life. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. All are welcome to these free events.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "The Grocer's Son" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 20. Free admission and free refreshment courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center will present an exhibition of paintings by Marshfield artist Mary Callahan at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Nov. 3 through Dec. 31. Callahan is a director of the New England Watercolor Society, a Copley Master in the Copley Art Society, a signature member of Allied Artists of America in New York, and a gallery member of many other art organizations. She has had numerous solo exhibitions in Boston and the South Shore, and group exhibitions at the Guild of Boston Artists, Prudential Center, Harvard Club of Boston, Provincetown Art Museum, Cahoun Museum, Attleboro Museum and National Arts Club, New York. Her impressionist watercolors have earned more than 150 awards from national, regional and local exhibitions. Callahan teaches watercolor painting at South Shore Art Center in Cohasset and North River Arts Society in Marshfield Hills.

FOR CHILDREN

Family Literacy Month – Join others at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 16, in the Meeting Room to celebrate Family Literacy Month with an interactive musical show featuring the Toe Jam Puppet Band. Free tickets may be picked up staring Nov. 10, at 10 a.m. For more information about the Toe Jam Puppet Band, go to the Web site at toejampuppetband.com.

MamaSteph – Performances at 10:30 a.m., on Mondays, Nov. 3, 10, 17 and 24, in the Meeting Room. Join others for children's music and more. Doors close promptly at 10:35 a.m. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library. All ages and communities are welcome.

Drop In Story Time – In the Story Room at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesdays, Nov. 4, 18 and 25. All ages and communities welcome.

Drop In Crafts – Create In the Story Room from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on Thursdays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20. Just drop in to make a craft. All ages and communities welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cohasset resident earns Legacy Award

Simmons College President Helen Drinan, a Cohasset resident and respected leader in the Boston health care and business industries, has been awarded the 2008 Legacy Award by Boston Women Communicators (BWC). The award recognizes Drinan's achievements and commitment to professionalism in communication, the advancement of women's careers, and her efforts to ensure gender equity in the workplace.

Drinan was honored at BWC's 14th Annual Legacy Award celebration Oct. 27, at the French Library & Cultural Center in Boston' Back Bay.



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Helen Drinan of Cohasset

Drinan became president of Simmons College in July 2008, after serving as a member of the Simmons College Board of Trustees since 2003, and board chair since 2007. She is an alumna of two Simmons graduate programs: the Simmons School of Management and the Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

Drinan previously worked for nearly two decades at BankBoston Corporation and for several years as senior vice president of Caritas Christi Health Care System, the second largest health care system in New England. While at Caritas, she was recognized for cultivating a culture focused on inclusion and respect.

Additionally, she has served on the board of directors of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts since 1995, and was president of the Society for Human Resource Management, the world's largest professional association devoted to human resource management, from 2000 to 2002.

Have you seen Riley, the cat?

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Riley, who is missing, is de-clawed and has a pink collar.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Happy Halloween Cohasset! Have so much fun tonight while Trick-Or-Treating and remember to stay safe.

The weather is so nice and perfect for tonight, enjoy.

If by any chance any preteens, teens or other people who may be thinking about pumpkin smashing read this before you head out, please remember that you were once a young child who loved to carve your pumpkin and put it outside for everyone to see. When you smash one for that 2-3 seconds of what you view as "fun," the child who that pumpkin belonged to will be sad for a lot longer than that, just like you would have been a few years ago when you were little. Have a fun night, receive a lot of tasty treats and try real hard to keep the "TRICKS" to a minimum.

SPACE SHUTTLE

Here is a really cool piece of news that we as a community are all so proud about. A CHS alumni is headed into space next month on the space shuttle!!

Steve Bowen, CHS class of 1982, is a Mission Specialist on the upcoming NASA Endeavor flight STS-126, scheduled to launch on Friday, Nov. 14th.

To read more about it go to,

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/shuttle/shuttlemissions/sts126/index.html

and to leave him and the rest of the crew a special message, go to :

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/shuttle/main/sts126_comments.html.

Also, if you are in the area and would like a special treat in honor of Steve Bowen, take a trip into Nona's Ice Cream in Hingham Center to try an original flavor picked out by Steve himself! No giving the secret away so if you want to find out what it is, go and sample the treat. Chrissy Pompeo, owner of Nona's was caught buying the ingredients and it sounds like it will be a super yummy treat.

TURKEY GIVEAWAY!

The Red Lion Inn announces it will, for the fifth year in a row, be sponsoring the Great Turkey Giveaway on Nov. 22nd. The Red Lion will donate turkeys to several of the area food pantries to help those in need. The turkeys will be available for pick-up (with the appropriate vouchers) on Saturday, the 22nd at the Inn between 9 a.m. and noon.

Gerd Ordelheide, the proprietor of the Inn, takes his Civic responsibilities very seriously and believes the Inn, with a History dating back to 1704, should be a vibrant part of the area community. During each year the Red Lion Inn sponsors several functions and donates its facilities and services for local charities.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,576 students in September. Cohasset residents receiving degrees were:

Laura E. Vigneau, master of science degree in computer information systems; and **Caroline B. Steele**, bachelor of arts degree in psychology, magna cum laude.

MISSING CAT

Oh my goodness, here is a message from a loving cat owner to all in town who are reading this. All should be on the lookout for a missing cat from the Linden Drive area. **Riley** is a "maine-coon" cat with a black/brown/gold color combination, white paws and green eyes. She is de-clawed and has a pink collar.

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2003 REUNION

Just a reminder that the five year reunion for the CHS class of 2003 will be held Wednesday, Nov. 26th from 7-11pm at the George Mealy American Legion Post, 98 Summer St.. Make your parents happy by coming home for Thanksgiving. Then catch up with old friends and share your new exciting experiences. Appetizers and drinks will be served.

Questions? Contact **Curt** (curt.cahn@gmail.com) or **Ross** (rliebhappen@gmail.com).

AUTHOR TALK

The Paul Pratt Library and Buttonwood Books welcome author **Kathleen Kent** on Wed. Nov. 12, 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. Kathleen is discussing her book, "The Heretic's Daughter," a fictionalized account of her ancestor, Martha Carrier, one of the first women to be accused, tried and hanged as a witch in Salem. The book, based on fact and family lore, is a mesmerizing and enticing narrative. Kathleen Kent lives in Dallas with her family. This s a free event and refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there.

OUR WORLD

Some new classes, programs and workshops are happening at the Our World Museum for children of many ages.

There are programs in drama, cooking, art, Mr. Dykas classes, music and more. For more information call 781-383-3198 or check out the Web site at www.ourworldcgdm.org. Holiday Happenings at Our World is also getting ready with many other programs and nights for November and December. A whole lot of fun for all!

That is all the news for this week. Send in messages no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesdays.

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Performers John DiFranco and Lilly Sestito have a little fun during their dress rehearsal.



Watch for performers Catherine Umano and Elvis (John Taylor) in the Cohasset Cabaret on Nov. 7th and 8th.



Elvis (John Taylor) has his hair adjusted by Cabaret performer Arpy Aghazarian.

Life is a Cabaret!

Variety show fun for one and all

Cohasset Cabaret, a show featuring singers, dancers and comedians, will present its second annual show Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8, at St. Anthony's Church hall.

On both evenings, a social hour will take place from 7 to 8 p.m., where attendees can try their luck at the raffle table that will have items from local artists and merchants. Audience members are encouraged to bring their own snacks "cabaret style" or there will be a selection of sandwiches. A cash bar will serve wine, beer and soft drinks. Cohasset Cabaret is sponsored by the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs and will benefit the Friends of St. Anthony Youth Ministry.

Tickets are on sale, and cost $25 each. Tickets can be purchased at St. Anthony Parish Hall and the CEA office at South Shore Community Center. For more information, call 781-383-0021.



Emcee Doug Trudeau,of Scituate and Arpy Aghazarian clown around a dress rehearsal for Cohasset Cabaret.



From left: Kate Kelly, Doris Seroll, and Lilly Sestito pose for a photo during their dress rehearsal Wednesday evening at the Hingham Community Center.

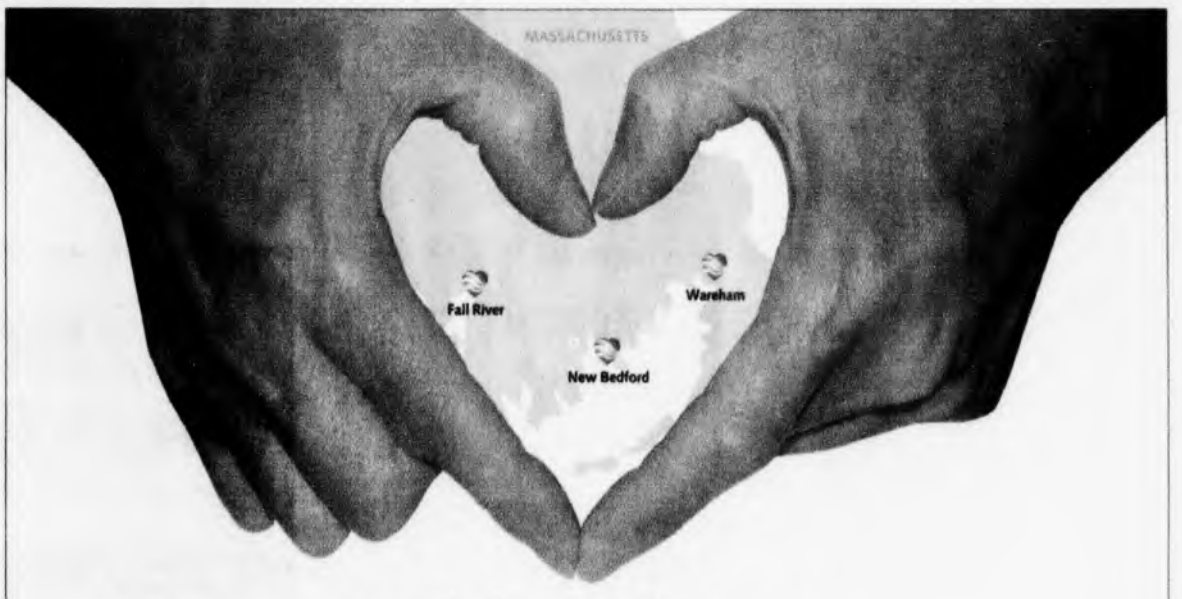


The Cohasset Cabaret will present its second annual fundraiser for Friends of Elder Affairs Nov. 7th and 8th. Pictured from left to right is emcee Doug Trudeau; musical director Tom Boyer, and director -producer Blanche Clark.

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Atlantic Symphony celebrates the spirit of America

By Roy Harris
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On Saturday, Nov. 1, just three nights before the national election, the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra opens its new season with a program that celebrates the resilient spirit of America — and its foundation as a beacon for people around the world.

Aaron Copland's powerful "Lincoln Portrait" highlights the evening, with the inspirational words of the great president read by Boston television journalist and Cohasset resident Anthony Everett. The co-host of WCVB-TV's "Chronicle" news magazine has long been fascinated by the timelessness and eloquence of the oratory and writings of Abraham Lincoln.

"To be able to pause right now – with a crucial presidential election so close to us – offers a great opportunity," according to Everett. "Lincoln said, 'The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew.' His words ring as true today as they did in his time. Lincoln Portrait reminds us that our nation has endured many tumultuous periods, testing many generations before us."

"...Lincoln Portrait reminds us that our nation has endured many tumultuous periods, testing many generations before us."
Anthony Everett

In the Atlantic Symphony's Masterworks Opening Night program, "Lincoln Portrait" is just one of the national musical treasures with American connections. It also features Copland's majestic "Fanfare for the Common Man" and Gershwin's exuberant "An American in Paris," along with Dvorak's Symphony No. 6. Conductor Jin Kim chose the program with America's essence in mind. "Many people don't realize that Copland was a product of the New Deal in many ways," said Kim. "After World War II, several of his important works were funded by the U.S. government. As ambassadors of American music, people immediately think of Copland and Gershwin. Their style was immediately embraced as 'American.'" Kim included Dvorak in the program as a nod to the influential years late in his career that the Czech composer spent living here as an ethnomusicologist, performer and teacher.



Boston news personality and Cohasset resident Anthony Everett is doing the narration for "Lincoln Portrait" at the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra performance.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the beautiful, accessible Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 130 St. George St., just minutes from Route 3A. Conductor Kim gives a pre-concert talk at 7 p.m., and there is a post-concert reception. Tickets (adults $25, seniors $25 and youth $10) are available at the door, or may be purchased in advance at www.atlanticsymphony.org or 781-740-5694.

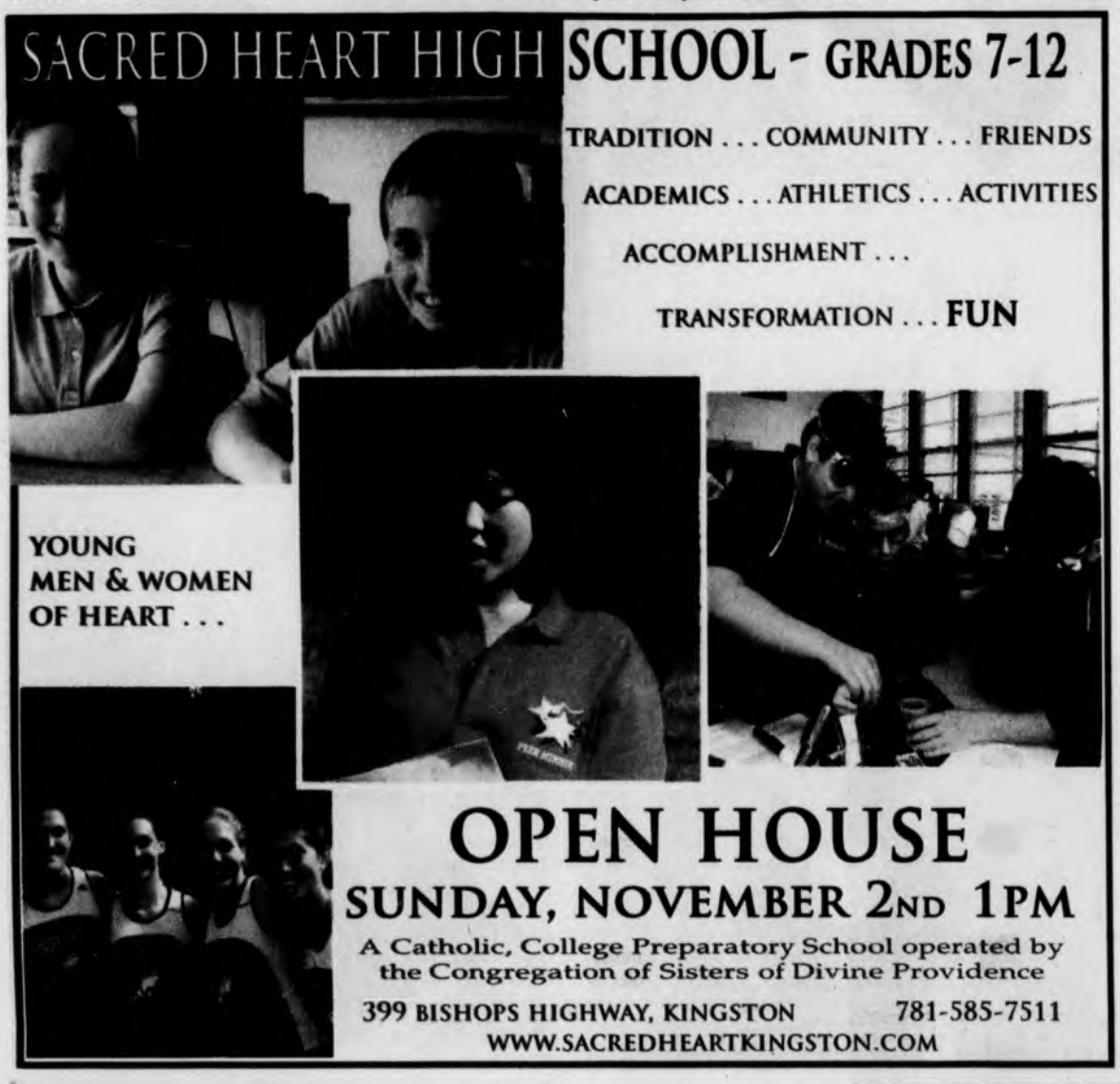
Everett charmed a Symphony Hall audience last December with his reading of "A Night Before Christmas" with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops. The Christmas program had special meaning to Everett. "I always read that to my children," he said, "so it had a forceful connection when I performed it with the Pops." His 7-year-old daughter Claire and 15-year-old son Alexander were in attendance for the Symphony Hall performance, as was wife Lydia. His first experience with musical narration "hooked" him, he said. And now he is back – with a reading that should bring chills.

Everett has a special connection with "Lincoln Portrait," as well. Because his given first name is Edward, he shares his name with the Massachusetts orator forever known as the man who spoke just before Lincoln's Gettysburg Address – which holds a place of honor in the Copland work. Edward Everett is perhaps equally famous for his gracious letter to the president, telling Lincoln: "I should be glad, if I could flatter myself that I came as near to the central idea of the occasion, in two hours, as you did in two minutes." Anthony Everett said, "Because of that name connection, I've been a fan for years of that entire story about Edward Everett's long speech and Lincoln's brilliant and concise one."

The Nov. 1 Masterworks Opening Night gala, conducted by Jin Kim, comes on the heels of the orchestra's special Oct. 18 performance for the opening of Thayer Academy's new Center for the Arts in Braintree. In a profound display of the Atlantic's versatility, it joined with the rock group Aerosmith's Steven Tyler in a thrilling rendition of the Aerosmith hit "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing."

The Atlantic Symphony's 2008-2009 regular season of five symphonic concerts, along with chamber performances, educational programs and special events, continues Dec. 6 and 7 with two Joyful Noise Fire & Ice presentations. The first will be at the new Thayer Academy Center for the Arts, and the second at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset.

But, said Everett of this first pre-election concert, "It is a presentation that couldn't be coming at a more appropriate historical moment."





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Ridership growing and shopping plaza on the way

FROM GREENBUSH, PAGE 1

ingle busiest month yet for the arking lots along the reenbush Line. In December 007, a total of 18,262 motor ehicles parked in the lots at reenbush Line stations. The tal for last month was 26,740.

"The new railroad is already taking thousands of motor vehicles off the roads," said Grabauskas.

The Cohasset station has contributed its share of the growing parking numbers.

"The growing number of motor vehicles parking at Cohasset Station is a strong indicator of the Greenbush Line's increasing popularity," said Joe Pesaturo, spokesman for the MBTA. In December 2007, a total of 2,494 cars parked at the station (an average of 125 per day). Last month, a total of 3,793 cars parked at the station (an average of 190 per day).

But, the number of cars is not indicative of the whole picture; many commuters are dropped off at the station minutes before the train pulls in.

The town's Greenbush liaisons Tom Gruber and Mark Brennan have been out counting the cars in the parking lot periodically for the last year. On its first day of operation there were 75 cars in the Cohasset Station lot and their most recent count earlier this month has 190 cars and bikes. Their informal counting does not include those riders who get dropped off. Gruber said the MBTA projections for 2010 were 210 riders so Cohasset should be right on track.

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"By and large from what I've seen, the train has been a roaring success," said Gruber. "Everybody I know who rides it, loves it."

From the police perspective, the first year of the active Greenbush tracks has gone fairly well, said Police Chief James Hussey. While in the first few months there were multiple instance of glitches to the grade crossing system, he has noted a steady decline.

"Over the last two months there have been very few instances. Those glitches seem to have been worked out," said Hussey, adding whenever there was a problem in Cohasset the MBTA was responsive.

The police maintain a zero tolerance policy when it comes to trespassing on the tracks and have had at least three arrests in the last year.

"I'm not sure what we expected in terms of trespassing, but our enforcement will remain vigilant," said Hussey. The North Main Street crossing was plagued with problems — bike accidents and cars driving onto the tracks were the two major issues. In recent months, those issues have been addressed through new street lining and the addition to two bike paths on either side of the road.

"Time will tell (if the fixes prevent further accidents)," said Hussey.

The police will continue to education the town's youth in train safety, "Operation Lifesaver," on an annual basis.



PHOTOS/LAURA SINCLAIR

The Greenbush train arrives in Cohasset Station from Boston during the afternoon commute.



The shopping plaza, dubbed "Old Colony Square," will be a two-story complex with 33,000 square feet of first floor retail/commercial space in conjunction and 22,000 square feet of residential space on the second floor.

Old Colony Square on the horizon

As much change the Cohasset station has given to Route 3A, more change is on the way. The transit-oriented district mixed-use development is under construction. Construction workers have been working on the site, beginning the first stage of construction for about a month. Along with the development will be the installation of a traffic light (a traffic light at the intersection of King Street is also forthcoming with the Scituate Hill project).

The five-acre site, formerly home to a small strip of stores and a boat storage center, is adjacent to the MBTA station right. Within the next year, it will look a lot different with a new community of shops, restaurant and apartments.

The developer, Connell Cohasset Greenbush LLC, an affiliate of New Jersey-based Connell Real Estate & Development Co., brought forth plans for the town's first — and only — transit oriented overlay district, or TOD. The mixed-use project received site plan approval from the Planning Board last fall.

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The project will be the town's first and only transit-oriented district project. The TOD bylaw, which has been sunset, complements the state's "smart growth" initiative. The development has done its best to comply with the spirit of the TOD bylaw, as defined in the town's zoning bylaws and as encouraged by the state's "smart growth" initiative. The intent of TOD developments is to encourage sustainable living by locating a high-density, mixed-use center near public transportation. The idea is to take cars off the road and create pedestrian friendly living.

"I think it is going to be dynamite," said Tom Gruber, the town's Greenbush liaison. "I think it meets the full intent of the TOD concept and tightly integrates business, residences and transportation."

Architectural renderings of the project show varying roof heights, different storefront façades, cupolas and a clock tower centerpiece. During the site plan review, the developers indicated they would look for smaller retailers, not big box stores, to occupy the storefronts. Coffee shops, drycleaners, small restaurant chains, a fitness center and other independent retailers were offered as examples during the site plan review process.

A separate building situated closer to Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) is slated for a 3,400 square foot bank with a drive-thru.

Above the first floor retail in the main building will be 14 to 18 apartments, a combination of one- and two-bedroom units. Two of the apartment units will be qualify as affordable under the state's Chapter 40B to comply with the town's inclusionary bylaw. Chapter 40B is the state's affordable housing law.

On site, the plans call for roughly 200 parking spots.

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EDITORIAL

Make history on Nov. 4

The 2008 presidential election will make history.

This election represents the most crucial turning point in our country's history in decades.

This election will determine our path, the very nature of our country, for decades to come.

Next Tuesday, voters will chose either the McCain/Palin or Obama/Biden team to lead our country.

The outcome will be of momentous importance on two levels.

No matter who occupies the Oval Office, one more political glass ceiling will be shattered.

On Nov. 4, we will elect either the first black president or the first female vice president.

This election will be a landmark in our history.

More importantly, this election is about fundamental changes that could reshape our nation. In the months ahead, the president of the United States will guide the restructuring of our economy, revisit how we conduct foreign policy, and determine the nature of our defense against terrorism.

There is much at stake here.

Each candidate has a vision of what the United States will be.

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His vision will become our reality.

We need to examine each candidate's vision; what shall our country become?

We need to understand the somber responsibility we carry.

Our responsibility is to make a prudent decision in the voting booth in this key election.

Bob Dylan once said, "A hero is someone who understands the responsibility that comes with his freedom."

So, be a hero.

Be a part of making tomorrow's history.

Vote on Nov. 4.



The Halloween spirit is all over town... even on the Sohier Street speed controller

HAMILTON

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A nice Treat for the few

TO THE EDITOR:

As noted prominently on the front page of last week's *Mariner*, the majority of our selectmen wish to educate the public about the proposed Treat's Pond "remediation" project before allowing a vote at town meeting on whether to proceed with it. In this spirit, I would like to dispel one persistent falsehood concerning the Army Corps of Engineers' (ACE) intent to connect Treat's Pond to Cohasset harbor — that to vote against this project would deprive our community of $1 million or more in federal funding.

According to the 2005 census, Cohasset has 7,222 inhabitants. Only 20- 25 of them live close to Treat's Pond and stand to benefit from federal funds associated with the ACE project. These thus provide at least $50,000 per Treat's Pond person. The remaining 7,200 members of our community will be less fortunate. Instead of a handout, we will receive polluted Treat's Pond water piped into Cohasset harbor and a bill for at least $600,000 to provide the non-federal, matching money that the ACE project requires by law. This large public contribution notwithstanding, Treat's Pond and adjacent Sandy Cove remain private property; indeed two Cohasset residents and taxpayers were threatened recently with trespassing charges for setting foot on this very site.

The Treat's Pond project is apparently on hold until the town decides whether or not to commit its share of the required matching, non-federal funds. This provides a golden opportunity to halt this expensive piece of pork, save the town upwards of $600,000 in matching funds and develop fairer, inclusive remedies for Cohasset's flooding problems.

Chris Evans
36 Sohier St.

More retail needed downtown

TO THE EDITOR:

As a former resident of Cohasset, growing up in the 60s and 70s, no doubt I was one very fortunate child. Visiting my mom lately, I am struck by the absence of anything for sale "downtown" except real estate. What once were retail shops now are window after window showing off property and homes. Not much else!

Something hollow and foreboding about this. As a kid, I might wonder is everything up for sale? Like a living room covered in plastic. You can look but don't touch.

Tough times in paradise.

On close inspection of property Sothbey's has for sale: The lot listed is behind the Town Hall on Highland Avenue but the picture in the ad shows Little Harbor from Mohawk Valley marsh.

The ad boasts boat storage at Cuba Dam. The Realtors might as well have dropped in from Mars. But does anyone notice?

Once a townie – Peter Hubbard,
Chelsea

Response to recent 'Wind Advisory' email

TO THE EDITOR:

Re: Recent e-mail from "Cohasset Wind Advisory Committee:"

The Alternative Energy Committee wants to respond to the recent email that was circulated throughout town on Monday Oct. 20.

This anonymous organization has no official connection to nor is sanctioned by the AEC or town government. This unsigned email has no connection to any member of the Cohasset Alternative Energy Committee.

No member of the AEC is connected in any way to this anonymous organization.

The Cohasset AEC continues to support the development of energy conservation efforts along with renewable energy alternatives including wind resources in our town. The AEC continues to support the Cohasset Heights Wind project.

We urge local residents to attend the Dec. 1 Planning Board meeting to hear the facts for themselves.

Andrew Willard, Chairman
Rod Hobson
Mike Bliss
Sally Ayers
Mimi White
Marie Caristi-MacDonald

No cards, give food

TO THE EDITOR:

I cannot stop thinking about the news stories that I have watched on TV this past week regarding the current plight of food pantries across the state of Massachusetts. Not only did I see pictures of empty shelves, but also lines of jobless and hungry people outside their doors. Due to the current economic situation in our country, this year I have decided that the $100-plus that I spend on holiday cards and postage stamps will be spent on a few bags of food for local food pantries. This is something easy that we can all do.

This food pantry crisis across our state and country is real. Some people are losing everything that they have worked for. This year, people are going to go without food in Cohasset, Scituate and in communities across our state. Let's stock those shelves together. I hope that you will consider joining me in dropping off a few bags of much-needed food at these pantries. I know that my friends can go without a family picture from me for one year!

Not only will we be making the life of someone in need a little easier, but consider the joy it will add to your own holiday season. I suggest that you use your gesture as a learning experience for your kids. Take them with you to deliver the bags of food and stock the shelves with them. Explain to them just what they are doing there. I think that you can look forward to their reaction.

Happy Holidays!

Jane Henderson
291 Fair Oaks Lane

Absentee ballots available for Nov. 4 state election

Absentee ballots for the Nov. 4 state election are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours up until noon on Monday, Nov. 3, when the office will close to prepare for the election.

Voters who are in town on Election Day and are able to come to the polls should vote in person. Only the following voters may use an absentee voting ballot: those absent from town during the hours the polls are open; those with physical disabilities; and those whose religious beliefs prevent voting at the polls on Election Day.

Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant. Also, applications may be downloaded from the Secretary of State's Web site, www.sec.state.ma.us//, and mailed or hand delivered to the Town Clerk's office. The ballot will be mailed to the voter.

Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by Nov. 4, 2008, to be counted.

Open space committee needs two more members

The Board of Selectmen voted to reconstitute the Open Space Committee so they can begin to manage the development of a town-wide open space and recreation plan. Selectman Karen Quigley, Sandra Durant and Recreation Director Ted Carroll were all appointed to the committee.

The development of a town-wide open space and recreation plan will allow the town to seek more state and federal grants. Carroll recently submitted an application for Community Preservation funding ($25,000) to have a professional develop the open space plan.

Two more citizens-at-large are needed to fill out the committee. If interested, send a letter to the Town Manager's office, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m.,

Board of Health, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.

Capital Budget Committee at selectmen, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.

Cohasset Housing Authority, Nov. 5, 1 p.m., 60 Elm St.

Library Trustees, Nov. 18, 7 p.m. at the library.

Planning Board, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.

Recreation Commission, Nov. 5., at 6:30 p.m.

Selectmen, Nov. 10 & Dec. 1 at 7 p.m., Nov. 17 at 6 p.m.

Sewer Commission, Nov. 25, 6 p.m.

School Committee, Nov. 5 & Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at the high school

School Improvement , Nov. 5, 2:30 p.m., at the high school.

Troika, Nov. 18, 19, & 20 at 6:30 p.m.

ZBA. Nov. 5 at 8:30 a.m. & Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

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Cohasset streets earn their stripes

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Yipes Stripes! — After what seemed like an eternity, the striper finally deigned to visit Cohasset over the past weekend. Consequently, Forest Avenue, South Main and parts of Beechwood Street now have a whole set of new paving markings.

We had received numerous comments from Forest Avenue residents looking for a crosswalk near the beach where the sidewalk crosses from one side to the other side of the road *(see photo)*. When Forest Avenue was first paved we were able to only paint the centerline, but no crosswalks or fog line (the white line at the edge of the road). The whole of Forest Avenue is now good to go, complete with a shiny new crosswalk.

The Story of Jacobs Meadow — As you probably know Jacobs Meadow is the meadow that is in the center of Town and surrounded by Elm, Border, Summer, Brook and Main streets. Jacobs Meadow collects all of the storm water from James and Stewart Brooks and releases it to the harbor through a channel next to the Legion building and then under Border Street. Essentially, all the storm water from the Lower King Street — Forest Avenue area to South Main Street beyond Sestito Lane is collected into this meadow. That's a lot of water, especially with a major nor'east type of rain event. The rate at which water can leave the meadow for the harbor is controlled by the tides and the capacity of the channel between Jacobs Meadow and the harbor.

This channel has developed serious problems and has been patched and shored up by the Town over the years. But, it is deteriorating rapidly. In the last 14 months it has narrowed by about 5 inches. Also, there is a rubble build-up in the channel that further impedes the water flow. These changes mean that water will leave Jacobs Meadow slower than it would have just two years ago. Should this channel collapse, storm water could build up in the meadow to a greater extent than it did in the Mother's Day Storm in 2006, which caused considerable personal property damage to homes adjacent to the meadow.

Article #12 at Town Meeting presents the opportunity for the Town to solve this problem by reconstructing the channel and making it wider to increase the channel capacity. This solution also includes the replacement of the three tide gates at the harbor with a single sluice gate. (A sluice gate is a vertical door that slides up or down and can be adjusted to any flow in or out from 0 percent to 100 percent of capacity.) Increasing the channel capacity and flow adjustability will increase the amount of water that can be passed and the control the Town has over when it will be able to flow. The projected cost of this project is $450,000. If you have any questions about this project please contact us and we'd be pleased to review the proposed designs with you and answer any questions you may have.



Long-awaited Crosswalk on Forest Avenue.



Channel is 5 inches narrower.



COURTESY PHOTOS

South Main and Beechwood streets.



Deteriorated spot in channel wall.

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Night Owl

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

I have a love/hate relationship with bedtime. If I'm completely wiped out I can't wait to climb into bed and collapse, but when I'm not exhausted I tend to put off sleep until I am. Being aware of the act of falling asleep can fill me with mortal dread. I feel as if my little sputtering flame of consciousness is about to be snuffed out, the candle tossed onto a shelf in the corner of a dark closet, and that my continued existence every morning may in fact c e to a miraculous coincidence I can't really depend on.

Children have no such worries, of course, and my wife's only fear is of being woken up before she's had her full union-negotiated seven-hour break, so they're all long asleep by the time I force myself to stumble up the stairs at midnight or so. I feel my way blindly past the foot of the bed, always making sure to bang my face into one of the wood-covered steel rods in the middle of the room from which our second floor hangs — a feature of our converted carriage house's balloon frame design. In pitch blackness I undress, put on my pajamas, slip under the sheets, gently steal my pillow back from my wife, and try not to question too much the point of having a soul if death really is an eternal sleep.

It's at this moment, as I'm reluctantly letting go and sinking beneath the surface of the dark pond, that my youngest daughter often begins to talk in the next room.

It's the creepiest sound. A person you know to be deeply asleep is talking to someone who isn't there. It's mostly gibberish, obviously — sometimes sprinkled with a few recognizable words that suggest whether she's having a dream or a nightmare. And it is a nightmare, usually, that triggers these one-sided conversations, which makes the experience of overhearing them muffled through the bedroom wall all the more unnerving.

I've gotten used to this routine, as much as one can. Then last night as my mind lay helpless on the shelf and nervously watched the closet door closing, I heard Emily say, very distinctly, "Is anyone there?"

And it is a nightmare, usually, that triggers these one-sided conversations, which makes the experience of overhearing them muffled through the bedroom wall all the more unnerving.

The clarity in her voice made me alert again. I assumed she was calling for me, so I got out of bed and tiptoed into her room rather than answer from a distance and risk waking everyone else.

"It's okay, Emily," I said sitting down next to her. "I'm here."

She wasn't awake, even partially. In fact she was so still and silent that I felt hot adrenaline rush into my chest and up the back of my neck. I went so far as to shake her awake — something I hadn't been foolish enough to do to any child since my first daughter overslept by half an hour when she was one. That's half an hour I'd like to have back now.

"*Stop it*," Emily moaned, as annoyed as you can be while still mostly asleep. Clearly she hadn't been calling for me. I went back to bed.

"Is anyone out there? Can you hear me?" Again I heard her say it. And again it knocked me off the fence I'd been straddling between light and shadow. This time I quietly called to her without getting up.

"Emily? You okay?"

No answer.

"Emily?" I called louder. My wife rolled over, grunted, and tried to elbow me. I wasn't helping anyone. I told myself I must have imagined the voice. I'd been practically asleep both times, after all. I have a documented history of imagining strange things while in that limbo state. I settled down again and counted leaves. There were thousands of them all over my yard, stuck in the stonewalls, lying matted beneath impenetrable bushes, laughing at me.

"Please help us," said Emily's voice in the next room. "If you can hear me, please answer."

I was too far gone now — too tired to wake up. "I can hear you," I said. Was I really speaking aloud? I didn't know.

"I found someone!" Emily said. "Can you let us out? Can you still hear me?"

"Let you out?" I said.

"We're locked in. Can you let us out please? We're in the cellar."

"What cellar?" I said. Our house didn't have one.

"In the Town Hall," Emily said. "Please help."

"The Cohasset Town Hall?" I said.

Someone kicked me and I woke up. I felt like I'd been out for hours, but it wasn't yet 1:00am.

"Could you go sleep downstairs?" my wife hissed. "And take Emily. You're both driving me nuts."

I took my pillow to the family room couch but left Emily in her bed. I slept soundly till dawn.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. He will be trick-or-treating tonight, but not near the common.

SENIOR SCENE

Author shares American story of Boston Italians

Cohasset Elder Affairs is sponsoring the following events. Call 781-383-9112 to register.

• Monday, Nov. 3, 7 to 8:30 p.m. A discussion titled "Presenting the Boston Italians" will be given by author Stephen Puleo. Come meet the author at this event, which will take place at St. Anthony Parish Center. Puleo will tell the story of the people who came to America from Sicily, Aveleno, Abruzzi and Calabria to live on the streets of the North End of Boston and why they came. Call to sign up.

• Wednesday Nov. 5, 11 a.m. to noon "Disaster Preparedness for Seniors" will be presented by Louise Arnold from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and Jeff Dougan from the Massachusetts Commission on Disabilities. A gourmet luncheon following the presentation at the Cohasset Senior Center. Critical information that seniors need to know in case of a disaster. Call 781-383-9112 before Oct. 29 to register.

Come meet the author at this event, which will take place at St. Anthony Parish Center. Puleo will tell the story of the people who came to America from Sicily, Aveleno, Abruzzi and Calabria to live on the streets of the North End of Boston and why they came.

• Friday, Nov. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 8. Doors open at 7 p.m. Cabaret 2008, sponsored by Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs, will take place at St. Anthony Parish Center. This evening of entertainment will feature singers, dancers and comedians. The evening will include a social hour, raffle table and cash bar serving beer, wine and soft drinks. Cost is $25.

• Saturday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 23, will be "Make a Difference Days," which is sponsored by Deer Hill School PSO. Volunteers from Deer Hill School and their families will go to the homes of seniors to rake, put down storm windows and do other chores. Call the Senior Center before Nov. 14 to sign up.

• Tuesday, Nov. 25, noon. The Roy family and the staff at Atlantica Restaurant will host a Thanksgiving feast or Cohasset seniors. Each senior is asked to bring anon-perishable food or household items for Cohasset Food Pantry. Call the Senior Center before Nov. 20 to sign up.

Emily Post, revisited

HENSHAW

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I don't know about you, but on those rare occasions when I'm out walking with a friend of the female persuasion, inevitably I drift over to the part of the sidewalk nearest the street, even though my companion of the moment may be inclined to view the move with some suspicion.

Why do I do this? Because, during my most formative years, Emily Post told me to, that's why.

For those of you who came in late, Emily Post was once synonymous with good manners, starting with her book "Etiquette," published in 1922, which sold 1.5 million copies and went through 89 printings, and continuing with a radio show and a syndicated column designed to shame the rude and crude among us.

Emily, who died in 1960 a week short of her 87th birthday, came to mind the other day when I read of the publication of the first full-length biography of the arbiter of social grace, "Emily Post: Daughter of the Gilded Age, Mistress of American Manners," by Laura Claridge.

Of course, this discovery sent me to the nearest copy of "Etiquette," which presumably is still being published by Emily's estate, to see if the modern world had impinged on Our Lady of Good Manners. It has.

Rule 2 – "In North America and Europe, a firm handshake is an appropriate form of greeting. In Asia and the Middle East, where handshaking is relatively new, the customary grip is gentler; a too hearty grip could be interpreted as aggressive. In Islamic countries, offering your hand to a woman is highly offensive."

In other words, be gentle when you take away their uzis.

Rule 6 – "Children's birthday party etiquette: Keep the guest list to a reasonable number. The rule of thumb is one guest for each year of your child's age, plus one. Have plenty of adult help on hand. Even as they approach age six, preschoolers need lots of watchful, if subtle, supervision."

In other words, keep an eye on the liquor cabinet.

Rules 8 – "Technically, food is passed around the table in a counterclockwise direction. The reason there is even a guideline for this is to provide some sense of order when passing food. In general, what's important is that when several dishes are being passed at the same time, they all go in the same direction."

In other words, pass corn to the right, lima beans to the left, and you get succotash.

Rule 9 – "A tip should always be earned. Reward good service generously and reduce the tip proportionately for indifference or rude service. That way you help raise the standard of service. Leaving no tip does not correct the problem of poor service."

In other words, no tip can get you a cup of dishwater, not coffee, the next time you're stuck at the same waitress' station.

Alas, Emily's only rule that I remember from my youth is now irrelevant.

Rule 5 – "The custom of a man walking between his female companion and the street was the custom in the day when carriages splashed mud and ladies' finery needed shielding. These days, it doesn't matter who is walking on the street side of the sidewalk."

Party politics on Our Town

"Our Town" co-hosts Pat Martin and Mark DeGiacomo sit down with Kevin O'Donnell, chairman of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee, and Kevin MacCarthy, chairman of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, to debate from each party's perspective the issues, platforms and candidates in the presidential election.

Our Town airs on local Comcast Channel 10 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 9pm.

Stay tuned and stay informed.

Check out the Web

Check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

• Video of Roving Reporter Rich Ofsthun who visits French Memories.

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• Pet of the Week Video: Meet Donny, an energetic 9-month-old lab mix

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Capital priorities

Ambulance, cruiser top recommendations

By Nancy White
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After meeting with various town departments over the past few weeks, the Capital Budget Committee sat down to prioritize the requests — and discuss the best way for the town to pay for them.

The Capital Budget Committee makes recommendations on capital spending, but it is ultimately the voters at Town Meeting on which capital items ultimately get purchased.

Emergency response vehicles for both fire and police topped the short list of capital items. An ambulance, a fire command vehicle and a marked police cruiser are all recommended items.

With no free cash available to devote to capital items according to Town Manager Bill Griffin, the only available funds are in the capital stabilization fund, which was established and funded with $250,000 at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting. The town could turn to bonding to pay for capital expenses.

"Some things make sense to bond, especially in the early years of the capital stabilization fund," said Steve Gaumer, chairman of the Capital Budget Committee.

Not wanting to deplete the entire capital stabilization fund in its first year of existence, the Capital Budget Committee will recommend to Town Meeting that the vehicles (ambulance, police cruiser and fire command vehicle) be grouped into a lease-to-buy program and paid out installments. The installments would begin in fiscal 2010 and be paid for out of the capital stabilization fund. In the past, vehicle purchases have been paid for up front.

The committee went through the list of town department requests. The schools had brought forth no urgent requests, only asked for a plan to replace aging school buses and classroom computers.

The Fire Department presented a desperate case for both its 2001 advanced life support ambulance and the 13-year old Ford Explorer, which serves as the department's command vehicle. A new heart monitor/defibrillator was also requested to replace an aging model. The hydraulic rescue tool, more commonly known as the Jaws of Life, needs a replacement of the power unit (motor/pump) portion of the tool. The cutter and spreader were replaced with the capital money that was appropriated at last fall's Special Town Meeting. The purchase of the power unit will complete the replacement of the tool that was originally purchased in the 70's.

The town's ambulance is one of the few capital items that pays for itself over its lifetime. Approximately $372,000 in revenue from hospital transports was brought into the town in fiscal 2008, said Fire Chief Robert Silvia.

If Town Meeting approved the purchase of the ambulance and the command vehicle, the older models will be moved into a new role. The ambulance will serve as a back-up piece or a reserve piece, while the old command vehicle will go out on inspections.

The Capital Budget Committee is recommending for the replacement of approximately half of the library's public computers. A total replacement of the 20 computers was requested, but the committee did not feel the $20,000 price tag was warranted.

"They need to find a better way to fund the department," said member Peter Decaprio, suggesting a library card fee or pay per use fee for the computers.

Gaumer recognized the library's willingness to communicate the department's needs and answer specific questions raised by the committee, but as a whole the committee felt the replacement of all the computers was too much for this fiscal year. Gaumer said he would support a discussion the computer purchase being revisited in the spring.

The committee recommended the replacement of an aging police cruiser that has about 150,000 miles on it. The cost is $29,000. Going forward, the committee plans to put in place a replacement schedule for police cruisers so they are replaced on a rotating basis.

After brief discussions on the major spending articles going forward to Town Meeting, the committee is recommending Town Meeting approval all the projects — the repair of the Jerusalem Road road/wall, the repair of the crumbling Jacob's Meadow/Legion culvert, and the citizen's petition for the synthetic turf field.

Capital Budget recommendations

To be paid for in cash from capital stabilization fund in Fiscal 2009	
Library public computers	$10,000
Fire defibrillator	$25,000
Fire Jaws of Life power unit	$10,000
Total in cash	**$45,000**
To be wrapped into a lease-to-buy payment plan	
-Fire ambulance	$160,000
-Fire command vehicle	$30,000
-Police marked vehicle	$29,000
Total (without interest)	**$219,000**

The Capital Budget supported the Jerusalem Road repair ($270,000), Jacob's Meadow culvert repair ($450,000) spending articles and, if the numbers presented prove accurate, the citizen's petition for a synthetic turf field proposal at the high school (approximately $500,000).

"Some things make sense to bond, especially in the early years of the capital stabilization fund."
Steve Gaumer, chairman of the Capital Budget Committee.

How the capital stabilization fund works

The capital stabilization fund was created at the Spring Town Meeting as a mechanism to fund future capital purchases. The town authorized a $125,000 transfer from free cash to the stabilization fund and another $125,000 in the roll-off amount from the town's non-excluded debt service schedule for the end of fiscal 2009. The plan is to put future debt service roll-off into the stabilization fund and use it to maintain and replace the town's capital assets.

Wait on wind

Wind turbine hearing postponed to Dec. 1

By Nancy White
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Residents will have to wait until Monday, Dec. 1 to hear more about the proposed Graham Waste wind turbine project. Last Thursday, the applicant, Jim Sweeney of CCI Energy, formally requested the public hearing set to continue on this past Monday, Oct. 27 be postponed to allow him to collect further data.

In anticipation of the planned public hearing last week, talk and opinion of the wind turbines were blowing around.

When reached by phone, Sweeney said they have completed most of the requested items from the first public hearing, but still need to complete a sound analysis study, primarily for the Avalon property, with the leaves off the trees.

News of the postponement came via e-mail from Planning Board administrator Jo-Ann Pilczak.

"In fairness to all parties, such as the Planning Board, town engineer and the public, they need more time to provide this information well in advance of the meeting," stated Pilczak. Sweeney felt the month-long postponement would allow him to do this, Pilczak wrote.

CCI Energy submitted additional data, studies and documentation to the Planning Board office last week. In the new documentation, the applicant indicates two AAER 1.65 megawatt-size turbine will be utilized on the site. In a phone interview, Sweeney said while they plan to purchase the turbines from Canadian-based company AAER turbines, if something fell through and the company was not able to provide the turbines they would use something equivalent that's on the market. According to the applicant's documentation, this project would be the first time this specific model of turbine would be used in North America.

The new report also indicates the turbine sited closest to the Avalon property has been relocated approximately 900 feet from its original location to lessen the impact on the future development.

This is the second time the applicant has asked for a postponement in order to gather information since the first public hearing in September.

In addition, Sweeney said he has had an initial meeting with Town Manager Bill Griffin to talk about selling the excess energy from the turbines to the town.

"I feel confident we'll be able to negotiate favorable terms," said Sweeney. "We're definitely looking forward to presenting in December and getting the turbines up and running by the end of 2009."

Griffin told the Mariner in an e-mail that the relatively brief meeting to commence discussions on whether the town would be interested in purchasing electricity at a discount rate was introductory in nature. Since the project has just begun the local permitting process and the state regulations on this type of private-public energy exchange have not been finalized, Griffin said it was difficult to get into any detail about the proposal.

Private group sends email

A private group made up of concerned citizens from the neighborhoods close to the proposed project (Sanctuary Pond, Lower King St, Fair Oaks Lane) as well as others beyond the immediate area has formed. Calling themselves the "Cohasset Wind Advisory Committee" (not to be confused with the town appointed board, the Alternative Energy Committee), the group sent out an unsigned e-mail last week to get their concerns out to other residents.

The e-mail sent late on Sunday, Oct. 19 enumerated the "Top Ten Myths about the Graham Waste wind project." The Mariner asked the group to put a name and address on the e-mail, but a copy was not sent by press time.

Jeff Patterson of 10 Sanctuary Pond Road did not write the e-mail but is one of the group's members. He said the e-mail was distributed to about 580 e-mail addresses and roughly 40 people have expressed interest in being actively involved in the group.

In a phone interview, Patterson cited a lack of specifics and detailed information from the developer at the first meeting led he and the Wind Advisory Committee to speak out against the turbine project.

In the e-mail, the group explains they are not against wind power, "but we do care about protecting the health, safety, and welfare of all residents and preserving the beauty of Cohasset."

They point out the town of Cohasset has no negotiated benefit to the town from the turbines. The developer has said at the first public hearing and several open meetings he plans to sell excess energy from the turbines to the town, but because the project is not approved, no contract has been negotiated.

The group goes on to list concerns about property values (and consequence on the town's property tax levy), the size of the turbines (they are larger than both of Hull's turbines), noise impacts, shadow impacts and general safety.

"We are really trying to raise the issues we believe are valid concerns," said Patterson. "We want to make sure the project is done in a way that's safe and beneficial to the town. I hope we can work constructively."

When asked why the e-mail was sent anonymously, Patterson said he could not specifically comment because he did not send the e-mail but said it was a way to get the group's views and concerns out there.

One Planning Board member who received the e-mail was taken aback by its content — and the lack of a signed sender.

"I am concerned about this type of communication with completely unsubstantiated information…crafted by a group that is hiding their true objectives and identity," said Planning Board member Mike Westcott in a phone interview. Westcott had received a copy of the e-mail directly from the sender and forwarded a copy to the Mariner. "The neighbors have some visibility to the project and are concerned, but they are getting people fired up with misstatements and lack of facts."

The Alternative Energy Committee crafted a formal statement at their recent meeting to make it clear the Cohasset Wind Advisory Committee — and their opinion — had nothing to do with their committee.

"This anonymous organization has no official connection to nor is sanctioned by the AEC or town government. This unsigned e-mail has *no* connection to any member of the Cohasset Alternative Energy Committee," stated a letter sent to the Board of Selectmen. "*No* member of the AEC is connected in any way to this anonymous organization."

The letter affirmed the AEC's support for the development of energy conservation efforts along with renewable energy alternatives including wind resources in Cohasset.

"The AEC continues to support the Cohasset Heights Wind project. We urge local residents to attend the Dec. 1 Planning Board meeting to hear the facts for themselves and not to be swayed by rumors, innuendos and distorted truths," concluded the letter.

When reached for further comment, AEC Chairman Andrew Willard declined to be specific about the committee's objections to the letter. Since the letter was never sent directly to the AEC or the town, Willard did not feel it appropriate to comment further.

BRIEFLY

Chamber networking event is Nov. 13

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Fall Networking Event, to be held on Thursday, Nov. 13, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 15 Depot Court, the newest building in the Village. Sean Cunning of S, G, & D Insurance, the building owner, will be the host and provide the grand tour. Light refreshments will be served. All Chamber members and potential members are welcomed. Come meet some new folks and support your fellow business associates. Any questions, call Karen Kirkendall at 781-789-6288.

Newcomers Club accepting new members

Whether one just moved to Scituate or Cohasset, or has lived here for years, Scituate Cohasset Newcomers Club is a great way to get involved in the community and make new friends. The club is currently accepting new members. For more information about becoming a member, visit the Web site at scnewcomers.com.

Every month, a newsletter is issued that includes the schedule of social events. Some events are geared toward adults, while others involve caregivers and tots or the entire family. Annual events include the Fall Kick-Off Party, Children's Halloween Party, Chili Cook Off and Summer Barbecue. Every season new events are added or revised depending on the needs of members. Special interest groups are constantly developing as creative ideas are presented.

SCNC prides itself on its dedication to community service, and has raised money and donated time to Habitat for Humanity and the Magical Moon Foundation, and continues to find ways to help those in need.

American Legion to host Marine Corps Birthday Ball

George H. Mealy Post 118 of the American Legion will host its second Marine Corps Birthday Ball from 6 to 10 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Legion Post, 98 Summer St., Cohasset. The event, which is open to the public, will feature a complete roast beef dinner and entertainment.

Tickets are $10 per person and are available at the Legion Post. Active and inactive Marines in uniform will be admitted free of charge.

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Health Notes

Oh rats! Rodent sightings are limited

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Some time ago, I'm told, Jack Buckley's high school students in the public service program were looking for something to do in a systematic way for the Town and someone from the Board of Health; I haven't been told who, suggested that they investigate the presence of rats in Town and see if they were a threat. The net result of this effort was a map showing the product of the student search of the Town for rats: the location of 10 sightings. Before we proceed any further, it should be said that after extensive research by the Health Notes experienced staff, the sighting of 10 rats or evidence thereof, can hardly represent a health threat of any type, or even an abnormal occurrence in a town the size of Cohasset.

Nonetheless, it's probably wise to know a bit more about the relationship between sound health practice and rats, and for that matter, rodents in general. According to a document "*Pest Notes*," Publication 74106 by the University of California, January 2003, "Rats are some of the most troublesome and damaging rodents in the United States. They consume and contaminate food, damage structures and property, and transmit parasites and diseases to other animals and humans. Rats live and thrive under a wide variety of climates and conditions; they are often found in and around homes and other buildings, farms, gardens, and open fields."

But not particularly in Cohasset. From about 1990 until 2006, the Board received no complaints about rats. Since that time, we have received a total of about 12 complaints. Opinions vary as to the cause of the appearance of rats, but from my readings of *Wind in the Willows* and the opinions of other members of the Board of Health team we believe the increase in sightings may be connected with disturbance of rats' dwellings by the construction work involving the train tracks. We've all been disturbed by construction in Town; rats, no less than people. Rats, apparently hate exposure to us as much as we to them. So I suspect that after all the construction is finished, things will settle back down and rat sightings will decline.

Finding rats is not difficult, but requires some persistence as one seldom encounters them in suburban settings. Indicators to look for are: Rat droppings around dog or cat dishes or pet food storage containers; noises coming from the attic just after dusk; remnants of rat nests when dismantling your firewood stack. Is there evidence rodents are feeding on fruit/nuts that are in or falling from trees in your yard or damaged vegetables in the garden? Of course, gardens a.e fair game for chipmunks, squirrels, and many other small animals as well as some larger ones as we've encountered reports of foxes, deer, bears, and other animals large and small. So, it's not always rats stealing your produce.

The two common species of rats are Norway rats and roof rats. *See illustration.* Norway rats (Rattus norvegicus) sometimes called brown or sewer rats, are stocky burrowing rodents that are larger than roof rats. Their burrows are found along building foundations, beneath rubbish or woodpiles, and in moist areas in and around gardens and fields. Nests may be lined with shredded paper, cloth, or other fibrous material. When Norway rats invade buildings, they usually remain in the basement or ground floor. Roof rats (Rattus Rattus), sometimes called black rats, are slightly smaller than Norway rats. Unlike Norway rats, their tails are longer than their heads and bodies combined. Roof rats are very agile climbers and usually live and nest above ground in shrubs, trees, and dense vegetation such as ivy. In buildings, they are most often found in enclosed or elevated spaces in attics, walls, false ceilings and cabinets. Both species are more prevalent in the south and on the west coast.

Rat Control — The best expedient is the large, simple, cheap wooden snap trap sold in hardware stores. Attach it firmly to the ground or solid place to keep the rat from dragging the trap away. Place it near where you find droppings and where it's safe and away from kids. Poisons are not recommended for rat control inside buildings, since poisoned rats can die in hard to reach places causing a bad smell. When poisons are used, they must be used in accordance with strict pesticide rules. Dispose of rats using gloves where possible. Wash your hands with hot water and soap after getting rid of dead rats! (Even if you used gloves).

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Overview of current legislation

YOUR REP

GARRETT BRADLEY



...I will highlight some specific issues, projects, and laws that I have advocated for which directly affect the town of Cohasset

As the legislative year comes to a conclusion, I wanted to update you on some of the legislation passed by the House of Representatives this session. Please note that this is just a brief overview. Feel free to contact me should you have questions or would like additional information.

First, let me give you an overview of several pieces of general legislation affecting all residents of the Commonwealth. Then I will highlight some specific issues, projects, and laws that I have advocated for which directly affect the town of Cohasset.

The following bills were passed by the House:

• A law allowing municipal employees to join the Group Insurance Commission. This would save municipalities significant funds which, in turn, could be used for property tax reduction.

• A pension reform bill, which would permit the state to take over poorly performing municipal or county funds. This too would provide significant savings to our community.

• An identity theft bill, which mandates notification to the public of data breaches and establishes security freezes for accounts subject to identity theft, as well as, sets standards for the disposal of records containing any personal data.

• Legislation was passed to mandate the divestment of the state's employee pension fund from any companies providing financial support to the Sudanese government due to the genocide in Darfur, as well as, to the government of Iran.

• $1 billion economic stimulus bill, which invests in the state's growing life science sector. The economic development package takes a targeted approach to creating high paying quality jobs in Massachusetts and retaining talented scientists and researchers at our state's institutions.

• An energy reform bill to promote the use of clean and renewable energies here in Massachusetts. We also passed an ocean management bill to clarify laws to allow for the clean development in areas currently zoned for only traditionally energy generation.

• The House acted to avert a home heating crisis by unanimously approving $15 million in emergency funding for more than 100,000 elderly residents and low income families trying to stay warm this winter.

• The House passed a bill aimed at increasing safety in our communities and on our roads by banning text messaging while driving and prohibiting the use of cell phones by young drivers.

• The House froze the unemployment insurance rate which is expected to save employers $153 million this year and the House passed a corporate tax reform bill which closed loopholes saving the state $217 million a year in revenue. This action will provide much needed funds directly to our local communities.

• A major bridge repair bond bill was passed to preserve the existing transportation infrastructure and improve the safety of our bridges in the Commonwealth. Fore River Bridge in Weymouth/Quincy is included in this bill.

• Legislation to promote job growth in the Commonwealth's green clean energy sector. This legislation will encourage green start-up companies to expand in Massachusetts and provide individuals of all income levels with job skills needed to excel in this state's green economy.

• The House passed legislation to better protect children from sex offenders, enforce tougher sentences and enhance tracking of online predators.

• The House approved legislation allowing children suffering from mental illness to access care through insurance plans, expand access to mental health screenings, and provide early education tools to better serve students suffering from devastating mental illness.

• Legislation was passed to strengthen and better coordinate school district accountability and assistance in public schools. The legislation promotes stronger alignment between required school district performance audits and state targeted assistance for struggling schools and districts.

• In the midst of the national state-wide mortgage crisis, the House passed bold new legislation to stem the number of mortgage foreclosures by encouraging banks to help borrowers and providing a new three month window to cure defaults and maintain tough new licensing standards for mortgage loan originators.

This, of course, is only a partial list of the legislation that the House of Representatives dealt with in this past two year legislative session. During the budget, as well as in several bond bills, I had an opportunity to advocate for our community and was able to secure funds for some necessary projects. However, as you are aware, we are dealing with an uncertain economic future. Therefore, some of these authorizations may be curtailed and/or delayed. I will continue to keep you, and our local officials, informed as we move forward.

Budget Items

• The town of Cohasset will receive $1,788,815 in Chapter 70 funding, an increase of 5.4 percent from FY 08.

• The town of Cohasset will receive $474,221 in lottery aid.

• The town of Cohasset will receive $166,099 in additional assistance.

Bond Items:

• $4 million was allocated to create an upstream retention of storm water to reduce flooding of Jacob Meadows in Cohasset Village.

• $600,000 for the rehabilitation of the Jacob Meadows outfall channel wall.

• $50,000 to re-establish an increased title flow through the enlargement of Parkman Avenue and Border Street.

In addition to these funds, the following Home Rule petition was passed by the House of Representatives:

• An act authorizing the town of Cohasset to provide water services to other cities and towns, and water companies. Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2008.

• An act relative to town water department access within the state highway property in Cohasset.

As always, I appreciate the input that I received from so many constituents over the last session and I look forward to your advice going forward.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Starting this fall, my district office at the Sons of Italy Hall in Hingham, located at 88 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, will be staffed every Friday. If you need to set up an appointment or have any questions please call my State House office at 617.722.2460 Monday-Friday or my district office on Fridays at 781.749.3331.

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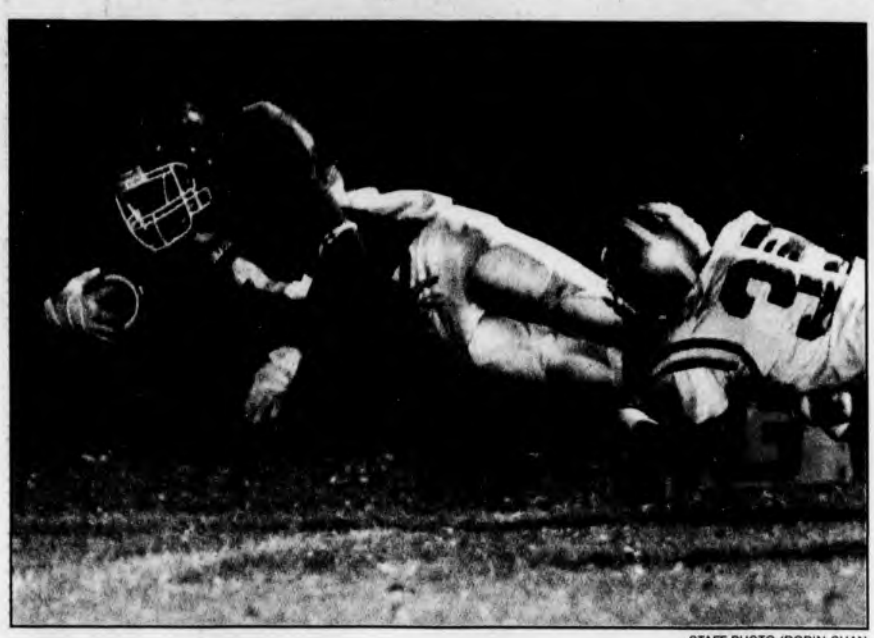
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Cohasset sends East Bridgewater packing



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Cohasset's Dana Valentine (1) stretches out and breaks the plane of the goal line for a touchdown to start the scoring with 9:12 left in the game of their 20-7 win over East Bridgewater on Friday night.

After a demoralizing loss in Mashpee the week prior, it was anyone's guess as to how the Cohasset Skippers would handle perennial league foe, East Bridgewater.

A loss and a tie against East Bridgewater over the last two years made preparing for this week's game that much more important to coach Pete Afanasiw and his team. There was no doubt the Skippers were hungry for their first league win of the season.

Cohasset received the opening kickoff but quickly turned the ball over on downs. EB took possession on its own 40-yard line and began barreling through and leapfrogging over the Cohasset D. Junior Graham Stevenson slowed the momentum with a ferocious tackle in the backfield. The Viking 12-play drive culminated in a made field goal, which was called back on a offensive penalty. The second attempt missed, wide right.

Cohasset took over on its own 25-yard line and ran two plays before the first quarter ended. The Skippers controlled the line of scrimmage and behind the determined efforts of junior running back Dana Valentine (22 carries, 142 yards, 1 TD) they moved the ball 11 more plays down the field but turned the ball over on downs on the EB 31 yard line.

EB looked like it was putting a big drive together, nine plays, but another monster tackle by Stevenson in the backfield and a pass deflection on fourth down halted their progress. The Cohasset defense was in containment mode.

Cohasset went three and out from its own 30. EB took over on downs and the half ended as junior Will Lynner burst through the offensive line to sack the Viking QB for an enormous loss.

Both teams headed into the locker room, deadlocked. The Skipper faithful were concerned that their beloved boys in blue had now gone six quarters without putting points on the board. The defense that was beaten down by Mashpee last week held EB out of the red zone for the entire half and came up with the big plays when needed. But could they keep it going?

The second half started with on on-side kick by Cohasset, and sophomore Jack Carrier (four tackles in the game) emerged from the pile with the ball. Two series later, Cohasset started to build momentum behind the running of Valentine and sophomore QB Jeff Cavanaro (13 carries, 100 yards, TD). Valentine went up the middle and "Cavs" went outside. The Skippers finally were inside the 20 and on fourth down went for a field goal, which missed wide right. EB took over but quickly had to punt the ball, which was blocked by Will Lynner. And a fortuitous block it was as it gave the Skippers great field position.

The Skippers had the ball to start the fourth quarter and on the third play of the drive, Cavs pitched the ball to Valentine who went in for the score. Junior Brendan Doonan

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When the going got tough...

Lady Skippers stay on track through injuries and rough conditions

By Mike Spellman
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All things considered, Deb Beal was happy to conclude the last week of action with a record of 1-0-2.

Beal's Lady Skippers were depleted by injuries and other factors for showdowns last week with fellow postseason-bound Notre Dame Academy and Hull, and battled to salvage ties in both contests.

"Our two games last week were as I had expected were difficult," said the veteran Cohasset coach. "A few injuries have popped up, which has caused some kids to sit a little in order to rest up for the tournament."

On Monday, a bit of normalcy returned, as the Lady Skippers traveled to Mashpee and took a lopsided 6-1 decision, wrapping up their South Shore League slate at 10-3-1 and moving to 12-3-2 overall.

The Lady Skippers were slated to host two non-league games under the lights at Alumni Field to close out the regular season at the time of this writing. Rockland was on the schedule for this past Wednesday night, Plymouth North for Monday (6:30 p.m. start).

"My focus now is getting these girls pumped up and ready," said Beal, referring to postseason play, which will get underway a week from today (Friday).

The Lady Skippers are hoping for a high seed in the Div. 3 south sectionals, and quite possibly a first round bye and a few home games as they set their sights on surpassing last year's program-best run to the sectional finals.

"Although we had a very successful run in the tournament last year there is no free ticket

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Torey Hart is congratulated by teammates after putting her side ahead against Norwell.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Anya Gruber, left, and Christina Secatore, right, of Cohasset round the corner and heads into the woods of Wheelwright Park at the start of their meet against Harwich.

Q&A with Coach Mingels –varsity cross country coach

Brad Mingels is the Cohasset Varsity Cross Country Coach and the Technology & Engineering teacher at Cohasset Middle School. Coach Mingels shared with the Mariner his thoughts about the CC team, where it is today, and where it is going.

• How do you feel the team is doing this year?

I am very happy with the team this year. This is the inaugural season for Cohasset Cross Country and it has surpassed my expectations. As you know, we are a co-op team with Hull and the group of athletes we have, on both sides, is dedicated and talented. The Hull side is a bit farther along because they had a coach prior to the start of the season, however, our Cohasset runners are getting stronger every week and everyone is contributing to the overall team effort.

• What are your hopes for the rest of the season?

This is a multiple part answer.

For the boys team, I am hoping that we will be in contention for the league championship. We have a strong team of 19 runners between the two towns and are currently ranked 9th on the South Shore. I am hopeful that we can finish at least in the top 3 in the League Meet.

For the girls, we are at the very beginning of the program and only have a total of 7 runners between the two towns. It's been tough to compete with some of the other, larger and more established programs so far. However, the girls are working hard and getting stronger every week and we finally won our first meet against Harwich last week. I think if the girls team has the potential to finish well in the League Meet, probably fourth or fifth but we have a chance to finish as high as third.

Regardless of where we finish in the standings, I think this season has been a success and I am very proud of both of these teams. We have a good core group of runners who come to practice every day and it has been a pleasure to coach these kids. I am already looking forward to next year.

• Any highlights or key players?

I think that the credit for this season goes to the entire team as well as my counterpart in Hull, Coach John Jacoppo. Clearly, Kenton Gilmartin, Dave Allen and T.J. Stokes

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The way of the Wise

CHS keeper stops 17 shots to shutout Mashpee

By Mike Spellman
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Mashpee 0, Cohasset 0

Coach Jim Willis hopes this performance Monday will be the one that catapults keeper Will Wise past South Shore League all-star honors onto the All-Eastern Mass team.

Though he has surrendered only a bit over one goal per game, the Skippers' junior netminder currently ranks third in goals allowed average among South Shore League keepers behind Carver's Mike Phelan and Harwich's Zack Jamous. Of course, as Willis correctly points out, Wise may have twice as many saves as either of those keepers.

"The Carver and Harwich keepers have games where they're really not much more than observers, but that's never the case for Will," said Willis. "We've had a lot of injury and inexperience on defense, so Will has been a very active participant in every game this season."

The top five vote getters for the South Shore League all-star team will qualify for the All-Eastern Mass team. On the surface, it might seem tough to argue that honor for the keeper of a 3-8-6 team that is now playing out the string, but Willis will make that argument vehemently.

During Monday's scoreless tie with Mashpee, Wise made 17 stops in all, including many of the outstanding variety to record his fifth shutout on the season. The most memorable was a point blank stuff with three minutes to play that flashed all of the best of Wise's athleticism, instincts and focus.

"Will is just a natural," Willis said of the 6-foot-2, 170-pound multi-sport standout. "He has all the athletic and instinctive gifts and works extremely hard. He sees the game in front of him very well. But what really stands out is how even keeled he is. He never gets rattled."

Wise has been the Skippers starter at keeper since his freshman year. His focus and unflappability are the attributes, Willis said, that Wise's teammates recognized in voting the junior a team captain.

"We've had a lot of injury and inexperience on defense, so Will has been a very active participant in every game this season."
— Boys soccer coach Jim Willis, on keeper Will Wise

Of course, it bears mentioning that Wise's support has gotten much better as the season has progressed, as attested by the goals against: Wise has surrendered just seven goals over the last eight games.

Sophomore Travers Craven was moved into sweeper a few weeks ago to allow senior star Lennert Brown to move into the midfield in the hopes of jump-starting an anemic offense. There were some growing pains at first, but Willis reports that progress has been steady and encouraging.

"When I look at how far Craven has come it's exciting to think that he's only a sophomore," said Willis.

As far as Craven has come, no CHS player, in Willis' estimation, has progressed nearly as rapidly as junior Jack Murphy. Murphy is also a natural athlete, as witnessed by his prowess on the wrestling mat and work between the pipes as the Skippers lacrosse goalie. He was a JV keeper as an eighth and ninth grader, then did not play at all as a sophomore. He opted to give soccer another shot this fall, this time as a defender. The results speak for themselves, but that still doesn't stop Willis from adding his two cents.

"In all my years of coaching, I've never seen a kid come so far with his foot skills and confidence in one season as Jack has," said Willis, who served as head coach at Scituate High for eight years before taking over the Cohasset reins last year. "In weeks, he's gone from being a player who didn't look comfortable at all with the ball at his feet to someone who is getting by people now and making very good decisions with the ball. At this rate, I look for him to be one of the league's top defenders next season. We should have a very nice core in back between him, Craven and Will."

As for this season, however, no defender's impact has been as noteworthy as captain Conor Ofsthun. The senior missed the first couple of weeks of the regular season while recovering from a severely sprained ankle. The Skippers went 0-5-1 over that stretch. They're 3-3-5 since — 3-8-6 overall. They were eliminated from postseason contention last week, so will play out the string over the next week.

"If only we could have started the season with this team we have right now," said Willis. "We've come so far. It's frustrating to look back at all of those one goal losses that could have been ties or ties that could have been wins, but those are the growing pains a young team sometimes has to go through. We're a young team. The things we've gone through this season will make us stronger next season."

LAST UP

The Skippers were slated to travel to Scituate this past Wednesday. Next week sees them host Harwich on Tuesday (4 p.m. start) and travel to Hull to close it out the season Wednesday night (6 p.m. start).



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Cohasset keeper Will Wise stops Norwell's drive to the goal during a recent game. Wise stopped 17 tries on goals in a shutout game against Mashpee.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Mariner caught up with CHS boys varsity soccer captains, Conor Ofsthun, Lennart Brown and, Will Wise at Alumni Field.

CAPTAINS' CORNER/Conor Ofsthun, Lennart Brown and Will Wise

Names: Conor Ofsthun, Lennart Brown and Will Wise.

Grade: Seniors (Conor and Lennart). Junior (Will).

Sports played: Soccer, ski team and baseball (Conor). Soccer (Lennart). Soccer and lacrosse (Will).

Favorite subject: Math (Conor and Will). Biology (Lennart).

Favorite professional team: Red Sox (Conor). Westham United (Lennart). Celtics (Will).

Athlete you would most like to meet: Kevin Garnett (Conor and Will). David Beckham (Lennart).

Best thing that sports have taught you: Putting in 110 percent (Conor). Passion (Lennart). Value of hard work (Will).

Best thing about CHS athletics: Carry good varsity sports for such a small school (Conor). Team chemistry for such a small school (Lennart). Having strong teams for our division (Will).

Goal: Making the honor roll (Conor). To have a good year (Lennart). Getting into a good college that I am happy with (Will).

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Skippers field hockey season comes to a close

Players and team receive recognition

By Susan Franklin
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The last week of the Skippers field hockey season was a busy one. Despite the cold, rainy weather, Cohasset faced off against Scituate on their turf field. The Skippers started out very strong in the first half, keeping the ball to the outside and pushing it down the wings. Players positioned more to the center of the field were key in changing the direction of play. Cohasset scored first when senior captain Jenny Cahill found the net. During the contest, Cohasset moved the ball consistently down field gaining 7 offensive corners and making 8 solid shots on net. Scituate too played a very offensive game so both teams had to work very hard between the 25-yard lines. Scituate gained 9 offensive corners and took 7 shots on net. This hard fought contest ended with Scituate taking the victory 2-1 over the Skippers.

Tired from playing two games earlier in the week, the Skippers faced a formidable East Bridgewater team. East Bridgewater scored first off a beautiful pass. Erika Reardon came back in the second half and scored a well-placed goal on a corner, putting the ball between the post and the goalie. The Skipper offense took 11 shots on net and equally gained 11 corners. The Cohasset defense allowed East Bridgewater only 2 corners and 5 shots on our net. But one Cohasset goal would not be enough to beat this notable second half team. Crowding the circle and taking big shots, East Bridgewater added 3 goals to their tally bringing the final score to 4-1.

The final game of the season was against Hingham. The play was back and forth the entire game with both teams working hard to create scoring opportunities. Cohasset took 4 shots on net and gained 6 offensive corners. Defensively Cohasset shut Hingham down, limiting them to 5 shots on net and 3 offensive corners. Our midfielders kept the ball moving down field with forwards getting breakaway shots on the Hingham net. Well matched overall, Hingham took this one home with a score of 2-0.

With an overall record of 2-14-2 and a South Shore League record of 1-9-2, this season was a true test of character for Skippers field hockey. Returning players still felt the excitement of last season's quarterfinal playoff birth, minus many 2007 graduates and the head coach who brought them there. Led by Abbey Coakley, former assistant coach and standout field hockey player at Cohasset, this team has much of which to be proud. Although their record did not turn out as they all hoped it would, this squad displayed the skill, tenacity, poise and teamwork of champions.

The games in the loss column were tight contests, most relinquished with a score of 0-1. During this rebuilding year, the Skippers gave teams a run for their money with opposing coaches of both league and nonleague teams remarking about the squad's work ethic and sportsmanship. Although Cohasset had a tough time putting the ball in the net they succeeded at generating scoring opportunities. Their defense was formidable, making it extremely difficult for teams to penetrate and gain shots on net.

All players on this squad deserve recognition. With no middle school field hockey program at the time, many of these players had never picked up a field hockey stick until their freshman year. Nonetheless, many have developed into noteworthy players and dynamic leaders on and off the field. This season's top scorers were senior captain Jenny Cahill (4 goals and 1 assist), followed by junior Isabelle Franklin (2 goals and 1 assist) and senior Erika Reardon (2 goals). Contributing single marks for Cohasset were junior Hillary Gaumer, sophomore Elise Quebec, senior Lesen Haracz, senior captain Marissa Tangherlini. Many players were defensive standouts, including Tangherlini, senior Jean Thome, junior Kate Durant and junior Lucy Noble. In the goal, senior captain Alyssa Mullin was solid all season long making 143 saves on 186 attempts on goal.

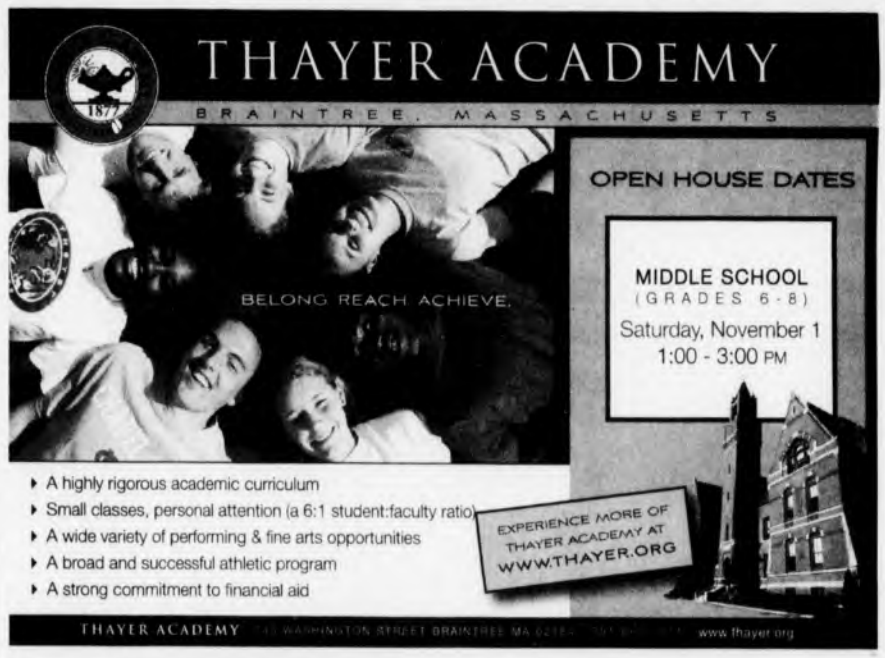
South Shore League All Star nominations went to senior captains Jenny Cahill, Marissa Tangherlini, Alyssa Mullin and junior Isabelle Franklin. Cahill and Tangherlini were voted onto the 2008 SSL All Star Team and Mullin and Franklin received honorable mentions. The team's consistently tenacious play, unmatched sportsmanlike conduct and class led to Cohasset High School Varsity Field Hockey being awarded the **2008 Sportsmanship Award**. The last Skipper's squad to earn the Sportsmanship Award played six seasons ago, with Coach Coakley wearing the Skipper uniform.

The field hockey program in Cohasset has grown tremendously. Supported by dedicated coaches and boosters, middle school students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are getting exposure to the sport. This year the varsity team had a record 15 new players turn out for the program. The outlook for 2009 is positive with the team returning many seasoned players who will be joined by players coming up from this year's very successful junior varsity team.

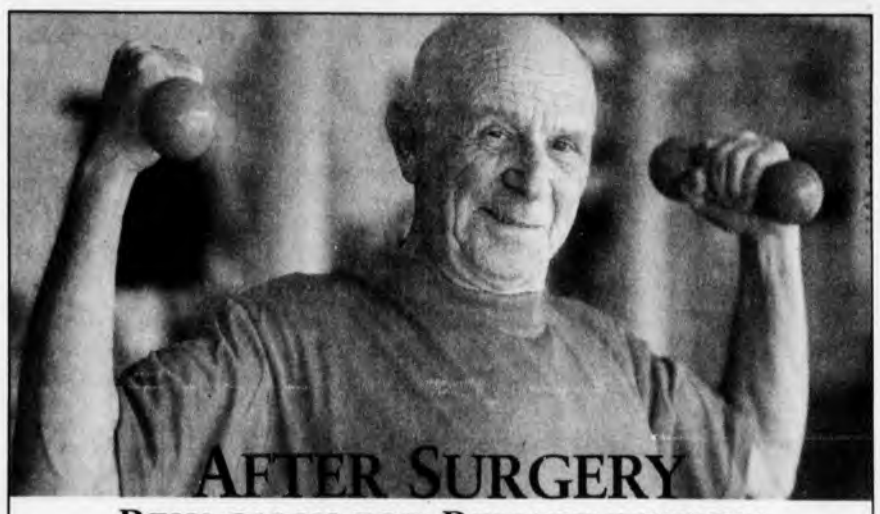


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Head coach Abbey Coakley joins her team as they get pumped up for their game against Norwell.







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Cohasset sends East Bridgewater packing

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added the PAT.

After receiving the kickoff, EB needed to move the ball up the field, quickly. On the second play from scrimmage, and under enormous pressure from senior captain Andersen Lynner and senior lineman Nick Simonds, the Viking QB heaved the ball down field and junior defensive back Johnny Maher was in perfect position to catch the ball and return it 20 yards to give Cohasset decent field position on its own 47 yard line. Three plays later it was Cavs to Maher (2 catches, 30 yards, TD, INT), who avoided two defenders as he made it into the end zone for the score. Cohasset led 13-0.

A shoestring tackle at the five-yard line by sophomore Thomas Flibotte prevented a 50-plus yard TD completion by EB. But two plays later, on a QB sneak from the one-yard-line, EB was on the board. The PAT was good. One score separated the Skippers and the Vikings.

Not a team to panic, the Skippers began a methodical and disciplined drive down the gridiron, grinding up yardage and time. When Cavanaro scored on a QB sneak from the 1-yard line and Doonan added the PAT, the score was 20-6 and that was how the game ended.

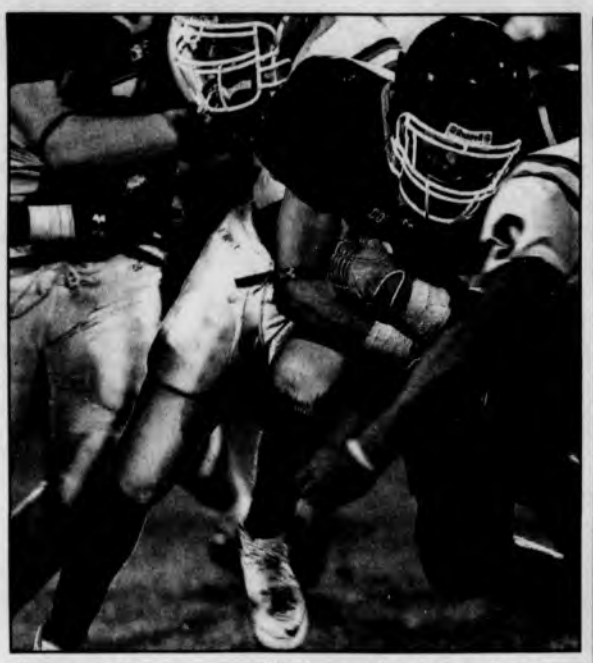
Cohasset collected 297 total yards of offense, 262 on the ground. The offensive line of junior Dan Sullivan, senior Matt Wasel and his sophomore brother Eric and the Lynner brothers did an excellent job creating the holes and making the blocks that were critical to the success of the Skipper ground assault.

Junior linebacker Jake Wheelwright led all defenders with 11 tackles. Defensive backs Maher and Doonan, along with sophomore DB Robert Jones played well, shutting down the EB passing game. Cohasset executed very well, not turning the ball over once and not committing a single penalty.

"It is very nice to get back on the winning track," said Afanasiw. "After losing two big league games we needed a strong performance going into our bye week. The kids did a great job. We didn't have a single penalty all game… that is the first time in my three years here at CHS that that has happened. We also protected the football and usually those two things add up to good things. On top of all that we executed very well and played very physical, disciplined football. I am extremely proud of the way the boys played against EB.

"However, that game is history and now it is on to preparing for defending league champ Abington," added Afanasiw. "We will definitely have our work cut out for us, but I feel confident that we can take care of business, especially if we play like we did Friday night".

The Skippers are off this week and travel to Abington for their next game on Friday, Nov. 7.

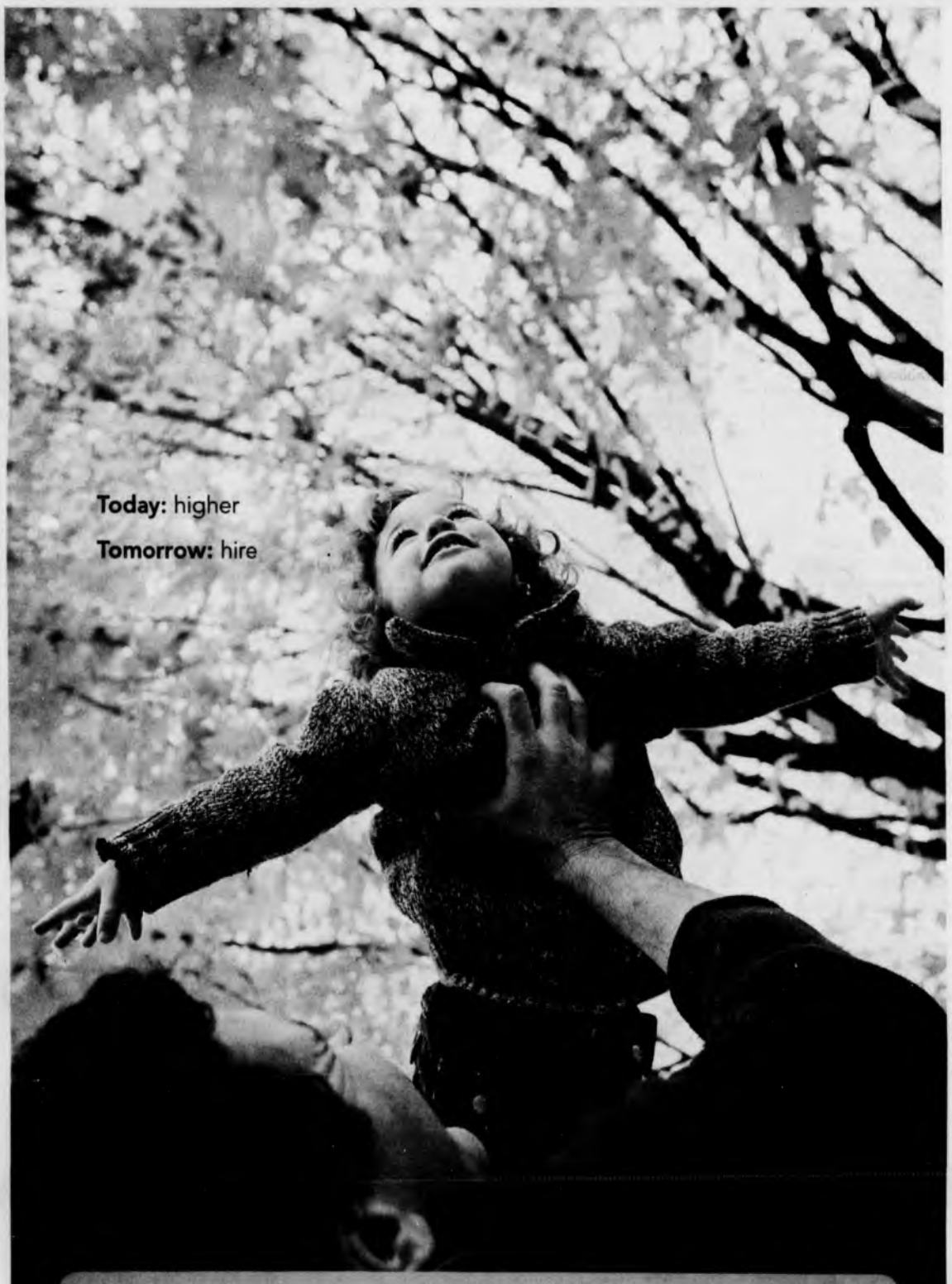


Cohasset's Alec Livingstone (37) lowers his helmet and tries to churn out more yards on a tough run in the third quarter of their win over East Bridgewater.



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Cohasset's Thomas Flibotte (20) eyes East Bridgewater's Jared Contre (33) as he tries to turn the corner on a run in the second quarter.



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Lady Skippers stay on track

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back to the same spot," continued Beal. "We have to work very hard and not lose our concentration. Hopefully we have learned from our mistakes in the past 17 games and we apply those to our upcoming games. We live and learn and with a little luck we get to where we want to go without getting distracted."

Skippers 0, Notre Dame Academy 0

"NDA at home was a very physical game on a very cold evening," reported Beal. "I thought we played really tough and we had some great scoring opportunities. I was happy to escape that one with a point towards tournament seeding. We did not escape, though, without some key injuries."

In a cruel twist of irony, Beal lost star senior keeper Johanna Brophy to a "mild concussion" 20 minutes into this one, as she took a knee to the head after going to the ground to smother a bouncing ball in the goal area. This was the second time in as many games this season with NDA that Brophy suffered a head injury. In the season opener, Brophy had her teeth quite literally smashed in. The injury required root canal surgery and several weeks away from contact sports. She missed eight games in all, and returned to action two weeks ago. It was not known at the time of this writing how long Brophy would be forced out of action this time.

She did not play either Friday night vs. Hull or Monday at Mashpee.

Junior Charlotte Malone, who filled in admirably during Brophy's first extended absence, played well after being called to duty.

Beginning this school year, all Cohasset High athletes must take an online "Impact Test" before the start of season to provide a baseline for neurological function. Any athlete who suffers a head injury must retake the Impact Test. Brophy did retake it, and, as Beal pointed out, "the numbers didn't lie."

"I think it is awesome," said Beal of the new requirement. "You really have to be so cautious with head injuries and some kids, as you know, are stubborn and say they are fine, when they actually are not and could suffer more serious life threatening injuries if struck again in the head."

Skippers 2, Hull 2

The Skippers entered this game Friday dealing with a return to action with 20 hours rest and the absences of Brophy and fellow seniors Sammi Lehr (foot injury) and Maggie McGoldrick (pre-planned college visit), a team captain.

The visiting Lady Pirates scored the only goal of the first half.

Tri-captain Sarah Coggins led the charge off the second half kickoff and scored the equalizer.

"Sarah did a nice job trying to maintain consistency in the middle without Maggie," lauded Beal, "but she could only do so much. It was a bit chaotic on the field with people not quite sure of who had who and what to do next. We played a little immaturely and we paid for it."

Hull would re-take the lead a few minutes after Coggins' tally, but junior Mackenzie Hart headed home a feed from sister Torey Hart, the third senior tri-captain, to even the game back up at 2-2. That was it for scoring.

"This was another game I was happy to walk away from with a point," admitted Beal. "I knew going into that game Hull would be tough. They qualified for post-season and they feel pretty good about themselves and they played tough."

Pointing to a hard-fought 4-3 loss Hull suffered last week to South Shore League champ Norwell, Beal added: "(Hull could really break some hearts and make some noise come November. That game with Norwell was pretty impressive and scary. We could face them again! Ugh!"

Skippers 6, Mashpee 1

McGoldrick and Lehr were back for this road game Monday, and the warm weather was a welcome change from last week.

"Defensively, we played smarter and calmer," noted Beal. "The weather was beautiful, the sun was out, it was a perfect day soccer, not that any day isn't perfect but Monday was exceptional. We opened up the scoring early and didn't look back."

Sophomore Kaci Kucinski led the way offensively with a hat trick. Coggins, Mackenzie Hart and Kristin Monaco had the other tallies.

"We played great one and two touch soccer and really played with confidence," assessed Beal. "I hope this is the turning point we have needed. With two big non-leagues coming up we need to remain sharp and play smart. This really is the most exciting part of the season. I love the competition. The who, the what, the where is what makes it so interesting."

Seeing the big picture

While Coach Beal certainly has reason to hope for a long postseason run, she also knows the end of a very special run is coming with this year's group of seniors.

"I know I have said it before but I am so fortunate to have such a nice group of girls to work with and it is so hard to believe that one day in the next month this is all going to come to an end," offered the veteran coach. " I know that this group of seniors — Brittany Dunn, Kristin Monaco, Johanna Brophy, Sammi Lehr, Maggie McGoldrick, Sarah Coggins and Torey Hart — all have a left a mark on this program and they are truly a class act and I will miss them, their leadership and their smiles."

Cohasset golfers do well in all-league tournament

The following are the South Shore League, All-League Golf Tournament Results. The tournament was held Wednesday (Oct. 29) at Ridder Farm Golf Club

Cohasset Athletic Director Ron Ford said the South Shore League extends its thanks to Jon Ridder and Skip Keene of Ridder Farm Golf Club for donating the course for the 2008 SSL Championship Tournament.

• 2008 SSL Tournament Team Results

1. East Bridgewater	224
2. Cohasset	**241**
3. Norwell	248
4. Mashpee	257
5. Abington	267
6. Harwich	275
7. Carver	294

• 2008 SSL Tournament Individual Medalists (par 70)

1. David Pierce	East Bridgewater (sr)	69 tie
Nick Venezia	East Bridgewater (sr)	69 tie
3. Jon Wade	**Cohasset (sr)**	**75**

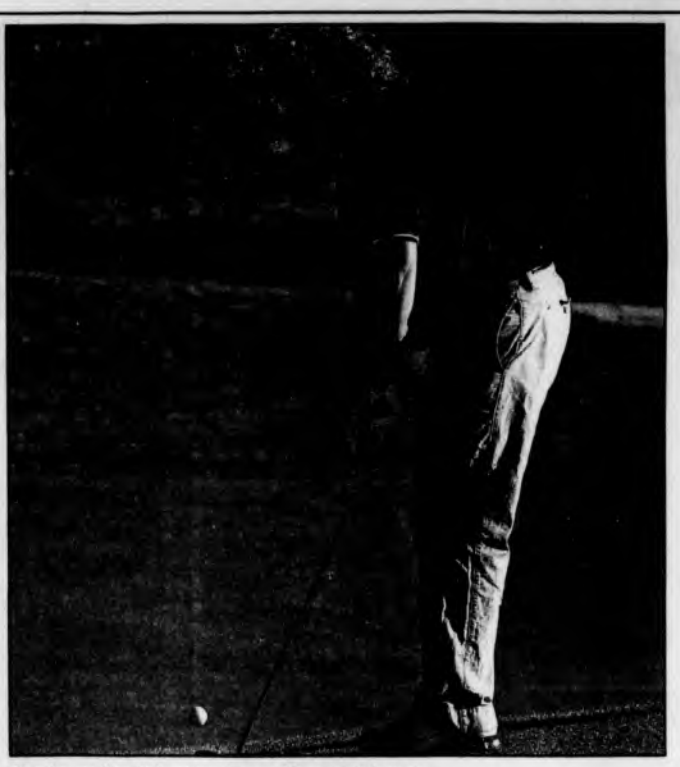
• 2008 SSL Regular Season Standings

SSL

1. Norwell	9-1-2
2. East Bridgewater	8-4
2. Mashpee	8-4
4. Abington	7-3-2
5. Cohasset	6-6
6. Harwich	2-10
7. Carver	0-12

• 2008 SSL Sportsmanship Award (as voted by coaches)

1. Carver
2. Norwell
3. Harwich



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Connor Dooley of Cohasset takes on a Hingham blocker during Sunday's game.

Sharks beat Hingham to finish 7-1

The eighth grade Sci-Coh Sharks capped off their final season of youth football together with an impressive 14-6 victory against Hingham on Sunday to finish their regular season at 7-1. The Sharks now move on to play Barnstable in the playoffs next Sunday in Scituate at 1 p.m.

Under blue skies and bright sunshine at Hingham High School both teams played four quarters of smash mouth football. After a poor kick-off left Hingham with possession of the football at midfield, Hingham came out firing the ball all over the field, catching the Scituate defense off guard, as they had prepared all week to stop the outside running game of Dean Driscoll. On Hingham's second possession Driscoll broke loose down the right sideline for a 38-yard touchdown but the Scituate defense rose to the challenge and stuffed the conversion attempt, Hingham 6 - Scituate 0.

On the ensuing kickoff, Sci-Coh's **Shane Haggerty** returned the ball to the Hingham 37-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage Haggerty scampered untouched 37 yards to even the score at 6-6, Scituate's conversion attempt failed. The teams traded sides at the beginning of the second quarter but the momentum had shifted to Scituate's sidelines. Linebackers **John Foster, Daniel Buckley** and **Mike Stewart,** with the assistance of defensive ends **Jordan Kelley** and **Conor Dooley**, contained Hingham's outside running game and **Tyler Serra, Sean Shea** and **Craig Davis** stuffed the middle. When Hingham went back to their passing game Haggerty (two interceptions), **Joe Daileader** (one interception) and **Jack White** prevented any advancement from Hingham's offense.

Sci-Coh's offense line of **Davis, Shea, Serra, Buckley** and **Foster** took control of the line of scrimmage as running backs **Stewart, Daileader, Kelley** and **Shea McCarthy** took turns pounding the ball at Hingham's defense. Eventually **Haggerty** found **Kelley** on a deep post and after catching the ball scampered the remaining 17 yards for a touchdown, Scituate 12 - Hingham 6. **Haggerty** kept it himself on the conversion attempt and Scituate led 14-6.

Scituate received the second half kickoff and was able to continuously run the ball between the tackles until they eventually turned the ball over on downs. However they successfully controlled the ball for most of the third quarter preventing Hingham's high-powered offense from getting on the field. Hingham's last attempt at evening the score was thwarted by **Daileader**'s interception and Scituate's tenacious defense led by subs **Patrick Thowig, Mike Rosen** and **David Mavilia.**

Scituate now entertains the Barnstable Silver Bullets on Sunday at Scituate High School. Scituate beat Barnstable in the regular season 20-18, coming back from an 18-8 deficit in the fourth quarter. The winner of Sunday's game advances to the Super Bowl to take on the winner of Marshfield and Bridgewater.

On Saturday morning the sharks JV squad faced off against Marshfield's JV squad over in Hingham and although the final score was not in Scituate's favor, 24-12, there was some valuable performances displayed from the likes of **Mike Rosen** and **Tommy Ryan** at linebacker, and **Brady Cunningham, Grady Comeau** and **Greg Hurley** at defensive back. Offensively **Patrick Thowig** and **Drew Nahill** broke long runs for touchdowns and **Jack White** hit **Matt Gregory** for a couple of nifty completions.

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Q&A with Coach Mingels –varsity cross country coach

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from Hull have done well this year and will probably be league all-stars. On the Cohasset side, I'd like to recognize Terry McCormack and Tatyana Nakashima as the captains of the boys and girls teams; they have done a great job with the first year runners and also with integrating the two halves of the team. We have a solid foundation for future years and a strong commitment by the runners.

• Other basic information?

Cross Country is usually viewed as an individual sport.....but it's not. It is a team effort and I can honestly say that everyone on the team is contributing every week. We have a mix of runners and other athletes like Vinnie Curran and Cole Hernon who are running CC to get into shape for other sports. Regardless of the motivation for running, everyone is giving 100 percent I am very encouraged about this team and this program and I think we have taken the first step toward a long term, successful program.



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Andrew Ollerhead, right, of Hull and Andrew Johns, left, of Hull sprint to the finish line at the end of their meet on last Thursday.







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Gigi Wigmore, 3, waves her Tinker Bell wand Sunday on the Cohasset Town Common.



Kevin Perone, 7, shows off his devil face.

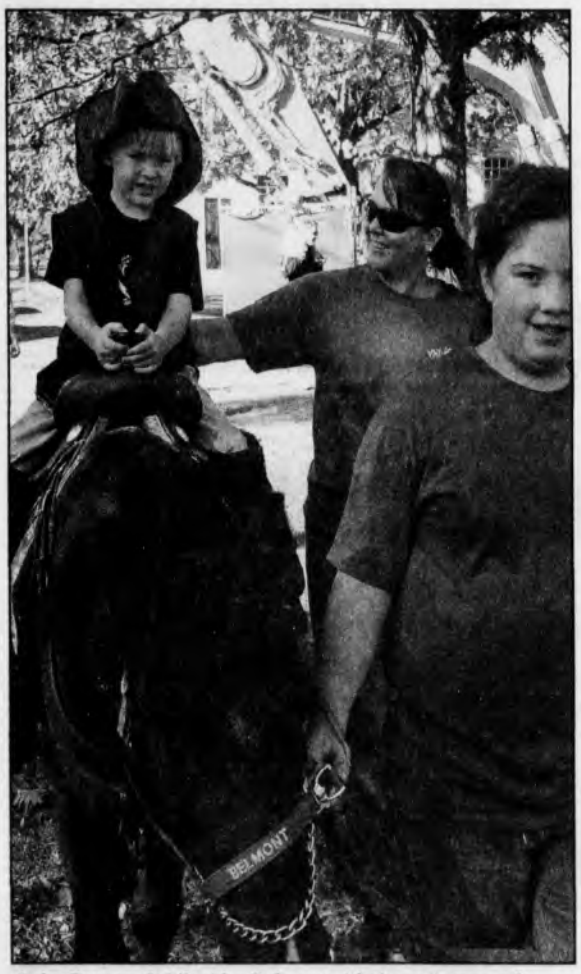


Lindsay Stelljes, 8, shows off her witch costume.

Halloween Happening

Annual tradition heralds the holiday

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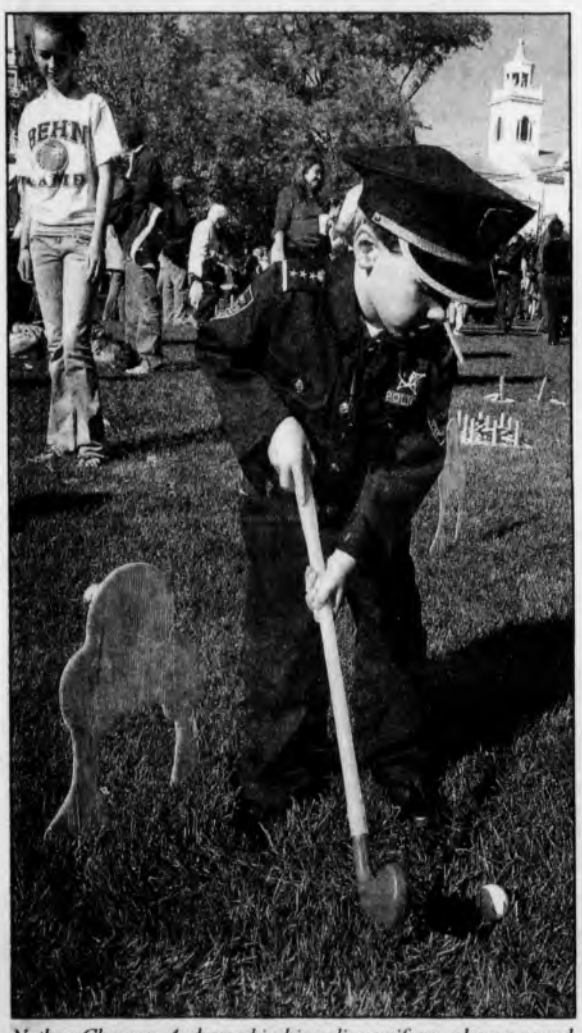
Luke Gonyea, 5-1/2, rides Belmont with the assistance of Cheryl Meehan and Brianna Janis.



Janet Waserman, as the Cat in the Hat character, walks with her son "Batman" Garrett, 4, around the common during the Halloween parade.



Maddie Williams, 2-1/2, wears her Minnie Mouse outfit to the annual South Shore Community Center Nursery School's Halloween Fair Sunday on the Common.



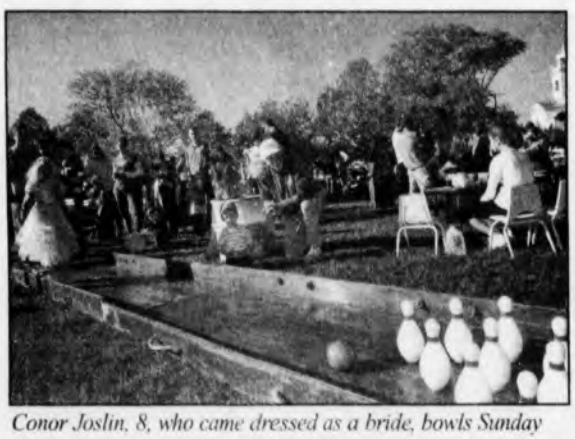
Nathan Charron, 4, dressed in his police uniform, plays a round of mini golf.



Aidan Gildea, 7, waits for his next customer for his game, Knock Down the Cans. Aidan worked as a volunteer for the event.



Janice Batts returned to the Cohasset Town Common again for her annual Witch Walk around the Pond. At right is Sam Wasserman, 3, as Batman and his mom, Julie.



Conor Joslin, 8, who came dressed as a bride, bowls Sunday afternoon during the South Shore Community Nursery School's Halloween Fair.

Halloween Haunted House tonight at 23 N. Main!

In addition to the Halloween fun, First Parish members will be on hand to offer information about the congregation's religious education program and social justice outreach activities.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset will host a Halloween Haunted House at its Parish House at 23 North Main St., from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 31. Sponsored by the congregation's Religious Education Committee, this event will welcome trick-or-treaters and their families from the entire community into this historic Parish House to celebrate Halloween.

The Parish House will be transformed into a haunted house inviting youngsters to walk down the spooky hallways into the large fellowship hall, where they'll find tasty treats and Halloween games for kids of every age. Fair trade coffee, hot cider and cookies will be offered to adults while their trick-or-treaters play Halloween games to win candy and other prizes. In addition to the Halloween fun, First Parish members will be on hand to offer information about the congregation's religious education program and social justice outreach activities.



Halloween games will include:

Trick-or-Treat Caldron – Children approach the caldron filled with small pumpkins. If a child reaches into the caldron and picks out a pumpkin that says "treat," more candy goes into their bag. But if the caldron gives them a pumpkin that says "trick," they'll have to earn their candy by acting out their favorite monster!

Tragic Sam – Poor Sam died of fright on Halloween and all that remains are his body parts – made out of various types of food. Those children brave enough to put on the blindfold and use their sense of touch to guess the right body part may be in for some more candy. A game definitely not for the squeamish!

All are welcome to the fun on Halloween night.

Rec Notes

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A series of special events for dogs and their people are being held at the Cohasset Recreation Center at the garage. These training/social events require dogs be of good temperament, are 90 minutes long and cost $30 per event. Or sign up for all four and the total cost is only $100. Call 781-383-4109 for information or stop by the Rec office at Town Hall, first floor.

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Jingle Bell Bark – Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. events include canine contests like best trick best holiday outfit and agility games.

To register call the recreation center at 781-383-4109 or the trainer at 781-878-4343.

Middle School Dance – There will be a dance for Cohasset youngsters in grades six through eight on Friday, Nov. 7, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Recreation Center (Garage). Dances are $6 per person and pre-registration at www.cohassetrec.com is required. Cohasset residents only and school ID is required. Late arrivals (after 7:30 p.m.) or students leaving early require a parent to be present. Snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

Schools

First quarter grades to close

LIFE AT CHS

LAUREN MACK



The SAT's are to be held this Saturday morning at Cohasset, so I wish all those taking either the reasoning test or any of the subject tests the best of luck

Hello again, everyone, and Happy Halloween! Fortunately for CHS students, there have been no ghosts or ghouls; the only relatively "frightening" thing that has been happening at the school is that the first-quarter grades close next week. Therefore, I'm sure many of the students are checking up on their grades to ensure that they are up to date in all of their classes.

In other news at the high school, the award-winning CHS newspaper, *The Spinnaker*, was sold today during school for $1. Although the papers are no longer allowed to be sold with lollipops attached, the student body still expressed interest in hearing the latest news stories and poll results, as well as gossip.

The SAT's are to be held this Saturday morning at Cohasset, so I wish all those taking either the reasoning test or any of the subject tests the best of luck. I also apologize to those previously mentioned for having to take the SAT's to begin with, especially the morning after Halloween.

Students aren't the only ones who get to have fun on Halloween night; some teachers also enjoy the Day of the Dead — which brings me to my quote of the week. This man is one who is not only well-versed in the English language, but also very passionate about it. That being said, it makes sense that **Dr. John Wands**, head of the English department, would take over as the senior AP English Literature class. When asked if he was going to dress up for Halloween, he replied, "Oh well, I'm going to have to search through some boxes, but I think I'm going to be a clown. Either that or I'll be that ghost character from those *Scream* movies. I'm leaning towards the clown, though." And with that, I leave you all to a wonderfully spooky Halloween weekend! Be safe! Don't egg cars! Au revoir!

Lauren Mack is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly during the school year.

AP scholar named

Cohasset High School recognizes one more additional student for exceptional achievement on AP Exams. **Meghan Anderson**, from last year's graduating class, has been added to the list of 28 students who have earned AP Scholar Awards.

Congratulations Meghan!

CEF seeks volunteers

The Cohasset Education Foundation (CEF) is looking for volunteers to coordinate their Teacher Appreciation Program, "Extra Credit". It is a rewarding program that allows donors to make a truly meaningful gesture to our dedicated teachers while raising money at the same time. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact sarah.murphy@comcast.net and visit cohasseteducation.org to learn more about Extra Credit and the CEF.

Cohasset PAC to meet

Cohasset PAC (Parents Advisory Council) meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 4th. This will be a quick general meeting to talk about organization needs and upcoming workshops. Please consider becoming involved, take a moment and speak to any of the PAC officers or A.P.P.L.E. participants.

Location: The Osgood School, (located behind Deer Hill School), 210 Sohier St.. Time: Starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. All workshops and presentations are free and are sponsored by the Cohasset PSO South Shore PAC Network. The Cohasset PAC has joined with local PAC members in the area to promote communication, combine workshops and establish a broader network. The South Shore PAC Network hopes to meets informally throughout the year. If you would like to be added to our e-mail network for updates please forward your contact information to: southshorepac@comcast.net

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New school Web site launched

The Cohasset Schools has an entirely new Web site. The revamped site is still able to be accessed at www.cohassetk12.org.

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First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. **Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague**. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

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4:30 - 7:30 p.m. — Haunted Parish House — Trueblood Hall

First Parish's RE program is sponsoring a Haunted House on Halloween night for children and their families both from First Parish and the larger community. Come visit the Parish House, learn about our religious education program, and celebrate the evening with fun games, hot cider and tasty treats. All youngsters must be accompanied by adults. Join us for a night to be remembered!

Sunday, Nov. 2

8: a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Joan Kovach & Susan Meikleham and meeting on the first and third Sundays)

9:50 a.m. – Childcare for our youngest and RE classes for children and youth – Parish House

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull will lead worship and preach on "Beliefs and Perspectives"

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes. Join Jan for post-worship conversation on "Beliefs and Perspectives."

11:30 a.m.– Handbell choir rehearsal – Meeting House

11:30 a.m. – Holly Hill Farm Trip

Join us for this annual workday at Cohasset's Holly Hill Farm, sponsored by our RE Committee. This is an intergenerational venture. All ages are welcome! If you can participate, be sure to wear warm work clothes and comfy shoes to church!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

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Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

FALL BOOK STUDY: Every Wed., through Nov. 19th at 7 pm in Bates Hall. We are discussing A New Earth Awakening to Your Life's Purpose by Eckhart Tolle. This is a life transforming study that Oprah Winfrey presented in a 10 week web cast series. For more information you can check out www.oprah.com or www.eckharttolle.com. Come and join us!

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: Members of SCC are already at work creating homemade crafts for the annual Village Fair to be held on Sat. Dec. 7. New crafters and helpers are always welcome!

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: Welcome to St. Stephen's church!

We are currently underway with our new "Episcopal Church for the 21st Century" class taught by Rev. Margot Critchfield. This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal faith and anyone preparing for Confirmation or Reception into the church. Classes run from noon until 2:00.

Rev. Critchfield is also offering individual spiritual direction this fall. If you are looking for a spiritual home or exploring your faith, we invite you to visit us. You can learn more about us, and the Episcopal Church, from our website, www.ststephenscohasset.org.

Other programs this fall includes bible study for adults, youth group activities, the children's Christian education program "Godly Play", outreach programs serving the hungry and homeless, yoga, meditation and a monthly luncheon for seniors.

Services at St. Stephen's are at 8 am and 10 am on Sundays, including a Healing Eucharist at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. All are invited.

You can reach the church at 781-383-1083. The Rev. Margot Critchfield can be reached at mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.org. Our offices, which are open Monday through Friday, can be accessed by coming to the back of the church, up the Highland Ave hill. We are handicap accessible.

Going on this week at St. Stephen's:

- Sun. Nov. 2: Services at 8 and 10, Godly Play at 10 and youth group at 11:30, 5 p.m. Evensong
- Tues. Nov. 4: Election Day! Please vote!
- Wed. Nov. 5: 9:30 am Holy Eucharist with healing; 10:30 Bible Study; 3 pm, Christian Meditation.
- Thurs. 6: 3:30 Meeting of economic response group
- Fri. Nov.7: 9:30 Yoga
- Sat. Nov. 8: 7 am Bible Fellowship
- Sun. Nov. 9: Services at 8 and 10 a.m., Godly Play at 10:00 and youth group at 11:30.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Police/Fire Log

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

9:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop. A 48-year-old Cohasset man being summoned on charges: Number plate violation to conceal ID, uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle.

9:48 p.m. **N. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:19 p.m. **S. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop. A 17-year-old Cohasset female being summoned on charges: Motor vehicle headlight headlights violation, number plate violation/no light, uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, number plate violation to conceal ID.

SUNDAY, OCT. 19

12:45 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, one in custody. Arrest: Kathleen A. McGrath, 56, Weymouth. Charges: OUI of liquor, marked lanes violation.

9:31 a.m. **Rustic Drive**, vandalism report, caller reports her son's car was vandalized sometime overnight.

10:25 a.m. **Mill Lane**, downed tree, caller reports a large tree branch blocking the road, officer reports the road is impassible. DPW was notified and responding.

10:51 a.m. **Sohier St.**, hazard (traffic), callers report the kids that are having a car wash today at the school are standing in the middle of the street with signs in the way of traffic. Officer has advised them to stay out of the street.

12:46 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and Jerusalem Rd.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a female in a black Saab, caller reports the female has gone off the road several times and has also gotten out of her vehicle and was creating a traffic jam, caller states she has headed down Hull's Atlantic Ave doing the same thing. Hull PD is out with that party.

3:29 p.m. **Linden Drive**, animal complaint, caller reports her house cat has gotten out, she is a Mane Coon cat, gray, white and black with a pink collar.

4:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, lockout/lock-in, caller reports he has locked his keys in his van and would like assistance. McBrien's will respond.

6:18 p.m. **Sohier St.**, animal complaint, caller reports she found a pet bunny, she is going to keep it overnight and ACO has been notified.

8:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

MONDAY, OCT. 20

12:27 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, public service.

12:56 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service, orange flashing light above utility door in the rear of the building. Possibly a sewer alarm, will be dealt with later in the a.m.

1:05 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:05 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:15 a.m. **Kingsley Rd., Hull**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Rollover 911 call, male caller states, "someone just hit his motor vehicle." Suspects motor vehicle is light colored and squeaking."

6:53 a.m. **Bancroft Rd., and Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

6:58 a.m. **King St.**, officer wanted, caller states, "he needs assistance, as a disgruntled employee has his motor vehicle blocked." Ongoing civil matter. The company is dissolving. Ownership of the vehicles is undecided. Parties will be attempting to get a court order dividing the assets.

6:59 a.m. **King St.**, officer wanted, caller states, "his truck was just pushed down the hill."

7:30 a.m. **North Main St., and Green St.**, public service, roadway is down to one lane.

7:36 a.m. **King St.**, officer wanted, caller states he is having a problem with a disgruntled employee again.

7:44 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, North Main Street, between Green Street and Sohier Street is closed.

10:26 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

10:52 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:09 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:05 p.m. **Summer St.**, animal complaint, walk in party reports her cat has been in the tree for two days and won't come down.

1:02 p.m. **Highland Ave.**, fire, investigation, Water Dept. reports water main break.

1:33 p.m. **Summer St.**, animal complaint, found two Golden Labs.

2:21 p.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:23 p.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

2:57 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:59 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:18 p.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:38 p.m. **Sohier St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports the mulch in his yard was smoking all day, caller requests the Fire Dept. to check it out.

8:39 p.m. **Pond St.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports she is having an argument with her neighbor over her neighbor's barking dogs. Officer reports the dogs have been brought in for the night, caller will be leaving a message for the ACO in the morning.

10:10 p.m. **Mendel Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, OCT. 21

1:36 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, area checks secure.

7:01 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement, no violations.

7:15 a.m. **South Main St.**, larceny, walk in party reports a "McCain/Palin" sign was stolen from the front yard on Sunday 10/19.

7:19 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service, North Main Street between Green Street and Sohier Street will be closed.

7:37 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, public service.

8:40 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, fire, (misc.), Construction Company reports a small gas leak at this location.

9:38 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

9:40 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Heather Drive**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports a green van occupied by a female parked at the above location, caller reports she looks to be sleeping. Officer requesting R3, female seems to be disoriented. Officer transporting female to her residence in Hingham.

6:05 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire – public assist, caller reports she was locked out of her house by her 3-year-old and her 1-year-old is still in the house.

8:05 p.m. **Margin St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22

12:42 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:43 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:54 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

6:58 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:59 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:03 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:46 a.m. **Highland Ave.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a strong odor of gas on the second floor. E3 reports a pilot out on the stove.

2:32 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:19 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports someone has been tampering with his mail. Reporting party was notified by his neighbor that his wife mistakenly opened a letter that she thought was hers.

6:21 p.m. **Rebecca Rd., Scituate**, mutual aid – provided, transported SSH/BLS.

THURSDAY, OCT. 23

1:03 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:21 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service.

7:05 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

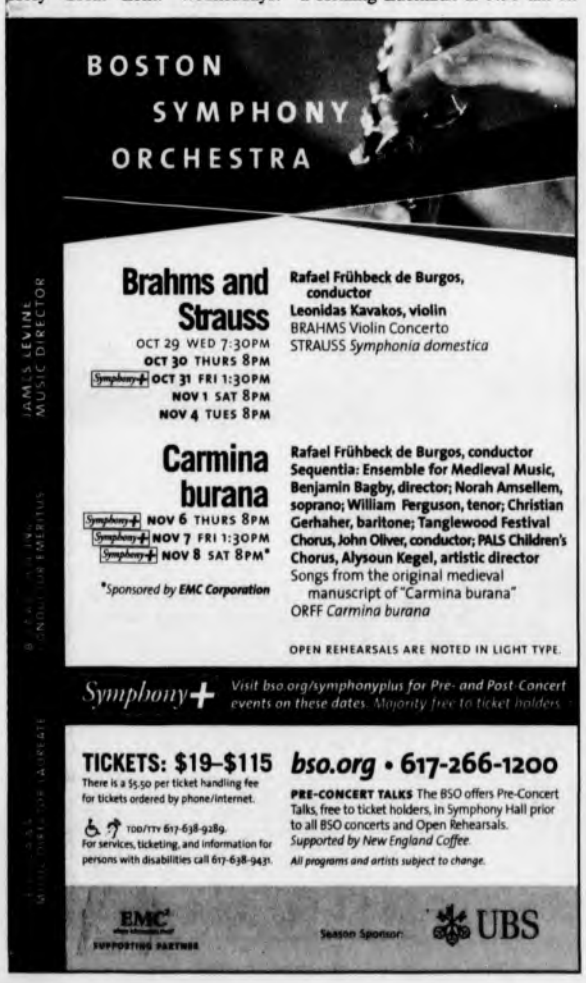
7:08 a.m. **Pond St., and Woodland Drive**, traffic enforcement.

7:40 a.m. **Border St.**, notification, officer reports boat – Carolina skiff – off morning, harbormaster notified.

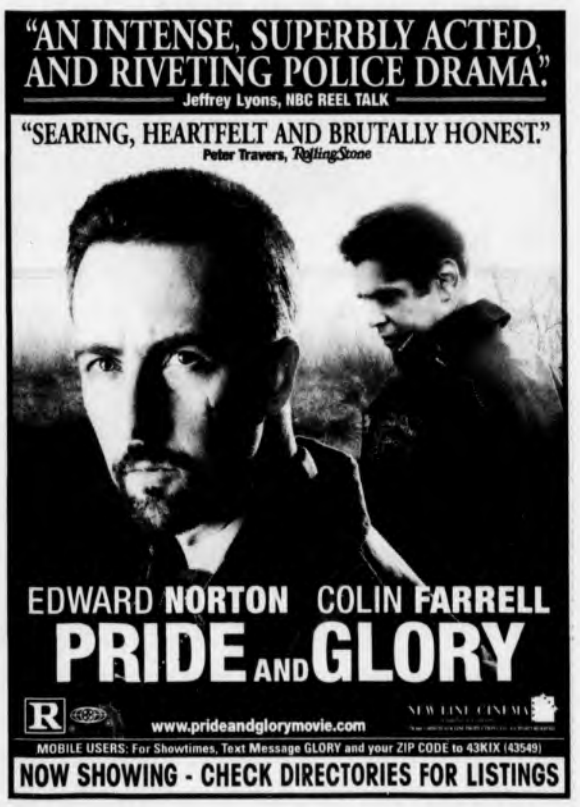
9:39 a.m. **Town Parking Lot**, motor vehicle violations, officer requests the duty wrecker for an unregistered motor vehicle.

10:07 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports two females walking around the neighborhood knocking on doors. Officer reports these are Jehovah's Witnesses.

10:08 a.m. **Sohier St., and North Main St.**, fire, investigation, worked from LM Holdings reports a gas main has been struck in this area. Gas Company has already been notified by LM Holdings.







Legal Notices

BLUE RESTAURANT. INC.
LEGAL NOTICE
Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing Notice

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen, acting as liquor license authority, will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 11, 2008 at 7:10 PM in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, to consider the application of Blue Restaurant Inc., 156 King Street, Cohasset, for a new All Alcoholic Restaurant License. The proposed manager is Kevin D. Kelley, Sr. The licensed premises shall consist of a one story building of approximately 4,500 square feet which consists of a dining room and bar and additional storage in the basement. There is a handicap accessible entrance on the side and a main entrance in the back. The public is invited to offer input on this proposed license in writing in advance of the public hearing or in person at the hearing.

Board of Selectmen

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PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE
WEEK OF OCT. 27, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The high standards you set for yourself don't always translate into the behavior you expect of others. That relationship problem can be resolved if you're more flexible and less judgmental.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Not enough party bids to satisfy the Bovine's fun-loving side this week? Go ahead and throw one of your own. Then prepare for some serious work coming up early next week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A new and intensely productive cycle is about to kick in. Be careful not to get too stressed out, though. Make time to restore your energies by relaxing with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This could be a good time to share some of your plans with those closest to you. Their comments could give you some added insight into how you might accomplish your goals.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An attack of self-doubt might be unsettling for the usually super-assured Feline. But it could be your inner voice telling you to hold off implementing your plans until you've reassessed them.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a great time for you to reward yourself for all your hard work by taking a trip you haven't spent months carefully planning, to somewhere you never thought you'd be going.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some misunderstandings resist being resolved. But your sincerity in wanting to soothe those hurt feelings wins the day. By month's end, that relationship should begin to show signs of healing.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A hectic job schedule begins to ease just in time to blow off all that work-generated steam on Halloween. A family situation runs into an unexpected complication.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A cutting remark in the workplace needs to be handled with finesse. Remember: How you respond could determine the depth of support you gain from colleagues.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Once again, that Capricornean stubborn streak sets in and could keep you from getting much-needed advice. Fortunately, it lifts by week's end, in time to make an informed decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A surprise trip early in the week could lead to other unexpected offers when you return. Word to the wise: Avoid talking too much about this until you've made some decisions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Learning dominates the week for perspicacious Pisceans, who are always looking to widen their range of knowledge. A series of important job-linked commitments begins late in the week.

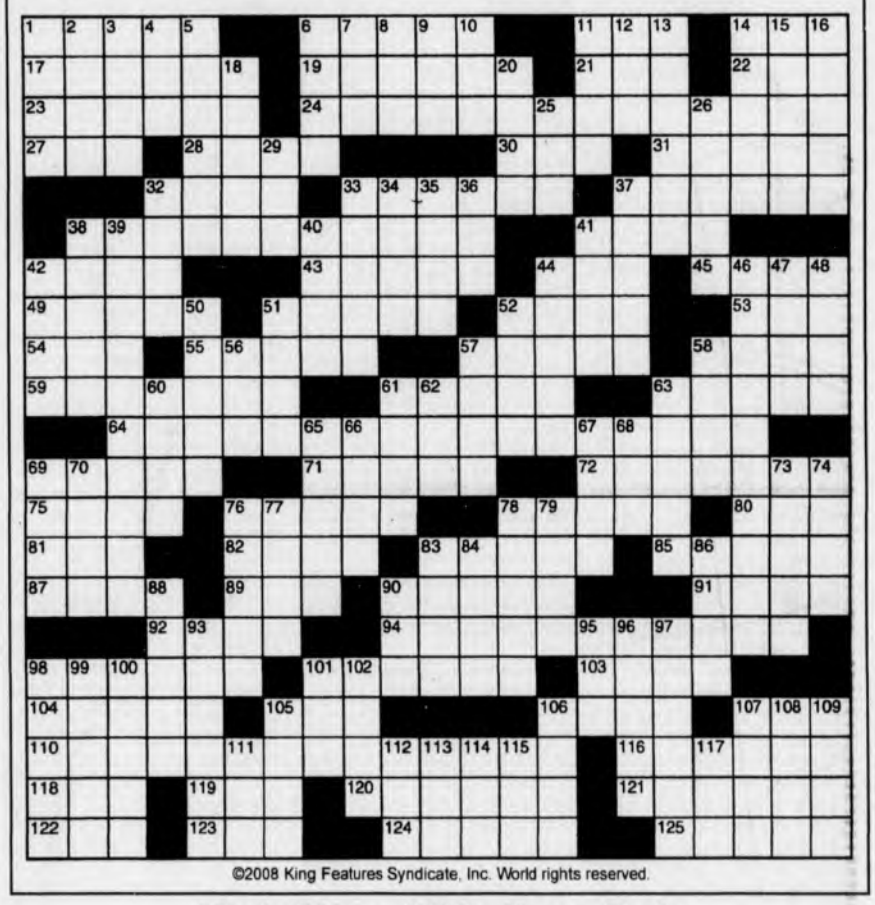
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BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of humor generates good feelings and good will everywhere you go.

Crossword - Believe it or not

ACROSS
1 "Dracula" prop
6 — mignon
11 Roast beef au —
14 Enjoy the Alps
17 Tropical treat
19 Classical hunk?
21 A Turner
22 Another Turner
23 Toed the line
24 Start of a remark by 38 Across
27 Prom wear
28 Idle
30 Fury
31 "Garfield" cartoonist
32 Shalit or Siskel
33 Ned of "Deliverance"
37 Stir up
38 Speaker of remark
41 Carrey title start
42 Windmill part
43 Violinist Mischa
44 Singer Scaggs
45 Cabbage concoction
49 Aquatic animal
51 Bodybuilder Charles
52 "— Show" ('94 film)
53 Private pension
54 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."
55 Restive
57 Trumpeter Berigan
58 Explorer Hedin
59 '68 Tom Jones hit
61 Shatter
63 — suit
64 Part 2 of remark
69 Raid
71 Sinuous dances
72 Jihad
75 Verve
76 Posada of baseball
78 Thin porridge
80 Thurman of "The Avengers"
81 Deighton or Dawson
82 Blows away
83 Isaac's mom
85 Remove varnish
87 Lug
89 Morning moisture
90 Comic Sherman
91 "— It a Pity?" ('70 song)
92 Got older
94 Part 3 of remark
98 Yearned
101 Titania's hubby
103 "Java" man?
104 Tom of "Adam's Rib"
105 Woody herb
106 With 107 Down, "Chocolat" actress
107 Kimono closer
110 End of remark
116 Like some recordings
118 Out — limb
119 Gumshoe
120 Update a story
121 Ida of "The Sea Wolf"
122 Fashion monogram
123 Symbol of sturdiness
124 "Jane Eyre" character
125 Murcia mister

DOWN
1 Primer pooch
2 Forbidden
3 Summit
4 Kyser or Starr
5 Ornamental opening
6 Comic Joey
7 Wedding words
8 "Hulk" Ferrigno
9 SASE, e.g.
10 Mowry of "Sister, Sister"
11 Be in accord
12 Luau instrument
13 Rarely
14 Martin or McQueen
15 Actor Sorbo
16 What i.e. stands for
18 Hersey setting
20 Tizzy
25 Strive
26 Whittier's feet
29 Buddhist movement
32 Merriment
33 Beer storage?
34 Humorist Bombeck
35 Cry of concern
36 Dress size
37 Like a peach
38 Photo finish
39 Narrow-minded
40 One of the Marches
41 Rub out
42 Nullify
44 Swindle
46 Sausage type
47 Precinct
48 Lack
50 Bendix role
51 "— Breaky Heart" ('92 hit)
52 Wharf
56 Prepare to feather?
57 Seeks change?
58 Fluctuate
60 Tenor Kozlovsky
61 Peevishness
62 Genetic info
63 Vends
65 Flung
66 Warm embraces
67 "No dice!"
68 Farm tool
69 Crafter's cloth
70 Toast topper
73 — acid
74 All ears
76 Too experienced
77 Had bills
78 Bit of a beach
79 Be bombastic
83 Disparage
84 Palo —, CA
86 Cast
88 Scout rank
90 Presidential nickname
93 Trattoria treat
95 Heifer or hen
96 Last
97 Telescope sighting
98 Croce's Mr. Brown
99 "Hee Haw" host Buck
100 Mount Everest's locale
101 Absent
102 Grumpy guy
105 Singer Springfield
106 Alzado of football
107 See 106 Across
108 Pro — (free)
109 Perpetual lab assistant
111 Soho snack
112 PBS benefactor
113 Accounting abbr.
114 Tiny
115 "— of You" ('84 hit)
117 "Tarzan" extra



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Sudoku

	8	2	6				9	
		7		9				5
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6				8				1
	9				3	4		
		8	5				3	6
4			9		8		2	
	7			2				4
		5		1		8		

Level: Hoo Boy

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Magic Maze - White House Facts

G O M K I G E C A Y W U T S Q
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U S 4 Q R E T A E H T P Q S N
M 4 7 K B I L L I A R D S M G
J 1 W H S L E V E L 6 F 0 O N
T 2 I E K V C B Z Y X V 0 O I
E D N U A C T S E R C A 0 R L
N O D T R L A S F E H C 5 2 W
N O O S M O O R H T A B 5 3 O
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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28 fireplaces
3 elevators

35 bathrooms
412 doors
5 chefs
55,000 sq. ft.

6 levels
Billiards
Bowling
Pool

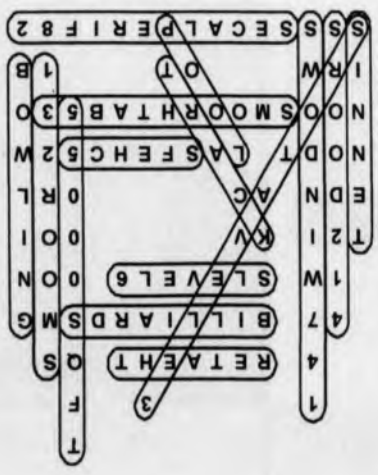
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Crossword Solution - Believe it or not



Magic Solution - White House Facts



Sudoku Solution

9	6	8	4	1	7	5	2	3
4	3	5	6	2	3	9	1	8
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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

OCT. 30 - NOV. 7, 2008



BEST BET

The Helen Bumpus Gallery, located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St. presents Pastels By Ann Musto. An exhibit titled "Beauty in Pieces" featuring the pastel paintings of Cohasset artist Ann M. Musto may be seen at the Helen Bumpus Gallery in Duxbury during November and December. A reception to meet the artist will be held at the Gallery on Nov. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. in addition to discussing her artistic goals and techniques, she will explain her ongoing activities related to her first career in pediatric medicine. Complimentary refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Oct. 30

New Day Bereavement Group Open House, Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. in the rectory of St. Christine's Rectory Route 3A, Marshfield. 781-834-6003 ext. 18.

South Shore Art Center instructor **Judy Rossman** of Scituate will be showcasing the work of her students at Home Center/Sotheby's Realty in Cohasset Opening reception on Thursday, Oct. 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Sotheby's, South Main St., Cohasset. For information 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Oct. 30, **Flip Top Head** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Oct. 30, **Blues Gils: Blues jam**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Oct. 31

StoryTime Friday, Oct. 31 from 10 to 10:30 a.m.: Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Join us as Sue reads age appropriate stories. Wear your costume and enjoy some Halloween stories! Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age, along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or see www.frontstreet-bookshop.com.

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JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Oct. 31, **Friends of Harvey Halloween Bash** 781-849-7007.

Spooky Blues Party at The Red Lion Inn, 71 South Main St., Cohasset, Oct. 31, starting at 8:30 p.m. featuring live music provided by **The J Place Band,** blues, soul, & rock 'n roll www.jplaceband.com 781-383-1704. No Cover Charge

New England Singles Dance Oct. 31, 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Sandwich bar. Door prizes. Music from the 70's to the present and requests with New England's top DJ's. Admission $10. singlesdancesnewengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Oct. 31, **Halloween Bash featuring Too Fast Zero**. 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Oct. 31 The **Mighty HouseRockers Halloween Blues Bash**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

The C Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Hull, **The Mighty HouseRockers** Oct. 31 **Funky White Honkies** 9:30 p.m. $10. 781-925-4300. http://www.cnotehull.com/

Saturday, Nov. 1

Five-year celebration - Pasticcini, 1592 Main St., Weymouth –Nov. 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. Pie tasting, door prizes and more. 781-331-8000.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St. presents **Pastels By Ann Musto** An exhibit titled "Beauty in Places" featuring the pastel paintings of Cohasset artist Ann M. Musto may be seen at the Helen Bumpus Gallery in Duxbury during November and December. A reception to meet the artist will be held at the Gallery on Saturday, November 1st, from 2 to 4 p.m. In addition to discussing her artistic goals and techniques, she will explain her ongoing activities related to her first career in pediatric medicine. Complimentary refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.



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Fairs and Festivals

SCITUATE - Harvest Fair at St. Luke's, Route 3A and First Parish Road, Scituate – **Nov. 1**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free and open to all. 781-545-9482.

BRAINTREE – South Congregational Church, 1075 Washington St. **Nov. 7,** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. German supper. 781-843-5155.

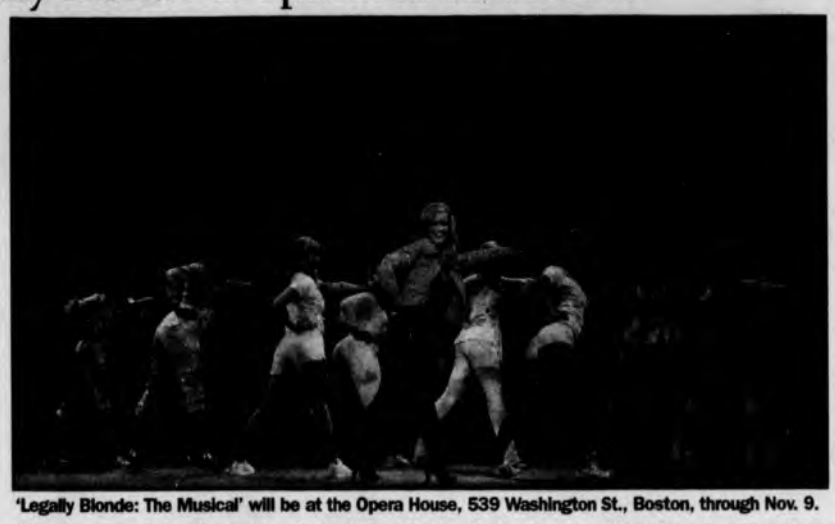
WEYMOUTH – Senior Citizens, 182 Whipple St., **Nov. 7**, noon to 3 p.m. 781-682-6140.

HANOVER – Annual Carnival/Bazaar, St. Mary's Church, 392 Hanover St., Route 139, **Nov. 7**, from 5 to 8 p.m.; Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 781-826-4303.

Joyful noise

'Legally Blonde' is upbeat as its heroine

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



'Legally Blonde: The Musical' will be at the Opera House, 539 Washington St., Boston, through Nov. 9.

What do the musicals "Hairspray," "The Full Monty," "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" and "Legally Blonde: The Musical" have in common?

If you said that they're all based on feature films, or that they each enjoyed long runs on Broadway, you would be right. However, if you answered that all four shows feature choreography by Jerry Mitchell, then not only would you be correct, but you'd also deserve extra credit for reading your "Playbill" cover to cover.

A one-time Broadway dancer, the much-in-demand Mitchell has choreographed 10 Broadway shows in 10 years, including his latest — based on the 2001 MGM comedy starring Reese Witherspoon as Elle Woods, the perky, blonde, pink pump-shod UCLA sorority sister whose passion for a preppy lands her at Harvard Law — now at Boston's Opera House on national tour. The Paw Paw, Michigan-born Mitchell, who first appeared on Broadway as a dancer in the 1980 revival of "Brigadoon," made his directorial debut with "Legally Blonde: The Musical," which he says he knew would make a great musical the first time he saw the movie.



'Legally Blonde' choreographer Jerry Mitchell

"Elle is larger than life. She needs to be at the center of a musical. The story is about young girls at the pivotal moment when they decide, 'Am I going to be pretty or smart?' I loved 'Legally Blonde,' so even though I was up to my eyeballs in work when this came along, I knew I had to be part of it. I think a lot of people want to feel happy and joyous when they go to the theater, and this shows gives them that opportunity," said Mitchell from a cell phone poolside at the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas, where he has a new show in development.

On "Legally Blonde," Mitchell is part of a creative team that includes Harvard alums and husband and wife composer and lyricists Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin, and Heather Hach, who wrote the book for the musical.

While the 2001 film remains popular in repeats, the musical built its own following with the highly rated 2007 MTV broadcast of "Legally Blonde: The Musical" from Broadway's Palace Theatre, and the subsequent reality series "Legally Blonde: The Musical, The Search for Elle Woods" which chronicled efforts to find a replacement for original Broadway Elle Laura Bell Bundy. Two Elle runners-up from the reality show, Rhiannon Hansen and Lauren Ashley Zarkin, have smaller parts in the tour. Mitchell, who won a 2005 Tony Award for Best Choreography for the revival of "La Cage Aux Folles," another musical based on a movie, sees plenty of audience potential in all shades of "Blonde."

"The movie and the stage production are entirely separate entities. Movies are all about closeups, of course, while the stage is all about the full scene. Movies tell you where to look. In theater, we have to tell 1,500 people where to look," says Mitchell, who in addition to his still top-secret Vegas project, is also attached to an upcoming Broadway musical adaptation of the 2002 feature film "Catch Me if You Can," which will re-team him with his "Hairspray" collaborators Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman.

"You can see one or the other or you can see both. It is the story that matters, and when it comes to stories that people love like, like this one, there will always be room for various versions."

("Legally Blonde: The Musical" will be at the Opera House, 539 Washington Street, Boston, through Nov. 9. For tickets and information, call 617-931-2787 or go online at broadwayacrossamerica.com)

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth Wall-Raising ceremony at the on-going Women Build site at 138 Grove St, Kingston, at 1 p.m. on Nov. 1. Habitat will be joined by the homeowners, Kathy and Jason Silvia and their children, recently named Family of the Month by Habitat International, the many women volunteers and other dignitaries to raise one of the final exterior walls that will go up

Rum tasting complimentary of Burke Company from 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 1, at Euro Mart, 26 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 781-749-4406

Atlantic Symphony's Opening Night is Nov. 1 at Duxbury's Performing Arts Center celebrates national treasures and the American spirit, just three days before the election. Jin Kim conducts the 60-piece orchestra in Gershwin's *An American in Paris,* Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man* and Dvorak's Symphony No. 6. Plus, in Copland's *Lincoln Portrait,* hear Abraham Lincoln's stirring words brought to life by Anthony Everett, the host of WCVB's Chronicle. Information, visit www.atlanticsymphony.org, or call 781-740-5694.

The Bluegrass band Southern Rail will perform at United Church of Christ, 10 Bedford St., Abington Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m. supper seating at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Tickets $12 , $10 for seniors and children 14 and under at door. Handicap accessible. 781-878-0199.

A Night of Jazz Nov. 1, featuring Old Ship Parish Hall, 107 Main St. Hingham, silent auction, cash bar and dessert and coffee All proceeds to benefit the Friends Home, a non-profit assisted living facility. Tickets $50. 781-749-3556.

North Weymouth Civic Association – Meat Raffle every Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Cathay Center Restaurant, 211 Bridge St., Route 3A, North Weymouth.

First Annual Angel Fair and Masquerade Party Nov. 1 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Sons of Italy in Hingham, Route. 3A featuring South Shore's gifted angel readers, mediums and astrologers. Tickets: $50 includes a 15 minute reading. Music and Panera Bread sandwiches included. Cash Bar. 781-834-2728 or e-mail mmamet@verizon.net or visit healthylivingvideo.com to register.

First Parish Church in Norwell is sponsoring a Harvest Moon Dance Nov. 1, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Parish Hall, located on River Street. Roger and Claire Vaka, professional dancers, will instruct all participants in dance lessons, which include mambo, waltz, fox-trot, tango, rhumba, cha-cha, swing and more. The admission fee of $15 per person, will benefit the Organ Restoration project. Light refreshments will be served. All adults are welcome, singles, couples, triples; a partner is not necessary. Call Marie Miller at 781-837-6620 to make reservations.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Nov. 1 **Jessie and the Rippers** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Nov. 1, **Puddlefish** 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Nov. 1, **"Undaunted" Professor Harp**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Sunday, Nov. 2

The Front Street Art Gallery Invitational November Show will feature the art work of long time Scituate resident, **Robert G. Beaulieu,** with an opening reception on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 2 to 5 p.m. His show runs until Nov. 23. The gallery located at 124 Front St., Scituate, which is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 5 p.m. The Gallery is closed on Monday. 781 545-6150.



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Cornerstone Lodge, 585 Washington St., Duxbury. **All you can eat breakfast buffet**, from 8 to 11:30 a.m., Nov. 2. Adults $7, seniors $6, children age 12 and under $5. **Open to the public**. All proceeds benefit Corner Stone Scholarship Fund, Corner Stone Masonic Lodge, and Free Masonry of Massachusetts.

The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., (Route 18) in Weymouth, is hosting a two-part "**November Holiday Show**" that features the best work of artists from the South Shore area. The first showing is Nov. 1 to 14, with a reception open to the public on Sunday Nov. 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. The second showing is Nov. 15- Nov. 30, with a reception on Sunday, Nov. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. Artists in the first showing through Nov. 14 include **Ron Brake** of Abington; **Kathy Ferarra,** Hanson; **Roselyn Herman,** Hull; **Kathy Hunt,** Weymouth; **Marilyn Reisberg,** Quincy; **.Kathy Hunt,** Weymouth; **Patricia Isaac,** Rockland; and **Ami Ray and his son Paul Ray** of Rockland. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For information and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384. You can preview many of the gallery's artists online at dickinsonartgallery.com.

CALENDAR, see next page

Halloween Happenings

GHOSTS, GOBLINS AND FAMILYTREES – an adult Halloween program at the Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. Dick Sullivan will blend themes of pagan festivals, human psychology and the occult and speak about the presence of coincidence in everyday life. Free and open to the public; no tickets are required. Cider and doughnuts will be served. Costumes optional. The library and the program room are handicapped accessible. 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org.

NOT SO SCARY HALLOWEEN PARTY at The Magical Moon Farm, 575 Summer St., Marshfield. Thursday, Oct. 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. Activities include a carved pumpkin contest, hayrides, a haunted barn room, with witches, warlocks and other creatures of the night and lots of fun. Prizes will be given for the best costumes and carved pumpkins. Bring your pre-carved pumpkin ready to light up. Refreshments will be served. Admission: $5 donation will go to the Magical Moon Foundation for children with cancer. Information contact Donna or Patty at 800-840-0205 or 781 837-1618.

THE HAUNTED SHIP AT THE USS SALEM at the Fore River Shipyard, 739 Washington St., Quincy. Open to the public on weekends starting at 6:30 p.m. This year's event will a two-part attraction with a new haunted house features as well as guided ghost tours conducted by team members from Mass Paranormal. Family Haunt Times on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. 617-479-7900 or hauntedship.com

GHOSTS & GRAVESTONES TOUR departs every night through Oct. 31, at 6, 7, 8 and 9 p.m. from the Old Town Trolley Ticket Center on Atlantic Avenue adjacent to The Marriott Long Wharf Hotel. Reservations (which are encouraged to avoid disappointment) are available by calling 617-269-3626.

ANNUAL HARVEST CARNIVAL – A fun, safe alternative to Trick-Or-Treating and **it's all free.** Tons of candy, inflatable bouncy houses, carnival games, free face painting, balloon animals, caricatures and more. Kids costumes are welcome. (nothing scary, or inappropriate)at The Vineyard Community Church, 8 Hilltop Ave, Kingston, Oct. 31, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Learn more at www.the vineyardkingston.org or call 781-585-4776.

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is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 5 p.m. The Gallery is closed on Monday. 781 545-6150.

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Meeting House Hill – Scituate's Lost Art Colony A Presentation by Scituate Resident David Noonan, on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 2 pm, Join Scituate resident David Noonan for a fresh look at the remarkable colony of painters, writers, photographers, sculptors, architects, composers and musicians that evolved between 1891 and 1915 on Meeting House Hill in Scituate. Information, or directions to the library, call 781-545-8727 or consult the library at www.scituatetownlibrary.org. se Hill - Scituate's Lost Art Colony.

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The Theater of Relativity brings their Boston production of Silly Einstein l to Marshfield and the new Zone Theater at 822 Webster St at Webster Place under the big red Z. With Marshfield's own Larry Loveridge, plus Jason Taylor, Michele Markarian, and Leslie Boisset-Dell'Elce **Silly Einstein** is playing Sundays Nov 2, and Nov 9 at 1 p.m. for a limited engagement. Tickets are $8 for kids $12 for adults. For reservations call 1-781-834-9161 x3 or email SillyEinstein@dancenfool.ws.

Monday, Nov. 3

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. **The program for Nov. 3 is Joanie Winberg**, a successful business owner, national speaker, author, business/personal coach specializing in divorce. Information: call Peggy Loud, 781-659-1857 or email Cheryl Pimental NBNorwellMA@aol.com

Cider-Open-House at the **Church of the Holy Nativity, Episcopal,** in South Weymouth, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m., Any and all-parishioners and passers-by-who are interested in viewing the church and its facilities, including those for children and youth, are invited to tour, inquire, and enjoy warm cider, snacks, and camaraderie.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. Nov. 3 **Free Texas Hold-Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Nov. 4

Cancer and Caregivers Support – The Wellness Community (TWC) at Pathways Center for Cancer Support, 273 Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover, provides free supportive and educational programs for those in the South Shore area with cancer and for their loved ones. TWC at Pathways offers support, education and hope through several support and networking groups, yoga, tai chi, art exploration and educational workshops. Support groups are led by trained clinicians. The Caregivers Support Group will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at the new time of 6 to 8 p.m. This group is led by professional TWC facilitator, Kelley O'Neele, PhD. Information or to register call 781-829-4823. Information: 781-829-4823 or visit wellnesscommunity.org.

The Trustees of Reservations five-week Autumn Family Outings program on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Each week visit a different South Shore property and make new discoveries. Ages 2-5 years. Members: $40. Nonmembers: $55. To register, contact Katie at 781 740 4796.

South Shore Men of Harmony invite men of good character who love to sing but do not necessarily read music to come to a weekly meeting. The acapella barbershop chorus rehearses every Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 pm. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. Call Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-7464.

Island Grove Chorus, a women's acappella singing group, meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Abington. Call 781-848-5843 for information.

Wednesday, Nov. 5

Caregivers Conversations, meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Coyne Healthcare Center, 56 Webster St., Rockland. This program meets the needs of family and friends who provide care assistance. Contact David Banks, 781-871-0555 for information.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, every Wednesday is **Country Music Night with DJ Pat Lally**. 781-829-6999.

Thursday, Nov. 6

The Wellness Community (TWC) at Pathways Center for Cancer Support will celebrate the completion of its first year as part of **The Wellness Community of Greater Boston** by holding an opening reception for its First Annual Art Show Nov. 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. at its location at 273 Hanover St., Hanover. The public is invited. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by calling 781-829-4823.

ASAP - The Adoption & Foster Care School Awareness Project will meet on Thursday (this month only) Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at a new location, The Barn, 170 Monroe St., Pembroke. Focus: Volunteer Registration and Preparation for the Adoption & Education Forum. ASAP works to Increase awareness in the schools and in our communities of the special needs of families formed through adoption and foster care. All parents, care-givers, educators and interested community members are welcome. For info visit www.asapmass.org or call 781 293-3341

Understanding and Responding to Challenging Behavior: It's not as Simple as ABC, Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m., Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Presented by Community Autism Resources. Free of charge. For parents and professionals, PDPs offered. Register with Braintree Autism Network for our Daughters and Sons (BANDS), Michele Owens 781-848-8963

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Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) weekly meetings for anyone suffering from food addiction, food obsession, overeating, obesity, bulimia, undereating, etc. Meetings are free and there are no weigh-ins. Thursday evenings, 7 p.m.; First Congregational Church, 29 North Main St.,, Sharon and VA Hospital; 1400 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury www.foodaddicts.org The FA World Service office can be reached at 781-932-6300 or by emailing fa@foodaddicts.org. Local contact is Elissa P. at 781-784-1468.

The Hingham Historical Society announces the debut of the **Candlelight Overcoat Tours of the historic Old Ordinary House Museum** at 21 Lincoln St., Hingham on Nov. 5, 6 and 7. This innovative family program will examine how Colonial New Englanders tried to keep warm and dry during the winter months without the modern conveniences of electricity and central heat. Tours will begin at 6:30pm and 7:30pm. Limited spaces are available. Admission is by reservation only: $8 for adults, and $4 for children under twelve. To reserve a tour time, send your check payable to the Hingham Historical Society at P.O. Box 434, Hingham, MA 02043, or for more information, call 781-749-7721 or email director@hinghamhistorical.org.

How to Avoid Identity Theft presented by Century Bank and Allerton House, Nov. 6, 2 to 4 p.m. Allerton House Assisted Living Community, 164 Parkingway, Quincy.

Free Homebuyer Seminar by Mont Vernon Mortgage, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. Hearth & Kettle, 151 Main St., Weymouth. Call 781-337-2432x16 to pre-register. MtVernonMortgage.com/events

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Nov. 6 **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Nov. 6, **Greg Miller Group,** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Nov. 7

No Stress Allowed Plans Women's Getaway, Friday, Nov. 7, through Sunday, Nov. 9, 2008, at Best Western Cold Spring, 188 Court St., Plymouth; includes two nights of deluxe accommodations, breakfast daily, one luncheon and dinner, daily yoga class, dance instruction, guided meditation, movie night, main workshop, additional workshops and time to relax. Information: e-mail Monique at mmf@soulworkscoaching.com or Deb at forferns@aol.com or contact Cheryl at sales@bwcoldspring.com, 508-746-2222 or visit http://book.bestwestern.com/packages/packageDetails.do.

Both the **Plymouth Philharmonic**, best known as "The Phil" and Norwell's **James Library and Center for the Arts**, "The James", offer high quality concerts. The party on Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. will feature wine tasting, light fare, live music and a chance to view the Coastal Printmakers' group show *Black, White & Read All Over* that opens that evening in The James's Art Gallery. The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell. Cost: $35 in advance; $40 at door. Information 508.746.8008, plymouthphil.org or 781-659-7100, jameslibrary.org

The Hull Lifesaving Museum will present its **11th annual Sea & Sky Art Show** All are invited to attend the Gala Opening on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. Gala Tickets: $20 members, $25 nonmembers. For information, contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433.

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First Fridays-Open Mikes–Bear, from the Bear Bones Band will host the next open mike from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Nov 7. All acoustic musicians are welcome to come play in a new format which may have you playing all night. It will take place in the Mt Hope Improvement Society, the white schoolhouse building on Clapp Rd, Scituate. For information contact ctzaremba@gmail.com or 781-544-3122. This event will take place every first Friday of the month.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Nov. 7, from 8:30 to midnight The Lantana, 43 Scanlon Dr, Randolph Exit 5A, Route 28 south off Route 128. se-4u.com 781-446-0234. For singles and couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Admittance is only $12 all night. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Joan Crowe opens the new cabaret room at Cela's in Quincy Center next week.

The South Shore debut of New York-based singer Joan Crowe next week will mark the opening of a new cabaret room in the also new Italian restaurant Cela's in Quincy Center. The endeavor won't be all-new, however, since veteran entertainment presenter John F. McDonald Jr., will be in his familiar role behind the scenes.

McDonald — who local audiences will recall from his dinner theater days at Raffael's in Hull, Quincy, and Walpole — through his JM Productions has presented an array of shows and concerts over the past 20 years. Now he's focused on cabaret music.

McDonald test-marketed his latest venture, "Standing O! Comedy, Cabaret and More," earlier this year at Quincy's The Inn at Bay Pointe. He says he believes the move to what was once the heart of the city's shopping district is well-timed.

"When I was growing up in Wollaston, everybody went to Quincy Square to go shopping, whether it was at Remick's, Sears Roebuck, or Jason's Luggage & Music. If you needed something you could always find it in Quincy Square. Many years have passed since those halcyon days, of course, but Quincy Center has re-emerged as a kind of cousin to New York's Restaurant Row.

"There are all kinds of wonderful new places to eat along Hancock Street that are attracting attention from all over. With that in mind, I decided that what the area also needed was something for people to do after they enjoy a good meal and first-rate cabaret seemed like the perfect fit."

McDonald's idea has the enthusiastic support of Crowe — winner of a 2002 MAC (Manhattan Association of Cabarets and Clubs) Award in the female musical comedy performer category — who will bring her "In the Key of Comedy" show to Quincy.

"I really embrace the whole idea of what John is trying to do," said Crowe by telephone from her home in suburban New Rochelle, N.Y., last week. "It's always such fun to work with new people, too. We haven't met in person yet, but I can tell already that John and I are going to get along very well."

Crowe has been getting along with New York cabaret audiences for years with her regular appearances at Eighty-Eights, Don't Tell Mama, and Danny's Skylight Room. She has also developed a worldwide fan base thanks to podcasts made during her regular Monday night open mike appearances at the famed Birdland. The podcasts, available at her Web site funnyjazzchick.com, recently landed Crowe a gig even further away than Quincy.

"It is amazing how much the podcasts have really expanded my audience," says Crowe, who lists Joni Mitchell, Judy Collins and Bette Midler among her biggest musical influences. "I got a call not too long ago from a representative of Colin Cowie, a big-name event planner with offices in New York, Los Angeles and London. Colin was doing an event for the third richest family in Hong Kong to celebrate the birth of their baby girl. It seems they had a hired a well-known singer from Sydney, but she had suffered a panic attack on the plane from Australia and could not go on. Colin knew me from my podcasts and must have liked what he saw, because I was hired and two hours later was on my way to Hong Kong.

"I only had to do four songs, but it was a gig I will never forget."

JM Productions will present Joan Crowe at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7, and at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8, at Cela's, 1495 Hancock St., Quincy. For tickets, call 617-786-7469 or go online at jmproductionspresents.com

Reunions

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1973 – 35th Reunion Nov. 1, at the Plymouth Radisson Hotel, Plymouth. Information: www.bhs73.com or email Cherie (Woolf) Riley at cherie@bhs73.com

PLYMOUTH-CARVER HIGH SCHOOL, Class of 1968 – 40th reunion Nov. 1, at the Beachmoor Inn on Buzzards Bay. Volunteers call Linda Souza at 508-746-8333, or Linda Luce at 508-224-4352, or Marilyn Colburn at 508-224-3668, or Cathy Pratt at 508-746-4036.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 – 30th reunion at The Salon at Tosca Nov. 15, 7 to 11 p.m. Information: Jennifer Lubrano Clayton at 781-749-6645 or Terry Dwyer Hurley at 781-749-2620.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1983 – 25th class reunion, Nov 22, 7 p.m. at the Greatest Bar Boston (across from the Garden) e-mail for more info at bhsc1983@hotmail.com

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2003 – five-year reunion. Nov. 26, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the American Legion, Cohasset Harbor. Info contact Curt Kahn — curt.kahn@gmail.com

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 30th Reunion will be held on Nov. 28, at the Quincy Marriott, Quincy at 7 p.m. Tickets $55 per person. Contact Jill (Whitten) Coyle at 781-843-3275 or thejcoyles@verizon.net or visit www.braintreehigh.com and click on "1978."

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2003 – five-year reunion, Nov. 28, from 7 to 11 p.m. at HaNaBi on Plain St in Marshfield. $25 per person and guests are welcome. Includes: cash bar, appetizer buffet and band. E-mail marshfield2003@gmail.com with any questions.

NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1973 – 35th reunion, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Adams Inn, near the Neponset bridge. Pre-payment of $45 per person. Checks payable to NQHS Reunion along with completed form to Jo-Ann Bragg, 74 East Elm Ave., Wollaston, MA 02170. Discounted room rate. E-mail Joannbragg@comcast.net for information.

WEYMOUTH NORTH HIGH Class of 1978 – 30th reunion, Nov. 28, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth Harbor For updated information go to classmates.com. RSVP Jen Palmer Morse at:Jmorse2@its.jnj.com

ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2003 – Fifth year reunion, Nov. 29, 8 p.m. at the Rattlesnake Bar & Grill, 2nd Floor, 384 Boylston St., Boston - Cost: $10 for AHS members, $20 for guests - AHSCLASS03@gmail.com, Nicole Paragona, Brendan Kelliher, Erin Smyth and Stacey Cobban.

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAMS GRAND REUNION for classes ending in three and eight, Nov.29 at 7 p.m. at the High School. E-mailTCahill@AWHS.org or call the Alumni Office at 781-535-6486.

BLUE HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1983 – 25th reunion, Nov. 29, at Lombardo's in Randolph, at 7 p.m. Add your information to www.bhr.1983.com searching for fellow classmates. Cost: $50 for one or $90 per couple. Checks made payable to the Class of 1983 should be mailed to Michelle DiTullio, 75 Foundry St. Unit 28, Easton, MA. 02375-Money must be received by Nov. 6.

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 – 20th reunion, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m., Papa-Razzi Loft, Hanover. $15 per person, $25 per couple, send checks to Scott Crowley by Nov. 15, 111 Hillside Drive, Hanover, MA 02339. Pay after the 15th or at the door $25 per person, $40 per couple. Info including the evite contact Joe Cristina, 508-523-8093 or joecri@comcast.net

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 – 20th reunion *Atlantica Restaurant*, Cohasset Harbor. Nov. 29, 7 to 11 p.m. Cost: $50 per person. Checks payable: to HHS Class of 1988.Mail to 66 Presidential Circle, Marshfield, MA 02050.

ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1987 – 20th reunion Nov. 29, from 7:30 to midnight. at the Holiday Inn, 195 Westgate Drive, Brockton. Cost per person is $45 and overnight rooms at the Holiday Inn are available. RSVP by Nov.15 to Beth Scherer, 495 Westgate Drive, Brockton, MA, 02301. E-mail *RHSClassof1987@gmail.com* with any questions, updated contact info, or information on missing classmates.

THE PLYMOUTH-CARVER Class of 1985 –25th year reunion. The reunion committee is actively searching for the addresses of classmates. Contact Linda Flattery at 508-747-5277, ext.230, or LFlattery@Hanover.com and leave your name and phone number/e-mail to update the class list and for more information about the event. Looking for all members and the committee wants to hear from you.

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 – 20th reunion, Nov. 29, at Granite Links Golf Club At Quarry Hills, 100 Quarry Hills Drive, Quincy. www.weymouthsouth.com

Send your reunion listings to ddinsmore@cnc.com or fax 781-837-4540 Attention Dorothy Dinsmore.



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Nancy Olesin
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. In my family, the Adirondacks are known as "God's Country."

My father grew up near Lake Placid, amid the northern peaks of the Adirondack Park, and would entertain the family with tales of climbing mountains and crossing frozen lakes. He would drive hours from our home in New Jersey to fill jugs from a spring here that he claimed had the freshest water anywhere.

A recent trip to upstate New York gave me the chance to explore the area my father so loved. What I found was a recreational paradise, a place of natural beauty dotted with charming towns and impressive mountains; a four-season delight.

With more than 6 million acres, Adirondack Park is America's largest state park - bigger than the Yellowstone, Everglades, Glacier and Grand Canyon national parks combined. It's even bigger than nearby Vermont.

The park has some of the highest peaks in the East, including massive Mount Marcy - the state's highest peak and second in the Northeast only to Mount Washington in New Hampshire. Whiteface is the area's ski hub. There are some 3,000 ponds and lakes, 1,500 miles of river and thousands of miles of hiking trails - and backcountry that will be forever wild.

Lake Placid, known as the "Winter Sports Capital of the World" for its role as host of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics, is an excellent base for area exploration.

While there is a Lake Placid, most of the commercial development is on the shores of nearby Mirror Lake. On a recent visit, my mother and I stayed just a block from the village center, at the elegant, historic Mirror Lake Inn Resort and Spa. With fireplaces and wood-paneled walls, the inn's common rooms are luxurious without being stuffy; the ambience akin to staying at a Great Camp, which is what huge lake houses are called in these parts.

The inn's full-time concierge will organize any type of outing you want, from rock climbing in summer to sleigh rides and ice climbing in winter. A daily activities calendar also has organized activities such as a wilderness canoe trip ($60) and a nature scavenger hunt for kids ($20).

For an easy exploration on your own, start out with a walk, bike ride, or in winter, cross-country ski from the inn on the 2.7 miles of red brick-lined sidewalk around Mirror Lake. Or do what I did and explore the lake on one of the inn's kayaks.

Lake Placid is still the home of athletes. The Olympic Regional Development Authority maintains and operates facilities where serious athletes come to train.

Experience Olympics history with an Olympic Passport ($29) and visit the rink where the "Miracle on Ice" brought home hockey gold for the United States in 1980. You can also see the 1932 rink where Sonja Henie won the figure skating competition. Ride an elevator to the top of the 120-meter ski tower and see freestyle skiers practice their moves at the Olympic Jumping Complex; and tour the bobsled, luge and skeleton tracks at the Olympic Sports Complex. For $65, in warm weather you can hop in with a guide and hurdle down the bobsled track on a wheeled bobsled, or in winter do the real deal for $75. In winter, you can also take spins on the outdoor speed-skating oval.

Champions are still made here, too. In February, the town hosts world championships in three winter sports: toboggan, luge and bobsled (http://lakeplacid2009-.com/).

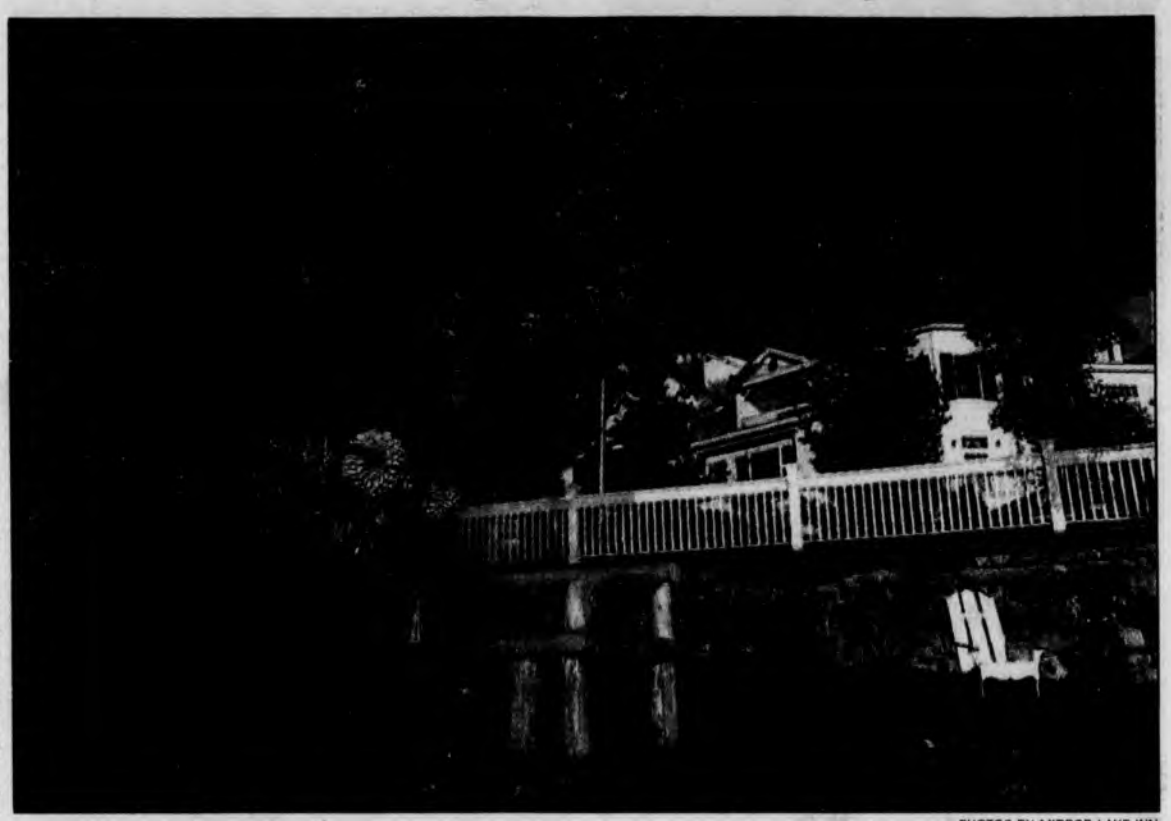
Nearby, 4,867-foot Whiteface Mountain in Wilmington, about a 15-minute drive from Lake Placid, is where the Olympic ski events were held in 1980 (there were no alpine races in 1932).

Skiing is indeed the popular mountain activity in winter. But in the spring, summer and early fall you can take the eight-passenger Cloudsplitter gondola ($17, or free with Olympic Passport) to the top of Little Whiteface or drive up Veterans Highway to get close to the summit for breathtaking views of the high peaks.

To take in more of the area's natural beauty, in warm weather, you can hop aboard a Lake Placid Boat Tour ($11) where your guide will tell you the history of the Adirondack Park, the 19-mile-long lake and the multimillion-dollar camps that are home to the rich and famous. You'll learn that Lake Placid, which is 350 feet deep in some places, is spring fed. And, you'll hear fish stories: The largest lake trout ever caught in Lake Placid, according to our guide, weighed 32 pounds.

Make sure to reserve time to explore the village of Lake Placid, which is brimming with adorable shops featuring clothing, decorative arts, antiques and rustic furniture so you can bring home a little bit of the Adirondacks. Adirondack Decorative Arts & Crafts (2512 Main St., 518-523-4545) and the Adirondack Store (2024 Saranac Ave., 518-523-2646, www.THE-adirondackstore.com) both offer gifts, furniture and accessories. Buy your own Olympic apparel at the U.S. Olympic Store (2418 Main St. and also at the Olympic Training Center, 518-523-8402), and feel like a Lake Placid champion.

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Fall is a beautiful time of year to stay at the Mirror Lake Inn in the heart of Lake Placid.

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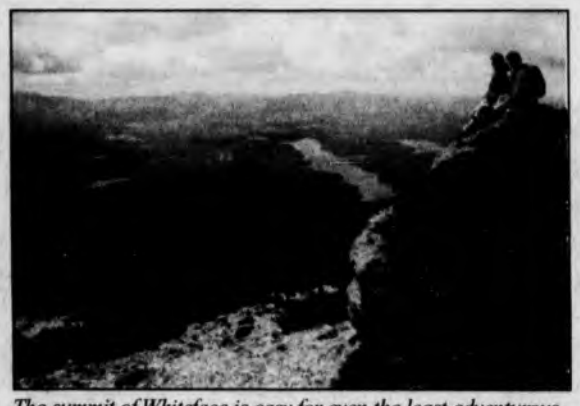
GETTING THERE: Lake Placid is about a five-hour drive from Boston. But if you have the time, head north on I-93 to Burlington, Vt., and take a ferry across Lake Champlain to Port Kent, N.Y. ($17.50 one-way with driver and vehicle). The drive is much prettier.

STAYING THERE: The Mirror Lake Inn (518-523-2544; www.mirrorlakeinn.com) was opened in 1934 by William Rufus Wikoff, the original "Fuller Brush Man." The property was rebuilt after a huge fire in 1988, but the main inn still features decor reminiscent of a Great Camp. For an extravagant stay, there are suites in two cottage-style buildings lakeside, across from the main inn - ours featured huge chandeliers of carved deer with antlers, a stone fireplace, cathedral ceilings and a deck overlooking the lake. The inn has an award-winning spa - where I was left glowing after an Adirondack Maple Sugar Body Scrub for $125 - and indoor and outdoor heated pools. Rooms from $260 per night, suites from $450.

The Courtyard by Marriott (518-523-2900; www.courtyardlake-placid.com), is a brand-new, modern hotel with an indoor pool with a cascading waterfall. Rooms from $119, suites from $299.



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ELECTION 2008

Obama takes country, Cohasset

85 percent voter turnout on Election Day

By Nancy White
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For this year's election it could be said, "so goes Cohasset, so goes the nation (and the state)."

Cohasset's majority votes matched up with those cast statewide and nationwide.

A majority of Cohasset supported Democratic Sen. Barack Obama in the race for president, but the race was fairly close. A difference of 223 votes (about 5 percent) separated the votes for the Obama and Sen. Joe Biden ticket from the Republican ticket of Sen. John McCain and Alaskan governor Sarah Palin ticket (2,378 to 2,155).

The results for the four ballot questions reflected the votes cast statewide. Cohasset opposed Question 1, the elimination of the state income tax; supported Question 2 decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana. Cohasset voters were in favor of Question 3, which would ban dog racing where betting or wagering occurs, effective Jan. 1, 2010.

Question 4 was a non-binding public policy question asking state legislators to support Cape Wind and other possible future wind power developments in

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Betsy Connolly of Cohasset waves to drivers while campaigning for Obama as they turn onto Highland Avenue to vote after work on Tuesday evening. Voter turnout was 85 percent with 4,623 out of Cohasset's 5,381 registered voters casting a ballot Tuesday.

A supporting role

Women's Auxiliary helps veterans, families and children

By Nancy White
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Each November 11, the country pauses to remember and honor those who have fought for our country and those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

The American Legion Women's Auxiliary works year round to support area veterans, their families and children. As the largest women's organization in the world, Cohasset's auxiliary chapter is a little piece of a greater movement that has been around for decades.

"As a women's group, we tend to be take care more of the family," said Deirdre Wigmore, President of the Cohasset Women's Auxiliary. From providing stuffed animals to sick children to serving visiting at the Roxbury VA Hospital, the Women's Auxiliary carries out a vision started by the women left behind during World War I.

Initially, the Auxiliary was organized by concerned women who took on the day-to-day responsibilities of life when their male family members went across sea during World War I. Aware of the many fatherless families and the needs of returning veterans, Auxiliary women vowed to continue their supportive roles when the veterans of World War I founded The American Legion in 1919. The Cohasset American Legion and Women's Auxiliary chapter were founded in 1920.



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS SHORES

Deirdre Wigmore of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary places a wreath at the Veterans Memorial with her father-in-law Steve Wigmore, commander of the George H. Mealy Post, during last year's Veterans Day observance.

Auxiliary members today are wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, granddaughters and great-granddaughters of these courageous veterans. Some members are veterans themselves. In order to be eligible in the Auxiliary, women have to have a direct familial link to a veteran.

For the largest patriotic women's service organization in the world with nearly one million member nationwide, Wigmore said the mission is simple: "Our mission is to help those in need, those in harm's way and each other."

The Auxiliary has myriad programs to help the veterans, with a special focus on children and families.

They collect cancelled stamps to be used in art project for special needs children. They collect the pull off tabs on soda cans and old keys. The metal then gets melted down and each year

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School lunch is revisited

Increase in sales at elementary level

By Nancy White
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To keep up with the daily rigors of school, students need a nutritious lunch to get them through the day. Each day, the Cohasset Schools provide students with options to ensure their stomachs are full.

This fall, a few strategic changes have been made for the school's food service department in an effort to get more kids to buy lunch.

Last year, the School Committee kept a close eye on the food service budget at their monthly meetings as they saw the revenues were not making back the cost. When the School Department closed the books on fiscal 2008, the food services budget ran a deficit of approximately $40,000. It was the first year where the food service budget, which is typically a self-sufficient operation or even a profit maker, ended the year significantly in the red.

Food service director Bob Levy and school finance director Dave DeGennaro reported to the School Committee Wednesday night on the first two months of school lunch operation.

"We were in a spiral downward, but we're fighting everyday to grab every sale we can get," said Levy.

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Occupation: Cohasset Schools Food Service Director.

Best day of your life: I have three. The day my wife said 'yes,' and the births of my two children.

Best vacation: Anytime spent with my family.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite junk food (or meal): Pizza at Chardonnay's.

Best book: "Return With Honor" by Scott O'Grady.

Best movie (or actor): "Top Gun."

Best TV show: "House."

Favorite music artist: James Taylor.

Dumbest thing you have ever done: Locking the keys in the car at the beach.

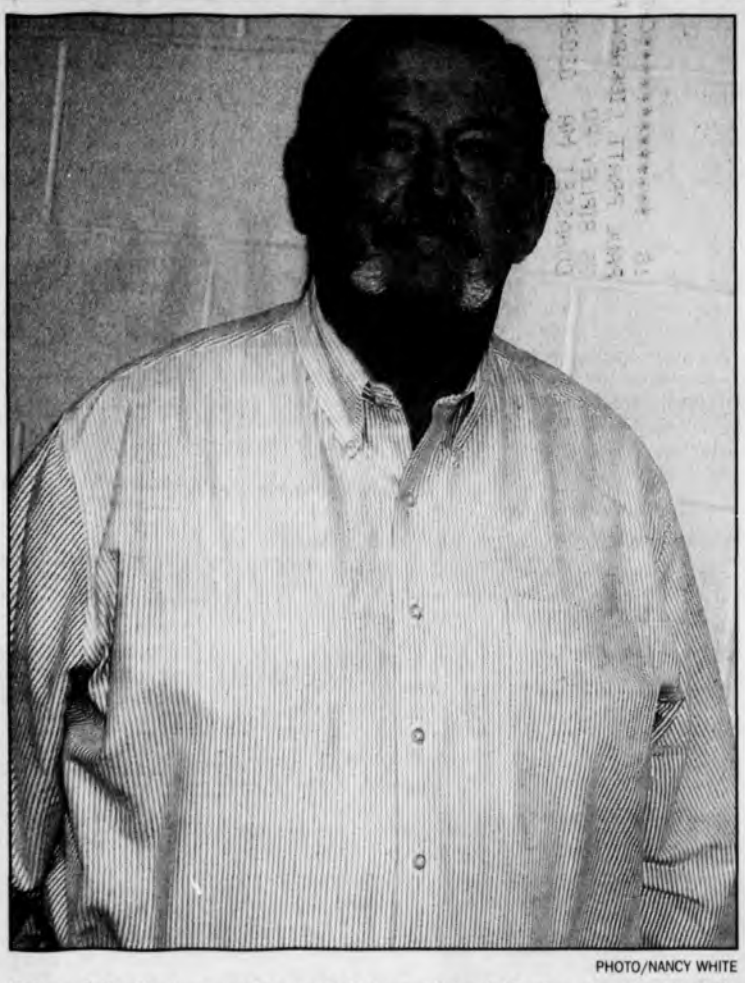
Pet peeve: Bullies.

Goal: To always have a healthy family.

Person you'd most like to meet: JFK.

Biggest worry: College tuition for my daughter, Bethany.

Best part of Cohasset: Students and staff.



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This week the Mariner caught up with Cohasset Schools' food service director Bob Levy outside Wednesday's School Committee meeting. Levy is constantly working to improve the lunches served at all three schools.

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Where the sidewalk ends...

Parking Way sidewalk proposal is on the table

By Nancy White
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With all the changes in the village over the last few years, there is more to come. The revamped zoning bylaws were designed to encourage new growth while ensuring Cohasset's village will retain its small town New England charm.

"Having some sort of game plan is a good first step, then we can chip away at the actual project."
— Clark Brewer, Planning Board

One of the key areas the bylaw targeted were the properties that abut the town parking lot. Currently, the area looks like the back end of village, but the rear of South Main Street has been envisioned as having a "second main street façade."

At previous Planning Board meetings the property owners and developers in that area have asked for some town effort to be made to design a sidewalk along Parking Way. Not only would the sidewalk improve the look of the area, but also link the area, which someday may have retail storefronts, to the rest of the village.

Planning Board member Clark Brewer has taken on the sidewalk initiative as a side project. An architect by trade, he has drawn up a preliminary schematic design. While nothing has been set in stone, Brewer said the proposal is an important one.

"Having some sort of game plan is a good first step, then we can chip away at the actual project," said Brewer. The sidewalk design would require some engineering before it could be put into action.

Portions of the area are poised to change in the area in the near term. At one end plans for a medical building behind the village gas station were recently approved by the Planning Board and at the other, the new building at 22 Depot Court opened with five new businesses this week.

Some developers, particularly those whose properties border on Parking Way, have repeatedly spoken to the Planning Board of the importance of a town plan for a sidewalk and other pedestrian amenities to enable the "second main street façade" talked about for the town parking lot. The subject came up at recent design review guidelines public hearings.

The challenge will be rectifying jagged property lines through easements or land swaps that currently prohibit a continuous sidewalk from being built bordering the parking lot.

Wayne Sawchuk, owner of 35-39 South Main St., which borders on the town parking lot, has been a proponent of establishing a town plan for a sidewalk.

"I don't see it as an expensive thing and it will go a long way in making the area look a lot nicer," said Sawchuk, in a phone interview.

Village property owners have also asked the Planning Board to consider changing the street name to something more appealing than "Parking Way."

POLICE/FIRE LOG

Police arrest Cohasset man on drug charges

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset police have arrested Brien J. Buckley, a 21-year-old Cushing Road resident, on charges of distributing marijuana.

During the afternoon of Nov. 1, Cohasset detectives, acting on information that a resident was distributing marijuana from his home, established surveillance of the home at 37 Cushing Road.

Detectives observed James Wood, 18, of Marshfield meet briefly with Buckley then leave the area. Police then observed Wood meeting with Robert Noble, 17, of Marshfield and a 15-year-old Marshfield juvenile, in the area of Bancroft Way. Police stopped and searched the teens and seized about one ounce of marijuana from under the front seat of their vehicle, found one gram of marijuana on the juvenile, and a Xanax pill on Noble. All three were arrested without incident, police said.

During the next 10 minutes, detectives saw Buckley meet briefly with the occupant of two other cars that then left the area.

Police stopped one of the vehicles and seized about one ounce of marijuana. The occupants said they had purchased the marijuana from Buckley. Police may summonsed those individuals to court on marijuana charges.

At 4:50 p.m., detectives saw Buckley leave his home and head up Norfolk Road and onto Bancroft Road where he was stopped.

Officers found about one-half ounce of marijuana inside Buckley's vehicle and he was arrested without incident.

Police served a search warrant at 37 Cushing Road on Nov. 2 and seized about two pounds of marijuana, some crack cocaine, psilocybin mushrooms, a scale and marijuana packaging supplies. They also seized $7,266 in US currency from a desk and safe in the bedroom. The street value of the marijuana seized is about $13,000, police said.

Buckley is facing several marijuana charges including possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, drug violation near a school and conspiracy to violate the drug law. Police said additional charges against Buckley would be filed related to the evidence seized during execution of the warrant.

Buckley and the others were arraigned Monday in Quincy District Court. Police

Lt. Gregory Lennon described the arrest as a very successful drug suppression operation conducted by the Cohasset Criminal Investigation Division with the assistance of the patrol division.

"This operation resulted in the arrest of a significant source of supply of marijuana to Cohasset youth and youth from surrounding towns," Lennon stated in a press release. "We are confident that this arrest will make a major impact on the availability of marijuana to the adolescent population in this area."

Chief James Hussey said this arrest should put a dent in the supply of marijuana in Cohasset and surrounding communities.

"One of the buyers in this case was only 15 years old," Hussey said. "That is our biggest concern; keeping this drug out of the hands of our youth."

Toxic substance

A 37-year-old Cohasset woman is facing charges of inhaling a toxic substance (gas from whipped cream cans).

A call came in at 9:23 a.m. from the Mobil Mart on Route 3A from a witness who reported seeing the woman disposing of a large quantity of whipped cream cans in the trash. The caller also reported seeing the car drive off erratically. Police ran the plate number that showed the car belonged to a resident.

Police collected 22 cans from the trash and found the receipt where they had been purchased.

Further investigation revealed there was enough evidence to charge the woman who is being summonsed to court for inhaling a toxic substance.

Police also spoke to employees at the store where the woman bought the whipped cream to remind them to be alert when someone is purchasing a large quantity of the cans.

Protective custody

A 66-year-old Scituate woman was taken into protective custody after police responded to a call about a silvered-colored car in Wheelwright Farm in which the occupant appeared to be sleeping. The call came in at 1:44 p.m. on Sunday (Nov. 2) and when police arrived the doors were locked. Initially she refused to open the doors or windows. Police determined she was under the influence of alcohol. Police tried to contact family members to pick her up but were unsuccessful. Her car was towed and she was taken into protective custody.

Lost wallet

A woman walked into the police station on Sunday to report that her wallet was either lost or stolen. The last time she remembered having the wallet was at Walgreen's on Halloween. The wallet contained about $100 in cash, her driver's license and credit cards. She contacted Walgreen's on Saturday but no one had turned the wallet in.

Police advised her to cancel her credit cards.

Car keyed

Police responded to a caller from Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) at 4:30 p.m. on Friday (Oct. 31) who witnessed a car being keyed in the parking lot. The witness provided a description of the suspect as a white male wearing a blue shirt and green hat. The suspect fled across the street toward Hingham Lumber. Police responded right away but could not locate him. Police talked with the witness but there did not appear to be any motivation for the vandalism that would lead to the suspect.

Vandalism

A woman who is going through a divorce reported vandalism to shelving in a shed last week on her property and two days later reported that her car had been keyed. She believes her "ex" could be responsible and police are investigating. There was also drained oil dumped behind the shed and some trash. The car was vandalized while parked in the town lot. There was damage to the right rear quarter panel and right front fender. Nails were also put against two tires, police said.

Unregistered

A 23-year-old Hull man is being summonsed to court for driving an unregistered, uninsured motor vehicle last week. An officer stopped the pickup truck because it did not have a valid registration sticker and a computer check revealed the truck was not registered. The operator was allowed to make arrangements to be picked up and the truck was towed. The incident occurred at 10:36 p.m. Thursday, (Oct. 30).

Sandbar

The Coast Guard handled an incident that was reported at 5:08 p.m. on Friday (Oct. 31). Police said a caller reported that a boat was trying to run him into a sandbar. The harbormaster was also advised of the incident.

Hit & run

Cohasset police assisted Hingham police in locating a Cohasset man involved in a motor vehicle accident in Hingham at about 10:30 p.m. on Thursday (Oct. 30). Cohasset police confirmed the car and operator were at the residence and Hingham police brought the operator back to the accident scene on Rockland Street.

Deer hit

A 1999 Volkswagen operated by a Scituate resident hit a deer at 5:23 a.m. on Monday (Oct. 27) on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (3A). The deer ran across the roadway. The car had damage to the bumper and a headlight.

The state DPW was contacted to collect the deer, police said.

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A plan for buses is needed

Aging fleet concerns School Committee

By Nancy White
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Five out of the seven Cohasset school buses have over 100,000 miles on them.

The oldest bus, usually kept in a reserve role, was built in 1994.

These facts give the School Department and the School Committee great concern. When coupled with the facts the older buses incur high maintenance cost and there is currently not concrete plan for bus replacement, the schools got serious about establishing a 10-year plan for replacing their transportation fleet.

On Wednesday night, the School Committee reviewed the facts and some of the options for bus replacement. Historically, the school buses and two special education vans have been considered as capital expenditures and paid for with free cash or other town funding, not the school budget.

At a recent Capital Budget Committee a few weeks ago the Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh, Finance Director Dave DeGennaro and some school committee members went before the Capital Budget Committee to talk about developing a plan for bus replacement. They didn't specifically ask for the committee to consider the purchase of a bus in this Town Meeting cycle (Special Town Meeting is Nov. 14), rather they were looking to get buses on the radar screen not only for Annual Town Meeting in the spring, but for the foreseeable future as all the buses are aging.

"We're getting anxious that we're not moving at all on this," said Walsh Wednesday night. In that spirit, the School Committee is looking to take ownership of the replacement schedule. In the upcoming fiscal 2010 cycle, the School Committee will separate out the transportation costs from the operational side of the budget.

Not only were there concerns for the safety of the vehicles, but also School Committee member Lucia Flibotte expressed frustration with the Capital Budget Committee for not being prepared for the expenditure. A school bus has been on the capital budget spreadsheet for several years.

"The Capital Budget Committee has known about we will need a bus in 2009 for five years…isn't the question why are we being overlooked by the Capital Budget Committee," said Flibotte.

Chairman Rick Flynn rationalized the situation by saying the capital budget committee only has so much to spend each year and the amount is not much.

"My point is (the buses) have to be taken out of the capital budget…we need to attack this from a different direction," said Flynn. "The reality is their cash flow is limited."

Member Adrienne MacCarthy agreed, "we need to take ownership of the issue."

DeGennaro went through the scenarios of buying the buses outright (at a cost of approximately $85,000) versus lease to buy over three or five years (at the end of the lease term, the town would own the asset).

If the buses/vans are purchased outright, one every year, the cost would be $780,000 and the replacement cycle would be 10 years, completing in 2017.

In a five-year lease scenario, payments of varying amounts (a low of $10,946 and a high of $92,765) would be paid over 14 years, ending in 2021. The total amount paid over the cycle (with interest) is $851,580.

The School Committee members seemed to favor buying the transportation assets outright.

"The best option, if we have the money, is to purchase the buses outright," said Walsh.

In fiscal 2008, the schools paid nearly $100,000 in preventive maintenance, vandalism, and repairs. With the cost of fuel ($28,000), the total maintenance cost was $126,000.

With the maintenance cost for fiscal 2008, DeGennaro pointed out a new bus could have been purchased.

"With newer vehicles there would be less maintenance cost," said School Committee member Steve Fusco, who asked DeGennaro to run the numbers on how less maintenance costs could possibly partially offset the purchase of a new bus.

Options of contracting out the bus services were discussed, but Flynn said it had been explored a few years back and didn't work because of Cohasset's location and small size.

Fusco requested DeGennaro prepare a few numbers to show the cost of owning the bus holistically (including cost of bus purchase, maintenance, insurance, bus driver salary etc.) so they could get a clearer picture of the cost they will be facing in future years.

"We need to figure out how to fund it," said Flynn. The bus replacement schedule will be discussed leading into the budget season.

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School lunch sales up at elementary level

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spring a food service consultant was hired to do an extensive operational review to help the fledging school lunch program. The consultant's primary goal was to suggest improvements to strengthen the fiscal integrity of the lunch program.

The consultant, Mary Jo Cutler, a registered dietician and nutritionist, suggested a revamp the menu including increasing fresh fruits and vegetables, incorporating more exciting descriptive language of the entrees, and making over the high school salad bar. Some of the changes were implemented during May and June of last year, but this fall has been the first true test of the lunch program.

"All the decisions we're making indicate we're going in the right direction," said Levy. "We've seen a pretty sizable increase in meals consumed daily at the elementary level."

Levy said nearly all the processed foods formerly a staple on the school lunch menus have been replaced with more wholesome options. Canned fruits have been replaced with fresh options. A grilled cheese sandwich and a soup of the day are available on a daily basis. Fresh vegetables are served with a dip to make it more appetizing for the students. The menu has more color and descriptions.

At the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools school lunch participation numbers are up—and so are the profits. At Osgood the percent of student participation rose from 33.1 percent in October 2007 to 40.4 percent in October 2008. At Deer Hill participation percentages stayed relatively the same when compared to last year's numbers. The high school participation numbers have dropped off slightly over the same time last fall.

Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh said most schools aim to have a 50 to 70 percent student participation rate in school lunch.

In addition to trying to drive more lunch sales, the schools are also trying to look at their supply prices. To save money on the food products themselves, Cohasset has joined the Education Cooperative (TEC) and now has cooperative buying power with other area schools thereby lowering the prices of certain food items.

"We buying better food and getting better prices," said Levy. "From the changes we've made and implemented we're seeing improvement."

In addition to menu changes, Levy has implement flow changes at the middle-high school and Osgood School to make paying for the meals a little quicker and easier. The middle-high school is not seeing a marked improvement in sales, but Levy is hopeful the students will come around. A new salad bar at the high school is popular, said Levy.

Levy said there are inherent challenges for the school lunch program in the current economic climate. Parents are pinching every penny and many are opting to brown bag their children's lunch rather than spending the few dollars on a school lunch.

"We feel confident we're making better decisions and providing a better product to the students," said Levy.

School Committee member Steve Fusco asked the Levy and DeGennaro to go directly to the source—the students—for feedback on the lunch program.

"We need to find out why they aren't buying lunch," said Fusco.

DeGennaro told the School Committee the first two months of data only provide a "snapshot" look at the program and requested they wait to gather two more months of data before making any further decisions on the program.

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What happened? What is being done?

In August of 2007, three homes in Cohasset tested above the maximum contaminant level for lead. The source of the lead is from brass or lead pipes and fixtures located in the plumbing of the home. The water that leaves the treatment plant and well station to supply the town does not contain any lead. The treatment plant has a corrosion control system in place and has made adjustments to improve results.

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BRIEFLY

Schools on track with budget calendar

Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh reported the school department was gearing up for the budget season. In recent weeks she had meetings with all the school principals to talk about the fiscal 2010 budget. She is expecting to bring forth a level services budget.

"It's going to be about as lean as we can make it while still providing the essentials," said Walsh. That means no new staff, but recently added services, like the Virtual High School program, will remain intact. Pressing needs, like fourth- and fifth-grade social studies textbooks to better align with the curriculum, will be included as well.

Walsh also proposed separating out transportation expenses from the operational budget to give the School Committee and the town a clearer picture of that cost.

"Personally, I think it makes sense to isolate that...if we put it as a separate item, more attention will be paid," said School Committee chairman Rick Flynn.

State budget cuts hit schools

It's been in the news for weeks now, but the state budget cuts are now beginning to affect the Cohasset Schools budget albeit thus far in a small way. Approximately $1,000 has been cut from the town's METCO state grant. The grant was reduced from $272,080 to $271,162.

Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh prepared the School Committee that there could be other state budget cuts that could affect the Cohasset Schools in fiscal 2009.

"Every grant we've applied for has been cut or eliminated all together," said Walsh. For example, Walsh said, the Cohasset Schools were a good candidate for a gifted and talented grant, but now the state has decided to regionalize the allotment and the money will likely go to school districts struggling with meeting their MCAS annual yearly progress targets.

"In recent years, grant money was pretty plentiful and we benefited," said Walsh. "On the state side we will begin to see the impact."

Walsh said she is keeping a close eye on how a $13 million statewide cut to circuit breaker funding (a state grant to help districts with special education costs) will affect Cohasset.

School Committee chairman Rick Flynn tried to see the silver lining, "the good news is we have gotten grants in recent years and it has benefited our schools."

School website up and running

The Cohasset schools' website, www.cohassetk12.org, has an entirely new look and new features. Powered by School Fusion, the new site has information about the district and all three schools. Monthly lunch menus are posted for the Deer Hill and Osgood Schools. Classroom teachers each have their own page to post homework assignments, grading policies and upcoming events. In the near future, parents and students will get unique log-in accounts to keep in touch with teachers and the school. An online payment mechanism to pre-pay school lunch tickets, fees and tuitions will be available soon.

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NOVEMBER!

Hello Cohasset, Happy November. I cannot believe we are at this time of year already. The weather has been so nice but looking ahead it looks like some cooler weather is coming. I hope everyone had a happy and safe Halloween, the costumes that we saw around were so cool and cute. We have some great items to talk about and let you all know about this week as well as introducing us all to some new babies in our world.

BABY GIRL

Katherine Murphy Snider was born on September 5, 2008 at Georgetown Hospital weighing in at 5 pounds. Her proud parents are **Keeley (Dwyer) and Barney Snider** of Chevy Chase, Md. and Katherine's excited and thrilled grandparents are **Retta and John Dwyer** of Cohasset and **Britt and Ginger Snider** of McLean, Va. Congratulations to you all and "Thank heavens for little girls..."

OH BOY!

Congratulations go out to **Todd** and his wife **Kristen (Drunsic) Bestick** who had a son on Oct 30, 2008 at South Shore Hospital. **Brayden Todd Bestick** arrived weighing in at a healthy 7 pounds, 11 ounces. His very happy and proud grandparents are **Earl and Carol Bestick** of Cohasset and **Tom and Debra Drunsic** of Norton.

His aunts and uncles are **Al and Elizabeth Beaune** of Cohasset, **Earle and Barbara Bestick** of New York, **TJ and Jamie Drunsic** of Marshfield and **Bryan and Stephanie Murphy** of Norton. What a treat this little boy was, enjoy him each and every day!

CMI MEETING

The Cohasset Maritime Institute (CMI) will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday Nov. 15 at 9 a.m. at 40 Parker Ave. Cohasset Maritime Institute is dedicated to the preservation of Cohasset's maritime history and the promotion of ocean rowing for Middle and High School students and adults. All Cohasset Maritime Institute members and the community are invited to attend the CMI Annual Meeting.

Following the Annual Meeting, volunteers are needed and welcome to assist in the clean out of the CMI boathouse in preparation for its' renovation. Please visit the CMI website, rowcmi.com, for more information or call *Lisa Hewitt Dick* at 781-383-0204 or **Susan Galligan** at 781-383-0765.

BOOKS!

The Community Garden Club's publications, Cohasset Entertains and The Eclectic Gardener, would make excellent holiday gifts. The cookbook contains not only tried and true recipes, but also sample menus and arrangement ideas. The Eclectic Gardener is divided into chapters by month starting with January. Each chapter provides gardening tips, seasonal recipes, nature notes, possible outings and much more. Books can be purchased at Flemings of Cohasset and club member businesses —the Windsor Tea Room and Country House Furniture and Interiors.

It's not too late to give a gift of bulbs. The club has a nice selection of spring flowering bulbs available. You can purchase them by calling **Liz** at 383- 0998 or email her at ejrichardon@comcast.net.

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DOORWAYS

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset invites Cohasset residents to participate in a Decorated Doorway Contest. Doorways should be decorated for the holidays in a festive, imaginative way. A committee from the Garden Club of Hingham will judge our doorways on Dec. 15. Winners will be announced before Dec. 25. This contest is meant to be fun. There is no entry fee and there are no rules to follow. If you wish to enter your doorway in the contest, you must fill out an entry form by Dec. 12. Judging will take place on Dec. 15. Entry forms are available at Town Hall, the Paul Pratt Library, Community Center, French Memories, Village Wine Store, and Cohasset CVS. Instructions regarding the contest and the submission process appear on the entry form.

OUR WORLD

Looking for something to do with the kiddos on Tuesday, Veterans Day? Well, bring them on down to the Our World Museum (www.ourworldcgdm.org) for a fun-filled musical concert with Jim Armstrong at 9:20 and to pick up a Holiday Schedule of programs, creative nites and more. Children of all ages are welcome with parent, grandparents, nannies and friends. If you have any questions, call 781-383-3198.

POST PROM

Attention all senior parents! On Thursday, Nov. 13, there will be an organizational meeting in the Cohasset School Library to begin making plans for the post prom party. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.. If you are unable to attend but would like to participate, contact Barb Mullin or Ronnie McMorris.

It is so important to get ready know for this and work together for a fun-filled, safe and happy event.

REUNION

Just a reminder that The five year reunion for the CHS class of 2003 will be held Wednesday, Nov. 26th from 7-11pm at the George Mealy American Legion Post, 98 Summer St. Make your parents happy by coming home for Thanksgiving. Then catch up with old friends and share your new exciting experiences. Appetizers and drinks will be served. Questions? Contact **Curt** (curt.kahn@gmail.com) or **Ross** (rlieblappen@gmail.com).

That is it for now. Make sure to send in all of your news no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Mathijs Willem Zandbergen.

Zandbergen - Ross

Kathryn Bridget Ross, daughter of James and Susan Ross of Cohasset, was married June 28, 2008, to Mathijs Willem Zandbergen, son of Henny and Liesbeth Zandbergen of Katwijk, the Netherlands. The wedding was held in Trinity College Chapel in Oxford, England, and was presided over by the Rev. Emma Percy. A reception was held on the Trinity College lawns, followed by dinner and dancing in the hall.

Rebecca Ross, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Flower girls were Victoria Parker, Fiona Ross and Ellie Butler, all cousins of the bride.

Johan Zandbergen, brother of the groom, served as best man. Andrew Ross and Thomas Ross, brothers of the bride, served as groomsmen and musical talent.

The bride is a Class of 1996 graduate of Cohasset High School, a Class of 2000 graduate of Skidmore College and will complete her doctorate degree in comparative social policy at the University of Oxford in the winter of 2009.

The groom is a Class of 1997 graduate of Pieter Groen High School, a Class of 2001 graduate of TU Delft, and will complete his doctorate degree in material science at the University of Oxford in the winter of 2009.

The couple honeymooned in Pano Elounda, Greece, and plan to reside in the Netherlands commencing in January of 2009.

Cohasset Cabaret benefits youth ministry

Don't miss the chance to see the local talented cast in Cohasset Cabaret '08 this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and Nov. 8, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall. The show will be emceed by Doug Trudeau of Showstopper's fame, and the lineup includes performances by Lily Sestito, Tina Turner and Boston baritone Vere Bowen; and a song and dance by Katherine Umano, the young star of the musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie." To top it off, a few of the guys from the "Full Monty" will be there for a really show-stopping review.

On both evenings a social hour will take place from 7 to 8 p.m., when you can try your luck at the raffle table, which will have some great items from local artists and merchants. Audience members can bring their own snacks or chose from a selection of theatre sandwiches. There will be a cash bar serving wine, beer and soft drinks.

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Opening night for 'Godspell' is Fri., Nov. 14

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The set is simple — chain link fence and a few sawhorses.

The cast is small — just 10 actors, five men and five women. But, "Godspell" is anything but small and simple.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will present their interpretation of the well-known musical — and the even better known stories it tells — beginning next Friday (Nov. 14) at Cohasset Town Hall. For the first time in its long history, the Cohasset Dramatic Club will present "Godspell," the musical based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew.



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Stephen Lee and Denise Feeney sing "By My Side" during a rehearsal for the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "Godspell."



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The cast of the Cohasset Drama Club's production of the musical "Godspell," front row, Stephen Lee of Randolph, Bill White of Scituate; middle row, Lisa Pratt of Cohasset, Dan Kirichok of Brockton, Denise Feeney of Abington, Eric Braun of Hanover, Sharon White of Scituate; back row, Mark Alves of Cohasset,Anne Thornton of Hanover and Nicole DiRuzzo of Quincy.

"Godspell" is not the traditional boy meets girl musical in a lot of ways. The cast acts as the crew to make the set transitions from scene to scene. It has a smaller cast than traditional musicals and no chorus parts. Each of the 10 actors plays an integral role in the production and telling of the story. The play is broken up into several different stories, or parables, from the Gospel according to St. Matthew. The stories of the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan and the Last Supper are all told during the course of the production.

"It's a hip version of the Gospel according to St. Matthew," said Mark Bono, director and music director of "Godspell."

"What (the show) does for me is it fosters people to come together as a community," says Bono.

Bono has quite a history with "Godspell." He was first introduced to the show when he bought a $5 standing room only ticket to the original cast production on Broadway. Since then, he has been a part of 10 different productions of "Godspell" starting back in high school. He still has and uses his original music book, complete with dog eared corners and various notes, at each rehearsal.

"It's my favorite show to play," said Bono and he knows much of the music by heart.

This is the first time the Cohasset Dramatic Club has ever put on a production of Godspell. The fact they are doing a musical at all in the fall is unusual. Traditionally, the CDC does a smaller play in the fall and then a bigger musical production in the spring. But, "Godspell" with its small cast, relatively low production cost and audience appeal was too attractive to pass up.

"Godspell" boasts a string of songs led by the hit "Day By Day." As the cast performs "Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord," "Learn Your Lessons Well," "All For the Best," "All Good Gifts," "Turn Back, O Man" and "By My Side," the parables come to life.

The production has laugh out loud moments as well as those that are serious and poignant.

"It's a story of kindness, tolerance and love," said Bono. "It is a great story to tell and regardless of someone's religious beliefs or lack thereof everyone can take something away from this play."

"Godspell" draws on various theatrical traditions such as slapstick, clowning, pantomime, farce, charades and vaudeville. The finale is promised to be both unique and moving.

"I expect to hear sniffles," said Bono.

JoJo Fichtner is choreographing several of the musical numbers. She originally signed on to choreograph two of the numbers, then quickly found herself making up the dance steps for no less than five of the songs.

"I'm having a ball, I didn't really know the show before I started. It's just now beginning to make sense," she quips. The audience can look forward to kick lines, jazz, musical comedy, soft shoe and even a little Charleston in the choreography.

"Every song has its own different flavor," said Fichtner.

The cast

The fact there is a small cast and the actors must stay on stage for the entire two acts makes the show intimate in many ways.

"It is a diverse group in a lot of ways," said Bono, naming experience (either with CDC and on stage), size, shape, and age. In many ways, he said, the cast mirror itself with the play.

"(The diversity) plays into the whole sense of community. It is truly an ensemble piece. Whole production is only as strong as each individual…nobody can hide in this musical," said Bono.

Unlike in a traditional musical where the actors often get some sort of break to take a sip of water or take a deep breath, the actors in Godspell have to look busy for Act I and Act II.

"There's no time to think. It requires a higher level of focus," said Lisa Pratt, co-producer and actress who sings one of the more recognizable songs, "Day by Day."

Like the original production, the characters take on the names of the real life actors.

The play is written in such a way to be both timeless and molded to a particular cast and crew. The actors add various current events and pop culture references to the script.

"Especially in this type of show where it is more loosely threaded, you can bring your own personality to it and really make it your own," said Bono. In the script there is a line with shoes, in the original Broadway production, the actor said "Keds," in Cohasset's production, they says "Reebok."

The ensemble is led by Stephen Lee from Randolph as Jesus. Supporting Lee in the ensemble, and each singing their own piece from the score by Stephen Schwartz, are Mark Alves, Cohasset; Eric Braun, Hanover; Nicole DiRuzza, Quincy; Denise Feeney, Abington; Lisa Pratt, Cohasset; Anne Thornton of Hanover; and Sharon White and Bill White of Scituate.

Get your tickets!

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will present six performances of "Godspell" at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. Show dates will be at 7:30 p.m., on Nov. 14, 15, 21 and 22, and 2 p.m., on Nov. 16 and 23.

Tickets are available soon at Paperscapes in Cohasset Village, Buttonwood Books on CJC Highway in Cohasset, or via CDC's ticket reservation and information line at 617-697-2115. Tickets are $15. Groups of 10 or more are $12.

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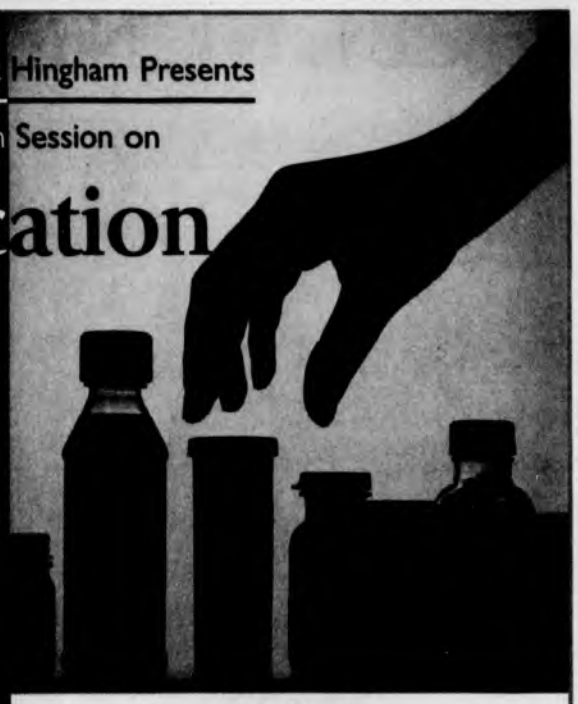
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Deirdre Wigmore, far left, joins her husband, Tom Wigmore, Maureen Harrold, Ann Marie Goff, and her father-in-law Steve Wigmore at the post office in packaging up and mailing boxes to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The American Legion Women's Auxiliary works year round to support area veterans, their families and children.

American Legion Women's Auxiliary helps veterans, families and children

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the auxiliary donates the money to a different charity. This year, the funds are going toward the Children's Hospital neonatal intensive care unit.

The Auxiliary also raises money to purchase "Josh Dogs," stuffed animals to comfort kids in the hospital, and "Spinoza Bears," stuffed animals with a CD of soothing music and stories for children with life threatening cancer and autism. About five local children have received the Spinoza bears.

Collecting hats, blanket and clothing (preferably handmade) for premature babies at the Boston hospitals is also one of their efforts.

For high school students entering their senior year, the Auxiliary has two programs to give kids a taste of a future career. For young women looking to get into government, there is a weeklong program held in June called "Girl State." Girls from all over the state gather and build up their own government fostering a better understanding of how all levels of government work. The Auxiliary also runs a "student trooper" program sending a rising junior in high school interested in law enforcement to one week of trooper boot camp.

They visit with the veterans at the Roxbury V.A. Hospital and put on a "gift shop" so the veterans can purchase holiday gifts for loved ones before Christmas.

The Auxiliary is ready and willing to send boxes of goods to local soldiers or family members serving overseas.

Around town, they put on social gatherings from a Thanksgiving breakfast before the high school football game to a Legion dinner for the residents of 60 Elm Street. A New Years' Day "Recovery Brunch" is in works.

In recent years, Wigmore has worked hard to build up the Auxiliary, both in numbers and involvement. Over the next few years she hopes to continue that trend.

The Women's Auxiliary, American Legion and Sons of the American Legion have worked together to do more things to honor the town's veterans over the past few years. Their motto, "one team, one goal," goes a long way to ensuring a family atmosphere to the Legion. It's not that hard to foster a family atmosphere when the presidents of each of the organizations are related. Deirdre Wigmore's husband, Tom, is President of the Sons of the American Legion and Steve Wigmore is Tom's father. Steve Wigmore is commander of the George H. Mealy Post.

"A day doesn't go by where one of us doesn't mention the Legion," said Wigmore.

The addition of the Healing Field — hundreds of American flags set up across the street from the Legion Hall and Veterans Memorial Park — to Cohasset's Memorial Day activities is one of the most visible of the efforts.

For Wigmore involvement in the American Legion is a way of life. For the last eight years, three of which she has served as president, the American Legion Women's Auxiliary has grown in numbers.

When Wigmore spoke at Memorial Day this past May she looked around at all the people who turned out to honor those who have served the country and realized why she is a part of the Legion Auxiliary. In that spirit, she asked if anyone else felt the patriotism of the day and would like to help to join the Legion and the women's auxiliary. From that simple statement, she got five new members.

"We want to be more united as a family and be one cohesive unit," said Wigmore.

At 65 members strong, the Women's Auxiliary is a large organization by Cohasset standards. Most members hail from Cohasset, Scituate and Hingham. Right now, the Women's Auxiliary has 12 junior members, or members under the age of 18. Wigmore would love to get a few more mother and daughter pairs involved and anyone with a few extra hours and patriotism to get involved.

"I live for the red, white and blue. Flag Day is my favorite day of the year," Wigmore says with a smile.

To find out more about the Auxiliary or to join, contact Auxiliary President Deirdre Wigmore at (781) 740-8049.

Veterans Day service is Tuesday

A Veterans Day service will be held at the Veterans Memorial Park on the Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 11a.m. The short service to honor the town's veterans will be followed by a collation at the George H. Mealy American Legion Post.

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Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the Sons of the American Legion, with "Soldiers Project" written in the memo line on the check. Checks can be mailed to Sons of the American Legion, PO Box 118, Cohasset, MA 02025. The following items are being collected at the American Legion for deployed servicemen and women:

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Also, athlete's foot cream or spray, bandanas, socks, Bounce dryer sheets, chap sticks, ground coffee, CoffeeMate, antibiotic cream, duct tape, used CD or DVD's, paperbacks, knee-hi hose, cologne, Band-Aids, a variety of shoe inserts, playing cards, black pens, writing pads, envelopes, puzzle magazines, flea collars, lens cleaner for glasses, Ramen noodles in the cup, breakfast bars, gum, single-serve packets hot chocolate or soup, Pringles, hard candy, and microwave popcorn. Personal notes or cards are encouraged.

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Chamber networking event is Nov. 13

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Fall Networking Event, to be held on Thursday, Nov. 13, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 15 Depot Court, the newest building in the Village. Sean Cunning of S, G, & D Insurance, the building owner, will be the host and provide the grand tour. Light refreshments will be served. All Chamber members and potential members are welcomed. Come meet some new folks and support your fellow business associates. Any questions, call Karen Kirkendall at 781-789-6288.

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Cherif Medawar,
International Investor & Authority on Commercial Real Estate

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Cherif Medawar, Founder, Institute of Commercial Real Estate (ICRE)

My education at UCLA taught me how to work for money, but not how to make my money work for me. I was working night and day as a hotel manager in California when a billionaire guest pulled me aside and said, "Cherif, come work for me. I will show you the path to wealth."

I learned how to acquire properties, how real estate deals are structured, and how billions are made. On a much smaller scale, I also began to buy my own properties around the U.S. and develop a personal system for creating wealth.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Election reflection

We want to make it clear that we know Cohasset very well.

Cohasset has active Democratic and Republican town committees, an informed and well-educated electorate, and a large group of citizens who care very deeply about their town, state and nation.

Therefore, much of what we want to express is more about the bigger picture.

We totally believe in the right of every American citizen to vote. Presidential elections, as a rule, tend to get voters fired up and attract them to the polls in large and even sometimes record numbers.

The 2008 Presidential Election could be one for the history books in terms of registering and attracting new voters.

We now hope – and ask – that new voters continue to participate!

Even the most seasoned voters among us have the challenge of being an informed, educated voter. Besides the race for president, there were several ballot questions, a race for the US Senate and a race for county commissioner on Tuesday's ballot.

We can only hope that the multitude of new and those who are "occasional voters" (meaning they only turn out for presidential elections) took the time to make an educated choice for their "other votes."

The danger with large turnouts of uninformed voters is that other important votes such as this election's Question 2 (possession of marijuana) are also on the table. Voters opted for change in the criminal law over the objections of the majority of law enforcement officials who deal with drug use and its effects every day. We wonder what that vote might have been in an "off-year" when fewer people (but arguably more informed voters) make a trip to the polls.

We can recall casting our first vote for President in the 1972 election and can proudly say we have not missed an election since: national, state, or local. Simply put, we think voting is both a right and responsibility.

As the emotion and passion in the presidential election and its candidates settle down, let us hope that many of the new voters (young, old and those in the middle) got excited enough to want to continue to be involved.

They should know that long lines on Election Day are rare and likely only occur every four years in presidential elections in some areas.

The sad truth is for the lion's share of elections, there are no lines at all. Few Americans find the time or have the interest in educating themselves and voting in the regular local and state elections, which lend themselves less to sound bites and massive media coverage.

The fact of the matter is those "off year" elections have as much – or even more – effect on our quality of life and our government as voting for the next president does.

The government is "us" – we need to remind ourselves of that fact, teach more civics to our kids, and be educated on all the issues and all the candidates.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:
Advisory Committee, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.,
Alternative Energy Committee, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m.,
Board of Health, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.
Board of Registrars, Nov. 14, 8:30 a.m.
Capital Budget Committee at selectmen, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.
Housing Partnership, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees, Nov. 18, 7 p.m. at the library.
Planning Board, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.; Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting, 6 p.m. at the high school.
Selectmen, Nov. 10 & Dec. 1 at 7 p.m., Nov. 17 at 6 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Nov. 25, 6 p.m.
School Committee, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at the high school.
Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 17, Special Town Meeting at the high school.
Special Town Meeting, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. at the high school
Troika, Nov. 18, 19, & 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Water Commission, Nov. 11 at 8 p.m. with the planning board; Nov. 15 at 10 a.m. and Nov. 24 at 6 p.m. at the King Street Plant.
Special Town Meeting, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. at the high school.
ZBA, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fairness in addressing concerns of our neighbors

TO THE EDITOR:

I must emphatically disagree with Chris Evans regarding his letter in last week's Mariner concerning the Treat's Pond issue. (Note that while I live in the area of Treat's Pond, my house in not directly affected by the flooding issues, so I represent an open mind.)

The main point of the letter is that the town should not be spending money on a problem that affects only a small minority of the population. Whether one agrees or disagrees that Treat's Pond flooding should be addressed, I hope most would strongly reject this argument. If we had not, our neighbors on Forest Avenue would be without the sidewalk they felt so strongly about years ago. They didn't represent a majority. Our young children and their parents would lack the wonderful playground next to Our World. Most of the town doesn't utilize this. In fact, if we follow this logic today, should the town even be discussing funding a turf field at the High School? How many of us will use it? What about those who are concerned about a potential Cohasset windmill? They certainly do not represent a majority. Should we ignore elder issues? Low-income housing? What about the other flood zones the town has promised to address? Why should we all pay to benefit the minority of the population living in these areas?

Please don't mistake my rhetorical questions. I am not against discussing a turf field or a windmill study or addressing flood zones. Quite the opposite. As members of this small community, it is our willingness to consider each other's interests and concerns that I believe demonstrates the beauty of what makes Cohasset a wonderful place to live. That doesn't mean taking on or funding every request; it means being reasonable, fair, and good neighbors.

Paul Antico
124 Atlantic Ave.

Cohasset flag is a beautiful thing

TO THE EDITOR:

My Mariner arrived and I could hardly wait to see the pages of Cohasset Day. The pictures, places and people were great but no Cohasset flag.

This reminds me of the big parades we used to have. Phil Murray had a hard time arranging bands, floats, etc., from the center, down Elm Street, through the cove to Summer Street, and up to South Main Street to the center again.



In 1970 we had a quite a big time for Cohasset's Bi-Centennial year. My friend, Jean Salvador, and I entered a design for a Cohasset flag and our design was chosen! A picture of the flag is enclosed.

We do have a Cohasset flag that is flown on occasion. It is a beautiful thing. Perhaps someone could look it up. The Historical Society had flags made up and sold them. They may still have one.

Alain Pinel knows a great town when, he sees one. There used to be a Pinel family at the end of Elm Court. In the winter, we use to slide down beside a high cement wall. The Pinels lived beyond that wall. That was about 73years ago. I was about 8. Maybe he is a relative. The town reports may give you information.

Harry and I miss our friends and the harbor.

Marjorie Ritter
Sarasota, Fla.

Attacks, vandalism cannot be condoned

COMMENTARY

BILL BELL

Our family has lived in Cohasset for over eight years and has had many enjoyable memories. I write today to share with the community our disappointment with the character and integrity of certain members of the senior class at Cohasset High School.

For over two years our family has experienced a number of negative actions, ranging from illegal phone calls to property vandalism. The sad truth is that all of these acts have been perpetrated by individuals who we had once embraced as friends of our family. Despite attempts to appeal to how one should conduct themselves as moral members of our community with both the individuals and their families, the pattern of harassment continues.

Two Saturdays ago I had an unfortunate accident that lead to emergency surgery to address a life-threatening situation. As I lay recovering in a post-surgical ICU, with my family trying to enjoy whatever rest they could achieve given my state, our property was once again vandalized. I learned of the details of the vandalism the following morning. To be in a compromised state and learn of further attacks against one's family, perpetrated by individuals who you once coached and molded in various youth sports settings, is quite damning. Clearly, the positive behavior that we demonstrated through our coaching was not being reinforced when not under our control.

While you would expect our family to be angry, our true feelings are ones of sadness for the individuals and their families who have no understanding of what it is to be a friend, a member of a community, and worthy of respect. We have the privilege of knowing a number of true friends here in Cohasset, all of whom have demonstrated an extraordinary level of concern for us given my accident and the demands that have been placed on my wife and children. We are grateful to all of you.

And for all the others who know absolutely nothing about the events explained in this letter — now you know, and it is you who can make the greatest impact. What has happened to our family has happened to others. We call upon all committed residents to not be blind to unacceptable behavior and collectively call it out when it appears. To say that certain Class of 2009 students are solely responsible for these acts is shortsighted. It is the bystanders that watch silently that too share the guilt through association.

Our family looks forward to many positive days ahead in Cohasset, hopefully with the negative memories from the past couple of years behind us.

Bill Bell lives at 20 Rustic Drive.

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MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

The Little Harbor Project – The Little Harbor Project continues to dig its way through town. Last week on Friday we were almost able to get Bow Street paved. This in itself is an interesting story. When we pave the paving contractor makes arrangements for the number of trucks of asphalt that are needed to do the job. However, very often a few trucks are used to make multiple round trips to the asphalt plant. Well Friday was such a day. The round trip to the asphalt plant they were using was a three-hour trip. Consequently, there was a dead time of several hours mid-day when everyone was just waiting for the trucks to return with fresh asphalt. Late in the day, we had a small amount of paving yet to do. But, the next truck of asphalt necessary to finish the job would not arrive until after 6 p.m. With Trick or Treaters on the street we felt that we'd just suspend paving and finish up the next week. So, that's why there's a small, unpaved section on Bow Street.

We get lots of questions from time to time about what is going on. On Monday of this week we were driving down North Main Street and stopped to watch LMH install a large 6-foot diameter underground structure. When it is all covered over and repaved all you will see is the ubiquitous cast iron manhole cover at the top. But, underneath is a large space that holds some of the equipment necessary to allow the new sewer system, to function.

The accompanying photograph shows the contractor in the process of backfilling the hole. You can get a good idea of the size of the underground portion relative to the size of the manhole that will be visible in the road.

Greenbush stuff – This past week we were down at the Cohasset Station and noticed that the MBTA has finished their "critter crossings." This seemed like a little known item that could stand a bit of explanation. At the time when the MBTA was doing their environmental analysis and making environmental commitments, the spotted turtle was on the endangered species list. It has subsequently been taken off the list, but the MBTA is stuck with their spotted turtle protection commitment, unless they want to re-do their environmental application. That is something that is not a pleasant task and takes years to carry out. They said to themselves, "I don't think so!"

So, periodically along the railroad, in areas where the turtles are known to be living, there are special critter crossings to allow them to cross under the tracks without harm.

First, alongside of the track bed there are very short fences (about a foot, or so high) designed to keep small animals out of the track area. Periodically there are gaps in the fence that lead to special crossings, between the railroad ties, that allow the critters to safely cross under the rails. Since there is a maintenance road adjacent to the tracks inside the critter fence, there is a steel grate in the roadway under which the critters can travel. When they get to the track area there are sidewalls that direct the critters under the tracks to the other side. This is easily seen in one of the photos.

The other photo shows a close up of the gap in the fencing where critters can start their journey under the maintenance roadway. The only things the MBTA seemed to overlook are miniature traffic lights to control the flow of critters from one side to the other and tiny directional signs.

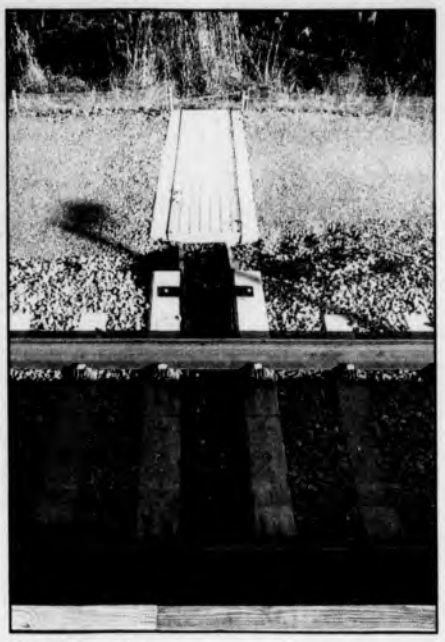


COURTESY PHOTOS

North Main Street at ball field.



Close-up of critter fence.



Critter crossing.

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HEALTH NOTES

Town-wide flu clinic Saturday

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Town-wide Flu Clinic for all Citizens of Cohasset over 9 years will be held tomorrow on Saturday Nov. 8, 2008 from 10 am – 12 pm and at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium.

Parents of children under 18 years of age should consult their pediatricians.

The flu vaccine is free but seniors are reminded to bring their Medicare insurance card or Medicare "HMO" card with them and all are asked to wear a short-sleeve shirt for ease of administration. The money the Board of health receives from Medicare registration and reimbursement during flu clinics will assist in paying for flu shots for everyone in town wanting them.

CDC recommends that all children from 6 months to their 19th birthday get a flu vaccine every year.

Several manufacturers of U.S. influenza vaccine began shipping vaccine for the 2008-09 influenza season in August, but we have only recently received sufficient vaccine for our expected turnout. Vaccine manufacturers ship their vaccine in lots as it comes off the production lines. Manufacturer's are projecting that as many as 143 million to 146 million doses of influenza vaccine will be produced for use in the United States during the 2008-09 influenza season. This is an all-time high supply of vaccine making it possible for more people than ever to seek protection from the flu. Vaccine shipments will continue to be distributed by manufacturers until the end of November.

This year's flu vaccine protects against the three main flu strains that research indicates will cause the most illness during the flu season.

Yearly flu vaccination should begin as soon as vaccine is available and continue throughout the influenza season, into December, January and beyond. Influenza season most often peaks in February, but influenza viruses can continue to cause illness into the spring. For people not able to get their influenza vaccine in the fall, even vaccination in December, January and beyond is beneficial and protection lasts about a year.

Getting vaccinated as soon as vaccine is available may be most important for children being vaccinated against flu for the first time. They need to get two doses of flu vaccine at least 4 weeks apart.

This year's flu vaccine protects against the three main flu strains that research indicates will cause the most illness during the flu season. This year's influenza vaccine contains three new influenza virus strains. They are: A/Brisbane/59/2007(H1N1)-like virus; A/Brisbane/10/2007 (H3N2)-like virus and B/Florida/4/2006-like virus.

The Board of Health recommends that everyone consider being vaccinated, but particularly: children up to their 19th birthday; pregnant women; people 50 years of age and older; people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions; people who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities; people who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including: health care workers, household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu, household contacts and out of home caregivers of children less than 6 months of age (these children are too young to be vaccinated)

For more information, ask Mary Goodwin, the Town Health Nurse, 781 383-2210, your healthcare provider or call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) Website www.cdc.gov/flu

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

The gap in student success

COMMENTARY

STEPHEN MCGUNNIGAL



Have you ever watched a child work through a problem on their homework? Struggling through it, as they bite the top of their pencil, they flip through the pages of their texts looking for an answer. All of a sudden it seems to come to them, and they get momentarily excited as they continue on to the next question. This is a proud moment for both parents and educators for having helped foster a growing mind. Now, imagine watching that child struggling to the point of hopelessness. No matter how many pages he flips, or how many concepts he reviews, the answer doesn't come. He becomes frustrated with himself, and aggravated with the learning system. This is what many inner-city parents and educators are experiencing.

Many people do not realize the huge gap in student's success between socioeconomic levels. Many inner-city parents are required to work multiple jobs to put food on the table. Naturally, such a work schedule does not leave time for a parent to read aloud to their child, nor do such financial restrictions allow a parent to purchase any reading material to stimulate their child's mind.

As your child outgrows books, think about what you do with them. Are they being thrown away, or stashed in the attic?

In 2003, a study was done that took 42 families, representing the three socioeconomic groups: welfare, working class, and professional. For a total of 1,300 hours, the researchers measured the words and vocabulary of the families. When they got their results and projected them over 4 years, they found that on average, the child from a wealthier class family has heard 45 million words by the age of four. The child who is from a family suffering from poverty only hears 13 million words by the age of four. If you don't think this is significant, simply compare our MCAS scores to that of an inner-city school. In 2006, 2 percent of Norwell fourth graders failed their English MCAS. In that same year, in Brockton, 16 percent of fourth graders failed. The difference is significant. School officials and parents see this difference, but with no resources, there is little chance for improvement.

In order for a student to succeed they need to be motivated. What motivates a child to read? An engaging teacher, an inviting reading center in a classroom, the mentality that reading is enjoyable, are all key components. Many of our inner-city schools cannot afford these basic elements, let alone books that are up to date, or are of student interest. It is easy to teach your child to love reading when you raise them in a house where books are everywhere. Some families are not as privileged.

As your child outgrows books, think about what you do with them. Are they being thrown away, or stashed in the attic? In my house, many have remained on shelves in case they will be needed again, which they haven't. Those books are the key to success for thousands of students. Helping a student who was set for failure, to succeed is worth the effort of donating your books.

Want to help? *Contact me at smcgunnigal@student.stonehill.edu for drop off and donating information.*

Stephen McGunnigal, who is from Norwell, is in his senior year at Stonehill College. He studying to be a high school Spanish teacher, and has spent a lot of time in Brockton Public Schools. Being from such a privileged town, he was not expecting to see the difference in the schools. "I believe that many people, like I was, are unaware of this difference, and would be willing to help if they had more information," Stephen says.

Fax news of your event to 781-741-2931

Things pollsters never noticed

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



On Election Day, 1948, there arrived at the Quincy Patriot Ledger as well as other daily newspapers throughout the country a copy of Drew Pearson's syndicated column for use the next day suggesting a cabinet for President-elect Thomas E. Dewey.

You remember President Dewey, don't you?

The Gallup Poll had him five points ahead of Harry Truman. Gamblers were getting 4-1 odds on him with few takers. The New York Times predicted he would win 345 out of 531 electoral votes. An early edition of the Chicago Tribune even headlined "Dewey Defeats Truman."

Yet, when the last vote that meant anything was cast, there was Harry, forced to serve a brand new four-year term in the White House.

No one knows exactly what ambushed Dewey on the way to the presidency, but the best guess is that he campaigned above the heads of the electorate while Harry got right down among them at the whistlestops -— and no pollster or pundit noticed.

That makes this column a difficult one to write since it was written before Tuesday's election and you won't read it until after it's over. All signs point to a Barak Obama victory but — remember the Chicago Trib — was there something we didn't notice?

Once upon a time there was a magazine called The Literary Digest that conducted a telephone poll before the election of 1936 and found that the governor of Kansas, a rather colorless man named Alfred Landon, was about to hand Franklin Delano Roosevelt the beating of his life.

As it turned out, FDR won by the biggest landslide in presidential history, limiting Landon to only eight electoral votes from Maine and Vermont. What The Literary Digest failed to notice was that few FDR voters had telephones. The magazine quietly went out of business.

Polling has improved greatly in the 72 years since the Landon blunder. Most of the old pitfalls have been identified and corrected. But what of the new ones? Like, how many voters have given up landlines and rely for communications on cell phones, which, as far as I know, are unlisted?

How do you measure what is called "the ground game?" While the pundits analyze the dotted Is and crossed Ts of position papers and the press searches for titillating "gotchas," the campaign's pick and shovel workers have been going door-to-door with the message and driving voters to the polls.

And then there is the issue that dares not speak its name — race.

How many whites voted for Obama, who is black, or at least half black? How many whites said they were going to vote for Obama and didn't, the so-called Bradley effect? How many said they weren't and did? How do you measure it when no one will talk about it for fear of being called a racist?

Perhaps we'll never know.

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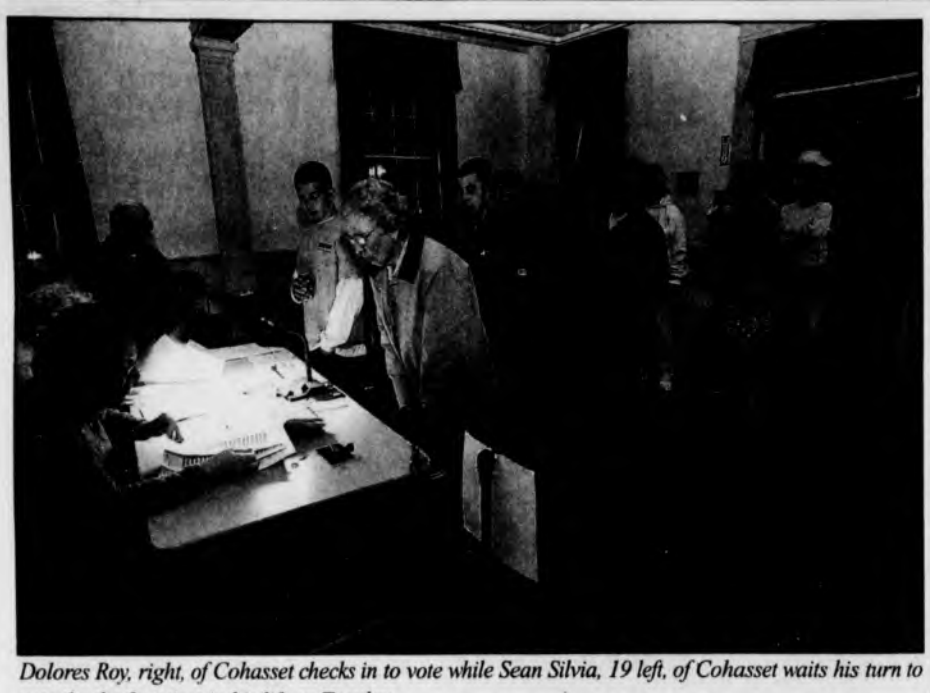
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- Free lunch with Roving Reporter Rich Ofsthun who visits the Windsor Tea Room
- Videos and slideshows of Tuesday at the polls!
- Pet of the Week Video: Meet Donny, an energetic 9-month-old lab mix
- Breaking news, updates, slideshows and full-color photo galleries throughout the week

Marine Corps ball

George H. Mealy Post 118 of the American Legion will host its second Marine Corps Birthday Ball from 6 to 10 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Legion Post, 98 Summer St., Cohasset. The event, which is open to the public, will feature a complete roast beef dinner and entertainment.

Tickets are $10 per person and are available at the Legion Post. Active and inactive Marines in uniform will be admitted free of charge. Call 781-383-9657.



Dolores Roy, right, of Cohasset checks in to vote while Sean Silvia, 19 left, of Cohasset waits his turn to vote for the first time in his life on Tuesday.

85 percent voter turnout on Election Day

FROM OBAMA, PAGE 1

Massachusetts, and Cohasset voters supported it overwhelmingly by a count of 3,551-677.

Although not the 90 percent voter turnout predicted, Cohasset Town Hall had a steady flow of people from just before 7a.m. when the polls opened onward. Voter turnout was 86 percent with 4,623 out of Cohasset's 5,381 registered voters casting a ballot Tuesday.

A line snaked out the door at various points during the day, but for the most part the line moved steadily and voters never had to wait long. By 9:30a.m. over 1,000 registered voters had cast their ballot.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas was a bit surprised at the 85 percent turnout number.

"It felt like it was 90 percent," said Douglas, thinking back on the busy day. Douglas reported there were no incidents at the polls. If there were any problems with voter registration they were able to correct it almost immediately, she said.

Despite the excitement surrounding this election and expectations of sky-high voter turnout, this Election Day was not the highest voter turnout in recent history. This election just edges out the 2004, 85 percent voter turnout. In 2000, 82 percent of Cohasset made their way to the polls and in 1992, 87.2 percent participated. As a point of interest, Louis Eaton of Beach Street told Douglas there was a 92 percent voter turnout in the 1952 election when President Dwight Eisenhower was elected to the presidential office.

This Election Day voters and signholders did not have to contend with nature's elements and enjoyed mild temperatures and sun.

Supporters for both the democratic Obama/Biden ticket and republican McCain/Palin ticket set up shop at the corner of Highland Avenue and the Town Common greeting voters as they headed to the polls. Beeps, waves and thumbs up were more or less equally bestowed on each candidate's supporters.

The Obama sign holders talked about the excitement surrounding this election, something they haven't seen in a very long time, if ever.

"We're all excited about today, that's for sure," said Democratic Town Committee chairman Kevin McCarthy on Highland Ave. Tuesday. "I think people really sense it is time for a real fundamental change in government…

The Obama supporters told the Mariner as a school bus full of kids made their way to school, they opened the windows and yelled out "Obama!" while passing Town Hall.

In a phone interview on Wednesday, McCarthy pointed to how the Obama campaign grassroots strategy really took hold in Cohasset. The Democratic Town Committee was able to get their lawn signs out early and a group of Obama supporters have been holding signs three mornings a week on Route 3A for the past month. As the election grew nearer, they say there was more and more enthusiasm expressed through beeps and waves to the signholders.

"To see it work at a local level was astonishing. Our own group of democratic activists locally were energized," said McCarthy, who was floored by the attendance of 140 local democrats to a pre-election event.

McCarthy also spoke to the historical significance of Obama's election — he will be the nation's first African-American president.

"Both republicans and democrats can look to that fact with great pride…It has been just a short 40 years after civil rights movement and this proves the miracle of American democracy is alive and well," said McCarthy.

"I hope we can now come together as a nation," said McCarthy.

At the polls on Tuesday, McCain supporters were hopeful and eager to see their candidate become the president-elect.

"We are very disappointed. We thought we had a great candidate for president and vice president and we're sorry the voters didn't see it that way," said Kevin O'Donnell, chairman of the Republican Town Committee.

"It is a wonderful victory in a sense a black man can now hold the highest office in the land, but our perspective is it was never about race, it was about the principles he will govern by," said O'Donnell in a phone interview Thursday.

O'Donnell will be looking to the Congress to thoroughly debate proposed policies by the President-elect to ensure they are in the nation's best interest.

Cohasset by the numbers

- Registered voters: 5,381
- Republicans: 1,197
- Democrats: 1,199
- Unenrolled: 2,973
- Green-rainbow: 2
- Libertarian: 6
- Reform: 1
- Working families: 2

Cohasset election results

President and Vice President	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Baldwin/Castle	0	2	2
Barr/Root	11	10	21
McCain/Palin	1109	1046	2155
McKinney/Clemente	2	2	4
Nader/Gonzalez	9	13	22
Obama/Biden	1221	1157	2378
Write-Ins/Scattering	9	12	21
Blanks	8	12	20
Total	2369	2254	4623

Senator in Congress	Pr1	Pr2	Total
John F. Kerry	1257	1201	2458
Jeffrey K. Beatty	1010	949	1959
Robert J. Underwood	35	50	85
Write-Ins/Scattering	0	5	5
Blanks	67	49	116
Total	2369	2254	4623

Rep. in Congress	Pr1	Pr2	Total
William D. Delahunt	1648	1634	3282
Write-Ins/Scatterings	40	41	81
Blanks	681	579	1260
Total	2369	2254	4623

Councilor	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Christopher A. Iannella Jr.	1421	1450	2871
Write-Ins/Scattering	26	20	46
Blanks	922	784	1706
Total	2369	2254	4623

Senator in General Court	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Robert L. Hedlund Jr.	1777	1750	3527
Write-Ins/Scattering	26	24	50
Blanks	566	480	1046
Total	2369	2254	4623

Rep. in General Court	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Garrett J. Bradley	1689	1707	3396
Write-Ins/Scattering	24	22	46
Blanks	656	525	1181
Total	2369	2254	4623

Register of Probate	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Patrick W. McDermott	1417	1419	2836
Write-Ins/Scattering	15	22	37
Blanks	937	813	1750
Total	2369	2254	4623

County Commissioner	Pr1	Pr2	Total
John M. Gillis	810	855	1665
Francis W. O'Brien	668	752	1420
Thomas E. Gorman	862	767	1629
Michael F. Walsh	531	487	1018
Write-Ins/Scattering	2	5	7
Blanks	1865	1642	3507
Total	4738	4508	9246

County Treasurer	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Joseph A. Connolly	1413	1415	2828
Write-Ins/Scattering	16	17	33
Blanks	940	822	1762
Total	2369	2254	4623

QUESTION 1

Reducing the state personal income tax rate to 2.65 percent for all categories of taxable income for the tax year beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2010.

Question #1 Results

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Yes	953	890	1843
No	1369	1312	2681
Blanks	47	52	99
Total	2369	2254	4623

QUESTION 2 PETITION

Replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties.

Question #2 Results

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Yes	1494	1489	2983
No	845	726	1571
Blanks	30	39	69
Total	2369	2254	4623

QUESTION 3

Prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs.

Question #3 Results

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Yes	1396	1204	2600
No	910	975	1885
Blanks	63	75	138
Total	2369	2254	4623

QUESTION 4 (non-binding) Results

Instructing the legislature to vote for legislation to support Cape Wind in Nantucket Sound and other future onshore and offshore wind power developments in Massachusetts.

Question #4

	Pr1	Pr2	Total
Yes	1816	1735	3551
No	353	324	677
Blanks	200	195	395
Total	2369	2254	4623

Other notables

In the county treasurer's race, Cohasset voters favored Democratic incumbent John M. Gillis with 1,665 votes, followed by Republican Thomas E. Gorman with 1,629 votes. Democratic incumbent Francis W. O'Brien finished third with 1,420 votes, followed by independent Michael F. Walsh with 1,018 votes.

For U.S. Senate, incumbent Democrat John Kerry was the choice of Cohasset voters over Republican challenger Jeff Beatty by a 2,458-1,959 margin. Kerry easily retained his senate seat in the statewide vote.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, ran unopposed for the Plymouth & Norfolk Senate District seat and was the candidate with the most votes of the day, garnering 3,527 votes (A 'yes' vote for Question 4 on wind power earned slightly more votes, coming in with 3,551 votes). Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, was unopposed in for the Third Plymouth District seat in the state House of Representatives.

William Delahunt, D-Quincy, was unopposed for the 10th District Congressional seat in the House.

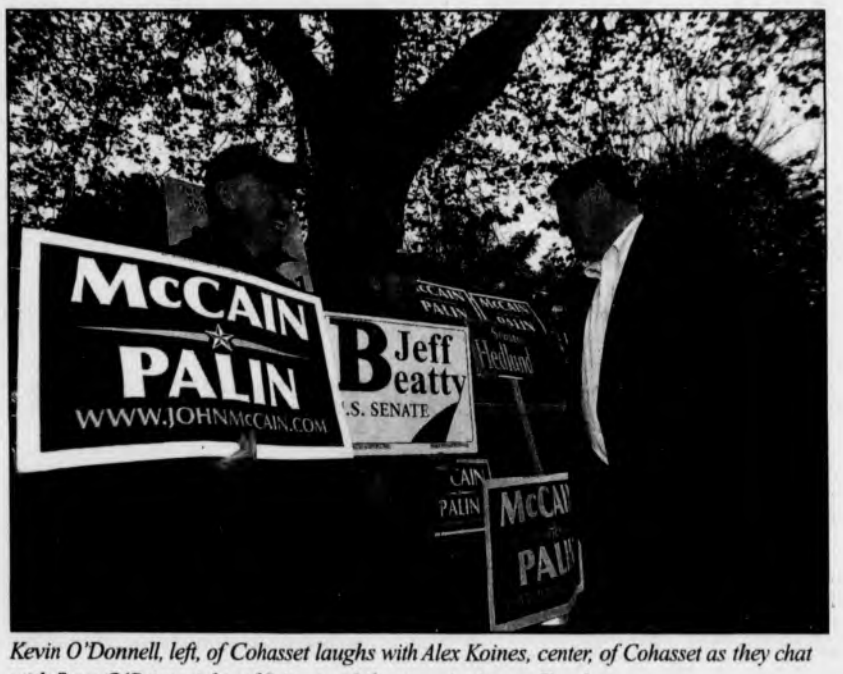
Many were surprised by the amount of support for Question 2 both in Cohasset and statewide, which decriminalizes the possession of small amounts of marijuana. Among them was Police Chief James Hussey.

"I believe people were hoodwinked. The proponents of decriminalization spent a lot of money pushing their agenda. My concern is this sends the wrong message to our youth and will make it easier for suppliers to get this mind altering product into the hands of our youth," said Hussey in an e-mail.



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Ken Snow of Precinct 2 fills out his ballot on Tuesday night.



Kevin O'Donnell, left, of Cohasset laughs with Alex Koines, center, of Cohasset as they chat with Steve O'Brien, right, of Scituate while campaigning on Tuesday.

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In attendance at the George M. Ingram Park dedication, left to right, were Rick Swanborg, John Cavanaro, Ozzie Ingram, Jack Keniley, Dave Weltman, Gary Vanderweil, Wayne Sawchuk, Glenn Pratt and Frank Neer.

George M. Ingram Park dedication held

Members of Cohasset Land Foundation, Cohasset Conservation Trust and Ozzie Ingram celebrated the dedication of the George M. Ingram Park on Beechwood Street. This is the culmination of a collaborative effort by Osborne Ingram and several town organizations to create open space of more than 30 acres in the memory of his father, George M. Ingram. CLF and CCT worked closely with Ingram, his family, abutters, town boards and the Selectmen to prepare a plan that met the town's needs and preserves as much open space as possible.

Ingram dedicated the park to his father, George M. Ingram. Mr. Ingram Sr. was a butcher at the firm of Waters and Litchfield in the Quincy Market Building in Boston, when in 1922 he purchased this property, as well as another parcel and house into which he moved. His employers and co-workers couldn't understand why he would live so far out of Boston. He commuted to work every day, usually on the first train in the morning and the last at night.

Ozzie Ingram himself attended grades one through three in the one-room schoolhouse on Beechwood Street and then moved on to the old Elm Street School for grades four through 12. At Harvard, he was president of the Harvard Crimson. He subsequently became a reporter for the Boston Post. During World War II he served in the Navy, and in 1947 he joined Eastern Gas and Fuel Co. in Boston, where he was vice president of public relations for many years.

Starting in the early 1950s, he served 12 years on the School Committee, 11 as chairman, during which time the Deer Hill School was built and two additions were put on the High School. He subsequently served on the Advisory Committee.

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Library Corner

Author visit is 7 p.m., Nov. 12

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Movie Matinee – The library will show the film "The Miracle Worker" starring Patty Duke and Anne Bancroft at 11 a.m., on Friday, Nov. 7. The Friends of the Library will provide light refreshments. Movie site license sponsored by Friends of the Library and Cohasset Democratic Town Committee. The movie is free and all are welcome.

Author Visit – Kathleen Kent, author of "The Heretic's Daughter,' will discuss her new book at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 12. The book is a liteary imagining of the events surrounding the Salem witch trials. Kent, a descendant of one of the first women to be accused as a witch, brings her family's legacy to life. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. All are welcome to this free event.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "The Grocer's Son" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 20. Free admission and free refreshment courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center will present an exhibition of paintings by Marshfield artist Mary Callahan at the library through Dec. 31. A free reception will take place from 4 to 6 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 7.

Library Book Group – November's meeting date will move to 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 3, to discuss "This I Believe" edited by Jay Allison. All are welcome to this free event.

FOR CHILDREN

Family Literacy Month – Join others at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 16, in the Meeting Room to celebrate Family Literacy Month with an interactive musical show featuring the Toe Jam Puppet Band. Free tickets may be picked up staring Nov. 10, at 10 a.m. For more information about the Toe Jam Puppet Band, go to the Web site at toejampuppetband.com.

MamaSteph – Performances at 10:30 a.m., on Mondays, Nov. 10, 17 and 24, in the Meeting Room. Join others for children's music and more. Doors close promptly at 10:35 a.m. Funded by Friends of the Cohasset Library. All ages and communities are welcome.

Drop In Story Time – In the Story Room at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesdays, Nov. 18 and 25. All ages and communities welcome.

Drop In Crafts – Create In the Story Room from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on Thursdays, Nov. 13 and 20. Just drop in to make a craft. All ages and communities welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Cole, 15 Mill Lane, $30,000, replace eight windows, reconstruct roof over kitchen, bedroom, update kitchen cabinets, new PVC trim; King, 812 CJC Highway, $1,000, 3 foot by 8 foot rooftop sign, marquee, 1 foot by 6 foot sign; Genovesi, 130 Gammons Road, 20 foot by 40 foot pole tent for Oct 4 and 5; Haber, 49 Oak St., $10,000, add second bathroom on first floor; Anthony, 24 So. Main St., $10,000, convert second floor to apartment, add kitchen, enlarge bath; Henry, 94 No. Main St., $5,000, two footings under existing porch, deck, bedroom;

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Cohasset girls pass pre-tournament test in final two soccer games

By Mike Spellman
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Sometimes it really is more about the journey than the destination.

Much was expected of the Cohasset High girls' soccer team this fall, returning most all of the players from a team that came just one goal shy of winning the 2007 South Sectional championship.

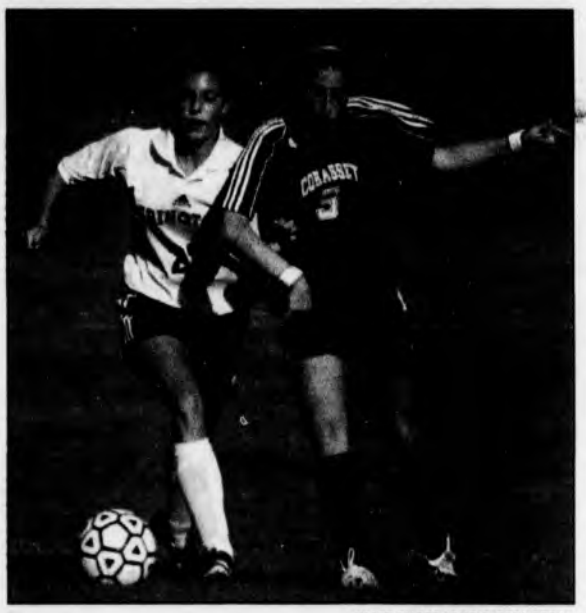
And while, on the balance, this has been a very good season for the Lady Skippers, as witnessed by their final regular season record of 13-3-3, there have been a few disconcerting hiccups along the way.

With not much left to gain by winning out down the stretch, Coach Deb Beal looked at the final two games of the regular season against larger division teams from Rockland and Plymouth North primarily as opportunities to work out some kinks and focus her squad for postseason play, which begins this afternoon (Friday).

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Tournament game at 5p.m.

The girls soccer team, with a record of 13-3-3, has qualified for MIAA Division 3 South Sectional tournament at the #3 seed. The Lady Skipper will host Bishop Connolly today (Fri. Nov. 7) at 5p.m. at Alumni Field. Tickets for all MIAA Tournament games at school sites are $5 students and senior and $7 for adults. Go Blue!



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Caroline Fein fights for the ball during a game earlier this season.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The Cohasset Cheerleaders pause for a photo during the Homecoming football game. Front row from left to right: Tina D'Antonio, Kelsey Rochleau, Anna Roberts, Grace Curry, Betsy Crawford. Back row from left to right: Jennie Curley, Samantha Liberty, Kelsea Hindley, Colby Smalzel, Khiana Clemons, and Jamie Canavan. For more cheerleading news, see pages 17 and 18.

Cheerleaders set sights on league competition

Squad puts hours into practice

By Emily Toomey
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

It's a Friday night at Cohasset Middle High school and Skippers fans are piled into the stands to support the football team playing on the field below. But the football players aren't the only ones working hard — the cheerleading team, led by captains Anna Roberts, Grace Curry, and Kelsie Rocheleau, is also showing the crowd the results of their dedication and practice.

The squad consists of 12 girls, none of them freshmen, who practice two hours daily to perfect their various routines. And as shown by their presentations at the high school's pep rally and recent games, all that practice is paying off. However, this team has aspirations that reach beyond football games; they are hoping to succeed in competitions such as the South Shore League Competition on Nov. 9.

All three captains agree that their love of football game experiences inspired them to become cheerleaders. Captain Grace Curry adds that she hopes to prove that cheerleading is an intense sport, contrary to popular belief. Having started before high school, the captains have acquired advanced skills that are improving with every season.

Coach Liz Pelletier says cheerleading is hard work and involves a lot of practice.

"The one thing people don't realize about cheerleading is how much work goes into it," Pelletier says. "It's a lot more than standing on the sidelines cheering. Our team conditions daily, and practices stunts and tumbles."

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Coach Pelletier, who began cheerleading in the fourth grade, aims to use her knowledge of the sport to help the squad develop. She graduated from Salve Regina University this May and applied for the coaching position after moving to the South Shore. This is her first year coaching, and her main objectives are to increase the number of students in the program and make it a competitive team.

"After my first meeting with the girls, I wanted them to feel confident in their abilities and I wanted to push them toward their individual goals," she says. As evident from their recent performances, she has succeeded.

"The girls have grown so much from the beginning of the season and I can't even being to describe how proud I am of them. I expect only great things for the rest of the year," Pelletier says.

The squad currently cheers for football and boy's basketball. Pelletier said they are also looking into cheering for girls' basketball home games as well.

Field hockey building for the future

Middle School Club posts successful season

By Susan Franklin
CORRESPONDENT

The game of field hockey began over 4,000 thousand years ago in ancient Egypt. The modern game began as a men's sport in England in 1849. Over 50 years later in 1901, Constance Applebee introduced the game of field hockey to the United States. An Englishwomen attending a summer course in anthropometry at Harvard University, Applebee demonstrated the sport to fellow classmates using makeshift equipment. Encouraged by Harriet Ballintine, director of athletics at Vassar College, Applebee spent two years traveling with 22 hockey sticks and a cricket ball, to the women's colleges of Vassar, Smith, Wellesley, Mt. Holyoke, Radcliffe and Bryn Mawr, demonstrating the game to students. In 1904 Applebee became the Athletic Director at Bryn Mawr College where she continued to champion field hockey and other women's sports until her death in 1981.

Here in Cohasset, Middle School students have been getting introduced to the game of field hockey by a group of dedicated parents. The Middle

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The future of Cohasset High field hockey is at the middle school. The Cohasset Field Hockey Club consists of 4 teams: two sixth-grade teams with 15 players each, a seventh-grade team of 20 players and an eighth-grade team of 14.



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Kristina Katsikis, Hanover High's senior captain and field hockey forward, scored 14 goals, four assists in just eight games this month. The Patriot League All-star tallied 20 goals, 10 assists in the regular season, helping to guide the 11-2-5 Lady Indians to a league championship (10-0-2) and No. 7 seed in the Div. 2 South tourney. Katsikis was one of only 15 players from the South region to be selected to the senior All-State team.

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Skippers see red in season finale

Bad late goal stops CHS boys from closing out season with win

By Mike Spellman
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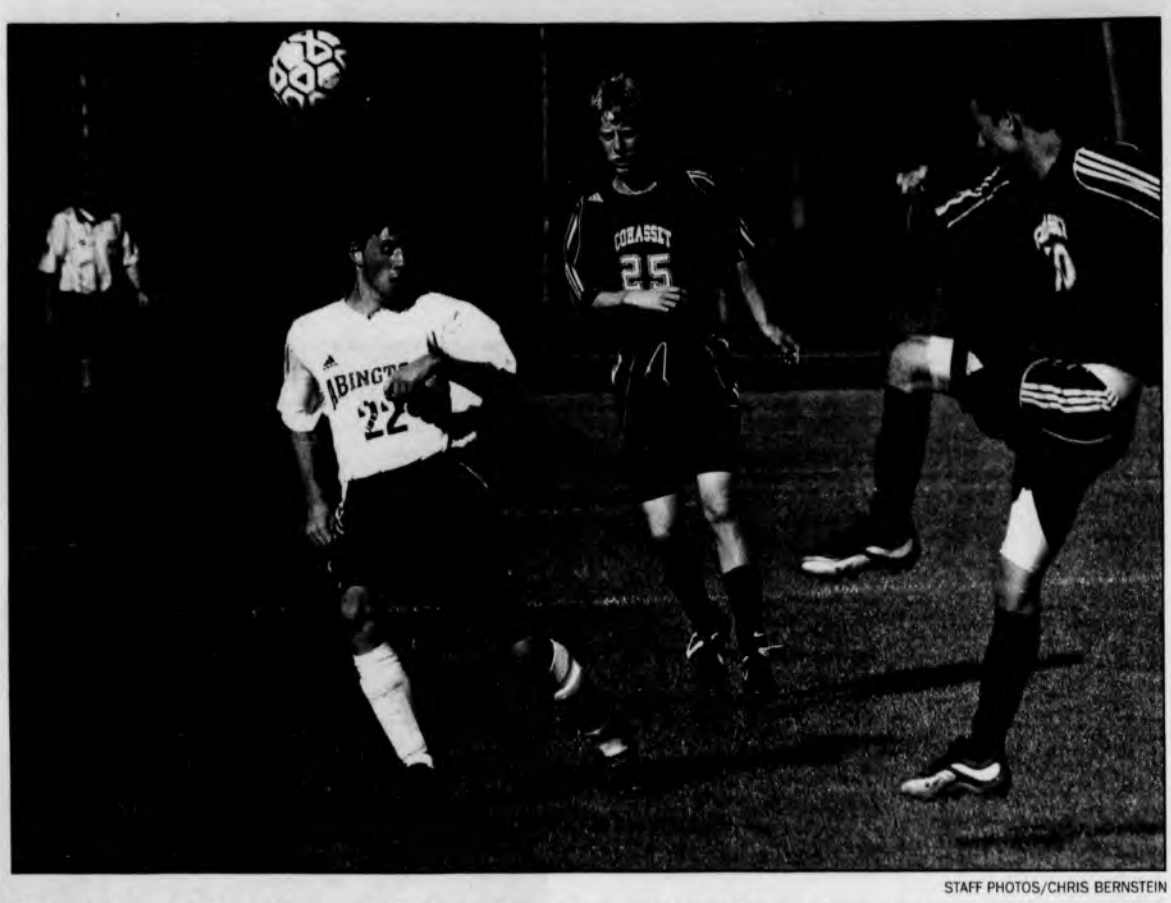
It seemed almost fitting that a wacky season for the Cohasset boys' soccer team ended with one of the wackiest games the South Shore has seen in recent memory.

Skippers 3, Hull 3

The Skippers traveled to Hull for Tuesday's finale, and played the Pirates to a 3-3 tie. The hosts drew two second half red cards, forcing them to go down the stretch playing nine-against-11, but still managed to net the game-tying goal against the no-luck Skippers with two minutes to go.

"What a crazy way to end the season," assessed Skippers head coach Jim Willis, who saw his team finish with a record of 3-10-6. "You had two teams out there with nothing to play for beyond this game, and they both just let it all fly. It would have been great to go out a winner after all the tough breaks this year. We had so many chances to put the game away, but we just couldn't do it."

Playing on Hull's hard-packed postage stamp of a pitch, the game was played in tight quarters, which, as always, contributed to a good deal of contact and extra-curricular activity. In addition to the two red cards issued to the Pirates, they were also whistled for three infractions in the goal area resulting in Cohasset penalty kicks.



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Cohasset players #25 Travers Craven and #10 Captain Lennart Brown stay focused during play in a game against Abington earlier this season.



Cohasset player #22 Owen Landon and Abington player #13 Brandon Marini clash with durning a recent game.

Senior co-captain Lennert Brown was the lone Skippers to convert on a freebie.

"You don't see too many missed PKs, but we had two of them in one game," said Willis. "That's a little bit of tough luck, but it also makes you feel like we didn't do what we needed to do to earn the win. That's part of the learning process for a lot of these kids. They have to step up and take it when the opportunity is there. I give the Hull players credit for scrapping their way back even down two players. We should have had them back on their heels a little, but I think they put us back on our heels us with how aggressive they were in trying to get that tying goal."

Hull scored the lone goal of the first half, but Cohasset senior Connor Ofsthun tied it back up with a pretty tally 10 minutes after the break. The hosts scored next, but then junior Tyler Durant punched home the equalizer a few minutes later to add to his team-best scoring totals.

Brown was flattened in the box by the Carver keeper with 10 minutes to play, and converted on the ensuing PK. It looked as if the Skippers might grab their fourth win of the season after that, but then the Pirates moved every one forward on a corner kick, and one of them was able to get to the right spot in the middle of the box to head-flick the ball past powerless Cohasset keeper Will Wise.

Scituate 3, Skippers 1

Scituate senior Safi Vicente ended his career in style, scoring twice in his final home game to lead the Sailors (5-10-3) past neighboring town rival Cohasset, 3-1, last Wednesday.

Ivan Sceery scored the Skippers lone goal with a nifty redirect off the back of his foot off a free kick from just above the goal area.

Harwich 2, Cohasset 0

Willis actually considered this Monday performance against unbeaten league champion Harwich (17-0-1) to have been a "major morale victory."

"We went toe-for-toe with a very good team, and could have very easily ended their undefeated season if things had gone just a little differently," asserted Willis. "For our players who will be back next year, they played with the type of effort you need to compete day in and day out in the South Shore League."

Harwich scored a goal in each half. Big scorer Gus Ribeiro got the scoring started for the Rough Riders in the first half on a cross from DJ Robinson, finishing after a brilliant crossover move and quick struck pea. Alex Votteler scored the second goal just over a minute into the second half off of a prolonged scrum in front to provide some much needed breathing room against the upset-minded Skippers.

Cohasset hit a post in the second half and had a prolonged flurry in front of the Harwich net late in the game. However, no one was able to bump or kick it those all important final few feet.

"There's a couple of golden opportunities we didn't cash in on, and that was really the difference in the game," said Willis. "Harwich capitalized on two very similar opportunities and we didn't. Still, I was very happy with the scrappiness of our players."

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Field hockey building for the future

FROM FIELD HOCKEY, PAGE 15

School Field Hockey Club was started in 2005 when Cohasset resident Mike Condon pulled together a group of 30 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade girls and began teaching them game basics and stick handling. Since this humble beginning the Middle School field hockey club has grown consistently with 45 girls participating in 2007 and an astounding 68 players this season.

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Beth Marsden-Gilman joined Condon in 2006 when Gilman's daughter Marie wanted to participate. Marsden-Gilman, a 1975 CHS graduate who played defense for Cohasset's field hockey squad, offered to help and the rest is history.

"Beth brings an enthusiasm to the program that can only be described as contagious," said Condon. Elected captain in her senior year, Marsden-Gilman's "contagious enthusiasm" for the sport has helped grow participation levels. Today, Marsden-Gilman spends countless hours coaching the players, scheduling games and promoting the club. Marsden-Gilman says her primary goal "is first to develop an athletes interest in the sport, then convert that interest to a desire to play and ultimately to a passion to excel." The program focuses on stick handling, game strategy and team building. The club stresses conditioning as a critical component to success in this fast paced game where possession changes constantly.

The Cohasset Field Hockey Club consists of 4 teams: two sixth-grade teams with 15 players each, a seventh-grade team of 20 players and an eighth-grade team of 14. Condon and Marsden-Gilman are assisted in coaching by Condon's daughter Caitlin, a former CHS Varsity goalie, Meg O'Hara a Cohasset elementary school teacher and volunteer Kate Fallon. Marsden-Gilman commends the many parents who support the club and the players, "we couldn't do it without their support," she added.

This season the club led the 68-player roster in competitive play with a 20-game schedule facing teams from schools like Thayer, Derby and Canton. Each grade had a successful season with the club posting a 13-4-1 record overall in league play.

The success of the club reaches far beyond the middle school. Early exposure to the game and game competition is molding Cohasset's young athletes into field hockey contenders. Players exposed to multiple years in the Middle School club have now moved on to high school. This year's varsity squad included sophomores with club experience and 15 members of this year's 14-0-1 Junior Varsity squad honed their skills and developed their competitive spirit in the Middle School Club program.

"I strongly believe we should have a freshman team for field hockey with the numbers we have," says Marsden-Gilman. "The USA Field Hockey organization is also putting a lot of effort and focus on the Northeast to get more girls interested in the sport and this seems to be well received. This year I worked with Dover to help them put a sixth-grade program together and Hingham started last year and now have over 160 girls, 60 of whom are in sixth grade alone."

According to Pat Waters, whose daughter Sydney was a center forward on the undefeated Junior Varsity team, the Middle School club was an unbelievably positive experience. Sydney believes she would have played the sport in high school, but Waters notes she would have been nervous had she not had so much exposure to the sport in Middle School. With players developing skills, a deep understanding of game rules and game strategy in Middle School, they are free to focus on conditioning, team play and improving shot speed, accuracy and other stick skills.

Waters says the club is fortunate to have dedicated parent coaches and volunteers with technical knowledge and expertise in the game. Recalling the early days of the program for this year's group of talented JV players, the sixth- and seventh-grade seasons were difficult. "For the first two seasons, we didn't have a dedicated field and practiced along side the JV and Varsity on the sidelines," stated Condon. "The girls worked hard and competed against older and more experienced programs, I'm really proud of how these girls have developed," he added.

There is no doubt that dedication to the program by participants and organizers will continue. The program has matured beautifully with players matriculating to the JV and Varsity level. However, despite the club's success and its influence on the JV and Varsity programs, continued school budget issues may put the club at risk. Proposed charges for use of the middle school field may push participation fees to an unaffordable level. The road to get women playing field hockey in the US was not an easy one for Applebee. Marsden-Gilman and Condon know the drill and hope to continue to make field hockey available to future Middle School students.

Middle School Field Hockey results

Sixth Grade

Team	Against	Outcome
Blue	Dover	L 0-2
Blue	Hingham	W 4-0
Blue	Thayer	T 0-0
White	at Dover	L 0-1
White	Hingham	W 3-0
Sixth Grade Record		**2-2-1**

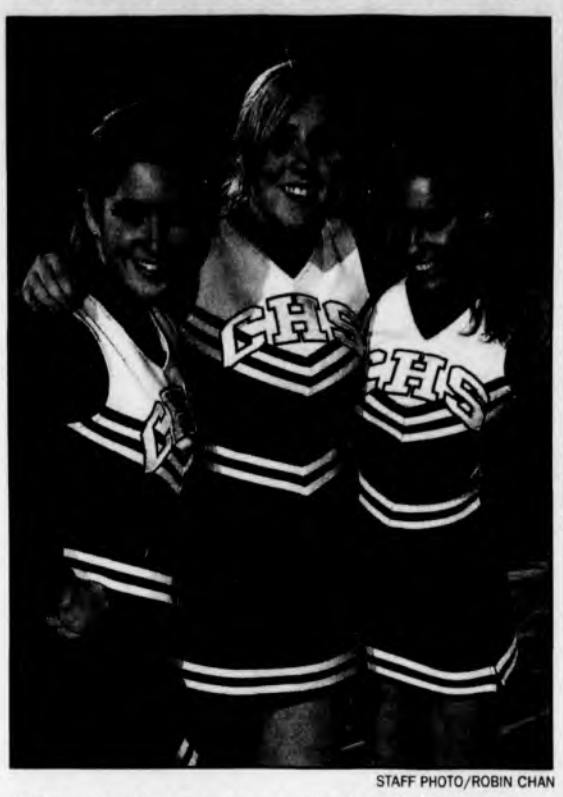
Seventh Grade

At Carver 7th/8th	W 2-1
At Derby 7th grade	W 5-0
At Wareham 7th/8th	W 2-0
Versus Canton/7th grade	W 2-0
Versus Hingham	W 5-0
Seventh Grade Record	**5-0-0**

Eighth Grade

At Canton	W 3-0
At Derby/8th grade	W 2-0
Versus Canton/8th grade	W 1-0
Versus Carver/7th/8th	L 1-2
Versus Derby/8th grade	L 0-2
At Wareham/7th/8th	W 4-0
At Jamboree-6th, 7th, 8th	W 2-0
Eighth Grade Record	**5-2-0**
Club Record	**13-4-1**

CAPTAINS' CORNER/Anna Roberts, Kelsey Rochleau & Grace Curry



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The cheerleading captains are senior Anna Roberts, junior Kelsey Rochleau, and junior Grace Curry.

Names: Anna Roberts, Kelsey Rochleau, and Grace Curry.

Grade: Anna (12), Kelsey and Grace (11).

Other extracurricular activities: Student Council, Peer Leader (Anna). Junior coaching for seventh- and eighth-grade cheerleaders (Kelsey). Drama (Grace).

Favorite subject: English (Anna). Math (Kelsey). Science (Grace).

Favorite college or professional sports team: University of Alabama Football (Anna). Patriots (Kelsey). Football (Grace).

Athlete you'd most like to meet: Ryan Lotche (Anna). Tom Brady (Kelsey). Kevin Garnett (Grace).

Best thing that cheerleading has taught you: Leadership (Anna). Teamwork (Kelsey). Patience, responsibility, working together (Grace).

Best thing about Cohasset High: My friends (Anna). Small school so you get to know everyone (Kelsey). Small school so you are close to everyone (Grace).

Goal: Finish the season successfully (Anna). Do well in competition (Kelsey). Spread school spirit and become better athletes by learning new skills (Grace).

TRINITY TOURNAMENT



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A group of Cohasset High School Lacrosse players traveled to Trinity College on Sunday, Nov. 2 to play in the Capital City Tournament. They ended the tournament with 3 wins and 2 losses. Curt Kahn, a Cohasset High and Trinity College Alumni, volunteered to coach the players. The players are, from left: Danny Czerkawski, Ian Quinlan, Kyle Livingstone, Alex Kinnealey, Owen Landon, Dana Valentine, Jack Carrier, Vincent Curran, Will Wise, Charlie Mushin, Dean Driscoll, Thomas Flibotte, Sam Leahy, Alec Livingstone, Jack Murphy and Coach Curt Kahn. Stay tuned for CHS lacrosse coverage in the Mariner this spring.

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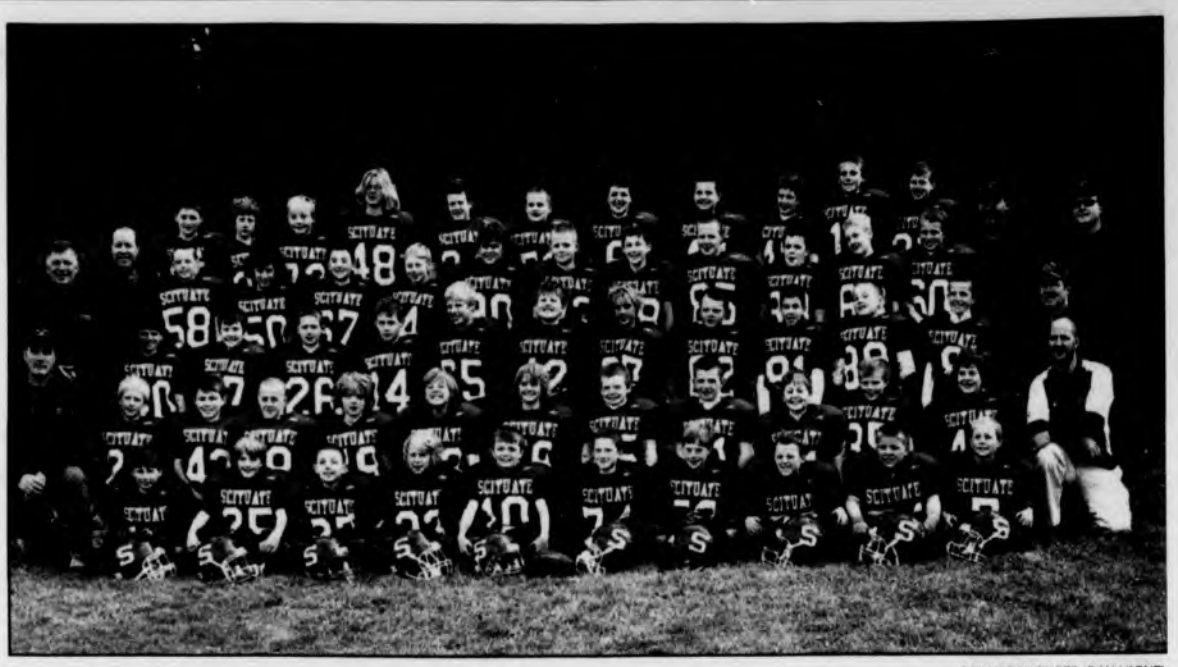
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SciCoh Stingray 2nd/3rd grade team heads to Super Bowl to face Hanover.

Stingray Mites advance to Super Bowl

Second-third grade football team plays Sunday

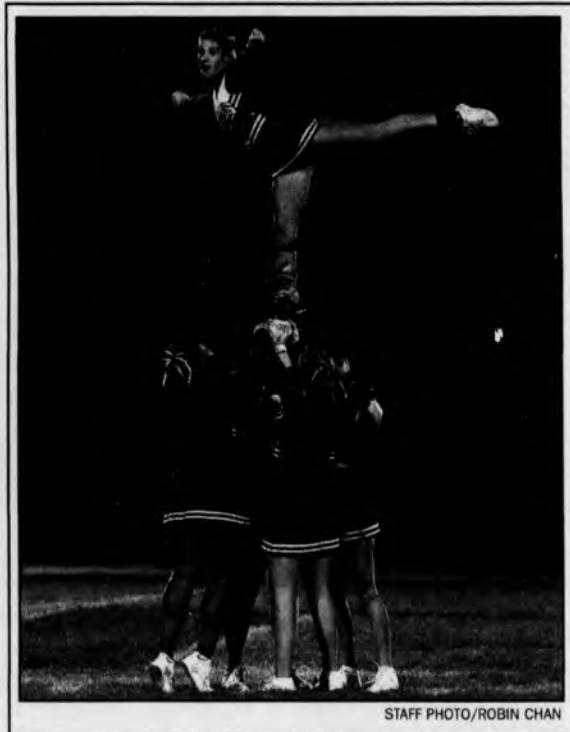
On a beautiful late Fall evening at Scituate High School, the SciCoh Stingray Mites clinched a spot in the Super Bowl by defeating a tough Middleboro team 6-0 on Saturday (Nov. 1). The Stingrays are made up of 56 players from the towns of Scituate and Cohasset and the win was a culmination of months of hard work. Starting in early August, the team worked tirelessly to learn the fundamentals of the game. A few of the players played last season as second graders but the vast majority were playing tackle football for the very first time.

The Stingrays clinched a playoff spot by beating the same Middleboro team 18-6 on Sunday, Oct. 26, and this game proved to be a much tougher battle. Middleboro got the ball first and had possession for the entire first quarter but the tough SciCoh defense would eventually stop them and give the ball back to the offense. The Stingrays just missed putting the first points of the game on the board as **Will Greer** flew through a big hole opened by **Charlie Pyne** and **Matthew Dickey** but Middleboro's best player tackled him before he broke into the clear. Middleboro would eventually stop the SciCoh offense and start another drive before being thwarted again by the Stingray D. On fourth down from the twelve-yard line, **Cal Osten** intercepted a pass and stopped the drive.

The second half was even more exciting as the teams traded possessions before Greer would blast through a hole on the right side and turn on the jets for a 65-yard TD. **Will Thomas, John Bulman** and **Cam Pattison** all had key blocks on the play. Middleboro stopped the two-point conversion, which game them a chance to win with a TD and two point conversion.

The SciCoh defense came up huge on two possessions at the end of the game to clinch the victory. Game MVP **Will Bowen** made numerous tackles in the backfield and saved a TD by hustling all the way across the field and making the tackle at the 20-yard line. **Alex Defreitas, Jackson Mansi** and **Tommy Carrabes** all had big hits to stop Middleboro on the final drive.

The Stingrays will play Hanover for the championship in a rematch of a great regular season game. The Super Bowl will be played at Middleboro on Sunday Nov. 9 at 11am. Everyone is encouraged to come to the game and cheer the team on!



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Betsy Crawford is held up in the air during halftime during the Homecoming game last month. The Mariner wishes the cheerleading squad luck in their league competition this weekend. The CHS cheerleaders are: Anna Roberts – Senior; Betsy Crawford – Junior; Grace Curry - Junior; Kelsey Rochleau – Junior; Kelsea Hindley – Junior; Jamie Canavan – Junior; Jessica Fusco – Sophomore; Jennie Curley – Sophomore; Samantha Liberty – Sophomore; Colby Smalzel – Sophomore; Khiana Clemons – Sophomore; and Tina D'Antonio – Junior.

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Girls pass pre-tournament test

FROM GIRLS SOCCER, PAGE 15

The veteran coach was pleased to report that she couldn't have asked for much more than what she got in the 2-1 win over Rockland last Wednesday and a 1-1 tie with Atlantic Coast League champion Plymouth North (13-2-2) this past Monday.

"Our last two games were just the pre-tournament test we needed," Beal declared. "I feel that we are prepared and ready to compete."

Awarded the fourth seed for the Div. 3 south sectionals by virtue of their final record, the Lady Skippers will host 14th seeded Bishop Connolly (10-7-1) this afternoon at Alumni Field (5 p.m. start).

"Not knowing much about them and their league is always a little bit frightening," said Beal.

A victory here would advance the locals to face the winner of the Sacred Heart (12-6)-East Bridgewater (11-4-2) contest. E.B, of course, is a South Shore League rival for the Skippers and the sources of two of their three losses, both 2-1 heartbreakers.

"I certainly am not looking ahead, but wouldn't that be an exciting rematch?" said Beal.

Cohasset 2, Rockland 1

This Wednesday night game at Cohasset featured typical late October weather along the coast: cold and windy.

The Lady Bulldogs were hoping for a postseason berth and it showed in the intensity of their play.

"The game started out pretty evenly matched with two teams who didn't know one another finding their way, looking for holes and playing tough," said Beal.

Rockland got on the board first, but Beal said she was proud of the way her girls responded.

"We seemed OK with it," Beal reported. "There was no dropping of the shoulders and our heads remained in the game."

Maggie McGoldrick tied it up not long thereafter, though, finishing on a pass from fellow senior captain Torey Hart.

The Skippers were coming off back-to-back ties, and it looked very much like the streak could reach three when the game clock ticked under 10 minutes.

"We're coming off two ties that shouldn't have been tied," Beal said. "I was thinking we needed the boost for the momentum in the (Division 3 South Sectional) tournament."

Well, Hart delivered that spark with nine minutes to play, scoring the goal that put the Lady Skippers ahead.

Rockland was led by keeper Sarah Crawford.

"She made 15 or 16 really good saves," Beal said. "She kept them in it."

Concluded Beal: "We played a tough and physical game, which made me a little bit more confident in the games ahead."

Cohasset 1, Plymouth North 1

Beal admits now that she went into this game with no small degree of trepidation, matched against a league champion from a school with nearly four times the student body.

"I had no idea what to expect from them," admitted Beal. "They finished first in the Atlantic Coast League, which is a tough league. They are a bigger school than us and I was hopeful that we could keep up with them physically."

It didn't take Beal to discover, though, that her girls were hardly overwhelmed.

"Was I ever wrong to even think about us not matching up evenly," she said. "We played one of our best games of the season. In my opinion, it could not have happened at a better time. Although we tied, I saw more on that field from the girls than I have seen all year."

Beal has been occasionally critical of the lack of field communication between her charges, as well as the propensity for getting frustrated, but she feels she saw her team grow up a little in this knock-down, drag-out finale.

"I saw Sammi Lehr, Sarah Coggins and Maggie McGoldrick take control of the game," said Beal of her senior leaders. "They kept everyone in the game, they were calm and they set the tone."

A few Cohasset players drew yellow cards, which charged up more what was already an emotional match.

"I believe frustration caused them and the officials made decisions based on the player's actions," observed Beal. "Lessons are learned every day and I believe there are a few girls who now know that actions speak louder than words and we need to keep our composure even when we don't like the situation.

"I preach sportsmanship at all times and I think that as a team we need to know the importance of playing hard and knowing when the boundaries are being crossed. Despite having a few key players removed from the field by me for fear of getting another card and losing them for two games I was impressed with how we continued to play hard and didn't let the situation go to our heads."

Hart scored her ninth goal this year to help the Skippers take a point from this match.

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So now it's on to the postseason for the Lady Skippers

The Lady Skippers traveled to Hanover Wednesday for a "friendly" pre-tournament scrimmage with the Div. 2 south tourney-bound Lady Indians. Beal said she was "looking to work out some of the technical stuff such as direct kicks, corner kicks, and penalty kicks" in that one.

Summing up the season, to date, Beal stated: "I can't complain. What a nice job done by all this fall. I am so proud of the girls and the dedication to this program. They came off such a successful season on fall 2007 and picked it right back up where we left it last November. The loss to Norwell (in the '07 sectional finals) was the theme of the season.

"Coming back in August we took nothing for granted and we worked hard from day one. I clearly remember pushing them pretty hard those last days of August when the temperature was 60 degrees warmer than it is now. The girls were dying but refusing to give up. Pushing them was easy because they responded every time, no matter what the drill was. They strive to please their coaches, their teammates and themselves. Never have I had a group that works so hard. They are tough on themselves and are always working to improve."

Sharks eliminated from playoffs

Last Sunday the (7-1) Scituate-Cohasset eighth-grade Sharks were run over by a very determined (6-1-1) Barnstable Silver Bullet team, 20-6, in the first round of the playoffs. Barnstable advances to next Sunday's Super Bowl against (6-1-1) Marshfield.

Barnstable won the opening coin toss and elected to receive. When their offense took the field, they were determined to avenge their only loss of this season, which came against Scituate in week five, 20-18. The big fullback continuously ran off tackle with much success as Scituate's defensive line was being blown off the ball. Barnstable scored first to take 6-0 lead.

Scituate's offense had little success running the ball early and their receiver's dropped a couple balls that could have resulted in large gains or possibly touchdowns. After Scituate punted the ball back to Barnstable, the Silver Bullets offense quickly found the end-zone again and converted their extra point to extend their lead to 14-0.

On the ensuing kickoff, Scituate's **Shane Haggerty** returned it 74 yards for a touchdown to finally put the Sharks on the board 14-6. (In the previous game against Barnstable and Scituate trailing 18-8, Haggerty also returned a kick-off in that game, sparking Sci-Cohs late game heroics.) The rejuvenated Sharks dug in on defense and were able to turn the ball over to the offense in excellent field position. Haggerty hit **Matt McCrae, Conor Dooley** and **Shea McCarthy** on successive plays and the ball was now at the five-yard line with only a minute left in the half. However, Barnstable withstood four Sci-Coh attempts at getting into the end zone and the score stood at 14-6 at the half.

Scituate received the second half kickoff but the offense fizzled once again, punting the ball back to Barnstable. Barnstable took command of the game when their big fullback scampered 35 yards for their third TD of the game. Scituate was now forced to play catch up and despite Haggerty's valiant effort the Barnstable defense stymied every Scituate attempt.

When Scituate's 85-pound wrecking ball, known as **Greg Hurley**, forced a fumble late in the game the Sharks last offensive series resulted in Haggerty being sacked and Barnstable celebrating its return to the Super Bowl.

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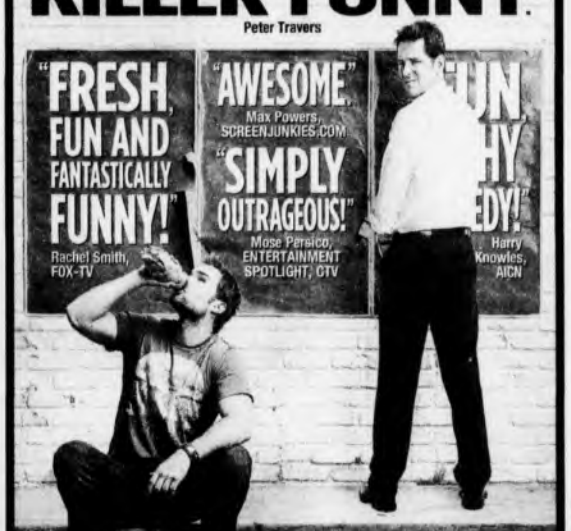
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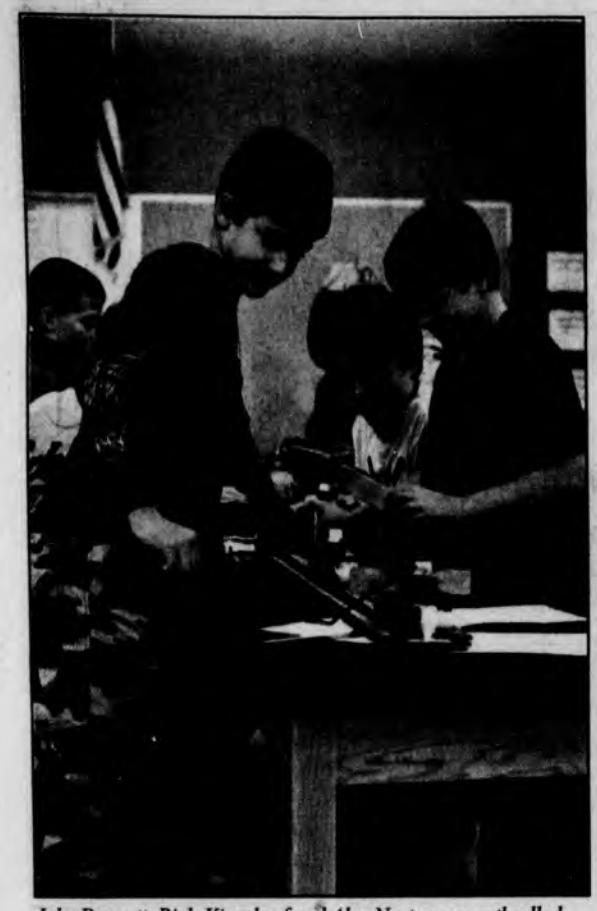
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Jake Bennett, Rich Kinscherf and Alex Norton are enthralled with the mechanical device they are testing.



Bebe Davis and Sidney Ritz give Technology Day high marks as they experiment with a device. Thanks go to the Deer Hill School PSO for sponsoring this program.



Deer Hill fifth-grade teacher Mrs. Jordan is lifted into the air with a lever and pulley.

The faces of Technology Day

'Simple Machines Made Fun'

Courtesy photos by Amy Osten



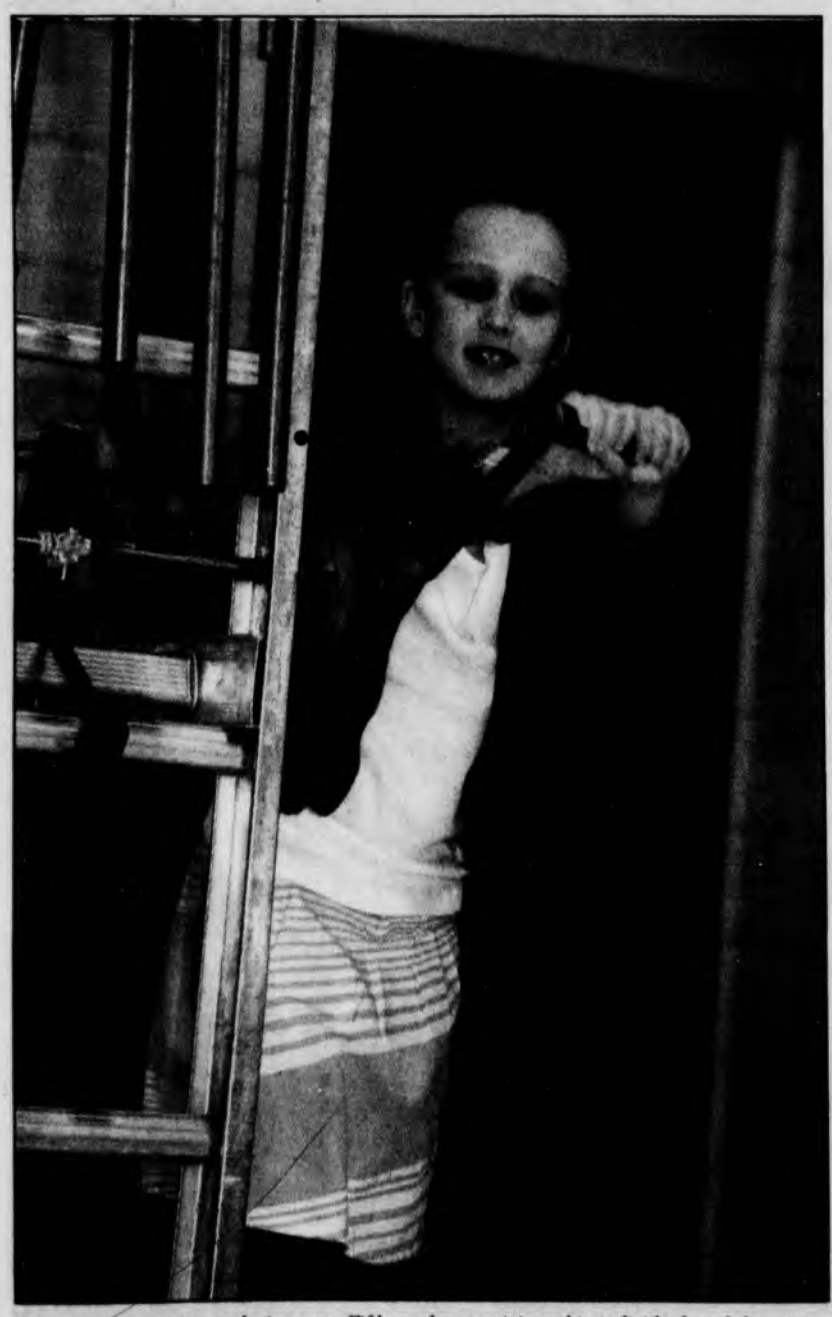
John Paul Adams, at left, Dan Toomey, center, and Mrs. Regan check out a device during Techsplorations at Deer Hill.



Evan Canney cannot contain his excitement. At right is Mary Lengyel. Fifth-graders students participated in individual workshops in the STEM lab, where they learned how to trade distance for effort by experimenting with their own simple machines and vehicles.



Emily Moy pulls on the lever system. Thanks go to the Deer Hill School PSO for sponsoring this program.



Margret Norton gives a device a try. Fifth-graders participated in individual workshops in the STEM lab, where they learned how to trade distance for effort by experimenting with their own simple machines and vehicles.



Tom Wahle of Techsplorations is about to demonstrate the power of the lever at Deer Hill.



Aidan Chamberlain uses the pulley to lift Mrs. Jordan during Technology Day at Deer Hill.

SCHOOLS/HAPPENINGS

Spinnaker hits the newsstands!

LIFE AT CHS

LAUREN MACK



Hello again, everybody! I hope that everyone had a fantastic Halloween and kept out of trouble, even though I know children in Cohasset never cause trouble. In any case, *The Spinnaker* was a huge success last Friday, selling out every single issue printed. Kudos to *The Spinnaker* staff for putting together such a well-written and informative publication!

On Monday this week, a luncheon was held in the library for those students who received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. Pizza was served. Other big news at the high school this week was that the end of the first quarter was this past Wednesday, meaning that either highly-dreaded or highly-anticipated report cards will be sent home soon. Another highly-anticipated event is that next Tuesday is Veterans Day, meaning no school, and also that, for the first time in a long time, Monday doesn't have to be the worst day of the week.

With application deadlines looming overhead for seniors, and the college search just beginning for juniors, the guidance department has become increasingly important in the daily lives of students; which brings me to my Quote of the Week. This week's quote comes not from a teacher at CHS, but rather a familiar face in the faculty. You may have seen her in the main office last year, but now you'll find her sitting in the guidance office helping CHS students left and right, out of the goodness of her heart. This woman's name is **Ms. Peggy Lewis**, and when I approached her with questions about her expertise in the college application process, she said: "I rarely make mistakes. Sometimes I might skip one, but that's not too often. I'm usually right." And with that, I leave you all to a wonderful weekend! Ciao!

Lauren Mack is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly during the school year.

OPENING NIGHT

Friends and students of Judith Rossman attend their opening night reception (Oct. 30) at the Cohasset Office of Sotheby's International Realty in Cohasset Village. The students' work is on exhibit at the office through Nov. 30. From left: (back row) are: Dolores Shelley, Mary Hufnagle Murray, Paul Merchant, Debbie Reardon, Jill Flynne, Mary Louise Hoss and Trish Baggott. Front row, from left, are: Randi Meryl, Peggy Scahill and South Shore Art Center instructor, Judy Rossman.



COURTESY PHOTO

Acoustic guitar concert Sunday

Acclaimed acoustic guitarist Jim Scott will perform an evening of his songs of peace and the environment on Sunday, Nov.ember 9 at 4:00 pm at First Parish meetinghouse. Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset. With insight and more than a little humor, Scott makes his case for harmony in the world with a jazz / world folk music styling and some great guitar technique in accompaniment.

Scott"s performance is sponsored by First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset and will take place in the Meeting House on the Common. Admission is $15 for adults and $5 for children and payable at the door. This is the first in a series of Meeting House concerts scheduled for 2008-09.

Known to many as the voice on the Winter Consort"s ""Common Ground,"" Scott"s musical output runs from lyrical songs and instrumentals to choral compositions. He has performed in the company of many luminaries of the jazz and folk worlds. Pete Seeger said of Jim"s guitar virtuosity: ""[Jim is] some kind of a magician."" Paul Winter said of his long time collaborator: ""His music sings of the life spirit.""

Scott"s most recent project has been compiling ""The Earth and Spirit Songbook,"" an anthology of songs of earth and peace and he has added many of these songs to his concert repertoire. From this widely varied background, Scott considers himself a contemporary folk artist in the sense that folk music represents people with a positive and hopeful spirit.

"Folk follows a long tradition of social commentary," Scott said. "It's the voice of the people. That's what I like to think I'm representing."His musical, ""The Tree and Me,"" has been staged at colleges in New York and Michigan. He also performs for kids and has written songs with elementary school classes. His ""Big and Little Stuff - Songs for Kids"" marks his fifth recording of original songs released on CD. He has taught at numerous colleges, including Oberlin College in Ohio, and has conducted workshops throughout the country.

"My messages are of ecology and social conscience, but also of optimism," Scott said. "I believe in the power of song and self-expression for change."For more information about the concert, call Allegra Martin at (617) 872-0461.

DEER HILL, OSGOOD MENUS

MONDAY, NOV. 10
Baked chicken nuggets, baked potato smiles, snappy green beans, orange quarters.

TUESDAY, NOV. 11
Veterans Day – No School.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12
Al dente penne with meat sauce, side Caesar salad, Macintosh apple.

THURSDAY, NOV. 13
Home-style waffles with maple syrup, sausage patty, fresh honeydew melon.

FRIDAY, NOV. 14
French bread pizza, fresh garden salad, chocolate pudding.

CEF seeks volunteers

The Cohasset Education Foundation (CEF) is looking for volunteers to coordinate their Teacher Appreciation Program, "Extra Credit". It is a rewarding program that allows donors to make a truly meaningful gesture to our dedicated teachers while raising money at the same time. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact sarah.murphy@comcast.net and visit cohasseteducation.org to learn more about Extra Credit and the CEF.

Child Find being conducted

Cohasset Public Schools, in accordance with Federal Law IDEA 2004 and Massachusetts Special Education Regulations 603 CMR 28.00, are in the process of conducting Child Find. The school department is seeking children with suspected disabilities residing in Cohasset who may be in need of Special Education services.

Cohasset Public Schools will evaluate students from age 3 through high school age who are unable to progress effectively in a regular education program due to a suspected disability in one of the following areas: developmental or intellectual delay, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning disability or health impairment. Cohasset Public Schools will also arrange for an evaluation of young people ages 16 through 21 who have not graduated from high school and who are not now attending school.

In addition, screenings for 3- to 5-year-olds will take place the third Friday of each month at Osgood School. Call the Integrated Pre-school staff at 781-383-6117 for more information.

Cohasset provides all children with an opportunity to participate in the public school programs using a continuous and systematic process to identify students in need of special education. All programs and services are offered without regard to color, race, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.

Parents who have a child they suspect may have a disability or know a child with a disability who may be in need of special education services, can call the director of student services, Linda Gill, at 781-383-6104 for information regarding the referral process.

Post-prom planning to begin Nov. 13

There will be an organizational meeting for all senior parents at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, in the Cohasset School Library to begin making plans for the post-prom party.

Those who are unable to attend but would like to help can contact Barb Mullin 781-383-0953.

Cohasset Maritime Institute to host meeting

Cohasset Maritime Institute will host its annual meeting at 9 a.m., on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 40 Parker Ave. Cohasset Maritime Institute is dedicated to the preservation of Cohasset's maritime history and the promotion of ocean rowing for middle and high school students and adults.

All Cohasset Maritime Institute members and the community are invited to attend the CMI meeting. Following the meeting, volunteers are needed to assist in the clean out of the CMI boathouse in preparation for its renovation.

Visit the CMI Web site at rowcmi.com or call Lisa Hewitt Dick at 781-383-0204 or Susan Galligan at 781-383-0765 for more information.

Middle school dance

Friday, Nov. 7, from 7 to 10 p.m., in the Recreation Center garage, for Cohasset residents only (school ID required) in grades six through eight. Parents must be present with late arrivals (after 7:30 p.m.) or for early pickup. Snacks and refreshments will be on sale. $6 per person; pre-registration at www.cohassetrec.com is required. This dance is sponsored by the Rec Department.

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Nine-year-old Alexandra Lanier is delighted to see a friendly witch (Carol Martin) during the Halloween Haunted House at the First Parish House at 23 North Main St. The event was sponsored by the congregation's Religious Education Committee and welcomed trick-or-treaters and their families from the entire community into this historic Parish House to celebrate Halloween. Martin is co-chair of the Religious Education Committee at First Parish.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Interim Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Nov. 9

8 a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Bill Baird & John Kornet and meeting on the 2nd & 4th Sundays)

9:50 a.m.– Childcare for our youngest and RE classes for children and youth – Parish House

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull will lead worship around "A Conversation."

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

4 p.m. - Concert in the Meeting House featuring Jim Scott - Acoustic guitarist, singer, composer. This is a concert for all ages, so bring your children! Tickets are available at the door—$15/adult and $5/children under 12.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

FALL BOOK STUDY: Every Wed., through Nov. 19th at 7 pm in Bates Hall. We are discussing A New Earth Awakening to Your Life's Purpose by Eckhart Tolle. This is a life transforming study that Oprah Winfrey presented in a 10 week web cast series. For more information you can check out www.oprah.com or www.eckharttolle.com. Come and join us!

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: Members of SCC are already at work creating homemade crafts for the annual Village Fair to be held on Sat. Dec. 7. New crafters and helpers are always welcome!

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: Welcome to St. Stephen's church!

We are currently underway with our new "Episcopal Church for the 21st Century" class taught by Rev. Margot Critchfield. This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal faith and anyone preparing for Confirmation or Reception into the church. Classes run from noon until 2:00.

Rev. Critchfield is also offering individual spiritual direction this fall. If you are looking for a spiritual home or exploring your faith, we invite you to visit us. You can learn more about us, and the Episcopal Church, from our website, www.ststephenscohasset.org.

Other programs this fall includes bible study for adults, youth group activities, the children's Christian education program "Godly Play", outreach programs serving the hungry and homeless, yoga, meditation and a monthly luncheon for seniors.

Services at St. Stephen's are at 8 am and 10 am on Sundays, including a Healing Eucharist at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. All are invited.

You can reach the church at 781-383-1083. The Rev. Margot Critchfield can be reached at mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.org. Our offices, which are open Monday through Friday, can be accessed by coming to the back of the church, up the Highland Ave hill. We are handicap accessible.

Going on this week at St. Stephen's:

- Sat. Nov. 8: 7 am Bible Fellowship
- Sun. Nov. 9: Services at 8 and 10 a.m., Godly Play at 10:00 and youth group at 11:30.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

THURSDAY, OCT. 23

5:04 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Forest Notch,** public service, caller requests traffic enforcement at this location due to speeding vehicles.

5:15 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Forest Notch,** traffic enforcement.

10:37 p.m. Officer wanted. Male party into HQ to report that his wife is having some type of mental break, wants to see an officer. Units will be going to the residence with a male party from HQ. Officers report this was just a verbal argument, everything is calm, units clear.

11:15 p.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, OCT. 24

1:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

1:12 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

4:47 a.m. 209A violation. Caller states he has an active 209A against a female party, the female party had driven by his residence earlier in the evening. Caller states she called him a _ hour ago stating his tires are flat. Caller checked his 2 motor vehicles and the tires are flat. Norwell woman being summoned on charges: Violating an abuse prevention order, vandalizing property.

7:12 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.,** traffic enforcement.

9:46 a.m. **Elm St.,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:47 a.m. **King St.,** traffic enforcement.

2:02 p.m. **North Main St., and Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:08 p.m. **Pond St.,** traffic enforcement.

2:25 p.m. **Spring St., and South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** hazard (traffic), caller reports a large trash bag in the middle of the road. Officer reports someone has hit the trash bag and there is now trash all over 3A for about 100 yards. Mass Highway notified, responding.

5:24 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** animal complaint, caller reports his dog is missing – Jack Russell. Missing in the area of the ball field.

5:29 p.m. **Linden Circle,** animal complaint, caller reports she found a Black Lab – no collar on.

5:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:37 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:46 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.,** hazard, caller reports there is a "detour sign" in the middle of the road. Officer reports removed sign – it is on the side of the road.

5:56 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:06 p.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:58 p.m. **Pond St.,** fire – public assist, caller reports she's locked out of her daughter's residence. She is babysitting. Officer reports fire gained access to residence.

7:13 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:52 p.m. **Spring St.,** fireworks, caller reports he heard fireworks going off in the area of the two gas stations. Officer spoke to homeowner – he will stop fireworks.

9:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:48 p.m. **Sohier St.,** erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports dark colored vehicle all over the road, unknown type or plate number. Officer has checked area – unable to locate vehicle.

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

1:32 a.m. **North Main St.,** public service.

1:33 a.m. **North Main St.,** public service.

1:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

1:34 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

7:34 a.m. **Border St.,** public service, dock close to Lawrence Wharf is loose. Harbormaster notified.

8:20 a.m. **Nichols Rd.,** fire – public assist, resident reports she cannot turn her smoke detectors off.

11:27 a.m. **North Main St.,** check well being. Caller reports her elderly mother has not been feeling well and she has been trying to call her mother for an hour and a half and line has been busy. Officer reports female is home and is ok, she will call her daughter.

2:28 p.m. **Cedar St.,** officer wanted, resident would like to see an officer regarding a non-urgent issue. Officer reports this was a traffic complaint, officer will notify officers. Resident is requesting traffic enforcement in the area.

5:13 p.m. **Black Rock Rd.,** suspicious vehicle, caller reports 2 cars have been parked in a cleared out area of woods which is under construction. Officer reports there are no signs posted for no parking.

6:40 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop. A 51-year-old male being summoned on charges: Unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, number plate violation.

8:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** traffic enforcement.

8:50 p.m. **Hull St.,** suspicious activity, caller reports kids hiding in the bushes.

9:07 p.m. **Beechwood St.,** suspicious activity, 911 caller reports kids smashing bottles at Beechwood Park. Officer reports water balloons were being thrown. Parties clear of scene.

11:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** hazard (traffic), caller reports what looks like a clothes dryer in the middle of the street. Officer reports a plastic trash bin in road. Has been removed. Officer is clear.

SUNDAY, OCT. 26

12:13 a.m. **HQ.,** power outage, power surge in HQ., Computer had to be rebooted.

12:27 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:27 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

1:15 a.m. **Linden Drive,** fire, caller states, "the transformer is sparking." "It looks like fireworks." Incident occurred _ hour ago and is occurring again. National Grid notified.

8:29 a.m. **N. Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:38 a.m. **Forest Ave.,** traffic enforcement.

11:45 a.m. **Margin St.,** animal complaint, dog found, not on leash, Black Lab.

12:15 p.m. **Elm St.,** child safety seat install.

1:28 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:39 p.m. **Cedar St.,** traffic enforcement.

4:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:24 p.m. **King St.,** traffic enforcement.

4:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:54 p.m. **Mendel Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:11 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:10 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.,** motor vehicle stop. Officer requests wrecker for driver with a suspended license. A 20-year-old Hull female being summoned on charges: Operating motor vehicle with license suspended.

MONDAY, OCT. 27

5:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle crash.

5:51 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.,** traffic enforcement. No violations.

8:13 a.m. **Pleasant St.,** parking complaint, caller reports vehicles are parking where they shouldn't be.

9:09 a.m. **King St.,** traffic enforcement.

11:49 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Crocker Lane,** disabled motor vehicle, caller reports a vehicle broken down right in the middle of 3A.

4:41 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:42 p.m. **Highland Ave.,** parking complaint, caller reports a vehicle partially blocking her driveway, she thinks the vehicle is from a meeting at the Town Hall. Officer reports the vehicle has been tagged.

8:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

TUESDAY, OCT. 28

12:27 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** parking complaint.

1:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

1:44 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

1:45 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.,** building checks.

6:09 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.,** traffic enforcement.

9:13 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.,** assist citizen, caller reports she is stuck in the sand and needs assistance.

10 a.m. **Highland Ave.,** fire, caller reports a blown transformer in the area. Detail officer reports an excavator has hit a pole and believes that's what caused the transformer to blow. National Grid has been notified.

7:20 p.m. **North Main St.,** hazard (traffic), caller reports lights going off and gates down for a long period of time with no train in sight. Gates and lights working, but was significantly delayed. MBTA contacted and will respond.

11:50 p.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

11:51 p.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29

12:13 a.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.,** public service.

5:56 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.,** fire, investigation, detail officer reports black smoke from chimney.

6:01 a.m. **North Main St.,** traffic enforcement.

6:04 a.m. **Cushing Rd.,** traffic enforcement.

6:29 a.m. **Spring St.,** motor vehicle stop.

9:11 a.m. **Sohier St.,** motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:23 a.m. **King St.,** officer wanted, caller requests to see an officer regarding suspicious activity (female dumping large number of whip cream cans in the trash). Units have a plate number on the suspicious vehicle. They will be going to the females home to chat with her. A 37-year-old Cohasset female being summoned on charges: Inhaling glue/toxic substance.

9:07 p.m. **Ripley Rd.,** erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle was all over the road.

9:15 p.m. **Norfolk Rd.,** suspicious activity, caller reports her pumpkins were smashed on Bancroft Road.

10:54 p.m. **Black Rock Rd.,** suspicious activity, caller reports she heard a noise outback and in the garage.

11:12 p.m. **North Main St.,** parking complaint, officer reports vehicle parked at above location – lights are on – no one around it.

THURSDAY, OCT. 30

12:33 a.m. **North Main St.,** public service.

12:45 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Atlantic Ave.,** public service, several smashed pumpkins in the area, several other pumpkins appear to have been moved to unusual places.

1:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

1:48 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:13 a.m. **North Main St.,** public service, caller states "he has no water." Left message for Water Dept. No obvious signs of a larger problem.

7:06 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd.,** traffic enforcement. No violations.

7:16 a.m. **Cushing Rd.,** traffic enforcement. No violations.

11 a.m. **King St.,** traffic enforcement.

1:57 p.m. **Pond St.,** traffic enforcement.

2:40 p.m. **Rocky Lane,** larceny (report).

4:07 p.m. **King St.,** officer wanted.

4:42 p.m. **Hammond Ave.,** property damage, caller reports her pumpkins were taken sometime last night, caller just wanted it logged in – no officer needed, also 2 of her neighbors are missing pumpkins also last night.

4:44 p.m. **Pond St.,** officer wanted, caller wanted to show officer damage that was done on her property. Officer reports viewed damage.

7:09 p.m. **Pond St.,** assist citizen.

7:16 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** open door/window, caller reports the door to the ATM was unlocked, officer reports the door wasn't shut tight.

7:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway,** motor vehicle stop. A 23-year-old Hull male being summoned on charges: Operating motor vehicle with registration suspended.

10:36 p.m. **Hull St.,** hit and run (property damage). Hingham PD requesting Cohasset PD to respond to above location – vehicle that was in motor vehicle accident may be there – secreted in the bushes. Operator has been located hiding – he has a suspended license. Hingham PD will be bringing him back to the accident scene on Rockland Street in Hingham. Suspect from Quincy will be summoned to Hingham Court by HPD.

10:38 p.m. **Tad Lane,** landlord/tenant dispute, tenant from above address reports that she is being evicted by landlord.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

12:01 a.m. **North Main St.,** assist citizen, caller would like to know "when the construction is going to stop." She was told it would be 11 p.m.

12:56 a.m. **Sohier St.,** building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:57 a.m. **High School and Pond St.,** building checks.

6:20 a.m. **Stockbridge St.,** public service, caller states "the street light is flickering." National Grid notified.

6:59 a.m. **Cedar St.,** traffic enforcement.

7:11 a.m. **Cushing Rd.,** traffic enforcement. No violations.

10:15 a.m. **South Main St.,** motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:06 p.m. **Elm St.,** notification, sent out and admin. Message to well being check of above individual. Party has been located.

1:09 p.m. **South Main St.,** vandalism report, caller reports her car was vandalized.

2:07 p.m. **Cedar St.,** downed power lines, caller reports a truck just took down the power lines. Officer requesting a rep from the town DPW to the scene, the report is a town truck, may have unknowingly taken down the wire. Fire Capt. reports this is both cable and phone, both agencies notified.

HAPPENINGS

Fall bird walk planned

The public is invited to join Sally Avery, Audubon expert, for a fall bird walk on Saturday, Nov. 15. Rain date is Nov. 22. Participants should meet at 8 a.m. at the intersection of Atlantic and Summit avenues, by the Black Rock end of the pond on the Hull side.

For more information, call Sue Lofchie at 781.925.0535.

Saint Stephen's accepting book donations

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave. is accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, books on tape, DVDs, and CDs for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair that will be held this year on Dec. 6 on Cohasset's scenic Common.

Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked "Church Offices". Use the "reserved parking" spot to unload your books during church office hours Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Books are sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted through Nov. 25. Old textbooks, romance novels, damaged, musty or moldy books or books with notes and/or highlighting cannot be accepted. For information, call D'Anne Avotins at 781-923-1104

The monies raised from the Book Sale will be used to send underprivileged children and their families to the Barbara C. Harris Camp in Greenfield, N.H. For more information about this facility, visit www.bchcenter.org.

Wine Tasting Party at the Abbey Center

Wines from the vineyards of France, New Zealand and California will be featured at a Wine Tasting Party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 8, at The Abbey Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham.

The event will provide hors d'oeuvres and goodies from area caterer The Chef's Table, along with an array of wines. Two sommeliers will describe the nuances of the wines and will answer questions from attendees.

For tickets, visit the Glastonbury Abbey Bookstore, or call 781-749-2155, ext. 243. Tickets are $50 per person, $85 per couple.

Memory loss talk

Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset presents: Guiding the Families & Friends of Those with Memory Loss, which will presented by motivational speaker/LCSW Barbara Tortorella at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18. RSVP : (781) 383-6300.

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Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing Notice

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen, acting as liquor license authority, will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 7:10 PM in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, to consider the application of Blue Restaurant Inc., 156 King Street, Cohasset, for a new All Alcoholic Restaurant License. The proposed manager is Kevin D. Kelley, Sr. The licensed premises shall consist of a one story building of approximately 4,500 square feet which consists of a dining room and bar and additional storage in the basement. There is a handicap accessible entrance on the side and a main entrance in the back. The public is invited to offer input on this proposed license in writing in advance of the public hearing or in person at the hearing.

Board of Selectmen

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BROWN ESTATE

LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P2581EP

In the Estate of WILLIAM A BROWN
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death October 18, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that GEORGE P FIELD of BOSTON in the County of SUFFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 10, 2008**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, October 29, 2008.

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Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE WEEK OF
NOV. 3, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You enjoy the attention early in the week, but it might be a good idea to opt for some privacy by week's end so that you can have more time to consider an upcoming decision.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You unearth some surprising facts. Now you need to consider how to use them to your advantage. Meanwhile, it might be best to keep what you've learned secret for now.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A comment by a colleague piques your curiosity to know more. Best advice: You'll find people more likely to offer information if you're discreet when making your inquiries.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your energy levels begin to rise by midweek. This allows you to catch up with your heavy workload and still have plenty of get-up-and-go to go out on the town this weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're probably roaring your head off about a perceived slight from a longtime critic. Ignore it. That person might just be trying to goad you into doing something you might later regret.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The early part of the week is open to spontaneity. Then it's time to settle into your usual routine to get all your tasks done. A personal situation could require more attention from you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A meeting of the minds on a workplace project might well develop into something more personal for Librans looking for romance. Aspects are also favorable for platonic relationships.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more-positive mood might be difficult to assume in light of a recent problem involving the health of someone special. But by week's end, your emotional barometer should start to rise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Look for a changed attitude from a former adversary once he or she realizes you have your colleagues' full support. Now you can refocus your energies on that workplace project.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This time, a difference of opinion might not be resolved in your favor. But be patient. It could all ultimately work out to your advantage, as new information begins to develop.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A tug of war develops between the artistic Aquarian's creative aspect and his or her practical side. Best advice: Prioritize your schedule so you can give appropriate time to both.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You could be entering a career phase awash with job-related demands. But avoid being swamped by the overflow and, instead, keep treading water as you deal with demands one by one.

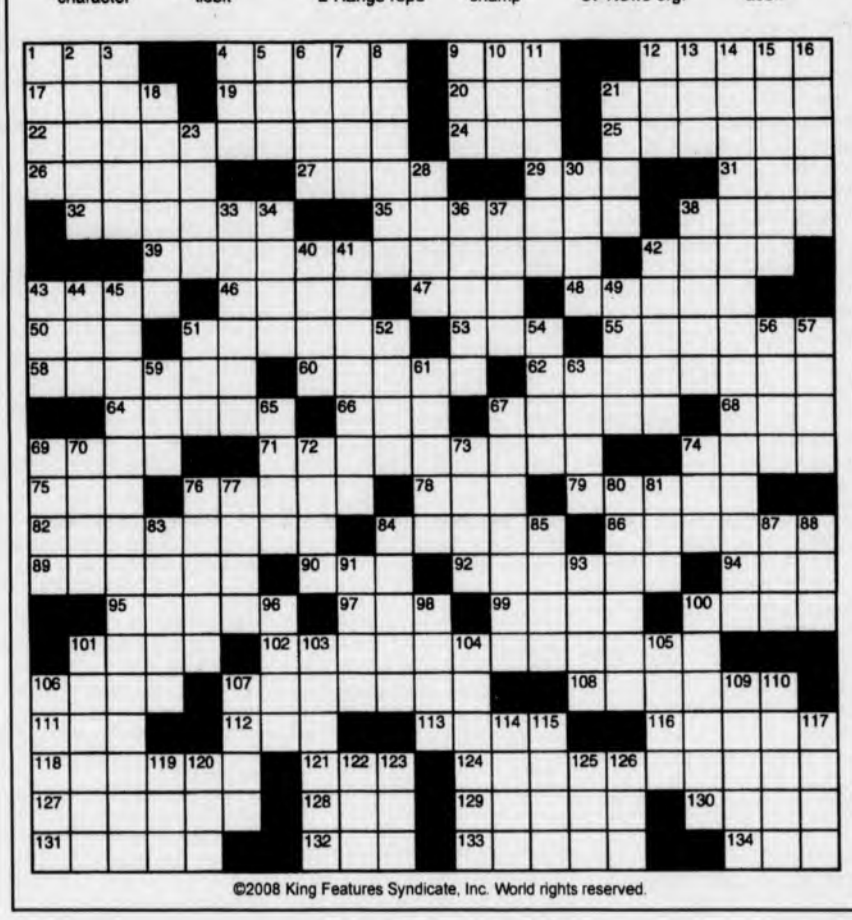
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Crossword - Weather or not

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4 "Crocodile Dundee" star
9 "The — Hurt" ('59 hit)
12 Word form for "large"
17 Composer Janacek
19 Persian, presently
20 Zsa Zsa's sister
21 Mead subject
22 MISTY
24 Perfect score
25 Statistical foci
26 Vessel part
27 Utah city
29 SHAEF commander
31 Fasten a brogue
32 Lacking principles
35 Kid heaven
38 Unisex garment
39 SNOW
42 Pageant prop
43 Word with farm or frog
46 "Casablanca" character
47 "Stroker —" ('83 film)
48 Prepared to propose
50 Actress Hagen
51 Muslim title
53 Medical grp.
55 Left out
58 "Cabaret" setting
60 Feat
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64 Rover's restraint
66 Barcelona bravo
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68 Compete
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100 Successful dieters
101 Medical measure
103 Pericles' home
104 Guru's grounds
105 Director Nicolas
106 ". . . the mouse — the clock"
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110 Tantrum
114 Othello's ensign
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120 Lyric poem
122 London lavatory
123 Fish babies
125 "Pshaw!"
126 Bankbook abbr.



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Sudoku

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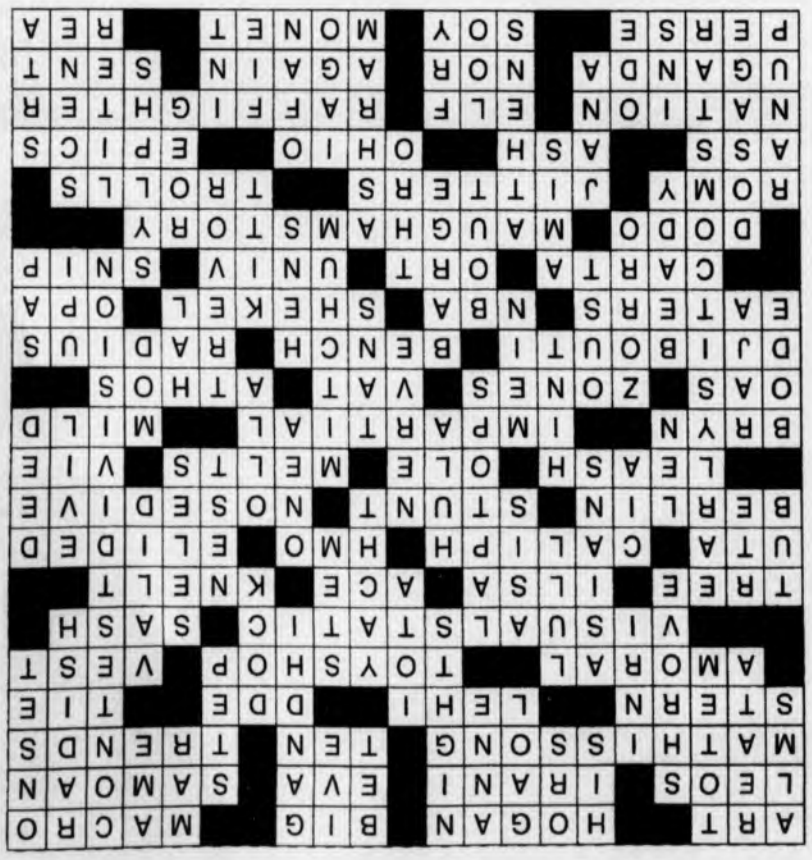
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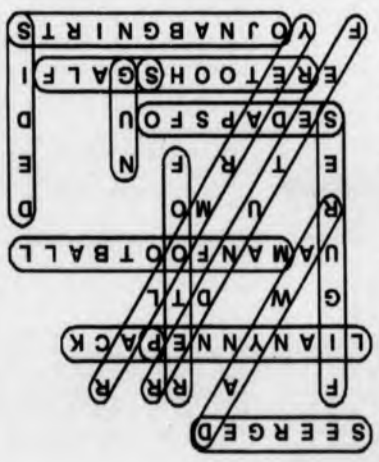
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Rum and more yo, ho, on Barbados

Kevin Zimmerman
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Bridgetown, Barbados — A Barbados legend insists when Englishmen partook of the brownish beverage concocted from molasses - a by-product of sugar-making - they became boisterous, bawdy and even unruly or rumbustious.

It didn't take long for the drink to be christened "rum."

The easternmost of the Caribbean islands, Barbados could easily adopt the moniker "the Island that rum built," but that is only part of the story.

Visitors to the island will discover a place of pink sand beaches, clear blue seas and friendly residents eager to share their island's beauty and history.

Bridgetown, the capital, retains its British ambience and is home to the country's Parliament Building - Barbados has been independent since 1966 but Queen Elizabeth II is the head of state.

It is also the main port and the place to head under the sea in the Atlantis III (www.atlantisadventures.com), a submarine sporting multiple windows on both its port and starboard sides so those inside don't miss any views.



PHOTOS BY KEVIN ZIMMERMAN

The pink sand beach at the Crane Resort and Residences.

As the submarine slowly descends to an offshore coral reef, schools of tropical fish glide past.

Hundreds of blue chromis - so blue they're nearly black - are the main inhabitants of the reef, but they share their home with the "schoolmaster snapper," a gray fish with yellow spots so named because it appears to have a stern look on its face; and the chief predators of the reef, the horse-eye jack. As the submarine nears a shipwreck, much to the crowd's delight, several sea turtles slice their way through the water.

For those who prefer to stay above board, Tiami Catamaran (www.tallshipcruises.com) offers daily catamaran sailing trips. A five-hour sail hugs the shoreline, stopping a few times to allow passengers the opportunity to snorkel or swim. Cruises include lunch complete with the nation's two most recognized dishes - steamed flying fish and macaroni pie.

Back on land, grab a board and head to the island's Atlantic Coast and the best surfing in the Caribbean. Beginners would be wise to book a lesson with professional surfer Alan Burke.

In the basement of his home on Burke's Beach, Burke runs Burkie's Surf School (www.surfbarbados.net) teaching students who have ranged in age from 8 to 65.

"Barbados has an amazing amount of surfing spots. Spots that are consistent," Burke said.

A lesson in Burke's backyard about how to find the board's sweet spot, how to keep the nose of the board slightly out of the water and how to stand in one smooth move, of course becomes a harder process when clinging to a board that is being thrashed by waves - in my case at Long Beach on the calmer waters of the Caribbean.

When you've had your fill of sand and surf, Barbados offers several indoor attractions that are historical, educational and just plain fun.

St. Nicholas Abbey (www.stnicholasabbey.com), in the northern parish of St. Peter, is the second plantation house built on the island. Dating back to about 1660, the home is one of only three genuine Jacobean mansions in the Western Hemisphere.

The place has nothing to do with the church, but, like much of the island, was built as part of the burgeoning sugar trade. Little remains of the original homestead beyond the walls and beams, but visitors can tour the buildings and grounds to get a glimpse of what life was like for the historic privileged few on the island.

For a look into the lives of common Bajans, as locals are called, head to Speightstown and the Arlington House Museum (www.arlingtonbarbados.com). The museum is located in a three-story home with a steeply pitched gable roof, dormer windows and a veranda on its northern side that 200 years ago was home to the Skinners, a merchant family. It's a classic example of a Single House - a house that's one room wide on the street but can be several rooms deep.

Life in the 1800s centered on fishing, sugar cane and trade with England. Speightstown was once called Little Bristol after the English port city of Bristol, a major trading post with the island.

The museum offers historic maps, photographs and prints that tell the history of Barbados, with interactive videos and a movie outlining the story of slaves brought from Africa and the sugar trade.

Visitors can also learn about the island's most famous pirate, Stede Bonnet, a wealthy plantation owner who ditched conformity and joined forces with Blackbeard.

Though it's hard to prove any pirate ever burst into song with, "Yo, ho, ho and a bottle of rum," the beverage is an important part of the island's economy and lifestyle.

At the center of that story is Mount Gay Rum and its factory in Bridgetown which produces 10,000 bottles a day.

You can take a tour of the facility (www.barbados.org/mountgay.htm) and learn about founder Sir John Gay Alleyne, see the various stages in the rum-making process and even sample the end product that is part of everyday life on the island.

"When you're holding a bottle of Mount Gay, you're not just holding a bottle," said Maria Elias, a tour guide at the factory. "You're holding the history of Barbados."

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GETTING THERE: American Airlines (www.aa.com) offers connecting flights via New York's JFK and Miami; Delta (www.delta.com) through Atlanta.

STAYING THERE: The Hilton Barbados is located on Needham's Point just five minutes from Bridgetown. The two-towered structure offers 350 guest rooms, two swimming pools, two private beaches and a fitness center. Rooms from $299 per night (www.hiltoncaribbean.com/barbados).

The Crane Resort and Residences offers upscale accommodations, overlooking its private pink sand beach. Rates run from $300 per night for a garden-view junior suite to $2,100 per night for a three-bedroom penthouse with ocean views and a private pool (www.thecrane.com).

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NOVEMBER 6-14, 2008



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The South Street Gallery, an upcoming exhibit will feature the works of an award-winning architectural illustrator Frank M. Costantino of Winthrop. The opening event will take place at the South Street Gallery 149 South Street in Hingham from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 14. Refreshments will be served, and visitors will have a chance to meet the artist at that time. The exhibit will be on display until Thursday, Dec. 4,

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Nov. 6

The Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International [FGBMFI] will be hosting their 31st Northern New England Convention at the Clarion Nantasket Beach Resort Hotel in Hull, Mass. Nov. 6-8. The Convention meetings are open to men, women and youth. The Convention will feature inspiring testimonies of businessmen from throughout New England. The following special invited speakers will be sharing their own vibrant experiences **David Midwood** - Main speaker – Called to head Vision New England. Was a pastor for 26 years. **John Robinson** – Architect and engineer. **Richard McCutcheon, M.A.** – Served in the U.S. Army in Afghanistan; currently working at Fort Drum with chaplains. **Kevin Dodge** – A former inmate in a local prison, Kevin was released as a free man through the grace of God. Information call FGBMFI at 207-727-3252 or 978-501-0517.

The Wellness Community (TWC) at Pathways Center for Cancer Support will celebrate the completion of its first year as part of **The Wellness Community of Greater Boston** by holding an opening reception for its First Annual Art Show Nov. 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. at its location at 273 Hanover St., Hanover. The public is invited. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by calling 781-829-4823.

ASAP - The Adoption & Foster Care School Awareness Project will meet on Thursday (this month only) Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at a new location, The Barn, 170 Monroe St., Pembroke. Focus: Volunteer Registration and Preparation for the Adoption & Education Forum. ASAP works to Increase awareness in the schools and in our communities of the special needs of families formed through adoption and foster care. All parents, care-givers, educators and interested community members are welcome. For info visit www.asapmass.org or call 781 293-3341

Understanding and Responding to Challenging Behavior: It's not as Simple as ABC, Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m., Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Presented by Community Autism Resources. Free of charge. For parents and professionals, PDPs offered. Register with Braintree Autism Network for our Daughters and Sons (BANDS), Michele Owens 781-848-8963

Toscany: a family's impressions, interpretations and images: A family exhibit of photographs, acrylics, pastels and watercolor paintings by **Lynn, Rick and Dave Rizzotto**, will be presented in the Dolphin Gallery at the Hingham Public Library from Nov. 1 through Nov. 27. Opening reception is Thursday, Nov. 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Together, the Rizzotto's have journeyed to Tuscany and gathered their impressions, interpretations and images of one of Italy's most well known and charming regions.

The Hingham Historical Society announces the debut of the **Candlelight Overcoat Tours of the historic Old Ordinary House Museum** at 21 Lincoln St., Hingham on Nov. 5, 6 and 7. Tours will begin at 6:30pm and 7:30pm. Limited spaces are available. Admission is by reservation only: $8 for adults, and $4 for children under twelve. To reserve a tour time, send your check payable to the Hingham Historical Society at P.O. Box 434, Hingham, MA 02043, or for more information, call 781-749-7721 or email director@hinghamhistorical.org.



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The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell presents "There's A Monster in My Closet" on Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 9 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $12. available at the box-office, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

L-R, Zachary Herman of Cohasset, Melissa Gentile of Scituate, Olivia Richards of Hingham

Fairs and Festivals

BRAINTREE – South Congregational Church, 1075 Washington St. **Nov. 7,** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. German supper. 781-843-5155.

WEYMOUTH – Senior Citizens, 182 Whipple St., **Nov. 7**, noon to 3 p.m. 781-682-6140.

HANOVER – Annual Carnival/Bazaar, St. Mary's Church, 392 Hanover St., Route 139, **Nov. 7**, from 5 to 8 p.m.; Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 781-826-4303.

BRAINTREE – Union Congregational Church, 74 Commercial St., **Nov. 8,** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 781-843-1333.

BRAINTREE – First Congregational Church, 12 Elm St., **Nov. 8**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 781-843-3616.

HANOVER – First Congregational Church of Hanover, 515 Hanover St. **Nov. 8,** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. office@fcchanoverucc.org

HINGHAM – Linden Ponds, 203 Linden Ponds Way, **Nov. 8**, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 800-832-5319.

SCITUATE – Harbor United Methodist Church, **Nov. 8**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 781-545-0818.

WEYMOUTH – Unitarian Universalist Church, 83 Sea St. Bicknell Square, **Nov. 8**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 781-335-8504.

WEYMOUTH – Weymouth Elks Ladies Club, 1197 Washington St., **Nov. 8**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 781-826-3244.

WEYMOUTH – Colonial Village Apartments, 109 Broad St., **Nov. 8,** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WEYMOUTH – United Methodist Church, 747 Broad St., **Nov. 8,** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WEYMOUTH – The Church of the Holy Nativity, 8 Nevin Road, Holly Fair. **Nov. 14,** from 3 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 781-335-2030 or holynativityweymouth.org

Movie review

Unrelentingly powerful

Changeling (A)

Film Review
Ed Symkus

The pain in my back, legs and arms was a clear sign that I loved "The Changeling" — I hadn't budged for two-and-a-half hours.

Clint Eastwood's new film features a riveting story and a castful of amazing performances. I'm sure it will garner Oscar nominations for script, director, film, and actress, and there's very little doubt that it will go home with some gold.

Eastwood is a miracle man of the movies. He's been a working actor for more than 50 years, and has been directing for almost 40. While his early efforts were shaky but watchable, over the past two decades he morphed into a master director, with lots of hits ("Unforgiven," "A Perfect World," "Million Dollar Baby") and only a couple of misses ("Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," "Blood Work").

Angelina Jolie struts the acting stuff she showed off as Mariane Pearl in "A Mighty Heart." And she's surrounded by a terrific supporting cast that's also capable of stealing a scene or two. Eastwood proves once again that he knows what makes a good movie, and has the know-how to pull it off.

Set in late-1920s Los Angeles, and tagged as "a true story," it follows single mom Christine Collins (Jolie) and her 9-year-old son Walter (Gattlin Griffith), who are very close and have managed to weather dad's walking out on them long ago. But one day when Christine comes home from work, Walter is gone. The police aren't interested in her worried phone call, and say they won't be till the next day, by which time he'll surely return. But he doesn't.



Christine Collins (Angelina Jolie) is aghast when a police captain (Jeffrey Donovan) brings her a boy (Devon Conti) who she's convinced is not her missing son.

Jolie's smooth transformation from happy, loving mom to anxious, distressed mom is the first hint of where she's going to take this character. The story takes some very bizarre turns, when, some five months later, the L.A. police (at the time beleaguered for being both corrupt and inept) tell her that Walter has been found in Illinois and is being brought home. But when the train pulls into the station, and a young boy gets off, all she can say is, "That's not my son."

That's definitely not the response that Captain Jones (Jeffrey Donovan) wants to hear, and he quietly tells her that the boy has been through an ordeal and has changed. Then he shifts his tone and tells her she should take him on a trial basis, at which point most viewers should be saying, out loud, "What?"

To Christine's consternation, the boy keeps calling her "mummy." The police, with their already tarnished reputation, can't afford another screw-up; a radio evangelist (John Malkovich) is on a campaign to uncover everything dirty about the department; the captain, abusing his authority way beyond the limit, convinces the right people that the confused and frightened Christine is either "a derelict mother or just plain nuts" and has her committed to a hospital's psychopathic ward. In the midst of all of this, hints are dropped that there's a serial killer on the loose in the area, and his choice of prey is young boys, one of whom might have been Walter.

Eastwood and TV scriptwriter J. Michael Straczynski keep a very tight rein on all of this plotting and turn it into a compelling and thrilling and entertaining mix. Eastwood throws in an occasional mood-setting flashback, and manages to coax his actors into giving Grade-A performances (Donovan as the police captain, Michael Kelly as Detective Ybarra, Geoffrey Pierson as the firebrand lawyer S.S. Hahn, Jason Butler Harner as the possible killer, and Amy Ryan as another prisoner on the mental ward are standouts). Eastwood has also composed another exquisite score to complement the downbeat ambiance of the story.

This is an unrelentingly powerful film, certainly up there with the best that Eastwood has directed. It's an absorbing story, as your back, legs and arms may remind you when the lights come up.

Rated R. "Changeling" has some violent content and strong language.

How to Avoid Identity Theft presented by Century Bank and Allerton House, Nov. 6, 2 to 4 p.m. Allerton House Assisted Living Community, 164 Parkingway, Quincy.

Free Homebuyer Seminar by Mont Vernon Mortgage, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. Hearth & Kettle, 151 Main St., Weymouth. Call 781-337-2432x16 to pre-register. MtVernonMortgage.com/events

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Nov. 6 **Flydown** 781-829-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Nov. 6, **Greg Miller Group,** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Friday, Nov. 7

James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell, presents **Coastal Printmakers Show** – a theme show titled **Black, White, and Read All Over.** Each piece must reflect the theme of a favorite book of the artist or favorite type of book (biography, history, gardening, travel, etc.). Each artist will provide a brief text commenting on their choice of subject, including the title and author if it is a particular book rather than a type of book. Thirty artists will be participating in this show. Opening Friday, Nov. 7, – Dec. 1. www.jameslibrary.org 781-588-4281

The Front Street Art Gallery Invitational November Show will feature the artwork of long time Scituate resident, **Robert G. Beaulieu**, through Nov. 23. Artist reception rescheduled to Nov. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. The gallery located at 124 Front St., Scituate, which is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 5 p.m. The Gallery is closed on Monday. 781 545-6150.

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor will host author **Sheila Connolly** Nov 7 at 7 p.m. She will discuss/sign her mystery: **One Bad Apple**. Books will be for sale. For information, or to reserve a book, call Front Street Book Shop at 781-545-5011 or visit frontstreetbookshop.com.

Curtain Call Theatre in Braintree presents **Our Town: A Theatrical Slice of Americana** for two weekends, Nov. 7 and 8 at 8 p.m.; Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. and Nov. 13, 14, 15 at 8 p.m. Performances are at Curtain Call's intimate theater at 182 Commercial St., Braintree. Tickets to Our Town are priced at $17, general admission; $15, children, 12 and under and seniors 65+. Reservations: 781-356-5113. Directions and more show info: www.curtaincallbraintree.org.

No Stress Allowed Plans Women's Getaway, Friday, Nov. 7, through Sunday, Nov. 9, 2008, at Best Western Cold Spring, 188 Court St., Plymouth; includes two nights of deluxe accommodations, breakfast daily, one luncheon and dinner, daily yoga class, dance instruction, guided meditation, movie night, main workshop, additional workshops and time to relax. Information: e-mail Monique at mmf@soulworkscoaching.com or Deb at forferns@aol.com or contact Cheryl at sales@bwcoldspring.com, 508-746-2222 or visit http://book.bestwestern.com/packages/packageDetails.do.

Both the **Plymouth Philharmonic**, best known as " The Phil" and Norwell's **James Library and Center for the Arts**, "The James", offer high quality concerts. The party on Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. will feature wine tasting, light fare, live music and a chance to view the Coastal Printmakers' group show *Black, White & Read All Over* that opens that evening in The James's Art Gallery. The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell. Cost: $35 in advance; $40 at door. Information 508.746.8008, plymouthphil.org or 781-659-7100, jameslibrary.org

The Hull Lifesaving Museum will present its **11th annual Sea & Sky Art Show** All are invited to attend the Gala Opening on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. Gala Tickets: $20 members, $25 nonmembers. For information, contact Victoria Stevens at 781-925-5433.

Friday Night Practice Parties offered by **South Shore Dancers** at the First Parish Church Hall, 24 River St., from 8 to 11 p.m. in Norwell every Friday through June 12, 2009. Recorded music with printed program. Casual, friendly environment. Cost is $7. Information: call Tom at 781 659-4703 or visit SouthShoreDancers.org.



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The C Note, 159 Nantasket Ave., Hull, The Mighty HouseRockers Nov. 7, 9:30 p.m. $10. 781-925-4300. http://www.cnotehull.com

First Fridays-Open Mikes–Bear, from the Bear Bones Band will host the next open mike from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Nov 7. All acoustic musicians are welcome to come play in a new format which may have you playing all night. It will take place in the Mt Hope Improvement Society, the white schoolhouse building on Clapp Rd, Scituate. For information contact ctzaremba@gmail.com or 781-544-3122. This event will take place every first Friday of the month.

New England Singles Dance Nov. 7, 8 p.m. to midnight. Sheraton Braintree Hotel Grand Ballroom, Rte. I-93 at Exit 6 Adults of all ages. Casual dress. Hors d'oeuvres. Door prizes. Music from the 70s to the present and requests with New England's top DJ's. Admission $12. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Nov. 7, from 8:30 to midnight The Lantana, 43 Scanlon Dr, Randolph Exit 5A, Route 28 south off Route 128. se-4u.com 781-446-0234. For singles and couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Admittance is only $12 all night. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Nov. 7, **Mr. Band** 781-829-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Nov. 7, **Jason Smith** 781-849-7007.

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The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Nov. 7, **Racky Thomas Band.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue-

Saturday, Nov. 8

Auntie Goose A Puppet Show for preschool children ages 3-5 will be held Nov. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell. Seating is limited. Call 781-659-7100 for $5 tickets. Community sponsorship by First Parish Preschool of Norwell. www.jameslibrary.org

Denim 'n' Lace-Country Western theme dance will be held Nov. 8, at the Cushing Center on Route 123 in Norwell. A lesson will be provided at 7:30 p.m. with dancing from 8 to 11 pm. There will be a special performance by Lestyn Gilmore's "Dream Team". Tickets are $9 for members and $10 for nonmembers. Call Tom Osterland for reservations at 781 659-4703 or email him from our website: SouthShoreDancers.org.

Mexican Odyssey by artist **Marie Wilkes** is now showing in the Clemens Gallery in the Hingham Public Library. Her show runs through Dec. 4 and may be viewed during library hours.

Quit Smoking by joining Maria Parisi, RN, a certified smoking cessation educator, as she talks about the latest treatments that can help you kick the habit once and for all, including the smoking cessation program Nov. 8, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. in the Emerson Conference Room, at South Shore Hospital. The program is part of a monthly series of health education programs called "A Time Out" for Health Awareness. Free and open to the public and breakfast will be served. Register by calling 781-340-8272.



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The South Shore Conservatory Concert Series presents a concert by the Maestro Chamber Players at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Conservatory's Cox Hall in Hingham. The concert features Trio, Opus 32 by Lowell Liebermann, Four Songs by Richard Hundley and Violin Sonata by John Corigliano. The performers are conservatory faculty Stephen Deitz, Eugene Kaminsky, Eden MacAdam-Somer, Beth MacLeod, Patrick Owen, Regina Yung. A wine and cheese reception will follow the concert. Tickets are $20 for adults, $12 for children and free for SSC students. To purchase tickets visit http://www.sscmusic.org or call 781-749-7565 x10 or 781-934-2731 x10.

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NOVEMBER 6-14, 2008



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Curtain Call Theatre rehearsing the wedding scene from Thornton Wilder's "Our Town: A Theatrical Slice of Americana." From l to r: Greg Daniels as George; Toni Ruscio as his mother, Mrs. Gibbs; John Sawyer as the Stage Manager; Richard Carey as Mr. Webb and Allison Hough as his daughter, Emily. Performances Nov. 7 – 15, at the theater at 182 Commercial St., Braintree. Tickets: $17, general admission; $15, children, 12 and under and seniors 65+. Reservations: 781-356-5113. Directions and more show info: www.curtaincallbraintree.org 781-356-5113.

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The North River Theater presents **The O'Conner Sisters.** Performances are Nov. 8, at 8 p.m.; Nov. 14 and 15, at 8 p.m.; Nov. 21 and 22, at 8 p.m. and Nov. 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are $18 each and are on sale now. To reserve tickets, call 781-826-4878.The North River Theater is located at 513 River St., in Norwell. Theatergoers are welcome to bring snacks into the theater, drinks must be purchased at the bar. For information visit www.northrivertheater.com

North Weymouth Civic Association – Meat Raffle every Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Cathay Center Restaurant, 211 Bridge St., Route 3A, North Weymouth.

The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell presents There's A Monster In My Closet **on** Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 9 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $12. available at the box-office, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke Nov. 8, **Glass Town.** 781-829-6999.

Halifax Mobile Home Estates monthly dance Nov. 8, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at Henrich Hall. $10 per person. Entertainment provided by Dave Burbank and the DB Orchestra, formerly the Emmanons. Coffee and snacks and even have a singles table. Remember BYOB and bring ice. Any questions or for reservations call Dottie Martel at 781-754-0645 or Sally Burke at 781-754-0647.

Sunday, Nov. 9

Annual Antique Souvenir Show, Holiday Inn, Taunton located at exit 9 off route 495, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission $3.75. Information: 413-438-5998 or e-mail ctrle@comcast.net

Abigail Adams Historical Society, Annual Holiday Sale, Complimentary beverage and treats will be served. **Abigail Adams Birthplace Gift Shop** 180 Norton St., North Weymouth. Nov. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information, call 781-335-4205 or email aahs1947@yahoo.com.

The Theater of Relativity brings their Boston production of Silly Einstein I to Marshfield and the new Zone Theater at 822 Webster St at Webster Place under the big red Z. With Marshfield's own Larry Loveridge, plus Jason Taylor, Michele Markarian, and Leslie Boisset-Dell'Elce **Silly Einstein** is playing Sunday Nov 9 at 1 p.m. for a limited engagement. Tickets are $8 for kids $12 for adults. For reservations call 1-781-834-9161 x3 or email SillyEinstein@dancenfool.ws.

The Friends of the Scituate Town Library presents **Two Old Friends, Mac McHale and Emery Hutchins**, original founders of Northeast Winds, Nov. 9, at 2 p.m. A Two Old Friends performance gives you plaintive ballads and foot-stomping shout tunes, soaring mandolin solos, gospel sing-alongs and story-telling – something for everyone For information, or directions to the library, call 781-545-8727 or visit www.scituatetownlibrary.org.

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Monday, Nov. 10

Toscany: a family's impressions, interpretations and images: A family exhibit of photographs, acrylics, pastels and watercolor paintings by **Lynn, Rick and Dave Rizzotto,** will be presented in the Dolphin Gallery at the Hingham Public Library through Nov. 27.

College Recruiting 101 will be presented Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Silver Lake High School Auditorium for a fee of $5 per person. The National Collegiate Scouting Association is presenting "College Recruiting 101". This is a must-attend for those looking to compete at the collegiate level. Students-athletes and families can learn the myths and facts on recruiting, tips on how to get started and the importance of NCAA rules from one of the experts in the field, Joe Burns. For information and ticket purchases, contact the main office of SLRHS 781-585-3844.

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, has helped more than 9,700 South Shore residents start a new life over the past 20 years. New Beginnings meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Information: call Peggy Loud, 781-659-1857 or email Cheryl Pimental NBNorwellMA@aol.com

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. Nov. 10 **Free Texas Hold-Em with Northern Poker League** 781-829-6999.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

South Shore Ad Club's Making Headlines – How to Get Press Pull panel discussion with some of the area's leading media specialists on Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Asian C, 48 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham. Local media expert panelists include Ed Perry, WATD; Tom Luft, Fox-25 TV; Mark Olivieri, Community Newspapers; Greg Porell, South Shore Senior News; and Helen Graves, Women's Business Boston. Steve Dubin of PR Works will moderate the panel. The price of admission is $25 for non-members, $15 for members. Light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Copywriters, graphic designers, Web designers, ad agencies, PR agencies, photographers, printers, typesetters, corporate communications professionals, marketing professionals, printers, videographers and small businesses are welcome to attend. To RSVP, contact Colleen Jacobsen, Webster Printing Co., Inc., Hanson, Massachusetts at 781-447-5484 or e-mail colleen@websterprinting.com.

The Trustees of Reservations through our five-week **Autumn Family Outings program** on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Each week we will visit a different South Shore property and make new discoveries. Ages 2 to 5 years. Members: $40. Nonmembers: $55. To register, contact Katie at 781-740-4796.

A new ACC Grass Roots Cribbage club has started at the Middleboro Elks Club. Play is on Tuesday nights starting promptly at 7 p.m. It is recommended you arrive at 6:45 p.m. Enjoy playing and meeting new friends. Play and compete on a local level yet compete on a national basis. For information contact Ray Cook at 508-980-9443 or David Bowen at 508-224-2051 or visit www.cribbage.org. If interested in learning how to play Cribbage, classes will be hosted in the local area. For information on classes contact David Bowen at 508-224-2051. All ages are welcome to attend the classes.

La Leche League meeting on Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. at Mamas Move Wellness and Fitness Center, 45 Pond St., (Route 228), Norwell. The program will be "Baby Arrives: The Family & the Breastfed Baby. All mothers and mothers-to-be are welcome. Babies are welcome, too. Other LLL services include a lending library and 24-hour telephone help. For information, call Christie 781-740-7808, Kathleen 781-749-2404 Heather 781-544-9230.

South Shore Men of Harmony invite men of good character who love to sing but do not necessarily read music to come to a weekly meeting. The acapella barbershop chorus rehearses every Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 pm. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. Call Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-7464.

Island Grove Chorus, a women's acappella singing group, meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Abington. Call 781-848-5843 for information.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

South Shore Art Center instructor **Judy Rossman** of Scituate will be showcasing the work of her students at Home Center/Sotheby's Realty in Cohasset at Sotheby's, South Main St., Cohasset. Information 781-383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.



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Meet Eleanor Roosevelt - a solo performance by actress Elena Dodd on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 3 p.m. at The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell. Dodd presents a humorous and frank look at Roosevelt's struggles with public life and her journey toward personal fulfillment. Tickets $10 by calling 781-659-7100 and at the door. Visit www.JamesLibrary.org for more information.



Mt. Cheetah by Marilyn Reisberg

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Ray and his son Paul Ray of Rockland. Paintings in the exhibit include watercolors, oils, acrylics, pastels, oil pastels, and even an acrylic decorated with gold leaf. The second showing will include many artists who were not in the first group. It opens Nov. 15, with a reception to meet the artists, on Nov. 16 from 1 to 2 p.m. The exhibit continues through Nov. 30. For information and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384. You can preview many of the gallery's artists at www.dickinsonartgallery.com.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Satuit Camp 3188 will meet at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at the Grand Army Hall, 353 Country Way, Scituate.. Memberships and associate memberships available. New members welcome. Members do not have to be Scituate residents. Call or e-mail Conley Ford for information: cfordcon@comcast.net 781-545-0054.

The Front Street Art Gallery Invitational November Show will feature the art work of long time Scituate resident, **Robert G. Beaulieu**, until Nov. 23. The gallery located at 124 Front St., Scituate, which is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 5 p.m. The Gallery is closed on Monday. 781 545-6150.

The Paul Pratt Library and Buttonwood Books welcome **author Kathleen Kent** Nov. 12, 7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Kent is discussing her book, **The Heretic's Daughter.** Free event. Refreshments will be served. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, every Wednesday is **Country Music Night with DJ Pat Lally**. 781-829-6999.

Thursday, Nov 13

The South Shore Young Professionals will host their second networking event on Nov. 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the RooBar in Plymouth. The RooBar is located at 10 Cordage Park, Plymouth. Admission is $10 and includes appetizers. For information on the South Shore Young Professionals, visit southshoreyoungprofessionals.org.

November Book Club Meeting at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Nov 13, 6 to 8 p.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. November's fiction title: **Run by Ann Patchett.** Front Street Book Shop book group meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone welcome to attend. Each book is chosen by majority vote at the close of each meeting. Choices are in-print, paperback, and alternate between fiction and non-fiction. Free. For more info call 781-545-5011.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St. presents **Pastels By Ann Musto** An exhibit titled "Beauty in Places" featuring the pastel paintings of Cohasset artist Ann M. Musto may be seen at the Helen Bumpus Gallery in Duxbury during November and December. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. For information call 781-934-2721.

The Hingham Library and Buttonwood Books welcome award-winning **author Jennifer Haigh** on Nov. 13, 7 p.m. at the Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Haigh will discuss her new book, **The Condition**. Free event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

Friday, Nov. 14

The South Street Gallery, an upcoming exhibit will feature the works of an award-winning architectural illustrator **Frank M. Costantino** of Winthrop. The opening event will take place at the South Street Gallery from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 14. Refreshments will be served, and visitors will have a chance to meet the artist at that time. The exhibit will be on display until Thursday, Dec. 4,

The Braintree High School Theatre Guild presents ***Drood,*** a musical comedy, Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14, at 8 p.m., and Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Grabowsky Auditorium at Braintree High School. Tickets are $13 for the evening shows and $10 for the matinee. To purchase tickets, call Dwayne Dahlbeck at 781-848-4000 ext. 2283.

Players Sports Bar & Restaurant, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland. **Kick-Off Comedy Show,** Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m. The Comedy of Boston's Own: Steve Sweeney, other comics: include **Annette Pollack** and **Chris Trabulsie.** Host: **Tommy Dunham**. Tickets $25. For advance tickets 781-681-9999 or 781-843-4833 www.myspace.com/annettepollack or www.myspace.com/playersrockland

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Nov. 14, **Flip Top Head**.781-826-6999.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Nov. 14 8:30 to midnight Holiday Day Inn, (formerly the Radison Hotel) Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte.3. se-4u.com 781-446-0234. Dance music by award-winning DJ. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 9-10. Free door prizes, raffles, and additional MATCH game prizes. For singles & couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Admittance is only $12 all night. Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club USA.

StoryTime Nov. 14, at 10 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Join us as Sue reads age appropriate stories Friday mornings from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age, along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Wine tasting with wine consultant Kim Simone, complimentary of Ruby Wine Inc., from 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 14, at Euro Mart, 26 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 781-749-4406.



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A Puppet Show – Auntie Goose featuring Charlotte Anne Dore for preschool children ages 3 to 5 will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell. Seating is limited. Call 781-659-7100 for $5 tickets. www.jameslibrary.org

Reunions

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 – 30th reunion at The Salon at Tosca Nov. 15, 7 to 11 p.m. Information: Jennifer Lubrano Clayton at 781-749-6645 or Terry Dwyer Hurley at 781-749-2620.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1983 – 25th reunion, Nov 22, 7 p.m. at the Greatest Bar Boston (across from the Garden) e-mail for more info at bhsc1983@hotmail.com

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2003 – five-year reunion. Nov. 26, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the American Legion, Cohasset Harbor. Info contact Curt Kahn — curt.kahn@gmail.com

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 30th Reunion will be held on Nov. 28, at the Quincy Marriott, Quincy at 7 p.m. Tickets $55 per person. Contact Jill (Whitten) Coyle at 781-843-3275 or thejcoyles@verizon.net or visit www.braintreehigh.com and click on "1978."

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2003 – five-year reunion, Nov. 28, from 7 to 11 p.m. at HaNaBi on Plain St in Marshfield. $25 per person and guests are welcome. Includes: cash bar, appetizer buffet and band. E-mail marshfield2003@gmail.com with any questions.

NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1973 – 35th reunion, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Adams Inn, near the Neponset bridge. Prepayment of $45 per person. Checks payable to NQHS Reunion along with completed form to Jo-Ann Bragg, 74 East Elm Ave., Wollaston, MA 02170. Discounted room rate. E-mail Joannbragg@comcast.net for information.

WEYMOUTH NORTH HIGH Class of 1978 – 30th reunion, Nov. 28, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth Harbor For updated information go to classmates.com. RSVP Jen Palmer Morse at:Jmorse2@its.jnj.com

ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2003 – Fifth year reunion, Nov. 29, 8 p.m. at the Rattlesnake Bar & Grill, 2nd Floor, 384 Boylston St., Boston - Cost: $10 for AHS members, $20 for guests - AHSCLASS03@gmail.com, Nicole Paragona, Brendan Kelliher, Erin Smyth and Stacey Cobban.

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAMS GRAND REUNION for classes ending in three and eight, Nov.29 at 7 p.m. at the High School. E-mail TCahill@AWHS.org or call the Alumni Office at 781-535-6486.

BLUE HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1983 – 25th reunion, Nov. 29, at Lombardo's in Randolph, at 7 p.m. Add your information to www.bhr.1983.com searching for fellow classmates. Cost: $50 for one or $90 per couple. Checks made payable to the Class of 1983 should be mailed to Michelle DiTullio, 75 Foundry St. Unit 28, Easton, MA. 02375-Money must be received by Nov. 6.

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 – 20th reunion, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m., Papa-Razzi Loft, Hanover. $15 per person, $25 per couple, send checks to Scott Crowley by Nov. 15, 111 Hillside Drive, Hanover, MA 02339. Pay after the 15th or at the door $25 per person, $40 per couple. Info including the evite contact Joe Cristina, 508-523-8093 or joecri@comcast.net

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1998 – 10th reunion Nov. 28 at Felt in Boston starting at 8 p.m. The cost is $30. Go to www.hingham98.com to pay using paypal. To pay with check, send to Karen Bonner at 14 Malcolm St., Hingham, MA 02043. Make checks payable to Hingham High Class of 1998.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 – 20th reunion *Atlantica Restaurant,* Cohasset Harbor. Nov. 29, 7 to 11 p.m. Cost: $50 per person. Checks payable: to HHS Class of 1988.Mail to 66 Presidential Circle, Marshfield, MA 02050.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1993 – 15th reunion from 7 to 11 p.m., Nov. 29, at Black Rock Country Club. Those who have information on missing classmates or who have questions can email Kerri Mullen Kelleher at kamkelleher@msn.com

ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1987 – 20th reunion Nov. 29, from 7:30 to midnight. at the Holiday Inn, 195 Westgate Drive, Brockton. Cost per person is $45 and overnight rooms at the Holiday Inn are available. RSVP by Nov.15 to Beth Scherer, 495 Westgate Drive, Brockton, MA, 02301. E-mail *RHSClassof1987@gmail.com* with any questions, updated contact info, or information on missing classmates.

SLRHS CLASS OF 1988 – 20th reunion Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. Indian Pond Country Club, 60 Country Club Way, Kingston. $55 per person (hors devours, light dinner, DJ cash bar). Checks payable to "SLRHS Class of 1988" can be mailed to Andrea Kelly Donaruma, 46 Rockland St., Brockton, MA 02301. Reservations required.

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 – 20th reunion, Nov. 29, at Granite Links Golf Club At Quarry Hills, 100 Quarry Hills Drive, Quincy. www.weymouthsouth.com

THE PLYMOUTH-CARVER Class of 1985 –25th reunion. The reunion committee is actively searching for the addresses of classmates. Contact Linda Flattery at 508-747-5277, ext.230, or LFlattery@Hanover.com and leave your name and phone number/e-mail to update the class list and for more information about the event. Looking for all members and the committee wants to hear from you.

Send your reunion listings to ddinsmore@cnc.com or fax 781-837-4540 Attention Dorothy Dinsmore.





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To those of you who haven't yet been convinced the Mariner is the indispensable source for everything that is Cohasset, please accept this copy of the newspaper as a sample of what you're missing.

To those of you who are already subscribers, we thank you.

For those who don't subscribe to the Cohasset Mariner, but would like to, please see our advertisement on page 10.

Bon appétit! at the Red Lion



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Town Meeting is 7 p.m., Monday

By Nancy White
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While there is no one "big" issue topping off Monday's Special Town Meeting, in its own way each article will affect the town's finances and direction in the year to come — and some well beyond. This Monday, Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting will convene at the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium at 7p.m.

A total of 13 articles appear on the warrant, or agenda, for Special Town Meeting. The issues range from mid-fiscal year budget adjustments to improving the Jacob's Meadow culvert and several capital purchases.

"This is the beautiful thing about small town government, everyone has a voice to make the big decisions for the town," said Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr. "Those who are interested and want to be involved in the public process can come out and vote the way they feel."

Each article will be taken up one at a time, a motion will be made, and votes will typically be taken on a voice basis. Town Moderator Dan Evans once again will oversee the proceedings having the task to keep discussion on point and courteous.

Before the meeting can even get started, a quorum of 100 registered voters is required. Once a quorum is determined at the start of the meeting, it is assumed a quorum is present unless challenged. If challenged the number of voters will be counted, and if a quorum does not exist, the meeting will be adjourned.

Town officials are optimistic all the town's business could be completed in one night, if a quorum is reached and sustained.

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Painting the town

Art students paint new mural in village

By Nancy White
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You may not be able to see Cohasset Harbor from the village, but, thanks to a talented group of high school artists, pedestrians can now enjoy a water view.

Over the last month, Nina Berkowitz's Art Major class has created a mural on one of the walls in the pocket park between French Memories and Tedeschi's. Finished this week, the area now boasts a colorful and true-to-life painting of the view from Governor's Island, including the iconic Minot Light replica.

"We wanted to do something reminiscent of Cohasset," said CHS junior Austin Meyers. The class chose this particular scene from several photographs Berkowitz had taken around Cohasset. Their charge from Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, which owns the building, was to paint a traditional Cohasset scene, but not something that's been done time and time again.

To the students, a view of Cohasset Harbor with a single sailboat at a mooring and the Minot Light replica in the foreground was the winning choice.

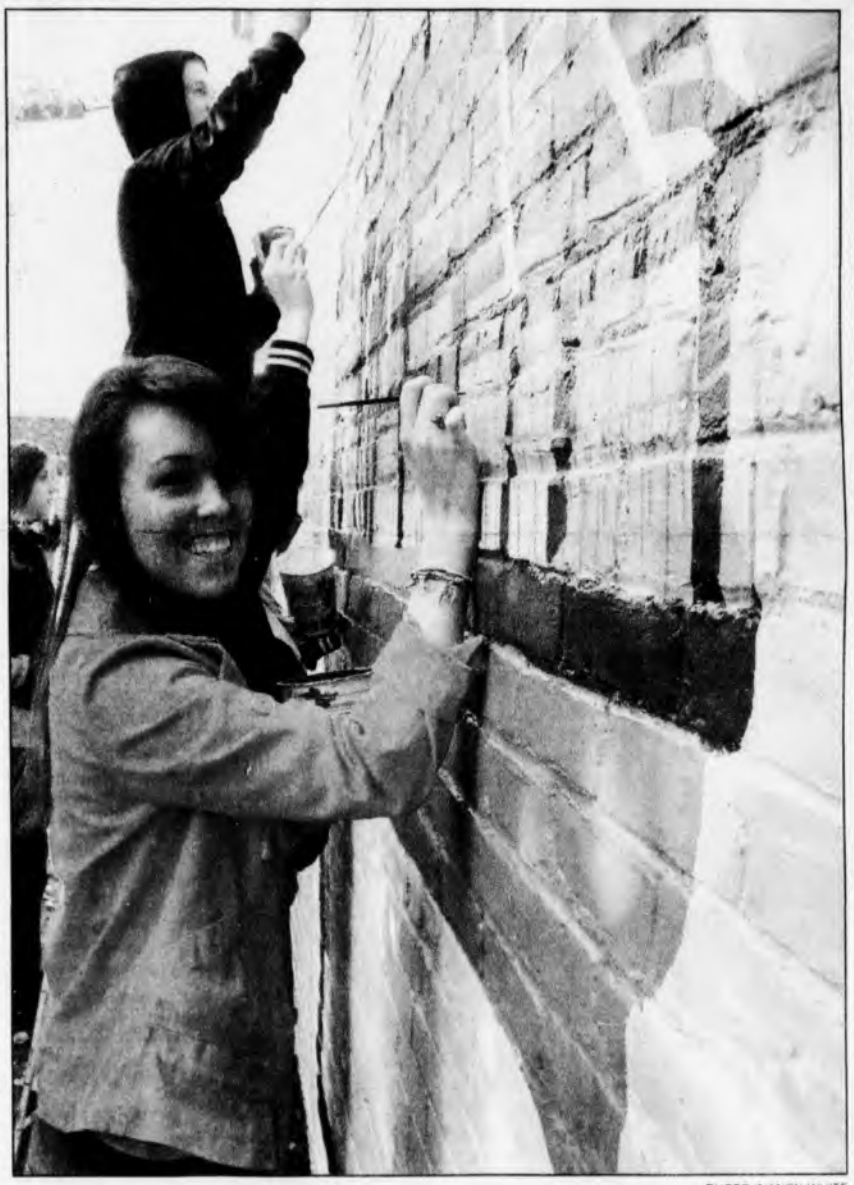
The wall has had a mural on it for many years with four small scenes from each season, but its age was beginning to show. Cohasset High students had done the original mural many years ago.

"The mural was in disrepair, crumbling and fading," said Elaine Breslow, President of the Cohasset Arts Boosters. The Arts Boosters covered the material cost associated with the project.

"This is the first time we've done something like this," said Berkowitz. In recent years, art students have done murals inside the school, but not one outside or of this size. "It's a big project and it's coming out better than we thought it would."

The 26-student class worked cooperatively during various

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Cohasset High senior Katie Sullivan puts some finishing touches on the Minot Light replica that appears in the mural.

Eatery styled on Durgin Park

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Before too long, Cohasset residents will have a new place to eat and drink. After close to a year after Pacini's Restaurant on Route 3A closed its doors, a new restaurant will take its place.

Blue Restaurant, an endeavor of Norwell resident Kevin Kelly Sr., received approval for its all-alcoholic liquor license from the Selectmen Monday night.

Kelly is a 30-year veteran in the restaurant industry. His most well known post was at the two Durgin Park

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Regional dispatch center proposed

Four-town service to be based in Hingham

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What if the town of Cohasset could provide better emergency service for the same or even less money?

Right now, four towns' police and fire chiefs and town officials are working together to come up with a plan to form a regional dispatch center to be based in Hingham.

With state grants available for this type of regionalization, Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Norwell have joined forces to consider what could be more efficient way to respond to emergency 9-1-1 calls. For close to a year, the chiefs and town officials have been analyzing the operation of each town's dispatch center and working through some of the many issues involved.

Selectmen heard a preliminary report from the regional dispatch center committee and supported the committee moving forward to apply for state grants.

Police and fire officials in all the towns are working alongside Blake Haskell, president of J.D. Hunter, Inc., a networking communication specialist to develop a preliminary proposal for the regional dispatch center.

The proposal would merge each of the town's dispatch centers into a single dispatch center. The Hingham dispatch center, with minor modifications, could accommodate the regional center. The dispatch center would be designed to accommodate up to six towns down the line.

"The fire, EMS and police personnel in the four-town service area will enjoy a greater level of safety," said Haskell, including an improved radio system, common database software, a common set of protocols for operations and increased information sharing across all agencies.

For the public, Haskell said 9-1-1 callers would see an improved level of service. Right now, the town's dispatch centers, particularly Cohasset that often has just one dispatcher on at a time, fall short of national standards in providing emergency medical dispatch service.

Emergency medical dispatch means the dispatcher stays on the line with the caller walking them through first aid steps or keeping the caller calm until emergency personnel arrives on the scene. Currently, the dispatcher is required to answer all the calls that come in and in the event of a car accident or other type of emergency witnessed by several people it is not unusual to get a dozen calls at one time making it difficult, if not impossible, to stay on the line with a caller while answering the calls and dispatching fire and police resources.

In the event a regional dispatch center is created, two or more dispatchers would be

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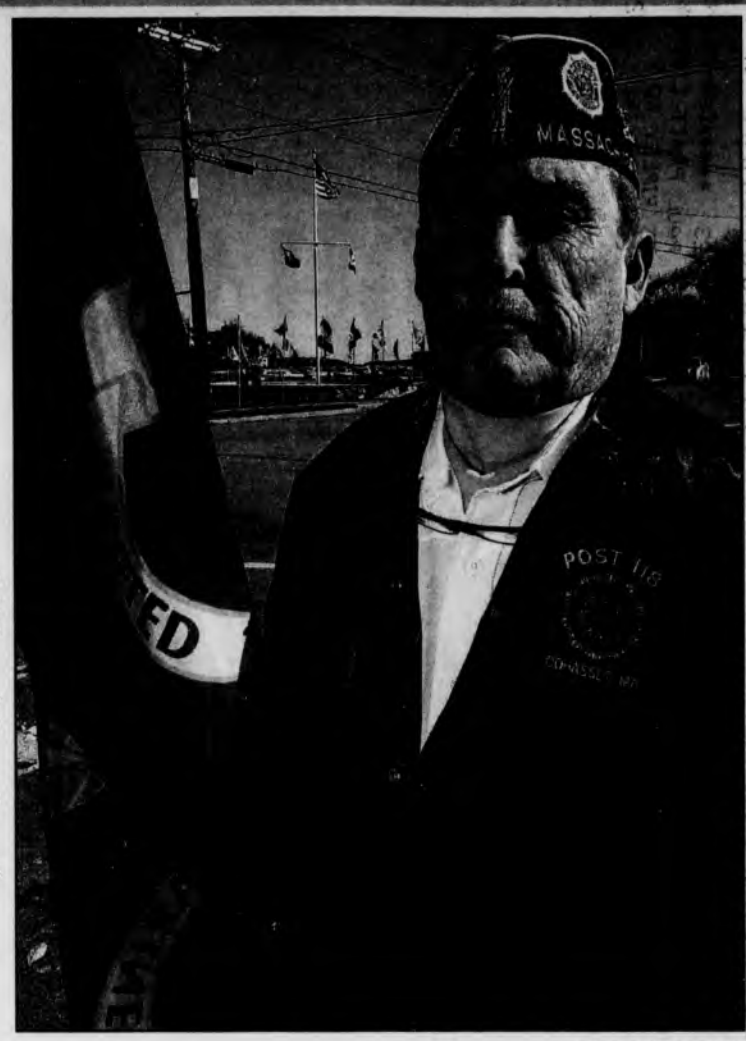
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Person you would most like to meet: JFK.

Biggest worry: Not being able to live in Cohasset for my whole life.

Best part of Cohasset: The harbor.



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The Mariner caught up with Joseph L. Dolan Jr. at the Veterans Day observances on Tuesday. Dolan is a retired Marine and member of the George H. Mealy Post 118. For more Veterans Day photos, see page 14.

BRIEFLY

Wind Turbine hearing postponed until Dec. 1

The Planning Board's continued public hearing on the proposed wind turbines at Graham Waste originally scheduled for Monday Oct. 27, has been postponed to Monday, Dec. 1.

This is the second time the applicant has asked for a postponement in order to gather information since the first public hearing in September.

As a procedural matter, the continued public hearing reconvened on Oct. 27 only to immediately be continued to Dec. 1. No discussion or information on the project took place on Oct. 27.

CCI Energy is proposing installing two turbines on the Graham Waste site off of Route 3A behind Hingham Lumber. The project calls for two 1.65-megawatt turbines each approximately 141-meters, or 462-feet, from ground to the top of the blade.

Sports writers wanted

The Cohasset Mariner is looking for students, parents and grandparents who might like to cover youth or high school sports as a community service.

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Please contact editor Mary Ford at: mford@cnc.com

All ages of sports writers are welcome. Access to a computer and email is a must.

Food pantry items

The Cohasset Food Pantry is need of the following items:

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Anyone wishing to make a food donation can drop it off at 9 Black Horse Lane on the front porch. The Food Pantry thanks you in advance for your continued generosity.

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Nov.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 13	10:32	10.9	11:11	9.5	4:16	-0.2	4:54	-1.4
Sunrise: 6:32 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:23 p.m.*			
Fri. 14	11:21	11.1	—	—	5:05	-0.3	5:44	-1.6
Sunrise: 6:33 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:22 p.m.*			
Sat. 15	12:03	9.5	12:12	11.1	5:56	-0.3	6:36	-1.5
Sunrise: 6:34 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:21 p.m.*			
Sun. 16	12:56	9.3	1:06	10.9	6:48	-0.1	7:30	-1.2
Sunrise: 6:35a.m.					*Sunset: 4:20 p.m.*			
Mon. 17	1:52	9.1	2:03	10.5	7:43	0.2	8:26	-0.8
Sunrise: 6:37 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:19 p.m.*			
Tues. 18	2:50	8.9	3:03	10.0	8:41	0.5	9:24	-0.4
Sunrise: 6:38 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:19 p.m.*			
Wed. 19	3:51	8.8	4:06	9.5	9:43	0.7	10:24	0.0
Sunrise: 6:39 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:18 p.m.*			
Thurs. 20	4:54	8.7	5:12	9.1	10:48	0.9	11:24	0.4
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Regional dispatch center proposed

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on duty at any given time so dispatchers can provide the emergency medical dispatch service in accordance with national standards.

Yet, the regionalization effort could face obstacles with the dispatchers' union as the regional center would not require the same amount of manpower. Other considerations include how the cost of the dispatch center would be divided between the four towns and the fact the Cohasset station would be unmanned during the overnight hours (typically, the dispatcher is the only one in the station during the overnight hours).

Town Manager Bill Griffin pointed out the regionalization effort could not only save the money in operational costs, but also in avoided capital expenditures. A $150,000 upgrade to the Cohasset dispatch center consoles is on the capital expenditure list for the next fiscal year. Each town has their own story about avoided expenses, for example in Norwell they are constructing a new police station and could avoid the cost of a dispatch center if a regional center is built.

What makes the proposal very enticing in the Selectmen's and town officials' opinion is the current availability of state grants for regional dispatch centers. From dispatcher training to technology upgrades to infrastructure improvements, it is anticipated roughly $420,000 in state grants are available on an annual basis with regionalization.

The current dispatch costs between the four towns is $1.4 million annually. Each year, the towns received approximately $107,000 in state grants annual, with regionalization that number could quadruple to $420,000.

Officials do not yet have an estimate on how much it will cost to construct the dispatch center and purchase the equipment. The target date for regional dispatch implementation is set for July 1, 2010 (at the start of fiscal 2011).

Intangible benefits to the regional dispatch center were enumerated as well. The mutual aid network would be strengthened and coordination of assets would be enhanced by a centralized communications center.

"If we can provide better service with the same amount of money I thought that would be good enough. With the state funding we might be able to provide better service for less money and at that point to us it becomes a no brainer," said Fire Chief Robert Silvia.

Silvia recognized this was only a baby step in the project and a complete feasibility study would be done before anything was finalized, "we do know we have a lot of work to do, but we just need to get started."

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer recognized there were a lot of details to be worked out.

"I could ask a 100 questions, but it would be a waste of time. You need to sort it out yourself," said Dormitzer, who supported the proposal in theory, but added, "the devil will be in the details on this one."

This is not the first time a cooperative effort to regionalize emergency services was attempted. In the early 1990s, Cohasset along with Scituate, Hingham, Hull and Norwell, got a grant for a $30,000 feasibility study for a regional fire and rescue services. Despite initial support from local politicians and emergency service personnel and the promise of cost savings, the effort never fully got off the ground.

Regional dispatch at a glance

- Towns to be served: Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell
- Number of residents in the four towns: 47,000
- Current cost of dispatch services across four towns: $1.4 million
- Current receipt of state grants across the towns: $107,000
- Possible state grants with regionalization: $420,000
- Target date for center implementation: July 1, 2010

POLICE BEAT

Watch out for deer, police warn

By Mary Ford
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Police warn that it is the mating season for deer so they are crossing Route 3A and other town roads more frequently. Over the past week there have been several deer/car accidents.

At 5:02 p.m. on Friday (Nov. 7) police received a 9-1-1 call from a 60-year-old Scituate man in a 2008 Mercedes SUV that had struck a deer on Route 3A near Red Fox Lane. The car sustained heavy damage but was able to be driven to the body shop, police said.

About 12 hours later at 7 a.m. a 46-year-old Scituate woman driving a 2004 Toyota Highlander reported that she had hit a deer. She was also able to drive to the body shop.

The State DPW picked up the deer in both the accidents.

At 5:56 p.m. on Saturday (Nov. 8) a cell phone caller reported he had hit a deer on Beechwood near Old Pasture Lane. The deer ran off and the driver did not stop but called to let police know about the mishap.

Lt. William Quigley said last year a police cruiser was involved in an accident with a deer that sidelined the cruiser for repairs. Police have installed "deer whistles" on the cruisers in an effort to prevent future accidents. He said wind travels through the devices and generates a sound the deer can hear. The devices were inexpensive, he said.

MV accidents

• At 2 p.m. on Monday (Nov. 3) a 67-year-old Hull woman driving a 2005 gray Jeep was involved in a rear-end accident on S. Main Street near the Depot Court intersection. She was backing out of a parking space when she was hit by a delivery van, police said. There were no injuries and neither vehicle was towed.

• At 9:03 a.m. on Thursday (Nov. 6) a 50-year-old Camden, Maine woman in a 2003 BMW exited Starbucks onto Route 3A, failed to yield to oncoming traffic, and hit a 2005 Ford pickup truck, operated by a 31-year-old Roslindale man, police said. The pickup was traveling north on Route 3A. There were no injuries and no tows, police said.

• At 12:50 p.m. on Thursday (Nov. 6) a 2002 Ford Windstar, operated by a 50-year-old Cohasset woman, was rear-ended by a 1999 Plymouth Voyager, driven by a 43-year-old Hull woman. Police said both cars were traveling north on Route 3A. The Hull woman pulled behind the Windstar that was waiting in the left-turning lane to Shaw's Plaza when the collision occurred. The Cohasset woman was transported to the hospital with what appeared to be minor injuries. Both vehicles were towed and the Hull woman was cited for following too closely.

• A 57-year-old Cohasset woman driving a 2006 BMW hit the traffic island at the King Street railroad crossing at abut 6:12 p.m. on Thursday (Nov. 6), damaging her car, police said. The MBTA was notified and the train was held while the crossing was cleared. The woman was cited for marked lanes violation. The BMW was towed. The woman was not injured.

• A 17-year-old Cohasset girl driving a 1989 Nissan Stanza was broadsided by a 1999 Jeep, operated by a 43-year-old Hull man, last Friday (Nov. 7) at 6:59 p.m., police said. The Nissan was exiting Leo's gas station onto Beechwood Street when the collision occurred. Police said, the Jeep was headed east on Beechwood and traveled through the intersection when it hit the girl's car. The operator of the jeep was cited for being unlicensed and is being summonsed to court. The owner of the Jeep is also being summonsed to court for allowing an unlicensed driver to operate his car.

OUI arrest

A 46-year-old Cohasset woman is facing drunk-driving charges after a traffic stop on Sunday (Nov. 9) at 12:55 a.m. The BMW was traveling north on South Main Street (toward Hingham) when an officer stopped the car for speeding and marked lanes violation. Police observed an open container of alcohol in the car. Further observations resulted in the woman being arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol. She was charged with OUI, negligent operation, having an open container of alcohol in the vehicle, speeding in violation of special regulation and marked lanes violation.

Learner's permit

The 18-year-old Scituate man driving a 1999 Ford Explorer is being summonsed to court for unlicensed operation after police stopped him for going through a red light at 3:17 p.m. on Sunday (Nov. 9) at Pond Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway. As it turned out the operator, who was the only one in the car, only had his learner's permit. He is being charged with unlicensed operation and failure to stop for a red light.

Erratic operation

• A 75-year-old Cohasset woman checked out OK after police responded to a report that she was driving erratically in the parking lot of a gym off Route 3A at around 4:15 p.m. on Monday (Nov. 3). Police said she had been a little distracted, but was fine and was waiting to pick her husband up at the gym.

• A 67-year-old Cohasset man also checked out OK after a caller reported him as driving erratically on Route 3A. Police found the car in Cohasset Plaza by Feng Shui restaurant and talked to the operator. The call came in at 6:30 p.m. on Monday (Nov. 3).

Hunting season

Callers over the past week reported hearing gunshots.

At 6:51 a.m. on Wednesday (Nov. 5), a Heather Drive resident heard two gunshots. Police checked the area and think the gunshots may have come from beyond Route 3A. Certain areas are open for hunting, which is handled by the state Environmental Police. It is illegal to discharge a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling, police said.

At 5:19 p.m. on Wednesday (Nov. 5), a caller from Doane Street reported hearing gunshots in the area. Police determined there was an event being held at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club at that time.

Charging turkey

A Cohasset woman called police at about 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday (Nov. 4) to report while she was walking to her car from her house a turkey charged at her sister in the driveway, knocking her to the ground and pecking at her.

The animal control officer was notified.

Police said it appears to be an isolated incident. Turkeys do not carry rabies.

Window smashed

Police responded to a call about the rear window to a resident's 2007 Honda Odyssey being smashed. They were unable to determine what was used to smash the window. No rock or projectile was found. The car owner was advised to contact his insurance company. The incident was reported at 8:52 a.m. on Wednesday (Nov. 5).

Dog complaints

• At the request of the animal control officer, police are logging complaints about a large, brown retriever mix that continues to wander around downtown without its owner. Several sightings were logged over the past week. When the animal control officer went to the residence where the dog lives, the resident refused to answer the door. The ACO will follow up about this ongoing problem, police said.

• A caller complained about a dog that charged at him as he was coming out of the woods on King Street at just past 4 p.m. on Thursday (Nov. 6). The caller just wanted the incident logged, police said. The caller did not provide a description of the dog.

• At 6 a.m. on Friday (Nov. 7) a woman, who lives near the common, complained to police about two golden retrievers. One of the dogs attempted to bite her. She said if she had not been wearing a leather coat, she would have been bitten. Police alerted the animal control officer about the incident.

• At 10:50 a.m., on Saturday (Nov. 8), police received a frantic call from an Ash Street resident reporting that a Weirmaraner who had escaped from a neighbor's electric fence had just killed a cat belonging to another neighbor. The cat owners put the cat in a blanket and rushed it to the animal hospital. The owners of the dog said they would cover any medical bills. Police said the cat was gravely injured in the attack.

• A caller told police that she and her husband were attacked by two huskies while they were horseback riding in Thayer-Whitney Woods. The report came in at 3:36 p.m. on Saturday (Nov. 8). The couple wanted the incident logged.

Lunch dates for veterans announced

All veterans are welcome to lunch at noon, on the third Wednesday of each month. Upcoming dates include Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. The purpose of the luncheons is to foster camaraderie and assist those in need.

Luncheons will take place at Hearth 'n Kettle, 151 Main St., Weymouth. Menu will include a choice of chicken, fish or steak tips with coffee or soft drink with refills. Cost is $16 and includes gratuity.

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Cohasset High School's Art Major class of 26 students and art teacher Nina Berkowitz stand by their mural on a chilly morning earlier this week. The mural is located in the pocket park between French Memories and Tedeschi's.

Painting the town

FROM PAINTING, PAGE 1

class times over the last month to complete the mural.

"They work well together, each day they take on different jobs," said Berkowitz.

The Art Major class is considered an upper level art class and it carries honors credit. Art Major students must have taken Introduction to Art and Intermediate Art as pre-requisites. The class is mixed with students from grades 10 through 12.

"We're making an impact on the town," said junior Mike Filby of the group project — and it is an impact that could last for quite awhile.

Junior Sebastian Braga said the class has faced challenges from the elements and art. Cold weather and rain have slowed down the painting process and the large surface area tested their artistic skills.

"We wanted to do something reminiscent of Cohasset."

— CHS junior Austin Meyers

"The proportions are the hardest to get right," said Sebastian.

"They are making a little bit of history and it is something that will be enjoyed by not only Cohasset residents, but also people who come to visit," said Breslow.

The project fits well with the Arts Boosters mission provide support for arts education at the Middle-High School.

"It's an opportunity for the students in a accelerated art class to go beyond the classroom. I think the students are excited and proud to have their work in the village," said Breslow.

Interest in turf field could draw numbers

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"If we get started at a reasonable time, I am confident we can complete in one night," said Town Manager Bill Griffin. "I think the turf field may help us with the quorum, though it is the last article on the warrant."

There are several articles asking voters to support costly, but town officials say necessary projects, which may get conversation flowing on the floor of town meeting. There is a request for $270,000 to repair a retaining wall on Jerusalem Road. Then there is a $450,000 request to reconstruct and improve the culvert at Jacob's Meadow, which could have some positive effects on the recurring flooding issues in the meadow. Lastly, voters will be asked their collective opinion on whether a synthetic turf field at the high school to the tune of $500,000 in town funds (the cost will be matched by private fundraising) is something they want to do.

The Board of Selectmen is recommending the approval of each of the articles appearing on the town warrant.

Article 1 would amend the fiscal 2008 operating budget. The town is proposing two amendments to the budget previously approved at the Annual Town Meeting in March.

First, the town is asking for a $20,000 increase in the unemployment budget line item due to unexpected increases.

Second, they are asking for a decrease in the exempt dept budget by $506,187 due to refinancing of the school bond issue and receipt of lump sum state grant payment. The net reduction in exempt debt is $20,887.

Union contracts and other salary adjustments are requested in **Article 2**. The article requests funding for those fiscal 2009 cost items contained in collective bargaining agreements between the Town and unions representing the library employees, clerical employees, and civilian dispatchers, and for a cost of living adjustment for non-union and contract employees. The funds necessary for these adjustments were set aside when the Fiscal 2009 balanced budget was presented to the annual town meeting. However, settlements have not yet been reached with the three remaining unions, Town Meeting will be asked to transfer the remainder of the collective bargaining set aside to the Town Manager's budget for future allocation by Town Meeting once those contracts are settled.

Next up, the Capital Budget Committee will present its recommendations for capital purchases. This year, they received roughly $2.5 million in capital requests from various departments. In **Article 3**, a total of $264,000, some to be paid out over the next several years through lease-to-buy financing, is recommended. An ambulance ($160,000), a fire command vehicle ($30,000) and a marked police cruiser ($29,000) will be wrapped into a lease-to-buy program and paid out in installments over a five-year period. A total of $10,000 is requested for the library's public computer, $25,000 for a fire defibrillator and $10,000 for a Jaws of Life power unit for the fire department.

For **Article 4**, Town Meeting will be asked to consider several Community Preservation funding requests. The Community Preservation Committee has narrowed down the projects to the following: $15,000 for the engineering to overhaul the pond on Cohasset Common, and $25,000 for a town-wide open space and recreation plan. The Community Preservation has supported a dollar for dollar match up to $15,000 for the installation of a septic system for the Beechwood ball field, but applicant Glenn Pratt withdrew his application because he didn't think raising $15,000 for the project was feasible.

Article 5 is multi-faceted. Approval of the article will allow the Water Department to abandon one easements, one on Nichols Road that is no longer needed. In the warrant sent to home two weeks ago, the abandonment of an easement located off 100 Pleasant Street is also requested; however, due to neighborhood concerns, that portion of the article has been withdrawn.

Passage of **Article 6** will begin the process to place a Conservation Restriction on 313 acres of land, in the Brass Kettle Brook Conservation Area located in the Lily Pond watershed. The Water Commission and the town own the land. The article will authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Water Commissioners to petition the Legislature to pass a Special Act authorizing them to impose a Conservation Restriction on this land restricting its use to conservation, open space, and water protection purposes. Eventually, the town will grant the conservation restriction to the Trustees of Reservations.

Article 7 is the first of several substantial spending articles. The article seeks the authority to bond $270,000 to reinforce and otherwise improve and existing retaining wall along Jerusalem Road. During the course of the Little Harbor water and sewer project, a portion of the wall collapsed. The collapsed portion was repaired by the sewer project contractor to equal or better condition; however, the road still does not meet current design standards. The requested appropriation will provide reinforcing of the wall and allow some offsetting of traffic to address these pre-existing deficiencies. A guardrail and walkway are also included in the design. The $270,000 appropriation will bring the wall and the rode up to current design standards.

The restoration and renovation of the old portion of Town Hall will be discussed in **Article 8**. The purpose of this article is to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any gifts, grants, tax credits or other sources of money to offset the cost of the proposed project.

For the past year, the Alternative Energy Committee has worked with an energy consultant to investigate alternative energy options for the town, pursue grant funding, promote clean energy alternatives within the community, **Article 9** would provide funding ($10,000) to keep the consultant on for another year.

Article 10 is a housekeeping items to correct typographical and/or grammatical errors that have appeared in the most recently approved zoning bylaw amendments. No significant alterations changing the substance or meaning of the bylaws are part of the article.

The purpose of **Article 11** is to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant an easement to National Grid to install a gas line from Highland Avenue along the Town Hall parking lot to service a residential property owned by St. Stephen's Church.

Article 12 seeks authority from Town Meeting to bond $450,000 to reconstruct and upgrade the open culvert and tide gates at the Jacobs Meadow culvert at the American Legion Post. According to town engineer Mark Brennan, the current culvert is in extreme disrepair and in danger of collapse. The project will restore the project to proper condition and install an automated sluice gate, both measures will provide additional flushing of Jacob's Meadow during storm events.

The final article (**Article 13**) is a citizen's petition seeking Town Meeting approval to borrow funds for a portion of the proposed synthetic turf field project at the Clark Chatterton Athletic Complex. The article seeks authority to bond $500,000 for the field. Proponents of the turf field say the majority of the amount borrowed could be repaid from offsets, maintenance savings and revenue from the local youth programs. Numbers drawn up by town finance director Mike Buckley supports this assertion. Additional funding, approximately $500,000 will be provided by private and corporate donations. If installed, proponents of the turf field say it will triple the utilization of the current field. Alumni Field is used two to three times per week and is primarily for varsity games only. A new turf field can be used every day by multiple teams, school and recreation programs and clubs.

New restaurant in Pacini's space

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locations in Faneuil Hall and Copley Place. Describing the feel of the future restaurant as traditional New England, Kelly will look to the example he knows best — Durgin Park.

He plans to serve "good old American food," offering baked beans and franks and corn beef and cabbage as examples. He will welcome families and plans to serve quality food at reasonable prices.

"Quality costs money, so the prices will vary," said Kelly.

Kelly, who is buying the entire building from the current owner, plans to open as close to the New Year as possible.

"Basically, the restaurant is not in bad condition the way it is," said Kelly. "We want to spruce it up, paint it and make it more New England-like."

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— Kevin Kelly Sr., Blue Restaurant

After KoKo Island vacated the space, Acapulco's, a Mexican restaurant, completely renovated the space and Dunkin Donuts opened its doors. When Pacini's opened in 2007, it was again renovated for a more Italian look. Dunkin Donuts will remain next door when Blue Restaurant opens.

Kelly has a long association with the South Shore having summered in Scituate in the 1950s and currently residing in Norwell. He recalled eating at the Ground Round, which occupied the restaurant space before it became KoKo Island. Kelly said the location has been a restaurant for about 60 years through many reincarnations.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer commented the location has been three different restaurants in just over three years, "that location has been difficult, how are you going to make it a success?"

Kelly said he hopes to use his knowledge of the area to his advantage and provide quality food that he knows will appeal to people in the area.

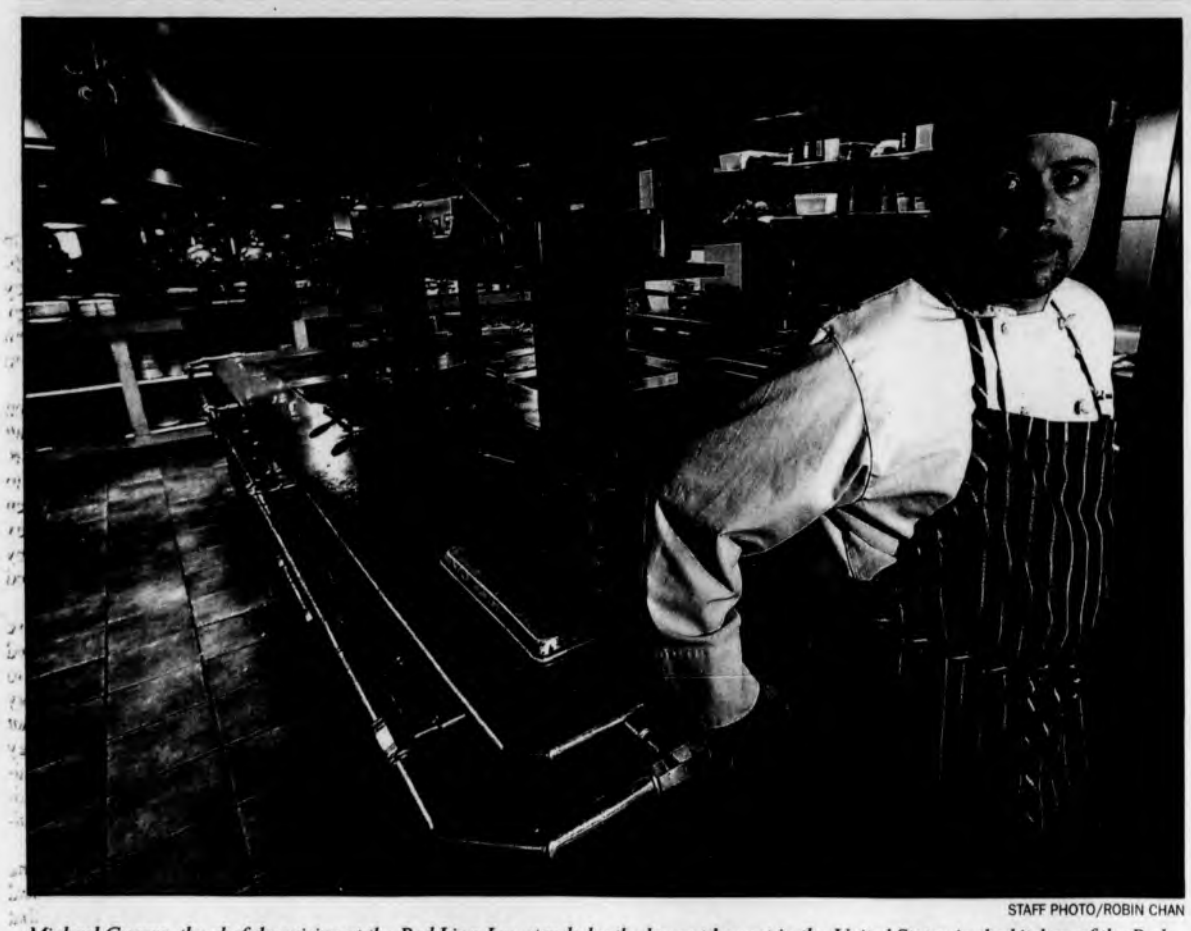
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Michael Guerra, the chef de cuisine at the Red Lion Inn, stands by the largest bonnet in the United States in the kitchen of the Red Lion Inn. The specialties at the Red Lion Inn are the French Onion Soup, steak frites, and confit. He works in the kitchen during lunchtime from Thursday to Sunday and at dinner, Thursday through Monday and on Wednesday evening.

Bonjour, Brasserie Zapp!

Red Lion heralds French-inspired menu

By Nancy White
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Since 1704, the Red Lion Inn has been a meeting place, a resting place, a drinking place and an eating place. Over the last 304 years there have been many changes around it and within it, but those activities at the heart and soul of the inn have rarely wavered.

In that spirit, the Red Lion Inn is undergoing another change, this time to its restaurant. Brasserie Zapp has opened with a French inspired menu in a casual dining atmosphere. With an expanded six-day a week schedule and lunch Thursday through Sunday, Brasserie Zapp is ready for customers.

Red Lion Inn owner Gerd Ordelheide was inspired to created his own brasserie after dining at one of the most well-known brasseries, Brasserie Lipp in Paris. A brasserie, literally translated, is a restaurant that serves alcohol and food. He decided to take the concept and apply it to the Red Lion Inn's restaurant and pub.

To help him with his vision, he hired executive chef Patrick Quillec, a native Frenchman, and head chef Michael Guerra. Quillec, a 30-year veteran of the restaurant industry, said the move to brasserie sets the Red Lion apart from other local restaurants.

"It's a smart thing for him (Ordelheide) because there are hardly any French restaurants in the area," said Quillec. The casual dining French menu he expects will appeal to both locals and destination diners.

Like any business venture, the ultimate goal of the restaurant re-tool is to generate more revenue. Right now upwards of 80 percent of the inn's revenue comes from weddings and functions, said Ordelheide.

The new dinner menu includes classic French dishes like coq au vin, bouillabaisse and duck a L'Orange. Complementing the daily dinner menu will be seafood and fish specials driven by what the local fishermen are catching, said Quillec.

"It's going to be a beautiful place," said Quillec.

Head chef Michael Guerra will see to the daily operation of Brasserie Zapp, who envisions the restaurant as a neighborhood place to gather, just like it was in 1704.

"Brasserie food by definition is the French equivalent of an American diner—a bubbling atmosphere, good food and fun. Once people get past the French words, they'll realize the food is just a piece of steak with a little butter on top," said Guerra.

He draws inspiration from the inn itself—the wraparound porch is the ideal place for "the biggest clambake Cohasset has ever seen", the original bread oven could make delicious flatbread pizzas.

"Brasserie food by definition is the French equivalent of an American diner — a bubbling atmosphere, good food and fun."
— Michael Guerra, head chef

Guerra's ultimate aim is to make the Brasserie Zapp experience a fun one for all ages. He hopes kids will be adventurous in their menu choices, "when kids come in and order mussels or trout, I love that. A 10-year-old eating a bowl of mussels, to me, that's what food is all about."

One initiative close to Guerra's heart is creating a menu with product sourced within 100 miles of the Red Lion. He has plans to grow his own garden on the inn's grounds, get seafood and fish locally, and buy exclusively from Holly Hill Farms in the summer. He will buy fresh meats and hand cut them himself.

"I think that's part of the inn atmosphere," said Guerra. "Food is only as good as the product used to make it."

However, there is one thing he's not going to compromise on—-his frites (French fries to most Americans) will also be cooked in duck fat.

"It's a very big part of French cooking," said Guerra.

When asked what is his favorite menu items to prepare, he can't list just one.

First, it's the onion soup—made from scratch—"if you come in for the onion soup, you'll never leave, it's just perfect."

Next, it's the a dessert made with cream puff dough piled with vanilla ice cream and covered in hot chocolate sauce. "That's one I enjoy making and enjoy watching people eat."

Then, he names the quiche—"that's pretty good too."

Brasserie Zapp will be open six days a week for dinner (closed Tuesdays) and open for lunch Thursday through Sundays. For more information, visit www.redlion-inn1704.com or call 781-383-1704.

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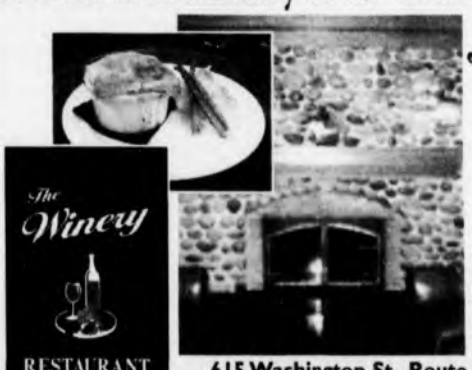
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Gabriel Sean Sweeney arrived on Halloween!

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Gabriel Sean Sweeney can look forward to a ton of Halloween-themed birthday parties!

NEW ARRIVAL

We have a new little guy in our world that we want to talk about. Welcome to **Gabriel Sean Sweeney** who was born on Oct. 31, 2008 at South Shore Hospital weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces. His proud parents are **Erin (McAllister) and Sean Sweeney**. Gabriel's excited and proud grandparents are **Donald and Jaye McAllister** of Cohasset and **Eugene and Dianne Sweeney** of New Jersey. His cousins all think he has the best birthday ever — he'll get presents and can trick or treat!

HOLIDAY SEASON

Hello Cohasset. How is everyone doing? I cannot believe it but the holidays have started with great enthusiasm and events that are being talked about around town. Make sure to keep in touch with the Mariner every week to learn about all of the wonderful events, fairs and so much more that is happening. I am going to kick off the column with some information about a show that is happening starting tonight.

GODSPELL

Godspell is here in town! You don't want to miss this timeless telling of the Gospel according to St. Matthew brought to life for the first time on the Cohasset Dramatic Club stage! The memorable tale is presented through both parables and great music, and includes a string of well-loved songs led by the international hit "Day By Day." Drawing from various theatrical traditions such as clowning, pantomime, charades, and vaudeville, "Godspell" is a groundbreaking and unique reflection of the life of Jesus with a message of kindness, tolerance and love.

Show Dates: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 16 & 23 at 2 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at Paperscapes, Cohasset, Buttonwood Books and by calling the ticket reservation line at 617-697-2115. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Group ticket rates are available for groups of 10 or more at a cost of $12 per ticket. Please contact Lisa Pratt at 617-852-0091 for group ticket information.

I am so looking forward to seeing this show and hope that so many of you will join us here at the Town Hall.

HOLIDAY FUN

Here is some news about a Holiday Class happening on Monday, Dec. 29th from 10 am to 2 pm for boys and girls ages 4-10. The cost for this is $42 for members, $45 for non and there is a $5 discount for each sibling. This is happening at the South Shore Community Center here in town. Come join Ruthann and her staff for a fun-filled day of gymnastics, sports, games, bowling, face painting, crafts and much, much more! Bring a peanut free lunch and snack. Classes are limited so sign up today! Call 781-383-0088 to register or come by SSCC at 3 North Main St.

OUR WORLD

As many of you are probably already planning out the holidays and how to fit everything in to get ready, why not think about one or many of the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museums Creative Nites or Shop Till You Drop programs to put the kiddos into while you are out? There are nites scheduled this Saturday, Nov 15th, Friday, Nov 21st, Shopping Day, Sunday, Nov 23rd, Fri, Dec 5th, Shopping Day, Sunday, Dec 7th and many more. The hours for the nites are from 5:30-9:30 pm and are a different theme and activity each time. The Shopping Days are from 11-5 and you can choose the amount of time you would like. For more information, send an email to info@ourworldcgdm.org or call 781-383-3198.

WALK THE LINE

South Shore Art Center's national Drawing show will be the back-drop for a fundraiser entitled "Walk the Line" a casual and fun evening of music, food and art. This event is tomorrow night, Saturday, Nov.15th at 7:30 pm. With a nod to country-legend Johnny Cash, the evening will feature country and popular music by musician Chuck McDermott and friends, fun finger-foods, cash bar and a participatory art project. Guests will be given a drawing implement to add their touch to an evolving 12-feet x 6-feet work of art. Get your cowboy boots out, wear your jeans, relax and have fun—all to benefit the art education and exhibition programs of South Shore Art Center. The event is $45 for Art Center members; $55 for non-members and includes complimentary drink ticket, hors d'oeuvres, great music, door prizes and your chance to contribute to a work of art! For reservations or more information, contact the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or festival@ssac.org.

CMI MEETING

The Cohasset Maritime Institute (CMI), will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 9 a.m. at 40 Parker AvenAve.Maritime Institute is dedicated to the preservation of Cohasset's maritime history and the promotion of ocean rowing for Middle and High School students and adults. All Cohasset Maritime Institute members and the community are invited to attend the CMI Annual Meeting. Following the Annual Meeting, volunteers are needed and welcome to assist in the clean out of the CMI boathouse in preparation for its' renovation. Please visit the CMI website, rowcmi.com, for more information or call Lisa Hewitt Dick (781.383.0204) or Susan Galligan (781.383.0765).

That is all for this week. Make sure to send in all news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm in one of the following manners.

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'In keeping with the theme of youth'

AAUW

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It's become clearer over time that both organizations promote personal growth, advocate for girls/women, and provide to their communities.

What do you get when 17 girls run through the woods on an early spring night with nets, buckets, and flashlights? Need another clue? What would you call a gang of girls scrambling up rocks, while hiking a trail, yelling loudly, and carrying on like crazed monkeys? Are you getting closer to an answer? Ok, last hint: What would you say if you saw a group of girls rolling old tires out of a field, while others drag heavy stuffed trash bags across the frozen ground on a grey bitterly cold winter day, while laughing, chatting, and of course, running whenever possible?

If you answered a school field trip gone seriously awry, you'd be wrong. If you answered a yet unknown but locally produced reality TV series, "Survivor — South Shore — The Preteen Challenge", you'd also be wrong. You may think you've stumbled across the latest fad in girls' birthday parties, "The Out Door Bash" party, but that's not it either. However, if you guessed a Girl Scout Troop, you are right! And for your astute observation, you've won a free Girl Scout cookie pitch delivered right to your front door!

I've been solidly in the middle of all the above mentioned action because I am a Girl Scout leader of this adventuresome bunch of fifth graders. This is my sixth year of being a leader, which is five more years than I thought I'd be doing. I remember back to our first year as a Daisy troop. We would meet once a month for an hour after kindergarten. Some of them would be choking back sobs, wondering when their mothers would be coming. Now they want to know when we're going to London. Our last meeting, the one that involves the crazed monkey reference, was a hike to the weather observatory at the top of the Great Blue Hill. There were no questions about mothers coming, but there were questions about what do you have to do to become a meteorologist, and how hard is calculus. Being a Girl Scout leader is work, but it's been wonderful to see these girls grow into confident, energetic, and curious young women.

Girl Scouting is full of fun activities and field trips, but it's also an exposure to new ideas and hands-on learning that schools don't have time for. All of the badges that scouts can earn relate to learning to be a good friend, community service and involvement, science, leadership, art and music, and appreciation for the outdoors.

When I first became involved in AAUW, I felt a link to Girl Scouts, although I couldn't articulate what it was. It's become clearer over time that both organizations promote personal growth, advocate for girls/women, and provide to their communities. Girl Scouts provides the base, while AAUW follows young women into adulthood and career. I feel privileged to be a member of both organizations. And while I'm at it, I'll make the shameless pitch to encourage you to support these organizations through your membership, or donation. (AAUW doesn't sell cookies, because let's face it, a bunch of women coming to your door selling Thin Mints just doesn't have the charm of cute little Girl Scout Brownies standing at your threshold.)

Although I do feel strong similarities between the two organizations, I've yet to hear of an AAUW camping trip, complete with s'mores, and campfire songs. Perhaps I'll suggest it.

As a mother of a fifth grader, and Girl Scout, excellence in public education is a priority. This month in keeping with the theme of youth, the Hingham Area Branch of AAUW is sponsoring Michele Norman, Director of Strategic Planning and Collaboration from the Massachusetts Office of Education, on Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at Hingham High School. She will present the Commonwealth's Readiness Project, the Patrick Administration Plan for the future of education in Massachusetts. This plan is the result of nine months of study by a group of educators, experts and stakeholders in Massachusetts education. Ms. Norman will give an overview of the plan and then open up the meeting to questions from the audience. This meeting is free and open to the public.

Like all organizations that have a primary volunteer base, becoming involved either as a Girl Scout volunteer or a member of AAUW, is the way to keep these organizations alive and giving back to the community. I invite you to join us!

Holders of associate's or bachelor's degrees who live in the South Shore towns from Plymouth to Quincy are welcome to join the Hingham Area Branch. To learn more about AAUW, call Patricia McKay at 781-337-3375, or email;

:hollie@gallivan.org. Visit the branch web site at aauw-ma.org and follow the links to the Hingham Branch.

Gwen Sayian is a Hingham resident and member of AAUW.

'What is That?' program Wednesday

The Cohasset Historical Society will present the last of its Fall Wednesday Lecture series on Nov. 19th with a program called "What is That?"

The society will bring items to the meeting and ask the audience to guess what it is and what it was used for. The society will also offer some objects that stimulate the memory by showing a comparison between its old version and the new and modern incarnation.

Attendees are invited to bring household items, tools or what-have-you and participate in this evening that's 'just-for-fun', nostalgic and educational as well. The program will start at 7:30 in the Pratt Building at 109 South Main Street. There is no charge and light refreshment will be served.

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Cohasset native part of Endeavour team

Astronaut readies for today's launch

By Jill Michaels
CORRESPONDENT

When space shuttle *Endeavour* launches on STS-126, Cohasset native Steve Bowen will become NASA's first 'supermariner.'

Capt. Bowen, 44, was serving as a Navy submariner when he got the call eight years ago that he had been selected for NASA's astronaut program. He and his wife Deborah changed course to Houston in order to accommodate his new tour.

STS-126 is currently scheduled for liftoff today (Friday, Nov. 14) at 7:55 p.m. EST.

After the space mission's preflight crew conference last Monday in Houston, Bowen revealed that about 100 people plan to attend his shuttle launch at "the other Cape," eastern Florida's Cape Canaveral.

The analogy of a submarine and the ISS (International Space Station) cruising through the black ocean of space was not lost on astronaut Don Pettit, a former space station resident who is now one of the seven STS-126 crewmembers. During last week's conference, the scientifically charged Pettit introduced Bowen as "a Navy officer used to going into a can."

STS-126 will prepare the ISS for a rotating crew of six, starting next spring, for continued long-duration flights on the orbiting outpost. *Endeavour* will deliver a new galley, a water recycling system, an additional toilet, more sleeping quarters and exercise equipment. NASA describes this mission as "extreme home improvements."

The STS-126 and ISS Expedition 18 astronauts and cosmonauts will mark a significant milestone during their flight — the 10th anniversary of the ISS. Russia launched the station's first component on Nov. 20, 1998.

Also on the books for this shuttle crew are four spacewalks, or EVAs, to service the rotary joints of the station's solar arrays, allowing the panels to track the sun and generate operating power. Bowen will participate in the first, third and fourth spacewalks during flight days 5, 9 and 11. He will take turns working outside the ISS with fellow astronauts Heide Stefanyshyn-Piper and Shane Kimbrough.

Said Chris Ferguson, the commander of the STS-126 mission: "Steve is a very competent and highly-tasked guy. He has three EVAs, and he is leading one. That was Heide's call, and I concurred."

Piper flew with Ferguson two years ago on STS-115. A Navy diver herself, she said regarding Bowen: "Steve gets the ultimate dive. Spacewalking is really similar to diving. You wear protective gear and a helmet. It's like being in your own bubble."

By coincidence, Piper and Bowen are both alumni of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "It makes it easy to work together," she said.

Bowen comes from a family of six children, two girls and four boys. "I was the third of four boys. I was the fifth of six. My sister still lives in Cohasset. Two of my brothers and my other sister live in Hanover. My parents live on the Cape. My other brother moved to Belfast, Northern Ireland."



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Attired in a training version of the Extravehicular Mobility Unit (EMU) spacesuit, astronaut Stephen G. Bowen, STS-126 mission specialist, awaits the start of a training session in the waters of the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory (NBL) near NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Grinning widely, he added: "They keep me humble. There is a certain level of sarcasm in Boston."

"I still consider Cohasset my hometown. There's still that reassuring quality you get when you go back home."

NASA permits astronauts to fly a few personal items aboard the shuttle. What got packed inside the STS-126 astronauts' flight kits?

Ferguson quipped: "I'm bringing Don Pettit."

Bowen made a confession. "I'm not very big on souvenirs. Most of the things I will fly are actually for other people."

So what figurative items would he like to bring with him on the shuttle on behalf of his hometown neighbors?

Bowen said he would take some weather from Cohasset. "I'd like the weather to be cooler than it is in Houston. I miss the changing of the seasons."

How has his past duties underwater influenced his view of his current job on orbit? Bowen related an anecdote to illustrate.

"After we first came here, to Houston, NASA took the astronaut spouses on a tour of Building 9, inside the space station mockup. The wives were looking around and saying 'wow.' Then my wife walked in, looked around and said: 'Steve will be so happy. He's never had this much space in his life.' "

Shuttle crewmates often get to know each other very well during the months leading up to their space mission. STS-126 pilot Eric Boe warmly described Bowen as "a very good friend of mine. We were in the same astronaut class. He is a very down-to-earth guy. He's looking forward to his EVAs."

Bowen graduated from Cohasset High School in 1982. He reminisced about some of his teachers and ice hockey coaches: Mr. Deacon, Mr. Lavine and Mr. Walsh. Still a fan of the sport, Bowen taught all three of his children how to skate.

After attending high school and the U.S. Naval Academy, Bowen participated in the MIT/WHOI joint program in ocean engineering. He eventually qualified for command of nuclear powered submarines. It was then that NASA diverted him into the pipeline to eventually fly in space.

Even so, Bowen cannot escape the comparison of a submarine to the ISS. Might that even shape his future as a NASA 'supermariner'?

Without presuming to be a prophet, astronaut Kimbrough — Bowen's final spacewalk partner on STS-126 — offered his personal observations. "As a submariner, Steve is familiar with an environment closer to space. He is the perfect person to operate in a station environment."

"He is an excellent candidate for an ISS mission."

(STS-126 is the space shuttle mission to the International Space Station [ISS] which will be flown by Space Shuttle Endeavour)

"I still consider Cohasset my hometown. There's still that reassuring quality you get when you go back home."
— Steve Bowen



Attired in a training version of his shuttle launch and entry suit, astronaut Stephen G. Bowen, STS-126 mission specialist, awaits the start of a training session in the Space Vehicle Mockup Facility at Johnson Space Center.



Astronaut Steve Bowen, STS-126 mission specialist, dons a training version of his shuttle launch and entry suit in preparation for a training session in the Space Vehicle Mock-up Facility at NASA's Johnson Space Center. United Space Alliance suit technician Fred Utley assisted Bowen.

About Steve Bowen

- Born Feb. 13, 1964 in Cohasset. Married Deborah Alden, they have three children.
- Graduated from Cohasset High School in 1982; BS Electrical Engineering, US Naval Academy, 1986; Degree of Ocean Engineering, MIT, 1993.
- First submarine officer selected by NASA in July 2000 as a mission specialist.
- Assigned to the crew of the STS-126. Endeavour will carry a reusable logistics module that will hold supplies and equipment essential to sustain a crew of six on the International Space Station, including additional crew quarters, a regenerative life support system and a Resistive Exercise Device (RED).

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Melinda Wojcieszak of Cohasset and Wendy Ferullo have opened Bloom, a fine lingerie boutique, on Water Street in Hingham.

'We have lingerie for every woman'

Cohasset woman co-owner of new Hingham boutique

By Liz Fuller
CORRESPONDENT

Melinda Wojcieszak and Wendy Ferullo, owners of Bloom, a high-end lingerie boutique located at 61 Water St., saw their dream come to fruition as the pair opened the doors to their new boutique. Wojcieszak, a massage therapist at The Bodywork Center and a Cohasset resident, felt that opening the lingerie shop next door to the center would complement each business.

"I thought it would be very compatible," she said. "The clients that we have at Bodyworks could be the same clients for the boutique. I thought it would be a perfect fit."

Ferullo, who previously worked in the financial industry and in event planning, had always wanted to open her own store and was intrigued by Wojcieszak's idea to open the boutique. "When Melinda brought this idea to me, we just did it," she said.

Carrying designer brands such as Wacoal, Hanro, Le Mystère, Chantelle, and others, Wojcieszak and Ferullo feel that their collections are likely to appeal to sophisticated and discerning customers. Wojcieszak compared their stock to Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom's, and Saks Fifth Avenue.

"We want the store to be a destination," she said. "Our philosophy is to be more event-based and have fun. We want to create excitement." The boutique will also host events for bridal showers, bachelorette parties, and girls' night out.

While Victoria's Secret is located at The Derby Street Shoppes, Wojcieszak doesn't see the chain store as competition.

"Victoria's Secret has a very narrow market," she said. "We have lingerie for every woman."

Co-owner Ferullo agreed. "The level of service we offer, you can't get there."

Wojcieszak explained that Bloom offers fit specialists that can help customers to ensure a proper fit for foundation wear. "We can also special order items, as well." While the majority of their merchandise is directed toward adults, there is also a teen section in the boutique. Wojcieszak said it is intended as a way for mothers and daughters to shop together and have some family time.

Wojcieszak explained that the name for the store also has family ties of sorts. As a former florist, she said, "My floral design company was named Design In Bloom. My husband's nickname for me is also Bloom. The name has been in the family so to speak. More importantly, there are many associations with flowers and a woman's beauty throughout history and poetry. We envision that our lingerie will bring a woman's beauty into full bloom and believe the blossom of great romance starts with Bloom Lingerie."

For more about the new shop or to speak to Wojcieszak or Ferullo, call 781-749-0063 or by email: melinda@bloomlingerieboutique.com.

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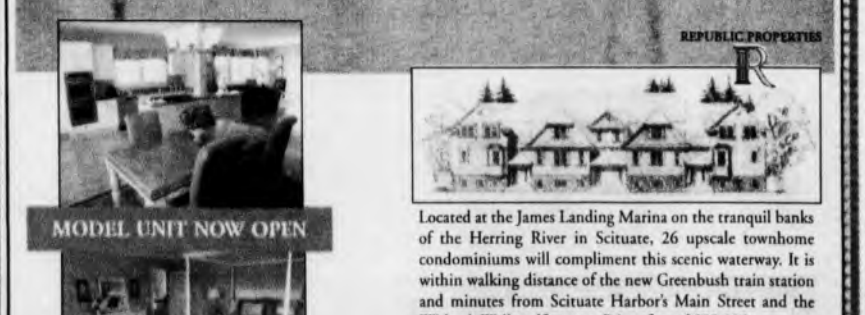
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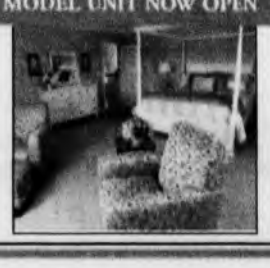
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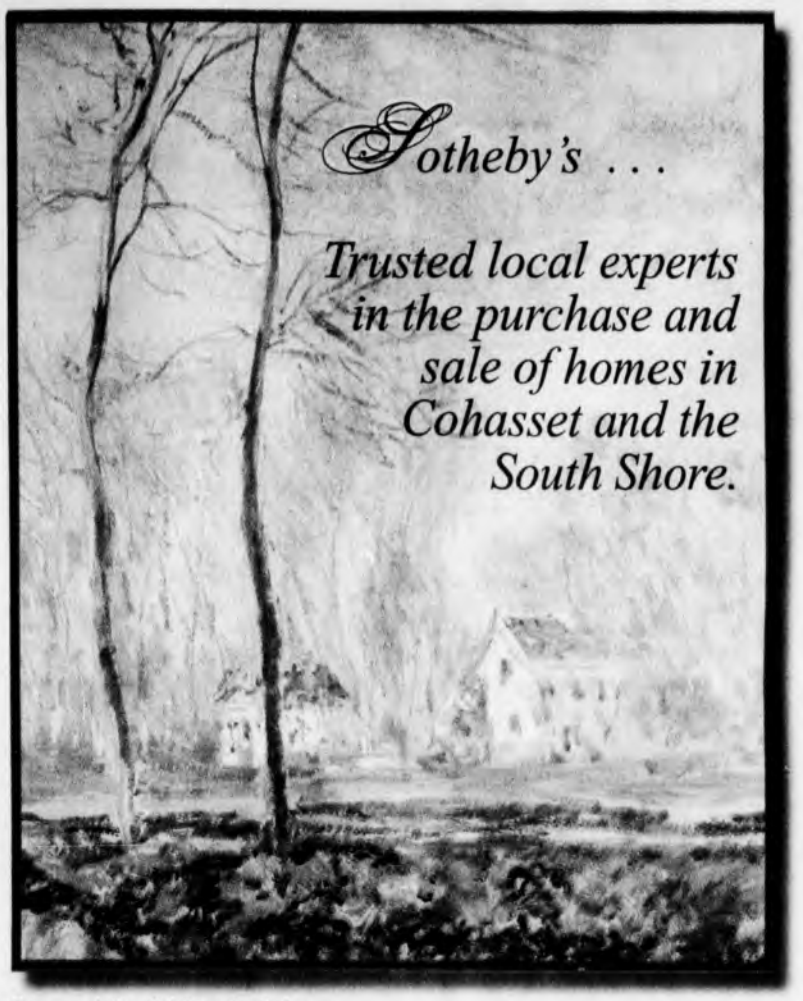
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Filling a void

Five businesses open on Depot Court

By Nancy White
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For nearly two years there has been an empty space in the Village, a missing link to connect the Main Street shops with the Ripley Road and Pleasant Street businesses.

This month all that changed.

Built from the ground up, the new building, now open, at 15 Depot Court houses five businesses and one apartment. The 7,000 square foot building with a farmer's porch and varying rooflines is the first new construction in the village in recent memory.

The area has been under construction for the better part of a year and building owner Sean Cunning is optimistic the building's completion will draw more of a crowd to a changing portion of Cohasset Village. Over the last year, several businesses have moved out or re-located along Ripley Road and the James Brook Crossing shops. Connecting all the corners of the village was one of the main goals of village bylaw revisions passed at last year's Special Town Meeting.

"We're thrilled to be open," said Cunning sitting in his new office space earlier this week. Cunning has moved his business, Sullivan, Garrity & Donnelly Insurance Agency, to the first floor of the building. He intended to open in September, but delays in construction pushed back the opening date.

With the exception of Cunning, all the new businesses are woman-owned. Next door to SG&D Insurance is the Focus Gallery, a photography gallery, which has moved from its smaller location on Ripley Road. Also on the first floor is Pink Tulip, a women's clothing boutique. Upstairs is Balance Studio, a classical pilates and yoga studio, as well as Mariposa, which does massage and body therapy.

"There's really good synergy in the building," said Cindy Doody, owner of Mariposa Massage and Body Therapy. "It's a lot of positive energy and the feeling we're all in the same boat."

Cunning agrees, "there's a good camaraderie among the businesses."

The small business owners plan to refer customers to the other businesses and generally work together to ensure success for each other.

Their first effort is to host an open house party today, Friday, Nov. 14 from 6 to 9p.m. with appetizers, drinks and music.

"My hope is the community will support these businesses even in the tough economy. When you're buying locally you're keeping your money in the town," said Cunning. "So far, the response from the town has been great."

While over the summer there was a lot of commercial business musical chairs, so to speak, many of the vacancies have been filled and the "for lease" signs have dwindled. The Depot Court building has left two vacancies in the village — SG&D's former office space tucked off South Main Street and the Focus Gallery's original location on Ripley Road.

Cunning has already has inquires on his former office and expects it to be filled soon.

The building is fully handicap accessible, with the exception of an elevator (which is on order). A ramp currently gives access to first floor shops. The building is 100 percent sprinkled, a good thing given the building's proximity to other village business, said Cunning. There are 10 new parking spaces in the front and side of the building allowing easy in and out access.

The building, formerly owned by Richard Brown for over 25 years and home to Dramatic Kitchens and Sunroom Conservatories, Ltd., suffered a two-alarm fire in February 2007. The fire, water and smoke damage were too much and subsequently, the building was torn down and plans approved for a new building in 2007.

Cunning purchased the partially complete building from Brown this past May and finished the work on the site. Wrapped into construction was the removal of about 700 cubic yard of contaminated soil left over from when the site was a gas station many years ago.

Although Cunning owns the building SG&D Insurance Agency currently occupies, this is his first foray into construction and admits the experience has been a learning curve.

"I was a hands-on owner," said Cunning, who was often seen painting or checking up on work during the course of construction. Cunning made a point to hire local contractors to work on the site.



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Say hello to the new store owners at 15 Depot Court, From left are: is Sandi Schipul, sales associate of Pink Tulip; Cindy Vallino, The Focus Gallery; Christine Nagle, The Pink Tulip; Shannon Lynch, Balance Studio; Kelli Lynch, The Balance Studio; Kerry O'Keefe and Sean C. Cunning, Sullivan, Garrity and Donnelly Insurance Group Inc. Missing from the photo is Mariposa Muscular Therapist, owner Cindy Doody.

Balance Studio

When Kellie Lynch heard about the new building going up at Depot Court following the fire, she knew it was the perfect location for her pilates and yoga business.

"There's just something about the village," said Lynch, a 17-year resident of Cohasset. "The village really speaks to me, I love what the other business owners are doing and love the camaraderie of the village."

Lynch has a full and encompassing fitness schedule that caters to all skill levels, fitness goals and work out style.

Balance Studio, which is located on the second floor of the building, offers instruction in classical pilates, offered in a class environment and on a individual basis. There are four classical tower reformers, chairs and barrel equipment.

"It's really fun and works the whole body," said Lynch.

Lynch and her sister, Shannon Lynch, who both teach pilates are sticklers when it comes to correct form, "we're all about safety, alignment and position…it's so easy to get hurt (if you don't learn form correctly)."

In a separate room, there is the yoga studio featuring a variety of classes including, hot vinyasa flow yoga, gentle yoga, meditation and classical pilates mat classes.

Balance Studio is also offering teen yoga classes as well as children's yoga. Most of her business is drop-in and 10-class passes are available.

Lynch designed the Balance Studio to be a place of retreat for her clients, "the goal was when people come up here they are in a haven."

More than the décor, Lynch strives everyday to create a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment for her clients.

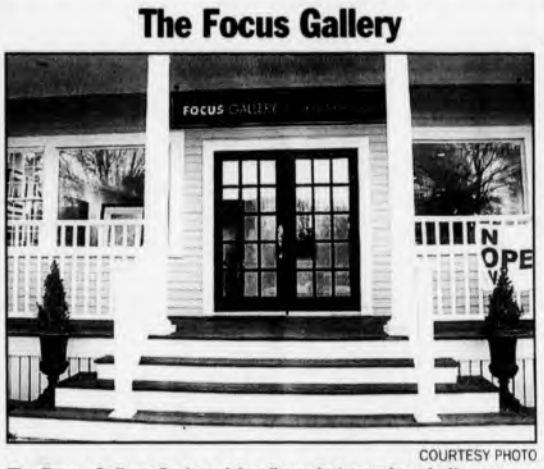
Balance Studio has classes seven days a week, see www.balancestudiocohasset.com for a complete schedule. For more information, call 339-337-3660.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Balance Studio owner Kellie Lynch demonstrates one of the many exercises she teaches to her classical pilates students. Balance Studio offers private and group classes in yoga and classical pilates

The Focus Gallery



COURTESY PHOTO

The Focus Gallery displays 14 gallery photographers in its new location on Depot Court. Owner and photographer Cindy Vallino will change up the look of the gallery on a regular basis.

Twice the size of her original location across the street on Ripley Road, Focus Gallery owner Cindy Vallino has expanded the number of gallery photographers from 10 to 14. Among her newest gallery artists are Onne van der Wal of Newport, Rhode Island who is a renowned nautical photographer and Cary Wolinsky of Norwell, who has traveled the world shooting photos for National Geographic.

"Already there's not enough wall space," Vallino quipped. She hopes to change up the look of the gallery on a regular basis so there is always something fresh on the walls. A gallery devoted just to photography is unusual and she draws clients from all over the South Shore. She has tried to keep her gallery artists local so most are from the surrounding area.

With the bright and airy space that includes a small kitchen, bathroom and storage, she plans to host more events and teach photo workshops. Vallino also does corporate and business art consultation.

"The community really supported us (through our first two years in town) and we wanted to stick around," said Vallino. "Here we have a lot more visibility and it's fun having like minded artistic people in the building."

To find out more about Focus Gallery, visit www.thefocusgallery.com or call 781-383-0663. The gallery will be open seven days a week from 10a.m. to 5p.m. An opening party with the gallery artists will be held on Friday, December 5.

SG&D Insurance Agency

Sean Cunning, who also owns the 15 Depot Court building, has moved his business, Sullivan, Garrity & Donnelly Insurance Agency, to a roomier and more visible office space on the first floor. Formerly located in a small space tucked off Main Street, Cunning is hoping the move will bring more walk-in traffic and show Cohasset his commitment both to his business and the town.

"We're here for the long haul, we're not going anywhere," said Cunning, who opened the Cohasset office of SG&D insurance in 2003. "We've grown beyond our expectation and forecast."

A fourth generation family-run business, SG&D Insurance Agency, has five other locations, four in Worcester and one in Chatham. Home, auto, boat and commercial insurance are among the services available.

One of the company's niche markets is insuring large coastal homes, which Cunning said is a complicated business and many insurance carriers won't insure the homes. "We've saved a lot of sales," said Cunning.

Local golf courses like Cohasset Golf Club and Black Rock Country Club in Hingham are insured by SG&D. Many buildings in the village, including his own Depot Court building, are insured with SG&D.

"With a new family in town, we can do everything and put their mind at ease," said Cunning.

Pink Tulip

"Classic with a distinctly modern twist" is how Pink Tulip owner Christine Nagle describes the style of her women's clothing and accessories store.

Her first fashion venture, Nagle said the idea for a women's shop came evolved out of her love for fashion and clothes. After selling the high tech business she helped found in 2004, she had been mulling over the idea of her own shop.

A Scituate resident, she looked at several possible locations including Hingham's Derby Street Shoppes. Then, as she was dropping off her kids at the South Shore Art Center and looked across the street at the Depot Court building construction. She noticed she wasn't the only woman in the area, there were mothers picking up kids at the nursery school and, like her, dropping kids off at the Art Center. Almost immediately, she inquired about a space and the rest is history.

One of the most important elements for Nagle was to ensure the store offered a fun and organized shopping experience. She has organized the clothes into categories—out and about for everyday wear, going out for special occasions and working out for those hours at the gym.

"It's merchandise you can't find anywhere else," said Nagle. One of her favorite lines is Yoana Baraschi, who designs eveningwear. There is also handmade jewelry made by Hilary Repa, a local artisan, and handbags by G's Glory.

To further enhance the shopping experience, Nagle has small information cards about the designers and interesting items around the shop.

For more information about Pink Tulip,stop by the store, visit www.pinktulip.com, or call 781-210-9584.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

The newest option for women's clothing in the village is Pink Tulip. Owner Christine Nagle handpicked all the handbags, clothing, jewelry and accessories found in the shop.

Mariposa

Mariposa means butterfly in Spanish and Cindy Doody chose it as the name of her massage and body therapy business because of the word's symbolism for her. Butterflies representing new beginnings and tranquil transformations, which is what she hopes her clients will leave feeling.

"I hope people will see massage as a necessity not a luxury," said Doody, a licensed massage therapist and Scituate resident.

Mariposa shares the second floor of the building with Balance Studio and Doody said the two businesses are a great complement, "we're both treating the mind, body-spirit connection."

A variety of massages are available and can be customized to fit every client's needs. Swedish massage, muscle therapy/deep tissue massage, hot stone therapy massage, reflexology, reiki, pre-natal massage and even oncology massage are all available. Along with Doody, Caleena Morrissey, a graduate of Cortiva Institute in Watertown specializes in swedish, deep tissue, and pregnancy massage.

"Our massages are so much more than a spa massage," said Doody, they look at the physical, medical, and structure of the body.

To enhance her focus on the clients and create a serene atmosphere, Mariposa does not have a receptionist and the majority of booking Doody hopes will be done online.

"I think it empowers people to make their own schedule," said Doody.

Another vital piece of Mariposa is its emphasis on environmental consciousness. Doody chose all sustainable products for her suite: renewable bamboo flooring, non-VOC paint, organic cotton sheets, green cleaning products.

"It's all part of our philosophy," said Doody.

For more information on Mariposa or to book an appointment, visit www.mariposabody.com or call 339-337-3635.



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Mariposa massage and body therapy owner Cindy Doody readies one of her two rooms for her next client. Services include Swedish massage, muscle therapy/deep tissue massage, hot stone therapy massage, reflexology, reiki, pre-natal massage and even oncology massage.



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Sean Cunning, owner of 15 Depot Court, stands in front of his new building that is now the home of a variety of businesses.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

'Proud my son's a soldier'

Eddie is six years old, and he wants to join the Army when he grows up.

Sitting in her sunny living room, his mother squares back her shoulders.

"I'll be proud if Eddie becomes a soldier. We need soldiers," she said.

We need soldiers.

We need freedom fighters, homeland protectors, and peacekeepers.

We need men and women who value our country above self.

Veterans Day is set aside across the nation so we can show how deeply we value our military men and women of yesteryear and today.

We should never forget these men and women who fought, who still fight, to grant us the divine gift of freedom.

Our freedom is sacred.

So is the life of each of our freedom fighters.

Since the birth of our country, they have been our defenders.

Veterans Day had its origin in Armistice Day, commemorating the end of Word War I. In 1954, Armistice Day officially became Veterans Day.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the United States signed the peace treaty that ended the bloodshed of World War I. Contemporaries saw the First World War as The Great War, the war to make the world safe for democracy. Yet the battle for freedom continues in 2008 as fiercely as in 1914.

Taps have sounded for the brave doughboys of World War I.

This is now the 11th hour of our World War II veterans.

As we honor our men and women who served in Korea, Vietnam, the Mid East and other venues around the world, we should especially cherish our World War II veterans; each year, their ranks grow thinner.

Many of us recall the "The Last Leaf" by Oliver Wendell Holmes, a heart-touching poem about what it is like to be the last leaf on the tree, the last of a generation.

This is the 11th hour of the greatest generation, a generation that faced hostilities on a battlefield that stretched over the globe, in a war that threatened the survival of democracy. Many paid the supreme sacrifice to win the right for us to remain free. The memories of this horrendous conflict remain vivid to our veterans, even after more than six decades have passed.

Does Veterans Day still mean as much to us as to our servicemen and women who put self aside to serve their country in World War II?

We cannot let the hardships our veterans have endured and the lessons of bravery and dedication they taught the world fade into just words on the pages of a history book.

Let us honor all our veterans with a special heartfelt gratitude to our World War II warriors.

Let us honor them while we can, before the last leaf falls from the tree and drifts away into the heavens.

As their days fade away, their prayer is for the good of all the young men and women who follow in their tradition.

Don't allow this to be the 11th hour of their hope for their brothers and sisters who, inspired by their heroism, donned a uniform.

Just as we honor the sacrifices of our veterans, we should honor their well-being when they come back to the States. After their many sacrifices on the battlefield, they should not have to sacrifice their health, their education, their homes, and their peace of mind. Our military should see our gratitude to them expressed in our actions, as well as our words.

Today little Eddie is moving his plastic infantry of toy soldiers across the living room floor. One day he may be a commander of real soldiers. He is the veteran of tomorrow.

This Nov. 11, he stood on the sidewalk and cheered for his heroes, and surely his heart swelled with pride as the crowd around him also cheered.

On Veterans Day, we remember and revere the fallen.

And we honor the living.

Not just for one day of speeches and flag-waving, but with our ongoing concern and care.

Let's make Eddie even prouder he wants to be a soldier.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m.,
Board of Health, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.
Harbor Committee, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.
Housing Partnership, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees, Nov. 18, 7 p.m. at the library.
Planning Board, Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting, 6 p.m. at the high school.
Selectmen, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m., Nov. 17 at 6 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Nov. 25, 6 p.m.
School Committee, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at the high school.
Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 17, Special Town Meeting at the high school.
Special Town Meeting, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. at the high school
Troika, Nov. 18, 19, & 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Water Commission, Nov. 15 at 10 a.m. and Nov. 24 at 6 p.m. at the King Street Plant. Special Town Meeting, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. at the high school.
ZBA, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions. The Special Town Meeting gets under way at 7 p.m., Nov. 17 at Cohasset High School.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many thanks!

TO THE EDITOR:

The Executive Board of the Cohasset PSO (Parent School Organization) would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the Music Circus for their 2008 Grant. Through their continued support the Music Circus will enable the PSO to offer high quality Curriculum Enrichment Programs and outstanding parent driven specialty events. When our students win, we all win!

Thank you Music Circus!

Franchesca Arnold,
for the PSO

'Forgive Us Our Trespasses'

TO THE EDITOR:

Further to Mr. Antico's letter in last week's Mariner concerning public funding for the Treat's Pond project, I offer the following observations.

In recent weeks I have shot hoops in the Our World playground, dribbled a soccer ball on Alumni Field and walked the entire length of Forest Avenue along the sidewalk. At no time was I accosted by an angry landowner threatening me with prosecution for trespass, and no police officer showed up at my house.

Chris Evans
36 Sohier St.

Impact of turbines, a real concern

TO THE EDITOR:

What about the community?

When it comes to the wind farm debate, our primary concern as residents of Cohasset should be to look out for the well being of our neighbors. The two Graham Waste wind turbines will stand as high as Boston skyscrapers over residential neighborhoods to the North and East, and force many to live with two hulking, noisy turbines so as to accommodate the plans of a single private developer.

To date, there is no agreement for the town to receive any benefit other than the nominal tax receipt that any business in that zone would produce. We have all worked hard to afford to live in a town like Cohasset with the safety, peace and tranquility it brings, so why are we trading that away for nothing? Are we just going to accept the developer's claims that the residents in the impact area would not experience nearly constant noise and noxious flicker?

I have spoken with an unbiased industry analyst who assures me that noise and flicker are a material fact, which can have very negative implications for surrounding areas. Lower property values are a common-sense reality that would provide an unjustified blow to a number of our residents and also provide a lower tax base for the town. I am absolutely pro-wind, but we need to be much more at the front end of understanding how these huge structures will impact the residents who will be forced to live with them. It's not nearly as simple as pointing to Hull and then accepting a developer's partial analysis as empirical evidence. Both of the proposed turbines are 65 percent larger than the larger Hull II turbine and will be placed together. Hull placed their much smaller turbines miles apart which mitigates the noise and flicker on any one area. Years of impact data have been gathered worldwide since Hull broke ground and now even Hull is no longer building land based turbines.

I just can't understand the big rush to construct the two largest wind turbines in all of New England close to multiple neighborhoods without truly understanding what their impact will be.

John Mullaly
23 Cedar St

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Key to wind turbines is placement

COMMENTARY

MELISSA SCHORR

As a nearby resident, I was disturbed to read the Alternative Energy Committee's recent commentary (Oct. 24, 2008) on the proposed wind turbine project in Cohasset. While attempting to assuage concerns about the project, it was highly dismissive about the possible decreased quality of life effects on residents who live, work or attend elementary school near the turbines.

From what I understand, these include a constant, low-frequency thumping noise and a pervasive strobe-like "flicker" effect caused by shadows cast by the blades. I found the suggestion that residents should simply "close their shades" every afternoon to avoid shadows flashing throughout their homes half the year to be a less than helpful solution.

In addition, the comment that the committee could find "no peer review and published reports" on health effects of living too close to these turbines was a little disingenuous. As a longtime health journalist and a MIT Knight Science Journalism Fellow, a few minutes of simple research produced the fact that there have been reports by physicians here and abroad documenting the deleterious effect on residents who live and work in close proximity to these turbines. Those may include sleep disruptions, headaches, stress and loss of concentration.

For example, Swedish researchers studying those living near wind turbines reported findings on an increase in sleep impairments in the 2007 *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*, and a decrease in well-being in the 2004 *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*.

Additionally, there is a long body of research on the health effects of noise emissions. Several studies, including one in the 2005 *Lancet*, looked at schoolchildren's exposure to increased noise (in this case caused by airplanes) and found it linked to impaired reading com-

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Nighttime work along the tracks

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

An Interesting Greenbush Tidbit – Last week after our deadline had passed for this column, we received a call from the Greenbush project notifying us that they would be replacing some underground wiring alongside the tracks from Pond Street to Sohier Street. The wiring that they will be replacing includes both power wiring and signal wiring. It is interesting to note that when they originally placed this wiring we asked why they direct-buried the wires rather than place it in conduit underground. Well, it turns out that's exactly what they are going to do this time around; bury the cables in conduit, which will provide physical protection for the wires. From what we hear the original cables developed serious problems.

Exactly how they are going to do this is a very interesting bit of trivia. Most of you might remember from grade school discussions of farming and, in particular, plowing the soil. As a refresher, a plow is drawn by a tractor (or in the good old days a horse or mule) and digs a narrow slot in the ground turning the earth to the side. In this instance special equipment has been developed to dig a narrow slot into which flexible plastic conduit is placed and the earth is allowed to close up after the conduit is dropped into the slot.

It is also interesting to note, from what we have read, the conduit can be plowed as far down as six feet under the ground. The photo we have added shows a similar operation placing multiple conduits in the ground alongside a highway.

In our case, the contractor will be working alongside the tracks during the nighttime. This means that they will be using equipment and doing the cable burying after the last train at night has completed its run. They will then work until the first train in the morning, which is about 5:50 a.m. in Cohasset. By the time this early train goes through they will need to have their equipment out of the track area and put away until they resume work the next night. The MBTA thinks that in Cohasset this whole thing should take between 4 to 6 nights. In anticipation of this work, we did a reverse 911 phone call to all of the abutters in the affected area. If for any reason you didn't get notification, you may want to check with the Town's website to make sure that your notification information is up to date.



Plowing multiple conduits alongside a highway.

In this instance special equipment has been developed to dig a narrow slot into which flexible plastic conduit is placed and the earth is allowed to close up after the conduit is dropped into the slot.

Remember, all you need to do is go to the Town web page, http://www.cohassetmass.org, and click on the link in the lower left. Log on by clicking on "Add My Contact Info" and supply the information asked for. In subsequent logins, you can update your data in the emergency notification system. You can add or change the following to your Connect CTY® notification information:

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Little Harbor Project – We have mentioned before that this project is much more than just a sewer project. It includes upgrades to the Cohasset Water System, paid for by the Water Department and upgrades of the drainage system, paid for by the Town. We think you'll agree it just makes common sense to do as much as possible while the contractor is in Town and the roads are opened up. However, keep in mind in the case of both water and storm drainage, we can only do as much as we have the funds to do. So, work in these areas has been carefully prioritized to match the available funding.

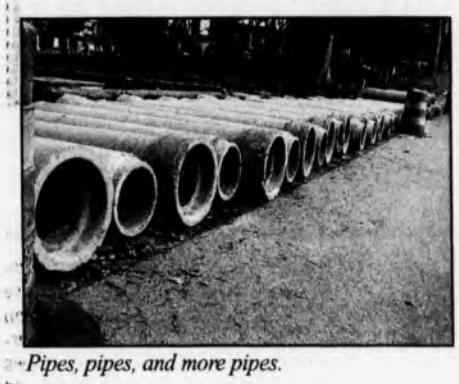
One area for storm drain work is on North Main Street starting around Green Street and turning left onto Joy Place, proceeding past Central Cemetery to an outfall at Little Harbor. (Where, by the way, the storm water ended up naturally.) This week we stopped down and saw all of the pipe and underground structures waiting for their turn to be placed underground. Some of the large underground structures are eight or so feet high. That's a lot of digging to get these guys buried.

We thought you might like to see how much material actually is required to construct a new storm drain system.

More Little Harbor Stuff – Next week we will be reclaiming a number of smaller streets in the little Harbor area. Some of these are, Hobart Lane, Lothrop Lane, Meadow Lane, Bridal Path and possibly a few others. So, "What's reclaiming?" Reclaiming is a process whereby the paving that already exists on a road is ground up into very fine bits and mixed with a bit of the soil under the roadway. The machine that does this is a real giant, nasty beast. It has a drum covered with carbide tipped teeth that literally tears up the asphalt into fine bits and mixes it with some of the soil underneath. When the resulting mixture is rolled smooth it is nearly as stable as asphalt itself as a road surface. For any subsequent construction in the area it is easy to dig up, making life easier for the contractor. If there is a lot of asphalt on a given street, some of the "reclaimed" material is removed from the roadway and saved. The reason for removing it is to avoid a build-up of paving which raises the road surface too high. Incidentally, the saved reclaimed material is prized by the DPW as an excellent material for backfilling construction areas in the roadway. We plan to notify all the residents residing on the streets that will be reclaimed so they can make arrangements for access during reclaiming.

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Pipes, pipes, and more pipes.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Structures wait patiently on Joy Place.

A dog's life in the White House

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



My lasting recollection of the Clinton Administration has nothing to do with Monica Lewinski.

It's a picture of Socks, the First Cat, lying on the grass while the White House paparazzi rolled around on their ample bellies seeking the best angle to shoot the little feline celebrity.

Consequently, my most memorable recollection of the Bush 43 Administration is likely to have nothing to do with 9/11, Iraq or Wall Street.

It'll be the sight, caught on tape, of Barney, the First Dog, taking a bite out of the finger of that reporter from Reuters, most certainly a Republican comment on bias in the media.

Choosing the official White House pet can be as daunting as picking a vice president or a secretary of state, which is why President-elect Obama has what amounts to a second transition team seeking a puppy for 10-year-old Malia.

Dogs, cats and a wide assortment of exotic animals have graced the presidential presence ever since George Washington kept the strangely named quartet of Virginia hounds, Drunkard, Taster, Tippler and Tipsy, at Mount Vernon.

Some have been rather erudite, like Millie, the First Dog of the Bush 41 Administration, whose best selling memoir, "Millie's Book, as Dictated to Barbara Bush," outsold her master's own effort.

Others became the center of political storms, like Fala, the First Dog of the Roosevelt Administration, who was castigated by the biased media for bumping a homeward-bound serviceman on a wartime flight from Alaska.

Incidentally, Fala's full name was a patricianly "Murray the Outlaw from Fala Hill." Don't ask me why.

President Nixon had three dogs, Pasha, Vicky and King Timahoe, but it was Vice President Nixon's cocker spaniel, Checkers, that is remembered.

Nixon was running on the Republican ticket with General Eisenhower in 1952 when he was accused of maintaining a secret slush fund for his personal use contributed by fat cat donors.

He replied in a 30-minute nationally televised speech in which he listed his personally acquired assets and liabilities but admitted accepting the gift of a cocker spaniel named Checkers "and regardless of what they say, we are going to keep it."

The speech saved Nixon's political career and sent down forever as "the Checkers speech."

Him and Her, two beagles owned by Lyndon Johnson, made the cover of Life magazine when the President himself picked them up by their ears, drawing down the wrath of dog lovers everywhere.

Harry Truman, the cynic who once said, "If you want the have a friend in Washington, get a dog," didn't have a dog.

Two Roosevelt dogs were pariahs on the international front.

FDR's German shepherd, Major, once tore a hole in British Prime Minster Ramsey MacDonald's pants while Teddy's bull terrier, Pete, was rusticated after chomping on the French ambassador.

And Warren Harding's airedale, Laddie Boy, stood out so during his master's term in office that there is a bronze statue of him in the Smithsonian Museum of American History, probably representing the best of Harding's miserable administration.

An introduction to Cohasset

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Editor's note: The following is one of John's most popular columns. We are running it again this week so our readers can enjoy it once again.

I've always written my column with only a local audience in mind. But the Mariner is available for free on the Internet these days, which means in theory anyone in the world can read it as soon as it's published. An Australian kangaroo farmer could be perusing the paper on-line as we speak, reading with concern about the latest Buick to beach itself on the railroad tracks. For all we know our stormwater bylaw is a huge hit in China. They've got 1.3 billion people over there, so even if only a hundred million of them follow the Little Harbor Sewer Expansion Project, that's a lot of people to you and me.

I believe it's time we stopped thinking of the Mariner as just a "local" phenomenon, and used the web's international reach to introduce ourselves to a curious, tech-savvy, purely hypothetical global audience.

Hello, Others!

Cohasset Massachusetts is a picturesque seaside village on Boston's South Shore. Translated roughly from Algonquin, the name Cohasset means "long rocky place." The Wampanoags called the area, "long, goddam rocky place," while the Nausets called it, "the place where we dump all our rocks." It definitely has that "small town" feel. Imagine a spy satellite that can look straight down your pants and tell the CIA whether you're going commando. That satellite would miss Cohasset, and the fact that we all go commando remains the town's best kept secret.

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A cozy community like Cohasset has many advantages. For instance you don't have to "ring up" your friends and neighbors in order to see them every day. Just go to the library. Or the school. Or the grocery store, or the Girl Scout dropoff, or the dump. Or all five in succession. Wherever you go, they'll be there for you, ready to talk about anyone who's somewhere else at the time.

Its charming look and ideal location might evoke images of homogeneity and privilege, but Cohasset is a town that celebrates racial diversity. As it happens we don't have any ourselves, but we're quite happy for towns that do. Besides, what we lack in color we make up for in other kinds of variety. For instance every mansion is just a little different. As are the professional interests of Cohasset's working residents, which range everywhere from finance to investments to financial investments. And if you're looking for physical diversity, all it takes is a June afternoon stroll on Sandy Beach to see that not everyone in town takes spinning classes over the winter. You Cohasset readers know who I'm talking about I'm sure!

Cohasset has a very low crime rate, a luxury that affords its residents extra time to worry incessantly about what little crime there is. A purse is snatched from the passenger seat of an open BMW convertible parked at the post office with its engine running, and serious consideration is given to hiring more police officers. In the end, since extra police tend to cost money, it's decided that half the force normally assigned to directing traffic around landscaping trucks will be pulled off to comb the woods for empty Coach bags, and another town meeting is adjourned.

Leaving valuables behind while we run errands may seem careless until you realize just how many valuables we have to keep track of here. Our key chains alone weigh close to five pounds. We've got three or four car keys, keys for our house, keys for our previous house that we've been trying to sell since 2006 — it's a pain to carry them all around. So we leave them in the car. Cohasset is like one big Hertz Gold Club parking lot. It's the AAA recommended pit stop for fugitives involved in high-speed police chases. Reaching the Music Circus is like crossing the Mason-Dixon line. We would take our keys with us into the house at night but then our whole tourism industry would go in the tank.

I hope the information I've shared has made the stories you read in the Cohasset Mariner easier to understand for those of you in other parts of the world, like Marshfield or Greece. Naturally we in Cohasset have many questions about your culture as well. Do you love your children too? What exactly is a Babka? Is there anything in your Holy books that can explain how David Tyree hung onto that pass? And what is your traditional reaction when you see a set of train tracks veering off the road toward a golf course? We'd love to hear from you!

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. He apologizes for blowing the lid off the whole commando thing.

LIBRARY CORNER

New WorldBook Online available

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

New Database – The library has just purchased a subscription to *WorldBook Online*, an interactive encyclopedia accessible from in the library or from home. This database is free and available for any Cohasset library cardholder 24/7. It's great for homework assignments and research. Logon to *WorldBook Online* by going to www.cohassetlibrary.org, click Research, then Search our Reference Databases. Have your library card number ready!

Author Visit – Kathleen Kent, author of "The Heretic's Daughter,' will discuss her new book at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 12. The book is a liteary imagining of the events surrounding the Salem witch trials. Kent, a descendant of one of the first women to be accused as a witch, brings her family's legacy to life. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. All are welcome to this free event.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "The Grocer's Son" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 20. Free admission and free refreshment courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Holiday Closing – The Library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday Nov. 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Library materials may be returned in our 24 hour bookdrop.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center will present an exhibition of paintings by Marshfield artist Mary Callahan at the library through Dec. 31. A free reception will take place from 4 to 6 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 7.

Library Book Group – November's meeting date will move to 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 3, to discuss "This I Believe" edited by Jay Allison. All are welcome to this free event.

FOR CHILDREN

Toe Jam Puppet Band Performs – Sunday, Nov. 16, at 3 p.m. in the Meeting Room to celebrate Family iteracy Month with a fun interactive musical show featuring the Toe Jam Puppet Band. Don't miss this unique opportunity. For information about the Toe Jam Puppet Band go to www.toejampuppetband.com.

Owl Contest Winners – The following children have won the owl coloring and decoration contest: Annaliese Kennedy, Nina Geddes, Molly Naples, Peyton Lord, Morgan McKinley, Julia Willette, Piper Norton, Will Molloy, Cecilia Tarpey, Elle Kennedy, Gracyn Lord, Emmett Harvey, Ava Fusco, Oliver Hobson, Kyra De Groat, Annabel DeGroat, Austin Tarpey, Kalin McMahon, Samantha Naples, Margaret Norton, Veronica Galvin, Max Whetstone, and Victoria Bollendorf. Congratulations to all. You may choose a prize from the tables in the Story Room on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

A drop in transportation craft – will take place in the Story Room on Thursday, Nov. 20. Drop in between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to make a craft. All ages and communities welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For complete details go to www.cohassetlibrary.org

BRIEFLY

Check out the Web

Check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

- Free lunch with Roving Reporter Rich Ofsthun who visits the Windsor Tea Room
- Pet of the Week Video: Meet Liberty, an energetic 2-year-old lab mix
- Breaking news, updates, slideshows and full-color photo galleries throughout the week
- Update of CHS Girls Soccer!

Cohasset Mariner 'drop box'

The Cohasset Mariner has a "drop box" and pickup location at Tedeschi's in the village. The drop box is on the counter in the front window around the corner to the left after you enter the front door.

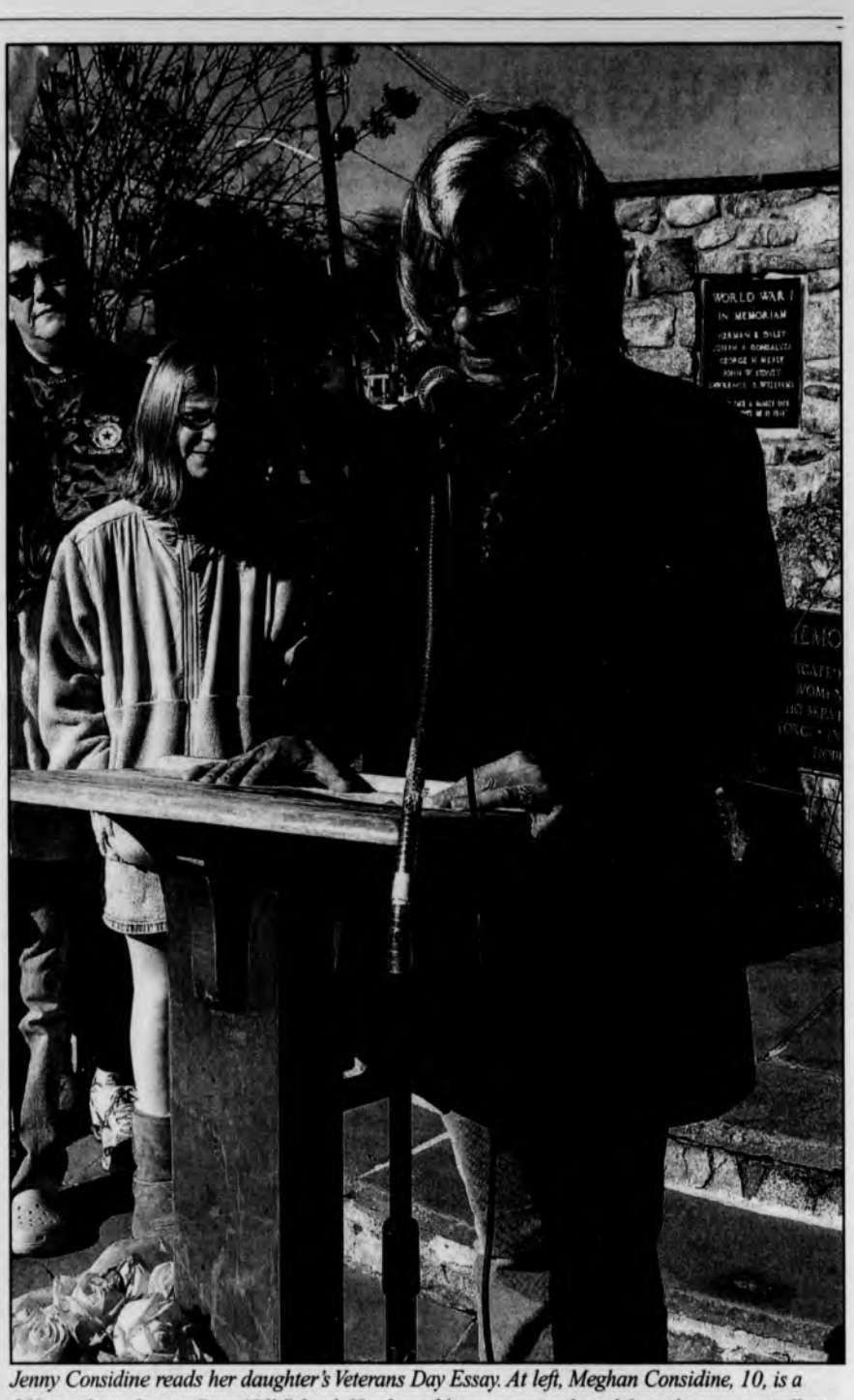
The Mariner picks up at 8 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. The drop box can be used to drop off glossy photographs, letters, flyers or other editorial copy.



Thomas Wigmore, commander of the Sons of the American Legion, salutes during "Taps" being played by CHS senior Conor Ofsthun during Tuesday's Veterans Day observances. Wigmore served as the master of ceremonies.

'lest we forget...

Cohasset honors its veterans



Jenny Considine reads her daughter's Veterans Day Essay. At left, Meghan Considine, 10, is a fifth-grade student at Deer Hill School. Her heartfelt essay was selected from the many excellent Veterans Day essays written by Deer Hill students. Please see Meghan's essay on page 23.

Photos by Craig Goedecke





(Above left) American Legion's Women's Auxiliary president Deirdre Wigmore reads "A Different Christmas Poem" about a soldier away from home. The poem was written in Iraq by LCDR Jeff Giles, SC, USN.
(Above right) Lilly Sestito sings the National Anthem a cappella during Tuesday's Veterans Day observances at the Veterans Memorial at the Harbor.
(Right) Thomas Wigmore, commander of the Sons of the American Legion, serves as master of ceremonies during the Veterans Day Ceremony held at the Veterans War Memorial at the Harbor.





US Air Force Master Sergeant Duncan McCormack (retired) at right, readies for the gun salute.



US Marine James Larosa, who is currently serving at Fort Devens and was home on a 96-hour liberty, assists Legion Women's Auxiliary president Deirdre Wigmore with the wreath laying during Cohasset's Veterans Day observance on Tuesday.



Aidan McCormack, 2-1/2, counts the stars on an American flag with the help of his mom Chrissy before the start of Cohasset's Veterans Day Ceremony.

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HEALTH NOTES

Health questions on artificial turf fields

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As the turf ages and weathers, lead is released in dust that could then be ingested or inhaled, and the risk for harmful exposure increases.

Cities and towns in Massachusetts have increasingly opted for replacement of grass fields with artificial turf. Proposed advantages over natural grass fields are reduced watering and maintenance, avoiding the need for pesticides, reduced injuries, and an "all-weather" playing surface. The more expensive turfs use recycled rubber tires as an underlayment which accounts for reduced injuries. Recent tests by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS) of artificial turf playing fields in that state have found certain fields contain potentially unhealthy levels of lead dust.

Fields made of nylon or nylon/polyethylene blend fibers contain levels of lead that pose a potential public health concern. Tests on fields made with only polyethylene fibers showed very low levels of lead.

The risk for harmful lead exposure is low from new fields with elevated lead levels in their turf fibers because the turf fibers are still intact and the lead is unlikely to be available for harmful exposures to occur. As the turf ages and weathers, lead is released in dust that could then be ingested or inhaled, and the risk for harmful exposure increases. If enough lead is absorbed, it can cause neurological development symptoms (e.g. deficits in IQ). Additional tests are being performed to help us better understand the absorption of lead from these products.

Questions have been raised regarding health, safety and environmental aspects of the rubber underlayment. Rubber contains industrial chemicals that can be released into the air during playing and which may run off into the environment in rainwater. Early studies have been made of the potential health effects to athletes and spectators, many of whom are school-age children, when using these fields.

Given the variety and types of chemicals involved, it is not surprising that some have toxic or carcinogenic activity when tested in laboratory animals. Release of volatile organics from crumb rubber infill is expected to be greatest in sunny, hot weather. Particle release may be affected by the number of athletes using the field and the intensity of their exercise. Generally temperature gradients and wind will afford rapid dilution and low concentrations in the breathing zones of athletes and spectators, although less for spectators.

Chemicals emitted from the rubber granules are similar to those found in urban and suburban air. Some comes from rubber itself. For example, 1-2 percent of the respirable dust in Los Angeles is estimated to come from the wearing of tires. These chemicals are also quite common including car exhaust, furnaces, consumer products, etc. ***Based upon the current evidence, a public health risk from artificial turf appears unlikely*** **providing they contain NO lead products.** ***However, there is still uncertainty and additional investigation is warranted.*** While we do not believe there is a unique or significant health threat from chemical releases that can be inhaled or ingested, the uncertainties warrant further investigation. Currently federal or state regulations have not imposed limits on the installation of turf fields. However, the potential exposures and risks have not been fully characterized. (e.g., cost, maintenance, public acceptability).

CDC has long recommended ***the elimination of all nonessential uses of lead.*** If artificial turf contains any lead at this time, the **CDC recommends periodic testing** of fields that appear worn or weathered. Concerned parents/caregivers should consult their medical providers for further information.

General Recommendations on the Use of Fields with Artificial Turf containing any lead

At this time, CDC does not yet understand the potential risks associated with exposure to dust from worn artificial turf. The following precautions have been proposed to minimize any potential risk: *Field managers should consider implementing dust-suppression measures and testing of worn turf.*

To protect the public, in particular young children, the Town should consider posting signs indicating that:

- After playing on the field, individuals are encouraged to perform aggressive hand and body washing for at least 20 seconds using soap and warm water.
- Clothes worn on the field should be taken off and turned inside out as soon as possible after using the field to avoid tracking contaminated dust to other places. In vehicles, people can sit on a large towel or blanket if it is not feasible to remove their clothes. These clothes, towels, and blankets should be washed separately and shoes worn on the field should be kept outside of the home.
- Eating while on the field or turf product should be discouraged.
- Avoid contaminating drinking containers with dust and fibers from the field. When not drinking, close them and keep them in a bag, cooler or other covered container on the side of the field.

(Partially adapted from a Connecticut DPH publication).

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society

Inscription

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July 5 1920
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We believe this to be a trophy from the Cohasset Yacht Club. Is there anyone who is familiar with such an event?

The Cohasset Historical Society is grateful to those who remember us with donations of Cohasset photographs, textiles and memorabilia. We would like to take this occasion to thank you for your continued generous support.

If you have enjoyed reading our columns and discovering some of what we hold in our archives, please consider supporting the Historical Society. Your tax-deductible donation can be sent to: Cohasset Historical Society, PO Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025. All donations are gratefully appreciated.

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Key to wind turbines is placement

COMMENTARY

MELISSA SCHORR

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prehension. Another study from the 2004 *Journal of Sound Vibration* found a connection between low-frequency noise of this level and impaired concentration and performance at work.

According to the editorial itself, noise levels for those within a half mile could be as high as 45 decibels, which the World Health Organization has, in fact, linked to sleep disturbances in adults – and would likely affect those known to be even more susceptible, such as napping children and the elderly at Sunrise Assisted Living. "WHO guidelines say that for good sleep, sound level should not exceed 30 dB(A) for continuous background noise, and individual noises events exceeding 45 dB(A) should be avoided."

While the science related specifically to wind turbine effects is still in its infancy, I think the town would be wise to consider the testimony of at least one medical expert in this field before making a decision that could adversely affect the health of our families.

For example, Dr. Nina Pierpont, a New York physician who has researched this issue and has testified to the New York State Legislature Energy Committee, states "It is absolutely essential that windmills not be sited any closer than 1.25 miles (2 km) from people's homes... In hilly or mountainous topographies, this should be extended anywhere from 2-3 miles from homes. Siting, after all, is the crux of the issue."

The French Academy of Medicine and the U.K Noise Association also have published reports recommending a 1-mile buffer zone. Other communities, such as Riverside County, Calif., have opted to protect their residents by establishing a 2-mile buffer zone between these turbines and people's homes. It is unclear why Cohasset is going to the other extreme, putting turbines into a fairly concentrated residential area.

While I applaud the energy commission's laudable goal of pursuing alternate wind energy, I agree with the experts — the key issue here is placement, and putting these turbines just a few blocks from my family, for all the reasons stated above, simply feels too close for comfort.

Melissa Schorr lives at 27 Cedar St.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cohasset Cabaret a success!

TO THE EDITOR:

The Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs, Inc. wants to thank those individuals and merchants who made a donation to our raffles and silent auctions last Friday and Saturday evenings at Cohasset Cabaret. A special thank you also to everyone who attended and supported a wonderful evening of fun and entertainment.

The following individuals and merchants made a donation of goods and services:

Anna Abbruzzese; Atlantic Bagel & Coffee Co.; Blanche Clark; Cabot Creamery; Camela Drew Fine Foods; Darilynn's; DiNero's; Emporium Soaps; Feng Shui; Fleming's of Cohasset; French Memories Bakery; Good Sport; Jacqueline Wirth; Jeri Herman's Photography; JJ's Dairy Hut; John Campbell; King's Jewelers; Kinnealey Meats; Laura/Paige DeSisto Jewelery; MDS Design; Molly the Clutter Coach; My Mascot; Nantasket Therapeutic Massage & Wellness Associates; Nona's Homemade; Pat's Barbershop; Redbones Restaurant; Robbins Garage; S.O.S. Sue's Organizing Services; Stop & Shop; Sunny's Service Center; The Body Studio; Three Graces Design; Windsor Tea Shop.

Proceeds from Cabaret will be used to help the "Friends" make our dream of a new 1st class Senior Center become a reality. Many thanks again to all.

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On to semifinals for CHS girls

Lady Skippers avenge regular season losses by ousting E.B., 4-1

By MikeSpellman
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Revenge is a dish best served cold… or, as is often the case in Mass. State soccer, cold weather.

The Cohasset High girls soccer team knocked their East Bridgewater counterparts out of postseason play on chilly Alumni Field Monday night with a 4-1 win that was every bit as dominating as the score would seem to indicate.

East Bridgewater edged the Skippers in South Shore League play twice by the score of 2-1 in the regular season, accounting for two-thirds of the Cohasset (15-3-1) losses on the season. However, it took junior Christine Coner a mere 10 minutes Monday night to match her team's scoring total in the pre-

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Girls soccer tournament update

The Cohasset Skippers girls Soccer team defeated East Bridgewater 4-1 on Monday to advance to the MIAA Division 3 South Sectional Semifinals.

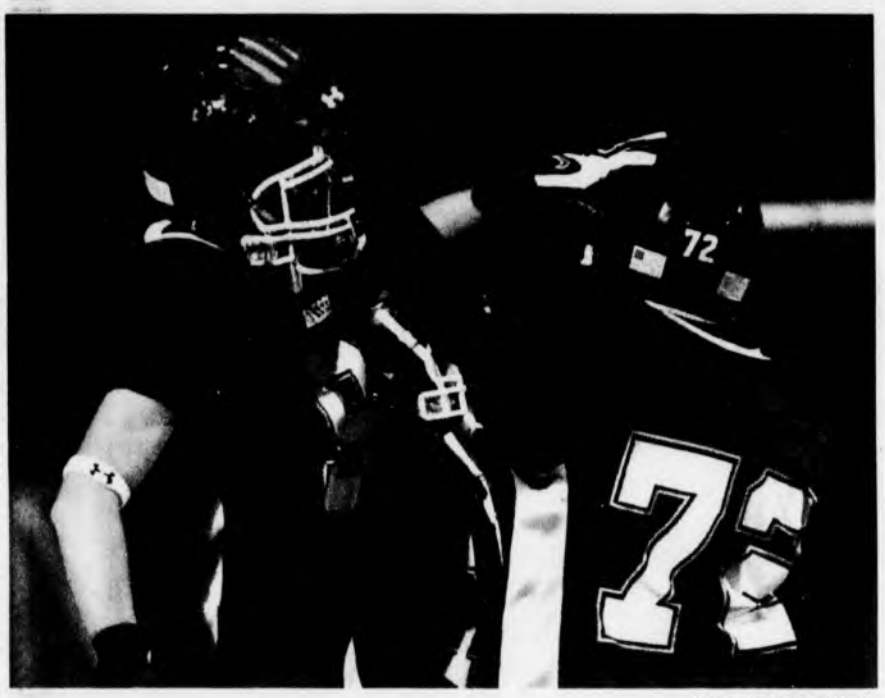
The #3 seed Skippers will take on the #2 seed Bourne today (Friday, Nov.) 14 at 5 pm at Whitman Hanson Regional High School.

Tickets for all MIAA Tournament games at school sites are $5 students and seniors and $7 for adults.

Whitman Hanson Regional High School is at 600 Franklin St., Whitman.



Cohasset players, from left, Christine Coner (2), Torey Hart (19), Kaci Kucinski (3) and Caroline Fein (9) celebrate a goal.



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Cohasset's John Maher (9) and Kevin O'Connell (72) celebrate John's touchdown catch during a game earlier this season.

Skippers nearly pull off upset

Cohasset drops a close one to undefeated Abington, 16-13

By Jason Kenney
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They went in as overwhelming underdogs, but they nearly proved their critics wrong.

Despite strong play on both sides of the ball, the Cohasset Skippers fell just short against Abington.

"The kids did a great job, it was one of our most enthusiastic games all season," Cohasset head coach Peter Afanasiw said. "We just made a few too many mistakes."

Offensively the Skippers got off to a slow start. Abington defensive back Steve Perakslis ended Cohasset's first drive with an interception.

Starting at their own 28-yard line, the Green Wave embarked on a 10-play drive that positioned them deep in Cohasset territory. However, a Keith Faxon fumble stalled the drive and gave the Skippers possession at their own 18-yard line.

After another uneventful drive from Cohasset, Abington took over at its own 45-yard line.

It only took four plays for the Green Wave to get into scoring position and Abington tailback Kristian LaPointe finished the drive. With 8:59 remaining in the half, LaPointe scored his 15th touchdown of the season on a nine-yard run. Perakslis' extra point made the score 7-0.

Abington regained possession with 5:47 remaining in the half and their offense remained hot. LaPointe capped off an 11-play, 90-yard drive with a five-yard touchdown run. A failed two-point conversion kept the score at 13-0 going into the half.

"The first half was difficult, but the kids never gave up and they never backed down," Afanasiw said.

After dominating in the first half, Abington let the Skippers steal the momentum.

After an unsuccessful fourth down conversion attempt, Abington turned ball over at its 47-yard line. Five plays later, Cohasset tailback Dana Valentine scored on a five-yard run. A successful extra-point cut Abington's lead to 14-7.

It didn't get much better for Abington's offense on its next possession. On the second play of the drive, another fumble gave Cohasset possession at Abington's 42-yard line.

Unfortunately for Cohasset, Abington's defense was able to bail them out. Abington defensive back John Lane intercepted a Jeff Cavanaro pass to end a golden opportunity for the Skippers.

Abington was unable to capitalize on the interception, punting after a three-play drive. Staring at their own 26-yard line, the Skippers embarked on a 13-play drive to secure their second touchdown. On fourth and goal from Abington's one-yard line, Valentine stretched the ball over the plane of the end zone to make the score 14-13.

Trailing by one point with 4:07 remaining, Afanasiw opted to go for the win. On the ensuing two-point conversion attempt, LaPointe intercepted a Cavanaro pass and took it 102 yards for an Abington two-point conversion.

"I felt we would have a chance to score again if we didn't get it," Afanasiw said. "We didn't expect them to run it back. That was a hell of a play, you have to give him a lot of credit."

The Skippers had one more chance late in the fourth quarter, but the Green Wave met the challenge. Constant harassment from Abington's defense prevented Cavanaro from getting a clean passing attempt. After a short four-play drive, the Skippers left Abington with a razor-close, 16-13 loss.

Cohasset will attempt to bounce back when they host the Norwell Clippers on Friday.

"Norwell is a young team, but they are very aggressive," Afanasiw said. "They've been improving every week."

Stingrays cap season as co-Super Bowl Champs!

Second-third graders come back to tie undefeated Hanover

This game would be another back-and-forth battle that would come right down to the last few seconds of the contest.

The SciCoh Stingray Mites traveled to Middleboro on Sunday Nov. 9 to play in the Super Bowl against an undefeated Hanover team who had barely beaten the Stingrays earlier in the year 16-14. This game would be another back-and-forth battle that would come right down to the last few seconds of the contest.

The Stingrays started out a bit tight and nervous, and allowed Hanover to take an early 14-0 lead in the first quarter. The tone of the game changed dramatically on the ensuing kickoff, as **Will Schwartz** caught the short kick and plowed over two Hanover players. The hard run ignited the SciCoh team and their fans.

Quarterback **Deven Varney** led the offense on their first scoring drive of the day, which was capped by a 40-yard TD sprint off left tackle by **Will Greer**. Greer would make an amazing play on the critical two-point conversion as he faked to Varney, ran right and as he was being tackled, reached out and touched the pylon with the ball.

Now that the offense had found its stride, the SciCoh defense started to shut down the potent Hanover attack. The big tough D line of **Mason Fitzgerald, Victor Najjar, Greg Shea, Chase Bomeisler, Schwartz** and **Charlie Pyne** started to get penetration and made several key stops. **Kyle Ferreira, Jake Koncius, Luke Murphy, Tommy Carrabes, Cal Osten, Jackson Mansi, Will Bowen** and Greer shut down Hanover's outside running game

The SciCoh offense would tie the game on a long, time-consuming drive in the second quarter. Center **Josh Comeau** and guards **Kevin Long** and Schwartz started blowing open big holes in the Hanover interior line and Fullback **Will Bowen** would not be denied as he started carrying defenders on his back. Bowen crashed into the end zone on fourth down from the two-yard line and the game would go into halftime with a score of 14-14.

In the second half, the Stingrays would take control of the game but could not quite get the clinching score. The duo of Greer and Bowen took turns pounding the ball down the field behind great blocking by Wingba..s **Liam Maguire** and **Danny Durkin.** With time running out, the Stingrays finished the game just 10 yards away from the winning score and the game ended in a 14-14 tie.

Both SciCoh and Hanover were declared Super Bowl champions and a great season came to a conclusion. Special thanks go out to the coaches who dedicated so many hours to the team. The parents deserve major kudos for their wonderful support all year long. The JV team also finished the season on a high note by beating Marshfield 12-8 in their final game and was a huge part of the overall team success.



Will Greer (#11) hits the hole.

For more photos of the Stingrays' Superbowl game, see photo spread on page 19.

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Kristina Katsikis
HANOVER



Name: Kristina Katsikis
Family: Lisa, mom; Nick, dad; Nicholas, brother; Angela, sister
Hobbies: Going to the movies, Going to the beach, Shopping
Favorite Athlete: David Ortiz
Favorite Athletic Accomplishment: Helping the field hockey team win the 2008 Patriot League title
Favorite Subject: Math
Favorite TV Show: Gossip Girl
Favorite Movie: Blue Crush
Favorite Food: Pizza
Most Underrated Teammate: Lyndsay Caulfield

The nominees for the South Shore Athlete of the Month for October are: Corey Donlan, Abington; Rosie Cerri, Braintree; Will Wise, Cohasset; Kristina Katsikis, Hanover; Shauna McNiff, Hingham; Dan Joyce, Marshfield; Emily Flynn, Norwell; Petros Hologitas, Rockland; Kyle Crowley, Scituate; Carolyn Connolly, Weymouth.

The Costal Nissan South Shore Athlete of the month for October is Hanover's Kristina Katsikis. The senior captain and field hockey forward scored 14 goals, four assists in just eight games this month. The Patriot League All-star tallied 20 goals, 10 assists in the regular season, helping to guide the 11-2-5 Lady Indians to a league championship (10-0-2) and No. 7 seed in the Div. 2 South tourney. Katsikis was one of only 15 players from the South region to be selected to the senior All-State team.

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The Cohasset-Hull cross country team pose for a group photo by the pumpkin patch at Wheelwright park before a meet in October.

Reflecting on the cross country season

By Coach Mingels
COHASSET VARSITY
CROSS COUNTRY COACH

As we near the end of the Cross Country season, it's a bittersweet time. Part of me will be happy to have a bit more time but another part is saddened by having this inaugural season end. I find myself thinking about where we have ended up but can't help thinking back to where we began. The Cohasset-Hull Cross Country teams have had a remarkable season this year and it has nothing to do with their win-loss records (Boys were 4-3 and the girls were 1-6).

This year marks the return of Cross Country as a varsity sport and I am proud of the student-athletes who have dedicated their time and effort. However, and perhaps more importantly, I am even more proud of how they have transformed themselves from individual athletes into a team.

I have seen the emergence of team leaders in Terry MacCormack and Tatyana Nakashima; their guidance and example for the other runners translates directly to the positive group dynamic we have on both halves of this co-op team. I have seen commitment to the team by Matt Beck, who was injured most of the season but still attended practice every day. I have seen a remarkable level of improvement in runners Matt Durant, Ariya Gruber, and Chrissy Secatore as well as others. This type of dedication, commitment and leadership sets the table for a very successful program.

Finally, I would like to thank the Town of Cohasset and the Cohasset School System for standing by and supporting the team. It has been a great season, the team and I have had a blast. I can hardly wait until next year when we can do it all over again.



Kenton Gilmartin of Hull turns the corner and heads into the woods of Wheelwright Park at the start of a meet against Harwich.

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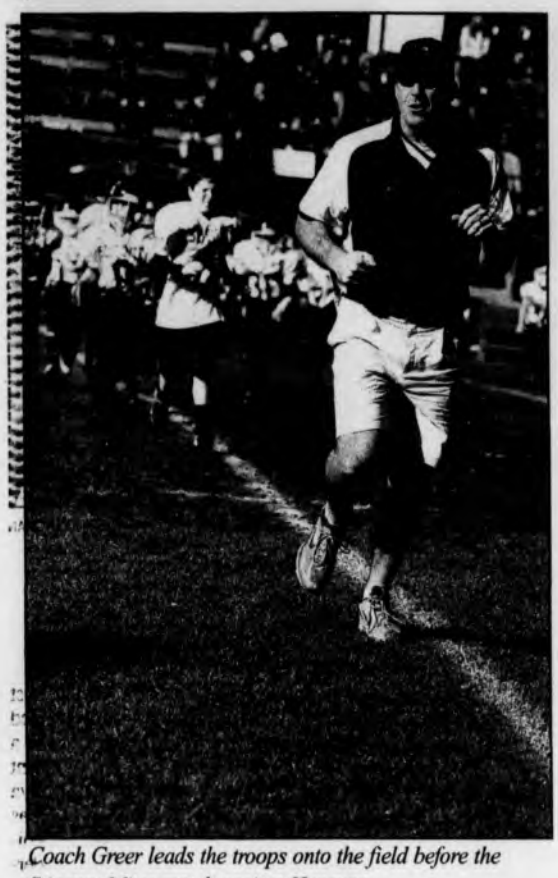
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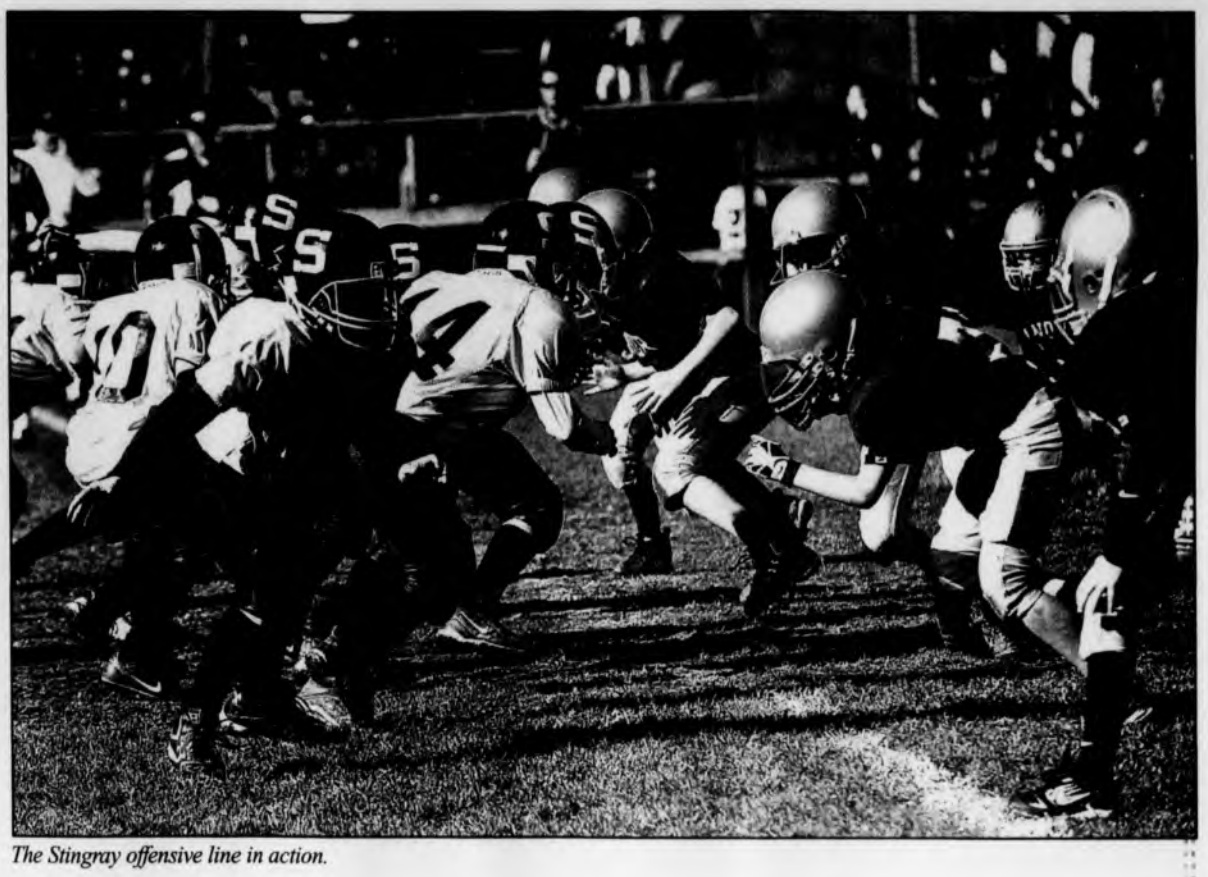
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Coach Greer leads the troops onto the field before the Stingray Mites match against Hanover.



The Stingray offensive line in action.

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Stingray Mites share Superbowl trophy

Courtesy photos by Amy Osten



Coach Varney talks strategy with quarterback Deven Varney.



Coach Fitz has a laugh during the close game.



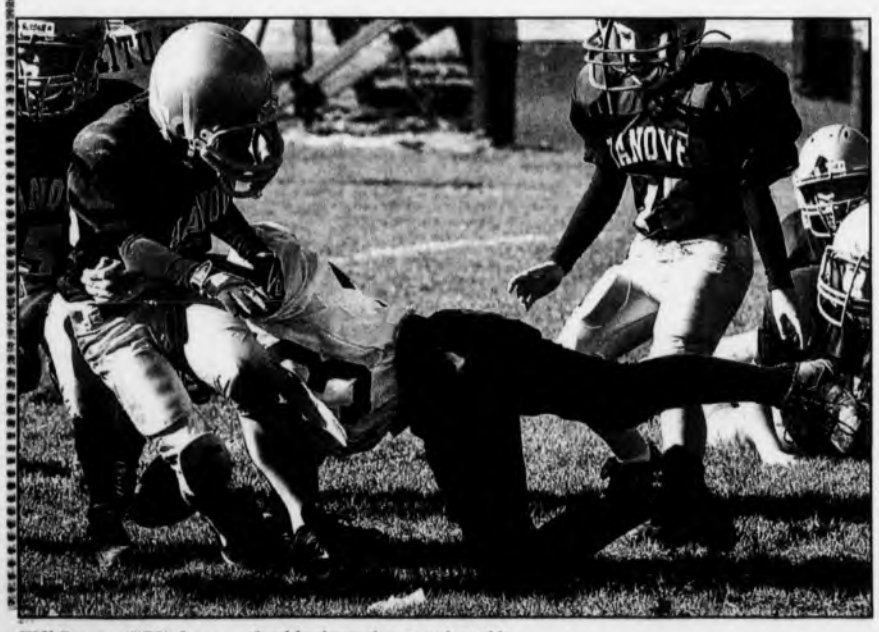
Here come the Sci-Coh Stingrays!



Will Greer (#11) breaks into the clear.



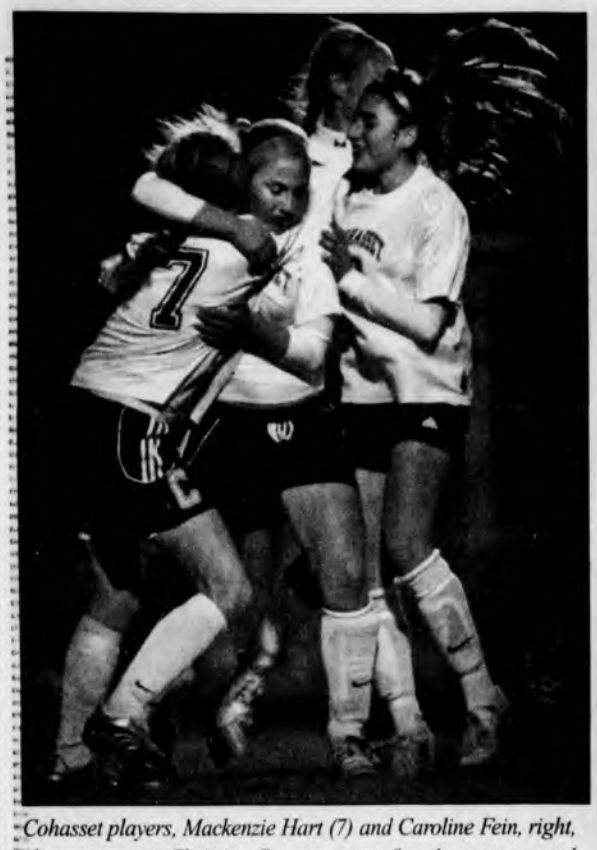
Gang tackle by the Sci-Coh defense!



Will Bowen (#73) forces a fumble through a tough tackle.



Coach Fitz, right, celebrates the championship with the Hanover coach.



Cohasset players, Mackenzie Hart (7) and Caroline Fein, right, cheer teammate Christine Coner, center, after she scores a goal to give her team a 1-0 lead in the first half against East Bridgewater.

On to semifinals for CHS girls

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vious two games, as she scored the game's first goal five minutes in from her right outside mid spot, finding space by the far post to head home a perfect cross from senior captain Torey Hart (two assists), and then a few minutes later sent in sophomore Kaci Kucinski for her first of two goals to make it a 2-0 game.

"It couldn't have happened for a nicer girl than Christine," said Cohasset coach Deb Beal of the soft-spoken Coner. "She's been flying below the radar a little, not putting up the numbers a couple of our others players have, but she's a good been a strong, steady player, and she played the game of her life when we needed it tonight."

The score would remain 2-nil until the break. The home crowd got a little antsy when E.B put a long free kick just over Cohasset senior keeper Johanna Brophy at 19:12. The Cohasset faithful weren't on the edge of their seats for long, though, as senior captain Maggie McGoldrick scored just 44 seconds after the re-start.

Kucinski would put the final nail in E.B.'s coffin with 15 minutes to play.

Kucinski went through a bit of a swoon late in the season, but Beal declared that her super soph, who also scored three goals in the tourney opening 8-0 blowout over Bishop Connolly, was "all the way back."

"Oh, Kaci is definitely back on right page," said Beal. "She's staying active and moving all the time. That's the key to success for her."



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Cohasset's Samantha Crough (20) rushes upfield with the ball during first half action of their first round win over Bishop Connolly in the Division 3 South Tournament.



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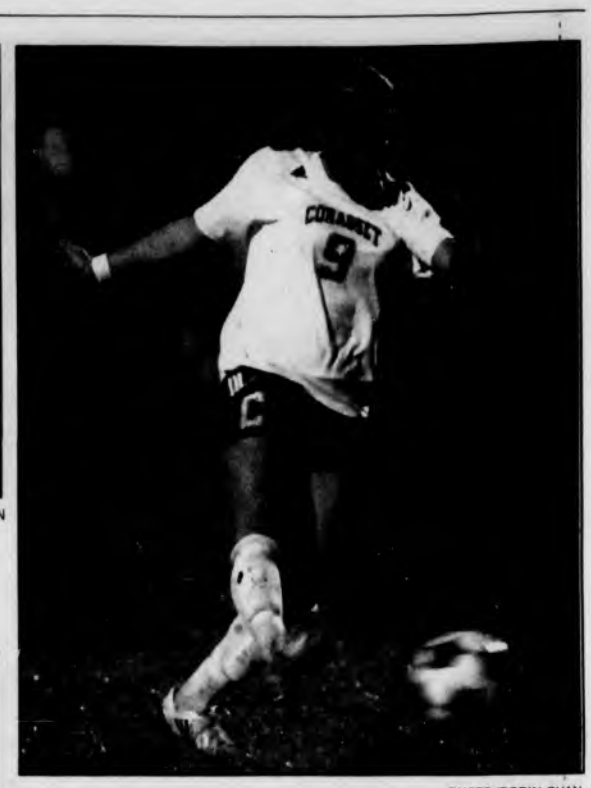
Cohasset's Torey Hart (19, C) makes a rush along the sidelines during second half action of their 8-0 win in the first round of the Division 3 South Tournament on Friday night.

Brophy, returning from a concussion to see her first game action in nearly three weeks, stopped all but that one perfectly placed direct kick.

"Johanna didn't have to do anything spectacular, but it was good to see her back in there and getting involved," said Beal. "She had a couple of balls skid through to her early in the game, so that got her hands busy and got her into to the flow."

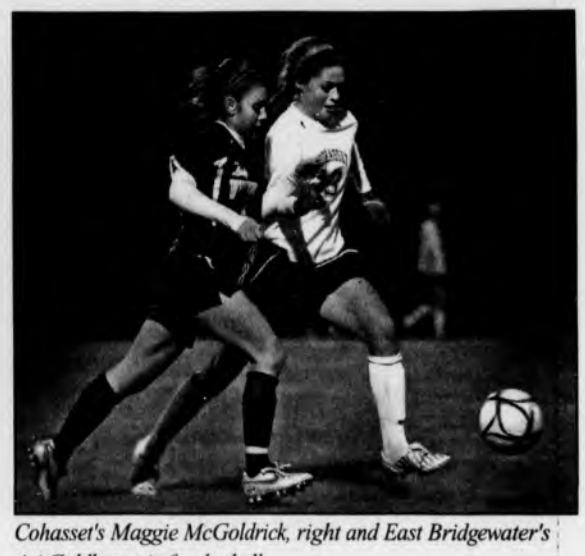
The third seeded Lady Skippers (15-3-1) will now play at Whitman-Hanson High School for Friday's semifinals against Bourne, the winner of Tuesday's showdown between Holbrook (10th seed, 12-5) and Bourne (2nd seed, 14-3-1).

"We came in with a game plan, and we stuck to it," Beal concluded. "That's how teams win in these tourney games when the margin for error gets smaller every round."



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Cohasset's Caroline Fein (9) takes a shot during first half action of their comfortable 8-0 win over Bishop Connolly during their Division 3 South tournament matchup.



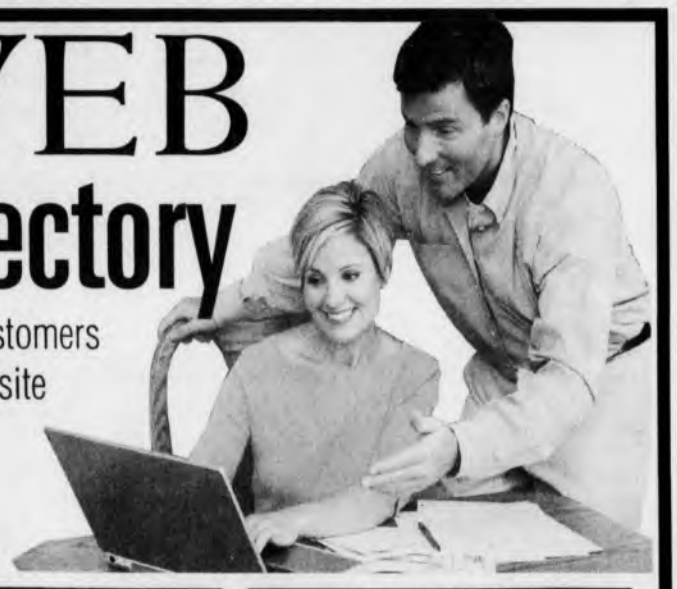
Cohasset's Maggie McGoldrick, right and East Bridgewater's Ari Goldberg vie for the ball.

Cohasset 8, Bishop Connolly 0

Sophomore Kaci Kucinski had a hat trick in last Friday's tourney opener. Maggie McGoldrick, Sammi Lehr, Sarah Coggins, Torey Hart and Danielle Sookiasian had the other goals for Cohasset.

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The Scituate-Cohasset ("SCICOH") Shark Mites take the field at Cohasset High's Alumni Field for a game earlier this season.

Shark Mites wrap up season with 'Super' effort

From the moment both teams took the field, it was clear this one would be a nail biter.

Another outstanding season has come to an end for the Scituate-Cohasset ("SCICOH") Shark Mites, who traveled to Plymouth this past Sunday to face rival Bridgewater once again in the Super Bowl. The fan support began early with a caravan of heavily decorated vehicles leaving the Knights of Columbus in Scituate to make the journey south. With the inspiring Shark Mite cheerleaders and an unparalleled fan club rooting them on, the Sharks took the field hoping to make tuna of the Badgers and avenge their 2007 Super Bowl defeat.

From the moment both teams took the field, it was clear this one would be a nail biter. In the first series of the game, a swarming Shark defense forced a turnover to take over near midfield. Although the Sharks defense frustrated the Badgers for most of the game, a short touchdown run was the only score of the day. The Sharks bit back with a couple of key offensive drives but the Badger defense was too stout. The Sharks were not able to convert, ultimately losing to the Badgers 6-0.

It was a battle from start to finish, but as they consistently showed all season, the Sharks never gave up. And though the day ended for the Sharks in defeat on the field, one thing is certain . . . these boys and their coaches walked away winners.

The 2008 Shark season was full of highlights, but one in particular stands out as worthy of mention. It happened at a particulary cold and wet mid-week junior varsity game during which the varsity team practice broke early. Instead of heading to the warmth of their homes, each and every one of the varsity players headed to the stands to support their teammates, just as those teammates had done for them all season long. Standing and cheering in the cold and rain, chanting the players' names, the varsity players showed their appreciation for the JV's commitment all season long to the success of the team.

Over the course of the season, it wasn't uncommon for some players to wait on the sidelines until late in the game before taking the field. Not everyone played as much as they wanted during the season, but each player continued to show up night after night and work hard to improve themselves and their team. Every athlete should watch the movie "Rudy", paying particular attention to the scene when the Notre Dame starter asks Rudy why he works so hard at practice when he has little chance of playing in a game.

Without a doubt, the kids have learned something about the game of football, competition and themselves. Most of all, they had fun and formed new friendships. Many agree that football is the most team-oriented game of any sport. In this case, parents, family and fans watched 68 individuals become teammates and work with a single focus to achieve a common goal.

Thanks to the exceptional coaching staff of Mark Brady, Jeff Granatino, Chuck Allard, Paul Sullivan, Tom DeCoste, Paul Prescott, Scott Nelson, Tom Durkin, and Eric Damon, who not only taught these boys the physical skills necessary to play to game, but the character needed to play it with heart.

With a team of 68 kids, everyone deserves some mention, including the parents who gave of their time and support. Special thanks goes to the Shark Mite cheerleaders and their coaches who have faithfully supported and inspired the team and fans alike. Also a special thanks to Brian Woods for the spectacular photos that captured the action and emotions of all our kids throughout season. Last, but not least, much appreciation goes out to Michelle Varnum and Cheryl Nelson for keeping the team hydrated, taking care of our coaches, organizing our season-end celebration, and managing all the little details that were so important in making this season special.

CAPTAINS' CORNER / Tatyana Nakashima and Terry MacCormack

Names: Tatyana Nakashima and Terry MacCormack.

Grade: 11 (Tatyana and Terry).

Other extracurricular activities: Swimming and track and field (Tatyana). Swimming, band, track and field (Terry).

Favorite subject: Math (Tatyana). History (Terry).

Favorite college or professional team: Red Sox (Tatyana). Boston Celtics (Terry).

Athlete you'd most like to meet: Michael Phelps (Tatyana). Lance Armstrong (Terry).

Best thing that cross country has taught you: Pacing and being part of a good sport with friends. Also, meeting new friends (Tatyana). Hard work pays off (Terry).

Best thing about high school: Friends and teachers (Tatyana). Cohasset is a small school (Terry).

Goal: Continue to improve my time. (Tatyana) For the team: to win the league next year (Terry).



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The Mariner caught up with cross country captains, Tatyana Nakashima and Terry MacCormack, at Wheelwright Park.

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No substitute for experience

Growing pains of '08 expected to pay dividends for CHS boys in '09

By Mike Spellman
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Growing pains are an inevitable part of any occupation or avocation. There are few arenas in which that truism is less escapable than high school sports.

The Cohasset High boys' soccer team started preparations back in late August needing to replace seven starters lost to the caps and gowns. A serious ankle injury to senior captain Connor Ofsthun kept an eighth incumbent off the field for all of the pre-season prep work and the first few weeks of the regular season to boot.

"No doubt about it: it seemed like we were starting over in a lot of ways," said second year Skippers coach Jim Willis, who directed the Skippers to a 10-6-2 record in his 2007 debut season at the helm.

The Skippers started slowly with Ofsthun out of action (0-5-1, to be precise) but then lost only five more over the final 13 games, finishing 3-10-6 overall.

In particular, the Skippers felt the losses to the caps and gowns of front field standouts Mike Grimm and Sam Roth, both two-time South Shore league all-stars.

Like many coaches faced with a major rebuilding project, Willis focused on constructing from the back forward. In other words, he placed the emphasis on starting with a strong defense. Seniors Ofsthun, Lennert Browne and Owen Landon were stalwarts in the rear in 2007, and Willis kept them right there playing in front of All-South Shore League keeper Will Wise, a returning junior starter.

Looking back on the season earlier this week, Willis conceded that he felt for this year's five seniors who played out the string on a rebuilding squad.

"Five good kids who worked hard," noted Willis. "All of them will be missed and hard to replace."

Of the seniors, Landon was arguably the most pleasant surprise this season, stepping into the starting stopper spot and making a noteworthy splash.

"Owen was a very steady and feisty player for us all year," said Willis. "He worked hard every minute he was on the field and set the example as a senior leader."

The coach had similar praises for Brown and Ofsthun, the latter of whom joined Wise as a member of the South Shore League All-Star team.

Brown also received a few all-league votes from SSL coaches. His candidacy was hurt by the fact he was moved from sweeper to the midfield midway through the season to bolster the struggling offense, and his final numbers weren't on a par with other front field all-stars.

"Lennert probably belonged on the all-star team too," offered Willis. "In terms of skills and understanding of the game, he was probably our best player, but it's tough to get three guys voted on (to all-stars) when you win only three games."

As for Ofsthun, the argument for putting him on the all-star team was carried by the difference he made to the overall competitiveness of the Skippers after returning to action three weeks into the season.

"Connor was such a force in back for us," said Willis, who saw his team's goals against average drop more than one per match with Ofsthun on the lineup card. "He was absolutely ferocious taking people on. He'll be extremely difficult to replace."

The other two players who finished up their high school soccer careers last week were forwards Ivan Sceery and August Oddliefson.

Sceery was the team's only proven scorer heading into this fall. He finished second in the team scoring race to Roth as a junior with nine goals and seven assists. Not surprisingly, he was marked up by the top opposing fullbacks to start the season and was often doubled when the ball was near him. He finished his final year of high school soccer with one goal and two assists.

"Ivan never had a lot of room to operate this year," said Willis. "He lost Grimm and Roth as running mates and saw them replaced by a lot of guys who'd never played varsity soccer."

Oddliefson (2 goals, 2 assists) was the first front-field player off the bench, and netted the game winning goals in two of the Skippers three victories (Abington and Hull).

"August had a knack for getting in the right place at the right time, and we'll really miss that skill," said Willis.

Indeed, the Skippers greatly appreciated any and all offensive attributes this season, having scored a mere 15 goals in their 19 games, while surrendering a very respectable 30.

"We had a lot of players get their varsity baptism under fire this year," said Willis. "I think the talent is there with a lot of these players. The only thing lacking was experience. That was one of the good things about this season; a lot of guys we'll be looking to next year got some great experience, and you could see the progress as the season went along."

No player progressed as far as sophomore Anders Goetz. After backing up Roth as a freshman last year, Goetz came on to lead the Skippers offense this fall, having a hand in better than half of their goals with team bests in tallies (three) and assists (five).

"Anders really stepped up, and set himself up to be marked pretty closely next year," said Willis. "But I think a couple of other guys will be ready to step in as scorers next year."

Junior Tyler Durant and freshman Jonah Adkins are two of the top candidates to fill those voids.

"Jonah is an extremely skilled player who does just about everything well on the soccer field," said Willis of the frosh midfielder. "The last piece of the puzzle with him is figuring out how to set up his shot. He's getting closer, and I think he's ready to bust out next year,"

Durant has the makings to be a tone setter.

"Tyler is just ferocious and can really control the ball," lauded Willis. "He looks like he's ready to take that next step too."

Most importantly, Willis figures his team will be a lot more balanced up front next year. Undeniably talented athletes such as juniors Drew Cobin and Andrew Littauer (who returned to soccer from football), sophomores Mike Monaco and John McGoldrick and freshman Jamie Timothy all started at times this fall in the front six.

"We were a senior-heavy league this year, so to get all these players back with lots of varsity playing time under their belts gives us a nice leg up," said Willis. "I think all of those guys are ready to do get a lot more done at the offensive end next year."

Expected to further add to the depth are this fall's JV standouts Brendan Karney, Sam Richardson and Tucker Oddliefson.

Of course, the key building block for next year's squad will be Will Wise, the Skippers' starter between the pipes since his freshman year. The best testimony to Wise's level of play as keeper this season is the fact his team won just three games yet he received the third highest vote total from SSL head coaches for league MVP honors, earning him a spot on the All Eastern Mass team. Wise recorded five shutouts on the season and literally notched better than twice as many saves as the two keepers who finished with better goals against averages.

"I don't even want to think about where we would have been without Will," said Willis. "He's such a talented keeper. Knowing we've got him in back of a team that's returning a lot of talent is pretty exciting."

Undeniably, Landon and Ofsthun leave some big cleats in back to fill. However, Willis feels three players who received extended minutes in the rear this fall are all ready to take the next step in 2009.

Sophomore Travers Craven stepped in as starting sweeper near the mid-season point, with Brown sliding up to the midfield, and juniors Mike Filby and Jack Murphy ended the season as the starting fullbacks.

Murphy, a keeper throughout his youth soccer days, returned to the pitch this fall after taking his sophomore year off. With Wise entrenched at keeper, the junior decided to give fullback a shot. By the end of the year, Willis noted that Murphy had made himself a very tough player to take off the field.

"In all my years of coaching, I've never seen a player come further over the course of a single season than Jack," said Willis, previously the head varsity coach at Scituate High for seven years. "He went from being a player who said he didn't know if he could kick or carry a ball to a guy who was routinely getting by players with nice moves and making great clearing passes."

Lack of experience is an excuse Willis figures he's not going to use again for a while, having finished this season with just five juniors but double digit players from the sophomore, freshman and eighth grade classes.

Most encouraging is the fact that, even with 10 eighth graders and no upperclassmen, the JV team finished with a winning record (9-7-2).

"We've got good numbers and talent at the underclass levels," said Willis. "More important, the attitudes appear to be great. Hopefully, that will translate to a nice run of winning seasons starting next year."



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Cohasset High sophomore Anders Goetz goes toe to toe with a Norwell player John Flaherty in a game earlier this season.

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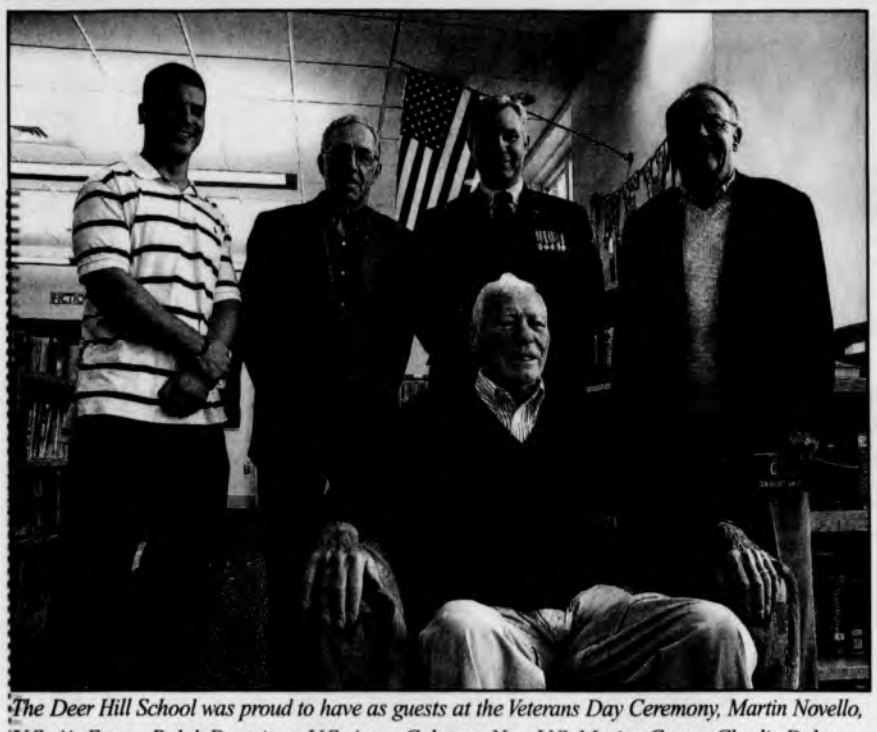
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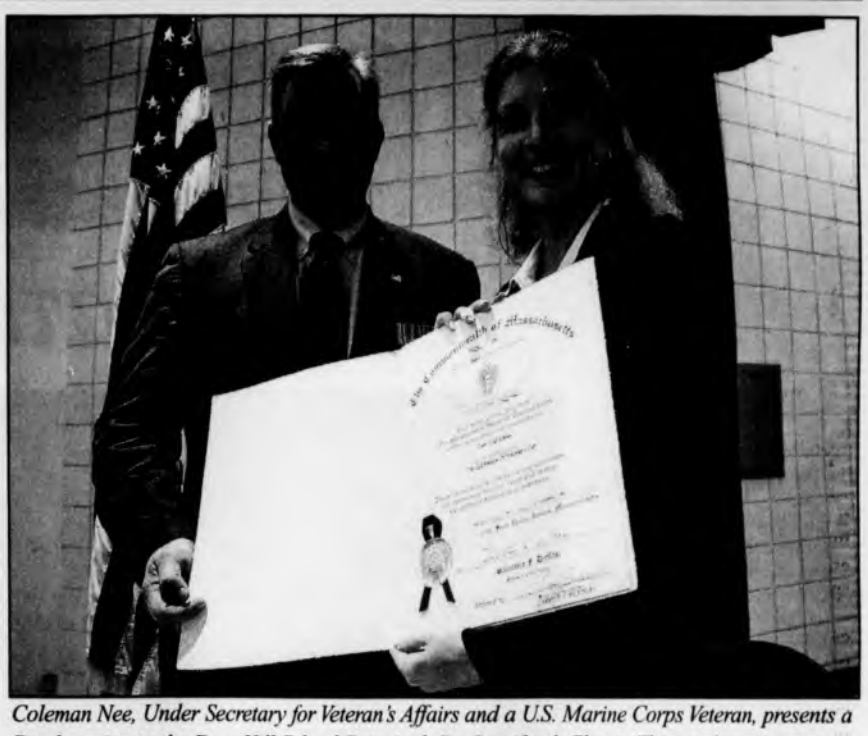
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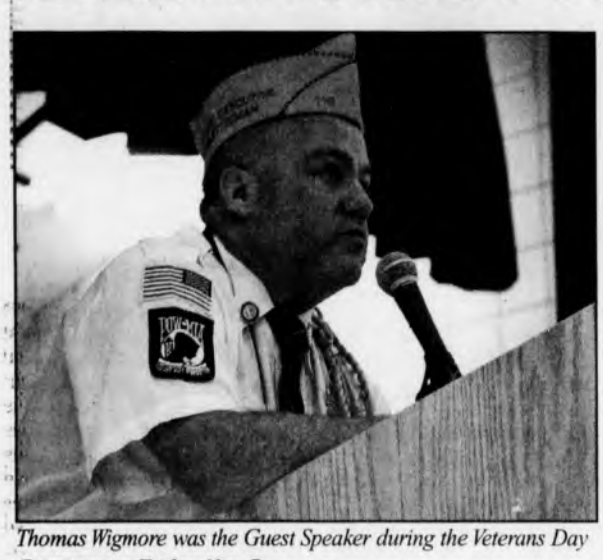


The Deer Hill School was proud to have as guests at the Veterans Day Ceremony, Martin Novello, U.S. Air Force; Ralph Dormitzer, U.S. Army, Coleman Nee, U.S. Marine Corps; Charlie Daley, U.S. Army; and Jack Murphy, U.S. Navy and the U.S. Air Force.



Coleman Nee, Under Secretary for Veteran's Affairs and a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, presents a Proclamation to the Deer Hill School Principal, Dr. Jennifer deChiara. The proclamation was signed by House Speaker Sal DiMasi.

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Thomas Wigmore was the Guest Speaker during the Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 7.



Jack Murphy, a U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force veteran, who served in WWII and Korea. spoke with the students at the Deer Hill School during the Veterans Day Ceremony. Ralph Dormitzer, a U.S. Army veteran is in the background.



Martin Novello, a member of the U.S. Air Force, and who has served in Afghanistan and Iraq, makes an impression on the students during his talk at the Veterans Day Ceremony at the school, Nov. 7.

School assembly includes veterans



Meghan Considine delivers a heartfelt and articulate Student Essay during the Veterans Day Ceremony.

'Bravery, determination, and passion'

By Meghan Considine

Veterans are brave men and women who serve our country during wartime or peace. On Veterans Day we thank these extraordinary people who risk their lives to protect us. Nov. 11 comes around once a year, but I believe we should honor our bold veterans every day.

In my opinion a veteran must have bravery, determination, and passion. Their country is their passion and a veteran's deepest desire is to help keep America strong and free. I believe a veteran should have determination, so they never give up under any circumstance. Bravery, for 100 reasons, but it also takes bravery, to join the military, and to be in the military, it's a hard decision to make; should I stay with my family, or serve my country? Whatever traits a veteran has, bad or good, a veteran serves their country, which makes them wonderful, courageous people.

What words can I use to say why a veteran should be honored? For one thing, some veterans have seen things so horribly unimaginable, it could be on their minds for years and years, impossible to forget, someone who serves their country deserves help getting over something that terrible. Some have felt regret, sorrow, and anger, but every day veterans fight to keep us a safe, strong country. Lastly, a veteran should be honored because they could be sacrificing their lives to protect you and I believe that should be honored. So thank your heroic veterans, pray for them, show your appreciation any way you can. Without them, who knows what our country would become?

Meghan Considine's thoughtful essay was selected from many fine essays written by Deer Hill students.

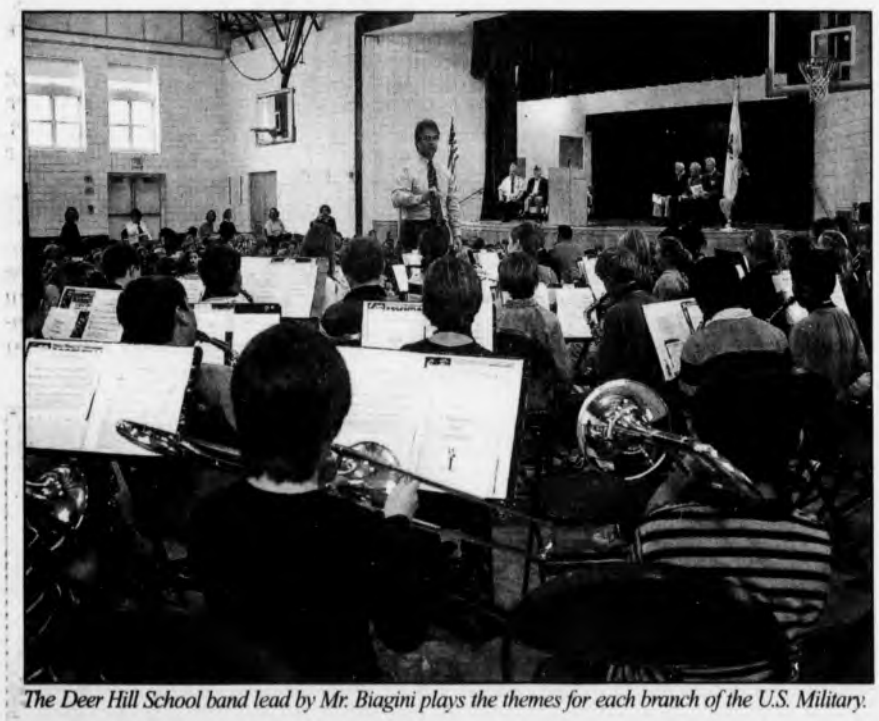
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Deer Hill Elementary School Band Trombonist, Sam Greenip, plays "Anchors Away" with the rest of the band during the Veterans Day Ceremony.



Deer Hill School third grader, Lindsay Stelljes, listens to the veterans attending the ceremony offer their remarks on what it means to be a veteran.



The Deer Hill School band lead by Mr. Biagini plays the themes for each branch of the U.S. Military.



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Warsaw Reborn

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Warsaw's rebuilt Old Town attracts tourists with its restaurants and shops and cobblestone streets.

"Before World War II," opines translator Joanna Maria Olejek, "Warsaw was more beautiful than Prague, than Budapest."

But then the Nazis arrived and destroyed much of the city with a special concentration on the most important cultural attractions. Hitler was swiftly followed by Stalin, who cleaned up the mess but gave the city a bland Communist-era sheen. And looking today at Warsaw's expanse of multistoried apartments, sprinkled with high-rise hotels, you yearn for a more compelling skyline.

But a visitor to Warsaw quickly learns the city's vitality is down at street level. Classy restaurants and bars beckon the growing number of international visitors, many of whom have come to the city to make a buck since Poland joined the European Union in 2005. Property development is everywhere as evidenced by the number of cranes rising above high-rise condos and office buildings, some of which were designed by world-class architects like Norman Foster and Daniel Libeskind.

The main tourist lure? Poland is still on its local currency, the zloty, and won't change over to the euro until at least 2012. So Warsaw is far more affordable for Americans than Paris, London and other cities in Western Europe.

And history is being reclaimed. You'll see details of exactly which plazas, palaces and centuries-old cathedrals were blown up by Hitler's troops in late summer 1944 at the Museum of the Warsaw Uprising. The Germans were in retreat on all fronts and Russia's Red Army was in striking distance of Warsaw when Polish resistance fighters decided to tackle the Nazis head-on. The resistance lasted several weeks, but civilian casualties were heavy and the Russians never held up their end of the bargain, simply waiting for the Germans and Poles to fight it out before they entered the city. Hitler was so irate with the Uprising that he ordered the annihilation of the city, dynamiting cultural institutions one by one.

By 1944, Hitler's barbarism had already reared its ugly head in the nearby Warsaw Ghetto, where few of the 380,000 Jews survived the forced starvation or transfer to death camps. Today, the neighborhood where some 750 Jewish fighters fought valiantly for a month to hold off the better-armed Germans is dotted with drab apartment buildings. But a new Museum of Polish Jewry is under construction and expected to be completed by 2011. Rather than dwell on Nazi persecution or the Holocaust, officials said the museum will focus on the millennium-long history of Jewish life in Poland prior to World War II.

Miraculously, the pre-War Nozyk Synagogue still stands in Grzybowski Square and has been renovated thanks to the generosity of businessman/philanthropist Ronald Lauder (Estee Lauder cosmetics) and other Americans. It's very much an active part of the Jewish community today in Poland, which now numbers over 20,000.

Next door is a Yiddish theater and across the square is Prozna Street, home to one of the few remaining historic tenements in the city. Roman Polanski used the burned-out brick facade as a backdrop for his film, "The Pianist."

The city's attempts to resurrect its history are also in evidence at the Royal Castle, once home to Polish kings in the Middle Ages, and reopened as a museum in 1984. The city's Old Town, completely destroyed at the end of World War II, has been rebuilt, too, complete with a cobblestone square and narrow side streets - original bricks were used - and today attracts tourists to its shops and restaurants. It's a much smaller version of Krakow's heralded Medieval Square, but still worthy of a stop for a tall glass of local beer or a snifter of honey-flavored vodka called Krupnik.

Roam Old Town's winding streets and you'll find eateries like Pod Golebiami (ul. Piwna 4A), popular with both locals and out-of-towners for homey Polish comfort food like pierogies, tasty herring in oil, lightly fried potato pancakes, and stuffed cabbage in a tomato cream sauce that brought back memories of my grandmother's cooking in a small flat in Brooklyn.

More upscale fare can be found across from the Ministry of Culture at Gessler Restaurant (ul. Ossolinskich 7; www.gessler.pl), housed in the former kitchen of the historic Hotel Europejski. Sous chefs dice and spice steak tartar tableside, while entrees of tender brisket and fish are washed down with good Italian sangiovese.

For a nightcap, grab a tatanka, a mix of apple juice and Zubrowka vodka, at one of the large tables at Folksal 19.

Hear old-school r&b thumping and watch the crowd jumping in this upscale club, and you'll know Warsaw is alive and well. Having risen from Hitler's ashes and shed its Communist coat, it's finding its place as a cosmopolitan city in the European Union.

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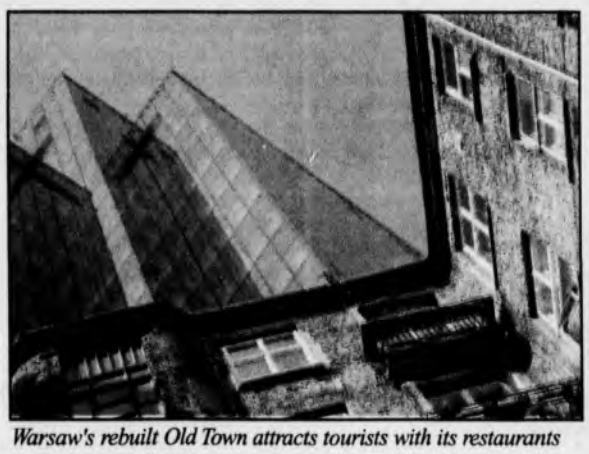
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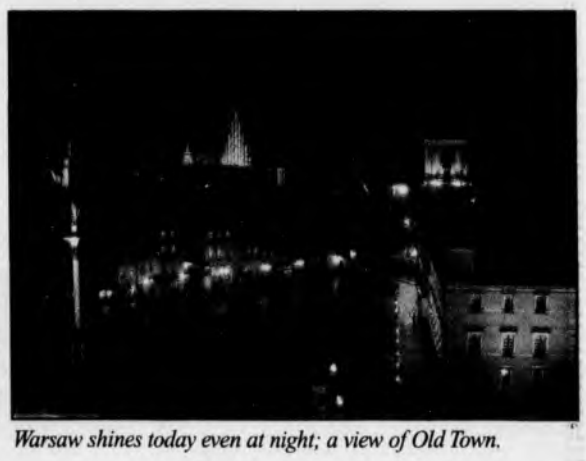
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Warsaw's rebuilt Old Town attracts tourists with its restaurants and shops and cobblestone streets.



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SCHOOLS

Good luck to Skippers girls soccer!

LIFE AT CHS

LAUREN MACK



The game will be today at 5 o'clock at Whitman-Hanson High School against Bourne.

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a relaxing Veterans Day! And to those who made Monday a holiday as well, I'm confident that there was most certainly a valid excuse behind the absence. I believe it's also worth mentioning that there are no more full weeks of school left in the month of November. How exciting.

"Good news this week is that the girl's varsity soccer squad won against East Bridgewater on Monday 4-1, therefore advancing them to the semi-finals. The game will be today at 5 o'clock at Whitman-Hanson High School against Bourne. Good luck, ladies!

Also this week, report cards were sent home. This may have been either an exciting or traumatic event — nevertheless, it's necessary to report on either way.

This week's Teacher Quote of the Week comes from a teacher in the foreign language department who learned the values of hard work on her day off. Ms. "Señora" Jordan is her name, and she teachers a variety of language classes ranging from Spanish I to AP Spanish and even took some of her students to Spain this past summer. When I asked Señora how she spent her Veterans Day, she responded: "Well! I spent FOUR hours raking leaves at la casa de mi Madre, my mother's house. We tried to make it fun, but eventually we got tired and got out the leaf blowers. Boy, I'll tell ya! Those things could really kick a soccer ball across the field!" And with that, I leave you all until next Friday! Ciao!

Lauren Mack is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly during the school year.

'Fall into Reading!' at Osgood Book Fair

The Joseph Osgood School Parent School Organization, PSO, will host a Book Fair Fundraiser from 2 to 7 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 19

This year, the Joseph Osgood School PSO is once again delighted to welcome "Bookfairs by Bookends." This dynamic company has been hosting "books only" book fairs that are packed with a premier selection of books from over 40 different publishers. There will be hundreds of quality books with titles that you and your children will be excited to read! Lively picture books, captivating beginning readers, enchanting chapter books, and timeless classics and award winners will be among fact-packed science and reference books, current popular adult titles and perfect gift books for the holidays. As a sign of the times, "Bookfairs by Bookends" has also added "special buy" books throughout the fair – these current books will be value priced!

Attendees can also help the school build classroom libraries and the school library by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List.

The PSO is a non-profit organization. The role of the PSO is to act as an advocate for public education. It is the official link between parents and schools. The PSO voices parental responses to school issues, and provides forums for administrators, teachers, and students to present their programs and policies to the public. Through fundraising efforts, like the upcoming Book Fair, the PSO provides programs and activities that enrich the school experience for students, teachers, and parents. Families, teachers, and all members of the community are invited to attend the Fair.

CEF seeks volunteers

The Cohasset Education Foundation (CEF) is looking for volunteers to coordinate their Teacher Appreciation Program, "Extra Credit". It is a rewarding program that allows donors to make a truly meaningful gesture to our dedicated teachers while raising money at the same time. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact sarah.murphy@comcast.net and visit cohasseteducation.org to learn more about Extra Credit and the CEF.

Hola! Bon Jour!

Su Escuela is now opening their doors for registration to the foreign language winter session taking place at the Cohasset Elementary Schools. The 12-week program will begin the week of Jan. 13.

After-school classes will be offered at Osgood and Deer Hill schools in Spanish on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and in French on Tuesdays.

Contact Su Escuela Director, Sandra Baldeon for more information at 781-383-2585, sbaldeon@suescuela.us or stop by Su Escuela (across from Shaws Supermarket on 3A) to find out more about these exciting programs. Come join the fun!

Child Find being conducted

Cohasset Public Schools, in accordance with Federal Law IDEA 2004 and Massachusetts Special Education Regulations 603 CMR 28.00, are in the process of conducting Child Find. The school department is seeking children with suspected disabilities residing in Cohasset who may be in need of Special Education services.

Cohasset Public Schools will evaluate students from age 3 through high school age who are unable to progress effectively in a regular education program due to a suspected disability in one of the following areas: developmental or intellectual delay, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning disability or health impairment. Cohasset Public Schools will also arrange for an evaluation of young people ages 16 through 21 who have not graduated from high school and who are not now attending school.

In addition, screenings for 3- to 5-year-olds will take place the third Friday of each month at Osgood School. Call the Integrated Pre-school staff at 781-383-6117 for more information.

Cohasset provides all children with an opportunity to participate in the public school programs using a continuous and systematic process to identify students in need of special education. All programs and services are offered without regard to color, race, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.

Parents who have a child they suspect may have a disability or know a child with a disability who may be in need of special education services, can call the director of student services, Linda Gill, at 781-383-6104 for information regarding the referral process.

EXHIBITION OF HOOKED RUGS



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Cohasset Mariner readers will not want to miss the exhibition of hooked rugs by local textile designers at the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth. Times and dates are: Today (Friday, Nov. 14) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pictured is Laurie Hamilton of Cohasset's work titled "Big Al." For directions call the library at 508-830-4250 or visit: www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org



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This coming **Sunday, Nov. 16** will be **"Jeans Sunday"** at Beechwood Congregational Church. Pastor Rich will be dressed in blue jeans and a sweatshirt and you are invited to dress in similar attire! All who are willing and physically able are invited to stick around after worship and assist in RAKING LEAVES. The church has a number of rakes, but if you are able to BYOR (Bring Your Own Rake) all the better. Hope to "casually" see you on Sunday! Please spread the word!

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

View Pastor Rich's scripture studies at: www.BeechwoodCC.org

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Nov. 16

8 a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Joan Kovach & Susan Meikleham and meeting on the 1st & 3rd Sundays)

9:50 a.m. – Childcare for our youngest and RE classes for children and youth – Parish House

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – Guest minister, Rev. Robert Walsh, will lead worship and preach. Rev. Walsh is Minister Emeritus of First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Duxbury and now resides in Hingham. A child dedication will be celebrated as part of the service.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

FALL BOOK STUDY: Wed., Nov. 19th at 7 pm in Bates Hall. We are discussing A New Earth Awakening to Your Life's Purpose by Eckhart Tolle. This is a life transforming study that Oprah Winfrey presented in a 10 week web cast series. For more information you can check out www.oprah.com or www.eckhart-tolle.com. Come and join us!

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Will be held Wed., Nov. 26th at 8pm. Joel Buford, SCC Director of Music will begin the ecumenical choir rehearsal at 6:30pm in the sanctuary choir loft. Everyone is invited to join together in this inspiring community service.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: Members of SCC are already at work creating homemade crafts for the annual Village Fair to be held on Sat. Dec. 7th. New crafters and helpers are always welcome!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Dec. 21st at the 10 am service Joel Buford, Director of Music will conduct the sanctuary choir, guest soloists and orchestra in a musical presentation that will include works from Handel's Messiah as well as other Christmas selections. The community is welcome.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: Welcome to St. Stephen's church!

We are currently underway with our new "Episcopal Church for the 21st Century" class taught by Rev. Margot Critchfield. This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal faith and anyone preparing for Confirmation or Reception into the church. Classes run from noon until 2:00.

Rev. Critchfield is also offering individual spiritual direction this fall. If you are looking for a spiritual home or exploring your faith, we invite you to visit us. You can learn more about us, and the Episcopal Church, from our website, www.ststephenscohasset.org.

Other programs this fall includes bible study for adults, youth group activities, the children's Christian education program "Godly Play", outreach programs serving the hungry and homeless, yoga, meditation and a monthly luncheon for seniors.

Services at St. Stephen's are at 8 am and 10 am on Sundays, including a Healing Eucharist at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. All are invited.

You can reach the church at 781-383-1083. The Rev. Margot Critchfield can be reached at mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.org. Our offices, which are open Monday through Friday, can be accessed by coming to the back of the church, up the Highland Ave hill. We are handicap accessible.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Caroline Plant Fund — local help *is* available

By Rev. Margot D. Critchfield, Rector
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Yes, I said, *available.*

In 1947, a former parishioner of St Stephen's Episcopal Church named Caroline G. Plant died in Winter Park, Florida, leaving behind her a considerable estate. According to an article in The Patriot Ledger (July 16, 1987) Caroline was abandoned by her husband Thomas in 1903, who walked out of their 28-room Cohasset mansion overlooking Mill River — leaving behind a check for $1,000,000 in Caroline's napkin ring.

Thomas landed in Moultonboro, New Hampshire, married his private secretary, built a 28-room mansion where he lived with her until his death (along with 30 servants) and is rumored to have died penniless.

Caroline, however, did not. Included in her estate was a trust fund known as the "Caroline G. Plant Fund for Assistance," that provides for the Rector of St Stephen's Episcopal Church to help parishioners and others in the Cohasset area in time of need. Mrs. Plant's will stipulates that "*One third of the net income shall be made available and paid over to or upon the order of Reverend Charles C. Wilson, Rector of St Stephen's Parish of Cohasset, Massachusetts, or his successor or successors in said office, for use as in his judgment and in the judgment of his successor or successors is desirable to assist the poor of Cohasset and North Scituate in time of need, to provide medical and surgical treatment for them when such treatment is not otherwise obtainable, and to assist the so-called genteel poor in time of trouble.*"

While the term "genteel poor" is not defined, and is probably not a moniker any of us would want attached to our names, the general sense of the term would apply to any of us who, while not "poor" by any reasonable standard, might find ourselves temporarily in need of financial assistance nonetheless.

The will further stipulates that "*The use of such net income shall be at the sole discretion of said Reverend Charles C Wilson, or his successor or successors serving as Rector of St Stephen's Parish, none of whom shall be required to account for the disposition thereof.*" In fact, the Rector does offer an accounting of disbursements from the fund to the Fund Officer at SunTrust Bank, but recipients of this assistance are otherwise kept totally confidential by the Rector.

If you, or someone you know in Cohasset or N. Scituate is in need of help, and you think this fund might be of assistance, please make an appointment to see the Rev. Margot D Critchfield at St Stephen's. What a lovely way to honor the memory of Caroline Plant!

"...we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their necessities..." (from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, 1979)

The Rev. Margot D. Critchfield is Rector of St. Stephen's Church.

Word is getting out that Cohasset C.A.R.E.S.

The group is made of spiritual leaders from the town and representatives from numerous organizations like the Social Service League, elder services, the food pantry, Wellspring, town officials and others.

A new community group formed to respond to the economic crisis, Cohasset C.A.R.E.S spent last week distributing its new information card around town. The group hopes the card will do two things; first, let people know where they can get help if they need it for anything from fuel assistance to spiritual support, and second, also let people know that if they do need help, they are not alone.

"When C.A.R.E.S first started meeting, we had the sense that for some people, this may be the first time in their life they find themselves needing help, whether that means needing extra food from the food pantry or whether it means support in coping with fear and uncertainty," said Rev. Colette Wood, assistant rector at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. "We hope that if someone is in need, they will see our information card and stick it in their pocket until they are ready to call someone."

The CARES in Cohasset C.A.R.E.S. stands for caring and responding economically and spiritually. The group is made of spiritual leaders from the town and representatives from numerous organizations like the Social Service League, elder services, the food pantry, Wellspring, town officials and others.

The blue and white information cards created by C.A.R.E.S. were recently sent to town residents with the Social Service League's community mailing. C.A.R.E.S. members also began distributing them through around town including places like the library, town hall, the town nurse's office, veterinarian offices, the food pantry, police station, and schools.

On the front cover of the card is a list of all the churches and spiritual centers in Cohasset and surrounding towns. C.A.R.E.S. hopes that it will remind residents that their local clergy are available for pastoral care and spiritual direction and that places of worship often offer a sense of community that is comforting during challenging times. The backside of the card lets residents know where to turn for help with fuel costs, food, prescription medicine, substance abuse and other needs.

Over the next month, C.A.R.E.S. will be looking at planning a town-wide community meal for some time in January and the possibility of new informational groups or seminars on topics related to the economy like job transitions.

Residents, who have not received a copy of the C.A.R.E.S. info card and would like one, are encouraged to call or stop in one of the town churches.

Thanksgiving ecumenical service Nov. 26

The annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 26th at 8 pm at the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset. The service will be lead by many of the leaders of Cohasset's churches. The public is encouraged to join together in this inspiring service of prayer and thanksgiving.Community members interested in singing in the ecumenical choir lead by SCC Musical Director, Joel Buford should meet in the sanctuary choir loft promptly at 6:30 pm.

Event at St. Joseph Retreat Center

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset is offering the following program:

Monday, Nov. 24 — Morning of Prayer, 9 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.: Praying Psalm 23: Praying on our Life Experiences with the Good Shepherd

The Retreat Center is also available for private retreats for individuals and for groups. For more information and to register, visit www.csjretreatcenter.org_or call 781-383-6024/6029.

Food pantry items

The Cohasset Food Pantry is need of the following items:

Cereal, spaghetti sauce, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, canned fruit, juice, sugar, paper towels, Kleenex, bar soap, dish detergent, laundry detergent, shampoo, and canned hash.

Anyone wishing to make a food donation can drop it off at 9 Black Horse Lane on the front porch. The Food Pantry thanks you in advance for your continued generosity.

Saint Stephen's accepting book donations

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church is accepting donations of slightly worn hardcover and paperback books, books on tape, DVDs, and CDs for its annual book sale, part of the ecumenical Village Fair.

Donations can be brought to the church in bags or boxes and placed inside the parish hall door marked "Church Offices". Use the "reserved parking" spot to unload your books during church office hours Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Books are sorted at St. Stephen's Church in Walton Rodgers Hall every Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. Old textbooks, romance novels, damaged, musty or moldy books or books with notes and/or highlighting cannot be accepted. The monies raised from the Book Sale will be used to send underprivileged children and their families to the Barbara C. Harris Camp in Greenfield, N.H.







Thanksgiving Day Menu

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2008

Raffael's Nantasket

~ Buffet 11:30~ 3:30

New England Clam Chowder
Roast Turkey with traditional stuffing & gravy
Baked Honey Ham
Stuffed Pork Loin
Baked Stuffed Sole with rock shrimp scampi sauce
Mixed Greens with cranberries & walnuts
Roasted Butternut Squash
Vegetable Medley ~ Potato Gnocchi ~ Mashed Potato
Rice Pilaf ~ Glazed Chipollini onions ~ Glazed Carrots
Fresh Baked Breads
Decadent Dessert Sweet Table
Holiday Pies – Apple, Blueberry, Pumpkin, Ricotta & Mince Meat
includes coffee and tea

ADULTS $27.99 CHILDREN (under 12) $13.99
Reservations 781-925-4515
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15% gratuity added to groups of 8 or more
45 Hull Shore Drive, Hull ~ at the Clarion Nantasket Beach Hotel

POLICE/FIRE LOG

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

4:21 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, officer wanted, caller reports baby locked in car with no one around. Caller called back to report the mother has arrived. Everything is ok.

4:28 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, vandalism report, caller reports that someone just keyed her car, description: Male, 6 ft., green hat, blue shirt.

4:56 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash, officer flagged down for minor accident.

5:08 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, officer wanted, caller reports a boat is trying to run him into the sandbar, caller would like an officer to meet him at the dock. Harbormaster has been advised. Environmental Police advised unable to respond. Coat Guard advised and enroute.

6:57 p.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, fire, outside, callers report a fire in the woods across from the above location.

6:58 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire, caller reports outside odor of gas.

8:14 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:06 p.m. **Sohier St.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports a group of teenagers at above location. Gathering dispersed.

9:10 p.m. **Old Coach Rd., and Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:07 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Brewster Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:51 p.m. **South Main St.**, disturbance, dispersed gathering.

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

12:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:51 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:12 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Old Coach Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:23 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2:02 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:08 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

9:53 a.m. **Linden Drive**, officer wanted, caller would like to see an officer regarding a dispute over the use of a private road. Officer spoke with both parties advised to not speak with each other until a ruling is made.

10:18 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:26 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

10:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

1:46 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, officer wanted, possible 209A violation, officer investigating. This was not a violation at this time.

4:59 p.m. **James Lane**, investigation, three adults and one juvenile in custody enroute. Juvenile arrest. Age: 15. Charges: Possession of Class D drug, conspiracy to violate drug law. Arrest: James Greg Wood, 18, 44 Maryland St., Marshfield. Charges: Possession of Class D drug, conspiracy to violate drug law. Arrest: Robert Paul Noble, 17, 20 Massasoit Ave., Marshfield. Charges: Possession of Class C drug, conspiracy to violate drug law. Arrest: Brien J. Buckley, 21, 37 Cushing Rd., Cohasset. Charges: Distribute Class D drug (2 counts), drug violation near school (3 counts), possession to distribute Class D drug, conspiracy to violate drug law, carrying dangerous weapon.

8:17 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, NOV. 2

12:30 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash.

1:05 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, search warrant, executing a search warrant, late entry, due to time change update. Weymouth K-9 will be responding, Weymouth K-9 on scene.

1:21 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:43 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:36 a.m. **HQ.**, larceny, walk in party states her wallet was either lost of stolen at Walgreen's.

6:40 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

7:14 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, power outage, caller states "there is a power outage." National Grid notified.

7:25 a.m. **Windy Hill Rd.**, power outage, 911 caller states "his power is out." Caller was advised National Grid is aware of the problem.

6:53 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:39 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:40 p.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:41 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:44 p.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, well being check, 911 caller reports a silver colored vehicle with a male party inside the car appears to be unconscious. Sgt. reports female in the vehicle refusing to open the doors or windows. Sgt. was able to wake female, she is not cooperating at this time. Sgt. requesting a tow truck to the scene. Female is being brought to HQ at this time. A 66-year-old Scituate female in PC.

MONDAY, NOV. 3

12:59 a.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, public service.

1 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service.

1:08 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:12 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

8:51 a.m. **Doane St.**, accidental 911 call, 911 caller reports she was trying to dial the Senior Center not 911. Officer confirms accidental 911 call.

9:45 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:18 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10:53 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

11:03 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:08 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:24 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:02 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

2 p.m. **South Main St., and Depot Ct.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports she has been rear-ended and would like an officer to respond. No injuries.

2:27 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

4:11 p.m. **King St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, 911 caller reports elderly woman driving erratically in the parking lot, officer reports driver is fine and is waiting to pick her husband up at the gym.

5:45 p.m. **Cedar St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports erratic driver. Area search negative. Delayed entry: 6:45 p.m. officer reports car found and is now parked in Feng Shui parking lot. Officer standing by. Officer clear with no finding.

TUESDAY, NOV. 4

1:08 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:09 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:05 a.m. **Wheelwright Farm**, hazard (traffic), a water cover that is loose in the middle of the road.

8:07 a.m. **Doane St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports a male dressed in camouflage clothing driving motor vehicle has parked at the above location and gone into the woods. Officer reports this male is allowed to bow hunt in the area.

8:24 a.m. **Doane St.**, (hazard), caller reports a stain in the street and isn't sure what it is, caller is concerned it may be gas or oil, officer reports it looks like water, no need for fire.

9:08 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

9:15 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:25 a.m. **Lambert's Lane**, fire – public assist, caller reports her neighbor has fallen over in his wheelchair and she needs help picking him up.

10:27 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:46 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:06 a.m. **Border St.**, parking complaint, caller reports trucks parked illegally making it unsafe to pass by. One citation issued.

11:06 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:38 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:51 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, public service, caller reports a light green VW Beetle has been parked at this location for about four months and is sick of looking at it. Officer reports the vehicle is active and on private property.

12:20 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

3:21 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, animal complaint, caller reports while walking to her car from her house a turkey charged at her sister in the driveway knocking her to the ground and pecking at her. ACO notified and contact the caller.

4:19 p.m. James Lane, assist citizen, caller reports she has installed new batteries in her c/o detector per fire dept. call (Nov. 3) and alarm will not shut off.

4:42 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:04 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, traffic enforcement.

8:43 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning, officer informed motorist of the safety hazards of flashing lights on an old fire engine.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5

12:47 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:47 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:51 a.m. **Heather Drive**, public service, caller states "she just heard 2 gunshots." Perimeter of Wheelwright Park checks negative. Sound may have come from CJC Highway or beyond.

6:59 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement. No violations.

8:52 a.m. **Ledgewood Drive**, vandalism report, caller reports her rear windshield has been smashed.

2:52 p.m. **South Main St., and Elm St.**, traffic enforcement.

3:07 p.m. **South Main St., and Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning, verbal for stop sign.

3:26 p.m. **South Main St., and Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:12 p.m. **Grace Drive and Hull St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports group of kids out at above location. Unable to locate.

4:39 p.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:19 p.m. **Doane St.**, noise complaint, caller reports she heard gunshots in the area – possibly from the park. Contacted Scituate Rod and Gun Club, has a function going on.

5:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:56 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6 :15 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:24 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:38 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports the lights were flashing and gate went down, no train – gates went back up. Notified MBTA. Officer will stand by for the next train.

7:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop.

9:30 p.m. **North Main St.**, hazard (traffic), OnStar called to report – the lights were flashing and gate went down. Caller was waiting for a short time for the train. Unsure if there was a malfunction. OnStar called back – everything was fine at above location.

9:49 p.m. **North Main St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports the lights are flashing and the bell is ringing but there is no train. Officer reports there is a malfunction – officer directing traffic until MBTA arrives.

THURSDAY, NOV. 6

1:56 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:56 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:03 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports motor vehicle accident with no injuries, just needs assistance exchanging paperwork.

9:31 a.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, large brown and white dog at this location known as "Marcos". Contacted the dog owner they will be down to retrieve their dog.

11:27 a.m. **Elm St.**, animal complaint, brown and white dog known as "Marcos" is walking down Elm Street Message left for dog owner, ACO notified.

12:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, callers reporting a motor vehicle crash at this location, there is air bag deployment at this location, Driftway Towing notified for two trucks. Citation issued to vehicle number 2 for following too close on a state highway.

4:07 p.m. **King St.**, animal complaint, caller reports there was a dog that charged at him when he was coming out of the woods. This is the second time this occurred. It was the same dog, the dog is running loose. Caller didn't want to speak to officer, he wanted this logged in. Sgt. aware of this traffic.

4:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports there is a vehicle possibly broken down half in the middle of the road.

6:12 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports vehicle is smoking at the RR tracks. Notified MBTA. The train has been stopped.

6:54 p.m. **Beach St., and Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, walk in party reports odor of gas at above location.

7:20 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, animal complaint, caller reports there is a deer and 2 babies in the middle of the road.

10:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

FRIDAY, NOV. 7

12:25 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:42 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:01 a.m. **North Main St.**, animal complaint, caller states " a woman was walking in the area of the Common with 2 Golden Retrievers. The dog named Murphy attempted to bite the caller." Caller states "if she had not been wearing a leather coat, she would have been bitten."

6:51a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

6:59 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller states there is a motor vehicle accident outside the parking lot.

9:11 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

9:17 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:31 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:44 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property (recovered), walk in party turned in a ring that she found at this location.

5:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports he has hit a deer and possibly totaled his vehicle.

5:16 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

5:21 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:28 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:46 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:20 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop.

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

12:13 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist other police department, officer in the vicinity of Straits Pond after monitoring a radio call from Hull regarding someone calling for help. Area is now quiet. Noise may have been due to a large crowd exiting a bar in the area.

1 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:30 a.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:48 a.m. **Hull St.**, B&E (in progress), State Police had received a 911 cell call from the residence. Caller stated there was someone trying to break into her residence. Prior to hanging up caller was heard to say "I have the cops on the line."

2:43 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen.

3:32 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:36 a.m. **Sestito Lane**, public service, caller states the gates at the train crossing have been running on a short cycle for _ hour. MBTA notified.

6:50 a.m. **Sestito Lane**, assist citizen, caller states the gates at the train crossing are in a short cycle. Caller was advised the MBTA is aware of the problem

7 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, cell caller reports motor vehicle vs. deer.

8:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

9:13 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

9:32 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10:07 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports a very minor fender bender at this location, just requesting an officer to assist in paper exchange.

10:12 a.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, officer reports a dog in the square needs to be picked up by its owner. This is an ongoing problem.

10:16 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:51 a.m. **Ash St.**, animal complaint, received a hang up call from this location and on call back male party was out of breath stating a dog just killed a cat and needs the police. Officer on scene requesting the ACO.

12:23 p.m. **Highland Ct.**, animal complaint, ACO to this residence to speak to them about issues regarding their dog. Residents are in the house but are refusing to answer the door at this time.

1:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Hingham PD received a call reporting vehicle all over the road.

3:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, caller reports she and her husband were riding horses in Whitney Woods and two Huskies "were trying to attack them." Caller reports she did get them to leave. She does not know who they belong to but wanted it logged.

4:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:11 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

Winter parking

Winter parking regulations are in effect Nov. 15 through April 1.

No overnight on-street parking between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. is allowed during winter parking regulations.

Violators are subject to a fine of $25.

POLICE/FIRE TERMS

ACO -Animal Control Officer (also referred to as 889)

ALS - Transport, Ambulance Transporting - Advanced Life Support (High level of care with paramedics administering drugs)

BLS Transport - Ambulance Transporting, Basic Life Support (Usually not life threatening)

BOLO - Be On the Look Out

BT - Breath Test (having to do with liquor offenses)

C20 - Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln

Capt. - Fire Captain (supervisor)

CID - Criminal Investigation Division (Cohasset Detectives)

CPAC - State Police Troopers Assigned to the District Attorneys Office

D1 - Delta One (Sergeant CID Commander)

D2 - Delta Two (Cohasset Detectives call sign)

D/K - Drunk

E1 - E4 - Cohasset Fire Engines

GOA- Gone on Arrival

HQ - Headquarters

Juvenile -Person under the age of 17

L1 - Cohasset Fire Ladder Truck

LEAPS/NCIC - Police Computer System (National)

ME - Medical Examiner

M/V - Motor Vehicle

OIC - Officer in Charge

OUI - Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)

P81 through P84 - Fire Captains' Radio Call Signs

PC - Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody - not a criminal charge)

PI - Personal Injury

Principle Party -Person who called

PT - Patient

QMC - Quincy Medical Center

R3 - Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)

RMV -Registry of Motor Vehicles

RO - Restraining Order

RP - Reporting Party

S1 - Squad 1 - Cohasset Fire Squad (Forest Fire Truck)

SDI - Smoke Detector Investigation

Sgt. - Police Sergeant (supervisor)

S/P - Suspicious Person

SSH - South Shore Hospital

WMS - Warrant Management System (Name for Massachusetts computer system that holds arrest warrants)

881 - Cohasset Police Chief James Hussey

882 -888 - Cohasset PD Cruiser Numbers

886 or 888 - Cohasset PD Sergeants Car (Shift Commanders)

Legal Notices

ZBA/124 ATLANTIC AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 8:30PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **SPECIAL PERMIT** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Paul and Michele Antico, seek to build a garage and multi use room at **124 Atlantic Avenue** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08.11.10a.

AD#11824752
Cohasset Mariner 11/14, 11/21/08

ZBA/438 BEECHWOOD ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 8:00PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **VARIANCE** pursuant to §5.3.1 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Herbert L. Marsh, seeks to build a single family house at **438 Beechwood Street** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08.11.10.

AD#11824180
Cohasset Mariner 11/14, 11/21/08

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Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE WEEK OF
NOV. 10, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Decisions involving your finances might seem to be foolproof. But they could have underlying risks you should know about. Don't act on anything until all the facts are in.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're attracted to a situation that appeals to your Bovine intellect. And that's good. But don't neglect your passionate side when romance comes calling later in the week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A recent development enhances that special relationship. Spending more time together also helps make the bonding process stronger. Expect news about a possible career change.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A suspicious situation should be dealt with before it leads to serious problems. Get all the facts needed to resolve it. Then refocus your energies on those tasks that need your attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Try to be more open-minded in working toward a resolution of that standoff between yourself and a colleague or family member. A little flexibility now could work to your advantage later.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might feel a bit threatened by a proposed workplace change. The best way to deal with it is to ask questions. You'll find that those involved will be happy to provide you with the facts.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Feeling alone in a crowd during the early part of the week is an unsettling emotion. But your spirits soon perk up, putting you into the right mood to start making holiday plans.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A pesky problem should be dealt with immediately so you can put your time and effort into something more important. Someone from your past could have significant news for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) High-energy aspects dominate, both on the job and at home. Use this time to put some long-range plans into operation. Things level off later in the week.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Even the usually gregarious Goat might feel overwhelmed by a flurry of activities. Be patient. Things soon return to your normal social routine.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Career choices that seem too confusing to deal with at this point probably are. More information would help uncomplicate them. On the personal side, a friend might need your advice.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your Piscean imagination is stimulated by possibilities you see in a new opportunity. But keep those ideas to yourself until you feel ready to translate them into a workable format.

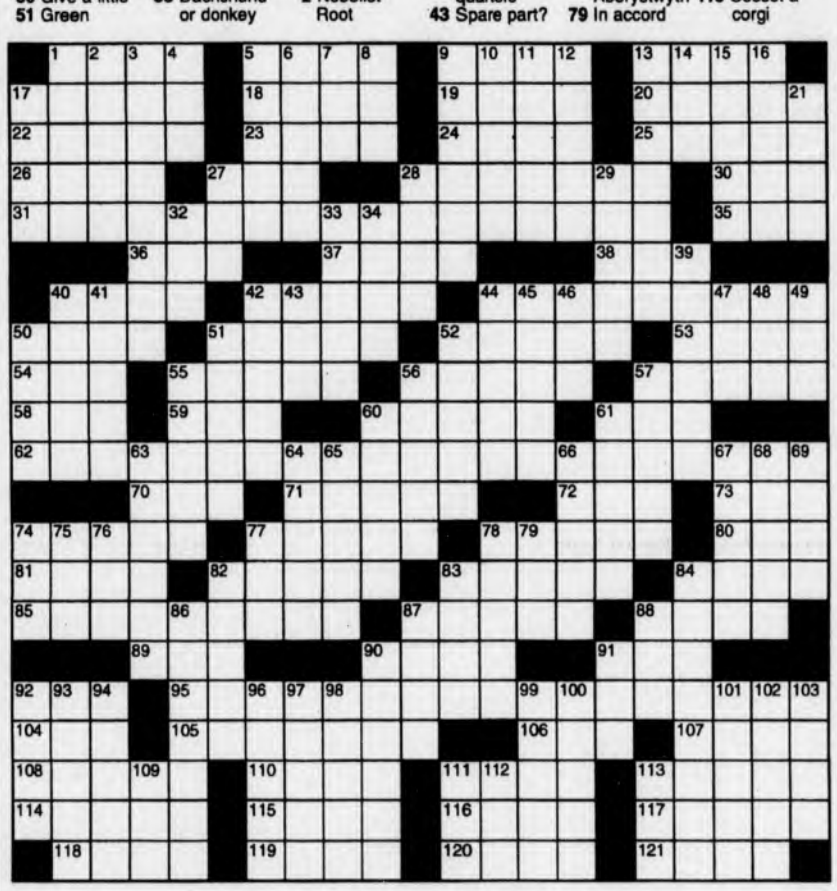
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BORN THIS WEEK: You have an ingratiating way of helping people deal with their fears. Have you considered a career in social work or with the clergy?

Crossword - No Whey!

ACROSS
1 TV host John
5 Full of oneself
9 Amontillado container
13 Beseeched
17 Nile feature
18 In good health
19 "— Without Love" ('68 hit)
20 Sanctuary
22 Hood's handle
23 Admiral Zumwalt
24 Tiny part of a second
25 Wagner work
26 Annealing oven
27 Flagon filler
28 Newspaper
30 Take-home
31 Start of a remark
35 Ring stat
36 Thwack
37 Compact cotton
38 "Great Expectations" character
40 Cad
42 Mythical being
44 Hateful
50 Give a little
51 Green
52 Yesterday's thresher
53 Lillian or Dorothy
54 Ivy Leaguer
55 Fancy dessert
56 First dog in space
57 Where cats congregate
58 Pie — mode
59 Lofty peak
60 Distribute the donuts
61 Keats composition
62 Middle of remark
70 Born
71 '87 Peace Prize winner
72 Solidify
73 "— Shook Up" ('57 smash)
74 Corny goddess?
77 Colossal commotion
78 Malicious to the max
80 Where rams romp
81 Bus starter?
82 Thirteen, to a baker
83 Soprano Fleming
84 — impasse
85 Dachshund or donkey
87 Pianist Jorge
88 "— Old Cow Hand" ('36 song)
89 Objective
90 Counter change
91 Botanist Gray
92 Age
95 End of remark
104 Road to enlightenment
105 Generally
106 — choy
107 Rocker Billy
108 Tracking tool
110 Manuscript enc.
111 "Surely you —"
113 Lowliest cadet
114 Caustic
115 Yemeni port
116 "New Jack City" actor
117 Beast of Borden
118 Long lunch?
119 For fear that
120 Non-stereo
121 Little ones

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1 Word form for "end"
2 Nobelist Root
3 Stiffened a shirt
4 Contains
5 Expand
6 Free-for-all
7 City on the Danube
8 Day- —
9 Finger food
10 Stun
11 Less loopy
12 TV's "— Landing"
13 Symbol of immortality
14 Drink like a Doberman
15 Happening
16 Writer Walcott
17 Tyne of "Cagney & Lacey"
21 West. alliance
27 Coldest cont.
28 Audacity
29 Tevye's portrayer
32 Sneeze and wheeze
33 Superior to
34 Chip's chum
39 Infant oinker
40 "Greetings!"
41 Early computer
42 Buccaneers' headquarters
43 Spare part?
44 With 47 Down, Italian export
45 Produces pies
46 Actress Long
47 See 44 Down
48 Manipulate
49 Diffident
50 Drum din
51 Nick of "Q&A"
52 Gets on
55 Perkins role
56 "Frederica" composer
57 Mature
60 Descendant
61 Ready to reduce
63 Silverware city
64 Infirmary item
65 Went wrong
66 Snowy bird
67 "Big Three" site
68 New York city
69 — Bator
74 — au vin
75 Aussie walker
76 Cell stuff
77 Dandy
78 Hailing from Aberystwyth
79 In accord
82 Swashbuckling novelist
83 '48 Hitchcock film
84 Texas town
86 "I Love Lucy" surname
87 Tour-de-France vehicle
88 Adjectival suffix
90 Aptitude
91 Say please
92 Pound of poetry
93 Extend
94 Wrestling giant
96 Twangy
97 Commerce
98 Classical nonet
99 "Hedda Gabler" playwright
100 Club creed
101 What i.e. stands for
102 "Ora pro —"
103 Painter Paul
109 Word on a pump
111 Bowie or Bakker
112 Author Umberto
113 Cosset a corgi



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Sudoku

	8	2		9		4		
	5				7		6	
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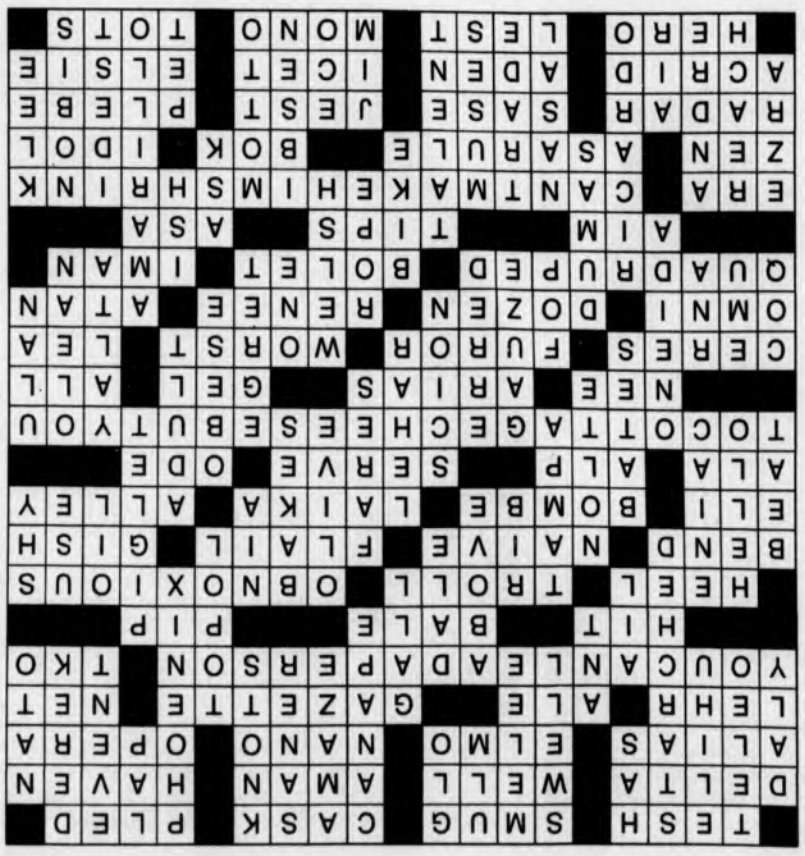
Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Crossword Solution - No Whey!



Magic Maze - Turn on the Heat

E L J G D A X V S F P N K I D
F C A X V S Q O U L L J H E R
C A X E G N A R V L T R P N Y
L J C H C F N D B I Y X R V E
T R O P O A M B U R N E R L R
K I O G C E L D B G M Z D E X
W N K E R I F P M A C D T E U
T D E F R O S T E R I A N V R
Q O R V N L J T I R E L I O B
G F D C O A S Y G H I X W T V
T S R P O N L K J K I F G S F

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Burner
Campfire
Cooker

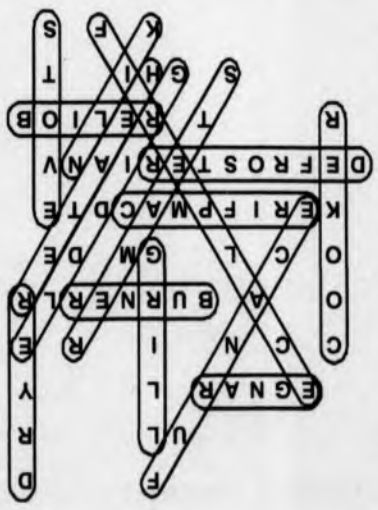
Defroster
Dryer
Fireplace
Furnace

Griddle
Grill
Heater
Kiln

Range
Steamer
Stove

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Magic Solution - Turn on the Heat



Sudoku Solution

6	5	7	2	8	1	4	3	9
2	4	3	9	6	7	5	1	8
8	9	1	5	3	4	6	7	2
4	7	6	8	5	9	1	2	3
5	3	9	1	2	6	8	4	7
1	2	8	4	7	3	9	6	5
3	8	5	6	4	2	7	9	1
9	6	2	7	1	8	3	5	4
7	1	4	3	9	5	2	8	6

Rec Notes

Jam sessions on Sunday afternoons

To register for any Cohasset Recreation Department program, visit www.cohassetrec.com or stop by the office at Town Hall. For information, call 781-383-4109.

Sunday afternoon jam session

Aspiring musicians, get together and play music at the Rec. Center on Sunday afternoons. Music industry veteran and Cohasset resident Howie Altholtz is teaming up with Cohasset Rec. to host this program. Musicians should bring their own instruments and may bring their own equipment. Amps and drums will be available on site thanks to the generosity of Crossroads Music of Hanover. Cost is $8 per visit or a pass of $30 for five weeks. Register at www.cohassetrec.com

Teen girls self-awareness seminar

A two-hour class to teach girls ages 12-18 techniques that can save lives. Meets at Cohasset Town Hall, Monday, Nov. 17, from 4:40 to 6:30 p.m. Fee is $79.

Babysitting course

A three-hour course is designed to assist fifth through eighth graders to be better babysitters and to learn the dos and donts of being home alone. The course will cover information on child development, playing with younger children, basic first aid, fire safety and prevention, and the overall responsibilities of babysitting. Instructor is Kim Cleary, nurse and mother. Meets Saturday, Dec. 13, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Paul Pratt Library. Class is limited to 18 pre-registered students; cost is $18.

CPR

An American Heart Association CPR course, Wednesday, Jan. 14, from 6 to 10 p.m., instructed by members of the Cohasset Fire Department; instruction includes adult, child and infant CPR. Meets at Cohasset Town Hall. Cost is $45; two-year certification card.

Pooch parties

Parties cost $30 per session or $75 for all three. For more information call 781-857-1239 or visit happydogtraining.com.

Thanksgiving Gobble Doggie Social — Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., off-leash playgroup, obedience command obstacle course, bar jump contests and musical doggie tunnels

Doggy Obstacle Course Night — Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., learn basic dog agility obstacles and run a course with your dog.

Jingle Bell Bark Holiday Party — Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., $30, canine contests (waggiest tail, best trick, dog owner look-a-like, best holiday outfit), agility games.

Kids Love Crafts

Ooey, gooey arts and crafts, stories and songs at the Rec. Center, six Tuesdays, Nov. 18 through Dec. 23, from 10 to 1 a.m.. Watch your 2- to 4-year-old child make a mess and have some fun as they create crafts that can be treasured for a lifetime. Space is limited to 10 children with parent. Cost is $60.

Gingerbread house workshop with Kitchen Kids

Children ages 5-12 will decorate their own gingerbread house to take home for the holidays, Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Cohasset Town Hall. Cost is $35. Register early.

The Big Apple

Spend a day shopping and touring New York City, Saturday, Dec. 13. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Deluxe motor coach leaves Town Hall at 6 a.m. sharp, arrive in NYC around 10:30 a.m. Midtown dropoff near Rockefeller Center and pickup in the same area at 7 p.m. sharp. Cost is $44 per person. Limited enrollment.

Rec. Department is looking for donations.

Help the community by making a donation to the Cohasset Recreation Department. The Recreation Center needs bar stools, folding tables and chairs, pool tables, ping pong tables, foosball tables, air hockey tables, arcade games, video game systems, and televisions. All donations are eligible for tax deduction. With the community's help the Recreation Center will be a safe and enjoyable after-school destination and the best spot in town to host a party.

Jingle Bell Walk is Nov. 28

The South Shore Community Center invites families and friends to our Fourteenth Annual Jingle Bell Walk, which will be held on Friday, Nov. 28. Come to beautiful Cohasset Harbor at 2 p.m. and watch as Santa, Mrs. Claus and their many elf assistants arrive by fishing boat.

Santa and his elves will distribute jingle bells and then will board a horse-drawn wagon for the 'parade' to the South Shore Community Center. Everyone is invited to follow Santa and Friends to the Community Center for hot cocoa, punch and cookies.

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Enjoy the community sing-along of traditional holiday favorites sung by Mrs. Claus, Santa, Frosty, Rudolph and the merry Elves.

There will be photos with Santa, open bowling, face painting, a turkey trot and hayrides on the Common.

The Rusty Skippers Band will entertain at the end of the day and the lighting of the Christmas tree will take place on the Common at dusk. This is a wonderful community event that is sure to put everyone into the holiday spirit.

In the event of rain, Santa will arrive at the SSCC gym at 2 p.m.

Art Center's 'Walk the Line' fundraiser is Nov. 15

South Shore Art Center's national drawing show will be the backdrop for its "Walk the Line" fundraiser, a casual evening of music, food and art, Saturday, Nov. 15. With a nod to country legend Johnny Cash, the evening will feature country and popular music by musician Chuck McDermott and friends, fun finger-foods, cash bar and a participatory art project. Guests will be given a drawing implement to add their touch to an evolving 12-by-6-foot work of art.

Get out your cowboy boots, put on your jeans, and come relax and have fun, all to benefit the art education and exhibition programs of South Shore Art Center. The event is $45 for Art Center members; $55 for nonmembers. The cost includes complimentary drink ticket, hors d'oeuvres, great music, door prizes and the chance to contribute to a work of art.

For reservations or more information, contact the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or festival@ssac.org.



COURTESY PHOTO

Chuck McDermott, left, jams with Fleetwood Mac's Lindsey Buckingham at a recent concert. McDermott will lead a trio of country-rock musicians at the South Shore Art Center's Walk the Line party this Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Memory loss talk

Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset presents: Guiding the Families & Friends of Those with Memory Loss, which will presented by motivational speaker/LCSW Barbara Tortorella at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18. RSVP : (781) 383-6300.

Jade Forest offers free intro class for kids

Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi of Cohasset will host an open house for kids at its Route 3A studio, Saturday, Nov. 22, at 9:30 a.m. Children ages 5 to12 are welcome to attend this free introductory session. Parents must call ahead to register and must accompany their youngsters to the event.

The open house will introduce Jade Forest's new Saturday morning kids' class, which starts in December.

To register or for more information, call 781-383-6822 or visit www.jfkungfu.com.

Fall bird walk planned

The public is invited to join Sally Avery, Audubon expert, for a fall bird walk on Saturday, Nov. 15. Rain date is Nov. 22. Participants should meet at 8 a.m. at the intersection of Atlantic and Summit avenues, by the Black Rock end of the pond on the Hull side.

For more information, call Sue Lofchie at 781.925.0535.



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'Old Goats' savor stimulating discussions

Group welcomes local speakers

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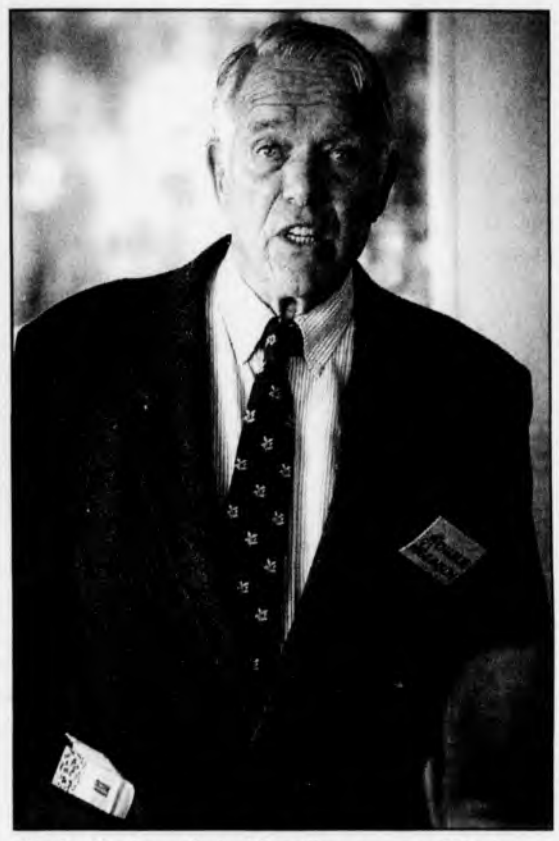
The Old Goats, a group of retired Cohasset men, meet on the first and frouth Thursday of every month. Each table hosts its own discussion.

As President-Elect Barack Obama builds his administration and prepares to take on the nation's economic woes, a group of accomplished Cohasset retirees — affectionately called the "Old Goats" — spent Thursday afternoon (Nov. 6) discussing presidential agenda items.

"This new administration is going to be very different," said guest speaker and Old Goats member, Lincoln Bloomfield, 88. "Obama will have the wind at his back for a while…but will come up against some painful realities."

Bloomfield, a retired political science professor for Massachusetts Institute of Technology and former director of global issues for the U.S. State Department said Obama will face four critical challenges during his presidency: The war in Iraq and Afghanistan; Iran's nuclear ambitions and relieving the United States from oil dependency.

"Barack Obama is coming in and people are rooting for him," said Old Goats speaker, Charles Higginson, 76, a retired career foreign-service officer. "I think he will press on global warming and climate change."



Charles Higginson, Retired State Department and Foreign Service Officer, speaks to members of the Old Goats. The group meets twice a month in Cohasset.

Both viewpoints coupled with a room bustling with congenial conversation – have all the makings of a typical Old Goats meeting.

"It is just a fascinating group of people with real diverse backgrounds," said the group's former president, Joe Nedrow, 70. "Because the discussions are all different, you are always fascinated with the conversation and the perspectives of different people."

Impeccably dressed in suit coats and ties, the Old Goats luncheon welcomed 40 retired, Cohasset residents – ranging in age from mid 60s to 93. Founded in 1966, the vision of the all-male group is to promote fellowship and compatibility and to stimulate conversation.

"The comradeship is very important," said current president, Diarmuid O'Connell, 80, referencing the benefits of socializing and thought-provoking conversation. "They (the members) savor stimulating discussions about Cohasset and other issues around the world."

Considered an accomplished and diverse group by townspeople, the organization is made up of former CEOs, sailors, diplomats, attorneys and investment counselors, to name just a few – all whom dine together twice a month at Atlantica Restaurant to discuss the issues facing their town, the nation and the world.

Former treasurer and informal historian, Dave Pottenger said the benefits of rich and inspiring conversation are many. "You need to get out and connect with society and this group offers that," he said.

In 2008, members welcomed local speakers including town manager, William Griffin, police Chief James Hussey and fire Chief Robert Silvia.

"This is a very informal and collegial group," said 2007 president Gault Grant, 75. "As a group, we don't take positions or get involved politically. It is to get together for fellowship."

Restricted to 40 members, there is currently a wait list, O'Connell said. All new members must be nominated by a fellow Old Goat and the only time there is a vacancy, he said, is if a member cannot attend all meetings, a change in residency or someone dies.

O'Connell described his eight-year Old Goats experience as stimulating.

"It is a very eclectic, educated and accomplished group," he said. "Our goal is to stay healthy and live long."



Former MIT political science professor Lincoln Bloomfield shares his knowledge with members of Old Goats. The group meets twice a month in Cohasset.

Senior Scene

History of the two-party system

Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. –The Two Party System presented by retired History Professor: Carl Meir. Learn about the development of our present Democratic and Republican Party from 1860-1880. A gourmet luncheon will follow the presentation Cost: $2.50. Location: CEA.

Saturday and Sunday Nov. 22 and 23 – 'Make A Difference Days' volunteers from the Cohasset PSO will come to the homes of seniors to rake, put down storm windows and other chores. Call 781-383-9112 to sign up.

Tuesday, Nov. 25 at noon – Annual Senior Thanksgiving Feast and entertainment at the Atlantica Restaurant Entertainment: Cohasset High School Jazz Quintet and members from the cast of West Side Story

Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 11 a.m. – 2009 Update: Medicare. Peg McDonough, director for SHINE Health Care will talk about prescription plans. A gourmet lunch will follow the presentation. Cost: $2.50. Location: CEA. Call 781-383-9112 for a reservation.

TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

NOVEMBER 13-21, 2008

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Laurie Hamilton of Cohasset's work titled Big Al.

The Plymouth Public Library will be hosting an exhibit of hooked rugs by local textile designers including Laurie Hamilton of Cohasset on Friday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The library is located on South St., at exit 5 off Route 3 South in Plymouth.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Nov 13

The South Shore Young Professionals will host their second networking event on Nov. 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The RooBar is located at 10 Cordage Park, Plymouth. Admission is $10 and includes appetizers. For information visit southshoreyoungprofessionals .org.

November Book Club Meeting at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Sctiuate Nov 13,6 to 8 p.m. November's fiction title: **Run by Ann Patchett.** Everyone welcome to attend. Free. 781-545-5011.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St. presents **Pastels By Ann Musto,** an exhibit titled "Beauty in Places" featuring the pastel paintings of Cohasset artist Ann M. Musto during November and December. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. 781-934-2721.

The Hingham Library and Buttonwood Books welcome award-winning **author Jennifer Haigh** on Nov. 13, 7 p.m. at the Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Haigh will discuss her new book, **The Condition**. Free event. 781-383-2665.

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) weekly meetings for anyone suffering from food addiction, food obsession, overeating, obesity, bulimia, undereating, etc. Meetings are free and there are no weigh-ins. Thursday evenings, 7 p.m.; First Congregational Church, 29 North Main St., Sharon and VA Hospital; 1400 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury www.foodaddicts.org 781-932-6300 or by emailing fa@foodaddicts.org. Local contact is Elissa P. at 781-784-1468.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke every Thursday **Karaoke with Liz Solomon,** 781-826-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Nov. 13, **Russ Costa & Satch Romano Blues Jam.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Brant Rock, Nov. 13, 9 p.m. **DJ Ramu & the Crew** 781-837-6369

Friday, Nov. 14

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Nov. 14 8:30 to midnight Holiday Day Inn, (formerly the Radisson Hotel) Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Rte. 228, off Rte.3. se-4u.com 781-446-0234. Dance music by award-winning DJ. For singles and couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Admittance $12 all night.

The South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, an upcoming exhibit will feature the works of an award-winning architectural illustrator **Frank M. Costantino** of Winthrop. The **opening event** will take place at the South Street Gallery from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 14. Refreshments. The exhibit will be on display until Thursday, Dec. 4.

South Shore Folk Music Club Coffeehouse Beal House of the Kingston Unitarian Church, 222 Main St., Route 106, Kingston, **Michael Troy; Craig Sonnenfeld** will open with open mike to follow Friday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m.; doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: Members $5. Non Members $6. ssfmc.org or 781-871-1052.

New England Singles Dance – Nov. 14, 8 p.m. to midnight. Sheraton Braintree Hotel Grand Ballroom, Route I-93 at Exit 6, Braintree **Adults of all ages. New England's top DJ's. Admission $12. singlesdancesnewengland.com 617-325-4900.**

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **Godspell** Show dates: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 16 and 23 at 2 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at Paperscapes, Cohasset, Buttonwood Books, Cohasset and by calling our ticket reservation line at 617-697-2115. Tickets will also be available at the door. Group ticket rates are available for groups of 10 or more at a cost of $12 per ticket. Contact Lisa Pratt at 617-852-0091 for group ticket information.

StoryTime Nov. 14, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Wine tasting with wine consultant Kim Simone, complimentary of Ruby Wine Inc., from 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 14, at Euro Mart, 26 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 781-749-4406

The Braintree High School Theatre Guild presents ***Drood,*** a musical comedy, Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14, at 8 p.m., and Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Grabowsky Auditorium at Braintree High School. Tickets are $13 for the evening shows and $10 for the matinee. To purchase tickets, call Dwayne Dahlbeck at 781-848-4000 ext. 2283.

Players Sports Bar & Restaurant, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland. **Kick-Off Comedy Show,** Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m. The Comedy of Boston's Own: Steve Sweeney, other comics: include **Annette Pollack** and **Chris Trabulsie.** Host: **Tommy Dunham**. Tickets $25. For advance tickets 781-681-9999 or 781-843-4833 www.myspace.com/annettepollack or www.myspace.com/playersrockland

JM Productions Standing O Comedy, Cabaret & more presents **Rod Stewart Show**, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. and Nov., 15, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. at **Cela's Italian Restaurant,** 1495 Hancock St., Quincy. Call 671-786-7469 to reserve. Jmproductions presents.com

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Friday, **karaoke with Ed.** 781-337-9905.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Nov. 14, **Flip Top Head**.781-826-6999.

Frankie D's Summerhill Plaza, Route 3A, Kingston, Nov. 14, **Memphis Rockabilly** 781-582-8226.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Nov. 14, **J.A.M. Band** 781-849-7007.

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Saturday, Nov. 15

Derby Academy Estate Sale, 56 Burditt Ave., Hingham Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Free and open to the public.** www.derbyacademy.org

Plymouth Public Library will be hosting an **exhibit of hooked rugs** by local textile designers including **Laurie Hamilton of Cohasset** on Friday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LINKS is sponsoring a new **Children's Library for the Pediatric Department at South Shore Hospital,** and we were selected by Barnes & Noble to be the beneficiary of this year's **Annual Holiday Book Drive**. Both the Hingham (Derby Street Shoppes) and Braintree (150 Granite St.) store locations are participating. As part of this book drive, LINKS is sponsoring **story time** at the Barnes & Noble Stores at the Hingham and Braintree stores. They will be held **every Saturday** until Christmas. Hingham's story time will be at 11 a.m., On Nov. 15 the Hingham theme is **Cat and the Hat** and Braintree's time will be at 1 p.m.

The Church of the Holy Nativity, Episcopal, 8 Nevin Road in South Weymouth will hold a roast-beef dinner for about 100 people, complete with festive table settings between 3 and 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 15, 781-335-2030 or holynativityweymouth.org. Handicap-accessible

Drift Away with Joe and J will perform on Saturdays from 3 to 5p.m. French Memories Bakery, 60 South Main St., Cohasset, 781-383-2216.

Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square, Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., in Hingham Square. **Bill Morrissey** will perform Nov. 15, at 8 p.m. Admission is $12 at the door. The concert begins with an open mike at 8 p.m. 781-749-1767.

Night Owl Crop Scrapbooking Fundraiser, Nov. 15 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. The cost is $25 per person, pre-registration required and includes dinner, snacks, consultations, goodie bag, prizes and lots of fun. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward an additional outdoor enclosure to house another owl at the Science Center. To sign-up call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org

Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Brantree presents **Intermediate Genealogy** Nov. 15, 10 to 11:15 a.m. in Logan auditorium on the upper level. Free and open to the public. 781-848-0405 x4420, thayerpubliclibrary.net.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke Nov. 15, **Deja Voova formerly Cheap Voova**. 781-826-6999.

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BEANPOT OF 'SPAMALOT'

Monte Python spoof back for second run in Boston

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



PHOTO BY JOAN MARCUS

Camelot scene in Monty Python's Spamalot.

For theater performers, being on the road with a show usually means living out of a suitcase. Singer and dancer Angelina Mullins will be able to unpack her bags next week, however, and stay with her family in Mansfield while she appears in "Monty Python's Spamalot" at Boston's Colonial Theatre.

"It's great to be able to live with my family when the show is in Boston. My mom takes really good care of me and when I'm not working I'll be able to spend time catching up with family and friends in the area," said Mullins by telephone. "I'm expecting many of my friends and family to come see the show, too, which is always fun."

They'll join the throngs of theatergoers who've already applauded the national tour of the show that won three 2005 Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Lovingly "ripped off" by creator Eric Idle from his most popular motion picture, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" — which featured the irreverent British comedy troupe of Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Idle, Terry Jones and Michael Palin — "Monty Python's Spamalot" is directed by Mike Nichols with a score by Idle and John Du Prez. Telling the tale of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table and their quest for the Holy Grail, "Spamalot" features a chorus line of dancing divas — including Mullins — and kooky knights in the court of King Arthur.



Angelina Mullins

Although she grew up mostly unaware of the madcap antics of Monty Python, the 22-year-old Mullins admits she is now a full-fledged convert.

"The whole Monty Python thing was a little before my time, and I didn't really get the British humor at first. I had to see the show a few times to really get it. After being in it for a while, and experiencing such an overwhelmingly positive response from audiences, I realized it truly has something for everyone."

With Mullins in the cast, that often includes her parents, Ann-Marie and David, and her brother, David, a 2008 graduate of Mansfield High School. "I see my parents every six weeks or so and often my brother, too. They've joined me on the road many times in some amazing places like Denver and Seattle. It's been a great opportunity for all of us to see the country," said Mullins, who was also with "Spamalot" when it played Boston's Opera House last winter.

The song and dance skills that have Mullins touring the country were honed in another part of the professional dance world as a Boston Ballet School student, first at the South Shore Studio in Norwell and then in Boston. The 2003 Mansfield High School graduate danced on area stages many times during 10 years with the Boston Ballet Company, most notably as Clara in "The Nutcracker." By age 17, however, she was already considering other career options.

"I grew up in the Boston Ballet of artistic directors Bruce Marks and Anna-Marie Holmes, and it was an experience I will carry with me always, but once I met Annie Reinking I was really on the path to musical theater."

Completing her Mansfield High senior-year class work months early, Mullins — who now lives in New York — was offered a part in the national tour of the stage version of "Saturday Night Fever" in the spring of 2003.

"At that point, I was also still auditioning for ballet companies, but I was being drawn more and more to musical theater," recalls Mullins. Following "Saturday Night Fever," Mullins joined the national — and subsequently international — tour of "Fosse," the 1999 Tony Award-winning Best Musical that celebrates Bob Fosse's genius as a choreographer, director, and performer.

"It was the realization of a lifelong dream for me to do that show. My skin tingled every night when the curtain went up. The whole 'Fosse' experience was very moving for me and it is something I will be grateful for as long as I live."

While Mullins — who passed on a short-term contract with CBS-TV's "Guiding Light" to take "Fosse" — looks forward to a possible future in television and films, she's also clearly enjoying her current assignment.

"This whole 'Spamalot' tour has been just amazing. We're very lucky, because we have a great cast and company and we're all very close, which is a rare experience in this business. I've never felt such genuine camaraderie before. When Mike Nichols comes out to check on the show, he always encourages us to just go wild and have fun. It is good advice and easy to take, because this whole show is just a really well-written spoof that everyone seems to love, including those of us in the cast."

"Monty Python's Spamalot" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston, Nov. 18-23. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787 or go online at broadwayacrossamerica.com.

Reunions

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 – 30th reunion at The Salon at Tosca Nov. 15, 7 to 11 p.m. Information: Jennifer Lubrano Clayton at 781-749-6645 or Terry Dwyer Hurley at 781-749-2620.

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1983 – 25th reunion, Nov 22, 7 p.m. at the Greatest Bar Boston (across from the Garden) e-mail for more info at bhsc1983@hotmail.com

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2003 – five-year reunion. Nov. 26, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the American Legion, Cohasset Harbor. Info contact Curt Kahn — curt.kahn@gmail.com

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 30th Reunion will be held on Nov. 28, at the Quincy Marriott, Quincy at 7 p.m. Tickets $55 per person. Contact Jill (Whitten) Coyle at 781-843-3275 or thejcoyles@verizon.net or visit www.braintreehigh.com and click on "1978."

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2003 – five-year reunion, Nov. 28, from 7 to 11 p.m. at HaNaBi on Plain St in Marshfield. $25 per person and guests are welcome. Includes: cash bar, appetizer buffet and band. E-mail marshfield2003@gmail.com with any questions.

NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1973 – 35th reunion, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Adams Inn, near the Neponset bridge. Prepayment of $45 per person. Checks payable to NQHS Reunion along with completed form to Jo-Ann Bragg, 74 East Elm Ave., Wollaston, MA 02170. Discounted room rate. E-mail Joannbragg@comcast.net for information.

WEYMOUTH NORTH HIGH Class of 1978 – 30th reunion, Nov. 28, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth Harbor For updated information go to classmates.com. RSVP Jen Palmer Morse at:Jmorse2@its.jnj.com

ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2003 – Fifth year reunion, Nov. 29, 8 p.m. at the Rattlesnake Bar & Grill, 2nd Floor, 384 Boylston St., Boston - Cost: $10 for AHS members, $20 for guests - AHSCLASS03@gmail.com, Nicole Paragona, Brendan Kelliher, Erin Smyth and Stacey Cobban.

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAMS GRAND REUNION for classes ending in three and eight, Nov.29 at 7 p.m. at the High School. E-mail TCahill@AWHS.org or call the Alumni Office at 781-535-6486.

BLUE HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1983 – 25th reunion, Nov. 29, at Lombardo's in Randolph, at 7 p.m. Add your information to www.bhr.1983.com searching for fellow classmates. Cost: $50 for one or $90 per couple. Checks made payable to the Class of 1983 should be mailed to Michelle DiTullio, 75 Foundry St. Unit 28, Easton, MA. 02375-Money must be received by Nov. 6.

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 – 20th reunion, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m., Papa-Razzi Loft, Hanover. $15 per person, $25 per couple, send checks to Scott Crowley by Nov. 15, 111 Hillside Drive, Hanover, MA 02339. Pay after the 15th or at the door $25 per person, $40 per couple. Info including the evite contact Joe Cristina, 508-523-8093 or joecri@comcast.net

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1998 – 10th reunion Nov. 28 at Felt in Boston starting at 8 p.m. The cost is $30. Go to www.hingham98.com to pay using paypal. To pay with check, send to Karen Bonner at 14 Malcolm St., Hingham, MA 02043. Make checks payable to Hingham High Class of 1998.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 – 20th reunion *Atlantica Restaurant,* Cohasset Harbor. Nov. 29, 7 to 11 p.m. Cost: $50 per person. Checks payable: to HHS Class of 1988.Mail to 66 Presidential Circle, Marshfield, MA 02050.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1993 – 15th reunion from 7 to 11 p.m., Nov. 29, at Black Rock Country Club. Those who have information on missing classmates or who have questions can email Kerri Mullen Kelleher at kamkelleher@msn.com

ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1987 – 20th reunion Nov. 29, from 7:30 to midnight. at the Holiday Inn, 195 Westgate Drive, Brockton. Cost per person is $45 and overnight rooms at the Holiday Inn are available. RSVP by Nov.15 to Beth Scherer, 495 Westgate Drive, Brockton, MA, 02301. E-mail *RHSClassof1987@gmail.com* with any questions, updated contact info, or information on missing classmates.

SLRHS CLASS OF 1988 – 20th reunion Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. Indian Pond Country Club, 60 Country Club Way, Kingston. $55 per person (hors devours, light dinner, DJ cash bar). Checks payable to "SLRHS Class of 1988" can be mailed to Andrea Kelly Donaruma, 46 Rockland St., Brockton, MA 02301. Reservations required.

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 – 20th reunion, Nov. 29, at Granite Links Golf Club At Quarry Hills, 100 Quarry Hills Drive, Quincy. www.weymouthsouth.com

THE PLYMOUTH-CARVER Class of 1985 –25th reunion. The reunion committee is actively searching for the addresses of classmates. Contact Linda Flattery at 508-747-5277, ext.230, or LFlattery@Hanover.com and leave your name and phone number/e-mail to update the class list and for more information about the event. Looking for all members and the committee wants to hear from you.

Send your reunion listings to ddinsmore@cnc.com or fax 781-837-4540 Attention Dorothy Dinsmore.



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South Shore Art Center's national Drawing show will be the back-drop for a fundraiser titled "Walk the Line" a casual and fun evening of music, food and art Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. The evening will feature country and popular music by musician Chuck McDermott and friends, fun finger-foods, cash bar and a participatory art project. Guests will be given a drawing implement to add their touch to an evolving 12-feet by 6-feet work of art. The event is $45 for Art Center members; $55 for non-members and includes complimentary drink ticket, hors d'oeuvres, great music, door prizes and your chance to contribute to a work of art. For reservations or information, contact the Art Center at 781-383-2787 or festival@ssac.org.

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Cohasset, Butterwood Books, Cohasset and by calling our ticket reservation line at 617-697-2115.
Tickets will also be available at the door. Group ticket rates are available for groups of 10 or more at a cost of $12 per ticket. Contact Lisa Pratt at 617-852-0091 for group ticket information.

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A free homebuyer seminar at the Hingham Public Library Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The program is suitable for first-time homebuyers, Step-Up Homebuyers and those who are considering the purchase of a second home. Attendees will learn about several options for home financing. Free and open to the public. To register, call 781.749.2200 or send an email: pattalbot@hinghamsavings.com.

The Friends of the Ventress Memorial Library presents a concert featuring the **Homegrown String Band** Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. The concert is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Light refreshments. For information, call 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org.

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ASAP (Adoption & Foster Care School Awareness Project) will hold the **Adoption & Education Forum 2008** Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pembroke Public Library, 142 Center St., Pembroke. Registration is $35 (free to classroom teachers). EEC hours available. Lunch is provided. For information or to register visit www.asapmass.org or contact ASAP at asapmass@verizon.net or 781 293-3341

Marshfield Lodge of Elks #2494, 1321 Ocean St., Marshfield will hold a **Meat Raffle**, Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. Admission is free. All are welcome. Refreshments. Information, call 781-834-4433.

Wine Tasting featuring French, Italian and South African wines from noon to 4 p.m. 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 15, at Euro Mart, 26 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 781-749-4406

Colonial Tavern, 39 Main St., Plymouth **Comedy Show** at 8 p.m. Nov. 15, featuring **Paul Keenan, Christine Hurley, and Jon Pierce.** For reservations call 508-746-0838.

JM Prductions Standing O Comedy, Cabaret & more presents **Rod Stewart Show**, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. and Nov., 15, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. at **Cela's Italian Restaurant,** 1495 Hancock St., Quincy. Call 671-786-7469 to reserve. Jmproductionspresents.com

Jo's Nautical Bar, 125 Main St., Hull, Nov. 15, 9 p.m. **Drift Away.** No cover charge.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Saturday, **Tony Perez** 781-337-9905.

The River Club, 78 Border St., Scituate Nov. 15, 8 p.m. to midnight, **Blame the Dog and The Marshalls.** 781-545-1330.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Nov. 15, **Memphis Rockabilly** 781-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Nov. 15, **Monster Mike Welch.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue-

Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Brant Rock, Nov. 15, Floor one **DJ Tommy P** and Floor two **Aerosmith Tribute Band-Draw the Line** 781-837-6369

Sunday, Nov. 16

The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., in Weymouth, will continue its "November Holiday Show" through Sunday Nov. 30. **A reception will be held Sunday, Nov. 16 from 1 to 4 p.m.** to introduce artists who have joined the show since the opening reception Nov. 2. The show closes Sunday Nov. 30. Artists in the exhibit are **Kathy Ferrara** from Hanson, **Roselyn Herman** from Hull; **Jan McElhinny** from Cohasset, **Joyce Dietlin** from Plymouth, **Patricia Isaac** from Rockland, **Marilyn Reisberg** from Quincy; and **Sheldon Segal** from Braintree, plus four artists from Weymouth: **Kathy Hunt, Kaye O'Brien, Denise Byrnes Graham,** and **Barbara Saulnier.** 781-331-3384. www.dickinsonartgallery.com.

Starcreations Theater will hold its **Annual Fundraising Auction** on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Kingston. Doors open at 1:00pm. Tickets $10. For more info, email info@starcreations.org or call 508-747-1234.

The Providence Mandolin Orchestra will perform in Old Ship Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are $3 at the door. Call 781-741-1405 x2600 for information or visit www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Atlantic Symphony Orchestra's KidsConcert, Nov. 16, at 3 p.m. at Scituate Library, 85 Branch St., Scituate. Tickets are $3 for children and adults and are available at the door. 781-545-8727 www.scituatetownlibrary.org.

Monday, Nov. 17

New Beginnings, a non-profit, non-sectarian support organization for single, widowed, separated and divorced men and women, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Information: call Peggy Loud, 781-659-1857 or email Cheryl Pimental NBNorwellMA@aol.com Nov. 17, White Elephant Auctioning off new or "gently used" items as well as services from New Beginnings members just in time for the holidays.

Norwell Middle School and the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, at Norwell Middle School, Cafeteria, 328 Main St., Norwell. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or visit www.givelife.org to schedule an appointment.

The Hanover Toastmasters Club is holding an open house Nov. 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Rockland Trust, 2036 Washington St. Hanover. Toastmasters is a club that gives people the opportunity to practice and strengthen their public speaking skills in a fun and non-threatening environment. The Hanover group meets the first and third Mondays of each month at Rockland Trust's corporate offices in Hanover. Refreshments will be served. hanovertoastmasters.com or call Stacey at 617-548-5877.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Brant Rock, Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m. Texas Hold-em781-837-6369.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

The Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield will host an ongoing book discussion group Nov. 18, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the library's Historical Room and will feature Edith Wharton's "The Age of Innocence." Free and open to the public. New members are welcome. Light refreshments. 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org

AAUW Sponsors The Readiness Project: Revamping Public Education in Massachusetts presented by **Michele Norman,** Director of Strategic Planning & Collaboration, Executive Office of Education, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Nov. 18, at the Hingham High School library, Union St., Hingham, beginning at 7 p.m. Ms. Norman will give an overview of the plan and its implications for public education. Free and open to the public. Information contact Hollie Bagley, hollie@gallivan.org or Patricia McKay 781-337-3375.

A free story time for preschool children ages 3 to 5 Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. at The James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell. Call 781-659-7100 to sign up. Drop-ins are welcome. www.jameslibrary.org

Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset presents **Guiding the Families & Friends of Those with Memory Loss** - presented by motivational speaker/LCSW Barbara Tortorella Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. RSVP 781-383-6300.

During the week of Nov. 17, True Life Chiropractic and Our Healing Place, 283 Main St. Kingston will sponsor a food drive to benefit the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless. Donations are welcome whether you wish to receive chiropractic services or not. There is no obligation to continue care after your visit to the office. As a "thank you," bring this article with your donation ($15 minimum) to receive $10 off one of our many services: Call 781-585-0585 for information and office hours.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

The Scituate Art Association's November Meet the Artist features **Sergio Roffo** Nov. 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Scituate Public Library. Roffo will demonstrate his luminst style. He opens a special one-week invitational show at the SAA's Front Street Art Gallery on Tuesday, Nov. 24 with an opening reception on Friday, Nov. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. 781-545-7613

The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Ave., Hull. **Drift Away** featuring **J Place, John Litwin and Joe Micarelli** will perform Nov. 19 at. 781-925-1115.

Coyne Healthcare, 56 Webster St., Rockland will host a program featuring **Dr. Paul Raia,** Director of patient care and family support for the Mass. Alzheimer's Association Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. To reserve a space call 781-871-0555.

Dreamchasers presents **The Elves and the Shoemaker** Nov. 19, at 4 p.m. to which **senior citizens and teachers are invited free of charge.** Other performances are Nov. 20 at 4 p.m., Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. Nov. 22 at 2 and 7 p.m. All performances held at the Norwell Grange, 142 Main St., Norwell. Tickets are $10; $8 for seniors and students. 508-224-4548 dreamchaserstheatre.org

The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter St., Quincy provides health services, meals, activities, outings and companionship as part of its Adult Day Health Program. Call 617-479-3040.

Grub Street South at Buttonwood, a workshop for writers, will meet on Nov. 19, 7 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's, Rout.3A, Cohasset. The instructor is **Amy MacKinnon,** and her topic is "How to Position Yourself for Getting Published." Reservations are requested by calling Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. The next meeting is on Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston, No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630 for information.

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Thursday, Nov. 20

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A Basic First Aid certification course for the general public will be offered Nov. 20, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St. Kingston. $40 per person. **Pre-registration required by Nov. 18.** Call Barbara at 781-582-1440 or 1-800-434-6000, or visit healthednewengland.com

The Duxbury No Place for Hate will hold an organizational meeting for the 2008/9 season Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. in the Setter Room of the Duxbury Library. For information contact the Duxbury Interfaith Council at 781-934-8388, noplaceforhate@duxinterfaith.com or www.duxinterfaith.com.

The Norwell and Scituate Garden Clubs will collaborate on a joint meeting open to the public, free of charge at the Cushing Center at 673 Main St., Norwell on Thursday, Nov. 20. The evening will begin with coffee and desserts at 7 p.m. followed by a program titled **Festive Flowers** presented by floral designer, **Mary Huntoon.**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Nov. 20, **Satch Romano & Friends Blues Jam.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

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Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Brant Rock, Nov. 21, Floor one **DJ Tommy P** and Floor two 8 p.m. **Comedy Night** featuring Featuring five comedians including Comedy Central and 2006 Boston Comedy Festival Winner **Dan Boulger** 781-837-6369.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents **Godspell** Show dates: Nov. 14, 15, 21, 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 16 and 23 at 2 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset. Tickets are $15 by calling our ticket reservation line at 617-697-2115 or at the door. Group ticket rates are available for groups of 10 or more at a cost of $12 per ticket. Contact Lisa Pratt at 617-852-0091 for group ticket information.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Nov. 21, **Triple Crown 781**-849-7007.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke Nov. 21, **Spank,** 781-826-6999.

Theater review



PHOTO: T. CHARLES ERICKSON

Eusebio (Jaime Tirelli) and Flora (Socorro Santiago) star in the Huntington Theatre Company's production of 'Boleros for the Disenchanted' at the Boston Center for the Arts.

'Boleros' is engaging, heartfelt

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

As the 40-year marriage of Flora and Eusebio — the Puerto Rican couple at the heart of the Huntington Theatre Company's thoughtfully rendered production of Jose Rivera's beautifully written "Boleros for the Disenchanted," now at Boston's Wimberly Theatre — demonstrates there are storms to be weathered in any long union.

At the outset of the first act, Flora is a passionate young woman engaged to marry the handsome Manuelo. While she has saved herself for marriage, her suitor has done quite the opposite, and the pair soon part. Before long, Flora finds new love with Eusebio and the pair decides to leave behind life on "The Enchanted Island" of Puerto Rico, not to mention Flora's ever-present parents, for a fresh start on Long Island.

Four decades have passed when we see the couple in act two, and while their youthful promise has long faded, their love endures.

With "Boleros," the playwright tells a very personal story based on his own parents. But while it is touching and emotionally engaging, it does not feel complete. We are introduced to Flora and Eusebio as they meet each other in 1952 and then see them again some 40 years later as they grapple with the inevitability of death. What is missing, however, is any substantive sense of what the middle of their lives must have been. Many, many thousands of Puerto Rican immigrants came to the United States before 1960, quite a few of whom were met with less than open arms. When the promise of success in America failed to materialize, or came at too high a price, many Puerto Ricans chose to return home.

Rivera touches on those kinds of difficulties only briefly, when Flora speaks of her six children, whom we never see, or reads a letter aloud from the cousin she left behind in Puerto Rico. But we want to know more. One wishes that Rivera had gone into more detail about his parents' long life together.

What part he has shared, however, is a vivid testament to the sustaining power of love shown through proud and exquisitely realistic portrayals of both his mother and father.

Director Chay Yew has assembled a very talented and versatile cast, led by Socorro Santiago, who portrays Donna Milla, Flora's mother, in Act I, and Flora in Act II; and Jaimie Tirelli, first as Don Fermin, Flora's father, and later as the bedridden Eusebio. The pair are near-perfect acting partners.

Monica Raymond and Elliot Vinar are terrific, too, as the young Flora and Eusebio whose inner strength as individuals and as a couple is clear from the first encounter. In Act II, Raymond is also good as a compassionate home health aide while Vinar brings appealing vigor to his portrayal of Oskar.

Maria-Christina Oliveras is memorable, too, as the lively cousin Petra in Act I and the equally appealing Monica in Act II, while Juan Javiar Cardenas is good as both the rascalish Manuelo and a host of understandably similar-looking priests.

Set designer Alexander Dodge (HTC's "Brendan" and "Present Laughter") places the first act proceedings on either the large veranda or front lawn of a modest palm tree-embraced home in Puerto Rico, with Flora even dressing for her wedding outside. Act II is set entirely inside a tiny Alabama house that shows America may not have fully lived up to its promise for Flora and Eusebio.

The production is also well-served by Paul Whittaker's solid lighting, Anita Yavich's always time-appropriate costumes and Fabian Obispo's mood-setting music.

(The Huntington Theatre Company production of "Boleros for the Disenchanted" will be the Wimberly Theatre in the Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., through Nov. 15. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-266-0800, or go online at huntingtontheatre.org)



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Thanksgiving Day Football Preview



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Lady Skippers capture Sectional title



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Early deadline next week

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Cohasset Mariner will go to press on Wednesday, which is a day early next week. That means that all editorial copy and photographs must arrive by noon, Tuesday.

However, the Cohasset Mariner will still arrive in your mailboxes and on the newsstands on Friday, Nov. 28.

Coverage of the Thanksgiving Day football game will appear the following week, in the Friday, Dec. 5 issue.

Game results and photographs will be posted on line at www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Turf field is a go

Voters ok public-private partnership

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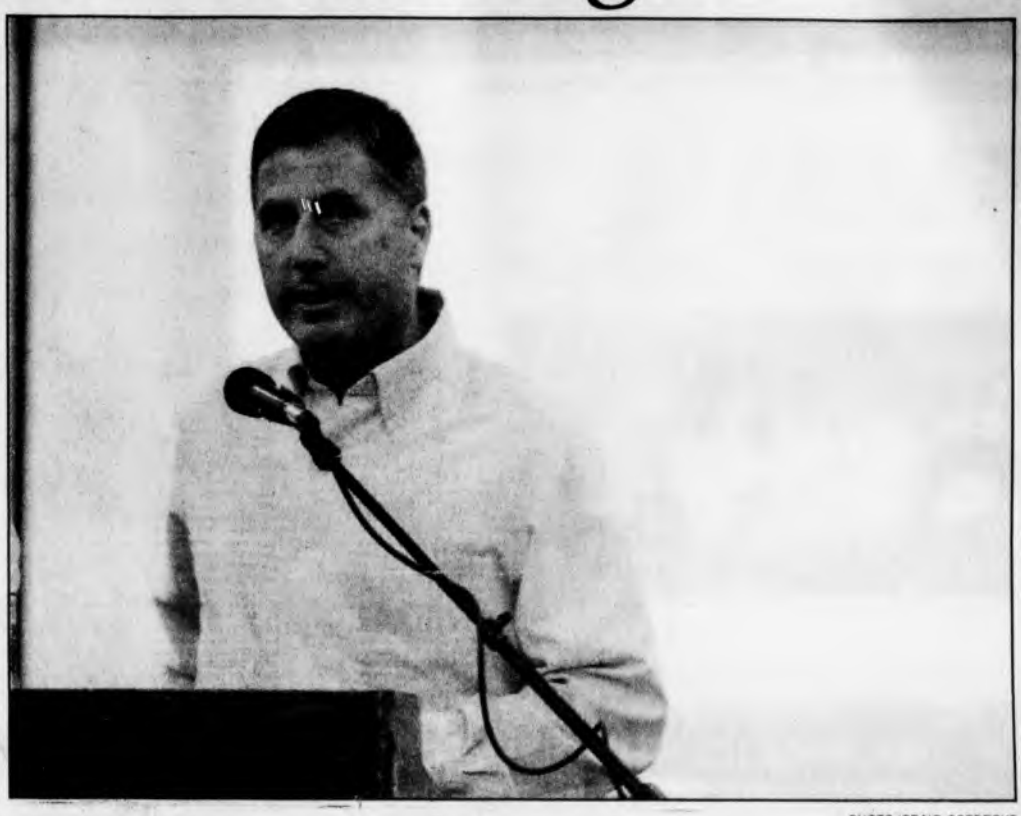
In a year's time, the town of Cohasset could be the proud owners of a synthetic turf field. With just a handful of nay votes at Town Meeting Monday night, the public-private partnership to build a turf field at the high school is moving forward.

Proponents of the turf field, which was put forth in a citizen's petition, said the installation of a turf field is the equivalent of building three new grass fields because of the possibility of nearly constant play. It will also ease up the stress and scheduling crunch on the Deer Hill and Milliken fields.

"There has been a great deal of increase in participation for youth sports, but the town has not kept pace with the amount of playing fields," said McGoldrick. "Alumni is vacant while Milliken is flooded with 700 kids, 700 siblings and 1,400 parents trying to get all their kids' games."

The article, which was the last piece of business taken up by Town Meeting, passed after 25 minutes of discussion, mostly devoted to a presentation given by Cohasset Sports Partnership presi-

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PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

George McGoldrick, president of the Cohasset Sports Partnership, makes a presentation at Monday's Special Town Meeting about the proposed synthetic turf field. The total cost to design, permit and build the synthetic turf field is estimated to be $1,050,000, with the partnership covering half that amount.

Ripley Road project can take next step

By Nancy White
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This week, Mass. Housing, a state agency, gave the proposed affordable housing project at 25 Ripley Road its initial determination that the project is eligible for state funding.

This is an early step toward making the project a reality. Approval from the state means the proposed seven-unit development, two of which will be considered affordable units, can now apply for a local permit.

Site owner and developer Will Charles was encouraged by the findings of the Mass Housing Finance Agency and plans to file for a comprehensive permit application with the Zoning Board of Appeals in the near future.

"I'm going to continue to move forward," said Charles in a phone interview. "With this approval, I hope to revisit the Housing Partnership to see if we can work together. I still want to work with the town."

The approval comes on the heels of the Board of Selectmen's refusal to work cooperatively with the developer and myriad neighbor concerns about the project's impact on the area. Many neighbors, the Housing Partnership Committee and the Board of Selectmen enumerated their concerns with the project in letters to Mass Housing back in the spring. Density, visual impact, increase in traffic and noise, sewer issues and developer experience topped their concerns.

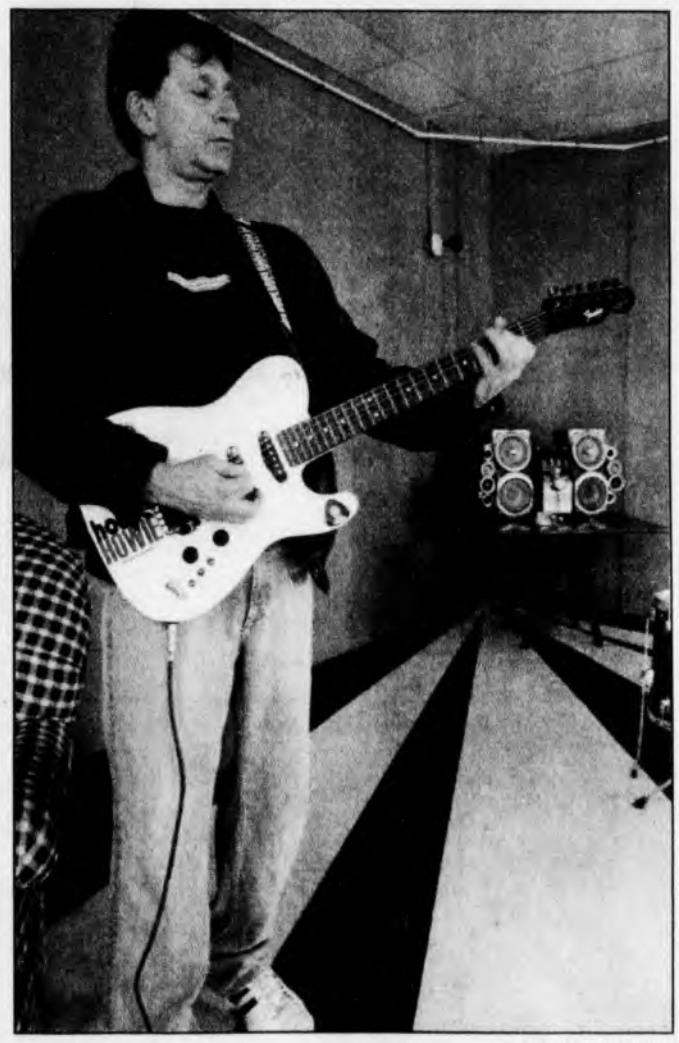
The issue of affordable housing is significant for Cohasset, which has only about 2 percent of its housing stock

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Sunday Jams can really rock

Rec Dept. unveils music program

By Nancy White
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PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Howie Altholtz of Cohasset warms up before the start of Sunday's jam session. Instruments have been loaned to the program from Crossroads of Hanover.

Practice, practice, practice.

That's the mantra of music teachers across the country. But, there comes a point when musical scales, though vitally important to learning an instrument, aren't really that fun. Wouldn't it be fun to take the skills kids have learned in music class, get together with their friends and just jam?

That's the attitude behind a new weekly program, Sunday Jams, put on by the Recreation Department. Each Sunday from 4 to 6p.m. musically ambitious teens can come to the Rec Center "garage" to get creative.

Recreation Department director Ted Carroll has tapped music industry veteran and Cohasset resident Howie Altholtz to help coordinate Sunday Jams.

"I envision everyone learning from each other," says Altholtz. "I hope to get a big mix of different kids – girls and boys – and different instruments."

While the program has only been running for a few weeks, Altholtz has big plans for the program. Altholtz has been involved in the music business for more than 25 years, as a writer, performing artist, producer and lawyer. Carroll called on Altholtz because he had heard about his experience in the music business, and Altholtz enthusiastically took on the project.

As more kids begin to get involved, Altholtz hopes to round out the jam sessions with sessions on the music business and clinics on songwriting. He hopes to utilize some of his music

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PICTURE THIS/Cassie Cardelle



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The Mariner caught up with Cassie Cardelle, a junior who volunteers in the front office at Cohasset High School.

Name: Cassie Cardelle.

Occupation: Nona's ice cream scooper and CHS junior student.

Best day of your life: When I got my dog, Charlie.

Best vacation: Hawaii, the first time I surfed.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite junk food: Taquitos.

Best book or magazine: I love Chelsea Handler's books.

Best movie (or actor): Jessica Alba.

Best TV show: 90210, CSI.

Favorite music, song, group or artist: Shwayze and reggae music.

Fun fact about yourself: You can see your house, anyone's house and tour different cities at local.live.com.

Pet peeve: Video gamers and negative people.

Goal: To go to an art school in California and live there.

Person you'd most like to meet: Paul Walker.

Biggest worry: Homework.

Best part of Cohasset: The beaches and water views.

Wind Turbine hearing Dec. 1

The Planning Board's continued public hearing on the proposed wind turbines at Graham Waste originally scheduled for Monday Oct. 27, has been postponed to Monday, Dec. 1.

This is the second time the applicant has asked for a postponement in order to gather information since the first public hearing in September.

As a procedural matter, the continued public hearing reconvened on Oct. 27 only to immediately be continued to Dec. 1. No discussion or information on the project took place on Oct. 27.

CCI Energy is proposing installing two turbines on the Graham Waste site off of Route 3A behind Hingham Lumber. The project calls for two 1.65-megawatt turbines each approximately 141-meters, or 462-feet, from ground to the top of the blade.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Nov.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 20	4:54	8.7	5:12	9.1	10:48	0.9	11:24	0.4
	Sunrise: 6:40 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:17 p.m.*			
Fri. 21	5:56	8.8	6:18	8.7	11:54	0.9	—	—
	Sunrise: 6:42 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:17 p.m.*			
Sat. 22	6:54	8.9	7:21	8.5	12:24	0.6	12:58	0.8
	Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:16 p.m.*			
Sun. 23	7:48	9.1	8:19	8.4	1:20	0.8	1:58	0.6
	Sunrise: 6:44a.m.				*Sunset: 4:15 p.m.*			
Mon. 24	8:37	9.2	9:11	8.4	2:11	0.9	2:50	0.4
	Sunrise: 6:45 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:15 p.m.*			
Tues. 25	9:21	9.3	9:57	8.3	2:58	1.0	3:37	0.2
	Sunrise: 6:46 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:14 p.m.*			
Wed. 26	10:02	9.4	10:40	8.3	3:41	1.1	4:20	0.1
	Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:14 p.m.*			
Thurs. 27	10:41	9.4	11:20	8.2	4:22	1.1	5:00	0.1
	Sunrise: 6:48 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:13 p.m.*			

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Please contact editor Mary Ford at: mford@cnc.com

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POLICE BEAT

K-9 unit helps catch suspect

By Mary Ford
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Police believe a stolen car found Saturday morning may be related to the attempted break-in at a Cedar Street home on Saturday.

Stephen J. Carney, 44, of 4 Spinnaker Hill Lane, Hull, who has been charged with breaking and entering, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct following the incident, is currently being held at Bridgewater State Prison/Hospital for drug/alcohol evaluation.

A gray 2002 Jeep Cherokee with a flat front tire, open windows and damage on the side of vehicle had been abandoned at the RTF early Saturday morning. Police said a caller reported seeing the Jeep hit the curb at N. Main Street and Forest Avenue earlier that morning.

The Jeep had been stolen out of Hanson, police said.

The Jeep is being processed for prints, including palm prints, to see if they are Carney's, police said.

Carney could be facing Hanson charges if it turns out he stole the car, police said.

On Saturday (Nov. 15) at 11 a.m., Cohasset police responded to a house on Cedar Street to investigate a breaking and entering in progress. A woman was reporting that a man was attempting to climb into her bedroom window.

On arrival Cohasset officers determined the man had been scared off by the resident and fled into the nearby woods. Cohasset police, with the assistance of Hull and Hingham K-9 units, established a perimeter, and began a coordinated search for the suspect.

At about 1 p.m. "Axel," along with his handler, Officer Foss, located the suspect secreted in the wooded area in the backyards off Fisher Road in Hingham, which is about 1/4 mile from Cedar Street.

Hingham police spokesman, Lt. Michael Peraino said a 9-1-1 call came in to Hingham dispatch at 12:50 p.m. from a Fisher Road resident who reported seeing a man just off his property in a marsh that borders the Cohasset Golf Club.

"He said he noticed a lot of police activity," Peraino said. "He provided a description of the man's clothing which fit the description of the suspect.

"He then told us he saw the police dog with the K-9 officer coming," Peraino said. "He continued to give us a play-by-play."

Peraino said Hingham police sent officers, John Walden and Anthony Marcella, to the scene to provide backup. Foss told the suspect, who was later identified as Carney, to empty his pockets. Police said Foss ordered him to the ground four times, but he refused, so Foss released the dog to the suspect.

It took officers from Cohasset, Hull and Hingham to bring the suspect under control and into custody.

Police said Carney, who has a long criminal history, was held on $5,000 cash bail at the Cohasset Police Station until his arraignment Monday (Nov. 17). He was arraigned on the charges breaking and entering in the daytime, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct.

Cohasset police said Carney voluntarily committed himself for a 20-day drug/alcohol evaluation. The Norfolk County DA's office has reserved their right to argue bail when he is released or if he tries to leave the program. He is being held at Bridgewater State Prison/Hospital and will return to court on Dec. 16.

Cohasset Lt. William Quigley said the arrest was an excellent example of teamwork.

"Cohasset, Hingham and Hull police, working in unison, did an exceptional job and were able to take this person off the street," Quigley said.

Lt. Peraino said apprehension of the suspect is a great example of how well the K-9 unit works.

"Two hours after the break-in, the unit was able to track the man down in a heavily wooded area," Peraino said

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Police have an active warrant for the arrest of a 26-year-old Hingham man, Daniel Kearney of Hull Street, who allegedly pushed his way into a Hull Street house in Cohasset, beating the male resident and later coming back and smashing the picture window of the house.

Police said the Kearney, who is known to the residents of the Cohasset home, was banging on the door at 1:48 a.m. on Saturday (Nov. 8) yelling "This is the police, open up." The 21-year-old female resident opened the door and the suspect pushed his way in and beat up her 21-year-old boyfriend. The intruder fled and then returned and smashed out the picture window.

Police will seek charges of burglary while armed, vandalizing property, assault & battery and impersonating a police officer. The incident revolved around an ongoing dispute between the suspect and victims. Police said the suspect is still at large.

Are You OK?

Police responded to a house on Woodland Drive last week after the sheriff's office "Are You OK?" program called after not being able to reach the resident. Cohasset police checked on the resident and reported that he was home and was fine.

Sheriff Bellotti's "Are You OK?" program is designed to allow elderly folks to feel confident and safe while maintaining their independence by living in their own homes. Sheriff's officers place a daily phone call to program participants to check on their well-being.

The calls are made every day between 6 a.m. and noon at a time requested by the participant. All calls are monitored by the Sheriff's "Are You OK?" officers. If the participant fails to answer the phone, or if the officers detects that something is amiss during the call, emergency help can be sent to the home immediately.

If the person plans on being away, a simple phone call to the Sheriff's Are You O.K.? officer will discontinue the calls and reactivate them when the person comes back.

For more information, please call Sheriff Bellotti's Are You O.K.? officer toll free at 781-751-3504,. For more information, visit: www.norfolksheriff.com.

Vandalism

Police are investigating the vandalism of the new mural in the pocket park between Tedeschi's and French Memories in Cohasset Village. Sometime between 5 p.m. Thursday (Nov. 13) and 5 a.m. Friday (Nov. 14), an individual or individuals used black spray paint to destroy much of the mural which features the Minot Light Replica. High school students finished the mural last week.

Police said the perpetrator could face the criminal charges of vandalism to property and tagging, which is a felony punishable by jail time. Someone found guilty of tagging (spray painting over something) could also lose their license for a year.

Cohasset detectives are investigating and are checking their sources, police said.

Ring found

A 1957 Dartmouth High School gold-colored ring with RMK engraved inside the band was found outside Curtis Liquors on Friday (Nov. 7). The person who found it notified the manager and brought the ring to the police station.

Car damaged

A 63-year-old Winthrop man reported that his 2004 Chrysler Sebring was hit while parked in the Shaw's lot last week (Monday, Nov. 10 at 10:42 a.m.). The responding officer reviewed video tapes which did not cover the angle of the parking lot where the car was parked. Police said it is not clear if the car was damaged while parked there. The man noticed the damage when he returned to his car but could not be sure if it occurred while he was parked there.

Motorcycle

Police responded to two complaints about a yellow dirt bike/motorcycle racing up and down Jerusalem Road last week. The callers said the rider was not wearing a helmet and the bike did not have a license plate. Police spoke to the man who explained he was trying out the bike after some repairs. Police explained motorcycles must be registered before being driven on the roads. The calls came in on Monday afternoon (Nov. 10).

Winter parking

Winter parking regulations are in effect Nov. 15 through April 1.

No overnight on-street parking between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. is allowed during winter parking regulations.

Violators are subject to a fine of $25.



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Police say the mural at Ship Cove Park was defaced sometime overnight Thursday-Friday (Nov. 13-14). Tagging (spray painting graffiti over something) is a felony and the perpetrators could be prosecuted.

Students react to defaced mural

By Nancy White
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Disappointed is the best way to describe the Cohasset High School Art Major class.

Sometime overnight on Thursday, an individual or a group, vandalized the mural the class had nearly completed in the village pocket park between Tedeschi's and French Memories. In black spray paint, the vandals wrote "Cohasset sux, Hull rocks," blacked out the classes signature and painted initials. The spray paint affected nearly all parts of the mural.

"I was shocked someone would have the nerve to do something like that," said senior Lauren Johnson.

"It was a blatant disregard for the time we put into the project. It makes you more frustrated than anything," said senior Katelyn Ryan.

Word spread pretty quickly about the vandalized mural around the high school on Friday. Some students heard when their friends showed them photos they had taken on their cell phones, others got phone calls from friends or parents, and others found out when their teacher, Nina Berkowitz, told them.

The Art Major class worked on the project for over a month. The mural was nearly complete, only a few touch-ups and a protective layer to make cleaning the mural easy remained to be done. The painted mural was of a view of the Cohasset Harbor from Governor's Island, with the iconic Minot Light replica in the foreground. A mural depicting the four seasons had been in the spot previously and in recent memory had not been the target of vandalism.

"It saddens me to find out that after several months of working on the piece that someone can come along and ruin it so easily. I'm not as angry at the individual as I am disappointed," said senior Nick Bemis. "I'm not sure how an individual can see something that had so much time and effort put into it as simply an way to vent their disliking of the town."

Now, with the weather getting colder, the class faces the challenge of keeping their fingers nimble enough to hold a paintbrush in the cold in order to restore the mural.

"I'm disappointed and the students are disappointed. They worked so hard on this project. They're not even getting a grade for it, they were doing it out of their own desire to improve the community," said art teacher Nina Berkowitz. "It changes the way they feel about doing something like this in the future."

Some students mused about the timing of the vandalism — it occurred right after the class finished the mural.

"Whoever it was got there quickly," said junior Amy Meikleham. The students didn't have any leads as to who could have done this to the mural, but despite what the graffiti said some had doubts it was even someone from Hull.

"There's always been a rivalry between Hull and Cohasset, but that doesn't mean it was someone from Hull," said Lauren Johnson.

Despite their disappointment and, in some cases, anger, the class is resolved to restore the mural to its proper beauty.

"We don't know how many coats of paint it will take to cover it, but we made a promise to do it and we're not going to leave it like that," Lauren said.

Volunteers needed for SHINE program

Norfolk County Regional SHINE program is currently recruiting volunteers to be trained as SHINE counselors. The Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders program is sponsored by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and staffed by a network of volunteer counselors who provide information, counseling and assistance to Medicare beneficiaries.

Volunteers participate in a 10-day training program that provides an understanding of Medicare, Medicare Supplement Insurance, Medicare HMOs, Medicare Prescription Drug Program and a number of public benefit programs. Volunteers receive certification from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs upon completion of the training program.

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Ripley Road housing project to move forward

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deemed affordable by state standards. Chapter 40-B mandates 10 percent of the town's housing stock be deemed affordable. Towns that are under the 10 percent threshold of their housing stock deemed as affordable by state standards, like Cohasset, are vulnerable to Chapter 40-B projects.

Chapter 40-B allows developers to bypass certain zoning bylaws as long as 20 to 25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions.

Affordable units must be priced to be affordable to the households making no more than 80 percent of the area median income. The most recent median family income for a four-person household for Cohasset is $66,150.

In a four-page letter from Mass Housing, it states they found the site of the proposed project "generally appropriate for residential development" and the project "appeared to be financially feasible within the housing market."

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer said he was somewhat surprised at Mass Housing's approval of the project.

"My own view is the project needs a compromise. Seven units is sort of pushing it in that building, it is really too much to put into this one building," said Dormitzer in a phone interview. He said a five-unit development might be more appropriate for the site.

Dormitzer reiterated the Selectmen's concerns of financial feasibility and sewer capacity.

"The bigger issue is if (the developer) can really execute on this," said Dormitzer. "There are a lot of issues."

In its approval letter, Mass Housing requests the Zoning Board permit process address some of the neighborhood and town concerns including drainage, septic system, visual impact of the parking area on abutters and developer experience.

"With this approval, I hope to revisit the Housing Partnership to see if we can work together. I still want to work with the town."
— Will Charles, developer

Given their vocal opposition to the project, the neighbors are surprised and concerned with the state's approval.

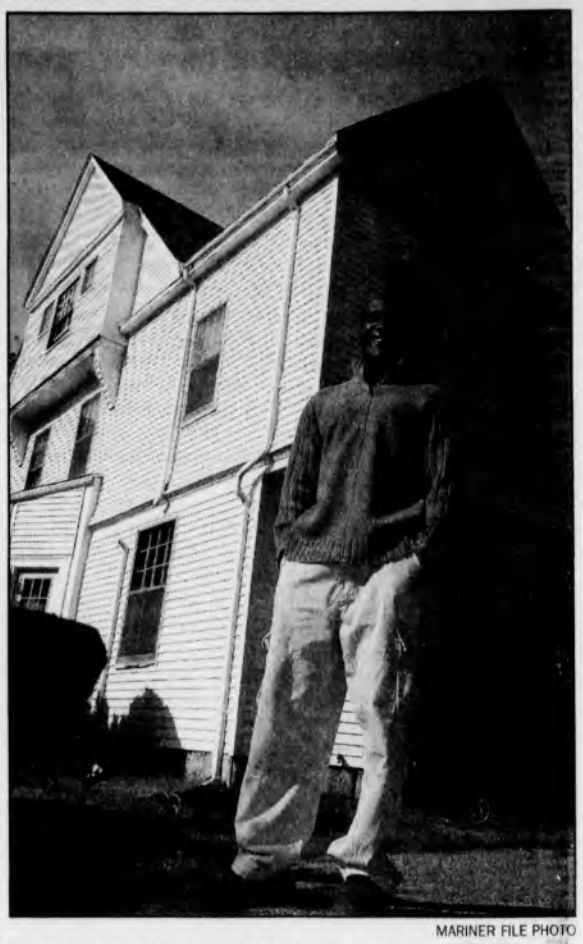
"Having heard from neighbors that the State has approved the application for a seven-unit development at 25 Ripley Road, it is very surprising and continues to be of great concern to us," said Kathy O'Malley of 56 Sohier Street.

The proposal to build affordable housing units at 25 Ripley Road has a history. In early 2007, the Housing Partnership had plans to turn the single-family house into several affordable units. When the Partnership was met with significant neighborhood opposition, they abandoned the project in favor of pursuing other projects.

Before applying to the state, the project could have proceeded in one of two ways. If the Board of Selectmen had endorsed the project, the development would have become a Local Initiative Program, or LIP, which is often called "friendly 40-B." In a LIP, the town and developer work together to bring forward the project to the state. Since Charles did not garner the support of the Board of Selectmen, he proceeded to apply to the state on his own under Chapter 40-B.

Now with approval from the state Department of Community Housing & Development (DHCD) to ensuring the project met state regulations and guidelines, it will undergo a zoning board comprehensive permit process.

When reached this week, the Housing Partnership co-chairman Clark Brewer had no specific comment on the latest development at 25 Ripley Road. The Housing Partnership was scheduled to meet on Thursday evening after the Mariner went to press where they were likely to discuss the project.



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Site owner and developer Will Charles, pictured here in this October 2007 file photo, was encouraged by the findings of the Mass Housing Finance Agency and plans to file for a comprehensive permit application with the Zoning Board of Appeals in the near future.

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Hair Imports raises money for new cancer center at South Shore Hospital

By Nancy White
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On Sunday, Dec. 7, hair stylists, manicurists and other beauty specialists at Hair Imports will donate their time and skill to benefit a cause close to their heart.

Hair Imports, located in the Shaw's Plaza, will donate 100 percent of the proceeds from the services rendered on that day to South Shore Hospital's Journey of Hope campaign to build a new cutting edge cancer center on the South Shore. The currently under construction 85,000 square foot building on Route 18 in Weymouth is being developed in partnership with three respected leaders in healthcare: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and South Shore Hospital.

"It's bad enough that people are sick, but then they have to drive into Boston to get the best care, dealing with traffic and parking along the way. It's a good thing they are doing to get the treatment people need closer," said Hair Imports owner Joe Molino.

"I don't know many people where cancer has not touched their lives," said Molino. His mother died of breast cancer and he has had countless clients who have struggled with the disease.



Cohasset resident Grace Adams has her hair colored by Hair Imports owner Joe Molino after taking part in the cut-a-thon to raise money for the construction of South Shore's Hospital's Dana Farber wing devoted to cancer patients. All proceeds raised from the cut-a-thon will be donated to the cause. Adams is a pharmacist at Cohasset's Stop and Shop Pharmacy.



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Four-year-old Devin McConnaughey of Cohasset gets the finishing touches after taking part in Cohasset's Hair Imports Cut-a-thon Wednesday afternoon. Cutting her was hair stylist Courtney Hackbartch. The cut-a-thon was held to help raise funds for South Shore Hospital's Journey of Hope campaign to build a new cutting edge cancer center on the South Shore.

Many of the appointments for the day, which include all of Hair Imports offered services (cuts, colors, manicures, pedicures, waxing), filled up quickly. But, there are still some appointments available during the 9a.m. to 4p.m. time frame.

"I'd like to see the day fully booked and have a happy and successful fundraiser to support something good going on at South Shore Hospital," said Molino, who has owned and operated Hair Imports in Cohasset for over 30 years.

Although they had aimed to have the fundraiser during October because it is breast cancer awareness month, it didn't happen in time. Molino wasn't too disappointed.

"Cancer doesn't know what month it is," said Molino.

The South Shore Hospital cancer center is scheduled to accept its first patients in the fall of 2009. The $72 million facility will offer multidisciplinary care, including diagnostic imaging and screening, radiation oncology, infusion therapy and clinical trial programs.

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According to the South Shore Hospital's website, the Cancer Center will further enhance South Shore Hospital's already comprehensive cancer program, which features advanced surgical treatments, clinical trials, outpatient care, visiting nurse, and hospice services. When the Center is completed in the fall of 2009, residents of 35 communities will benefit from cutting-edge multidisciplinary care all in one facility.

Hair Imports has garnered support from various sectors in the community, local businesses posted posters of the event, his clientele made appointments and even spread the word to friends and family, and his employees are giving of their time.

"Times are tough, but people are supporting what we are doing. If someone needs a haircut, if they come on December 7 they know their money is going to a good cause," said Molino.

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HAPPY T-DAY

Hey Cohasset! I am still in shock that next week is Thanksgiving but, it is here. I want to wish everyone a great week with family and friends and a fun-filled weekend before Turkey Day and then, the days following with all the activities around. Here we go with the news for week.

BC HIGH

I would like to let you all know from a very proud set of parents that **Alec Hurd**, a freshman at BC High, made First Honors his first term. Chuck and Karen have every right to let us know this super piece of news.

WREATHS

Well, as we head into this wonderful holiday season, here is a piece of news about a Cohasset PSO sponsored fundraiser to benefit the Cohasset METCO Scholarship Fund. They have fresh 12 in. double-sided Balsam Wreaths for sale at $10 per wreath. Pick up for these will be on Saturday, Dec. 6th from 10 am-3 pm during the Cohasset Village Fair inside the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.. To place an order or ask any questions, please contact **Aleisa Gittens-Carle** at 781-383-1563.

ON STAGE

Hey everyone, here is a great reminder not to miss Godspell which is being presented on Friday and Saturday the 21st and 22nd at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium by the Cohasset Dramatic Club. Tickets are available at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset or Paperscapes in Cohasset Village for $15 each. You can also make ticket reservations by calling 617-697-2115. After seeing the show last weekend, all I can say is "BE THERE!" It truly is a fantastic show.

SPRINGFIELD

Christopher McKenna has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business management from Springfield College, Mass. for studies completed in August 2008.

Congratulations to you Christopher and best of luck in all that you do in your future.

PLAYCARE

Many parents around town asked if I could let you all know that **Linda Bolster**, owner of New Beginnings Playcare has moved to 23 Stockbridge St. Fenced in yard, flexible hours, morning and afternoon openings available. 2-5 year olds. Please call 781-923-1423 or e-mail me at lindab6148@yahoo.com.

PRE-PROM DVDS

DVD's of the 2008 CHS Pre Prom Reception from May 30th are still available to purchase for $20 each and make great holiday gifts! To order a copy please call **Shaun Galvin** at 781-424-2197 or email your request to shaun_galvin@yahoo.com The request can also be mailed with a check for $20 per DVD to Shaun Galvin, P.O.Box 526 Hingham, MA 02043.

5-YEAR REUNION

Just a reminder that The five-year reunion for the CHS class of 2003 will be held next Wednesday, Nov. 26th from 7-11pm at the George Mealy American Legion Post (98 Summer St.) Make your parents happy by coming home for Thanksgiving. Then catch up with old friends and share your new exciting experiences. Appetizers and drinks will be served.

Donations to the Bryan Bilton Memorial Scholarship Fund will also be accepted. Questions? Contact **Curt** (curt.kahn@gmail.com) or **Ross** (rlieblappen@gmail.com).

OH BOY!

Congratulations to **Dennis "Skip" Reardon**, long-time mail carrier here in Cohasset, and his wife **Kathy** who gave birth to a son on Nov. 7th. **Owen Christian** weighed in 8 pounds 2 ounces. The new baby joins sibling triplets **Sean, Noah**, and Victoria **who** turned two on Nov. 2nd and big brother **Nicholas** at their busy home in Plymouth. Be sure to congratulate Dennis when he comes back to work next week.

BATES COLLEGE

Allison Earon of Cohasset is a volunteer for Bates College Emergency Medical Services. Founded in the spring of 1996, Bates EMS is an all-volunteer, non-transporting emergency medical service licensed with the state of Maine.

Bates EMS members include student volunteers who are licensed emergency medical technicians or first responders, including two responders at the EMT-intermediate level, as well as several wilderness EMTs. Bates EMS responds to an average of 120 to 140 calls per academic year, and has treated patients with conditions ranging from general malaise to multi-systems trauma to full cardiac/respiratory arrest.

Allison, a senior neuroscience major, is the daughter of **William Earon**, of 29 Gammons Road, and **Mary Sheppard**, of Cohasset. She spent her junior winter semester in Seville, Spain, through the Council on International Educational Exchange. She is a 2004 graduate of Cohasset High School.



COURTESY PHOTO

Derek Grudinskas of Cohasset (former player/manager - Palmer Team) has been inducted into The Boston Park League Baseball Hall of Fame.

HALL OF FAME

Derek Grudinskas of Cohasset (former player/manager - Palmer Team) was inducted into The Boston Park League Baseball Hall of Fame at the League's 27th Annual Alumni Reunion & Hall of Fame Dinner on Friday, Nov. 14 at Lantana's in Randolph. America's oldest amateur baseball league, The Boston Park League has showcased many skilled baseball players from the New England region throughout the years, from ex-professionals to local high school and college players, including current Boston Red Sox pitcher Manny Delcarmen.

The Boston Park League was founded in 1929 by Bob Cusick, program director for the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. Cusick's vision was to support and manage a quality amateur baseball league for the city of Boston and to have most of the city's areas represented. Charlestown, East Boston, South Boston, Hyde Park, Brighton, West Roxbury, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, Roxbury, Mattapan, South End, and Dorchester all had teams during the league's history. The Boston Park League saw its most productive years in the 1950's and 1960's as crowds of 6,000 fans or more would attend playoff games. Today, the Boston Park League has five fields throughout Boston that include Dick Casey Town Field in Dorchester, Bill Stewart Diamond at Fallon Field in Roslindale, Cassidy Playground in Cleveland Circle, Brighton, East Boston Stadium near Logan Airport, and Kelly Field in Hyde Park.

RAFFLE

Here is some news from the Cohasset Consignment Shop about a raffle they are holding to help support the Cohasset Food Pantry. They have a white winter Burberry Jacket (value $650) currently being raffled.

Tickets are 3 for $5 or if you spend $50 or more you get 3 free tickets. The shop is now open on Sundays from 12 to 4 p.m.. Head on in and purchase those tickets for a chance at a great prize and to help support the Food Pantry.

KIDS NIGHT OUT

Parents enjoy an evening out while the kids enjoy a Kids Night Out, Friday, Dec. 5th at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell. Are you Age 6 or above and enjoy Harry Potter? If you've answered yes to both questions, sign-up for Holiday at Hogwarts, Friday, December 5th from 6-8pm at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell.

Give your parents a break to do some holiday shopping while you enjoy a Friday evening "Harry Potter" style.

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Raffle drawing to win 2 tickets to the new Harry Potter movie! Cost $20 members/$25 non-members.

Additional siblings $3 discount. Pre-registration and Pre-payment required; for your convenience payment may be taken by telephone with a major credit card. For more information contact the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell at 781-659-2559 or view the website at www.ssnsc.org

ALUMNI!

Attention all CHS Football Alumni and Supporters! The 3rd Annual Alumni Reunion & Social is Wednesday, Nov. 26 at Atlantica Restaurant from 7-11pm. Please attend!

FOOD PANTRY

The Cohasset Food Pantry is need of the following items:

Cereal, spaghetti sauce, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, canned fruit, juice, sugar, paper towels, kleenex, bar soap, dish detergent, laundry detergent, shampoo, and canned hash.

Anyone wishing to make a food donation can drop it off at 9 Black Horse Lane on the front porch. The Food Pantry thanks you in advance for your continued generosity.

OPEN HOUSE

Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi of Cohasset will host an open house for kids at its Route 3A studio, Saturday, Nov. 22, at 9:30 a.m. Children ages 5 to12 are welcome to attend this free introductory session. Parents must call ahead to register and must accompany their youngsters to the event.

The open house will introduce Jade Forest's new Saturday morning kids' class, which starts in December.

To register or for more information, call 781-383-6822 or visit www.jfkungfu.com.

That is all for now. Send me all of your news NO LATER than Monday of next week at 5:00 pm due to Thanksgiving.

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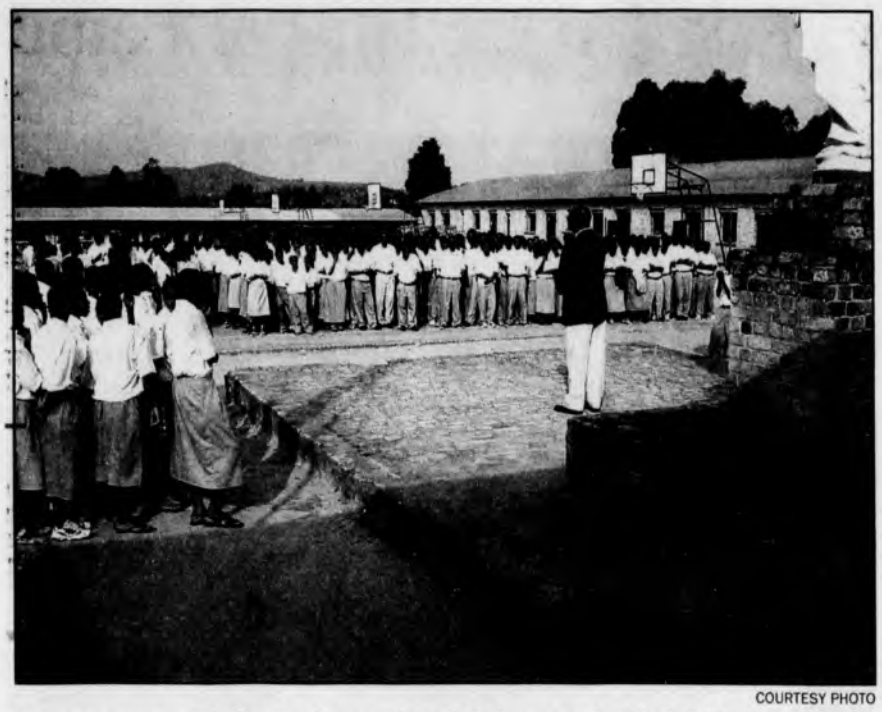

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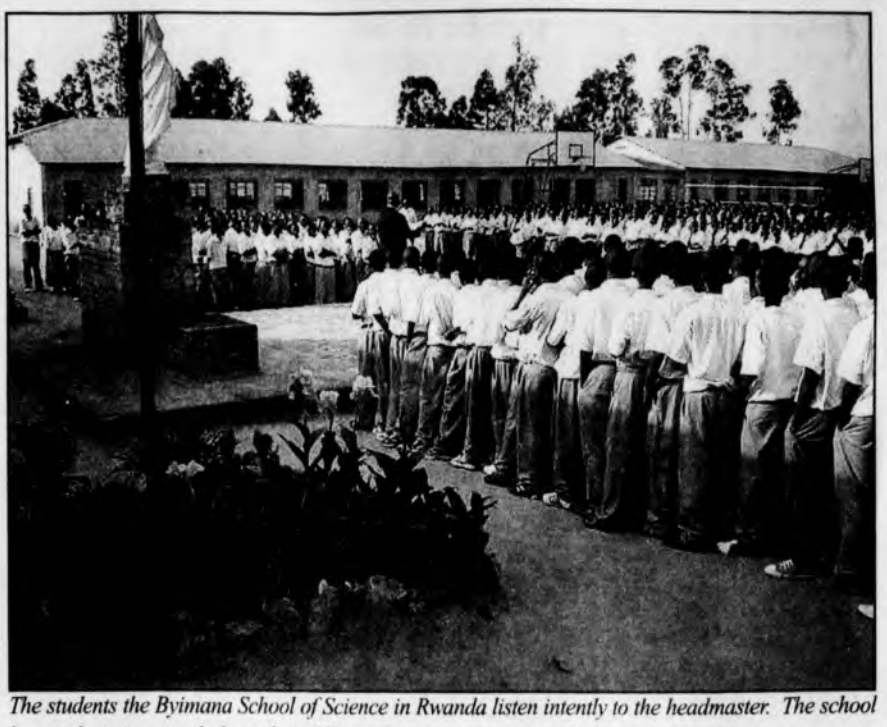

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A morning meeting is held at the Byimana School. Cohasset resident Michelle Cayer is looking for sponsors to pay for students to go to this school. The cost is $200 a year.



The students the Byimana School of Science in Rwanda listen intently to the headmaster. The school has students in seventh through twelfth grade.

Resident hopes to help Rwandan students

Scholarship fund event is Nov. 30

By Nancy White
NWHITE@CNC.COM

For $200, you could go out to a really nice dinner or a pair of UGG boots.

But, Cohasset resident Michelle Cayer has another idea. For $200, you could send a child in Rwanda to school for an entire year.

"For $200, you can really affect the outcome of a person's life," said Cayer.

Cayer and a group of like-minded citizens from the Boston area have gotten together to form the Byimana Sponsorship Fund. Together, they are hoping to raise enough money to send 300 students to school for the year.

To help reach their goal, Cayer and the group are putting on a fundraiser Sunday, Nov. 30 from 2 to 4p.m. at the Lightkeeper's Residence.

Cayer's connection to Rwanda began when she read the book "Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust" by Immaculle Ilibagiza. In 1994, Rwandan native Ilibagiza was 22-years-old and home from college to spend Easter with her devout Catholic family, when the death of Rwanda's Hutu president sparked a three-month slaughter of nearly one million ethnic Tutsis in the country. She survived by hiding in a Hutu pastor's tiny bathroom with seven other starving women for 91 cramped, terrifying days.

It struck Cayer that while she was starting a family, enjoying success in her career, halfway around the world there was a genocide happening and she had no knowledge of it.

"When I read that book, I wanted to do something," said Cayer.

Serendipitously, it was the book and its author that brought Cayer together with her fellow coordinators.

She read a press release about the Second Congregation Church was going to be hosting Immaculle Ilibagiza herself and invited several friends from out of town who then forwarded the e-mail to others they thought would be interested. It turned out she had read the press release all wrong. When she arrived on the day, instead of finding droves of people at the church to hear Immaculle's incredible story firsthand, she found a book group discussing "Left to Tell." The press release had been about a book group discussion, not a lecture from Immaculle herself.

Several others showed up expecting to hear Immaculle and although disappointed, they got to talking about Rwanda and each of their individual desires to help the country and its people.

In a few short months, they began to make strides on the Byimana School of Science Scholarship Fund.

The Byimana School of Science is a public secondary school administered by the Central-East African Province of the Marist Brothers. The Rwandan government pays the teachers' salaries and provides a $20 stipend per year for each boarding student. Tuition, room and board for the 10-month school year total $150 per student. This level is fixed by the government to make education available to all. In addition, the students are required to provide their own transportation, uniform, copy books and supplies at a cost of approximately $50. While this cost may seem a modest sum, in Rwanda the average wage is less than $2 per day and many families cannot afford this expense.

The Byimana School has 300 students who are in need of financial aid. The school has 830 students total ranging from grades 7 to 12.

Cayer hopes to find enough sponsors for each of the Rwandan children who need financial help to attend the Byimana School.

The ultimate goal is to build a coalition of local people who will establish a relationship with the child they sponsor.

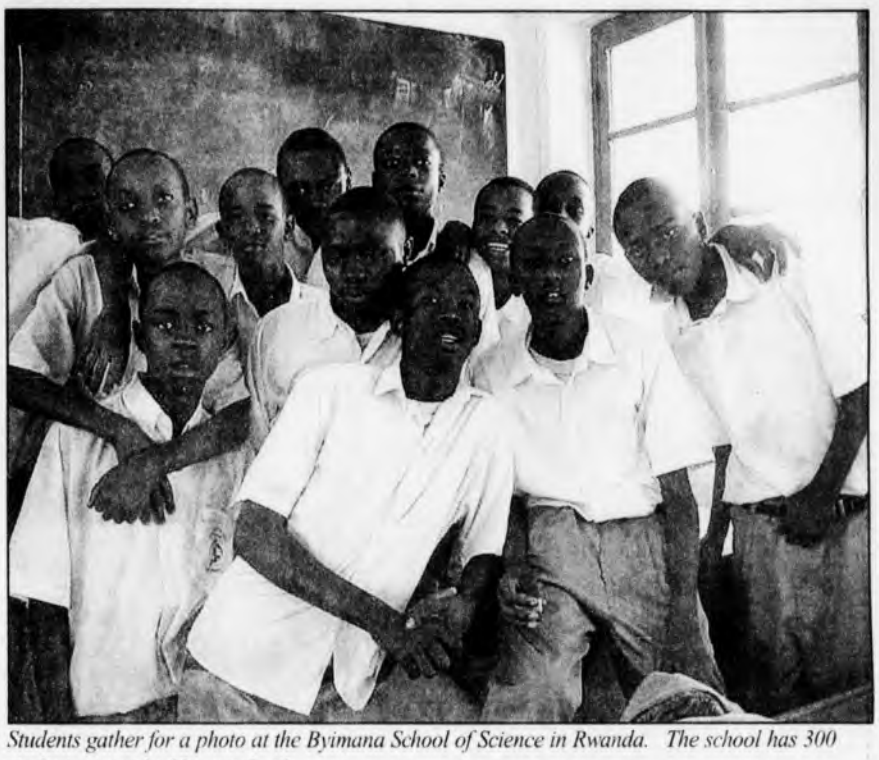
"I want them to form a bond and there to be a connection between Cohasset and Rwanda," said Cayer. She also hopes to build relationship locally by bringing together fellow sponsors on an annual basis.

Cayer has gotten her son's third-grade class and the Second Congregational Church youth group involved in the fundraising. The youth group is making homemade pies to be sold on Sundays following church services. They are also making pencil cases, complete with personal messages to the child who will receive them.

For more information about sponsoring a Rwandan child or about the Nov. 30 fundraiser, contact Michelle Cayer at michelle.cayer@bt.com. Donations can be sent to Michelle Cayer, 55 Sohier St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

If you go...

When: Sunday, Nov. 30, 2 to 4p.m.
Where: Lightkeeper's Residence.
Why: Support students in Rwanda.
How: RSVP with Michelle Cayer via e-mail michelle.cayer@bt.com.
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Students gather for a photo at the Byimana School of Science in Rwanda. The school has 300 students in need of financial aid.

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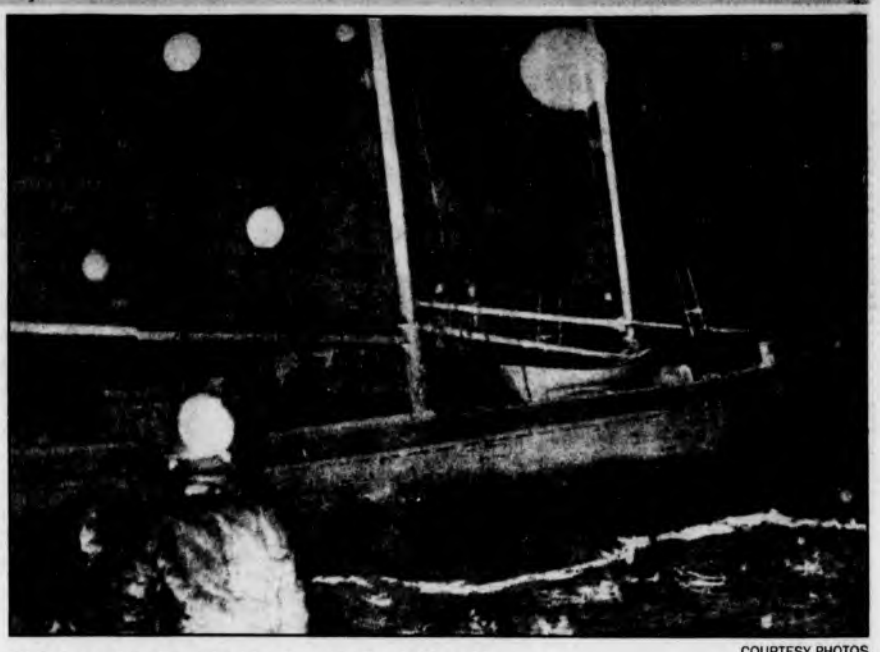
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Schooner Snow Maiden had a Cohasset Crew

In late November 1955 the 70-foot long wooden two-masted schooner "Snow Maiden", owned by Frederick P. White, of Cohasset Harbor's boatyard, left our harbor bound for Plymouth where repairs to its hull were scheduled to be made.

Originally planned to sail to the Bahamas, "Snow Maiden" had damaged its hull a few days earlier while at Government Island, Cohasset. Aboard was a crew that included owner and skipper White, Everett Wheelwright, David Fulton, Hugh Ware and radioman John Martini, all of Cohasset, and author Rene Stackpole of Mystic CT. Stackpole was planning to write a history of the "Snow Maiden".

After nightfall, off the coast near Duxbury and close to the entrance channel to Plymouth Harbor, "Snow Maiden" struck Brown's Bank. The schooner grounded on a falling tide, and soon was stuck fast in the sand. A distress call went out from its radio and the Coast Guard's Scituate Harbor utility boat responded. It became apparent that the schooner could not be pulled from the sand bank, and its crew was taken off as the vessel began to break up. A strong wind and falling snow added to the difficulty of the crew's rescue. Some members were taken off by boat, and the last two men aboard, owner Fred White and David Fulton, eventually made their way ashore using the schooner's longboat.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Old photo of the Snow Maiden from the South Shore News

The schooner "Snow Maiden", one of the last of a hardy breed of wooden vessel, came to its end at Brown's Bar on that wintery night more than fifty years ago.

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Village Holiday Stroll is Dec. 13

The village "elves" are busy tying bows and assembling the signature starfish holiday wreaths that will adorn the windows and accompany the white lights.

That most wonderful time of the year is fast approaching. Mark Saturday, Dec. 13 from 4-7 p.m. on your calendar for the annual Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll. The village merchants and businesses along with the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce are working together to once again orchestrate a wonderful holiday celebration.

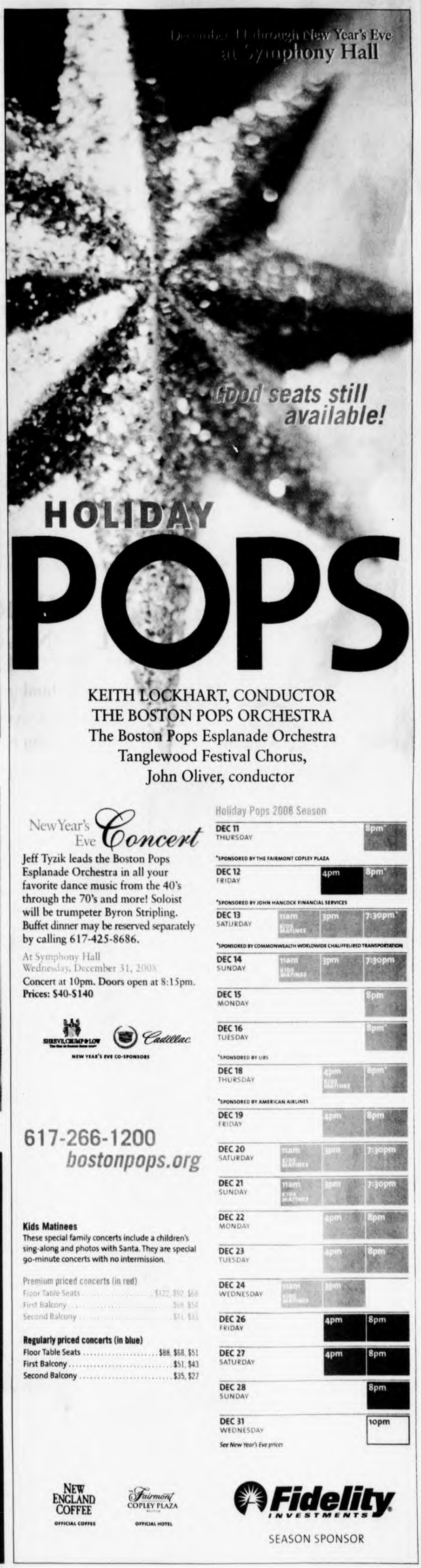
From the annual Metco program fundraiser, 72 wreaths have been purchased. The village "elves" are busy tying bows and assembling the signature starfish holiday wreaths that will adorn the windows and accompany the white lights.

A carillon concert, carolers, music ensembles, and a DJ will fill the air with festive music. Compliments of Brendan St. John, the hayride will take guests for a quick spin to admire the village dressed in its holiday best. There will be a myriad of activities for children to enjoy, such as face painting, the balloon man, letters to Santa, cookie decoration, and so much more. Holiday characters will stroll the streets, and even Santa will drop in for a visit! Enjoy the many refreshments and treats offered at open houses throughout the village.

And, while enjoying the evening, know that you will be helping to support two organizations that will make a difference for those in need this season. Many businesses have graciously donated raffle prizes to take a chance on, with proceeds to benefit The Cohasset Food Pantry. As well, donations for the both the Food Pantry and Toys for Tots will be accepted in the village center that evening. This event ist he perfect opportunity for your family to help those less fortunate.

Celebrate the spirit of season, and join us in the Village for another magical Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll!

For information or questions, please call Karen Kirkendall at 781-383-9922, or Darilynn Evans at 781-383-1002.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Outraged

We can only hope that some good comes out of the defacing of the new mural in Ship Cove Park in the village.

Last week, we featured students in Nina Berkowitz's Art Major class who were putting the finishing touches on the mural that features the Minot Light Replica.

Sometime overnight Thursday (Nov. 13) to Friday (Nov. 14) – before the Mariner came out — an individual or individuals did their dirty work with black spray paint.

On the surface, it may look like "kids" from Hull destroyed the mural because of the Hull message in the graffiti.

But, both police and the student artists are not ready to point the blame over the border.

Detectives have their sources and we are reasonably sure that police will find out who did this – whether they attend either Hull or Cohasset high school.

We do not understand what goes on in the mind of someone bent of destruction for no apparent reason.

We hope whoever it is gets the help that he, she or they need.

In the interim, however, we hope the young artists can take heart that the entire community is outraged about this vandalism. When viewing it ourselves this week, we saw several people walking by who were visibly upset.

Vandals and potential vandals should be aware that "tagging" – which means spray painting graffiti over something – is a felony, punishable by jail time. Vandals could also lose their driver's licenses for a year.

This type of criminal activity is unwelcome anywhere. The good news for us is that it occurs rarely enough here so we react to it. Sadly, in many communities "tagging" is commonplace.

Ms. Berkowitz said she and the students are disappointed.

"They worked so hard on this project," she said. "They're not even getting a grade for it, they were doing it out of their own desire to improve the community.

"It changes the way they feel about doing something like this in the future."

We believe the students' faith in good deeds will be restored through community support and punishment for the perpetrator(s).

Are You OK?

Police responded to a house on Woodland Drive last week after the sheriff's office "Are You OK?" program called after not being able to reach the resident. Cohasset police checked on the resident and reported that he was home and was fine.

However, the incident reminded us that there may be some elderly residents who do not know about the program.

Sheriff Bellotti's "Are You OK?" program is designed to allow elderly folks to feel confident and safe while maintaining their independence by living in their own homes. Sheriff's officers place a daily phone call to program participants to check on their well-being.

The calls are made every day between 6 a.m. and noon at a time requested by the participant. All calls are monitored by the Sheriff's "Are You OK?" officers. If the participant fails to answer the phone, or if the officers detect that something is amiss during the call, emergency help can be sent to the home immediately.

If the person plans on being away, a simple phone call to the Sheriff's Are You O.K.? officer will discontinue the calls and reactivate them when the person comes back.

For more information, please call Sheriff Bellotti's Are You O.K.? officer toll free at 781-751-3504. For more information, visit: www.norfolksheriff.com.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Assessors, Dec. 1, 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Selectmen's meeting.
Cable Advisory Committee, Dec. 1, 6 p.m.
Capital Budget Committee, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. at the library.
Planning Board, Dec. 1, 6:45 p.m.
Selectmen, Dec. 1 and Dec. 15, at 7 p.m.,
Sewer Commission, Nov. 25, 6 p.m.
Water Commission, Nov. 24 at 6 p.m. at the King Street Plant.
Special Town Meeting, ZBA, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Town Meeting approves construction of synthetic turf field and track



Hardest thing to remember is to wipe your feet before going onto the field

HAMILTON

Satellite sighting information

TO THE EDITOR:

I was Steve Bowen's sixth grade science teacher. I think the residents of Cohasset might be interested in watching the Space Station pass over Cohasset this week while Steve is on board.

The following ISS sightings are possible through Monday, Nov. 24.

Local Date/Time	Duration Min	Max Elev Deg.	Approach Deg-Dir	Departure Deg-Dir
Nov. 21, 5:05 p.m.	4	28	10 above SSW	15 above E
Nov. 22, 5:32 p.m.	2	80	33 above WSW	32 above NE
Nov. 23, 5:58 p.m.	1	29	20 above WNW	29 above NNW

Joe Becker, 132 Pleasant St.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vandals are a disgrace

TO THE EDITOR:

Having read about the new mural at the village pocket park, I walked downtown to view it on Saturday. It was absolutely beautiful! Congratulations to Nina Berkowitz and her art major students. But I could not believe my eyes when I saw the graffiti spray painted on it by vandals.

How could anyone be so resentful of the creative talent at our high school that they would seek to destroy it? I hope the damage can be repaired and the perpetrators found. They are a disgrace to their families and community. In contrast, the young artists who painted the mural deserve our sincere admiration and gratitude for their beautiful contribution to our town.

Jacqueline Dormitzer
111 Atlantic Ave.

Need to see effect on landscape

TO THE EDITOR:

The urge to achieve energy independence and climate change is powerful and it will yield its fair share of unintended consequences along the way. The care that Cohasset is exercising in reviewing its options is wise.

Wind turbines are a viable option and may be cost effective but will incur a cost to the landscape and the environment.

In order to come to grips with this reality, I use this hoary aphorism — a picture is worth a thousand words and suggest that a, to scale, depiction be prepared from several new points (Sandy Beach, 3A, etc.) so we can see what it is going to look like after installation.

Robert Ernst Sr.
60 Elm St. #21

Astronaut honored at Town Meeting

Cohasset native Captain Steve Bowen was honored Monday night with a proclamation from Town Meeting. Bowen is currently aboard the space shuttle *Endeavor*. The star student and athlete in the Cohasset High class of 1982 is aboard a 16-day mission which included three space walks to repair the International Space Station.

"We hail his accomplishments and bravery…and wish him a safe journey home," said Board of Selectmen chairman Ted Carr as he read the proclamation.

Town Meeting gave the proclamation a hearty (and unanimous) vote of approval.

SENIOR SCENE

Medicare update, luncheon Dec. 3

To sign up for more information, call 781-383-9112.

Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 11 a.m. – 2009 Update: Medicare. Peg McDonough, director for SHINE will talk about prescription plans. A gourmet lunch will follow the presentation. Cost: $2.50. Location: CEA. Call for a reservation.

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1 to 3 p.m. – Christmas party and entertainment at Golden Living Center in Cohasset. Transportation available. Call for a reservation. Lunch at the CEA will not be served on Dec. 10.

Friday, Dec. 12 – The CEA invites all seniors from the South Shore to a performance of "The Nutcracker" at the Opera House. Reserved seating. Lunch at the Dry Dock Café following the performance. Cost is $89, and must be paid by Nov. 14. Call for more information.

Wednesday, Dec. 17, noon – CEA Holiday Luncheon will be prepared by the Angels. Entertainment at 1 p.m., will be provided by the O.P.A.L.S. Chorus from the Hingham CEA. Call to sign up.

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Trench boxes help ensure safety

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Little Harbor Project – From time to time we write about some of the specialized equipment that is used during the construction of "below the ground" projects like the Little Harbor Project. This week, while we were in the center of Town at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Beach Street, we happened to see just such a piece of equipment. Let us explain. When a contractor such as LMH does excavation of narrow trenches, such as those for our new sewer lines, there is always the risk that the walls of the trench will collapse. If this were to happen, not only would the surrounding land and structures be compromised as the result of a trench cave-in, but personnel working in the trench could be seriously hurt or even lose their life.

Consequently, contractors will often use a device called a "trench box" to assure that these nasty consequences are prevented from occurring. So what is a trench box? Reduced to its simplest form, if you can imagine two large parallel rectangular steel plates each about 8 feet high by 20 feet wide standing upright, separated by supports that keep the two plates a fixed distance apart, that's a trench box. Usually the supports are adjustable so the trench box can be adjusted to the width necessary for each specific trench. As the trench is dug, the trench box is lowered into the trench to support the walls of the trench and keep them from collapsing. Now, workers can work safely in the bottom of the trench protected by the steel walls of the trench box.

As a matter of general information, a trench is defined as an excavation in the ground that is narrow in relation to its length. In general, the excavation is narrower than its depth. According to OSHA standards any trench deeper than 5 feet requires the use of a trench box or some alternate trench shoring method. Trench boxes or shoring is also required for other trench configurations that could be subject to collapse based on unstable soil conditions.

The accompanying photo shows two trench boxes being used on Beach Street near Highland Avenue to keep the trenches safe for the construction workers.

More Construction Trivia – This week we encountered another specialized piece of equipment on Gammons Road. For those of you who have never been on Gammons Road, it is one of the many very narrow private lanes that we seem to have sprinkled all over Town. The sewer main line had just been run down the road and the trench had been backfilled. The construction workers were in the process of compacting the backfill material so that it can be suitable for cars to use until the road can be paved.

Since the road was very narrow, and the trench was very narrow, a regular sized roller could not be used to compress the backfill material.



Operator with a remotely controlled roller.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Trench boxes on Beach Street.



Reclaimer teeth ready to take a bite.



Reclaim machine on Atlantic Avenue this week.

Instead, a much smaller walk-behind trench roller was in use. Actually, because of its remote control, the operator often walks beside the unit rather than behind it. This roller also vibrates to compact the trench backfill material much better than rolling alone would accomplish. It's not uncommon to see these small rollers weigh as much as 3000 pounds. Because of the vibration, their compaction can be the equivalent of a 15,000-pound roller.

If you are interested, a bit of searching on the web found that you can be the proud owner of one of these rollers for $35,221, just marked down to $27, 095. This is for the model with 34-inch wide rollers. If you only need the 24-inch model you can save a 'couple of bucks. Such a deal! Get your order in now, just in time for Christmas.

Road Reclamation – Sometimes, especially on the smaller roads, rather than just dig a trench in the road for the new utilities, is less expensive in the long run to reclaim the road before trenching begins. So what is reclamation? When a road is reclaimed, in our specific instance, it is a two-step process. In the first step, a giant machine with nasty teeth mounted on a rotating drum is used to literally grind and pulverize the old asphalt surface and mix it with a small amount of under-the-road material. Then a road grader does a "rough grade" by smoothing the surface so that it can be driven on. Typically, the surface is then rolled smooth and compacted. Then any utility pipes are laid in trenches excavated through the reclaimed road surface. Note that reclaiming makes the digging very easy since the old road hard surface is gone.

After the utility work is done, the road surface will be fine graded as the second step and then given its base asphalt coat. The fine grading operation establishes the final grades and position of the road so that when it is base coat paved it will drain properly and be a good surface. Some time after the base coated road has had a chance to settle, the final "top" coat of asphalt will be applied.

This past week we had a chance to watch some reclamation work that was being done on some of the small roads off of Atlantic Avenue. The machine that does the reclaiming work is a veritable giant. From the photo you can get an idea of its size. Underneath is a rotating toothed drum

The photo shows a close-up of the carbide tipped teeth that actually do the work. As you can imagine when the reclaimer is doing its chewing it is a very noisy operation indeed. But the speed at which it works is truly amazing. In one case, we watched it reclaim about 300 feet of road in about 15 minutes.

Next Week – Next week we will be operating short-handed in the office and will not be able to prepare an article for the Thanksgiving week issue Mariner. But, we'll be back…

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Music hath charms

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



If you're like me you're constantly bombarded with catalogues offering to send you such necessities of life as Feemster's original vegetable slicer for only $7 or a pewter hummingbird wind chime for a mere $13. The trick is to resist writing that check even though you're aware your life is not complete without a $14 long-handled loofah.

I have to admit my resistance collapsed the other day when I was offered an Ames Brothers CD for only $14.

The Ames brothers, Joe, Gene, Vic and Ed, have a particular significance to me because they provided the background music (on vinyl records, not CDs) in the summer of 1950 when I worked the skeeball concession at Nantasket Beach.

All day long, it was "You, You, You." and "The Naughty Lady of Shady Lane," and "Can Anyone Explain?" until we who worked there could sing right along with them. I still remember the words to "Rag Mop" after nearly 60 years.

It may surprise some to learn that Ed Ames, who played an Indian in the TV series "Daniel Boone," and threw tomahawks on the Johnny Carson Show, got his start singing with a popular quartet. But I digress …

I have to admit my resistance collapsed the other day when I was offered an Ames Brothers CD for only $14.

I like music. In fact, I played the clarinet myself until I and everyone within earshot discovered that I had absolutely no ear for music whatsoever.

You might say I got into the music game by the back door. I stuttered as a kid and my father, who fancied himself an amateur physician, diagnosed my problem as irregular breathing, which could be solved by learning to play a wind instrument.

So he bought me a clarinet and signed me up for lessons with Mr. Hoyt. Once a week, with my clarinet case tucked under my arm, I would walk about a mile to play my scales for Mr. Hoyt. One day, my father discovered religious tracts in the case with my clarinet. Mr. Hoyt was a Jehovah's Witness. My next teacher was Miss Norris.

I played in both the band and the orchestra led by Arthur Hauck at Braintree High. My struggle with eighth and sixteenth notes in a piece called "Italians in Algeria" was epic. In fact, Mr. Hauck mentioned it when I next saw him. He was leading the band at the USO in Morehead City, N.C.

I played in a dance band, too, although I'm reluctant to call it that. A fellow named Bob from Weymouth organized it and the personnel included Holly Black on the C-melody sax, Artie Laneau on drums and, for a brief time, Charlie Bean on trumpet.

We played some out of the way places that others would not touch. I remember playing at a party thrown by the Bulldog Club, so-called because all the members owned bulldogs, on the second floor of a storefront in Holbrook. Our best gig was the Christmas party at Burdette College. I say "best" meaning our stipend more than paid for our expenses.

We broke up shortly after that. We told everybody it was because of the war. Actually, it was because we weren't very good. I traded the clarinet in for a typewriter. No one complained.

HEALTH NOTES

Safe cooking tips for Thanksgiving

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Thanksgiving is a good time to provide reminders about safe cooking procedures. The Board of Health has the responsibility to inspect food preparation in restaurants in Town, and as a consequence, enforce food preparation rules. This Fall, a board member attended cooking school, and had the opportunity to see how really good chefs ensure the safe preparation of foods in restaurants. It's a reassuring experience. First off, as one would expect, good chefs have developed a system of routinely ensuring absolute cleanliness and food safety in restaurants. It has to do with restaurant cooking procedures – and not giving patrons the opportunity to sue.

First off, foods, both vegetable and meats, are meticulously washed in special washing areas designed into the kitchen. Cooking personnel are taught about food safety and proper washing. Bottles of hand sanitizer are always readily available in the kitchen as are clean towels and aprons. Good kitchens are as clean as good hospitals.

Generally, all foods served to patrons are cooked hours before being served. A meal of poultry, duck or turkey for instance, is prepared long before it is served to patrons, generally in the morning, then refrigerated to temperatures below that for bacteria growth: 42 degrees Fahrenheit. Ten minutes before it is served, it's warmed, generally seared, and served at table.

Similarly, vegetables are started; blanched by dipping in boiling water until they turn bright green hours before being served. Immediately after turning green, the vegetables are placed in containers of ice, thereby locking in and preserving the brilliant green color as well as the freshness. Finally, often hours later, they are brought to temperature and served.

Bacteria present on raw poultry can contaminate hands, utensils, and work surfaces as you prepare the turkey.

The basic restaurant rule for storage time is that no food be left within the bacteria growth temperature zone: between 42 and 165 F for more than three hours. Otherwise, it's discarded.

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Turkey Basics: Safely Thaw, Prepare, Stuff, and Cook:

When preparing a turkey, be aware of the four main safety issues: thawing, preparing, stuffing, and cooking to adequate temperature.

Safe Thawing

Thawing turkeys are best kept at a safe temperature below 40 — the temperature range where food-borne bacteria multiply rapidly. While frozen, a turkey is safe indefinitely, but as soon as it begins to thaw, bacteria that may have been present before freezing can begin to grow again if it is in the "danger zone." Three safe ways to thaw food: in the refrigerator, in cold water and in a microwave oven.

Safe Preparation

Bacteria present on raw poultry can contaminate hands, utensils, and work surfaces as you prepare the turkey. If not cleaned thoroughly before working with other foods, bacteria from the raw poultry can be transferred. After working with raw poultry, always wash your hands, utensils, and work surfaces before they touch other foods.

Safe Stuffing

For optimal safety and uniform doneness, cook the stuffing outside the turkey in a casserole dish. However, if you place stuffing inside the turkey, do so just before cooking, and use a food thermometer. Make sure the center of the stuffing reaches a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 F. Bacteria can survive in stuffing that has not reached 165 F, possibly resulting in food-borne illness.

Safe Cooking

Set the oven temperature no lower than 325 F and be sure the turkey is completely thawed. Place turkey breast-side up on a flat wire rack in a shallow roasting pan 2 to 2-1/2 inches deep. Check the internal temperature at the center of the stuffing and meaty portion of the breast, thigh, and wing joint using a food thermometer. Cooking times will vary. The food thermometer must reach the safe minimum internal temperature of 165 F. Let the bird stand 20 minutes before removing all stuffing from the cavity and carving the meat.

Have a safe Thanksgiving dinner that everyone will enjoy.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

Library Book Group meets Dec. 3

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center will present an exhibition of paintings by Marshfield artist Mary Callahan at the library through Dec. 31. A free reception will take place from 4 to 6 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 7.

Library Book Group – November's meeting date will move to 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 3. "This I Believe" edited by Jay Allison will be discussed. All are welcome to this free event. Call reference librarian Gayle Walsh for more information or to reserve a book.

Holiday Closing – The Library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday Nov. 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Library materials may be returned in the 24-hour bookdrop.

Movie Matinee – Enjoy a free showing of the film "A Christmas Story" starring Darren McGavin, Melinda Dillon and Peter Billingsley at 11 a.m., on Friday, Dec. 5. Admission is free. Free refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

BRIEFLY

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- Free lunch with Roving Reporter Rich Ofsthun who visits the Windsor Tea Room
- Pet of the Week Video: Meet Liberty, an energetic 2-year-old lab mix
- Breaking news, updates, slideshows and full-color photo galleries throughout the week
- Results of Cohasset versus Hull Thanksgiving Day game next Thursday!

Cohasset Mariner 'drop box'

The Cohasset Mariner has a "drop box" and pickup location at Tedeschi's in the village. The drop box is on the counter in the front window around the corner to the left after you enter the front door.

The Mariner picks up at 8 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. The drop box can be used to drop off glossy photographs, letters, flyers or other editorial copy.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Easy, breezy Town Meeting

13 articles tackled in less than two hours

By Nancy White
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Monday night's Special Town Meeting was an anomaly for Cohasset. In less than two hours, the Town Meeting approved 13 articles, the majority of which passed unanimously without discussion and without questions from the citizenry.

With speed and efficiency, Town Meeting approved budget amendments, capital purchases, community preservation funding, and conservation restrictions in the first 30 minutes.

Special Town Meeting was brought to order shortly after 7:15p.m., after 100 registered voters checked in with the Town Clerk. A total of 278 voters checked in during the course of the night. The meeting dissolved shortly after 9p.m.

Despite being one of the shortest Town Meetings in recent memory, significant items and funding articles were passed. Allocations of $270,000 (to reinforce a retaining wall on Jerusalem Road) and $450,000 (to repair and upgrade the Jacob's Meadow culvert) passed with a few questions from the floor and with unanimous votes. The turf field, which authorized the town to borrow $500,000, passed with only a few nays heard from the floor of Town Meeting (see related story).

Part of the reason Special Town Meeting was a breeze was a few of what could have been controversial articles were removed from the warrant or changed after the warrant went to print. The Board of Selectmen pushed off bringing forth any articles on Treat's Pond flooding/restoration issue. The Planning Board did not have enough time to properly review the Housing Partnership Committee's revised inclusionary bylaw proposal so that was put off. And the Water Commission removed one of their requests for an easement release after neighbors opposed.

Town Hall

The turf field article aside, back-to-back articles sparked the most discussion. First, there was a non-binding resolution on the old portion of Town Hall restoration, then a $10,000 request for the extension of the town's alternative energy consultants.

The non-binding resolution did not commit the town to any funding, but provided a sense of Town Meeting and their support of the restoration project. The resolution authorized and encouraged the Board of Selectmen to accept any grants, gifts, or tax credits for the project.

Town Hall Restoration and Rehabilitation Committee chairman David Farrag provided an overview of the project.



PHOTOS BY CRAIG GOEDECKE

Cohasset's Werner Diekmann, member of Cohasset's Town Hall Restoration Committee, hands out reading material to residents before entering the Special Town Meeting on Monday at the high school.

"Over time Town Hall has suffered from deferred maintenance," said Farrag and the last time there was a significant renovation to the old portion of the building was in 1928. Then, consulting architect and Cohasset resident Jim Sandell went into some detail about the issues and solutions for the restoration.

"We want to restore the historical integrity of the building," said Sandell. Bringing the building up to code, repairing leaks, increasing handicap access and installing a sprinkler system were all part of a proposed restoration.

Wayne Sawchuk of 432 Beechwood St. asked what the ultimate cost would be to complete the proposed restoration.

"It will be in the $6 million range to fix the inside (of the building)," said Farrag.

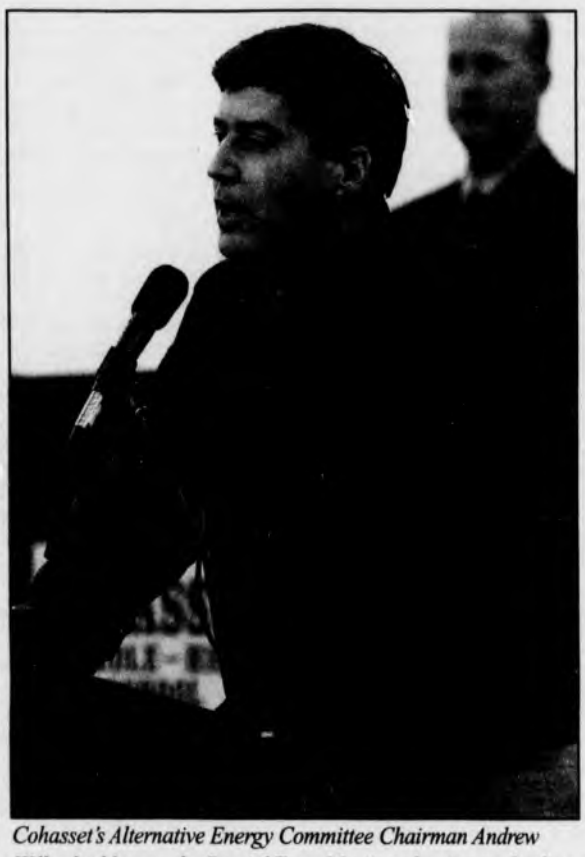
But, with no town money required at this time, support for the Town Hall restoration project was unanimous.

Energy

When Alternative Energy Committee chairman Andrew Willard said the first allocation for $20,000 a year and a half ago had yielded nearly the same amount in grants. The town received a $17,000 to install sun pipes at Deer Hill School and vending misers on vending machines in all town buildings.

"We're at a zero sum game with the consultants," said Willard. The additional $10,000 would enable the consultants to work on specific bids and grant writing that could ultimately save the town money, said Willard.

The majority of the Advisory Committee agreed, "the consultants completed a number of tasks that saved the town money…the sooner and more fully we can identify energy conservation methods, the more money we can save on budget," said Advisory Committee member Chartis Tebbetts.



Cohasset's Alternative Energy Committee Chairman Andrew Willard addresses the Special Town Meeting about more funding.

Jeff Patterson of 10 Sanctuary Pond spoke in support of the allocation and requested the consultant's expertise be utilized not just for new initiatives, but to evaluate ongoing projects, such as the proposed Graham Waste wind turbine currently before the Planning Board.

Richard Perkinson of 274 King Street agreed — an expert consultant could lay out the facts and dispel confusion on the wind turbines.

Before more could comment on the wind aspect of alternative energy, Town Moderator Dan Evans put a stop to it, "we don't want to turn this into a referendum on wind turbines."

Although no one spoke out against the article and allocation, the motion was adopted by a majority vote (not unanimously).

Applause broke out from floor of Town Meeting on several occasions, as if to prove there was some life in the room. First, there was applause following Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr's reading of a proclamation for astronaut and Cohasset native Steve Bowen. Then, clapping rang out following the presentation on the Town Hall restoration. And after the approval of the turf field, applause filled the room.



Cohasset residents check in to Monday's Special Town Meeting held at Cohasset High School's gymnasium.

Turf field is a go

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dent George McGoldrick.

The passage of the article authorizes the town to borrow up to $500,000 to design, permit and construct the field, but conditions that bond with having $550,000 in private funds available to be raised by the Cohasset Sports Partnership. McGoldrick said the Partnership already has $250,000 committed to the project.

The total cost to design, permit and build the synthetic turf field is estimated to be $1,050,000. The Cohasset Sports Partnership has their work cut out for them as they work toward their $550,000 fundraising goal.

"It's a great time to be asking people for money," quipped McGoldrick, obviously referring to the troubled economy and the financial effect it is having on families across the country. However, McGoldrick was upbeat about the fundraising and the generosity of the town to fund the asset. McGoldrick laid out an aggressive schedule that would make the field ready for play by September 2009. The fundraising will be done over the next few months and he expects to put the project out to bid by March 2009, with the 90-day construction period taking place over the summer months.

There was little controversy or debate on the Town Meeting floor regarding the turf field, but several questions were asked.

What seemed to seal the deal for town officials as well as Town Meeting voters were the financials. The town's contribution will largely come from an annual $40,000 savings in maintenance costs, which currently comes out of the town's operational budget. Boosters clubs will contribute $6,000 annually to the town for the 15-year life of the town's bond for the field, McGoldrick said.

The downside, as Advisory Committee Chairman Sam Wakeman pointed out, is the various departmental budgets (Department of Public Works, Water Department) will have to reduce their budgets accordingly.

"They'll have to contribute those expenditures for the life of the project," said Wakeman.

Yet, Capital Budget Committee chairman Steve Gaumer saw the benefit of having increased utilization on "an extraordinarily underused asset…and we're doing so at a cost that frankly does not increase what we're spending now."

The annual payments for the bond will average about $46,000 with a high of $50,000, said town Finance Director Mike Buckley. Buckley also noted the project comes at a good time financially because the town is nearing its final payments on the re-construction of the current Alumni Field.

Several audience members, including field hockey coach Beth Marsden-Gilman and Recreation Commission member Dan Martin, spoke in favor of the project.

Girls soccer coach James Gilman noted how much more pleasurable it was to play away games on turf fields. "I can really focus on the game and not worry about potholes or rescheduling due to weather."

No one spoke in opposition of the turf field project.

When Town Moderator Dan Evans announced the turf field motion has passed, the audience erupted in applause. A total of 278 registered voters came out to yield their collective voting power.



Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr holds a special proclamation that honored Captain Stephen G. Bowen, a Cohasset Native, who is currently on the Endeavor helping to renovate the International Space Station with larger living quarters. Bowen left November 14th from the Kennedy Space Center. The Town of Cohasset applauded Bowen's accomplishments and wished him a safe return.

Town Meeting Rundown

Article 1 – Amendments to the Fiscal 2009 operating budget: adopted unanimously.

Article 2 – Union contracts & other salary adjustments: adopted unanimously.

Article 3 – Capital Improvements budget: adopted unanimously.

Article 4 – Community preservation committee (with two sub-articles): adopted unanimously.

Article 5 – Release of easements and right of way: adopted unanimously.

Article 6 – Conservation restrictions for open space: adopted unanimously.

Article 7 – Reinforcement to current design standard of Jerusalem Road wall and roadway: adopted unanimously.

Article 8 – Town Hall restoration project (non-binding resolution): adopted unanimously.

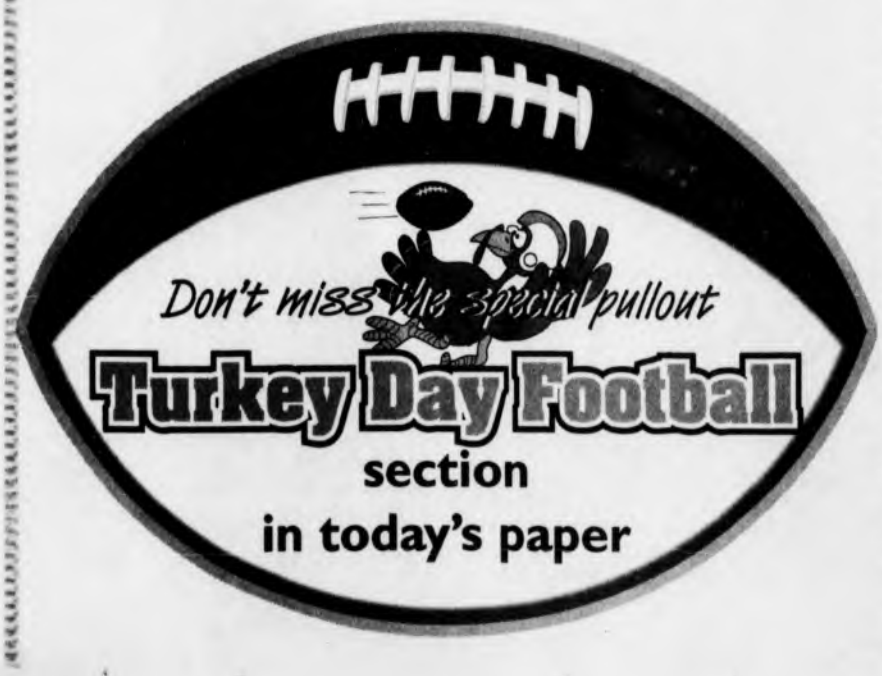
Article 9 – Funding for alternative energy committee: adopted by majority vote.

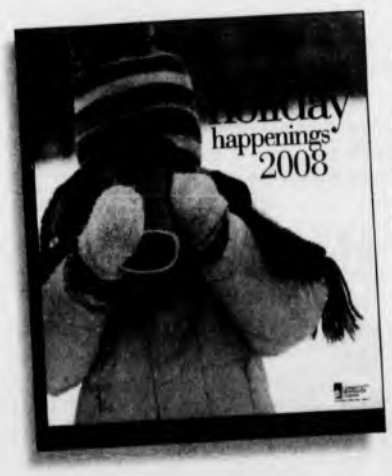
Article 10 – Zoning bylaw reconciliation: adopted unanimously.

Article 11 – Grant of easement for gas line: adopted unanimously

Article 12 – Jacobs Meadow culvert repair and upgrade: adopted unanimously.

Article 13 – Citizen's Petition -- Turf Field: adopted by majority vote.





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Cohasset Recreation Department Supervisor Mike Barra, left, Howie Altholtz, center, and Recreation Director Ted Carroll display a guitar on loan from Crossroads of Hanover on Sunday before the start of one of the jams at the Garage. All types of music instruments are available so participants do not have to ha ve their own instrument. Program coordinator Altholtz is a musician and music business lawyer who has big plans for the program, such as a song writing clinic, special music guests such as producers, managers, booking agents and music students.

Recreation Department unveils music program

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business connections to bring in special guests, including producers, managers, booking agents and Berklee College of Music students. Down the line, he might even get some famous guest artists from the area to stop by to talk to the kids, maybe even jam with them for a little while.

In preparation for the start of Sunday jams, Altholtz made a phone call to a Hanover music store, Crossroads, to see if they would be willing to provide equipment. Owner Bob Doolittle agreed to lend several pieces of equipment to the program. Guitar amps, a full set of drums and all the accessories are available for the kids.

"The intent was not to have any kids who don't have equipment to feel awkward about coming," said Altholtz, emphasizing he wants Sunday Jams to be a welcoming environment. "With really good quality equipment, it levels the playing field."

"I envision everyone learning from each other."
— Howie Altholtz

Kids are still welcome and encouraged to bring their own musical instrument. Guitar players will have to bring their own, but "they can walk in, plug in and play," says Altholtz.

Kids don't even have to play and instrument — all they have to bring is their voice. A microphone is ready and waiting for the next Mariah Carey.

Before Sunday Jams began earlier this month, Altholtz looked into the acoustical attributes of the Rec Center "garage" to ensure the space was appropriate for sound.

"It's not a bad space acoustically, (but) we wanted to have the best location to play and get creative,"' said Altholtz.

He had Cohasset-based Image Acoustics owner Jack Butler look at the space. Several slight changes were made to make the space acoustically better for the jam sessions.

Carroll is looking to make the program a success.

"We just want it to be a cool place for kids to come play music," says Carroll adding with a laugh, "they can play as loud as they like here."

For information, email Recreation Director Ted Carroll at tcarroll@townofcohasset.org or call 781.383.4109. A single session cost $8 and an "all access" five-week pass is $30.

Two students receive Superintendent's Award

Two members of the Class of 2009 received the Superintendent's Award at Wednesday night's School Committee meeting. David "August" Oddleifson and Jessica Fitts were chosen for their outstanding academic achievement, leadership and service.

"Sometimes we get too bogged down with business and we don't take time to recognize what's really important — the students," said Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh.

While the Superintendent's Award typically goes to a single student, Walsh said circumstance called for a bend in the rules.

"I always say, if it's too close to call, then it is too close to call," Walsh said, which led her to recognize the two students for the Superintendent's Award.

David "August" Oddleifson and Jessica Fitts were chosen for their outstanding academic achievement, leadership and service.

Cohasset High School principal Joel Antolini gave a long list of academic awards and community and school involvement for both students.

Antolini said he got to know the students on a more personal level when he joined them on a recent backpacking trip.

"They are as respectful, polite and wholesome as they are talented," said Antolini.

Walsh also thanked the parents for raising

Cohasset race director launches triathlon series

Three sprint distance races in metro Boston will be united in 2009 under the banner Commonwealth Triathlon Series, spearheaded by Cohasset Triathlon race director Bill Burnet. The races include the Cohasset Triathlon, June 28,;the Marlborough Triathlon, July 26; and the Gloucester Triathlon, Aug. 9.

In two years, the Cohasset Triathlon has become a premier short course race at the national level. The 2009 Cohasset Triathlon has been chosen the Northeast qualifier for the Team USA 16 through 19 age group for Sprint Distance World Championships in Australia, and the Special Qualifier Race for the 2009 Age Group Nationals in Tuscaloosa, Ala., in August. The top five people per age group will qualify to race in Tuscaloosa.

The Marlborough Triathlon was founded by Olympian Jarrod Shoemaker and his coach Tim Crowley. Athletes will be treated to a 5-mile bike loop course that will provide plenty of views for spectators along the race route.

"What will set these three races apart from the rest is that they are being created and organized by topnotch athletes, some of the best in the sport who understand all the necessary components that go into a truly incredible race."
— Bill Burnett, Cohasset Triathlon

The Gloucester Triathlon, founded by pro triathlete Janda Ricci-Munn, will provide athletes with a course designed to showcase Gloucester's maritime history and beauty.

"What will set these three races apart from the rest is that they are being created and organized by topnotch athletes, some of the best in the sport who understand all the necessary components that go into a truly incredible race," said Burnett.

Registration for the series opens at 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 1. Racers will have the option to sign up for one, two or all three races. Discounted registration fees will apply for all racers who sign up for two or more races. Visit the Web site at www.cohassettri.com for more information.

Holly Hill Farm wreath making

Holly Hill Farm will hold a holiday wreath-making workshop, which will take place in the farm's greenhouse from 2-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6. Participants will make their own wreaths from materials provided by the farm.

Those interested in more information should call education director Jon Belber at 781-383-6565 or via email to jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com.

Cost: $15 per person; $10 for members of Friends of Holly Hill Farm.

Parking is available. Friends of Holly Hill Farm Inc., the not-for-profit organization that uses and makes available the resources of Holly Hill Farm for educational programs, sponsors the above activities.

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Jingle Bell Walk is Nov. 28

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There will be photos with Santa, open bowling, face painting, a turkey trot and hayrides on the Common.

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In the event of rain, Santa will arrive at the SSCC gym at 2 p.m.

T-Day football, powderpuff games coming

LIFE AT CHS

LAUREN MACK



Both games are sure to be crowd-pleasers, so be sure to catch both!

Hello everyone! First I'd like to congratulate all of the girls on the varsity soccer team (and also the JV girls that were pulled up to help) on their awesome season and far-advancement into the state tournament! Sadly, their season ended this past Tuesday when they lost in double-overtime against Newburyport.

Other upcoming sports events include the annual Thanksgiving football game against our long-standing rival, Hull, and girls Powderpuff game on Wednesday, where the senior girls play (and win) against the junior girls in a match of epic proportions. Both games are sure to be crowd-pleasers, so be sure to catch both!

Another event that has been the buzz around CHS lately has been the production of West Side Story, which is happening on Dec. 5th, 6th, and 7th is looking to be a great show so be sure to purchase tickets at lunch time or at Buttonwoods Books.

This week's Quote of the Week comes from an English teacher who lives "under the sea". His name is **Mr. Bill Fish**, and he can be found swimming around the English hallways or in his room, better known as "the Aquarium". When asked about his plans for the half day, which was this past Wednesday, he replied: "Subs: because they're not just found in the ocean. And because I'm very hungry." And with that I leave you all to a wonderful weekend! Ciao!

Lauren Mack is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly during the school year.



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SUNDAY VS. NORWELL

Lady Skippers capture first-ever Sectional title

Beat archrival Norwell, 4-1

By Mike Spellman
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So this is what the Red Sox felt like in October of 2004 after finally vanquishing the New York Yankees.

At long last, the Cohasset girls' soccer team finally got the edge in a meaningful game on their Norwell counterparts, stunning the Lady Clippers with a 4-1 victory in Sunday afternoon's Div. 3 South Sectional finals (Nov. 16).

"We set the tone right from the kickoff," said veteran Cohasset head coach Deb Beal. "The girls these last three weeks have just been bringing their A games to every game and practice.

With the help of a heavy wind at their backs, the Lady Skippers scored two goals before the game was six minutes old and punched home the game's third score in the 21st minute.

"It was just amazing," continued Beal, who claimed her first sectional title with this win in her 12 years of coaching the Skippers. "We knew all about them and they know just who we are. These things go in cycles, and today it was just our turn."

The Skippers have waited quite some time for the "their turn," Beal in particular. Beal-coached CHS squads had not beaten a Norwell team in over 20 games until they pulled out a 1-0 decision in regular season play two months ago. The Clippers had the final laugh, however, as they won the go-round number two to sew up the South Shore League title.

That 20-plus game winless streak included a 1-0 loss to the Lady Clippers in this same South Sectional Finals game last November.

"It's just so rewarding to see these girls experience this after all of their hard work," said Beal. "Especially for these (seven) seniors, most of whom have been with me on varsity since freshman year."

Lehr and tri-Captains Maggie McGoldrick, Sarah Coggins and Torey Hart are fourth-year varsity players. Keeper Johanna Brophy was up in her junior year, and Krsitin Monaco and Brittany Dunn weren't far behind.

The Skippers won the pre-game coin flip and opted to start with the wind at their backs. That decision paid quick dividends.

"I was real glad to win that flip," said Beal. "Our game plan was just to attack, attack, attack, to hit the ball hard and in the air anytime we got a look 30-feet and in."

Senior star Sammi Lehr had an opportunity to follow that advice when the Skippers were awarded a free kick just 46 seconds in from just above the top right hand corner of the goal area. Lehr's blast curled around the inside of the three-Clipper wall and a few feet inside the near post. Clippers keeper Brooke Alman, who had been guarding the far post, was powerless to do anything about it.

Senior captain Torey Hart doubled the Skippers pleasure less than five minutes later, as she turned the corner on a break-in from the right wing and boomed a blast over Alman that nestled into the twine by the far post.

"That was a great shot that got a little help from the wind," noted Beal.

The Lady Skippers weren't done with their long distance assaults, however.

At 20:38, junior Christine Coner took a short diagonal pass from Hart 20 yards out from the left post, took two touches to settle the ball down to her right foot, and let fly with a blast that got over Alman's finger tips and punched out twine top far corner.

"We were fortunate that (Norwell) lost that coin flip, and that we got the wind at our backs," noted Beal. "But we took good advantage of that. It's always harder to recover from a deficit than it is to protect a lead."

Had Norwell (16-5-1) won the toss, Coach Bruce Emerson confided that he was actually leaning toward giving Cohasset the wind for the first half anyway.

"I figured that it might take (Cohasset) a while to get it going, and then we'd have the wind for the second half," said the Clippers longtime coach. "Obviously, it didn't work out that way. I thought Cohasset did a very good job of coming out aggressively from the start and playing the ball in the air."

Norwell came out with the wind at their backs in the second half, and made several deep pushes. However, the Skippers defense — led by the twin-tower Lehr sisters, Sammi and Tori, junior Meredith Kelly and senior captain Maggie McGoldrick — held its ground and let few balls through. Those that did squirt through were smothered with extreme aggression by senior keeper Johanna Brophy.

"That's JoJo's game," said Beal of her feisty 5-foot-2 keeper who dove full speed onto several balls just as they were leaving Skippers' feet. "It's the only way she knows how to play. She is absolutely fearless."

Norwell sophomore forward Krista Prouty finally put the Clippers on the board with 8:44 to play, finishing off a nifty crossover move to her left foot with a blast from 18 yards straight out over the leaping Brophy.

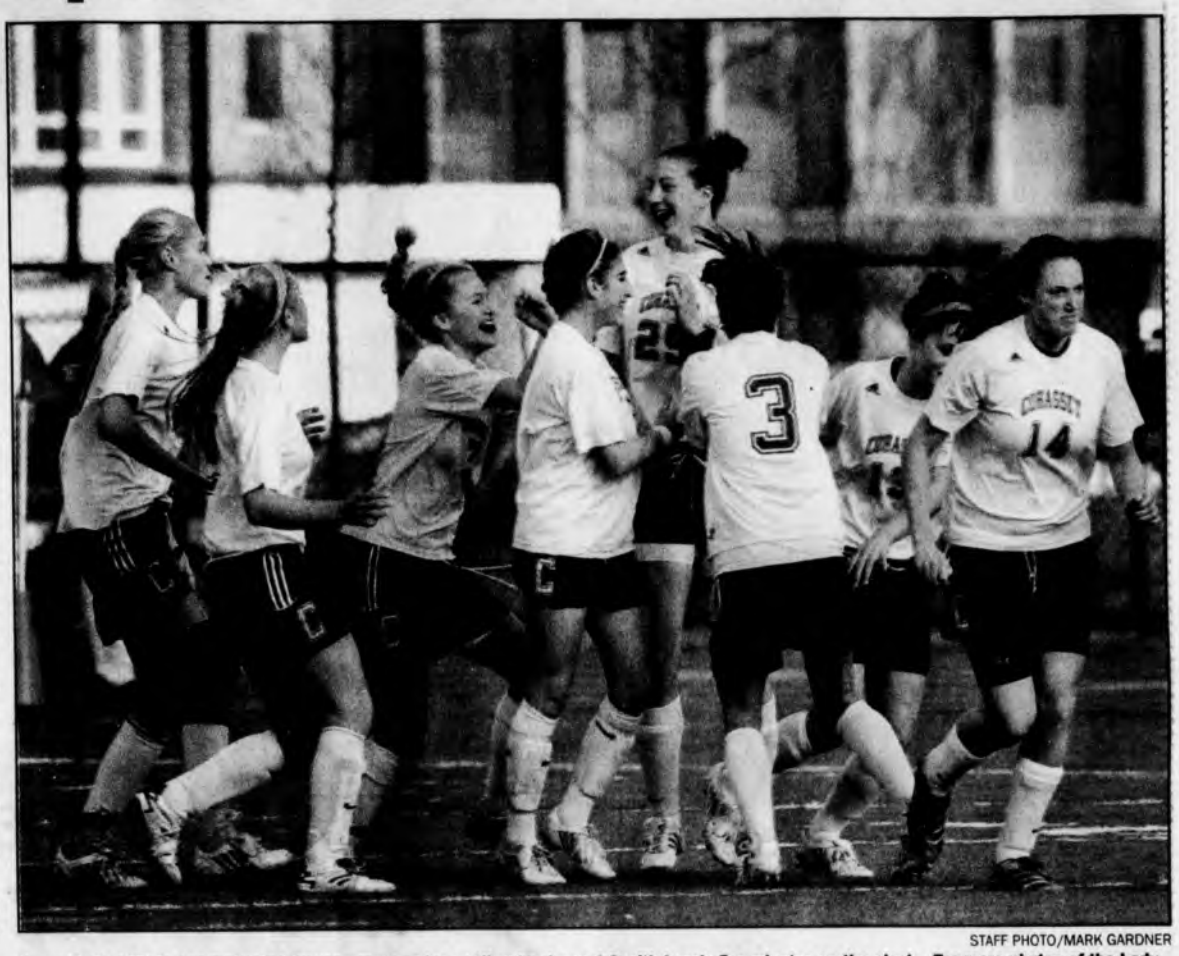
Any thoughts of a dramatic Clippers' comeback, though, were snuffed out four minutes later when McGoldrick stunned everyone with a low blast into the wind from 30 yards out that skipped past Alman and just inside the left post.

As much as the loss hurt for the Clippers, longtime coach Bruce Emerson did see a silver lining.

"If it wasn't going to be us, I'm glad it could be Cohasset," said Emerson. "This couldn't have happened for a nicer person than Deb Beal, and I also feel very good for those all those seniors I've been watching these last few years."

Following the game, Beal said "everything now is a bonus."

We didn't build this season around getting back to this point," she said. "We built this season around becoming better soccer players and better teammates and doing things the way they should be done. And we've done that across the board, on and off the field. The girls have worked so hard. This has been a nice, nice journey to watch."



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

Sammi Lehr (25) is congratulated by teammates after putting her team 1-0 with barely five minutes on the clock. For more photos of the Lady Skippers' historic victory and South Sectional win over Norwell, see page 19.

TUESDAY VS. NEWBURYPORT

Cohasset girls drop heartbreaker in double OT

Team, game one for history books

By Jim Willis
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

They deserved better, but what a show we got.

After 99 minutes and 38 seconds of grueling, scoreless soccer in freezing temperatures, the Cohasset girls' soccer team's fantastic run came to an end last night at the Manning Bowl in Lynn. Newburyport, the defending state champions playing in the state semifinals for the third year in a row, moved into the state final game with a breakaway goal from the right side by Hannah McCormick with 22 seconds left in the second overtime. The 1-0 loss followed the Skippers' first South Sectional Championship in school history on Sunday, and for most of the game, it appeared the Cohasset girls' most successful season in school history might continue on through one more weekend.

The first half was scoreless, with few chances for either side to tally the game's first goal. Cohasset goaltender Johanna Brophy and defenders Sammi Lehr, Tori Lehr and Meredith Kelly dominated the entire game from Cohasset's defensive third, allowing Newburyport to bring the ball into their end often, but giving up very few real scoring opportunities. Junior midfielder Christine Coner had the best opportunity of the first half, as her shot from the left side was stopped by the Newburyport goaltender on a falling, fingertip save.

"The first 10 minutes we were a little timid," said head coach Deb Beal. "We weren't stepping quickly enough defensively – but a timeout settled us down and we played much tighter after that. Sammi, Tori and Meredith were outstanding."

As the second half began, Cohasset took control of the play. Strikers Torey Hart,

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STAFF PHOTO/JEFF LOUGHLIN

Junior Tori Lehr and senior goalkeeper Johanna Brophy console each other after the team's heartbreaking loss.

Skipper offensive line holds Norwell

Leads Cohasset to victory

They are not flashy. They don't generate headlines. Often they are described as being in the trenches. In football terminology, they don't even rate as having "skill positions." They are the unsung heroes, the quiet boys in blue, they are the offensive and defensive linemen for the Cohasset High School Varsity Football team and boy, what a night they had for the Skippers as Cohasset hosted winless Norwell in a South Shore League match-up.

"The offensive line played phenomenally," said Coach Pete Afanasiw. "They dominated Norwell at the point of attack on each and every play. Every rushing play gained positive yardage".

Classic example, in the opening drive, on the fourth play from scrimmage, junior running back Dana Valentine (157 yards, 16 carries, 1 TD), follows his lead blocker senior Alec Livingstone through a

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STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Dana Valentine (1) skips through the East Bridgewater line of defense for a big gain in a game earlier this season.

Thanksgiving game at home

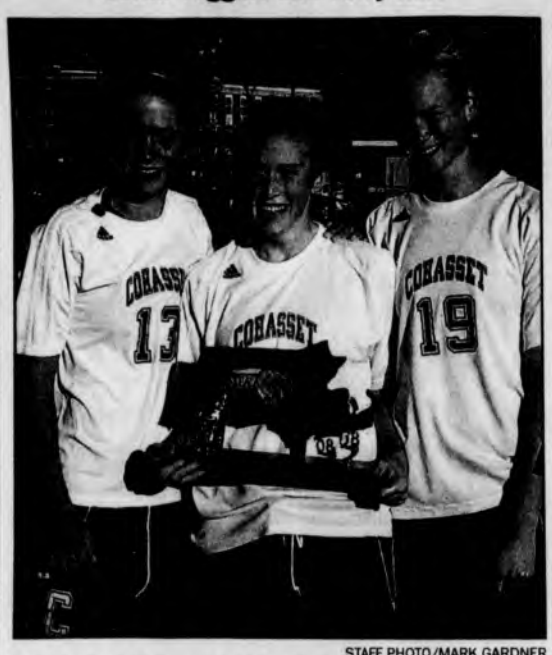
The Thanksgiving Day game against Hull is on Alumni Field at CHS, kick off is 10am.

Cohasset coach Peter Afanasiw says both teams are 6-4 and it should be a very competitive and exciting game.

"Both teams are very balanced with strong running and passing attacks," he said. "And this is a very heated and spirited rivalry, and the team that makes the fewest mistakes usually ends up enjoying their turkey dinner quite a bit more."

For game results visit: www.wickedlocal.com/cohasset

CAPTAINS' CORNER/Maggie McGoldrick, Sarah Coggins and Torey Hart



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

CHS Varsity Girls Soccer Captains Maggie McGoldrick, Sarah Coggins and Torey Hart pose with the South Sectional Div. 3 Trophy following Sunday's game against Norwell.

Names: Maggie McGoldrick, **Sarah Coggins and Torey Hart.**

Grade: **12.**

Other extracurricular activities: Tennis, student council, club soccer **(Maggie).** Enjoying senior year (Sarah). **Soccer, swimming, community service, listening to music, and all water sports (Torey).**

Favorite subject: AP Bio **(Maggie).** AP Bio with Mr. Mag **(Sarah). Marine Science and gym (Torey).**

Favorite college or professional team: Holy Cross Crusaders **(Maggie).** UVM Catamounts **(Sarah). URI Rhody Rams (Torey).**

Athlete you'd most like to meet: David Beckham **(Maggie).** Brett Favre **(Sarah). Big Papi (Torey).**

Best thing that soccer has taught you: Perseverance **(Maggie).** What it is to work as a team **(Sarah). Never give up (Torey).**

Best part of high school: Girls Varsity Soccer **(Maggie).** CHS Girls Varsity Soccer **(Sarah). My friends and the girls' athletics (Torey).**

Goal: To continue growing as a player and a person **(Maggie).** To be happy **(Sarah). Have a great senior year, study Marine Science and play D1 soccer (Torey).**

Sensational season for JV Field Hockey

By Susan Franklin
CORRESPONDENT

When you look back over the last few years, it is apparent that Cohasset field hockey has a bright future. Returning to the field in 2009 are a significant number of players who have a years of varsity experience, some with a quarterfinal playoff birth under their belts. In addition to resident talent, the varsity squad will be joined by players from this year's undefeated JV squad, whose 2008 season was nothing short of spectacular.

According to coach Laura Giuliano (herself a standout in the sport at Cohasset High School, Franklin High School and Dartmouth College), posting a season record of 14–0–1 "was a full team effort from beginning to end". The season began with a 5-0 win against Scituate, but the next game would prove difficult for the young team. Facing a formidable East Bridgewater opponent, Cohasset ultimately won this hard fought battle 3-2. The win was big but more important for the team, "the game seemed to set their resolve to play their hardest for the rest of the season", said Giuliano.

The team continued their winning ways against a strong Norwell squad, a talented Notre Dame team and Harwich, who for years has been a South Shore League field hockey dynasty. The weather was not the only thing that was perfect when the team opened up their September home stand against Nantucket. In fact, before heading off the mainland in mid-October to face Nantucket for a second time, Cohasset had amassed a perfect 9-0-0 record.

A second meeting against Nantucket tested Cohasset's meld, and despite dominating the game, and shooting relentlessly on the goal, the contest ended in a 1-1 tie. Facing opponents for a second time in the season, the team added four more wins, bringing their record to 13-0-1 going into the season finale.

The finale could not have been more challenging as undefeated Cohasset hosted a powerful, undefeated Hingham team with a 12-0-2 record. With an undefeated season on the line, this contest was a nail biter from the opening pass. The teams appeared equally matched and at the end of the second half the game was tied 1–1. In the second half Cohasset took the reigns, dominating ball control and setting the pace the game. However, Hingham's talented players posed a serious threat every time they made a break for the Cohasset goal. A Hingham timeout gave Cohasset a chance to regroup and Guiliano and her squad committed to a strategy they had practiced of not allowing the ball to pass the 50-yard line. The forwards got fired up and each player gave it their all when they took the field. Cohasset pulled ahead 2–1 and was able to hang on for the win.

"Each of these girls should be commended and Beth Gilman and Mike Condon should be recognized for the impact their youth program is having on Cohasset field hockey", says Giuliano. If Giuliano had to attribute the success of the season to a single factor, she would have to say that the strength and versatility of the midfield was instrumental. The speed, agility, persistence and endurance of the midfield players allowed Cohasset to push the ball up field offensively and get back to protect defensively. The midfielders had the unique ability to "see" the field. They were able to identify spaces to hit or move into, and see where their opponents were on the field. This collective skill allowed Cohasset to control the game, continuously feeding the ball inside on offense and fiercely keeping opponents from penetrating in to the Cohasset zone. Of the 53 total goals scored during the season, 27 of them were either scored or assisted by midfielders (12 goals, 15 assists).

Ten individuals led Cohasset in scoring. Forward Olivia Murphy had 23 goals and 10 assists, including hat tricks against Scituate, Mashpee and Norwell. Forward Caitlin DeAngelis posted 8 goals, 7 assists and a hat trick against Harwich. Hard-hitting midfielder Kayla Orner finished the season with 5 goals and 2 assists. Charlotte O'Callaghan, Sydney Waters, Eliza Kinnealey, Sage Stebbins, Angela Cipolla and Greta Shwachman scored 3 goals a piece. Forward Danielle Frederick and midfielder Amber Silvia gave outstanding performances all season.



Kayla Orner and Sage Stebbins running with the ball.

The tenacious defense was comprised of a formidable and cohesive group of talented players who delivered 8 shutouts in 15 games, with goalie Whitney Jaffee allowing only 8 goals all season. The group had strength in each position and was anchored by sweepers Bridey Ayers and Sarah Mavilia. Taylor Kennedy, Christi Fitzgerald, Ellie Tedeschi, Abbey Ayers, Sarah Antonuccio and Carly Schwantner gave outstanding performances all season and played together so consistently that substitutions were made without sacrificing yards or goals to the opponent.

There is no doubt that success breeds success and this team enjoyed a great deal of it. In the words of one of this century's best female athletes, Mia Hamm, "if you don't love what you do, you won't do it with much conviction or passion." It was obvious to coaches and fans alike every time the Cohasset squad took the field that the team enjoyed the pure joy of playing. Giuliano expressed that in addition to "their collective and individual field hockey talent and tremendous potential, we should all be proud of the character and maturity these young women portrayed on and off the field." This group of young women personified teamwork. They supported one another in practice and in games, and they played with heart all season long for themselves and their coach, for Cohasset and each other.



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The Cohasset JV Field Hockey Team: (back row form left) Abbey Ayers, Caitlin DeAngelis, Ellie Tedeschi, Angela Cipolla, Kayla Orner, Sage Stebbins, Sydney Waters, Christi Fitzgerald, and Taylor Kennedy. Middle Row: Coach G, Whitney Jaffee, Carly Schwantner, Danielle Frederick, Amber Silvia, and Sarah Antonuccio. Front Row: Greta Shwachman, Charlotte O'Callaghan, Bridey Ayers, Olivia Murphy, Sarah Mavilia, and Eliza Kinnealey.

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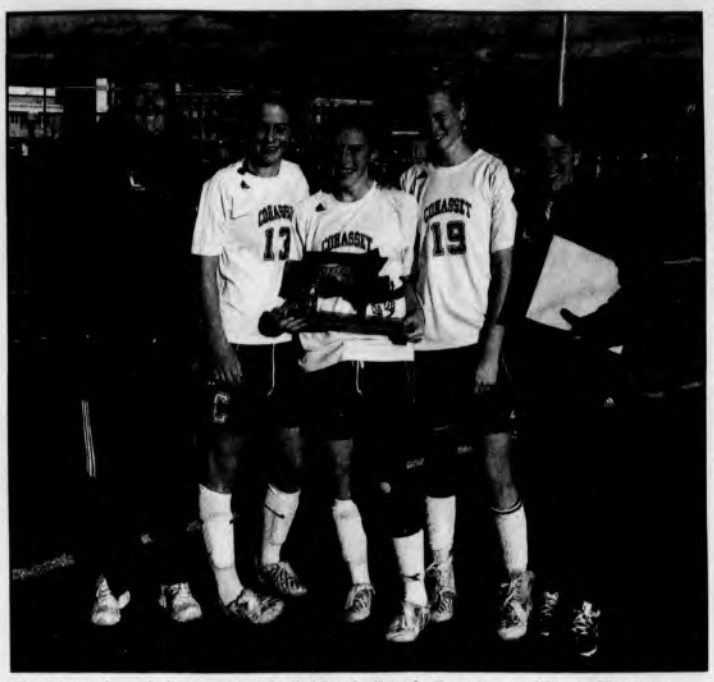
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Sarah Coggins (17) embraces Torey Hart (19) following their 4-1 win over Norwell in the Sectional Final played at Weymouth High.



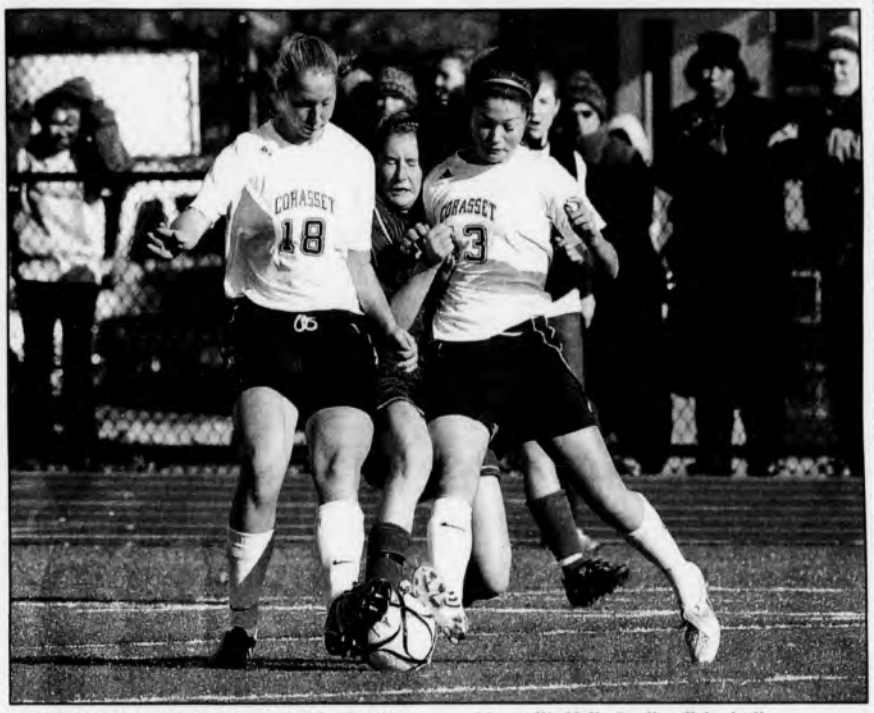
Captains, from left, Maggie McGoldrick, Sarah Coggins and Torey Hart are flanked by head coach Deb Beal (left) and assistant coach Christine Taggart with the South Sectional Div. 3 trophy. The win gave Cohasset its first ever girls' soccer sectional title.

Sectional Champs!

Lady Skippers beat Norwell 4-1



Christine Coner looks to whip the ball into the penalty box.



Tori Lehr (18) and Maggie McGoldrick (13) squeeze Norwell's Kelly Duffy off the ball.



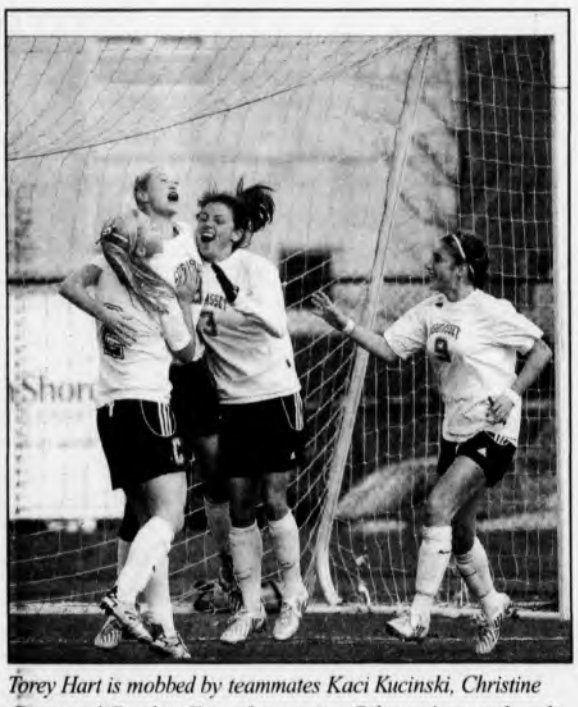
Sarah Coggins wins the ball on a header for the Lady Skippers.



Cohasset keeper Johanna Brophy makes a key first-half save at the feet of Norwell's Hillary Kitchen.

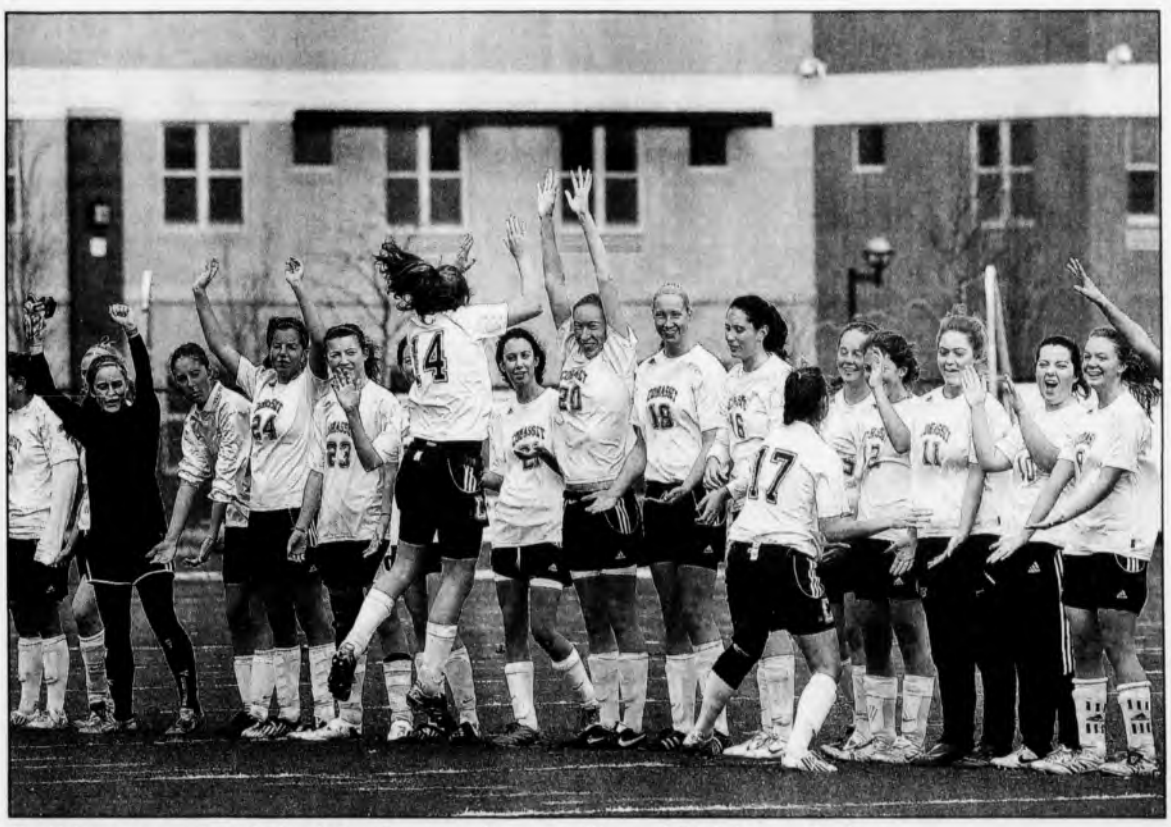


Torey Hart celebrates with teammates Kaci Kucinski (3), Christine Coner (2) and Caorline Fein (9) after putting the Lady Skippers up 2-0.



Torey Hart is mobbed by teammates Kaci Kucinski, Christine Coner and Caroline Fein after scoring Cohasset's second goal.

Photos by Mark Gardner



The Cohasset team get psyched up before the start of the game at Weymouth High this past Sunday.

Skipper offensive line holds Norwell

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hole in the left side of the offensive line that was created by senior tight end Nick Savage, senior Co-Captain Andersen Lynner and his brother junior Will Lynner. The result was a 41-yard TD run by Valentine and the Skippers were quickly on the board. The PAT failed, but the Skippers were on top 6-0.

Junior, Brendan Doonan, kicked the ball deep, to the Clipper 5-yard line where the return was stomped on by junior Graham Stevenson. Norwell quickly went 3 and out. Cohasset got the ball back. Mixing it up a bit, quarterback Jeff Cavanaro (7/17 passing, 134 yards, 2 TDs) connected with senior Derek Schwantner (4 catches, 64 yards) and then went back to the ground attack.. It was brothers, senior Matt Wasel and sophomore Eric Wasel who created a hole for Valentine. Another pass or two and it was Eric Wasel who opened up a huge hole for Livingstone to make his way 24 yards into the end zone for another Cohasset score.

Doonan kicked the ball deep to the Clipper 10 yard line where they returned it to the 35. The Cohasset front 3, senior Mike Froio, senior Andersen Lynner and senior Nick Simonds slowed the Norwell ground attack allowing the linebacking crew to step in and make big plays. The Clipper drive was cut short by a Doonan (1 reception, 30 yds, 1 TD) interception on the Skipper 25-yard line.

The next Cohasset drive took up a lot of time on the clock, carrying over into the second quarter. Focused offensive execution brought the Skippers deep into Norwell territory, but a holding penalty negated another Livingstone trip into the end zone and a highly questionable no catch call forced Cohasset into a field goal attempt which missed.

Norwell got the ball back, but their offensive drive was textbook for defensive positioning. Norwell was quickly 3 and out, with key tackles by sophomore Jake Kissick (7 solo tackles, 4 assists) and junior Andy Mckenna.

Coach Afanasiw said,"The defense dominated the line of scrimmage and held Norwell to 7 first downs all game".

The only player who touches the ball as much as the QB is the center. Junior, Dan Sullivan, not only is charged with getting the ball to the QB but also has blocking assignments (and it's not always the guy in front of him). Sully was key in Cohasset's next drive helping make holes for the run game and protecting against the blitz. Cohasset got into the end zone again as Cavanaro connected with junior Dean Driscoll (2 receptions, 40 yards, 1 TD) on the 7th play of the drive.

Defensively Cohasset dominated. Norwell was again stymied. The long ball all game long was prevented by the defensive back crew of Doonan (5 tackles, 2 deflections), sophomore Robert Jones, junior John Maher and Schwantner.

Norwell punted again.

Cohasset ended this drive with Cavanaro hitting Doonan from 30 yards out. Norwell got the ball back as time was running out in the first half. Simonds came up big with a sack of the QB in the backfield that diminished any hopes of the Clippers getting on the board before they headed into the locker room at halftime.

To start the second half, the Clippers received the ball and the Cohasset D shut them down. The Cohasset O took over and tried for the end zone again, only to be forced into a punting situation, the first all game.

Sophomores Jack Carrier, Sam Leahy, Thomas Flibotte and junior Jeff Charles rotated in and got some valuable reps for Cohasset. The Norwell offense was still unable to get any momentum going. DJ Weiss got his first sack of the season. Norwell's lone score came late in the 4th quarter. Final score Cohasset 25, Norwell 8.

"We played a very complete game," said Coach Afanasiw. :In each of the three aspects of the game we controlled the tempo and field position. Our special teams units played exceptionally well.

"Doonan's kicking and the coverage units consistently pinned Norwell inside their 15-yard line, giving the defense the much sought after 'long field' to play with. Likewise Doonan did a great job returning kicks and giving the offense the equally sought after 'short field', and as a result we only started one drive inside our 30-yard line," he said.

"As a team we did not commit a turnover. If we couple that with hard running and efficient passing, the result is usually another big win for the team and Friday night that is exactly what we got.

"Hopefully we can continue our good play through Thanksgiving as we prepare for Hull. Both teams are 6-4 and it should be a hard fought game. A win in their final football game for Cohasset would be extra special for all our Seniors; co-captains Andersen Lynner and Derek Schwantner, Matt Wasel, Nick Savage, Alec Livingstone, Mike Froio and Nick Simonds".

The Skippers take on Hull, Thanksgiving Day at Alumni Field at 10 am.



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The Cohasset High JV offensive line blocks the Carver High Crusaders as the quarterback hands off the ball.

Cohasset JV football: near perfect at 9 -1

Final game tonight against Hull

The Cohasset High School JV football team is having a season to remember. Under the direction of Coach Brian Pattison and Coach Frank Antin, the JV squad has outscored, outrun and outplayed nearly all of their opponents.

"What has helped us this year is strength in numbers" said Coach Pattison. "In past years we have had to play kids on offense and defense as well as special teams. This year we have the luxury of playing more kids (and getting them more experience) while also getting kids some rest time during the game. That was a big reason we were able to beat Scituate because we were fresh in the fourth quarter."

The first six games against Quincy, Archbishop Williams, Scituate, Cardinal Spellman and Carver were shutouts, with Cohasset's JV team not allowing any points to be scored.

The offense, led by freshman quarterback Mitch McNary, has outscored their opponents game after game. The offensive line, which consists of the strength and muscle of Ben Curley, Chris Brash, Geoff Swain, Tony Sestito and Vinny Calorio has opened many holes for the talented running backs. Running backs Kyle Livingstone, Sean McKenna, Kyrel Juandoo and Dean McNary have shown both speed and agility while carrying the ball down the field. Quarterback McNary also has many choices of skilled tight ends and receivers such as Robbie Mahoney, John Collins and Sean Naughton.

"Coach Antin has really mixed up the defensive schemes and the kids really executed them well," said Coach Pattison. "They had a 6-0 start without giving up a point."

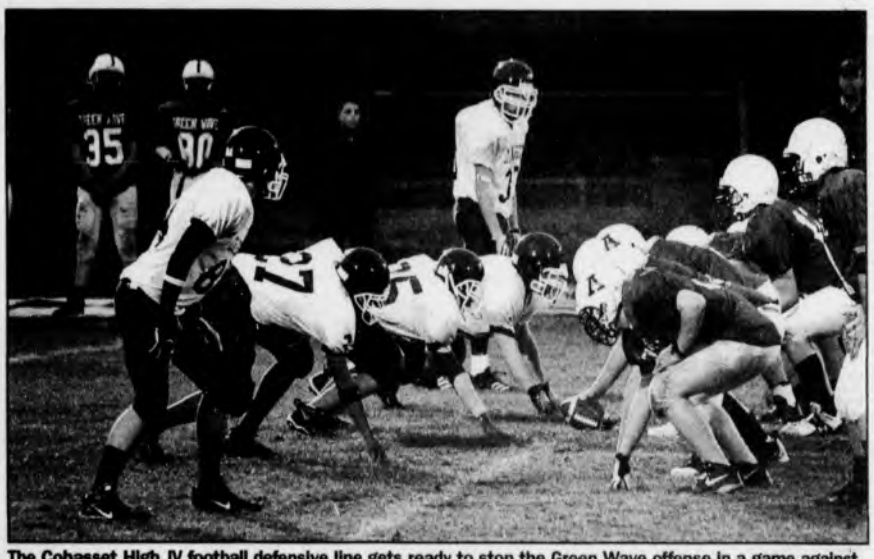
The defensive line includes the energy and power of Eric Bartucca, Billy Mack, Pablo Sherman, Colin Tarpey, Kimani Hale-Sadm, Chris Murphy, Christian Quebec and Robert Wiess, along with the force of Sean McKenna, Robbie Mahoney, Kyrel Juandoo at linebacker. The instinctive defensive backs consist of Derek Froio and Jamie Faber at corner and Kyle Livingstone at safety.

Many on the JV team have been playing together since 3rd grade with the SCICOH youth football program. You can also find several of them still playing pick-up football games at St. Anthony's rectory.

The last game of the season is this Friday night at 6pm (Nov. 21st) under the lights at Hull High School.

"When you look back at what we were as a team on day one to what we have accomplished as a team....it's amazing. The kids have really worked hard and showed up to practice every day with a positive attitude," said Coach Pattison. "Each practice the kids got better and better and now they can see all their hard work pay off with a successful season."

That season ends this Friday night in Hull, so let's show our Cohasset pride and cheer on this near perfect JV football team.



The Cohasset High JV football defensive line gets ready to stop the Green Wave offense in a game against Abington JV.

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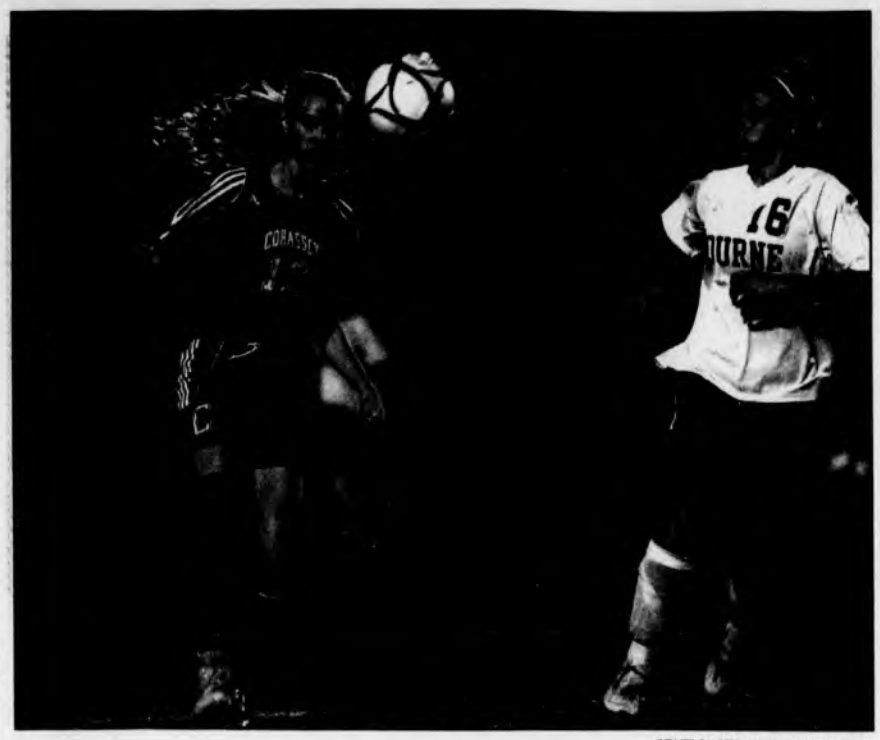


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Senior and team captain Torey Hart goes after the ball during the South sectional semi-final round against Bourne.

FRIDAY VS. BOURNE

Girls shut out Bourne in D3 South Sectional Semi-Final

By Susan Franklin
CORRESPONDENT

With a 15-3-3 record, Cohasset entered the semi-final round of the MIAA South Division 3 tournament having scored 12 goals while allowing only 1 in post-season play. They faced Bourne who posted a 14-3-1 record and got to the semi-final match shutting out their two post-season opponents while tallying 9 goals. Both teams were on a roll and based on the numbers, were well matched. No doubt coming out on top would require a well executed game strategy and Cohasset was up to the task.

The Skippers offense attacked immediately. Two minutes into the half they had already made two shots on goal, one rolling along the goal line and the other sailing over the crossbar. Cohasset set the tone for the game early and that tone was speed. Bourne seemed unprepared to defend the foot speed and ball control of Cohasset players Torey Hart, Mackenzie Hart, Caroline Fein and Kaci Kucinski. Blazing up the sidelines and sending passes in front of the net, Cohasset generated numerous scoring opportunities. Midfielders Maggie McGoldrick and Sarah Coggins teamed with Tori Lehr and Sammi Lehr to form a seemingly impenetrable defense. In fact Bourne could not muster an attack on Cohasset's goal until 16 minutes into the first half of play.

Then with less than 8 minutes remaining in the first half, Cohasset earned a corner kick. Senior forward Torey Hart sent the ball high across the net face where it was controlled by sophomore Kaci Kucinski who quick kicked it past an impressive Bourne goalkeeper. Minutes later, with a 1-0 lead, Cohasset's Torey Hart drilled a penalty kick past the Bourne goalie giving Cohasset a 2-0 lead.

In the second half Cohasset's offense was still in attack mode. "Our girls are fit and strong", said Cohasset coach Deb Beal. "We can run with the best of them and Bourne was not going to outwork us in the second half". Two minutes into the second half a shot by Kucinski was deflected by the goalie. Coggins returned the rebound but it was saved by the Bourne goalie who, as she had all game, sent it downfield over 50-yards on a drop kick. Minutes later Christine Coner found Fein who fed Kucinski, but again her shot was saved by the goalie.

Bourne came out much more aggressive in the second half and generated many legitimate attacks on the Cohasset goal. A ball headed at midfield by Bourne broke through the defensive line forcing Cohasset goalie Johanna Brophy to come up high out of the net to stop the attack. Minutes later Brophy jumped up and slapped down an unbelievably long shot on goal, and Sammi Lehr was able to sweep the loose ball out of bounds.

In the final 18 minutes of play, Cohasset would get off six more shots on goal, but none found net. "This game was just another example of the girls going out onto the field with more confidence than the opposition" said coach Deb Beal.

Final score, Cohasset 2, Bourne 0.

The Cohasset squad played with poise, tenacity and power. Comprised of 7 seniors, 10 juniors and 6 sophomores, they moved on in the tournament and on Sunday defeated Norwell in the Division 3 South finals 4-1.

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11	Johanna Brophy	SR	K
4	Kristin Monaco	SR	M
13	*Maggie McGoldrick	SR	M/D
25	Sammi Lehr	SR	D
17	*Sarah Coggins	SR	M/D
19	*Torey Hart	SR	F
6	Alex Foley	JR	F
GK	Charlotte Malone	JR	K
2	Christine Coner	JR	F
8	Dominique Rioux	JR	M
7	Mackenzie Hart	JR	M
15	Megan Richardson	JR	M
21	Melissa Campedelli	JR	M
14	Meredith Kelly	JR	D
20	Samantha Crough	JR	M
18	Tori Lehr	JR	D
16	Carli Haggerty	SO	D
9	Caroline Fine	SO	M/F
12	Danielle Sookiasian	SO	F
3	Kaci Kucinski	SO	F
24	Lindsay Davis	SO	D
22	Rachel Fredey	SO	M

*Captains

F – Forward
K – Keeper
M – Midfield
D – Defense

Cohasset girls drop heartbreaker in double OT

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Caroline Fein and Kaci Kucinski made of number of runs through the middle, only to be stopped repeatedly by Newburyport's packed in defensive formation time and time again. The Cohasset defensive backfield played both the defensive role of squashing any Newburyport offensive run, as well as starting up the Lady Skippers' offense. Said Beal, "Kaci, Torey and Caroline all worked tirelessly to attack. Their defense was tough and they closed down many of our opportunities."

"The teamwork and confidence displayed during the last few weeks of the season were remarkable."
— Deb Beal, girls soccer coach

The best opportunity of the half for either team came when junior midfielder Samantha Crough, playing for senior captain and all-star Sarah Coggins who had left in the first half with a knee injury, hit a left foot strike from 25 yards out that sailed just wide of the net. "Losing Sarah in the first half was so difficult," said Beal. "She distributes the ball so well and creates offensive opportunities. Sharing the sideline with her was not easy – she is such a valuable member of this team, and she wasn't physically able to compete. But Sam and Maggie (senior captain midfielder McGoldrick) controlled the midfield, supporting the offense and creating opportunities to score."

As the half closed and through the beginning of the first overtime, Cohasset seemed to have the momentum, as their back line and outside midfielders continuously fed their strikers with long balls up the side and through the middle. "Outside mids Christine (Coner) and MacKenzie (Hart) ran the sidelines all night long, working to create attacks and support defensively," said Beal.

With just over three minutes to go in the first overtime, Newburyport broke through the Cohasset defense for the first time since the opening half, but a high shot from outside bounced off of the upper right post. From that point on, the game went back to being the up and down game of the first 10 minutes, with each team deflecting offensive runs and counter attacking. Senior All-stars Torey Hart and Maggie McGoldrick both had close calls, with a Hart header just missing the goal off of a cross from sophomore Fein just into the second extra frame. As the final minute of the second sudden death overtime ticked down, it appeared that the game would be decided by penalty kicks. Then, with just over 20 seconds to go, the ball squirted out of a crowded right side of the field in Cohasset's defensive third across the top of the penalty area. McCormick broke in alone from an outside right position, putting a shot in the upper right corner just over the outstretched fingers of Brophy for the game's only goal.

Certainly it was a tough ending for the most successful season in the history of the program. In five postseason games this year, the team scored 18 goals and gave up 3. Brophy recorded 2 shutouts with a .60 goals against average during the postseason run, despite missing all but 8 games of the season due to injuries. Said a teary but proud head coach after the game, "The teamwork and confidence displayed during the last few weeks of the season were remarkable. This team has always had a special bond, their chemistry is such an asset. It was such a tough evening – the girls played so hard and left all they had on the field. I never felt as though we were outplayed or outmatched."

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ARUBA — I came to Aruba to chill out. I hadn't planned on my beach break including a TomCar, the same kind of vehicle the Israeli army uses to patrol its borders. But it turns out there's more to do on this Dutch island than relax in the sun.

Of course the island does boast seriously soft white beaches and clear aqua seas. Those are Aruba's calling cards along with its Southern Caribbean location and its status as a gambling locale. Only 15 miles off the coast of South America, Aruba's position keeps temperatures around 82 year-round.

Aruba is only 19.6 miles long and six miles across at its widest point. What comes as a surprise to some resort-goers is that, in addition to about seven miles of beach on its southwest shores, there's a windward coast that's rugged and wild and much of the interior of the island is desert with cacti and rock formations.

After some time bronzing on a private island owned by the Renaissance Aruba Beach Resort, my Type A side took over and I was itching for adventure. So when my friend asked if I wanted to trek over some sand dunes in a TomCar, I didn't hesitate.

We booked a 2 1/2-hour North Coast tour with Rancho Notorious (www.ranchonotorious.com/tomcar.shtml; $129 for a single driver, $49 for a child when accompanied by an adult).

The TomCar looks like a giant Tonka toy with two seats, a roof but no doors, a windshield (that makes it street legal), a high ground clearance and three gears: drive, neutral and reverse. With bright yellow suspension coils, fat tires and lights sticking out like bug eyes, the vehicle proved to be a serious off-roader that could run through sand and climb over rocks.



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Palm Beach is among Aruba's popular white sand stretches.



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Exploring Aruba by TomCar adds adventure to your beach break.

We were each given a pair of goggles and driving rugs and hit the road. No need for driving instructions - these rigs only go about 15 mph.

Our tour started on the north side of Aruba, minutes from Arikok National Park. The park encompasses 20 percent of the island, a significant chunk of the interior and a long stretch of the northern windward coast. If you like to hike, there are 21 miles of marked trails.

In our TomCars we climbed rutted roads to a rise where we could view the entire island and up the coast to see the remains of a 25-foot high natural coral bridge, a well-known tourist spot, which recently toppled into the sea. From there we drove past cacti the size of people to caves where we viewed ancient Arawak drawings. The Arawaks were the first people to inhabit Aruba over 2,000 years ago; their wildlife paintings are scattered on rock walls around the island. A history buff could spend a day caving to petroglyphs.

You can't beat Baby Beach, our last stop and a delightful cove with milky turquoise waters and a soft white sandy stretch.

The place was postcard perfect and since Baby Beach is also a snorkeling spot, I returned the next day for an afternoon cruise on a custom-built, 53-foot Catamaran operated by Red Sail Sports (877-733-7245; www.redsailsports.com; $44 adults, $26 kids 11 and under). There were about 30 of us onboard and the high point of the sail was a snorkel trip to see the sunken German freighter Antilla. Brightly colored fish were hanging around the bones of the ship, but cloudy skies and murky water prevented me from getting too close.

I dragged my 15-year-old daughter on a five-mile bike ride with Aruba Active Vacations (www.aruba-active-vacations.com-/mountainbiking; full-day rentals $25). We sweated our way up a steep hill to the famed California lighthouse, named after a ship called the California, known for having received distress signals from the Titanic. The California's radio operator was off-duty and asleep at the time of the disaster, and did not respond to the Titanic's call for help. Perhaps this small piece of bad karma sealed the California's fate - the ship sunk off the coast of Aruba a few years after the Titanic went down. Today, the California is a popular dive site.

I don't dive, but I wanted more of undersea Aruba. On popular and touristy De Palm Island (www.depalm.com; $83.55 for adults, half-price for kids, including food and drink) you can both snorkel and "snuba," a sort of scuba for novices. The snuba is $55 extra (half-price for kids) but I decided to give it a go, donning a king-sized helmet, open at the bottom, but attached to an air line so you can breathe easily. A group of us walked on the sandy bottom holding on to a rope to keep us grounded. The guides rounded up fish for us to pet, feed and photograph. Easy and awesome.

But Aruba's like that, too - activities galore; choices for days. Easy and awesome vacationing.

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Massachusetts School of Law in Andover offers students practical experience and a lower cost

By Charlie Breitrose
DAILY NEWS STAFF

The folks at the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover do things a little differently than other law schools.

And, after 20 years, the school has a proven track record of success, said Associate Dean Michael Coyne.

The school doesn't require students to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) to apply. It also tries to keep students' expenses down to make the law school accessible to as many people as possible.

MSL's courses do not revolve so much around books and lectures, Coyne said, but rather on practicing real-world situations.

"The entire law school is developed more like (a) medical school model, rather than law," Coyne said. "No one want to go to a doctor who hasn't touched a body until they get to you, and you're the first one. That is what happens at a lot of law schools."

Virtually all of the professors, even those who teach full time, still work in the world of law, Coyne said, so they can show students what it's like to practice law.

"(Students) go to court with the professor and see what it's like, even try to assist clients," Coyne said. "Many courses are focused on simulated experience; they prepare cases from beginning to end. It gets them to a comfortable level speaking and thinking on their feet."

The simulation has translated to success for MSL students in mock trial competitions with other law schools, Coyne said. The school's team won the Northeast competition last year and finished third place in a national competition.

MSL attracts people looking to boost their careers or change fields.

"We tend to cater to working professionals, and we have a very diverse student body – both in terms of age and the background from which they come into the school," Coyne said.

Life experience counts a lot, Coyne said, when MSL officials look at applicants.

"We think it is valuable to have some additional background beyond school, if you are ultimately going to handle people's problems and handle the maze of the court system," Coyne said.

As a result, MSL's students tend to be older than those at most other law schools, Coyne said. The school has a day program and an evening program. The average age of those taking classes during the day is 31 years old, Coyne said, and students going at night are around 35 or 36, on average.

"What you have is a lot of working professionals, people who delay entry into law school because life got in the way," Coyne said. "They are looking to return to school and are looking for different opportunities."

Most graduates find work at small law firms or go into public service jobs, such as working as a prosecutor in the district attorney's office. Others find work in the courthouse or in legal services working with those who cannot afford an attorney.

They are able to do this, Coyne said, because the school keeps tuition low.

"Our tuition is $14,500 (a year), and the average in New England is probably around $33,000," Coyne said.

That, in part, enables MSL to attract a racially diverse student body, Coyne said.

"Over 20 percent of students would be classified as minority," Coyne said. "What that means is the graduates are much more like the society they represent."

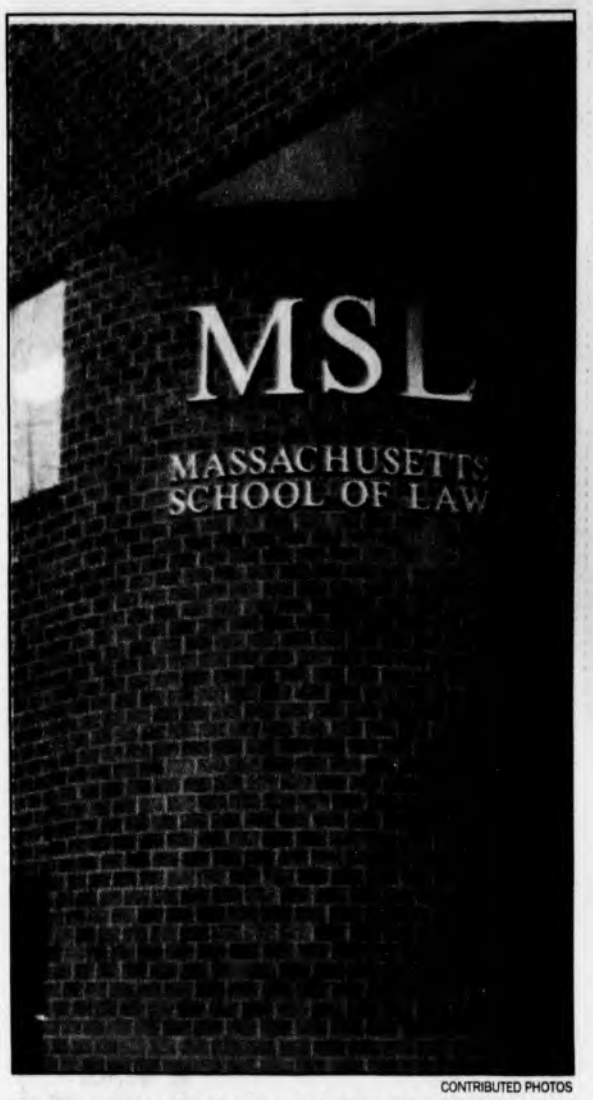
Instead of the LSAT, MSL asks prospective students to answer an essay question where they present both the pros and cons of an issue.

"That's what they will be doing in classes," Coyne said. "We think it is a better indicator of whether they will be successful."

The school generally draws students from within an hour's driving distance from its Andover campus, but with entry into law schools becoming more difficult, Coyne said the school now gets students relocating from as far as Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The Massachusetts School of Law enrolls students in the fall and spring, Coyne said. For more information about the school or applying, go to the school's Web site, www.mslaw.edu, or call the law school 978-681-0800 and ask for Admissions.

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The Massachusetts School of Law in Andover offers students practical experience and a lower cost than many other law schools.



Many classes at the Massachusetts School of Law are taught using simulated courtroom experiences. This is the school's new courtroom where students can learn to feel comfortable in a realistic courtroom setting.

Tough economy steers adult learners toward college

By Montanette Murphy
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

College officials in upstate New York say they have seen or expect to see a spike in the number of people returning to school because of tough economic times.

In an economic slump, two- and four-year colleges, private business colleges and specialized schools or programs see a boost in enrollment, said Neil Murphy, president of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, N.Y.

"Whenever you have an uptick in unemployment, you generally find that some of those unemployed go back to refine their skills," Murphy said.

Some people return to school to finish degrees, obtain advanced degrees or to study a discipline that is in an advancing business sector, he said.

Tracy Roberts, 38, of Holland Patent, N.Y., said she returned to school at the Utica School of Commerce because she was in search of better wages.

"I just needed a better wage to support me and my children, and these days, you just can't get it without a degree," said Roberts, who has two teenage daughters.

"And even though I have years of experience working in an office environment, you just can't get the competitive wage not having the degree."

Roberts is working on an insurance associate certificate and a two-year degree as an administrative specialist.

Murphy said that jobs with the highest demand for workers are in the insurance and health care sectors, as well as in high-tech manufacturing, nanotech, robotics or in professions that develop ways to increase manufacturing efficiency.

Some people take courses without moving toward obtaining a degree and instead choose to take classes that teach technical writing, refine speaking skills or provide computer training, Murphy said.

Herkimer County Community College expects a larger number of other learners within the nontraditional category, said Rebecca Ruffing, interim director of public relations for the college.

"A lot of that population are taking the classes online and they include veterans, which is also on the increase," Ruffing said.

"I can't point to data that can tell me why each of those students chose to come here, but the admissions office, based on conversations with those students, believes that those students are coming in because of the tough economic times."

Richard Haubert, assistant director of communications for Mohawk Valley Community College, said today's market has forced individuals to add to what they already know.

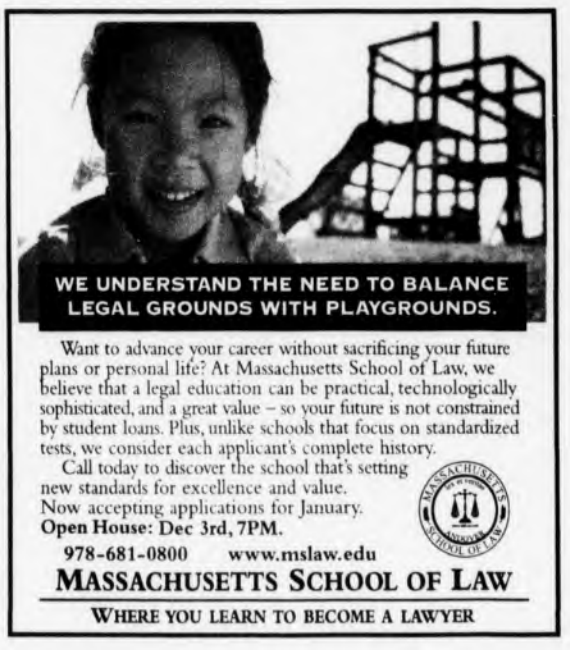
Patrick Quinn, vice president for enrollment management at Utica College, said officials are preparing for an influx of students because of the economy.

Between 15 percent to 20 percent of the students at UC are adult learners, or students who have returned to school to improve or change their careers, Quinn said. That percentage does not include those students pursuing graduate degrees, he said.

Leslie Crosley, director of admissions at Utica School of Commerce, said between 60 percent and 65 percent of the school's total enrollment is made up of nontraditional students.

"We have a large number of students who come in as nontraditional students," Crosley said. "Some are working and want to increase their skills. Others tried college and then stepped out for a while and are now returning."

Montanette Murphy is a reporter with the Observer-Dispatch in Utica, N.Y.



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This coming **Sunday, Nov. 16** will be **"Jeans Sunday"** at Beechwood Congregational Church. Pastor Rich will be dressed in blue jeans and a sweatshirt and you are invited to dress in similar attire! All who are willing and physically able are invited to stick around after worship and assist in RAKING LEAVES. The church has a number of rakes, but if you are able to BYOR (Bring Your Own Rake) all the better. Hope to "casually" see you on Sunday! Please spread the word!

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

View Pastor Rich's scripture studies at: www.BeechwoodCC.org

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Nov. 23

8 a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Bill Baird & John Kornet and meeting on the 2nd & 4th Sundays)

9:50 a.m. – Childcare for our youngest - Parish House. Children and youth are invited to gather with their parents in the Meeting House for the first part of our morning service, followed by RE classes in the Parish House.

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – Guest at Your Table Sunday — The first segment of the service will be intergenerational and include a child dedication. Rev. Dr. Carlsson-Bull will preach on "Grateful Guests."

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - "Welcome to Unitarian Universalism and First Parish" - A workshop for new and prospective members with our minister and representatives of our Membership Commitee - Minister's Study - Child care is available and a light lunch will be served.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Will be held Wed., Nov. 26th at 8pm. Joel Buford, SCC Director of Music will begin the ecumenical choir rehearsal at 6:30pm in the sanctuary choir loft. Everyone is invited to join together in this inspiring community service.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: Members of SCC are already at work creating homemade crafts for the annual Village Fair to be held on Sat. Dec. 7th. New crafters and helpers are always welcome!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Dec. 21st at the 10 am service Joel Buford, Director of Music will conduct the sanctuary choir, guest soloists and orchestra in a musical presentation that will include works from Handel's Messiah as well as other Christmas selections. The community is welcome.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: Welcome to St. Stephen's church!

We are currently underway with our new "Episcopal Church for the 21st Century" class taught by Rev. Margot Critchfield. This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal faith and anyone preparing for Confirmation or Reception into the church. Classes run from noon until 2:00.

Rev. Critchfield is also offering individual spiritual direction this fall. If you are looking for a spiritual home or exploring your faith, we invite you to visit us. You can learn more about us, and the Episcopal Church, from our website, www.ststephenscohasset.org. Other programs this fall includes bible study for adults, youth group activities, the children's Christian education program "Godly Play", outreach programs serving the hungry and homeless, yoga, meditation and a monthly luncheon for seniors.

Services at St. Stephen's are at 8 am and 10 am on Sundays, including a Healing Eucharist at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. All are invited.

You can reach the church at 781-383-1083. The Rev. Margot Critchfield can be reached at mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.org. Our offices, which are open Monday through Friday, can be accessed by coming to the back of the church, up the Highland Ave hill. We are handicap accessible.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

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Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

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OBITUARY

Nellie M. Lincoln

Great-grandmother

Nellie M. (Stoddard) Lincoln, 91, of Cohasset, died Nov. 15, 2008.

Wife of the late Jerome C. Lincoln, she leaves her children, Harriet N. Hopkins and Samuel F. Lincoln, both of Congress, Ariz., Joseph C. Lincoln of West Chatham and Roger W. Lincoln of Cohasset; her brother, David Stoddard of California; her sister, Hannah Sawyer of Chelmsford; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was the mother of the late David J. Lincoln, and sister of the late Charles, Sheldon, Elmer, Lillian, Olive and Mildred.

Funeral services and interment are private. Arrangements by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

To sign the online guest book,

Thanksgiving ecumenical service Nov. 26

The annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 26th at 8 pm at the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset. The service will be lead by many of the leaders of Cohasset's churches. The public is encouraged to join together in this inspiring service of prayer and thanksgiving.Community members interested in singing in the ecumenical choir lead by SCC Musical Director, Joel Buford should meet in the sanctuary choir loft promptly at 6:30 pm.

Word is getting out that Cohasset C.A.R.E.S.

The CARES in Cohasset C.A.R.E.S. stands for caring and responding economically and spiritually.

A new community group formed to respond to the economic crisis, Cohasset C.A.R.E.S spent last week distributing its new information card around town. The group hopes the card will do two things; first, let people know where they can get help if they need it for anything from fuel assistance to spiritual support, and second, also let people know that if they do need help, they are not alone.

The CARES in Cohasset C.A.R.E.S. stands for caring and responding economically and spiritually. The group is made of spiritual leaders from the town and representatives from numerous organizations like the Social Service League, elder services, the food pantry, Wellspring, town officials and others.

The blue and white information cards created by C.A.R.E.S. were recently sent to town residents with the Social Service League's community mailing. C.A.R.E.S. members also began distributing them through around town including places like the library, town hall, the town nurse's office, veterinarian offices, the food pantry, police station, and schools.

On the front cover of the card is a list of all the churches and spiritual centers in Cohasset and surrounding towns. C.A.R.E.S. hopes that it will remind residents that their local clergy are available for pastoral care and spiritual direction and that places of worship often offer a sense of community that is comforting during challenging times. The backside of the card lets residents know where to turn for help with fuel costs, food, prescription medicine, substance abuse and other needs.

Over the next month, C.A.R.E.S. will be looking at planning a town-wide community meal for some time in January and the possibility of new informational groups or seminars on topics related to the economy like job transitions.

Residents, who have not received a copy of the C.A.R.E.S. info card and would like one, are encouraged to call or stop in one of the town churches.

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Shannon Silvia is 12 years old and won an award for the "Funniest Costume".

(Right) Shelby Silvia as "whoopee cushion" is 12 years old and competed in the Optional level. Her scores were: 7.6 Floor and 8.1 on Vault.



Gymnasts don costumes

Compete in Halloween Meet

The South Shore Community Center Gymnasts led by Director, Ruthann Ardizzoni competed in a Halloween Meet on Oct. 25. As per tradition, the gymnasts came to the meet dressed in costumes.



Julia Herzfelder (left) and Nadiya Roy (right) as "bananas." Julia is 10 and competed in Level 4. Her scores were: 9.0 Floor, 8.6 Beam, and 8.4 Vault. Nadiya is 9 and competed in Level 3. Her scores were: 8.3 Floor, 8.2 Beam and 8.0 on Vault.



(Above Right) Elizabeth Coletta as "scarecrow" is 9 years old and competed in Level 4. Her scores were: 9.2 Floor, 9.0 Beam, 8.2 Bars, and 8.4 Vault. Her All Around score was 36.00.

(Bottom Right) Abby McGrath as "the old man" is 10 years old and competed in Level 4. Her scores were: 8.2 Floor, 8.1 Beam, 8.6 Bars, and 8.9 Vault. Her All Around score was 33.8



Courtesy photos



COURTESY PHOTO

South Shore Community Center is raffling off two cottage playhouses, like the one shown here, perfect for fostering hours of out-door imaginary play and fulfilling a child's dream.

SSCC raffling off playhouses

South Shore Community Center is raffling off two cottage playhouses, perfect for fostering hours of out-door imaginary play and fulfilling a child's dream. The raffle will run for five weeks only; the drawing date is set for Dec. 20 and free delivery will be provided in time for Christmas to Cohasset and adjacent towns.

The cottages are made from the highest quality materials and are valued at almost $5,000 each. The yellow and white painted New England style cottages are on display on the side lawn of the Community Center. Each measures 8 feet wide by 12 feet long, and includes a 4 foot by 8 foot porch. They have three aluminum windows, one child's door, one adult's door and a loft over the porch.

Raffle tickets are $20 each. Further the odds by purchasing three for $50 or seven for $100. Tickets can be purchased at the Community Center during office hours, at the nursery school during school hours, at the Jing'e Bell Walk on Nov. 28, or by calling the Community Center at 781-383-0088.

Wreath sales to benefit METCO Scholarship Fund



Cohasset PSO will sponsor a wreath sale to benefit the Cohasset METCO Scholarship Fund. Fresh 12-inch double-sided balsam wreaths will be for sale for $10 each. Pick up will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Cohasset Village Fair, inside Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Checks should be made payable to Cohasset PSO-METCO, and order forms returned to Judyat Osgood, Joni at Deer Hill and Aleisa at MS/HS. For information, call Aleisa Gittens-Carle at 781-383-1563.

Upcoming community events:

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast will take place Monday, Jan. 19. Breakfast will be served from 9 to 10 a.m., and the program from 10 to 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Julian Houston, author of "New Boy," a Cohasset Reads Together Book Choice in January/February, along with "Slave No More" by David Blight.

The event will take place at First Parish Unitarian Universalist/Parish House, 23 North Main St., Cohasset. Cost is $5 per person or $15 per family.

Cohasset Reads Together, an evening with David Blight, author, "Slave No More," will take place at 7 p.m., on Feb. 12, at Cohasset High School.





Legal Notices

TOUMPOURAS ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P2660AD

In the Estate of GEORGE C TOUMPOURAS AKA GEORGE TOUMPOURAS

Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death June 8, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested In the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that PAULINE TOUMPOURAS of COHASSET in the County at NORFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed administrator at said estate to serve with corporate surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO. YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 24, 2008**.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT LANGLOIS. ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, November 10, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11827291
Cohasset Mariner 11/21/08

ZBA/124 ATLANTIC AVE.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 8:30PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **SPECIAL PERMIT** pursuant to §8.7.2 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicants, Paul and Michele Antico, seek to build a garage and multi use room at **124 Atlantic Avenue** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08.11.10a.

AD#11824752
Cohasset Mariner 11/14, 11/21/08

ZBA/438 BEECHWOOD ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 8:00PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **VARIANCE** pursuant to §5.3.1 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Herbert L. Marsh, seeks to build a single family house at **438 Beechwood Street** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08.11.10.

AD#11824180
Cohasset Mariner 11/14, 11/21/08

To Place A Legal Ad Call Mary (781) 433-7902

PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE WEEK OF
NOV. 17, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although your energy level is high, be careful not to commit to too many projects at this time. You'll do better focusing on just a few tasks rather than spreading yourself too thin.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your heart might be leading you in one direction, but pay attention to your keen Bovine intellect. I'm cautioning you to think things through before making any commitments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your "serious" Twin has been dominant in your life for quite a while. It's time now to let that "wilder" half take you out for some good times — perhaps with someone very special.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Career aspects are high for Moon Children who make a good impression. Show people not only what you can already do, but also how you can be more valuable to them in the future.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Things start to brighten for the Lion's immediate financial future. But be careful to resist the urge to splurge. You need to tuck something away to help you through another tight period.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Having to do too many tasks in too short a time could lower your mood to just above the grumbling level. But if you handle things one at a time, you'll get through it all soon enough.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your usually carefully made holiday plans could be subject to change later this month. Use this week to prepare for that possibility by starting a Plan B just in case you need it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful about joining a colleague's plan to solve a workplace problem. Investigate it thoroughly. Otherwise, you could find yourself in a predicament with other associates.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Slow down that high-paced whirl you've been on. Spending quiet time alone or with people you care for can be both physically and spiritually restorative.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Make suggestions, not demands. You'll be more successful in getting people to follow your lead if you exercise quiet patience instead of strong persuasion to get your ideas across.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You still need more facts before you can make an informed career choice. One note of caution: Be careful about whom you ask for that information; otherwise, you could be misled.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Changing situations through the end of the week could lead to some challenging opportunities for those perspicacious Pisceans who know how to make them work to their advantage.

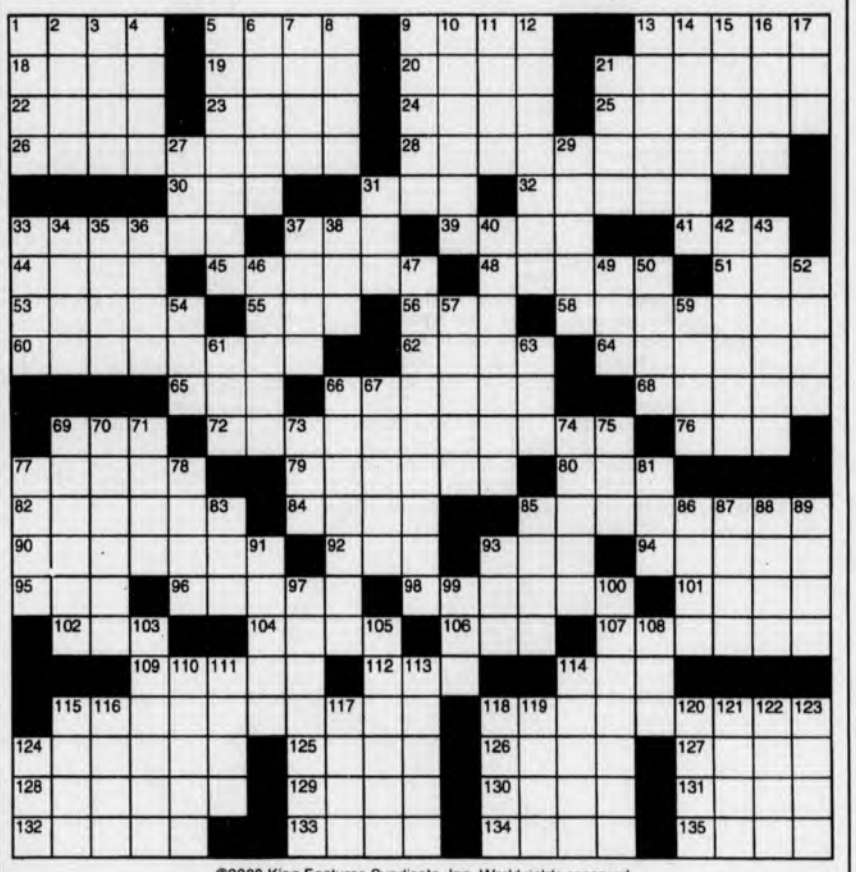
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BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of being both daring and cautious, traits that could make you a research scientist or maybe even a rocket-ship designer.

Crossword - Fauxcations

ACROSS
1 Slightly open
5 Celt
9 Lose one's fur
13 Orchestra section
18 Ahmedabad attire
19 Voice type
20 Munich mister
21 Proof-of-purchase, often
22 Skip
23 Skeleton part
24 Proficient
25 Second Triumvirate member
26 Soda jerk?
28 Laundry CEO?
30 Revolutionary Guevara
31 Opie's aunt
32 Drawing room
33 "NYPD Blue" creator
37 — sauce
39 Dandelion or darnel
41 Neutral color
44 Soap additive
45 Charlotte, for one
48 Sacred song
51 Swell place?
53 Psychedelic Timothy
55 Wharton's "The — of Innocence"
56 Gram lead-in
58 Golf instructor?
60 Deli worker?
62 Shoot down
64 Tristan's tootsie
65 Qty.
66 Gimpel and Jong
68 Writer Rogers St. Johns
69 Existed
72 Gas station attendant?
76 Hook's mate
77 Criticizes
79 Mischievous
80 Mauna —
82 Dental appointment, e.g.
84 Manuscript imperative
85 Yacht peddler?
90 Roller coaster operator?
92 — Dawn Chong
93 Baby beaver
94 Record player
95 Actor Chaney
96 Attract the IRS?
98 Minnie of "Circle of Friends"
101 Sturdy trees
102 Inc., in England
104 Spare fare
106 Mrs. McKinley
107 Unrefined
109 "Midnight at the —" ('74 hit)
112 Joplin composition
114 Good buddy
115 Herpetologist?
118 Phrenologist?
124 Fiesta target
125 Bring to ruin
126 Austin or Garr
127 Fancy fabric
128 Starting point
129 Sentence pt.
130 Ornery Olympian
131 Spoken
132 Prevent
133 It may be spare
134 Writer Harte
135 Guarded

DOWN
1 Beginning on
2 Actress Gertz
3 Neighbor of Cal.
4 "Puttin' on the —" ('83 hit)
5 South American cowboys
6 TV's "Kate & —"
7 Italian rumbler
8 Bank offering
9 Contour
10 Semitic tongue
11 Perry's creator
12 Dons one's duds
13 Sonata movement
14 Range
15 College collar
16 "Stop!"
17 Sneak a peek
21 It's often jumped
27 Travel agcy.?
29 Egyptian statesman
31 "Later!"
33 Cinderella's soiree
34 Spread in a tub
35 Nag subtly
36 Towel word
37 Regret audibly
38 Wordsworth work
40 Certain inscription
42 One of the Judds
43 It's in the groove
46 Page or LaBelle
47 Waugh's "Brideshead —"
49 Fragrant neckwear
50 Butte
52 Surface measurement
54 Singer Sumac
57 Texas river
59 Cryptanalyst's concern
61 UN agency
63 City in Kyrgyzstan
66 New Haven hardwood
67 — -dope (Ali tactic)
69 Pop Art pioneer
70 Impassioned
71 "Graf —"
73 Fleur-de- —
74 Raise spirits?
75 Parisian potentate
77 Monastery garb
78 Computer command
81 Matterhorn, e.g.
83 Potok's "My Name Is Asher —"
85 Hindu deity
86 Restaurateur Toots
87 Ditch under a drawbridge
88 Egyptian symbol
89 Investigative
91 Chatter box?
93 Baby butter
97 Cause confusion
99 Fix a fight
100 Courbet, e.g.
103 Pharmacist's concern
105 Wall Street figure
108 Half and half?
110 Moving
111 Mikita of hockey
113 Battery part
114 Kind of soup
115 TV's "Spenser: For —"
116 "What's — for me?"
117 Cross inscription
118 Use a dagger
119 Gourmet Graham
120 Deere thing
121 Skater Lipinski
122 Epps or Sharif
123 Bank (on)
124 Seal school



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Sudoku

2				4	9		7	
	3				6	5		
		4	8					9
	8				2		5	
1	5		7			4		
		3		9				8
6					1	8		
	9			8				2
		1	3				6	7

Level:

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Magic Maze - World Leaders in the 1950s

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P N L M K H R U S H C H E V M
E L L U A G E D J U H F W D U
B Y X V T C R P O R M K O R R
I G E O D B M Z X C W R H U T
T O T I H O R I H H R E N Q O
N I A L N S T A L I N S E J I
T G F M E I S S A L E S S D C
A Y X W D V T S R L A A I P O
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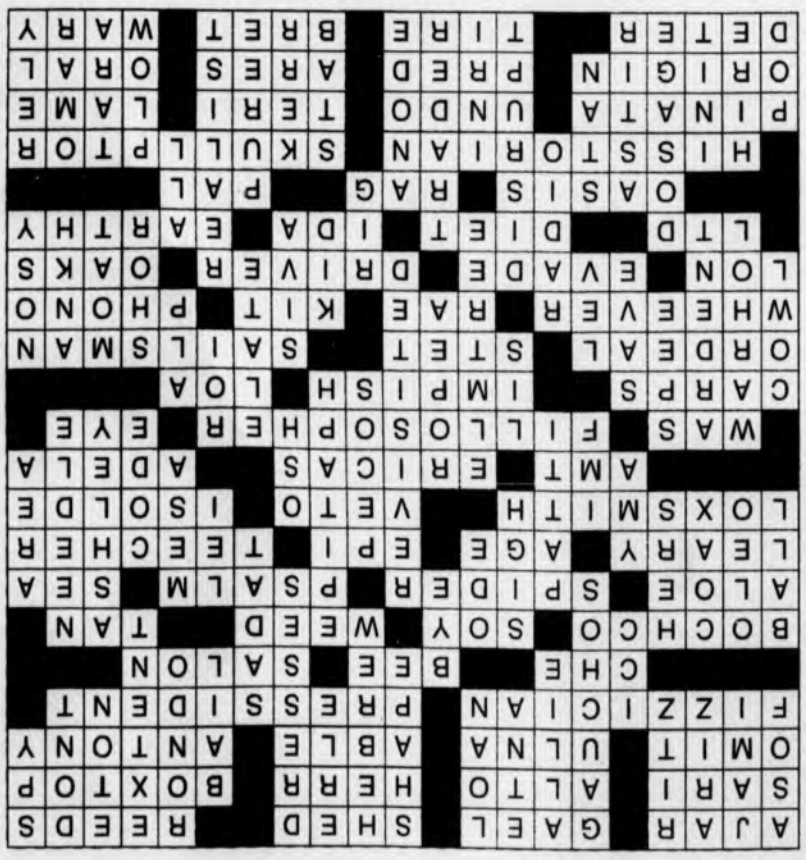
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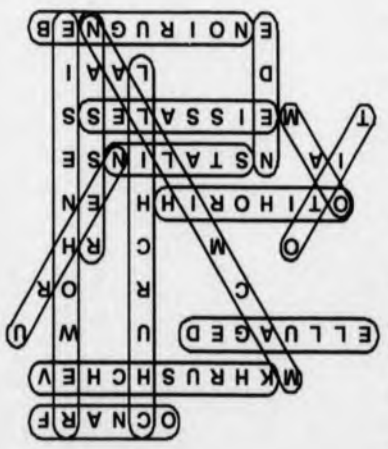
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Crossword Solution - Fauxcations



Magic Solution - World Leaders in the 1950s



Sudoku Solution

7	6	9	4	5	3	1	2	8
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5	3	8	1	2	9	7	4	6
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3	9	4	8	6	7	2	5	1
1	5	7	2	3	4	9	8	6
9	1	2	3	7	8	4	6	5
4	8	5	6	1	2	9	3	7
6	7	3	9	4	5	8	1	2

POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

5:23 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

5:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:56 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Ox Pasture Lane**, hazard (traffic), caller reports he has stuck a deer but kept going, no injuries, he just wanted to report it.

10:03 p.m. **Hull St.**, suspicious activity, officer requests Hingham PD to check (2) males possibly drunk. Hingham on scene. Both adult male parties called a friend for a ride home. All units clear.

10:53 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, NOV. 9

12:55 a.m. **N. Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, female in custody. Arrest: Claire L. Cardelle, 46, 739 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset. Charges: OUI, negligent operation of motor vehicle, possession of an open container of alcohol in motor vehicle, speeding in violation of special regulation, marked lanes violation.

2:05 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

2:06 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:59 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, fire, investigation, walk in party reports an odor of unknown type inside above residence. Officer reports sewer odor – homeowner will contact sewer dept.

10:01 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:40 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

10:44 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

3:17 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, officer requests a wrecker, officer reports the vehicle will be released to another party.

4:42 p.m. **Border St.**, disturbance – not specified, employee reports kids driving recklessly through the parking lot on 4 wheeler's without helmets.

5:44 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

5:53 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

5:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

8:09 p.m. **Jerusalem Road Drive**, annoying phone calls, caller states he is receiving annoying phone calls to his California residence. The phone calls are coming from a resident in Cohasset. Patrol supervisor to investigate.

8:29 p.m. Hull St., suspicious activity, reporting party states two young kids wheeling a new gas grill around the back of this residence.

MONDAY, NOV. 10

12:55 a.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, public service.

12:57 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service.

1:15 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:16 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:59 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:01 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schfield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

MONDAY, NOV. 10

12:55 a.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, public service.

12:57 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service.

1:15 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:16 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

6:59 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:01 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:21 a.m. Woodland Drive, well being check, well being check on the party listed above, call came in from the sheriff's "are you okay" program. Officer reports this party is home and he is fine.

9:30 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:50 a.m. **South Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:42 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller reports his vehicle has been hit while parked at the above location. Officer reports he checked the security in Shaw's and Walgreen's, the cameras do not cover the angels of the parking lot, he also states, on the vehicle it looks like it could be old damage. Calling party is satisfied for now and has been advised of his options.

11:02 a.m. **Elm Ct.**, fire, investigation, walk in into Fire HQ, a contractor reports he struck a gas line service, the Gas Company has already been notified by the contractor, all units to investigate.

12:41 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports a male on a yellow dirt bike riding on the main roads with no helmet. Officer reports the motorcycle has no license plate, they have been told to stay off the road and won't be riding it again.

1:01 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

2:22 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports a yellow motorcycle with no license plate is riding up and down the road again. Officer reports after watching the area for a while, nothing showing.

2:23 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity, walk in party requests to see a detective regarding suspicious activity.

4:37 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports at the end of above location hear the reservoir – there are 3 vehicles and juveniles, they possibly dropped off alcohol. Officer reports there was an empty bag in the woods, officer checked vehicles out.

6:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:44 p.m. **Linden Drive**, suspicious activity, caller reports her 11-year-old son was walking the dog when a male approached him "asked him if he wanted to see puppies." This occurred around 3:30 p.m.

9:40 p.m. **Cedar St.**, parking complaint, officer reports vehicle was parked on wrong side of road, contacted owner – her son has vehicle – she was going to contact him to move vehicle.

TUESDAY, NOV. 11

1:12 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:13 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure

9:21 a.m. **Hill St.**, animal complaint, the dog that belongs at this location has somehow been let out of its kennel in the backyard and is now running around the neighbors. Two calls were received on this. Female resident has been contacted via cell phone and will respond to locate her dog and bring it back home. Officer was able to get the dog and put him back in the kennel, owner notified and will be at the house to bring the dog in shortly.

9:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

1:23 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a vehicle parked way into the woods, nobody around it. Officer clearing male party is believed to be working on the antenna tower in the woods.

1:44 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, disabled motor vehicle, officer reports vehicle parked at this location for some time now and has some damage on the vehicle. Attempting to contact vehicle owner.

4:13 p.m. **Doane St.**, fire, (misc.), caller reports that about 500 yards in from the entrance to Wompatuck State Park at the end of Doane Street a couple of guys have fire going. Officer reports a small campfire extinguished.

5:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:45 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:52 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:13 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:22 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, officer wanted, caller reports last Wednesday at 6:50 a.m. he hear gunshots, he wanted to speak to officer regarding this. Officer spoke to calling party – officer requesting extra patrol.

9:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12

12:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:32 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:30 a.m. **HQ.**, property (recovered), officer found a pocketbook behind a motor vehicle in the parking lot. Owner notified by telephone. Owner has retrieved her property.

7:02 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement. No violations.

10:45 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

1:57 p.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:17 p.m. **King St.**, officer wanted, drunk man in the road.

2:41 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:05 p.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

3:07 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:27 p.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:35 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

4:34 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

4:43 p.m. **Beach St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she went out and came back to find her front door open, requesting an officer. House checked.

5:16 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:28 p.m. **North Main St.**, officer wanted, party requested officer regarding parking on the street.

5:55 p.m. **North Main St.**, annoying phone calls.

8:16 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop.

8:40 p.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9 p.m. **Forest Ave., and Cedar Acres Drive**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:25 p.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, traffic enforcement.

THURSDAY, NOV. 13

1:20 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:21 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

6:44 a.m. **North Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:45 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:53 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Doane St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. Verbal – stop sign.

7:01 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:16 a.m. **North Main St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. Verbal – speeding.

8:29 a.m. **West Gate Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports an ongoing issue with two dogs running around the neighborhood, call was transferred to ACO.

9:39 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:52 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, caller reports he is the manager at this location and the business received a counterfeit $10 bill.

10:54 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:14 a.m. **West Gate Lane**, animal complaint, caller reports two stray dogs are back in her yard again at this location, ACO to be notified. ACO notified, he will contact the resident/calling party.

12:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire, investigation, callers reporting a vehicle with smoke coming out of it near the pumps. Officer on scene reports heavy smoke from a vehicle, possibly exhaust from a truck that is parked at this location. Units are clear, officer has confirmed exhaust from a truck, owner of the vehicle is aware of the problem and will be removing the vehicle from the area.

2:07 p.m. **Reservoir Rd.**, lockout/lock-in, 911 caller reports her neighbor is locked out of the house with her two babies locked inside the house, officer on scene report access has been gained, fire can cancel.

2:17 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

4:55 p.m. **Grace Drive**, suspicious activity, caller reports he caught a young male party trying to get into his vehicle parked in his driveway. The male is about 6' tall, dark brown hair, gray T-shirt and jeans. Caller reports the male ran into the woods behind the house. Officer reports the caller saw the male in the area of his vehicle, caller went to confront the male party and he ran off.

5:57 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:02 p.m. **Ledgewood Farms Drive**, fire, outside, caller reports there is a fire inside the grill in the backyard.

FRIDAY, NOV. 14

12:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:53 a.m. **Pond St., and Woodland Drive**, traffic enforcement.

8:36 a.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, suspicious person, caller reports a male party hitchhiking in the area with a few suitcases and backpacks wearing a long trench coat and a black winter cap.

8:41 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:18 a.m. **South Main St.**, vandalism report, caller reports she would like to see an officer regarding some vandalism.

10:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

11:06 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

12:23 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, hazard (traffic), officer reports the water is flooding the street at this location. DPW notified and will respond.

1:17 p.m. **King St.**, threats, owner of the property called stating that the owner of the pizza shop is threatening him and is still on scene. Officer reports this is a landlord/tenant dispute.

4:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:11 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, public service. Scituate Police reports a Shaw's Supermarket truck is headed North on 3A from Scituate, there is a steel cable wire hanging off the truck whipping around on the road.

6:03 p.m. **Stonleigh Rd.**, abandoned/hang-up 911, hang-up 911 call. On a call back an elderly female reports she was going to report her husband missing because he had been two hours late, when she hung up on 911 he had come home. Officer confirms accidental 911 call.

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

1:05 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:06 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

8:40 a.m. **Cedar St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports early this morning a vehicle spun out of control at the intersection of Forest and North Main Street, caller states the vehicle hit something and took off, now the caller is at the above location reporting the same vehicle as been abandoned in front of this location with a flat front tire, open windows and damage up the whole side of the vehicle. After speaking with the owner of the vehicle, he states he heard the vehicle leave his house at 3 a.m. and thought it was his son, his son reports he never left the house last night.

8:50 a.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, officer requests contacting the owner of a dog that's wandering around the above location. ACO has delivered a $50.00 citation to the dog's owner.

8:50 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:44 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

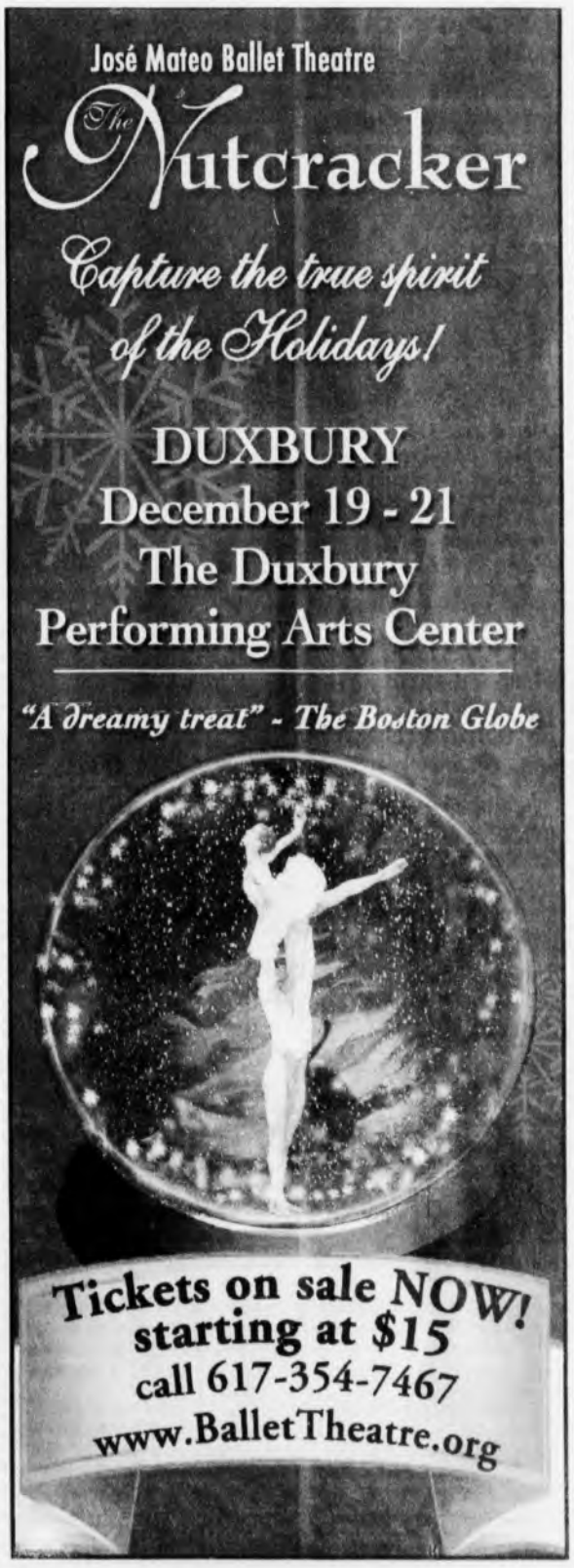
10:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10:50 a.m. **Cedar St.**, B&E (in progress), caller reports she caught a man trying to come through her bedroom window. Caller describes the male as wearing a gray sweatshirt and a blue and black hat, looked to be in mid-thirties. Officer reports suspect stood on plastic chair and forced the window open, had a brief conversation with resident and took off. Hull K-9 on scene. Lt. notified and will be responding, he is advising to request a second K-9 unit and more officers to hold the perimeter. Hingham K-9 enroute to Cedar Street. Reverse 911 message to be sent out to area homes. Hingham K-9 on scene. Hingham K-9 unit reports he is struggling with the suspect somewhere near the North Main Street RR Crossing. Units from Hingham, Cohasset and Hull responding to the officer-in-trouble call. MBTA called to hold train service. Lt. reports that subject is now in custody after resisting arrest. Officer requesting medics to Fisher Road for dog bites after resisting arrest. Second reverse 911 call put out to residents stating that the suspect is in custody. Arrest: Stephen J. Carney, 44, 4 Spinnaker Hill Lane, Hull. Charges: B&E for misdemeanor, resisting arrest.

4:12 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

Winter parking

Winter parking regulations are in effect Nov. 15 through April 1. No overnight on-street parking between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. is allowed during winter parking regulations. Violators are subject to a fine of $25.





TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

NOVEMBER 20-28, 2008



America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration

BEST BET

The Town of Plymouth will be celebrating Thanksgiving with events beginning Friday, Nov. 21 and ending Saturday, Nov. 22.

• Salute to veterans concert – at Memorial Hall, Friday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m., featuring The United States Air Force Tops in Blue and The United States Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard Drill team. No tickets required.

• Thanksgiving Parade – Nov. 22, opening ceremony at 10:30 a.m. at Plymouth Rock. The parade steps off at 11 a.m. on Main Street continuing through Plymouth Center, ending on Water Street. Units participating in the parade include antique cars, military bands, drum & bugles corps., pilgrims, patriots, pioneers and historic floats.

• New England Crafters Village and New England Food Festival – Saturday, Nov. 22, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Plymouth's historic waterfront, heated tent. Admission to food festival is $10.

• Senior and Alumni Drum and Bugle Corps Reunion Concert – Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Concert at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall. Admission $27.

For more information call 508-746-1818. or visit www.usathanksgiving.com

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore @cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Nov. 20

Meet Stephen Puleo, award winning reporter and author of **The Boston Italians** and **Dark Tide** will speak at 7 p.m. Nov. 20, at an event for the Friends of the Hull Library and the Hull Library Book Group at the Nantasket Beach Sale Water Club, 3 Fitzgerald Way, Hull. 781-825-2295. Refreshments. Free and open to the public.

Fontbonne Academy's Good Fountain Players proudly present Agatha Christie's **The Mousetrap** in the Fontbonne auditorium, 930 Brook Road, Milton. Shows are Friday Nov. 21 at 7 p.m., Saturday Nov. 22 at 7 p.m., and Sunday Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $8 and are available at the door, or you can reserve them in advance by calling the Main Office at 617.696.3241. For directions go to www.fontbonneacademy.org.

Dreamchasers presents **The Elves and the Shoemaker** Nov. 20 at 4 p.m., Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. Nov. 22 at 2 and 7 p.m. All performances held at the Norwell Grange, 142 Main St., Norwell. 508-224-4548 dreamchaserstheatre.org

A Basic First Aid certification course for the general public will be offered Nov. 20, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St. Kingston. $40 per person. **Pre-registration required by Nov. 18.** Call Barbara at 781-582-1440 or 1-800-434-6000, or visit healthednewengland.com

The Duxbury No Place for Hate will hold an organizational meeting for the 2008/9 season on Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. in the Setter Room of the Duxbury Library. For information contact the Duxbury Interfaith Council at 781-934-8388, noplaceforhate@duxinterfaith.com or www.duxinterfaith.com.

The Norwell and Scituate Garden Clubs will collaborate on a joint meeting open the event to the public, free of charge. This year's event will be held at the Cushing Center at 673 Main St., Norwell on Thursday, Nov. 20. The evening will begin with coffee and desserts at 7 p.m. followed by a program titled "Festive Flowers" presented by floral designer, **Mary Huntoon.**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Nov. 20, **Satch Romano & Friends Blues Jam.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com /satchsnewbluesrevue

Stoughton Stars presents **The Chronicles of Narnia, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe** Nov. 21 and 22, 7:30 p.m, Nov. 22 and 23, 1 p.m. at Stoughton High School, 232 Pearl St., Stoughton, Tickets: Adults $12-Students/Srs $10. Contact: www.stoughtonstars.com for tickets or purchase at the door. For info: stoughtonstars@yahoo.com

New England Singles Dance – Nov. 21, 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington, Adults of all ages. New England's top DJ's. Admission $10. Sandwich bar. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Friday, **karaoke with Ed.** 781-337-9905.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke Nov. 21, **Spank,** 781-826-6999.

HaNaBi, 804 Plain St., Route 139, Marshfield. Nov. 21, **Heat.** 781-837-3328.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Nov. 21, **Triple Crown 781**-849-7007.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Nov. 21, **The Mudskippers.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue-

Friday, Nov. 21

Dreamchasers presents **The Elves and the Shoemaker** Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. Nov. 22 at 2 and 7 p.m. All performances held at the Norwell Grange, 142 Main St., Norwell. Tickets are $10; $8 for seniors and students. 508-224-4548 dreamchaserstheatre.org

StoryTime Nov. 21, at 10 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Join Sue reads age appropriate stories Friday mornings from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age, along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Saturday, Nov. 22

Indigo Wellness Center, 19b Standish St. Duxbury. One-year celebration with an **open house** Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Free psychic readings, mediumship readings, Cranio - Sacral Therapy and more. Call and reserve your spot today.781-934-2050.

LINKS is sponsoring a new **Children's Library for the Pediatric Department at South Shore Hospital,** and they were selected by Barnes & Noble to be the beneficiary of this year's **Annual Holiday Book Drive.** Both the Hingham (Derby Street Shoppes) and Braintree (150 Granite St.) store locations are participating. As part of this book drive, LINKS is sponsoring **story time** at the Barnes & Noble Stores at the Hingham and Braintree stores. They will be held **every Saturday** until Christmas. Hingham's story time will be at 11 a.m. The Braintree theme will be **Peter the Rabbit** on Nov. 22. at 1 p.m.

North River Arts Society 27th Annual Holiday Art Sale, Nov. 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. GAR Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. $15 Early bird admission, Saturday Nov 22, 9 a.m. Free admission 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. For information call 781-837-8091, or www.northriverarts.org

Wine tasting with wine consultant Pam Crowley featuring Italien Novello red wine, Prosecco Brut Spumante, IL" Moscato, Dolcetto D'Alba and Barbera D'Alba complimentary of ***Mionetto.*** from 2 to 5 p.m. Nov. 22, at Euro Mart, 26 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 781-749-4406

Duxbury Art Association presents the **36th Annual Craft Show & Sale** at the Duxbury High School, 130 St. George St. Sat., Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun. Nov. 23, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring 70 of New England's most gifted artisans and a gourmet food court. Admission is $5 for adults. Children under 12 are free. Duxburyart.org

The Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield will present **Train Day 2008** Nov. 22 from noon to 4 p.m. Handicapped accessible. The library will be open for business during regular hours that day. For information contact Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org

Drift Away with Joe and J will perform on Saturdays from 3 to 5p.m. French Memories Bakery, 60 South Main St., Cohasset, 781-383-2216.

CALENDAR, see next page

The Company Theatre celebrates 30th anniversary



The Broadway classic, "The Music Man" will be performed during the 2009 season at The Company Theatre.

The award-winning Company Theatre celebrates its 30th anniversary by announcing a 2009 season featuring the Broadway sensations "The Music Man" and The Fantasticks. Tickets go on sale Saturday, Nov. 22, at a special Open House to take place from 10 a.m. .to 2 p.m.

Opening the 2009 season will be The Fantasticks, Feb. 18-22, the longest running musical in the world. This comedic and poignant tale of first love will capture your heart with such beloved hit songs as "Try To Remember," "Much More" and Soon It's Gonna Rain." Tickets are $32. The smash Broadway hit "Godspell" March. 20 through April 11 will be a groundbreaking new production with a musical score that's a mix of folk, rock, pop and gospel, including "Day By Day" and "All Good Gifts." Tickets are $30-$32.

The Company Theatre is very excited to bring to its stage the Broadway blockbuster "The Music Man" July 24 through Aug. 16. This high spirited, musical romp is a Broadway classic with its score of rousing marches and beautiful ballads, such as "Ya Got Trouble" and "Seventy-Six Trombones." Tickets are $30-$32.

For the fall season, The Company Theatre will present the comedy-thriller "Deathtrap" Oct. 9 through Oct. 25. Plot twists abound and so does the suspense as a writer of thrillers discovers the way to unlock his writer's block is through murder! Tickets are priced at $22-$24. The 2009 season will wrap up with South Shore favorite, A Christmas Carol Nov. 27 through Dec. 20. Don't miss this Dickens' classic as Scrooge is visited by a trio of ghosts who try to show him the error of his ways. Tickets are $29-$31.

Tickets for the 2009 season go on sale at the box-office only on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Open House will feature discounts on 2009 Theatre Club memberships, tours of the theatre, refreshments, and a raffle to win a great prize. Tickets go on sale by telephone and online on Monday, Nov. 24 at 11 a.m.

The Company Theatre box-office is located at 30 Accord Park in Norwell. The phone number is 781-871-2787, and the Web site is www.companytheatre.com. Tickets are also now on sale for The Company Theatre's 2009 Concert Season, featuring Beginning: A Tribute to Chicago, Jan. 10; The Music of Simon & Garfunkel, Jan. 16-17; The Piano Men II, starring Jim Witter, Jan. 31; The Queen of Bingo, Feb 7-8; A Tribute to Garth Brooks, Feb. 14; Tony Kenny's IRELAND, Feb. 28, The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron, Apr. 16-19; A Tribute to John Lennon, May 8-9, and Touch the Names: Letters from the Vietnam Memorial, May 16.



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17th Annual Open Studios with 42 artists located in the ET Wright Building, 379 Liberty St., Rockland and in the American Sandpaper Company building, 83 E Water St., Rockland, Nov. 22 and 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free parking at both locations. Information www.4thfloorartists.org or Patricia Isaac 781-792-1705 or Mary Sheehan-Winn 617-671-9100.

Fairs and festivals

PLYMPTON – Plympton Congregational Church, Route 58, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plympton Folks Arts, **Nov. 21**, 2 to 8 p.m., **Nov. 22,** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 23, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Plympton Town Hall, Route 58.

BOURNE – The Waldorf School of Cape Cod, Cotuit Road, **Nov. 22,** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 508-759-7499 or waldorfschoolofcapecod.org.

HINGHAM – St. John's Church, 172 Main St., Hingham **Nov. 22,** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. $2 donation to Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry. www.hinghamholiday.com

MARSHFIELD – St. Ann by the Sea Crafters, 591 Ocean St. (Route 139,) Marshfield, **Nov. 22** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and **Nov. 23** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Homemade apple pies available on Saturday only.

NORWELL – First Parish, 24 River St., Route 123, **Nov. 22,** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 781-659-7122. Handicapped accessible.

PEMBROKE – First Church in Pembroke, Route 14, Pembroke Center, **Nov. 22,** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PEMBROKE – North Pembroke Elementary School, 72 Pilgrim Road, **Nov. 23** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 781-826-1463.

HULL – Holiday Showcase Hull Nantasket Chamber of Commerce, Clarion Nantasket Beach Resort & Spa Hull Shore Drive, Nantasket Beach, **Nov. 29,** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. www.hullchamber.com

PLYMOUTH – Crafts tables for rent on **Dec. 5,** from 4 to 9 p.m. at Memorial Hall during Kiwanis - Christmas in Historic Downtown Plymouth. Sell jewelry, crafts, etc. $25 per table. For reservations call Kathy 508-982-3007.

HINGHAM – Artisans' Holiday Showcase, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St., (Route 228), Hingham.

HANOVER – St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 17 Church St., Hanover, **Dec. 6** in the Parish Hall from 10a.m. to 2 p.m.

HANOVER – Hanover Newcomers, Hanover Middle School, **Dec. 6,** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Looking for crafters. 781-826-0705 or daynafalla@myarbonne.com

PEMBROKE – Hobomock Elementary School, 81 Learning Lane, **Dec. 6,** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafters and vendors wishing to participate should contact Barbara Devine at 781-294-9273.

SCITUATE – Union Mission Chapel, 315 Old Oaken Bucket Road, **Dec. 6,** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 781-545-2919.

E-mail your listings to DDinsmore@cnc.com



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The Ventress Memorial Library in Marshfield will present the second annual celebration "Train Day 2008" on Nov. 22 from noon to 4 p.m. a free festival of events and activities with appeal to all ages. The day will feature a working model railroad, food, games, music, railroad history and shopping. Experience a room sized electric model train display in action thanks to special guests, the Cape Cod Model Railroad Club. View a train photography exhibit featuring framed works of Greg Guimond and Doug Scott. Children can play with toy trains in the Children's Room, make quilt square to be sewn together later and pose inside Thomas the Tank Engine to have a photo taken as a Thomas conductor! Play games, sing songs, chug along on a "Good and Plenty Conga Line."Both an electric and a manually operated train will be raffled off on the day by the library Friends group to benefit the library. Handicapped accessible. The library will be open for business during regular hours that day. For more information contact Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org.



BEST BET

Join the Fine Arts Chorale as they celebrate their 43rd season Nov. 23, at 4 p.m. at Old South Union Church, 25 Columbian St., South Weymouth for a musical performance titled "We the People." Dr. Libor Dudas will direct the 50-member chorale. The performance will feature well-known works by American composers Randall Thompson, Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland, Howard Hanson and Samuel Barber. Tickets are priced at $20 $15 for seniors and students. For tickets or more information, call 800-230-7555, e-mail FineArtsChorale@aol.com or visit www.fineartschorale.org. The Old South Union Church is handicapped accessible.

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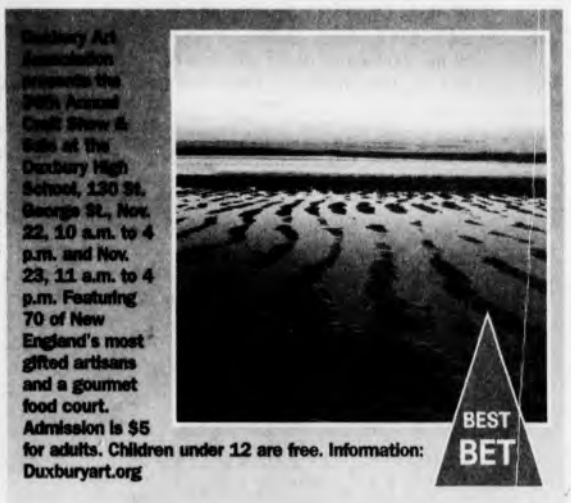
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The **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra's** 93rd season continues with a performance of **Mendelssohn's** colorful and evocative *Scottish Symphony*, **Bartók's** sparkling *Romanian Folk Dances* and **Mozart's** popular and tuneful *Piano Concerto No. 21*. Making his American debut in the Mozart concerto is the young, prize-winning concert pianist, **Sangwook Park**. A Soiree will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the Soiree are $20 in advance or $20 at the door. Take advantage of the special ticket pricing, purchase a Soiree and Concert ticket for $50 in advance. Cocktails and light appetizers are included in the Soiree Ticket Price. A pre-concert talk with conductor Steven Karidoyanes at 7 p.m. Concert: 8 p.m. This performance takes place at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St., Duxbury. 508-746-8008 www.plymouthphil.org Individual ticket prices: $50, $45, $35 and $20. Senior, Youth and Group discounts offered. $5 student "rush" tickets sold at the door one hour before performance, as available.

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The North River Theater presents **The O'Conner Sisters.** Performances are Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21 and 22, at 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, Nov. 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are $18 each and are on sale now. To reserve tickets, call 781-826-4878.The North River Theater is located at 513 River St., in Norwell. Theatergoers are welcome to bring snacks into the theater, drinks must be purchased at the bar. For information visit www.northrivertheater.com



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Free Homebuyer Seminar by Mount Vernon Mortgage, Nov. 22, at 6 p.m. Hearth & Kettle, 151 Main St., Weymouth. Call 781-337-2432x16 to pre-register. MtVernonMortgage.com/events

North Weymouth Civic Association – Meat Raffle every Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Cathay Center Restaurant, 211 Bridge St., Route 3A, North Weymouth.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Saturday, **Tony Perez** 781-337-9905.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Nov. 22, **Mr. Band**. 781-826-6999.

Hanabi, 804 Plain St., Route 139, Marshfield, Nov. 22, **Amazing Sounds of Matt Stubbs**. 781-837-3328.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Nov. 22, **Section 9 BYH Party 781**-849-7007.

Monponsett Inn, 550 Monponsett St., (Route 58), Halifax. Nov. 22, **Solid Gold Oldies 2008**. Doors open at 6 p.m. social hour dinner served at 7 p.m. Advance tickets $45 by calling Erin at 781-293-2116.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Nov. 22, **The Dons.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue-

Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Brant Rock, Nov. 22, **Comedy Night** featuring five comedians including **Dan Boulger**. 781-837-6369

Sunday, Nov. 23

Two local artists, Laura Tryon Jennings and Kristine Brennen will exhibit their artwork in the Phoenix Gallery at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury through Feb. 15, An **opening reception** will be held Nov. 23, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. 781-934-6634x12.

Richard Grimes, a multi-percussionist, will present a concert at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, on Nov. 23, at 3 p.m. His programs feature works for gyil, marimba, vibraphone, concert cimbalom, and mbira. Free and open to the public. 781-413-1327.

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Monday, Nov. 24

New Beginnings, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. **Nov. 24, program is "Surviving and Thriving During the Holidays."** Guest Speaker **Rick Clerici.** Information: call Peggy Loud, 781-659-1857 or email Cheryl Pimental NBNorwellMA@aol.com

Clift Rodgers Library, 540 Pleasant St., Marshfield Hills, is sponsoring a Holiday Book Sale now through Jan. 3, 2009. All books are priced at $2 unless otherwise marked. Fine art books have been recently donated to the library, and the books are either new or like new. There are many children and adult books offered on this sale. 781, 834-4597, go to the library web, www.cliftrodgerslibrary.org

Tuesday, Nov. 25

A **Newcomer's Orientation** is held **every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.** Those interested in finding out more about the free programs for people with cancer are urged to attend. No registration is required for the Newcomers. TWC at Pathways is located at 273 Hanover St., (RTE 139) in Hanover. The Wellness Community is a non-profit organization supported solely by tax-deductible contributions from individuals, businesses and foundations. For more information regarding these free programs, call 781-829-4823 or visit www.wellnesscommunity.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 26

The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., in Weymouth, will continue its November Holiday Show, featuring the work of 11 South Shore artists, through Sunday Nov. 30. The show includes floral and still life paintings, favorite New England scenes like Bar Harbor and the Boston Light, and South Shore scenes like the Back River. Artists in the exhibit are **Kathy Ferrara** from Hanson, **Roselyn Herman** from Hull; **Jan McElhinny** from Cohasset, **Joyce Dietlin** from Plymouth, **Patricia Isaac** from Rockland, **Marilyn Reisberg** from Quincy; and **Sheldon Segal** from Braintree, plus four Weymouth artists: **Kathy Hunt,** the president of the Weymouth art association, **Kaye O'Brien, Denise Byrnes Graham**, and **Barbara Saulnier.** Call for hours 781-331-3384. www.dickinsonartgaller.com.



Composer - Vartan Aghababian | Vocalist - Lorna Jane Norris | Composer - John Kramer

South Shore Conservatory's Contemporary Music Month concludes the first portion of its 2008-2009 Conservatory Concert Series with a special 'Living Composers Concert' on Sunday Nov. 23, at 4 p.m. at the Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 St. George St., Duxbury.
The concert will also feature a song cycle composed by conservatory faculty member Vartan Aghababian. The cycle, based upon the Edna St. Vincent Millay poetry collection Second April, will be performed by Lorna Jane Norris, the Conservatory's Vocal Department Chair. Mr Aghababian tells the story of having wanted to compose for Ms. Norris's voice for years. "I wanted to compose for Lorna's voice and personality. Her grace, wit and warmth impress me as much today as they did when we first met years ago." He added "the cycle you'll hear on the 23rd, provides a glimpse into the personal life and the psychological make-up of one of America's leading 20th century poets."
This ambitious musical event will further include works composed by Richard Rodney Bennet, a British composer renowned for his film scores and his jazz performances, and Leo Brouwer, a Cuban composer who includes among his work a large number of solo guitar pieces, several guitar concertos and over forty film scores.
Performers at the concert will include Donald Zook – Flute, Regina Yung – Piano, Stephen Deitz – Piano, John Kramer – Piano, Lorna Jane Norris – Voice and George Little - Guitar
There will be a wine and cheese reception where you can meet the composers and the performers immediately following the concert.
Tickets are $20 for adults and $12 for children. Tickets may be purchased online at www.sscmusic.org. For information, contact Amy Schomp at 781-749-7565 ext. 19, or at a.schomp@sscmusic.org.

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The Red Parrot, 258 Nantasket Ave., Hull Nov. 26, **Drift Away** featuring **J Place, John Litwin and Joe Micarelli** will perform Nov. 26 at. 781-925-1115.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Nov. 26, **The Mighty HouseRockers "No Turkeys" Blues Jam** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue-

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Nov. 26 **Music Machine DJ 781**-849-7007.

Venus II, 277 Ocean St., Brant Rock, Nov. 26, 9 p.m. Night before Thanksgiving celebration DJs on three floors 781-837-6369

Thursday, Nov. 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, Nov. 28

StoryTime Nov. 28, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age, along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Comedy & Dinner Show Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m. The Emerald Hall – Braintree, 120 Bay State Drive, Bay State Industrial Park off of Granite Street. Call 781-843-4833 for advance reservations. Cost: $29.95 (Includes comedy show, roast beef dinner, dessert, tax and gratuities). Comedy Show Only - $20 cover. **Frank Santorelli** (of THE SOPRANOS) Other Comics: **Jeff Clough, Frank Prall, Annette Pollack** and **Mike Wass.** Hosted by **Amy Beckerman.** Call 781-843-4833 for reservations.

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Reunions

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1983 – 25th reunion, Nov 22, 7 p.m. at the Greatest Bar Boston (across from the Garden) e-mail for more info at bhsc1983@hotmail.com

COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2003 – five-year reunion. Nov. 26, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the American Legion, Cohasset Harbor. Info contact Curt Kahn — curt.kahn@gmail.com

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 30th Reunion will be held on Nov. 28, at the Quincy Marriott, Quincy at 7 p.m. Tickets $55 per person. Contact Jill (Whitten) Coyle at 781-843-3275 or thejcoyles@verizon.net or visit www.braintreehigh.com and click on "1978."

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2003 – five-year reunion, Nov. 28, from 7 to 11 p.m. at HaNaBi on Plain St in Marshfield. $25 per person and guests are welcome. Includes: cash bar, appetizer buffet and band. E-mail marshfield2003@gmail.com with any questions.

NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1973 – 35th reunion, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Adams Inn, near the Neponset bridge. Prepayment of $45 per person. Checks payable to NQHS Reunion along with completed form to Jo-Ann Bragg, 74 East Elm Ave., Wollaston, MA 02170. Discounted room rate. E-mail Joannbragg@comcast.net for information.

WEYMOUTH NORTH HIGH Class of 1978 – 30th reunion, Nov. 28, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth Harbor For updated information go to classmates.com. RSVP Jen Palmer Morse at:Jmorse2@its.jnj.com

ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1988 – 20th reunion **Nov. 29**, from 7 to 11 p.m., at the Harmon Club, 168 Concord St. in Rockland. The cost is $30 per ticket, which includes dancing and hors d'oeuvres. For more information, call Eileen (Hagerty) Higgins at 781-856-8656 or e-mail ehiggins@bnyanow.com.

ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Class of 2003 – Fifth year reunion, Nov. 29, 8 p.m. at the Rattlesnake Bar & Grill, 2nd Floor, 384 Boylston St., Boston - Cost: $10 for AHS members, $20 for guests - AHSCLASS03@gmail.com, Nicole Paragona, Brendan Kelliher, Erin Smyth and Stacey Cobban.

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAMS GRAND REUNION for classes ending in three and eight, Nov.29 at 7 p.m. at the High School. E-mail TCahill@AWHS.org or call the Alumni Office at 781-535-6486.

BLUE HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1983 – 25th reunion, Nov. 29, at Lombardo's in Randolph, at 7 p.m. Add your information to www.bhr.1983.com searching for fellow classmates. Cost: $50 for one or $90 per couple. Checks made payable to the Class of 1983 should be mailed to Michelle DiTullio, 75 Foundry St. Unit 28, Easton, MA. 02375-Money must be received by Nov. 6.

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 – 20th reunion, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m., Papa-Razzi Loft, Hanover. $15 per person, $25 per couple, send checks to Scott Crowley by Nov. 15, 111 Hillside Drive, Hanover, MA 02339. Pay after the 15th or at the door $25 per person, $40 per couple. Info including the evite contact Joe Cristina, 508-523-8093 or joecri@comcast.net

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1998 – 10th reunion Nov. 28 at Felt in Boston starting at 8 p.m.The cost is $30. Go to www.hingham98.com to pay using paypal. To pay with check, send to Karen Bonner at 14 Malcolm St., Hingham, MA 02043. Make checks payable to Hingham High Class of 1998.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 – 20th reunion *Atlantica Restaurant,* Cohasset Harbor. Nov. 29, 7 to 11 p.m. Cost: $50 per person. Checks payable: to HHS Class of 1988.Mail to 66 Presidential Circle, Marshfield, MA 02050.

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1993 – 15th reunion from 7 to 11 p.m., Nov. 29, at Black Rock Country Club. Those who have information on missing classmates or who have questions can email Kerri Mullen Kelleher at kamkelleher@msn.com

ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1987 – 20th reunion Nov. 29, from 7:30 to midnight. at the Holiday Inn, 195 Westgate Drive, Brockton. Cost per person is $45 and overnight rooms at the Holiday Inn are available. RSVP by Nov.15 to Beth Scherer, 495 Westgate Drive, Brockton, MA, 02301. E-mail *RHSClassof1987@gmail.com* with any questions, updated contact info, or information on missing classmates.

SLRHS CLASS OF 1988 – 20th reunion Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. Indian Pond Country Club, 60 Country Club Way, Kingston. $55 per person (hors devours, light dinner, DJ cash bar). Checks payable to "SLRHS Class of 1988" can be mailed to Andrea Kelly Donaruma, 46 Rockland St., Brockton, MA 02301. Reservations required.

SCITUATE HIGH CLASS OF 1988 - 20th Reunion, Nov. 29, 7 pm., at the Hatherly Country Club, Scituate.Tickets are $40 online and $50 at the door. For more information and tickets, go to scituate88.blogspot.com

WEYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 – 20th reunion, Nov. 29, at Granite Links Golf Club At Quarry Hills, 100 Quarry Hills Drive, Quincy. www.weymouthsouth.com

THE PLYMOUTH-CARVER Class of 1985 –25th reunion. The reunion committee is actively searching for the addresses of classmates. Contact Linda Flattery at 508-747-5277, ext.230, or LFlattery@Hanover.com and leave your name and phone number/e-mail to update the class list and for more information about the event. Looking for all members and the committee wants to hear from you.

Send your reunion listings to ddinsmore@cnc.com or fax 781-837-4540 Attention Dorothy Dinsmore.



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Fourth graders host holiday feast



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Tough budget ahead

School Comm. discusses challenges

By Nancy White
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Tough.

That's the word that kept coming up during the School Committee's recent impromptu discussion on the upcoming fiscal year budget.

"It's going to be a tough year, a tough budget year…we're going to have a lot of tough choices to make. We really have to work as a committee over the next four or five months," said School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn.

Following news from state Rep. Garrett Bradley that state local aid will be decreased 10 percent, the School Committee knew the challenges that lay ahead.

"We're looking at some tough, tough decisions," said School Committee member Adrienne MacCarthy.

The school department is in the midst of drafting an initial budget for the committee. Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh recently finished meeting with each school principal to go over each budget line.

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Whirling on 'Wheel of Fortune'

Show will air Wed. Dec. 3

By Nancy White
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COURTESY PHOTO

Host Pat Sajak, left, gives Cohasset's Dan O'Riordan some words of encouragement during O'Riordan's appearance on "Wheel of Fortune."

We've all been there.

Sitting in front of the television, calling out the answer for the contestant on the game show. In the comfort of the living room, the puzzles seem easy and, not to mention, it is always your turn.

But, what was it like to be in front of the cameras and lights and actually play the game for actually money and prizes?

Cohasset resident Dan O'Riordan has watched "Wheel of Fortune" for more than 25 years. Until recently, he has been one of those couch contestants, but in October he got the chance to appear as a contestant on "Wheel of Fortune." The show featuring him will air next Wednesday, Dec. 3 on UPN-TV38 at 7p.m.

"I grew up watching the show, I watched it with my dad, I've been watching it for years," said O'Riordan. He logged on to wheeloffortune.com and filled out a contestant application. A few weeks later, he got an e-mail inviting him to audition for the show in New York City. At the audition, he has to complete a series of written tests, puzzles and practice playing the game. Out of roughly 100 people who auditioned, he was one of the 20 who were accepted.

A few weeks later he was invited to come to Los Angeles, California to appear as a contestant on Wheel of Fortune. Although contestants are required to pay their own way to

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The West Side comes to Cohasset

High school performs famed musical

By Nancy White
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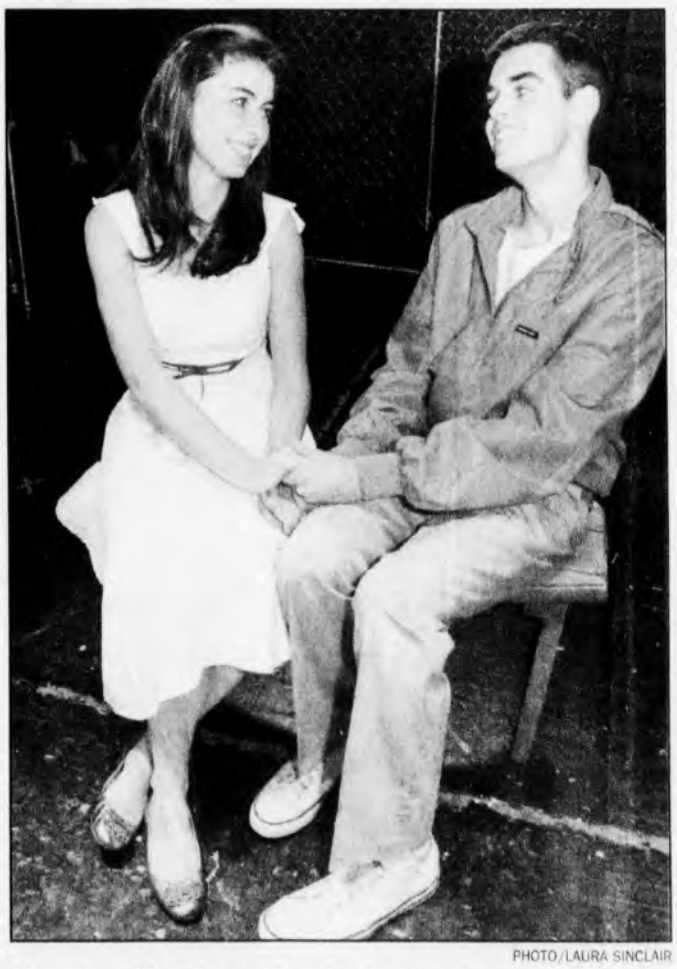
When the students at the high school heard "West Side Story" was in the running to be produced as this year's high school musical, they got excited. Knowing student excitement and interest is half the battle, the show's producers made the decision to put "West Side Story" on the Cohasset High School stage.

Flash forward a few months and the production is now in its final rehearsals, set to debut next Friday, Dec. 5. The famed musical is a 1950's version of William Shakespeare's timeless love story of Romeo and Juliet.

Students in grades nine through 12 have come together to make the story of two rival gangs – the American Jets and the Puerto Rican Sharks – and the love story of two star-crossed lovers, Tony and Maria, come alive on stage. The students have a mix of backgrounds — some have never sung before an audience before, others are seasoned performers and others fall right in the middle.

"The cast in general has been very cooperative and that was evident right from the start. We got off to the best start ever, the enthusiasm, cooperation, it was very encouraging," says Bryan Marks, show producer and music director (and high school chorus teacher). While the teenagers progressively busy fall schedules

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PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Maria (Jenny Magruder) and Tony (Ian Porter) perform in "West Side Story," the 1950's version of William Shakespeare's timeless love story of Romeo and Juliet.

Where do you turn?

By Maureen Walsh
CORRESPONDENT

This is the first in a series of articles highlighting the work of Interfaith Social Services, this year's beneficiary of your donations to the Gifts of Hope campaign.



You're short of food. You're out of fuel. You can't make the rent.

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Founded in Quincy in 1947, the private, nonprofit agency now known as Interfaith Social Services provides aid without regard to age, race, nationality or religion to the people of 10 communities: Braintree, Cohasset, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Milton, Quincy,

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Name: Dylan Soule.

Occupation: Manager at Simply Fresh.

Best day of your life: Graduating high school.

Best vacation: Hawaii.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite junk food: Anything with sugar.

Best book or magazine: "The Way it Was."

Best movie: "Star Wars."

Best TV show: Las Vegas.

Favorite music group: Foo Fighters.

Fun fact about yourself: I have a black belt in karate.

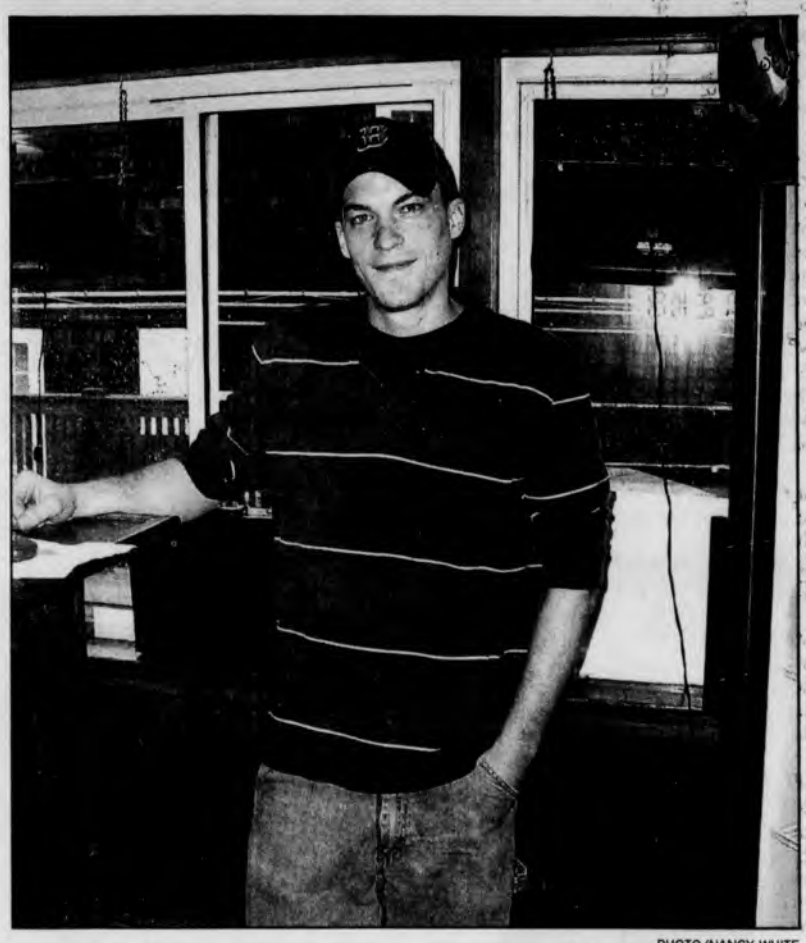
Pet peeve: Slow drivers.

Goal: To be the best I can.

Person you'd most like to meet: Barry Sanders.

Biggest worry: Not making it to 30.

Best part of Cohasset: Beaches, babes and bars (just kidding!).



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This week the Mariner caught up with Dylan Soule, manager at Simply Fresh at 105 A Ripley Road, as the shop was cooking up over 160 Thanksgiving dinners (with all the fixings!) for local families. (Simply Fresh is at the former Good Fella's Pizza location).

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Bradley opens district office

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, has opened a new district office at the Sons of Italy Hall, 88 Chief Justice Cushing Highway in Hingham.

The office will be staffed most Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the exception of the third Friday each month when the office will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Precinct 3 residents in Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Scituate are welcome to visit or call the district office at 781-749-3331. An appointment is not necessary.

"I'm pleased to be able to provide a local office that should be more easily accessible to my constituents," said Bradley. "I hope interested residents needing assistance with any issues or problems avail themselves of the services provided by my staff at the new district office."

Additionally, residents are reminded that they may call Bradley's State House office at 617-722-2460 Monday through Friday.

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EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Nov. - Dec.	HIGH				LOW			
	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 27	10:41	9.4	11:20	8.2	4:22	1.1	5:00	0.1
	Sunrise: 6:48 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:13 p.m.*			
Fri. 28	11:20	9.4	11:59	8.1	5:02	1.2	5:38	0.2
	Sunrise: 6:50 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:13 p.m.*			
Sat. 29	11:58	9.3	—	—	5:41	1.3	6:17	0.2
	Sunrise: 6:51 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:12 p.m.*			
Sun. 30	12:38	8.0	12:38	9.2	6:21	1.4	6:57	0.4
	Sunrise: 6:52 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:12 p.m.*			
Mon. 1	1:17	7.9	1:18	9.0	7:02	1.5	7:37	0.5
	Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:12 p.m.*			
Tues. 2	1:58	7.9	2:01	8.8	7:45	1.6	8:19	0.7
	Sunrise: 6:54 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:12 p.m.*			
Wed. 3	2:41	7.8	2:46	8.6	8:30	1.6	9:03	0.8
	Sunrise: 6:55 a.m.				*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Thurs. 4	3:26	7.9	3:33	8.4	9:18	1.7	9:49	0.9
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Water dept. earns national award

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) honored Cohasset with one of the 34 "PISCES" Awards given for "innovative and sustainable water quality financing."

PISCES refers to a Performance and Innovation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) and Creating Environmental Success. The project had previously received most of its funding from Massachusetts SRF loans, which are awarded and administered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and the Massachusetts Treasurer's office.

"It is important to recognize and reward innovation and fiscal responsibility, especially during these difficult economic times," said Massachusetts Treasurer Tim Cahill.

He said this project should help inspire other communities trying to develop creative solutions to problems, in order to better serve the needs of residents.

Cohasset first obtained a loan of $479,500 from the SRF in 2004 in addition to lining up another grant of $255,000 from the federal Clean Water Act 319 program. Cohasset envisioned a plan to construct approximately 40 rainfall gardens (called bio-retention cells) and one water quality inlet (with oil/water separator) to treat suburban stormwater runoff prior to entering the town's stormwater collection system.

The purpose of this project, which is substantially complete, is to prevent and control the actual and potential sources of contamination within the watershed of Lily Pond and Aaron River Reservoir, which serve as the sole drinking water supply for the town and its 7,200 residents.

The need arose due to the impacts stormwater runoff and envisioned that the rain gardens constructed in town rights-of-way would have under-drains tying them into nearby catch basins, thus preventing pollutants and waterborne diseases from entering the water supply and thereby lowering the costs associated with filtration and disinfection requirements.

"It is important to recognize and reward innovation and fiscal responsibility, especially during these difficult economic times."
— Tim Cahill, Massachusetts Treasurer

The end result of this project is to substantially reduce trash and litter and lower suspended solids in the runoff while also removing a substantial portion of phosphorous, nitrogen, metals, oils, grease and volatile organics in the runoff. In addition to treating the problem, the town knew that they needed a plan to address the source as well, so low-impact development practices to reduce contamination in runoff are being implemented.

The EPA Award is not the first for the Cohasset project, which has also received a 2006 Smart Growth Award from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Cohasset was chosen by EPA specifically because it served as a model of creative solutions and each is replicable in other communities. With national recognition, Cohasset can now serve as an example for others to follow.

MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills, and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

POLICE/FIRE LOG

Man headed to court for trash dumping

By Mary Ford
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Police spotted the pickup heading toward on South Main Street. As it turned out the plates on the pickup belonged to another vehicle. The truck was also unregistered and uninsured.

A 62-year-old Scituate man is facing charges of illegal dumping after police located his pickup truck following a tip from a witness.

Police said a witness came into headquarters last Monday (Nov. 17) at about 10:48 a.m. to report that a small red pickup truck had dumped five bags of trash into the dumpster at Harborview Apartment complex.

Police spotted the pickup heading toward Scituate on South Main Street. As it turned out the plates on the pickup belonged to another vehicle. The truck was also unregistered and uninsured.

The man is being summonsed to court for illegal dumping of trash, attaching plates, and operating an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle.

Fur coats, rug taken

Police are investigating the apparent theft of three fur coats/jackets and a needlepoint rug from the Cohasset Consignment Shop in Tedeschi Plaza.

The items were discovered to be missing during inventory. Police were called to the scene on Sunday (Nov. 23) at about 1:30 p.m.

The coats are valued at $1500, $500 and $400 and the run is valued at $275.

Cohasset detectives are investigating.

Keys locked in car

A man who called police to come and help him get his keys out of a locked car hung up after being advised that a tow company should be called. The incident occurred last Monday (Nov. 17) at about 5:37 a.m.

Chief James Hussey explained that with today's electric locks and airbags police do not try to open locked car doors unless there is an emergency, such as a young child locked inside.

He said the chances of damaging the vehicle and opening up the town to liability are a concern.

He said in years past, an officer might have used a device dubbed a "slim jim" that could be used to slip inside a window and pull up a lock.

Police do not have the expertise or the equipment to get into today's locked cars, he said. Therefore, callers are referred to a tow company for help.

Irate customer

Customer service at Shaw's called police after a man, who was trying to get cash by returning three cans of soup, became irate and made verbal threats.

Chief Hussey said the man, who came into the store twice on Monday (Nov. 17) around 8:50 a.m., started yelling and screaming after he was told he could only get a store credit for the soup because he did not have a receipt.

He left the store but the clerk and manager at Shaw's were not sure of his direction of travel but did describe the car.

Hingham police ended up stopping the vehicle but releasing the man after he passed field sobriety tests.

At this time, neither the store manager nor customer service clerk said they wanted to seek charges for the verbal threats.

Car crashes

• A 2009 Audi, driven by a Norwell woman, was in traffic heading southbound near the light at Stop & Shop when an unknown vehicle in the left-hand turn lane pulled into the travel lane. The Audi then swerved to the right and was hit from behind by a 1994 Chevrolet, operated by a Cohasset man. There were no apparent injuries. Neither car was towed. No one was cited. The unknown car that caused the mishap has not been located. The accident occurred at 12:43 p.m. on Tuesday (Nov. 18), police said.

• Police said a 1995 Ford headed northbound on Route 3A that was driven by a Cohasset man pulled back into traffic after it apparently called off making a right-hand turn onto lower King Street at about 9:03 p.m. on Friday (Nov. 21). A 2001 Chevrolet, driven by a Pembroke man, was in the travel lane and was also headed north. The Ford swerved suddenly and made contact with the Chevrolet. The Cohasset man was cited for failure to use care when changing lanes. He was also transported to the hospital. Both cars were towed, police said.

Leaf blower, saws

Police are investigating the apparent theft of three chainsaws and one leaf blower, with a total value in excess of $2,000, from a local landscaping company. A witness was able to provide police with a description of the vehicle and a partial plate. Police alerted area towns.

"Following an investigation, we hope to be able to identify the perpetrators and retrieve the stolen items," Chief Hussey said.

The incident was reported at 10:20 a.m. on Friday (Nov. 21).

Smoking truck

After receiving a complaint about a truck that was spewing out a lot of smoke and learning that it was an "ongoing problem," police gave the operator a verbal warning to get the exhaust fixed or be subject to a civil fine.

The complaint came in last Wednesday (Nov. 19) at 12:12 p.m. The truck was parked in a parking lot at Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood Street.

Not impaired

Based on their observations and investigation, police said the operator of a white car that had pulled into Tedeschi Plaza was not impaired although he admitted to having had a drink. A caller had notified police about an intoxicated man operating a white motor vehicle that had just pulled into the parking lot at about 9:15 p.m. on Saturday (Nov. 22).

Although the man, who is a Scituate resident, was not intoxicated – he volunteered not to drive and police had the car towed.

Forged signature

Police said the mother of a woman who allegedly forged her stepfather's name as a cosigner to three different loans reported the incidents to police. The stepfather (the reporting woman's husband) has told police he was not the cosigner. Police gave the couple an ID theft packet. Detectives are investigating the incidents. The matter was reported last Wednesday (Nov. 19).

Winter parking

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No good news from state level

Rep. Bradley talks to School Committee

By Nancy White
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Fiscal 2010 is going to be a difficult budget year.

That was the message, simple and honest, from state Rep. Garrett Bradley to the School Committee last week. Bradley, who represents the Third Plymouth District that includes Cohasset, came to table to talk budget and what help the town/schools should expect from the state next year.

The news was dismal.

In Fiscal 2010, the state is anticipating an eight to 10 percent reduction in funding across the board.

"I'm telling my towns to plan on a 10 percent reduction," said Bradley. "Drastic measures will have to be taken next year."

Bradley and other legislators will push to get a consensus on local aid numbers as early in the state budget process as possible to ensure municipalities can properly prepare their budgets in the spring.

Fiscal 2010 will start on July 1, 2009. The School Department is currently in the process of drafting a budget for the school committee.

Bradley said the ramifications of the state budget cuts are not going to be easy.

"It's going to be painful. There are real people behind these cuts," said Bradley.

"I'm telling my towns to plan on a 10 percent reduction. Drastic measures will have to be taken next year."

— State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham

Bradley tried to assuage the school committee's fears that cuts would be made to affect the current year's budget. He explained currently Governor Deval Patrick could only make emergency cuts into areas under executive control. In order to make cuts in other areas of the budget, like the school's special education reimbursement, often called circuit breaker, funding or chapter 70 funds, a special session of the legislature would have to be called.

Bradley was hopeful no major cuts would be made to the school's budget during the current fiscal year.

"If we are doing anything this year, you'll know as soon as I know," said Bradley.

School Committee vice chairman Alfred Slanetz asked about the likelihood of having the circuit breaker funding cut. Bradley said it was not a budget item that would be cut in this fiscal year because the governor does not have control over it.

"I know it is a volatile area in every school budget," said Bradley.

The state special education reimbursement fund, or "circuit breaker," is a revolving account established by the state legislators for use on special education costs. The account is outside of the operational budget exclusively for monies reimbursed by the state for special education costs. The circuit breaker can be used to pay (or pre-pay) out- of-district tuition or costs associated with special education in-district.

This past fiscal year, the entire circuit breaker amount was offset in the operational budget, so Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh said there is no cushion of funding to fall back on.

The School Committee and Bradley also briefly discussed teacher health care and pensions.

School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn stressed to Bradley the need to make cuts at the state level before the town's budget was set in stone at spring Town Meeting.

"We don't want cuts made after the fact," said Flynn.

Bradley said the best way to keep track of the budget developments at the state level was to check www.mass.gov and to call Bradley or State Senator Bob Hedlund with any questions.

"We want to be honest, it's not going to be an easy year. We are in unprecedented times and it's going to hurt but we'll get through it because that's what we do," said Bradley.

Schools great up for tough budget season

FROM BUDGET, PAGE 1

The conversation was partly borne out of some school committee members' congratulations to the Cohasset Sports Partnership for receiving town approval for the synthetic turf field at the high school. Walsh recognized the tough road the partnership has in front of them to raise the $550,000 to proceed with the field. The public-private partnership involves $500,000 of town funds and $550,000 of private funding.

School Committee vice chairman Alfred Slanetz made clear the school's role in the project.

"We appreciate anything the town does that's good for the kids. But, this is not a school project. We have our own budget priorities more central than (a field) in the classroom and school buses. These are more fundamental to our mission," said Slanetz.

Walsh said the school's initial bottom line number would be presented at the next School Committee meeting.

"We're holding on to the important pieces, like class size, that once you lose you can't get back," said Walsh.

Slanetz asked about the philosophy behind the budget building.

"Is our modus operandi to keep what we have? Keep the good staff intact, the specialists we've been able to add intact, that's at the heart of what we do," said Slanetz. Walsh agreed, but cautioned that a 6 to 7 percent budget increase is needed just to maintain contract obligations and fixed costs.

Items like textbooks, with the exception of new social studies texts at Deer Hill, would wait another year.

This year, for the first time, the school budget will separate out the transportation items to make it clear to citizens how much is being spent on bus maintenance, fuel and special education transportation.

"It's a tough time for everybody. We have to work together to keep the good things we have," said Slanetz.



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Staff members of the Interfaith Social Services gather in front of their offices: from left, Laura Stracco, Claire Hagen, Jan Stewart, Bettyanne Lane and Beverly Farrell.

Interfaith Social Services helps 'the whole person'

FROM GIFTS OF HOPE, PAGE 1

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"We don't have the red tape that people run into sometimes in emergency situations," said Stracco. "After we check the facts, we can move very quickly. We also work with other agencies to help people through a temporary crisis."

In recent months, Stracco said, the ISS is getting calls for help from more lower-middle-income families and dual-income families that are now living on one paycheck. And the number of elderly clients is constantly increasing.

"Last year we provided 260 families with a Thanksgiving dinner. This year it's over 450," she said. "We used to give out food to 25 to 30 families a day from our Pantry Shelf. We just hit a one-day high of serving 49 families in two hours. We'll be in the same situation all winter."

Interfaith Social Services funds most of its programs through donations from individuals, faith-based groups, charitable foundations, community organizations and businesses.

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ISS programs also include Career Closet, to provide workplace attire to women reentering the workforce; the Fresh Start and HomeSafe financial assistance programs to help manage heat, utilities, rent and medical expenses; and New Directions Counseling, which serves people from all economic backgrounds on a sliding fee scale.

"Our mission is to serve the community by strengthening family life and offering assistance to anyone in need," said Stracco. "We never turn anyone away without at least trying to give suggestions for the next step. If you have a need, we're going to do our best to serve you."

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Ripley Road story clarification

An article that ran in last week's Mariner on the proposed 25 Ripley Road affordable housing development incorrectly characterized MassHousing as "a state agency." MassHousing (The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency) is an independent, quasi-public agency created in 1966 and charged with providing financing for affordable housing in Massachusetts.

The Agency raises capital by selling bonds and lends the proceeds to low- and moderate-income homebuyers and homeowners, and to developers who build or preserve affordable and/or mixed-income rental housing. MassHousing does not use taxpayer dollars to sustain its operations, although it administers some publicly funded programs on behalf of the Commonwealth.

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Whirling on 'Wheel of Fortune'

FROM WHEEL, PAGE 1

California and their own lodging, O'Riordan knew this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

When O'Riordan arrived on the day of filming just outside LA in Culver City, he found out the show tapes six shows in one day. The 18 contestants were sequestered in a room given rules of the game and other legalese. They were allowed to rehearse a bit, calling out letters and spinning the wheel. The producers divided the group into groups of three and then they picked the show they would be taping. O'Riordan was on show three. Vanna White, the famed letter turner of the show, came in to say hello.

"We knew we would be filming 22 minutes worth of TV time, they gave us make up, it was really pretty cool," said O'Riordan.

Meeting both longtime game show host Pat Sajak and Vanna White was a thrill for him, "both were very nice and made us feel comfortable. They told us to have fun and not be nervous."

When it came time for O'Riordan's show, he admits he was nervous. The studio was much smaller than it looks on TV.

"The wheel is smaller than it looks on TV, but it is heavy," said O'Riordan.

Being in front of the lights and cameras trying to remember all the tips the staff had been given them was "pretty nerveracking," he said.

"It's definitely harder to play in person," said O'Riordan. "When you're playing at home it's always your turn. You might know the answer, but if it's not your turn then you are out of luck…you're concentrating so much on the audience, the camera and you have to move fast to keep the game moving."

"I grew up watching the show, I watched it with my dad, I've been watching it for years."
— Dan O'Riordan, contestant

O'Riordan is hosting a viewing party with his family and friends on Wednesday night.

Wheel of Fortune, continues to go unrivaled as the #1 show in syndication for 25 seasons. With over 45 million viewers a week, in over 200 markets, the show attracts a larger audience than most primetime shows.

This week's show, Holiday Shopping, features gift tags on the wheel that range from a Blackberry Pearl flip phone package to gift certificates for on-line shopping.

Because of game show rules, O'Riordan can't discuss the results of the show until the show airs.

"I'll just say I had a lot of fun," said O'Riordan. "It was really great time, a great day. I'd encourage anyone who is a fan of the show to log on and apply (to be a contestant), it was a great experience."



COURTESY PHOTO

Dan O'Riordan, shown here being congratulated by host Pat Sajak, says he logged on to wheeloffortune.com and filled out a contestant application. A few weeks later, he got an e-mail inviting him to audition for the show in New York City.

BRIEFLY

Wind Turbine hearing is Dec. 1

The Planning Board's continued public hearing on the proposed wind turbines at Graham Waste originally scheduled for Monday Oct. 27 will be held Monday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

CCI Energy is proposing installing two turbines on the Graham Waste site off of Route 3A behind Hingham Lumber. The project calls for two 1.65-megawatt turbines each approximately 141-meters, or 462-feet, from ground to the top of the blade.

Luncheons for veterans planned

Lt. Ralph Talbot Disabled Americans Chapter 65 is coordinating luncheons for veterans. Many veterans become increasingly isolated in their homes, apartments or other living accommodations; particularly as they become older or are not ambulatory. Luncheons have been scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month, beginning at noon, at the Hearth 'n Kettle, 151 Main St., Weymouth, easily accessible off Exit 18, Route 3, or off Route 53, at the Main Street intersection. The next luncheon will take place Dec. 17. Cost is $16 for the meal. Reservations and prepayment are not necessary.

Chapter 65 assists disabled veterans in Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Pembroke, Scituate and Weymouth. However, all veterans are welcome - they do not have to be a member of any veterans organization and they can come from any South Shore community. For information, call coordinators Paul Salvas at 781-337-0533 or Joe McElroy at 781-383-0505.

Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll is Dec. 13

Mark your calendar for the Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll on Saturday, Dec. 13th from 4-7 p.m. This year is going to be better than ever! There are new and exciting additions to the program, including; a parade to start things off, live music and a DJ. Visit one of the new shops as well as your old favorites while enjoying refreshments and treats. Kids will have a wonderful time with merchants offering everything from face painting to hayrides to cookie decorating. And, speaking of Old St. Nick, don't be surprised if he stops by for a visit!

This event will benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry and Toys for Tots. Donations for both organizations will be accepted at the event. Thank you to the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and the Cohasset Economic Development Committee who help sponsor the Stroll.

Celebrate the spirit of season, and join us for another magical Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll!

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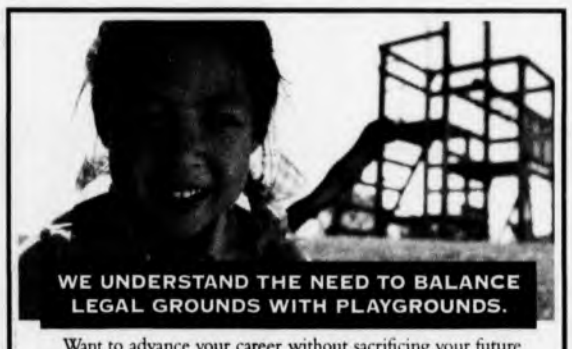


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LIBRARY CORNER

Book group moved to Dec. 3

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center will present an exhibition of paintings by Marshfield artist Mary Callahan at the library through Dec. 31. A free reception will take place from 4 to 6 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 7.

Library Book Group – November's meeting date will move to 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 3. Join the group for coffee and discussion of "This I Believe," edited by Jay Allison. All are welcome to this free event. Call reference librarian Gayle Walsh for more information or to reserve a book.

Movie Matinee – Enjoy a free showing of the film "A Christmas Story" starring Darren McGavin, Melinda Dillon and Peter Billingsley at 11 a.m., on Friday, Dec. 5. Admission is free. Free refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Holiday Decorating Demonstration – Learn how to create beautiful, easy-to-craft holiday decorations from members of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 10. All are welcome to this free event.

Meet the Author – Jennifer Haigh, award-winning author of "Mrs. Kimble" and "Baker Towers" will talk about her new book, "The Condition," at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 14, at the library. Copies of Haigh's books will be available for purchase at the event from Buttonwood Books. All are welcome to this free event.

A Taste of Greece at Cohasset Village Fair

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church of Cohasset will once again participate in the Cohasset Village Fair, and will be set up across from the pond in the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset Village. The fair will take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6.

Decorated fresh wreaths will be displayed for sale outside along the walkway leading to the sights, sounds and scents of traditional Greek culture inside the Senior Room. The sounds of live and recorded music will fill the air as hot coffee is served and spanakopita, baklava, koulourakia and many other specialty foods are sold. Hand knit and crocheted goods, as well as hand crafted jewelry and Grandma's Attic items will provide ample opportunity to purchase gifts. A 50/50 raffle will also be featured, and all proceeds from the sales and raffle will fund Philoptochos charities.

Cohasset kids get high marks at BC High

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HOLIDAY SEASON

As you are reading this week's column, I hope that you are all filled to the brim with turkey and all the fixings and enjoyed a day with family and friends being thankful for all that we have. This weekend will be filled with so many events as we soar into the month of December and get ready for all the celebrations and holidays that are celebrated during the month. Send in any news, events or photos you may have of the events that are happening as well as any special wishes you would like to send to any of your favorite people.

I would also love to have any of you who would like to send in any funny stories that have happened during these holidays, things that a special child in your life may have said or be thinking or a special photo you may have. It is definitely going to be a fun-filled and meaningful holiday season. We all have to make sure to stop and enjoy all of those little things that happen as well. Happy December to all!

ANNIVERSARY

Family and friends alike would like to send a super special message out to a wonderful couple! Giant congratulations are being sent to **Ed and Eileen Pratt** who are celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary on Nov. 30th. Enjoy this very special day!

BC HIGH HONORS

The following Cohasset students at Boston College High School earned honors for the first quarter.

HIGH HONORS: **Patrick Evans Hurley**, 2009; **Eric Peter Vanderpool**, 2009; **Keegan Robert Flynn**, 2010; **Paul Oliver Forrer**, 2010; **John McHugh Kearney**, 2010; **Thomas Joseph Pecca**, 2010; **Maxwell Otto Shipp**, 2010; **James Vincent McKelvey**, 2011; **Colin Lewis Quinlan**, 2011; **Taylor Christian Golz**, 2012; and **Patrick Bidwell Kearney**, 2012.

For high honors, a student must have at least a 3.80 quality point average.

HONORS: Kyle Thomas DeSisto, 2009; **David M. Hernon**, 2010; **Robert Christopher McCunney**, 2010; **Charles Dirkson Coffman**, 2011; **Anthony J Testa**, 2011; **Michael Francis Troy**, 2011; **Christopher Franklin Wilson**, 2011; **Scott Franklin Wilson**, 2011; **William Charles Brown**, 2012; **Kyle Joseph Healy**, 2012; **Alec Charles Hurd**, 2012; **Jay Matthew Salerno**, 2012; and **Matthew Won-Yung Swanborg**, 2012.

To receive honors, a student must have at least a 3.2 quality point average.

BATES COLLEGE

Allison Earon of Cohasset is a volunteer for Bates College Emergency Medical Services.

Founded in the spring of 1996, Bates EMS is an all-volunteer, non-transporting emergency medical service licensed with the state of Maine. Bates EMS members include student volunteers who are licensed emergency medical technicians or first responders, including two responders at the EMT-intermediate level, as well as several wilderness EMTs. Bates EMS responds to an average of 120 to 140 calls per academic year, and has treated patients with conditions ranging from general malaise to multi-systems trauma to full cardiac/respiratory arrest.

Allison, a senior neuroscience major, is the daughter of **William Earon**, 29 Gammons Road, and **Mary Sheppard**, Cohasset. She spent her junior winter semester in Seville, Spain, through the Council on International Educational Exchange. She is a 2004 graduate of Cohasset High School.

LIBRARY FUN

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is hosting a Holiday Decorating Demonstration where you can learn how to create beautiful, easy-to-craft holiday decorations from members of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset on Wednesday, Dec. 10th at 10:30am at the library. This is a free event. All are welcome!

Another event is a Meet the Author with Jennifer Haigh, award winning author of Mrs. Kimble and Baker Towers who will talk about her new book. The book is called, "The Condition" and the event will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3 pm at the library. Don't miss this exciting opportunity! Copies of Ms. Haigh's books will be available for purchase at the event from Buttonwood Books. This also is a free event where all are welcome.

BOUTIQUE

The Mistletoe Boutique is here again this year to benefit the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum and is being held on Sunday, Dec. 14th from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Cohasset Golf Club. Vendors with a huge variety of gifts ranging from jewelry, belt buckles, pocketbooks, clothing, kitchen knives, photos with frames and many more items and gifts for children, men and women alike will be available for all to enjoy. A children's room will also be open for some holiday happenings for the kiddos to take part in while the grown-ups shop. A Holiday Raffle will happen throughout the day and fun will be had by all who attend.

PRE-PROM DVDS

Here is an idea for a gift for that special child or family. DVD's of the 2008 CHS Pre Prom Reception from May 30th are still available to purchase for $20.00 each and make great holiday gifts! To order a copy please call Shaun Galvin at 781-424-2197 or email your request to shaun_galvin@yahoo.com The request can also be mailed with a check for $20 per DVD to Shaun Galvin P.O. Box 526 Hingham, MA 02043.

METCO WREATHS

Here is a piece of news about a Cohasset PSO sponsored fundraiser to benefit the Cohasset METCO Scholarship Fund. They have fresh 12-inch double sided Balsam Wreaths for sale at $10 per wreath. Pick up for these will be on Saturday, Dec. 6th from 10 am-3 pm during the Cohasset Village Fair inside the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. To place an order or ask any questions, please contact **Aleisa Gittens-Carle** at 781-383-1563. This is a nice way to get some decorations for the season and support a great fund.

That is all for this week. Send in all your news, photos and event news no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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Caroling on the Common is Dec. 13

Hey there, Merry-Makers! Once again, First Parish is sponsoring a holiday treat for young and old: the well-loved Cohasset tradition—— Caroling on the Common— on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Everyone is welcome! This is a community event for young and old, especially those with school-age children. Bring some friends. Exceptional singing voices are NOT required; carols will be familiar and simple—there will be songbooks for everyone. Because it gets dark quickly, you are asked to bring flashlights.

Participants will gather at the Parish House at 23 North Main St., between 3:45-4 p.m. for cookies and cider. The group will then leave to start the singing near the duck pond. At approximately 4:45 p.m., everyone will return to the Parish House for hot cocoa, cider and cookies (cookie donations will be much appreciated.)

Participants will gather at the Parish House at 23 North Main St., between 3:45-4 p.m. for cookies and cider.

Please bring a pair of socks (or two or three), which will be donated to Boston Health Care for the Homeless. Socks should be white cotton; both men's and women's sizes are needed.

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Reaching out

Cohasset resident shows international students America

By Nancy White
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When Todd Ramsay volunteered to teach English to international students 13 years ago, he had no idea where that simple gift of time would take him.

After a few classes a student asked him to take him to see life outside the city of Boston. The next weekend, a few more students wanted to come and before Ramsay knew it he was renting a van and then filling up buses to take international students studying in New England around the country.

"There seemed to be a real need for international students to travel, so five years ago we started a non-profit," said Ramsay. The non-profit, Above and Beyond Ministries, Inc., has taken thousands of international students across the country, to Florida, to Boston, to Washington D.C. and into American homes.

This Thanksgiving, 80 international students from the University of Buffalo are experiencing the Thanksgiving holiday in New England homes through the organization.

"Our vision is to develop trips to bring international students together, to meet their need for travel and in doing so create cultural exchange not just between each other but for Americans, too. It's about sharing faith and history and our country," said Ramsay.

The international students Ramsay brings together come from around globe. They are the brightest students from their respective countries. The way he thinks of it is if an American was studying abroad, they wouldn't just want to see their campus or the city they live in, they would want to get out and see the country and get to know its people. Through the trips, he hopes to put America's best foot forward.

Ramsay says the trips expose the students to a broader American experience — not just isolated to academia or to what they see coming out of Hollywood.

"They see people farming, they see people have values and love their families," said Ramsay.

Many of the students are Fulbright scholars who are chosen from their country to study in the US because of their academic merit and leadership potential. Ramsay knows the students will go back to their country to become leaders and hopes through the Above and Beyond travel experience they return with a positive outlook on America.

"I want them to have a broader outlook on American as they become leaders in business and politics…We have the opportunity to open our homes and reach out to make their time here special, it makes us global citizens."

Right now, the Above and Beyond non-profit is facing challenges. He has two buses that he uses for travel, but the primary bus is 30 years old and is on the verge of breaking down. He does at least three "Go West" trips every summer, which is a 10-day trek that covers 6,000 miles and major sites of the west — Chicago, Yellowstone National Park, Grand Titons, Grand Canyon and Mount Rushmore.

"The bus has had a great run, it's done incredible things, but it's breaking down," said Ramsay.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Todd Ramsay (right) is the founder and president of Above and Beyond Ministries. Each summer, he heads out west with a bus full of international students to see Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Canyon and other sights.

He's picked out a new sleeper bus, but needs to raise significant funds to afford it. The cost is $300,000.

"Internationals deserve our best," said Ramsay, who would welcome additional volunteers as well as donations.

With so many different nationalities and beliefs on one bus, one might think there might be an occasional heated argument, but Ramsay attests there is a general and pervasive sense of respect and interest in understanding.

One of Ramsay's favorite activities is the "talent show" where each student shares a talent from their home country.

"Being in close quarters allows the student to build close relationships and share their opinions," said Ramsay.

The Above and Beyond Ministries is somewhat of a reflection of what Ramsay does for his day job. Ramsay owns Above and Beyond chimney service company, specializing in restoring antique fireplaces and chimneys.

"When you're in old houses in New England built in the 1600s, 1700s, you realize that was the way they heated their homes. It brought warmth and light into their lives. Many relationships were formed in front of the fireplace," said Ramsay. His philosophy is to bring people together in front of the fireplace in each home he works in, and by extension, each trip he charters does the same thing — gets people together and creates relationships.

Ramsay says the bonds people make on the trips is evidenced clearly when the group has to say goodbye.

"No one wants to leave, they're hugging and crying. In that moment I see the vision and success of the program. Despite these people's differences, they have formed a special bond through travel," Ramsay said.

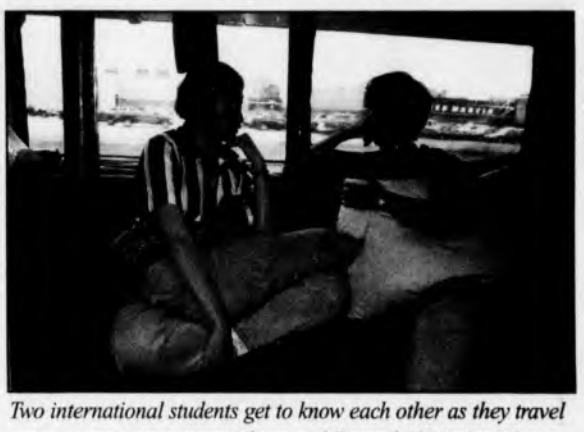
Through his involvement with international students, Ramsay has gained a global perspective, traveled the world and even met his wife.

"Here I am a chimney guy in Cohasset. All it takes is a guy to volunteer his time and doors open," said Ramsay.

To find out more about Above and Beyond Ministries, call Todd Ramsay at 781-383-0415, visit www.abtrips.org or e-mail toddramsay@mac.com.



Travel on a bus affords the international students to develop close bonds on the trip, Above and Beyond Ministries founder Todd Ramsay says.



Two international students get to know each other as they travel cross-country on a recent Above and Beyond Ministries trip.

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Those interested in more information should call education director Jon Belber at 781-383-6565 or via email to jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com.

Cost: $15 per person; $10 for members of Friends of Holly Hill Farm.

Parking is available. Friends of Holly Hill Farm Inc., the not-for-profit organization that uses and makes available the resources of Holly Hill Farm for educational programs, sponsors the above activities.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kirk B. Reed

Reed - McNamara

Alyssa C McNamara, formerly of Cohasset, daughter of Michael and Pamela McNamara, formerly of Cohasset, married Kirk B. Reed of Akron, Ohio. The ceremony took place Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008, at St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church in Braintree, followed by a reception at The Langham Hotel in Boston.

Included in bridal party were Caitlin (O'Neil) Arora, Megan (Waal) Narad, Katie Brister, Katie (Walsh) Blessing and Justin McNamara, all formerly of Cohasset.

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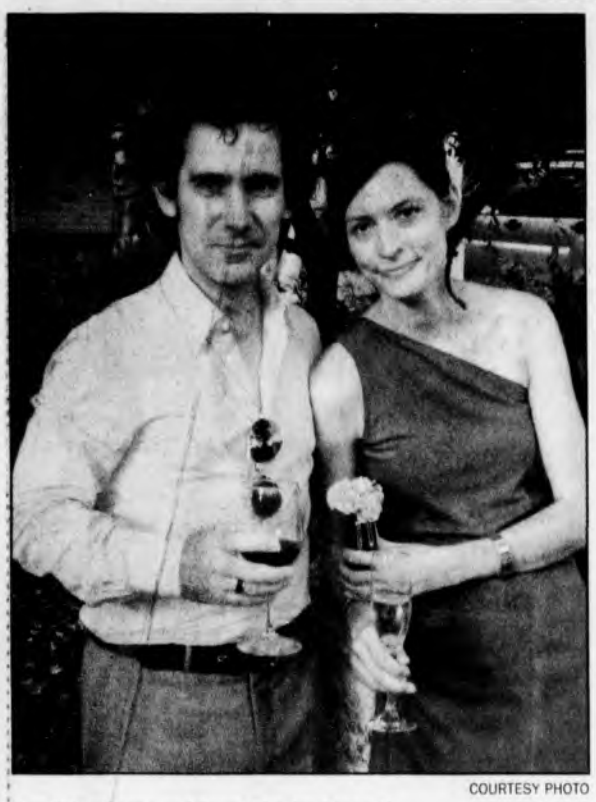
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Ann White Dane and Sean Charles Driscoll.

Dane – Driscoll

Mr. and Mrs. John J. M. Dane of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann White Dane, to Sean Charles Driscoll, both of Brooklyn, N.Y.

The bride-to-be, a free-lance editor, writer and blogger, graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a bachelor of arts degree in Italian from Vassar College.

Her fiancé, son of Barbara Ann Driscoll of San Diego, Calif., and the late Charles William Driscoll, is a jazz musician and art director at Conde Nast Publications. He holds a bachelor of arts degree and master's degree in music composition from the University of California-Santa Barbara, and also studied at Berklee College of Music.

A 2009 wedding is planned.

News hotline - 781-741-2933

ReUUsable Sale returns!

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas and get a start on holiday shopping from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the ReUUsable Sale. People will have the opportunity to purchase bargains of gently used items at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church's Trueblood Hall on Cohasset Common. The ReUUsable sale is part of Cohasset Village's annual fair, and offers a selection of house wares, linens, furniture, antiques, children's clothing, toys, jewelry, books, sporting goods, decorative and holiday items.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Hope for the holidays

The holiday season is here and once again, we turn to our readers to help those in need.

Most social service agencies on the South Shore will tell you that they're girding for a tough season. They are already seeing a measurable increase in the number of people in need. Couple that with a decline in donations and they have a real problem on their hands.

It seems like we've been saying this more and more in recent years, but it's been another tough year. Even though gas prices are coming down, unemployment is still up in Massachusetts, as are house foreclosures. The cost of so many things — particularly food — has gone up.

With all eyes on the national economy and the struggling bank and auto industries, Wall Street's troubles have certainly trickled down to Main Street. Many are no longer feeling just a pinch, they're feeling a punch.

This is where our Gifts of Hope program kicks in. One of the organizations we're looking to assist with this year's holiday campaign is Interfaith Social Services (ISS). Located in Quincy, Interfaith Social Services serves the towns of Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Holbrook, Randolph, Hull, Milton, and Quincy.

Over the years, many programs have been developed to meet the needs of varying populations.

One of the largest current programs, the Pantry Shelf, was started in 1975 to provide food to people in need. ISS has also done what it can to meet clients' needs such as the need for food, clothing, and financial assistance through services such as the Pantry Shelf, the Career Closet, the Bureau Drawer, and the Faith in Action program.

Asking for help in these difficult times is not easy, but some are still better off than others, and our readers' generosity always amazes us, not only during the holidays but year-round.

Thanks to that generosity, Community Newspaper Company's Gifts of Hope program has generated between $5,000 and $8,000 annually in donations to local charities and organizations.

Our readers have a long history of helping their neighbors through the Gifts of Hope campaign.

The first years of the program focused on the issue of homelessness on the South Shore. Organizations such as Father Bill's Place, South Shore Friends and Carolina Hill in Marshfield benefited from your gifts of hope.

In 2003, CNC's Gifts of Hope campaign shifted efforts to assist the South Shore Women's Center, an organization dedicated to helping victims of domestic violence.

In 2004, the campaign's support turned its attention to local military support groups as the war in Iraq and Afghanistan escalated, supporting organizations such as the Pembroke Military Support Group, Care Packs of Weymouth, and the Quincy-based operations of the National Guard's Family Readiness Groups.

In 2005 and 2006, we partnered with Project Bread and many of the local food pantries to address the issue of hunger.

Last year, we focused on many local organizations working within the communities to provide assistance to needy families.

Every group we have worked with over the years has shared stories of how challenging life can be for some of our neighbors, family, and friends. They often face daunting tasks, particularly during this time of year, to assist everyone who needs help. Often they worry it just won't get done.

Then our readers seem to dig even deeper into their hearts and wallets to show that nothing is impossible when the community cares and comes together.

Happy holidays, and thank you in advance for whatever contribution you can make this year to this worthy organization.

For more on the Gifts of Hope campaign and how to make a donation, see the story in this week's paper.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Assessors, Dec. 1, 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Selectmen's meeting.

Board of Health, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

Cable Advisory Committee, Dec. 1, 6 p.m.

Capital Budget Committee, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.

Historical Commission, Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Housing Authority, Dec. 2, 1 p.m. at 60 Elm St.

Library Trustees, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. at the library.

Planning Board, Dec. 1, 6:45 p.m.

Selectmen, Dec. 1 and Dec. 15, at 7 p.m.,

ZBA, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

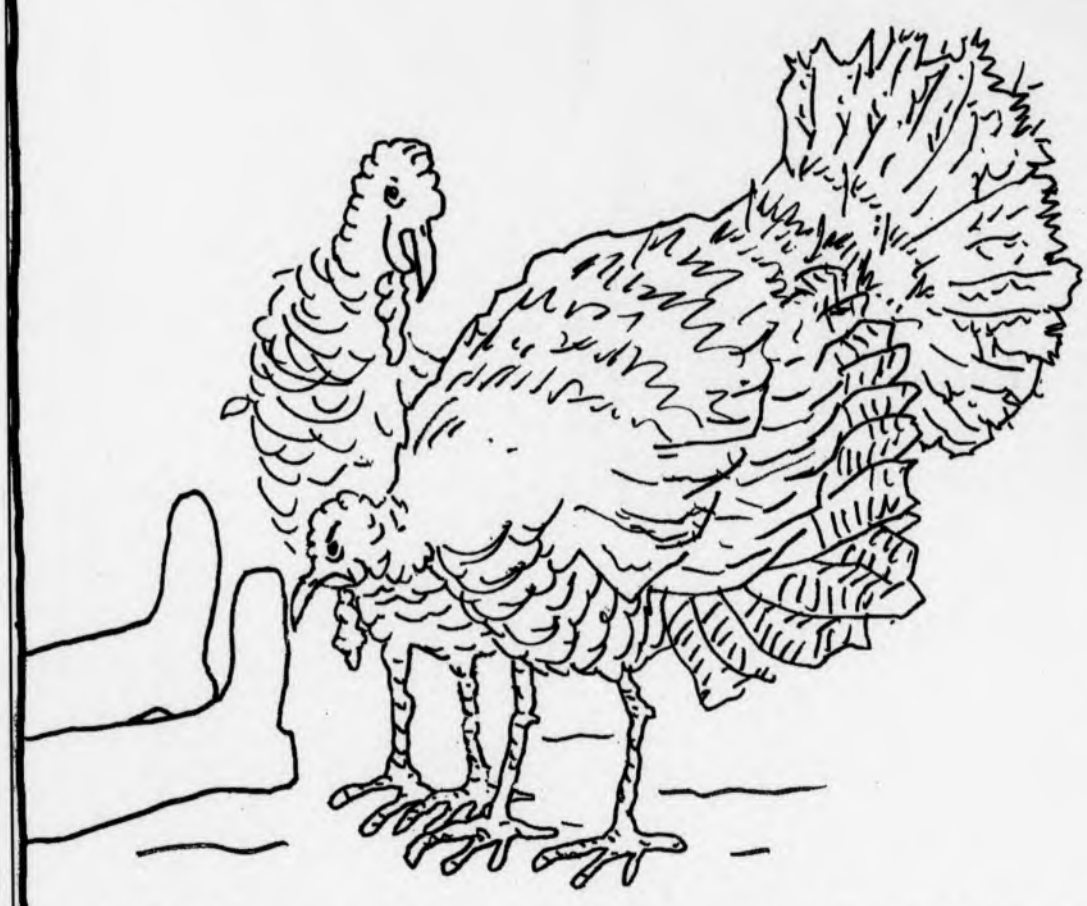
Food pantry items needed

The Cohasset Food Pantry is need of the following items:

Cereal, spaghetti sauce, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, canned fruit, juice, sugar, paper towels, kleenex, bar soap, dish detergent, laundry detergent, shampoo, and canned hash.

Anyone wishing to make a food donation can drop it off at 9 Black Horse Lane on the front porch. The Food Pantry thanks you in advance for your continued generosity.

Police report woman knocked down by charging wild turkey



Why didn't you just ask her to consider having tuna casserole for Thanksgiving?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Making a difference

TO THE EDITOR:

A heartfelt thank you to all who participated in this year's Make-a-Difference-Day, both at the schools in October and this past weekend in the community-wide clean-up effort to assist Elder Affairs. Families and students, ranging from pre-school to high school, braved the cold weather to assist a total of 21 residents in the raking, bagging and disposal of leaf and lawn clean-up.

We have received positive feedback from both residents and participants on the cheerful attitudes and exceptional job performed by all. We appreciate the commitment and sense of community pride and service so often exhibited by Cohasset's citizens and wish all a very joyful holiday season.

Patty Cunningham
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Make-A-Difference-Day

HEALTH NOTES

Diabetes problem is nationwide

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO MARINER

November was American Diabetes Month, recognition of a chronic national health problem and a persistent epidemic. In 2007, **nearly 24** million persons in the United States had diabetes and at least 57 million adults were at risk for developing it. **Most don't know that they have the disease.**

We in affluent well-educated Cohasset, can be expected to have a lower incidence of diabetes because we exercise, pay attention to what we eat and how much. Nevertheless, about 300,000 individuals in Massachusetts have the disease and it's necessary to be aware of the symptoms.

Symptoms: Diabetes develops from two causes: a diminished production of insulin (in *type 1*) or resistance to its effects in *type 2* (*gestational*). Gestational diabetes generally has few symptoms and is most commonly diagnosed by screening during pregnancy, affecting 3-10 percent of pregnancies. No specific cause has been identified, but it is believed that the hormones produced during pregnancy increase a woman's resistance to insulin, resulting in impaired glucose tolerance. Both types lead to hyperglycemia (high blood glucose levels), which largely cause the acute signs of diabetes: excessive urine production, resulting compensatory thirst and increased fluid intake, blurred vision, unexplained weight loss, lethargy and changes in energy metabolism.

Effects: Diabetes is a costly disease associated with serious complications and premature death. It is a major cause of heart disease and stroke and a leading cause of leg and foot amputations unrelated to injury, kidney failure and new blindness in adults.

Prediabetes: Those at risk of developing diabetes are said to have a condition called *prediabetes* in which individuals have blood glucose levels higher than normal but not high enough to be classified as diabetes. Progression to diabetes among those with prediabetes is not inevitable. Recent studies have shown that people at high risk for type 2 diabetes can prevent or delay the onset of the disease by losing 5 to 7 percent of their body weight. You can do it by eating healthier and getting 30 minutes of physical activity 5 days a week.

Blood glucose levels are controlled by a complex interaction of multiple chemicals and hormones in the body, including the hormone insulin made in the beta cells of the pancreas. Diabetes mellitus refers to the group of diseases that lead to high blood glucose levels due to defects in either insulin secretion or insulin action.

Prevention: Weight loss and physical activity can prevent or delay development of some diabetes among adults at high risk. Healthful eating helps keep your blood glucose, also called blood sugar, in your target range. Physical activity and, if needed, diabetes medicines also help. The diabetes target range is the blood glucose level suggested by diabetes experts for good health. You can help prevent health problems by keeping your blood glucose levels on target.

Insulin: Many people with diabetes take insulin to control their blood sugar (glucose). Insulin cannot be taken by mouth because it would be destroyed by digestion. Instead, most people who need insulin take insulin shots. Other ways to take insulin include insulin pens, insulin jet injectors and insulin pumps. Someday people with diabetes may no longer need needles or shots to take insulin.

Sharps Disposal: Researchers are testing news ways to get insulin into the bloodstream, but in the interim, disposal of needles (called sharps) is a continuing problem. A major fear by waste disposal personnel everywhere including those at the Recycle Transfer Station in Cohasset is getting stuck by a discarded hypodermic needle. To forestall this problem, the Board of Health has a sharps disposal container at the Board of Health office in Town Hall. If you use sharps of any kind, please use our disposal facility.

In the meantime, during the holidays, eat smart and stay healthy.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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Unanswered questions about turbine project

...we have attempted through email, letters to the editor, and handouts at town meetings to identify the questions and problems and create a serious dialogue on the issues before it is too late.

COMMENTARY

COHASSET WIND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In recent weeks, the Cohasset Wind Advisory Committee, a group of concerned town residents, has been reviewing various aspects of the Graham Waste/Cohasset Heights Turbine project. This review has included studying expert information, meeting with the Alternative Energy Committee, reviewing the latest submission by the developer, and conducting numerous meetings with town residents. Based on this work, it has become clear that there are a number of unanswered questions and problems with the Graham Waste/Cohasset Heights project. Further, we have learned that many town residents are not aware of the actual facts of the project or the serious problems the project would create for the town. As a result, we have attempted through email, letters to the editor, and handouts at town meetings to identify the questions and problems and create a serious dialogue on the issues before it is too late.

The list below is a summary of much of the information that has been distributed and we would urge all concerned residents to review and consider these carefully. We understand there may be good faith differences of opinion or debates about the points made, and we welcome any questions. However, we have been very disappointed to hear that, even before the public hearing process is concluded, a Planning Board member sent an email to the press dismissing these valid concerns and questions as fabrications and nonsense. Name calling and attacks do nothing to further the debate, and these tactics are especially disturbing because they suggest that at least one member of the Planning Board has already prejudged the issues even before the public hearing is complete.

Rather than prejudge the issues or attack anyone who dares question the project, we would ask the Planning Board (and all town residents) to fairly consider the concerns raised below and ask the serious, tough questions of the developer who plans to make substantial money by changing the character of our town forever.

Top Myths and Misconceptions about the Graham Waste/Cohasset Heights Wind Project

• *The old landfill site places the wind turbines safely out of the way.* No, the Cohasset wind bylaw does not follow any of the global standards requiring minimum setbacks of 1 kilometer to 1-1/2 miles. The proposed turbines will be sited too close to hundreds of residences, Avalon and Sunrise Assisted Living, several businesses including Hingham Lumber and the businesses on Crocker Lane, and the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools.

• *Cohasset will benefit*: No, there is no negotiated energy savings benefiting Cohasset. Contrast this arrangement with Hull, where the town receives 100 percent of the benefit of its turbines. The developers (James Sweeney of CCI, Paul Barry of Cohasset and Gordon Dean of Cohasset) will be under no obligation to share any benefits with Cohasset.

• *Your electric bill will go down*: **No**, a private developer will reap all the financial benefits of selling power to the grid. There is no mechanism leading to a lower electric bill for you.

• *This won't cost Cohasset anything*: **No**, there will likely be lost tax revenue due to depreciated property values of the nearby residents.

• *These wind turbines are the same size as Hull's*: **No**, at 462 feet tall, the proposed Cohasset turbines will be 165 percent of the height of the larger Hull II turbine. This is the height of a 38-story office tower. These massive structures will stand on a 150-foot hill visible from Route 3A. They will be the largest turbines in New England.

• *These are silent giants*: **No**, they are noisy. A 2006 siting and fatal flaw wind turbine analysis was prepared for the Town of Cohasset by the Renewable Energy Research Laboratory. Among other things, the study recommended a noise abatement-related minimum residential set-back of three times blade-tip height. This proposal fails even that minimum. This project will impact nearby residents (Fairoaks, King Street, Whitney Woods Lane, Rose Hill, Forest Ave., Cedar Street, North Main Street, Avalon and Sunrise) as well as students at Deer Hill and Osgood. Please visit *YouTube*, search combinations of *wind, turbine, noise, and flicker* and judge for yourself.

• *If you build one, you might as well build two*: **No**, Hull rejected placing a second turbine near Hull I due to the concentrated impact on residents. There is even talk of adding a *third* turbine at the same locus as the two proposed turbines

• *Other towns in Massachusetts want turbines like these, so why shouldn't we?* **No,** similar projects using the same turbines, led by the same developer, have been rejected in both Orleans and Mattapoisett due to concerns over noise, safety, and health impacts.

Please come to the next **Planning Board hearing** on **Monday, Dec. 1 at 7:15 p.m** at the town hall to learn more about how this project will affect the town and feel free to email CohassetWindAC@gmail.com with any comments or questions.

Steering Committee for the Cohasset Wind Advisory Committee*: Douglas and Leslie Bryan 20 Sanctuary Pond Road; Gary Cohen and Melissa Schorr 27 Cedar Street; Dan and Darlene Cronin 265 Fairoaks Lane; Dan and Christa Hagearty 2 Rose Hill Lane ; Conrad and Lori Langenhagen 24 Sanctuary Pond Road; Gene and Patty McCarthy 4 Rose Hill Lane; Collette McElhinney 145 Fairoaks Lane; Patrick and Kerry McNamara 18 Arrowwood Street; John and Beth Mullaly 23 Cedar Street; Bridget O'Brien 28 Sanctuary Pond Road; and Jeffrey and Jessica Patterson 10 Sanctuary Pond Road.*

Wind project positive for Cohasset

COMMENTARY

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE

Recently there has been a flurry of questions posed to the Alternative Energy Committee regarding the financial benefits that a long-term energy contract with CCI Energy, the developer proposing the Cohasset Heights Wind Project, will bring to the town.

The permitting and construction at Cohasset Heights offers guaranteed property tax savings. Some have dismissed this amount as negligible and have asked why it is that the residential rate payers in Hull benefit directly from their two turbines. The answer is simply that state and federal laws prohibit CCI from selling energy directly to the residents of Cohasset.

With the recent passage of the Green Communities Act, CCI has been able to structure its project whereby it can sell electricity directly to the Town of Cohasset which in turn will favor its taxpayers by reducing and stabilizing the Town's budget. Cohasset's cost for purchased power increased over 90 percent this year; the town purchases over 4 million kWhs of electricity at a cost of over $750,000 (well over one-half the projected output from the Cohasset Heights Wind Project). The Town of Cohasset, Town Management and CCI have publicly expressed a willingness and desire to negotiate a long-term energy purchase program if the project is permitted and constructed. At this time, the town leadership does not feel it is prudent to enter into contractual obligations for projects that are not permitted.

Some have expressed a concern that CCI will take their permit and then refuse to negotiate with Cohasset; this will not happen for a very simple reason. If CCI does not sell electricity to Cohasset, CCI must sell that electricity to National Grid at the wholesale rate. The Town of Cohasset is currently paying a much higher retail rate as well as charges for transmission, transition, and distribution. CCI, under the Green Communities Act, can offset these charges. It is in both CCI's and Cohasset's best interest to agree on an amount below our current rates and above wholesale. Both parties in such a contract will benefit.

We believe that the permitting and construction of the Cohasset Heights project will be a positive step for our town. It helps secure our electrical rates from constant price spikes, provides additional tax revenue and allows the time needed to make long-term bonding decisions necessary for the procurement of a town-owned turbine. We urge all town residents interested in this and future projects to attend the Dec, 1st Planning Board meeting to learn more about the details of the CCI proposal.

Town of Cohasset Alternative Energy Committee: *Andrew Willard, chairman; Sally Ayers, Mike Bliss, Rod Hobson, Marie Caristi-MacDonald, and Mimi White.*

The Awful Truth

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

It's been a tough couple of days here, because I had to have The Talk with my youngest daughter about Santa. It was really sad, but she's been asking so many questions lately that I couldn't continue to put it off.

"Emily," I said, "Santa doesn't come down the chimney for another month."

"A month?" she said.

"A good month, yeah."

She stared ahead blankly, trying to process the information.

"I'm sorry," I said.

"But WROR has been playing 'Santa Claus Comes Tonight' for four weeks now."

"It's a wonderful fantasy, honey. We all enjoy it. But the fact is, it's November."

She sat down.

"I'm afraid it's just part of becoming a grown-up," I said. "You have to be able to read a calendar."

"But you put up our Christmas tree."

"That's last year's tree, actually. I keep meaning to take it down. I should do that right away."

"I thought you said old Christmas trees are a major fire hazard."

"Only the ones with needles."

She looked at the floor.

"We've watched Home Alone twice this week," she said.

"I know. It's hard."

"What about the Christmas goose?"

"What goose?" I said.

"The one you're brining in the bath tub."

"Oh, that's our Thanksgiving turkey, Emily. And eating a goose on Christmas would be weird. Instead we sup on the tender loins of a pig, remember?"

"If it's so far away then why do they fib about it being Christmas time?"

I sat and put my arm around her.

"It's the economy, honey. They need to tickle it. It's complicated. The best way I can say it is that after years of consolidation in the banking industry the reigns of the global financial system are now in the hands of a few very large, powerful companies, and as always, with great power comes great hubris. The banks gambled with our money and lost, touching off a vicious cycle of consumer fear and lower spending, which dried up investments. When money stops flowing businesses can't grow, people can't borrow to buy homes or go to college, industries hemorrhage jobs, and deflation sets in. Then, the coyotes come."

"Can't they prop up failing banks for now and inject huge amounts of capital to break the cycle?"

"I know it might look that simple to an eight-year-old, but I think we'd better let the President handle it, okay?"

"President Bush?"

"Oh God no! Never mind. The point is, it may seem a little early for you and your sisters to be baking gingerbread houses, but with the foreclosure rate so high it's probably a smart move."

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. He is very thankful to have a job this year, though truth be told he would still prefer a career in mountain biking.

SENIOR SCENE

Medicare update, luncheon Dec. 3

To sign up for more information, call 781-383-9112.

Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 11 a.m. – 2009 Update: Medicare. Peg McDonough, director for SHINE will talk about prescription plans. A gourmet lunch will follow the presentation. Cost: $2.50. Location: CEA. Call for a reservation.

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1 to 3 p.m. – Christmas party and entertainment at Golden Living Center in Cohasset. Transportation available. Call for a reservation. Lunch at the CEA will not be served on Dec. 10.

Friday, Dec. 12 – The CEA invites all seniors from the South Shore to a performance of "The Nutcracker" at the Opera House. Reserved seating. Lunch at the Dry Dock Café following the performance. Cost is $89, and must be paid by Nov. 14. Call for more information.

Wednesday, Dec. 17, noon – CEA Holiday Luncheon will be prepared by the Angels. Entertainment at 1 p.m., will be provided by the O.P.A.L.S. Chorus from the Hingham CEA. Call to sign up.

On the origin of Thanksgiving

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



A bunch of Pilgrim Fathers, and some Pilgrim Mothers and Indians, too, were sitting around the campfire one evening in late November wondering what to do to occupy their minds now that the crops were in.

"An idle mind is the devil's workshop," Elder Brewster kept reminding them and members of the little band of settlers were inclined to agree with him, although those who smoked the funny cigarettes would have liked to see the theory tested.

"I know," said Isaac Allerton. "Let's have lunch."

"Or breakfast," said John Alden. "Priscilla's a good cook. She wouldn't mind staying up all night cooking bacon and eggs."

Allerton dug his elbow into John Alden's ribs. It was widely known that one of their number, their captain, Myles Standish, had a thing for Priscilla and didn't cotton to such personal references to her.

"Ugh," said the Indian sachem Massasoit, whose vocabulary was limited since he had flunked English as a Second Language.

"What'd he say?" asked Governor Bradford.

"Him say he can't go to breakfast. He have to go to annual football game between Wampanoag High and Pequot Prep," said Squanto, the tribesman who couldn't understand why Indians had to learn English since they were here first but he learned it anyway in hopes that someday he would be eligible to open a gambling casino in Middleboro.

"Ugh," said Massasoit.

"What'd he say now?"

"Him say his son Wamsutta have good game, he get football scholarship to BC."

"Ugh." growled Massasoit's second son, Metacomet, who was known by everyone except the settlers to be training terrorists over the border in the tribal lands around Montaup.

"He says white man good to Indian," lied Squanto.

"I guess that rules out breakfast and lunch," said Governor Bradford. "How about dinner?"

"Good idea. That'll give Priscilla all morning to do the cooking," said John Alden.

"We can expect a lot of guests," said Elder Brewster. "Now that Hedlund, the chief of that tribe up Hingham way, failed to stop Greenbush, we can expect a lot of visitors from up north."

"I think we should base the meal around turkeys," said Governor Bradford. "We'll need a lot of them."

"Priscilla's good at roasting turkeys," said John Alden.

"And stuffing."

"Priscilla's stuffing is out of this world."

"And cranberry sauce,"

"Priscilla's cranberry sauce is to die for."

"Why don't you speak for yourself, John," said Priscilla.

"Dinner it is," said Governor Bradford. "But what shall we call our dinner?"

"Ugh," said Massasoit.

"He says Indian call football game Thanksgiving Day game," said Squanto.

"Good idea," said Elder Brewster. "We can call it Thanksgiving Day dinner. If it catches on, maybe we can do it every year."

"Yes, and Priscilla can . . . "

"Oh, shut up, John," said Priscilla.

BRIEFLY

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• Results of Cohasset versus Hull Thanksgiving Day game!

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Cohasset Mariner 'drop box'

The Cohasset Mariner has a "drop box" and pickup location at Tedeschi's in the village. The drop box is on the counter in the front window around the corner to the left after you enter the front door.

The Mariner picks up at 8 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. The drop box can be used to drop off glossy photographs, letters, flyers or other editorial copy.

Warmth for the season

Fourth graders collect blankets for needy

Fifty-four kids who live in Topmost, Kentucky will be a little bit warmer this winter, thanks to a group of Cohasset 10-year-old boys.

Taggart Eymer and Zander Schubert, fourth graders at Deer Hill School, hosted a joint birthday party this past weekend and asked each of their guests to bring a blanket instead of a gift. In total, they collected 54 blankets that were packed into nine boxes and shipped to Kentucky earlier this week.

The blanket project was part of the effort started by Taggart mother's aunt and uncle, Anke and Frits Geurtsen, who have volunteered for the Appalachia Service Project for 13 years. In past years, the Geurtsens have collected books and stuffed animals to send to Beaver Creek Elementary School in Topmost, Kentucky, but this year the librarian asked for blankets. The need was a tall order, the librarian wanted to give a blanket to each of the 335 students in grades kindergarten through eight.

Last year, Taggart and Zander donated 54 gifts from their birthday party to Toys for Tots. They delivered the new, unwrapped toys — all nine bagfuls of them - to the Armed Forces recruiting office in Quincy.

This year, they decided to collect blankets to help the kids in Kentucky. The boys helped pack the boxes of blankets and included a note and picture in box number one.

The boys were born just months apart: Taggart in July and Xander in November. The boys decided last year to have a joint birthday party and continued the tradition this year.

About 40 boys showed up at the party, which was a massive flag football game at Milliken Field.

"They loved doing it, I think we started a tradition," said Selene Eymer, Taggart's mom. "The best part is I think they all learned something."

So far, between the Geurtsens and the party over 225 blankets have been collected, but they still need about 100 more.

If anyone would like to donate a blanket, the Eymers would welcome the contribution at their home, 31 Bow Street.



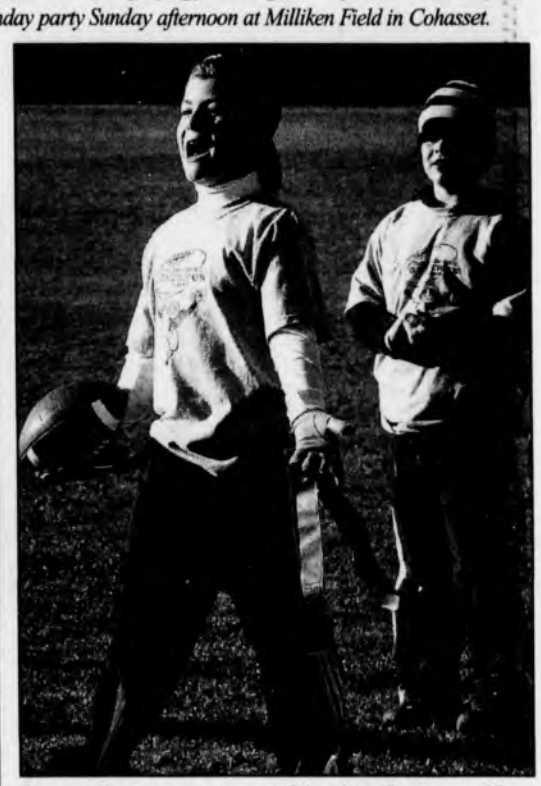
Taggart's mother, Selene Eymer, hands out t-shirts for the birthday football game.



Alexander Schubert, left and Taggart Eymer, both10, hold blankets they collected during a flag football game they hosted on their joint birthday party Sunday afternoon at Milliken Field in Cohasset.



The boys at Taggart's and Alexander's joint birthday get down to business with a game of flag football.



Taggart Eymer reacts to one of the plays. Taggart and his close friend Alexander Schubert collected blankets for children of Topmost, Kentucky instead of birthday gifts.



Taggart Eymer, left, standing next to his best friend Alexander Schubert, are surrounded by a few close friends during half time of their birthday flag football game held Sunday afternoon at Milliken Field.

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Students in grades nine through 12, shown here during a recent rehearsal, have come together to make the story of two rival gangs – the American Jets and the Puerto Rican Sharks – and the love story of two star-crossed lovers, Tony and Maria, come alive on stage.

The West Side comes to Cohasset

FROM WEST SIDE, PAGE 1

made complete rehearsals a big challenge, Marks is certain the cast will come together to put on an outstanding show.

The high school puts on an "all school" musical once every two years.

When Marks and director and choreographer (and high school band teacher) Stephanie Moriarty decided on producing "West Side Story," they knew they were in for a challenge musically speaking.

"The musical score is probably about as difficult as they come. It's really demanding," said Marks. Leonard Bernstein wrote the score. "This group is certainly capable of pulling it off."

Fans of both the Broadway production and the movie will recognize the captivating songs from "Tonight" to "Maria" to "I feel pretty."

Ian Porter, a junior who plays the male lead of Tony, attests the music is a challenge, even for someone who has been singing nearly his whole life.

"There were a lot of lines to learn, but mostly the music and learning the lyrics was difficult. The music is tough," said Ian, who is playing the lead in his first stage production. "It's a great accomplishment."

Junior Jenny Magruder plays Maria, Tony's love interest.

"She's really innocent and she falls in love so fast," says Jenny of her character. On some level, she can relate to Maria because they are the same age.

Tony, who belongs to the Jets gang, but has been trying to distance himself from them, falls in love with Maria, the sister of the leader of the rival Puerto Rican gang at a neighborhood dance.

Both Jenny and Ian name "Tonight" as their favorite song to perform.

Senior August Oddleifson, who plays Riff, the leader of the Jets, is in his first stage production since he was in fourth grade.

"I thought it would be fun and the play sounded good…I didn't know how to sing, so they taught me how to sing," says August. "There are a lot of good people in the show, it's a fun group to be with."

The effort to get "West Side Story" on stage has taken a lot of community support. Members of the Cohasset Dramatic Club helped to build and paint the sets. The PSO underwrote the cost of new curtains and lights for the auditorium. The new lighting system will be in place for opening night of "West Side Story." The student-run backstage, sound and lighting crew are essential to the success of the show.

"They have done fantastic work. They are very good at what they do, willing and eager. They have proven themselves worthy of the challenge," said Marks.

To the extent possible, Marks has tried to produce a family friendly show. Set in Manhattan's West Side/Hell's Kitchen in the mid-1950s, the musical explores the rivalry between two teenage gangs.

"We have taken care to produce a show that we believe to be family friendly. But the story line does indeed deal with gang fighting and death. However, in the end, it also points toward hope and reconciliation," said Marks. He hopes families will come to enjoy the music and love story of the play.

"The show is going to have great dancing, great acting and unbelievable singing," says Ian.

IF YOU go...

- **What:** CHS's production of "West Side Story."
- Who: Cohasset High School students in ninth to twelfth grade.
- **When:** Three shows, Friday, Dec. 5, 7:30p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, 7:30p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, 2:30p.m.
- **Where:** Cohasset Middle-High School Auditorium.
- **Cost:** $10, all seats.
- **Where to purchase:** Available at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and at the door.

For more information, call 781-383-1834.



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Lt. Schrank (James Earle) and Officer Krupke (Bill Mack) rehearse a scene in "West Side Story."

CHS tackles challenging musical

By Kathryn Hillman
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

"West Side Story" is the gripping drama of the romance of two teenagers caught in the midst of a gang war in the back alleys of New York during the 1950s. With music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, and story by William Shakespeare, it is widely regarded as the foremost American musical. This challenging project has been undertaken by the Cohasset High School Music Department, with Stephanie Moriarty as the director and choreographer and Bryan Marks as the music director and producer.

Mr. Marks has been doing musicals at Cohasset since he arrived in 1977. In the early 1980s, the school did a musical every year. After a few years, they started doing them only every other year.

While thinking of a play to do last spring, some of the students suggested "West Side Story." With support from the administration, Mr. Marks and Ms. Moriarty agreed to take up the challenge. Ms. Moriarty, who has had 16 years of dance experience, has taken on both the direction and the choreography for the play. She said that she was partial to the big dance numbers. Mr. Marks is acting as music director. When asked what one of his favorite numbers was, he said that he had grown to like "A Boy Like That," a duet sung by Maria and Anita. He said that it "really got to the heart of what the show is about." He says that West Side is one of his favorite plays, along with "Pirates of Penzance" by Gilbert and Sullivan and "Carousel" by Rogers and Hammerstien.

Auditions were held at the end of September, and rehearsals started at the beginning of October. The production will be just a little over two months from auditions to opening night. Mr. Marks says that it is coming along well. At times the production team "felt a little behind," but have caught up nicely. "Can we get another rehearsal?" he joked, half seriously. Mr. Marks says that the sets are "a pretty down- n'-dirty back alley of New York". They are using concrete sets, instead of just representing an area with lights. As for the music, they have a professional pit of 13 members. The musical score is "a bear" Mr. Marks said, and it's really "pushing me to the test." "I want to thank Mr. Biagini [the instrumental music instructor at the Deer Hill and a fine French horn player] for his help assembling this group."

They had certain "road blocks" but Mr. Marks stressed how everybody "from the administration right on down started asking how they could help".

As the play has come together, the cast and administration worked through a series of challenges. "Every show has its unique challenges; it's unique obstacles". They had certain "road blocks" but Mr. Marks stressed how everybody "from the administration right on down started asking how they could help". The PSO helped to obtain new stage curtains. In the time crunch, everybody stepped up and the actors have been working very hard. Ms. Moriarty commented on this too, saying, "It is an extremely difficult show, however the cast has risen to the challenge. They have taken great pride and ownership of the material and therefore the final production will be outstanding." They trimmed some of the extra dances that were very long, such as the middle section of "Cool" but there is still a lot of dance. They also cleaned up some of the lyrics. Mr. Marks said, "I want to make it, as much as possible, a family show" even with consideration for the material, which includes on-stage violence. However, on the whole, Mr. Marks sees the play coming along well. "What I do this for the most is that I know that many decades from now…these students…will be raising their own families, they will have their own memories, and be able to encourage their own children to be involved with musicals." He also said that, "Performing is a real wonderful gift to give people."

The cast has been working very hard for the last two months. The leads: Riff is played by August Oddleifson, Tony is played by Ian Porter, Bernardo is played by Andrew Bell, Maria is played by Jenny Magruder, and Anita is played by Ellie Baumgarten. The rest of the cast is made up of enthusiastic Cohasset High School students.

Ms. Moriarty summed it up best: "It is not to be missed! The students and I would love to see the seats filled each night, as the show promises not to disappoint. We have worked hard and think that this year's production will make its mark on the CHS stage. As a final thought, I would love to thank the students who make this an incredible experience for everyone involved."

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Tickets are $10 and are available for pre-sales at Buttonwood Books and Toys and at both the Middle and High School lunches (11:00-11:30 for Middle School and 12:12:30 for High School). For information, call 781-383-1834. The Cohasset High School production is directed and choreographed by Stephanie Moriarty and produced and musically directed by Bryan Marks. The performances will be Friday, Dec. 5, at 7:30pm; Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7:30pm; and Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2:30pm.

Powderpuff, T-Day games terrific!

LIFE AT CHS

LAUREN MACK



Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! I hope you all enjoyed a great holiday filled with turkey, football, and mashed potatoes. I know I certainly appreciated the break from the normal routine. The football game this year, as usual, was packed; filled with past, present, and future students while the varsity boys came out to play. Powderpuff this year was also a huge success. Despite the bitter cold and the fact that some of the girls really don't know how to play football very well, the game was still a good matchup and a fun time. It is my hope that these traditions at CHS continue for years to come.

You may have seen posters around town promoting this years' CHS production of "*West Side Story*". I don't know if you've heard, but this play just might be the greatest in the history of CHS drama, so I personally recommend that you reserve your tickets ahead of time and get there early to save some seats because it's sure to be a sellout. Some of the talented students starring this year include: **Ian Porter** as Tony, **Jenny Magruder** as Maria, **Ellie Baumgarten** as Anita, **August Oddleifson** as Riff, **Andrew Bell** as Bernardo, and many, many more. The play opens the first week of December and will go on Friday at 7:30pm, Saturday at 7:30pm, and Sunday at 2:30pm, tickets are $10 at the door or can be purchased at Buttonwoods Books and/or CHS for the same price.

This week's quote of the week comes from a teacher in the foreign language department. Towering over most students (especially since his room is located in the freshman hallway), **Mr. Jeff Kotter** is known for his blonde hair and fluency in the French language. However, in addition to teaching French classes and aiding in the foreign exchange program, Mr. Kotter is also the proctor for the International Club and Student Council. Because he is involved in so many student extracurriculars, it is no surprise that he has adopted some of the teenage lingo; when asked how he handles all of his commitments, he replied: "I get down with the gnar gnar and the pow pow. I'm cool like that." I have no translation for this sentence, I apologize. And with that, I bid you all farewell until next week! Ciao!

Lauren Mack is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly during the school year.

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GRADE SEVEN

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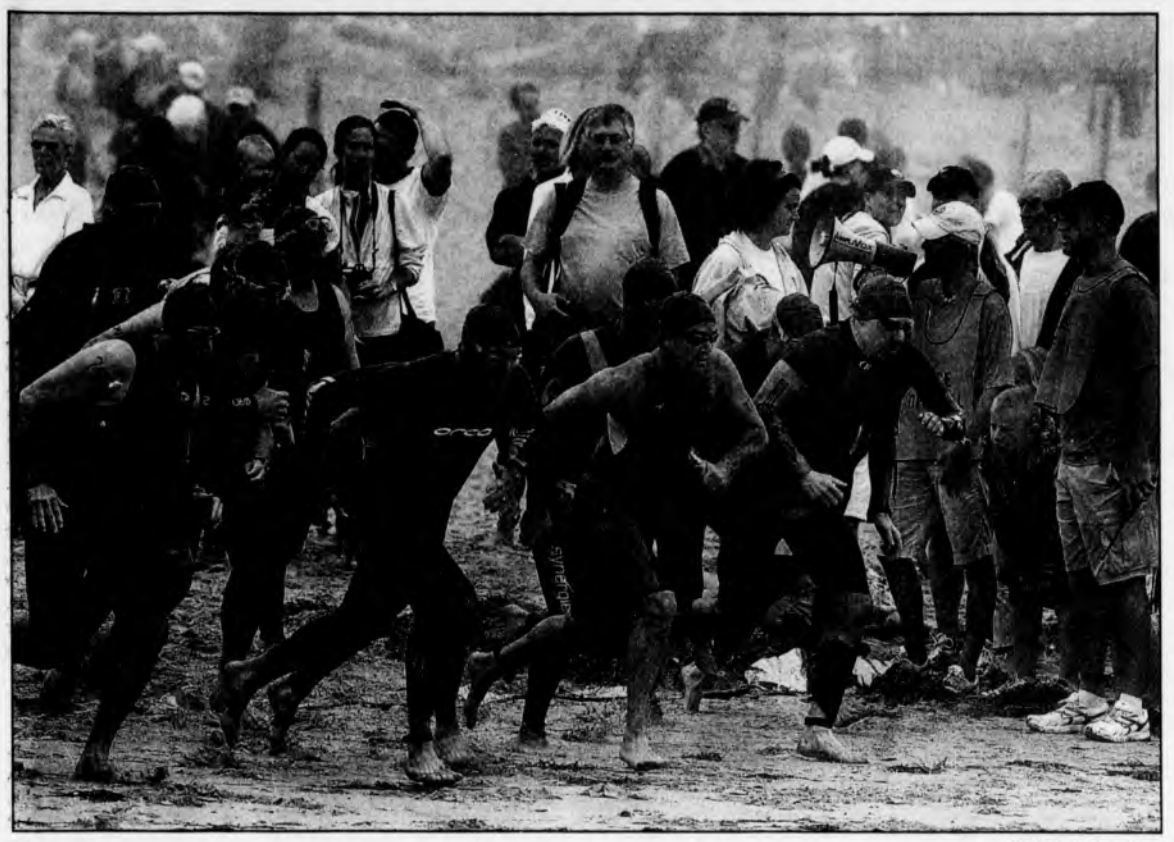
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Race director and Cohasset resident, Bill Burnett, far right (with radio) watches racers in the third wave take off during this year's Cohasset Triathlon. In 2009, seasoned triathletes and first-timers alike will have the opportunity to race in three races in the greater Boston area — all under the direction, or co-direction, of Burnett.

Cohasset Tri branches out

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By Nancy White
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In just two years, Bill has built an amazing race and I immediately saw the potential of a partnership in metro west Boston.
— Jarrod Shoemaker, Olympian

In 2007, the inaugural year for the Cohasset Triathlon, it took five months to reach capacity.

In 2008, it took six weeks to sell out and 250 people were left on the waiting list.

For the 2009 event, Race Director Bill Burnett is predicting race registration will fill up in two days time.

Those interested in racing should be by their computer on Monday, Dec. 1. Online registration opens at 9a.m.

This coming year, seasoned triathletes and first-timers alike will have the opportunity to race in three races in the greater Boston area — all under the direction, or co-direction, of Burnett. The Commonwealth Triathlon Series will include the Cohasset Triathlon (June 28), Marlborough Triathlon (July 26) and Gloucester Triathlon (Aug. 9).

After the Cohasset Triathlon, Burnett was approached by two well-known triathletes who were interested in starting up their own triathlon, near their hometowns. Jarrod Shoemaker, who competed in the Beijing Olympics in August, along with his coach Tim Crowley, and Janda Ricci-Munn, who finished third overall at the 2008 Cohasset Tri, wanted to use Burnett's expertise to re-create the Cohasset feel in other parts of Massachusetts.

Ricci-Munn, a Gloucester resident, envisioned a seaside race for the historic fishing village turned city.

"I want Gloucester to experience the thrill and buzz that the Cohasset Triathlon has generated for its town," said Ricci-Munn in an e-mail.

Jarrod Shoemaker returned from the Beijing Olympics with a renewed passion and drive for the sport of triathlon. Burnett said he wanted to find a way to give back to the sport and get more youth involved. Although Shoemaker has raced in countless triathlons, his participation at Cohasset stood out in his mind.

"Cohasset was one of the most energized short course events I have ever been to. In just two years, Bill has built an amazing race and I immediately saw the potential of a partnership in metro west Boston. With Bill's enthusiasm and experience, I am confident that he will help us build an equally terrific race in Marlborough," said Shoemaker, in an e-mail.

So far, in both new triathlon towns Burnett said the permitting has been a breeze, but there is still a lot of planning and logistics ahead. All three triathlons will be about the same length with some slight variations — a one-third mile swim, a 12-17 mile bike, and a 3.2-mile run. Marlborough's water leg will be in a lake, while Cohasset and Gloucester will be an ocean swim. Both the Gloucester and Marlborough triathlons will be slightly bigger in numbers than Cohasset.

"It's a series driven by some of the most well known triathletes in the country. It was a no brainer to say yes," said Burnett.

Burnett will take the model he created in Cohasset to the two other towns.

"They are going to be triathlons of the highest quality and they're going to raise money for a special cause," said Burnett. Involving the community in the event is also one of Burnett's priorities.

The Marlborough Triathlon will raise money for Children's Hospital and the Gloucester Triathlon's proceeds will benefit the Pine Street Inn, a homeless shelter in Boston. (The Cohasset Triathlon is a partner with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and portion of the proceeds go to the non-profit.)

If competitors sign up for two or three of the races in the series, there is a discount ($80 for one race, $150 for two races, and $210 for three races). There will be overall series winners (in a variety of categories) for those athletes who compete in all three events.

By the numbers, the Cohasset Triathlon is currently the largest tri in New England. About 700 finished the race last year, while most triathlons in the area draw 400 to 500 competitors. Cohasset registration for the 2009 race will stay the same: 800 individual athletes and 30 relay teams.

The Cohasset Triathlon was also the single biggest volunteer driven fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) in the country last year. In 2008, the triathlon raised over $280,000 for the cause.

In just two short years, the triathlon has earned a place on the national level. Last year, Olympic triathlete Jarrod Shoemaker won the triathlon. This year, the Cohasset Triathlon has been chosen by USA Triathlon (USAT) has been picked as the Northeast qualifier for the Team USA (16-19 age group) for Sprint Distance World Championships in Australia. In addition, the Cohasset Triathlon has been also been selected as the Special Qualifier Race for the 2009 Age Group Nationals in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in August 2009. The top five people per age group will qualify to race in Tuscaloosa.

These two qualifiers will make for stiffer and faster competition. But, first-time triathletes and beginners should not be deterred from the competition.

"I don't want people to see that and decide not to race. I love that Cohasset residents have embraced the sport. One of my primary goals when I started this race was to bring beginners into the sport," said Burnett.

Despite the growth of Burnett's involvement with triathlons, Cohasset shouldn't be concerned about their event, said Burnett.

"I'm not going to lose focus on what we do here, Cohasset will always be closest to my heart," said Burnett. "Without the incredible support of Cohasset and my team I would never have had a chance to build my passion of promoting an active lifestyle through triathlons. Everything has come together way beyond my expectations."

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Coach Beal says it all

Cohasset girls' soccer coach sums up historic season

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It took Deb Beal nearly a week to get her *voice* back.

Following last Wednesday's heartbreaking 1-0 loss to Newburyport in the Eastern Mass championship game, the Cohasset girls' soccer coach understandably needed some time to collect her thoughts and emotions. Compounding the difficulty of a loss in the waning seconds of overtime is the reality of losing seven seniors — Kristin Monaco, Brittany Dunn, Johanna Brophy, Sammi Lehr and captains Maggie McGoldrick, Sarah Coggins and Torey Hart — most of whom have been focal points in the program, on and off the field, for several seasons.

Now that Beal has her *voice* back, and is able to look with a broader view on the Lady Skippers historic run, the only question now seems to be if she'll ever tire of talking about it.

Below are Deb's unfiltered thoughts.

Wrote Beal on Monday:

"I am actually at the point where I can look at the season and form complete sentences about it. What a ride we had.

"When we concluded our breakout season last fall with a loss to Norwell in the sectional title game, I was naturally disappointed, but knowing that I had 22 of 24 roster kids coming back I couldn't help but wonder what would next fall be like.

"I spent those off months and most of the summer hoping the kids would remember the feeling in Weymouth last year and be ready to jump right back into it.

"They came back in August more than ready. They were in great shape and that makes a huge difference in preparing your team for a long season. They were eager to get going and gave everything they had. We began the season with my assistant coach (Christine Taggart) having to deal with some family issues and I was fortunate that I teach in the middle school so I already knew the entire incoming freshman class.

"Getting to know names sometimes is the hardest thing. The first four days of practice, I relied very heavily on my seniors to help run stations and work with groups. They were so great with the younger kids.

"When Christine returned on Wednesday she was impressed with their fitness and the strides we had made already. I cannot take any of the credit for having an outstanding season without sharing it with her. Her knowledge of the game and the skills is such an asset to our program; we would not have made it as far without her dedication and commitment to us. I cannot thank her enough for the things she does everyday to help us build a stronger more skilled team. She is a pleasure to work with and I enjoy the time spent with her.

"Defensively, we were the toughest team ever. You cannot say enough about Sammi Lehr and (junior) Meredith Kelly, the two best. They are tough and strong. (Junior) Samantha Crough helped out in the back as did (Junior) Tori Lehr in the end.

"The season had some twists to it that had some kids jumping around to different spots and Crough was always the one to move and make an impact wherever she was put. She played most of the season on defense but in the last game with Newburyport she stepped in for Sarah Coggins and played central mid. If anyone was going to score that night, I thought it was going to be her. She did such a nice job. When you take a regular out of the game and sub in someone who isn't used to that spot there can be some concern, but she stepped up unbelievably and did an outstanding job.



STAFF PHOTO/MARK GARDNER

The Lady Skippers celebrate a goal at the South Sectional championship versus Norwell. The team went on to win the game 4-1. It has been a historic season for the Cohasset Girls Soccer team.

"Looking back at the 91 days we spent together, I loved every second of it. These kids are amazing."
— Coach Deb Beal, girls soccer

"Tori (Lehr) was another one who responded to every situation asked of her. She played stopper most of the season and with a little bit of a line up adjustment she moved to outside back where she put forth an all star performance. She, Sammi and Meredith played so tough in the last games; they deserve a lot of the credit for our success. Many onlookers wanted to know who #18 (Tori) was and commented on what a great player she was. Thankfully, she'll be back next fall with a big role.

"The midfield was awesome all season long. Maggie McGoldrick and Sarah Coggins did most of the work in the middle, taking relief from Kristin Monaco.

"Maggie and Sarah were truly the core of the team, holding their ground in the midfield and creating opportunities for our offense. Both found the net more than a few times and both put the success of the team in front of their success. They have both committed to Div I schools (Holy Cross and UVM respectively) and I look forward to following them through the next few years.

"Kristin (Monaco) worked very hard this season and proved to be an asset in the middle. Kristin has been around for four years and the number of positions she was able to help with was a credit to her commitment to the program.

"The outside midfielders, (juniors) Christine Coner and Mackenzie Hart, deserve a lot of credit for our success.

"(Juniors) Megan Richardson and Dominique Rioux were valuable subs. Both will return for lots of playing time next fall. Megan works and knows the game better than anyone. I look forward to working closely with her next season to keep the team focused and playing well.

"The forwards really broke out early this season and continued with their attack all season. During the last few weeks we went with the 3-4-3 line-up, which created more offensive opportunities. Torey Hart, (sophomore) Caroline Fein and (sophomore) Kaci Kucinski did most of the leg work, combining for nine of our 18 tournament goals."

(Kucinski led the Clippers in scoring for the season, with 13 goals, edging Hart (12) and Fein (8). It's certainly nice knowing that two-thirds of that high-powered attack is back for another two seasons).

Torey has also committed, to my alma mater URI, so she can expect to see me around the fields. "Sophomore Danielle Sookiasian proved to be one to watch as she navigates her way through high school. She is a tough kid that does her job. She has a nose for the goal and, as she gains more confidence, defensive lines will need to watch her.

"Junior Alex Foley gained some valuable experience and is ready to contribute with a bigger role next fall.

"Senior Brittany Dunn contributed with some solid minutes all over the field. In her high school career, Brit played all of the positions on the field. Not too many kids can say that. She would step in wherever needed and work hard.

"Sophomores Carli Haggerty and Lindsey Davis learned this season from the best and will have much larger roles on this team next fall. Losing Sammi in the sweeper position will open up some competition for her role and also for the outside back spots. There are many options and all of them will be tested next preseason.

"Junior Melissa Campedelli (two assists) gained some serious confidence this fall.

"Sophomore Rachel Fredey, Olivia Yerardi and Rhianna Fitts had great seasons also. The three of them played both JV and Varsity. They got serious playing time on the JV end and had some opportunities to contribute in the varsity games. Rachel contributed with a goal against Harwich and Olivia had an assist in her tournament appearance vs. Bishop Connolly.

"The story which continues to draw attention is the Johanna Brophy and junior Charlotte Malone combination. Jojo had her injuries and appeared in 10

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Seventh-grade hoopsters take Barnstable Tournament by storm



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Cohasset's seventh grade travel basketball team opened the season by winning the Barnstable Invitational Pre-Season Tournament.

The 2008-2009 edition of the Cohasset boys' seventh-grade travel basketball squad opened its new season in grand style last weekend, as the Boys in Blue swept through the Barnstable Invitational Pre-Season Tournament with an undefeated 3-0 record.

In its season opener, Cohasset was matched with tourney host Barnstable. Right from the opening tip, the Cohasset hoopsters came to play... and how they played. Cohasset's man-to-man defense was terrific and forced several turnovers that ignited the Blue's fast break. **Dakota Achin** ran the floor hard and tallied four early points on the break to get the Blue out ahead. **Mark Rattenbury** and **Joe Buckley** controlled the paint with Buckley scoring six in the first half and Rattenbury chipping in with four. **Brendan O'Connell** directed the attack from the point and nailed three straight jumpers from downtown to thwart a Barnstable rally and keep the Blue ahead. The half ended on a beautiful fast break passing clinic between **Mark McKenna** and **Jack Conte**, the ball not hitting the floor and Conte laying in the bucket to give Cohasset a 29-20 lead at half.

Cohasset came out firing on all cylinders to start the second half and a 12-2 run put the game away. **Doug Fitzgerald's** deft ball handling oiled the Big Blue attack, while **Rocco Laugelle** picked the pocket of the Barnstable guards to ignite the Big Blue break. **Mark Brown** patrolled the paint, swatting several shots into the rafters, to the delight of the Cohasset faithful. Those that made it to the rim or board were grabbed by **Liam Burke**, who carved out his role as the Big Blue's inside enforcer. **Chris Haggerty** and **Henry Brown** played Mssrs. Inside and Outside, as both played both guard and forward, and manned up with big and small. In the end, Cohasset walked off with a 51-27 win, and the respect of the Barnstable crowd.

Sunday found Cohasset squaring off against the other undefeated team in the tournament, the big and tall orange and black from Middleboro.

Game two found the Cohasset Blue taking on Martha

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Cohasset girls' soccer coach sums up historic season

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games, posting three shutouts and allowing only eight goals total. Charlotte appeared in 14 games, notching eight shutouts and surrendering just seven goals.

"The two combined for 11 shutouts in 24 games and only 15 goals against. The numbers are just as remarkable as the two of them.

"For Charlotte, the opportunity that was given to her was so valuable. She took every minute of it and made it a learning experience. She knows what to expect coming in to next year as the starting keeper and she has all off-season to prepare for it. Mentally, that will be a huge advantage for her and for us. She was like a sponge around Jojo and I think that Jo prepared her and helped her with some technical stuff that will improve upon her already outstanding performance this season.

"Carly Oddleifson, Katie Brennan and Michaela Brophy all spent the postseason with the varsity and learned the system. They provided us with support and gained experience by just being part of it. All three saw minutes against Bishop Connolly. They are freshman and look at what they were a part of. They now know what it feels like to get there and that feeling can be very contagious.

"As a team, we really played outstanding. I know a lot of people expected us to return to the places we went last year but we never took anything for granted. We had some lulls in the season where we questioned just what it was we were doing and what we needed to do to improve our subpar performances.

"The regular season is challenging because every game is so different. Some are really competitive and some aren't. We scheduled some seriously competitive non-league matches to close out the season and those were the games that really meshed us into one unit and got us playing great soccer.

"When we opened the tournament we were truly one group striving toward the same goal. The road to the sectional finals was a ton of fun".



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The seven seniors have been focal points in the program, on and off the field, for several seasons, says Coach Deb Beal. In the back row from left, Maggie McGoldrick, Sammi Lehr and Torey Hart. In the front row are Sarah Coggins, Johanna Brophy, Kristin Monaco and Brittany Dunn.

Skippers 4, East Bridgewater 1

"When we learned we were going to face East Bridgewater, the team responsible for two of our three regular season losses, again and at home in the quarterfinals there was no hesitation at all. I was so impressed with our efforts that evening on our way to a 4-1 win.

"Could you imagine how devastating it would have been to lose to a team three times in one season and end our season that way? From the opening whistle, we dominated every aspect of the game. The senior leadership and the teamwork was what got the job done.

Skippers 2, Bourne 0

"Facing Bourne in the semis was the turning point that assured me that this team was here to win it this year. We didn't know much about Bourne but we again came out of the gate at full speed and didn't look back."

Skippers 4, Norwell1

"Learning we were playing Norwell was a different feeling this year. I was confident and the girls were more than ready. Our game plan hadn't change; it was attack, score first and play smart.

"We got much better at letting the ball do the work on the turf field and positioned ourselves quicker and more efficiently creating so many more opportunities. When Sammi Lehr scored 1:46 in and Torey Hart followed less than two minutes later, we had set the bar really high and Norwell had their work cut out for them.

"Christine Coner putting in the third goal before the half sealed it. We knew they'd come out fighting in the second half, but our defense was just too smart and tough. They deserve the credit for that afternoon.

"Maggie (McGoldrick) scoring less than four minutes after their one goal really finished it. That was a perfect example of Maggie's senior leadership all season long."

Newburyport 1, Skippers 0

(In last Wednesday's Div. 3 Eastern Mass championship game in Lynn, after 80 scoreless minutes of regulation, and 14:38 of overtime play, the Skippers surrendered the game's only goal with 22 seconds to go).

"Going in to face Newburyport was the same game plan with the same confidence. The weather was frigid, but the wind had thankfully died down a bit.

This game was so well played. It is still unbelievable to me that we lost the way we did.

"Our defense was outstanding in containing Newburyport's big threats. It was a battle in every aspect. The kids gave everything they had and with all my heart I wish we could have held on for just 22 more seconds. Never did it cross my mind we would give up a goal.

"I had my penalty kickers lined up in my head and I was so confident in our PK ability. Just goes to show, never take your eyes off the road!

"You know I have been around soccer for a long time and never in all my years did a win feel so good and loss so awful all in less than 60 hours.

"When you watch kids set goals and achieve them it makes you proud to be a coach and an educator, which is why I do it year after year.

"Looking back at the 91 days we spent together, I loved every second of it. These kids are amazing. All the things they balance and the success they have on and off the field is so nice to be a part of. I am so fortunate to have made it that far, being one of the 12 girls teams left playing in the state, and I am so proud of these kids."

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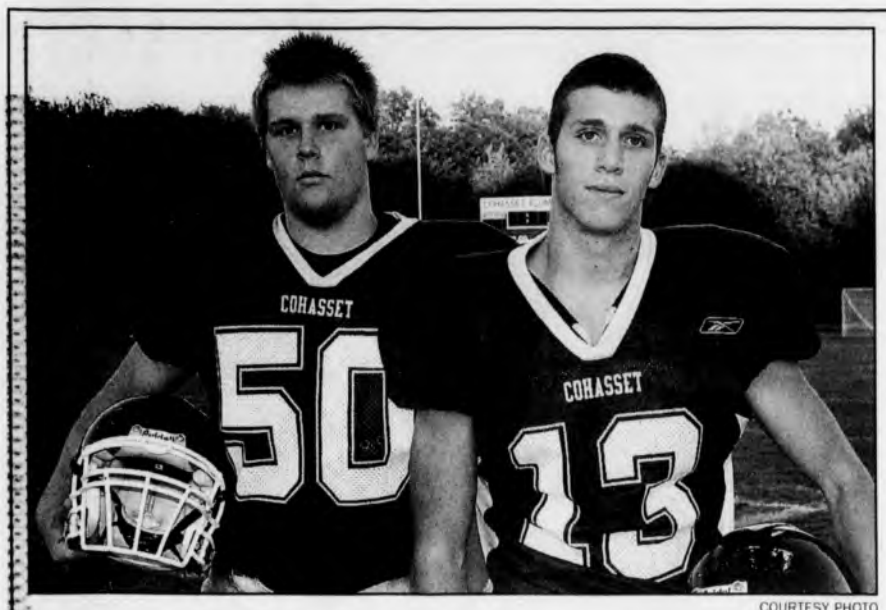
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CAPTAINS CORNER
Andersen Lynner and Derek Schwantner

Names: Andersen Lynner and Derek Schwantner.

Grade: 12.

Other extracurricular activities: Lacrosse, video games, hanging out with friends (Andersen). Baseball and lifting (Derek).

Favorite subject: History (Andersen). English (Derek).

Favorite college or professional team: New York Giants (Andersen). San Diego Chargers (Derek).

Athlete you'd most like to meet: Justin Tuck or Osi Umenyiora (Andersen). LaDanian Tomlinson (Derek).

Best thing that football has taught you: How to work as a team to achieve unified goal (Andersen). To be able to play and win as a team (Derek).

Best part of high school: My friendships (Andersen). Sports (Derek).

Goal: To graduate college and have a successful career (Andersen). Become successful in life (Derek).

Left, Andersen Lynner and Derek Schwantner, both seniors, are captains of the CHS Skippers football team. Stay tuned to the Mariner next week for coverage of the Thanksgiving Day game against Hull.

Cheerleaders continue to improve routines

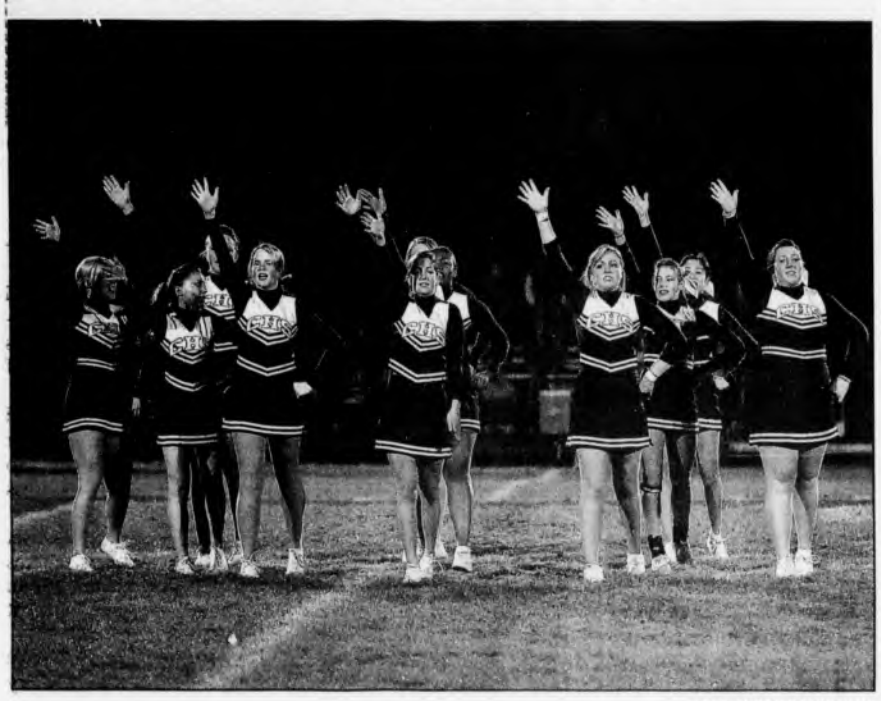
The Cohasset High cheerleaders competed against six other teams in the South Shore League at Abington High School on Sunday (Nov 9).

Since the squad had already competed once this season at the Braintree Invitational on Oct. 26th, the team members goal was to do their personal best and improve their scores.

"To do this we increased the difficulty of our routine with more advanced stunts and tumbling," Coach Liz Pelletier said. "In addition, we worked hard to synchronize and clean up our routine.

"Although we did not place in the top three teams, we improved our score by 9 points, which is a huge improvement in competitive cheerleading.

"We learned a lot from the judges and the other teams and we are now preparing for basketball season," Pelletier said. "We will be competing again in the winter."



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

The Cohasset High cheerleaders perform their halftime routine at the Homecoming football game last month. The team is looking forward to the basketball season.

2008 South Shore League Golf All-Star Team

(as voted by coaches)

Name	School	Grade
Corey Donlan	Abington	11
Max Suarez	Abington	12
James Kaminski	Carver	10
Jon Wade	Cohasset	12
Chase Stebbins	Cohasset	11
David Pierce	East Bridgewater	12
Nick Venezia	East Bridgewater	12
Billy Martin	Harwich	11
Ben Jenkins	Mashpee	11
Josh Spencer	Mashpee	11
Kris McIntosh	Norwell	12
Eric Scott	Norwell	11



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Junior golfer Chase Stebbins (pictured), along with golf captain and senior Jon Wade, was named to the 2008 South Shore League All-Star Team. The All-Star Team was determined by coach's ballot.

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Senior football players and cheerleaders honored

Before the varsity football match-up with Norwell on Friday, Nov. 14, the Cohasset Gridiron Club and Cohasset High School honored the senior student athletes from football and cheerleading.

The night was dreary and overcast, but for eight sets of parents it was a night to remember. The Gridiron Club started a new tradition of honoring the mothers and the fathers. Historically, only the Moms have been honored on Senior Night in football.

The Moms looked great wearing their son's lettermen jackets adorned with corsages and the dads looked proud. For some parents, it was their first Senior Night, and for others it was their last, but for all of them it was a special moment, celebrating their son's achievements on the gridiron.

Senior cheerleading captain Anna Roberts and her parents led the traditional march from the end zone to the 50-yard line.

Although it is always the game itself that is discussed and reported, the cheerleaders are an invaluable asset to the Cohasset High School athletic program and an integral part of the football community at CHS.

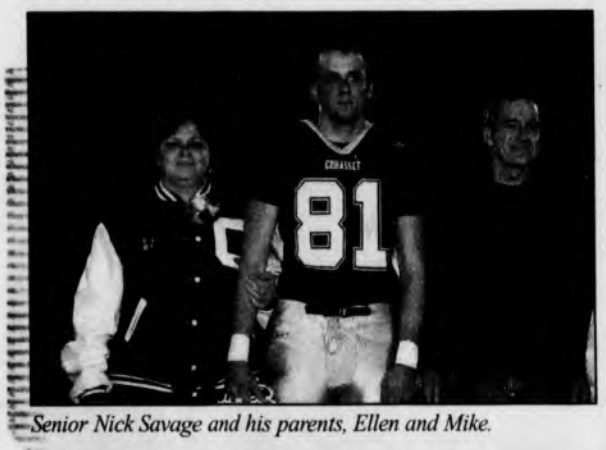


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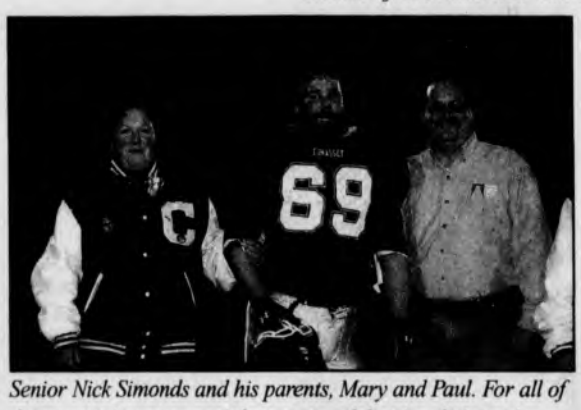
Senior Matt Wasel and his parents, Jane and Bill.



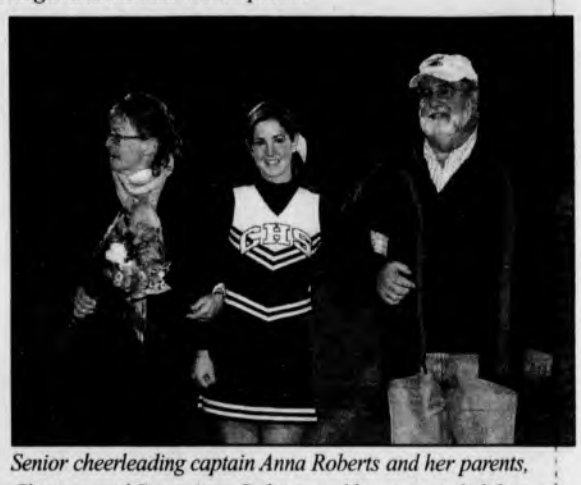
Senior Mike Froio and his parents, Nancy and Ralph. The Moms looked great wearing their son's lettermen jackets adorned with corsages and the dads looked proud.



Senior Nick Savage and his parents, Ellen and Mike.



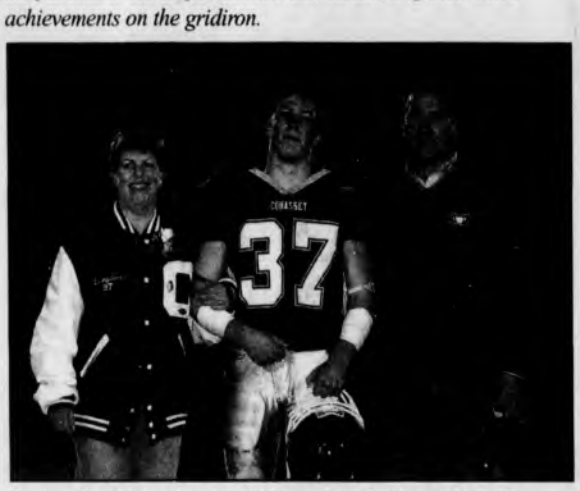
Senior Nick Simonds and his parents, Mary and Paul. For all of the parents it was a special moment, celebrating their son's achievements on the gridiron.



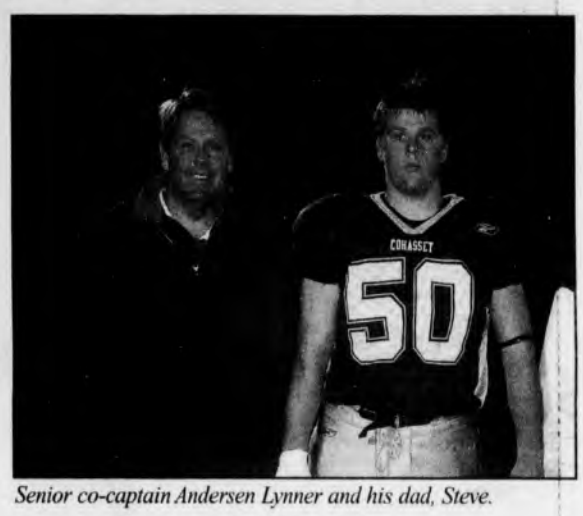
Senior cheerleading captain Anna Roberts and her parents, Charissa and Steve. Anna Roberts and her parents led the traditional march from the end zone to the 50-yard line.



Senior co-captain Derek Schwantner and his parents, Derry and Jim.



Senior Alec Livingstone and his parents, Patti and Jack. The Gridiron Club has started a new tradition of honoring the mothers and the fathers. Historically, only the Moms have been honored on Senior Night in football.



Senior co-captain Andersen Lynner and his dad, Steve.

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Seventh-grade hoopsters take Barnstable Tournament by storm

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Vineyard's Purple. As in game one defense set the tone, as the Cohasset D forced several turnovers and the Big Blue fast break was relentless. Rattenbury was all over the court, blocking and altering shots. Buckley, Burke and Mark Brown helped Rattenbury control the inside, and their tough rebounding and quick outlets ignited Cohasset's fast break. **Chris Haggerty** and **Henry Brown** both nailed threes and guards Fitzgerald and O'Connell broke the Vineyard press and were perfect from the charity stripe. Laugelle and Conte were demons on defense, and McKenna and Achin relentless in driving to the hole. In the end, it was another outstanding team effort and another win with Cohasset prevailing, 38-30.

Sunday found Cohasset squaring off against the other undefeated team in the tournament, the big and tall orange and black from Middleboro. Cohasset's big men were up to the challenge. With Mark Brown out, Buckley was relentless, and with help from Rattenbury, Burke and Achin, Cohasset's front line battled Middleboro's big and tall front line all day, and won the war. The Cohasset defense was again terrific, as Laugelle, O'Connell, Fitzgerald and Haggerty clamped down on the Middleboro guards. The resulting turnovers ignited the fast break, and Achin, Henry Brown, Conte and McKenna forced the action on the offensive end. Middleboro, however, was tough, and this one went down to the last five minutes as a nail biter. Laugelle's defense was a difference maker in the last five minutes, and some great dishes by Haggerty and Fitzgerald, and big hoops by O'Connell, Buckley, and Rattenbury kept Middleboro at bay. The final buzzer sounded after a Cohasset 8-0 run in the last five minutes, and the Big Blue on top by a 28-18 count, and undefeated for the weekend.

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HAPPENINGS

Wreath sales to benefit METCO

Cohasset PSO will sponsor a wreath sale to benefit the Cohasset METCO Scholarship Fund. Fresh 12-inch double-sided balsam wreaths will be for sale for $10 each. Pick up will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Cohasset Village Fair, inside Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Checks should be made payable to Cohasset PSO-METCO, and order forms returned to Judyat Osgood, Joni at Deer Hill and Aleisa at MS/HS. For information, call Aleisa Gittens-Carle at 781-383-1563.

Upcoming community events:

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast will take place Monday, Jan. 19. Breakfast will be served from 9 to 10 a.m., and the program from 10 to 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Julian Houston, author of "New Boy," a Cohasset Reads Together Book Choice in January/February, along with "Slave No More" by David Blight. The event will take place at First Parish Unitarian Universalist/Parish House, 23 North Main St., Cohasset. Cost is $5 per person or $15 per family.

Cohasset Reads Together, an evening with David Blight, author, "Slave No More," will take place at 7 p.m., on Feb. 12, at Cohasset High School.

SSCC raffling off playhouses

South Shore Community Center is raffling off two cottage playhouses, perfect for fostering hours of out-door imaginary play and fulfilling a child's dream. The raffle will run for five weeks only; the drawing date is set for Dec. 20 and free delivery will be provided in time for Christmas to Cohasset and adjacent towns.

The cottages are made from the highest quality materials and are valued at almost $5,000 each. The yellow and white painted New England style cottages are on display on the side lawn of the Community Center. Each measures 8 feet wide by 12 feet long, and includes a 4 foot by 8 foot porch. They have three aluminum windows, one child's door, one adult's door and a loft over the porch.

Raffle tickets are $20 each. Further the odds by purchasing three for $50 or seven for $100. Tickets can be purchased at the Community Center during office hours, at the nursery school during school hours, at the Jingle Bell Walk on Nov. 28, or by calling the Community Center at 781-383-0088.

Holiday concert

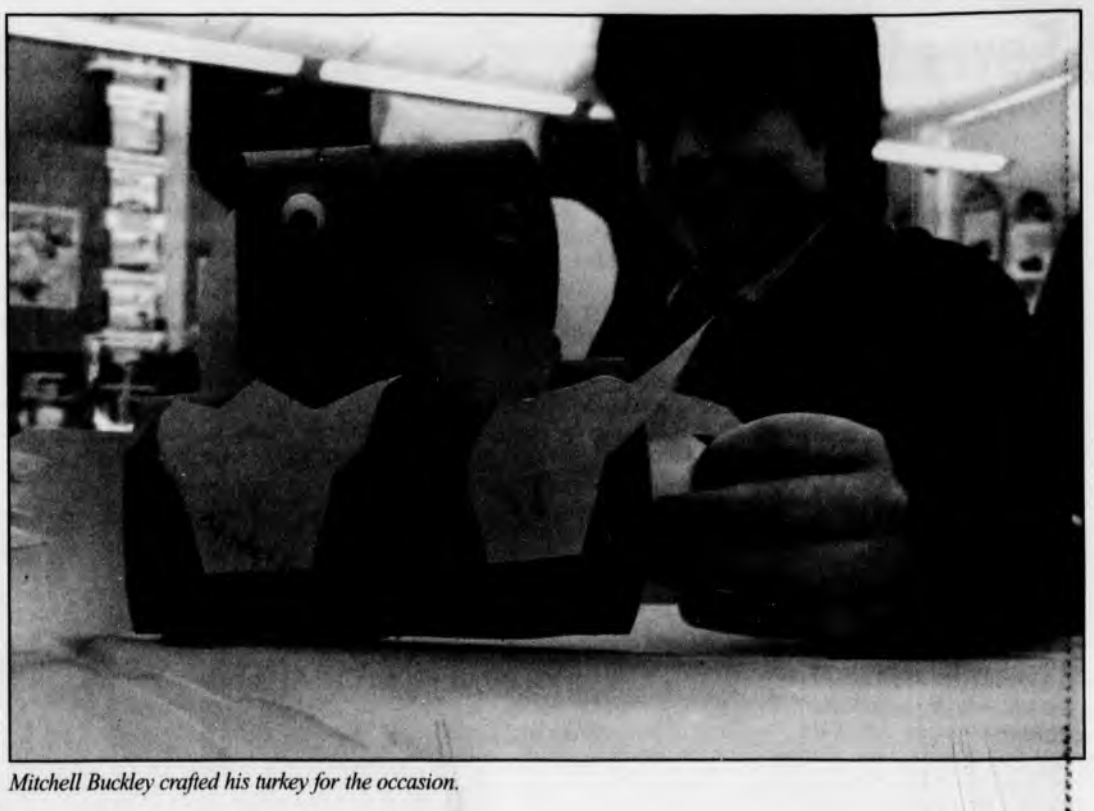
Come hear the strains of classical carols and works by Mendelssohn, Grieg, Thompson and Conrad Susa, and then join in a sing-along of holiday songs. The Choral Arts Society, now celebrating its 50th year, will present its "Star of Wonder" Holiday Concert at 4:30 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 7, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate.

Led by director Danica A. Buckley, the choral group comprises singers from Scituate, Marshfield, Cohasset and throughout the South Shore. Tickets are $15 or $12 for seniors and students and are available at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, The Center Bookstore in Scituate or at the door.





Fourth-grade teacher Mrs. Jennifer Clark looks on as her student Liam O'Connell reads his Thanksgiving essay before the feast.



Mitchell Buckley crafted his turkey for the occasion.

Thanksgiving fun!



Caroline O'Brien proudly displays one of her mom's, (Bridget O'Brien's), 'Inspiring Sweets' cookies crafted for the occasion.



Fourth-grader Joe Campedelli displays his acrostic thanksgiving poem he read before the class feast.



Alexander Schubert is guest of honor at the fourth graders' feast because it was his birthday. His mother Cindy Matheison prepared the feast including the turkey, and delighted Mrs. Clark's class with a birthday cake to share as well.

Deer Hill fourth-graders host annual feast



Chef/mom extraordinaire Cindy Matheison prepared a turkey and all the fixings.



Classmates L-R, Niya Robinson, Emma Morris, and Audrey Hart toast the occasion.



Fourth-grader Kara Nelson (left) reads a Thanksgiving blessing before last Friday's feast.



Classmates from left, Ellie Jackisch, George Bryan, Liam Prescott, and Caroline O'Brien, with Mrs.Clark and a decorative feast.



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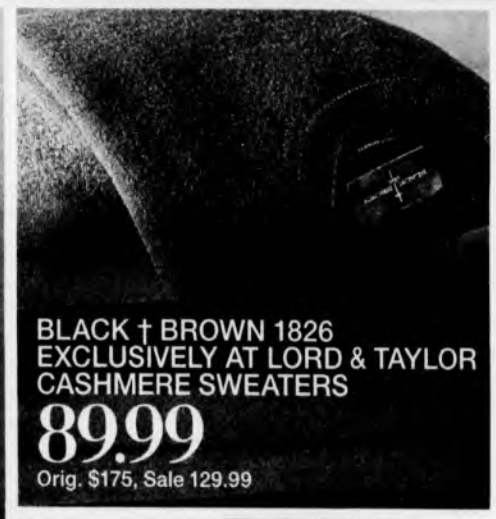
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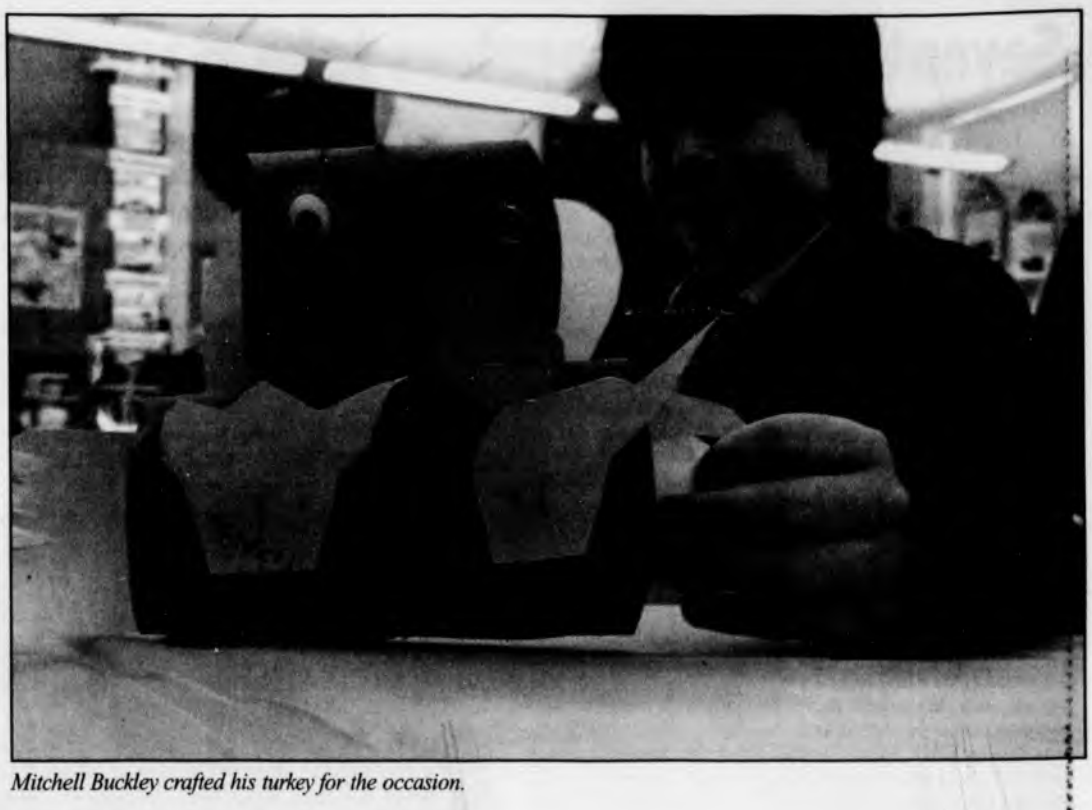
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Fourth-grade teacher Mrs. Jennifer Clark looks on as her student Liam O'Connell reads his Thanksgiving essay before the feast.



Mitchell Buckley crafted his turkey for the occasion.

Thanksgiving fun!



Caroline O'Brien proudly displays one of her mom's, (Bridget O'Brien's), 'Inspiring Sweets' cookies crafted for the occasion.



Fourth-grader Joe Campedelli displays his acrostic thanksgiving poem he read before the class feast.



Alexander Schubert is guest of honor at the fourth graders' feast because it was his birthday. His mother Cindy Matheison prepared the feast including the turkey, and delighted Mrs. Clark's class with a birthday cake to share as well.

Deer Hill fourth-graders host annual feast



Chef/mom extraordinaire Cindy Matheison prepared a turkey and all the fixings.



Classmates L-R, Niya Robinson, Emma Morris, and Audrey Hart toast the occasion.



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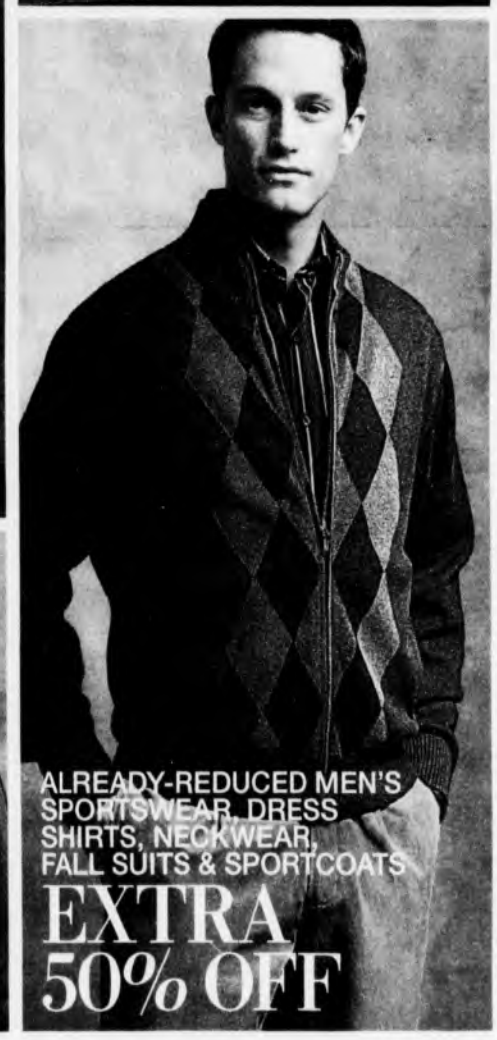
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Pineapples, tans and girl-time on Maui

Felicity Long
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Wailea Beach on Maui is a gorgeous stretch, day and night.



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D.T. Fleming Beach is one of the best on Maui.



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Don't leave Hawaii without tasting the pineapple.

Maui — My daughter and I have a love affair with Hawaii. So it was to Maui we headed for a weeklong trip that was part mother-daughter bonding, part almost Sweet 16.

This trip was my sixth to Hawaii with Chloe in five years. When people ask us why we travel so far when the Caribbean and Florida are so much closer, we find ourselves waxing poetic.

For one thing, on Maui, Chloe's favorite island, you'll find some of the best water sports and on-land activities - from horseback riding near Haleakala Crater to scuba diving at Molokini Crater. And because you are still in the U.S., you will find the guides and operators well regulated, easy to communicate with and available for online pre-booking.

We also love the ultra-friendliness of the people — the "aloha spirit" everyone talks about is real.

Visitors are typically greeted at their hotel with a lei and a cool drink, locals are forthcoming about giving directions, and taxi drivers get enthusiastic about sharing their favorite surfing haunts with perfect strangers.

And while Hawaii's reputation for cuisine has in the past taken a beating, nowadays Spam is no longer the staple of local cooking - though you can get an order at McDonald's here. Fresh fish, like macadamia nut-encrusted mahi mahi, salads made with locally produced goat cheeses and the glorious Maui Gold pineapple make eating here a pleasure.

Of course, one of the most important highlights of Maui is the beaches — over the years we have sampled most of them. Wailea Beach on Maui's south coast often finds itself on Top 10 lists, and it's easy to see why. The water is calm, especially in the morning before the trade winds kick in, and the sand is ultra fine. Here you can surf, kayak or spend a morning like we did on our most recent visit on a guided canoe excursion to snorkel among the famous honu or Hawaiian green turtles.

In fact, Wailea Beach is so choice that some of the island's top resorts are nestled there, from the Four Seasons Maui and the Grand Wailea Resort to the ultra-lavish private residences at Wailea Beach Villas, where we quickly made ourselves at home. Villas here feature stainless steel kitchens — you can hire a private chef to prepare your dinner — and large lanais overlooking the Pacific. In-room massages are among the amenities available.

In keeping with advice from the locals, we hit the beach and the pools in the morning, then, during the windier afternoons, we scooted across the street to The Shops at Wailea, where you'll find every shop that a teenage girl wants and most parents can't afford. Tiffany and Co., Coach and Fendi sit side by side with more mainstream shops like Roxie, Quicksilver and White House Black Market. Paris Hilton evidently shops in Wailea frequently, since we saw her picture smirking with owners of various shops, including our favorite, the charming but expensive Enchantress Boutique.

With a backward, longing glance at Swarovski crystal-studded designer jeans, Chloe and I consoled ourselves by buying silly souvenirs at the ABC store, including the inevitable bags of chocolate-covered macadamia nuts — which in our case were devoured before we even got home.

A decidedly more luxurious treat, dinner for two at the poolside Four Seasons DUO, where the menu includes their version of surf and turf — Kobe beef and Maine lobster — followed by a parting treat of brightly colored cotton candy.

Despite the serious charms of Wailea, after a couple of days we decamped to the west coast of Maui to check out the 23,000-acre Kapalua Resort, owned by Maui Land and Pineapple Co.

Picture part pineapple plantation, part world-class beach and part luxury golf courses and you get an idea of the layout. We stayed at the Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua, where in the name of mother/daughter bonding we indulged in the resort's new grotto-like spa in a hot stone Lomilomi massage (me) and a French manicure (Chloe).

We then set out to destroy Chloe's perfect nails at the Kapalua Adventures Mountain Outpost and Adventure Center, which offers zipline (traveling a line in a harness) thrills on eight dual-tracks, a ropes challenge course, a climbing tower and — for those not easily prone to nausea — a giant swing.

One of our favorite activities in Kapalua is the two-hour Maui Gold Pineapple Tour, which takes visitors into fields overlooking the ocean, where the fruit is both planted and picked by hand.

Guides show you how the fruit is grown, then yank up a few pineapples, hack at them with a machete and serve up delicious slices still warm from the sun. You even get to pick your own pineapple — an excellent treat to bring home along with your tan.

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The Cub Scouts from Pack 38 hold up items that they donated for care packages to be sent to area servicemen and women serving overseas. Back row, Boy Scout Alex Kent; Quentin Hill, 9; Henry Dormitzer, 10; George Bryan, 9; David Hillman, 9; Zack Herman, 10; Matthew Doyle, 10; and Max Nakashima, 9. Front row Ryan Conforti, 9, and Patrick Slater, 9.

Cub Scouts remember the troops

On Thursday, Nov. 20, Cub Scouts from Webelos I Dens 4,5, and 6 met at the American Legion Hall with items they had donated for care packages for Cohasset servicemen and women who are stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The boys, who are all in fourth grade, have been working toward their Citizen Badge, which includes participating in a service project. Den 5 Leader, Susan Rattenbury, contacted Tom Wigmore and Anne Marie Goff at the American Legion Hall, who kindly supplied the boys with lists of items that the soldiers need, such as snack food, soap and deodorant, and instant drink mix. The lists were divided among the Cub Scouts, who each brought their contribution to the American Legion Hall last week.

Tom Wigmore and Anne Marie Goff thanked the boys and explained that boxes will be assembled from the donated supplies and sent to soldiers from Cohasset who are stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Mrs. Goff coordinates the sending of care packages every other month. Depending on where soldiers are stationed, delivery of these care packages can take up to a few weeks to arrive; the boys were pleased to hear that the care packages they helped to assemble will reach our soldiers before Christmas.

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

View Pastor Rich's scripture studies at: www.BeechwoodCC.org

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Nov. 30.

9:50 a.m. – Childcare for our youngest - Parish House. Children and youth are invited to gather with their parents in the Meeting House.

10 a.m.– Lay-led worship in the Meeting House – Dr. Lincoln Bloomfield, a longtime member of First Parish and former State Department diplomat and professor of political science at M.I.T., will preach on "The World After the US Election."

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist extends to the entire community our wishes for a Thanksgiving harvest of sustenance and gratitude!

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: Members of SCC are already at work creating homemade crafts for the annual Village Fair to be held on Sat. Dec. 7th. New crafters and helpers are always welcome!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Dec. 21st at the 10 am service Joel Buford, Director of Music will conduct the sanctuary choir, guest soloists and orchestra in a musical presentation that will include works from Handel's Messiah as well as other Christmas selections. The community is welcome.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: Welcome to St. Stephen's church!

This Sunday, Nov. 30th, is First Advent. At 4 p.m. we will be having an advent wreath making party followed by a pot luck dinner. Also during Advent, the Rev. Margot Critchfield will be offering an adult education class on the Gospel of Mark each Sunday beginning at 9 a.m. As the holiday season gets underway, we invite you to find rest, renewal and quiet moments at our church.

Rev. Critchfield is also offering individual spiritual direction. If you are looking for a spiritual home or exploring your faith, we invite you to visit us. You can learn more about us, and the Episcopal Church, from our website, www.ststephenscohasset.org.

Other ongoing programs at St. Stephen's include bible studies for adults, youth group activities, the children's Christian education program "Godly Play", outreach programs serving the hungry and homeless, yoga, meditation and a monthly luncheon for seniors.

Services at St. Stephen's are at 8 am and 10 am on Sundays, including a Healing Eucharist at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. All are invited.

You can reach the church at 781-383-1083. The Rev. Margot Critchfield can be reached at mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.org. Our offices, which are open Monday through Friday, can be accessed by coming to the back of the church, up the Highland Ave hill. We are handicap accessible.

Going on this week at St. Stephen's:

- Sun. Nov. 30: First Advent. Services at 8:00 and 10:00, Godly Play at 10:00. Advent wreath making and pot luck at 4:00.
- Wed. Dec. 3: 9:30 am Holy Eucharist with healing; 10:30 Bible Study; 3:00 pm, Christian Meditation.
- Thurs. Dec. 4: 3:30 Meeting of economic response group CARES
- Fri. Dec.5: 9:30 Yoga
- Sat. Dec. 6: 7 am Bible Fellowship; Village Fair 10:00 – 3:00
- Sun. Dec.7: Second Advent. Services at 8:00 and 10:00, Godly Play at 10:00

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church — Rev. Robert Schipul, Pastor; Dan Eddy, Vicar; Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Adult Bible Study and Sunday School start at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Prayer Service 7 p.m.; 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A, Scituate, MA 02066; Office: 781-545-5271; Parsonage: 781-545-9878; Christ Lutheran is handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30p.m.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

"The earth is but one country and mankind it's citizens" 1(800)22-UNITE www.bahai.us

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

Obituary

Eleanor Thistlethwaite

Music teacher

Eleanor (Anafantis) Thistlethwaite, of Cohasset, formerly of Winchester and Arlington, died Nov. 16, 2008, after a battle with cancer.

The daughter of the late Christie and Pauline "Despoula" (Primpas) Anafantis, Mrs. Thistlethwaite was a graduate of Boston University and a music teacher in the Winchester school district for almost 30 years. She was a founding member of the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church of Cohasset, and loved the church dearly.

Mrs. Thistlethwaite had great friends at the Cohasset Senior Center, and appreciated all of the compassionate people with whom she came in contact with at the Hellenic Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Canton.

Wife of 41 years of the late Harold W. Thistlethwaite, she leaves her sister, Pauline Chambers; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends throughout United States.

She was the sister of the late Dorothy Thompson and the aunt of the late Karen Chambers.

At the request of the family funeral services and burial will be private. A memorial service will be held at a date to be announced. Arrangements by Faggas Funeral Home, Watertown.

Memorial donations may be made to Hellenic Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, 601 Sherman St., Canton, MA 02021 or Panagia Greek Orthodox Church of Cohasset, 819 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.Faggas.com.

C.A.R.E.S. wants to help

You know,

You're not the only one in Cohasset...

C.A.R.E.S. stands for caring and responding economically and spiritually. The group is made of spiritual leaders from the town and representatives from numerous organizations like the Social Service League, elder services, the food pantry, Wellspring, town officials and others.Many of us are struggling, but are afraid to reach out. Maybe even you. Cohasset CARES wants to help. Below is an abbreviated list of resources to contact, with the assurance of confidentiality, for help with everything from your fuel bill or prescription drugs to pastoral care and spiritual guidance. Remember: We're all in this together and Cohasset CARES.

Pastoral Care and Spiritual Direction

Beechwood Congregational Church	
Rev. Richard Chamberlain	781-383-0808
Congregation Sha'aray Shalom	
Rabbi Shira Joseph	781-749-8103
First Parish Unitarian Universalist	
Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull	781-383-1100
Greek Orthodox Church	
Rev. Fr. John Maheras	781-383-6380
St. Anthony's Catholic Church	
Rev. Fr. John Mulvehill	781-383-0219
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church	
Rev. Margot Critchfield	781-383-1083
Second Congregational Church	
Rev.Gary Ritts	781-383-0345
Vedanta Centre	
Dr. Susan Schrager	781-383-0940

Food Assistance

Cohasset Food Pantry	781-383-0219
Wellspring	781-925-3211

Elder Services/Prescription

Drugs	
Cohasset Elder Services	781-383-9112
Elder Abuse Hotline	800-922-2275
Domestic Violence	
Dove (battered women and children)	888-314-3683
Child-At-Risk Hotline	800-792-5200
Cohasset Police Department	781-383-1212
Fuel Assistance	
Cohasset Elder Services	781-383-9112
Wellspring	781-925-3211
Physical & Mental Health/Counseling	
Cohasset Public Health Nurse	781-383-2210
Wellspring	781-925-3211
Samaritans, Suicide Prevention	617-247-0220
Alcohol and Drug Abuse	
Alcoholics Anonymous	617-426-9444
Alcohol & Drug Referral	800-252-6465
Legal Assistance	
Bar Assoc. of Norfolk County	617-471-9693
Multi Service Providers	
Social Service League of Cohasset	781-383-0771
Wellspring	781-925-3211

For further helpful referrals, call MASS 211



Parents and Kids is looking for The Best of 2008.

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1. CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY
(Feel free to nominate someone for each category. Just complete a separate entry form.)

- Best Mom
- Best Father
- Best Sibling
- Best Grandparent
- Best Pediatrician
- Best Teacher/Caregiver
- Best Child (son or daughter)
- Best Relative (can include pets!)

Name of Nominee _____
Their hometown _____
Phone number of person you are nominating _____

2. Simply tell us why the person you are nominating should win by writing in 50 words or less what makes them the "Best of 2008". Attach it to this entry form and mail it in.

3. Please provide the following information

Your Name _____
Age (only necessary for kids) _____
Address _____
Phone _____

ENTRIES DUE BY DECEMBER 22, 2008. One winner per category. Results published in February 2009 issue. Prizes to be announced.

Enter online at: wickedlocalparents.com
Mail to: Parents and Kids, Best of 2008
254 Second Ave., Needham, MA 02494

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Great Holiday Gift Ideas



Where to Go.
What to Buy.
How to Find it...

It's all inside this special section coming the week of November 30th

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

7:04 p.m. **Doane St.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports loud noise of what sounds like gunshots. 2nd caller is also reporting loud noise of what sounds like gunshots. 3rd caller on Doane Street stating loud noise of what sounds like gunshots. 4th caller from Beechwood Street stating loud noise of what sounds like gunshots. 911 caller reports loud noise of what sound like gunshots. Officer reports area search negative.

8:10 p.m. **3A and Kilby St., Hingham**, mutual aid – provided. Hingham requesting officer for mutual aid in Hingham for power lines down.

9 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Bow St.**, traffic safety inspection, caller reports traffic lights are not working properly.

SUNDAY, NOV. 16

1:22 a.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, public service.

1:23 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service.

1:35 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:36 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

3:16 a.m. **Marion Rd., Scituate**, mutual aid – provided, working fire.

10:43 a.m. **South Main St.**, officer wanted, employee from the above location reports a tree fell on a guest's vehicle overnight and has left damaged. Officer reports the hood is dented and the windshield broken.

11 a.m. **Margin St.**, animal complaint, caller reports two kids in the yard at the above address are abusing a dog, caller states "they are kicking and throwing the dog around." Officer spoke with a bystander who didn't observe any abuse but stated the dog had gotten off his leash and they were trying to get the dog back on the leash. ACO notified and will follow-up.

2:35 p.m. **Tad Lane**, suspicious activity, caller reports she came home to find her front door open and a car full of kids in front of her house, the vehicle then left. Call was made to the registered owner who states his daughter is driving the vehicle, the officer would like to speak with the driver and she is enroute to the police station. Officer spoke to parents and does not believe any crime has been committed at this time.

2:50 p.m. **Fisher Rd., and Hull St.**, downed tree, callers report a tree has come down at this location and is blocking the road. Officers diverting traffic at this time. National Grid to call back with an ETA.

3:19 p.m. **Elm St.**, lost property (report), walk in party reports he lost his cell phone today somewhere along South Main Street. The cell phone is Verizon and in a leather phone case, the letters ICE are on the front of the phone. Caller found his cell phone.

3:26 p.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, fire, investigation, caller reports in the backyard of this residence a tree limb came down on electrical wires snapping them off which caused a small brush fire in the yard. Caller reports the fire is out at this time. National Grid notified.

4:21 p.m. **Bancroft Rd., and Norfolk Rd.**, downed power lines, caller reports a large tree branch has fallen and is blocking the road. Officer reports people in the neighborhood have already dragged the branch to the side of the road.

MONDAY, NOV. 17

12:19 a.m. **Arrowwood Rd.**, fire alarm activation, 911 caller states her smoke detector is going off and there is smoke in the basement. E3 reports delayed ignition, company's remaining on scene ventilating.

1:11 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:12 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

5:37 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, 911 caller states "he locked his keys in his motor vehicle and the motor vehicle is running." "He wants a police officer to assist him with unlocking the motor vehicle." A tow truck company could be notified. Caller then hung up. Caller has notified AAA.

8:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, threats, 911 callers reporting a very irate customer at this location, screaming and threatening employees. 911 caller called back stating vehicle fled the area, possibly drunk, black Convertible. Hingham PD notified. Hingham PD has vehicle stopped at this time. Hingham PD has the male party in custody for OUI drugs at this time, all units clear.

9:39 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, property (lost), walk in party reports losing his passport and in order to get a new one a report has to be completed.

11:17 a.m. **Border St.**, property (recovered), walk in party turned over an electric dog collar that she located at this location. No report needed, misunderstanding between female caller. Someone left the collar in her vehicle for her to have. No report needed.

12:03 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, detail officer reports large brown and white dog in the square wandering around. Known by the name "Marcos."

2:56 pm. **Pond St.**, traffic complaint, walk in party reports a special education van was traveling at a high rate of speed and went through a school bus red flashing lights. Sgt. on duty notified.

6:57 p.m. **Hull St., and Grace Drive**, traffic enforcement.

9:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:46 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stops, verbal warning.

10:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic motor vehicle operation. Hingham PD reports motor vehicle on 3A South. Vehicle is all over the road. Given to highway sector. Officer reports unable to locate vehicle.

11:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking complaint.

TUESDAY, NOV. 18

1:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and HTB Rd.**, assist other Police Department, a large amount of smoke in the area just over the Scituate line.

1:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

7:13 a.m. **Cushing Rd., and Pleasant St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:14 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:23 a.m. **Pleasant St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:34 a.m. **Beach St., and Highland Ave.**, public service, Beach Street is shut down. No access from Highland Ave. Access from Atlantic Ave only.

9:20 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:24 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

12 p.m. **Sohier St., and Fairoaks Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and King St.**, motor vehicle crash, 911 callers reporting motor vehicle crash at this location, unknown injuries.

1:34 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, Black Lab puppy running in the middle of traffic. ACO has picked up a 100-pound Black Lab attempting to locate the owner. Unable to locate who the owner is, ACO has brought the dog to "All Four Paws." On 3A in Cohasset.

Winter parking

Winter parking regulations are in effect Nov. 15 through April 1.

No overnight on-street parking between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. is allowed during winter parking regulations.

Violators are subject to a fine of $25.

2:46 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Bound Brook Lane**, traffic enforcement.

3:18 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, parking complaint, caller reports a vehicle parked blocking the end of her driveway, waiting to pick up her children that walk through the path from school. Caller would like the vehicle moved from her driveway. Officer reports vehicle is being moved and operator of the vehicle has been spoken to about parking in a better location.

4:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:06 p.m. **South Main St., and Summer St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:19 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:38 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:41 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:54 p.m. **Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:23 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity, 911 employee from Red Lion Inn reports kids in a white truck driving erratically around parking lot. Officer reports party was looking for a phone and has been sent on his way.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19

12:54 a.m. **Border St.**, public service, a water leak in the area, water is starting to freeze, may become a hazard.

12:56 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:57 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:17 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, open door/window, both front doors are open. Building checks secure Contact person notified, likely caused by the wind.

4:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious vehicle.

5:51 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, 911 caller states "He does not want the fire dept. to respond to the fire alarm activation," caller states "no one answered the business line at the fire dept." caller states "he has already notified his alarm company." Caller states his fire alarm went off and he does not know why. "He does not want a response at this time of the morning."

6:13 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, female party in HQ picked up an envelope.

7:06 a.m. **Beach St., and Highland Ave.**, public service, Beach Street is closed. No access from Highland Ave.

7:12 a.m. **Border St.**, public service, roadway is iced over. DPW notified for sand.

7:29 a.m. **North Main St., and Long Rd.**, public service, North Main Street at Long Road will be down to one lane.

8:38 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:28 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School checks.

10:39 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement.

11:45 a.m. **North Main St.**, hazard (traffic), Lt. reports a worker at this location in the middle of the road attempting to direct traffic around the cement trucks. Officer has spoken to the worker, they are finishing up in the road and have been advised.

12:07 p.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports fire in the oven, lots of smoke in the house. Fire Captain reports fire was contained to the oven.

12:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, hazard (traffic), caller reports a lot of smoke coming from a truck in the parking lot at this location. Ongoing issue with this motorist. Sgt. responding to speak to operator of vehicle. Sgt. has turned the vehicle off and advised the owner to get repairs ASAP.

12:57 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, identity theft/fraud. Caller reports her daughter who is now married has forged her husband's signature and social security number onto a credit card application and would like to file a report.

1:52 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint, callers are reporting an injured swan laying in the middle of the road. ACO has been notified and is responding.

2:21 p.m. **Beach St., and Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a very strong odor of gas outside. National Grid notified, ongoing problem.

3:16 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports dirt bikes have been riding in the road all day and would like it stopped.

4:59 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, from Hingham Police, a call about an erratic operator entering Cohasset from 3A/228. A green Sedan. Caller reports the vehicle cut her off and crossed the double lines.

THURSDAY, NOV. 20

6:24 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:57 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

7:04 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:15 a.m. **North Main St., and Joy Pl.**, public service, North Main Street at Joy Pl. is closed. Detour is Sohier Street to Green Street.

9:25 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:31 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks. Deerhill/Osgood School check.

10:33 a.m. **Elm St.**, illegal dumping. Maintenance person into HQ to report a small red pick up truck just dumped 5 bags of trash into the dumpster and took off when approached. Officer reports no vehicle found matching description, maintenance person is attempting to locate any information and will inform the PD if she does.

10:48 a.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, officer reports they are out with motor vehicle in question regarding previous call. A 62-year-old Scituate man to be summoned on charges: Number plate violation to conceal ID, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, dumping trash from motor vehicle plus 7 cu feet.

10:51 a.m. **Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

12:40 p.m. **South Main St.**, officer wanted. Caller reports he would like to see an officer regarding an issue at this location. Sgt. reports this is a complaint about a parking situation due to the way the lines are painted. Caller satisfied.

2:09 p.m. **Wheelwright Park**, well being check, caller reports a vehicle parked way into the woods, officer reports they are workers for the tower out in the woods, no problems.

3:10 p.m. **Pleasant St., and Old Pasture Rd.**, parking complaint, caller reports a vehicle parked right on the corner in a bad spot and would like it to be moved. Officer reports vehicle has been moved.

4:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

4:48 p.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

4:50 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, traffic citation/warning.

5:06 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:51 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:19 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd., and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:28 p.m. **South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

1:40 a.m. **High School St., and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:35 a.m. **North Main St., and Rocky Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:40 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:44 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, verbal warning.

6:48 a.m. **North Main St., and Rocky Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:15 a.m. **Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

8:57 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:18 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks. Deerhill/Osgood School check.

10:20 a.m. **South Main St.**, officer wanted, caller reports she witnessed two males putting a chainsaw and leaf blower into a silver/gray Sedan at her son's garage. Administrative flash put out. Also bolo given out over south district to surrounding cities and towns.

11:25 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

12:35 p.m. **Cushing Rd., and Ash St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports motor vehicle has been parked at this location for a long period of time. Motor vehicle is being operated by a carpenter working on Cushing Road.

POLICE/FIRE TERMS

ACO -Animal Control Officer

ALS - Transport, Ambulance Transporting - Advanced Life Support (High level of care with paramedics administering drugs)

BLS Transport - Ambulance Transporting, Basic Life Support (Usually not life threatening)

BOLO - Be On the Look Out

BT - Breath Test (having to do with liquor offenses)

CID - Criminal Investigation Division (Cohasset Detectives)

D/K - Drunk

E1 - E4 - Cohasset Fire Engines

GOA- Gone on Arrival

HQ - Headquarters

Juvenile -Person under the age of 17

L1 - Cohasset Fire Ladder Truck

LEAPS/NCIC - Police Computer System (National)

ME - Medical Examiner

M/V - Motor Vehicle

OIC - Officer in Charge

OUI - Operating under the influence (liquor or drugs)

PC - Protective Custody (Persons who are too intoxicated to care for themselves are taken into protective custody - not a criminal charge)

PI - Personal Injury

PT - Patient

QMC - Quincy Medical Center

R3 - Abbreviation for Cohasset Ambulance / Rescue 3. May also be R1 (Hingham Fire Ambulance), or R2 (Hull Fire Ambulance)

RMV -Registry of Motor Vehicles

RO - Restraining Order

S/P - Suspicious Person

SSH - South Shore Hospital

WMS - Warrant Management System (Name for Massachusetts computer system that holds arrest warrants)

Legal Notices

SEL/PROPERTY TAX
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
COHASSET, MASSACHUSETTS
LEGAL NOTICE
TAX ALLOCATION

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Cohasset will conduct a public hearing under Chapter 20, Section 56, as amended by the Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983, on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 8:00 PM in the Office of the Board of Selectmen. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the issue of allocating the local property tax among the five (5) property classes for fiscal year 2009. The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors will provide information regarding the various policy decisions available. All interested persons and/or parties wishing to be heard will be afforded the opportunity to be heard at this time.

Cohasset Board of Selectmen

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Ralph Dormitzer
Karen Quigley

AD#11831806
Cohasset Mariner 11/28/08

SEL/THE PIZZA ZONE
LEGAL NOTICE
Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing Notice

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen, acting as liquor license authority, will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 7:10 PM in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, to consider the application of SAC Pizza, Inc. d/b/a The Pizza Zone, 166 King Street to transfer its annual wine and malt restaurant license to 3A Pizza & Grill, Corp. d/b/a 3A Pizza & Grill, same address. The proposed manager is Kathleen Assad. The licensed premise is a single story unit with 2 rooms within a shopping strip mall at 166 King Street. The public is invited to offer public input on this proposed in writing in advance of the public hearing or in person at the hearing.

Board of Selectmen

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PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE WEEK OF
NOV. 24, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A project benefits from your organizational skills that get it up and running. Your success leaves a highly favorable impression. Don't be surprised if you get some positive feedback soon.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Spend time on practical matters through the end of the week. Then begin shifting your focus to more-artistic pursuits. Resist being overly self-critical. Just allow yourself to feel free to create.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Restarting those creative projects you had set aside for a while will help provide a much-needed soothing balance to your hectic life. Besides, it will be like meeting old friends again.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans could make it tough to keep a commitment. But stay with it. You'll get an A-plus for making the effort to do what's right and not taking the easy way out by running off.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's enthusiasm for a workplace policy review is admirable. But be sure you know who is really behind the resistance to change before pointing your finger at the wrong person.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You can expect to have to do a lot of work through midweek. Devote the rest of the week to checking your holiday plans in case some need to be adjusted to accommodate changes.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Try to avoid signing on the dotted line in the early part of the week. You need time to study issues that weren't fully explored. Later in the week might be more favorable for decision-making.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new development could snarl travel schedules or other holiday-linked projects. Some flexibility might be called for to deal with the problems before they get too far out of hand.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Relatives seek your advice on a matter you'd rather not be involved in. If so, use that sage Sagittarian tact to decline the "offer," so that no one's feelings are needlessly hurt.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A shift in planning direction might help you speed up your progress toward achieving that long-planned goal. Trusted colleagues are ready to offer some valuable support.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected demand for settlement of an old loan could create some pre-holiday anxiety. But you might not really owe it. Check your records thoroughly before remitting payment.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to get into the social swim and enjoy some well-earned fun and games with those closest to you before you have to resume more serious activities next week.

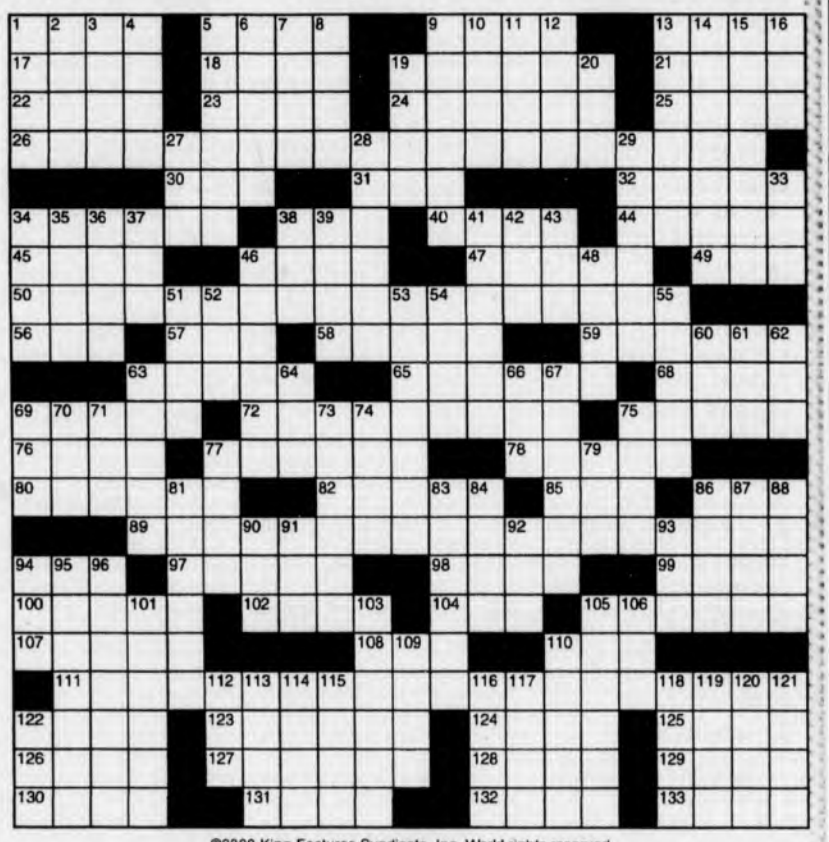
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BORN THIS WEEK: Your ability to sense the needs of others makes you a wise counselor for those seeking help with their problems.

Crossword - Minimom

ACROSS
1 Word with dance or hero
5 — Pet
9 Play thing?
13 Rushes
17 Destroy
18 "You —?" (Lurch's line)
19 Merchant
21 "— partridge in . . ."
22 Dermatological problem
23 Foot part
24 Event of 622
25 Fancy
26 Start of a remark by Roseanne
30 "Sheila" singer
31 Echidna's tidbit
32 Account entry
34 Arthurian knight
38 Dunce
40 Scandinavian capital
44 Susan Lucci role
45 Beige
46 Burly Burl
47 Black and white delight
49 Neighbor of Okla.
50 Part 2 of remark
56 Way to satori
57 Team scream
58 Light metal group?
59 Spouse of Isis
63 Football's Lavelli
65 "The Scarlet Letter" heroine
68 Curtain fabric
69 Agricultural inventor
72 Part 3 of remark
75 Tucker or Roberts
76 Land measure
77 Crops up
78 Montezuma, for one
80 Peat's place
82 Forster's "— With a View"
85 "To be sure!"
86 Shorten a skirt
89 Part 4 of remark
94 Carry to class
97 Intuit
98 Green land
99 Kruger or Gluck
100 Clumsy
102 Prune a paragraph
104 Present for pop
105 Writer Rushdie
107 Pigeonhole
108 Glowing
110 Private reply?
111 End of remark
122 Meter reader?
123 Journalist Fallaci
124 Where to speak Farsi
125 Emilia's husband
126 "— take arms against a sea . . ."
127 "The Compleat Angler" author
128 Arrogant
129 It may be bitter
130 Govt. agents
131 — -do-well
132 Actress Joyce
133 Toboggan

DOWN
1 College club
2 "That hurts!"
3 Queue
4 Had no doubts
5 Kindergarten item
6 Writer Bret
7 Foot part
8 Eastern leader
9 Rapidly, to Rossini
10 Frenzy
11 Garfield's pal
12 Gilpin of "Frasier"
13 Nautical rope
14 Check
15 Impressive building
16 TV's "My Sister —"
19 Dilute
20 Sneaky sort
27 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
28 Ornamental dangler
29 Principles
33 Duty
34 Saxophonist Stan
35 Need a rubdown
36 Small bird
37 Great bird?
38 Actress Gardner
39 Doris Day refrain
41 Cavort in the pool
42 — Cruces, NM
43 Can. province
46 '87 Warren Beatty film
48 Last name in fashion
51 "Dies —"
52 Rowan or Rather
53 Truman Cabinet member
54 Movie mogul Marcus
55 Whitman's bloomer
60 Fled
61 Frigid
62 Monsarrat's "The Cruel —"
63 Night vision?
64 Inventor Whitney
66 Actress Leoni
67 Pepsin or lipase
69 Barrier
70 Word form for "environment"
71 Goof
73 Sanford of "The Jeffersons"
74 Ralston or Miles
75 Hardy woman
77 Tennis legend
79 Golfer's gadget
81 Nervous —
83 "Swan Lake" heroine
84 1,102, to Calpurnia
86 Ian of "The Borrowers"
87 Role for 27 Down
88 Nasty
90 Sturm — Drang
91 Compass pt.
92 Mine find
93 Lyricist David
94 Coal container
95 Doughboy's duds
96 Conceal
101 Light quantum
103 Poet Wylie
105 Burnt —
106 Branch
109 Terrible name?
110 Periwinkle, for one
112 "Would you look at that!"
113 Algerian port
114 Vex
115 Winslet of "Hamlet"
116 Jackknife, e.g.
117 — surgery
118 Puppy protests
119 Monopoly destination
120 Stare salaciously
121 Daring
122 Ample abdomen



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Sudoku

		8			7	3		2
	3		2				1	
6				4				5
5		4		6			2	
	6				2	5		
		9	1					7
		6	7				3	
3					9			8
	2			5	1	4		

Level: Moderate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Magic Maze - By the —

U	Y	V	R	S	O	L	H	E	B	X	U	R	O	L
I	E	B	Y	V	R	S	S	Q	N	K	H	E	B	Y
W	T	N	R	O	L	I	E	J	G	E	B	Y	W	U
R	P	I	E	C	E	P	A	L	N	K	I	G	D	B
Z	X	V	M	K	K	D	S	H	P	S	Q	O	M	K
I	G	E	A	C	O	A	I	R	T	O	Y	W	U	S
Q	P	N	N	Z	O	T	D	S	E	R	E	V	I	R
L	J	H	E	F	B	Y	E	R	Y	B	O	P	E	C
A	Y	N	X	V	U	L	U	M	A	A	M	H	S	Q
P	N	M	K	J	U	O	H	F	A	O	W	U	S	E
C	B	Z	Y	R	H	D	R	O	W	S	B	X	N	V

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Book
Bye
Hour

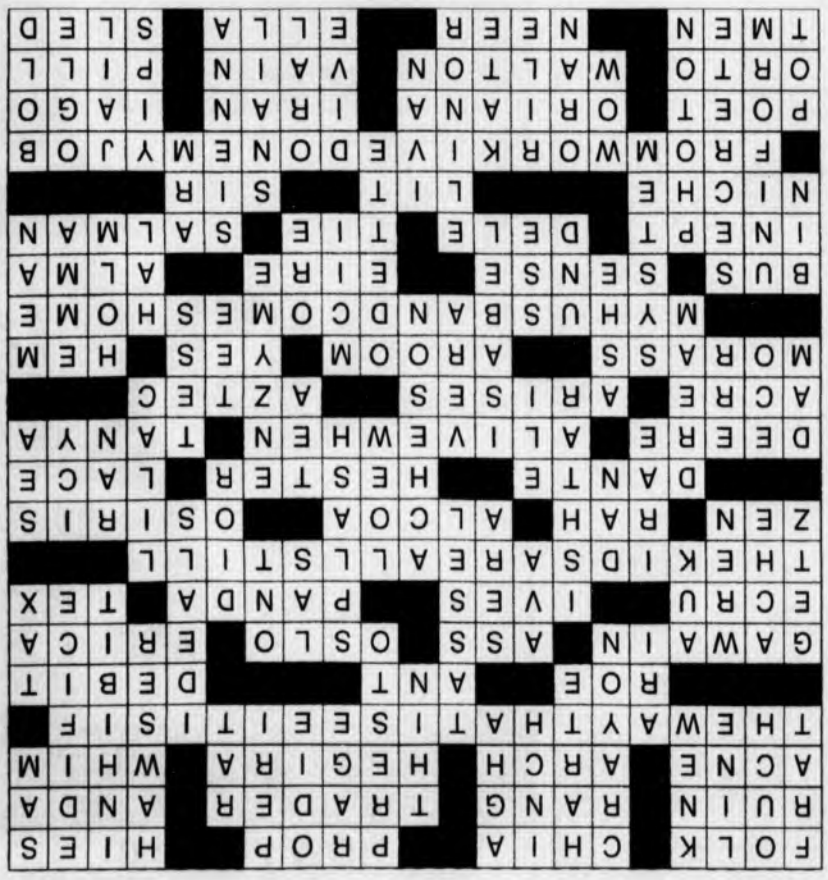
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River
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Same token
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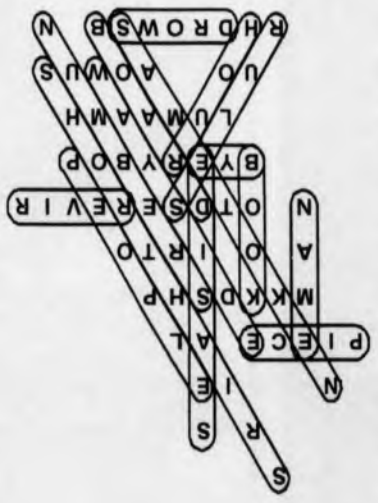
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Sword
Wayside

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Crossword Solution - Minimom



Magic Solution - By the —



Sudoku Solution

6	9	4	1	5	3	7	2	8
8	5	7	9	2	6	1	4	3
1	3	2	4	8	7	6	5	9
7	4	6	5	3	1	9	8	2
9	8	5	2	7	4	3	6	1
3	2	1	8	6	9	4	7	5
5	7	9	3	4	8	2	1	6
4	1	8	6	9	2	5	3	7
2	6	3	7	1	5	8	9	4

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Moet & Chandon White Star	750ml	$34.97	Gloria Ferrer Brut	750ml	$14.97	2001 Taylor Fladgate Vargellas	750ml	$39.97
Roederer Brut Premier	750ml	$32.97	Korbel Brut, Extra Dry, Chardonnay & Rose	750ml	$9.97	Warres LBV Port	750ml	$16.97
Perrier Jouet Grand Brut	750ml	$32.97	Domaine Ste Michelle Brut, Extra Dry & Frizzante	750ml	$8.97	Warres Otima 10 Year Tawny Port	375ml	$16.97
Thierry Massin Brut	750ml	$29.97	Great Western Brut & Extra Dry	750ml	$6.97	Graham's 6 Grape Port	750ml	$14.97
Nicholas Feuillatte Brut	750ml	$26.97	Parxet Cava Cuvee 21	750ml	$8.97	2004 Ch Rieusssec Sauterne	375ml	$26.97
Pierre Sparr Cremant & Rose	750ml	$11.97	Martini & Rossi Asti	750ml	$9.97	Harvey's Bristol Cream Sherry	750ml	$10.97

RED WINES

Rombauer Merlot	750ml	$25.97	Mirassou Pinot Noir	750ml	$7.97	2005 Ch Recougne	750ml	$10.97
Matanzas Creek Merlot	750ml	$19.97	2005 Sebastiani Cabernet Sauvignon "Alexander Valley"	750ml	$26.97	2004 Clos St Jean Chateauneuf Du Pape	750ml	$35.97
Sterling Napa Merlot	750ml	$17.97	2006 Justin Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml	$22.97	2006 Ch St Cosme Gigondas	750ml	$27.97
Pietra Santa Merlot	750ml	$13.97	Franciscan Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml	$19.97	Chapoutier Cotes Du Rhone	750ml	$7.97
Red Rock Merlot	750ml	$10.97	Benziger Cabernet Sauvignon	750ml	$15.97	Mas De Gourgonnier	750ml	$13.97
2006 Ridge Lytton Springs	750ml	$29.97	Sebastiani Cabernet Sauvignon "Sonoma"	750ml	$12.97	2005 Nicholas Potel Bourgogne Rouge	750ml	$19.97
St Francis Old Vine Zinfandel	750ml	$16.97	Kaesler Stonehorse GSM	750ml	$15.97	Domaine Fougeray De Beauclair Bourgogne Rouge	750ml	$13.97
Four Vines Old Vine Zinfandel	750ml	$10.97	Qupe Syrah	750ml	$13.97	2005 La Spinetta Langhe Nebbiolo	750ml	$21.97
Dancing Bull Zinfandel	750ml	$7.97	Marquis Phillips Shiraz & Sarah's Blend	750ml	$12.97	Ascheri Barbera D'alba	750ml	$12.97
Brewer Clifton Pinot Noir "Zotovich"	750ml	$35.97	Razors Edge Shiraz/Granache	750ml	$10.97	Siro Pacenti Rosso Di Montalcino	750ml	$19.97
2006 W H Smith Pinot Noir	750ml	$25.97	R Winery Strong Arms Shiraz	750ml	$9.97	Ruffino Chianti Classical Ducale	750ml	$19.97
Cambria Pinot Noir	750ml	$18.97	Jadot Beaujolais Villages	750ml	$8.97	Felsina Chianti Classico "Berardegna"	750ml	$17.97
Pozzan Napa Pinot Noir	750ml	$13.97	2003 Ch Malmaison	750ml	$15.97	Da Vinci Chianti	750ml	$10.97
Mark West Pinot Noir	750ml	$10.97	2005 Ch Brisson	750ml	$12.97	Pascual Toso Marbec	750ml	$8.97

WHITE WINES

2005 Hartford Court Chardonnay "4 Hearts"	750ml	$29.97	Wente Chardonnay	750ml	$9.97	Nobilo Sauvignon Blanc	750ml	$8.97
2006 Foley Chardonnay Santa Rita Hills	750ml	$23.97	Madfish Chardonnay	750ml	$9.97	Geyser Peak Sauvignon Blanc	750ml	$7.97
2006 Acacia Chardonnay	750ml	$19.97	Ch Ste Michelle Chardonnay	750ml	$8.97	Conundrum	750ml	$22.97
Clos Du Bois Chardonnay	1.5L	$16.97	Estancia Chardonnay	750ml	$7.97	Trimbach Pinot Gris	750ml	$15.97
Cuvaison Chardonnay	750ml	$16.97	2005 Domaine Matrot Meursault	750ml	$29.97	Willa Kenzie Pinot Gris	750ml	$14.97
La Crema Chardonnay	750ml	$15.97	Duboeuf Pouilly Fuisse	750ml	$15.97	Wine By Joe Pinot Gris	750ml	$11.97
Sterling Napa Chardonnay	750ml	$12.97	Bonterra Viognier	750ml	$12.97	Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio	750ml	$18.97
Beringer Napa Chardonnay	750ml	$12.97	Pine Ridge Chenin/Viognier	750ml	$11.97	Pighin Pinot Grigio	750ml	$13.97
Kendall Jackson Chardonnay	750ml	$10.97	B & G Vouvray	750ml	$7.97	Ecco Domani Pinot Grigio	750ml	$9.97
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Toasted Head Chardonnay	750ml	$9.97	Ferrari Carano Fume Blanc	750ml	$13.97	Dr Loosen Riesling	750ml	$9.97
J Lohr Chardonnay Riverstone	750ml	$9.97	Joel Gott Sauvignon Blanc	750ml	$9.97	Ch Ste Michelle Riesling & Gewurztraminer	750ml	$8.97

FAMILIES

Greg Norman Red Wines	750ml	$10.97	Smoking Loon Cabernet, Chardonnay & Merlot	750ml	$7.97	Bolla All Types	1.5L	$9.97
House Wine Red & White	750ml	$9.97	Gnarly Head Cab, Chard, & Zin	750ml	$7.97	Black Swan All Types	1.5L	$8.97
Beringer Founders Estate All Types	750ml	$8.97	Rosemount Diamond Reds	750ml	$7.97	Redwood Creek All Types	1.5L	$8.97
Columbia Crest Grand Estate All Types	750ml	$8.97	Fetzer All Types	1.5L	$11.97	Barefoot Cellars	1.5L	$8.97
Mondavi Private Selections All Types	750ml	$8.97	Woodbridge Cab, Chard, Merlot, Pinot Grigio & Shiraz	1.5L	$10.97	Sutter Home Cab, Chard, Merlot & Pinot Grigio	1.5L	$8.97
Blackstone All Types	750ml	$8.97	Yellow Tail All Types	1.5L	$9.97	Bella Sera All Types	1.5L	$10.97
Bogle Chardonnay, Merlot & Sauvignon Blanc	750ml	$7.97	R H Phillips Night Harvest Wines All Types	1.5L	$9.97	Cavit All Types	1.5L	$11.97
BV Coastals All Types	750ml	$7.97	Turning Leaf All Types	1.5L	$9.97	Delicato Bota Box All Types	3L	$13.97



Duboeuf Beaujolais Nouveau is Arriving on Thursday November 20th

LIQUOR

Ketel One Vodka 80° & Citroen	1.75L	$36.97	Tanqueray Gin	1.75L	$32.97	Dewars Scotch	1.75L	$32.97
Absolut 80° Vodka	1.75L	$29.97	Beefeater Gin	1.75L	$29.97	Famous Grouse Scotch	1.75L	$29.97
Reyka 80° Vodka	1.75L	$34.97	Jose Cuervo Gold Tequila	1.75L	$35.97	Ballantine Scotch	1.75L	$20.97
Smirnoff 80° Vodka	1.75L	$20.97	Sauza Gold Tequila	1.75L	$29.97	Chivas Regal	750ml	$29.97
Smirnoff Vodka Flavors (Apple Citrus, Raspberry)	1.75L	$22.97	Cabo Wabo Reposado Tequila	750ml	$45.97	Macallan 12 yr Single Malt	750ml	$42.97
Boru 80° Vodka	1.75L	$19.97	Seagram's 7	1.75L	$17.97	Balvenie 12 yr double wood	750ml	$39.97
Ciroc Vodka	750ml	$26.97	Canadian Mist	1.75L	$14.97	Glenlivet 12 yr Single Malt	750ml	$34.97
Level Vodka	750ml	$22.47	Jameson Irish Whiskey	1.75L	$32.97	Glenfiddich 12 yr Single Malt	750ml	$32.97
Charbay Vodka Flavors	750ml	$26.97	Clontarf Reserve Irish Whiskey	750ml	$20.97	Southern Comfort	1.75L	$26.97
Capt. Morgan Spiced Rum	1.75L	$26.97	Jack Daniels 94° Single Barrel	750ml	$36.97	Romana Sambuca	750ml	$20.97
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Bombay Sapphire Gin	1.75L	$36.97	Jefferson Kentucky Bourbon	750ml	$29.97	Jose Cuervo Golden Margarita	1.75L	$16.97
Hendricks Gin	1.75L	$49.97	Woodford Reserve Bourbon	750ml	$29.97			

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Saranac Black & Tan	6 pk bts	$6.97	Sierra Nevada Pale Ale	12 pk bts	$13.97	Miller Lite	12 pk bts	$9.97
Stoudts American Pale Ale	6 pk bts	$7.97	Dupont Saison	750ml	$7.97	Coors Light	18 pk cans	$14.97
Victory Hop Devil	6 pk bts	$8.47	Malheur Brut & Brut Reserve	18.6 oz	$20.97	Miller High Life	18 pk bts	$8.97
Flying Dog Hefeweizen	6 pk bts	$7.97	Fullers Vintage Ale 2008	18 oz. bt	$6.97	Killians	20 pk bts	$15.97
Otter Creek All Types	6 pk bts	$7.67	Radeberger	12 pk bt	$12.47	Bud & Bud Light	20 pk bts	$15.97
Atwater Block Vanilla Java Porter	6 pk bts	$8.97	Heineken and Heineken Light	12 pk bt	$11.97	Michelob Ultra	30 pk cans	$20.97
Magic Hat All Types	6 pk bts	$7.67	Amstel Light	12 pk bts	$11.97	Coors Light	30 pk cans	$19.97
Anchor Brewing All Types	6 pk bts	$8.97	Hoegaarden	12 pk bts	$14.97	Miller Lite	30 pk cans	$19.97
Ipswich Brewing All Types	6 pk bts	$7.67	Stella Artois	12 pk bts	$12.97	Bud & Bud Light	30 pk cans	$20.97
Brooklyn Brewery Black Chocolate Stout	6 pk bts	$9.97	Becks	12 pk bts	$12.97	Pabst Blue Ribbon	30 pk cans	$14.97
Newport Storm Amber Ale	6 pk bts	$7.97	Bass	12 pk bts	$12.97	Keystone Light	30 pk cans	$14.97
Sam Adams All Types	12 pk bts	$12.97	Guinness	12 pk bts	$12.97	Busch & Busch Light	30 pk cans	$15.97
Harpoon All Types	12 pk bts	$12.97	Red Stripe	12 pk bts	$12.97	Smirnoffs Ice All Flavors	12 pk bt	$12.97
Shipyard All Types	12 pk bts	$13.97	Molson Candian, Golden, & Ice	12 pk bts	$9.97	Twisted Tea All Flavors	12 pk bt	$12.97
Wachusett All Types	12 pk bts	$12.97	Shock Top	6 pks bts	$6.67	Mikes All Flavors	12 pk bt	$12.97
Leinenkugel Mix Pack	12 pk bts	$12.97	Bud American Ale	6 pk bts	$5.97			

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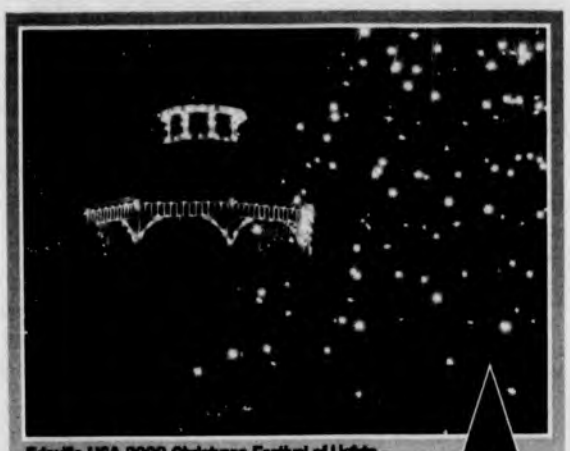
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Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Nov. 27

Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov. 28

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Colony Place, Plymouth presents **The Enchanted Storybook Village**, Nov. 28 through Dec. 21, Saturdays and Sundays 11a.m. to 4 p.m. A spectacular 5,000 square foot Village with storybook themed trees, gigantic gingerbread house, life-size nutcrackers and much more! Bring your camera for free pictures with Santa. Storybooks Come to Life Saturdays 11 a.m. to noon. Famous storybook characters perform in costume while the books that made them children's favorites are read aloud. Nov. 29 **Clifford the Big Red Dog**. Visit colonyplace.com/holiday for a complete listing of holiday events

The Company Theatre presents **Company For The Holidays** Nov. 28-Dec. 21. Celebrate the holiday season with a two-part combination of music and comedy called **Company For The Holidays**, featuring *A* "Christmas Survival Guide" and "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Tickets priced at $29-$31 are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

StoryTime Nov. 28, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age, along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Comedy & Dinner Show Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m. The Emerald Hall – Braintree, 120 Bay State Drive, Bay State Industrial Park off of Granite Street. Call 781-843-4833 for advance reservations. Cost: $29.95 (Includes comedy show, Roast Beef Dinner, Dessert, Tax & Gratuities. Comedy Show Only - $20 cover. **Frank Santorelli** (of THE SOPRANOS) Other Comics: **Jeff Clough, Frank Prall, Annette Pollack** and **Mike Wass**. Hosted by **Amy Beckerman**. Call 781-843-4833 for reservations.

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Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Friday, **karaoke with Ed.** 781-337-9905.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke Nov. 28, **Six Foot Sunday**, 781-826-6999.

Hanabi, 804 Plain St., Route 139, Marshfield, 9 p.m. Nov. 28, **Too Loud**. 781-837-3328 www.tooloudrocks.com

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Nov. 28 **Music Machine DJ781**-849-7007.

Mount Blue Bistro & Bar, 707 Main St., Norwell, Nov. 28, **Too Loud** 781-659-0050.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Nov. 28, **Jump City Band**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.

New England Singles Dance – Nov. 28, 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington, Adults of all ages. New England's top DJ's. Admission $10. Sandwich bar. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

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Third Annual Festival of Wreaths charity event to benefit the Room to Dream Foundation, opens on Saturday, Nov. 29 and continues through Dec. 13 at The Van Millwork Design Center, 65 Crawford St., Needham. Eleven area designers including **Norwell resident, Teresa Burnett**, professionally "deck the halls" in seasonal holiday décor to create a holiday show house for this special fundraising event. Tickets to the event are $10. For information to purchase advance tickets to view the show house or for tickets to the Festival Gala on Dec. 13 contact the Van Millwork Design Center at 781-444-8744.

Swing Dancing USA – Knights of Columbus Hall, 48 Schoosett St., Route. 139, Pembroke. Nov. 29, with The Love Dogs. $15. 7:30 p.m. lesson, 8:30 p.m. dance. $15. 781-826-2500, www.swingdancingusa.com.

Victorian Christmas Show House at the Daniel Webster Estate, 238 Webster St. Marshfield. **Gala opening cocktail party** Nov. 29, from 7 to 10 p.m. $50 per person. Call 781-837-7579 for tickets to gala. Open to the public Nov. 30 through Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 2 and Dec. 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission $10, seniors $8; groups welcome. For information call Virginia at 781-837-2403 or visit DanielWebsterEstate.org

Oceanside 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle, Hull, presents an exhibition and sale of work by regional artists including: **F. Andahazy, P. Batchelder, N. Colella, R. Farbush, B. Kelly, J. MacFarland, P. Railsback, I. Cerese, A.Tuck, K. Alemian, M. Weymouth, V. Strekalovsky** Nov. 29 through Dec. 24. Opening receptions Nov. 29 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 30. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artisan gifts and handcrafted jewelry also available for sale. Open Thursday through Sunday www.oceanside17.com 781-773-1563.

CALENDAR, see next page

Fairs and festivals

HULL – Winter Arts Festival, **Nov. 29 and 30,** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hull Artists Studio Connection MJM Bath House, 216 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-25-1996.

HULL – Holiday Showcase Hull Nantasket Chamber of Commerce, Clarion Nantasket Beach Resort & Spa Hull Shore Drive, Nantasket Beach, **Nov. 29,** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. www.hullchamber.com

PLYMOUTH – Crafts tables for rent on **Dec. 5,** from 4 to 9 p.m. at Memorial Hall during Kiwanis - Christmas in Historic Downtown Plymouth. Sell jewelry, crafts, etc. $25 per table. For reservations call Kathy 508-982-3007.

COHASSET – The ReUUsable Sale **Dec. 6** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. First Parish UU Church, Cohasset Common.

HINGHAM – Artisans' Holiday Showcase, **Dec. 6,** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St., (Route 228), Hingham.

HANOVER – St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 17 Church St., Hanover, **Dec. 6** in the Parish Hall from 10a.m. to 2 p.m.

HANOVER – Hanover Newcomers, Hanover Middle School, **Dec. 6,** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Looking for crafters. 781-826-0705 or daynafalla@myarbonne.com

PEMBROKE – Hobomock Elementary School, 81 Learning Lane, **Dec. 6,** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafters and vendors wishing to participate should contact Barbara Devine at 781-294-9273.

SCITUATE – First Parish UU Church, 330 First Parish Road, Scituate, **Dec. 6,** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SCITUATE – Union Mission Chapel, 315 Old Oaken Bucket Road, **Dec. 6,** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 781-545-2919.

SCITUATE – Country Christmas Fair at Dalby Farm, 59 Grove St. Scituate, **Dec. 6,** 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Celebrate the season at the QDT musical holiday party

Holiday show now in its 21st year

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



Performing in this year's Holiday Party are (front row), Torena Webb of Dorchester, Katie Anna Rolph Boston, Marlon Smith, Boston Barbara Renzullo Quincy; (back row), D.J. Tetrosino of East Boston, Angela Kronillis of Taunton, Nicole Mayne of Dedham and Kami Smith of Boston. Not pictured are Jim Grassia of Weymouth and Wayne Miller.

George Stevens has proven his staying power time and time again in the 28 years since he co-founded Darling Productions with Molly Hochkeppel, and began producing dinner theater on the South Shore. The Braintree-based company, presenting under the Quincy Dinner Theater banner, has seen competitors come and go. It also survived being displaced from its longtime location at Quincy's Masonic Temple to go on to flourish in its current home at the Sons of Italy in Braintree. So when the economy started its recent free fall, about the same time Stevens was immersed in planning for the upcoming "Musical Holiday Party 21," the show business veteran didn't miss a beat - musical or otherwise.

"It was as early as this summer that I started to anticipate that this might be an off year for the economy. With that in mind, I headed straight to New York to recruit top-quality talent for this year's holiday show. Before I got back to Braintree, I had hired Anna Haas, a performer who has toured nationally in "A Chorus Line," as our choreographer and also one of our dancers; Petros Sakelliou, a Manhattan-based musician who agreed to lead our band for the third straight year; and Wayne Miller, a doo wop singer who has been featured on PBS-TV specials. Wayne will be performing a medley from the Stevie Wonder Christmas album that is just amazing. We're also delighted to welcome back baritone Jim Grassia from Weymouth who has been featured in 12 consecutive holiday shows with us."

Stevens, who has worked with a host of local and national performers over the years, says he could not be more pleased with this year's 12-member cast and four-piece band.

Stevens didn't have to go all the way to New York City, however, when it came time to develop the book for this 2008 outing. "My sons, Nick and Geoffrey Stevens, have written a funny, warm, and wonderful script for this year's show. The first act takes place at an airport during the holidays and act two is set at a going-away party for a local performer who has been hired to join the Broadway company of 'Jersey Boys.'"

Stevens, who has worked with a host of local and national performers over the years, says he could not be more pleased with this year's 12-member cast and four-piece band. "The quality and talent of our entire company is just superb. They'll be performing classic all-time holiday favorites as well as the hits of people like Britney Spears, Tina Turner, Michael Jackson, Lionel Richie and Barbra Streisand redone with special Christmas lyrics. It is really going to be an amazing show."

Darling Productions' Quincy Dinner Theater will present "Musical Holiday Party 21," Dec. 6 and 7, 11-14, 18-21, at the Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. Darling Productions will also present a separate matinee of its "Solid Gold Christmas Show," Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Canoe Club, 2 South St., West Bridgewater. For tickets, visit the Quincy Dinner Theater office at 654 Washington St. call 781-843-5862 or go online at quincydinnertheater.com



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Marxist professor Max (Jack Wills) and his former pupil Jan (Manoel Feliciano) debate political views in the Huntington Theatre Company's production of Tom Stoppard's "Rock 'n Roll," playing through Dec. 7 at the Huntington's mainstage, the B.U. Theatre.

Music drives the revolution in 'Rock 'n Roll'

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

In "Rock 'n Roll," now at Boston's Huntington Theatre after sold-out runs in London and on Broadway, playwright Tom Stoppard sets out to show the impact of rock and roll music on the rise of democracy in Eastern Bloc Czechoslovakia between 1968 in Prague and the Velvet Revolution 20 years later. Set at Cambridge University and in Prague, the drama compares the beliefs of a young Czech PhD student and rock music devotee, who is outraged by the repressive regime in his homeland, with those of his Marxist-leaning British professor who has an unwavering belief in the Soviet ideal.

An Academy and Tony Award-winning writer, Stoppard — best-known for plays like "Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead," "Travesties," and "The Coast of Utopia," and screenplays including "Shakespeare in Love" — was born Tomas Straussler in Czechoslovakia in 1937 and fled to Singapore with other Jews on March15, 1939, the day the Nazis invaded Czechoslovakia. In 1941, the family was evacuated to India to escape the Japanese invasion of Singapore. His father was captured and died in a Japanese prison camp. His mother later married Kenneth Stoppard, a British army major, who gave her children his surname and moved the family with him to England after World War II.

In "Rock 'n Roll," Stoppard weaves history, literature, politics and philosophy together with some very personal details.

"Tom is a Czech Jew, so one of the things that makes this play so moving is that it is Tom's own story. The entire piece is a very personal exploration," explained Carey Perloff, artistic director at San Franciso's American Conservatory Theatre (ACT), who is at the helm of this collaboration between her theater and the Huntington. "Tom is very grateful to England for saving him. The question is, of course, what would have happened to him had he gone back?"

The author explores that very question through the character of Jan, an expatriate Czech studying in England who decides he will return home to Prague after he hears of the 1968 Soviet invasion, taking with him only his stack of rock and roll records, and, at least temporarily, leaving behind his girlfriend, Esme. Stoppard sets his story to a soundtrack of the Rolling Stones, the Velvet Underground, Pink Floyd, and the influential Czech band The Plastic People of the Universe, with the powerful music standing for the force of new ideas in bringing the country back from its long repression.

"Music puts the audience into a very emotional zone and is key to what is really a love story," says Perloff, who has directed 10 other Stoppard plays, including several American premieres. "Western music was a beacon of freedom and, at times, the only real color in a very gray world. Jan lost so much when his life as an intellectual was taken away from him. You don't have to remember the history to be moved by his story."

The Huntington Theatre Company, in association with the American Conservatory Theatre, will present Tom Stoppard's "Rock 'n Roll" through Dec. 13, at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston. For tickets, visit the box office, call 617-266-0800 or go online at huntingtontheatre.org.



***World's End in late winter* by Sergio Roffo**

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Drift Away Trio w/ J Place 781-659-0050 at Jo's Nautical Bar in Hull.

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The Hingham Historical Society announces the re-opening of the Out of the Ordinary Gift Shop Nov. 29 in its new location in historic Old Derby Academy, 34 Main St. Hingham. Shoppers are welcome to visit the store from 11-3pm that Saturday and enjoy hot cider and cookies while browsing through a wide selection of unique gift items, household accessories, and holiday decorations. Information call Susan Achille at 781-749-7721 or email carlachille@comcast.net.

Drift Away with Joe and J will perform on Saturdays from 3 to 5p.m. French Memories Bakery, 60 South Main St., Cohasset, no cover charge. 781-383-2216.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Saturday, **Tony Perez** 781-337-9905.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Nov. 29, **Who's 1st – The Who Tribute Band** 9:30 p.m. 781-826-6999.

JJ Mulligan's, 941 Washington St, Braintree Nov. 29, **Friends of Harvey 781-849-7007.**

North Weymouth Civic Association – Meat Raffle every Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Cathay Center Restaurant, 211 Bridge St., Route 3A, North Weymouth.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Nov. 29, **Sweet Melissa with Chris Stovall Brown.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewblues-revue.

Mount Blue, Main St., Norwell, Nov. 29, **Elbow Room** 781-659-0050.

Sunday, Nov. 30

The Duxbury Business Association will hold its annual **Holly Day** Nov. 30, from noon until dusk starting at Hall's Corner. Open houses are planned by merchants. The Art Complex Museum is again offering a free puppet show, *Midwinter Magic*, offered at two times, at 1:30 p.m. and at 2:45 p.m. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., Weymouth, will end its current November Holiday Show on Sunday, Nov. 30. It features the work of 11 South Shore artists: **Kathy Ferrara, Roselyn Herman, Jan McElhinny, Joyce Dietlin, Denise Byrnes Graham, Kathy Hunt, Patricia Isaac, Kaye O'Brien, Marilyn Reisberg, Barbara Saulnier, and Sheldon Segal**. For information and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384 or visit dickinsonartgallery.com.

The Pilgrim Festival Chorus will perform an inaugural Christmas concert titled "A French Nativity" Nov. 30 at 3 p.m. at The Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square in Plymouth. The concert features *Christmas Oratorio*, work of composer Camille Saint-Saëns. Tickets are priced at $15 in advance and $18 at the door. Advance tickets are available at the PPO office at 16 Court St., Plymouth, 508-746-8008; and from PFC members. To reserve tickets by phone, call Cyndy Dorchester at 781-447-4865. For information on the concert or PFC, visit www.pilgrimfestival.org

The Wildlands Trust, a local organization protecting over 5,600 acres of land in Southeastern Massachusetts, is sponsoring a **free guided nature walk** through its **Striar Conservancy in Halifax**. Join naturalist **Ellyn Einhorn** at 8 a.m. Nov. 30, on a ramble along meandering trails leading through rich natural habitats to the banks of the Winnetuxet River. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring water, insect repellant, binoculars, and a camera if desired. Call the Trust Office at 781 934-9018 by Monday, Nov. 24 to sign up. Directions: From Route. 106 in Halifax, take Thompson St. South (Route 105 South). Proceed two miles to parking lot on left. From Route 44, take Route. 105 North for approximately seven miles. Parking is on the right, shortly after the bridge over the river.

The Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books welcome **Chet Raymo** on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2 p.m. at the Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Raymo will be discussing "When God is Gone, Everything is Holy: The Making of a Religious Naturalist," his new book that invites readers to explore "the beautiful and terrible mystery that soaks creation." Professor emeritus of physics and astronomy at Stonehill College, he lives in North Easton. Free event. Refreshments will be served. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-265.

Monday, Dec. 1

New Beginnings, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Information: call Peggy Loud, 781-659-1857 or email Cheryl Pimental NBNorwellMA@aol.com

On Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. Weymouth and its surrounding areas are invited to the Church of the Holy Nativity, Episcopal 851 Main St., Route 18 South Weymouth to join clergy and laity from all faith backgrounds, as well as all community leaders and residents, to voice areas of need and share areas of expertise in helping individuals facing hard times. There will also be experts from finance, mental-health, tenancy-preservation and others present at this meeting. For information call 781-335-2030 or visit www.holynativity-weymouth.org.

Tuesday, Dec. 2

Boston After Dark Singles Networking Cocktail Party Dec. 2, at Holiday Inn, 929 Hingham St., Rockland, Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. www.se-4u.com. Numerous free door prizes. For single professionals, 35-+ years old. Cost is $10 in advance, $15 at the door; members free. Call 781-283-0400 for info or reservations. Proper business dress required, ties and jackets required for men, business or party finery for women also required. Co-Sponsored by the Single Executives Club and Singles In Real Estate, www.singlesinrealestate.com. 781-871-0545. Exit 14 off Route. 3 south.

The ***Look Good...Feel Better*** Program will be offered at The Wellness Community (TWC) at Pathways Center for Cancer Support Dec. 2 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. This workshop is offered to women in cancer treatment to help them look their best throughout chemotherapy or radiation treatment. Trained cosmetologists will guide participants in skin care, makeup techniques and hair styling with wigs and accessories. First time participants will receive a free make-up kit and beauty consultation. TWC at Pathways offers support, education and hope for people with cancer and their loved ones on the South Shore. All programs are free of charge. Newcomers meeting is held every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for those who are new to The Wellness Community. Register for the ***Look Good...Feel Better*** Program by calling 781-829-4823 or by visiting www.wellnesscommunity.org. TWC at Pathways is located at 273 Hanover Street (Route 139) in Hanover.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Holiday Boxwood Workshop at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Learn to create holiday centerpiece at the South Shore Natural Science Center's Boxwood Workshops Dec. 3. Choose either a 10 a.m. to noon or 7 to 9 p.m. workshop. Cost is $27 members or $32 nonmembers. Pre- register by Nov. 26 and payment may be made by phone at 781-659-2559 or at the Science Center during business hours. www.ssnsc.org.

Thursday, Dec. 4

Two local artists, Laura Tryon Jennings and Kristine Brennen will exhibit their artwork in the Phoenix Gallery at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. Duxbury through Feb. 15. 781-934-6634x12.

The Helen Bumpus Gallery is located on the main level of the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St. presents **Pastels By Ann Musto,** an exhibit titled "Beauty in Places" featuring the pastel paintings of Cohasset artist Ann M. Musto during November and December. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. 781-934-2721.

Friday, Dec. 5

Single Executives Club" Christmas Party and Singles Dance. Friday, Dec. 5, The Lantana, 43 Scanlon Dr., Randolph. Exit 5A, Rte. 28 south off Rte. 128. www.se-4u.com. Dancing with music by award-winning DJ from 8:30 to midnight. Free door prizes, Hundreds of singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $12 All night. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.. Proper business dress required, sports jacket for men and business or party finery for women highly recommended. 781-446-0234.

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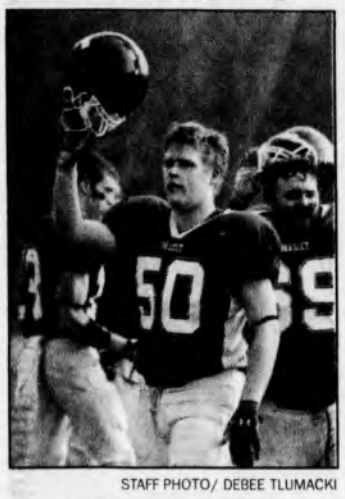
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Jingle Bell Walk rings in the season



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Local cable-TV studio in focus

Town Hall eyed as prime location

By Mary Ford
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"With Comcast closing their studio, we must create the capability to originate our own public access programming."
— Selectman Paul Carlson

Lights, camera, action!

While folks have had to trek to the Comcast studio off Route 53 in Norwell to produce programming such as the popular "Our Town" talk show, in the future, a television studio may only be as far as Town Hall.

The town is in the midst of negotiating a new contract with Comcast that provides "local access" programming on channels 10 and 22 as part of its service. Local access includes programs such as "Our Town," which is produced by volunteers.

Selectmen are the licensing authority for cable franchise licenses. The current, exclusive 10-year contract with Comcast expires in February.

However, Comcast plans to close its Norwell studio in July 2009 – leaving the town without public access programming. Live broadcast capabilities would remain, said Pat Martin of the Cable Advisory Committee. Currently selectmen and school committee meet-

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Lily Pond ice skating

Aeration system to be on hiatus

By Nancy White
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If the winter weather ever sticks around long enough to thoroughly freeze Lily Pond, there will be skating and other ice activities there this winter.

With the installation of an aeration system at the bottom of Lily Pond early last winter, the pond was closed from its typical winter activities. Now, that the system has been in operation for a full year, the Water Commission has voted unanimously to shut it down for the winter.

Following the news last winter some residents were upset about the loss of Lily Pond as it was a part of their winter pastimes and traditions. But, the Water Commission said last year it may not be an annual prohibition and that in future years the aeration could be turned off during the winter season. They are now making good on that prediction.

"We will be starting the aeration again in the spring," said Glenn Pratt, chairman of the Water Commission.

The in-pond aeration system consists of five aeration disks installed in the deeper sections of Lily Pond. The system is part of the Water Department's multi-pronged effort to reduce the amount of manganese, a naturally occurring metal. The units create a steady stream of tiny bubbles that rise to the surface of the water.

The manganese has always been in the water but, in the last few years, the issue has intensified after the water treatment process was altered to address another problem. In 2005, the Water Department changed their treatment process to comply with new federal requirements to reduce the levels of a potential carcinogen Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) in the drinking water.

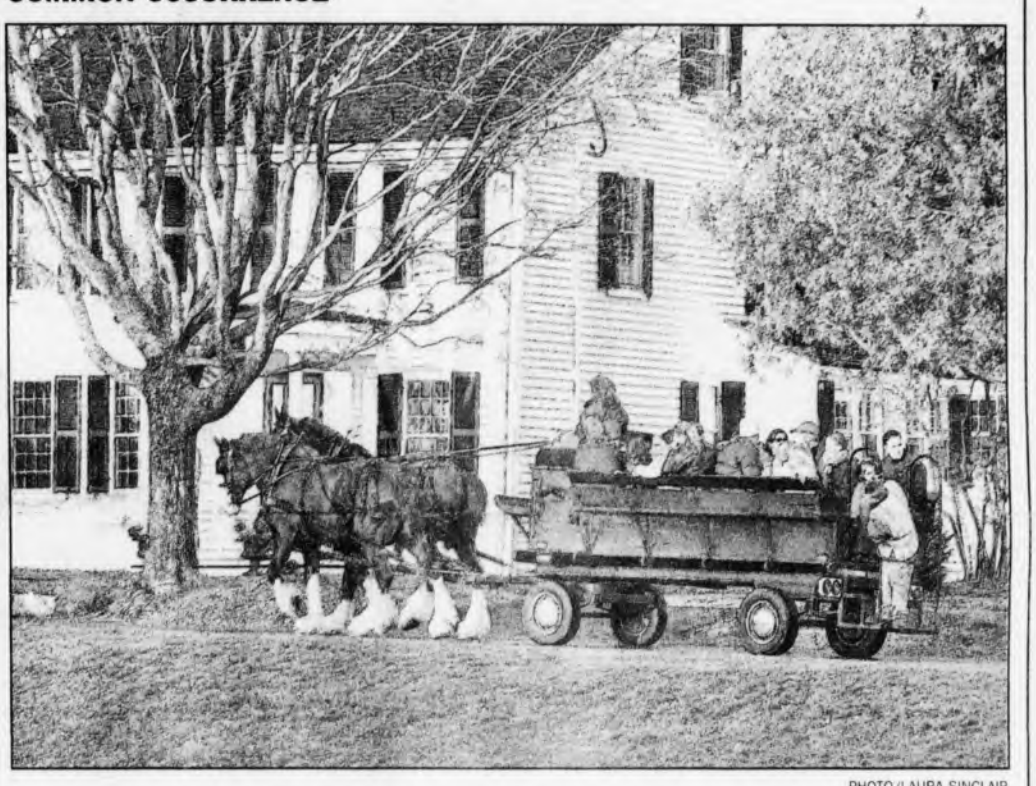
To reduce the levels of TTHMs, the Water Department stopped pre-chlorinating the raw water as it entered as it entered the treatment plant and only adds chlorine as one of the last steps in the treatment process. However, the pre-chlorination step was used to remove iron and manganese and the levels of manganese in the treated water have risen.

The aeration system was one of the first steps to combat the manganese problem: the introduction of oxygen to the pond helps prevent the manganese and iron from being dissolved in the raw water. The result is less manganese in the raw water entering the plant and less discolored water going out of the plant.

Although specific empirical evidence

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COMMON OCCURRENCE



PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Beautiful and powerful Clydesdale horses pull wagonloads of happy people around Cohasset Common during the annual South Shore Community Center Jingle Bell Walk festivities last Friday. For more photos, see page 21. Be sure to check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset for a full color photo gallery.



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With an image of the proposed wind turbines as a backdrop, Assistant Town Counsel, Richard Hucksam addresses the crowd at the wind turbine hearing.

Planning Board tackles turbine issues

Crowd packs Monday's wind hearing

By Nancy White
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In a packed Town Hall auditorium, the continued public hearing on the proposed twin wind turbine project off Route 3A began to give residents a better picture of the breadth and impact of the project. The nearly three-hour meeting was a mix of technical information, questions and answers and airing of resident concerns.

The 100-plus audience was well informed and it was clear through many of the comments made residents had done their research on turbines. Dozens spoke on myriad concerns from noise to shadow flicker to the impact on property values.

It was clear that Monday night's hearing would be the second session of what could turn out to be many public hearing sessions on the proposed Graham Waste wind turbine project. The wind turbine project public hearing opened nearly three months ago on Sept. 8. Subsequent public hearing dates were postponed at the request of the applicant in order to collect more data.

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Best vacation: Two weeks every August with my family on Cape Cod.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite junk food: Cookies.

Best book: Anything non-fiction.

Best movie: "Midnight Run."

Best TV show: "Seinfeld."

Favorite music: "Rock 'n' roll."

Fun fact about yourself: I love to make people laugh.

Pet peeve: Impatience.

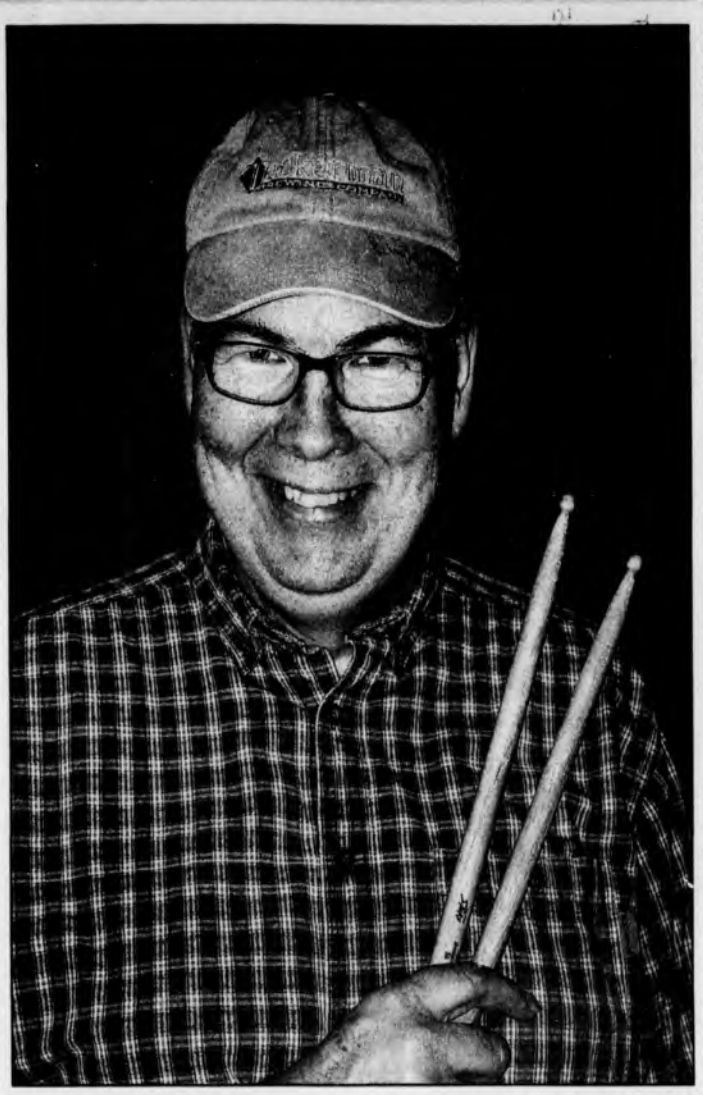
Goal: Balance.

Person you'd most like to meet: Ringo Starr.

Biggest worry: Age of retirement.

Best part of Cohasset: All the kind, wonderful and interesting people I've met at 100 Ripley Road.

This week the Mariner caught up with Pete Lindfors, the drummer for the Rusty Skippers and window clerk at the post office. Look for Pete and the Rusty Skippers this Saturday at the Village Fair.



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'Values in town stay stable'

Selectmen keep uniform tax rate for fiscal 2009

By Mary Ford
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"While a split rate would provide minimum relief to residential, it would put a huge burden on commercial."
— Mary Quill, Deputy Assessor

Commercial property owners in Cohasset do not have to worry about the town splitting the tax rate anytime soon.

That is because about 93 percent of Cohasset's tax base is classified as residential.

Generally a split rate should not be considered unless the combined valuation of commercial, industrial and personal property equals 25 percent of the total valuation of the town, Deputy Assessor Mary E. Quill said. The town's property is valued at nearly $2.455 billion with residential making up nearly $2.3 billion of that number. Only 6.9 percent of the town's total valuation is commercial, industrial and personal property, leaving more than 93 percent of the tax burden on residential properties. (Personal property includes business inventory such as furniture and fixtures; utility company poles and wires and the contents of a second home).

Selectmen agreed with the recommendation of the Board of Assessors and voted Monday to stick with the uniform tax rate. The tax rate for fiscal 2009 is anticipated to be $10.78 per $1,000 of assessed valuation. The tax rate still needs to be certified by the state Department of Revenue.

A split rate means there would be a higher tax rate for commercial properties. A split tax rate often discourages businesses from locating to a community, said Quill.

"While a split rate would provide minimum relief to residential, it would put a huge burden on commercial," Quill said in a phone interview.

While the bulk of the tax burden falls on residential properties, shifting the tax rate even a few cents would add up to thousands of dollars more for the town's commercial taxpayers.

Quill explained that splitting the tax rate so residential taxpayers pay $10.38 (rather than $10.78) would translate into savings of $300 annually on a house valued at $750,000. However for a business valued at three-quarters of a million dollars – the tax rate would jump more than $5 to $16.17. That business would pay $4,042 more with the split rate ($10.38/$16.17).

The tax rate for fiscal 2008 was $10.60. With the 18-cent increase in tax rate to $10.78, coupled with an average increased property valuation, residents should see an average increase of about 3.8 percent.

In the past year, the average valuation of residential property (including single family homes, condominiums and multi-family homes), increased from $773,000 to $784,000. In the same vein, the average tax bill will increase from $8,162 to $8452 or a $290 increase.

The average valued single family home is assessed at $867,000, a jump from last year's assessed value of $848,000. For the average valued single family home the tax bill will be $9346 up from $8988 – an increase of about $358 or $29 a month.

Current assessed property values are based on calendar 2007 sales, Quill said.

"Values were stable," she said, adding that the values in some neighborhoods went down and some went up.

The new tax rate will be reflected in the third quarter tax bills.

Tax bills vary depending on a property's assessed value. By taking the assessed value of the property and dividing it by $1,000 and then multiplying it by the tax rate, a homeowner can compute his property taxes.

Elsa Miller of the Board of Assessors praised the Assessors Office for going after the town's new growth, which is estimated at $445,000. Under Prop. 2-1/2, "new growth" allows a community to increase its levy limit annually by an amount based on the increased value of new construction. New growth is calculated by multiplying the increase in the assessed valuation of qualifying property by the prior year's tax rate.

Prop. 2-1/2 is the state law that caps the amount a municipality can raise its tax levy in any given year.

Single-family home taxes at a glance

- Six years ago, in fiscal 2003, the average home was assessed at $521,000; with a tax rate of $11.99; the homeowner paid about $6,248 in property taxes.
- In fiscal 2007, the average home was assessed at $825,000; tax rate was $10.44; taxes were $8,662.
- In fiscal 2008, the average home was assessed at $848,000; tax rate was $10.60; taxes were $8,988.
- In fiscal 2009, the average home was assessed at $867,000; tax rate expected to be $10.78; taxes expected to be $9,346.

POLICE BEAT

'Stolen goods' return under investigation

By Mary Ford
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Police are building evidence to determine what charges could be filed following reports of individuals returning items to CVS without a receipt. Police think the items being returned may have been stolen.

On Saturday (Nov. 29) police received two reports about a person in the CVS trying to return possible stolen goods. It is routine to ask for a person's driver's license in these cases, police said.

In the first incident, a man attempted to return bottles of vitamins worth $15 each and was given a store credit. In the second incident, the same subject returned with a woman who tried to return makeup without a receipt. The manager refused the return.

The store provided police with the subjects' driver's license information. Police have been in contact with Scituate, which also had a similar incident at the CVS on Front Street. The Scituate store provided a plate number of the subjects' vehicle, police said.

Chief James Hussey said at this point, police are putting a case together to determine what charges the subjects may be facing. It appears they were trying to return items that had not been paid for originally, he said.

Car break-ins

Hull arrested two teens in an unrelated incident who may have been responsible for a rash of car break-ins overnight Sunday (Nov. 23) to Monday (Nov. 24) in the Linden Drive-Rustic Drive area. Police received six calls on Monday (Nov. 24) from residents reporting their cars had been broken into and rifled through overnight.

Police said the cars were not damaged and had been left unlocked. When Hull stopped the teens, they were in possession of two cell phones and a Blackberry stolen from Cohasset cars, police said.

The break-ins are being investigated and Cohasset police could be seeking charges against the two male teens.

Minors with beer

Two Scituate minors, ages 20 and 19, are facing the charge of being minors transporting alcohol following a traffic stop for speeding on Saturday (Nov. 29) at about 6:47 p.m. An officer clocked a red Ford pickup traveling 45 in a 30 mph zone on King Street near Schofield Road. The officer stopped the truck and observed two 30 packs of beer and one 20 pack of beer. The officer asked the men for their licenses which revealed they were under 21. The operator is also being cited for speeding.

OUI arrest

A 50-year-old Scituate woman is facing the charge of operating under the influence of alcohol following a traffic stop on Saturday (Nov. 29) at about 8:20 p.m. Police said a 9-1-1 caller reported an erratic driver in an Audi on Pond Street near the high school. The officer saw the Audi heading east toward Spring Street and observed it cross over the centerline near Bancroft Road. The officer stopped the car and could smell alcohol from the driver. The officer had to assist her in finding her license. Based on further investigation she was charged with OUI, negligent operation and marked lanes violation.

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Stormwater bylaw in action

First applications before ConComm this week

By Nancy White
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After years of debate, development and drafts, the stormwater management bylaw at last came into play for two new development projects this week.

On Thursday night after the Mariner went to press the Conservation Commission heard two applications for stormwater permits — 20 Parkingway and 26 Deep Run. The two applications are the first to seek a stormwater permit from the town.

The stormwater management bylaw was approved at the spring Annual Town Meeting and has an accompanying set of rules and regulations to govern the process.

The regulations establish minimum requirements and procedures to control the adverse effects of increased stormwater runoff, decreased groundwater recharge, and non-point source pollution associated with new development and redevelopment. While the bylaw and regulations can't do anything about existing stormwater problems, the aim is to prevent further exacerbation of the issue.

The project on 20 Parkingway is a new one-story medical building to be built in the Village behind the gas station. At 26 Deep Run, a large home construction is being proposed. The Planning Board, contingent on the applicants getting all other necessary approvals from town boards, has approved both projects.

David Farrag, chairman of the Conservation Commission, is looking forward to going through the process with these two applications.

"We want to get a few in and then see what can be tweaked to make the process more seamless," said Farrag. Getting the public and applicants to understand what the stormwater management bylaw does, how it works and why it is important is a challenge as people just aren't used to the bylaw and its regulations yet.

After the first few applications, the board will revisit the process to determine what went well and what could go better. While very few have had issues with the stormwater performance standards, it is the fees associated with the process that may need to be revisited.

"We don't want to make it so it is burdensome," said Farrag.

Farrag likens the stormwater system to nearly all the other town permitting processes. The applicant/developer must submit information and then the town has the responsibility to ensure the information is correct and is ultimately what gets built. "It's a trust but verify system," said Farrag.

Smaller projects, such as sheds, will not be affected by the stormwater bylaw. Once projects increase the impervious surface of a property by 500 square feet or more, consideration for stormwater runoff must be taken. When projects alter more than 5,000 square feet, a resident or developer needs to obtain a stormwater permit, which is a public hearing process.

It is the hope of the Conservation Commission that projects will seek the commission and stormwater agent's advice early in the planning stages so they can encourage the use of low impact development techniques. Low-impact development techniques include raingardens, minimizing impervious surfaces, treating stormwater in numerous small, decentralized structures and utilizing natural topography for drainage ways and storage areas.

What's happening with the stormwater committee?

As of this point in time, there is no official stormwater committee. It can be best described as being in flux. Since the committee largely completed their initial ad-hoc charge of developing a stormwater bylaw, it has been a question as to whether the town government needs the committee.

Sarah Charron, a member of the Stormwater Committee, has been working on a new charge for the committee for a number of months. Before the Board of Selectmen Monday night she proposed the stormwater committee be charged with items that other boards don't have the time or resources to do: perform public education and outreach, be the go-to place for the public for stormwater issues, and assist in grant writing.

There is some disagreement over how to populate the stormwater committee if it was to be re-instated. Charron proposed having five citizens-at-large members with various liaisons from other boards (Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Water Commission, Sewer Commission, Planning Board and School Committee) to ensure proper communication. Charron believed members of the other boards should not be the primary members because they are stretched thin already with their own board's duties.

Selectman Ralph Dormitzer, who was not at the meeting but sent an e-mail with his thoughts on the matter, said he would like to see the board populated with a member of the Conservation Commission, the Department of Public Works and Emergency Management Committee, as well as two members at large.

No decision was made on the Stormwater Committee. The Selectmen requested Charron work to mesh the two lines of thought and come back before the board.

Stormwater Management in brief

• **Stormwater negatively impacts the health of Cohasset's water bodies.** Stormwater is rainwater and snowmelt that runs off lawns and streets and picks up bacteria, fertilizers, pesticides, oil and grease and other pollutants on the way to our brooks, rivers ponds, meadows, harbors and beaches. In Cohasset Cove and harbor there is bacteria, nutrients and other contaminants. After a one-inch rainfall, the harbor is automatically closed for swimming. In James Brook there are nutrients, bacteria, total suspended solids and low dissolved oxygen.

• **The bylaw ensures future development incorporates stormwater controls.** The bylaw does not prevent future development, but rather ensures stormwater controls are designed for each project to prevent additional stormwater flooding and pollution leaving each site.

• **There is a two-tiered approval process managed by the Conservation Commission and the town's stormwater agent (Norfolk Ram Group).** Projects increasing net impervious area by 500 square feet will require an "administrative approval" by the stormwater agent. Projects altering more than 5,000 square feet will require a more extensive "stormwater permit" from the Conservation Commission. Application and review fees will cover the cost of the stormwater agent.

• **Permitting thresholds were developed scientifically.** The size of projects proposed to trigger review under the bylaw was developed based on hydrologic calculations evaluating changes in volume and peak flow of stormwater runoff. This evaluation was conducted by the Stormwater Management Committee consulting engineer, Norfolk Ram Group, hired by Cohasset to assist in the development of the stormwater management bylaw. The engineering consultant evaluated the impact of increasing the impervious surface area for typical lot sizes, building footprints and driveway footprints using typical Cohasset soil conditions.

Information compiled by the Conservation Commission.



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Local cable-TV studio in focus

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ings are shown live.

Martin, who was accompanied by CAC members Mike Zotos and James Morrison, explained the cost of the systems the committee believes are needed would be about $100,000. She said Comcast has offered to impose a surcharge of up to 3.85 percent on Cohasset customers' bills as well as providing an initial loan of $20,000 "to get up and going," she said. According to Comcast, the surcharge would produce about $100,000 annually, Martin said.

The revenues would go into a Public Access Corporation governed by a board of directors appointed by selectmen. The town accountant would keep financial records with all funds under the control of selectmen and the Town Manager. The money can only be used to provide public access television to the residents of Cohasset and cannot be used by the town for anything else, Martin said.

The surcharge would be reduced if the balance held by the PAC exceeds the town's needs, Martin said.

She explained the first $100,000 would be targeted for equipment within Town Hall to allow continued channel 10 programming, training on how to use that equipment and upgrades to the current meeting room systems to allow meetings to be recorded and played back for additional viewing opportunities.

Additional monies that will follow could be used to upgrade equipment for the high school channel 22 and/or to take advantage of new TV technology that might include broadcasting high school sporting events or live streaming on the web, Martin explained.

The Cable Advisory Committee suggested that a studio might be located at Town Hall.

The CAC explained that the selectmen and school committee meetings can continue to be covered live using existing equipment — although that equipment would also need to be upgraded at some point — but other local programming would "go dark" until the studio is up and running.

The committee hopes to have a temporary studio in place by next fall. The equipment would be portable, the committee explained.

Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr urged the committee to compile a "wish list" during negotiations and think about asking Comcast for it. He pointed out that Comcast has had a monopoly. "All should be on the table," he said.

Town Manager Bill Griffin told the CAC to circle back to selectmen on the studio location issue. Having the studio at Town Hall may raise access issues and compete for space with other activities.

"We need to have the opportunity to discuss it," Griffin said.

Martin said the CAC's "dream would be to create a studio in the old wing of Town Hall that could be shared with the Cohasset Dramatic Club."

David Farrag, chairman of the Town Hall Restoration Committee, said the Town Hall Restoration Committee has had preliminary discussions with the Cable Advisory Committee.

"A town hall renovation would include having the auditorium 'cable ready' for public meetings and/or events that could be broadcasted over cable," Farrag said in an email interview.

Farrag said the public hearing on the wind turbines this week is a good example of the need for cable access. The hearing filled the auditorium.

"Unfortunately, nobody could see the meeting (on TV) because the auditorium has no capability for cable at this time," he said.

Farrag said with a town hall renovation, it has been requested that a screen have the capability for PowerPoint presentations as well for public meetings and or events.

The Cable Advisory Committee noted that the future of local accessing programming could be a bright one. The committee envisions sports and community events being televised.

The next step for the CAC is to sit down with Comcast to start negotiating the new 10 year contract, Martin said..

About the cable bill surcharge

Current Comcast bills have an item for "Franchise Related Cost" of $1.04 for "cost associated with local access programming, facilities, equipment or other related license requirements." This is a flat fee for all subscribers and fee pays for the Comcast studio in Norwell, which is used by five local towns, including Cohasset. Comcast has notified the towns that it will close the studio as of June 30, 2009. All towns have expiring contracts during the first eight months of 2009.

Therefore, in order to continue public access programming, Cohasset needs to create its own facility.

Selectman Paul Carlson, who sits on the Cable Advisory Committee, explained Comcast has made an offer to charge a new Franchise Related Cost (FRC) of 3.85 percent of each subscriber's cable bill for the first two years. In subsequent years the FRC will drop to 3 percent. This does not apply to a subscriber's non-cable fees for Internet, phone, etc. Standard cable costs $54.35 monthly so the new FRC will be $2.09 or $25.08 per year. People with more expensive packages will pay more. After the first two years, the cost will be $1.63 monthly or $19.57 per year.

Comcast has also offered $20,000 lump sum to be paid by the subscribers over the first year. Carlson said the CAC has not obtained any details on how this will work.

He explained assuming it will be a flat fee for all subscribers, it would amount to approximately $8 per subscriber for the year or 67 cents on each subscriber's monthly bill.

Carlson said the revenue from these fees would go into a new Public Access Corporation to be set up by Selectmen and, basically be under their control. The money can only be expended on public access related expenditures including capital and operating costs.

"With Comcast closing their studio, we must create the capability to originate our own public access programming," Carlson said. "Under the plan we are developing, we will be able to maintain the existing programming and add new capabilities for the benefit of Cohasset cable subscribers."

Police Beat

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MV collision

A Cohasset woman in a 2003 Ford was backing out of her driveway on Jerusalem Road at about 11 a.m. on Tuesday (Nov. 25) when she struck the driver's side quarter panel of a 2006 BMW being operated by a Scituate woman. The Scituate woman had pulled over to answer her cell phone. Police said the Cohasset woman said she did not see the BMW. Neither car had to be towed and no one was cited, police said.

Lesson

A concerned mother apparently trying to teach her 12-year-old daughter a lesson brought her daughter to the police station last week after she stole an iPod from her mother. Police spoke to the daughter with the mother present. Police said this would be handled as a family matter.

Littering

Police followed up on a report from a caller about a vehicle full of teens tossing bottles out of the car window last week. The caller provided a plate number; police went to the home and spoke to those involved. They had to return to the area and pick up the items.

Larceny

Police are investigating the apparent theft of $150 in cash, two credit cards and a camera from an employee's handbag at a local shop off Route 3A. The victim reported the theft after leaving work and discovering the missing cash and items. The door to the back room where she kept her handbag while at the shop was not secured so it is not clear if another employee stole the items or a customer, police said. The incident remains under investigation.

Warrant

An Eastham man was arrested last Thursday (Nov. 27) on an outstanding warrant while Cohasset police were responding to a local residence at the request of Hingham police who were investigating an alleged assault in their town.

During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the Eastham man was wanted on the warrant, police said.

Egged

A car parked at the Cohasset Train Station was egged last Thursday (Nov. 27). The vehicle was parked at the lot all day. The car owner wanted the incident logged. Police said it appears to be an isolated incident.

Keyed

A mother, who lives on Jerusalem Road, called police after discovering that her daughter's 1994 red Honda had been keyed on all four sides last week. The family does not know who might have done the vandalism, police said. They believed it occurred while the car was parked in the driveway.

Vandalism

A concerned neighbor, who was watching her neighbor's house on Parker Avenue, called police to report some vandalism last week. Police said a cover to one of the cars was ripped and the plastic on the jeep was cracked. The incidents appear to have been isolated and are under investigation.

Nomination papers for Town Election

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2009 will be available on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb.12 and the last day to register to vote is March 6. In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. Please note that you are not running for office until you take out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies your signatures.

Positions available for the 2009 town election:

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- School Committee — TWO for three years
- Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library — THREE for three years
- Assessor—ONE for three years
- Board of Health — ONE for three years
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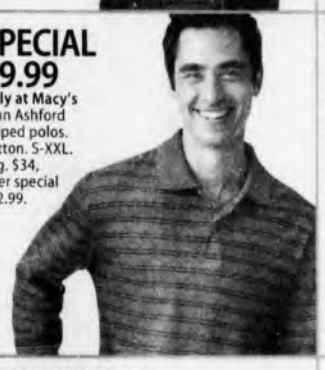
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Ilene Colwill welcomes new granddaughter

AROUND TOWN



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HELLO, DECEMBER

Hello Cohasset and a happy welcome to the month of December. With all the holidays this month, special fairs and events going on, we should all be in very happy spirits that is for sure. If you have anything you would like to share with our town, please send it on in to me here at aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com and I will make sure to share it in the column. Photos, fun stories about events and information as well is welcome at any time.

NEW ARRIVAL

I will kick off this week's column with a bit of news about a new little girl in our world. Congratulations to out to **Jodi (Colwill) and James Park** as they announce the birth of their daughter, **Olivia Grace Parks**. Olivia arrived in our world on Sept. 9, 2008 and weighed in at 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 22 inches long. Jodi, James and Miss Olivia live in Atlanta and are absolutely in love with their little princess. I know that this special little lady will be loved, cuddled and adored by all, and that Olivia's grandma, **Ilene Colwill** is in her glory! Thank Heavens For Little Girls.

GIFT IDEAS

Here are a few bits of news that may give some of you some ideas for a gift or two.

DVD's of the 2008 CHS Pre Prom Reception from May 30th are still available to purchase for $20 each and make great holiday gifts! To order a copy please call **Shaun Galvin** at 781-424-2197 or email your request to shaun_galvin@yahoo.com The request can also be mailed with a check for $20.00 per DVD to Shaun Galvin P.O. Box 526 Hingham, MA 02043.

Here is another holiday gift idea that will come in handy for many. Show your Paul Pratt Pride and purchase a book bag from the Friends of the Library. These green, durable canvas tote bags have the library logo in white on the front and are roomy enough for your books, videos and magazines. There's even a pocket for your library card. Pick one up for $15 at the library and fill it with gently used books, videos, audiobooks, and paperbacks from the book sale rack. Book sale items are priced $1 and under. Makes a great gift for mom and dad!

Here are some events that are happening this month at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. From now through Dec 31,

IN STEP



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Grace McMeekin of Cohasset works her way around the dance floor with her dance partner Jack Sobran of Hingham while doing the Fox Trot. It is all part of the Social Dance Class hosted by Hingham Social Dance and the Boston Assemblies at the Black Rock Country Club.

DECORATIONS

Here is a way to learn how to create beautiful, easy-to-craft holiday decorations from members of The Community Garden Club of Cohasset at the library on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 10:30am. This is also free and all are welcome!

CELEBRATION

"Buttonwood Celebrates" is a daylong celebration of the holiday season on Sat. Dec.13 at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Rt.3A, Cohasset. Planned events include Santa Claus, **Bill Brett, Cathy Corcoran**, toy demonstrations, and door prizes. The day begins at 10:30 a.m. with Bill Brett signing his new book "Boston: A Year in the Life", Santa Claus available for wish taking and pictures, and game demonstrations in the toy department. Hingham author, Cathy Corcoran, launches her new book "Magic Happens" at 1:30 p.m.. Buttonwood gift certificates and other great items will be drawn randomly throughout the day. Light refreshments will be served. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 for further information.

MISTLETOE BOUTIQUE

The 6th Annual Mistletoe Boutique is coming to town on Sunday, December 14th at the Cohasset Golf Club from 10 a.m. –5 p.m. This event has over 40 vendors and a fun-filled children's area with activities for all. The event is sponsored by the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum and is a wonderful time for everyone in attendance. For more information call, 781-383-3198 or email info@ourworldcgdm.org.

That is all for now. Send in all of your news to me no later than Tuesdays by 5:00 pm.

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BUSINESS NOTES

Town counsel named 'Super Lawyer'



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Cohasset Town Counsel Paul DeRensis has been named as one of 2008's Massachusetts Super Lawyers.

Cohasset Town Counsel Paul DeRensis was named in November 2008 as one of 2008's Massachusetts Super Lawyers along with three other members of his firm, Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis & Holland, P.C. The list of 2008 Massachusetts Super Lawyers is assembled by Law & Politics in conjunction with Boston Magazine based on surveys of more than 31,000 lawyers across the region aimed at selecting as Super Lawyers the top 5 percent of New England attorneys in more than 60 practice areas and reflects both peer recognition and professional achievement verified through careful selection process to determine New England's best.

His practice is concentrated in the area of municipal law, and he was one of only 12 lawyers recognized as a Super Lawyer in the municipal law area throughout the six New England states. This is the fourth time that Mr. DeRensis has been recognized as a municipal "super lawyer."

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DeRensis is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, and is admitted to practice in New York and Massachusetts and in various federal courts including the United States Supreme Court. He serves as Town Counsel to a number of Massachusetts's municipalities. Mr. DeRensis has served as Cohasset's Town Counsel for 12 years.

All New England Super Lawyers will be listed in November's issue of Boston Magazine.

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Volunteers, Karen Kirkendall, Nancy Sandell, Susan Jaffee, Lisa Hewitt Dick, Lisa Lynch and Betts Murray (seated) are making wreaths for village shops and businesses in preparation for the Holiday Stroll, Dec. 13.

Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll is Dec. 13

Mark your calendar for the Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll on Saturday, Dec. 13th from 4-7 p.m. This year is going to be better than ever! There are new and exciting additions to the program, including; a parade to start things off, live music and a DJ. Visit one of the new shops as well as your old favorites while enjoying refreshments and treats. Kids will have a wonderful time with merchants offering everything from face painting to hayrides to cookie decorating. And, speaking of Old St. Nick, don't be surprised if he stops by for a visit!

This event will benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry and Toys for Tots. Donations for both organizations will be accepted at the event. Thank you to the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and the Cohasset Economic Development Committee who help sponsor the Stroll.

Celebrate the spirit of season, and join us for another magical Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll!

For information or questions, please call Karen Kirkendall at 781-383-9922, or Darilynn Evans at 781-383-1002.

Wassail party Sunday

It's become a tradition for the Cohasset Historical Society to usher in the holiday season with a Wassail Party. This year's event will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Pratt Building, 106 South Main St. Festivities will be from 2 to 4 p.m. with light refreshment being served. Please join the Society members, guests and friends for this time of fellowship, good cheer and convivial conversation.

Mural restored

Citizen comes forth to repair student mural

By Nancy White
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With the holiday season upon us, good will and cheer abounds. This was no more apparent this past Thanksgiving weekend when a Cohasset man put in time, skill and a little bit of elbow grease to restore the vandalized mural in the village.

Jack Nash, a lifelong Cohasset resident, heard from a friend on Thanksgiving Day how a mural 26 high school kids painted was vandalized. On Friday morning while stopping in at French Memories he checked out the mural. A carpenter and painter by trade, Nash thought he might be able to remove the black spray paint off.

"In the painting business, the one thing you know how to do is remove your mistakes," Nash said in a phone interview.

A few hours later, he returned to the village with a can of lacquer thinner, a stiff brush and a ladder and set out with the intention to test a couple of discreet spots. He rubbed the lacquer thinner into the brick, then patted it off with a cotton rag. The spray paint came off, but not the paint underneath.

"It came off so nicely, I just kept going," he said. "As a painter and an artist it would have upset me to have something I painted destroyed so I felt compelled to fix it."

He spent the next few hours in the pouring rain removing the graffiti from the mural.

There was a moment of fear as he began that passersby would think he was adding more graffiti to the mural, but it quickly faded as one person came to snap his picture and others to thank him.

Before Nash showed up to remove the graffiti on Friday morning, Arts Booster president Elaine Breslow had called around to ask local professionals for their advice. She was met with generosity. Local painter Bob Gledhill offered to bring a tarp and borrow heat lamps so the students could work in the cold weather. Cohasset-based mason Brendan St. John offered to look into products to aid in removing the black paint.

She was appreciative of all the community support.

Then, while in the village Friday morning she ran into Nash who had gone ahead and started the restoration.



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Jack Nash, a lifelong Cohasset resident and owner of Nash Home Improvements, removed the black spray paint graffiti from the mural last Friday.

"As a painter and an artist it would have upset me to have something I painted destroyed so I felt compelled to fix it."
— Jack Nash

The Cohasset High Art Major class, under the director of art teacher Nina Berkowitz, worked on the mural project for over a month. The class worked cooperatively during various class times to complete the mural. The day after they had pronounced the mural substantially complete (only a few touch-ups remained), the mural was vandalized.

Sometime over night on Thursday, Nov. 13, an individual or a group vandalized the mural the class had nearly completed in the village pocket park between Tedeschi's and French Memories. The black spray paint affected nearly every part of the mural.

The painted mural was of a view of the Cohasset Harbor from Government Island, with the iconic Minot Light replica in the foreground.

Though both disappointed and dismayed someone would do that to the mural, the students resolved to restore the mural to its original luster, but faced challenges of class time and colder weather.

"When I told the kids, they were so happy and grateful," said Berkowitz. "It was a really nice moment for them to know that their hard work was appreciated and acknowledged by people in the community, and restored a little bit of faith that they lost when it was vandalized."

The students will do some additional touch-ups on the mural to restore it to its proper vibrancy.



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What you need to know about safe ice

By Ted Carroll,
Recreation Director
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With the winter season upon us, residents of all ages look for outdoor areas for ice skating. When we start getting consistently cold weather Elm's Meadow, located at Cushing Road and Spring Street, will be prepared by the DPW for skating, and lights, until 9:30 p.m., are also on for night skating. Elm's Meadow offers a regulated, shallow area for safe skating.

However, as with any outdoor skating area, the ice should be tested before venturing on it. There are specific ways to test ice safety, which do not include throwing debris such as rocks, sticks, etc. on the ice making it hazardous for everyone.

Rather, test the ice by the edge of a skating area by carefully stepping out 6- to 8-inches, proceeding carefully to about 2 feet out from the edge only if the ice appears to be safe under your weight. Chip the ice with a tool or stick until you can ascertain a rough idea as to the thickness of the ice. You should always have another person with you when doing this.

Many outdoor skating areas do not have the same thickness of ice universally over the area. Always be on guard for soft spots or thin ice that manifest from underground springs, drain pipes, etc. This is especially true at Elm's Meadow by the Spring Street/Cushing Road corner of the area due to drains off the hillside.

General safe ice standards

Ice safe for:	0-30 degrees	30-40 degrees	40-50 degrees
Single skaters:	1 3/34 inches	2 3/34 inches	6 inches
Couples:	2 3/34 inches	3 3/34 inches	8 inches
Crowds:	3 3/34 inches	4 3/34 inches	12 inches



Stay off salt water ice completely!

These figures are for clear, fresh water ice only; for snow ice, add 2 inches; for waterlogged ice, add 3 inches; if skates cut it, go home! Saltwater in mild climates is always treacherous - keep away from it. Also, thickness in the 40-50 degree column are safe depths for short periods of time only.

New fees become effective Jan. 1

The following certificates and licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office and new fees will become effective on Jan. 1, 2009. Fees have not been increased since the Special Town Meeting on Oct. 10, 1989.

Birth, Marriage, Death certificates: $10.

Marriage Intention/License: $25.

Business Certificate (DBA): $40.

Business Renewal or Withdrawal: $20.

Street List: $10.

Raffle and Bazaar License: $25.

Zoning Board of Appeals Filing: $150.

Commercial, Multi-family Signs and All Others: $300.

Mailing Labels: $100.

Zoning and General Bylaws: $15.

Zoning Map: $10.

Certificate of Registration (fuel storage permit): $50.

Dog License: Neutered/spayed, $8.

Dog License: Non-neutered male/non-spayed female, $15.

Kennel License: one to three dogs, $45.

Kennel License: four to nine dogs, $90.

Kennel License: 10 dogs or more, $135.

Lily Pond will be open for skating this winter

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of the effect the aeration has done for the pond over the last year is impossible to ascertain because its influence cannot be isolated from other efforts, Water Commissioner Nathaniel Palmer said there does appear to have been a positive effect on manganese removal due to the aeration system.

"There are many other benefits to the pond in water quality and overall ecosystem," said Palmer, adding the greatest impact on manganese removal comes from optimized plant operations.

"The team at the plant has done an extraordinary job at manganese removal, which is measurable in testing and visible in the distribution system," said Palmer in an e-mail.

"We will be starting the aeration again in the spring."
— Glenn Pratt, Water Commission

Now that the system is beyond the initial start-up phase and in operation for over a year, the Water Commission is able to shut it down for a limited period of time. The fact that winter is a time of low manganese in the pond water also led the commission to turn off the aeration for the winter, said Pratt.

"We have continued to make improvements to the treatment processes in the plant in conjunction with the aeration system," said Pratt.

Although the aeration system is shut off this winter, it does not mean the ice will be safe for skating. Because of fluctuating weather last year, there were very few days, if any, where ice activities on Lily Pond would have been possible.

"This year we are hoping the combination of colder weather and having the system shutoff will allow for safe winter skating," said Palmer.

Caroling on the Common is Dec. 13

Participants will gather at the Parish House at 23 North Main St., between 3:45-4 p.m. for cookies and cider.

Hey there, Merry-Makers! Once again, First Parish is sponsoring a holiday treat for young and old: the well-loved Cohasset tradition---- Caroling on the Common--- on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Everyone is welcome! This is a community event for young and old, especially those with school-age children. Bring some friends. Exceptional singing voices are NOT required; carols will be familiar and simple—there will be songbooks for everyone. Because it gets dark quickly, you are asked to bring flashlights.

Participants will gather at the Parish House at 23 North Main St., between 3:45-4 p.m. for cookies and cider. The group will then leave to start the singing near the duck pond. At approximately 4:45 p.m., everyone will return to the Parish House for hot cocoa, cider and cookies (cookie donations will be much appreciated.)



Please bring a pair of socks (or two or three), which will be donated to Boston Health Care for the Homeless. Socks should be white cotton; both men's and women's sizes are needed.

Come join your friends for an old-fashioned holiday get-together, and pass the word. The more the merrier!

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Tony Carbone and Lilly Sestito will be singing three songs with the Rusty Skippers at the Village Fair this weekend.

Village Fair rings in the holidays

A decades-old holiday tradition continues as the Village Fair is celebrated on Cohasset Common from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 6. Featured will be an abundance of affordable holiday options – food, crafts, books, a visit from Santa at no charge, and music with a goodwill offering for Wellspring, the social service agency based in Hull that serves the South Shore.

Participants will be Second Congregational Church, First Parish Unitarian Universalist and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Head to the parish hall of each congregation to find food, gently priced books and crafts. At noon, gather at the Meeting House of First Parish Unitarian Universalist, where the Rusty Skippers, formed several years ago by the late Rev. Ed Atkinson of First Parish, will play holiday tunes and invite the audience to join in on a number of familiar carols. A free-will offering will be made during the concert with the proceeds benefiting Cohasset Food Pantry.

Weather permitting, Santa will be on the Common throughout the day to hear children's wish lists and share a photo. In the event of bad weather, Santa will be inside the parish hall at the Congregational Church.

Second Congregational Church will have its traditional Christmas arts and crafts bazaar, The Chowder Bar, bake tables, Cabot cheese, a Surf and Turf raffle, a silent auction and the Children's Corner.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist will host its annual ReUUsable Sale of pre-owned treasures in Trueblood Hall. Gently used house wares, linens, furniture, children's clothing, toys, jewelry, books, sporting goods and decorative items for the holidays will be offered. While browsing through the treasure trove, enjoy a breakfast/brunch on a stick – a kabob-like pancake and sausage concoction that is new this year – along with coffee, tea or juice. All proceeds benefit the many ministries of the congregation, with the exception of the crafts from Appalachia for sale in the Atkinson Room of the Parish House. Proceeds from these crafts will benefit the Appalachian Service Project that allows many of the community's young people and adults to travel in the summer to Appalachia for a week of service learning.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (on the hill) will again host its annual book sale offering hundreds of gently used books covering all topics ranging from gardening, theology, history, poetry, fiction and children's literature. Along with the books, St. Stephen's will have a bake sale, craft sale, its annual country kitchen for those looking for a quick hot meal and several items available for auction. New this year in the craft sale, are beaded bracelets handmade by parishioners. All proceeds generated by the fair at St. Stephen's will be donated through the church's outreach work to various social service agencies that help those in need.

Also new at St. Stephen's this year is a booth set up by St. Stephen's Youth Group for selling bags made by women from Burma as part of their ongoing project to raise $10,000 for the building of two preschools in Burma. These colorful bags were purchased by St. Stephen's directly from the Burmese women.

St. Stephen's traditional Secret Santa Room for children will be in the bottom floor of the church hall. This annual event sponsored by the Appalachia Service Project, lets children go shopping for Christmas gifts for their families. Gifts are wrapped by ASP volunteers so that the children have a special gift to give family members on Christmas morning.

Unwelcome neighbors take flight

Strait's Pond midge population down

By Mary Ford
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No neighborhood wants to be described as "inhospitable."

But when is comes to pesky midges, those who live around Straits Pond, whether on the Hull or Cohasset side, willingly accept the portrayal.

"For the first time in living memory there was not a significant midge outbreak all season."

— Lawry Reid, Straits Pond Watershed Association

Lawry Reid, president of the Straits Pond Watershed Association, explained that midges have affected the quality of life around Straits Pond for well over 100 years and perhaps longer. He read an excerpt from an 1848 newspaper report to selectmen Monday detailing the problem. SPWA members Merle Graham and Dick Avery of Cohasset were also present.

Reid said after numerous scientific studies and efforts that did not result in a significant impact, the Straits Pond neighbors decided to focus on the causes of the midge problem based on the hypothesis that regular and significant tidal exchange would improve the pond environment.

He said back in 2003, the SPWA brought together the scientists and stakeholders in five forums. At the fifth meeting, residents decide to go after the cause of the pond's problems rather than treat the symptoms.

In a handout, the SPWA explained that if there is regular and significant tidal exchange, things start to change for four reasons:

- Increased salinity keeps midges from reproducing.
- Flushing of nutrients and organic material makes water less stagnant.
- Snails and worms colonize and metabolize organic material by ingesting the mucky material and excreting sandy sediments – resulting in fewer odors.
- Snails and worms also form the bottom of the food chain for fish and birds.

Following a major midge outbreak in 2007, the Hull conservation agent, with the approval of the Cohasset conservation agent, tested the hypothesis by keeping the tide gates open as much as possible. The tide gates have been operating this way ever since, Reid said.

"For the first time in living memory there was not a significant midge outbreak all season," Reid said about 2008. "For us on the pond, that is about as major as you can get."

He also explained the SPWA sediment sampling showed snails and worms have been moving in. Residents have also reported seeing osprey fishing in the pond.

The SPWA says the pace of improvements should pick up when new, larger tide gates are installed as part of the West Corner Culvert project.

Reid said the SPWA thanks the three towns that share the West Corner Culvert project for their support. "The West Corner project would not be anywhere without the support of the three towns," he said.

However, additional projects such as rain gardens to address storm-water pollution and nutrient overload from entering the pond are also needed.

Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr suggested that lessons learned at Straits Pond in regards to tidal flushing might be useful in other areas of town where tidal flow has been an issue.

However, Reid pointed out that the natural ledge in Straits Pond near the Greek Church keeps 70 percent of the pond surface remaining no matter who much water is let out of the pond through the tide gates.

"We cannot lose all the water at low tide," he said. Reid said the tidal flushing has been a huge political struggle in Hull.

About the midges

SPWA member Dick Avery of Cohasset describes the midges as "swarming gnats only larger and don't seem to bite."

" When I would run around Straits Pond in the spring and summer the main danger was to swallow them on air intakes and get them in my eyes," he said in an email. "... The floating bird boxes you see in the pond are an attempt to attract tree swallows, which dine on midges. The midges also seem to be a bell weather on pond health."

Here are local midge facts:

- There are 5000 recorded species of midges with about 2,500 species of Chiromonidae found in North America.. Most are non-biting and live in water. Some have adapted to a low oxygen environment.
- Of the 40-50 species which may be inhabiting Straits Pond only a small percentage (4-5 percent) are filter-feeders. The filter feeders are the species that form swarms (in the adult stage) and are a nuisance. The species inhabiting the Pond is a species of Chiromomids, a non-biting aquatic midge.
- The midges have a 4-stage life cycle: egg to larvae to pupae to adult. They inhabit the pond during their larval and pupae stages, primarily existing in the shallow edges of the Pond. The first generation historically emerge from the Pond as adult midges in late April.
- During the 1992 Straits Pond study attempts were being made to positively identify the species of Chironomid midge found in Straits Pond. Past studies have identified the species as C. Decorus (1953 Mass. Dept. of Public Health Study) or C.Riparius (IEP 1980 Study). During the 1992 Study specimens of midge larvae were sent to the Museum of Natural History in Washington DC and reply from there was pending. Communication with Dr.Ashad Ali of the Univ. of Florida and Dr. Joel Margolit of Harvard University tentatively indicate the species may be C. chironomus.
- The 1994 Straits Pond Study refers to the "...species of midge fly known as Chiromonous Riparius" so it appears that final identification of the specific species was made.
- 1994 Straits Pond Study: After 3 years of data collection determined that there are 3 generations of midges during the spring through fall seasons. The first generation is when the over-wintering larvae mature and leave the pond in mid-April as adult flies. Absence of larvae were recorded from mid-April through May. The second generation was recorded by larvae peaks in June followed by a decline in the early part of July. The third generation is recorded by larvae population peaks in August and declines in September when the larvae have matured and emerge from the pond as adult flies.

(Courtesy of C. Anne Murray.)

Waterfowl park possible

Lawry Reid, president of the Straits Pond Watershed Association, told selectmen Monday that as a way of saying thanks to the residents of Cohasset and Hull for their support, the SPWA is in the early stages of considering development of as a Waterfowl Park at Straits Pond on town-owned land that would be accessible to the community.

Reid explained that 90 different types of birds have been spotted at the pond during spring and fall bird walks.

"This is an extraordinary area," Reid said.

Selectman Karen Quigley expressed her support for the waterfowl park and offered her assistance to bring that to fruition.

West Corner Culvert project update

Cohasset, Hingham and Hull joined forces about five years ago to replace and expand the deteriorating West Corner culvert and tide gates that have caused major problems for Straits Pond over the years. The culvert, which not only serves as the only source of in and out-flow for the waters of Straits Pond, supports one of the two major roads in Hull and carries telephone and cable wires, as well as water and gas for Hull, and sewer lines for parts of Cohasset and Hingham. The structure is of major importance to the three towns as well as the ecological environment and is in dire need of an overhaul.

The pond, which is located between the southeast portion of Hull and the northeast portion of Cohasset, and is flanked by Atlantic Avenue in Hull and Jerusalem Road in Cohasset, has been in need of major improvements for years. Stagnant waters have provided a perfect breeding ground for algae and midges, which have been distracting from the natural beauty of the setting as well as causing problems for neighbors.

Because of its unique location, ownership of the culvert is 50 percent Hull, and 25 percent each Cohasset and Hingham. In light of the situation, members of the Straits Pond Watershed Association (SPWA) led the charge before the three towns, asking they chip in to help fund the $2.69 million restoration project, which is being largely paid for with federal and state funds. Of the total amount of the project, Cohasset and Hingham have contributed about 2 percent and Hull 4 percent.

Mass Highway opened the bids for the project on Nov. 25th. There were 7 bidders and 2 of the seven submitted bids below the estimate, Hull Town Manager Phil Lemnios said.

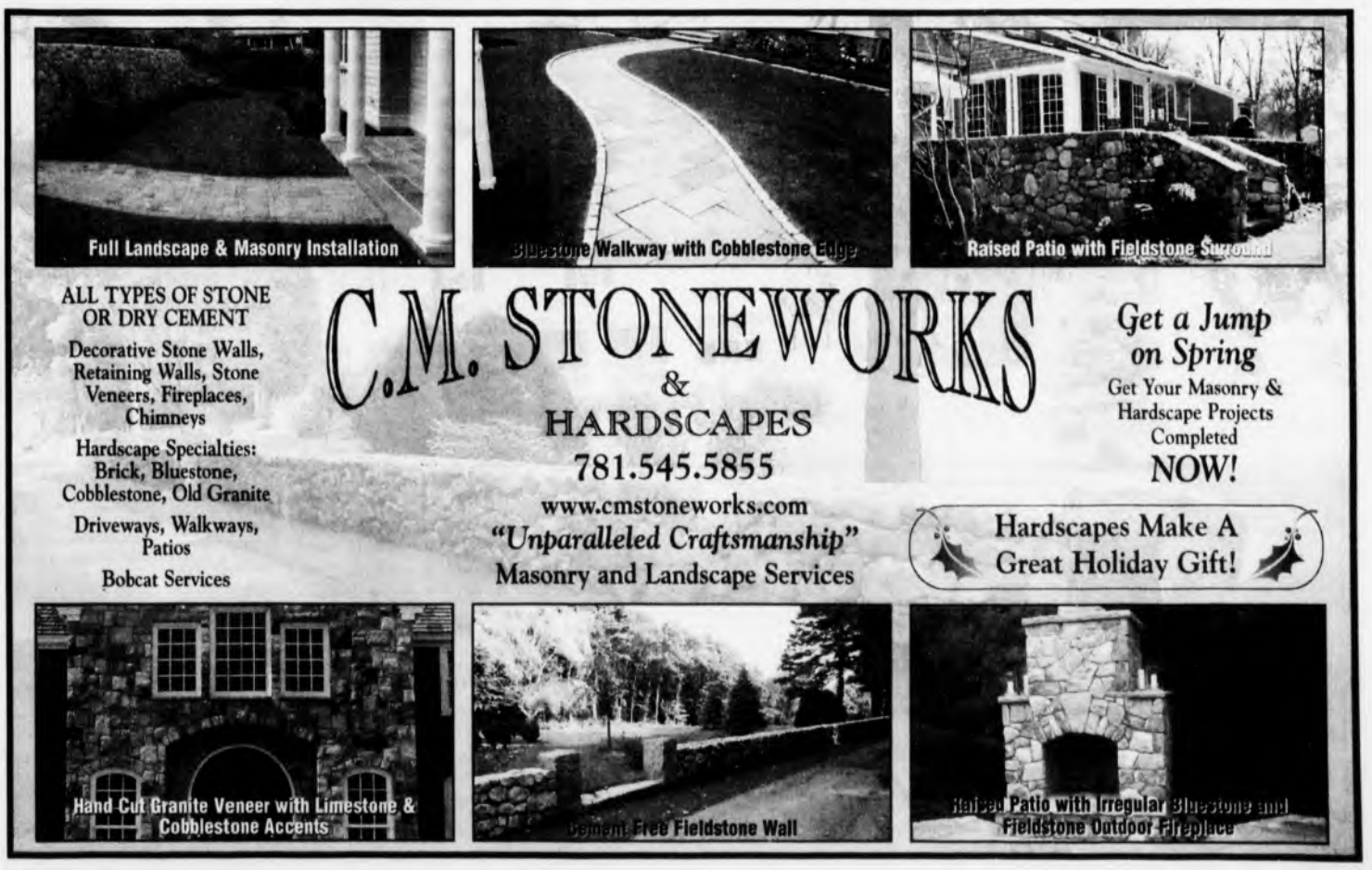
"This is good news for the project," he said. "Mass Highway is in the process of verifying bidders calculations and responses (standard practice).

"Mass Highway will identify the lowest bidder that had a complete submission and begin to put the award document together as well as contracts. After the contracts are awarded there will be a notice to proceed, a pre-construction meeting (late winter-early spring). We can expect the project to begin late Spring," he said.

Taste of Greece at Village Fair

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church will once again participate in the Cohasset Village Fair, and will be set up across from the pond in the South Shore Community Center Village. The fair will take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6.

Decorated fresh wreaths will be displayed for sale outside along the walkway leading to the sights, sounds and scents of traditional Greek culture inside the Senior Room. The sounds of live and recorded music will fill the air as hot coffee is served and spanakopita, baklava, koulourakia and many other specialty foods are sold. Hand knit and crocheted goods, as well as hand crafted jewelry and Grandma's Attic items will provide ample opportunity to purchase gifts. A 50/50 raffle will also be featured, and all proceeds from the sales and raffle will fund Philoptochos charities.



OPINION

EDITORIAL

Holiday traditions

"Small town Cohasset." In December 2008, we can still say that phrase despite residential and commercial growth ranging from the TOD and Avalon complex to commuter rail.

Cohasset, with its proximity to Route 3A, commuter boats and commuter rail, acres of parkland, fine schools, beautiful homes, historic neighborhoods, waterfront vistas and excellent town services — is a very desirable place to live and work.

We can't blame the developers, who eagerly eye the town's vacant parcels for their building projects. Who wouldn't want to live here?

But the challenges before our town officials — and indeed all of us who love this town — in the years ahead is to focus on how to continue to manage the growth so Cohasset's "small-town" appeal remains in tact.

We have serious concerns that include school overcrowding, traffic impacts, and what will happen to local property taxes so Cohasset maintains some level of economic diversity.

As we officially enter the "holiday season" with the Village Fair this weekend and the Holiday Stroll next weekend, we are grateful for all the town officials — both paid staffers and volunteer boards — who burn the midnight oil dealing with these problems. We wish them courage, wisdom, patience — and a crystal ball!

Here at the Mariner, we promise to keep our readers abreast of the issues. But we also hope many of you — from the "Old Guard" to newcomers — will continue to get involved by sharing your talent to help the town deal with new development.

But throughout the day this Saturday and next, it's time to put our worries aside and enjoy one of the traditions that makes Cohasset special: the traditional Village Fair and relatively new, Holiday Stroll. The annual celebrations are right out of a Norman Rockwell painting and we wouldn't miss them for the world.

Enjoy!

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Advisory Committee, Dec. 9, 7 p.m.
Alternative Energy Committee, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.
Capital Budget Committee, Jan. 6, 20, 27 and Feb. 3, 24, all at 7:30 p.m.
Cultural Council, Dec. 17, 7 p.m.,
Historical Commission, Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. at the library.
Osgood School Council, Jan. 8, 3:30 p.m. at Osgood.
Planning Board, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.
Selectmen, Dec. 15 and Jan. 5, 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission, Dec. 11, 11:30 a.m. at 34 rear Elm St.
ZBA, Jan. 6, &;30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Dec.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 4	3:26	7.9	3:33	8.4	9:18	1.7	9:49	0.9
Sunrise: 6:56 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Fri. 5	4:13	8.0	4:24	8.3	10:10	1.6	10:38	0.9
Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Sat. 6	5:01	8.3	5:19	8.2	11:05	1.4	11:28	0.9
Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Sun. 7	5:51	8.6	6:15	8.3	—	—	12:01	1.0
Sunrise: 6:59 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Mon. 8	6:42	9.1	7:12	8.4	12:20	0.8	12:58	0.5
Sunrise: 7:00 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Tues. 9	7:33	9.6	8:09	8.6	1:13	0.6	1:54	-0.1
Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Wed. 10	8:25	10.1	9:04	8.8	2:07	0.4	2:49	-0.6
Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Thurs. 11	9:18	10.6	9:59	9.1	3:00	0.1	3:42	-1.1
Sunrise: 7:02 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			

Tides between Cohasset and Plymouth are within 10 min.

Bradley opens district office on Fridays

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, has opened a new district office at the Sons of Italy Hall, 88 Chief Justice Cushing Highway in Hingham.

The office will be staffed most Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the exception of the third Friday each month when the office will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Precinct 3 residents in Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Scituate are welcome to visit or call the district office at 781-749-3331. An appointment is not necessary.

"I'm pleased to be able to provide a local office that should be more easily accessible to my constituents," said Bradley. "I hope interested residents needing assistance with any issues or problems avail themselves of the services provided by my staff at the new district office."

Additionally, residents are reminded that they may call Bradley's State House office at 617-722-2460 Monday through Friday.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Outpouring of community support

TO THE EDITOR:

Thanksgiving. What better time than in this climate of economic uncertainty, humanitarian crisis, and ill will both abroad and sadly even here more locally, to take the opportunity to recognize some of the more outstanding gestures we have recently experienced and, quite simply, to just give Thanks.

The Cohasset Arts Boosters (on behalf of the CHS Art Major class) has received an outpouring of support. From residents who expressed their heart break at the recently vandalized mural, to the folks at Tedeschi's who went so far as to install a brighter bulb in the pocket park so that the mural could be enjoyed by everyone — even in the evenings. Sure, to many, the countless hours of planning and preparation by the students, CHS Arts Department Chair Nina Berkowitz, the administration, Mr. Ed Mulvey, and Pilgrim Bank felt almost wasted.

But all was not lost: the students emphatically wanted to repair the mural and out of a most disappointing event there arose a most uplifting spirit of community. Because the frosty weather created a potentially narrow window of painting time, Bob Gledhill offered, at no cost, to raise a tarp and borrow heat lamps, if necessary. Brendan St. John offered, at no cost, to look into obtaining products to try to remove the black paint. And Jack Nash, who, when having a cup of coffee Friday morning, saw the damage, ran home to get a few supplies and spent the day after Thanksgiving methodically removing the black paint — all during the POURING RAIN! This too, at no cost.

The leftovers may be long finished but we wanted you to know that there is still much to be thankful for in this special place we all call home. It is these gestures that reconfirm how much our students' contribution has meant to the town and how important adult role models continue to be in their lives.

Once again, thank you for giving the Arts a Boost!

Sincerely, Cohasset MHS Arts Boosters:

Barbara Baumgarten
Elaine Breslow
Diane Kennedy
Carol Meyers
Janet Robinson
Beth Seraikas

Wind proposal, a capalistic venture

TO THE EDITOR:

I find the recent discussions on the Cohasset Wind Turbine request disturbing to say the least. This project is being sold as an environmental endeavor with the perception being there will be benefits to the people of Cohasset. This endeavor, in fact, is really a capitalistic endeavor that is taking advantage of the current environmental trend of alternative energy sources.

Don't get me wrong. I believe that we all need to contribute to the environmental cause; however this project, in this location, is not the one. Constructing even one, much less two or three wind turbines the size of Two International Place in Boston, on Cohasset's old landfill behind Hingham Lumber is irresponsible and unconscionable. I am appalled that the town's energy committee is even taking any consideration to a request that benefits a few and disadvantages the Cohasset community as a whole.

Within a mile of the proposed site are many residents' homes and businesses, the elderly at Sunrise Assisted Living as well as where our youngest residents attend preschool through fifth grade at Deer Hill and Osgood or attend childcare at Brown Bear across the street. Although CCI Energy may be taking a financial risk, they are expecting a huge financial windfall in their bank accounts. Whereas in contrast, the residents in Cohasset, especially those within the mile radius, are also being forced to take a huge risk, but with no return on investment. In fact, many will take a negative return on investment in their homes, health and their education.

I urge the residents of Cohasset to stand up for their rights and the rights of those who are too young to stand up for themselves. Demand that the town request that these developers find a more appropriate place for their capitalistic venture that adheres to international standards.

Laura Reed
258 South Main St.

Special month for the seniors

TO THE EDITOR:

November was a very special month for the seniors of Cohasset.

On Nov. 7and 8, the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs sponsored a fundraiser, the delightful Cabaret under the direction of Blanche Clark. On Nov. 20, Darilyn Evans brought CEA a check for $2,297.10, and $500 in Stop & Shop gift cards from the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, and the Economic Development Committee from the proceeds of the first Cohasset Day. These good people gave a similar gift to the Cohasset Food Pantry and a check to the Cohasset Educational Foundation. On Nov. 22 and 23, nearly 100 volunteers went to 18 senior's homes to rake leaves (200 bags full), put down storm windows and other chores. Make a Difference Days are sponsored by the Cohasset PSO, and this year the co-chairs were Patty Cunningham and Vanessa Simone.

The excitement continued on Tuesday, Nov. 25, when the Peter Roy family, Joe and Janet Campbell, the staff of Atlantica and volunteers hosted an outstanding Thanksgiving Feast for over 150 seniors. During the delicious meal all were treated to music from the High School Jazz Quintet, under the direction of Stephanie Moriarty, and after the meal some of cast of "West Side Story," under the direction of Bryan Marks, delighted everyone with their songs. In turn, the seniors donated nine boxes of non-perishable items for the Cohasset Food Pantry.

On Wednesday Nov. 26, the co-owners of Café Zuppa sent us an abundant amount of their Tomato Basil Soup. It was so good the seniors asked for seconds. At the end of that day, Thanksgiving Eve, a wonderful man, very dedicated to the seniors presented us with a check for $1,000.

I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the people from the Town of Cohasset. It is a small town filled with people with big hearts.

Linda Elworthy
Director of Cohasset Elder Affairs

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Roadwork, train parking and the TOD

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Little Harbor Project – The Little Harbor Project marches on. Before Thanksgiving we reclaimed several of our small private lanes in preparation for laying the new sewer main lines. On one of the small lanes we encountered an unexpected problem. Usually, when a road is reclaimed all of the old asphalt is ground finely and is mixed with the fine material usually found under a roadway. However, in this one case, the material under the road was not fine but coarse, rather large gravel. When this material was put back and regraded it didn't pack down well due to the large size of the stones. This was especially troublesome on a rather steep hill that became difficult to navigate. Now, several loads of dense grade material (a mixture of mixed very small sized stone) the surface could be compacted. Problem solved, the surface compacted reasonably well and is much more drivable.

This past Wednesday, we visited one of the active construction sites on the project. One of the contractor's larger excavators, working in a constricted area, managed to have one of their hydraulic systems fail. (Most of these large graders operate with hydraulic systems, totally.) One of the enclosed photos shows the work truck crew trying to repair the failed component.

So, you may ask, "What does this machine do when it is working?" Well, we took another photo of the work that the machine accomplished. In essence it makes "little" rocks out of very big rocks (read as "ledge").

One last bit of Town trivia. We have used the Town's new emergency notification system to selectively let people when construction in their area might cause them access problems. In several instances, residents have told us that they didn't get a call. There may be a good reason if you regularly use a cell phone, a web-based phone, have recently switched your phone service, or have an unlisted number. In these instances, if you wish to be included, you will need to go to the Town's web site (www.townofcohasset.org) and click on the icon in the lower left of your screen. Just follow the directions to include your phone, fax or email in the emergency notification system.

Greenbush Trivia – We had a chance on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd to stop at the Greenbush commuter parking lot and take an inventory of cars to get a rough idea of ridership changes.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Fixing the excavator.



Close-up of disemboweled machine.

Greenbush Ridership

Sample Date	# of Cars
Opening Day Oct. 31, 2007	75
Nov. 20, 2007	130
Dec. 4, 2007	152
Dec. 11, 2007	169
Jan 7, 2008	165
Feb 14, 2008	164
April 15, 2008	183
June 10, 2008	178
July 23, 2008	150
Sept. 24, 2008	190
Dec. 3, 2008	130

Greenbush ridership figures.

Interestingly, the car count is back to about where it was in November of last year. You don't think that doubling the parking rates from $2 to $4 per day had anything to do with it?

While we're talking about Greenbush, you may have noticed the construction taking place on Route 3A beside the station. This is the new mixed-use residential/retail project that is being developed under the Town's new Transportation Oriented Development Zoning By-Law. The "TOD" is to encourage the construction of residential and retail in areas with good access to public transportation.



TOD on Route 3A under way.



"Little" rocks.

In addition to being adjacent to the station, this site will have direct access to and from the MBTA parking lot. So, to go to or from the station a driver will not need to venture onto Route 3A. Also, if you choose to use the services of any of the businesses at the TOD site, you will be able to exit onto Route 3A via a new traffic light to be installed at the station entrance. Installing this light was originally an MBTA obligation. However, as a quid pro quo for letting the TOD access the station directly, the TOD folks will assume the responsibility of installing the traffic signal. By the way, the light will be a demand light. Thus, if there are no cars exiting onto Route 3A from the station, the Route 3A traffic will not be stopped.

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Trading 'hair' cards

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



When I was young and ice covered most of the earth, trading cards came one to a packet, along with a single slice of pink bubble gum, and featured one of the baseball stars of the day, now largely forgotten, like Luke Appling or Charlie Gehringer or Joe Medwick.

We collected them, of course, because that's what the bubble gum people wanted us to do, and we traded them, too, but we also scaled them against the wall like horseshoes with the winner taking all, which is why so many of them that survive today have worn corners.

I was reminded the other day of how much trading cards have changed...

In other words, trading cards had so little value that they were often thrown away when next year's series came out or when ma invaded your privacy to show you how to clean your room.

Now they're more of an investment than a collection and you can buy the whole season's series, sans the bubble gum, at one fell swoop, and the cards no longer feature just sports figures but politicians and anyone or anything else that rouses the interest of collectors and investors.

I was reminded the other day of how much trading cards have changed when I learned that Topps and Upper Deck, the leading producers, now are inserting strands of hair into random packs of cards. And not just anyone's hair. Think George Washington or Napoleon.

"The hair cards feature some extremely unique personalities like Napoleon Bonaparte, Mary Lincoln, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Geronimo, Alexander Hamilton and more," said Jason Masherah, Upper Deck's senior sports brand manager.

If this catches on we may have a run of bald presidents and first ladies.

The source of the hair is John Reznikoff, who lives in Connecticut and describes himself as a "hair collector," perhaps the only one in the world since the Indians. His source is unknown. Would Napoleon and Geronimo have the same barber?

"Every year, card companies are trying to one-up the competition because our collectors demand creativity and getting them closer to the game than ever before," said Terry Melia, Upper Deck's public relations manager.

Melia's company struck gold earlier this year when it came out with vice presidential trading cards, to join the presidential trading cards, just in time to catch the Sarah Palin boom.

Sarah is depicted wearing a tiara; driving a dog sled led by two angry-looking bull terriers; rounding third base on the White House lawn while catching a salmon with the rear end of what appears to be a moose in the background. Liberal media bias, maybe?

Joe Biden is treated more kindly. He is shown as Walter Johnson, the old Washington Senators pitcher, who is looking for the biggest win of his career.

"We've taken some liberties with both the VP candidates," said Kerri Stockholm, Upper Deck's director of sports marketing, "but we believe collectors will see the cards as entertaining as well as informative."

And you can skip the bubble gum.

HEALTH NOTES

Turf field needs firm guarantees

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Recently, the Town voted to buy a new field made of artificial turf, precipitating a veiled rush of controversy for the Town. The issue: need to support a constituency of students and athletes with what many citizens see as an expensive luxury. The Board of Health is unanimous in opposing the measure. For us, perhaps we voiced the wrong reasons. In the face of a budget cut reducing the money spent on training and education of our staff, we have indicated opposition, presumably, because of cost. As a Board, ethically determined to provide the best health services available despite financial difficulties, we should have ignored the financial argument and just forged ahead. However, there is another argument, largely ignored, which *is* important from a health standpoint.

Unfortunately, the smallest particles in our environment are likely, over time, to cause people the most serious problems. A good portion of the resources expended by the medical profession and its associated fields is used for the detection and determination of the effects of microparticles — solids, liquids and gaseous, in our environment. Accordingly, the Mass Health and Human Services Department has a toxicology program that provides towns like Cohasset toxicological assessments of environmental data. Examples of the results are the MADEP's legal office closing New Bedford Harbor to fishing after conducting the nations largest prevalence study of human exposure to PCBs, a toxic product used in making electrical equipment. Indoor air quality assessments are routinely conducted in public schools, courthouses, town halls, libraries and other public buildings or buildings that the public may enter. Artificial turf is not yet on Massachusetts' legislative horizon.

Progress always seems to be accompanied by the creation of byproducts that may harm us in the long run.

Progress always seems to be accompanied by the creation of byproducts that may harm us in the long run. The list is endless: petroleum derivatives; pharmaceuticals and personal care products have received considerable attention because traces are found in most wastewater treatment outflows. Although, their harmful effects are unknown, they are designed to make subtle changes in cell functions such as suppressing perspiration and disturbing normal sleep habits, etc. For this reason, they are suspected by some to have other unknown effects on our systems. And finally, metals: mercury, lead and other heavy metals, but one of the most pervasive widespread and damaging is lead. Recently reported to be in some children's toys, etc., about half of Cohasset's buildings contain dangerous amounts of lead – from paint used in the 19th century. And only recently have methods of removal taken into consideration lead's harmful effects on one's nervous system. A good fraction of the cost of renovation of the Town hall is going to be spent in dealing with old lead paint.

The entire health-care system depends upon data which is at best difficult to collect and analyze. And so we contract some ailment, hurt or discomfort, pain or spasm and we're quick to ascribe it to something we ate or the weather or such. But more than likely it comes from something we've ingested from our environment. New treatments, diagnostic tools such as MRI and CAT (short for Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Computer Aided Tomography) scans are often highly successful but never perfect in diagnosing a problem.

And so, we have an environment, changing; threatening and unknown; public systems for dealing with them slow to bring much relief. Dealing with the different agencies which are themselves slow to keep up with the latest threats to our health.

Now we bring to the Town artificial turf. Acclaimed as having the ability to reduce playing field maintenance costs while increasing their availability for youth sports which may bring the Town more income.

The Board has no quarrel with these laudable goals. But if the Town decides to go ahead we *do* feel that any proposal for the contract for an artificial surface should take into account drainage (and its stormwater aspects) as well as listing *all* constituents used in its manufacture and citing a *guaranteed* service life and replacement cost.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

LIBRARY CORNER

Book bags are a great gift idea

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Holiday Gift Idea – Show Paul Pratt Pride and purchase a book bag from the Friends of the Library. These green, durable canvas tote bags have the library logo in white on the front and are roomy enough for books, videos and magazines. There's even a pocket for a library card.

Pick one up for $15 at the library and fill it with gently used books, videos, audio books, and paperbacks from the book sale rack. Book sale items are priced $1 and under. Makes a great gift for mom and dad.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road Cohasset. For information, call 781-383-1348.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center will present an exhibition of paintings by Marshfield artist Mary Callahan at the library through Dec. 31. A free reception will take place from 4 to 6 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 7.

Movie Matinee – Enjoy a free showing of the film "A Christmas Story" starring Darren McGavin, Melinda Dillon and Peter Billingsley at 11 a.m., on Friday, Dec. 5. Admission is free. Free refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Holiday Decorating Demonstration – Learn how to create easy-to-craft holiday decorations from members of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 10. All are welcome to this free event.

Meet the Author – Jennifer Haigh, award-winning author of "Mrs. Kimble" and "Baker Towers" will talk about her new book, "The Condition," at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 14, at the library. Copies of Haigh's books will be available for purchase at the event from Buttonwood Books. All are welcome to this free event.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Days and Clouds" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 18. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

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BRIEFLY

Check out the Web

Check out www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

- Free lunch with Roving Reporter Rich Ofsthun who visits the Cohasset House of Pizza!
- Pet of the Week Video from the Scituate Animal Shelter.
- Breaking news, updates, slideshows and full-color photo galleries throughout the week

Cohasset Mariner 'drop box'

The Cohasset Mariner has a "drop box" and pickup location at Tedeschi's in the village. The drop box is on the counter in the front window around the corner to the left after you enter the front door.

The Mariner picks up at 8 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. The drop box can be used to drop off glossy photographs, letters, flyers or other editorial copy.



PHOTOS/LAURA SINCLAIR

Residents fill the Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium for the Planning Board hearing on the proposed wind turbine project.



John Bryant offers comments regarding the discussion about floating large helium balloons so that the public could see the scale of height for the proposed turbines.

Planning Board tackles height, shadow flicker and lighting

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very seriously. Believe me, we are very serious and we are very thorough and we are nowhere near done," said Planning Board chairman Moore toward the end of the meeting. He added he was heartened by the turnout and public input. "Everything said tonight will be taken into consideration and we have a tough decision to make."

Moore set out the agenda early on in order to limit discussion to certain topics: height, wildlife, lighting, and shadow flicker. Moore promised from the outset that residents wanting to be heard or with questions would get ample time to do so.

"There are other concerns, very real concerns but we can't do everything in one night," said Moore. The next public hearing scheduled for Monday, Dec. 15 at 7:15p.m. is set to include discussion on the noise impacts of the project.

The project application, put forth by a private developer, CCI-Energy, is proposing the installation of two 1.65-megawatt sized wind turbines sited on the Graham Waste Services site off Route 3A. Jim Sweeney, president of CCI-Energy, made a brief presentation to re-introduce the project before the discussion on the technical aspects began.

"We want to make sure we are very thorough in everything we do. We want this project to be a win-win or we don't want to do it at all," said Sweeney.

The application is a landmark project as it is the first for the town and the first application under the Wind Energy Conversion Facility bylaw passed at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting.

One of the primary concerns in the first public hearing was the applicant's oversight of the to-be-built 200-unit Avalon complex. Sweeney said one of the major changes was the siting of one of the turbines. The turbine sited closest to the Avalon property has been relocated approximately 900 feet from its original location to lessen the impact on the future development. The new turbine site is supposed to decrease the sound and shadow flicker impacts on the apartment complex, said Sweeney.

Two manufacturers — Canadian-based AAER and Danish company Vestas — make the 1.65-megawatt turbine models that generally have the same specs (same height and size).

"We have two turbines in mind so one doesn't think they have the corner on the market," Sweeney said.



Planning Board members Charles Samuelson and Stuart Ivimey confer during Monday's hearing.

Height

Envisioning a 460-foot structure along Route 3A is not an easy task. The town's consulting engineer John Modzelewski was concerned the public and the planning board would not have a clear picture of the size of the turbines. Although the developer created several photo simulations of the turbines from several points in town, including nearby residences, Modzelewski was skeptical of the computer-generated simulations.

"I want to get a better handle on the scale of the turbines and how they will affect the viewscape around town," said Modzelewski.

The hub, or nacelle, where the blades originate will soar 100-meters, or 328-feet above the ground and the blades will extend 41-meters off of that hub making the tip of the structure 462-feet above ground.

To offer residents and the Planning Board an as true to life simulation of the turbine's scale, balloons will be placed at the height of the turbines beginning Friday, Dec. 12 and continue through the weekend during daylight hours.

Some residents asked if the noise and light associated with the turbine could be simulated at the same time, both the Planning Board and the developer agreed there were too many challenges with those type of simulations. Other residents wanted a balloon the exact size of the turbine's hub. Still others asked if a three-dimensional scale model to show the size of the turbines in comparison to other buildings and landscape would be helpful to envision the size of the turbines.

"This may be good, it's not perfect, but at least we'll be able to see the height," said Moore decisively. *(See sidebar for more information on the balloon simulation.)*

Wildlife and avian impact

With the turbines sited next to a capped landfill, which is already considered a disturbed habitat, and its proximity to Route 3A, Modzelewski did not think there was reason to be concerned for the four-legged and walking wildlife. He did have some concerns with the avian impacts, but his concerns were assuaged by through an interview with Hull Municipal Light, who reported they have had little problems with bird deaths.

"The wildlife issue is one that I think the test has been met," said Modzelewski. "I'd like to put this issue to bed, or have the public enlighten me."

The applicant also received necessary approval from the US Wildlife and Fisheries, which certifies there are no endangered or threatened species in the area.

A resident pointed out the proposed turbine location is between three conservation lands — Turkey Hill, Whitney-Thayer Woods and Wompatuck State Park — and across the street from a bird sanctuary, all havens for birds and bats.

Planning Board member Clark Brewer asked if for some reason a problem with birds developed with the turbine, what could be done to address the problem?

Jim Sweeney, president of CCI-Energy, the project developer, said if he believed there would be an issue, they probably wouldn't install the turbines.

Another resident called on the board to give more thought to the avian issues, especially in light of the bird sanctuary across the street.

The issue was tabled.

Lighting

A single red LED light will flash from the hub of the turbine primarily to alert planes of the towering structure. The light will flash upward, but can be seen from the surrounding area.

Jim Sweeney, developer and president of CCI-Energy, said he is requesting the most up to date lighting technology for the turbines.

Avalon vice president of development Scott Dale asked if additional screens would be put up to lesson the lighting impact on both the Avalon apartments and other surrounding buildings.

Sweeney indicated the light will have some screening to block the light from shining on nearby residences.

"The latest lighting has the minimum affect on the neighborhood," said Sweeney.

Planning Board member Stuart Ivimey said he has looked at the light on top of the Hull II turbine and did not the harsh blinking. He would rather a more gradual blinking.

Besides the two lights on the nacelles the project will add no other lighting to the area. The few above ground utility poles will not have lighting on them.

Modzelewski asked the applicant to submit an up-to-date site plan showing the proposed location of the poles and whether they will be below or above ground.

Shadow flicker

Opening up the discussion by saying the date is "still a work in progress," the town's consulting engineer John Modzelewski opened the door to many questions from the Planning Board and the audience.

Shadow flicker is a strobing effect produced when the sun passes behind the blades of the turbine — and it could potentially affect the daily lives of residents and business within 1000-meters of the turbines during certain times of the year.

The applicant has submitted two reports from separate consulting firms on shadow flicker. Both used a computer program to determine how many hours there will be of shadow flicker each year. Modzelewski said there were some questions about how the two firms got their results and whether they were conservative enough.

There are several unknowns in the process, clouds and wind direction, being the two major variables.

"The methodology still has to be reviewed by my consultant," said Modzelewski. "I think we should look at the worst case scenario until convinced otherwise."

Planning Board member Stuart Ivimey wondering what, if any, different there would be in the shadow flicker effect if the turbines were 80-meters high. "How much of the shadow effect disappears?"

The consulting firm, Emergent Energy, agreed to run a model for an 80-meter tower to compare to their results for the 100-meter tower.

Part of the problem the Planning Board faces, as noted by member Charles Samuelson, is there is no empirical measurement criteria in the wind energy bylaw. "There no measurable standard for flicker."

The bylaw only dictates there are "no significant shadowing or flicker impacts…this effect [should not] have significant adverse impact on adjacent uses through siting."

The only industry standard for shadow flicker comes from a ruling in Germany where they determined more than 30 hours per year would be adverse, said Jesse Gossett of Emergent Energy.

Alternative Energy Committee chairman Andrew Willard asked for a clarification on whether the hours of shadow flicker was a hard shadow or a flickering effect. The consultant said another model would have to be run to figure that out.

Representatives from Sunrise Assisted Living and the currently under construction Old Colony Square (next to the MBTA station) said the flicker effect could affect the daily lives of their residents. Geoffrey Wolf, Senior Vice President of Connell Real Estate & Development Co., whose affiliate Connell Cohasset Greenbush LLC is building now Old Colony Square, said it was important to give the data context.

"Twenty hours a year doesn't mean anything, but 30 minutes a day for three and a half months a year does," said Wolf.

Sunrise Assisted Living was concerned about the health effects a flicker from the turbine may have on their already fragile elderly residents.

Once the additional studies and data requested are submitted to the Planning Board, they will revisit the issue.

Wind Glossary

- **Shadow Flicker**: The on-and-off flickering effect of a shadow caused when the sun passes behind the rotor of a wind turbine.
- **Nacelle**: The hub of the turbine where the three blades originate.
- **Wind Energy Conversion Facility Bylaw**: Passed unanimously at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting, this zoning bylaw was drafted by the Alternative Energy Committee and sponsored by the Planning Board. Establishes town-wide zoning regulations for commercial size wind turbines. This project is the first application under the bylaw.

Turbines at a glance

Height

To hub (nacelle): 100-meters, 328-feet

To tip of blade: 141-meters, 465-feet

Location

Graham Waste property, off Route 3A, behind Cohasset Family Medical Center

The turbines will be located on either side of the capped landfill.

Developer

CCI-Energy based in New Bedford/Plymouth.

Graham Waste is leasing the land to the turbine developers.

Size

Two identical 1.65-megawatt sized wind turbines.

The turbines could come from one of two manufacturers: Canadian-based AAER or Danish company Vestas.

Turbine life

Estimated to be 20 years.

Balloons will show height

Just how high in the sky the proposed twin wind turbines will be is difficult to visualize. The hub, or nacelle, where the blades originate will soar 100-meters, or 328-feet above the ground and the blades will extend 41-meters off of that hub making the tip of the structure 462-feet above ground.

Although the Hull Wind II, located on the Weir River, provides a point of reference, the two proposed Cohasset turbines are approximately 65 percent larger in height (60-meters to the hub at Hull II vs. 100-meters to the hub proposed in Cohasset).

To help the Planning Board and the residents of Cohasset get a better (and more concrete) mental picture of the height of the two wind turbines, the Planning Board requested the developer to create a height simulation with weather balloons.

Beginning Friday, Dec. 12 from 8:30a.m. to sundown (approximately 4p.m.) and continuing through the weekend, the town of Cohasset will get a true-to-life visualization at how high the turbines will be.

A total of four balloons will be flown, two for each turbine. A balloon will be placed at the height of the turbine hub and a second balloon at the tip of the blade. The balloons will be bright colors as to be easily visible in the immediate area. Jim Sweeney, the developer, said he would request the largest balloons available.

The Planning Board wanted to leave the balloons up for the greatest amount of time to ensure all who wanted to see it would have an ample opportunity. If there is inclement weather on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, the balloons will be floated on Monday, Dec. 15 as well.

A town-wide call using the emergency notification system will go out to all Cohasset homes sometime on Thursday.

"It's a really good idea to get the scale of the thing," said John Modzelewski, the town's consulting engineer. "This, to me, speaks more to the aesthetic issues more than…the engineering requirements."

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– Cohasset C.A.R.E.S update –

Wellspring opens office in Cohasset

Tuesdays, 10a.m. to noon at Town Hall

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With news of the economy seeming to get more dismal everyday, it is nice to know there are people out there to help.

That's why a cross section of community leaders from religious leaders to human service providers meet weekly to identify the needs of local families and individuals and figure out the best ways each organization can help. Cohasset C.A.R.E.S., which stands for "caring and responding economically and spiritually," has already helped families in Cohasset by raising awareness of resources.

This week one of the member organizations of Cohasset C.A.R.E.S., Wellspring Multi-Service Center, has opened an office in Cohasset. Each Tuesday in December, from 10a.m. to noon, a community outreach specialist will be available in the basement meeting room of the Town Hall.

The hope for the new outlet in Cohasset is to raise awareness of Wellspring's services and make it easier for Cohasset residents in need to find out more about Wellspring's services, said Vinny Harte, Wellspring's executive director.

Wellspring Multi-Service Center is based in Hull, but serves other South Shore communities, including Cohasset. Its mission is to provide support and skills to people facing challenges to their financial, physical, or emotional well being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

The consultations will be confidential and held privately. It takes about 15 or 20 minutes to fill out an intake form and have the consultation with the Wellspring representative. If necessary, the community outreach specialist can help fill out applications for food stamps and fuel assistance.

"It's the first part of the process and to have that done in Cohasset makes it easier on those in need," said Harte.

Part of Wellspring's mission is to not just help with an individual or family's immediate problem. Its goal is to reach beyond providing emergency services to help people become more independent and productive members of the community.

"It's about creating a plan…we don't give handouts," explains Harte. After the initial consultation, the Wellspring representative will get back in touch to create a service plan that best suits the individual/family to help them on the road to independence.

Rev. Margot Critchfield of St. Stephen's and one of the founding members of Cohasset CARES knows having a Wellspring presence in Cohasset will be a good thing.

> **"The need is great, there is the oil situation, the economic situation, it's making it more difficult for everyone."**
> — Vinny Harte, Wellspring

"It is such a gift to have Wellspring as a place to channel our efforts through, they have the experience (to help those in need)," said Critchfield.

Since the organization got its start in October, they have been moving quickly to make an impact in the community. An information card containing local resources went out to all homes in Cohasset in November and was distributed in key locations, like churches and town hall.

"There has certainly been an up tick in calls since the cards went out," said Critchfield. "It's become evident a lot of needs in Cohasset are bubbling to the surface now."

Critchfield hopes the neutral location of the Wellspring office in town hall will give people the security they need to seek help.

"As long as everyone afraid of what other people may thing they are not helping themselves and they are not helping each other," said Critchfield. "We want people to know they are not alone and they are not the only one."

While Wellspring can offer needed practical help to the challenges residents may be facing, Critchfield also stresses the importance of getting involved in a local faith community.

"I think people underestimate how important spiritual support is…a dose of God is a profound comfort and a source of strength," said Critchfield, adding being a part of a spiritual community can also help those going through tough times.

In the coming weeks, the Cohasset CARES organization will be working on ways they can connect people either through discussion groups, lectures or a community dinner.

On its first day earlier this week, the Wellspring representative answered a couple of questions, but did not take any intake forms. Harte hopes over the next few weeks word will get out that Wellspring is in town.

"Everyone that comes to use our services has a different story and each story has to have its own plan," said Harte.

Harte said there is an attitude outside of Cohasset where people don't think there is a need to help people here because it is widely recognized as being an affluent community. Harte is quick to dispel that line of thinking.

"The need is great, there is the oil situation, the economic situation, it's making it more difficult for everyone," said Harte.

The Cohasset C.A.R.E.S group plans to take a tour of the Wellspring Multi-Service Center in Hull next week and he speaks highly of what the group has done so far.

"It's a group of us trying to figure out how to respond to the economic crisis. It's not just the stock market, it's people's heating bills and how to pay for groceries," said Harte.

As a non-profit organization, Wellspring is looking at ways and methods to expand their services either geographically or by breadth. One of the options could be setting up satellite offices in various towns.

"We're actively looking at it. We want to raise our visibility and raise awareness of our services," said Harte.

Over the next few weeks, Wellspring will gauge the need of the Cohasset community and then re-evaluate their presence in Cohasset after the New Year. Depending on response they will keep the weekly session, or move to bi-weekly or monthly sessions.

Cohasset CARES welcomes anyone who would like to get involved or find out more information. The group meets Thursdays at 3:30p.m. at St. Stephen's.

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Letter to the Editor

Jingle Bell Walk support appreciated

To the Editor:

The South Shore Community Center in Cohasset would like to express our sincere thanks to the many merchants, contributors and volunteers who helped make our annual Jingle Bell Walk a great success! As you might remember, the day of the Jingle Bell Walk 2008 it was raining, and 30 minutes before Santa and Mrs. Claus were to arrive, the sun came out and the crowd appeared at the Harbor. All of our volunteers were ready to go with jingle bells, hot cocoa and cookies waiting.

Mrs. Claus and Santa, along with Frosty, Rudolph and the Merry Elves, led a community sing-along of traditional holiday songs. Photos with Santa, bowling and face painting followed. Hayrides, the Turkey Trot and the Luminaries were a bit hit for everyone who attended.

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Happy Holidays.

Stephanie Church
Program Director

Holiday concert

Come hear the strains of classical carols and works by Mendelssohn, Grieg, Thompson and Conrad Susa, and then join in a sing-along of holiday songs. The Choral Arts Society, now celebrating its 50th year, will present its "Star of Wonder" Holiday Concert at 4:30 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 7, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate.

Led by director Danica A. Buckley, the choral group comprises singers from Cohasset and throughout the South Shore. Tickets are $15 or $12 for seniors and students and are available at Buttonwood Books, The Center Bookstore in Scituate or at the door.

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Cohasset seniors wreck havoc on Hull

37-15 rout on Thanksgiving

It was the traditional Thanksgiving Day match up, Hull versus Cohasset, the Pirates versus the Skippers. This year, the day was sun soaked, the temperatures moderate and the crowds plentiful and in good spirits. For seven Cohasset High School Seniors, it was the last time they would put on their pads and helmets for the hometown team. It could have been just another game, but for these seven young men, it was a moment, their moment to literally leave their mark on Alumni Field. With fire in their eyes Co-Captains Derek Schwantner and Andersen Lynner, along with Nick Simonds, Nick Savage, Mike Froio, Matt Wasel and Alec Livingstone led their team to not only victory, but a resounding 37-15 thumping of Hull.

But, the game didn't start out so well. Hull, always fired up to take on the Skippers, took the opening kickoff 80-plus yards into the end zone to get on the board.

"We put forth our best TEAM effort of the year on Thursday. Every single aspect of the game was within our control."

— Coach Pete Afanasiw

"This game didn't start out the way we wanted it to with an 85-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, but the team never wavered in their emotion and enthusiasm," said Coach Pete Afanasiw. "We put forth our best TEAM effort of the year on Thursday. Every single aspect of the game was within our control.

"Offensively, everyone was in sync and we physically beat up Hull in the trenches. Our line did a great job and skill positions executed at high speed," he said. "Defensively we applied relentless pressure on their QB and he took some very big hits, even when he didn't have the ball. We knew they were going to rely on him a lot and we planned to get a lick on him whenever we could."

Hull, hoping to build on the momentum of the kickoff return, opted for an on-side kick, which Coach Phil Mahoney's special teams anticipated. Sophomore Savon Meyers alertly fell on the ball, giving Cohasset not only possession, but terrific field position.

The Skipper offense began a methodical and disciplined march down the field from their own 49-yard line. Junior running back Dana Valentine (17 carries for 125 yards, 1 TD) and Senior Alec Livingstone carried the ball, pounding away at the Hull defense, driving Cohasset into the red zone. QB Jeff Cavanaro (2 carries for 17 yards, 1 TD, 2 pt conversion and 2 passing tds, 6/17 passing) hit junior Dean Driscoll in the end

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Cohasset's #8 Jeff Cavanaro tosses the ball during the first half of the traditional Hull vs. Cohasset Thanksgiving Day football game played at Alumni Field. For more photos of the Thanksgiving game, see page 17.



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The Peewee Sharks Superbowl champs pose for a team photo. The team has won the Superbowl for the second year in a row.

Peewee Sharks are Superbowl champs again

On Sunday, Nov. 9th, the SciCoh sixth-grade Peewee Sharks won the Old Colony Youth Football League Superbowl for the second year in a row.

Led by Head Coach Frank Gaziano, the Sharks played a very tough Plymouth team to a 6-0 victory. The game was held in Plymouth with the Sharks facing the only team that handed them a defeat this season.

To get to the Superbowl, the Sharks had to defeat another tough Bridgewater team in the semifinals on Nov. 2nd. SciCoh played to a 0-0 tie in regulation time, but the Sharks were victorious in overtime, finishing with a 6-0 win.

Joining Coach Gaziano in a very successful 7-1-1 season were coaches Scott Bearce, Mike Coscia, Joe Downing, John O'Brien and Paul Schwartz.

Team members included: **Tanios Abi-Saad, Luke Ayers, Chris Bearce, John Bingman, Ryan Black, Christian Brady, Patrick Carolan, Jack Chamberlain, Zach Chamberlain, Brian Cochran, Robert Connelly, Mikey Coscia, Brett Dooley, Joseph Downing, Jack Duffy, Sam Fennelly, Ryan Finneran, Matt Froio, Joey Gaziano, Tanner Gildea, Tim Giuggio, Casey Hughes, Brian James, PJ Kent, Keegan Lee, Shane Libby, Conner McCourt, Kyle Medici, Deke Murphy, Sam Murphy, Tyler Murphy, Patrick O'Brien, Stephen Payne, William Roach, Michael Schwartz, Harry Seraikas, Chandler Skolnick, Geoffrey Stillman, Jack Sullivan,** and **Colin Walker.**

Lady Crusaders capture National Championship

Coggins, McGoldrick on MPS U17 team

Eighteen of the top soccer players on the South Shore, Cape Cod and Rhode Island, spent the last four years in intense technical and tactical instruction, playing matches against the foremost competition available in America and Canada, with the single goal to win the prestigious United Soccer League Super Y National Championship. That's exactly what the MPS U17 Lady Crusaders accomplished this past weekend in Tampa, Florida. The USL Super Y League was formed over a decade ago consisting of 10 regions across the United States and Canada. Each region plays 12 matches during the regular season sending the team with the best record to compete for the National Championship each November.

On the heels of a grueling high school season and playoff schedule, the Lady Crusaders entered the tournament hoping to recapture the team chemistry that served them well in the regular season. If Coach Gallagher was concerned, these concerns were quickly dismissed as the team dominated their first opponent, an undefeated Northern Virginia Majestic team, beating them 4 -1. The offense, led by Devin Petta, (Whitman Hanson), and Andrea Nogueira, (New Bedford), scored early and often. Midfielders **Sarah Coggins**, (Cohasset) and Monique Lamotte controlled the center of the field keeping play in the attacking zone. The defense, anchored by center backs, Lyndsay Pallotta, (Hanover), and **Maggie McGoldrick**, (Cohasset) and fullback Kristin Tholen, (Pembroke), frustrated the opposing strikers holding them to a lone tally.

The Lady Crusaders second opponent, the Plantation Eagles, the winner of the Southeast division from the host state of Florida, were stunned by the offensive onslaught charging from the wings. Wide mids Maggie MacDonald, (Whitman Hanson), and Ally Coppenrath, (Marshfield), attacked the Eagle defense with timely runs to corner and brilliant crosses to goal. Pressure kept coming at a rapid pace from the outside mid posi-

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POWDER PUFF



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Junior Alex Foley literally tries to tackle senior Torey Hart as she lowers her head and tries to churn out more yards during their Powder Puff Game on Wednesday. The seniors prevailed in the hard fought contest, 36-26. ***See page 19 for more photos of the annual game.***

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Cohasset seniors wreck havoc on Hull

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zone, but the call was incomplete. If Coach A had a red flag in his pocket, he would have thrown it. The drive was stopped as Hull intercepted a pass on their own 1-yard line.

Hull gained a few yards on their first play from scrimmage, but it was called back on a holding penalty. With nowhere to go, the Hull QB was sacked in the end zone by senior Mike Froio (5 tackles) and senior Matt Wasel (4 tackles, 2 sacks). Cohasset was on the board with a safety and was going to get the ball back. A solid kick return by junior Brendan Doonan to the Hull 45 yard line gave the Skippers great field position. But it looked as if it was going to be 3 and out for the Skippers until Cavanaro dropped back in the pocket and found senior Derek Schwantner (3 catches, TD and 2 pt conversion) wide open and alone for a catch and run into the end zone. This play marked Schwantner's first Varsity touchdown after returning from a severe preseason injury. The PAT was no good. Cohasset was on top 8-7.

The second quarter started with Hull in possession of the ball. Hull worked hard at trying to break the Cohasset defense, but the D-line was very punishing to the Hull backfield. Key physical tackles by Froio, junior Jake Kissick (12 tackles), senior Matt Wasel, senior Nick Simonds, senior Nick Lieberman and senior Andersen Lynner (6 tackles, 1 sack) made every yard gained painful for the Hull running backs. A 14-play drive ended when Hull couldn't convert on 4th and 3. Team defense for Cohasset was the name of the game.

With time running out in the second quarter, Cohasset wanted to get the ball in the end zone. Valentine ran the ball to pick up yards, but it was time to get aerial. An incredible catch by Doonan got the Skippers into Hull territory. Attempts to get the ball in the endzone to Schwantner and Doonan were deftly defended. As time was running down, Cavanaro dropped back, scrambled right, saw no one open right and looked across the field to a wide open Johnny Maher who caught the ball, juked right past a defender, juked right again past another defender and got into the endzone for 6 points. Cohasset faked the PAT attempt, and Cavanaro dashed into the endzone for 2.

Heading into the locker room, it was Cohasset 16, Hull 7.

Second half

Cohasset received the ball to start the second half, but it was 3 and out for the Skippers.

Hull started their drive on their own 25-yard line. On the first play of the drive Kissick came barreling in on the sweep and dropped the Hull running back in the backfield for a loss. Not to be daunted by a setback, Hull began to move the ball on the ground, finally getting into Cohasset territory after 6 plays.. On the 7th play, the ball was stripped loose by Andersen Lynner from the Hull QB and Livingstone saw the ball on the ground, scooped it up and ran it to the 16-yard line, giving his team outstanding field position.

A pass completion to Schwantner by Cavanaro was made possible by great blocking from Matt Wasel and Will Lynner. Then it was Cavanaro, on a great play action fake, scampered into the endzone for 6 points. Setting up for the 2-point conversion, it was Schwantner who danced into the end zone behind terrific blocks from junior Dan Sullivan and sophomore. Eric Wasel.

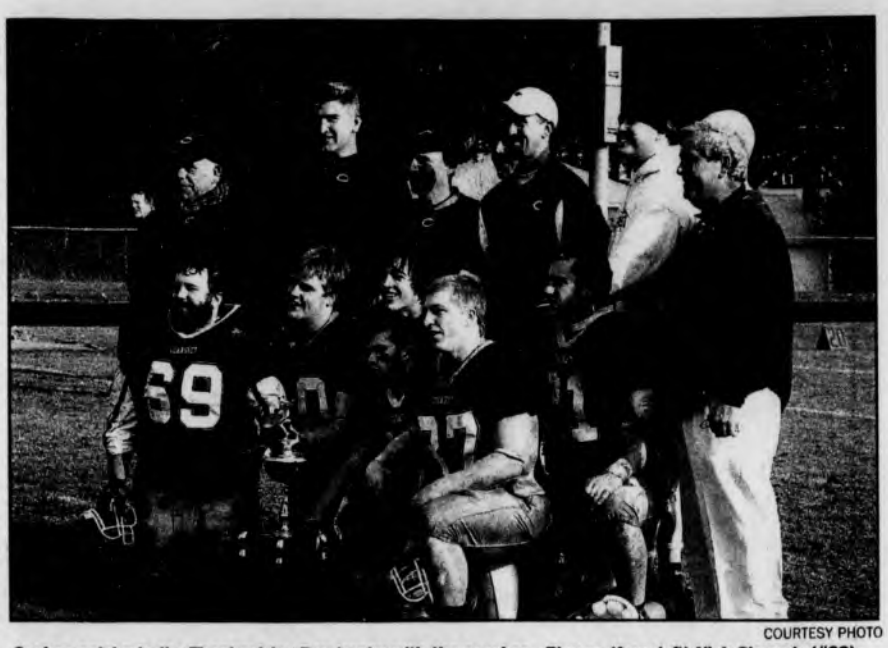
Hull got the ball back and on the second play, they heaved the ball downfield into the wide open arms of Doonan (7 tackles, INT for TD) who returned the intercepted ball 60 yards into the end zone. The PAT failed.

Hull started yet another offensive drive, slowly gaining yardage. Great tackles in this series were made by Matt Wasel, Maher, and Froio.. But it was 2nd and a long 18 and the Hull QB dropped back in the pocket and let loose a bullet that Andy McKenna (7 tackles, INT) picked off midfield. Cohasset had the ball back just minutes into the 4th quarter. Taking over on their own 47-yard line, Valentine got the ball and broke open behind superior blocking from Matt Wasel and Andersen Lynner and went 53 yards into the end zone for another Cohasset score.

Hull's last drive of the game was not pretty. Marred by penalties, the Pirates, who made it to the Cohasset 5 yard line were pushed back to the 30 and had to slug it out again. Sophomores Sam Leahy and Alex Kinnealley sacked the Hull QB for a huge loss. Junior Nick Lieberman made great tackles at the line of scrimmage.. Hull managed to get into the endzone for a final touchdown of the season. Sophomore Thomas Flibotte and Jack Carrier protected the secondary well.

"I am so very proud of the entire team and especially for the seven seniors who are able to walk off of Alumni Filed undefeated at home (5-0) knowing that they played their best football when it mattered most," said Coach Afanasiw. "In my opinion, that is the true measuring stick of a good team. Success in football can be measured a number of different ways, but knowing that your team improved not only as the season progressed, but also as the competition increased is comforting because it means you prepared well, executed well and can walk away with no regrets.

"Prior to the game I told the kids that one play was not going to win the game and neither was one series of plays," he said. "I also told them that they would in time forget the big plays, they'd forget even the score, but what they would never forget was the feeling they would have walking off the field, up the hill through the gauntlet of family and friends, and that they needed to make sure they walk off the field with no 'I should have, I could have, I would have..' The 2008 Cohasset Football team played together and emptied their proverbial tank on Thanksgiving Day and will always be remembered as winners."



COURTESY PHOTO

Seniors celebrate the Thanksgiving Day trophy with the coaches. Players (from left) Nick Simonds (#69), co-captain Andersen Lynner (#50), Matt Wasel (behind), co-captain Derek Schwantner (kneeling), Nick Savage (#81), Alec Livingstone (#37). Senior Mike Froio is hidden.

Seventh-grade hoop team continues to roll

Stands 5-1 in preseason!

Cohasset's seventh-grade basketball team, following its 3-0 start at the season opening Barnstable Tournament, traveled to Marshfield this past weekend for the Marshfield Thanksgiving Tournament. Holiday commitments left the team short of two of its key guards, **Doug "the Professor" Fitzgerald** and **Mark "M&M" McKenna**. Down to 10 in number, the Boys in Blue drew a tough opening match with a big and talented squad from Norwell.

Jack "Magnet" Conte set the town early for Cohasset, as his relentless defense and hustle caused several Norwell turnovers. **Mark Rattenbury, Henry "Chopper" Brown, Liam "LB" Burke** and **Joe "Buck" Buckley** controlled the boards for the Boys in Blue, and at half, Cohasset lead by a 16-12 count. The second half saw the Cohasset squad pick up the pace, and the team's fast break offense got into high gear. **Chris "Hoops" Haggerty** and **Brendan "the General" O'Connell** did a splendid job of directing the Cohasset attack, each dropping in 5 second half points while distributing the ball to their teammates on the break. **Rocco "the Glove" Laugelle** played an all around exceptional game, leading the Cohasset Blue with 16 points, including a sterling 8 of 9 from the charity stripe. At the final buzzer, Cohasset had scored 26 second half points, and prevailed by a 42-27 score.

Friday afternoon's late game found a 4-0 Cohasset squad matched against a rival from the Patriot League, last season's 15-1 co-regular season champ, Whitman. Whitman was big, and strong, and physical. Cohasset, on the other hand, reported for game duty a depleted squad...."Chopper" Brown was called away for family leftover turkey obligations, "General" O'Connell was forced to sit out the majority of the game with a bum knee, and **Mark Rattenbury** the second half with a turned ankle. Thus did the mighty Skippers find themselves in a 12-point hole with under 5 minutes to play.

The Boys in Blue played superb defense, and eventually ground out a tough and well earned 42-39 win against the talented hosts.

But this squad has shown its mettle in theses early games, and this one was no different. **Dakota "D-Train" Achin** morphed into a later day instant offense **Vinnie "Microwave" Johnson**, and rallied his squad in the final minutes, canning jumpers from everywhere....."Hoops" Haggerty likewise rose to the challenge, and with Cohasset down to one healthy guard, stepped into a ball-handling role and distributed the ball against the Whitman pressure, while draining a key jumper with barely a minute to go. Cohasset's press wore down the Whitman crew, and the Boys in Blue completed a stunning rally before a standing room only crowd to tie Whitman at the final horn. On to Overtime! Overtime was a back and forth affair, but the talented Whitman squad prevailed in the end by a 39-37 count. Cohasset suffered its first set back of the year, but played like Champions to the end.

With ice, and the mystical healing powers of youth, Saturday dawned with Rattenbury and "General" O'Connell back on the court. "Chopper" Brown returned as well, fortified with leftover turkey and stuffing. "Chopper" and his mates would need the extra fortification, as the hometown Marshfield Rams were ready for battle. This was splendid game, as both teams battled on each possession to the very end. Marshfield's big men were BIG, and talented, but Cohasset's front line rose to the challenge. Back and forth this one went, with the teams never separated by more than a few buckets. Liam "LB" Burke, clad in new high-tops, made like Paul Silas inside, muscling rebounds away from the Ram frontline, with ample help from "Buck" and Rattenbury. O'Connell, Conte and Laugelle did a terrific job in breaking the Marshfield press, pushing the ball hard up the court, and hitting their wingmen, "Hoops" Haggerty, "D-Train" Achin and "Chooper" Brown as they relentlessly pushed the ball at the Rams defense. Each game, however, Cohasset seems to have a new hero, and this time it was **Mark "the Eraser" Brown**. Time and time again, the Rams looked to score inside, but were thwarted by the athletic Brown, who rose up to swat away the Rams' shots. Brown was an offense force as well, leading the team with 8 points (along with Rattenbury) and continued his hot one hand foul shooting, scoring key points from the charity stripe in crunch time. The Boys in Blue played superb defense, and eventually ground out a tough and well earned 42-39 win against the talented hosts. Again, every single player contributed, as all but one scored in this game.

Cohasset now stands at 5-1, and opens its regular season at home this Sunday against last year's regular season co-champs, Weymouth (they of last year's 15-1 record)....Go Blue!

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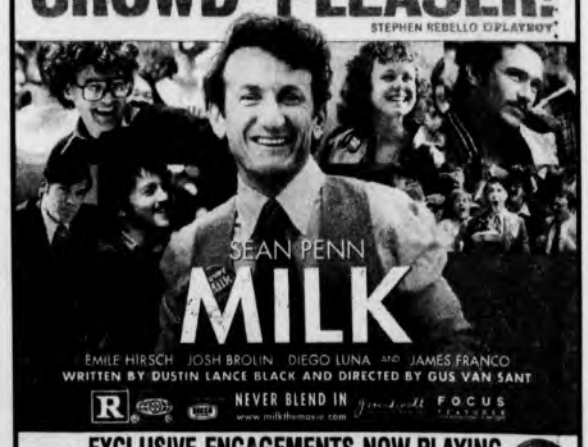
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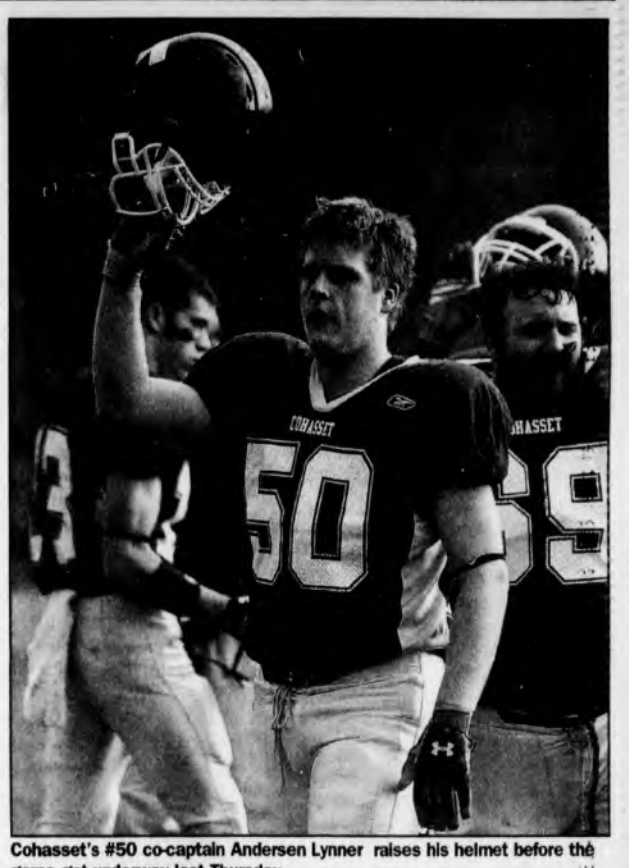
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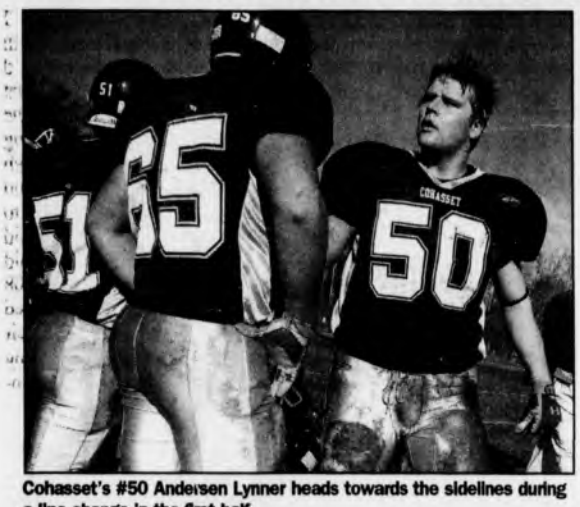
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Cohasset cheerleader Grace Curry is thrown in the air to get the crowd amped up.



Cohasset's #50 co-captain Andersen Lynner raises his helmet before the game got underway last Thursday.

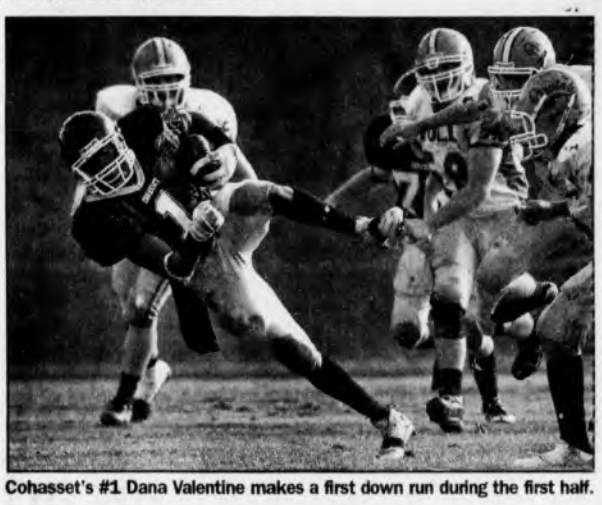


Cohasset's #50 Andersen Lynner heads towards the sidelines during a line change in the first half.

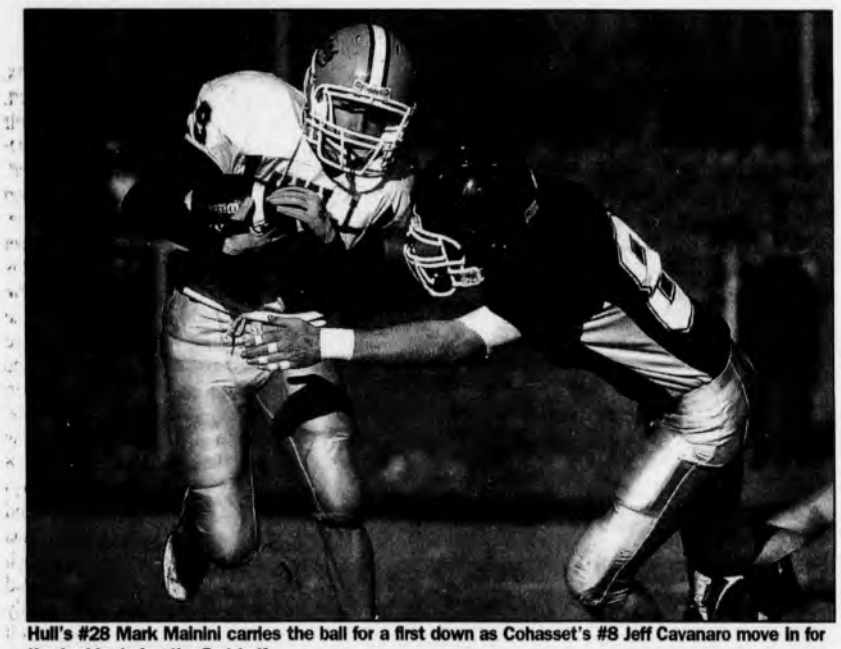
Thanksgiving Day feast

Cohasset takes Hull down, 37-15

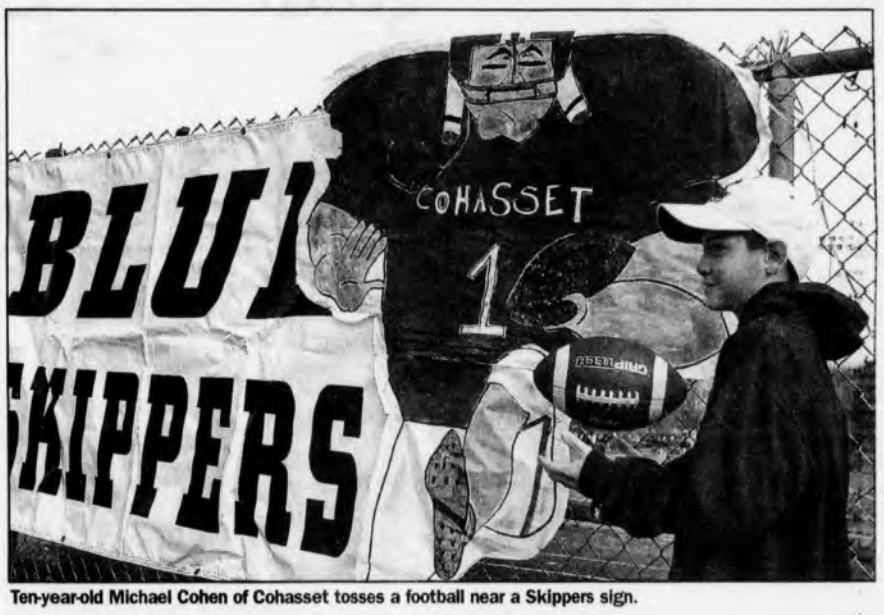
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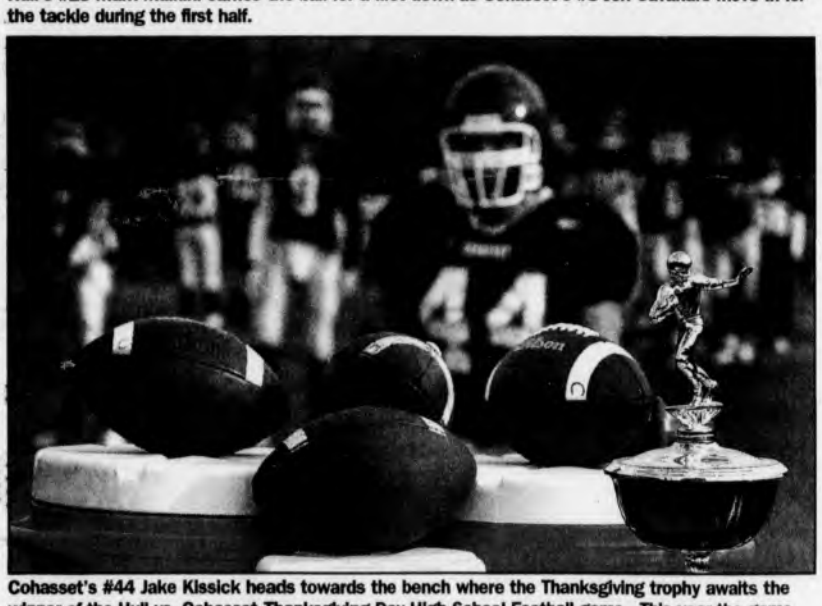
Cohasset's #1 Dana Valentine makes a first down run during the first half.



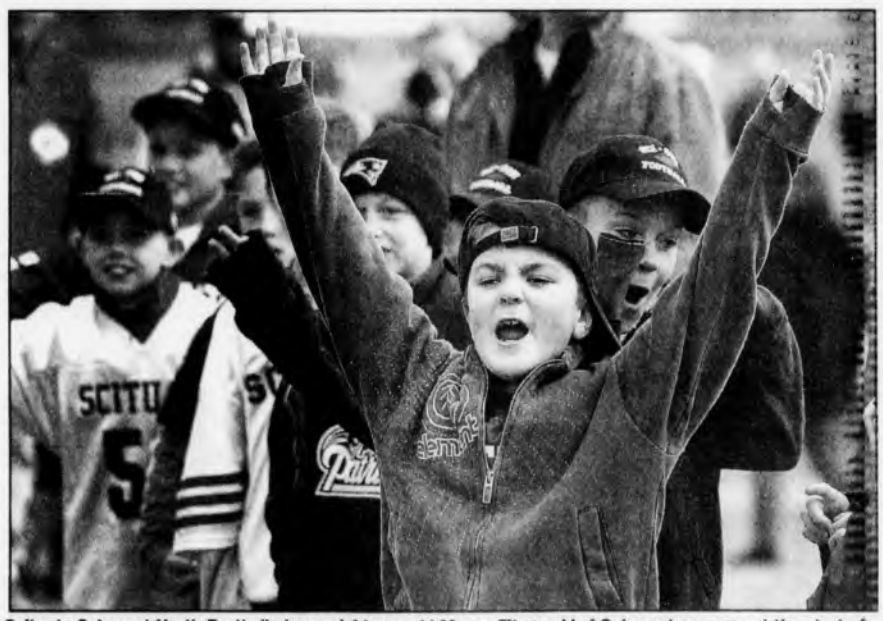
Hull's #28 Mark Mainini carries the ball for a first down as Cohasset's #8 Jeff Cavanaro move in for the tackle during the first half.



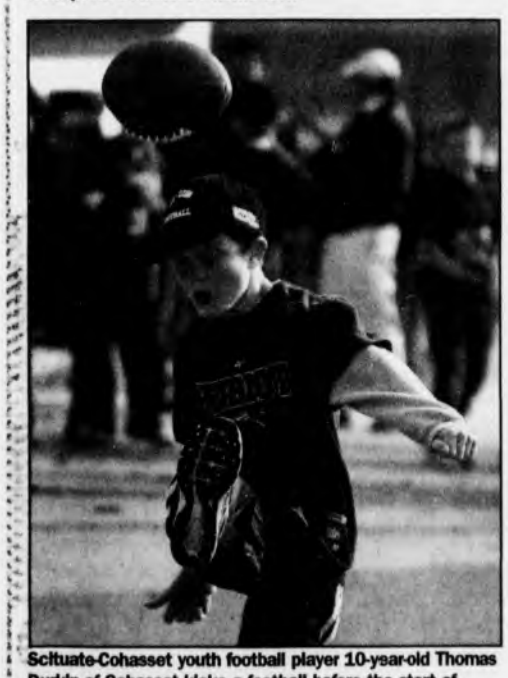
Ten-year-old Michael Cohen of Cohasset tosses a football near a Skippers sign.



Cohasset's #44 Jake Kissick heads towards the bench where the Thanksgiving trophy awaits the winner of the Hull vs, Cohasset Thanksgiving Day High School Football game. This year the game took place Cohasset's home turf.



Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football player eight-year-old Mason Fitzgerald of Cohasset screams at the start of the game.



Scituate-Cohasset youth football player 10-year-old Thomas Durkin of Cohasset kicks a football before the start of Thanksgiving Day game.



Spectators watch from the hillside of Alumni Field.

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Lady Crusaders capture National Championship

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tion as Chrissy Fancy, (Orleans) and Jenna Goodwin, (Weymouth), worked both ends of the field in transition. Final score; 3-1.

If the first two games were offensive wins, the third game against Rage FC from PA belonged to the defense. Claire Thompson, (Greenwich, R.I.) full back out due to an ACL injury, watched full backs Jackie Squatrito, (Pembroke), and Julie Foster, (Dennisport), raise their game to new levels, denying the Rage any opportunity, while defensive midfielder Chris DiBiase, (Westford), aggressively challenged every offensive assault. Keeper Casey Edward's, (Marshfield), instincts were flawless and her efforts earned her a 2- 0 shutout and the team a #1 seed into the final four.

The sidelines were packed with College Coaches to watch the now highly touted MPS Lady Crusaders take on the lightening quick, highly skilled Odyssey, winner of the Northern California Region. Fans of both teams mingled cautiously with whispers and warnings not to take either team lightly. The opening whistle initiated an unparalleled effort by the Lady Crusaders. Offensively, two quick strikes by Devin Petta off passes from Andrea Nogueira and **Sarah Coggins** and a third goal by Mo Lamotte, gave the Lady Crusaders a comfortable halftime lead. In the second half, the defense stood strong thwarting all attempts to score, resulting in Casey Edward's second shutout of the tournament.



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Maggie McGoldrick, Coach Darren Gallagher, and Sarah Coggins with the championship trophy from the Super Y National Tournament in Tampa, Florida.

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The championship game would be a match with a much larger, more familiar opponent, the Fury from Ottawa. In the National Final, two rivals from the New England Region, who split their two games during the regular season, faced each other to determine the #1 USL Super Y U17 team in the Nation. Both familiar with each other's strengths and abilities, this game would prove to be a test of wills, guts and determination. Under threatening Florida skies, the lady Crusaders jumped to a swift start with an early goal from Devin Petta. Quick to respond, the Fury dug in their heels and used their superior size to impose their will upon the smaller Crusaders. The Lady Crusaders refused to yield any ground as the contest turned aggressive and physical. Holding steady against the onslaught, MPS faced a further unexpected challenge. In swept a Florida squall accompanied by wind gusts blowing directly down field at the backs of the attacking Fury. Play shifted to the Crusader goal box and Ottawa, with its outsized front line, played the ball to the air and tied the game on a header to top corner. As quickly as the rains came, they left, with the game knotted at one apiece. With moments left in the first half, Lyndsay Pallotta, in an all out effort to clear a dangerous ball, went down with a game ending leg injury. As the crowd stood silently, **Maggie McGoldrick** stepped into the sweeper position and took up right where Pallotta left off.

The second half resumed with even more ferocity and determination. Play seesawed back and forth. Both teams neither surrendered ground nor could mount a serious shot on goal. With fifteen minutes left in regulation, Mo Lamotte, cycled though the midfield to the top of the eighteen and unleashed a rocket that caromed off the crossbar into the back of the net. Up 2 -1, Coach Gallagher immediately switched formation to a more defensive posture allowing the Lady Crusaders to crowd the center of the field and repel all Fury attacks. With time ticking away, injured goalie Megan Penn (South Dennis) directed the action from the bench with outstretched crutches as her reinvigorated teammates dominated the remaining minutes of play. At the final whistle, the MPS U17 players, coaches and fans hugged, hopped and hobbled their way to the Champion's Platform, as USL Super Y League U17 North American Champions

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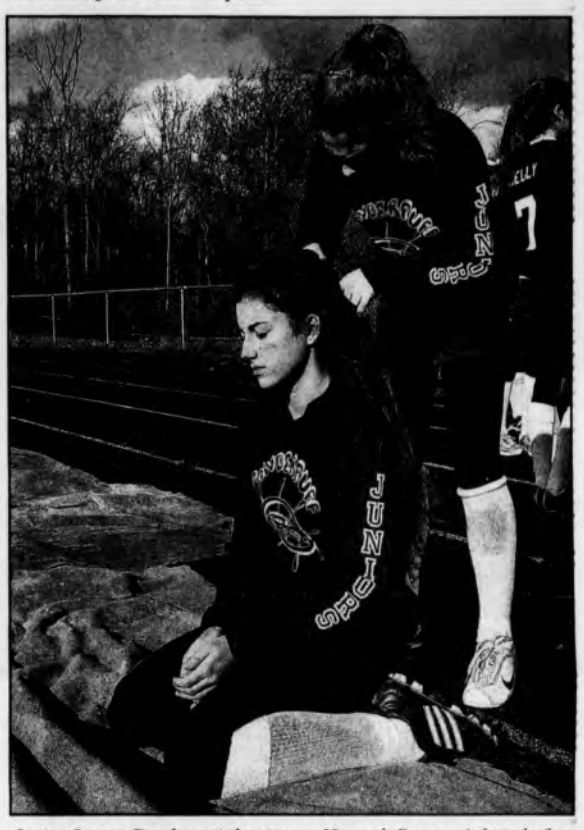
Powder Puff battle Seniors prevail, 36-26



In a once in a lifetime event, five sets of junior-senior sisters faced off in the Powder Puff game. In the front row are juniors (from left) Mackenzie Hart, Hilary Gaumer, Mimi Mahoney, Sammi Lehr, and Leslie Fortunato. In the back row are Katie Gaumer, Kaitlin Mahoney, Torey Hart, Tori Lehr, and Johanna Fortunato.



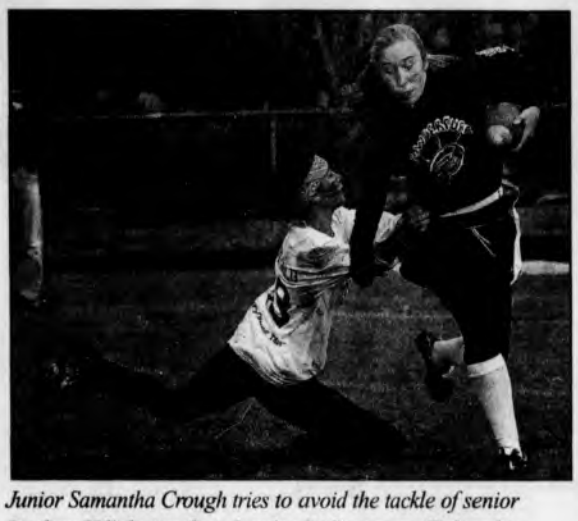
Senior Carley Zappolo is ready for her Powder Puff game with her mouthpiece and war paint.



Junior Logan Breslow, right, ties up Hannah Burgess's hair before the start of their Powder Puff football game with the seniors.



The seniors, led by Madeline Leahy, were ready to take on the juniors as they sprinted around the track trying to intimidate them before taking the field on Wednesday. The Powder Puff game where the junior and senior girls take to the football field is an annual high school Thanksgiving tradition.



Junior Samantha Crough tries to avoid the tackle of senior Lindsay Hill during their Powder Puff game on Wednesday.

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Junior Isabelle Franklin takes down senior Jojo Brophy, center, by her shirt during kickoff at the start of the third quarter.



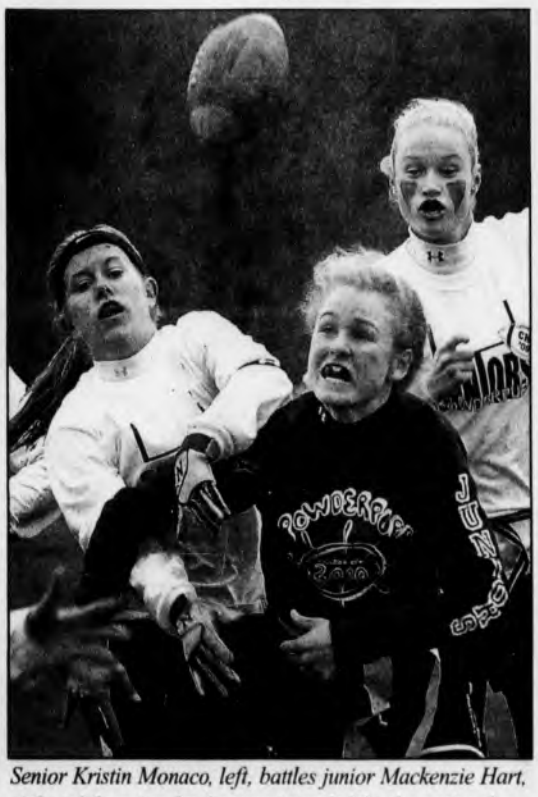
The juniors huddle up as a team before taking the field again after a timeout during their Powder Puff game.



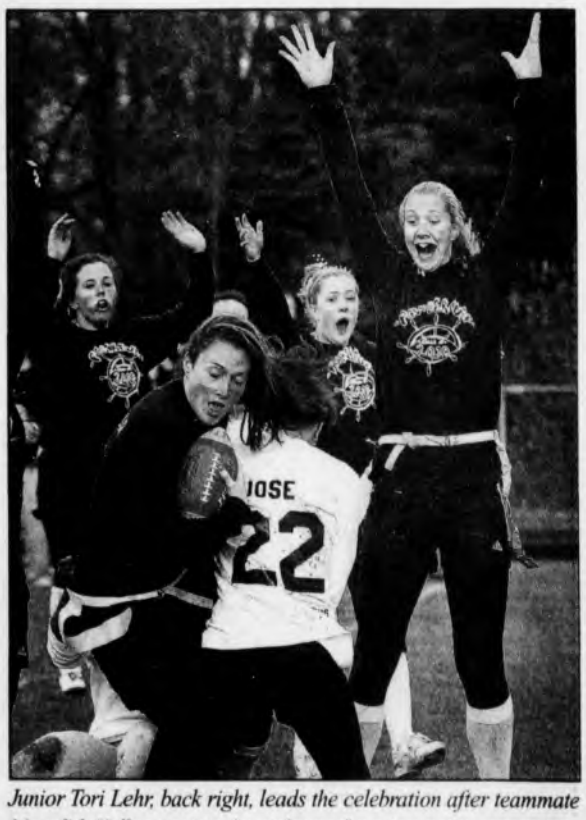
Senior Jojo Brophy tries to escape the grasps of junior Mackenzie Hart on a run during second half action.



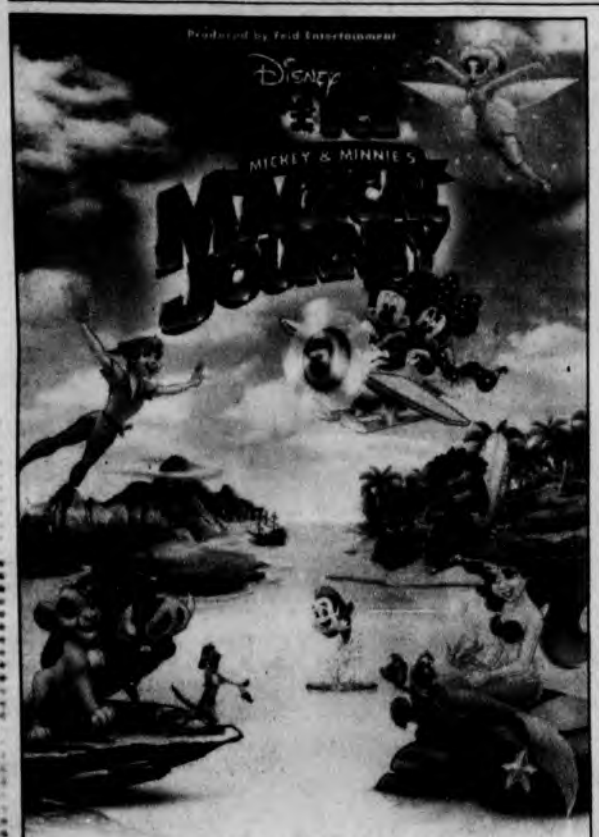
The junior sideline explodes with joy after scoring a touchdown at the end of the first half in their Powder Puff game on Wednesday.



Senior Kristin Monaco, left, battles junior Mackenzie Hart, right, while going for the pass intended for the senior during their game on Wednesday before Thanksgiving.



Junior Tori Lehr, back right, leads the celebration after teammate Meredith Kelly gets into the end zone for a two point conversion to cut the lead to 30-22.



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Students perform for seniors at T-Day lunch

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Bill Signorelli applauds members of the cast of West Side Story after their performance at Atlantica. West Side Story is playing at the high school on Dec. 5-6 at 7:30 and 2:30 on Dec. 7.



Pat Sargent smiles while Director Linda Ellworthy addresses the seniors following their lunch.



From left, Logan Pratt, August Oddleifson, Ellie Baumgarten, and Adam Berger end their number from West Side Story with a flourish. West Side Story is playing at the high school on Dec. 5-6 at 7:30 and 2:30 on Dec. 7.



Greg Fistetto dances with Nancy Kramer who teaches line dancing at the Council on Elder Affairs to the music played by Cohasset High's Jazz class during a Thanksgiving lunch at Atlantica on Nov. 25 for local seniors.

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The Rusty Skippers perform in Holiday Pops concert

The Rusty Skippers, Cohasset's own community concert band, will be performing their annual Holiday Pops Concert at First Parish Church, Cohasset on Saturday, Dec. 6 at noon. The Skippers will be playing a variety of holiday pieces including Leroy Anderson's "Christmas Festival," Victor Herbert's "March of the Toys," "Jingle Bell Rock," and many other familiar tunes and carols. The concert will also feature vocalists Lily Sestito and Tony Carbone. The concert is free and appropriate for all ages. A freewill cash offering for the Cohasset Food Pantry will be taken.

The Rusty Skippers were formed in 1995 as part of the Cohasset Harborfest at the enthusiastic suggestion of the late Rev. Ed Atkinson of First Parish in Cohasset. The Rusty Skippers play under the direction of Steve Biagini, the instrumental music teacher at Deer Hill School. After the December concert schedule is completed, the band will reconvene in March to prepare selections for appearances including the South Shore Festival of the Arts, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Cohasset Memorial Day Parade and various concert series. The Rusty Skippers Band has openings in some instrumental sections. If you are interested in joining or booking the band, contact Steve Biagini c/o Deer Hill School, 781-383-6115 ext. 155 or sbiagini@cohassetk12.org .

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Jolly time for one and all!

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French horn player, Trudy Sevier plays many Christmas carols along with rest of the Rusty Skippers Band performing on Cohasset Common during the Jingle Bell Walk festivities.



Bella Sestito, an elf, was a great help to Santa Claus during the Jingle Bell Walk.



Del DiBona and his mom Shawna, of Cohasset, enjoy a ride around the common in a horse-drawn wagon.



Following his arrival by fishing boat on Cohasset Harbor, Santa Claus jumped onto a horse-drawn wagon bound for the South Shore Community Center.



Santa Claus listened closely to Will Duxbury of Cohasset as he told him he wanted a fire motorcycle for Christmas.



Three-year-old Grace Maddon, of Cohasset, cannot take her eyes off Santa Claus while he speaks to the crowd attending the Jingle Bell Walk festivities at the South Shore Community Center.



St. Stephen's Church makes a fine backdrop for the luminaria that was lit around the duck Pond on Cohasset Common.



Frosty had the crowd rockin as he danced and sang, along with the crowd, the song Frosty The Snowman.



Leah Cook watches her pal Madeline Ronzoni, both of Cohasset, ladle out a glass of punch for a guest attending the Jingle Bell Walk at the South Shore Community Center.

SCHOOLS



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Maria, played by junior Jenny Magruder, tells her friends, played by Tara Goodwin, Logan Pratt and Lauren Mack, about her impending wedding with Tony as they performed a few numbers from West Side Story to senior citizens at a Thanksgiving luncheon at Atlantica on Tuesday (Nov. 25).

'West Side Story' opens tonight!

LIFE AT CHS

LAUREN MACK



Hello everyone! Hopefully everyone had a great Thanksgiving break, filled with family, friends, and lots of food. However, after the mini-vacation was over, there didn't seem to be any delay in getting back to the normal hustle and bustle of the school week. And it was especially hectic because winter sports began this week. Good luck to all of our winter teams out there! I hope all of your seasons go well. This past Wednesday, the AP English classes took a field trip to Boston to see the Shakespearean play "The Merchant of Venice".

In other news: *Tonight, tonight, it all begins tonight!* Because tonight is the opening night for "West Side Story", and as I mentioned last week, the musical is undoubtedly going to go down in history as the greatest production to ever hit the CHS stage, SO GO SEE IT! You will not be disappointed!

My quote this week comes from the woman behind the scenes of the musical. She is the band teacher formerly known as Ms. Hoskin; now referred to as **Mrs. Moriarty**, she works hard everyday to ensure that only the purest of music echoes from her room into the halls of CHS. However, especially since it was production week, she has been a little tense. When asked why, she replied: "I can't sleep. It's awful, I've been waking up lately at 3 am plagued by 'I Feel Pretty' and 'Gee, Officer Krupke' ringing in my head over and over again. I can't escape it!"

And with that, I leave you all to a great weekend! And good luck, cast!! Also, if you haven't caught on to my goodbyes yet, I'll fill you in. I switch the language in which I bid my farewells each month. This month just so happens to be Danish, so *Farvel*!

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Cohasset High School first term honor roll

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Fiona McBride, Rachel McMorris, Kristin Monaco, David Oddleifson, Anna Roberts and Graham Sinclaire.

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SECOND HONORS

Marcus Barrett, Lennart Brown, Jennifer Cahill, Melissa Castro, Widmaier Charles, Jonathan Choi, Sarah Coggins, Andrew DiPaolo, Kayla Farren, Michael Fithian, Torey Hart, Rudy Helbock, Lauren Johnson, Aisling Kearns, Ian Lyster, Amanda Masotta, Margaret McGoldrick, Charles Mushin, Kate O'Callaghan, Paul O'Leary, Erika Orner, Charles Sceery, Stephanie Smith, John Sturino, Timothy Treese and Jonathan Wade.

GRADE 11

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Melissa Campedelli, Cameron Lucitt, Kelly Naegelin and Tatyana Nakashima.

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SECOND HONORS

Madeline Altholtz, Logan Breslow, Jamie Canavan, Kelsey Coughlin, Samantha Crough, Brendan Doonan, Dean Driscoll, Alexandra Foley, Isabelle Franklin, Christian Lemaire, Austin Meyers, Lucy Noble, Ian Porter, Angela Sestito, Chelsea Silvia, Graham Stevenson, Eric Studley and Cameron Washak.

GRADE 10

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MONDAY, DEC. 8

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TUESDAY, DEC. 9

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

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THURSDAY, DEC. 11

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FRIDAY, DEC. 12

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Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

View Pastor Rich's scripture studies **at:** www.BeechwoodCC.org

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Saturday, Dec. 6: - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Village Fair

First Parish Unitarian Universalist shares the joy of participating in the annual Village Fair. Come shop affordably at our "ReUUsable Sale" in Trueblood Hall and breakfast or brunch on "pancake/sausage kebabs," with beverages as accompaniment. At noon, gather in the Meeting House for a Holiday Concert by the Rusty Skippers. A free-will offering will be received to benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry. (see article)

Sunday, Dec. 7

8 a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Joan Kovach & Susan Meikleham and meeting on the 1st & 3rd Sundays)

9:50 a.m. – Childcare for our youngest and RE classes for children and youth – Parish House

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull will lead worship and preach on "Expectations."

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

3 p.m. - Advent Blessing of the Animals in the Meeting House on the Common - All are welcome to bring your animal companions (leashed or contained please) and join us in this annual tradition of blessing. This is open to the entire community! (see article)

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: Members of SCC are already at work creating homemade crafts for the annual Village Fair to be held on Sat. Dec. 7th. New crafters and helpers are always welcome!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Dec. 21st at the 10 am service Joel Buford, Director of Music will conduct the sanctuary choir, guest soloists and orchestra in a musical presentation that will include works from Handel's Messiah as well as other Christmas selections. The community is welcome.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: Welcome to St. Stephen's church!

As the Advent season gets underway, we invite you to find rest, renewal and quiet moments at our church

Sunday Dec. 7th is Second Advent. During the Advent season, the Rev. Margot Critchfield will be offering an adult education class on the Gospel of Mark each Sunday beginning at 9 a.m.

Rev. Critchfield is also offering individual spiritual direction. If you are looking for a spiritual home or exploring your faith, we invite you to visit us. You can learn more about us, and the Episcopal Church, from our website, www.ststephenscohasset.org.

Other ongoing programs at St. Stephen's include bible studies for adults, youth group activities, the children's Christian education program "Godly Play", outreach programs serving the hungry and homeless, yoga, meditation and a monthly luncheon for seniors.

Services at St. Stephen's are at 8 am and 10 am on Sundays, including a Healing Eucharist at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. All are invited.

You can reach the church at 781-383-1083. The Rev. Margot Critchfield can be reached at mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.org. Our offices, which are open Monday through Friday, can be accessed by coming to the back of the church, up the Highland Ave hill. We are handicap accessible.

Going on this week at St. Stephen's:

- Sun. Dec. 7: Second Advent. Services at 8 and 10, Godly Play at 10:00. Advent wreath making and pot luck at 4:00.
- Wed. Dec. 10: 9:30 am Holy Eucharist with healing; 10:30 Bible Study; 3:00 pm, Christian Meditation.
- Thurs. Dec. 11: 3:30 Meeting of economic response group CARES
- Fri. Dec. 12: 9:30 Yoga; noon Soup and Sandwich luncheon
- Sat. Dec. 13: 7 am Bible Fellowship
- Sun. Dec.14: Third Advent. Services at 8:00 and 10:00, Godly Play at 10:00

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church: 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A (one mile north of the rotary); Office: 781-545-5271; handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Rev. Dan Eddy, Pastor. Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Sunday School/Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday night prayer service at 7 p.m.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net "The earth is but one country and mankind it's citizens" 1(800)22-UNITE www.bahai.us

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

C.A.R.E.S. wants to help

You know,
You're not the only one in Cohasset...

C.A.R.E.S. stands for caring and responding economically and spiritually. The group is made of spiritual leaders from the town and representatives from numerous organizations like the Social Service League, elder services, the food pantry, Wellspring, town officials and others.Many of us are struggling, but are afraid to reach out. Maybe even you. Cohasset CARES wants to help. Below is an abbreviated list of resources to contact, with the assurance of confidentiality, for help with everything from your fuel bill or prescription drugs to pastoral care and spiritual guidance. Remember: We're all in this together and Cohasset CARES.

Pastoral Care and Spiritual Direction

Beechwood Congregational Church - Rev. Richard Chamberlain 781-383-0808

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom - Rabbi Shira Joseph 781-749-8103

First Parish Unitarian Universalist - Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull 781-383-1100

Greek Orthodox Church - Rev. Fr. John Maheras 781-383-6380

St. Anthony's Catholic Church - Rev. Fr. John Mulvehill 781-383-0219

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church - Rev. Margot Critchfield 781-383-1083

Second Congregational Church - Rev.Gary Ritts 781-383-0345

Vedanta Centre - Dr. Susan Schrager 781-383-0940

Food Assistance

Cohasset Food Pantry 781-383-0219
Wellspring 781-925-3211

Elder Services/Prescription

Drugs
Cohasset Elder Services 781-383-9112
Elder Abuse Hotline 800-922-2275

Domestic Violence
Dove 888-314-3683 (battered women and children)
Child-At-Risk Hotline 800-792-5200
Cohasset Police Department 781-383-1212

Fuel Assistance
Cohasset Elder Services 781-383-9112
Wellspring 781-925-3211

Physical & Mental Health/Counseling
Cohasset Public Health Nurse 781-383-2210
Wellspring 781-925-3211
Samaritans, Suicide Prevention 617-247-0220

Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Alcoholics Anonymous 617-426-9444
Alcohol & Drug Referral 800-252-6465

Legal Assistance
Bar Assoc. of Norfolk County 617-471-9693

Multi Service Providers
Social Service League of Cohasset 781-383-0771
Wellspring 781-925-3211

For further helpful referrals, call MASS 211

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SEL/TOWN MEETING
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE
2009 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING & TOWN ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Cohasset Board of Selectmen has voted to schedule the 2009 annual town meeting on Saturday, March 28, 2009 and the annual town election on Saturday, April 4, 2009.

Pursuant to Cohasset Town Bylaws, the deadline for citizen petitioned articles for the annual town meeting is Monday, January 12, 2009 at 4:30 PM. The Selectmen shall insert any article in the warrant for the annual town meeting upon written request by ten (10) registered voters of the Town. The names and addresses of the first ten (10) registered voters requesting insertion of an article shall be printed in the warrant immediately following such article.

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PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE WEEK OF
DEC. 1, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep your feelings to yourself as you work through an awkward circumstance. Complaining is useless, and also unwise since your words could come back to haunt you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A sudden flash of Bovine practicality shows you how you might be able to turn your artistic pursuits into a profitable venture. A spouse or partner offers some sage advice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be prepared with several "Plan Bs" that you might have to use as backups just in case you encounter some troublesome complications with your carefully constructed schedule.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might think you'll never have a free moment again with the demands of the workplace piling on. Cheer up. The pressure eases as holiday time nears. An old friend brings good news.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Leonine pride might make it difficult to offer an apology to a coworker you unintentionally offended. But a quick and sincere "I'm sorry" could prevent problems down the line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to tackle those backed-up chores that have kept you from moving into other and potentially more worthwhile projects. A personal matter needs your attention.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You usually have no problem rushing to the defense of someone you perceive as being treated unjustly. But perceptions could be deceiving this week. Check the facts before you act.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before you point fingers at who might be to blame for the unexpected change in your plans, take a few moments to reflect on how this turn of events might be a blessing in disguise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You seek out advice in the first part of the week. But be careful not to let counsel from others overshadow your own sense of perception. Things become clearer by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The trusted colleagues you relied on earlier continue to offer support with your project. But you take more control, and by the week's end, you should be in full command.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Rely on your practical side while exploring investment possibilities. Caution is still your watchword in these matters. Your social life takes a gratifying turn by the week's end.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An already confusing situation appears to grow murkier during the first part of the week. But it all starts to clear by the week's end. Plan to spend the weekend with someone special.

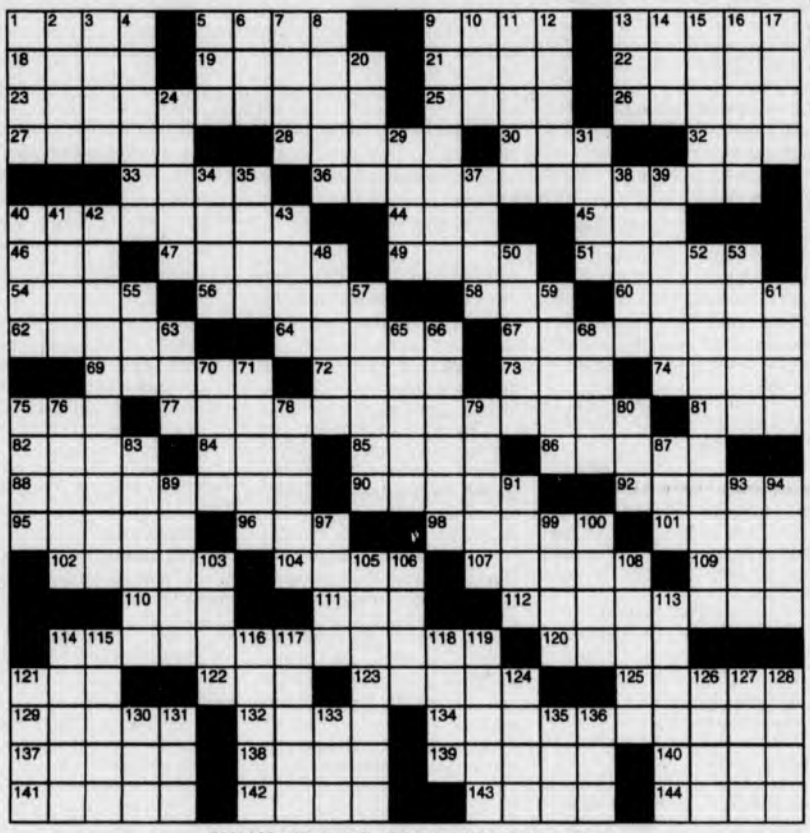
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BORN THIS WEEK: You have a passion for life that inspires others to follow your example. You could be a motivational speaker.

Crossword - Once is Enough

ACROSS
1 Not quite closed
5 "Song of the South" title
9 Perched on
13 Tom of "Baretta"
18 — Linda, CA
19 Snorkel and straw
21 Capital of American Samoa?
22 — Lama
23 "The Flintstones" kid?
25 Word on a door
26 Dumbstruck
27 Hacienda material
28 New Archangel, now
30 Devour
32 Summer shade
33 "The — Hurrah" ('58 film)
36 Golfing legend?
40 Crestfallen
44 Volleyball divider
45 Bar supply
46 — Jima
47 Bittern kin
49 Limber with language
51 Dislodge
54 Enormous
56 Mideastern pockets
58 Sea plea
60 Cultural character
62 Composer Bruckner
64 Lloyd Webber musical
67 Leslie Charteris creation
69 Overflowing
72 — impasse
73 Toody or Muldoon
74 Eye problem
75 NYC division
77 Robert Conrad series?
81 Flat hat
82 Broccoli —
84 Nutritional abbr.
85 Tabriz currency
86 Sordid
88 South American capital
90 Subway feature
92 22 Across' home
95 Proclamations
96 "Platoon" setting
98 — -garde
101 Stromboli spew
102 Gown part
104 Temporary calm
107 Girl George?
109 Tuck's mate
110 Dovecote sound
111 "— Rita" ('42 film)
112 Contend
114 Eddie Cantor song?
120 Pay to play
121 TV's "People — Funny"
122 Pair
123 Harden
125 Brando's birthplace
129 "Gladiator" extra
132 Southern st.
134 NY correctional facility?
137 "The Jungle Book" character
138 Martin Balsam film?
139 Passover meal
140 Pkg. abbr.
141 Stephen Vincent —
142 Cruise
143 Major- —
144 Kansas city

DOWN
1 Jessica of "Dark Angel"
2 "The Grapes of Wrath" surname
3 Snowballs, sometimes
4 Wander
5 A/C measure
6 Massage
7 Peters out
8 Antique
9 Garments
10 Homeric character
11 Looked like Lothario?
12 — bear
13 Author LeShan
14 Greyhound's greeting
15 Make merry
16 South American capital
17 Jennifer of "Star Trek: Voyager"
20 Son of Adam
24 Attain
29 Sergeant Preston's dog
31 Buster Brown's dog
34 Tread
35 Actress Hatcher
37 Singer Redding
38 Donates
39 Legendary Colt Johnny
40 Callas or Caballe
41 Actor McGregor
42 Olympic skater?
43 Act like grandma
48 Maritime
50 Mess (up)
52 Dick Van Dyke film?
53 Mrs. Zhivago
55 Haul a heap
57 Lucknow lutes
59 Sole mates?
61 Petunia part
63 Apprehend
65 Implied
66 Turkish city
68 Duel tool
70 Darjeeling dress
71 Wore
75 Pitt of "The Mexican"
76 Desert refuge
78 Trite
79 "Gladiator" extra
80 Boone or Benatar
83 Lure
87 Part of MP
89 Chocolate substitute
91 Damon and Pythias
93 Wicked
94 Use the VCR
97 Darkness
99 Talbot or Naldi
100 Ripped
103 Spilled the beans
105 Progressive
106 Meat cut
108 Teach on the side
113 Sign of spring
114 Shattered
115 Neighbor of Oman
116 Bee and Em
117 Apres-ski quaff
118 Entertainer Tamblyn
119 Like a raisin
121 Spirited steed
124 Word form for "within"
126 About
127 Salute the moon?
128 Cultural grp.
130 Pub order
131 Basketball's Holman
133 "Exodus" protagonist
135 Tiffany treasure
136 Paid player



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Sudoku

		9			2			3
	4			1		6	9	
3			7			8		
	2			5		7		
7					6			4
	8	6	4				5	
		5	2		1		4	
2				9				7
	9			6		3		

Level: Challenging

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Magic Maze - Hedgehogs

Y G D A X V S P N K A I D F H
C A X V S Q O L S J F S N H I
E C A X V N O C T U R N A L B
T R P P N L J H C F I E L D E
B A S U Y X V B E T C D A R R
P O I M S M K U S I A R E G N
E D B S R L R R N Z X A Z W A
U T T R A O L R I Q O G W N T
L E J C P S W O R E G D E H E
P I O E G F D W R S P I N E S
C V A T U O N S E K I L G I P

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Asia
Burrows
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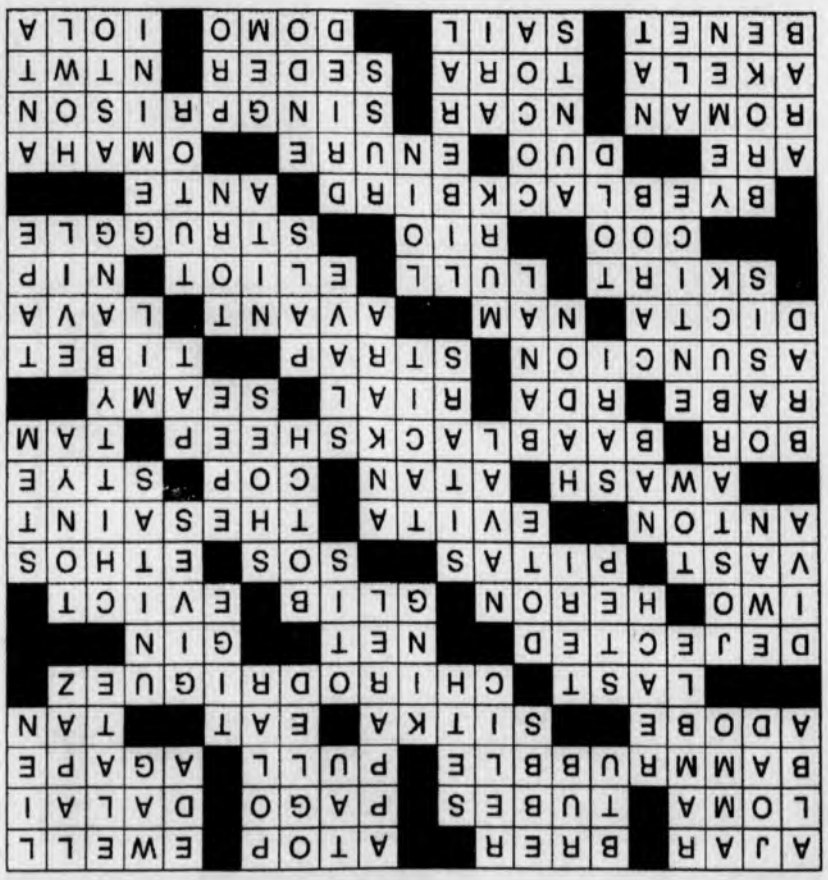
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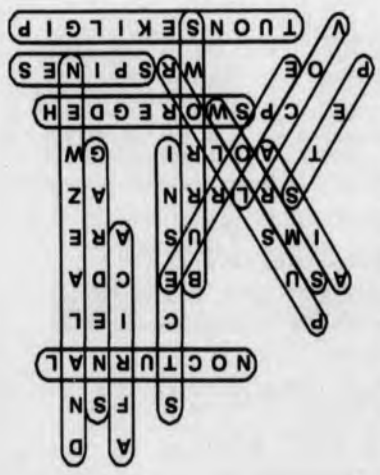
Spines
Vocal
Worms

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Crossword Solution - Once is Enough



Magic Solution - Hedgehogs



Sudoku Solution

1	2	3	7	6	5	8	9	4
7	6	5	4	9	8	1	3	2
8	4	9	1	3	2	5	7	6
9	5	2	3	7	4	6	8	1
4	8	1	6	2	9	3	5	7
6	3	7	8	5	1	4	2	9
5	1	9	6	8	2	4	7	3
2	9	6	5	1	3	7	4	8
3	7	4	2	8	6	9	1	5

POLICE/FIRE LOG

POLICE STATUS REPORT

Police made eight arrests

Cohasset made eight arrests in October: two for Operating Under the Influence; one for Operating Under the Influence, second offense; one for Larceny over $250; one for Misuse of RMV Document; one for Malicious Destruction of Property; and two for Protective Custody, Chief James Hussey said.

During the month of October, the Police Department investigated six motor vehicle accidents, one of which resulted in personal injury. There were 105 motor vehicle citations issued totaling $1,685 in fines. Additionally, there were 20 parking tickets issued totaling $450 in fines.

Also in the month of October the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 870 calls for police services, and of those, 281 were Emergency 911 calls, Hussey said.

In the month of October there was one report of Breaking and Entering involving a motor vehicle. Also in October there were 13 Criminal Complaints issued for the month, Hussey said.

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

2:08 p.m. **Little Harbor Rd.**, fire – public assist. Caller reports her 1-year-old is locked in the bathroom. R3 reports the door is open.

4:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity.

4:28 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:03 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Lower King St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports motor vehicle accident at 9 p.m. Driftway notified. Need for 2 wreckers.

10:56 p.m. **Hull St., and Lambert's Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

1:32 a.m. **North Main St.**, building checks.

1:33 a.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, building checks.

8 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

8:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

8:56 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks.

9:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:30 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

10 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

10:26 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:34 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School checks.

2 p.m. **Elm St.**, disturbance – neighbor, walk in party reports the woman living below her apartment has been bothering her. Officer spoke with both parties involved and the problem has been resolved.

9:19 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, 911 caller reports an intoxicated male party operating a white motor vehicle just pulled into this location. Officers have vehicle unoccupied in the parking lot. Officers are standing by with the vehicle at this time. Officers report they have spoken to the driver, he had been drinking, did not appear impaired and he opted not to drive his vehicle at this time. Officer requesting tow truck for vehicle.

10:25 p.m. **Grace Drive and Hull St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a couple vehicles parked at this location with interior lights on, caller is concerned something suspicious is going on. Officer reports nobody near the vehicles, they are inside the first house on the corner of Grace Drive.

10:43 p.m. Disturbance, domestic.

10:45 p.m. **Doane St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, 911 caller reports vehicle traveling very erratically all over the road.

11:49 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist other police department. 911 cell caller states the motor vehicle in front of him is operating erratically. Motor vehicle location is CJC Highway by the rotary. Hingham notified.

11:55 p.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, caller requests info regarding her father. Caller was advised her father is being processed.

SUNDAY, NOV. 23

1:08 a.m. Assist citizen, caller requesting info regarding 209A.

1:09 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, female caller "would like to speak to an officer." Spoke to female party.

1:41 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:41 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

6:45 a.m. **HQ.**, assist citizen, walk in party requests assistance with 209A.

7:41 a.m. **HQ.**, animal complaint. Walk in party has brought a stray dog to HQ.

11:28 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, well being check, caller reports a vehicle with a baby inside sleeping, no parents around, vehicle is running. Officer reports the vehicle is in the closest spot to the store and the mother is there selling popcorn with the boy scouts. Officer clear.

1:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller reports she noticed two fur jackets have been stolen, one valued over $1200 and the other over $500. Sgt. requesting Lt. be notified and Delta 1. Possibly more items as well, the owner of business is doing inventory now.

4:26 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:19 p.m. **South Main St.**, animal complaint, employee states small Black Lab without tags is hanging around outside of store.

6:02 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:24 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, parking complaint, caller reports car parked in the middle of the road. Officer reports car is being moved.

MONDAY, NOV. 24

12:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

12:29 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:22 a.m. **Linden Drive**, B&E to motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle broken into items taken.

8:22 a.m. **Linden Drive**, B&E to motor vehicle, caller reports both of his vehicles were broken into last night items taken.

8:22 a.m. **Rustic Drive**, B&E to motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle broken into.

12:02 p.m. **Woodlands Drive**, officer wanted, caller reports she would like to see an officer regarding her cat being struck by a car this morning and the driver not stopping.

12:09 p.m. **Linden Circle**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle broken into items taken.

1:26 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, well being check.

1:50 p.m. **Linden Drive**, B&E of motor vehicle, caller reports vehicle broken into overnight.

5:09 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party requests to see officer regarding B&E to her automobile.

6:21 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway, and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

8:57 p.m. **Pleasant St.**, suspicious activity, caller reports the smell of cigarettes in her enclosed porch led her to check the area, she thinks something ran off outside of her porch, requesting officer, officer talked with reporting party and she is not sure what she might have seen, officer is searching area.

9:56 p.m. **Beach St.**, officer wanted, constables would like officer's assistance.

10:57 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

TUESDAY, NOV. 25

8 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

8:11 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check, State Police attempted to transfer a 911 caller but lost her on the transfer. Dispatch was able to raise the caller and she stated she was following an erratic operator on Rockland Street.

9:29 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:45 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard, caller reports a turkey struck in the middle of 3A. Officer reports no traffic hazard at this location, there is a group of turkeys crossing 3A and the one that was struck is off the side of the road.

8:48 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

8:59 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:08 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:10 a.m. **Forest Ave., and Forest Circle**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10 a.m. **Elm St.**, parking complaint.

10:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

10:59 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports she was coming out of her driveway and hit a car that was pulled over and the operator was on her cell phone, they are requesting an officer.

1:18 p.m. **Forest Ave., and North Main St.**, hazard, callers reporting some type of substance coming down the hill and into the gas station, unsure of the location that it is coming from. Officer reports unable to determine the source, officer and Fire Capt. requesting DPW to the scene with a sand truck due to the slick roads.

1:54 p.m. **Elm St.**, parking complaint, vehicle parked blocking a fire hydrant, officer reports vehicle is not blocking the hydrant.

1:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, downed power lines, callers reporting a power line has come down across 3A. units report this is a telephone wire and has been moved off the road, no hazards at this time.

10:47 p.m. **Hull St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

12:40 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:48 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

1:09 a.m. **Gannett Rd.**, assist other police department, assisting Scituate Police with a motor vehicle accident.

6:57 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:03 a.m. **HQ.**, property (recovered), on 11/22/08 at 12 p.m. a pair of child's hockey pants and pads were turned into HQ by unknown party.

7:09 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:18 a.m. **Border St.**, icy road conditions, icy patch in the roadway, DPW notified.

7:35 a.m. **Beach St., and Atlantic Ave.**, icy road conditions, icy spot, DPW notified.

10:08 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

11:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

12:48 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, larceny, walk in party with her young daughter to report that her daughter has been stealing several items from her. Police officer spoke to 12-year-old girl with mother present. This will be handled as a family matter, no need to involve the police at this time. No report necessary. The original theft involved an IPod.

1:40 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, littering, caller reports a vehicle full of youths throwing bottles out the car window. Parties have been spoken to and will pick up items.

2:14 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a vehicle has been parked at this location for about 3 days. Spoke to owner, her son lives on a street nearby and parks it there.

2:28 p.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement.

2:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

3:02 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:03 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, caller reports after she closed up her business and tried to go shopping she noticed her wallet, palm pilot and camera were gone from her purse, caller thinks someone may have taken these items out of her purse, her purse was in a backroom of the business while she worked.

8:35 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, animal complaint, caller reports she is house sitting and she cannot get the dog back in the house. ACO will be contacting the caller. ACO advised the caller of what she can do.

8:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller complains of a group of kids playing football in the parking lot.

9:01 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

THURSDAY, NOV. 27

12:31 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, assist citizen, officer reports she has male subject in vehicle – giving him a ride to another location (friends house). Officer out at male residence to check with parents. Officer reports spoke to parents – everything is fine.

1 a.m. **Hull St.**, icy road conditions, notified State.

1:32 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Cushing Rd.**, barking dog, caller reports dog barking at above location, officer reports dog is barking – made contact with owner.

1:45 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:51 a.m. **Hull St.**, disturbance, Hingham PD reports there is a large party at above location. All units clear – party ending for the evening.

2:29 a.m. Highland Ave., suspicious activity, officer reports out with 3 juveniles – behind above location. Officer reports juveniles are headed home.

3:38 a.m. **Cushing Rd.**, assist other police department. Hingham PD requesting officer to respond to above location, attempt to make contact with female – regarding an assault that occurred in their town. Officer has 1 male in custody. Arrest: Liam E. Bassett, 24, 390 Cooks Brook Rd., Eastham. Charges: WMS warrant, failure to appear for Jury Duty.

5:16 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports smell of smoke inside store. Investigating overheated boiler. Owner has been notified – burner has been left off.

6:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, property damage, caller reports his vehicle was egged on 11/26/08 at the above location. Vehicle was parked all day, caller wanted this logged in.

9:26 a.m. **South Main St.**, property (recovered), officer reports a jogger has given him a wallet found on the road.

11:06 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

1:20 p.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, well being check.

6:10 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, dead animal. Multiple calls regarding a deer that was struck on Route 3A. State DPW notified. Officer has pulled animal to the side of the road. DPW ETA 30-40 minutes. Left message for ACO. Damage to drivers side of the motor vehicle.

FRIDAY, NOV. 28

12:57 a.m. **Wheelwright Park Rd.**, public service.

12:58 a.m. **North Main St.**, public service.

9:14 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:53 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks. Deerhill/Osgood School check.

10:05 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10:11 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle. Officer reports while on his traffic post, a motorist stopped to report an erratic operator in a white truck with an Acura sticker on the back swerving on the road. Vehicle headed towards Beechwood to South Main. Officer found the vehicle at an auto shop on South Main Street, officer reports no problems, it was a first time delivery for the driver and was looking at a map.

10:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

4 p.m. **Doane St.**, fire, brush, caller reports small brush fire in the woods at above location. Officer reports small fire – 200-250 yards in the woods, officer has kicked dirt on fire. Officer reports he has fire out.

5:36 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

5:42 p.m. **Border St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:21 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

8:45 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks. Deerhill/Osgood School check.

9:21 p.m. **Border St.**, icy road conditions, caller reports there is something in the road that is a traffic hazard, unsure if it is icy road. Officer reports the roads are icy – notified DPW.

SATURDAY, NOV. 29

2:22 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, all schools checked and secured.

8:57 a.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, assist citizen, officer at this location with Scituate Animal Control for the removal of the resident's dogs.

9:13 a.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:46 a.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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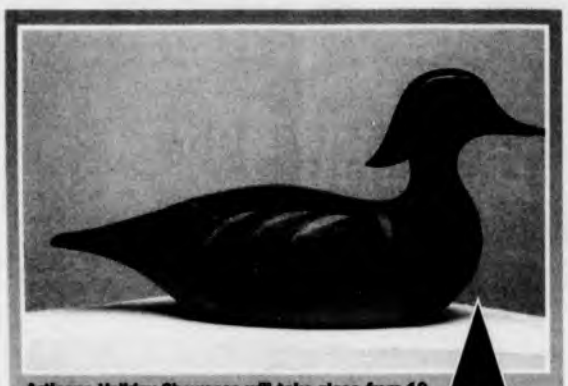
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What's happening on the South Shore

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Artisans Holiday Showcase will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Route 228, Hingham. A small group of local folk artists will gather for this one-day show and sale of their work. Admission is free. Exhibiting will be Hingham woodcarvers Tim Jumper with Santa and other folk figures, and Bill Sami with birds and decoys. Maura Campbell will offer an array of folk art; Janet Sami will bring quilted items; and Peppercricket Farm's Ed and Diane Faria will present country furniture and accessories. Refreshments will be av. ilable.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Dec. 4

Drawing Workshop with Andrea Favret. Dec. 4 and 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at North River Arts Society, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield Hills. Fee is $80 members, $100 non-members. For information, visit www.northriverarts.org.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 4, **Cindy Daley Blues Jam.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 4, **Walrus Gumboot – A Tribute to the Beatles,** featuring Brian Kerins, David Broadbent, Eric Bostrom and Johnny "Bullet" Morelli, 9:30 p.m. 781-826-6999.

Friday, Dec. 5

Story Time will take place at 10 a.m., Dec. 5, at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Sue will read age appropriate stories Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age, along with an adult, are invited to attend this free Story Time. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

"West Side Story." Cohasset High School Music Department will present its all-school musical, "West Side Story," Dec. 5 through 7, in the high school auditorium, 143 Pond St., Cohasset. Show times are 7:30 p.m., Dec. 5 and 6; and 2:30 p.m., Dec. 7. Tickets are $10 and available at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and at the door. For information, call 781-383-1834.

Harbor Holiday Stroll/First Friday Night. Friday, Dec. 5, 6 to 8 p.m., Front Street, Scituate Harbor. Schedules available at participating businesses.

Bill Brett Book Signing at Harbor Stroll Night. Boston photographer Bill Brett will be at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor, from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, to sign copies of his book. His latest book, "Boston A Year in the Life," contains a photo a day beginning with the Marathon on Patriots Day 2007 finishing 371 consecutive days later on Patriots Day 2008. For information, call 781-545-5011 or visit www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Holiday Pub Night will start at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, at Hull Lifesaving Museum. Cost is $25 for members; $30 for non-members. Raise a pint to the holiday season with Celtic tunes and pub fare, as the museum is transformed into a festive neighborhood tavern with traditional Celtic music by the Jolly Rogues. For tickets call 781-925-5433 or email info@hulllifesavingmuseum.org. All proceeds will benefit the museum's education programs. For information, visit wwwlifesavingmuseum.org.

Festival of Trees, to benefit Cranberry Hospice, will take place Dec. 5 through 7, at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth. The display is open to the public 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7. General admission is $5/adults, $4/seniors and $2/children younger than 12. Donations can be made for memorial candles for $25 each or lights at $5 each. Special events are also planned: Family Fun Night, Dec. 5, 5 to 7 p.m., with the Tanglewood Marionettes. Cost is $10. Tickets are available in advance only at Olivia Rose, Marshfield; Westwinds Bookshop and Once Upon a Time, Duxbury; ProSports, Kingston; and Cranberry House, Plymouth. Dec. 6: Cocktail party at 6 p.m., by reservation only. Dec. 7, Hospice Service of Remembrance at 3 p.m., at Duxbury Performing Arts Center. For information, call 781-934-7778 or visit www.cranberryhospice.org/festival.

Santa is coming to downtown Hingham on Friday, Dec. 5, during the **Christmas in the Square** celebration from 6 to 8 p.m. at the corner of Main and North streets. Featured will be performances, a Festival of Trees, and, at about 6:30 p.m., Hingham Fire Department's Quint truck will bring Santa. Free family fun continues Saturday, Dec. 6, with Christmas in the Square festivities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Carolers and the Bell Tower ringers will add a special touch and free horse-drawn hayrides will leave from the corner of Main and North streets from noon to 3 p.m. A complete schedule of events is available at www.discoverhingham.com.

Mayflower Society House, 4 Winslow St., Plymouth, will be decorated for the holidays, and will be open 4 to 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5; noon to 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6; and noon to 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7. Fresh holiday greens and decorative items will be for sale by Plymouth Garden Club. Admission fee is $7.

Kids Night Out, Holiday at Hogwarts, will be 6 to 8 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 5, at South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. The event will give parents a break to do some holiday shopping while children age 6 and older can enjoy an evening Harry Potter style. Dress in Hogwarts clothes is optional. Cost is $20 members, $25 non-members. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Payment can be taken by telephone with a major credit card. For information, call 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org.

Healthy Living Magazine Holiday Party and Banquet will be from 7 to 11 p.m., Dec. 5, at Weymouth Elks Hall, 1197 Washington St., E. Weymouth. Cost is $25 and includes a banquet, live band and vendors. Tickets can be purchased by calling 781-871-1740 or by going to The Healthy Living Magazine at www.HealthyLivingVideo.com.

Harbour Choral Arts Society will present a concert titled "Our Favorite Things" at 8 p.m., on Dec. 5, at First Congregational Church. Route 139, Hanover. Under the direction of Alyson Greer, director of choral music at Hanover High School, and accompanied by collaborative pianist Derelyn Baker-Kahler, the concert is presented in conjunction with the Friends of Stetson House and will include entry to the historic Stetson House. Tickets are $10 each and may be purchased at the door.

Musical Holiday Party will take place at the Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree, Dec. 5 through 21. A dozen singers and dancers will perform seasonal and popular music leavened with comedy. Evening performances, dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday matinees, dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. Special Dec. 13 matinee with dinner at 12:30 p.m., and show at 2 p.m. Parking is free. Handicapped accessible. Tickets are $45 for dinner and the show. Group discounts available. Call QDT Productions at 781-843-5862 for information.

Spascape Day Spa Open House, a benefit for South Shore Hospital Cancer Care Center, will take place 5 to 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5. There will be a silent auction, raffles, wine tasting and more. Spascape is in Scituate Harbor and can be reached by calling 781-545-1200.

Single Executives Club" Christmas Party and Singles Dance. Friday, Dec. 5, The Lantana, 43 Scanlon Dr., Randolph. Exit 5A, Rte. 28 south off Rte. 128. www.se-4u.com. Dancing with music by award-winning DJ from 8:30 to midnight. Free door prizes, Hundreds of singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $12 All night. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Proper business dress required, sports jacket for men and business or party finery for women highly recommended. 781-446-0234.c

Satch's New Blue Revue with special guests **Cindy Daley and Steve Todesco from MOB** will perform from 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Dec. 5, at Sons of Italy Restaurant/Lounge, Rockland Golf Course, 276 Plain St., Route 139, Rockland. For information, call 781-878-5836.

First Fridays-Open Mics – Walter 'Bear Zaremba will host the next Open Mic on Dec. 5. All acoustic musicians are welcome to play. 7:30 to 11 p.m. in the Mt Hope Improvement Society, the white schoolhouse building on Clapp Rd, Scituate. For more info contact ctzaremba@gmail.com or 781-544-3122. This event will take place every First Friday of the month

Memphis Rockabilly Band will perform at the **C-Note,** Nantasket Avenue, Hull, from 9:45 p.m. to 12:45 a.m., on Friday, Dec. 5. 781-925-4300.

New England Singles Dance Dec. 5, from 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. sandwich and salad bar. Adults of all ages. Casual dress. DJ. Admission $10. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 5, **Flydown,** 9:30 p.m. 781-826-6999.

Drift Away w/ Joe and J will perform at **Goodies II,** Scituate Harbor Friday, Dec. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Friday, **karaoke with Ed.** 781-337-9905.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 5, **The Loonatics.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.

Saturday, Dec. 6

Colony Place, Plymouth presents **The Enchanted Storybook Village**, Nov. 28 through Dec. 21, Saturdays and Sundays 11a.m. to 4 p.m. A spectacular 5,000 square foot Village with storybook themed trees, gigantic gingerbread house, life-size nutcrackers and much more. Bring your camera for free pictures with Santa. Storybooks Come to Life Saturdays 11 a.m. to noon. Famous storybook characters perform in costume while the books that made them children's favorites are read aloud. Dec. 6, **Curious George**. Visit colonyplace.com/holiday for a complete listing of holiday events.

A Taste of Greece, sponsored by the Ladies Philoptochos Society of the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church of Cohasset, will take place as part of the Cohasset Village Fair, and will be set up across from the pond in the South Shore Community Center, Cohasset Village. Decorated fresh wreaths will be for sale outside, and indoors the sounds of live and recorded music will fill the air as coffee is served and spanakopita, baklava, koulourakia and other specialty foods are sold. Hand knit and crocheted goods, jewelry, Grandma's Attic items and a 50/50 raffle will also be featured.

ReUUsable Sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 6, at First Parish Unitarian Church, Trueblood Hall, Cohasset Common. The sale is part of Cohasset Village annual fair and offers a selection of house wares, etc. All proceeds will benefit First Parish UU Church of Cohasset.

DanceSport Boston's Holiday Ballroom Dance & Showcase will be take place 7:30 to 11 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, at Trinity Episcopal Church hall, 241 Broad St., Weymouth. Admission is $20 in advance, $22 at the door. Refreshments, door prizes, and special performances will be featured. Holiday dance attire suggested. For reservations and information, visit the Web site at www.dancesportboston.com.

Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and conductor Jin Kim will present two **Joyful Noise** concerts featuring festive music by classical masters and traditional carols. This year's program will combine music from Russia (Festival Coronation March and Swan Lake Suite by Tchaikovsky) and Spain (Alborada del Gracioso and Pavane by Ravel) with American favorite Leroy Anderson's Christmas Festival and Sleigh Ride. On Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m., the orchestra will perform in Thayer Academy's new Center for the Arts, off Route 3, Braintree. On Sunday, Dec. 7, at 4:30 p.m., Joyful Noise will take place at St. Anthony Church, 129 S. Main St., Cohasset. Tickets at $35 for adults, $25 for seniors and $10 for youth through age 18 are available in advance at La Petite Maison in Hingham Square, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, online at www.atlanticsymphony.org or by calling 781-740-5694.

The Vineyard Community Church cordially invites you to an adaptation of the story of **The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe,** by C.S. Lewis at 7 p.m. Dec. 6, at the Kingston Intermediate School on 2nd Brook St,. Kingston. Free and open to the public. It will be an enchanted night for the whole family. Learn More www.thevineyardkingston.org ; call 781-585-4776.

CALENDAR, see next page

Fairs and festivals

PLYMOUTH – Crafts tables for rent on **Dec. 5,** from 4 to 9 p.m. at Memorial Hall during Kiwanis - Christmas in Historic Downtown Plymouth. Sell jewelry, crafts, etc. $25 per table. For reservations call Kathy 508-982-3007.

COHASSET – The ReUUsable Sale **Dec. 6** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. First Parish UU Church, Cohasset Common.

HINGHAM – Artisans' Holiday Showcase, **Dec. 6,** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St., (Route 228), Hingham.

HANOVER – St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 17 Church St., Hanover, **Dec. 6** in the Parish Hall from 10a.m. to 2 p.m.

HANOVER – Hanover Newcomers, Hanover Middle School, **Dec. 6,** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Looking for crafters. 781-826-0705 or daynafalla@myarbonne.com

MARSHFIELD – First Congregational Church, Marshfield Center 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., **Dec. 6,** at First Congregational Church, Marshfield Center.

MARSHFIELD – North Community Church Parish Hall and Sanctuary, Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., **Dec. 6.** 781 837-3784.

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SCITUATE – Union Mission Chapel, 315 Old Oaken Bucket Road, **Dec. 6,** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 781-545-2919.

SCITUATE – Country Christmas Fair at Dalby Farm, 59 Grove St. Scituate, **Dec. 6,** 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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He's a green old Scrooge

The Grinch warms Boston's holiday hearts this season

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



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Andrew Keenan-Bolger as Young Max, front, and Walter Charles as Old Max star in "How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical" at Boston's Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre through Dec. 28.

He's been called everything from a heel who's as charming as an eel to a bad banana with a greasy black peel, so it's no wonder that, even during the holidays, the Grinch with a heart two sizes too small would have only his dog to keep him company. In the Dr. Seuss classic "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" — first published in 1957 and subsequently made into an animated 1966 television special and a 2000 live action feature film with Jim Carrey in the title role — it is the loyal canine, Max, who shares the mean one's mountaintop perch above Whoville. In a live musical version of the story written by Springfield native Theodore Geisel under his more famous pen name, the sled-pulling pooch even takes over the narrating duties handled to perfection by Boris Karloff in the small screen cartoon. The musical is now at Boston's Wang Theatre after sold-out holiday runs on Broadway in 2006 and 2007.

"The way I see it, Max was a puppy when the Grinch found him and took him in, so it is only natural that he would develop a bond with his owner," explained Broadway veteran and Boston University graduate Walter Charles by telephone recently. "I'm playing 'Old Max' in this production, so I get to tell the audience the story and relive the lifetime that the Grinch and Max have spent together."

While, thanks to annual rebroadcasts of the television special, many in the audience probably already know all about the Grinch who tries to steal Christmas right out from under his sweet-tempered neighbors, Charles himself had steered clear of the story until very recently.

"I came at my work in this show from a very different perspective, because I did not know anything about the Grinch. I'd never read the book or seen either the TV or feature film versions. I've always been much more of an Alistair Sim's 'Scrooge' and Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' person. Ultimately, I think that has turned out to be a very good thing, because it has allowed me to come at this show from a completely fresh angle. The way I see it, this is my part in my production and, as such, I am able to make the role, familiar to many, all my own."

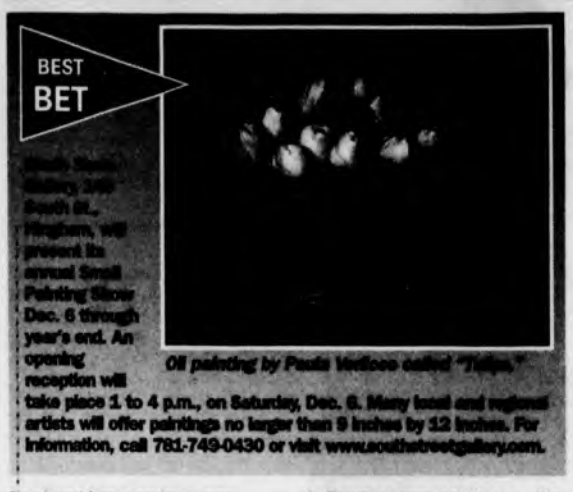
Charles, who was featured in the national tour of 'My Fair Lady' that played Boston's Opera House in February, says the more he gets to know the story, the more he likes it. "This is a tremendous story of redemption, which is why it has become America's own 'A Christmas Carol.' And with this stage version, we're being very careful to be true to the original and to protect the integrity of the source material. It is obvious why this works so well. It is because Dr. Seuss was a genius."

('Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas, the Musical!" will be at the Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., Boston, through Dec. 28. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 866-348-9738 or go online at citicenter.org.)



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Oil painting by Paula Vellcox called "Tulips."

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North Weymouth Civic Association – Meat Raffle every Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Cathay Center Restaurant, 211 Bridge St., Route 3A, North Weymouth.

Shop 'Til You Drop Ladies Afternoon Out will be from noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, at Marshfield Branch YWCA, Ferry Hill Road. Admission is free. Featured will be an afternoon with food, drinks, raffles and shopping.

Hanover Foundation for Educational Enrichment Golden Apple Recognition Awards will be on sale at the Newcomers Holiday Craft Fair Dec. 6, at Hanover Middle School. For a donation of $10, students can present these holiday cards to a teacher who has made a difference in their lives. All proceeds from this event go to the Foundation's grant program for the benefit of all students in Hanover Public Schools. Information, call HFEE president Jill Joy at 781-826-3599.

Artisans Holiday Showcase will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Route 228, Hingham. Admission is free. Exhibiting will be Hingham woodcarvers Tim Jumper with Santa and other folk figures, and Bill Sarni with birds and decoys. Maura Campbell will offer an array of folk art; Janet Sarni will bring quilted items; and Peppercricket Farm's Ed and Diane Faria will present country furniture and accessories. Refreshments will be available.

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Holiday Tasting Event at Foodies Duxbury Market. Foodies, 46 Depot St., Duxbury, will celebrate the holiday season and one-year anniversary with a storewide Holiday Tasting Event from noon to 3 p.m., Dec. 6. For information, call 781-934-5544.

Join Kelly Tammaro and Tom Samuelson of Reiki Wellness Teachers from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Dec. 6, at College Park, 720 Washington St., Route 53, third floor of the Liberty Building, Hanover, to learn about Reiki, a Japanese technique that has been around for thousands of years. It is used to relieve stress, is relaxing and promotes health. Appointments are not needed, just stop by, email tom745@verizon.net or call 508-224-3279 for information.

Players Sports Bar & Restaurant, 86 VFW Drive, Rockland, **Comedy Show** with steak tip dinner/D.J. and dancing Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m. featuring Whitman's own: **Paul Keenan. Other Comics: Jon Pierce, Pat Mcloud, Alicia Love, Rick Sinnott, Annette Pollack and Jerry Thornton**. Admission: $30. Call 781-681-9999 or 781-843-4833 for advance tickets. www.Myspace.Com/Annettepollack or www.Myspace.Com/Playersrockland

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Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Saturday, **Tony Perez** 781-337-9905.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 6, **Doubledown,** 9:30 p.m. 781-826-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 6, **Mission of Blues.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue-

Drift Away w/ Joe and J at French Memories Bakery, 60 South Main St., Cohasset Saturday, Dec. 6, from 3 to 5 p.m. No cover charge

Drift Away w/ Joe John and J performs at **The Snug Pub** 114 North St., Hingham, 8:30 p.m. No Cover charge. South Shore's Swingin' Smooth Groove Trio. www/myspace.com/driftawayjoejohnandj www.thesnugpub.com

Sunday, Dec. 7

Corner Stone Lodge, 585 Washington St., Duxbury. **All you can eat breakfast buffet**, from 8 to 11:30 a.m., Dec. 7. Menu: scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, toast, English muffins, baked beans, juice and coffee. Pancakes and French toast cooked to order. Adults $7, seniors $6, children age 12 and under $5. **Open to the public.**

"Tuesday Painters" Art Exhibition will be on view at Home Center Sotheby's International Realty, 1 South Main St., Cohasset, through Jan. 17. An opening reception will be 2 to 4 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 7. All are welcome. The exhibit represents the efforts of a group of award winning South Shore artists including recent works by members Katherine Catlin, Jane Flavell Collins, Marsha Hoar, Yvette Rattenbury, Betty Rogers and Barbara Walsh. For information, call 781-749-8833.

Congregation Shirat Hayam will host its annual **Chanukah Bazaar** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 7, at the temple, 185 Plain St., Route 139, Marshfield. The bazaar will be open to the public. For information, call 781-582-2700 or visit www.shirathayam.net.

Shout, Sing and Dance, Bridgewater State College Alumni Chamber Choir holiday concert, will be performed at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, at Central Square Congregational Church, 71 Central Square, Bridgewater. The church is wheelchair accessible. Under the direction of Carol A. Nicholeris, the concert will feature a collection of musical styles including holiday favorites. General admission is $10; seniors/students, $5. For information, call 781-344-3320 or visit the Web site at www.bscacc.org.

"Rudolph" will be presented by Starcreations Theater on Sundays, Dec. 7 and 14, at 4 p.m., in Kendall Hall, First Parish in Plymouth, 19 Town Square. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children. For reservations and information email info@starcreations.org or call 508-747-1234.

Historical Society of Old Abington will meet at 2:30 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 7, at Dyer Memorial Library, 28 Centre Ave., Abington. A program titled "Hometown Holiday – the Harp and its History" will be presented by Doug Ulwick. The public is welcome to attend. For information, call 781-878-8480.

South Shore Viking Club, 410 Quincy Ave., Route 53, Braintree, will host a meatloaf dinner, followed by an auction of Jul Bazaar items, at 1:30 p.m., on Dec. 7. Tickets are $6. For reservations, call 781-843-4410.

Carver Holiday House Tour, to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth, will be from 1 to 5 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 7. Five homes plus a church, all located in Carver, will be decorated for the season and open to the public. Tickets are $12 in advance, $15 day of the tour. Advance tickets can be purchased at Century 21 Classic Gold Real Estate, 96 N. Main St., Carver, or United Parish office, 115 Main St., Carver, or by calling HFHGP at 508-866-4188. Tickets will also be available at House Tour headquarters, at Carver Public Library Community Room on Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Dec. 7, 12:30 to 3 p.m. A raffle will also be held. A holiday display by Carver primary and elementary students will be on view from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 6, and 12:30 to 5 p.m., Dec. 7. Following the tour on Dec. 7, a holiday sing-along with Carver school students will take place on the Town Green and Gazebo on Main St., beginning at 5:15 p.m. For information, call Marianne MacLeod, event chairwomen, at 508-866-5938.

Monday, Dec. 8

Hingham Public Library and Buttonwood Books & Toys will welcome author Archer Mayor at 7 p.m., on Dec. 8, at Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St. Mayor will discuss "The Catch" his 19th book in the Vermont-based mystery series featuring detective Joe Gunther. Those unable to attend and who would like to purchase a signed book can call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665 or order online at www.buttonwoodbooks.com.

CPR Certification Course for childcare providers, parents and the public will be offered from 6 to 9 p.m., on Monday, Dec. 8, at Tufts Public Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Cost is $40 per person with discounts for recertification and groups of two or more. $3 of each fee will be donated to the American Heart Association. Call Barbara at 781-582-1440, 800-434-6000, or visit the www.healthednewengland.com for information and to sign up. Register by Dec. 6.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 8, **Free Texas Hold'Em with Northern Poker League,** 9:30 p.m. 781-826-6999.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

Derby Street Holiday Stroll will take place at Derby Street Shoppes, Hingham, from 5 to 9 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 9. This evening of shopping, savings and socializing will benefit Cradles to Crayons. Enjoy discounts at many stores, and enjoy cocktails, appetizers and a raffle a Burtons. Cost is $10 for Hingham Newcomers Club members and $15 for non-members. For information and reservations, call Sarah Davis at 617-347-6659 or email hncholidaystroll@yahoo.com.

La Leche League will meet at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Mamas Move Wellness and Fitness Center, 45 Pond St., Route 228, Norwell. Discussion topic will be Nutrition & Weaning. Meetings are free. Pregnant and nursing mothers are encouraged to attend. Babies are always welcome. For information, call Christie at 781-740-7808, Kathleen at 781-749-2404, or Heather at 781-544-9230.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 9, **Wicked Trivia,** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 781-826-6999.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

Art Appraisal Day at South Street Gallery will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10. Arthur Garrity will offer verbal appraisals at the gallery, 149 South St., Hingham. Fee is $10 per appraisal, $25 for three, with all proceeds donated to Hingham Historical Society. For information, call 781-749-0430 or visit the Web site at www.southstreetgallery.com.

Free college financial aid night hosted by College Planning Group, Inc. at 7 p.m., Dec. 10, at the Pembroke Library, Center St., (Route 14), Pembroke Center. This workshop is free and open to the public. To reserve your seat, call 781-828-1114 or register online at thecollegeplanninggroup.com

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, every Wednesday is **Country Music Night with DJ Pat Lally**. 781-829-6999.

Thursday, Dec. 11

"A Christmas Carol," presented by Starcreations will take place Thursday and Friday, Dec. 11 and 12, at 5 p.m., at Reed Community Building, 33A Summer St., Kingston. General admission is $3. For reservations, and information email info@starcreations.org or call 508-747-1234.

Southeastern Massachusetts Mineral Club, a nonprofit organization, will meet at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 11, at South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 11, **Rockin' George.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 11, **Flip Top Head** 9:30 p.m. 781-826-6999.

Friday, Dec. 12

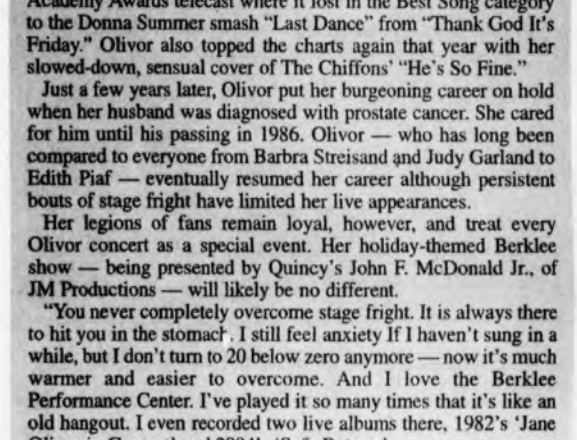
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New England Singles Dance Dec. 12, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St, Route 109 Dedham. Sandwich and salad bar. Adults of all ages. Casual dress. DJ. Admission $10. singlesdancesnewengland.com 617-325-4900.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Friday, **karaoke with Ed.** 781-337-9905.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 12, **3rd Left,** 9:30 p.m. 781-826-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 12, **Hoodoo Revelator.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.



Jane Olivor will perform Dec. 20 at the Berklee Performance Center.

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...Olivor accepts that ...she is probably best ...known for her beautiful, ...expressive voice, but she ...says she has always had a lot ...more on her mind than just performing.

"People know me only through my music, but I'm very passionate about the environment, too. For 30 years now, I've been preoccupied with animal rights and the environment," Olivor said recently by telephone from her home in Maryland. "I can still remember promoting a record, very early in my career, and reading a newspaper headline that mentioned global warming. It was the first time that I became aware of that term, but I could tell immediately that it wouldn't be the last."

Audiences became aware of the Brooklyn-born Olivor — who will make a rare concert appearance at Boston's Berklee Performance Center on Dec. 20 — in the 1970s when, while making her first cabaret appearance at New York's famed Reno Sweeney, she was discovered by legendary record producer Clive Davis, who signed Olivor to Columbia Records. Her debut album, "First Night," was released in 1976. Olivor's acclaimed version of the Broadway standard "Some Enchanted Evening," from "South Pacific," was released as a 45 rpm companion to her second album, "Chasing Rainbows," and helped that record reach the Top 100 on the Billboard charts.

"I love the Berklee Performance Center. I've played it so many times that it's like an old hangout."
Jane Olivor

Her third album, "Stay the Night," became Olivor's best-selling Columbia release on the power of the title song, which became Olivor's first hit single.

Other hits followed, including a duet with Johnny Mathis on "The Last Time I Felt Like This," from the movie "Same Time Next Year." Olivor and Mathis performed the song on the 1979 Academy Awards telecast where it lost in the Best Song category to the Donna Summer smash "Last Dance" from "Thank God It's Friday." Olivor also topped the charts again that year with her slowed-down, sensual cover of The Chiffons' "He's So Fine."

Just a few years later, Olivor put her burgeoning career on hold when her husband was diagnosed with prostate cancer. She cared for him until his passing in 1986. Olivor — who has long been compared to everyone from Barbra Streisand and Judy Garland to Edith Piaf — eventually resumed her career although persistent bouts of stage fright have limited her live appearances.

Her legions of fans remain loyal, however, and treat every Olivor concert as a special event. Her holiday-themed Berklee show — being presented by Quincy's John F. McDonald Jr., of JM Productions — will likely be no different.

"You never completely overcome stage fright. It is always there to hit you in the stomach. I still feel anxiety if I haven't sung in a while, but I don't turn to 20 below zero anymore — now it's much warmer and easier to overcome. And I love the Berklee Performance Center. I've played it so many times that it's like an old hangout. I even recorded two live albums there, 1982's 'Jane Olivor in Concert' and 2004's 'Safe Return.'

"This time around I'll be doing my music, of course, like 'Stay the Night' and my other hits, but I'll also be singing new songs, and some great old love songs. And, since it's that time of year, I will also be doing some wonderful Christmas music I really love, like 'Silent Night' and 'Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel,'" said the 61-year-old Olivor.

"I tend not to be political onstage, where my focus in always on beautiful melodies and lyrics. The songs I love most always have a great melody that can take you to the most wonderful places."

JM Productions will present "Jane Olivor: A Boston Holiday Tradition" at Berklee Performance Center, 136 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-747-2261 or go online at ticketmaster.com.



South Shore Folk Music Club will present a concert featuring Greg Greenway Saturday, Dec. 6. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the performance starts at 8 p.m., at Beal House of the Kingston Unitarian Church, 222 Main St., Route 106, Kingston. Tickets are $13 for members, $15 non-members. Handicapped accessible. For information, call 781-871-1052 or visit www.ssfmc.org.

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The Dragon's Tooth Mountain looks down over North Ballachulish in the West Highlands.



Eilean Donan Castle, on the Isle of Skye, was used in the film "Highlander."

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND — A number of years ago, my wife and I were visiting England's Lake District when we decided to pop over the border into Scotland. We made our way to Edinburgh, toured the castle, found a cute little B&B, then went back to England, vowing to return some day.

It took 20 years, but we finally found ourselves on a night flight across the Atlantic, headed for Glasgow. The idea of beginning there came while I was interviewing Scottish actor Alan Cumming a few months ago. "Where would you go on a holiday in Scotland," I asked him. He didn't even hesitate. "Fly to Glasgow, rent a car, then go to the Hebrides," he said. "That's the real Scotland."

And so after a day and night in Glasgow at the lovely little Argyll Hotel (almost directly across the street from the fabulous, newly renovated Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum - filled with Scottish, Dutch, Italian and French art, as well as ongoing contemporary shows), we found ourselves driving to the Hebrides, a group of rugged and picturesque islands off the northwest coast of Scotland.

In our rented Mazda - we wisely chose an automatic over a manual transmission - the first thing we discovered about hitting the road in Scotland, aside from the whole driving-on-the-wrong-side business, was that you should not underestimate the time it takes to get anywhere. The roads are twisty and slow. Plan on around four hours to go about 100 miles.

Plan, too, on having a little trouble with the Scottish accent. But that's not a big problem, since everyone is so friendly. "Sorry, lad," said one maintenance worker, who couldn't help us find our B&B. But we did finally make it to the Aultbeg B&B in the little town of North Ballachulish, with a gorgeous view of the "Dragon's Tooth" mountain. We enjoyed an excellent meal at the Lochleven Seafood Cafe, which specialized in inventively prepared shellfish in upscale surroundings.

Traveling at a slow pace from town to town as we worked our way northward, we learned all kinds of Scottishisms, from a waitress in Mallaig saying, "Could I just ask you to settle the damage now?" To the beggar in Fort William asking my wife, "Have you got some change, love?" And a gardener we met complained about the "wee Bambis" (deer) eating his roses.

We headed over a bridge to the Isle of Skye, stopping first at the iconic 13th century Eilean Donan Castle (restored in the early 20th century, and later used in the movie "Highlander"), then settling in at the Corran Guest House, which overlooks Loch Snizort.

Having previously traveled throughout England and Wales, we were prepared to find bland and overcooked food in Scotland. We were pleasantly surprised. Yes, they have haggis, but they also have wonderful smoked salmon and plenty of salads with fresh greens. We had another terrific lunch at the Loch Bay Seafood Restaurant on the Waternish Penninsula.

Venturing from Skye to the Outer Hebrides, a group of windswept and treeless islands, involved a 90-minute ferry ride across smooth seas that let us off on the shores of Harris. From Harris you can drive north to the island of Lewis, and we spent a night on each island.

On these islands you'll find haunting areas including the mysterious Calanais Standing Stones on Lewis - the Scottish equivalent of Stonehenge. And, while driving the Golden Road in Harris, we viewed the boulder-strewn landscape that Stanley Kubrick used as a stand-in for Jupiter in "2001; A Space Odyssey."

We also made our way to the beautiful white sands of Luskentyre Beach on Harris, where, on the rare warm day, locals don wetsuits to take a dip in the sea. We chose to walk along the shore rather than join those brave souls.

Another ferry ride brought us to the island of North Uist, where a truck driver with a Scottish accent even most Scots would probably have trouble understanding directed us to a restaurant by telling us only where not to take a right or a left.

A three-night stay at the Temple View Hotel, right across from the ruins of an old temple, provided friendly accommodations, more excellent meals and wind - lots of wind. One of the owners, explaining how windy it was on the island, told us, "Anything below 60 mph is just a breeze." Pointing to the tattered Scottish flag whipping around out front, she added, "We go through a flag a month."

Wind or not the Uists (there's also a South Uist) are ideal for walking. We did a bird walk with a guide from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and saw plenty of them, and later, an otter walk and saw none. We also took time to roam through fields and ruins, where we got to commune with lots of sheep.

Scotland remains a strange mix of the old and new. The major cities provide every sort of comfort you could want. But an escape to the rural areas, especially the islands, reveals a wild but welcoming world that feels like it hasn't changed for centuries.

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Wind hearing postponed

Due to unavoidable circumstances, Al Moore, Chairperson of the Planning Board, will not be able to attend the Planning Board meeting on Monday, Dec. 15..

For this reason, the Wind Turbine continued public hearing scheduled for Monday night will be postponed.

The Wind Turbine public hearing will be opened at 7:15 p.m. for approximately one minute on Dec. 15 to immediately continue to a date and time certain.

There will be no introduction of or discussion of any information regarding this filing.

Since this public hearing postponement means the use of the Auditorium is not necessary, the meeting is being moved to the Basement Meeting Room for the remaining agenda items.

Rustic Market opens up shop



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Legion family serves holiday cheer



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Balloon raising off Route 3A

Will show height of proposed turbines

By Nancy White
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If you see some balloons floating on the hill behind Graham Waste, don't think there is a sale on used cars. The balloons are part of the on-going Planning Board review process for two wind turbines with a proposed siting off Route 3A.

Beginning today (Friday) and continuing throughout the weekend, balloons will be floated as the approximate height of the two proposed wind turbine locations to aid the Planning Board in visualizing the scale of the project.

When the Planning Board discussed the possibility of raising balloons at the proposed siting of the turbines at their public hearing on Dec. 1, the plan was for two balloons to be floated on one tether (one to mark where the machinery hub of the turbine and the other to mark the high point of the turbine's blade).

After the meeting the applicant contacted the vendor who advised against placing two weather balloons on one tether. As a result, an alternate plan with what Planning Board chairman Al Moore expects to yield similar results has been developed.

"I don't think any of us (on the Planning Board) had first hand or even second hand knowledge of the type of balloons being used," said Moore. The Planning Board relies on their consulting engineer John Modzelewski to deal and advise on the technical aspects of each application before the board.

"I think he's come up with a scheme

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VILLAGE VOICES



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Vocalists Tony Carbone and Lilly Sestito, accompanied by the Rusty Skippers concert band, sing some joyous Christmas songs on Saturday afternoon at the First Parish Meetinghouse during the Village Fair on the Common. The Skippers played a variety of holiday pieces including Leroy Anderson's "Christmas Festival," Victor Herbert's "March of the Toys," "Jingle Bell Rock," and many other familiar tunes and carols. For more photos, see page 22.

Cohasset to read together again

Two books with local connections

By Nancy White
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The common reading of a book can bring together a group of people — or even a community — of diverse interests, tastes, backgrounds and thoughts. That's the driving force behind the Paul Pratt Memorial Library's third annual Cohasset Reads Together program.

"As always, our mission in implementing a community reading initiative is to promote a shared community experience and dialogue about the selected books and to share the spirit of ideas, culture and community," said Library Director Jackie Rafferty.

This year, the library's program committee has chosen two books with timely themes and local connections: "New Boy" by Julian Houston and "A Slave No More" by David Blight.

Not only to both books have a connection to Cohasset, but also their authors have a connection to each other, which make them the ideal companion reads. As part of the library's programming throughout January and February, both authors are slated to speak in Cohasset.

"Program committee members read ("A Slave No More") and determined that this compelling book would be perfect for our townwide read, especially given the historical context of the first African-American poised to potentially become President (which subsequently occurred!) and the book's connection to Cohasset," said Rafferty.

David Blight's "A Slave No More" is in effect a memoir — it is the story of two slaves who made their break for freedom during the chaos of the Civil War. After reconstructing their childhoods as sons of white slave holders through their climb to black working-class stability in the north where they reunited with their families, Blight then reproduces the men's accounts of their

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Gifted, talented program launched

Multi-step process used to identify students

By Nancy White
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At Deer Hill School, the teachers, staff and administration strive to meet the learning needs of all students. In that spirit, a new program has been developed to identify and instruct those students who show exceptional qualities in certain areas or at certain times.

Unveiled at a recent School Committee, Deer Hill has developed a method to identify and adapt the curriculum for gifted and talented students.

"At this school we always try to meet the individual needs of students. We want them to be appropriately challenged wherever they are," said Principal Jennifer deChiara.

The catalyst to the program was a grant offered by the state Department of Education for school districts to plan a gifted and talented program. It was a competitive grant and the Cohasset school district was a recipient of $8,000.

Their first objective was to train a group of teachers, as well as deChiara, in the assessment and instruction of gifted and talented students. The team of teachers took a semester long class this past spring at UMASS Boston titled Gifted and Talented education.

Over the summer, the team began to take what they learned to develop a gifted and talented program at Deer Hill School. Defining what gifted and talented means at Deer Hill and how the identification process would work were their primary goals.

"We wanted to create a fair and effective identification process," said deChiara.

To define the gifted and talented students, the committee uses the definition created by two of the most noted researchers in gifted education, Joseph Renzulli and Sally Reis, said deChiara. Gifted students possess three components: above average cognitive aptitude,

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Name: The Grinch.

Occupation: Bitter cave-dwelling creature with a heart two sizes too small.

Best day of your life: The day I saved Christmas.

Best (or worst) vacation: Whoville.

Favorite season: Winter.

Favorite holiday: Christmas – not!

Favorite meal: Roast beast.

Best book: Anything by Dr. Seuss.

Best movie: "Christmas with the Kranks."

Best TV show: "The Year Without a Christmas."

Most embarrassing moment: Splitting my green tights.

Fun fact about yourself: I have termites in my smile.

Pet peeve: My dog, Max, with crooked antlers.

Goal: To grow my heart three sizes larger.

Person you'd most like to meet: Ebenezer Scrooge.

Biggest worry: The real estate market.

Best part of Cohasset: The Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll.



COURTESY PHOTO

This week the Mariner caught up with the Grinch, who is hoping to see everyone at the Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday. Stop by and greet the Grinch, who could be hanging out at Atlantic Brokerage Group on South Main Street on Saturday evening!

South Shore Tide Chart
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Dec.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 11	9:18	10.6	9:59	9.1	3:00	0.1	3:42	-1.1
Sunrise: 7:02 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Fri. 12	10:10	11.0	10:53	9.3	3:52	-0.2	4:35	-1.5
Sunrise: 7:03 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Sat. 13	11:04	11.2	11:47	9.4	4:45	-0.3	5:28	-1.7
Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:11 p.m.*			
Sun. 14	11:57	11.2	—	—	5:38	-0.4	6:21	-1.7
Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:12 p.m.*			
Mon. 15	12:41	9.4	12:52	10.9	6:32	-0.4	7:13	1.4
Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:12 p.m.*			
Tues. 16	1:36	9.3	1:48	10.5	7:27	-0.2	8:06	-1.1
Sunrise: 7:06 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:12 p.m.*			
Wed. 17	2:31	9.2	2:45	10.0	8:24	0.1	9:00	-0.6
Sunrise: 7:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:12 p.m.*			
Thurs. 18	3:27	9.1	3:45	9.3	9:23	0.4	9:55	0.0
Sunrise: 7:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:13 p.m.*			

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POLICE BEAT

Whipped cream cans used for 'high'

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Chief Hussey said police have talked to area stores about selling large numbers of whipped cream cans.

A concerned citizen notified police on Friday (Dec. 5) after finding 12 whipped cream cans in front of her house. Chief James Hussey said police are glad that she notified them. He explained that a quantity of whip cream cans is indicative that the aerosol is being used for intoxication. He said police have talked to area stores about selling large numbers of whip cream cans.

Detectives are investigating this incident.

MV accident

Police said a 2002 Hyundai, owned and operated by a Scituate man, put on the brakes but could not stop and struck a 2003 Ford that was waiting to make a left from Hull Street in Cohasset onto Canterbury Street in Hingham.

The accident occurred at about 11:12 a.m. on Monday (Dec. 1).

Both cars were headed in the same direction when the Ford, operated by a Cohasset man, stopped to make the left.

The operator of the Hyundai was cited for following too closely. His car had to be towed, police said.

Vandalism

Police are investigating vandalism that was reported by a neighbor while the homeowners on Parker Avenue were away last week. Officers followed up with the residents when they returned and confirmed that the roof to a 1997 Mazda convertible and window and roof of a 1989 Jeep had been vandalized and that the damage was not preexisting.

Note

Police said a note that was nonthreatening in nature is more of a civil issue. Officers responded to Lamberts Lane on Monday (Dec. 1) after receiving a call from a resident about a note left on the door. There is construction going on at the house. The note stated "we're watching you," police said. It appears that whoever left the note is unhappy with the construction project.

Summons

A 62-year-old Scituate woman is being summonsed to court for driving a car with revoked registration due to nonpayment of insurance, police said. An officer was on patrol on Sohier Street on Tuesday (Dec. 2) at about 6 p.m. when the officer spotted a car with an expired registration sticker; the officer ran the information through the cruiser's mobile data terminal that revealed the registration had been revoked. The officer pulled the car over and informed the operator she was driving illegally.

She was charged with operating after license revocation and operating without insurance. Her car was towed.

Arrest

An officer was monitoring traffic on the northbound side of Route 3A at 6:25 a.m. on Wednesday (Dec. 3) when the officer saw a car traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar clocked the vehicle as going 56 mph where the speed limit is 35.

The car was pulled over at 3A & Pond Street. The operator told the officer he did not have a license. Police said the 42-year-old Scituate man's license had been suspended for a prior operating under the influence charge.

He was arrested for driving without a license and cited for speeding.

Parking issue

Due to construction around the common, some of the no parking signs were temporarily covered with plastic bags. The bags were not removed in time for the Village Fair resulting in a parking problem on Highland Court, police said. Fairgoers parked on both sides of the small street making it difficult for emergency vehicles. An announcement was made inside St. Stephen's for people to move their cars, police said.

ID theft

A walk-in came to the station on Saturday to report that there were three credit card charges in excess of $1400 for three different purchases that the cardholder had not made.

Police provided the victim with and ID theft packet. Police are investigating and are looking into potential suspects.

Protective custody

Police responded to a call about a man wearing a red vest with a black bag slung over his shoulder knocking on doors on Smith Place and saying "if you don't open the door, call the police!" When police arrived they found the black bag on the ground. A woman wearing a red windbreaker stepped out. She had trouble standing and was under the influence of alcohol, police said. She was apparently lost after leaving a friend's house. Police brought her to the station under protective custody where she stayed until she sobered up.

Balloons will show height of proposed turbines

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that will work perfectly fine," said Moore. "The one thing we are trying to see as a board is how the turbines will look from Route 3A, from Sanctuary Pond, from even the Common…this is a good way as a board to do that and at the same time give residents a chance to see it as well."

Here is the set-up for the balloons this weekend:

- The balloons will be raised from approximately 8:30a.m. to sunset on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12, 13 and 14. In the event of inclement weather on any of those days, the balloons will also be raised on Monday, Dec. 15.
- One balloon will be raised for each turbine.
- Each balloon will be a different color to distinguish the two turbine locations. The balloons will represent the maximum height reached by the turbine blades. The balloon will be between four and 10 feet in diameter depending on wind conditions at the time it is raised. The largest diameter balloon will be floated first and if unsuccessful (larger balloons tend to catch the wind and drift) successively smaller balloons will be floated. Each balloon will be a different color and will have a pink streamer attached to its base to aid in finding it.
- Below each balloon, orange six-to-10 foot streamers will be placed at the height of the nacelle, which is the machinery housing at the top of each wind turbine tower.
- A yellow streamer will be places at a lower elevation to represent the lowest point of the turbine blades.
- Below that, streamers about one foot long will be placed at intervals on the tether line from the lowest blade point to the ground.

Additionally, the balloon location will be monitored at approximate 10-minute intervals by the contractor. If wind conditions force the balloons more than 25 degrees off vertical, the balloons will be lowered temporarily and continuous attempts will be made to re-float them to their proposed location. At some point if conditions become too windy one would expect the work to be aborted.

Moore is hoping the weekend has decent weather to allow the Planning Board and the residents to see the balloons. While rain and clouds won't prevent the raising of the balloons, a blustery day will de-rail the endeavor.

A town-wide emergency notification call went out to all residences yesterday (Thursday) to let residents know the details of the plan.

Contact the Planning Board office at 781-383-3517 if you have any questions.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

McMeekin, 130 Border St., demo bathroom, kitchen, $2,000; Mello, 26 Bayberry Lane, five new windows; $3,000; Kahn, 80 North Main St., demo, reconstruct single-family residence, $1,400,000; Mattey, 51 Ledgewood Drive, deck on rear of addition, $4,000; Norman, 88B Beach St., foundation permit, $12,000; Grealish, 136 Lamberts Lane, small addition to expand kitchen/remodel kitchen, $125,647; Magner, 46 Elm St., construct new 24 foot by 24 foot detached garage; Xu, 115 Beechwood St., construct sunroom addition off rear of kitchen, $150,000;

Laas, 22 Pratt Ct., 35 foot by 35 foot by 8 foot garage, reconfigure driveway, wood wheelchair ramps, $15,000; Laas, 22 Pratt Ct., in-ground lap pool with rollover security cover, $12,000; Hale, 467 Beechwood St., replace windows and siding as needed, $7,000; Stop& Shop, 400 CJC Highway, 8 foot 10 inch by 34 foot front sign, replace existing pylon, $20,000; Gainey, 43 Black Horse Lane, renovations to existing home, two additions, replace roof, siding, windows, $400,000; Town of Cohasset, 92 Border St., replace existing deck, $1,000; Canavan, 17 Church St., remodel existing 24 foot by 26 foot area of home, remove rear and side areas, build new 12 foot by 16 foot and 20 foot by 30 foot additions, $265,000;

Otis/Moore, 77 Cushing Road, replace front vestibule and foundation, siding, roof and windows, $45,000; Fredey, 16 Bates Lane, four new windows, new siding, new front stops and deck, $1,800; Palopoli, 802 Jerusalem Road, siding, replace rotted foundation sill, make basement lally columns permanent, replace roof vent boxes, basement windows, $15,000; Porter, 184 South Main St., construct 12 foot by 19 foot addition on existing kitchen, $120,000; Badia, 41 Hobart Lane, bump out, remodel kitchen, master bath remodel, finish basement, $150,000.

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Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2009 will be available on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb.12 and the last day to register to vote is March 6. In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. Please note that you are not running for office until you take out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies your signatures.

Positions available for the 2009 town election:

- Selectmen — ONE for three years
- School Committee — TWO for three years
- Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library — THREE for three years
- Assessor—ONE for three years
- Board of Health — ONE for three years
- Cohasset Housing Authority ONE for five years
- Planning Board — ONE for five years
- Recreation Commission — ONE for five years
- Sewer Commission — ONE for three years
- Water Commission — ONE for three years

Annual Town Meeting date set

With the Special Town Meeting in the rear view mirror, the Board of Selectmen is looking ahead to the spring Annual Town Meeting. Last week, they voted to set the date for Saturday, March 28, 2009. The meeting will begin at the Cohasset High School Sullivan Gymnasium at 9a.m. Any petitioned article submissions for the Town Warrant from town boards or citizens petitions will be accepted until Monday, Jan. 12, 2009.

The Town Election is scheduled for a week later on Saturday, April 5.

Cohasset to read together again

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own emancipation in their original language.

One of the men, John Washington, eventually retires here to Cohasset where he spends the last five years of his life with his son's family on North Main Street; he died in 1918 and is buried in Woodside Cemetery.

It was Library Trustee Sarah Pease who brought the book to the program committee. She and her husband, Sam, were attending a Yale reunion when they heard Professor David Blight speak.

"It was the most incredible talk I've ever heard on slavery and reconstruction," said Pease. Toward the end of the lecture, Blight revealed how Washington has spent his last five years in Cohasset.

"My husband and I practically fell off our chairs!" said Pease. After the lecture, they spoke to Blight and he offered them his phone number and e-mail address. Pease spent the next few months using her own enthusiasm for the book to encourage others to read it. She convinced the program committee to adopt "A Slave No More" as this year's town-wide read.

"Up here in the North many thing that slavery didn't touch us and this is proof it did touch us right here in Cohasset," said Pease.

Adult Programs for 2009 Cohasset Reads Together

- **Sat. Jan. 17, 10a.m.** Author Julian Houston will talk about his book "New Boy." First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on Cohasset Common. Sponsored by the Cohasset Diversity Committee and the Cohasset Clergy
- **Fri. Jan. 23, 2p.m.** Memoir writing workshop with Deb Kurilecz. Library Meeting Room.
- **Thurs. Jan. 29 7p.m** "New Boy" by Julian Houston reading discussion group. Library Meeting Room.
- **Fri. Feb. 6, 11a.m.** Movie Matinee featuring "To Kill a Mockingbird." Library Meeting Room
- **Thurs. Feb. 12, 7p.m.** Author David Blight speaks about "A Slave No More." Cohasset High Auditorium
- **Fri. Feb. 13, 2p.m.** Memoir Writing Workshop, part II. Library Meeting Room.
- **Wed. Feb. 25, 11a.m.** Library Book Group discusses "A Slave No More" by David Blight. Library Meeting Room

Much of "A Slave No More" narrative is directly from a manuscript written by ex-slave Washington himself, a manuscript once owned by Julian Houston, author of "New Boy." The manuscript has been passed down to him through his mother who was Washington's granddaughter's best friend. Somehow, he and David Blight found each other, a story Cohasset will hear more about when the two authors come to Cohasset to speak during our Cohasset Reads Together program.

The other selection, Julian Houston's "New Boy," is young adult historical fiction — a thinly veiled memoir of the author's own experiences as an African American adolescent of the 1950's. The novel takes the reader from the lushly coiffed landscape of an elite private school in New England to the vibrant beat of a Harlem peopled by Malcolm X, Dizzy Gillespie, and Joe Louis, and finally to a lunch-counter sit-in in Virginia where fledgling student activists are violently attacked by whites.

In these settings Rob Garrett, the 15-year-old African American narrator of "New Boy," grapples with the yearnings of adolescence — to create his own identity apart from his parents, though he has only vague notions of who that person might be — the black movement in his country begins, too, to find its own voice.

The Honorable Judge Julian Houston will kick-off the program's series of events as the featured speaker following the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 19; Professor David Blight will speak in the high school auditorium on Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7p.m.

Houston is a retired justice of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Blight is professor of American History at Yale University.

"I would encourage everyone to attend the author events, even if the selected books are not books they may have gravitated to," said Rafferty. "Both authors are known to be fascinating and charismatic speakers, and I suspect that after hearing them speak, most participants will be eager to read the books."

The coming together of this year's books and programs has been a series of coincidences that when put together could add up to a little bit of fate.

After Houston speaks at the Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast, he will board a plane to Washington, D.C. to go to the inauguration of the first African-American president, Barack Obama. When Blight speaks on Feb. 12, he will be speaking on the 200th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth.

"Everything just came together," said Pease. "There is a real historical connection and timeliness to this year's program."

Once again the Cohasset schools' Read-a-thon will be part of our community reading program. The books in K-5 were selected for their relevance to the theme Freedom Quilts; grades K & 1 will read "Barefoot: Escape on the Underground Railroad" by Pamela Duncan Edwards and for grades 2-5, "Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt" by Deborah Hopkinson.

This is the third year of the Cohasset Reads together program. The first year's book was "The Last Pick," an autobiography about David J. McGillivray, race director of the Boston Marathon. Last year, the town immersed themselves in "Walden" by Henry David Thoreau and "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson.

The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Multiple copies of books have been purchased to make them widely available.

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Business Notes

Cohasset resident appointed to BGCB Board of Directors



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Cohasset resident William Earon was appointed to Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston's Board of Directors Dec. 2.

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Cohasset resident William Earon was appointed to Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston's Board of Directors Dec. 2 during the 114th annual meeting at the Westin Copley Place. Earon formerly served on the Board of Overseers for BGCB.

Earon is the managing director for Coastal Capital Advisors LLC, a private equity and board-consulting firm that invests in Massachusetts-based companies in the film and production industry. He also is managing partner of the Massachusetts Film Tax Credit Fund, and has worked for 28 years in accounting services, specializing in tax issues.

He spent 25 years at Ernst & Young, rising to become senior partner while leading E&Y's New England financial services tax practice. He also served as a member of the firm's Banking and Capital Markets Steering Committee.

Earon is active in the New England corporate community. He is a board member and president of the National Association of Corporate Directors - New England Chapter. He also is the past chairman of the 2008 NACD Director of the Year Awards Program. Currently, he is a member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston's Audit Committee, immediate past chairman of the Board of Directors of South Shore Art Center and board member and Corporate Governance Committee chairman of the Boston Police Athletic League. Earon received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Siena College.

Staying local

Businesses look forward to holiday season

"We're all concerned, we're all small businesses. We need people to come in and support us."

— Darilynn Evans, Darilynn's Home Presence

By Nancy White
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When shopping this holiday season, think about staying local.

That's the feeling and request from local merchants in Cohasset Village and along Route 3A.

With the troubled economy and seemingly everyone tightening their belts, merchants and shoppers alike are thinking of creative ways to still make ends meet.

"Before you go to the mall, take a look around...there is a lot of great stuff in the village," said Michele Rizzo, co-owner of Carmela Drew and Simply Fresh.

Many of the merchants already have heard from customers who have decided to stay local for holiday shopping.

"A lot of people have said it's time to make a conscious effort without us soliciting it," said Darilynn Evans, owner of Darilynn's Home Presence.

Despite that good news, village merchants have noticed a general decrease in traffic, especially through October and November, compared to previous years and the village atmosphere has been relatively quiet. After Thanksgiving, they say there has been a noticeable increase in sales and traffic into shops.

"We're very grateful for our regular customers, they are as loyal as ever, but the traffic is definitely less," said Rizzo.

While the nightly news is grim, Cohasset merchants are doing their best to stay positive despite their circumstances.

"We're trying to keep upbeat and positive. Our goal is to be a village of independent merchants who are in it for the long haul," said Bielewicz, who has taken on a new emphasis in customer service to ensure clients have a good experience.

While numbers were up and down, just like the stock market, in October and November, Darilynn Evans has noticed a bit of an up tick over the past few days.

"We're all concerned, we're all small businesses. We need people to come in and support us," said Evans. "I think everyone (merchants and shoppers) is being concerned and cautious."

But, being cautious doesn't mean they aren't doing their best to reach out to customers and adjust to the changing economic times.

A group of nine village businesses have banded together to film a television ad to appear on cable stations. Some merchants appear in the spot and much of the ad shows the atmosphere of the village and its various stores, services and products.

"One of the reasons we did it was to push people to come to the village," said Evans. The television ad has aired this week in the evening hours on various cable channels.

Other merchants are putting on different promotions or discounts. "Everyone is doing what they can," Evans said.

At Carmela Drew, they have been coming up with ways to give customers more value for their dollar. Their prepared meals are still popular, but Rizzo is looking at creative ways to keep customers coming back. Family-oriented specials and meals are forthcoming, as well as complete gift baskets and they have begun carrying lower price point candy and stocking stuffer items.

At Simply Fresh, they will be introducing a family-oriented line of meals, good quality comfort food, like lasagna and shepherd's pie, that's a little less fancy than past menu items.

"If people are going out and spending, they want to know they are getting value," said Rizzo. "We want to make our product affordable and be flexible to the customer. They don't want to be paying through the nose for something, but they still want nice quality."

All the village merchants are hoping the Annual Village Holiday Stroll is once again a success. Businesses throughout the village will have music, refreshments and special events this Saturday night (Dec. 13) from 4 to 7p.m.

On Route 3A, King Jewelers, too, has taken steps to ensure there are products available at all price points.

"We always try to have something for everyone anyway, but we have added some lines that are designer looking for a lower price point," said Valerie King, owner of King Jewelers.

In the month of November, King Jewelers saw a 15 percent increase in sales over last year's numbers partly due to several successful event nights. King said December has started off a bit slower, but business has been picking up everyday.

"Honestly, if our numbers were flat, I'd be happy," said King. "We're predicting a December at least as good as last year."

While her numbers have remained constant, King says the customers are spending less than they have in the past.

With the news about the country is in a recession and the financial markets in turmoil, King knows her numbers aren't happening across all industries and merchants and credits it to shoppers who are staying local.

"I feel like in tough times people stick around home a lot more," said King. "People should keep a positive attitude and not watch the news!"

Bielewicz concurs, "people may be cutting corners where they can, but they are still celebrating Christmas and Hanukkah."

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Hello Cohasset. Welcome to the crazy weather of New England that is for sure. I have to say that the warm weather is so nice when it happens but it sure does feel weird. No complaints, just feeling strange. I wanted to say a wonderful congratulations goes out to the Cohasset High Schools production of the "West Side Story" held last weekend at the school. It always amazes me when a mixed group of ages and kids work together with the Directors, producers etc. to pull off such a great performance. Nice Work to all! The holidays are getting closer and a number of events and happenings are going on this weekend and next. Have fun, stay safe and get into the holiday spirit.

NEW ARRIVAL

Thank heavens for little girls... **Gerard and Lynne Buckley** would like to announce the arrival of their granddaughter, **Eliza Lynne**, who was born on Oct. 21, 2008 at Exeter Hospital in New Hampshire. She was 7 pounds 1/2 ounce and 20 inches long. Parents are **Candice Buckley Schmitz**, who grew up in Cohasset, and **Ben Schmitz**. They currently live in Epping, New Hampshire. Congratulations on this wonderful arrival in our world.

FONTBONNE

Cohasset resident **Emily St. John** earned second honors on Fontbonne Academy's first quarter honor roll and was inducted into the National Honor Society on Nov.20. Well done!

NDA HONORS

Notre Dame Academy Principal Kathleen Colin is pleased to announce the names of seven Cohasset students who made Honor Roll for Term One.

President's List:__**Olivia Adkins, Alexandra Butler, Courtney Culhane, Katherine French** and **Kerry McCabe**.

Principal's List: **Claire Pozniak** and **Victoria Wade.**

Congratulations all!



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Recipe books are available for sale at $12.95 and may be purchased in Cohasset at the Legion Post, Atlantic Bagel, Village Wine and Spirits and Pilgrim Bank's South Main Street Branch.

XAVERIAN

Hats off to **Edward Culhane** and **Sean Ahearne**, both of Cohasset, on making the honor roll for the first marking period at Xaverian High School in Westwood.

Edward, who is a member of the Class of 2012, made first honors and is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Edward James Culhane, Jr.** To achieve this honor, Edward had to have all grades of 85 or above.

Sean, who is a member of the Class of 2010, made second honors and is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence P. Aherne, Jr.** Sean earned second honros with all grades 80 or above.

Congratulations!

GOING BATTY

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes author/illustrator **Brian Lies** on Sat. Dec. 20, 10:30 a.m. for a special story time and activity. Lies will be reading, whenever a group gathers, from "Bats at the Library. " Beautifully illustrated with rhyming prose the book is about a lively adventure, at night, through a library, by a colony of lovable bats. Drawn with exquisite detail "Bats at the Library," invites repeated readings as readers enjoy the bats late night excursions through the hallowed halls. Lies will be arriving in the BATSmobile, his jeep Cherokee wrapped with artwork from the book. Brian Lies has written and illustrated many books for children, and his award-winning work appears regularly in children's magazines and galleries around the country. A portion of the proceeds from this book is being donated to Bat Conservation International. This is a free event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, please call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

GIFT IDEA

Here is a gift idea if needed.

DVD's of the 2008 CHS Pre Prom Reception from May 30th are still available to purchase for $20 each and make great holiday gifts! To order a copy please call Shaun Galvin at 781-424-2197 or email your request to shaun_galvin@yahoo.com The request can also be mailed with a check for $20 per DVD to Shaun Galvin P.O. Box 526 Hingham, MA 02043.

LEGION COOKBOOK

Cohasset's George H. Mealy Post 118 of the American Legion, along with the Sons of the American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary, have produced a cookbook titled "Veteran Cooks." These 350 recipe books are available for sale at $12.95 and may be purchased in Cohasset at the Legion Post, Atlantic Bagel, Village Wine and Spirits and Pilgrim Bank's South Main Street Branch.

All proceeds from the sale of the book and advertising will benefit the Christine Burke Scholarship fund, which gives thousands of dollars to deserving area high school seniors seeking higher education.

That is all for this week. Send in all your news for me no later than Tuesday by 5 pm for next week's copy.

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Residents ride for Jimmy Fund!

The Pan-Massachusetts Challenge raised a record-breaking $35 million for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its August cycling event – $2 million more than the organization raised last year. The total sum is more than twice the amount ever raised for charity by any other athletic fundraising event. It is the single largest contribution made to the Jimmy Fund.

Eleven PMC cyclists, who reside in Cohasset, raised $40,981.27 of the $35 million.

The contribution represents 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar, a charity pass through rate nearly unparalleled within the $1.64 billion athletic fundraising event industry. Since its 1980 inception, the PMC has raised nearly $240 million for the Jimmy Fund.

In 2008, the PMC attracted 5,232 cycling fundraisers, about 300 more than last year. Riders came to Massachusetts from 36 states and eight countries. Each cyclist was required to raise between $1,300 and $4,000 to participate, depending on the chosen route. More than 90 percent of PMCers raised more money than they were required to.

Founded in 1980 when 36 cyclists rode across Massachusetts and raised $10,200 for the Jimmy Fund, the PMC is known today as the "gold standard" of athletic fundraising events, due to the unprecedented sums it raises and its consistently efficient charity pass-through rate.

This is the second straight year the PMC has been able to contribute 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar to the cause. Presenting sponsors, Boston Red Sox Foundation and Overstock.com, along with 200 other corporate sponsors, underwrite the cost of producing the event and provide in-kind contributions of goods and services. In addition, 2,800 volunteers work throughout the year and during PMC weekend, fulfilling many roles that are typically paid positions.

The 30th annual PMC is set for Aug. 1 and 2. Registration opens online on Jan. 12 for alumni, and Jan. 20 for newcomers. Visit: the Web site at pmc.org.

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— PLAY REVIEW —

'West Side Story' impressive on many levels

By Kathryn Hillman
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

"West Side Story," the compelling tale of passionate teenage love, gang fights, and turf wars, was performed this past weekend by the students of Cohasset High School. The play was directed and choreographed by Stephanie Moriarty and produced and musically directed by Bryan Marks. The leads, Ian Porter as Tony and Jenny Magruder as Maria, did a fabulous job playing the two love-struck teens caught in the midst of a gang war between the Jets and the Sharks. The Jets, led by August Oddleifson as Riff, gave an energetic performance and were particularly good in their musical numbers "Jet Song" and "Cool." Another great number and a huge crowd-pleaser was "Gee, Officer Krupke." Sean McCarthy, who played Action, one of the Jet boys, was particularly well received by the crowd for his comic moments in the song.

There are many deeply emotional scenes throughout the show. Quite possibly the best-known scene in the entire play, the "Balcony Scene," in which Tony and Maria declare their love for each other, was executed beautifully – the singing was expressive and their emotion was tangible. The same can be said about "One Hand, One Heart" another one of Tony and Maria's duets. Tony also sings two songs solo, "Something's Coming" and "Maria". Ian Porter handled both difficult numbers very well. Another very well preformed number was the duet "A Boy Like That" sung by Maria and her sister Anita, who was played by Ellie Baumgarten. The moving duet sung by the two girls is about love and loss. Both actresses had impressive voices and displayed emotion very well. The reprise of "Somewhere," a theme first heard in the "Balcony Scene" by Maria and Tony, was sung by Margarita, played by Meghan Burke. It is a beautiful and emotional piece. Finally, "Tonight," sung by the entire cast, before the rumble at the end of Act I, was very well done, with remarkable harmonies with as many as five parts sung by different individuals or groups. This was the highlight of the first act, with Anita, Maria, and Tony singing solo, while the Jets and Sharks (the Puerto Rican gang) sing together.

The show was exceptionally well choreographed, done by Stephanie Moriarty with the assistance of dance captains Jean Thomae and Carly Salerno. The "Dance at the Gym" number, in which the Jets and the Sharks face off at a dance, was especially memorable. At the height of the excitement, Anita and Bernardo (played by Andrew Bell) have a dance-off against Riff and Velma, played by Sarah Coggins. Another impressive number was "America," sung by Anita and the Sharks' girls, featuring Rosalia (Logan Pratt), Consuela (Tara Goodwin), and Francisca (Lauren Mack). These three girls appeared again later to sing "I Feel Pretty" with Maria, another excellent number. The choreography for the Prologue and the Rumble were particularly impressive and very real. The dance captains nicely executed the ballet sequence.

Some of the most impressive "choreography" was not actually seen during the performance. The stage crew did a fantastic job. With Stage Manager Charlotte Malone and Assistant Stage Manager Terry MacCormack, the New York back alley sets were extremely realistic and the store and bridal shop were both set on a two-sided platform, for easy movement but still providing a very concrete set.

One scene-stealer was Judy Ritz's walk-on appearance at the beginning of the bridal shop scene, which drew applause from the crowd. James Earl as Lt. Shrank, Bill Mack as Officer Krupke, Cote Mitchell as Doc, and Margaret Goodwin as Glad Hand did very well in the supporting roles. Morgan McCarthy, who played Jet Baby John, did a great job as the youngest gang member, caught between childhood innocence and adult reality. Finally, the orchestra of 12 professionals and one student, Austin Meyers, did a superb job performing this complicated and challenging score.

When asked, Mr. Marks had this to say about the opening night production: "Very solid first night, I was very pleased. [We are] peaking at the right time," and the audience certainly seemed to concur. Cohasset High School's production of "West Side Story" was definitely deserving of the standing ovation it received.



Maria, played by junior Jenny Magruder, tells her friends, played by Tara Goodwin, Logan Pratt, and Lauren Mack, about her impending wedding with Tony as they performed a few numbers from West Side Story for senior citizens during a special preview performance at Atlantica before Thanksgiving. The show was performed last weekend at CHS.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Tony, played by junior Ian Porter, holds hands with Maria, played by junior Jenny Magruder, as they sang a few songs from the musical, West Side Story, for seniors during a Thanksgiving lunch at Atlantica. The show was on stage last weekend at CHS.

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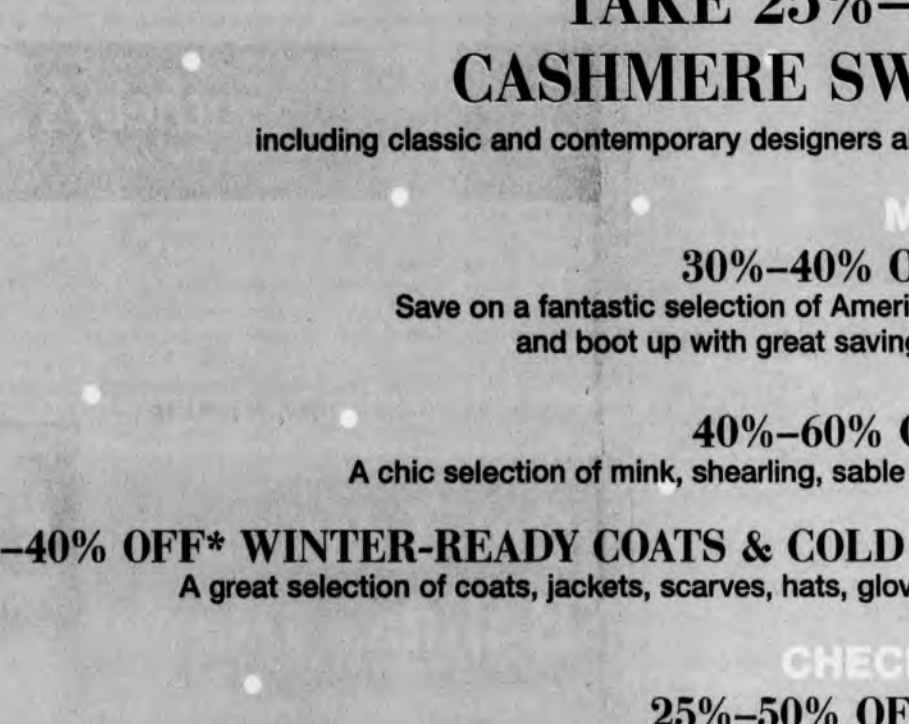
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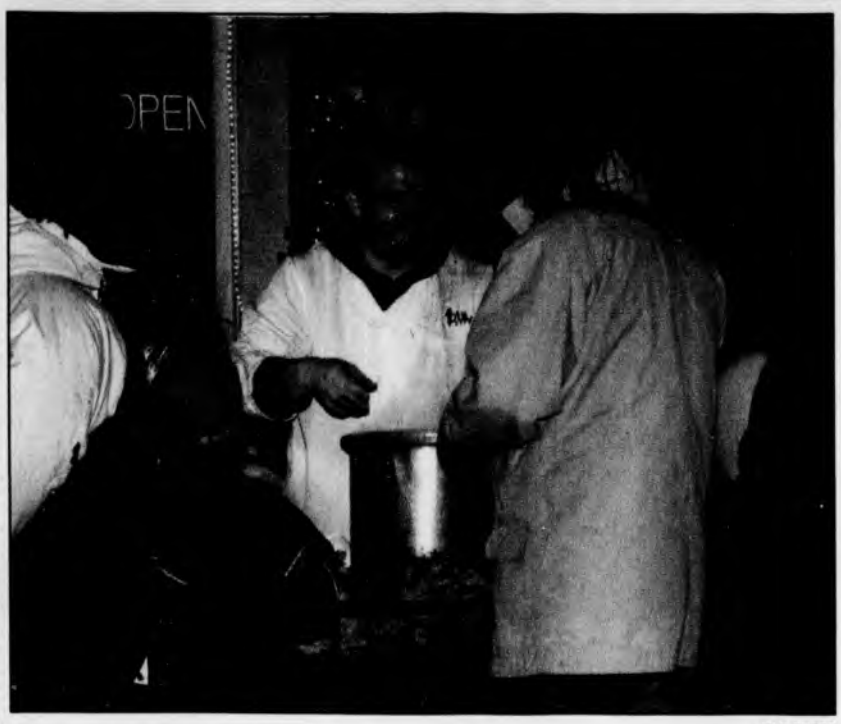
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What could be better than chicken minestrone soup while out for a holiday stroll? The crowd at last year's Cohasset Holiday Village Stroll kept Brian Houlihan of Bia Bistro very busy!

Don't miss the Cohasset Holiday Village Stroll

Grand Procession will kick off event

Stop down in the village this Saturday from 4-7 p.m. and experience the spirit of the holiday season.

New this year is "The Grand Procession" which will kick off this year's stroll at 4 o'clock. In the parade will be sled dogs, Brendan St. John's hayride, an antique beach buggy, carolers, bell ringers, holiday characters, "hats on parade" and of course, Santa on Glen Pratt's antique fire truck. The procession will end in front the hardware store for the lighting of the tree with beautiful caroling.

The carillon concert will then fill the air with beautiful music of the season compliments of Mary Kennedy. Holiday music will be heard throughout the evening outside. Carmela Drew will feature live music, and the Cohasset MS/HS Jazz ensemble will perform at the South Shore Art Center.

Meet in front of Fleming's for the hayride, and some cocoa. Stroll down Elm Street, South Main Street and Depot Court and visit the merchants and businesses for chowder, cocoa, cider, beef stew, hot dogs s'mores and many other culinary delights!

For the young at heart, there will be face painting at Paperscapes, a balloon man at Pilgrim Bank, the Grinch at Atlantic Brokerage, letters to Santa at Coastal Countryside, Rudolph at Pink Tulip, cookie decorating at French Memories, a jingle bell craft at Epiphany Designs, and of course, a visit with Santa at Coldwell Banker. Live modeling will take place in the windows of Ports and see the ice sculptures at 15 Depot Court.

Follow the balloons to find the action. The merchants and businesses are sponsoring many raffles, with the proceeds going to the Cohasset Food Pantry. Help Toys for Tots this year and bring a toy donation to Darilynn's. The weather forecast looks good, so come on down and enjoy!

Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll raffle items

The following raffle items are offered during the Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13. Raffle tickets, $2 each or 3 for $5. Raffle tickets may be used for any raffle item or certificate. Proceeds to benefit Cohasset Food Pantry.

- Organic chocolates from All The Best
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- $120 Bracelet & earrings from Epiphany Designs
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- $100 Gift Certificate from Wendy's Closet

Helping people in crisis through Wellspring's Edson Fund

The Broad Cove Chorale and the Unicorn Singers will present two Christmas concerts to benefit the Diane Edson Fund of Wellspring Multi-Service Center. "O Wondrous Night: The Nativity in Word and Song" will include choral pieces interspersed with poetry by John Donne, Milton, Longfellow and others. Audience members can join the celebration in singing beloved, traditional carols.

"O Wondrous Night" will be performed at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13, at the House of Prayer in Hingham and at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the First Parish Church in Cohasset. Proceeds from the concerts will provide immediate assistance to South Shore residents in crisis facilitated through the Edson Fund.

Michael Theobold, a well-known area educator, will read some of the world's great poetry as part of the Wellspring fund-raiser. Theobald, formerly at Milton and Thayer Academies, will join the Broad Cove Chorale and Unicorn Singers. Poetry by Milton, Pasternak, Pope and Longfellow will be interspersed with choral music.

Michael Theobald was born in London, attended Malvern College and read modern languages at Brasenose College, Oxford. He came to the U.S. to teach at St. Paul's School, and in addition to many years of teaching, he was assistant Headmaster at Milton Academy, Headmaster of Hopkins School in New Haven, and principal of the Upper School at Thayer Academy. In retirement, he has been volunteering extensively and has won awards for his work with the homeless.

The late Diane Edson of Hingham, founder of Wellspring, sang with the Unicorn Singers for 15 years making this benefit concert particularly poignant. Several years ago Wellspring established the Diane Edson Fund—to be used for one purpose—to provide immediate aid for people in trouble. Generous support for this fund has enabled Wellspring to assist countless families and individuals in crisis. This winter the needs increase as more and more South Shore families face loss of vital services. The cause is compelling and the concerts promise to be a wonderful celebration of the season.

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For more information, call Kim or Mike at 781-383-2010.

Upcoming events

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast will take place Monday, Jan. 19. Breakfast will be served from 9 to 10 a.m., and the program from 10 to 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Julian Houston, author of "New Boy," a Cohasset Reads Together Book Choice in January/February, along with "Slave No More" by David Blight. The event will take place at First Parish Unitarian Universalist/Parish House, 23 North Main St., Cohasset. Cost is $5 per person or $15 per family.

Cohasset Reads Together, an evening with David Blight, author, "Slave No More," will take place at 7 p.m., on Feb. 12, at Cohasset High School.

Caroling on the Common is Dec. 13

Hey there, Merry-Makers! Once again, First Parish is sponsoring a holiday treat for young and old: the well-loved Cohasset tradition—— Caroling on the Common—— on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Participants will gather at the Parish House at 23 North Main St., between 3:45-4 p.m. for cookies and cider. The group will then leave to start the singing near the duck pond. At approximately 4:45 p.m., everyone will return to the Parish House for hot cocoa, cider and cookies (cookie donations will be much appreciated.)

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Raffle tickets are $20 each. Further the odds by purchasing three for $50 or seven for $100. Tickets can be purchased at the Community Center during office hours, at the nursery school during school hours, or by calling the Community Center at 781-383-0088.

South Shore Art Center offers gift ideas

South Shore Art Center, a non-profit visual arts organization, is optimistic about the holiday season as people search for creative, meaningful and inexpensive gifts. "We are finding that people are being more selective about their purchases and expenses," said Art Center director Sarah Hannan, "and that translates into gifts – such as a piece of art or an art class – that in many cases, last forever or affords a wonderful learning experience." The Art Center's current "Dwn2Size" and National Drawing Show showcase the work of more than 100 artists, both national and local, and artwork priced under $200, with many pieces under $100. Anne Heywood, who enjoys a national reputation, has 13 pieces on display in the lobby gallery. "Most of the artwork would look great in any home, with any décor. There are beautiful, small photo collages that could hang in a bathroom and larger pieces for an entryway, and paintings of Fenway Park, World's End, North River and your favorite ski slope! What a great way to give a unique and meaningful gift and support a local artist and art institution," said Art Center president Jennifer Willms.

Gift certificates for art and courses and workshops at the Art Center are available in any denomination. Winter term classes range from digital photography to basic drawing, art history to mosaics, ceramics, oil painting and furniture painting. A gift certificate for a class is a great gift for anyone interested in art; the Art Center offers classes every day of the week in most media for beginners to professional-level artists. Children's classes begin for students age 4 1/2 and include intensive studio studies for middle and high school students.

South Shore Art Center will participate in the Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll, from 4 to 8 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 13, offering 10 percent off art and gift counter sales, snowflake making for kids and live musical entertainment. Art Center galleries are open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays, through Dec. 23.

Exhibit features local artists

Home Center Sotheby's International Realty is pleased to announce another in its continuing series of exhibitions of works by respected local artists.

The "Tuesday Painters" Art Exhibition represents the efforts of an eclectic group of award winning South Shore artists. They are presenting recent works by members Katherine Catlin, Jane Flavell Collins, Marsha Hoar, Yvette Rattenbury, Betty Rogers and Barbara Walsh.

Show runs through Jan. 17.



COURTESY PHOTOS

At Ladies Night Dec. 4 were: Vicky King-owner King Jewelers; June King-owner King Jewelers; Meredith King; Valerie King-owner King Jewelers; Melissa McCarthy; DeAnna Pappas-ABC's "The Bachelorette"; Adrian Morris-owner Lemon Lime Aveda Lifestyle Salon; Helena Svensson-owner Peridot Nail and Skin Care Center; Christine Connolly-owner Peridot Nail and Skin Care Center; and Brianna St.Peter-owner TanZia Tanning Salon.



King Jewelers owners: Vicky King, Valerie King, and June King at the first annual Ladies Night.

Bachelorette attends Ladies Night

King's plaza shops host event

King Jewelers, together with Lemon Lime Aveda Lifestyle Salon, TanZia Tanning Studio and Peridot Nail and Skin Care Center, put on an evening of fun and festivities for the ladies of the South Shore.

The first annual "Ladies Night" was held on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 5-9pm. The Event was a success with more than 150 women enjoying all that King's plaza has to offer. TanZia and Peridot made available special offers on services and Aveda gift bags were presented by Lemon Lime Lifestyle Salon.

Santa made a special appearance for the children at Lemon Lime Salon and continued spreading Holiday cheer throughout King's Plaza. King Jewelers wanted the ladies to indulge in an evening of delicious Hors d'oeuvres, French wine, chocolate covered strawberries all while creating the "wish list" of their dreams! Every item entered into the wish list is offered to her special Santa at a 20 percent savings. Gift bags were also given to every lady visiting King Jewelers.

DeAnna Pappas, ABC's "The Bachelorette" made a very special appearance to King Jewelers for the event.



DeAnna Pappas, ABC's Bachelorette, tries on a new pair of earrings at Ladies Night at King's plaza.

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Gifted and talented program launched at Deer Hill

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above average task commitment and above-average creativity.

"We recognize we have a lot of students here that are bright, hardworking and come from families that value education," said deChiara. But, not all students will meet the specific criteria of gifted and talented.

The committee struggled with coming to the conclusion that there are those students at Deer Hill who are in a narrowly defined category.

"As public school teachers and educators, we believe every child possesses gifts and talents worthy of recognition," said deChiara. "But, gifted and talented students are those outliers that are made miserable by regular classroom curriculum because it is such a mismatch for them."

It is a multi-step process to identify gifted and talented students. First, a candidate pool is developed through aptitude test results, teacher referrals and parent/guardian referrals.

Then, the committee makes their initial assessment. The committee reviews the candidate pool and determines if more information is needed for a particular student. Referring persons will be invited to provide more information. Further assessment might be necessary.

"At this school we always try to meet the individual needs of students. We want them to be appropriately challenged wherever they are."
— Principal Jennifer deChiara

The evaluation of the gifted and talented candidate pool uses multiple criteria. Teacher recommendation and testimony, parent testimony and student work samples are all a part of the evaluation process.

"It's not right to use one test score to determine who gets in," said deChiara.

The last step would be to identify the students and to make recommendations for accelerated, compacted and/or enriched instruction. Curriculum compacting might be recommended when students already know or understand the concepts of a particular learning unit. The student would be supplemented with more in-depth learning materials so they remain challenged and interested.

Gifted and talented students may be given differentiated materials if a fourth grade student is reading at a ninth grade level.

"We want the reading materials to be appropriately challenging, but not thematically inappropriate for a fourth grader," said deChiara.

Another option exists if a student possesses off the charts aptitude in a particular subject where a third grader could be placed in a fourth grade class for that subject.

The gifted and talented program that is essentially woven into established school practices. Creating a suitable learning plan for all students is a goal for the staff at Deer Hill. All learning still takes place within the student's classroom.

The Deer Hill Gifted and Talented Committee consists of teacher representatives from each grade level, a special education teacher and Principal deChiara.

Principal deChiara wanted there to be an open and transparent process for the program. With stated guidelines for the gifted and talented program and multiple opportunities for enrichment, it is the hope all students will be challenged and learn to his or her full potential (see sidebar).

A parent information night will be held in January in conjunction with a STEM lab open house.

The School Committee received Principal deChiara's presentation positively.

"A strictly gifted and talented program doesn't affect the large population of the school, but it seemed the work they are doing (at Deer Hill) will have positive implications on the larger school population," said School Committee Chairman Rick Flynn in a phone interview.

"We are always saying we want to have each student performing at the highest level of their ability…this will help some students get to the next level."

Enriching education school-wide

There are opportunities for all students at Deer Hill to take part in enriching programs. An after-school program called Renzulli, where students use an on-line search engine to help find web sites and virtual field trips based on students' individual interests and learning profile. So far, 30 students have signed up for the Renzulli program.

During the school day, there is the EMC3 program. "EMC" stands for enrich, motivate and challenge. The program began in 2006 as part of a school-wide enrichment model. This year, students have the opportunity to choose from a growing list of elective-type classes. Teachers instruct in areas they personally have an interest or passion. Eighteen different classes were offered this fall; some of the more popular choices were chemical reactions, school newspaper, save the planet and student leadership.

"(The EMC3 program) allows students to integrate knowledge in order to create a new product," said deChiara. The program is multi-grade so it also helps to build community across grades.

"It taps into areas where the students do have special talents and interest, as well as the teachers," said deChiara.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Gifted and talented

We start off by saying – we were lousy "testers" back in our school days. At least that is what we like to think.

Not scoring well on the SAT and other standardized tests, lumped us into the huge pool known as "average."

Being a parent, we can also say that our children inherited this poor testing condition and took their place among the ranks of average students.

We put this out there in the interest of full disclosure because a "gifted and talented" program is being launched at Deer Hill.

We want to be perfectly clear: This program and others like it are needed. As Principal Jennifer deChiara explains: "... gifted and talented students are those outliers that are made miserable by regular classroom curriculum because it is such a mismatch for them."

With so much funding and emphasis – and yes, state and federal laws — geared toward programs for children with learning disabilities and special needs, it is critically important that the special needs of the gifted and talented are not short-changed. Deer Hill received an $8,000 state grant for this program, which is a minuscule amount compared to money provided for other special needs programs.

But it is important that no child is left behind. If there are truly gifted and talented children who cannot succeed in the regular curriculum then we need to ensure that they are engaged and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

However, in a community as competitive as Cohasset – where many parents consider their children *gifted* – Deer Hill's biggest challenge may not be selecting gifted and talented students for the program but dealing with the Moms and Dads whose kids are not chosen.

According to the definition offered by noted researchers, gifted students possess: above average cognitive attitude, above average task commitment and above average creativity.

Principal deChiara notes that the school recognizes that every child possess gifts and talents worthy of recognition.

We do not envy the school the task of identifying the gifted and talented for the program. First a candidate pool will be developed through aptitude test results, teacher referrals and parent/guardian referrals. Then after the initial assessment – referring persons will be invited to provide more information and further assessment might be necessary.

Assessing qualifying students is a tough job that will require a great deal of sensitivity.

We all know that all children – and all people – all have special qualities or gifts.

Our kids went on to excel despite their inherited poor testing condition. They learned the values of hard work and determination, qualities that have propelled them to the top of their chosen fields. Today they are considered anything but average.

It is too bad that we have labels such as "gifted," "average," or "special needs" because it tends to define us and can limit us.

All children need to know – and we are sure they are learning this in Cohasset – that they can all reach for the stars. We are glad all students are being offered the education enriching programs like the Renzulli after-school program and in-school EMC3 program. Perhaps through these programs they will discover a talent they didn't quite know they had.

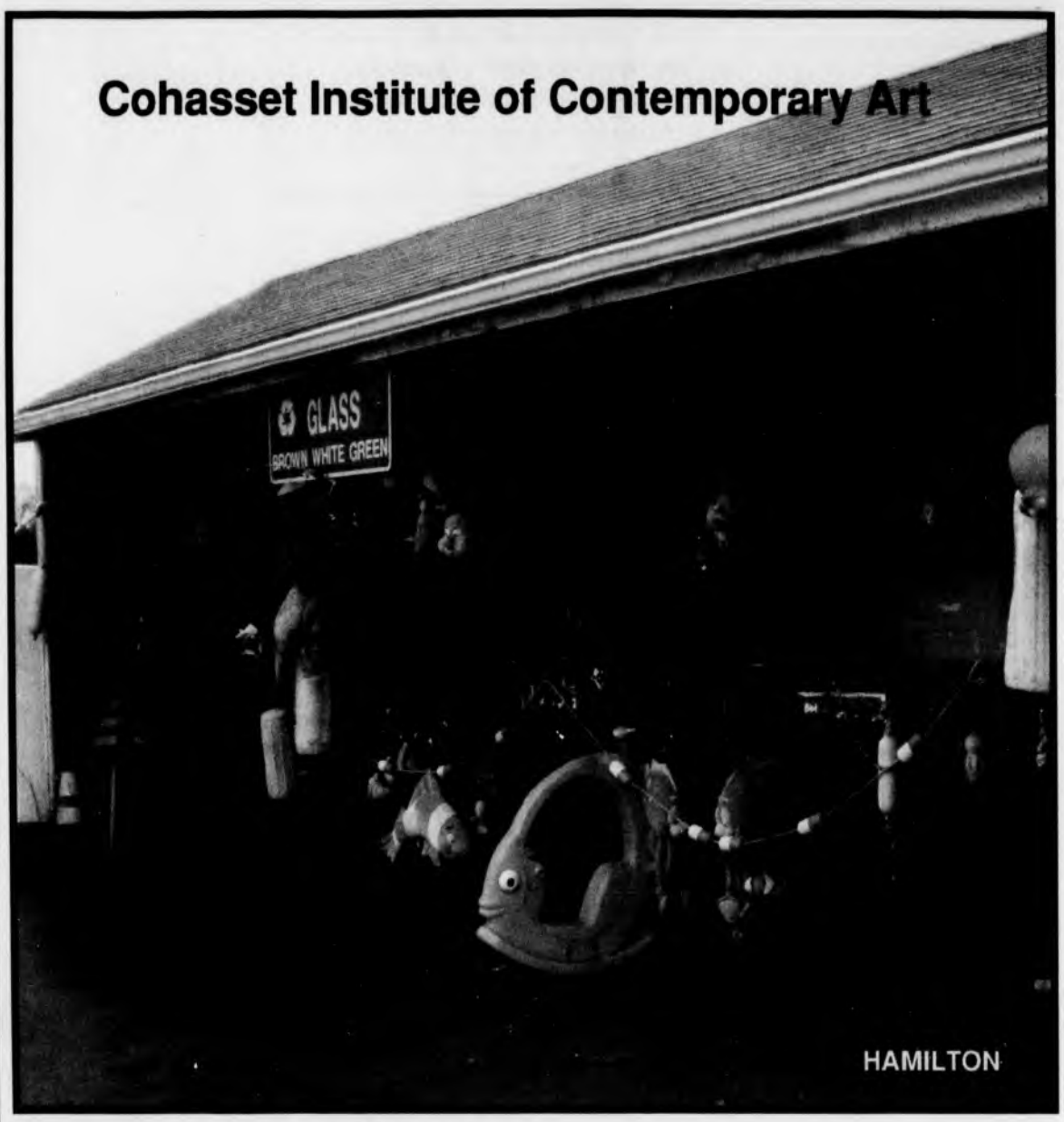
But it is important that no child is left behind. If there are truly gifted and talented children who cannot succeed in the regular curriculum then we need to ensure that they are engaged and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Alternative Energy Committee, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.
Capital Budget Committee, Jan. 6, 20, 27 and Feb. 3, 24, all at 7:30 p.m.
Cultural Council, Dec. 17, 7 p.m.
Osgood School Council, Jan. 8, 3:30 p.m. at Osgood.
Planning Board, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.
School Improvement, Feb. 4 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cohasset Middle High School.
Selectmen, Dec. 15 and Jan. 5, 7 p.m.
ZBA, Jan. 6, 8;30 p.m.

All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Separating the wheat from the chaff

TO THE EDITOR:

In these days of increasing cost of everything, and an increasing flood of appeals for donations, it is well that we have an organization, the American Institute of Philanthropy, that rates over 500 national nonprofits for their ratios of fundraising expense to the funds actually expended for their purported purpose.

A wealth of other information is supplied also, and some of it is surprising - and shocking - and enough to cause one to revise one's choices to send donations.

Particularly disturbing are the data on the plethora of organizations that purport to serve cancer victims and our veterans; those worthy causes apparently have attracted some unworthy (or maybe some that are only incompetent) operators. The AIP's research has motivated some congressional hearings on the subject.

But of course we should give generously to the effective cancer and veterans organizations.

For more information, see www.charitywatch.org or aipmail@charitywatch.org. As Supreme Court Justice Lois Brandeis remarked "Sunshine is the best disinfectant!"

R. Murray Campbell
217 Jerusalem Road

Sharing some good news

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Margie and others of the Cohasset Food Pantry,

Looking out at the first snow of this winter – how beautiful – and writing this letter on behalf of the Rusty Skippers Band makes me feel the joy of the season. With so much grim economic news, I am happy to share some good news.

We had a wonderful annual Holiday Pops concert yesterday – a great crowd in the pews and 30 players squeezed into the spaces all around the front of the Meeting House. Once again, our talented and generous conductor, Steve Biagini, found us a terrific collection of pieces to play, including Christmas Festival, an annual Boston Pops staple, and three songs featuring Lilly Sestito and Tony Carbone as guest soloists. Our joy in playing seems to have been shared by the audience, who responded to the music with applause and with generous donations to benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry.

On behalf of the Rusty Skippers Band, enclosed is a donation to the Cohasset Food Pantry of $400 in cash. The band loves to play, anywhere, any time, but especially for such a good cause. It is quite remarkable that what started as Rev. Ed Atkinson's whimsical idea in 1995 exists as a true community band today. We are glad to bring joy to those who hear our music, and that we can make a contribution to our community.

All the best to you and the others who work so hard for the Food Pantry.

Betts Murray
Rusty Skippers

Donation to Cohasset Food Pantry

The following letter was addressed to Betts Murray, Rusty Skippers Band.

The Cohasset Food Pantry would like to acknowledge and thank the Rusty Skippers Band for your donation of $400 from your annual Pops Concert at the Village Fair this weekend – a very impressive sum from a very talented and eclectic group of Cohasset musicians!

Because we are an all-volunteer organization we depend entirely on donations from the community to support our operation. We're so fortunate that so many community groups like the Rusty Skippers Band choose to generously support the Food Pantry. Your contributions allow us to continue to provide food and personal care items to roughly 30 families in Cohasset who are in need of temporary assistance.

We'd appreciate it if you would pass our thanks along to all the other members of the Band!

Margie Steele
Director
Cohasset Food Pantry

HEALTH NOTES

Holiday angst is not good for you

By Steve Bobo
Special to the Mariner

Angst from the German, "a feeling of anxiety, apprehension or insecurity," certainly accompanies the holiday season. We all continue to do things, which we know are bad for us, such as eating too much, or idling our cars when waiting, but angst is something which creeps into our psyche unnoticed. Generally prompted by things over which we have little control like being cut off by another driver; being late for an appointment or the failure of a package to arrive on time. And believe it or not, feelings of angst are harmful to one's health.

The problem with angst is that the medical profession associates it with depression, which frequently accompanies it. Feeling tired is normal, but if sadness takes hold and won't go away, it may be depression. A person with severe depression has little or no interest in work or hobbies and may even have trouble getting out of bed. Depression is considered dangerous and is often treated with medication. If you notice the symptoms of depression, a doctor may prescribe antidepressant therapy that may take four weeks to have an effect.

And so, it's well during the stressful holidays, to balance the stress with common sense and an understanding that worrying can alter the balance of chemicals in the brain. It's really up to you to work out whether you're running too fast (mentally) and that's why you feel low, or is there some other cause. Many movies and books perhaps rightfully, portray rainy days, cold and stormy weather as gloomy. Some people experience depressive episodes in a seasonal pattern, normally in winter, when sunlight is limited and overcast days are frequent. Such depression is more common in climates having more

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Trenching through Cohasset granite

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

Little Harbor Project – This week we had a chance to wander from Town Hall to the streets and lanes to observe first-hand the current work on the Little Harbor Project. Per usual, work was proceeding all around the Little Harbor area, some easily visible and some not so visible.

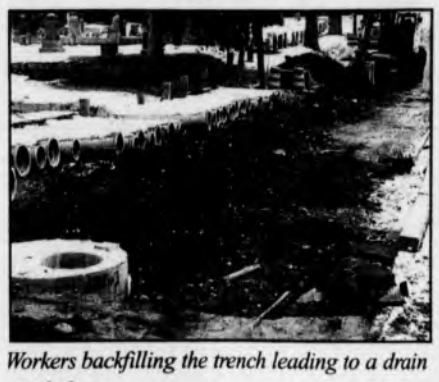
One of the hidden-away work areas was on Sandy Cove Lane, one of Cohasset's many small private lanes. Near the ocean end of Sandy Cove Lane, LMH was busy crunching rock. A week ago, we showed a photo of the maintenance crew fixing the hydraulic system an excavator at this same location. Well, now the excavator is fixed, but has only made about 250 feet of progress in trenching for the main line sewer pipe, since then. Needless to say, this has been through good old Cohasset granite. (Once again, the contractor has found out why "Cohasset" is Indian-speak for "high rocky place.")

As we witnesses the traffic, most people were very understanding regarding the delay and tempers seemed to remain calm.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Excavator lifts off the ground.



Workers backfilling the trench leading to a drain manhole.



Stripes mark trees to be removed.



Atlantic Avenue service connection.

We've mentioned this before, but when the contractor needs to go through solid ledge he takes his 80,000 pound machine and puts so much force on the ledge to fracture it that the excavator actually raises 5 to 6 inches off of the ground, as seen in the photo.

After the main line sewer pipe has been installed, the contractor then works his way down the line adding the service lines. Service lines are the pipes that bring the sewer from the main line to the edge of a property. This week the contractor, LMH, was installing the service connections along Atlantic Avenue in the vicinity of Whitehead Road. This work is very visible, and actually needed to stop traffic on Atlantic Avenue while the work was underway. Stopping the traffic is a result of narrow roads, or when an active trench for a pipe crosses the majority of the roadway. When the road is blocked by the construction, periodically, the excavator moves out of the way to allow traffic, under control of a detail officer, to pass by the construction.

The photo clearly shows why traffic can't get past this work area. As we witnesses the traffic, most people were very understanding regarding the delay and tempers seemed to remain calm. Also, we might mention, that the workers seemed to know when it was time for them to move out of the way and let traffic clear.

Another part of the Little Harbor Project, currently underway, is additional storm drainage to carry rainwater from the streets. This week major drainage was being placed on Joy Place adjacent to Central Cemetery. This system will drain North Main Street from approximately Green Street to Sohier Street and send the water down Joy Place to Little Harbor, just beyond the cemetery. As we have mentioned before, it is really great to see the Town taking care of multiple infrastructure problems with just one project, rather than the more normal, dig and pave, dig more and pave again, and so-on.

At the most recent Town Meeting, a project to repair the compromised wall on Jerusalem Road between Bow Street and Steep Rocks was approved. From what we hear from the residents, this work can't be finished too soon. The temporary traffic lights required to maintain a safe road, with its restricted width, will be removed after the wall is repaired. As a part of this project, Jerusalem Road will be widened a bit and a pedestrian safe passage way will be added to the wall-side of the road. This will necessitate removing a few trees on the opposite side of the road. Whenever trees like these are to be removed a Shade Tree Hearing must be held. This hearing is scheduled for Jan 8th, 2009 in Town Hall. Particulars will be posted and will also appear in the Mariner as required by Massachusetts law. The photograph will give you an idea of the trees required to be removed. (We have taken a bit of liberty and have doctored these photos a bit to make the identifying orange paint lines stand out.)

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How I learned to read

DRIVING WHILE TYPING

JOHN LENGYEL

Until I went to college I wasn't much of a reader. As a boy I was unfortunately so busy rolling down hills inside refrigerator cartons that I didn't have much time for literature. I did get an early start, though. When I was six I read my first real book, with long paragraphs and several hundred pages. It was called the Sears Wish Book for the 1971 Christmas Season. Sequels came out in 1972 and 1973 that I also loved, and 1974 and 1975 and 1976 and 1977. And 1978. Each was an exciting story with new characters introduced on just about every page doing the most interesting things. Boys were driving little cars, playing sports and camping, while girls were sewing dolls' clothes and pretending to change diapers, mop floors, vacuum, iron, scrub, cook, dust, polish, scour, launder, bake, nurture, obsess about their appearance, and take Prozac. There was also another one that came out in 1979.

The first book was especially episodic, and I can remember a whole chapter about Tonka Trucks. First, a happy boy in a groovy sweater was playing in a sandbox with about 18 different yellow and black trucks "made of heavy-duty steel." There seemed to be no end to the little sand hills needing to be graded and rolled flat, or to the sand quarries practically crying out to be excavated. How would he get all his work done before supper? Should he use the magnetic crane first, or pour cement? At what point would he just start giggling uncontrollably and devour handfuls of sand in ecstasy? I really identified with this character and his loud sweater, and would read the text over and over looking for clues as to where I might find him and his gigantic sandbox full of shiny new trucks.

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The text was every bit as appealing as the pictures, describing details and features that often weren't visible, or plausible for that matter. A mini pool table made of half-inch particle board with fake wood grain taped over it was described as "rigid," and so beautiful that it would "turn a dull basement, den or family room into an exciting game room." A pea green Festival Electric Organ had so many keys and bass chords that apparently you would begin to enjoy its full sound "almost immediately."

Even the prices listed were captivating. "Rock Flower" dolls, named and modeled after a *real singing group*, were $1.74 each. Fine Fashion Wigs were $5.43. And a tetherball set "with stout steel pole" was only $6.57. Evidently the concept of rounding decimals eluded Man well into the Space Age. Back then had we all gotten ourselves up to our eyeballs in debt we no doubt would have tried to fix the resulting financial collapse with 689,772,165,397.38 dollars. It's funny to think how dumb people were only 40 years ago.

Of course my friends and I lost interest in light entertainments such as the Sears books when we got to Junior High School, where we were exposed to some of the most important depressing works ever written. There's nothing a happy-go-lucky suburban teen needs or loves more than to be led into the darkest woods of the human psyche and forced to lift every rotting log to see what might be crawling underneath. I honestly wonder why we ever wanted to go home. When each encounter in the lunch room or hallway is a lesson in man's inhumanity to man, you really can't get enough of books like *Lord of the Flies* and *God of the Cannibal Children Who Are Actually Just Like You And Your Buddy Eric*.

The real crowd pleasers were the Greek and Shakespearean tragedies. We couldn't parse one sentence of the dialog, but from the CliffsNotes we did gather that whether a person was good or bad in this life, clever or stupid, lazy or industrious, he was doomed to die early and often, usually at the hand of a trusted but power-mad family member. We related so well to these stories because we too had family members and hands, and because our grades completely depended on it.

In their haste to introduce nihilism and the futility of existence to the most impressionable, emotionally fragile people on earth, I think our schools can sometimes forget to also cover stories of unimaginable sadness. But whether they're into Kafka or Camus, kids today can still appreciate escapist fantasies like the Sears Catalog series we grew up with. Believe it or not you can find vintage copies on ebay, and the best part is, Sears still has a few of those Mary Proctor Scullery Maid Kits in stock, with real working bed pans. At $4.52 apiece I'm tempted to order two — one for the wife and one for parts.

John Lengyel lives in Cohasset. His Christmas wish is for the VerdiBird Paramedic Rescue Copter on page 155, but as he learned from A Separate Peace, he won't get it and instead will be betrayed by his best friend and made to fall out of a tree and eventually croak.

Blessed union of soles

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I don't know about you, but my eyes tend to glaze over when the experts get out their graphs and statistics and try to tell me things aren't really that bad and will be even better once the billionaires on Wall Street and the millionaires in Detroit get their hands on trillions of our tax dollars.

I have my own barometer of how things are going and I can report to you that the glass is dropping and detecting it doesn't involve Wall Street or millionaires or even tax dollars.

For one thing, only the other day I learned that the nation's 7,000 shoe repair shops are doing a land office business. So many people are getting their shoes resoled that the cobblers are all but overwhelmed by the business, according to John McLaughlin, president of the Shoe Service Institute of America.

That can mean only one thing — hard times. People either don't have the money to buy new shoes or they are reluctant to spend it, with an uncertain future ahead. The next step, when you can't afford resoles, is cardboard inserts. When I was young and ice covered most of the earth, the best cardboard came from Kellogg's Corn Flakes boxes.

If that isn't enough, I was also told that the Hormel plant in Austin, Minn., is operating seven days a week and has just added a second shift to meet the demand for Spam, the canned meat concoction that 60 years ago came within a few meals of turning millions of soldiers, sailors and Marines into vegetarians.

I don't know what, outside of ham, goes into Spam and I'm not sure I want to. I feel the same way about sausage and chop suey. Whatever, Spam "seems to do well when hard times hit," said Dan Bartel, president of the Spammakers union, and I'll take his word for it.

After several years of struggling to meet its quota, the U.S. Army reached its goal of 80,000 recruits this year and Defense Undersecretary David Chu theorized that the military tends to "benefit when things look less positive in civil society." In other words, they're more likely to risk getting shot at for three squares.

It's not just individuals who are harbingers of hard times.

When Rancho Bernardo High School in suburban San Diego cut its budget for supplies by nearly a third, teacher Tom Farber knew just what to do. He sold advertising on his test pages — $10 for a quiz, $20 for a chapter test and $30 for a semester final. If Bob Kraft can do it for Gillette Stadium, why not?

Mayor Richard Daley proposed and the Chicago City Council approved leasing the city's parking meters to a private operator for $1.1 billion. The city has already leased out the crosstown Chicago Skyway and its parking garages and is negotiating to privatize Midway Airport.

Those are the little things that tell you more about hard times than all the congressional hearings in Washington.

ON THE WEB



PHOTO/NANCY WHITE

Roving reporter Rich Ofsthun samples a slice of pizza at the Cohasset House of Pizza.

Check out 'Free Lunch with Rich Ofsthun'

In a new occasional series, Cohasset resident and funny man Rich Ofsthun visits local lunch hot spots in search of a free meal. In the latest installment, Rich stops in at the Cohasset House of Pizza to get his fill of the famous pie (and buffalo chicken calzone). To see the video, visit www.wickedlocal.com/cohasset.

Also, check out the Rich's other adventures at French Memories and the Windsor Tea Room.

LIBRARY CORNER

Book bags are a great gift idea

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. For more information, call 781-383-1348.

Holiday Gift Idea – Show Paul Pratt Pride and purchase a book bag from the Friends of the Library. These green, durable canvas tote bags have the library logo in white on the front and are roomy enough for books, videos and magazines. There's even a pocket for a library card.

Pick one up for $15 at the library and fill it with gently used books, videos, audio books, and paperbacks from the book sale rack. Book sale items are priced $1 and under. Makes a great gift for mom and dad.

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road Cohasset. For information, call 781-383-1348.

Art Exhibit – South Shore Art Center will present an exhibition of paintings by Marshfield artist Mary Callahan at the library through Dec. 31. A free reception will take place from 4 to 6 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 7.

Meet the Author – Jennifer Haigh, award-winning author of "Mrs. Kimble" and "Baker Towers" will talk about her new book, "The Condition," at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 14, at the library. Copies of Haigh's books will be available for purchase at the event from Buttonwood Books. All are welcome to this free event.

Independent Film Night – The library will show the independent film "Days and Clouds" at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 18. Free admission and refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

SENIOR SCENE

CEA Christmas Party is Dec. 17!

To sign up or for more information, call 781-383-9112.

Wednesday, Dec. 17, noon – CEA Christmas Party will take place at the Senior Center. The feast will be prepared by the Angels, and carols and music with members of St. Anthony's Choir will follow the meal. Cost is $2.50.

Message from the Director – The Board of Cohasset Elder Affairs wishes everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 5 to 7 p.m. – Twelfth Night will take place at the Lighthouse Keepers Cottage. Entertainment will be provided by Just Friends Band. Tickets, at $5 each, must be purchased at the Senior Center prior to Jan. 2.

Lots of homemade goods and goodies

Local farmer's market vendors take up shop at Rustic Market

By Nancy White
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When the outdoor markets close, the Rustic Market opens.

Del's Lemonade, located in the Jonathan Livingston Plaza, has closed for the winter months, but in its place a group of artisans, bakers and jewelry makers have taken up shop. The group of vendors were regulars at local farmer's markets throughout the summer months

Susan Franklin, owner of Del's Lemonade, is used to working full-time and the idea of taking the winter off didn't appeal to her. She also didn't like the idea of leaving the Del's storefront vacant in the winter. She began to ask around at local Farmer's Markets (Cohasset, Hingham and Hull) if vendors were interested in selling their wares at a storefront from November through March.

"I liked the idea of being able to give the vendors the opportunity to get their product in front of customers during an off-time," says Franklin.

Eight vendors signed on to join the Rustic Market. A wide variety of products are available from homemade granola to hand knit hats to soy candles to gluten-free goodies. The products range from a low of $3 to a high point of $40.

"The products make great stocking stuffers or tokens of appreciation for those who serve us all year (mailmen, teachers, bus drivers), says Franklin, who has joined the group and is making family recipe cookies under the name of Ischia.

While each vendor is in business on their own, there is a sense of cooperation and community. Each vendor volunteers his or her time to man the shop during the week. The vendors are also open to creating gift baskets using the variety of products found in the shop, said Franklin.

The Rustic Market is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11a.m. to 4p.m.



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Mary Ernst of Mary's Desserts, Cyndi Jacobs of The Best Damn Granola Co., Susan Franklin of Ischia Gourmet, and Cissy White of Sea Glass Arts stand behind a table with a number of items that they and four other vendors sell at the Rustic Market. Other vendors are Blue Heron Arts, Chris's Gourmet Treats, Earth Sisters Natural Soap and Candles, and Up Phoods.



Cissy White of Sea Glass Arts, hands, help Karen Kerr of Norwell package a sample of granola from The Best Damn Granola Company to take home to her husband to try after shopping at the Rustic Market on Tuesday.



Mary Ernst of Mary's Desserts reaches up for gloves at the table for Earth Sisters Natural Soap and Candles while helping put together a table of all the items on sale at the Rustic Market.

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— Susan Franklin,
Del's Lemonade

Mary's Desserts

"From simple to simply delicious" is how Cohasset resident Mary Ernst describes her desserts. From classic and basic desserts of chocolate chip cookies, oatmeal raisin cookies and brownies to more elaborate cakes, Ernst is ready and waiting to help locals with their holiday desserts. She is keeping a small display of goods at the shop, mostly cookies, but does most of her baking to order.

"I use all real ingredients — real butter, heavy cream, eggs — with no preservatives, so I don't like to bake things too far in advance," said Ernst. But, she will make almost anything, even if it is not one of her own recipes. With at least two days notice, she can fill almost any order and get it back to the Rustic Market for pick-up.

One of her favorite cakes to make is an old family recipe called Blitz Torte. It is a two-layer butter cake with each layer covered in a meringue topping, sprinkled with nuts, covered with homemade custard and (yes, there's more) each slice is served with whipped cream.

"When you taste it, your mouth sings," she attests. "It's very rich, you don't need a lot of it."

Pecan passion, a chewy, rich fudgy brownie based bar covered in caramel, is one of her most requested goodies.

"I saw (being involved in the Rustic Market) as an opportunity to promote my business," said Ernst, who makes all her baked goods at her residential licensed kitchen on Border Street.

For a complete list of Mary's Desserts, e-mail MErnst1958@aol.com.

Sea Glass Arts

Cissy White loves seaglass. She loves hunting for it, touching it, thinking about its journey, writing about it and even making jewelry with it. Her sea glass jewelry and other wares are available at the Rustic Market.

What may differentiate her sea glass jewelry from other sea glass artisans is she designs her products to ensure the sea glass can go back to its original form.

"I like the sea glass to be free," said White. She primarily uses wire to create her jewelry, but does use non-toxic cements in some pieces.

"I try to keep everything as green and local as possible," said White. She used recycled sterling silver and gathers her sea glass from local beaches.

White makes a variety of items from earrings and necklaces to book marks to ornaments all with sea glass she has found on the beach.

When she first discovered sea glass, she almost immediately fell in love with it. "I love the whole journey of the sea glass how it was once a part of something, it was broken and it has been on this journey of years to decades to turn in to what I've found on the beach. I was completely struck by the story of sea glass," she said.

In her house, there are vases and containers of sea glass and there are still some pieces she can't part with quite yet.

One of the biggest challenges she faces in jewelry making is finding two pieces that nearly match in size, shape and color for earrings.

Over the summer, White was a regular at several local Farmer's Markets and gained quite a following on the South Shore, she said.

"There was such enthusiasm at the Farmer's Market and people are still doing things in the winter" making an outlet like the Rustic Market a nice bridge over the winter.

Best Damn Granola

Cyndi Jacobs quit her job with an international charity in January to start her own business making homemade granola. She had been perfecting her granola recipe over many years, giving the granola as gifts to family and friends. After hearing over and over how she should market and sell her granola, she finally decided to take the plunge.

Made in a commercial kitchen in Dartmouth, Mass., Jacobs endeavors to use organic, local and fair trade ingredients whenever possible.

"It's been fun. We have a lot of fun coming up with the recipes and names," said Jacobs. The 'we' she is referring to is her supportive family, who has helped her get the business off the ground. "It's really been a family effort."

Family permeates her business right down to the business name, which originates from a joke played on an aunt. Jacob's visiting cousin was supposed to bring back her mother's favorite spaghetti sauce from an Italian restaurant in Brockton, but she never quite made it there. Not wanting to go back home empty handed, Jacobs whipped up a tomato sauce and when it was presented to her aunt she exclaimed, "this is the best damn sauce I've ever had." From that point on it became a family joke to refer to anything really good as "the best damn everything."

The Best Damn Granola Co. currently offers five different types of granola and has just introduced a granola made especially for dogs.

Their most popular granola, Fig n' nuts, is made with organic fruits and nuts blended with a host of spices for a homestyle taste.

There's Currantly Nuts, a blend of organic currants, cranberries, and nuts with a hint of almond.

Jammin' is granola's answer to the peanut butter and jelly sandwich, it is made with organic peanut butter blended with classic jam fruits for a taste reminiscent of PB&J.

Ginger Cinnsation is a combination of ginger and spicy cinnamon.

For those in need of an extra caffeinated kick there is Spazzz Berry made with chocolate covered raspberries and espresso beans.

For the dogs, there is Friday and Shire's Auss-ome Pup-kin granola, named after the Jacobs' family Australian shepherds.

A 12-ounce container of granola is $6.50 and a six-ounce container of the dog treat granola is $4.

To find out more about The Best Damn Granola, visit www.thebestdamngranola.com.

Ischia Gourmet

Using tried and true family cookie recipes, Susan Franklin has started her own cookie and baked goods business. Fittingly so, her business is named after the small island in Italy where her grandparents emigrated from many years ago.

Ischia offers a wide array of holiday cookies, from pecan tassies to almond biscotti to chocolate dipped coconut macaroons to Russian teacakes. She also makes her burnt almond candy, her late grandfather's recipe.

The cookies are available for purchase at the Rustic Kitchen and special orders.

What is the most difficult part of the job?

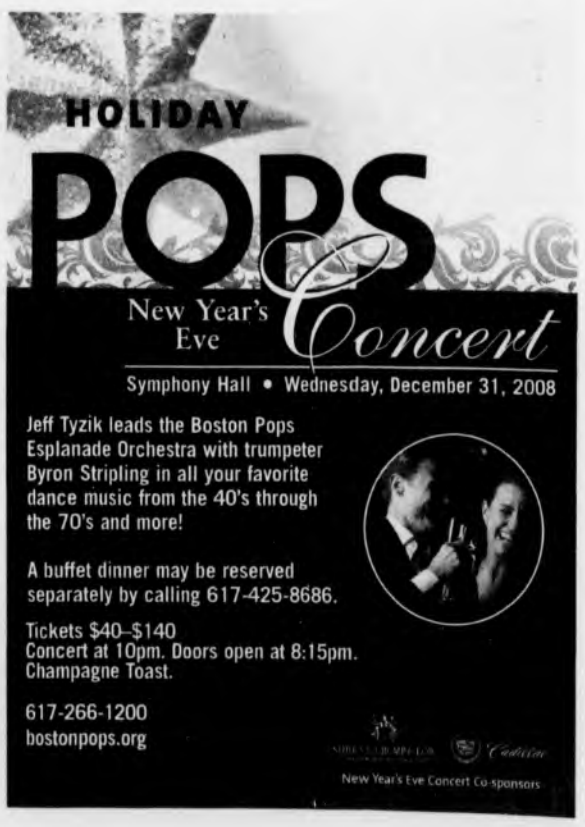
"It's hard to be around the cookies all day long," Franklin said with a laugh.

Other businesses featured at the Rustic Market:

- Blue Heron Arts, pottery, jewelry, hand knit goods
- Chris's Gourmet Treats, bread and rolls
- Earth Sisters Natural Soap and Candles, soaps, candles, lotions
- Up Phoods, gluten-free goodies







State debt highest in nation

HEDLUND REPORT



ROBERT HEDLUND

The nation's unofficial economic policy over the past decade can be summed up in one word: debt.

The average American is more in debt than ever before, with a consumer-istic lifestyle supported by, at least until recently, near unlimited access to credit. The federal government is in debt by more than $10 trillion, with foreign nations such as China and Japan holding more than 25 percent of the notes.

Here in Massachusetts, the situation is no different. The Commonwealth over the years has rung up more than $29 billion in outstanding debt on its credit card. To put that in perspective, every man, woman, and child in this state would have to send a $4,529 check to Beacon Hill in order to pay off all that debt. Not only is that figure the highest in the nation, but it checks in at more than three times the national average, according to the state's latest credit report from Moody's Investors Services.

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The fact that the state borrows money to pay for school building construction grants, or to fix seawalls, shouldn't be much of a concern to the average taxpayer. Every state carries some debt, just like most businesses and homeowners. In fact, a demonstrated ability to accrue a responsible amount of debt and then pay it back on time is traditionally viewed as a positive characteristic.

The problems start when the government begins yielding its taxpayer-financed credit card like an irresponsible college student, making impulse purchases of the latest cultural fad (tax breaks for the biotech industry), using it to supplement their household budget (paying for the salaries of thousands of MassHighway employees), or other bad decisions (the MBTA spending billions to expand a transit system it already couldn't afford to maintain and operate).

Again, some of this debt is needed. For instance, this past summer the Legislature approved $3 billion in borrowing that will allow the state over the next five years to fix more than 100 dilapidated bridges, including the Fore River Bridge.

But this past session the Legislature also allowed the state to ring up another $1 billion in debt to pay for tax credits and construction grants for biotech companies. I was one of a handful of legislators to vote against this bill. The state has tried this strategy in the past: allocating buckets full of money for the industry du jour in hopes of luring them to relocate and/or expand in Massachusetts. We did this with the high-tech, defense, and financial service industries in the '80s and '90s. Fast-forward to 2008, and the Route 128 corridor is struggling, Raytheon is all but gone, and Fidelity keeps on shipping jobs to Rhode Island or Texas. Now we've borrowed more money and essentially given the governor the power to pick biotech winners and losers (although, as some joke, the final decisions may be as easy as whichever biotech firms throw the governor the biggest fundraiser).

Considering the state is facing at least a $1.5 billion budget deficit, this is not the time for $1 billion giveaways to corporate interests. And if we are going to adopt "corporate welfare" as an official state policy, we should do so in a way that benefits ALL cross-sections of our economy, not just the flavor of the day.

Debt is also behind these outrageous toll hikes that the Mass. Turnpike Authority is considering. Back in 1997, the Legislature made the ill-informed decision to pay for the Big Dig project (which then stood around $8 billion) through tolls inside Route 128, rather than a statewide gas tax hike, which they knew could have killed the project from a public relations standpoint. I was the only Southeastern Massachusetts lawmaker to vote against this funding scheme. Now the tolls are being pushed up, not just because of the debt, but because the Mass. Turnpike board back in 1999 and 2001 got sold the transportation equivalent of a sub-prime, variable interest rate mortgage. The bill for these "swaptions," which netted the Turnpike Authority a paltry $21 million in freed-up cash at the time, could now top $400 million and result in drivers paying $7 to go through an airport tunnel.

Even if the Turnpike mess is solved, the state soon will likely have to consider a massive bailout for the MBTA, which is currently drowning beneath an $8 billion load of debt while still looking to undertake another $3 billion worth of expansion projects. Part of this debt isn't the MBTA's fault – they were forced to whip out the credit card and pay for billions of dollars in projects under a mitigation agreement the state signed for the Big Dig. These projects have included Greenbush, the Silver Line, and the Urban Ring. But the MBTA now owes more money than it takes in at the farebox annually. As a result, the MBTA has been forced to push back more than $2 billion in deferred maintenance, and is cutting service in urban areas to pay for operating less-profitable service in the suburbs.

The situation in this state isn't all that much different that that college student who has rung up tens of thousands in credit card debt, without any way of paying it back. Eventually the debt becomes overwhelming and the credit cards get cut up. And any request for a financial bailout from the parents (or the taxpayers in the state's case) is only granted if accompanied by a promise of financial discipline. That's where we find ourselves right now. We must demand that elected officials on Beacon Hill and Capitol Hill start to recognize that continually accruing debt is not a sound economic policy.

State Senator Robert Hedlund represents the eight-town Plymouth Norfolk District that includes Cohasset.

HEALTH NOTES

Holiday angst is not good for you

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severe winter weather patterns and limited sunlight.

Holidays somehow accentuate the so-called *risk factors* for angst and depression:

• Early childhood experience. Emotional trauma and abuse has a powerful effect on the psyche. If you had traumatic early life experiences, you may be more at risk to develop depression during the holidays.

• Loneliness and lack of social support. A key risk factor for depression is isolation and loneliness. Lack of support, whether it is family, friends or colleagues, makes coping with stress all the more difficult. Having marital and relationship problems can also make you feel alone and frustrated.

• Recent stressful or traumatic life experiences. Some events, like losing a loved one, are clearly stressful and cause enormous disruption and strain in our lives. However, anything that causes change can be a stressful life experience, even if it is normally considered a happy event such as a big work promotion, a wedding or childbirth, even a Christmas party.

• Alcohol and drugs. Alcohol and drugs can cause strong depression symptoms on their own. They can also make you more vulnerable to depression even if you decide to stop using them. Some people try to treat themselves with alcohol and drugs to self medicate, only worsening the problem.

Get your family and friends aboard. Discuss any worries with someone you respect and feel will empathize. If there are deciders in this world, there are also understanders.

• Finances and employment. Financial strain can be an enormous stressor. Struggling to pay bills or mortgage, or suddenly becoming unemployed, is a very stressful life event. Being unemployed can be a blow to self-confidence and can be a very difficult adjustment, especially for men.

• Health problems or chronic pain. Health problems and chronic pain may reduce your mobility, your ability to work or your spare time. They can chip away at supportive relationships and make you feel hopeless and frustrated.

Help!! Best to help yourself. Isolation fuels depression, so reach out to others, even if you feel like being alone. Get your family and friends aboard. Discuss any worries with someone you respect and feel will empathize. If there are deciders in this world, there are also understanders.

Cultivate supportive relationships; seek out friends you have fun with. Challenge negative thought patterns; let go of grudges or past wrongs; do something nice for someone else.

Get regular exercise and enough sleep

Eat a healthy, mood-boosting diet sometimes called comfort food — inexpensive, uncomplicated, and easy to prepare. Many people turn to comfort food for familiarity, emotional security. In other words, if you're feeling gloomy, slack off on the diet for a bit. Manage your stress and practice relaxation techniques

Research suggests new generation anti-depressants have little clinical benefit for most people.

It's a festive season. Time to follow the next best advice from the Board of Health: 'Don't Worry about it!' Our best advice is MAKE MERRY this HOLIDAY!

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

BRIEFLY

Bradley opens district office on Fridays

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, has opened a new district office at the Sons of Italy Hall, 88 Chief Justice Cushing Highway in Hingham.

The office will be staffed most Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the exception of the third Friday each month when the office will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Precinct 3 residents in Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Scituate are welcome to visit or call the district office at 781-749-3331. An appointment is not necessary.

Additionally, residents are reminded that they may call Bradley's State House office at 617-722-2460 Monday through Friday.

DTC holds food drive

The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee will be collecting food at Shaw's Cohasset this Sunday, Dec. 14 between noon and 2 p.m. Lists of items that are desperately needed will be available. The drive will benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry.

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Boys varsity basketball ready for action

At the high school level, the Boys Varsity Basketball team is under the tutelage of legendary Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame Coach Bo Ruggiero. He has 440+ career victories and is a 4-time "Coach of the Year" in the Attleboro Sun Chronicle.

This is his sixth assignment in a very successful career at both the high school and college levels. Coach Ruggiero says: "I'm very anxious to get my first season underway here at Cohasset High School."

"The key to a successful program is discipline, hard work and teamwork."
— Coach Bo Ruggiero

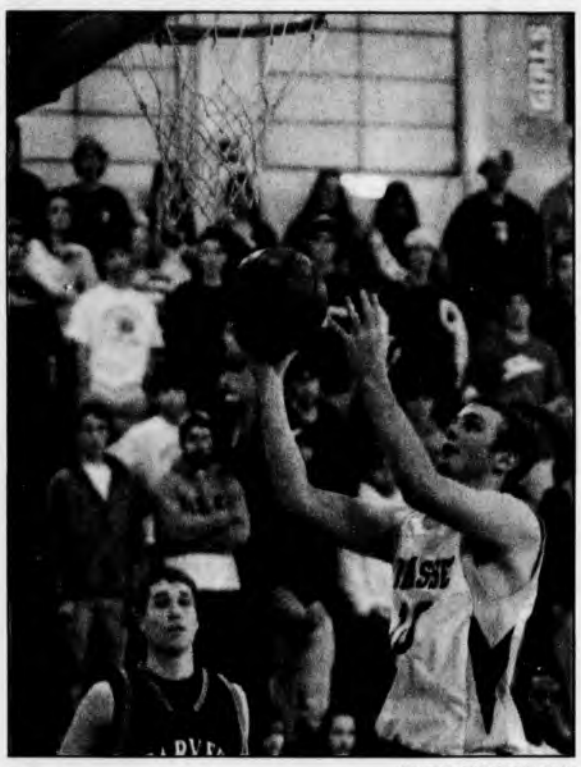
Without a doubt, the challenges he faces are big ones. Not only did three starting seniors graduate from the program, but three other Varsity players from last year have made other commitments this winter outside of basketball. What his team lacks in cumulative experience though, Coach Ruggiero is quick to comment "they are an enthusiastic and hard working group of boys."

The Varsity Roster this year has four seniors, four juniors, three sophomores and one freshman. Senior Co-Captain Danny Martin, the 6 ft. 5 in. center and SSL all star last year, comes back at the five spot. Expectations for Martin are high this year coming off his strong performance last year. Next up is Senior Co-Captain Marcus Charles. Charles is an outside perimeter player, with a sweet jumpshot outside the arc. Senior Co-Captain John Sturino will be in the swing position. Although a bit undersized for that role, Sturino, and Charles as well, both possess a quickness off the ball and blazing speed. Sturio saw limited time last year due to an early season ankle injury.

The final senior on the squad is Owen Landon. Landon is a solid 3-sport athlete, playing soccer in the fall and lacrosse in the spring for CHS. Coach Ruggiero expects Landon to make great contributions to the club. The next big guy for the Skippers is 6 ft. 3 in. junior Johnny Maher. Maher is also a 3-sport athlete for Cohasset. Maher will be at the four spot for Cohasset. Expect to see him mixing it up underneath the boards.

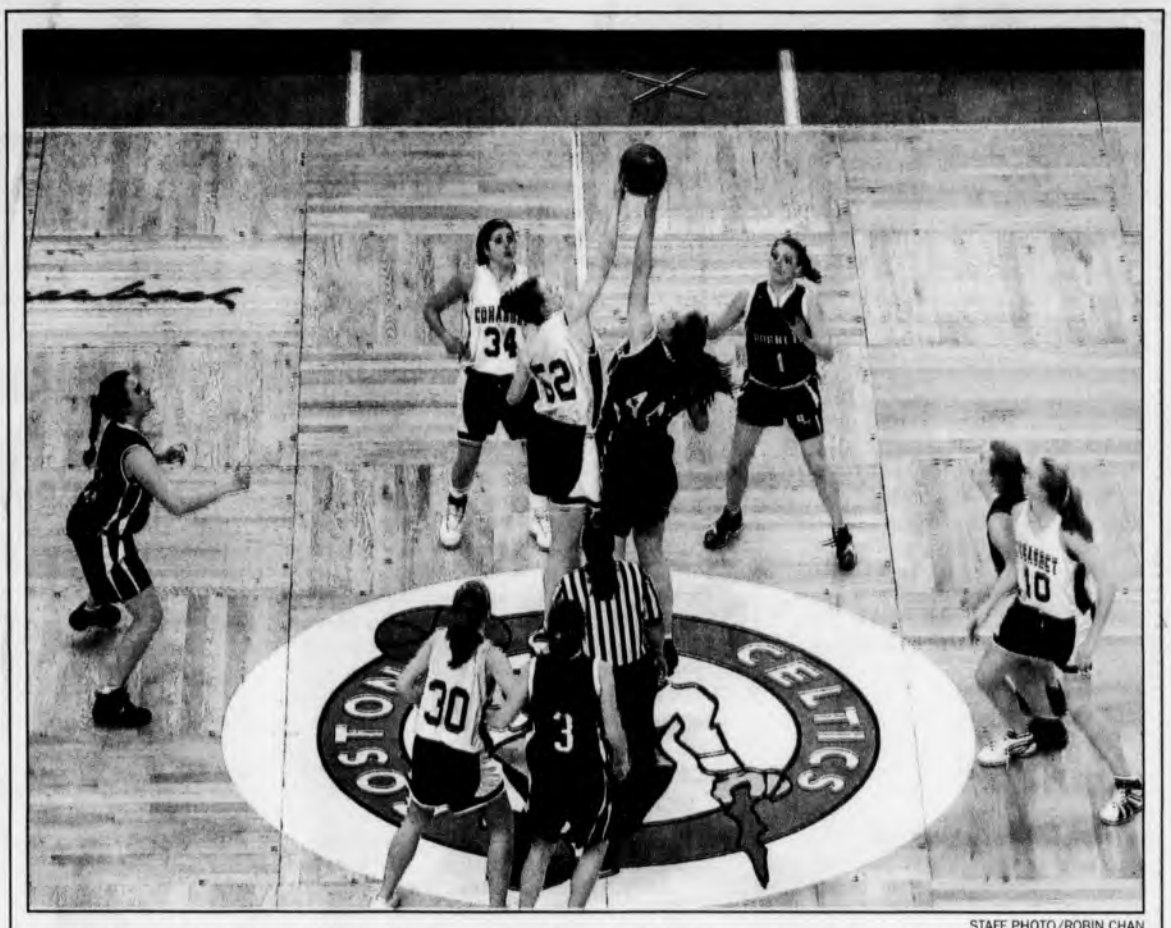
The point guard spot will be for returning player, sophomore Robert Jones. Ruggiero commented "Robert is a good solid

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Cohasset's David Snowdale goes up strong to the hoop during a game last season.



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Cohasset's Sammi Lehr goes up and battles Manchester's Dani Ciccone (44) for the opening tip-off at the start of the last year's Division 4 state title game played at the Boston Garden. Cohasset went on to win the game and the title; the team is hoping for a repeat this season.

Girls gearing up to defend title

Nearly every player is back this season

The defending Division 4 State Champion Girls Varsity basketball team returns all but one player from last year's roster. New to the roster will be sophomore Carly Martin and freshman Anna Seraikas.

When asked about the challenges he faces this year, Coach John Levangie said: "We are still going to take each game one at a time. But this year, unlike last year, we are on people's radar screen."

The key to his success is that every goal for every player is in sync with the team goals.

"You don't see any of our players leading the league in any statistical categories," Levangie said. "We are playing to the team goal. Our goal will be achieved when at the end of the season, whenever that may be, each one of us can look back with no regrets.

"My system is based on the players being unselfish."
— Coach John Levangie

"My system is based on the players being unselfish. Essentially we can have nine starters on the team. Everyone understands and accepts their role. It's a team philosophy," he said.

Returning as captains are Seniors Kayla Farren, Carly Salerno and Sammi Lehr. Their leadership is strong, already having one year under their belt in those roles. That leadership will be critical as Levangie has assessed the already strong South Shore League as being even stronger.

"Carver, Hull, Norwell are all primed for a run at us," he said. But what will make the girls different than last year? Levangie noted: " The girls worked incredibly strong in the off-season, playing in more competitive leagues and going to more elite camps. Some of the girls even look taller than last year."

One area Coach Levangie is already seeing improvement on from last year, is their confidence in shooting the ball.

"I guess being State Champions gives you a little bit of confidence," he said.

Rounding out the Varsity Roster are Juniors Meredith Kelly, Samantha Crough, Tori Lehr, Sophomores Lindsey Davis, Carli Haggerty and Rachel Fredey. Coach Levangie is assisted by Matt Lewis and Basil Cronin.

Girls basketball coach honored

Cohasset Girls Basketball Coach John LeVangie was awarded the Division 4 South Girls Coach of the Year Award by the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association at its annual banquet on Nov. 27 at Holy Cross College.

The award was presented by MBCA Hall of Fame member and current Cohasset High School Boys Basketball Coach Bo Ruggiero.

The Cohasset High School community is very proud of what Coach LeVangie and his girls accomplished last season and look forward to another exciting winter of girls basketball. Congratulations!

Girls Varsity to take on Dorchester on opening night

The defending Division 4 state champion Lady Skippers will take on Dorchester in the first game of the season at 4 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 13, at Cohasset Middle High School.

The public is invited to the pre-game celebration as the girls are honored with a championship ring and the championship banner is raised in the gym.

Travel basketball players that wear their game shirts, accompanied by an adult, will get in free.

Come early and see the JV girls basketball play Dorchester at 2:30 pm. Saturday.

Taking it to the next level

CHS skaters eye continued improvement in '08-'09

By Mike Spellman
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Every season has proven a little bit better than the previous one, and that is all Bob Walsh can ask.

"As a coach, that's the trend you look to establish," said Walsh, who is entering his third season as head coach of Cohasset High's hockey team. "We lost a lot of good players from last year's team, but we bring back more kids who are comfortable with the system we've been putting in place the last few years."

The Skippers placed second in the South Shore League to perennial state powerhouse Norwell last winter, finishing with an overall record of 13-4-3, a marked improvement over the .500 season Walsh compiled as a rookie head coach.

As a reward for last year's achievement, the Skippers received the eighth seed in the Div. 3 South Section, but were ousted in the first round by Westwood, 2-0, the eventual sectional finalists.

The Skippers lost four key players from that squad, including tri-captains and SSL all-stars Chaz Czerkawski, Pat Doonan and Frank Wheelwright. Czerkaswki and Doonan also finished one-two in the team-scoring race, while Wainwright anchored the blue line. Speedster Alex Goetz, who led the SSL in short-handed goals, also represents a big loss.

The Skippers' lone returning league all-star is senior goalie Johnny Wade. He and fellow senior Ian Lyster share the co-captaincy this winter.

Wade is a rather remarkable story. He grew up in hockey as a defenseman, but when the Skippers opened workouts in the winter of 2005 without a single goalie candidate, the then-freshman answered the call and strapped on the big pads. The natural athlete has progressed remarkably since then, as witnessed by his selection as a league all-star last March. Walsh, the former head coach at Bridgewater State, has helped speed that progression by bringing in a few of his old college goalies to work wide Wade.

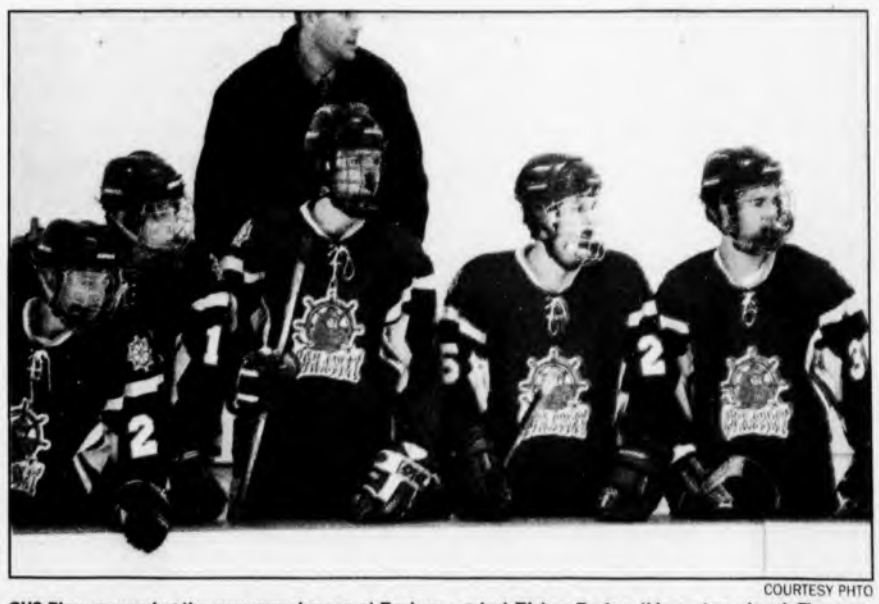
"Johnny has worked hard to get where he has," said Walsh. "He's taken some good coaching and done a lot of stuff on his own to develop in the off season too. There's a lot more that goes into goaltending than most anyone realizes; the vision, knowing where to be on the ice, the up and down, the physical part of the game, playing the angles, and the mental makeup you need. Johnny has done a great job of improving in all of those areas."

Lyster, a big, physical defender, will be a mainstay in front of Wade. There are a few questions beyond that, though, on the blue line.

"We're a little thin in back, but only in experience," said Walsh, who played high school hockey at Matignon in the 70s and has been coaching the sport at the upper levels for 20 years.

Sophomore Brian Scott was a top four defenseman for the Skippers last season as a freshman, and his talent is unmistak-

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COURTESY PHTO

CHS Players wearing the new away jerseys at Foxboro against Bishop Feehan this past weekend. The new logo is officially being rolled out during a special event today (Friday) at Cohasset High.

CHS skaters eye continued improvement in '08-'09

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able. In fact, Hockey Night in Boston inquired about him as well as Lyster.

A couple of injuries last winter to upperclassmen presented sophomores Sam Leahy and Eric Bartucca with the opportunity to see extended varsity minutes on the blue line, and both "answered the call well," according to Walsh.

"Getting them into some important minutes last year, and playing in our system was a big bonus," said Walsh of Leahy and Bartucca. "They both developed quickly once they got their opportunity, and I look for that to continue this year as they both get more comfortable within the system."

Freshman Sean McKenna, a former wrestler, and sophomore Jack Nelson are two players who will provide depth for the varsity squad while they continue their development at the JV level.

JV hockey

That's right: for the first time in recent memory, CHS is going to have a JV hockey team this winter.

Eight freshmen have come out for the team, a very good number for a school with two other winter sports and only 150 or so males in the student body. This raises the number of CHS hockey players to 25, the high-water mark for Walsh's tenure.

Obviously, with just 25 players, there will be a good number of swing players between varsity and JV, but that's a win-win, as far as Walsh is concerned.

"I think it's huge for our development as a hockey program that we get a good number of players developing at the JV level," said Walsh, who figures on a 10-12 game JV schedule. "That's a lot more ice time for development in our system and as players overall."

"This year's team doesn't look like it'll have any superstars, which I think can be good, because that forces a lot of players to step up into key roles."
— Coach Bob Walsh

The talent pool up front is a little more refined.

Junior Conor Queenan has played with seniors Paul Pozniak and Andrew Bell for years at various levels, including as summer league linemates this past off-season.

"Those guys really click together," said Walsh. "You try to match speed for speed and skill for skill when you put lines together, and these three guys really compliment each other well in those areas. They can all really fly. They each seem to have that sense of where the other two are at all times."

That said, Walsh considers his "second line" virtually interchangeable with the first.

Junior Andy McKenna was the third member of the high-powered Doonan-Czerkawski line last winter, and he is joined this winter by hard-nosed sophomore Anders Goetz, who finished third behind Doonan and Czerkawski in the team scoring race in '07-'08. Junior Brendan Doonan, Pat's kid brother, is penciled in as the third member of the line, and the brothers own comparable skill-sets, according to Walsh.

"Some days, you might say this is our first line, other days you might say it's Queenan-Pozniak-Bell," said Walsh. "This year's team doesn't look like it'll have any superstars, which I think can be good, because that forces a lot of players to step up into key roles. I'm looking forward to seeing how several players respond to the challenges."

Walsh says he will skate a third forward line regularly, and may even swing in a fourth line for regular shifts.

Alex Evans has caught the coach's eye early with some scrappy play, as have fellow freshmen Vinny Colorio, Johnny Collins, Jamie Faber, Brendan Kearney. Kearney scored the Skippers' first goal in this Saturday's scrimmage versus perennial state powerhouse Xaverian.

"We've definitely got some intriguing talent from that crop of freshmen," said Walsh. "I'm looking at being able to put together a couple of varsity lines with just freshmen. That's pretty unusual."

Walsh was able to line up the game with Xaverian, as he is long time friend with coach Dave Spinelli. It also helps that all three of his assistant coaches — his son, Bobby Walsh, Lachlan Burgess and Clyde Clifford, the goalie coach — all played for Spinelli at Xaverian. Bobby Walsh went on to play college hockey at Bridgewater State, captaining that team for three years, and Burgess played at Salve Regina.

"My assistant coaches are all in their mid-20's and can connect with and relate to the high school players pretty well," said the senior Walsh. "We're building a good team chemistry. It's a tight knit group. I've got nothing but good kids on this team, and I'm really looking forward to seeing what we can do together."

Norwell has dominated the South Shore League for the last half decade or so, going unbeaten in league play the last two seasons. The Clippers were hit hard by graduation — losing top scorers Dan Dempsey and Cody Cavicchi, among others — but most still consider them the team to beat this season.

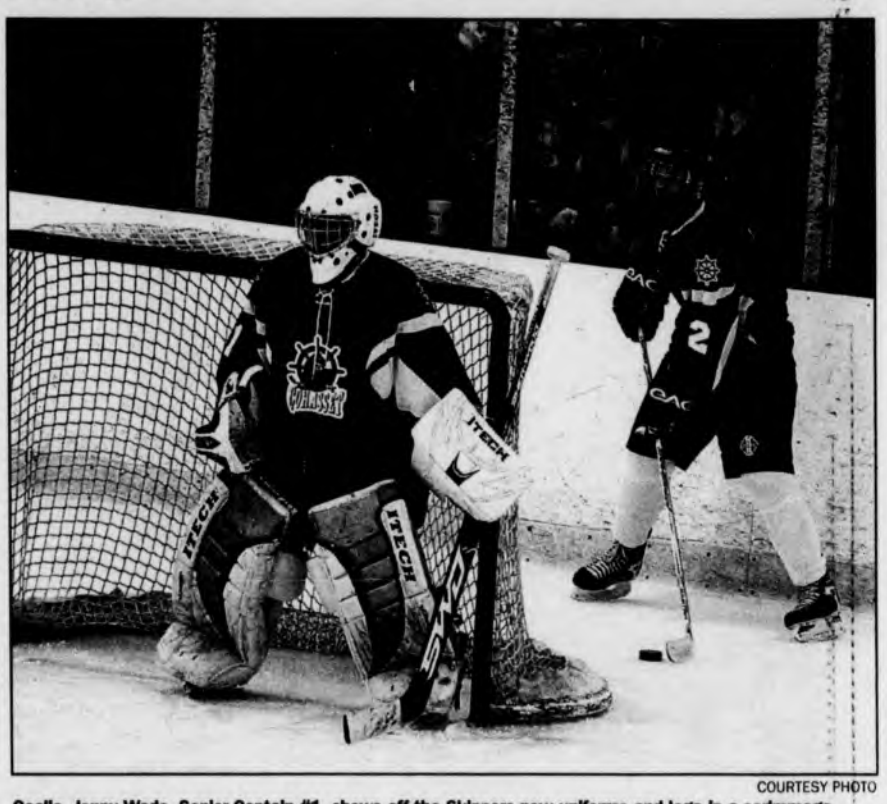
The general perception, though, is that Norwell has come back to the pack some, and teams like Carver-Sacred Heart and Abington-East Bridgewater have made some noteworthy gains.

"I honestly think the South Shore League is going to be more competitive from top to bottom than it has been the last few years," said Walsh. "I don't think you're going to see those ugly 10-1 scores we've seen the last few years. There should be a lot more good, competitive 4-2 and 5-3 games, and I think that's going to make all of the teams better in the long run, and more ready for the state tournament."



COURTESY PHOTO

Ian Lyster Senior Captain #25 shows off the Skippers new uniforms and logo in a scrimmage against Bishop Feehan this past Saturday in Foxboro. The new logo and jerseys are being unveiled today (Friday) at Cohasset High.



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Goalie, Jonny Wade, Senior Captain #1, shows off the Skippers new uniforms and logo in a scrimmage against Bishop Feehan this past Saturday in Foxboro.

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COHASSET TRAVEL BASKETBALL

Sixth-graders tally first win of season

SIXTH-GRADERS WIN OPENER — The 2008-2009 season kicked off this past Sunday with a new attitude and new results, as the sixth-graders won their season opener 28-26 against Weymouth. A very determined dozen of teammates played exceptional defense and displayed excellent interior passing, using their height advantage to hold off the smaller Weymouth squad. It didn't matter who was on the floor, the rebounds belonged to **Jack Chamberlain, Mike Yerardi, Patrick Federle, Harry Seraikas, Tanner Gildea, Harrison Martin** or **Jack Hoffman** underneath for Cohasset.

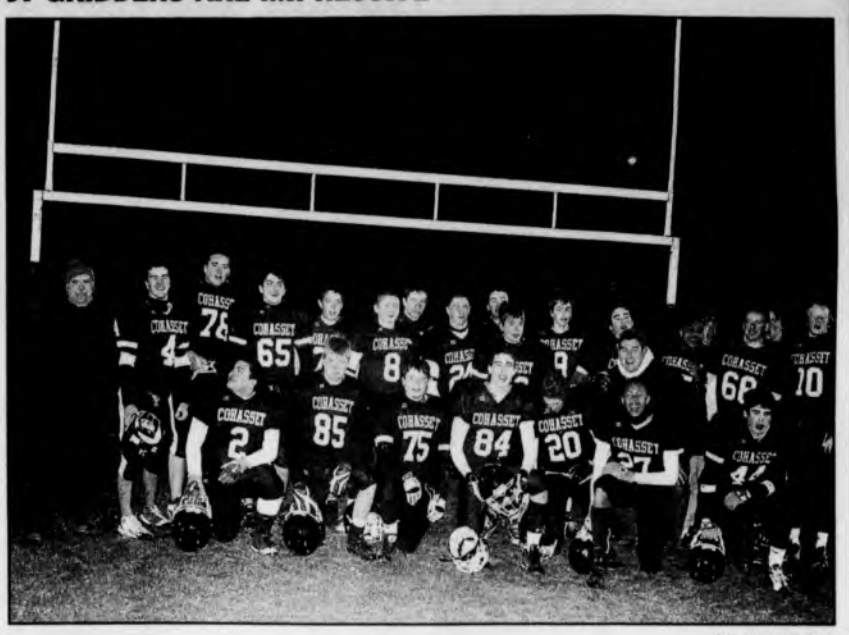
Offensively the poise and patience of the five guards, **Ben Buckley, Teddy Craven, Brett Dooley, Christian Kennedy** and **Cole Morrison**, allowed the big guys underneath to work their way into position for quality shots. The unselfish passing resulted in eight out of the 12 players scoring led by Chamberlain's 7 points and Dooley's 6 points.

The defensive highlight of the day was provided by **Harrison Martin** sprinting the length of the court and rejecting the Weymouth player as he cruised in for an easy lay up. Martin's hustle seemed to inspire the rest of the Cohasset squad who turned up their defensive pressure and built a comfortable 10-point lead early into the second half.

However, the feisty Weymouth team did not quit and went on an 8-0 run to get within two points with only a minute remaining. As Cohasset spread the floor and ran the clock down, Dooley drained a jumper from the right elbow and Cohasset went up by four with 34 seconds remaining. Weymouth managed to score once again but Cohasset ran out the clock for their first victory of this young season.

EIGHTH-GRADERS FALL TO WEYMOUTH — Weymouth's eighth grade boys edged Cohasset's group of eighth graders 39-37 on Sunday. These two teams have played similar close games over the past two years, but this year's first contest resulted in an inspired Weymouth team holding onto their lead when it counted. Playing without their leading scorer Shane Haggerty down the stretch (fouled out with 4 minutes remaining) the Cohasset offense struggled to find an open shot as time expired. Cohasset failed to convert many open lay ups and free throws and was unable to find their big guy Myles Garbarini down low, instead settling to fire 3-pointer after 3-pointer with out much success. Weymouth's pressure defense seemed to cause problems for Cohasset as their offense struggled to find any rhythm. Thomas Gilliatt was the lone bright spot for Cohasset grabbing eight rebounds underneath.

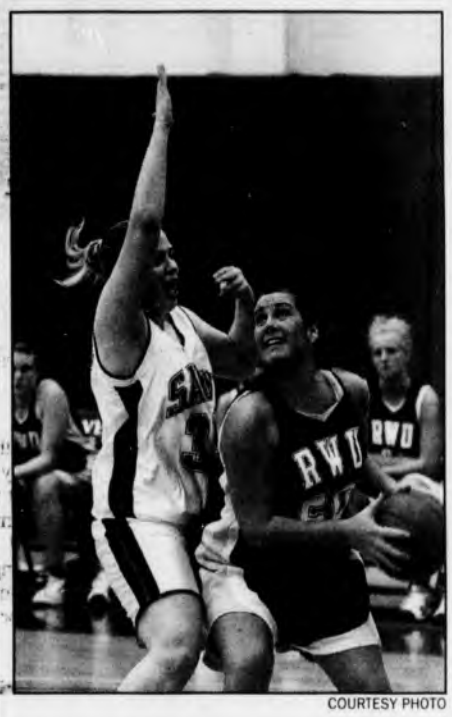
JV GRIDDERS ARE IMPRESSIVE



COURTESY PHOTO

The Cohasset JV football squad, which finished off the season with a 6-0 victory over Hull, poses for a team photo following the game. Their record (10-1) is one of the best on the books at Cohasset High School.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW



COURTESY PHOTO

Casey Anderson named TCCC Player of the Week

Roger Williams University senior forward **Casey Anderson** of Cohasset earned The Commonwealth Coast Conference Player of the Week honors for her play in two wins for RWU in November.

Anderson averaged 19.5 points, 12.0 rebounds and 3.0 steals per game as the Hawks compiled a 2-0 weekly record. In a 73-71 double-overtime win over Wellesley, Anderson registered 22 points, 14 rebounds and five steals in 46 minutes of action. She followed with her second double-double of the week, collecting 17 points and 11 rebounds in a 62-55 triumph over Lasell. In 75 minutes played over two games, Anderson committed just one turnover.

Casey Anderson, right, earned the Commonwealth Coast Conference Player of the Week honors for her play in two wins for RWU.

Cohasset youth hoop tips off the season

Basketball in Cohasset is in full swing this year with lots of exciting new faces and new challenges in the Cohasset basketball community.

The Youth program, which is played on Saturdays, has yet again set another record in participation with over 400 kids in the program. Close to 50 teams hit the hardwood last Saturday at the Osgood, Deer Hill and CMHS gymnasiums. Children in grades 1-8 are eligible to participate and no prior basketball experience is needed. One of the goals of the program is for participants to learn new skills each year and build upon those skill sets.

However, the primary objective is to get kids active and to get them to have fun. Sessions are comprised of skill development time and games. Teams are picked evenly (well, as evenly as possible) and all of the coaches and coordinators are volunteers. High School players officiate the games. When a student ref blows his or his whistle, not only does he "make the call," he uses the time to instruct the players on what the infraction is and why it isn't allowed. This makes it a learning experience for all. Learn all about the program at www.cohassetbasketball.com.

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The Travel program is running on all cylinders with 10 teams in grades 5-8. Grade 5 boys play in the Abington Stars League in Weymouth every Saturday night. Grade 6-7-8 boys play in the very competitive Patriot League traveling as far as Halifax and Taunton. Also, the Cohasset Basketball Booster Club is supporting two additional boys travel teams due to the large turnout at tryouts. Both of these teams are in the CYO league, with St. Anthony's being the host parish.

The Girls Travel teams play in the South Shore League for grades 5-8. This also is a very competitive girls' league against select teams. Both the boys, the girls, and the CYO teams call CMHS home. Games are on Saturday nights or Sunday midday. Many times, the kids have a doubleheader in one weekend. The foundation for the high school program is the travel program where hopefully basics and fundamentals are taught to prepare these middle-schoolers for the level of basketball they will see at the High School level. But it is the goal of the Boosters to provide a team for as many kids as possible and to not discourage kids from playing.

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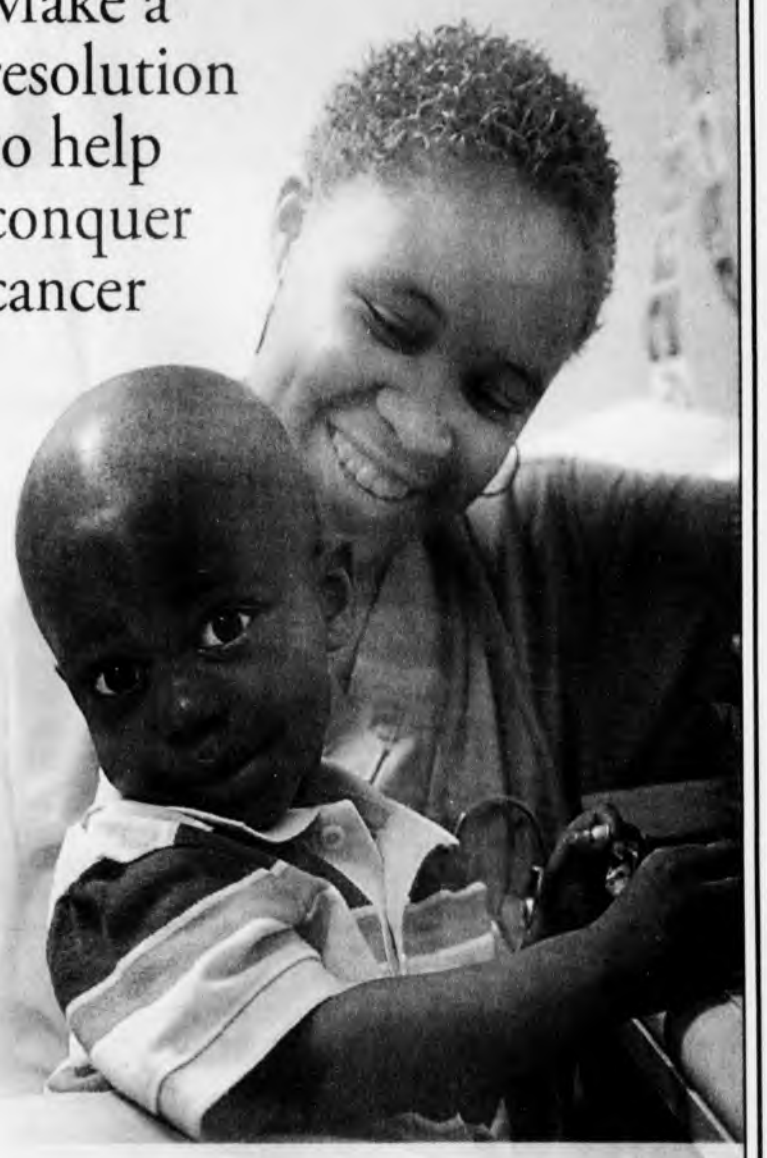
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Turkey Trot Race Results



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Jeff DiModica of Cohasset (age 41) comes across the finish line 10th overall in a blazing time of 19:24.

The Eighth Annual 5K Cohasset Turkey Trot was held Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 27. The race started and finished at Cohasset Common with 298 runners from all over running to help raise more than $5,100 to benefit The Sabrina Sugar Endowed Fund at MGH.

Place	Name	Age	Town	Time
Overall Men's Winner				
1	Ryan Kelley	15	Pembroke	17:07
Overall Women's Winner				
1	Heather Connick	16	Pembroke	19:10
Top three Cohasset Men				
1	Josh Flanagan	29	Cohasset	17:42
2	Charlie Coffman	15	Cohasset	18:04
3	Jeff DiModica	41	Cohasset	19:24
Top three Cohasset Women				
1	Jennifer Lankow	36	Cohasset	20:09
2	Barbara Wipf	38	Cohasset	20:32
3	Judy Stavis	41	Cohasset	20:52
Top Cohasset Girls age 13 and Under				
1	Lindsey Allard	13	Cohasset	22:26
2	Charlotte Allard	12	Cohasset	22:33
3	Olivia Gomez	9	Cohasset	25:32
Top Cohasset Boys age 13 and Under				
1	Sam Murphy	11	Cohasset	23:38
2	Mats Nelson	12	Cohasset	25:45
3	Max Montgomery	13	Cohasset	28:47

Boys varsity basketball ready for action

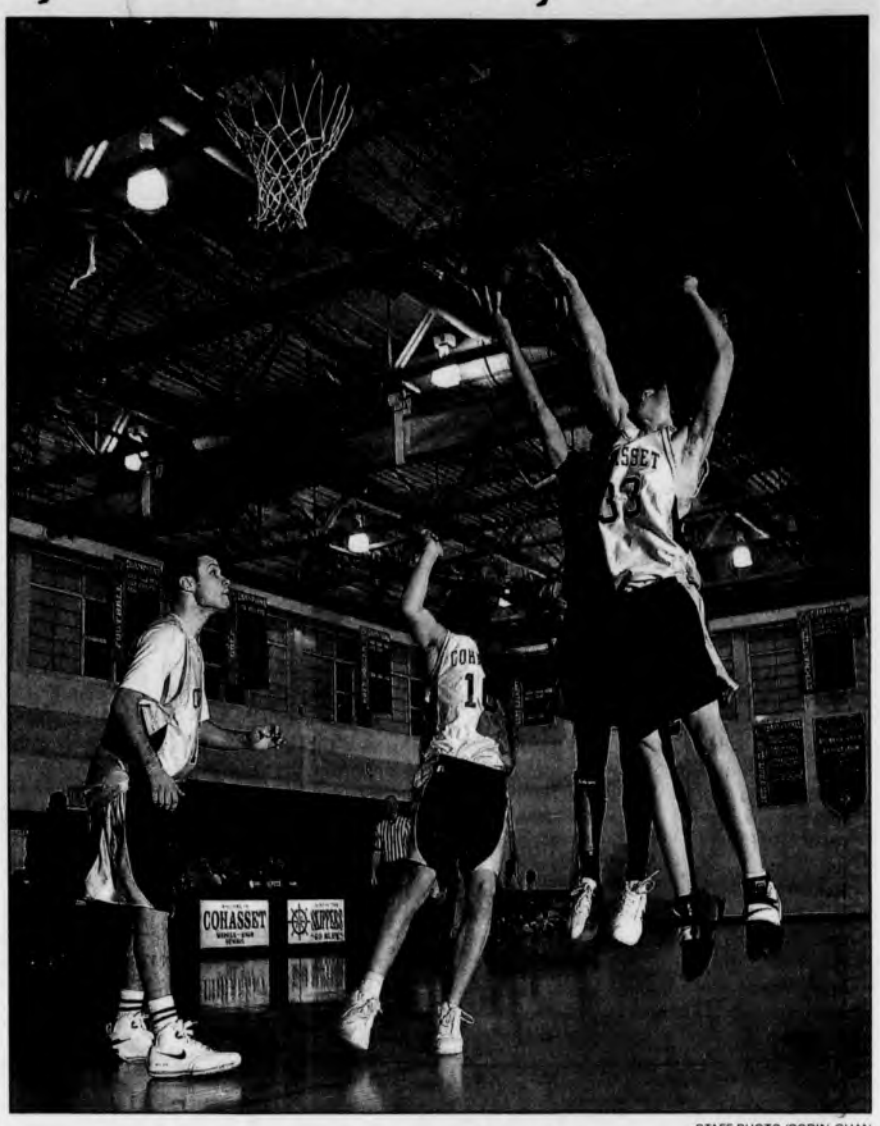
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player, he has great court awareness and he loves the game" Jones will be a catalyst to the fast break due to his ability to see the whole floor. Others to watch for include sophomore guard Sam Richardson, a 6-footer who will see some Varsity action this year. Richardson is a good shooter and will figure into Cohasset scoring. Freshman Robbie Mahoney has been impressive so far this season. "To think last year he was playing eighth-grade travel basketball and now he is on the Varsity Roster," says Coach Ruggiero. Mahoney will play back up in the post positions. Juniors Kevin O'Connell, one of the purest 3-point shooter on the team, speedy Junior Jeff Charles, and Junior Dan Sullivan, also a strong post player and solid rebounder (with a nice hook shot to boot) round out the Junior class. Sophomore Mike Monaco completes the Varsity roster.

Coach Ruggiero is looking forward to leading the Boys Varsity Basketball program back to its successful roots.

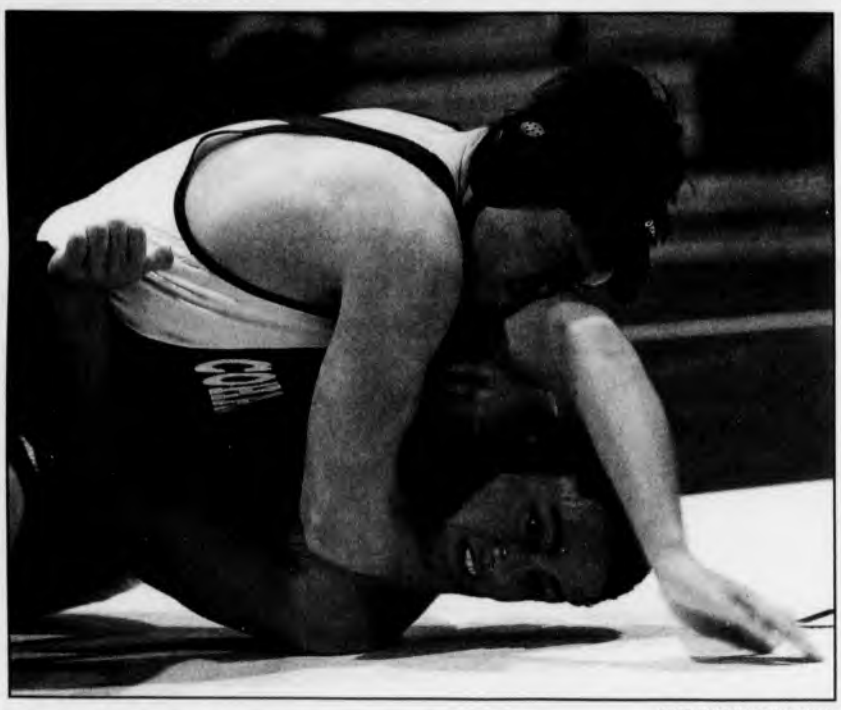
"I'm very pleased with the work ethic I have seen thus far. We are working on fundamentals," he says. "We are going to not only run the fast break, but execute it. We are going to press. The key to a successful program is discipline, hard work and teamwork.

"We are working on conditioning as well. Being well conditioned will allow you to forge through the mental elements of playing 32 minutes of basketball. That being said, we still have lots to work on." Coach Ruggiero is assisted by Jim Willis, Dick Lawless and Jim Rougvie.



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Cohasset's Danny Martin (33) challenges the shot of a Carver shooter during a game last season. Danny is one of the returning seniors this season and is serving as a co-captain with fellow senior Marcus Charles.



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WRESTLING MEET SATURDAY

Cohasset's Nick Secatore drives his opponent to the mat during the Marshfield holiday wrestling tournament last year. This Saturday at 10a.m. the Cohasset wrestlers will host a tri-meet against Mansfield and Pembroke at Cohasset High School gymnasium. Go Skippers!

Boosters club looking for members

All high school schedules are on the website www.cohassetbasketball.com.

Bring the kids, have a fun night out (and a cheap one) by coming to cheer on the Cohasset Skippers. Be part of it.

Stay in touch with all Cohasset basketball schedules and happenings by visiting www.cohassetbasketball.com. Save the Date ~ Jan. 22 the Harlem Superstars with Chicken, 7-footer and Showboat return to Cohasset High School for a night of comedy basketball entertainment.

The Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club is looking for new members to join its team, no tryout required. Come be part of the exciting basketball community here in Cohasset. Contact the club through the website. Volunteers are needed for all programs Youth, Travel and High School. No Basketball experience is required, just a desire to help out and be part of something terrific.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse registration begins Dec. 15

Registration will continue through Jan. 15. The program is committed to accepting every player who signs up during open registration.

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will open its online registration for the spring 2009 season Dec. 15. To register go to the Web site at cohassetlacrosse.com and click on the registration link.

Registrations will be accepted for both boys and girls at U15 for seventh- and eighth-graders; U13, fifth- and sixth-graders; and U11, third- and fourth-graders. All youth players are welcome, regardless of experience.

Registration will continue Through Jan. 15. The program is committed to accepting every player who signs up during open registration. Once that sign-up period is completed the program will establish its ideal roster sizes and take late registrants on a first-come, first-served basis only until the rosters are filled. At that point a waiting list will be established, or players may be turned away.

Fees for 2009 are $160 per player, with family pricing of $100 for each additional family member. Scholarships are available for families facing unusual circumstances or financial difficulty. Check the appropriate box on the online form.

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Recreation News

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Middle School Dances – There will be a dance for Cohasset youngster's in grades seven and eight, from 7 to 10 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 12, at the Recreation Center Garage. A dance for the sixth grade class will be from 6 to 9 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 20. Cost is $6 per person and pre-registration is required on the Web site at cohassetrec.com is required. Dances are for Cohasset residents only and school identification is required. Late arrivals, after 7:30 p.m., or students leaving early require a parent to be present. Snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

Sunday Afternoon Jam Session – Aspiring musicians can come down to the Recreation Center on Sunday afternoons from 4 to 6, and get together and play music. Music industry veteran and Cohasset resident Howie Altholtz is teaming up with Cohasset Recreation. This new program is made possible by the generosity of Crossroads Music of Hanover. Musicians should bring their own instruments and may bring their own equipment. Amps and drums will be available on site, also provided by Crossroads Music. Cost is $8 per visit or an all-access pass of $30 for five weeks. Register at cohassetrec.com.

Holiday Shopping Time Needed? – Need some time to shop? Parents can drop the kids off at the Recreation Center from noon to 4 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 20, and Recreation Department staff will keep kids ages 5 through 12 entertained with games and arts and crafts. Fee is $20.

Babysitting Course – This one-day, three-hour course is designed to assist fifth-through eighth-graders to be better babysitters and to learn the do's and don'ts of being home alone. The course will cover information on child development, playing with younger children, basic first aid, fire safety and prevention, and the overall responsibilities of babysitting. Instructor will be nurse and mother Kim Cleary. Each class is limited to 18 pre-registered students. Cost is $18. The class will take place 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 12, at Paul Pratt Library.

CPR – American Heart Association CPR Class 1, instructed by members of the Cohasset Fire Department, will take place from 6 to 9 p.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Cohasset Town Hall. CPR instruction will include adult, child and infant CPR. A two-year certification card will be earned. Cost is $45 per class.

Kids Love Crafts – Join others for a jammed filled program of ooey, gooey arts and crafts, stories and songs at the Recreation Center. Watch 2- to 4-year-olds make a mess and have some fun as they create crafts that can be treasured for a lifetime. Space is limited to 10 children with a parent. The six-week session will meet from 10 to 11 a.m., on Tuesdays, Jan. 6 through Feb. 10. Cost is $60

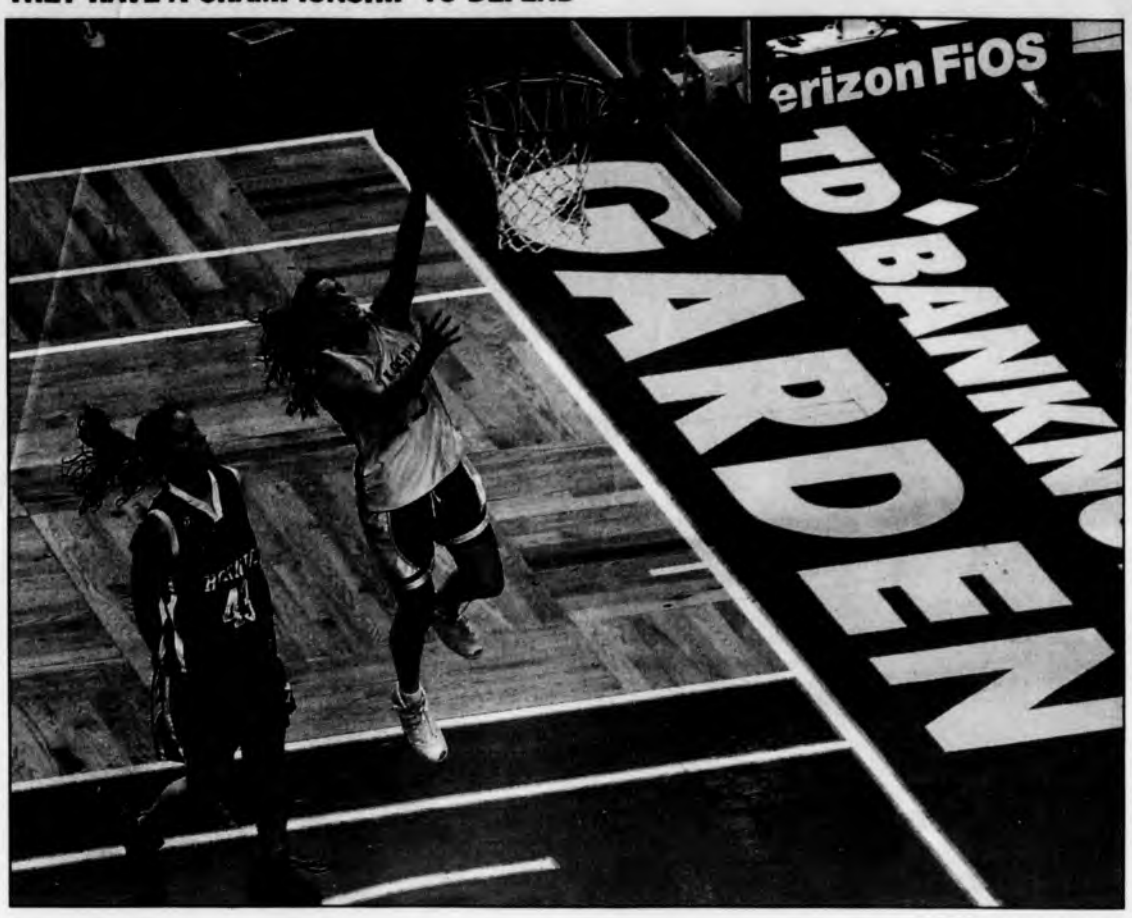
Gingerbread House Workshop with Kitchen Kids – Meets at Cohasset Town Hall, 2 to 4 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 17. Kitchen Kids is a great way to introduce children to the joy of creative cooking in a fun and safe atmosphere. Children, ages 5 through 12, will decorate their own gingerbread house to take home for the holidays. The class is hands-on with step-by-step instructions, in a safe and clean environment with instructor Sandy Tremblay. Class is limited, so register early.

New York City Trip – Saturday, Dec. 13. Spend a day shopping and touring New York City. Open to ages 18 and older. Children younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Invite friends and enjoy a day you plan in the Big Apple. Deluxe motor coach leaves Town Hall at 6 a.m., with arrival in New York City at about 10:30 a.m. Drop off will be midtown, near Rockefeller Center and pick up will be in the same area at 7 p.m. Limited enrollment. Cost is $44 per person.

Yoga – Meets at Cohasset Town Hall, 9:30 a.m., on Thursdays. Cost is $8. This Hatha yoga class will focus on moving meditation including gentle stretching and strengthening postures with breathing exercises to decrease stress and increase flexibility.

Recreation Department Seeks Donations – The Recreation Center is being spruced up and in need of cash donations, bar stools, folding tables and chairs, pool tables, Ping Pong tables, Foosball tables, air hockey tables, arcade games, video game systems and televisions. All donations are eligible for tax deduction. With help the Recreation Center will be a safe and enjoyable after school destination and the best spot in town to host a party.

THEY HAVE A CHAMPIONSHIP TO DEFEND



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Current junior Meredith Kelly goes up for an easy layup last year at the TB Banknorth Garden. The Skippers are looking forward to another winning season—and another chance to play on the parquet floor that's home to the World Champion Boston Celtics. With a state championship under their belt, coach John Levangie says he has noted increased confidence in shooting the ball.

Loring Hall to present operas and ballet

Patriot Cinemas, a local cinema chain owned by the Scott family, has contracted with Emerging Pictures to bring the best of Europe's opera and ballet to Loring Hall Cinema in Hingham. Emerging's premiere opera series will feature performances from the famous opera houses of Italy, Austria and England in high definition and surround sound.

The first opera production in the series will be Rossini's "Il Barbiere Di Siviglia" from the Teatro La Fenice, Venice, Italy. There will be one showing at 1 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 7.

Loring Hall will also present six showings of the holiday classic "The Nutcracker." These special showings will take place Sundays, Dec. 14 and 21, and Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24, at noon and 2 p.m. Performed by one of the world's most renowned ballet companies, the Kirov Ballet comes to the screen in high definition from the Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Loring Hall was built in 1852 as a meetinghouse to "supply the want of a commodious and suitable building for lectures, picnics and social meetings of all kinds." Celebrated personalities such as Ralph Waldo Emerson and Oliver Wendell Holmes made Loring Hall part of their lecture circuit back in the early days of the hall. Converted to a "motion picture house of charming colonial design" in 1936, Derby Academy sold the building to Phil Scott in 1964. It continues as a first-run cinema as part of the Scott family's Patriot Cinema chain. "It seems only natural to offer our loyal customers the opportunity to see such celebrated art forms at Loring Hall, said David Scott. "Twice a month we are able to offer our customers an experience that will transport them to another place to see some of the most spectacular performances of our time in the convenience of the South Shore."

Loring Hall will present Englebert Humperdinck's "Hansel und Gretel" Sunday, Dec. 28, which was performed at the Glyndebourne Festival in England.

In 2009, scheduled operas will include "Norma" by Bellini; "Romeo et Juliette" by Gounod; "Otello" by Verdi; "Don Giovanni" by Mozart; "Lady Macbeth of the Mtsensk District" by Shostakovich; "Rigoletto" by Verdi; "L'Incoronazione Di Poppea" by Claudio Monteverdi; "Giulio Cesare" by Handel; and "Don Carlo" by Verdi.

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A day at the Fair Village tradition is fun for all



Rami, the Clown, works his balloon magic in front of a young audience Saturday during Cohasset's Annual Village fair on the Common.



Rusty Skippers Band Conductor Steve Biagini, at right, conducts the flute section of the band during its Holiday Pops Concert.



Helping to raise money for the Metco Scholarship program Saturday at Cohasset's Ssecond Congregational Church were: Susan Etkind of Cohasset, Aleisa Gittens-Carle of Dorchester, Barbara Brookins of Dorchester and Connie Afshar of Cohasset.



Cohasset resident Jennifer Denneen shops for a non-fiction story for a Christmas present for "dear ole Dad" Saturday at St. Stephen's Christmas book fair.



Liam Appleton, 3, watches gift wrapper Caroline Baker, a member of Cohasset's Appalachian youth group wrap the Christmas presents he and his older brother James, age 5 at left, picked out with the help of Maddy Altholtz, also a member of the Appalachian youth group Saturday at St. Stephen's Church.

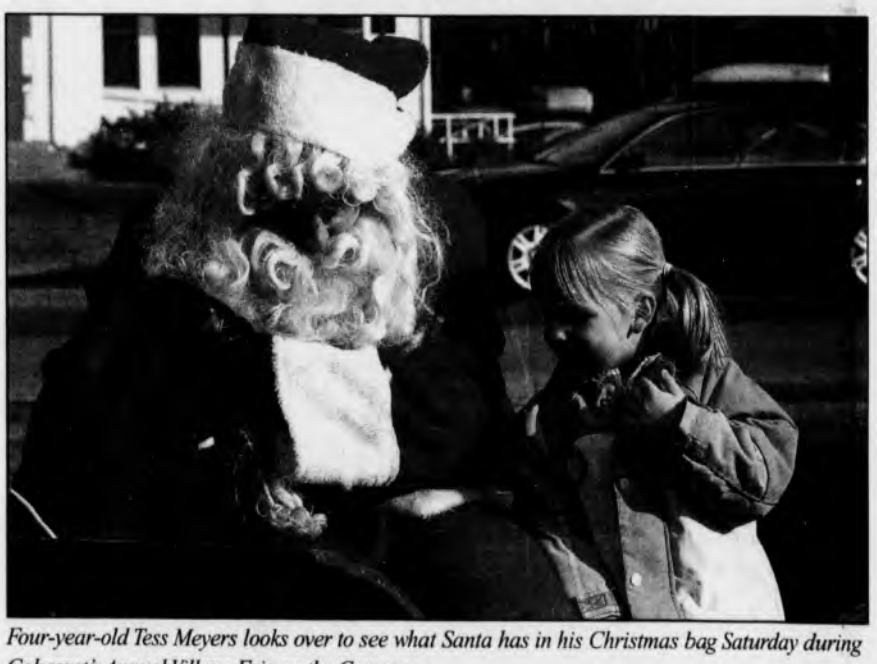


Rusty Skippers Tuba player Arthur Harvey placed the Grinch who stole Christmas doll onto his music tray for the Holiday Pops Concert during Cohasset's Annual Village Fair.



Ports and Company held a Holiday Fashion Show at Cohasset's Second Congregational Church Saturday.

Photos by Craig Goedecke



Four-year-old Tess Meyers looks over to see what Santa has in his Christmas bag Saturday during Cohasset's Annual Village Fair on the Common.



Audience members applaud as Ports and Company Models take one last walk down the runway Saturday during the Holiday Fashion show held at Cohasset's Second Congregational Church during the Cohasset Fair on the Common.



Three year old Liam Appleton watches personal shopper assistant Maddy Altholtz count the gifts they picked out for family members during a guided shopping trip at St.Stephens Church Saturday. Maddy is an Appalachian youth member and of Cohasset. At right is Liam's older brother James, age 5 of Cohasset.



Members of the American Legion Family shopped, cooked and served dinner to the guests attending the Harborview Apartments holiday dinner. From left are: Tina Danielson, Dean Harrold, Brian O'Connell, Carolyn Carter, Maureen Harrold, and Bobby O'Sullivan.



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Karen Woolf, right, chats with Susan Ceci, left, both of Cohasset during Thanksgiving luncheon for seniors at Atlantica.

Holiday cheer

Legion family hosts dinner

Right, Betty Brook holds up a delicious piece of pumpkin pie ala mode as Marie Perroncello looks on during the Holiday Dinner for residents of Harborview Apartments that was hosted by the American Legion Family.





Eighth grader Brendan Queenan, 13, serves Peter Tolman, left, and his wife, Connie, pumpkin pie to round out their Thanksgiving meal.



Rocco Laugelle was the original American Legion member who started offering the dinners at Harborview years before. He attended the dinner with his longtime friend Betty White.



John "Gravy Man" Covell had everything under control in the kitchen at the holiday dinner.



A good meal was had by all (around the table) Barbara Jones, Ken Downey, Arlene Tuohey, Marilyn LeBlanc, Nancy Borland, Nancy Crough, Carole Goulart and Nancy Barrett.

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Good times at the Senior Center

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On Nov. 25, the Roy family and Atlantica restaurant treated about 150 seniors to a delicious turkey dinner. As we ate, we enjoyed listening to Cohasset High's jazz combo.

If you had been to lunch at the Senior Center on the 19th of November you would have enjoyed a hopping good time. Weymouth Health Care provided a catered lunch. After lunch we were entertained by Dave Becker who played piano, guitar and saxophone, not all at the same time, of course. He also sang. Several of the ladies couldn't resist getting out of their chairs to dance to the toe-tapping tunes of the sax.

Luncheon is served Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week. More often than not, there is a program before lunch on Wednesday. Sometimes it is entertaining, such as the one above. Other times it is informative or educational. The Center keeps us up to date on medical issues, insurance benefits, legal help, housing options, etc.

The 12th of November, Carl Meir, former head of Duxbury High School's history department, spoke to us on the development of our two-party system in the U.S.A. He covered the period from the signing of the Declaration of Independence to the election of Abraham Lincoln and Secession. It was most interesting.

Not all activities take place at the Center. Last summer we cruised a portion of the Charles River between Cambridge and Boston. A guide pointed out places of interest along the way. Then we enjoyed lunching at the Cheesecake Factory.

An end-of-summer picnic was enjoyed at the Sailing Club area, with chowder, hot dogs and cheeseburgers served up by Anna Abbruzzese and her crew of helpers. We were also tooted around Cohasset Harbor in a pontoon boat — a most pleasant and relaxing day.

On Nov. 25, the Roy family and Atlantica restaurant treated about 150 seniors to a delicious turkey dinner. As we ate, we enjoyed listening to Cohasset High's jazz combo. After lunch we were delightfully entertained by members of the cast from "West Side Story," also from the high school.

Young families, do you have a mom or dad who has sold his or her home and has come to live with you? Why not introduce them to our Senior Center where they will receive a warm welcome and make new friends.

Louise Smullen is the new Mariner senior columnist. Stay tuned for more updates from Louise!

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Pet Photos with Santa: Teddy, a guinea pig owned by Brian Nelson of Rockland, has his photo taken with Santa, Dr. Warendorf, at The Old Derby Animal Hospital in Hingham on Dec. 6. Every year pets are photographed with Santa to raise money for homeless and abandoned animals. Jann Tenenbaum, professional pet photographer, donates her time to help the fundraiser.

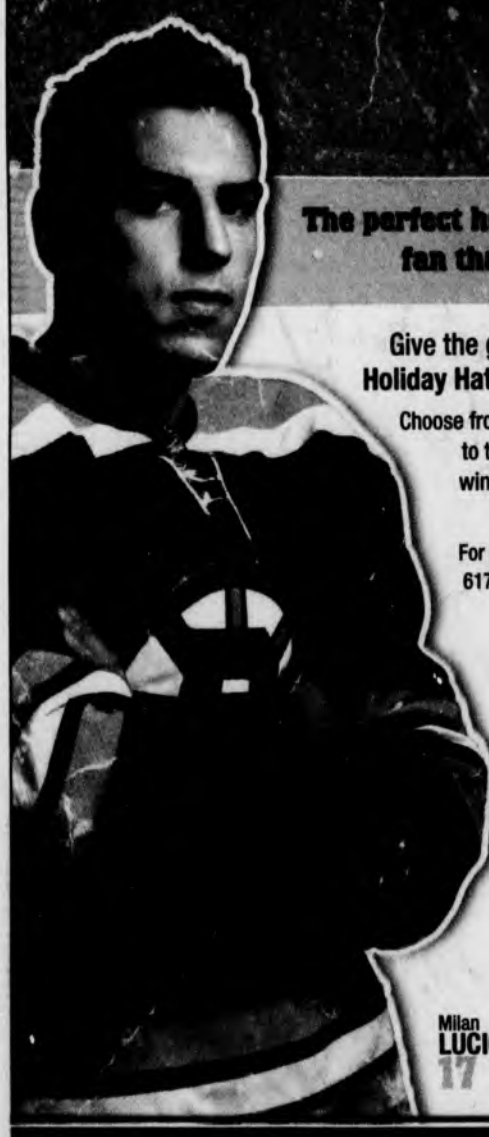
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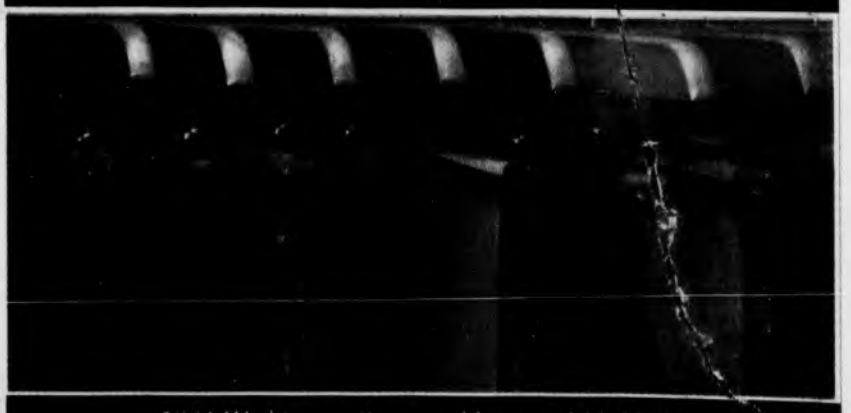
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Every month, a newsletter is issued that includes the schedule of social events. Some events are geared toward adults, while others involve caregivers and tots or the entire family. Annual events include the Fall Kick-Off Party, Children's Halloween Party, Chili Cook Off and Summer Barbecue. Every season new events are added or revised depending on the needs of members. Special interest groups are constantly developing as creative ideas are presented.

SCNC prides itself on its dedication to community service, and has raised money and donated time to Habitat for Humanity and the Magical Moon Foundation, and continues to find ways to help those in need.



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Program recipients include Wellspring in Hull, Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth and the Blue Hills Healthy Families, serving the South Shore. This is the 15th year Buttonwood has sponsored the Book Angel Program. About 200 books were donated last year. The program runs through Dec. 23.

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Author/illustrator Brian Lies

Author/illustrator Brian Lies will appear at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 20, for a special story time and activity. Lies will read, whenever a group gathers, from "Bats at the Library."

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Those who are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy should call Buttonwood at 781-383-2665.

Buttonwood Celebrates

Buttonwood Celebrates is a daylong celebration of the holiday season at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset, on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Planned events include Santa Claus, Bill Brett, Cathy Corcoran, toy demonstrations and door prizes. The day begins at 10:30 a.m. with Brett signing his new book "Boston: A Year in the Life." Santa Claus will be on hand for wish taking and pictures. Game demonstrations will be available in the toy department. Hingham author Cathy Corcoran will launch her new book "Magic Happens" at 1:30 p.m.

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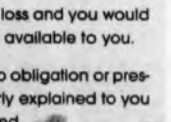
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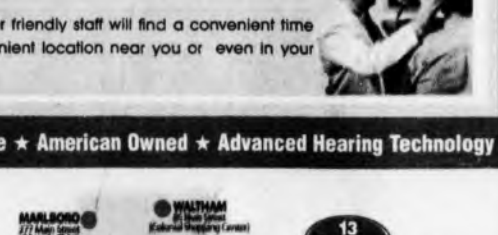
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Rev. Margot Critchfield	781-383-1083
Second Congregational Church	
Rev.Gary Ritts	781-383-0345
Vedanta Centre	
Dr. Susan Schrager	781-383-0940

Food Assistance

Cohasset Food Pantry	781-383-0219
Wellspring	781-925-3211

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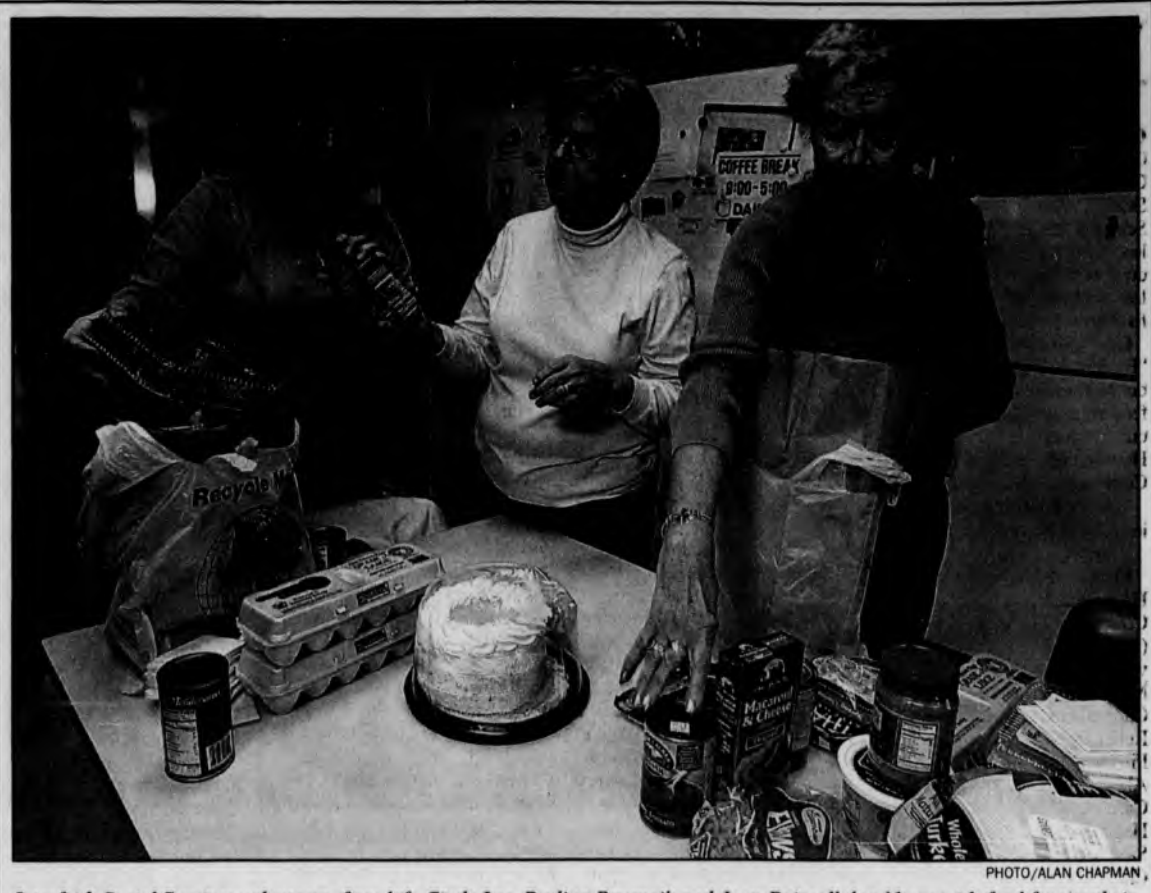
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Samaritans, Suicide Prevention	617-247-0220
Alcohol and Drug Abuse	
Alcoholics Anonymous	617-426-9444
Alcohol & Drug Referral	800-252-6465
Legal Assistance	
Bar Assoc. of Norfolk County	617-471-9693
Multi Service Providers	
Social Service League of Cohasset	781-383-0771
Wellspring	781-925-3211

For further helpful referrals, call MASS 211

Toys for Tots at police station

Cohasset police and public safety dispatchers join with the United States Marines in the Annual holiday "Toys For Tots" campaign.

New toys and games can be dropped off at the Cohasset Police Station on Elm Street, 24 hours a day. Toys and games should not be wrapped. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 24th.



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Interfaith Social Services volunteers, from left, Cindy Lee, Pauline Bovencik and Joan Driscoll, load bags with food for people in need of assistance.

Adopt a family for the holidays

Help feed the hungry year-round

By Maureen Walsh
CORRESPONDENT

This is the second in a series of articles highlighting the work of Interfaith Social Services, this year's beneficiary of your donations to the "Gifts of Hope" campaign.

While holiday shoppers look for deals on CDs, MP3s and HD-TVs, the staff at Interfaith Social Services have different items on their shopping list: soup, cereal, canned tuna. Toys, books, games. Basic foods and simple gifts for children whose families are in need of help.



In recent weeks, the agency's Pantry Shelf has signed up 20 new families or more each day — more than 100 each week. Each family receives three-to-five days' worth of food once a month.

Many also hope to be "adopted" by people who will donate gifts for children at a time when family finances can't stretch beyond necessities.

"Many are losing jobs, or their part-time hours have been decreased, or they just can't keep up with utility bills," said Bettyanne Lang, ISS manager of material assistance. "Most families now are utilizing the food pantry in their own town and two or three others to make ends meet."

Interfaith Social Services is a private, nonprofit agency that aids the people of ten South Shore communities: Braintree, Cohasset. Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Milton, Quincy, Randolph, Scituate and Weymouth.

From its offices at 105 Adams Street in Quincy, ISS provides food, clothing, financial management assistance and counseling to individuals and families in need.

The Pantry Shelf served 55 families in one two-hour period last week, a new one-day record in requests for assistance, said ISS Director Laura Stracco. The agency aims to provide nonperishable packaged and canned foods, plus frozen meats and fresh produce and dairy products to make well-rounded family meals.

"We depend on cash contributions to purchase food at the Greater Boston Food Bank, but we also depend on food drives or nonperishable donations to supplement what is not available from the Food Bank," she said.

There is a year-round need for donations, which often drop off during the winter months when the need is greatest, Stracco said. "Hunger doesn't know a season."

Lane said Pantry Shelf volunteers try hard to fill orders for special needs, such as low-salt or diabetic diets. Many of their Asian clients, most of them elderly, can't tolerate certain American foods.

"I've heard from many of our clients that they feel comfortable here, because they are treated with dignity and respect," she said.

Volunteers have assembled ingredients for a homemade birthday cake and located a cake donated by a local store, said Stracco. "We try to do something special to help out when we can."

The Adopt-a-Family program is another special way for individual donors, families and faith-based, business or community groups to brighten the holiday season for families who provide their children's ages, genders, clothing sizes and "wish list" items."

"Some donors do Christmas dinners, some give gifts all wrapped up nicely," said Lane, who arranges the "adoptions." "The families are grateful and the donors get a lot of joy from helping this way."

The ISS also needs toys and gifts for families looking for help at the last minute, she said. Items for children age 10 to 16 are particularly needed.

John Martland, president of the ISS board of directors, has adopted a family ever since a young girl captured his heart, he said, by asking for math books and bigger clothes, "because I'm growing."

"I went to the mall for clothes and this high school girl said, 'Can I help you?' I told her what I needed, and she put together a complete outfit."

"She was so happy to help," said Martland. "This brings a smile to everyone's face."

For more information on Interfaith Social Services, visit the Web site at www.interfaithsocialservices.org or call 617-773-6203.

Give the Gift of Hope

The season of giving is upon us. For 16 years Community Newspaper Company's Gifts of Hope program has helped connect you to those in need in your own community. Each year, a local charity is selected to be the beneficiary of the Gifts of Hope donation campaign. And each year, your generous donations have helped feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and bring joy to the faces of young children across Massachusetts.

How can you help this year? Please join your local Community Newspaper in supporting Interfaith Social Services in its efforts to help those in need this holiday season. A donation of any size goes a long way.

Make your tax deductible check or money order payable to Interfaith Social Services. Mail to: Gift of Hope Program; c/o Anne Rodwell; Community Newspaper Company; 165 Enterprise Drive; Marshfield, MA 02050.

In addition to your "Gifts of Hope" donation, you can drop off food and unwrapped children's gifts for the Interfaith Social Services Pantry Shelf and Adopt-a-Family programs at the ISS offices weekdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., or call 617-773-6203 ext. 19 for alternate arrangements.

Please check toys for safety before donating. Food items must be nonperishable. No expired date, damaged or open containers are accepted. For donations of fresh, refrigerated or frozen foods, call 617-773-6203 ext. 19.

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Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

View Pastor Rich's scripture studies at: www.BeechwoodCC.org

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Saturday, Dec. 13 - 3:45 p.m. - Caroling on the Common with refreshments afterwards and a socks offering!

First Parish Unitarian Universalist takes joy in sponsoring this annual tradition of Caroling on the Common. Gather at the Parish House at 23 North Main Street with your children and friends and neighbors for this community event. Song books with familiar carols will be provided. Cookie offerings are welcome for afterwards. Please bring a few pairs (or more than a few) of white socks in men's and women's sizes for our neighbors at Boston Health Care for the Homeless.

Sunday, Dec. 14:

• 8 a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Bill Baird & John Kornet and meeting on the 1st & 3rd Sundays, but only this Sunday for December)

• 9:50 a.m. – Childcare for our youngest and RE classes for children and youth – Parish House

• 10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull will lead worship and preach on "All About Light."

• Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in Trueblood Hall directly after the service and RE classes.

• 4 p.m. – The Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale – "O Wondrous Night: The Nativity in Word and Song" - The Meeting House

This much anticipated annual Christmas Concert will benefit the Wellspring Multi-service Center. The performance will include readings from poetry reflecting on the wonder at the manger. The poetry of John Donne, John Milton, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Alexander Pope, W.H. Auden, and Boris Pasternak will alternate with music by Randall Thompson, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Zoltán Kodály, Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck, Francis Jean Marcel Poulenc. Tickets are $15 at the door or call 781-749-0162.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: Members of SCC are already at work creating homemade crafts for the annual Village Fair to be held on Sat. Dec. 7th. New crafters and helpers are always welcome!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Dec. 21st at the 10 am service Joel Buford, Director of Music will conduct the sanctuary choir, guest soloists and orchestra in a musical presentation that will include works from Handel's Messiah as well as other Christmas selections. The community is welcome.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: Welcome to St. Stephen's church!

As the Advent season gets underway, we invite you to find rest, renewal and quiet moments at our church.

Sunday Dec. 14th is Third Advent. During the Advent season, the Rev. Margot Critchfield will be offering an adult education class on the Gospel of Mark each Sunday beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Critchfield is also offering individual spiritual direction. If you are looking for a spiritual home or exploring your faith, we invite you to visit us. You can learn more about us, and the Episcopal Church, from our website, www.ststephenscohasset.org Other ongoing programs at St. Stephen's include bible studies for adults, youth group activities, the children's Christian education program "Godly Play", outreach programs serving the hungry and homeless, yoga, meditation and a monthly luncheon for seniors.

Services at St. Stephen's are at 8 am and 10 am on Sundays, including a Healing Eucharist at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. All are invited.

You can reach the church at 781-383-1083. The Rev. Margot Critchfield can be reached at mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.org. Our offices, which are open Monday through Friday, can be accessed by coming to the back of the church, up the Highland Ave hill. We are handicap accessible.

Going on this week at St. Stephen's:

• Sun. Dec. 14: Second Advent. Services at 8 and 10, Godly Play at 10.

• Wed. Dec. 17: 9:30 am Holy Eucharist with healing; 10:30 Bible Study; 3 pm, Christian Meditation.

• Fri. Dec. 19: 9:30 Yoga

• Sat. Dec. 20: 7 am Bible Fellowship

• Sun. Dec.21: Fourth Advent. Services at 8 and 10, Godly Play at 10.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781- 749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room, 35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church: 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A (one mile north of the rotary); Office: 781-545-5271; handicapped accessible; www.clcscituate.org. Rev. Dan Eddy, Pastor. Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Sunday School/Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday night prayer service at 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve worship: Candle light service at 6:30pm.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore.

Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

"The earth is but one country and mankind it's citizens" 1(800)22-UNITE www.bahai.us

Changes to the worship guide, may be sent by e-mail to mford@cnc.com.

'Gloria: A Renaissance Christmas Pageant' Dec. 21

Cappella Clausura and Creationdance will present a joint Christmas performance titled "Gloria: A Renaissance Christmas Pageant," featuring music ranging from medieval to modern, as well as costumed performers, dance and giant puppetry. The concert will be at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21, at First Parish Cohasset Parish House, 23 North Main St. Admission will be $15 for adults and $12 for seniors and children.



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Cappella Clausura is a women's ensemble in Boston that specializes in the music written through the centuries by women in clausurae, that is, in the cloisters.

In a different sort of Christmas pageant, suited to the entire family, Cappella Clausura, directed by Amelia LeClair, joins with Creationdance, directed by Helena Froehlich, to create a foray into the variety of music written to celebrate the mother of God and the birth of her son. For this concert of music and dance, Cappella Clausura has chosen works from its repertory of medieval, Renaissance, baroque and modern music, including works by Hildegard von Bingen and Patricia Van Ness. In keeping with the mission of Cappella Clausura, all the music is composed by women composers from throughout the centuries. All this will be topped off with some lively laude, or processional hymns, from 14th century Florence, which the audience is invited to sing with the cast. Froehlich and company will provide the choreography, costumes and puppetry as Cappella Clausura sings the Christmas story all the way from Gabriel to the visit of the Magi.

Cappella Clausura is a women's ensemble in Boston that specializes in the music written through the centuries by women in clausurae, that is, in the cloisters. Each season one of their concerts is a benefit to support issues particular to women. Their goal is to place this music in the standard repertoire.

For more information about the concert, call Allegra Martin at 617-872-0461.

Youth ministry poinsettia sale

St. Anthony and St. Paul youth ministry will sell poinsettias Sunday, Dec. 14, after all the masses. This is the first fundraiser of the year for the annual youth mission trip. Poinsettias will cost $ 10.

The youth group continues to grow. Two years ago there were only 20 members, and today it is 80 strong and growing.

St. Paul Parish is at 147 North St., Hingham. St. Anthony Catholic Church is at 10 Summer St., Cohasset.

St. Joseph Retreat Center

December retreat opportunities at St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, include:

• December 12 through 14, weekend retreat, "A Quiet Advent Weekend."

• Thursday, Dec.18, Morning of Prayer, 9 to 11:45 a.m., "God's Word Waiting to be Born in Us."

• Saturday, Dec. 27, Day of Prayer, 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., "Seeing Out of the Love that Holds You."

• Sunday, Dec. 28, Day of Prayer, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. "Chaos to Grace: For Women Who Celebrate Recovery."

• Dec. 29 through Jan. 1, Year End Retreat.

Caroling on the Common is Dec. 13

Hey there, Merry-Makers! Once again, First Parish is sponsoring a holiday treat for young and old: the well-loved Cohasset tradition—— Caroling on the Common—— on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Everyone is welcome! There will be songbooks for everyone. Because it gets dark quickly, you are asked to bring flashlights.

Participants will gather at the Parish House at 23 North Main St., between 3:45-4 p.m. for cookies and cider. The group will then leave to start the singing near the duck pond. At approximately 4:45 p.m., everyone will return to the Parish House for hot cocoa, cider and cookies (cookie donations will be much appreciated.)

Please bring a pair of socks (or two or three), which will be donated to Boston Health Care for the Homeless. Socks should be white cotton; both men's and women's sizes are needed.

For further information contact Sandy Bailey at the church office 781-383-1100 or Woody Chittick 781-383-3215.

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Day of Silent Contemplation at Glastonbury Abbey

Into Great Silence, An Advent Day of Silent Contemplation, will take place at Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center, 16 Hull St., Hingham, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 13.

The film "Into Great Silence" by German filmmaker Philip Groning documents the rhythms of life at an ancient Carthusian monastery in the French Alps. Without narration or dialogue, the two-hour, 45-minute film invites the viewer to enter the great silence of the contemplative life of the monks in their daily routines of prayer, liturgy, labor, meals and solitude. Like a long meditation or prayer, the film leads the viewer into an experience of mindfulness and contemplation.

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The film will be shown in two sittings, one before and one after a mid-day break for silent reflection and a simple lunch of soup and bread. During this time participants may attend the noon liturgy, if they choose. To most fully enter the experience of the day, participants will be asked to keep silence between the introduction of the film and the afternoon discussion following the film.

To register, call 781-749-2155, ext. 200. A $25 donation is requested.

PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS FOR RELEASE WEEK OF DEC. 8, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your Arian penchant for impatience shows, as you consider passing a problem-prone project on to someone else. Best advice: Stay with it and work out those snarls yourself.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Even patient Bovines can be frustrated when carefully made plans go awry. But crank up that "stick-to-it-ivity" you do so well, and you'll soon find that your schedule is back in sync.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your aspect favors using more resourceful means in dealing with a workplace situation. Some discreet checking around could help shed light on the root cause of the problem.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You show an unusually strong streak of stubbornness in rejecting suggestions from friends and/or family members early in the week. But you become more receptive by the week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat might find a gentler approach more effective when dealing with those who resist needed changes. Remember, the word "persuasion" starts with the sound "purr."

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A disappointing experience with someone you felt you could trust can be painful. But there just might be more to this situation than you're aware of. Press for an explanation.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Changing your views about something you believe in isn't easy. But you might reconsider as the facts come in. Keep your mind open, even if you're uneasy about what you might learn.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might have to do some serious shifting of gears to get your project back on track. But cheer up. Your hard work starts to produce some positive results by the week's end.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unsettling mood at the start of the week soon lifts and gives way to a more positive attitude as you find fun and friendship beginning to dominate your aspect.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A delay in firming up holiday plans could work to your advantage. Use this time to scout out possibilities that might be more in line with what those close to you would prefer.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some people might question some of the new friends you've welcomed into your life. But your ability to see beyond the obvious helps you recognize how special they are.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Financial matters can be especially tricky this week. It's best to follow a conservative investment path for now, and wait for a more fortuitous time to take a bolder approach.

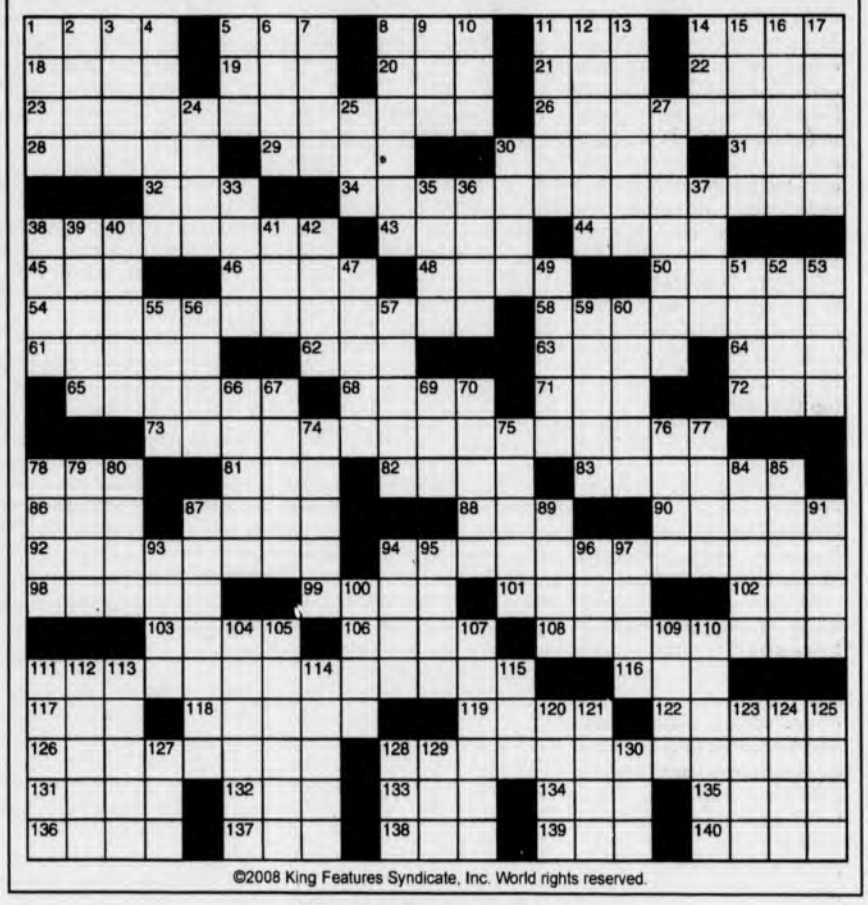
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BORN THIS WEEK: Your warmth, your humor and your genuine concern for others make you someone people love to keep close to their lives.

Crossword - Something's Fishy

ACROSS
1 Strike-breaker
5 Suffix with spat
8 Salon supply
11 Research site
14 Blind as —
18 — Romeo
19 Word with pack or rug
20 Generation
21 Air-quality org.
22 Pedestal part
23 Fishy actress?
26 Dignified
28 "— Gay"
29 Jannings or Gilels
30 "— Man" ('78 song)
31 — kwon do
32 Quiche ingredient
34 Fishy outlaw?
38 Bucolic
43 James of "Brian's Song"
44 Jacob's twin
45 A mean Amin
46 "Nabucco" number
48 Neighbor of Niger
50 Alcove
54 Fishy film?
58 Future
61 Submarine finder
62 — Tse-tung
63 Lurid Lugosi
64 Chest protector
65 Funt apparatus
68 Supreme leader?
71 Parka part
72 Southern constellation
73 Fishy physician?
78 Use a phaser
81 Letter from Athens
82 "Mein —" ("Cabaret" tune)
83 C&W's Tubb
86 Seville shout
87 Whirl
88 Actor Tognazzi
90 Cairo creed
92 Collegiate sport
94 Fishy TV show?
98 Crooked
99 French couturier
101 Dashboard feature
102 Cpl.'s superior
103 Border on
106 Bucket
108 Photo
111 Fishy writer?
116 Squirrel's snack
117 Author LeShan
118 Bell town
119 Pinza or Chaliapin
122 School tool
126 Chunky pasta
128 Fishy novel?
131 Nixon or Johnson
132 "Foucault's Pendulum" author
133 Chicken — king
134 Cow's comment
135 Unusual
136 Common Market currency
137 DC figure
138 Palindromic diarist
139 Woolly one
140 Part of Micronesia

DOWN
1 Close as can be
2 Family
3 "The Mod Squad" hairdo
4 "Petrouchka," for one
5 Decorative vase
6 Like some excuses
7 Mighty mite
8 Medicinal plant
9 Self-esteem
10 Singer Dickey
11 Paul of "American Graffiti"
12 Cochise or Geronimo
13 Washes
14 Fuss and feathers
15 Swahili, e.g.
16 Dwight's competition
17 Fiddled (with)
24 Desdemona's enemy
25 Loon lips
27 '82 Toto hit
30 Sociable starling
33 Alum
35 Shoestring
36 Bolger/Haley co-star
37 Throw in the towel
38 Prepares cherries
39 — committee
40 Tuscan town
41 Pound sound
42 Neeson or O'Flaherty
47 Video game company
49 Exclude
51 Arnaz's country
52 It grows on you
53 Napoleonic site
55 Sleep in the woods
56 Hurler Hershiser
57 Booze
59 Brink
60 Glue guy
66 Runs around in circles?
67 Grate stuff
69 Vane dir.
70 Emulate Roy Clark
74 Like many bathrooms
75 Coaxed
76 "I'm working —"
77 Nuthatch's home
78 "Nana" author
79 "Oh, woe!"
80 Act like a chicken
84 Winter mess
85 Ballroom dance
87 Lake sight
89 Birdsong of basketball
91 Lauer or LeBlanc
93 Paper quantity
94 Actor Beery
95 Like a desert
96 Solo of "Star Wars"
97 King of comedy
100 — facto
104 Opens
105 Daze
107 Tripoli native
109 Knitting stitch
110 Little mouse?
111 Sock a shuttlecock
112 "Farewell!"
113 Light beer
114 Alliance
115 Put away a pickle
120 Any
121 Chilly powder?
123 Inventive sort?
124 Neutral tone
125 Stink
127 Mil. address
128 Critic's god?
129 President Bush was one
130 "The Gold Bug" author



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Sudoku

8	5	1	2	7	3	4	9	6
2	4	9	6	1	8	7	5	3
7	3	6	9	4	5	8	2	1
9	2	7	4	5	6	1	3	8
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5	7	8	3	6	4	2	1	9
1	6	4	5	2	9	3	8	7
3	9	2	7	8	1	6	4	5

Level: Hoo Boy

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Magic Maze - Rare

X N J G C Z W T T Q E N J G D
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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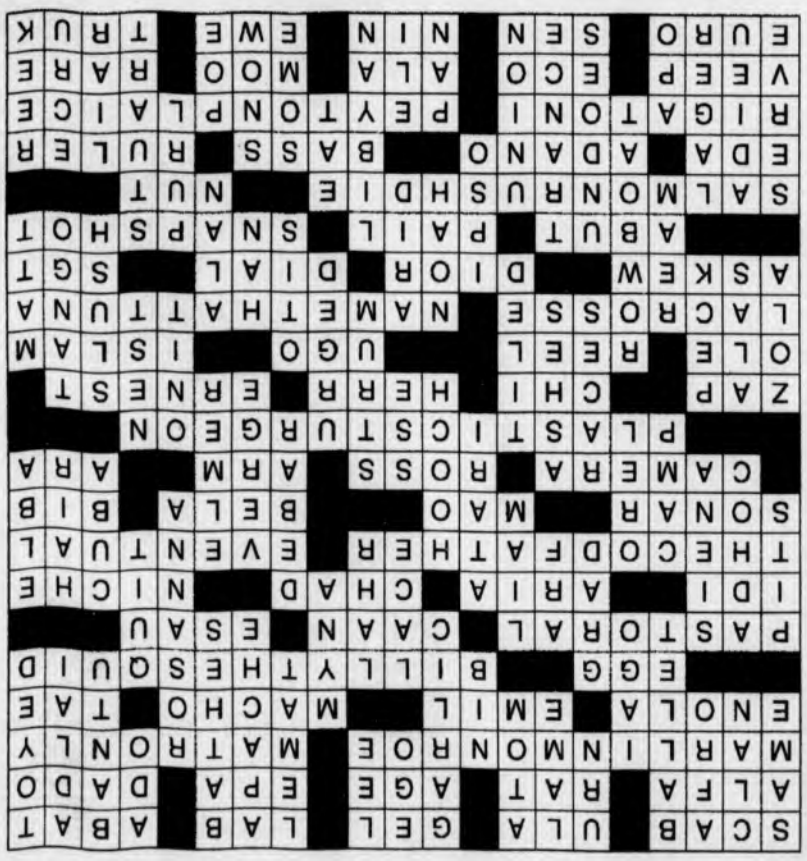
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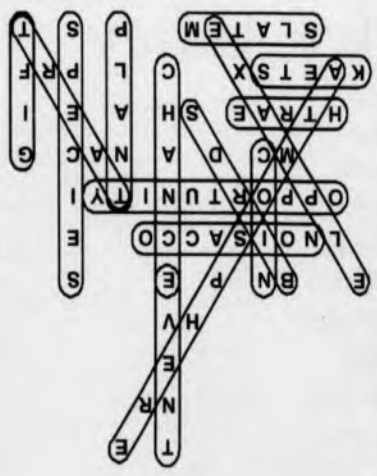
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Crossword Solution - Something's Fishy



Magic Solution - Rare



Sudoku Solution

3	9	2	7	8	1	6	4	5
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6	1	5	8	3	2	9	7	4
8	3	9	2	7	4	5	6	1
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Coastal Nissan co-owner Richard Walker, Patriots running back Kevin Faulk, Wellspring Executive Director Vinny Harte and Coastal Nissan co-owner Tom Norton at the check presentation.

Coastal Nissan supports Wellspring

Through a series of programs, the Coastal Nissan dealership has teamed up with Hull's Wellspring Multi-Service Center to assist South Shore families in need. New England Patriots running back Kevin Faulk, who played a key role in these efforts, delivered $3,800 to Wellspring at a check presentation, which recognized the partners' initiatives to support the local community.

During the month of November, Coastal Nissan pledged $100 for each catch and first down made by Kevin Faulk; he made 23 catches and 15 first downs last month, generating the dealership's donation. "I'm really glad Coastal Nissan asked me to participate in this promotion. Wellspring is a great organization that helps out people in tough situations. It feels good to do my best and benefit others, too," said Mr. Faulk.

Coastal Nissan also created a food pantry and personal care collection, offering participating customers a discount on winterization services or a donation (on their behalf) to Wellspring. In addition, the dealership is assisting Wellspring with a purchase discount toward a fuel-efficient, seven-passenger, 2008 Nissan Quest mini-van this December, which will replace Wellspring's high-mileage van.

"Over the past eight years, we've grown our business by being good community citizens and treating our customers well," says Richard Walker, co-owner of Coastal Nissan. "We're thrilled to give back to the community, and hope our efforts will help people during these challenging times."

Vinny Harte, executive director of Wellspring, says the partnership with Coastal Nissan has provided immediate relief for local families. "Wellspring cannot thank Coastal Nissan enough for their community spirit and desire to help those in need," says Mr. Harte. "Their generosity has enabled us to reach beyond emergency services and help people become more independent, productive members of the community." He also noted that the partnership has served as a great opportunity to educate the public about Wellspring, and its year-round efforts to assist struggling families.

"I'm really glad Coastal Nissan asked me to participate in this promotion. Wellspring is a great organization that helps out people in tough situations. It feels good to do my best and benefit others, too."
— Kevin Faulk

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

Winter parking

Winter parking regulations are in effect Nov. 15 through April 1. No overnight on-street parking between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. is allowed during winter parking regulations. Violators are subject to a fine of $25.

SATURDAY, NOV. 29

1:39 p.m. **Elm St.**, investigation Delta 1 requesting incident number for counterfeit investigation.

2:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports a customer was just inside the store attempting to return possible stolen goods. Parties just attempted same thing at CVS in Scituate.

2:42 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, vandalism report, caller reports her daughter's vehicle was keyed sometime within the last two nights.

4:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

4:52 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:04 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:16 p.m. **Sohier St., and Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, animal complaint, caller reports a vehicle hit a deer – the vehicle took off, officer reports unable to locate deer.

5:58 p.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:18 p.m. **Kings St., and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:21 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:30 p.m. **King St., and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:47 p.m. **King St., and Schofield Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, officer reports 2 in custody. Arrest: Alexander J. Danowski, 20, 12 Norwell Ave., Scituate. Charges: Minor in possession of liquor, speeding in violation of special regulation. Arrest: Christopher Duffey, 19, 19 Marshall Ave., Scituate. Charges: Person under 21 in possession of liquor.

7:26 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, barking dog, caller reports there are dogs barking for _ hour.

8:15 p.m. **Stagecoach Way**, open door/window, walk in party reports the door is open at above location.

8:20 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, caller reports motor vehicle all over the road, officer reports 1 female in custody. Arrest: Sheryl A. Banas, 50, 6 Persimmon Drive, Scituate. Charges: OUI of liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation.

9:18 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports her garage door opened – the garage door is electric. Officer reports checked residence, everything appears fine.

9:56 p.m. **Border St.**, parking complaint, caller reports vehicles parked on both sides of the road. Officer reports 2 vehicles tagged.

10:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

10:46 p.m. **Ripley Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, NOV. 30

12:35 a.m. **Red Gate Lane**, noise complaint, caller states there is loud music coming from this location. Resident will turn music down.

12:54 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:40 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

7:28 a.m. **South Main St.**, property (recovered), caller states she found a wallet in front of the business. Owner of the wallet notified.

10:48 a.m. **Grace Drive**, animal complaint, caller reports a very ill coyote at this location. Officer reports animal cannot even stand, officer will be putting the animal down.

2:55 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking enforcement. No violations.

2:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking enforcement. No violations.

3:11 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, vandalism report, caller reports she is watching her neighbor's house while they are away and there has been quite a bit of vandalism done to their vehicles and boats.

5:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity, employee reports same individual as previously reported trying to return merchandise without a receipt. Manager of store refused return. Dispatch informed party that the next time individual enters store please call police and an officer can speak with him.

MONDAY, DEC. 1

7:40 a.m. **North Main St., and Long Rd.**, public service.

9:04 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, fire detail reports a high pressure gas line has been struck, Fire Capt. reports he is taking command at the scene, all units will be tied up, homes in the area are being evacuated. #79, 81, and 87 are being evacuated. Fire Capt. reports another gas main struck at this scene.

10:08 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, Fire Capt. reports a second gas main has been struck, all units working, mutual aid engine responding.

10:21 a.m. **Elm St.**, mutual aid, Fire Capt. requesting a mutual aid engine for station coverage.

10:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

11:12 a.m. **Hull St., and Lamberts Lane**, motor vehicle crash/no injury, caller reports he was just involved in a motor vehicle crash. No injuries, all units clear of the scene.

12:23 p.m. **Parker Ave.**, officer wanted, caller (victim) reports she would like to see an officer regarding vandalism while the family was away.

2:37 p.m. Assist other Police Department, received a call from Burlington VT. Police requesting they go to this residence and advise the male party to stop e-mailing and calling his wife and that he will be summoned by them for violation of the order.

2:56 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

3:02 p.m. **Deerhill/Osgood School** check, building checks.

5:46 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, officer wanted, caller would like to speak with an officer regarding a note she found on the door.

10:32 p.m. **Mendel Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, DEC. 2

1 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

7:04 a.m. **Norfolk Rd., and Bancroft Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:44 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, both elementary schools check secure.

9:24 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School check.

9:31 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:40 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement.

10:05 a.m. **North Main St., and Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:04 p.m. **Elm St., and Stevens Lane**, traffic enforcement.

1:53 p.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:22 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Ox Pasture Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:35 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:57 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, person to be summoned.

11:29 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3

6:25 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop. A 42-year-old male arrested on charges: Speeding in violation of special regulation, operating motor vehicle with license suspended for OUI.

7:02 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, dead animal.

8:24 a.m. **Elm St.**, prisoner transport.

8:47 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10:34 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood School checks.

11:08 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:07 p.m. **Sohier St.**, keep the peace, constable requests an officer while serving a probate warrant. Officer reports the wanted party is in the constable's custody at this time.

9:50 p.m. **Elm St.**, open door/window, walk in party reports the door to access the ATM area will not close.

THURSDAY, DEC. 4

12:59 a.m. **Border St.**, icy road conditions.

1:07 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:08 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:19 a.m. **Sohier St.**, fire – public assist, Fire Dept. requesting to respond to above location – this was called in by nurse on scene – elderly male fell out of bed.

7:14 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

12:48 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:37 p.m. **Red Gate Lane and North Main St.**, hazard, caller reports a large flatbed truck took out the stop sign on the corner of the above location, officer reports the Highway Dept. is aware of this and has picked up the broken sign.

2:58 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking enforcement, enforcement of handicap parking and fire lanes.

5:32 p.m. **North Main St.**, property damage, caller reports she hit a deer – caller reports she is not injured, contacting MBTA to stop train – officer on scene reports vehicle is not located near the RR tracks, officer reports minor damage done to vehicle.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

12:18 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:15 a.m. **Deerhill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:06 a.m. **Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

8:54 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, traffic enforcement assignment.

8:59 a.m. **Rose Hill Lane and King St.**, disabled motor vehicle, officer reports she is out with a disabled motor vehicle at this location, vehicle has run out of gas, the operator's father is responding with gas, vehicle is not a hazard.

9:25 a.m. **North Main St., and Red Gate Lane**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:48 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard, callers are reporting some type of debris in the middle of the road.

10:58 a.m. **King St.**, suspicious activity, walk in party wanted to make the PD aware that she picked up 12 cans of whip cream in front of her house.

1:56 p.m. **Pond St., and Lantern Lane**, traffic enforcement, officer doing traffic enforcement at this location.

4:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

4:43 p.m. **Braintree**, metro-lec call out, Delta-One enroute to Braintree for armed hostage situation – metro-lec call out, Delta-One reports clear of scene – situation resolved peacefully.

5 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:18 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Mendel Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, officer requesting wrecker.

5:44 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:15 p.m. **Hull St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, Hingham PD reports erratic motor vehicle on 228 headed towards Cohasset, officer reports behind motor vehicle, officer reports operation of motor vehicle is fine.

10:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:05 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious person, caller reports she was at the light on Jerusalem Road and a white male wearing a white T-shirt came up to her window while she was at the stop light. Officer reports – white male, balding, heavyset – he looked confused. This male is most likely a special needs person who lives in the area out for a walk. No problem at this time.

11:22 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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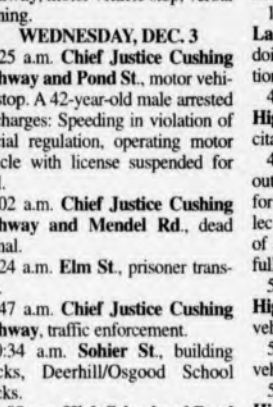
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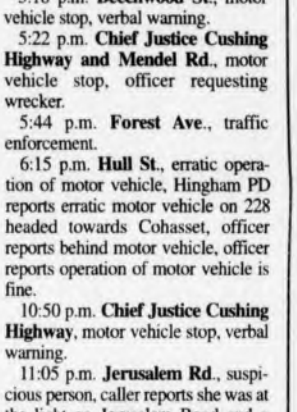
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Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Deadline is Friday at noon. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Dec. 11

The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St., (Route 18) in Weymouth, will exhibit the oil paintings of Don Dickinson, the gallery's owner and founder through December 31. A graduate of Weymouth high school, he served in the U. S. Naval Air Force. The paintings of Brian Josselyn, will also be on display. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For information and evening appointments, call 781-331-3384.

"A Christmas Carol," presented by Starcreations will take place Thursday and Friday, Dec. 11 and 12, at 5 p.m., at Reed Community Building, 33A Summer St., Kingston. General admission is $3. For reservations, and information email info@starcreations.org or call 508-747-1234.

Southeastern Massachusetts Mineral Club, a nonprofit organization, will meet at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 11, at South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

An HIV/AIDS support group will be held the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Plymouth Post Office Building, first floor, Main St. Plymouth. This group is led by an RN professionally trained facilitator. For more information please call 781-585-5770.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 11, **Rockin' George.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 11, **Flip Top Head** 9:30 p.m. 781-826-6999.

Friday, Dec. 12

Marj Bates Studio, 28 Rebecca Road, Scituate – **14th annual Open Studio and Sale**, featuring glass beadmaking demonstrations. Preview party Dec. 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Studio located on Lighthouse Point. www.glassthings.com 781-545-8290.

Holiday concert: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, First Congregational Church of Hanover, Hanover Street. Refreshments served; Sounds of the season concert with harpist **Diane Patrenaude** and flautist **Stacia Jaronski,** 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, Riley Hall. All are invited to walk the indoor labyrinth. Concert free, refreshments served.

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New England Singles Dance Dec. 12, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Moseley's on the Charles, 50 Bridge St, Route 109 Dedham. Sandwich and salad bar. Adults of all ages. Casual dress. DJ. Admission $10. singlesdancesnewengland.com 617-325-4900.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Friday, **karaoke with Ed.** 781-337-9905.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 12, **3rd Left,** 9:30 p.m. 781-826-6999.

Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell, **Elbow Room**, Dec. 12. 781-659-0050.

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Saturday, Dec. 13

Scituate Recreation Department's Scituate Playhouse will present **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer** 7 p.m. Dec. 13, at Scituate High School. Free and open to the public. 781-545-5506.

Holidays in Halifax: Daylong celebration, Dec. 13. PTO pancake breakfast, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., elementary school; pictures with Santa, children's shopping table, bake sale and more. Tree lighting ceremony, 4:30 p.m. School chorus opening performance, 4:30 p.m., elementary school.

The ALS Association Massachusetts Chapter will hold the **first Annual Walk to Defeat ALS Frosty Frolic**. This festive winter walk will be held on Dec. 13, at the New North Church in Hingham. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the Walk kicks off at 10:30 a.m. Dress in a holiday theme, warm up with some hot cocoa, and walk for the entire ALS Community at this special winter event. For information, contact Kristen Esposito at 781-255-8884, or visit www.thealswalk.org.

The Ventress Library Cultural Series presents **Holiday Fanfare** at 1 p.m. Dec. 13, at 1 p.m. featuring the **South Shore Brass Quintet.** The group will perform a variety of holiday favorites, some as standards and some with jazzier notes. Musicians include: **Bobby Gallegos and Pat Stout** on trumpet; **Julienne Thornell** on trombone; **Kristen Thomas** on French horn; and **Jerry Shaw** on tuba. Free and open to the public; no tickets are required. Light refreshments are served at a post concert social hour. Handicapped accessible. For information call 781-834-5535 or visit www.ventresslibrary.org.

Cohasset Village Holiday Stroll Dec. 13, 4 to 7 p.m. Cohasset Village comes alive with a celebration of the season. Enjoy shopping, open houses, entertainment, raffles, refreshments, village hayrides and lots of holiday cheer. Plus a special visit from Santa! Raffle proceeds to benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry.

Buttonwood Celebrates is a daylong celebration of the holiday season on Dec. 13 at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Shaw's Plaza, Route3A, Cohasset. The day begins at 10:30 a.m. with **Bill Brett** signing his new book "Boston: A Year in the Life", Santa Claus available for wish taking and pictures, and game demonstrations in the toy department. Hingham author, **Cathy Corcoran**, launches her new book "Magic Happens" at 1:30 p.m. Buttonwood gift certificates and other great items will be drawn randomly throughout the day. Light refreshments will be served. Call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665 for information.

Meat Raffle – Marshfield Lodge of Elks #2494, 1321 Ocean St., Marshfield will hold a meat raffle Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. Admission is free. All are welcome. Refreshments are available. For information call 781-834-4433.

Wine tasting with wine consultant Kim Simone, complimentary of Ruby Wine Inc., from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 13, at Euro Mart, 26 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 781-749-4406

North Weymouth Civic Association – Meat Raffle every Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Cathay Center Restaurant, 211 Bridge St., Route 3A, North Weymouth.

The Broad Cove Chorale and Unicorn Singers present "Oh Wondrous Night: The Nativity in Word and Song" to benefit Wellspring Multi-Service Center at 8 p.m. Dec. 13, at the House of Prayer, Hingham and Sunday, Dec. 14, at 4 p.m. First Parish, Cohasset. Tickets: $15 pp. Send checks payable to Wellspring Multi-Service Center, c/o Kathy Reardon, 9 Steamboat Lane, Hingham, MA 02043, or call 781-749-0162. Tickets are also available at Noble's Camera Shop, Hingham

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Colony Place, Plymouth presents **The Enchanted Storybook Village**, Nov. 28 through Dec. 21, Saturdays and Sundays 11a.m. to 4 p.m. A spectacular 5,000 square foot Village with storybook themed trees, gigantic gingerbread house, life-size nutcrackers and much more! Bring your camera for free pictures with Santa. Storybooks Come to Life Saturdays 11 a.m. to noon. Famous storybook characters perform in costume while the books that made them children's favorites are read aloud. Dec. 13, **The Berenstain Bears.** Visit colonyplace.com/holiday for a complete listing of holiday events.

Clift Rodgers Library located at 540 Pleasant St., in Marshfield Hills, is sponsoring a holiday open house and a book signing for local author, **Amy MacKinnon** Dec. 13, Marshfield's own Amy MacKinnon will be reading and talking about her first novel "Tethered." 10 a.m. MacKinnon will be reading excerpts from her book between 10:15 and 10:30 a.m. After MacKinnon is through presenting her novel, a question and answer period will follow, Call 781-834-4597 for information visit www.cliftrodgerslibrary.org, or e-mail the librarians at cliftrodgerslibrary@comcast.net.

CALENDAR, see next page

From Luke Duke to city slicker

Tom Wopat stars as Billy Flynn in latest 'Chicago' tour

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT



PHOTO/PAUL KOLNIK

Tom Wopat and the female ensemble perform in 'Chicago' through Dec. 14 at the Colonial Theatre.

This summer's too-quick closing of the new Broadway musical "A Catered Affair" put Tony nominee Tom Wopat out of a job. Wopat may have set a new record for shortest-ever unemployment by a Broadway performer, however –he went back to work exactly two days later in the long-running, Tony Award-winning revival of the musical "Chicago."

"What can I say, I like to work," Wopat said with a laugh recently while discussing the musical he first did on Broadway in 2004 and which he appears in this week at Boston's Colonial Theatre on national tour. "And Billy Flynn is a very comfortable role for me. I'm enjoying this tour, too, because we have a really young cast and I feel like one of my duties as the show's leading man is to set a good example. When I replaced James Naughton in 'City of Angels' years ago, he said 'This is your family now, take care of it.' It is a lesson I have taken to heart ever since."

The part of slick lawyer Billy Flynn has been played by everyone from Jerry Orbach in the original 1975 production to Naughton, who took home a 1997 Tony for the current revival, to George Hamilton, Wayne Brady, Patrick Swayze, David Hasselhoff, Gregory Harrison, Harry Hamlin, John O'Hurley and Usher to Wopat, on-stage, to Richard Gere in the 2002 film version. The character's appeal to actors, and audiences, is easy to explain, according to Wopat.

"What is great about Billy Flynn is that he is in control and he drives the action on stage. He's also a larger-than-life character, which is always fun for an actor. And it doesn't hurt either that when you play Billy you get to show up late and you only have to wear one outfit."

The musical is based on a 1926 play of the same name by Maureen Dallas Watkins and inspired by murder trials the author covered while working as a crime reporter. Woven together with songs like "All That Jazz," "Mr. Cellophane" and "Razzle Dazzle," by Fred Ebb and John Kander, the show tells the tale of murderess Roxie Hart, who, thanks to a slicker-than-slick lawyer, not only goes free, but also becomes a celebrity in the process.

"The script is clever in the way it shows how lawyers spin everything," said the 57-year-old Wisconsin-born Wopat, whose other Broadway credits include the 1999 revival of "Annie Get Your Gun" and the 2005 revival of "Glengarry Glen Ross." "I think that 'Chicago' has done so well in New York and on the road because it is a kind of perfect old-style Broadway musical. It is sarcastic, smart and clever, with some terrific dancing, too, which is a formula that works very well."

He may be best-known as Luke Duke from television's "The Dukes of Hazzard," but these days Wopat is more likely to be on a New York stage than on a television sound stage. He's set to play the Christopher Walken role in the musical version of the 2002 film "Catch Me if You Can," by the Tony Award-winning "Hairspray" team of Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman with a book by Terrence McNally ("Master Class"), slated for Broadway in early 2010 after tryouts in Seattle next summer. He's also preparing to promote his just-finished third CD, "Consider It Swung," with a springtime stint at New York's famed Oak Room at the Algonquin Hotel. Between now and then, Wopat plans to stay in "Chicago."

He knows the current economic downturn has been hard on Broadway and also some national tours, but he isn't worried. "'Chicago' has become a franchise. It'll stay open in rain, hail, or snow."

("Chicago" will be at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., through Dec. 14. For tickets and information, visit the box office, call 617-931-2787, or go online at broadwayacrossamerica.com/boston.)



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(L-R) Back row. Christine Maze Joyce, Mike Foley, Aimee Doherty. Front row: Emilee Dennis, John King

"Company For The Holidays," running through Dec. 21 at The Company Theatre in Norwell. Tickets are priced at $29-$31 and are available at the box-office at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com.

Mark your calendar

13TH ANNUAL WINTER SOLSTICE POETRY CIRCLE AND LABYRINTH WALK, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. This season's Crossing Time is the Winter Solstice (the longest night of the year which heralds the return of light). Bring a poem to read or speak or simply come and listen. Two Robert Frost poems will be sung by the choral quintet Crossroads. Following the readings, walk the labyrinth accompanied by Joanne Cavatorta on the Celtic Harp. Refreshments will be served. For more info Elizabeth Torrey, 781-749-0543.

HARPIST AINE MINOGUE will perform at The Old Ship Coffeehouse off the Square Dec. 21, at 4 p.m. The Coffeehouse off the Square is at the Old Ship Church Parish Hall, 107 Main St., in Hingham Square just up from the Loring Hall Theater and on the MBTA's 220 bus from Quincy Center. Admission for this concert is $10 at the door For information or to volunteer (free admission) call 781-749-1767 or visit www.hinghambroadcastnews.com and http://www.bostoncoffeehouses.org/Old Ship/Old Ship.html.

BEGINNINGS, the ultimate tribute to the horn-infused music of the 70s supergroup Chicago, will take to the stage of The Company Theatre Saturday, Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. Tickets priced at $33 are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

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The Broad Cove Chorale and Unicorn Singers present "Oh Wondrous Night: The Nativity in Word and Song" to benefit Wellspring Multi-Service Center at 8 p.m. Dec. 13, at the House of Prayer, Hingham and at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at First Parish, Cohasset. Tickets: $15 per person. Send checks payable to Wellspring Multi-Service Center, c/o Kathy Reardon, 9 Steamboat Lane, Hingham, MA 02043, or call 781-749-0162. Tickets are also available at Noble's Camera Shop, Hingham.

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North Weymouth Civic Association – Meat Raffle every Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Cathay Center Restaurant, 211 Bridge St., Route 3A, North Weymouth.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Saturday, **Tony Perez** 781-337-9905.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 13, **Young Neal & The Vipers** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 13, **Six Foot Sunday,** 9:30 p.m. 781-826-6999.

Mount Blue, 707 Main St., Norwell, **Union Jack** Dec. 13. 781-659-0050.

Blind Ambition will be playing at the Red Parrot in Nantasket on Saturday Dec. 13.

Sunday, Dec. 14

Patriot Cinema will bring the best of **Europe's Opera and Ballet** to Loring Hall Cinema in Hingham. Dec. 14, 21, and 24, at noon and 2 p.m. **The Nutcracker** performed by the **Kirov Ballet** comes to the screen in high definition from the Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia. Information: visit www.patriotcinemas.com or call 781-749-8300.

The Company Theatre presents **Company For The Holidays** through Dec. 21. Celebrate the holiday season with a two-part combination of music and comedy called **Company For The Holidays**, featuring *A* "Christmas Survival Guide" and "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Tickets priced at $29-$31 are available at The Company Theatre box-office, located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

Christmas concert: 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, St. **Cyprian's Steel Band**, St. John's Episcopal Church, 322 South Franklin St. Tickets are $15 for adults, $7 for children. Call 781-767-4656.

The Episcopal Parish of St. John the Evangelist, 172 Main St., Hingham once again presents **An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols** on Sunday Dec. 14, at 5 p.m. A candlelight reception featuring fellowship and light refreshment follows in Upper Weld Hall. For further information visit: www.stjohns-hingham.org. or call: 781-749-1535172 Main Street, Hingham.

The Art Complex Museum in Duxbury offers a chance to make a book for keeping treasured holiday memories is being offered on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m. All materials are provided. The program is suitable for ages five through adult. It is free with pre-registration, required at 781-034-6634, extension 15.

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Marj Bates Studio, 28 Rebecca Road, Scituate – **14th annual Open Studio and Sale**, featuring glass beadmaking demonstrations. Preview party Dec. 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Studio located on Lighthouse Point. www.glassthings.com 781-545-8290.

Island Grove Chorus will hold their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Washington St. Braintree. Hear the songs of the season- a message of joy. Our guests will be the Bellringers of the Quincy Point Congregational Church and children are most welcome. Tickets $10 call Judy at 781-848-5843.

Clift Rodgers Library, 540 Pleasant St., Marshfield Hills, Dec. 13 there will be a **Holiday Open House and a Book Signing** for **local author, Amy MacKinnon**. MacKinnon has written her first book, **Tethered.** For further information about the Holiday Book Sale, Holiday Open House, or MacKinnon's Book Signing call 781, 834-4597, go to the library web, www.cliftrodgerslibrary.org, or e-mail the librarians at cliftrodgerslibrary@comcast.net.

Rudolph will be presented by Starcreations Theater on Sunday, 14, at 4 p.m., in Kendall Hall, First Parish in Plymouth, 19 Town Square. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children. For reservations and information email info@starcreations.org or call 508-747-1234.

Monday, Dec. 15

The North River Arts Society presents **Switch 200** now through Jan. 3, at the GAR Hall's Switch Gallery featuring original framed art, handmade crafts and the 2009 Art Calendar all priced from under $20 to $200. GAR Hall, 157 Old Main St., Marshfield, Hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon. For information visit www.northriverarts.org

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 15, **Free Texas Hold'em with Northern Poker League,** 9:30 p.m. 781-826-6999.

Tuesday, Dec. 16

A free children's holiday story time and sing-along will be held at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell on Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. The 45-minute program is for children ages 3 to 5. Phone registration is appreciated but drop ins are welcomed. Call 781-659-7100 or visit www.jameslibrary.org for information.

The Plymouth Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Plymouth Municipal Airport located at 222 South Meadow Road Plymouth. Meetings are open to all interested individuals and membership is open to all adults and younger persons ages 12-18. The Civil Air Patrol's missions are to promote aerospace education, provide emergency services to the community including search and rescue, and to develop leadership qualities in the nation's youth. For information, call Squadron commander Maj. Robert Yeager at 508-888-5970 or visit at www.plymouthcap.org.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 16, **Wicked Trivia,** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 781-826-6999.

Wednesday, Dec. 17

The Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery will feature **Oceanside 17 Studio & Gallery's** group show **Cabin Fever** through Jan. 2. The public is invited to view this show during library hours.

The South Shore OCD Support Group holds monthly meetings for adults suffering from OCD, parents of children suffering from OCD or friends and family of adults suffering from OCD. The next meeting is on Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston, (Route 3 to exit 10 to route 3A south to Green Street). No cost. Wheelchair accessible. Call Barbara Lashley at 508 830-1630 for more information.

Thursday, Dec. 18

The floral paintings of Marjorie Osborne Whorf will be displayed in the Clemens Gallery of the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham through Jan. 8, 2009. The show may be viewed during library operating hours. www.hinghamlibrary.org or call 781-741-1405 x2600.

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local South Shore businesses. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month and participate in group discussions and have guest speakers. For information on the group and meeting, go to http://www.network4success.org or e-mail info@network4success.org

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 18, **Flydown,** 9:30 p.m. 781-826-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 18, **Lisa Marie & All Shook Up.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue-

Friday, Dec. 19

Jose' Mateo Ballet Theatre presents **The Nutcracker** Dec. 19, 20, and 21 at The Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St. Duxbury. Tickets $50, 35, 29, $15 by calling 617-354-7467 or visit balletheatre.org

Single Executives Club Christmas Party and Singles Dance. Friday, Dec. 19, at new Holiday Inn (formerly the Radisson Hotel) Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Route 228, off Route. 3. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com. Dancing with music by Award-winning DJ from 8:30-midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $12 all night. Proper business dress required, sports jacket for men highly recommended, and business or party finery for women. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club.

New England Singles Dance Dec. 19, from 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Sandwich and salad bar. Adults of all ages. Casual dress. DJ. Admission $10. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.



The Boston Ballet is presenting its world-renowned production of 'The Nutcracker' for the 41st consecutive year.

Audiences will see a glorious 'Nutcracker' this year

By R. Scott Reedy
CORRESPONDENT

This year's Boston Ballet production of "The Nutcracker," now in its 41st season, features not only the entire company, but also more than 250 children from Boston Ballet Schools in Boston, Newtonville and Norwell, and the full Tchaikovsky score performed live by the Boston Ballet Orchestra.

The holiday classic will be at Boston's Opera House through Dec. 28.

The show features the full Boston Ballet Orchestra led by Principal Conductor Jonathan McPhee and Associate Conductor Mark Churchill; spectacular sets designed by Helen Pond and Herbert Senn; intricate and whimsical costumes by David Walker and Charles Heightchew; and innovative lighting by Alexander Nichols.

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A classical ballet in two acts, "The Nutcracker" is based on a story by E.T.A. Hoffmann that follows the enchanting journey of young Clara, who receives a nutcracker as a gift at a Christmas Eve party. Her nutcracker is ultimately transformed into a handsome young prince, who leads Clara through an enchanted forest and on to the Palace of Sweets, where she meets the Sugar Plum Fairy.

The ballet's most famous moments include a battle between toy soldiers and overgrown mice, a Christmas tree that grows to huge heights, the pas de deux for the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier, and a shimmering snow scene.

Braintree resident Jared Redick — a Boston Ballet soloist and principal of its Norwell Ballet School — will dance alongside many of his students from the South Shore including:

Duxbury: Tessa Endresen; **Hingham:** Emma Burleigh, Emily Carrick, Brooke Joyce, Caroline Kelleher, Paige King, Anne Lipsett, Jacqueline Messina, Julia Mitchell, Rebecca Mullaley, Caliann Murray, Erin Murray, Amelia Pedone, Hannah Pedone and Emma Reilly; **Marshfield Center**: Rachel Navarrette; **Marshfield Hills**: Kira Mohr; **Norwell:** Juliet Brown, Alexis Henriquez and Abigail Howland; **Rockland**: Lyndsay Norris; **Scituate**: Genevieve Goodman and **Weymouth**: Briana Ford.

Tickets to "The Nutcracker" can be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 617-931-2787; going to ticketmaster.com; or in person Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Boston Ballet, 19 Clarendon St., Boston. Tickets start at just $30.

Groups of 20 and more can save up to 50 percent by calling group sales at 617-456-6343. Family and date night packages are also available.

Contact the Boston Ballet box office at 617-695-6955 or visit bostonballet.org for full details.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 19, **Satch Romano and The Mighty HouseRockers.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

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Ongoing exhibits

Oceanside 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle, Hull, presents an exhibition and sale of work by regional artists including: F. Andahazy, P. Batchelder, N. Colella, R. Farbush, B. Kelly, J. MacFarland, P. Railsback, I. Cerese, A.Tuck, K. Alemian, M. Weymouth, V. Strekalovsky through Dec. 24. Artisan gifts and hand-crafted jewelry also available for sale. Open Thursday through Sunday www.oceanside17.com 781-773-1563.

Photographs by Paul Munroe of Hingham are on display along with other photographs by members of the South Shore Camera Club from through Jan. 2, 2009 in Vine Hall Gallery, South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. The theme of the photography show is "Nature While Traveling." Free and open to the public. Information, contact 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org

South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, will present its annual Small Painting Show through year's end. Many local and regional artists will offer paintings no larger than 9 inches by 12 inches. For information, call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

"Tuesday Painters" Art Exhibition will be on view at Home Center Sotheby's International Realty, 1 South Main St., Cohasset, through Jan. 17. The exhibit represents the efforts of a group of award winning South Shore artists including recent works by members Katherine Catlin, Jane Flavell Collins, Marsha Hoar, Yvette Rattenbury, Betty Rogers and Barbara Walsh. For information, call 781-749-8833.

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Exciting enticements for cruise fans

Fran Golden
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. — Two new ships, the Ruby Princess and Celebrity Solstice, just debuted in Fort Lauderdale on Caribbean itineraries and we were among the first onboard.

Princess tradition with a twist

Why mess with a good thing? The Ruby Princess is a fine, traditional, 3,070-passenger ship that's nearly identical in design to sister ships Emerald and Crown.

But that doesn't mean there aren't fun new features. My personal favorite: The Ultimate Ship Tour. For $150, you get to get a pretty complete look behind the scenes at how a cruise ship operates. Visit areas including the theater's costume shop, galley (where meals are prepared), engine room, laundry, funnel and bridge - for a photo with the captain. You even tour the medical center and get to see the ship's morgue - very CSI without the bodies.

The well-planned, three-hour itinerary is offered twice per cruise. Champagne and treats (including a take-home white chef's jacket) are served up along the way. It's an industry first.

Among other new activities on Ruby, "So You Want to Be A Rock Star," lets passengers perform with a live band - a step up from karaoke. The new Wizards Academy combines science and magic for kids.

Much of the prime action on the 113,000-ton Ruby takes place in La Piazza, the three-deck atrium area. On our Western Caribbean sailing there always seemed to be something going on from a violinist playing "Love Me Tender," to magic acts, to a rockin' mixology class. The coffee cafe and wine bar on the atrium's lower level are great places to check out the scene.

The other main hangout spot: The pool deck. The Ruby Princess has four pools. The aft pool is the quietist because, fortunately, not everyone discovers it. Center-ship at the Calypso pool there's a giant movie screen entertaining sun-seekers with movies and music videos. And Neptune's pool has entertainment provided by a live Caribbean band. The spa pool has a swim-against-the-current feature.

I could not stop visiting the open-air pool deck pizzeria, serving New York-style goodness - for $3 you can also order a whole pie served in your cabin.

I probably should have hit one of the 24 treadmills in the big ocean-view gym, too. But instead, at the ship's pretty Lotus Spa, I tried the new offering of a Thai massage ($159), which felt kind of like a yoga workout without the effort.

For lounging pleasure, the must-do spot is the adults-only Sanctuary, with cushy loungers, waiters fetching drinks and cold towels, and private cabanas where you can book a couple's massage. Access is limited (there's a small admission fee).

For a special meal, head to Sabatini's where the newly upgraded menu includes homemade ravioli with truffles and grilled lobster with pumpkin risotto - worth every penny of the $20 cover charge. The Ruby also has a steakhouse ($25) and three dining rooms (one open seating) where new menu offerings include a daily home-cooked entree - meatloaf, Texas chili.



PHOTO/PRINCESS CRUISES

The Ruby Princess is the newest ship in the Princess fleet.

On our cruise, there wasn't much of a late-night party crowd but truly funny comedians drew big audiences.

Two new show productions in the Princess Theater - "Broadway Ballroom," inspired by shows like "Dancing with the Stars," and "Once Upon a Dream," with an unusual backdrop of multidimensional animation, got positive reaction from the crowd.

What really shined on our sailing was service - in fact on its inaugural cruise, the Ruby Princess got the highest passenger rating for a new ship in the fleet.

Weeklong Western Caribbean itineraries priced from $712. For more information visit www.princess.com.

Celebrity Solstice brings change

And now for something completely different - the most frequent uttered word on the new Celebrity Solstice has to be "wow." The 2,850-passenger, 122,000-ton ship brings an impressively hip vibe to the cruise market.

The attention-grabbing, first-of-its-kind feature is a real half-acre lawn on top of the ship, where you can walk barefoot, putt on the three-hole course, pitch horseshoes or play croquet. At one end is a small, open-air theater, where master glassblowers from the Corning Museum of Glass in New York use fire, glowing blobs and hot rods to create bowls and animal sculptures to the oohs of onlookers, another shipboard first.

But the real wows are spaces like the main dining room, designed by Adam Tihany (Le Cirque in New York), glamorous with dramatic curtains, an off-white decor and a two-deck glass wine tower.

Night owls can party in the ship's all-white, ocean-view Sky observation lounge, where the scene is South Beach cool. Head to Quasar, the ship's disco, and you may think "Austin Powers" - there are egg-shaped chairs that hang from the ceiling for your swinging pleasure.

There are plenty of cushy quiet spaces, too. The ship's contemporary appeal is enhanced by a $5 million modern art collection. Wow.

In the 1,115-seat theater, the new show "Solstice" is a Cirque du Soleil-ish extravaganza with avant-garde costumed acrobats and "flying" performers on wires.

Those seeking retail therapy will enjoy the 18 shipboard shops, selling everything from one-of-a-kind artisan jewelry and glass to cruise logo wear.

In addition to the main dining room and buffet areas, dining venues include several classy restaurants - classic Continental, Asian fusion, Italian steakhouse - where cover charges of $5 to $30 apply. But for me, the must-do (for $5) are the crepes at Bistro on Five, the first creperie at sea.

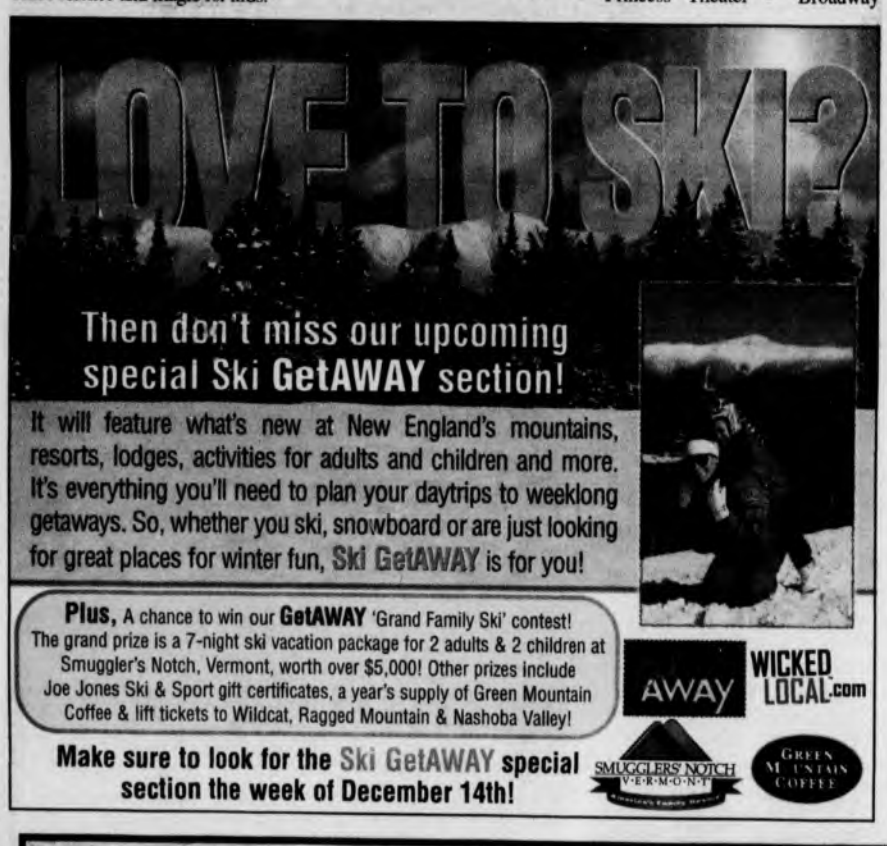
Seeking to please women - the major decision-makers when it comes to cruise vacations - Celebrity turned to a panel of "boomer" women for design advice on cabins. They added about 15 percent more space, real hairdryers, more storage areas, lights and mirrors and bigger bathrooms - particularly impressive is a rail in the showers for women to lean on to shave their legs.

The 130 AquaSpa cabins come with all kinds of niceties, including unlimited access to the lovely relaxation and aromatherapy rooms at the ship's AquaSpa (others pay a fee).

Seeking to create a resort-like atmosphere on the pool deck, the designers created two adjacent pools and multiple sunning areas. There's also an indoor, adults-only Solarium pool with a glass ceiling and wall of water. Like the rest of the ship, it's a wow.

Weeklong Eastern Caribbean itineraries priced from $639 per person. Find more at www.celebritycruises.com.

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Seniors need a new space

Swim Center land eyed for new construction

By Nancy White
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It still has a lot of hurdles to overcome and many details from financing to septic to be hashed over, but the plans for building a new Senior Center are slowing taking form.

A crowd of about 30 interested citizens of all ages, gathered at the current base of Elder Affairs operations at the South Shore Community Center to hear and share ideas about the possibility of a new Senior Center.

"As you may know, we have outgrown this space (in the Community Center)," said Joe Nedrow, chairman of the Council on Elder Affairs.

Elder Affairs is based in the front rooms of the Community Center building located at the corner of Depot Court and North Main Street. There is a dining room, a small office space, and a shared kitchen. Elder Affairs director Linda Elworthy's office is located in what can best be described as a storage closet and there is no place for a large group of seniors to gather or do special events. Elder Affairs currently pays $14,000 a year for the use of the space.

"We have a dream to better serve our senior neighbors," said Nedrow to kick off the discussion. "We want to share with you where we are and get input on where we go from here."

With almost 22 percent of the town's population over 60 (about 1650 residents) and 300 residents over 80, Nedrow said the need is great.

Back in August, the Cohasset Elder Affairs Board of Directors broached the subject of building, or moving, the Senior Center to a new location with the Board of Selectmen. During that pre-

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Early deadline next week

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Cohasset Mariner will go to press on Wednesday, which is a day early next week. That means that all editorial copy and photographs must arrive by noon, Tuesday. Email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com with questions.

However, the Cohasset Mariner will still arrive in your mailboxes and on the newsstands on Friday, Dec. 26.

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Merry Christmas!

Commentary on balloon raising



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State champs get their rings



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CHRISTMAS TRIM



STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

Jeffery Ritz of Cohasset, at right, smiles from ear to ear while Santa, who is seated at left, gets his beard trimmed by Leah O'Leary at Pat's Hairstyling and Barber Shop last Saturday (Dec. 13) before the Village Holiday Stroll. Santa said that he wanted to get a trim to look good for the children that night. For more photos of the annual holiday stroll, see page 23.

Some sewer capacity is available

Good news for village development

By Nancy White
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"Hopefully it will make a positive difference in our little downtown."
— John Beck, Sewer Commission

When the Planning Board was hammering out a new set of zoning bylaws for the village business district, they knew there might be a serious obstacle in the way of change and development: town sewer capacity.

With the close quarters of the village area, a connection to the town sewer system is necessary for any and all new development or significant redevelopment. Until recently, the Sewer Commission has been firm in saying the wastewater treatment plant simply does not have the capacity to support additional tie-ins.

Following a study done by Coughlin Environmental Services, the Sewer Commission has found there is enough room in the plant to handle 56 more connections. This news may dwindle a growing waitlist of properties in the central sewer district that have been awaiting connection some for over a year.

"I think it is fundamentally a good thing. It will allow some potential village development the village zoning bylaw envisioned come to fruition," said Planning Board member Stuart Ivimey following the board's Monday night meeting.

Sewer Commission chairman John Beck it was a good process to look at the system and figure out what can safely be added in way of potential flow.

"Hopefully it will make a positive difference in our little downtown," said Beck, in a phone interview.

The plant capacity question was answered by looking at the most recent historical data (up to October 2008) for flows and pollutant loadings and comparing those to the plant's design capabilities, simply, the plant's ability to process and clean those flows. Daniel Coughlin, principal engineer at Coughlin Environmental Services, determined the set of design conditions for the recently renovated plant. In simplest terms, though complex engineering calculations were utilized, from the plant's designed capabilities he subtracted the average daily flows and loadings right now as well as the expected Little Harbor area flows and loadings.

"We have to reserve sufficient capacity to allow (the Little Harbor project) flows to come in and be suitably treated to meet our permit," said Coughlin. "The end result is we found there was a small amount of excess capacity in the system that the town could allocate out to address needs within the existing sewer service district."

Connections are measured in equivalent dwelling units, or EDUs. One EDU is equal to 440 gallons per day of capacity. When a connection is granted, the property owner had six months to pay for the connection in full. The cost can run from about $8,500 for houses or businesses with increased capacity needs (such as adding apartments) to $15,000 for new construction. At the end of six months, if the connection is not paid for in full, the property owner may file for an few months extension or the connection can be put back into the town's inventory.

Property owners who were on the

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PICTURE THIS/John Campbell



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This week, the Mariner caught up with John Campbell at a meeting to generate ideas for the construction of a new Senior Center. John serves as president of the Friends of Elder Affairs and a member of the Board of Elder Affairs.

Name: John Campbell.

Occupation: Retired Training Director, Linda's husband, Mac's and Catie's Dad.

Best day of your life: The days each of our children were born.

Best vacation: Every vacation with family on the boat in Oak Bluffs Harbor, Martha's Vineyard.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite junk food: Rocky Road.

Best magazine: Good Old Boat Magazine.

Best movie: "Anne of Green Gables" and watching it with my daughter, Catie, near the Kleenex box.

Best TV show: "24."

Favorite music, song, group or artist: Fleetwood Mac.

Fun fact about yourself: I can trumpet like an elephant for the grandchildren.

Pet peeve: The extremes of politics on the left and the right, which prevents our solving important issues that have been facing our country for years.

Goal: Seeing our dream of a new first class Senior Center in Cohasset become a reality.

Person you'd most like to meet: Barack Obama.

Biggest worry: What, me worry?

Best part of Cohasset: The Second Congregational Church, its staff, and especially the choir and Joel, its Music Director.

South Shore Tide Chart
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Dec.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 18	3:27	9.1	3:45	9.3	9:23	0.4	9:55	0.0
Sunrise: 7:07 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:13 p.m.*			
Fri. 19	4:25	9.0	4:46	8.7	10:24	0.6	10:52	0.5
Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:13 p.m.*			
Sat. 20	5:22	8.9	5:49	8.3	11:27	0.8	11:48	0.9
Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:14 p.m.*			
Sun. 21	6:19	8.8	6:52	7.9	—	—	12:31	0.9
Sunrise: 7:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:14 p.m.*			
Mon. 22	7:14	8.8	7:52	7.8	12:45	1.2	1:32	0.8
Sunrise: 7:09 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:15 p.m.*			
Tues. 23	8:06	8.9	8:47	7.7	1:39	1.4	2:27	0.7
Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:15 p.m.*			
Wed. 24	8:54	8.9	9:36	7.8	2:29	1.5	3:16	0.5
Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:16 p.m.*			
Thurs. 25	9:38	9.0	10:20	7.8	3:15	1.4	4:00	0.4
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:17 p.m.*			

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The trial of Christopher Barrow, the driver in a Cohasset crash last winter that took the life of 16-year-old Timothy Mahoney of Scituate, has been set for jury trial at Quincy District Court on Feb. 25, 2009.

Barrow, 19 years old and a Scituate resident, will be tried on one count of motor vehicle homicide by negligent operation.

The car accident happened shortly before 1 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, on Route 3A near Pond Street. Barrow suffered serious injuries in the accident and is now in a wheelchair.

During a pretrial hearing at Quincy District Court in October Barrow's attorney, Robert Jubinville, a Milton-based criminal lawyer, asked for a continuance as he hoped to resolve the case without going to trial and explained he needed extra time. Judge Sydney Hanlon granted the continuance. When Barrow appeared again on Dec. 5, no plea agreement had been made and the trial date was set.

Filing for real estate tax exemptions

The Cohasset Board of Assessors Office is currently accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2009 real estate tax exemptions. The qualification date is July 1, 2008. Applicants who have filed tax exemption forms since July 1, 2008 are not required to file again. The deadline for filing is March 29, 2009. The following exemptions are available:

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Exemption forms are available at the Assessors' Office in the Town Hall. For additional information, or if you would like to inquire if you have already filed, please contact the Assessors' Office at 781-383-4114.

POLICE LOG

Patrols stepped up through holidays

By Mary Ford
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Cohasset police are encouraging safe driving through the holiday season. To that end, police are partnering with the Massachusetts State Police and other local police departments in conducting extra traffic enforcement focusing on the arrest of impaired drivers, Chief James Hussey said.

The mobilization program, dubbed Drunk Driving Over the Limit, Under Arrest, runs now through Jan. 4.

The mobilization includes stepped up enforcement through additional patrols.

Hussey said State and local police will conduct sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols throughout the mobilization period.

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security has provided $700,000 in federal grant funding for this initiative for both enforcement and a public education campaign.

In an effort to keep the roadways safe, Cohasset police offer the following travel tips:

- Drive sober and well rested;
- Obey the speed limit and allow extra time for unexpected traffic and weather conditions;
- If celebration plans involve alcohol, designated a sober driver before heading out, plan to use public transportation, or take a taxi. Police suggest programming cab information into your cell phone or sleep over at the location;
- Never accept a ride from an impaired driver;
- Report impaired drivers by dialing 911;
- Make sure everyone is properly buckled up. The best defense against a drunk, speeding or aggressive driver is wearing a seatbelt.

Additionally, those hosting holiday celebrations are urged to consider having ample non-alcoholic drinks available, do not serve alcohol to anyone under age 21, and prevent impaired guests from getting behind the wheel. More information is available at www.mass.gov/highwaysafety.

Each week on average 300 people are arrested for impaired driving in Massachusetts, Hussey said. A first-time conviction for drunk driving can cost more than $7,800, plus the expenses involved with insurance charges and attorney fees.

"Let's make this holiday season safe for everyone," Hussey said. "Plan your transportation so no one is driving a vehicle while impaired. This will save lives."

Erratic operation

On Monday (Dec. 8) at about 6:47 p.m. a concerned caller reported an erratically driven car on Route 3A that was stopping traffic and swerving. The caller was behind the car that was headed from the Hingham rotary into Cohasset. The car was described as a gold, metallic BMW. However, police were unable to locate the car, Chief Hussey said. Hussey said whenever possible providing the plate number or a partial plate number can help police. Police can run a partial plate number and description of the vehicle and find out who the car is registered to.

"We can follow up, find the registered owner and in some cases issue a citation," he said.

Diamond ring

Police are investigating the theft of a $2500 gold diamond ring and a diamond pendant of unknown value from a house on Nichols Road. The owner of the items is not sure when they went missing but believes the theft occurred within the past month. There was no forced entry to the home. The jewelry was taken from a bedroom, police said.

Items stolen

A walk-in to the police station reported the theft of two iPods, a Pulsar watch, handheld Nintendo, Exxon Mobil gift card, stainless steel survival knife and $80 in coins last week.

There was no forced entry to the home. Detectives processed some physical evidence from the scene, police said. The theft was reported on Tuesday morning (Dec. 9).

Laptop taken

A Nichols Road homeowner who had been away for a few days arrived home last week to find a laptop computer had been taken from a drawer in the kitchen. A set of keys had been moved put in a different spot and other rooms had been gone through, police said. Some costume jewelry from a daughter's bedroom also was missing.

The incident, which was reported on Tuesday night (Dec. 9), is under investigation.

Parking fine

A motorist is being fined $100 for illegally parking in a handicap spot on Depot Court. An officer saw the handicap placard in the car, but it was not displayed properly. The officer investigated further after observing the motorist, who did not appear to be handicapped, return to the vehicle. Further investigation revealed the placard belonged with another car. The incident occurred last Wednesday (Dec. 10).

Shoplifting

Police responded to a call from a store in Cohasset Plaza about a customer who had a bottle in her purse that the clerk did not think she had paid for. However, the only description of the woman's car was that it was a white car. No plate was provided and police could not locate the vehicle. The call came in on Wednesday (Dec. 10) at 8:18 p.m.

Hit and run

A witness told the owner of a 2007 blue Jeep that another vehicle had taken off after pulling into a parking spot, hitting a shopping carriage pushing it into the Jeep. The car that left was described as a white Toyota Sequoia and was headed north on Route 3A. A cruiser was sent in that direction but could not find the vehicle.

The incident occurred in Tedeschi Plaza on Friday (Dec. 12).

No trespass

A local store obtained a "no trespass order" last week against an individual who had been asked to leave the premises on previous occasions for causing disturbances due to intoxication. The person can be arrested if he violates the no-trespass order, police said.

Jewelry returned

On Friday (Dec. 12), a breaking and entering was reported where jewelry was taken from a home on South Main Street. There were no signs of forced entry. On Saturday (Dec. 13), police responded to same location where jewelry was in a bag left on top of the victim's motor vehicle. Police are trying to clarify what jewelry may still be missing.

Parking issues

Although no parking signs were posted, there were some parking problems on Elm Street during the Village Stroll last Saturday. Police went around to businesses and merchants to alert motorists parked illegally to move their cars. Police said emergency vehicles would have had trouble getting through Elm Street. A couple of cars had to be towed, Hussey said.

Winter parking

Winter parking regulations are in effect through April 1.

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Swim Center land eyed for Senior Center

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sentation, they were eyeing a significant renovation to one of the more underused town buildings — the Recreation Center "Garage." Since then they have abandoned that idea and sought out other alternatives, primarily to construct a Senior Center from the ground up.

That's when Glenn Pratt, chairman of the Water Commission, came forward with five-acre piece of property owned by the Water Department located behind the Cohasset Swim Center. The land is no longer used for Water Department operations.

The wheels were set in motion. Civil engineer and Cohasset resident John Cavanaro agreed to take a look at the site and do some preliminary engineering pro bono.

Cavanaro found the best siting for the building would be to the left of the existing Swim Center parking lot.

"It is a very attractive mixed-use opportunity to take advantage of the existing assets," said Cavanaro. The site's proximity to the village and main roads made it more attractive as did the existing parking lot which is only used for about two months out of the year.

"We have a dream to better serve our senior neighbors. We want to share with you where we are and get input on where we go from here."

— Joe Nedrow, Council on Elder Affairs

Cavanaro stressed the effort would have to be a cooperative effort between the CEA and the trustees of the Swim Center. In order to build, Elder Affairs would have to come to an agreement or land swap with the Trustees.

Preliminary plans propose a 14,000 square foot building with two floors. The first floor would be devoted to the senior center and it was suggested six senior affordable apartments be created on the second floor.

"There's not question there is a need for senior housing," said Nedrow, adding the apartments would add a steady income stream and 24/7 on site security.

The initial cost estimate for the construction is approximately $2.2 million, unfurnished. It is the Elder Affairs' vision to construct in the most environmentally conscious and energy efficient manner, said Elworthy, the director of Elder Affairs. Additional grants or tax credits could be available with this type of building.

Representatives from a cross section of town boards were in attendance from the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission and Board of Health.

Members of the Elder Affairs Board of Directors went to several other area senior centers to look at their facilities and the additional services/programs they are able to offer because of their space. Philosophy classes, a billiard room, a full gym, a library area, a craft room and even a sit-in kitchen were all amenities.

"It truly reflected the community and people felt very comfortable," said John Campbell, a member of the Board of Directors and president of the Friends of Elder Affairs.

Some attendees were concerned the center could outgrow itself in a matter of five to 10 years and wanted to ensure the center had room to grow either built in or the possibility to expand.

The next steps for the project are to foremost sit down with the Trustees of the Swim Center to discuss the project and the possibility of collaboration between the two entities. The Elder Affairs also plans to apply for Community Preservation funding at the Annual Town Meeting in March to get money to hire an engineer and architect.

"Whatever facility we create will be a great asset to the town," said Nedrow and asked for continued interest and input. "Nothing is locked in yet...I hope each of you stay part of the process, everybody's ideas are important."

Sewer capacity could be good for village

FROM SEWER, PAGE 1

waiting list will be notified of the available sewer capacity early next year. Once notified commercial properties will have six months to purchase the connections and residential properties will have three months. Preference will be given to waiting list applicants in the order they were received.

Some of the properties that are slated to have the chance to connect to town sewer are 2 Smith Place on the other side of the MBTA tracks, 31R South Main Street (behind Village Wine and Spirits), 8 James Lane, 55 South Main (the Village gas station) and the Bernard's building. None of the properties that are being offered sewer connections have filed for special permits with the Planning Board, but some have had preliminary discussions regarding development possibilities with the board.

While there are eight village properties currently on the waiting list, most of the requests are for multiple EDUs, some request as many as 23 EDUs. As actual plans are filed with the town, the number of EDUs currently requested may change.

Two buildable residential lots on Pleasant Street were given the first two available connections. Somehow these two lots overlooked in the last expansion of the Central district. The Building Inspector confirmed that these lots were buildable and should have received stubs.

The wastewater treatment plant has been undergoing a significant upgrade in association with the Little Harbor sewer expansion project. Since the installation of the new membranes that filter the effluent and an overflow pipe (which has yet to be utilized) the Sewer Commission reported there has been no overflow events at the plant. In 2006 and 2007 there were several overflows when the plant was inundated with stormwater during heavy rain events. Last week, members of the Sewer Commission met with Elm Street residents to hear their thoughts on additional screening for the plant.

"The membranes are part of the reason the plant can handle more capacity," said Sewer Commissioner Sean Cunning.

The ongoing Little Harbor sewer project — the $15.2 million sewer distribution and plant expansion — will tie-in an additional 485 homes to town wastewater treatment plant. It is expected the homes will be tied in by late 2010. Then after homeowners hook up to the sewer, the Sewer Commission will have to re-evaluate the capacity again and see if any more connections are available. The associated sewer plant upgrade and expansion will increase the capacity from its current 300,000 gallons per day to 450,000 gallons per day.

There is a separate waiting list for sewer connections for vacant, but buildable, lots in the Little Harbor district. Currently, there are five lots on that list.

The capacity study will be re-done once all the new Little Harbor connections are on board with the plant.

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New Year's resolutions

Selectmen begin goal setting process

By Nancy White
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The discussion was broad in nature, with many of the goals repeated on several or all of the members' lists and some were of special interest specific to a particular selectman.

It was their last meeting of 2008 and the Board of Selectmen sat down to discuss its collective and individual selectman goals for the town for the near and distant future.

What can be called a brainstorming session, it was the first step in what could become a regular part of the Selectmen's agenda. Each Selectman came armed with their own list of priorities, issues and goals they would like to see addressed by the board and the town in the coming year(s).

The discussion was broad in nature, with many of the goals repeated on several or all of the members' lists and some were of special interest specific to a particular selectman. From finance to stormwater to grant writing to energy savings, the Selectmen's goals ran the gamut.

Selectmen Karen Quigley requested the goal setting session shortly after she joined the board in April.

"One of the motivations I had to run to sit on the Board of Selectmen was a I felt Town Hall as a whole tended to be reactive," Quigley said, adding her hope was to move toward a proactive attitude when addressing the issues facing the town.

Quigley's first item, which was echoed in all the Selectmen's list, was the importance of a technology committee. A committee exists currently, but has not been active as of late. All town departments utilize technology, especially computers, but right now there is no uniform purchase or replacement schedule or guidelines on the type of computer to purchase.

Grant opportunities — and how to best take advantage of them — was something the Selectmen have been looking at and want to continue looking into.

"We're more dependent on grants and we want to get as much money as we can as long as it is out there," said Quigley.

Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr said in the early part of the new year he has heard a federal stimulus bill geared toward creating jobs by helping to fund infrastructure, deferred maintenance and public safety projects. Many of the projects in the queue for Cohasset could fit the bill for federal aid. Carr said smaller projects that are permitted could go to the top of the list. The Jerusalem Road repair project, Jacob's Meadow culvert project, even the Town Hall restoration project could be candidates.

"We should be getting ready so we could have the opportunity (to get funding)...that is debt we don't have to take on," said Carr. The federal stimulus package, he noted, will not look at a town's wealth in its evaluation, because the purpose is to get people to work and stimulate the economy.

Looking more closely at how to best utilize Facility Manager Brian Adams and his department was one of the goals discussed. Another was to investigate where the town can be more energy efficient and insert more green practices.

Quigley would like to see more interaction and communication between the Selectmen and other boards, particularly as it relates to the budget. A regularly scheduled meeting between the Selectmen, the Advisory Committee, School Committee and Capital Budget Committee could go a long way during budget season, she said.

Board of Selectmen vice chair Paul Carlson named stormwater, facilities management and revisiting long-term debt goals as some of his objectives.

Selectman Fred Koed said stormwater, sidewalks and energy conservation were a few of his top items.

Carr suggested the Selectmen look into educating themselves on wind energy and wind energy rate negotiation should a turbine ever was erected in Cohasset.

Selectmen Ralph Dormitzer would like to review two of the newer and more controversial bylaws currently on the books — the stormwater management bylaw and the wind energy conversion bylaw. He also asked wanted to revisit with the Economic Development Committee and the Housing Partnership to ensure they are working toward specific goals.

"It's great we are thinking about the same things," said Carr.

Carr will compile an updated list of goals and re-distribute to the Board of Selectmen. Carr plans on creating categories for the goals and breaking them down into short-, mid- and long-term timeframes. Town Manager Bill Griffin suggested each goal be assigned a point person to help him with communication and ensure there is some sort of ownership over the goal.

"I think this is a really good start," said Quigley. It's possible a goal setting item will appear regularly on Board of Selectmen agendas in the coming year.

A sampling of goals discussed

Note: This list is in no particular order.

1. Revitalize the Technology Committee.
2. Develop a deferred maintenance strategy.
3. Better utilization facilities management.
4. Revisit the town's long-term debt objectives.
5. Investigate and prepare for possible federal grants.
6. Continue to tackle the town-wide stormwater issues.
7. Explore energy saving and efficiency possibilities.
8. Touch base with Selectmen-appointed committee to give them specific charges and projects.
9. Look into hiring a grant writer.
10. Tackle on how to get better cell phone coverage town-wide.

Planning goals

It might be the fact that the new year was just over two weeks away, but downstairs at the Planning Board meeting they were discussing goals as well. Despite the fact a full board was not present (Chairman Al Moore and member Mike Westcott were absent) and a goal discussion were not on the agenda, following a conversation on the need for an updated zoning map the Planning Board began to discuss what they would like to accomplish in the next year and over the next few years.

Vice chair Charles Samuelson suggested each member of the board come to the next meeting (Jan. 12) with a list of three things they would like to see accomplished in 2009. They'll look at where the commonalities are among the members.

"We can come up with a couple of things that are definitely doable and a couple of stretch goals," said Samuelson.

Planning Board member Stuart Ivimey agreed, "it will give us all a sense of where we want to be going."

And, Samuelson added, "something to focus on."

Schools unveil fiscal 2010 budget

Maintenance of services and staff are priorities

By Nancy White
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"The goal this year is to keep what we have, keep the quality, keep the people and still move forward in a cost effective manner."
— Alfred Slanetz, School Committee

The School Committee got its first glimpse at the fiscal 2010 school budget this week. Knowing the trying fiscal times for the community, municipality and the state, the school is preparing accordingly.

The school administration presented a preliminary fiscal 2010 budget of $14,833,172 that includes projected state aid numbers. The budget is a 3.6 percent increase, or $516,775, over this year's budget.

The school budget will be updated as more information becomes available in the new year. As of now, there are still a number of significant unknowns, including the teacher's union contract (an agreement for a new contract has not been reached, only step and column increases are included in the budget) and state aid numbers.

Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh said this year's overall goal is to maintain and build upon the overall strength of the school system while recognizing continued local and state wide economic challenges. What that translates to is no new staff positions are recommended, but current class size numbers are preserved. Items like virtual high school that increase elective offerings without requiring extra staff is kept and there is an on emphasis collaborative purchasing on items from classroom supplies to utilities.

"The goal this year is to keep what we have, keep the quality, keep the people and still move forward in a cost effective manner," said vice chairman Alfred Slanetz.

Walsh agreed, "we don't intend to slide back, we're going to try to do this in the most cost effective manner."

Although the school department is proposing a $14.8 million budget, Walsh said that amount only covers about 90 percent of the cost to actually run the district. The remainder of the money, about 10 percent or $1.8 million, comes from offsets. The total cost to run the district is $16,687,426. About 75 percent of the budget comes from salaries.

The offset revenue has multiple components, including athletic fees, booster club funds, transportation/bus fees, use of facilities fees, state circuit breaker (special education funding), Metco reimbursement, grants and donations.

This year, the budget was presented in three parts to ensure clarity for some of the larger items. There is a number for the operational budget, the athletic budget and the transportation budget.

Of note in the athletic budget is for the first time more of its total cost is coming from offsets ($186,600), rather than the operational budget ($172,332).

"We've tipped the scale there," said Walsh. The athletic offsets consist of student athletic fees, gate receipts and booster donations. There has not been an increase in athletic fees, but an increase in participation is one of the drivers to the increase in offset revenue.

The transportation budget includes funding for lease-to-buy plans for two new school buses and one special education van. The School Committee and administration agrees on the absolute need to replace the vehicles for safety and the high cost of maintaining the aging vehicles. They are also bringing forth an application to the Capital Budget Committee and hope to get the funding through that mechanism. If not, they are prepared to include the vehicle purchases in the operational budget.

All the school committee members are concerned with how the state numbers will affect the budget. Word from State Rep. Garrett Bradley is to expect as much as a 10 percent cut in state aid. Right now, the budget includes a reduction in circuit breaker funding and level funding for chapter 70 state aid.

"As things change, we will change with them," said School Committee chairman Rick Flynn. "I think this is a great start."

The overview of the budget highlighted key points of the budget, but more in-depth school-by-school budget breakdowns will be on Wednesday, Jan. 7. The final School Committee budget certification will be in early March.

School budget calendar for fiscal 2010

- Jan. 7: School Committee budget meeting, line item review with the school principals.
- TBD: Budget summit with the Town.
- Jan. 12: School Committee budget sub-committee meeting.
- Jan. 21: School Committee meeting.
- TBD: Budget summit with the town and presentation of the budget to Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee.
- March 4: School Committee public hearing on budget/final adoption and certification of budget.
- March 5-13: Central office staff prepares Town Meeting budget materials.
- March 13: Budget document ready for distribution.
- March 28: Town Meeting.

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Birthday wishes and more good news

AROUND TOWN

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Hi there Cohasset and Happy Holidays to all! I am still in awe that the holidays are here already but I guess it is true. Enjoy the weekend filled with snow and get into that holiday spirit.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

We have two birthday wishes to send out and recognize here in the paper this week.

First of all, a very special Happy Birthday goes out to **Sabina Noering** of Cohasset who celebrated her special day last weekend with family and friends. The party included each guest bringing a special tree ornament to hang on a beautiful holiday tree. After the party was over and the weekend was done, the tree was then donated to the Our World Museum for all to admire and enjoy throughout this week and next. What a lovely gift for you to give Sabina, Happy Birthday and thank you from all the kids and families in Our World!

Now, another birthday wish is going out to Miss **Hannah Laugelle** who is celebrating her 8th birthday TODAY!

Hannah, all of your family and friends want you to know how special you are and to make sure that you enjoy this day! Happy, Happy Birthday to a very special 8-year-old girl!!!

DAISY TROOP

A new Daisy troop led by **Kristyn Stevens** and **Courtney Finn** got into the holiday spirit by making special gingerbread houses at Our World Museum to give to the Police Station and Fire Station as a way to say, " a big thanks" for all that they do for our community!!

Daisy girls in the picture with Chief Silvia of Cohasset's Fire Department: **Ava McKeon, Lauren Stevens, Liv Garelick, Emma Suzedell, Piper Finn, Sophia McAlarney, Olivia Perrachi, Tessa Morris, Caroline Williams, Amelia Boyle, Lindsay Ferreira, Alison Olson,** and **future Daisy members, Kate Stevens and Logan Finn.**

AUDITIONS

The Cohasset Dramatic Club announces auditions for its spring musical, "Sweet Charity" the story about a down her luck dance hall girl, Charity Hope Valentine, who's always looking for life's silver lining. With memorable songs such as "If my friends could see me now" and "Big Spender", to name a few, the story was brought to life in the late 60's with Gwen Verdon creating the title role of Charity on broadway.

Shirley MacLaine recreated that title role in the movie in 1969 and that film received 3 Oscar nominations. The show offers terrific roles for women of all ages. It's a dance tour de force with original choreography created by Bob Fosse. Auditions are scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 4th at 6 pm and Monday, Jan. 5th at 7 pm with callbacks if necessary on Tuesday Jan. 7th at 7 pm at Cohasset Town Hall.

Auditioners should prepare 16 bars of the song of their choice. Please bring sheet music. An accompanist will be provided. Also dress comfortably as there will be a dance/movement audition. Some auditioners may be asked to read from the script. Please call **Lisa Pratt** with questions at 617-852-0091.



COURTESY PHOTO

A new Daisy troop got into the holiday spirit by making special gingerbread houses at Our World Museum to give to the Police Station and Fire Station as a way to say, " a big thanks" for all that they do for our community! Here they are pictured with Chief Robert Silvia.

HONORS

Congratulations go out to **Lauren Hayes** from her very proud mom and dad, **Brion and Meredith Hayes** of Cohasset. Lauren received Honors for the Fall semester at Holderness in New Hampshire. She played JV field hockey in the fall and is now skiing for the school team. Great accomplishments Lauren, keep up the great work!

PRE-PROM DVDS

DVD's of the 2008 CHS Pre Prom Reception from May 30th are still available to purchase for $20.00 each and make great holiday gifts! To order a copy please call Shaun Galvin at 781-424-2197 or email your request to shaun_galvin@yahoo.com The request can also be mailed with a check for $20 per DVD to **Shaun Galvin** P.O. Box 526 Hingham, MA 02043.

KIDS NIGHT

Looking for a fun-filled evening for your kiddos to come to tonight while you finish up on shopping, wrapping or just vegging out for a bit with your friends or significant other? Well, tonight from 4-9 will be our Holiday Kids Nite with a holiday movie, a special holiday meal to make and enjoy and a lot of singing, holiday crafts and fun for all to be had. It will be held at the Our World Museum and we still have a few spaces left. If you are interested, contact Jen at 781-383-3198 or send an email to jen@ourworldcgdm.org.

The cost is $40 per family with additional children from the same family costing $10 more. If you would like to take part in a few of the hours, the cost will be $12 per hour. It is going to be a super night and we would love to have your kids with us as we celebrate our last Creative Nite before the Holiday.

On Sunday, Dec. 21 from 1-4 pm will be a "Holly Days" Children's Open House at the Our World Children's Global Discovery Museum. This program is $35 per family and will include the decoration of a tasty and pretty Gingerbread House for your child to bring home to enjoy with family and friends. That will take place from 1-3 pm with Kitchen Kids and friends(www.kitchenkidscook.com) and will then follow with ornament making, a special holiday snack and story with Miss Jen, Miss Julie and Miss Emily. All family and friends are then asked to be back to the museum to enjoy a musical hour of singing, instrument playing and a visit from, you guessed it, "The Man In The Big Red Suit" who will be ready for photos and singing galore.

All children will need to be pre-registered in advance by calling 781-383-3198 or sending an email to jen@ourworldcgdm.org. Parents can use the time from 1-4 to finish up any last minute holiday needs and come on back at 4:00 for a special fun-filled hour with your family and friends. Please plan on attending a wonderful and festive event, we look forward to seeing you there!

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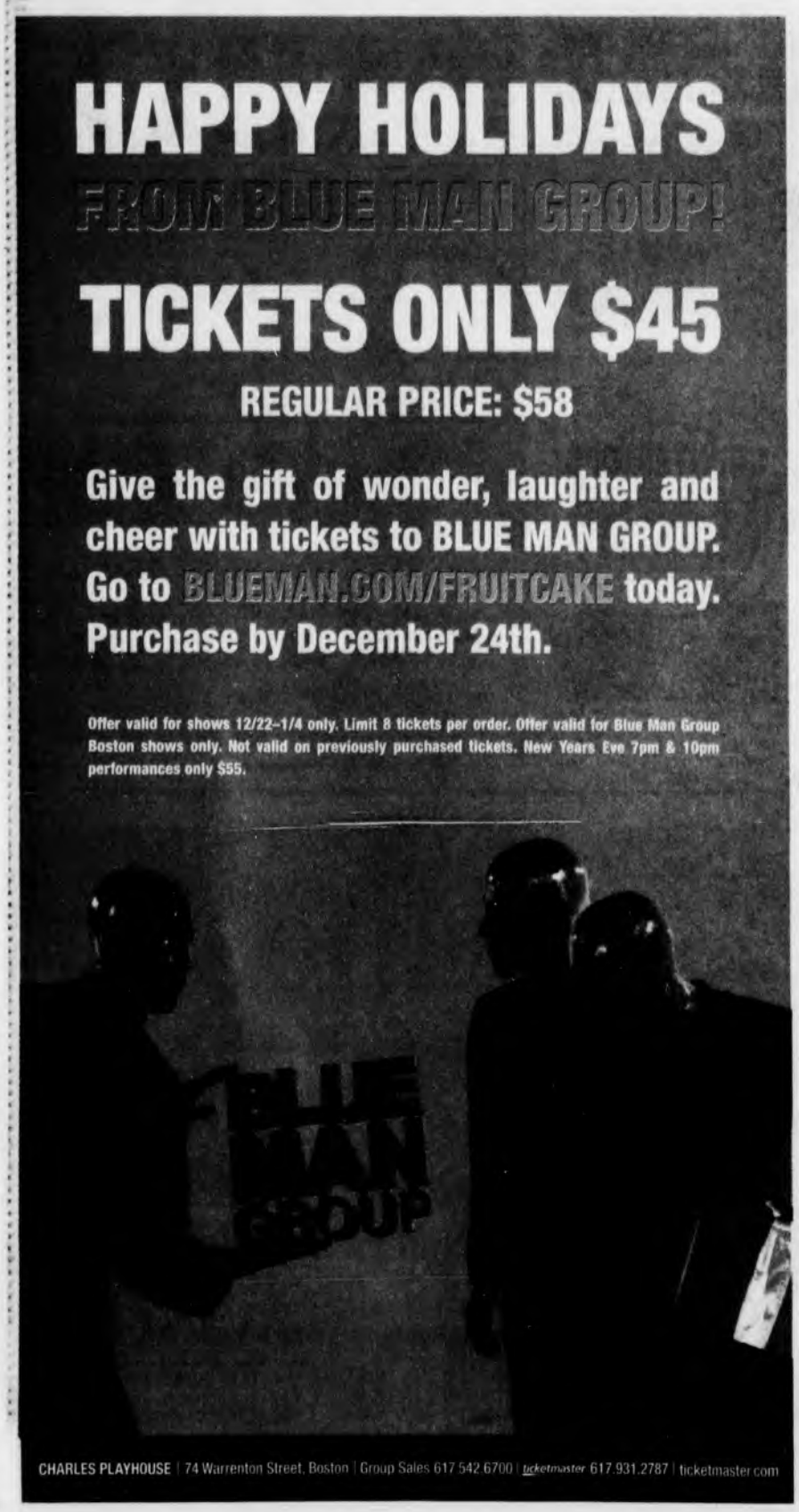
We received this from **Adrian Morris** of Lemon Lime, 812 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. "I am so sorry to hear about our community's devastating loss yesterday in Scituate. I can't imagine the pain that all these families are going through. I am not sure what they need at this point. With this in mind, I will be donating 100 percent of my salon profits this Saturday and Sunday (Dec. 20 & 21)) to meet their needs. I also would like to ask if anyone would like to donate anything. Please bring it to Lemon Lime and I will be sure it gets to these families. This is what Christmas is all about: helping those who need help."

That is the last bit of news for this week and before the Holidays next week. Happy Holidays to all as we begin our celebrations no matter what holiday that is.

Also, happy vacation week to so many students as they all enjoy family, friends and of course, a few new gifts here and there.

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Explore Cohasset

Town tour guidebook available this week

By Nancy White
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For a small town, Cohasset has its share of notable sites, memorable walks and historic significance. The best of the best of all that is captured in a new publication of town history, "Exploring Historic Cohasset — Ten Tours and Concise History."

Hot off the presses, the book became available at several locations in Cohasset earlier this week. This guidebook is written by Cohasset resident Jacqueline Dormitzer and is it her fourth book on Cohasset history.

Not only can the book be used for visiting guests to acquaint them with your hometown, but also newcomers to Cohasset and "townies" looking for some fresh perspective and history on the town they may have lived in for many years.

Six of the tours set off from the quintessential Cohasset Common, one of the town's most recognizable landmarks. From the Common stems tours to the Village, Cohasset Harbor to Government Island, the South Shore Art Center and Central Cemetery.

"I thought about what would be convenient from the common," said Dormitzer. One of the more difficult tours to map out in print was Central Cemetery. The tour guides readers to some of the more interesting older tombstones.

"I had to go back there at least half a dozen times in order to arrange a logical route," said Dormitzer. Some tours are walkable, while others are more easily driven or bicycled. One of those scenic drives is the incomparable Jerusalem Road.

"You can't come to Cohasset without looking at Jerusalem Road," said Dormitzer. Accordingly, there is a tour that begins at Sandy Beach (which, for those Cohasset geography experts, is actually off Atlantic Avenue) and shows off some of the finer estates overlooking the water. The guidebook encouraged drivers to take a detour through Nichols Road to take in the sights of Little Harbor. In the reverse, the book points out the old Nantasket library (now an antiques shop at West Corner) and suggests a self-guided tour through Cohasset's own organic farm, Holly Hill Farm.

The final two tours are hiking trails in Whitney Woods and Wheelwright Park, where she suggests wearing hiking boots and toting along a compass. For all the tours there are plenty of photographs to help in locating places and bullet points of historical interest. At the end of each tour there is a reference to the other books where interested readers can find out more about a particular site and toward the back of the book is a concise history of the town of Cohasset.

Approximately 100 pages, it is printed four-color process throughout and mechanically bound so that the book can lay flat when opened to make it easier to use a reference while touring the sights.

Each tour has been field tested by Dormitzer with the assistance of her husband (and current selectman), Ralph.

Cohasset residents Jim Hamilton and Kimberlee Alemian handled the production details and book design, respectively. The photography in "Exploring Historic Cohasset" was contributed by Ralph Dormitzer, Richard Alemian and Margot Cheel.

The book is the fourth publication to result from a committee formed at the 2006 Town Meeting. Along with the appointment of the committee, $5000 was provided to publish the third Narrative History covering the years 1950 to 2000.



PHOTOS/NANCY WHITE

The team that brought the guidebook "Exploring Historic Cohasset — Ten Tours and Concise History" to fruition includes Kimberlee Alemian (book design). Jacqueline Dormitzer (author) and Jim Hamilton (production details).

Approximately 100 pages, it is printed four-color process throughout and mechanically bound so that the book can lay flat when opened to make it easier to use a reference while touring the sights.

Upon publication in 2002, four years after Dormitzer started her work on the book, 2,000 books from the initial press run were sold (at the time, there were approximated 2,800 Cohasset households).

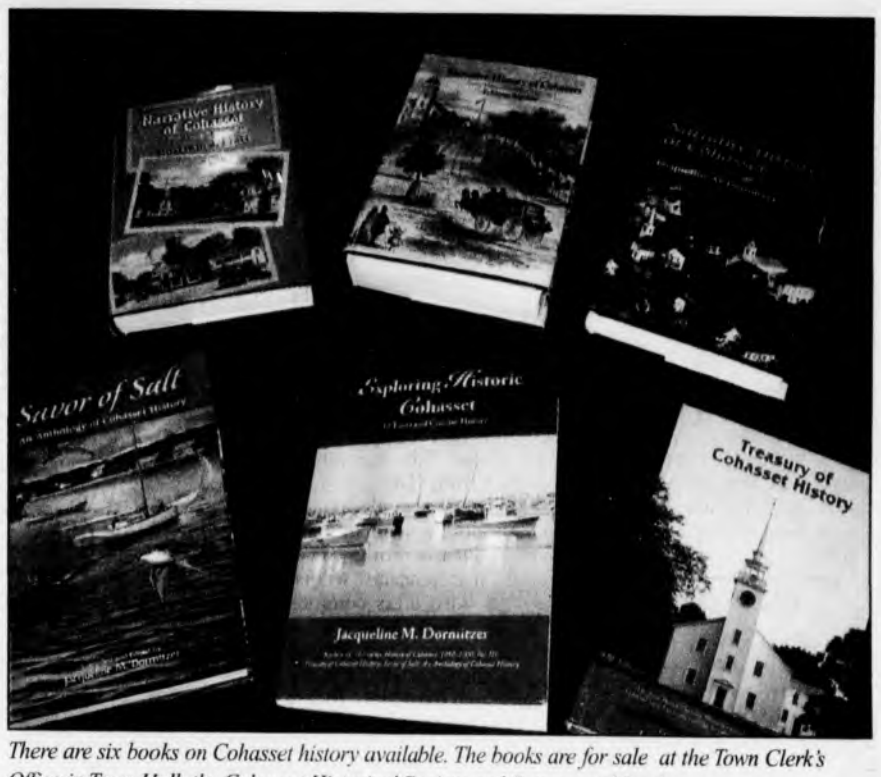
Even before publication, the committee recognized the interest generated by the upcoming book could also carry through to the purchase of the Town's out-of-print Narrative Histories— E. Victor Bigleow's Narrative History 1898 and Burt Pratt's Narrative History 1950. Their covers were also redesigned so that the three narratives could be purchased as a set and their titles were revised to become Volume I, II and III.

In the course of Dormitzer's compiling research for her fifty-year narrative history, she came upon material that covered the years of the previous two histories, but had never been published in book form. Some of the material were newspaper articles; other material was from writers who had privately printed monographs and booklets, such as David Wadsworth for the Cohasset Historic Society.

There was enough material to publish two anthologies, the Treasury of Cohasset (2005) and Savor of Salt (2006).

The Committee on Town History's book account provided the funding for the project from the profits generated from the sale of the Town's five history books in print — three volumes of the Narrative History of Cohasset and two anthologies.

The latest book to the Cohasset History collection, as well as the Town's other history books, is available for sale at the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall, the Cohasset Historical Society and Buttonwood Books. The price is $15.



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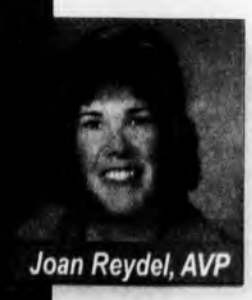
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Treat's Pond update, Army Corps communiqué

The town has received a response to several questions they had sent to the Army Corps of Engineers regarding their proposed Treat's Pond saltmarsh restoration project. The town has asked about the impact of freshwater discharges into Cohasset Harbor from Treat's Pond, if a pipe connection was established if the project moved forward.

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One of the proposals is to install a pipe underneath Atlantic Avenue and over some private property to outfall into the inner harbor.

In a letter, John Kennelly, Chief of Planning for the Army Corps, stated "if Treat's Pond were to become a salt water ecosystem, there would be very little difference in the salinity of the pond's discharge during dry weather conditions."

Kennelly said in wet weather the difference in salinity would be negligible. The conclusions were based on modeling and "reasonable assumptions about how freshwater would dilute the harbor based on modeling results."

Selectman Karen Quigley expressed concern about the Army Corps' methods in regard to this question, "they only used modeling, not testing. I'd like to have further discussion on that going forward."

The Army Corps also gave the town the lot numbers for privately owned parcels the town would have to get permanent easements to do the project.

"I'm sure right after Town Meeting we'll be back (on the Treat's Pond issue)," said Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr. He quipped, "it's the gift that keeps on giving."

BRIEFLY

Cohasset receives state fire grants

Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) and Rep. Garrett Bradley (D-Hingham) announce that the Town of Cohasset has been awarded $8,960.62 worth of grants from the state Department of Fire Services.

The Town of Cohasset will receive a $5,296 grant for the purchase of firefighting equipment and a $3,664.62 Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program grant.

The firefighting equipment grants can be put toward the purchase of a variety of items including air packs, gear, and hoses. The SAFE program grant allows fire departments to spend time inside of classrooms teaching students about fire dangers and how to respond to in the case of a fire emergency.

"A well-equipped fire department and an educated public are two of the best defenses town's have in preventing fire disasters," Sen. Hedlund said.

"As a legislator these are the kinds of state programs that are a high priority for me and that are critical for all communities" said Rep. Bradley. "Thanks to Governor Patrick, Secretary of Public Safety and Security, Kevin Burke, and Legislators for their continued support of our firefighters and citizens."

3A Pizza and Grill given liquor license

Now, when you head over to 3A Pizza and Grille, if you are 21 or older feel free to order a glass of merlot or an ice cold beer. The Board of Selectmen, acting as liquor license authority, approved an application transferring the wine and malt liquor license from the former Pizza Zone to 3A Pizza and Grille.

Kathleen Assad will serve as the restaurant's manager; Roshby Assad is the restaurant owner. 3A Pizza and Grill is located at 166 King St. in the same plaza as Good Sport.

Counseling center turns lives in New Directions

By Maureen Walsh
CORRESPONDENT

This is the third in a series of articles highlighting the work of Interfaith Social Services, this year's beneficiary of your donations to the "Gifts of Hope" campaign.

You've lost your job, your health, or your mother. You can't stop drinking, yelling, or crying. You're worried about your marriage, your teenager, or your unpaid bills. You're angry, tired or sad and you don't know why. You need something, but you don't know what.

"The hardest thing to do is to pick up the phone and make the first call," says Claire Hagan, director of the New Directions Counseling Center at Interfaith Social Services.

"We recognize that. Try to take that first step. It's not scary. This is a very safe, comfortable place to come."

For more than 60 years, the professional counselors at Interfaith Social Services have been helping children, adults, couples and families cope with a range of issues and emotions and seek a new direction in life.

"Many of the people who come to us have an underlying issue that we can help with," said ISS director Laura Stracco. "The cycle of poverty, domestic violence, drug or alcohol abuse, low self-esteem or a lack of self-confidence: We can help them break through what's been hurting them, so they can make it to the next step."

Interfaith Social Services is a private, nonprofit agency that aids the people of 10 South Shore communities: Braintree, Cohasset. Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Milton, Quincy, Randolph, Scituate and Weymouth.

From its offices at 105 Adams Street in Quincy, ISS provides food, clothing, and financial management assistance to individuals and families in need.

There is no residency or income requirement for the New Directions Counseling Center.

The center accepts Medicaid and most insurance plans, and is one of the few mental health services in the Boston area to offer a sliding fee scale for clients in need or without insurance.

"We do not turn anyone away. We take everybody who calls," said Hagan. "Our clients are from all walks of life."



STAFF PHOTO/TOM GORMAN

Interfaith Social Services counselors are, from left, Anne Donovan, Barbara Goodman, Maureen Richardson and Claire Hagan. Missing are Kathy Lieberman, Robert Taylor and Betty Wagner.

Give the Gift of Hope

The season of giving is upon us. For 16 years Community Newspaper Company's Gifts of Hope program has helped connect you to those in need in your own community. Each year, a local charity is selected to be the beneficiary of the Gifts of Hope donation campaign. And each year, your generous donations have helped feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and bring joy to the faces of young children across Massachusetts.

How can you help this year? Please join your local Community Newspaper in supporting Interfaith Social Services in its efforts to help those in need this holiday season. A donation of any size goes a long way.

Make your tax deductible check or money order payable to Interfaith Social Services. Mail to: Gift of Hope Program; c/o Anne Rodwell; Community Newspaper Company; 165 Enterprise Drive; Marshfield, MA 02050.

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In addition to your Gifts of Hope donation, you can drop off food and unwrapped children's gifts for the Interfaith Social Services Pantry Shelf and Adopt-a-Family programs at the ISS offices weekdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., or call 617-773-6203, ext. 19, for alternate arrangements.

Please check toys for safety before donating. Food items must be nonperishable. No expired date, damaged or open container are accepted.. For donations of fresh, refrigerated or frozen foods, call 617-773-6203 ext. 19.

"We get referrals for people who can't get an appointment fast enough at other places. We will call back within 24 hours and see them within one week."

The seven counselors on staff, one male and six female, are all professionally trained and licensed clinical mental health counselors, licensed clinical social workers or master's level therapists, she said, and have nearly 200 years of combined counseling experience.

"They are competent and compassionate, and they will go that extra bit to make everything homey and comfortable."

New Directions therapists have specialties in many areas, including trauma and abuse, parenting and relationships, loss and bereavement, addictions and recovery, life change and elder issues, anxiety and depression.

The center is one of the few to offer Christian counseling to clients seeking Bible-based spirituality interwoven with traditional counseling.

New Directions also offers periodic educational support groups directed by a therapist for clients dealing with bereavement, parenting or anger management issues.

"Sometimes people don't know why they're calling," said Hagan, who makes the first contacts by phone and matches clients with the therapist best suited to help them.

"People are sometimes surprised by the emotions that can be expressed, and they may be surprised by the relief that comes. They don't understand why, they just know they feel better."

Stracco said the counseling center has helped ISS clients overcome addictions, reconcile with family members, go back to school, find successful jobs, move from shelters to their own homes, and enjoy being parents, knowing they are not repeating the cycle of violence they may themselves have experienced as children.

"They may have grown up with no mentors or role models," she said. "Our counselors may offer the first genuine, trusting relationships they've ever experienced."

For more information on Interfaith Social Services and the New Directions Counseling Center, visit the Web site at www.InterfaithSocialServices.org or call 617-773-6203.

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CHRISTMAS ANGELS



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The Christmas Angel Program began six years ago. Each holiday season, gift bags filled with goodies are given to Cohasset seniors who have no family, live alone, or are in long-term care facilities. The program has grown by leaps and bounds. This year, the teachers from the Osgood School sent 10 baskets, the Social Service League made up 20 of the bags (shown in foreground) and the Second Congregational Church is also participating and has included Elder Affairs as part of their Christmas Angel Giving Tree. Pictured are Elder Affairs outreach director Carol Barrett, Social Service League president Marita Carpenter and vice president Sandra Halverson.

Cohasset Day gives back

CEF, Elder Affairs and Pantry recipients of donations

By Nancy White
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"We were just delighted to give that kind of money, it is a significant amount of money for each charity."
— Pete Brown, Economic Development Committee

Although Cohasset Day is the rearview mirror for the many residents who enjoyed the day's festivities, three local non-profits were recently reminded how the event brought Cohasset together in more ways than one.

A check, each for just under $2,300, was offered recently to the Cohasset Food Pantry, the Cohasset Education Foundation and the Cohasset Elder Affairs. At this time of year and perhaps especially this year, the donation was warmly received by each of the organizations.

The first-ever Cohasset Day took place on Saturday, Sept. 20 and raised in excess of $30,000 in gross proceeds and in-kind donations (money raised before expenses).

"The Economic Development Committee, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, is pleased with the result of Cohasset. Our proceeds exceeded $12,000," said Pete Brown, chairman of the Economic Development Committee.

Brown was especially proud of the number and amount of funds generated in sponsorships from local businesses, as well as the robust turnout of attendees. Being able to support three local non-profits was simply icing on the cake.

"We were just delighted to give that kind of money, it is a significant amount of money for each charity," said Brown. "We provided money to the organizations that we thought would benefit those most in need."

It took discussions over three meetings to decide on the charities the event would support. The charities were chosen prior to the event and listed in the schedule of events distributed on Cohasset Day.

"It really is a wonderful donation for us. It signifies recognition from the business community as well as the town the importance of excellence in our public schools," said John Englander, president of the Cohasset Education Foundation.

The CEF board is still hammering out how the donation will be utilized, they expect to put the money to good use in the schools by early next year. One of the possibilities is to help purchase additional supplies for the recently build STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) lab at Deer Hill, which the CEF funded.

Margie Steele, chairwomen of the Cohasset Food Pantry, noted the town's overall generosity this season.

"It's wonderful, the town is just wonderful with us. From the young to the old, everybody is doing so much for us," said Steele. Unlike other food pantries in the area, the Cohasset Food Pantry's shelves are stocked.

"Our food pantry is just packed, we're very fortunate. We're going to have enough for all our clients," said Steele. The food pantry serves roughly 20 clients at any one time.

Both the Food Pantry and Elder Affairs also received $500 in Stop and Shop gift cards.

At Elder Affairs, director Linda Ellworthy has already put to good use the funds received from Cohasset Day organizers.

Several of the gift cards were used to purchase items for a bag lunch seniors took along to a Christmas concert at Massasoit Community College. Others were used to help defray the cost of Wednesday's Christmas feast for 53 seniors.

"The rest are for Carol Barrett (outreach director for Elder Affairs) to distribute to seniors who are having difficulty making ends meet. The money will be used to help seniors with fuel and to enable Elder Affairs to continue paying our food shopping escort drivers a modest stipend when the funding is spent," Ellworthy said.

The EDC will begin in earnest the 2009 Cohasset Day planning come January.

"For a first time event we were very pleased," said Brown. "This event established a strong mutual relationship between the Chamber of Commerce and the EDC. We're looking forward to working with them with Cohasset Day and other efforts."

In fact, $500 of the Cohasset Day monies went toward the Chamber's Annual Village Holiday Stroll event this past Saturday.

Preliminary discussions and suggestions have already set into motion some tweaks to the Cohasset Day program. They plan on expanding the food portion of the event, changing the schedule to end a bit earlier, expanding the car parade and generally improving all the elements the went into creating the atmosphere for Cohasset Day.

"The result was beyond our dreams for our first year event and, on top of it all, everyone had a great time," said Brown.

The EDC set aside a sum of money for the 2009 Cohasset Day. "This year we started with nothing, next year at least we'll have something," said Brown.

The date for Cohasset Day has already been set for Saturday, Sept. 12 (a change from the date given at Special Town Meeting).

From the Archives of the Cohasset Historical Society



The Cohasset Historical Society was pleased to have a presence on Saturday for the Cohasset Village Stroll. Because our village museums are seasonal and open from June until September, we are grateful to Stacy Cuddy, owner of Hernan Salon for providing space in her window for a mini-exhibit.

Our beautiful children's mannequins are part of our Christmas exhibit of French designer creations from the late 1800s and early 1900s. Please stop by the Pratt Building at 106 South Main St., Monday-Friday, 10 to 4, to see the rest of these exquisite fashions.

If you have enjoyed reading our columns and discovering some of what we hold in our archives, please consider supporting the Historical Society. Your tax-deductible donation can be sent to: Cohasset Historical Society, PO Box 627, Cohasset, MA 02025. All donations are gratefully appreciated.

If you have something that you would consider donating to our archives please give us a call at 781-383-1434.

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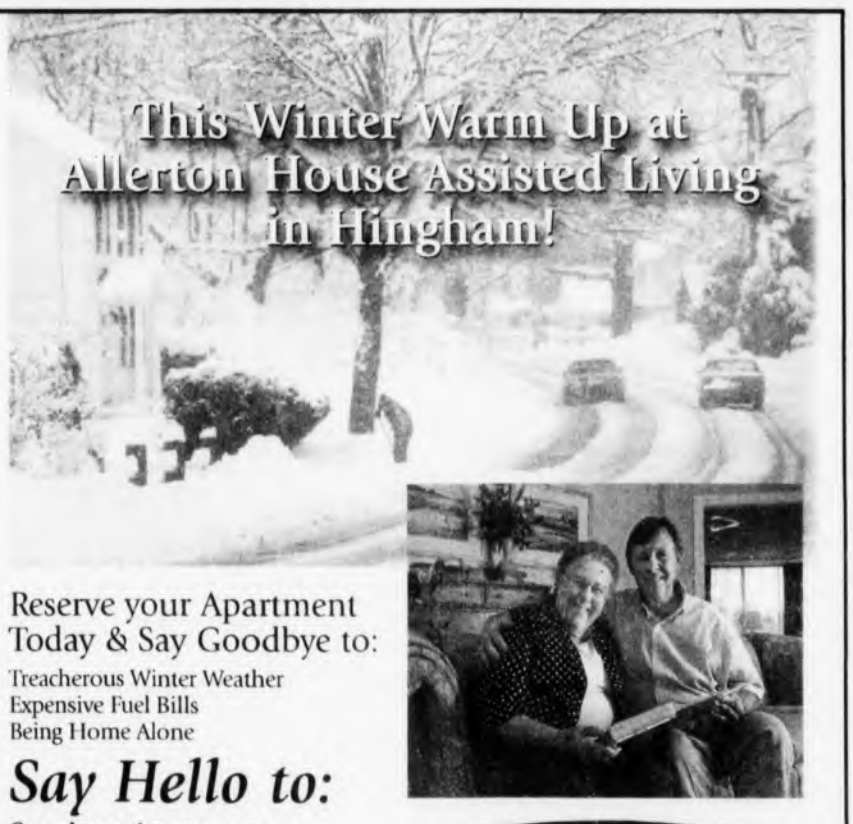
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Silver lining

Economic forecasts – globally, nationally, regionally and locally – are looking bleak.

Fiscal 2010, which starts July 1, is not going to be pretty.

Next door in Hingham, the selectmen announced this week that anticipated revenue for that town could fall millions of dollars short of the budget requests submitted as of Dec. 10.

The news is unlikely to be good here in Cohasset as the fiscal 2010 budget season begins in earnest in the weeks ahead.

We can take some solace that we are not alone.

But we can take greater comfort that Cohasset has an abundance of creative, energetic and talented residents on its town boards and committees who will surely roll their sleeves up and get down to business. The town can also tap the expertise of residents who are not currently serving in any official capacity.

We are going to have to band together and come up with ideas that can try to keep town services and the schools in tact.

There will be no easy answers. The fiscal picture could be worse than most of us have experienced in our lifetimes.

We were encouraged this week by remarks made by Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr, who said infrastructure, deferred maintenance and public safety projects in the queue for Cohasset could qualify for federal aid as part of the anticipated stimulus bill.

He said smaller projects that are permitted could go to the top of the list. The Jerusalem Road repair project, Jacob's Meadow culvert project, even the Town Hall restoration project could be candidates.

"We should be getting ready so we could have the opportunity (to get funding)…that is debt we don't have to take on," Carr said this week. The federal stimulus package, he noted, will not look at a town's wealth in its evaluation, because the purpose is to get people to work and stimulate the economy.

Selectman Karen Quigley said one of the reasons she ran the office is that she found as a whole Cohasset tended to be "reactive." Her hope was to move toward a proactive attitude when addressing the issues facing the town.

Although the selectmen's goal-setting session was not necessarily geared toward the economy – being "proactive" in the current climate is going to be more important than ever.

We all hope and pray the dark economic clouds – and potential storm brewing – would just go away.

Therefore, just for starters, our wish list for Santa this year would be for the stock market to turn around, the American automobile industry to rebound, and the housing industry to get back on its feet.

More realistic hopes are, however, for wisdom, creative thinking, and a spirit of togetherness – to get us through.

We believe there is always a silver lining. Cohasset is more fortunate than most towns and we are grateful for that.



MEETINGS

The following meetings are posted at Town Hall:

Capital Budget Committee, Jan. 6, 20, 27 and Feb. 3, 24, all at 7:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Jan. 8, 7 p.m.
Osgood School Council, Jan. 8, 3:30 p.m. at Osgood.
School Improvement, Feb. 4 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cohasset Middle High School.
Selectmen, Jan. 5, 7 p.m.
ZBA, Jan. 6, 8;30 p.m.
All meetings take place at Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Call the Town Clerk's office at 781-383-4100 for updates and additions.

Nomination papers for Town Election

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2009 will be available on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb.12 and the last day to register to vote is March 6. In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. Please note that you are not running for office until you take out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies your signatures.

Positions available for the 2009 town election:

- Selectmen — ONE for three years
- School Committee — TWO for three years
- Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library — THREE for three years
- Assessor—ONE for three years
- Board of Health — ONE for three years
- Cohasset Housing Authority ONE for five years
- Planning Board — ONE for five years
- Recreation Commission — ONE for five years
- Sewer Commission — ONE for three years
- Water Commission — ONE for three years

Early deadline next week

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Cohasset Mariner will go to press on Wednesday, which is a day early next week. That means that all editorial copy and photographs must arrive by noon, Tuesday. Email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com with questions.

However, the Cohasset Mariner will still arrive in your mailboxes and on the newsstands on Friday, Dec. 26.

For breaking news, videos and photo galleries, check out our web site at: www.wickedlocal.com/Cohasset

Merry Christmas!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Little Harbor pollution concerns

TO THE EDITOR:

After reading "Making Tracks" last week, does anyone see the incongruity of the activities around Little Harbor?

We are installing miles of sewer pipes with the thought of keeping pollution out of the Harbor and now we are possibly adding more petroleum laden street runoff into the Harbor with "This week major drainage was being placed on Joy Place adjacent to Central Cemetery. This system will drain North Main Street from approximately Green Street to Sohier Street and send the water down Joy Place to Little Harbor, just beyond the cemetery."

I know there are already storm drains going into the Harbor, however, I believe we are owed an explanation as to how yet another storm drain will not affect the Harbor.

I have lived on Little Harbor over 30 years and have seen many changes in the Harbor, both good and bad, and I sincerely hope that someone will be observant and document the changes in Little Harbor in the future. Some of these changes are subtle but potentially important.

Martha Hurtig
58 Gammons Road

Remembering veterans

TO THE EDITOR:

I visited Town Hall this summer to buy my beach sticker and found Korean War veteran David Strout's youthful picture among other veterans whose lives were lost in defense of the liberties we often take for granted. David Strout's memorial is located just outside of our home. I have come to call David's memorial site mine to care for. He is family.

If you live near a war memorial, would you please consider caring for and decorating it in their honor? Honor is the word I had printed on the ribbon decorating the greens I placed under David Strout's name. Honor. It's true. I do.

Amy DeWeir-Golden
70 Jerusalem Road

Heartfelt appreciation

This letter was addressed to Chairman Edwin Carr, Cohasset Town Hall.

Dear Chairman Carr:

On behalf of the family of John Clasby and the Hull Fire Department I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Cohasset Fire and Police departments for their assistance during the funeral of Firefighter John Clasby on Nov. 17, 2008.

There are no words that can be expressed to acknowledge the loss of a fallen brother. The cooperation extended by all the public safety agencies will be forever remembered.

Robert A. Hollingshead
Fire Chief
Town of Hull

POLITICAL NOTES

Hedlund criticizes 'sham' 40B hearing

A little-publicized public hearing on recent changes to Chapter 40B guidelines is the latest move by state housing officials that demonstrates their lack of interest in working with affected communities and their elected officials, Sen. Robert Hedlund said recently.

"Considering the amount of negative attention DHCD and 40B has received in recent months, I am stunned that they would make such little effort to publicize this hearing," Hedlund said. "I can only assume that they simply were uninterested in hearing any statements that attempts to shed additional light on the fact that 40B is a horribly mismanaged and ineffective program that benefits developers more than it does low-income homebuyers."

Notice of the hearing was given in the form of small-type legal notices in select newspapers, and a brief link tucked away on a little-visited Department of Housing and Community Development Web site. The hearing was not included on the weekly list of events kept by State House News Service, which is considered by most to be the unofficial keeper of the Massachusetts political calendar. It was only through a chance conversation that Hedlund found out about the hearing 36 hours prior to its start.

"That DHCD didn't even notify the members of the Legislature's Joint Committee on Housing is appalling and borderline insulting," said Hedlund, who is the ranking minority party member of that committee, as well as the driving force behind October's Senate Post Audit and Oversight Committee hearing on 40B abuses.

Due to the lack of publicity, the meeting was less than an hour long. The only people who spoke were pro-40B developers, attorneys and advocates.

Hedlund, however, did submit written testimony to DHCD asking that the agency make a number of changes that he felt would bring a level fairness and accountability to the program. These changes include requiring developers to submit actual expense records during their cost certification review, amending definitions that allow developers to build more dense projects while handcuffing the ability of local zoning boards to scale back outrageously large proposals, and giving communities more time to increase its affordable housing inventory.

Fax news of your event to 781-741-2931

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A tutorial on grinder pumps

MAKING TRACKS

TOM GRUBER & MARK BRENNAN

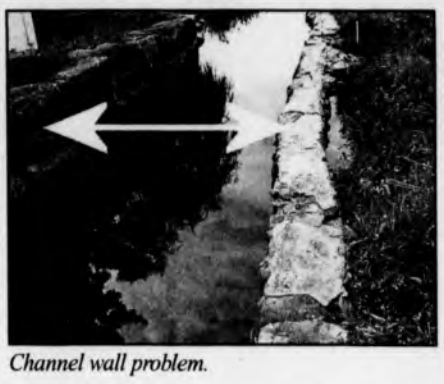
Little Harbor Project – We had several calls over the past month asking about the black pipes that can be seen occasionally rising from the ground around the Little Harbor Sewer Project area. But, to explain these pipes we will have to step back and review a little bit of background.

As you probably know, the little Harbor Sewer System and the North Cohasset sewer system differ considerably from the older central sewer system in the village center. The central sewer is a gravity system, where good old gravity is able to generate the flow of effluent from homes to the sewer plant. The two newer systems are low pressure pumped systems. In these newer systems, due to all of the hills and ledge, it is not economically feasible to maintain a constant slope in the pipes so the force of gravity can effectively do the pumping work. Instead, each home will have a pump to force the sewage effluent on its way to the sewer plant. (Actually, the pumps are properly called grinder pumps because not only do they pump the effluent, but they homogenize the sewage into slurry that can be pumped. Who knew?)

Now, moving on with our background explanation, as the slurry is being pumped up and down over hill and through dale, it is likely that there will be air entrained in the slurry and can separate from it. As the sewer pipes go up and down, this air will get trapped at the high spots in the pipe. The air can potentially reduce the flow and in some instances, stop it altogether. The trapped air is like vapor lock in an automotive fuel line, where no fuel can get past the air blockage to the engine and the engine won't start. That's not a good thing.

Consequently, equipment has been added periodically to bleed and vent the air out of the sewer lines into the atmosphere. This is done by installing precast concrete structures with manholes over the sewer line with special air purge valves connected to the sewer line that allow the trapped air to be released. The air is released into the underground structure and then it is vented to the atmosphere through a vent pipe.

The diagram shows both the above and below ground view of the manhole and the air separating valves. As you can see, most of the structure and equipment is below ground. Only the vent pipe, on the left side of the diagram, and the manhole used to maintain the equipment are visible above the ground. Some residents have asked if the vent pipes can be relocated further away from their property. Unfortunately, the answer is that there is very little flexibility in the vent pipe location. The air vent equipment needs to be located at points where air is likely to accumulate and must be in close proximity to the vent valves. The engineers have tried to locate the pipes to minimize their visual impact. If possible, they will be located near a telephone pole so that the pole somewhat masks their vertical stature. We might also mention that each of these vent pipes will be topped with an odor scrubber whose function it is to clean up the smell of any noxious gasses that may happen to escape along with the air.

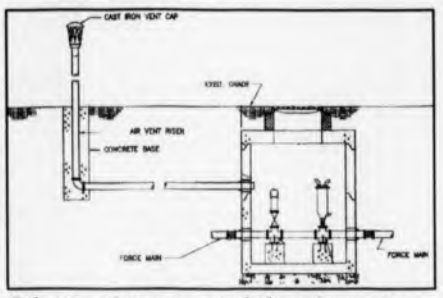


Channel wall problem.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Vent pipe and telephone pole on Beach Street.



Side view of air purge manhole and vent pipe.

Switching gears, last week's rains really messed up several of the areas where the sewer trenches had been backfilled, but not patched with asphalt. It has been customary for the contractor to do trench patching each Friday so that the work areas that are complete will be passable by the weekend. When rains like the gulley washer of last Friday happen, it's pretty obvious that the paving can't be done. Instead, the heavy rains turn the unpaved areas into puddleville. If the unpaved area is on a hill, the trench gravel is washed away by the torrential rains leaving miniature renditions of the Grand Canyon behind in the roadway. Friday, our phone rang off the hook with residents pointing out the damage wreaked by the rains. The project contractor did yeoman's service trying to patch things up. Monday of this week was projected to be the only decent weather day this week, so everyone was scrambling with our paving contractor to get a couple of private lanes base-coated and lots of patching done.

Jacobs Meadow Outfall Project – As we have reviewed before, the small Jacobs Meadow outfall channel next to the Legion building on Border Street is threatening to collapse. In the last 14 months the area shown in the photo by the arrow has moved to further narrow the channel by 5 inches. On Tuesday of this week, the DPW had to go down to the channel and break up a thin piece of concrete that had come loose from the wall so it would not clog the channel. Should this channel substantially collapse, the storm water collected in Jacobs Meadow from Lower King Street to the north, to as far south as Castle Lane would not be able to drain into the harbor effectively. This could cause serious flooding in the center village area.

This fall, Town Meeting approved the funds for the channel reconstruction. Before the project can go out for bid, we need to receive the blessing of numerous environmental regulatory bodies, both state and federal. The project has now passed muster with the Cohasset Conservation Commission and the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Our engineers are currently preparing for a hearing with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) in January of 2009. This meeting will be a joint meeting between the ACOE and other state and federal agencies. The concept of a joint meeting is a real time saver in the environmental permitting process, in that numerous agencies all review the project at the same time. It is very helpful in this process that the Town has spent significant efforts working with those near the project for their input as well as keeping the various regulatory agencies up to date regarding our plans as they progressed.

Finally, this will be our last article until after the New Year so, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Test flawed, but still raises concerns

COMMENTARY

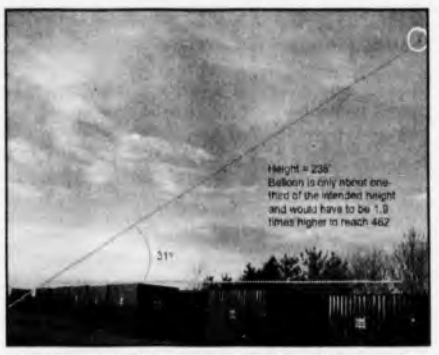
SHIELDS DAY

The balloon test this weekend to demonstrate the height of the proposed wind turbines was clearly flawed due to the high winds and poor engineering, simulating heights that were typically only one-third to one-half the actual anticipated height of the turbines. Even with these flaws, some conclusions (some obvious, others a bit surprising) could still be easily drawn by a quick drive around town:

- The turbines will be plainly visible from as far away as Sandy Beach
- As anticipated, the turbines would loom over Sunrise and Avalon and the neighborhoods of Fairoaks, Rose Hill, Rocky Lane, North Main Street, Forest Ave, Cedar Street, etc. as they soar well above the tree line
- The bright skies and wind directions made it painfully clear how intense the shadow flicker will be this time of year (with the sun low on the horizon) for many of the direct abutters as well as those much further away



- With the wind on Sunday, the balloon was perched directly over Hingham Lumber, showing how one of the turbines could fall right on top of it, its employees and its customers!
- The gateway to Cohasset would consist of two massive industrial structures – probably not the image most of us want to welcome our family and friends



As flawed as this test was, and maybe even misleading to many, it sent a clear message: turbines of this scale are not appropriate for Cohasset, and are not fair to impose on its citizens. Rather than asking the developer to spend more money proving his case, the planning board should first rule on all the fatal flaws of the project that by any objective measure would terminate it.

Shields Day lives at 96 Fairoaks Lane.

HEALTH NOTES

Keeping pets safe this winter

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Hold the presses! The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, MEMA for short has just issued a bulletin: MEMA's Pet Safety Tips For The Winter Months – as if they don't have enough to do. If this came out two weeks before Christmas, it'll be interesting to see what they are going to do about Santa Claus, his sleigh and reindeer next week. But lest the Board of Health be called spoilsports or anti emergency management or something, we include substantially the entire text forthwith in hopes of preparing you for the strange weather we'll probably be having. MEMA goes on to say:

"As the harsh winter months settles in, it is important that you think about keeping your pets safe from all of the dangers that the season can present," stated Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Director Don Boyce. "MEMA offers some tips to help insure your pet's safety."

• Do not leave your pet outdoors when temperatures drop below freezing.

Dogs need outdoor exercise, but take care not to keep them outdoors for lengthy periods of time during very cold weather. Short-coated dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater during walks. Dogs and cats are safer indoors during all sorts of extreme weather.

• Wind-chill is a threat to pets, even those protected by shelters.

Outdoor dogs must be protected by a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large enough to allow the dog to both sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to retain body heat. The floor should be elevated a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The entrance of the doghouse should be turned to face away from prevailing winds, and the entrance should be covered with a flap of heavy waterproof fabric or heavy plastic.

• Pets who spend a greater amount of time outdoors in the winter need more food.

Maintaining warmth depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's water dish to ensure the water is fresh and not frozen. To prevent your pet's tongue from freezing to their feeding or drinking bowl, plastic, rather than metal food and water bowls is preferred.

• Be leery of frozen bodies of water.

Always keep your pets on a leash when walking them near suspected frozen bodies of water. The ice may not be sturdy enough to support your pet. If a pet falls through the ice, do not attempt to rescue your pet yourself; go for help.

• Antifreeze and de-icing chemicals can be hazardous.

Antifreeze has a sweet taste that can attract animals. Always store antifreeze out of reach and clean up spills. Antifreeze made with propylene glycol can actually be swallowed in small amounts and not injure pets, wildlife or humans. De-icing chemicals, including salt, can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe your pet's feet with a damp towel after coming indoors, even if salt on sidewalks is not visible.

• Warm automobile engines are dangerous for cats and small wildlife.

Parked vehicles can attract small animals, which may crawl under the hood seeking warmth. To avoid injuring hiding animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them off before starting your engine.

For additional information about keeping your pets safe, go to the State of Massachusetts Animal Response Team (SMART) website at:
www.smart-mass.org.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is the state agency responsible for coordinating federal, state, local, voluntary and private resources during emergencies and disasters in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. MEMA provides leadership to: develop plans for effective response to all hazards, disasters or threats; train emergency personnel to protect the public; provide information to the citizenry; and assist individuals, families, businesses and communities to mitigate against, prepare for and respond to and recover from emergencies, both natural and man made. For additional information about MEMA and Winter Preparedness, go to: www.mass.gov/mema.

Cohasset and its pets have had a long and cordial relationship with MEMA's Region 4b that includes the greater Boston area as well as Weymouth and Hingham.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

Small town corruption

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



My earliest recollections of government on the South Shore involve a Braintree selectman who went to jail for selling a job with the town and a mayor of Quincy who was ousted for some campaign shenanigans.

True, their sins never reached the proportions of Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich's alleged crime that placed a U. S. Senate seat on the auction block for what was said to be as much as a million dollars.

I first heard of John Smith during the summer of 1949 when I was working at a concession, which some say had a shady side of its own, in Paragon Park. Some still spoke nostalgically of him, like Bostonians speak of Jim Curley.

But they were an indication that corruption, however small, can happen anywhere.

Like even the little town of Hull, where John Smith — no, not the one whose name appears on motel registers everywhere — ruled for 33 years until his death in 1926, and whose influence lingered on in his "Citizens Association" for another 13 years.

I first heard of John Smith during the summer of 1949 when I was working at a concession, which some say had a shady side of its own, in Paragon Park. Some still spoke nostalgically of him, like Bostonians speak of Jim Curley.

Then I came across the book "Old Nantasket," the memoirs of Dr. William M. Bergan, the Hull dentist, onetime selectman and himself a member of Boss Smith's Citizens Association, which he called "The Old Ring."

"He was an imposing personality," wrote Bergan. "His family name was Schmidt and had been changed to Smith. He was of Prussian ancestry. He had a commanding military bearing. He was a natural-born leader."

Smith, who was the owner of the Nantasket Ice Company, controlled Hull by controlling the annual town meeting, which not only enacted the town bylaws but, until 1918, elected the town officers as well.

No bylaw was passed without Smith's approval. No one ran for public office either.

"Who the slate of candidates would be, and what was going to happen in the town meeting, would be all cut and dried in a meeting of a handful Smith's lieutenants in a smoke-filled hotel room," said Bergan.

"From the beginning of his reign, he always announced a month in advance of the town meeting exactly what the tax rate would be. He told the head of the departments … to fit into the tax rate he had previously announced."

No one spoke against a Smith article or candidate. "In the March 1904 town meeting, a citizen coughed and sneezed at the same time. They threw him out of the hall. They thought he had said something."

John F. "Honey Fitz" Fitzgerald, the mayor of Boston and grandfather of a future president, who owned a summer home in Hull, once made the mistake of speaking out against Smith and The Old Ring.

The next day, a ditch five feet wide and seven feet deep was dug in front of his summer home and it remained there for the rest of the summer season. Not even the mayor of Boston had the clout to defy John Smith, the Boss of Hull.

'Our Town' to focus on Cohasset Conservation Trust

This week on "Our Town," viewers can watch a new show detailing the work of the Cohasset Conservation Trust. Co-host Mark DeGiacomo, a trustee with the group, sits down with fellow board members Debbie Shadd and Gary Vanderweil to discuss the efforts of the group to protect and preserve some of Cohasset's most beautiful landscape.

Co-host Pat Martin goes behind the camera to film the trustees touring and highlighting six of the 18 properties the trust maintains.

Tune in starting Monday, at 9 p.m., or Tuesday or Thursday, at 9 p.m., all on Comcast Channel 10.

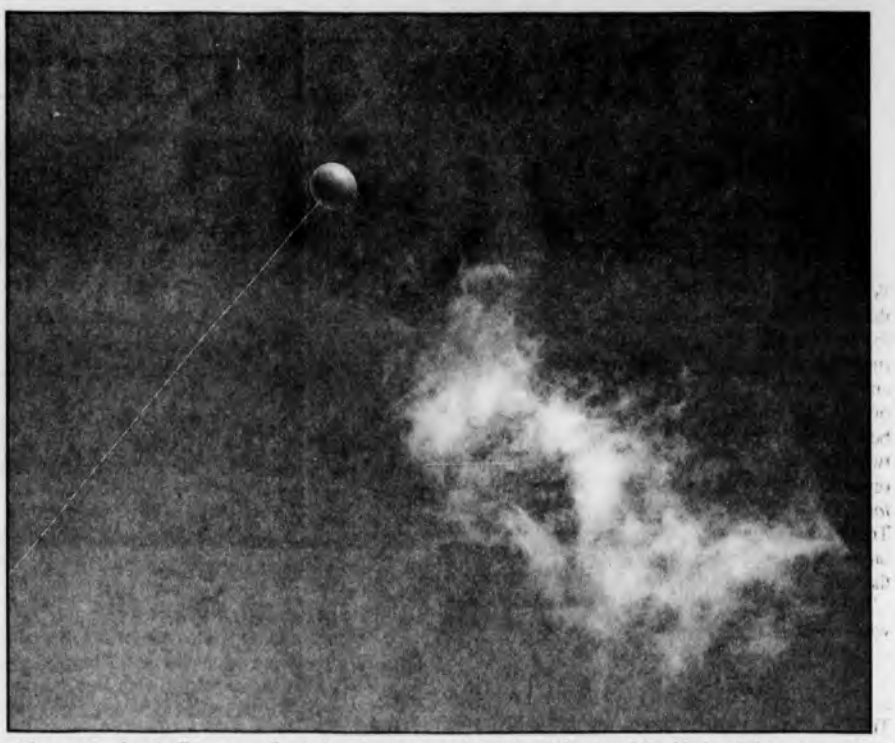
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Check out www.wickedlocal.com /Cohasset

- Free lunch with Roving Reporter Rich Ofsthun who visits the Cohasset House of Pizza!
- Pet of the Week Video from the Scituate Animal Shelter.
- Breaking news, updates, slideshows and full-color photo galleries throughout the week



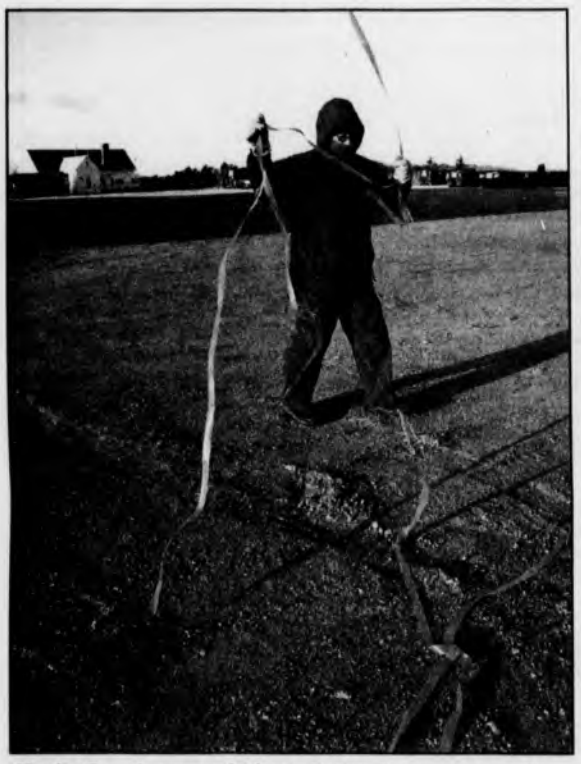
Jim Sweeney, president of CCI-Energy, the applicant for the Cohasset Heights wind turbine project, and Charlie Gravel, owner of Atlantic Design Engineering, watch as Nick Barstow secures the line to the weather balloon that was floated to demonstrate the scale and height of the proposed wind turbine.



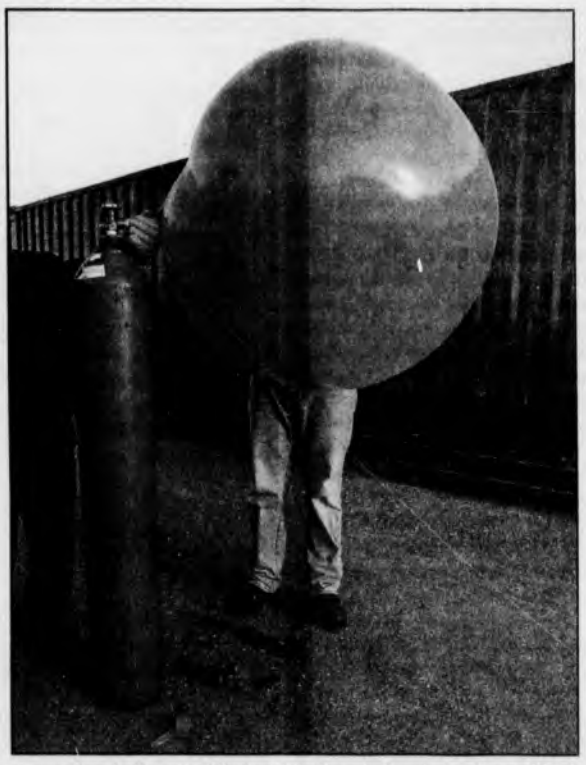
A large weather balloon was floated at the proposed height of the tip of the blade of the proposed wind turbine. The turbines are proposed to be constructed next to the now capped Cohasset Heights landfill; the location is up on the hill behind the Graham Waste garage off Route 3A.

Balloon liftoff

Launch intended to show turbine scale, height



Charlie Gravel, owner of Atlantic Design Engineering, guides orange streamers off the ground on Saturday morning. The orange streamers were placed to show the low point of the proposed turbine's blades. The balloons were up all weekend and into Monday, but at times had be taken down due to wind and other weather concerns



A weather balloon is filled with helium before being floated high on the proposed siting for the Cohasset Heights wind turbine project. Two weather balloons (one for each turbine) were floated at the proposed height of the tip of the blade, then orange streamers at the height of the nacelle, or hub where the blades originate. The demonstration was designed to give the Planning Board, which is currently reviewing the project, a sense of the turbine's height.

Photos by Laura Sinclair



A sign was put out on Route 3A letting Cohasset residents know that the balloon test was taking place.



Nick Barstow of Atlantic Design Engineering fills a weather balloon with helium.

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—CONCERT REVIEW—

CHMS Winter Concert warmed the heart

By Kathryn Hillman
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER



The Cohasset Middle School Winter Concert, which took place this past Wednesday (Dec. 10), featured the concert bands, chorus, and a concert repertoire ensemble, all under the direction of Mrs. Goldstein. Band members from the sixth grade played two numbers, including the highly original and amusing *Concerto for Post and Pans*, by Ralph Ford. The piece featured the drummers on pots for short solos throughout the song.

The sixth-grade band played with the seventh-and eighth-grade band in a piece titled *Asturias*, written by Issac Albeniz and arranged by Michael Story. The piece showcased each instrument very clearly. The seventh- and eighth- grade band played three songs, including *December Sky* written by Erik Morales. The piece characterized a cold, crisp December night. The writer got the inspiration from his daughter, and the band invoked this imagery beautifully.

The concert choir preformed a segment following the band. The sixth-grade chorus sang a piece called *O Music* written by Lowell Mason, who made music standard in public schools, and was arranged by Doreen Rao. The sixth-grade chorus also did *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*, a traditional Spiritual arranged by Brad Printz. This mix of jazz and blues had everyone clapping along. The sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade choruses came together to sing *The Journey*, by Antonin Dvorak and arranged by Joseph Martin. The piece is an adaptation from Appalachian Spring's Quaker Hymn. The seventh- and eighth-grade chorus then sang a few songs, including the old-time favorite *Winter Wonderland* by Felix Bernard, with the audience singing along.

The final group to perform was the Concert Repertoire Ensemble. There were only five members: Joe Buckley, Julien Geyer, Robbie Hillman, Ben Buckley, and Ben Williams. The small group preformed four songs, offering plenty of room for solos. The first number, *Bag O' Blues* written by Bruce Pearson and arranged by C. Goldstein, featured a saxophone solo by Ben Williams. *Country Gardens*, a traditional English Folk Song, featured the three trumpet players, Julien Geyer, Ben Buckley, and Robbie Hillman. *Andante* by Handel, another classical piece, was played as a duet by Joe Buckley on the flute and Ben Williams on the saxophone. Both pieces were executed beautifully. For their final piece, the ensemble played the popular *Viva La Vida* by Coldplay and arranged by N. Goldstein. The audience enjoyed this piece in particular.

All three musical sections did an impressive job in the concert.

CHS gearing up for the holidays

LIFE AT CHS

LAUREN MACK



Hello everyone! Let me start off this week by saying that on Sunday it snowed, and by Wednesday, several students were spotted in the halls wearing flip-flops. Only in New England, right? Anyways, I apologize for any inconvenience that the absence of last week's article may have caused. I also hope that everyone made an effort to attend at least one of the recent performances of *West Side Story*! The cast was lucky enough to have several "superfans", or people who went to all three shows. Each performance was a solid one, and I give my regards to all those who worked hard in making the production phenomenal.

The high school has certainly been getting into the holiday spirit lately. Earlier this week, the International club and Art club teamed up to make special holiday decorations for the foreign language hallway. And last Friday, the band and chorus went on their annual Day Tour, in which the travel to places in the community, like Sunrise Assisted Living, Deer Hill, and Osgood, and perform various holiday songs that they have specially prepared for the season. In addition, the band and chorus hosted their annual winter concert this past Thursday where they performed this year's festival pieces in addition to some holiday classics.

This week's quote of the week comes from a woman who might be considered the "school mom" because she's the one we go to if we have a stomachache, headache, schoolache, or any other kind of ache that a student may be suffering from. Her name is **Mrs. Judy Collins**, and she is the school nurse. Often times, when I make my trips down to the nurse's office, I look into the little rooms with beds and wonder how often students visit the nurse to simply take naps. When presented with this question, Mrs. Collins responded that, "Kids don't come down here for naps, they come down for crackers. But I only give them to students when I'm in a good mood, because, in the end, it's all about me." Sure enough, shortly after this was stated, a student walked into the nurse's office and requested a small bag of oyster crackers. And with that, I leave you all to a wonderful weekend! Farvel!

Lauren Mack is a senior at CHS. Her column appears weekly during the school year.

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Walk through any of the Cohasset schools and you can see the impact of CEF's fundraising efforts. The CEF's grant programs are made possible by you – families with an interest in fostering excellence in our schools through innovation and creativity in teaching.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Christmas Pageant

Cappella Clausura and Creationdance will present a joint Christmas performance titled "Gloria: A Renaissance Christmas Pageant," featuring music ranging from medieval to modern, as well as costumed performers, dance and giant puppetry. The concert will be at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21, at First Parish Cohasset Parish House, 23 North Main St. Admission will be $15 for adults and $12 for seniors and children.

In a different sort of Christmas pageant, suited to the entire family, Cappella Clausura, directed by Amelia LeClair, joins with Creationdance, directed by Helena Froehlich, to create a foray into the variety of music written to celebrate the mother of God and the birth of her son. For this concert of music and dance, Cappella Clausura has chosen works from its repertory of medieval, Renaissance, baroque and modern music, including works by Hildegard von Bingen and Patricia Van Ness. In keeping with the mission of Cappella Clausura, all the music is composed by women composers from throughout the centuries. All this will be topped off with some lively laude, or processional hymns, from 14th century Florence, which the audience is invited to sing with the cast. Froehlich and company will provide the choreography, costumes and puppetry as Cappella Clausura sings the Christmas story all the way from Gabriel to the visit of the Magi.

For more information about the concert, call Allegra Martin at 617-872-0461.

Gymnastics/sports camp offered Dec. 29

Holiday Gymnastics/Sports and More will hold a One Day Camp on Monday, Dec. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For boys and girls ages 4 to 10. Cost: $42 member/$45 nonmember at the South Shore Community Center. Call 781-383-0088.

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Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road Cohasset. For information, call 781-383-1348.

Holiday hours — Library hours for the holiday week are Monday, Dec. 22 and Tuesday, Dec. 23 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Closed Thursday, Dec. 25; Friday, Dec. 26 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 27 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday Dec. 28, from 2 to 5 p.m.

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Cohasset Girls Varsity Basketball Team Player Sammi Lehr, who is also League All-Sstar and Fox Player of the year, happily checks out her new Championship ring.

Girls basketball season underway

Veteran team posts first win

By Susan Franklin

Sunday was a special day in the High School Gymnasium. The defending State Champion girls varsity basketball team was suited up and ready to kick off the season against Dorchester. An eager crowd filled of proud parents, supportive townspeople and younger players, who regard this successful squad with awe, lined the stands.

A ceremony preceded the contest where a championship banner was raised. Each player and their coaches were recognized for their accomplishments in the 2007 season and presented with a ring commemorating their championship win.

The ring has a blue stone and the band is decorated with meaningful symbols of their school, themselves and their championship win. An image of a Skipper graces the band along with the letter "C" for Cohasset as well as the year and the player's number. Each ring was engraved with a personal message, which in some cases included the score of the championship win or the first initial of each player.



The girls Varsity Basketball team and their coaches received their championship rings before the start of Saturday's game against Dorchester High School.

Coach John LeVangie addressed the crowd, announcing each of his players and fellow coaches and presenting them with their ring. He said that "this is not just about basketball, but about life" and the young women on this team understand what he means. The journey to a championship is an arduous one, albeit the reward is well worth the hard work and emotional challenges it takes to get there. In addition to the obvious life lessons about winning and losing, these players are a group of talented individuals who became a formidable team. They understand hard work and dedication. They respect leadership and know that succeeding in this fast paced game means testing your limits and trusting one another.

A ring was presented by Coach LeVangie to the wife and two sons of his life long friend Dick Milner who passed away shortly

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New sports guy frozen, but happy to be here

POPPIN' OFF

WILLIAM WASSERSUG

It's nice to be home.

Nice and cold.

Very, very cold, or at least it feels like it after living by the Magical little place in Central Florida for the past two years, playing with giant mice, princesses and pirates, with a little football tossed in for fun.

But now I'm back near where I grew up with an opportunity to be a part of the local sports scene as the new sports editor of the Norwell Mariner, Cohasset Mariner, Scituate Mariner and the Pembroke Mariner & Reporter.

I'm shivering, but excited to be back.

Some of you may remember my name from about five or six years back when I was writing and taking photos for these same papers.

This time I hope to do that and more. Much more. I want to bring sports to life, from the little ones just learning to play, to the high schoolers, to the hometown hero making it big in The Show, or even the guys and ladies just out there playing for fun.

I've been there.

Through the years I've covered just about every sport at some point, with the possible exception of Ninja Warrior, which is by the way, highly entertaining and a true sport.

I've been a player, coach, media and a fan, and see the games from all of those angles.

That, of course can make it tough. Media objectivity, coach-speak, Monday morning quarterbacking and the famous 'I would have caught that' vision don't always mix.

Fortunately they do make for entertaining and balanced stories, unless we're taking about the Red Sox, where fan-guy usually leads the way at the mouth and the keyboard.

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That was fun in October, living just a few hours from Tampa, where the bandwagon filled in the course of two weeks.

Just so you know me, here's a little rundown.

I grew up in Randolph, got cold, headed to The U (Miami) to warm up and water ski for the Hurricane Skiers. After that I was back in Randolph, where I started writing sports before I got cold again and spent the next 12 years in sunny California, writing sports for The Scout at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

Somehow, I then found myself back in Randolph, then New Hampshire, still writing sports. Then I got really, really cold and

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STAFF PHOTO/DAVE NEAULT

Cohasset's Robert Jones makes a hard drive to the basket during a game against East Bridgewater Tuesday.

Hoopsters down East Bridgewater

The Cohasset boys varsity basketball team opened the season Tuesday on the road in East Bridgewater.

The Skippers, under the new leadership of coach Bo Ruggiero, looked sharp and ready to play as they jumped out to a quick 10-2 lead on the way to a 65-50 victory.

Senior co-captains Danny Martin, Marcus Charles, John Sturino, along with junior Johnny Maher and sophomore Robert Jones were the starters.

Maher (9 points, 9 rebounds, 3 assists) scored the first points of the season when he picked up a loose ball knocked free by Jones (21 points, 7 steals) and layed it in for the hoop.

The Skippers stymied the Vikings as they applied full court pressure the entire game. In the first quarter the Vikings struggled and turned the ball over several times. Sturino (9 points, 5 rebounds) got the party started for Cohasset with the hot hand. As time was ticking off the clock, Jones took it to the arc and hit a three-pointer to put Cohasset on top 19-9 at the end of the first quarter.

The intensity maintained through the second quarter. Junior Kevin O'Connell and

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First game jitters bite Skippers

Hockey team falls at Rockland

By William Wassersug
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ROCKLAND - It was a case of first-night jitters for the Cohasset hockey team, and a case of a senior captain having a huge night for Rockland as the Bulldogs downed the Skippers 4-2 Monday night at the Rockland Ice Arena.

Rockland's Shawn Ryan notched a hat-trick to lead his squad, while Cohasset freshman Alex Evans potted his first career goal, a beautiful diving backhander off a rebound to goalie Matt Ingeno's right..

Cohasset (0-1) struck first with a goal from Conor Queenan with 10:16 left in the first period, but Rockland (1-1) turned the game around with a pair of goals eight seconds apart less than two minutes later.

Ryan netted the tying goal with a blast over Cohasset netminder Jonny Wade's right shoulder, and Brendan Hurley gave the Bulldogs a 2-1 lead with a long screen moments later.

"They had three guys break across the blue-line and they threw the puck on the net," Cohasset coach Bob Walsh said of the go-ahead goal. "Jonny was screened and couldn't see it, so he dropped down on his knees and the shot was up high."

Ryan gave the Bulldogs a 3-1 lead with 10:43 left in the second period, but the Skippers weren't giving up.

Down 3-1, Cohasset mounted a bit of a rally late in the period, peppering Ingeno with three solid shots, but none got through.

"Their goalie came up with big stops he needed," Walsh said. "We didn't take advantage of a few rebounds. It was a bit of first-

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Cohasset Hockey Forward, Sam Leahy, holds up the new Cohasset Hockey Team logo that was designed by Coach Bob Walsh.

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Girls basketball season underway

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after last year's championship win. LeVangie credits Milner for helping him bring this team to victory. His presence on the sidelines had significant impact on the players and memories of him will long drive this team forward. LeVangie also recognized his wife who has ardently supported him in his passion for this game and this team.

The team had little trouble with their first contest posting a 75-15 win over Dorchester. The players seemed excited to be back on the floor and the magic that we all recall from last season began to show through almost immediately. They played with the style and intensity that in addition to the skill and performance, sets them apart. The crowd was behind their team all game enjoying the familiar excitement of watching them work. No doubt basketball is in the air again and the Skippers are ready to play and their fans are ready to cheer.



PHOTOS/LAURA SINCLAIR

Cohasset's Meredith Kelly goes up for two points.



While flanked by two Dorchester High School defenders Cohasset's Sammi Lehr hauls down a rebound.

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senior Owen Landon started the second half and provided good defense and great ball deflection.

Martin (14 points, 8 rebounds) was strong at the stripe, frequently getting hacked under the boards. Freshman Robbie Mahoney saw his first varsity action in the final moments of the quarter and was impressive under the offensive board, keeping the ball alive.

Cohasset led at the half 33-24 and was playing terrific team ball.

The Skippers came out flat in the third quarter, not getting second and third shot opportunities.

The Vikings were nailing their shots and at the end of the third, cut the lead to one, 39-40, outscoring Cohasset 15-7 in the quarter.

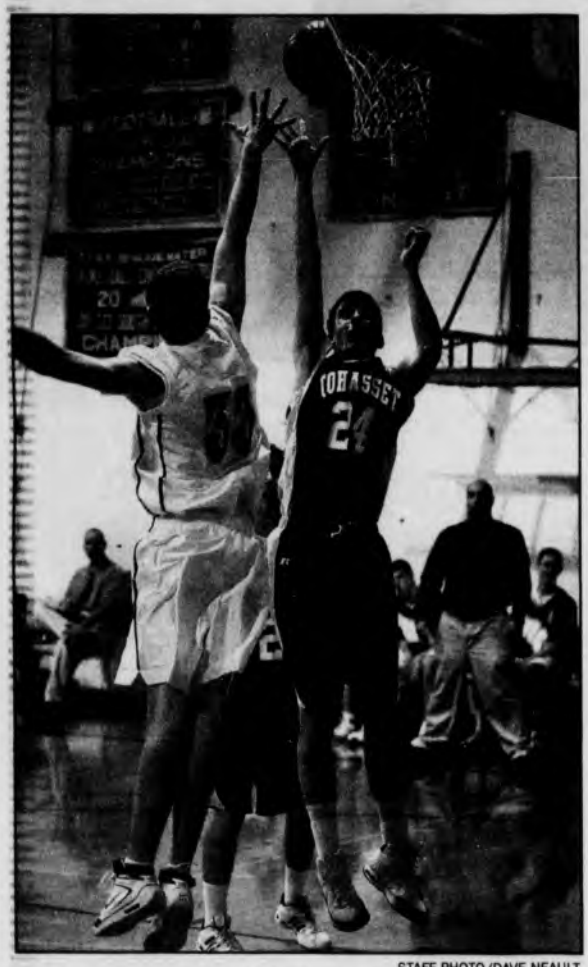
The beginning of the fourth quarter saw East Bridgewater take the lead on their opening possession.

Cohasset retaliated with a Jones trey, then a steal, where Jones fed Charles (11 points) for the bucket and a foul. Charles' foul shot put the Skippers up by six and they never looked back.

Cohasset outscored the Vikings 25-11 in the final frame.

"I'm pleased the team was able to win its first game of the season after working long and hard in the preseason," Ruggiero said. "Our guys deserved the win because of our work ethic. Our conditioning paid off in the fourth quarter after we went down by one and then both our mental and physical conditioning allowed us to pull away and win by 15. We showed a great deal of poise down the stretch. Next up is Carver, a very strong and tough team. They are undefeated at 3-0 and so we have some serious work cut out for us"

Cohasset travels to Carver tonight and opens at home on Monday, at 4:30 pm against Nantucket.



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Cohasset's John Maher goes for the layup during a 65-50 win against East Bridgewater, Tuesday.

Sixth graders lose youth basketball opener

It was a game of two totally different halves with Cohasset outscoring Abington 16-14 in the second half; unfortunately, Abington outscored Cohasset 22-2 in the first half resulting in a 36 - 18 defeat.

The first half score, however did not justify the attempts Cohasset had at keeping this a close game. Cohasset's big men, Patrick Federle and Jack Chamberlain dominated the boards but the team's inability to handle Abington's pressure defense and convert some easy lay-ups, as well as 14 missed free throws left a hole too big to climb out of in the second half.

The second half brought some new life to the Cohasset offense as both Harry Seraikas and Federle found room underneath and were able to provide the finish the offense was missing in the first half.

With the offense beginning to find its groove, the defense turned up the pressure and Abington started turning the ball over thanks to some great hustle from Cole Morrison, Teddy Craven, Tanner Gildea and Jack Hoffman.

The end result might not have been in Cohasset's favor but their willingness to compete like they did in the second half promises to bring positive results in the near future. Next up is a road trip to Silver Lake and then Hull in Cohasset on Sunday morning at 11:00am.

Eighth graders fall to Abington

Cohasset's eighth grade boys traveled to the Weymouth Naval Base for an afternoon tilt with perennial league power Abington. With only eight healthy players in uniform the Cohasset squad fought the talented Green Wave right down to the last few minutes before succumbing to their relentless opponent 48-36. Abington, thanks to some excellent outside shooting against Cohasset's zone defense, built an 8 point lead at halftime.

The second half began with Cohasset applying man-to-man pressure resulting in numerous turnovers, allowing Christian Davis, Shane Haggerty and Colin Gideon-Murphy to utilize their speed and convert numerous lay-ups. The short handed Cohasset squad ran out of gas late in the game, again relying on multiple three point attempts which resulted in many long rebounds and fast breaks for Abington which pulled away in the final minutes of the game.

Despite the outcome, Cohasset played with much more energy and determination than the previous week.

Davis and Haggerty attacked the hoop resulting in more free throw attempts, Gideon-Murphy's hustle forced turnovers and Conor Dooley was able to box out and get the rebounds underneath.

Cohasset looks forward to next week's games against Silver Lake on Saturday night in Halifax and a Sunday afternoon match at the Cohasset Middle High School against arch rival Hull.

Game-time is 1 p.m.

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The Cohasset Hockey Team wore their hockey jerseys, with the new team logo, to school on Friday. Jonny Wade, Brian Scott, Sam Leahy, Andy McKenna, Alex Evans, Andrew Whitney, Anders Goetz, Paul Pozniak, Travers Craven, Harry Cipolla, Andrew Bell, Cpoleman Hemon, Brendan Doonan, Conor Queenan, Vinny Colorio, John Collins, Tyler Judge, Jamie Faber, Pete Hinman, Jack Nelson, Eric Bartucca, Brendan Kearney, Ian Lyster, Sean McKenna, Coach Bob Walsh.

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night jitters. We have a young team, a lot of freshmen."

Walsh wasn't making excuses. He was very pleased with his youngsters.

"My freshmen really wanted to play tonight," he said. "It was a great effort on their part. We just came up a little short."

Evans' score in the third period gave the Skippers a lift.

"It was great to see Alex score," Walsh said. "He's a hungry little player. He's one of the smallest players on the ice, and one of the toughest."

While the goal gave Cohasset a boost, it also spurred Rockland.

After the goal, the Bulldogs played a tad quicker, leading to Ryan's third goal and a 4-2 advantage with just under eight minutes left.

For Ryan, the night was a big one.

"I broke my stick right off," he said. "I was a little uncomfortable. Three goals was pretty good and Gino had a lot of good saves in key points. We played good defense."

Walsh, who said his team would be practicing at 4:50 a.m. Tuesday, could find things to build on in the loss.

"It was 2-1 after on period and it was a 1-0 second period," he said. "It was closer than it sounded. We had chances and just couldn't capitalize. Rockland did a great job taking advantage of really good shooting situations. Our guys just need to get their legs under them. We have a big league game Wednesday."

New sports guy frozen, but happy to be here

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ran for Florida. New Hampshire can do that to you.

But now I'm back and I'm told warm weather is slowly following me.

A day or two would be nice, at least until I can figure out where I left my winter clothes. Oops.

Through all the migrations, I've always been loyal to the Sox, Pats, Celtics and even the Bruins. I was always one of those fans that made away games feel like home for the Red Sox, and once for the Celtics in L.A. when Larry Bird thanked the fans for picking the team up and helping them beat the Clippers.

Now that I'm here, I'd like to hear from you. When I'm out and around, you'll be able to pick me out of a crowd pretty easily. Just look for the guy who looks like a happy Popsicle, probably with a notebook and camera.

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Cohasset Youth Lacrosse registration begins Dec. 15

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse will open its online registration for the spring 2009 season Dec. 15. To register go to the Web site at cohassetlacrosse.com and click on the registration link.

Registrations will be accepted for both boys and girls at U15 for seventh- and eighth-graders; U13, fifth- and sixth-graders; and U11, third- and fourth-graders. All youth players are welcome, regardless of experience.

Registration will continue Through Jan. 15. The program is committed to accepting every player who signs up during open registration. Once that sign-up period is completed the program will establish its ideal roster sizes and take late registrants on a first-come, first-served basis only until the rosters are filled. At that point a waiting list will be established, or players may be turned away.

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Wrestlers optimistic after opening meet

Team ties Mansfield, falls to Pembroke

By Emily Toomey
CHS CORRESPONDENT

Frigid air, shouting, and ear-piercing buzzers- these are the tell-tale signs that wrestling season has begun. The first match of the 2008-09 season was last Saturday, with the Cohasset wrestling team tying Mansfield 36-36, and losing to Pembroke 51-9.

Regardless of the mixed outcome, head coach Torin Sweeney and assistant coach Pete Buckley remain optimistic.

This year's team, led by senior captains Ross Collins-Wooley, Mike Froio, and David Toomey, consists of promising newcomers and experienced veterans. Freshmen Gus Helbock, Graden Foley, and Derek Froio each wrestled varsity this weekend, with Froio making a solid pin and Helbock winning a nail-biting match against Mansfield to clinch the tie for Cohasset in the last period. Chris Brash and Robert Weiss, also freshmen, were victorious during their matches on Saturday as well.

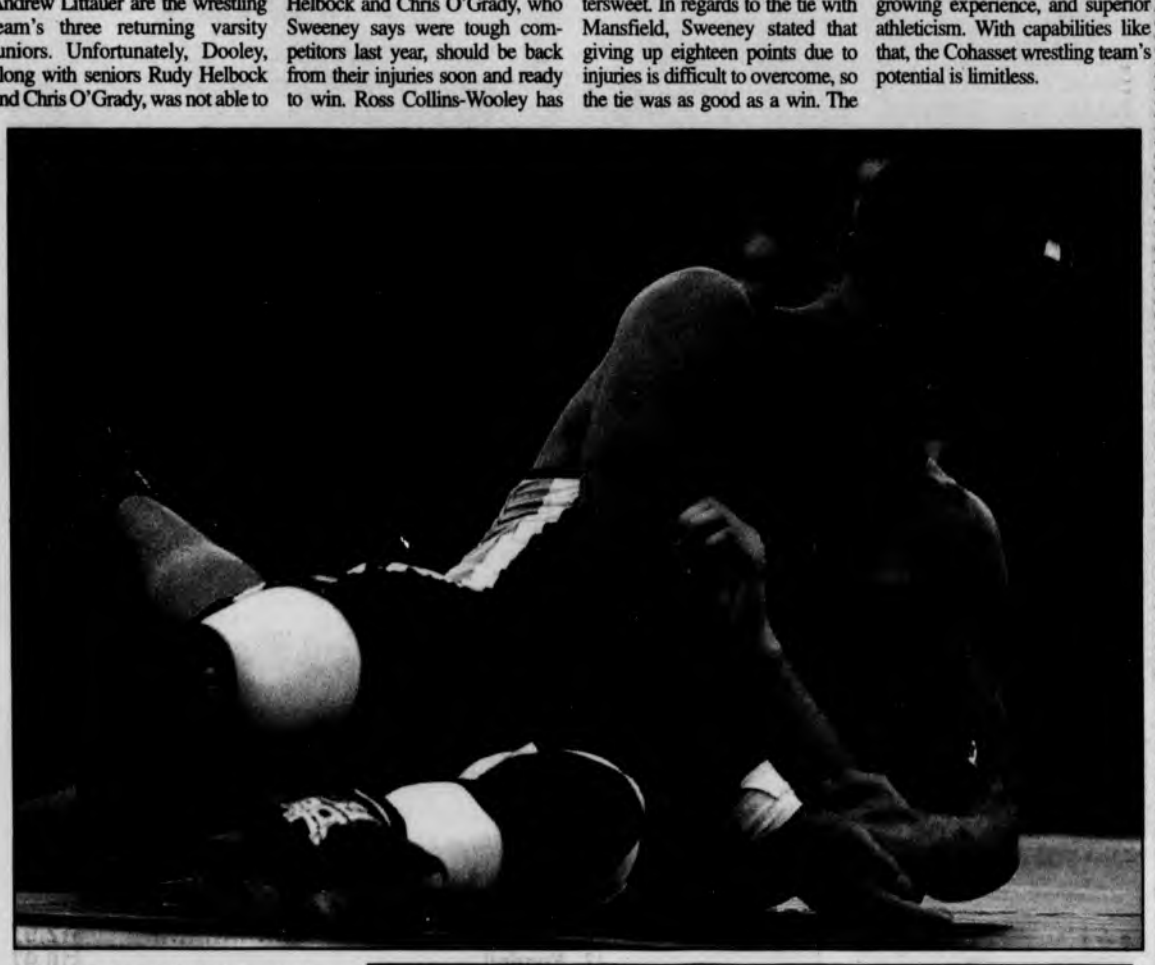
Sophomores Robbie Hill, Thomas Flibotte, and Alex Kinnealey worked hard on varsity to win a total of three matches. Hill started strong with a big win against Mansfield, and Flibotte, last season's Rookie of the Year, won both his matches, beating Pembroke's senior captain. Matt Brooks, Bill Mack, and Colin Tarpey fared equally well against the JV teams.

Matt Dooley, Jack Murphy, and Andrew Littauer are the wrestling team's three returning varsity juniors. Unfortunately, Dooley, along with seniors Rudy Helbock and Chris O'Grady, was not able to compete due to injuries. Littauer won both of his matches while Murphy, a returning Sectional champion, made a strong pin against Mansfield. Fellow juniors Sean MacCarthy, Cam Washak, Justin Yeager and Chase Stebbins are also expected to be important components of this year's varsity team.

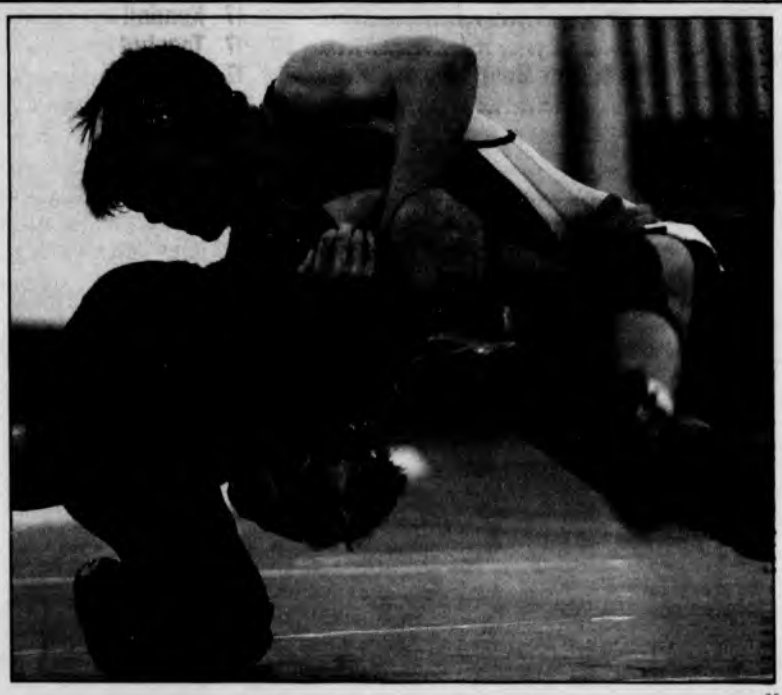
Cohasset's five seniors can anticipate a successful season based on their experience and records. Rudy Helbock and Chris O'Grady, who Sweeney says were tough competitors last year, should be back from their injuries soon and ready to win. Ross Collins-Wooley has earned a varsity letter twice and gives depth in the middle of the lineup, says Sweeney. Mike Froio, who is starting for his fourth season, pinned against Mansfield this weekend. He was injured for the majority of last season and has placed in the Sectionals twice. The other fourth year starting captain, David Toomey, succeeded with two wins over Mansfield and Pembroke.

Overall, Saturday's meet was bittersweet. In regards to the tie with Mansfield, Sweeney stated that giving up eighteen points due to injuries is difficult to overcome, so the tie was as good as a win. The main pins were from Murphy, Flibotte, and both Froios, while Hill, Littauer, Toomey, and Helbock contributed to the team points with wins. Contending with Pembroke was less triumphant- Cohasset's three wins were by Toomey, Littauer, and Flibotte.

Despite the injuries and loss to Pembroke, Cohasset's tie with Mansfield reveals the widespread talent in the team. All of the members showed staunch dedication, growing experience, and superior athleticism. With capabilities like that, the Cohasset wrestling team's potential is limitless.



(Above) Cohasset's Thomas Flibotte (171 lbs) gets a hold of Pembroke's A.J. Nihil during their match on Saturday.



(Right) Cohasset's Andrew Littauer (145 lbs) tries to turn on Pembroke's Pat Claffin during his match on Saturday. Cohasset lost 51-9.

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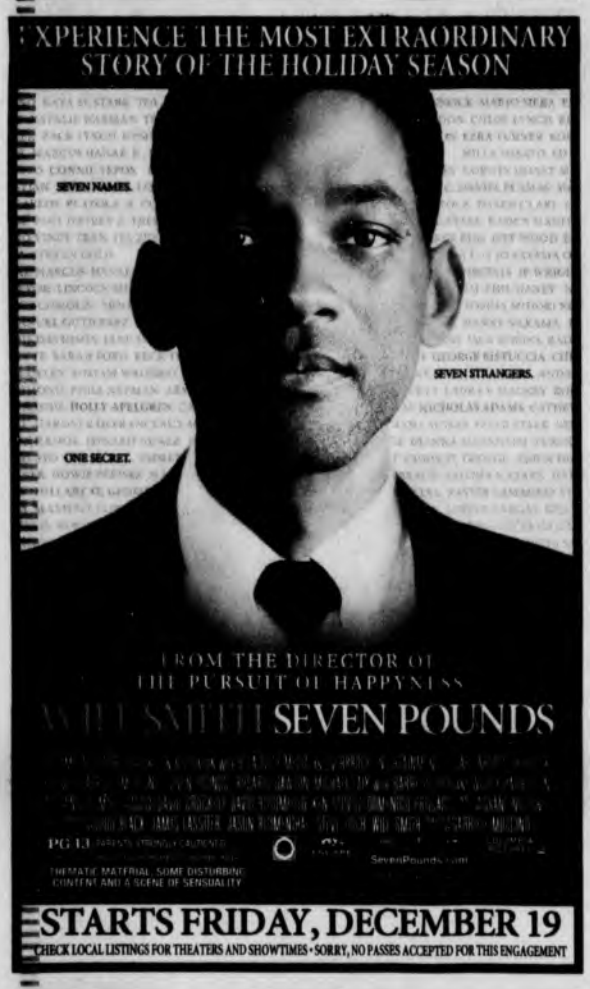
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POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

1:35 a.m. High School and Pond St., building checks.

1:35 a.m. Deerhil and Sohier St., building checks.

10:32 a.m. Highland Ct., parking complaint, caller reports an ongoing parking issue at this location, vehicle is parked almost in the middle of the road, officer reports they will be making an announcement inside the church for people to move their vehicles. Officer clearing for now will check back.

1:14 p.m. Pleasant St., suspicious activity, callers are reporting there is a group of teens at this location attempting to open the bulk head in the rear of the building, units report the building is secure, no problems at this time, there was a group of youths hanging around, but have been sent on their way.

1:26 p.m. Grace Drive, suspicious activity, caller reports she can see a little bit of smoke and a strange odor coming from this residence, officer reports this is an outside wood stove, no problems at this location.

2:57 p.m. King St., larceny, caller reports a vehicle just drove off without paying for his gas. Vehicle owner has been contacted, stated it was a mistake with his Mobil card not working and will return to make even.

3:24 p.m. Tupelo Rd., identity theft/fraud, walk in party would like to file a report, she believes someone is stealing her identity.

5:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:27 p.m. Forest Ave., and Forest Circle, traffic citation/warning.

5:43 p.m. Forest Ave., and Forest Circle, traffic citation/warning.

5:56 p.m. Beach St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:18 p.m. Sohier St., and Ripley Rd., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:45 p.m. North Main St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:14 p.m. Beach St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:28 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

9:43 p.m. King St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

SUNDAY, DEC. 7

1:21 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:40 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop.

6:01 a.m. Smith Pl., suspicious person, caller reports a man with a red vest with a black bag slung over his shoulder is knocking on doors and stating "if you don't open your door call the police."

One female in custody. A 47-year-old female from Hull in protective custody.

8:53 a.m. Forest Ave., traffic enforcement.

2:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, traffic enforcement.

6:29 p.m. Summer St., downed tree, reports a downed tree at the above location blocking the road, DPW has been notified and is responding, units blocking off traffic at this time.

7:15 p.m. Elm St., officer wanted, walk in party reports he was having a verbal argument with his brother and he was punched in the face, he would like to speak with an officer.

10:37 p.m. Joy Pl., and North Main St., downed tree, caller reports a limb down in the road at this location, officer has moved the limb out of the road.

MONDAY, DEC. 8

12:34 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

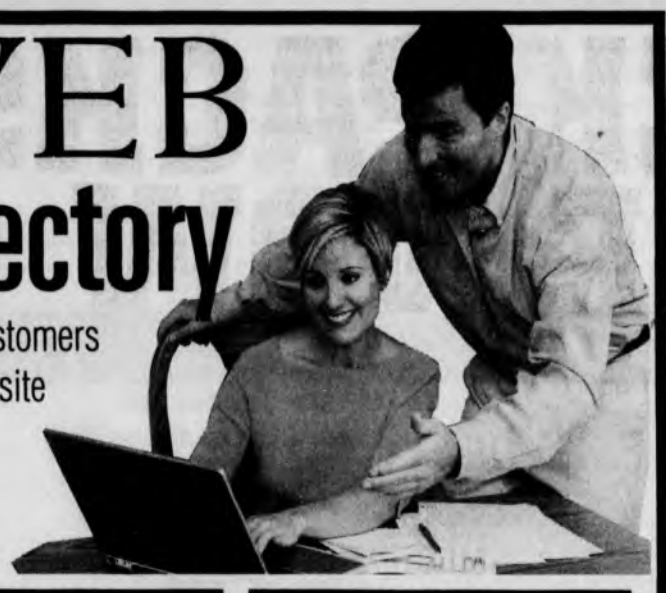
12:35 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:10 a.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, assist citizen, caller reports her alarm company contacted her in Florida reporting alarm going off – drop in temperature, officer reports above location appears secured – audible sounding, officer reports key holder on phone with alarm company

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POLICE/FIRE LOG

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trying to fix problem.

10:35 a.m. **South Main St.**, officer wanted, caller reports she would like to speak to an officer regarding a problem she has been having with her boyfriend.

2:32 p.m. **Hull St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:47 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports an erratic driver, speeding, stopping traffic and swerving, she was driving behind the vehicle from the Hingham Rotary to 1 CJC Highway, motor vehicle described as a gold/metallic BMW.

TUESDAY, DEC. 9

1:03 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:04 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

7:03 a.m. **Ripley Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

7:15 a.m. **Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:19 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, larceny, caller reports two pieces of jewelry have gone missing from her home.

10:09 a.m. **Elm St.**, traffic enforcement.

11:55 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party would like to speak with an officer regarding some missing items.

2:38 p.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, fire, (misc.), oil tank removal.

3:23 p.m. **Atlantic Ave., and White Head Rd.**, notification, detail officer reports there are plates in the road that may cause for a bumpy ride if driven over at a fast rate of speed.

6:09 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, lockout/lock in, caller reports has been away and is now driving to his residence at the above location and does not have keys to get in. Informed dispatch that the doors are dead bolted and windows are locked. Sergeant and Fire Department were notified and could help but with possible damage to the house. Caller was notified and will be calling a locksmith.

9:19 p.m. **King St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports a car traveling extremely fast on the opposite side of the road heading south on 3A toward Scituate. Scituate has been notified.

9:29 p.m. **Nichols Rd.**, B&E, caller reports they have been away for a few days and upon arriving home, discovered their home has been broken into.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

9:57 a.m. **King St.**, animal complaint, caller reports a dead deer on the side of the building. ACO notified.

10:06 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

12:04 p.m. **North Main St.**, fire, caller reports a limb fell on some wires that are now sparking.

2:06 p.m. **North Main St.**, open door/window, detail officer reports the UPS driver reported to him that he delivered a package to a residence and the front door was wide open and no one was home, officer reports no open doors or windows, residents are also just arriving home.

3:08 p.m. **Depot Ct.**, parking violation, officer investigating abuse of a handicap sign, parking ticket issued.

9:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller (clerk) of above location reports a female had a bottle inside her purse, clerk didn't think she paid for it, she left store in a white vehicle – no further description. Officer reports checked store – everything is fine.

8:54 p.m. **Flintlock Ridge Rd.**, power outage, caller reports she has no power, contacted electric company – they reported there is a large power outage.

11:24 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, assist citizen.

THURSDAY, DEC. 11

8:18 a.m. **Hull St.**, investigation.

9:56 a.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

10:12 a.m. **Norman Todd Rd.**, well being check.

11:58 a.m. **Summer St.**, fire – public assist, assist with new sprinkler system.

12:20 p.m. **King St.**, notification, caller reports an object in the roadway.

2:11 p.m. **Pond St., and Lantern Lane**, traffic enforcement.

4:43 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:02 p.m. **Beechwood St., and King St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:25 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:10 p.m. **N. Main St.**, assist other police department, Hingham PD requesting an officer to respond to above location to see if there is a maroon GMC van with NH plates in the driveway. Officer reports no vehicle in driveway at this time.

FRIDAY, DEC. 12

12:15 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, call from Hingham PD reports erratic operation of motor vehicle traveling South on 3A. Area search negative advised Scituate.

12:32 a.m. **King St.**, building checks, car parked out back.

1 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, all schools checked and secure.

6:49 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

8:09 a.m. **South Main St.**, fire, (misc.), engine 3 to investigate low hanging power lines.

9:14 a.m. **Beach St.**, assist citizen.

1 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash/hit and run, caller reports her motor vehicle was hit by another motor vehicle and that motor vehicle has left the area.

1:42 p.m. **Aaron River Rd.**, power outage, caller reports they have had no power for about 6 hours, this dispatcher has received 5 calls in the same area. National Grid has been notified. National Grid reports a number of outages across the area. The trouble report has been put into there system.

1:45 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:01 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:40 p.m. **Beechwood St., and Norman Todd Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

5:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

6:18 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, traffic enforcement.

6:38 p.m. **South Main St.**, B&E, caller reports he just returned home and believed his house was broken into.

9:43 p.m. **North Main St., and Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13

12:12 a.m. **Cedar St., and Hull St.**, motor vehicle crash, Hingham PD call requesting officer to respond to accident on town line. Hingham Fire responding. Notified DPW to sand area.

12:34 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:40 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious activity.

1:15 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:15 a.m. **Pond St.**, building checks, all schools checked and secure.

6:42 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

6:52 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:17 a.m. **Town Wide**, icy road conditions, residents and officers reporting icy road conditions through out the town. DPW notified and are going to be heading out to sand.

10:37 a.m. **Nichols Rd.**, suspicious vehicle, officer reports vehicle parked at this location, nobody around it, just wanted the vehicle logged for information purposes.

11:11 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, lost property, caller reports her vehicle was broken into overnight and her pocketbook was stolen.

11:12 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports a male party on the premises and he does have a no trespass order against him for this business. Officers report the male party is enroute back to his house, no problems. Officer has spoken to the manager of the business and they will be filling out a no trespass order against the male party. Male party has been served a "No Trespass Order" in hand.

11:22 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard (traffic), caller reports the workers are pumping water from a trench onto 3A. Officer reports the water is not going onto 3A, it is going down the drain. No problems.

11:45 a.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious activity.

1:13 p.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

4:17 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, hazard, caller reports the south bound lane from Stop and Shop to Shaw's is icy and should be sanded. State DPW notified.

4:25 p.m. **South Main St., - Teen Center**, parking complaint/motor vehicle blocking, caller reports a vehicle blocking the side door to this location. The vehicle has been tagged and moved before it could be towed.

4:30 p.m. **Elm St.**, parking complaint, cars blocking Elm Street in violation of the no parking zones set up for Village Stroll. Fire Department will not be able to use this section of Elm Street until cars are cleared. Several announcements made over the cruiser PA system. Wrecker ordered for vehicles that have not been moved after announcements. Same situation on Depot Court. Vehicles blocking road in violation of no parking signs. Traffic is backing up over the Pleasant Street RR crossing due to illegally parked cars. More announcements made. Two cars towed for safety hazard.

5:03 p.m. **Cushing Rd.**, notification, this area is icy and needs to be sanded. DPW notified.

5:05 p.m. **Beechwood St., and South Main St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:51 p.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

9:37 p.m. **Pond St., and Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

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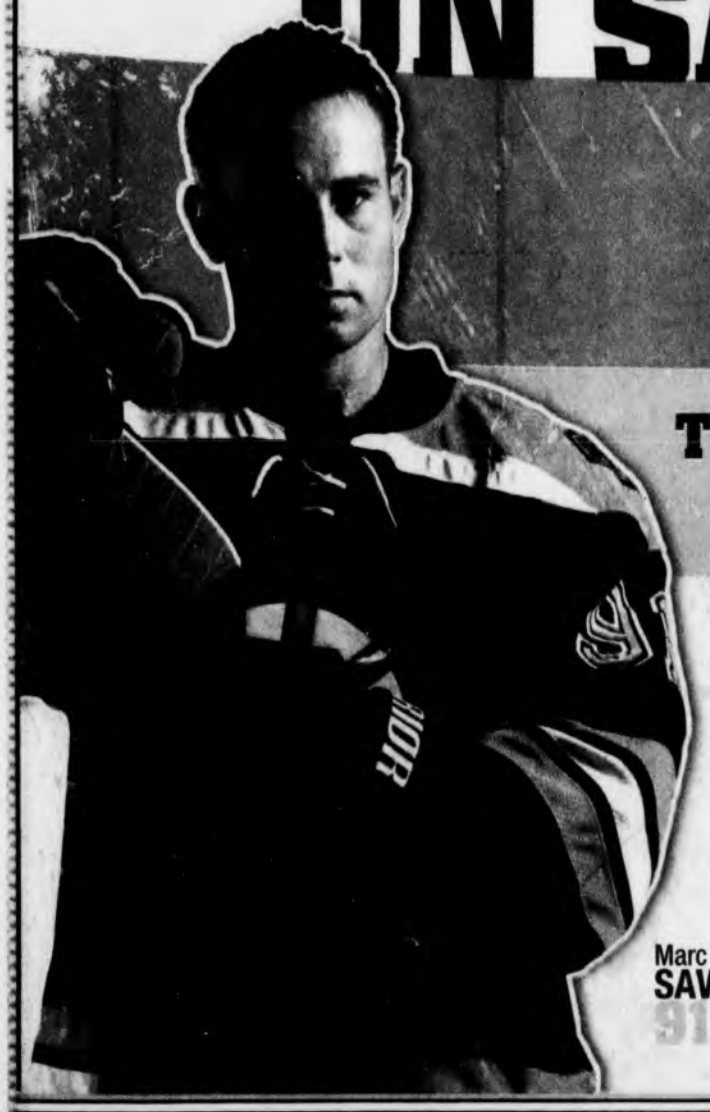
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JOSEPH PHELPS NAPA CABERNET	750 ML	$42.99
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FRANCIS COPPOLA CAB, CLARET, PINOT NOIR, MERLOT	750 ML	$14.99
FRANCIS COPPOLA CHARDONNAY	750 ML	$12.99
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CLOS DU BOIS CHARDONNAY 1.5 MAG $17.99	750 ML	$9.99
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CLOS DU BOIS PINOT NOIR $14.99, CABERNET, MERLOT	750 ML	$11.99
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BLACKSTONE WINES (ALL TYPES)	750 ML	$8.99
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CAMBRIA CHARDONNAY	750 ML	$15.99
SIMI CHARDONNAY 750 ML $10.99, SAUVIGNON BLANC		$9.99
KENDALL JACKSON CHARDONNAY	750 ML	$10.99
CURTIS HERITAGE RED AND WHITE WINES	750 ML	$10.99
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MERIDIAN CHARDONNAY	750 ML	$7.99
MONDAVI WOODBRIDGE (ALL TYPES)	1.5 MAG	$10.99
CUPCAKE WINES (ALL TYPES)	750 ML	$9.99
BIG HOUSE RED AND WHITE	750 ML	$8.99
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SMOKING LOON (ALL TYPES)	750 ML	$7.99
COPPOLA ROSSO, BIANCO	750 ML	$7.99
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VENDANGE WINES (ALL TYPES)	1.5 MAG	$6.99
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ARBOR MIST WINES (ALL TYPES) 1.5 MAG $5.99	750 ML	$3.99
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ROUND HILL (ALL TYPES)	1.5 MAG	$10.99
BAREFOOT CELLARS WINE (ALL TYPES)	1.5 MAG	$8.99
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GNARLY HEAD WINES CHARD, CAB, ZINFANDEL	750 ML	$7.99
BOTA BOX WINES (ALL TYPES)	3 LTR BAG/BOX	$14.99
RED ROCK MERLOT	750 ML	$10.99
RAVENSWOOD VB CABERNET AND ZINFANDEL	750 ML	$7.99
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TOASTED HEAD CHARD, CAB, MERLOT, VIOGNIER	750 ML	$10.99
FISH EYE WINES (ALL TYPES)	1.5 MAGS	$10.99
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ESTANCIA PINOT GRIGIO, CABERNET $9.99, CHARDONNAY		$7.99
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BOLLA WINES (ALL TYPES)	1.5 MAG	$10.99
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BLACK OPAL WINES (ALL TYPES)	750 ML	$7.99
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HOB NOB WINES, CHARD, MERLOT, PINOT NOIR	750 ML	$7.99
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Angie Goossen waves to girls as they walk by Ports and Company during the Village Stroll on Saturday



Cheryl Lund of Cohasset adjusts the beard of Santa, played by her son, Matthew, 7, before the start of the parade for the Village Stroll on Saturday.



Mary Gipson, 16, serenades the crowd with Christmas songs from the second floor of her aunt's store, Carmela Drew, during the Village Stroll.



Max Wellmann, 3, of Cohasset tells Santa what he wants for Christmas at Coldwell Banker on Saturday.



Davenport Crocker looks as his daughter Molly, 2, gets a friendly pat on the nose by Santa.

'Tis the season for Village Stroll

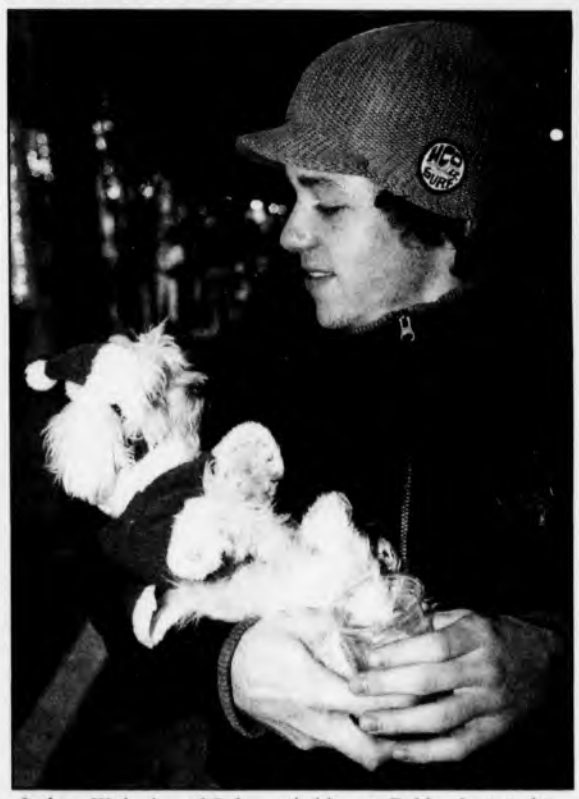
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Keith Williams of Cohasset photographs his daughter Caroline, 6, with Santa who was getting his beard trimmed at Pat's Hairstyling and Barbershop on Saturday.



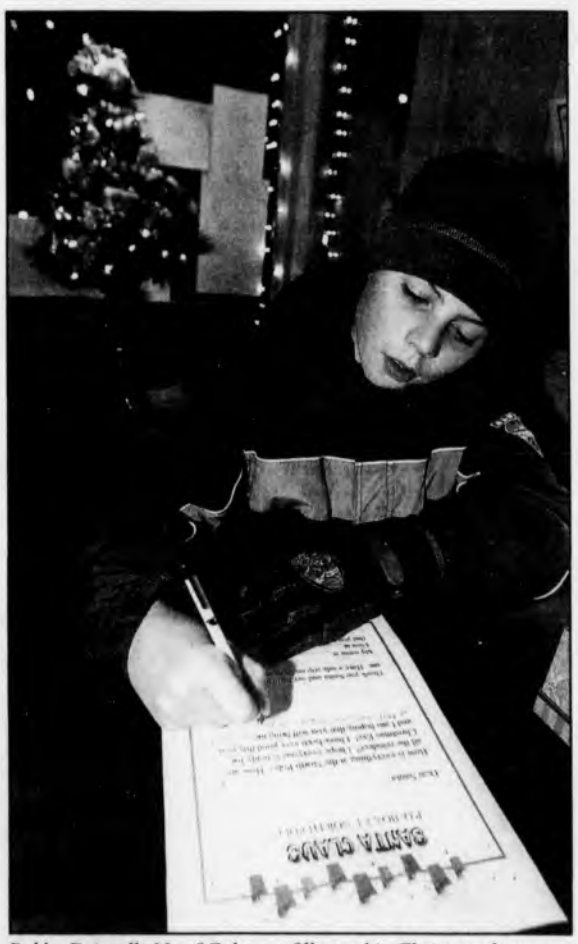
Donald Chapelle of Brilliant Sculptures chips away at his snowman in front of Focus Gallery during the Village Stroll on Saturday.



Jackson Wetherbee of Cohasset holds onto Teddy who is in his holiday outfit for the Village Stroll on Saturday.



Lilly Waltman, 6 months, doesn't seem to know what to make out of Santa Claus while her brother, Alex, 5-1/2, and her father, Andrew, look at her reaction to the jolly old man in the red suit during the Cohasset Village Stroll on Saturday evening.



Bobby Driscoll, 11, of Cohasset fills out his Christmas letter to Santa at Coastal Countryside Properties Real Estate during the Village Stroll on Saturday.



John Kenney of Cohasset waits with Blue, his Siberian Husky, for the Christmas parade to start to kickoff the Village Stroll so that Blue, an actual sled dog, can pull Santa in his sleigh. John's wife, Joan, waits next to Santa.



Mr. Twister makes a candy cane for Kate Cunning, 6, of Cohasset inside Pilgrim Bank during the Village Stroll on Saturday.

PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE WEEK OF
DEC. 15, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Careful, Lamb. Don't let your generous nature lead to some serious overspending as you contemplate your holiday gift-giving. Your social life kicks off into high gear by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A positive attitude helps you weather annoying but unavoidable changes in holiday plans. Aspects favor new friendships and reinforcement of existing relationships.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Demands on your energy level could be much higher than usual as you prepare for the upcoming holidays. Be sure to pace yourself. Friends and family will be happy to help.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't allow a suddenly icy reaction from a friend or family member to continue without learning what caused it — and what can be done to restore that once warm and caring relationship.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A relationship seems to be unraveling, mostly from a lack of attention. It might be a good idea to ease up on whatever else you're doing so you can spend more time working to mend it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) New facts emerge that not only help explain the recent rift with a trusted colleague, but also might provide a chance to wipe the slate clean and make a fresh start in your friendship.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family member's personal situation is, fortunately, resolved in time for you to get back into your hectic round of holiday preparations. An old friend might bring a new friend into your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Pace yourself in meeting holiday pressures and workplace demands to avoid winding up with a frayed temper and a Scorpian stinger that lashes out at puzzled kith, kin and colleagues.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A financial matter requires close attention. Also, news from a trusted source provides the means to help sort out a long-standing state of confusion and put it into perspective.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to reinforce family ties. Make it a priority to assess and resolve all outstanding problems. Start the upcoming holiday season with a full measure of love.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't be pressured into a so-called solid-gold investment. Wait until the holiday distractions are over. Then take a harder look at it. You might find that the "gold" is starting to flake off.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A former friend might be trying to heal the breach between you by using a mutual friend as an intermediary. Best advice: Keep an open mind despite any lingering bad feelings.

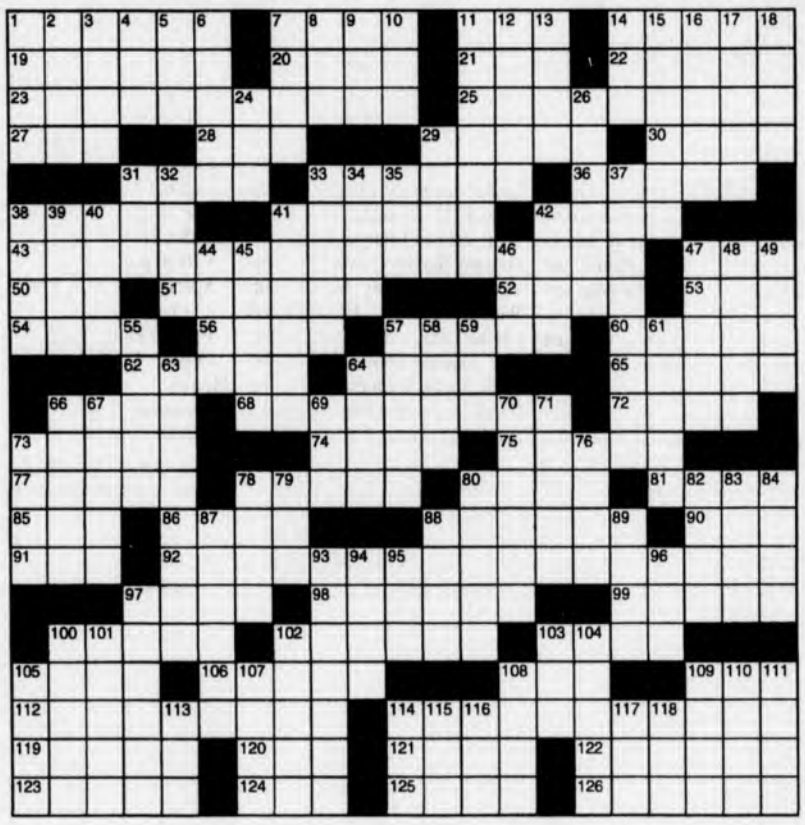
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BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of saying the right thing at the right time. Your friendships are deep and lasting.

Crossword - Timber Line

ACROSS
1 '84 Daryl Hannah film
7 Belfry sound
11 Poetic monogram
14 Little rascal
19 Bunch of ballplayers
20 Fairy-tale fiend
21 Spring mo.
22 Forbidden
23 Start of a remark by 114 Across
25 Teddy-bear president
27 Tut's relative
28 Ganesh or Hanuman
29 That's the spirit
30 Building wings
31 Level
33 Actress Welch
36 With 51 Across, "Wuthering Heights" author
38 Face lift?
41 Anchored
42 Hot spot?
43 Part 2 of remark
47 Aries animal
50 Important numero
51 See 36 Across
52 "— look at me!"
53 Distinctive period
54 Irving character
56 Hotels
57 Prepare the Parmesan
60 Toil
62 Dwelling
64 Trim a photo
65 Rotund
66 Vittle statistics?
68 He's got plans for you
72 Skilled
73 Pick-me-up
74 Sheet of stamps
75 Big name in kids' music
77 TV's "Starsky and —"
78 Get on
80 Cougar
81 Viscount's superior
85 Put into service
86 Partially open
88 "Summer —" ('72 hit)
90 Mauna —
91 Augsburg article
92 End of remark
97 Wise guy?
98 Bother
99 Like Hawaiian shirts
100 Wails
102 Vicar's assistant
103 Bend
105 Saucy
106 It gets squirreled away
108 Beastly place?
109 Jacket info
112 Gardener's friend
114 Speaker of remark
119 "— Gay"
120 Khan opener?
121 Kind of roast
122 He's left holding the bag
123 Enticed
124 Pewter base
125 Cunning
126 Layers

DOWN
1 Blind part
2 Body-builder's pride
3 Need
4 Give it — (try)
5 Big —, CA
6 Reduce a risk
7 Little lake
8 "The — and I" ('47 film)
9 Word with folk or fine
10 Tenor Slezak
11 Durham denizen
12 Bobbin
13 Cupid, in Corinth
14 Sault — Marie, MI
15 Collapse
16 Ring — (seem familiar)
17 Aquarium fish
18 Saucepans
24 Charged atom
26 Witty Wright
29 Spiritual guide
31 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
32 Do or die?
33 Takes a break
34 Exercise aftermath
35 Status —
37 Diner fare
38 Self-important
39 Blabby bird
40 Borodin's "Prince —"
41 Sermon subject
42 Woodwind instrument
44 The Furies, e.g.
45 Toyota competitor
46 Banned pesticide
47 Defy a dictator
48 Faced the day
49 Stallion's sweetheart
55 Lose control
57 Pulverize
58 Learning method
59 Mimic
61 Activist Hoffman
63 15th president
64 Burn a bit
66 Animal that roared?
67 Log
69 Pocket protector?
70 Altar vessels
71 He keeps lions in line
73 Heavy blow
76 Disconcert
78 Bete noire
79 Nev. neighbor
80 Novel language?
82 Baseball family name
83 Crucifix
84 Tramp's tootsie
87 Pieceful pursuit?
88 Gravy vessel
89 Finish the lawn
93 "The Avengers" actress
94 Knitter's need
95 Monk's title
96 Wicked stuff?
97 Pay up
100 Reeves of "The Matrix"
101 Mistake
102 It's walked at Windsor
103 Watch pocket
104 Crochet units
105 Rind
107 Winter wear
108 Off-the-wall
109 — carotene
110 "Players" actor
111 Gumbo veggie
113 Possessed
114 North Pole worker
115 Milne creature
116 Cowboy Tom
117 Bon — (witticism)
118 "I'm freezing!"



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Sudoku

2		6		9		1		
	4				5		2	
7			6					8
3				7				6
	9				3	2	1	
		8	1	4			9	
4					7		8	
		3			1	5		
	8		3	5				7

Level: Challenging

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Magic Maze - Even

K	Q	N	K	H	D	A	T	X	U	R	P	M	J	G
D	A	X	V	S	Q	E	N	K	S	I	F	D	A	X
V	K	T	Q	T	M	O	M	D	T	J	H	F	C	A
Y	W	A	L	P	U	U	D	R	E	P	N	L	J	H
F	D	R	E	Y	B	O	Z	X	P	V	T	R	Q	O
M	K	R	E	R	O	C	S	E	H	T	S	D	I	H
F	E	N	K	B	B	S	H	G	E	O	E	D	B	Z
D	O	Y	W	V	M	E	E	A	N	D	T	R	Q	O
M	N	L	K	I	H	U	C	G	N	I	C	A	P	S
F	D	C	A	Z	X	W	N	A	A	C	H	V	U	S
R	Q	O	H	G	U	O	H	T	P	P	E	T	N	M

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Chance
Handed
Keel

Money
Number
Odds
Pace

Pages
Song
Spacing
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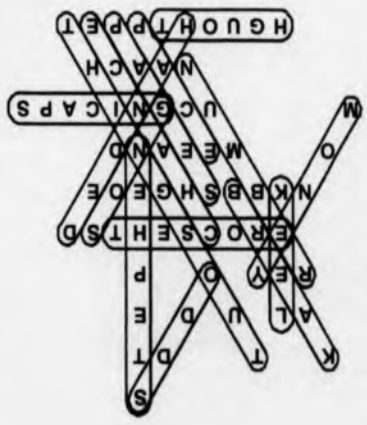
The score
Things out
Though

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Crossword Solution - Timber Line



Magic Solution - Even



Sudoku Solution

7	6	9	4	5	3	2	8	1
2	4	5	1	6	8	3	7	9
1	8	3	7	2	9	5	6	4
3	9	7	6	4	1	8	2	5
4	1	2	3	8	5	7	9	6
6	5	8	9	7	2	4	1	3
8	3	4	2	1	6	9	5	7
9	2	6	5	3	7	1	4	8
5	7	1	8	9	4	6	3	2

OBITUARY

Joseph Samuel Laugelle Jr.

1983 graduate of Cohasset High School

Joseph Samuel Laugelle, Jr., 43, of Wollaston, died Dec. 11, 2008 in Sabine Pass Texas, as a result of injuries suffered in a helicopter accident.

The son of Joseph S. Laugelle and the late Rosemary (Cross) Laugelle, he was born in Boston and raised in Cohasset.

He was a member of Cohasset High School, class of 1983.

Mr. Laugelle was also a U.S. Navy Veteran who spent time living in Japan, Colorado, Alaska, California, Ohio and New Jersey, before settling near family in Quincy, where Joe and his wife, Susan Durkin, wanted to raise their family.



COURTESY PHOTO

Joseph Samuel Laugelle Jr.

He leaves his wife, Susan; his two daughters, Anna Marie Laugelle, age 10 and Margaret Grace Laugelle, age 8; his father Joseph S. Laugelle Sr. and his sister Betsy Laugelle. He also leaves his birth mother, Joyce Hamner of Watertown and his sister Stacie Hamner of Newburyport. He was the brother of the late Anne Marie Laugelle.

Mr. Laugelle was the son-in-law of Edward J. Durkin and the late Stephanie Durkin. He will also be deeply missed by his Durkin brothers and sisters and their families: Stephen Durkin and his daughters Mollie and Bridget; Deborah and Daniel Finn and their daughters Emily and Michaela; Deirdre and Stephen Haskell and their daughters Victoria and Caroline; Kevin and Patti Durkin and their children Catherine, Lauren, and Daniel; Sheila and Tom Deegan and their children Thomas, Patrick, Connor and Meredith; Mark and Annmary Durkin and their son, Ryan. Joe is also survived by many other loving relatives and friends.

A ceremony and reception to celebrate his life was held Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the Grand Ballroom at Quarry Hills, Quincy.

For those wishing, donations may be made to the Joseph S. Laugelle, Jr. Family Memorial Fund, c/o Sovereign Bank, 20 Beale St., Quincy, MA 02170. For online condolences visit lydonchapelforfunerals.com

WORSHIP GUIDE

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

View Pastor Rich's scripture studies at: www.BeechwoodCC.org

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Dec. 21:

8 a.m. – Circle Ministry (group led by Joan Kovach & Susan Meikleham and meeting on the 1st & 3rd Sundays)

9:50 a.m. – Childcare for our youngest – Parish House. Children and youth are invited to worship with parents in the Meeting House.

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull and Jim FitzGerald will lead an Intergenerational Service of Christmas and Hanukkah, "Do you see? Do you hear?"

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish House directly after the service.

4 p.m. – Cappella Clausura – "Gloria: A Renaissance Christmas Pageant" - The Meeting House

Cappella Clausura and Creationdance join to recreate the timeless story, with stunningly beautiful costumes and magical giant puppets! This is for the entire family! Tickets are $15 for adults and $5 for children under 12 and available at the door. To learn more, visit www.Clausura.org.

Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve - Come join us for this traditional Chrismas Eve Candlelight Service in the Meeting House

First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset wishes you the joy of Christmas, the light of Hanukkah, and peace on earth, good will for all.

All are welcome as we worship and learn and live our faith together! To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Dec. 21st at the 10 am service Joel Buford, Director of Music will conduct the sanctuary choir, guest soloists and orchestra in a musical presentation that will include works from Handel's Messiah as well as other Christmas selections. The community is welcome.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: Welcome to St. Stephen's church!

St. Stephen's wishes you a Merry and blessed Christmas. Please join us for services this week.

Christmas Eve Services

• 5 p.m.
Family Holy Eucharist
Organ and Christmas Hymns
The Christmas Story from the Gospel of Luke
The Setting of the Nativity Scene by the Children
The Blessing of the Creche

• 7:30 p.m.
Festival Holy Eucharist
Organ, Christmas Hymns
The Lighting of the Christ Candle: The Candle of Peace

• 10:30 p.m.
Special Christmas Music

• 11 p.m.
Festival Holy Eucharist
Organ, Choir and Christmas Hymns

Christmas Day Service

• 10 a.m.
Contemplative Holy Eucharist

Regular services at St. Stephen's are at 8 am and 10 am on Sundays, including a Healing Eucharist at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. All are invited.

You can reach the church at 781-383-1083. The Rev. Margot Critchfield can be reached at mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.org. Our offices, which are open Monday through Friday, can be accessed by coming to the back of the church, up the Highland Ave hill. We are handicap accessible.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

WORSHIP NEWS

Erev Hanukkah celebration

Congregation Sha'Aray Shalom invites the public to an Erev Hanukkah Celebration Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Social Hall, 1112 Main St. Hingham. Come light the first candle with others. Bring a favorite menorah.

Schedule: 4:30 to 5 p.m., candle lighting and sing-along; 5 to 5:30 p.m., potluck dinner with dairy and pizza; 5:30 to 7 p.m., sock hop with disc jockey Keith Levine. Cost is $18 for non-members.

For reservations and information, email Sally Bergstein at SALLYAB1@comcast.net.

Hanukkah offered by HQChabad

Hanukkah Fun Festival – Sunday, Dec. 21, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Featured will be arts and crafts, hot latkes, doughnuts, Hanukkah carnival booths, Meet Judah the Maccabee, a live olive press demonstration and lighting of the first Hanukkah light. The event will take place in the cafeteria at Foster Elementary School, 55 Downer Ave., Hingham.

Grand Menorah Lighting – Wednesday, Dec. 24, 6 p.m., at Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock St. Hot latkes and doughnuts will be served.

St. Joseph Retreat Center programs

December retreat opportunities at St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, include:

• Saturday, Dec. 27, Day of Prayer, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., "Seeing Out of the Love that Holds You."

• Sunday, Dec. 28, Day of Prayer, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. "Chaos to Grace: For Women Who Celebrate Recovery."

• Dec. 29 through Jan. 1, Year End Retreat.

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Legal Notices

COMMOSS ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
NORFOLK Division
Docket No. 08P2398EP

In the Estate of EVELYNE A COMMOSS
Late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK
Date of Death August 20, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that ELIZABETH F POTTER of CAMBRIDGE in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CANTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 07, 2009.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CANTON this day, December 4, 2008.

Patrick W. McDermott
Register of Probate

AD#11848097
Cohasset Mariner 12/19/08

SEL/TREE HEARING
1/8/09

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Cohasset is conducting a public Shade Tree Hearing for the removal of four trees on Jerusalem Road in Cohasset. The trees are being removed in advance of constructing a new retaining wall along the east side of Jerusalem road in 2009. The Hearing is scheduled for January 8, 2009 at 10:00 AM in the basement conference room at Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025. It is not necessary to attend. However objections must be received in writing by the tree warden at the DPW office prior to the hearing care of Andy Swanson, Tree Warden, 91 Cedar Street, Cohasset, MA 02025.

William R. Griffin,
Town Manager

AD#11848798
Cohasset Mariner 12/19/08

ZBA/8 HIGHLAND COURT

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at** 8:15PM to hear and act upon an application for a **SPECIAL PERMIT** pursuant to §8.1 and §8.7.2, and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Mr. Jim Sandell of the Architectural Firm, Carr, Lynch and Sandell, on behalf of land owner, Rebecca H. Behenna, seeks to build an addition at **8 Highland Court** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08.12.15a.

AD#11852488
Cohasset Mariner 12/19, 12/26/08

ZBA/25 RIPLEY RD.

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 8:45PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Comprehensive Permit pursuant to Chapter 40B, sections 20-23, as well as a Special Permit under §5.3. and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate.** The applicant, Wilmarc Charles of 282 Cedar Street, seeks to build 7 (seven) condominium units in the existing single family residence at **25 Ripley Road** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08.12.15b.

AD#11852480
Cohasset Mariner 12/19, 12/26/08

To Place A Legal Ad Call Mary (781) 433-7902

TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

DECEMBER 18-26, 2008



BEST BET

The J Place Band with Mathew Stubbs on guitar will perform Friday, Dec. 19, at 9:45 p.m. at The C Note, 15 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Cover charge is $5. For information visit www.jplaceband.com or call 781 925 4300.

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Due to holiday, there will be an early deadline on Thursday, Dec. 18. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com - click on your town - then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Dec. 18

The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St. (Route 18) in Weymouth, will continue to exhibit the oil paintings of the gallery's owner and founder, **Don Dickinson** through Dec. 31. The paintings of **Brian Josselyn** will also be on display. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5p.m. For information and evening appointments, call781-331-3384.

Network 4 Success is a networking group for local South Shore businesses. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month and participate in group discussions and have guest speakers. For information on the group and meeting, go to http://www.network4success.org or e-mail info@network4success.org

South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham, presents its annual **Small Painting Show** through year's end. Many local and regional artists will offer paintings no larger than 9 inches by 12 inches. For information, call 781-749-0430 or visit www.southstreetgallery.com.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 18, **Flydown,** 9:30 p.m. 781-826-6999.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, **Satch Romano's** New Blue Revue Blues Jam. Open mike 9 p.m., for people 21+. Dec. 18 **Lisa Marie & All Shook Up Band.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com or myspace.com/satchsnewblues-revue

Friday, Dec. 19

Musical Holiday Party will take place at the Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree, through Dec. 21. A dozen singers and dancers will perform seasonal and popular music leavened with comedy. Evening performances, dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday matinees, dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3:30 p.m. Parking is free. Handicapped accessible. Tickets are $45 for dinner and the show. Group discounts available. Call QDT Productions at 781-843-5862 for information.

Best of Broadway at Memorial Hall – Enjoy the best of Broadway Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth, with "Holiday on Broadway" featuring **Raymond Saar, Diane Ketchie, Valerie Perri and Scott Harlan** and a musical journey around the globe. Tickets are $25 to $45. Visit www.memorialhall.com or call 508-747-1622 for information. There will be a meet and greet with Raymond Saar approximately 6 p.m., with appetizers and drinks.

Story Time will take place at 10 a.m., Dec. 19, at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Sue will read age appropriate stories Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age, along with an adult, are invited to attend this free Story Time. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or visit www.frontstreet-bookshop.com





Pianist Lynn Salmonsen

Soprano Jane Salmonsen Marin

BEST BET

Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield Cultural Series continues at 2 p.m. Dec. 20, presenting "Holiday Songs of Joy and Peace." Listen to the quiet musical beauty of "2 Sopranos and a Piano," featuring Lynn Salmonsen on piano, her sister Jane Marin as Soprano and Rachael Marino as Soprano No. 2. Enjoy a "Sing along with the Audience" finale.

Mark your calendar

BEGINNINGS, the ultimate tribute to the horn-infused music of the 70s supergroup Chicago, will take to the stage of The Company Theatre Saturday, Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. Tickets priced at $33 are available at The Company Theatre box-office located at 30 Accord Park Drive in Norwell, by phone at 781-871-2787, and online at www.companytheatre.com

NSRWA - 12TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK at the Bates Lane Conservation Area in Scituate– Jan. 1 at 1 p.m. Ring in the New Year and bring the whole family to the North & South Rivers Watershed Association's 12th Annual New Year's Day Walk at the Bates Lane Conservation Area in Scituate. For the kids there will be a nature hunt and puzzle that can be downloaded from the kids corner on the NSRWA website www.nsrwa.org After a walk on the woodland trails, hearty refreshments will be served including NSRWA's famous chili, hot dogs and hot chocolate. Visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 for more information. Donations are welcome and pre-registration is not required.

Single Executives Club Christmas Party and Singles Dance. Friday, Dec. 19, at new Holiday Inn (formerly the Radisson Hotel) Grand Ballroom, 929 Hingham St., Rockland. Exit 14, Route 228, off Route. 3. 781-446-0234. www.se-4u.com. Dancing with music by Award-winning DJ from 8:30-midnight. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free door prizes, and match game prizes. free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For singles and couples, 35+ years old. Cost is $12 all night. Proper business dress required, sports jacket for men highly recommended, and business or party finery for women. Co-sponsored by the Young Professionals Club.

New England Singles Dance Dec. 19, from 8 p.m. to midnight. VFW Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Sandwich and salad bar. Adults of all ages. Casual dress. DJ. Admission $10. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

The C Note 15 Nantasket Ave. Hull, Dec. 19 at 9:45 p.m. **The J Place Band with Mathew Stubbs on guitar**. $5 cover. The J Place Band www.jplaceband.com 781 925 4300.

Jose' Mateo Ballet Theatre presents **The Nutcracker** Dec. 19, 20, and 21 at The Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St. Duxbury. Tickets $50, 35, 29, $15 by calling 617-354-7467 or visit ballettheatre.org

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 19, **Didn't Planet**. 781-826-6999.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Friday, **karaoke with Ed.** 781-337-9905.

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The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 19, **Satch Romano and The Mighty HouseRockers Christmas party.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue

Saturday, Dec. 20

ITtheverb duo featuring **Nolan Sullivan,** of Marshfield, and **Mark Hylander**, of Whitman, are headlining at the Middle East, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m., 472 Mass Ave., Cambridge. All ages are welcome. Admission is $8 at the door. For online tickets go to www.ticketmaster.com All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

Wine tasting – Wine consultant Carmen Patti will be on hand Dec. 20, from 1 to 5 p.m. offering red and white Italian wines from the vineyards of Piemonte, Toscana and Fruily at Euro Mart, 26 Whiting St., Route 53, Hingham, 781-749-4406.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Saturday, **Tony Perez** 781-337-9905.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 20, **Radio For the Blind.** 781-826-6999.

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Movie review

'Nixon' finally wins my vote

Film Review
AL ALEXANDER

Frost/Nixon (A)



Richard Nixon (Frank Langella) lets David Frost (Michael Sheen) know who will be in charge during their upcoming interviews.

Although it's set 31 years ago, the big-screen version of Peter Morgan's Tony-winning "Frost/Nixon" couldn't be a timelier treatise on the point where our society began staggering down a path of passivity and lowered expectations.

Yes, it's an indictment of Richard Nixon, the man who rightfully caused Americans to lose trust in their leaders, but it's also very much a condemnation of the Fourth Estate's indulgence in checkbook journalism.

Therein lies a great irony in which a disgraced president was able to profit off the same institution that brought him down. But there are plenty of differences between Nixonslayers Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein and his unwitting resurrector, British talk-show host and international playboy David Frost.

Frost dated supermodels and actresses (most notably Diahann Carroll), hobnobbed with royalty and perfected the fine art of self-promotion. He may have hoped he could get Nixon to confess his sins. But he was more interested in making enough money to fortify his own indiscretions once he landed the interview that would draw the largest TV audience ever for a news interview program.

The price Frost paid Nixon was $600,000 (a huge sum in 1976); the price for journalistic standards was much higher.

That "Frost/Nixon" is able to communicate this with such grace and subtlety is key to it being one of the finest films of the year. But it's only part of a greater whole that includes outstanding writing by Morgan, the sharpest direction yet by Ron Howard and indescribably good acting by Michael Sheen as Frost and Frank Langella as Nixon.

Both reprise the roles they perfected to much acclaim on stage in London and later Broadway, where Langella picked up a well-deserved Tony. If it's possible they're even more dynamic on film, where the camera's ability to get up close and personal adds dramatically to the tension as they come face to face for four 3-and-a-half-hour interviews over a 12-day period in the late winter of 1977.

It was a showdown between the paranoid ex-world leader in the Thom McAns and the gregarious British talk-meister in the Gucci loafers; the Quaker and the playboy; the seasoned lawyer and the part-time game-show host.

On paper (and in Nixon's mind), it seemed like a colossal mismatch in which Nixon would not only dominate the conversation but also rehabilitate his ability to look presidential. But a funny thing happened on the way to the inevitable.

Much like "Rocky," that other huge underdog that prevailed in the winter of 1977, Frost was not about to take a dive, especially with respected researchers like Bob Zelnick (Oliver Platt) and James Reston (Sam Rockwell) in his corner to help him deflect everything Nixon and his chief of staff, Col. Jack Brennan (Kevin Bacon) threw at them.

Appropriately, Morgan frames his screenplay like a boxing match, presenting each of the four interview sessions like rounds of a fight. It works marvelously, too, leaving you in breathless anticipation of both Frost's questions and Nixon's increasingly candid answers, especially concerning his role in the Watergate cover-up.

Both emerge bloodied and battered, but each wins a level of respect you never thought possible for men consumed by both ambition and the need to have their enormous egos stroked.

It's a blast of pathos you don't always see coming. But it's also unexpectedly hilarious, as these titans of power and wealth tiptoe through a minefield of paranoia and insecurity.

Langella is blessed with most of the showier, Oscar-baiting moments, which he fully capitalizes on with a performance that's more of an interpretation than an impersonation. It's a choice that allows Langella to bring out all the quirks and idiosyncrasies that made Nixon Nixon, particularly the man's uncanny ability to always shoot himself in the foot.

Many viewers will hate Nixon going in, and hate him going out. But Langella did something I never thought possible by eliciting empathy for the disgraced president in a devastatingly emotional final scene that silently and poignantly captures how a man capable of greatness suddenly appears so little.

Sheen ("The Queen") is no slouch, either. He finds the humanity lurking behind the bigger-than-life façade, deftly revealing the inner doubts the public never saw when Frost was scoring with audiences and a bevy of beauties, well represented here by his girlfriend at the time, Caroline Cushing (Rebecca Hall).

It's riveting stuff, delivered with a showman like quality that enables "Frost/Nixon" to be hugely entertaining without ever surrendering an ounce of gravitas. It bravely and confidently takes what Gerald Ford called "our national nightmare" and turns a showdown between a British huckster and an all-American felon into a cinematic dream.

Rated PG-13.

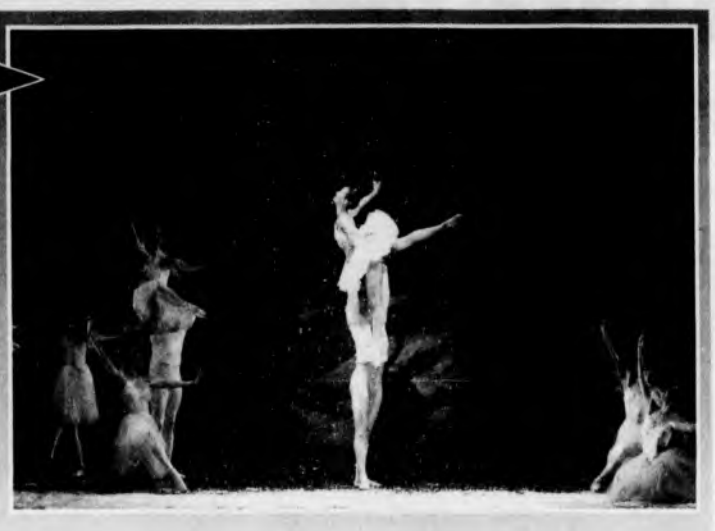


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The Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield present the Marshfield Polar Express Dec. 20 on the Kingston Commuter Rail. All proceeds go to the Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield. Read along with the story as the train makes its magical round trip journey to the North Pole. Meet Santa and enjoy caroling, hot chocolate and cookies baked by elves. Each child will receive a special gift from Santa so they may always believe. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas. Tickets are nonrefundable. All tickets are $20. For information and ticket purchasing call the Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield at 781-834-2582 or write Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield Inc., P.O. Box 311, Marshfield, MA 02050 or visit www.marshfieldpolarexpress.com.

The Weymouth Historical Society, 26 Bates Ave., Weymouth invites you to its Christmas Open House. Enjoy the **Victorian Carolers** from 1 to 3 p.m. or explore the exhibits. Refreshments will be served. Free Admission. Donations accepted.

13th Annual Winter Solstice Poetry Circle and Labyrinth Walk, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. This season's Crossing Time is the Winter Solstice (the longest night of the year which heralds the return of light). Bring a poem to read or speak or simply come and listen. Two Robert Frost poems will be sung by the choral quintet Crossroads. Following the readings, walk the labyrinth accompanied by Joanne Cavatorta on the Celtic Harp. Refreshments will be served. For more info Elizabeth Torrey, 781-749-0543.

Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield **Cultural Series** continues at 2 p.m. Dec. 20, *Concert* **"Holiday Songs of Joy and Peace"** –and listen to the quiet musical beauty of "2 Sopranos and a Piano", featuring **Lynn Salmonsen** on piano, her sister **Jane Marin** as Soprano and **Rachael Marino** as Soprano No. 2. *Enjoy a "Sing along with the Audience" finale.*

The Male Bonding Band will be featured at this month's **Blue Moon Coffeehouse** at Channing Unitarian Universalist Church in Rockland on Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. The fourteen member band began as a men's group at First Parish Church in Bridgewater and grew into a musical group booking performances at many South Shore venues. They are well known for combining humor with music for a very fun evening. For those who haven't finished their Christmas Shopping, there will also be a gift basket raffle on themes such as chocolate, coffee, gardening, and family movie night. Winners pick their favorite from the table. Don't forget to bring your instruments for the open mike. The Coffeehouse takes place at 45 Webster St.,, Rockland. Tickets to the show are $5 at the door.

Buttonwood Books & Toys welcomes author/illustrator **Brian Lies** Dec.20, 10:30 AM at Buttonwood, Shaw's Plaza, Route3A, Cohasset for a special story time and activity. Lies will be reading, whenever a group gathers, from "Bats at the Library." Beautifully illustrated with rhyming prose the book is about a lively adventure, at night, through a library, by a colony of lovable bats. Drawn with exquisite detail "Bats at the Library," invites repeated readings as readers enjoy the bats late night excursions through the hallowed halls. Lies will be arriving in the BATSmobile, his jeep Cherokee wrapped with artwork from the book. Brian Lies has written and illustrated many books for children, and his award-winning work appears regularly in children's magazines and galleries around the country. A portion of the proceeds from this book is being donated to Bat Conservation International. Free event. If you are unable to attend and would like to order a personalized and/or signed copy, please call Buttonwood at 1-781-383-2665.

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Colony Place, Plymouth presents **The Enchanted Storybook Village**, Nov. 28 through Dec. 21, Saturdays and Sundays 11a.m. to 4 p.m. A spectacular 5,000 square foot Village with storybook themed trees, gigantic gingerbread house, life-size nutcrackers and much more! Bring your camera for free pictures with Santa. Storybooks Come to Life Saturdays 11 a.m. to noon. Famous storybook characters perform in costume while the books that made them children's favorites are read aloud. Dec. 20, **Strawberry Shortcake**. Visit colonyplace.com/holiday for a complete listing of holiday events.

The 13th annual An Hour of Peace will be in the sanctuary of the First Congregational Church of Marshfield at the intersections of Route 3A and Route 139 in Marshfield, Saturday Dec. 20, at 5:30 p.m. This evening will be filled with Christmas music, and a carol sing-a-long all to benefit the Marshfield Food Pantry. A donation of non-perishable food or a personal care item is greatly appreciated. After the musical program, there will be a live Nativity on the town green. All to benefit the Food Pantry.

North Weymouth Civic Association – Meat Raffle every Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Cathay Center Restaurant, 211 Bridge St., Route 3A, North Weymouth.

JM Productions presents **A Boston Holiday Tradition - Jane Olivor at Berklee** Saturday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m. at the Berklee Performance Center, Boston, 136 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston. Ticket information: box office 617-931-2000, ticketmaster 617-931-2000, www.ticketmaster.com Information: www.jmproductionspresents.com

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Sunday, Dec. 21

A Live Nativity takes place on Norwell Town Common – Dec. 21, from noon to 3 p.m. Enjoy a free horse drawn hayride, stable, live animals including pony rides, caroling, free refreshments. Information: New Hope Chapel, Cushing Memorial Hall, 673 Main St., Norwell. 781-659-2575.

A Christmas tea at All Things Tea, 20 Court St., Plymouth, featuring live music and a full afternoon tea celebrating the tastes of Victorian Christmas with savories, sweets and special spiced blended tea. Cost is $35 per person plus tax and gratuity. Wine, seasonal mulled wine or sparkling wine additional. Call 508-747-1221 or visit www.allthingstea.net for details. Limited seating, by reservation.

Patriot Cinema will bring the best of **Europe's Opera and Ballet** to Loring Hall Cinema in Hingham. Dec. 14, 21, and 24, at noon and 2 p.m. **The Nutcracker** performed by the **Kirov Ballet** comes to the screen in high definition from the Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia. Information: visit www.patriotcinemas.com or call 781-749-8300.

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The Boston Classical Guitar Society and the Hingham public Library invite you to a free solo classical guitar performance by **Mark Appling** on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the Whiton Room. The performance is part of the Sunday Sounds Special Series. The library is located at 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. 781-741-1405, ext. 2600, www.hinghamlibrary.org

Boston Saengerfest Men's Chorus including Cohasset resident **Chris Evans** and Duxbury resident **Christopher P. Jones** will present its annual Christmas Concert Dec. 21, 4 p.m. at the Regis College Fine Arts Center, 235 Wellesley St., Weston. This year''s concert will feature The Worcester Brass Consort. The Consort will also accompany the Men's Chorus in seasonal favorites including Daniel Pinkham's Christmas Cantata, and the Wexford Carol. A portion of ticket proceeds will go to local churches. Admission is $20. Tickets may be purchased from Tim Greene at 508-801-7354; Jim Burns at 617-594-6640, or any Chorus singer; Church of the Holy Spirit, Wayland, MA, Waldo L. Hart 508-358-4104; and First Parish in Wayland, Skip Sweitzer 508-358-4303. Tickets will be sold at the door if the concert is not sold out in advance. Regis College Fine Arts Center is wheelchair accessible, with plenty of free parking. Information, visit www.saengerfest.org and info@saengerfest.org.

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Monday, Dec. 22

Blood drive – The American Red Cross and Coyne Healthcare Center, 56 Webster St., Rockland will be hosting a blood drive on Dec. 22, from 1 to 7 p.m. All blood types are needed especially during the holiday season. For information visit 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit www.givelife.org

Photographs by Paul Munroe of Hingham are on display along with other photographs by members of the South Shore Camera Club from through Jan. 2, 2009 in Vine Hall Gallery, South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. The theme of the photography show is "Nature While Traveling". Free and open to the public. Information, contact 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org

New Beginnings, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Information: call Peggy Loud, 781-659-1857 or email Cheryl Pimental NBNorwellMA@aol.com

Tuesday, Dec. 23

"Tuesday Painters" Art Exhibition will be on view at Home Center Sotheby's International Realty, 1 South Main St., Cohasset, through Jan. 17. The exhibit represents the efforts of a group of award winning South Shore artists including recent works by members Katherine Catlin, Jane Flavell Collins, Marsha Hoar, Yvette Rattenbury, Betty Rogers and Barbara Walsh. For information, call 781-749-8833.



Nolan Sullivan

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South Shore Men of Harmony invite men of good character who love to sing but do not necessarily read music to come to a weekly meeting. The acapella barbershop chorus rehearses every Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 pm. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. Call Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-7464.

Island Grove Chorus, a women's acappella singing group, meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Abington. Call 781-848-5843 for information.

The Plymouth Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Plymouth Municipal Airport located at 222 South Meadow Road Plymouth. Meetings are open to all interested individuals and membership is open to all adults and younger persons ages 12-18. The Civil Air Patrol's missions are to promote aerospace education, provide emergency services to the community including search and rescue, and to develop leadership qualities in the nation's youth. For information, call Squadron commander Maj. Robert Yeager at 508-888-5970 or visit at www.plymouthcap.org.

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Friday, Dec. 26

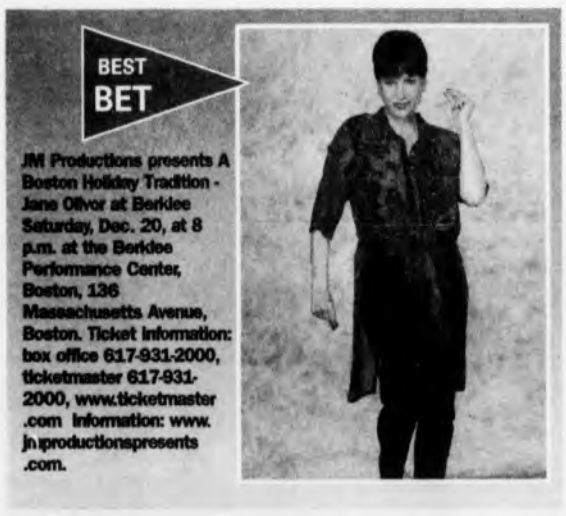
Oceanside 17 Studio & Gallery, 17 Rockland Circle, Hull, presents an exhibition and sale of work by regional artists including: F. Andahazy, P. Batchelder, N. Colella, R. Farbush, B. Kelly, J. MacFarland, P. Railsback, I. Cerese, A.Tuck, K. Alemian, M. Weymouth, V. Strekalovsky through Dec. 24. Artisan gifts and hand-crafted jewelry also available for sale. Open Thursday through Sunday www.oceanside17.com 781-773-1563.

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Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Friday, **karaoke with Ed.** 781-337-9905.

New England Singles Dance Dec. 26, from 8 p.m. to midnight, Sheraton Braintree Grand Ballroom, 37 Forbes Road, Braintree. Adults of all ages. Casual dress. DJ. Admission $10. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.

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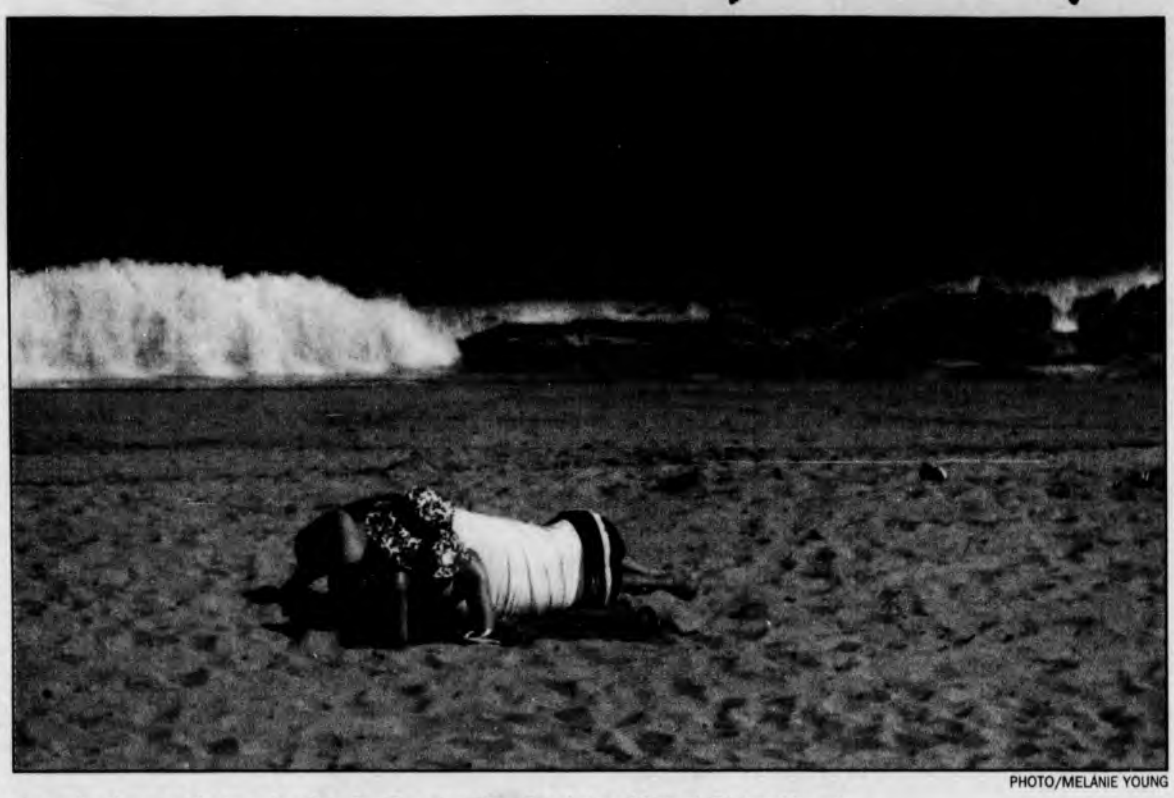
Melanie Young
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

SAN FRANCISCO, NAYARIT, MEXICO

Majestic Pacific waves slid up the ivory sand as my boyfriend and I walked barefoot down the long beach, nearly deserted except for two young Mexican women watching the surf. Just behind us in a palm grove, a waiter was setting up brightly painted tables and chairs on the sand under a restaurant's thatched palapa for lunch.

We were just up the coast from Puerto Vallarta in the resort region recently dubbed the "Riviera Nayarit" — Nayarit being the name of the Mexican state and "Riviera," perhaps, to suggest the cachet of this just-being-discovered coast and its beauty. If the beach where we strolled was any indication, the name fits.

The beach was backed by a serene hamlet — population 3,000 — formally known as San Francisco, though locals call it San Pancho.



PHOTO/MELANIE YOUNG

A couple relaxes on the town beach in San Francisco (San Pancho) on Mexico's Riviera Nayarit.

Earlier, roosters crowed as we strolled down the cobblestone main street that led to the beach, passing brightly painted walls, a small sidewalk market laden with golden mangoes and other fruit, a few craft shops, and a woman named Carmen grilling chicken "pollo asado" — which smelled fantastic. We stopped to admire the town's well-maintained public garden, a riot of tropical blooms and lush foliage.

On a shady plaza near Playa San Pancho, a Huichol Indian named Lucio was displaying his wares — rainbow-hued folkloric animals and bowls covered with intricate designs made with tiny seed beads set in wax — as his young daughter played under the table.

We felt like we were in Old Mexico. In reality, we had come to San Francisco from our base at a fancy resort, Grand Velas All Suites & Spa Resort, in the upscale development of Nuevo Vallarta.

In Riviera Nayarit you'll find the upscale hotels and golf courses, and the little towns with authentic Mexican ambience. Each one is different and the pace is easygoing, sort of like Puerto Vallarta before it was discovered, said Oscar Cruces, managing director of the Grand Velas, explaining the allure of the region.

Grand Velas epitomizes the upper end of the Riviera Nayarit resort spectrum, and our premium-level suite overlooked the beach from a large private terrace equipped with a Jacuzzi under the stars and lounging bed big enough for two.

The resort's spa offers a variety of classes — yoga, tai chi, meditation, salsa dancing. And there are exotic treatments, including a "body mask" that incorporates a massage that uses heated seashells. For golfers, there are seven courses nearby.

Nuevo Vallarta is home to more than two dozen luxury hotels and close enough to downtown Puerto Vallarta for guests to enjoy the shopping, nightlife and historic Old Town that so enchanted Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor during the filming of John Huston's "Night of the Iguana" that they bought houses there.

But low key, Mexican-style, can also be found nearby. In addition to San Francisco, we stopped in Sayulita, a surfing haven that has managed to retain an old hippie ambience even as it has become increasingly upscale. Just about everyone here looked tan and fit as we watched novice surfers on the moderate waves at the town beach. Learning will cost you $30 for a group class of three or more, or $50 for a private 1 1/2-hour lesson.

Even the non-surfing tourist can have fun in this colorful town with its plentiful shops, restaurants and small hotels.

Another appealing spot in the Riviera Nayarit is Bucerias, famous for its restaurants. According to our guide, there are more than 40 places to eat on one street, Avenida Pacifica, alone.

Eco-travelers to Riviera Nayarit will find attractions including a turtle rescue center, bird watching and whale watch tours. For the adventurous there are canopy tours (zip-lining through the high tree canopy) and opportunities for sailing, snorkeling and horseback riding.

With more than 100 miles of coastline, the Riviera Nayarit is being hailed as the "Next Great Place." Bill Gates has purchased property in Litibu, a luxurious residential area. But perhaps the best indicator of the area's newfound fame is that the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders were photographed in the Riviera Nayarit — Punta de Mita, Rincon de Guayabitos and San Blas, for their 2009 calendar. For when those bikini-clad cheerleaders come, can crowds be far behind?

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GETTING THERE: Fly into Puerto Vallarta's international airport. Carriers with connecting flights from Boston include American (www.aa.com), United (www.united.com) and Delta (www.delta.com). If you plan to rent a car, make a reservation in advance.

STAYING THERE: Lodging options range from small guest houses in coastal towns to ultra-luxurious resorts on the beach. Rates at the five-star Grand Velas All Suites & Spa Resort start at $352 per person, per day, for a spa package that includes a massage and a guided hydrotherapy spa circuit, accommodations in a master or parlor suite with ocean views, gourmet dining at a choice of several restaurants, activities for adults and kids, and taxes and gratuities. For other packages and specials, call 888-261-8436 or visit www.vallarta.grandvelas.com.

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Early deadline next week

Due to the New Year's Day holiday, the Cohasset Mariner will go to press on Wednesday, which is a day early next week. That means that all editorial copy and photographs must arrive by noon, Tuesday. Email Mary Ford at mford@cnc.com with questions.

However, the Cohasset Mariner will still arrive in your mailboxes and on the newsstands on Friday, Jan. 2.

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Happy New Year!

Fourth-grader is an inspiration



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Carr to run; Flynn to step down

Election field begins to take shape

By Nancy White
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The 2009 election is still a good four months off, but the election season is about to begin. Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 7, citizens can begin to take out nomination papers to be considered on the ballot.

The last two town election seasons have been relatively quiet with few or no races for seats on town boards. During the 2007 and 2008 elections, seats on Board of Selectmen have gone uncontested. This past April, incumbent School Committee Alfred Slanetz faced no opposition for his seat. In fact, the only race was for a seat on the Sewer Commission and a write-in campaign for an open seat on the Recreation Commission.

Will this year be different?

The Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board have one seat with an expiring term, while the School Committee has two seats. Both the Water and Sewer Commissions will have one seat expiring. The Mariner checked in with each of the committee members up for re-election this spring to see who is planning to run.

However, come next week the field will be wide open and citizens longing to serve their town will have just as much as chance as any of the incumbents.

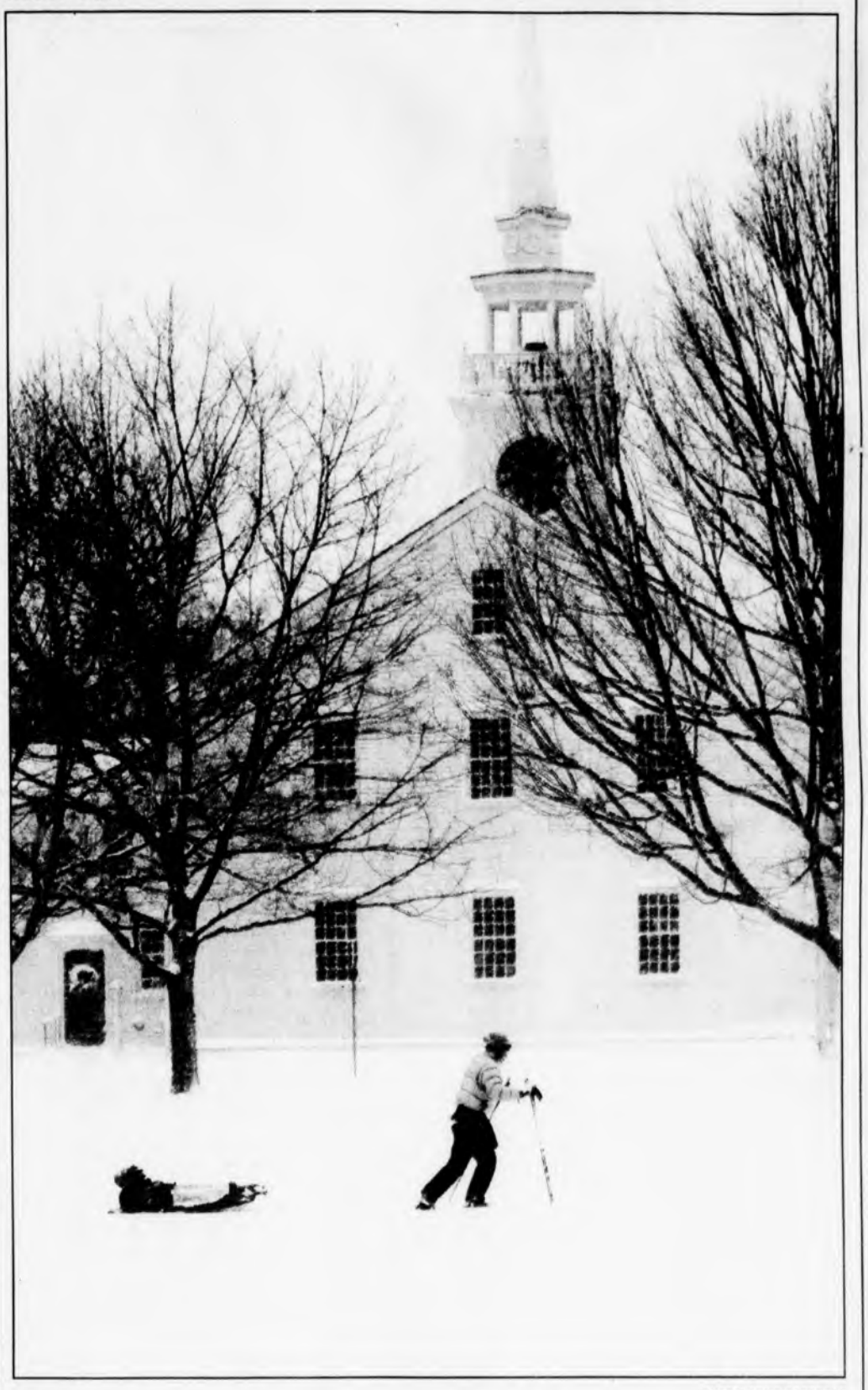
Current Board of Selectmen Chairman Ted Carr, who is finishing out his first term, told the Mariner he plans to seek a second term. After talking over the decision with his family, he determined his work is not yet completed as a Selectman.

"I have very much enjoyed serving on the board and find it a great way to support my community. I have always said I would like to serve as long as I feel I can be effective for the town," said Carr in an e-mail.

During his three years on the board, Carr has been proud of the progress and

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SNOW FUN



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Cohasset resident Yasmin Landy does a little cross-country skiing with her four-year-old son, Jackson, in tow across the Town Common on Saturday during the region's first big snowstorm of the season. The weekend storms left more than eight inches of snow on the ground.

Who should be Citizen of the Year?

By Mary Ford
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In keeping with an 16-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Here at the Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset. This is a community award: the Mariner is the means by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make our town a wonderful place to call home.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Merle Brown as Citizen of the Year. Brown, a Cohasset native, has served the town for decades. His tireless involvement includes: four terms as a Selectman, years on the Conservation Commission, launching the recycling committee and "Pay as You Throw" program, working on the Beechwood Ball Park project, years with the Boys Scouts – and so much more.

See nomination form on page 17.

The deadline for nominations for the 2007 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23. Please see the nomination form on page 17. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931. Letters of nomination by email to mford@cnc.com are also welcome.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the Citizen of the Year.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the16th person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

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Snow brings a white Christmas



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Renee Will, manager of Dependable Cleaners on South Main Street, clears the snow off the hood of her car on Saturday during the region's first major snowstorm of the season.

DPW faced challenges in clean-up

By Nancy White
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"If people in their neighborhood could find their nearest hydrant, shovel that hydrant out to make sure if in fact we do need to get to them, they are clear."
— Fire Chief Robert Silvia

It did bring Cohasset a white Christmas, but this past weekend's snowstorms carried with it a lot of punch and about a foot and half of snow.

A blanket of icy, crunchy snow covered the lawns, banks of snow lined the streets of Cohasset and caused many to tread carefully on their way about town all week.

With weather forecasters predicting a serious snowstorm on Friday mid-afternoon (Dec. 19), Cohasset schools played it safe and sent kids home on an early release schedule. All the students made it safely home before the flakes began to fall. Meanwhile, the Department of Public Works knew it was in for a long weekend as the responsibility of keeping 37 miles of accepted roads in town and 11 miles of private ways clear and safe for passage was on their shoulders.

"Mother Nature took her course…it was challenging, but we got the job done," said Leo Ekbom, equipment operator for the DPW. On Tuesday night, the DPW was still in clean-up mode and was gearing up to clear the downtown/village area from Border Street to Depot Court of snow.

The storm, which seemed to have only brief pauses during the course of the weekend, kept the DPW busy. On Friday night they started sanding and salting, then plowing, which continued into Saturday. On Sunday the temperatures rose creating runoff, so the DPW had to clear the storm drains to prevent flooding. Then, it got cold, freezing the runoff and it was back to sanding and salting.

"Unfortunately, it took a lot of extra work hours…It was a big battle," said Ekbom. Thankfully, he said, not many people were on the road making it easier for them to do their job.

With Cohasset's signature country roads and dozens of cul-de-sac developments, snow removal can be a little tricky in those tight places, but the DPW has years of experience, even on those tough to negotiate roads.

"These guys have been doing this so long, it is almost second nature to them," said Ekbom. The on-going water and sewer construction work made plowing in those areas difficult.

Emergency response was still up and running during the weekend long storms, Fire Chief Robert Silvia said the only effect from the storms was slightly longer response times.

On Sunday, the fire department began to dig out the hundreds of fire hydrants buried in the snow. While the fire department does make its way around to all the hydrants to ensure they are clear and ready to use in the event of a fire, Silvia said it would be extremely helpful if residents could aid in the process.

"If people in their neighborhood could find their nearest hydrant, shovel that hydrant out to make sure if in fact we do need to get to them, they are clear," said Silvia. "There are hundreds of them in town and we try to get to them as quickly as possible, but it is a couple of days before we get to them all."

Any help from residents would be appreciated and could save precious time in the event of a major fire, Silvia said.

South Shore Tide Chart
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Dec. - Jan.	HIGH AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.	LOW AM	Hgt.	PM	Hgt.
Thurs. 25	9:38	9.0	10:20	7.8	3:15	1.4	4:00	0.4
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:17 p.m.*			
Fri. 26	10:20	9.1	11:01	7.9	3:58	1.4	4:40	0.3
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:17 p.m.*			
Sat. 27	11:00	9.2	11:39	8.0	4:39	1.3	5:18	0.2
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:18 p.m.*			
Sun. 28	11:39	9.2	—	—	5:19	1.2	5:56	0.2
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:19 p.m.*			
Mon. 29	12:16	8.0	12:17	9.2	5:59	1.1	6:33	0.1
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:19 p.m.*			
Tues. 30	12:54	8.1	12:56	9.2	6:39	1.1	7:11	0.2
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:20 p.m.*			
Wed. 31	1:31	8.2	1:35	9.0	7:20	1.1	7:49	0.2
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:21 p.m.*			
Thurs. 1	2:06	8.3	2:14	8.8	8:00	1.0	8:27	0.3
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.					*Sunset: 4:22 p.m.*			

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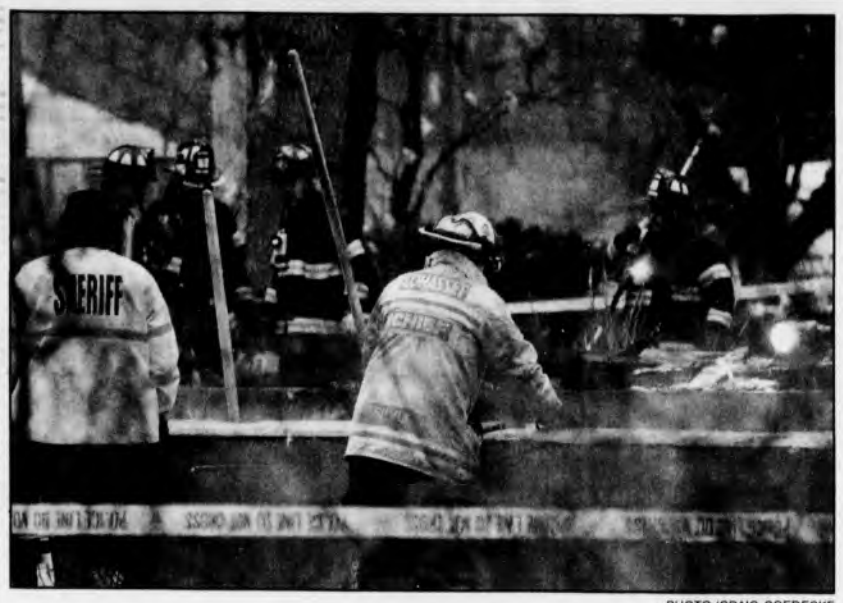
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Cohasset Fire Chief Robert Silvia looks into the basement of the Scituate home located at 27 Turner Road Wednesday afternoon (Dec. 17) after an explosion leveled the house killing one person. Several other homes were uninhabitable following the blast.

Cohasset helps Scituate in aftermath of house explosion

By Nancy White
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An explosion destroyed a house at 27 Turner Road at about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, leaving one man dead and several houses uninhabitable.

Shortly before 2:30p.m., Cohasset dispatch fielded about 30 emergency 9-1-1 calls for a home explosion. In large emergencies when Scituate dispatch is completely flooded with calls, the calls are then forwarded to Cohasset dispatch.

The explosion spread debris across the street, blowing the windows out of nearby homes and leaving in its place only the foundation of the home. The front door of the home was found across the street, more than four houses away. More than seven homes were significantly damaged.

When Scituate firefighters responded to the scene, they almost immediately called for mutual aid by striking a second alarm. Four Cohasset firefighters responded to the scene with a fire engine and an ambulance. They remained on the scene for about three hours.

Cohasset Police also supplied mutual aid.

"We sent two officers who assisted in creating a perimeter at the scene and helped with traffic control," Police Chief James Hussey said.

The firehouse was covered by the department's own off-duty personnel.

As of press time, the cause of the explosion is still under investigation, but early investigators have concluded human involvement, either accidental or intentional, played a role in the incident.

Smell gas inside the house? Call 9-1-1

In light of last week's explosion in Scituate and the possible role gas played in the incident (several reports say neighbors smelled a strong odor of gas before the explosion), the Mariner asked Chief Robert Silvia what are the guidelines for gas.

"The biggest potential problem with gas is when it is trapped inside an enclosed area, i.e. your home, and it finds an ignition source," said Silvia.

He advised when the smell of gas comes from inside the home that is cause for a true emergency and is a priority call for the fire department.

"An inside leak, that's what we worry about," said Silvia.

When the fire department responds to a smell of gas inside the house, they try to locate the source. "It might be something as simple as a pilot light out on a stove," said Silvia. But, in extreme cases, the occupants could be evacuated.

"If there is a strong odor of gas, leave the building and make the 9-1-1 call outside," he advises.

When the smell of gas is noticeable outside a home or neighborhood, the fire department does respond and contacts National Grid to do a thorough survey of the neighborhood. If the gas company determines there is no immediate danger, they have up to 18 months to correct the problem.

Case in point is there was a recurring smell of gas in the area of Beach Street and Atlantic Avenue since last June. Although the fire department received a dozen and a half calls about the smell of gas in that general area, it wasn't until this past month, the gas company corrected the leak.

School policy manual is complete

For the first time, the Cohasset Public Schools has a complete and comprehensive policy manual. The final draft of the manual was presented to the School Committee last Wednesday for its final review.

Jim Hardy, the school's policy manual consultant, helped a subcommittee conduct a thorough document review of all the manuals, memorandums of understandings, faculty and staff handbooks to eliminate duplication and streamline.

"We went page-by-page through that manual to make sure it reflects the most current local, state and federal regulations," said Hardy at the School Committee meeting, Dec. 17.

The policy manual update has been an on-going effort by the School Committee. The total one-time cost was $9,000 over three fiscal years.

In addition to a lengthy hard copy binder, the policy manual is also available on CD and, once approved by the School Committee in January, it will be available on the Cohasset Public Schools website (www.cohassetk12.org). The electronic version of the policy makes the manual "a living document" making updates and changes easier.

Previously, the policies of the Cohasset Schools were piecemeal, this document puts everything in one place.

Each member of the School Committee is currently reviewing the substantial policy manual in its electronic version and it is the aim to approve it at a meeting in January.

"It's a major accomplishment to have a whole manual," said Superintendent of Schools Denise Walsh.

POLICE BEAT

Storm-related accidents add up

By Mary Ford
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...a 2001 Chevrolet, operated by a Cohasset resident, went off the road near the 400 block of Jerusalem Road. There were no apparent injuries but the vehicle had to be towed off a rock and then could be driven away, police said.

• On Friday (Dec. 19), at 1:34 p.m., a cruiser, which was responding to a call, veered to avoid a car that had pulled out in front of it on North Main Street during the snowstorm. Other vehicles had pulled over to let the cruiser pass and just as the cruiser passed those vehicles, it had to swerve to avoid a car that had pulled out to make a left on Jason Road.

The cruiser went off the road and hit a sign pole; the officer was not injured and the cruiser had minor damage. The cruiser remained in service, Chief James Hussey said.

• A walk-in to the police station last Friday (Dec. 19) at 3:34 p.m. reported that his 2005 Dodge pickup was hit by a blue Chevrolet pickup at Shaw's Plaza. No plate was provided. The Dodge had some damage to the tailgate and rear bumper.

• A 2009 Lexus, operated by a Pennsylvania resident, was headed down the steep decline on Pond Street and slid sideways, hitting the median island near the tracks. The incident occurred at 4:17 p.m. on Friday (Dec. 19). There were no apparent injuries. The Lexus had to be towed.

• At 4:45 p.m. on Saturday (Dec. 20), the operator of a 2001 Ford, who lives in Rockland, called police to report he had slid off the road in the vicinity of 40 Gammons Road. The car needed to be towed. Police noted damage to some trees and possibly to the catch basin at the site.

• On Saturday (Dec. 20) at 4:42 p.m. a 2003 Nissan, operated by a Cohasset resident, was on Jerusalem Road, when the car slid off the roadway hitting some concrete jersey barriers. There were no apparent injuries but the car had to be towed, police said.

• On Sunday (Dec. 21) at 8:26 a.m., a 2001 Chevrolet, operated by a Cohasset resident, went off the road near the 400 block of Jerusalem Road. There were no apparent injuries but the vehicle had to be towed off a rock and then could be driven away, police said.

• At 12:16 p.m. on Sunday (Dec. 21), a 2008 BMW near the 600 block of Jerusalem Road (heading toward West Corner) slid off the road and struck a utility pole. There was damage to the passenger side of the BMW and to the passenger side mirror. There was damage near the tire and the BMW had to be towed, police said. There were no apparent injuries.

• At 12:45 p.m. on Sunday (Dec. 21), a 2006 Toyota, driven by a Cohasset man, tried to take a right from CJC Highway onto Lower King Street, but slid into a snow bank and stayed in the lane.

A 2004 Ford, operated by a Hull man that was also headed north on 3A then struck the right rear of the Toyota, damaging the trunk and bumper. There were no apparent injuries.

Summons

A 52-year-old Cohasset woman is being summonsed to court on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation and having an expired inspection sticker following a traffic stop on Tuesday (Dec. 16) at 10:41 a.m.

Chief Hussey said an officer was conducting traffic enforcement on Ripley Road when the officer saw a car pass by with an expired inspection sticker.

Further investigation revealed the woman's license was also expired.

Head-on

On Tuesday (Dec. 16) at 7 p.m., police responded to a head-on crash on N. Main Street. Police said a 2005 Hyundai, operated by a Plymouth woman, crossed the centerline hitting a 2004 Buick, operated by a Cohasset man.

The Plymouth woman was cited for marked lanes violation. There were no apparent injuries, police said.

Muddy footprints

Police called for assistance from the Hingham Police K-9 unit after a homeowner reported hearing something and then found muddy footprints in the house, police said.

Police said entry was gained through an unlocked front door. The homeowner yelled, apparently scaring the suspect off. The police K-9 initially tracked the suspect but it led to a dead end, Chief Hussey said.

The homeowner does not think anything was taken, police said.

Snowballs

A concerned homeowner from Hugh Strain Road called to report a man was banging on the front window of the house on Friday (Dec. 19) at 5:47 p.m. But when police arrived the homeowner explained the person who knocked on the window was complaining about kids throwing snowballs. Apparently, he had seen the kids run to the house, police said.

Dog bite

A worker inside a house on King Street was nipped by the homeowner's dog last week. The bite was minor and the dog has been quarantined, police said.. The man went to the emergency room at the Milford Regional Medical Center to have the bite checked out. The ER nurse there contacted Cohasset police.

Plow damage

Police responded to a report on Sunday (Dec. 21) about a car being damaged by a plow on Smith Place. The police worked to help identify the private plow operator so the matter could be resolved between the car owner and the plow operator.

Winter parking

Winter parking regulations are in effect through April 1.

No overnight on-street parking between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. is allowed during winter parking regulations.

Violators are subject to a fine of $25.

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Who should be Citizen of the Year?

FROM CITIZEN, PAGE 1

Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church.

1994: **Joseph D. Buckley**, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little league, Sunday School and more.

1995: **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to sewer the town. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: **Anna Abbruzzese**, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

1998: **Katherine Stanton**, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years. She also volunteers as a case reviewer for the state Dept. of Social Services, served on the school committee and recreation committee, and along with her family was involved with the creation of the Cohasset Sailing Club.

1999: **Clark Chatterton**, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school, including innumerable efforts helping others behind the scenes. He also helped raise money for many causes including Alumni Field and the American Cancer Society.

2000: former state **Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray** for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader, and then as selectman. She was also honored for her public service as state representative for more than two decades and for always putting her constituents first.

2001: **Glenn Pratt** for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, helping to lead the effort to expand the community center, serving as an elected official, and spearheading the effort to build a memorial to local mothers who lost sons in wartime.

2002: **Arthur Lehr** for more than 50 years of volunteer service on worthwhile projects including the Boy Scouts; serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals and as a Registrar of Voters; Clerk of the Works for the DPW garage, Little League Complex, and Mariners Park; serving on the Recycling Committee, as town Civil Defense Director, on Gravel Pit Reuse Committee and more.

2003: **Marjorie Murphy** for touching countless lives through her roughly 25 years as school librarian at Deer Hill. With eyes that twinkle and an infectious smile, Mrs. Murphy devoted her life to helping children discover the wonders of reading and the value of a good book.

2004: **John Coe,** a WWII veteran, for all his volunteer service at the Senior Center where he helps make the center a warm place where people come and meet friends; for his work quietly behind the scenes helping fellow citizens and his service as the "beloved Town Crier" every year at the Village Fair.

2005: **Marjorie "Margie" Steele**, who is the "heart and soul of the Cohasset Food Pantry," for her energy and long-time commitment to the important service, which has helped countless people in need over the years.

2006: **Roger Whitley,** a retired architect, former Advisory Committee member, and Paul Pratt Library Trustee, who has spent much time over his 50 years as a Cohasset resident "involved."

2007: **Merle Brown,** former selectman (four terms), Conservation Commissioner, involvement with Beechwood Ball Park project, Boy Scouts, recycling, to name a few.



Briefly

New fees become effective Jan. 1

The following certificates and licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office and new fees will become effective on Jan. 1, 2009. Fees have not been increased since the Special Town Meeting on Oct. 10, 1989.

Birth, Marriage, Death certificates: $10.

Marriage Intention/License: $25.

Business Certificate (DBA): $40.

Business Renewal or Withdrawal: $20.

Street List: $10.

Raffle and Bazaar License: $25.

Zoning Board of Appeals Filing: $150.

Commercial, Multi-family Signs and All Others: $300.

Mailing Labels: $100.

Zoning and General Bylaws: $15.

Zoning Map: $10.

Certificate of Registration (fuel storage permit): $50.

Dog License: Neutered/spayed, $8.

Dog License: Non-neutered male/non-spayed female, $15.

Kennel License: one to three dogs, $45.

Kennel License: four to nine dogs, $90.

Kennel License: 10 dogs or more, $135.

Turbine hearing Jan. 12

The Planning Board has continued the public hearing on the proposed Cohasset Heights wind turbine project until Monday, Jan. 12 at 7:30p.m. Noise, flicker and the recent balloon demonstration will be some of the topics discussed. All the additional data the Planning Board requested at their last public hearing on Dec. 1 is to be submitted to the planning board office for review by Dec. 29, giving the board's consulting engineers two weeks to review the data.

"The data has to be received by December 29, or we're just going to postpone," said Planning Board vice chair Charles Samuelson.

Election field begins to take shape



Long-time School Committee member and current chairman, Rick Flynn, chats with a supporter along Highland Avenue during Election Day 2006. Flynn told the Mariner this week he will not be running for reelection.

FROM CARR, PAGE 1

accomplishments on many issues. He names "aggressively addressing the budget, supporting renewable energy opportunities, addressing the town-wide flooding problems we face and actively supporting our schools and the business community" as a few.

"Today with a troubled economy in Massachusetts, I feel my current career as a member of the Governor's economic team on Beacon Hill brings a very important set of knowledge and experiences to help Cohasset," said Carr. Carr is the chief of staff in the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development.

He is currently working with Town Manager Bill Griffin and other boards to make sure that every opportunity that could be considered for federal investment in Cohasset is ready to go and presented well, he said.

"Even if the Federal stimulus bill is not enacted by Congress this kind of preparation by the town is critical to our future. This work alone will carry over to the spring and summer and into a new term for me, if elected. I hope the people of Cohasset will support me and help me see to see this important work through," Carr said.

Carr will make a formal announcement of his re-election bid in the new year.

School Committee

The School Committee will see some change following the election. The terms of current members Chairman Rick Flynn and Steve Fusco expire in April.

"I am not planning on running," said Flynn with no hesitation. "It's been wonderful but it's time for someone else to step up."

Flynn has long been a fixture on the board; he will complete his ninth year on the committee in April. Four of those years he has served as chairman. Before ever serving on the School Committee, he was an Advisory Committee member for six years.

"The whole experience has been great, I've learned a lot and hopefully added something to the public school system in Cohasset," said Flynn.

During his tenure, the physical plant for all the schools have been renovated — on time and on budget, he adds.

"That was an accomplishment of the town as a whole," Flynn said. "We've added lots of teachers and programs to the schools even in the face of challenging financial times…we've tried to move things forward."

Although he notes there have been a few bumps in the road and contentious periods among the committee, he knows now the schools are more or less fiscally in shape, the financial reporting is better and academically speaking Cohasset is succeeding.

"The glass is more full than empty," said Flynn. "If I can look back and know I made some contribution, I feel good about it."

Steve Fusco, who will finish his first-term on the School Committee in April, is still mulling over a re-election campaign. Although he hasn't come to a final decision, he is leaning toward not running for a second term.

"There is a ton that need to get done and I'd like to be a part of it, but right now I'm trying to focus on work," said Fusco. With his full-time job he does a fair amount of traveling, which has forced him to miss School Committee meetings on numerous occasions. Fusco said he will make his final decision on re-election in the early part of 2009.



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Ted Carr waves to potential voters as they turn onto Highland Avenue during the 2006 Town Election. Carr won the seat and is currently the Selectmen Chairman. He said this week he plans to seek a second term.

Planning Board

First-term Planning Board member Michael Westcott will not be seeking re-election. A new job with an out-of-state commute he said limits his availability and ability to be actively involved.

"Unfortunately, my commitments out of town in Connecticut will keep me from adequately serving for the foreseeable future," said Westcott. "I certainly will miss what we do and I will stay involved in town in other ways…"I don't want to hold the board back from any decisions or anything at all by virtue of my being out of town for most of the week."

Westcott ran for the Planning Board seat after serving on the Master Plan committee, "I joined based on my work on the Cohasset master plan and my desire to see that work turned into action rather than dust as most plans are reduced to."

In his five years on the board, Westcott has helped to make strides on many ideas found in the Master Plan.

"I am proud to have worked with a great group to advance the interests of the community based on that document. I am please that the board reviewed and has used that as a road map," said Westcott.

The development of the transit-oriented district bylaw and eventual Planning Board approval of the project on Route 3A is among the accomplishments. Encouraging investment in the village and its vitality through the bylaw changes and the results already being seen at the new business in the completed Depot Court building.

"I am also proud that we implemented other initiatives such as the large home bylaw and have worked to give voice to the rights and interests of residents to protect the character and natural beauty of town. All in all, I have been privileged to serve a community I care about with a great group of people on the board," said Westcott.

Water and Sewer Commissions

Both the Water and Sewer Commission (both are three-person boards) have one seat expiring in April. John McNabb of the Water Commission and John Beck, chairmam of the Sewer Commission have terms expiring.

Four-term Water Commissioner John McNabb announced in a press release this week that he would seek re-election in April.

John Beck could not be reached for comment by press time.

In addition to the board listed above the Board of Health, Board of Assessors, Recreation Commission, and Housing Authority each have one seat expiring in April. Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees has three terms expiring.

Nomination papers available Jan. 7

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election for 2009 will be available on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to take out nomination papers will be Thursday, Feb. 12.

In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. It is important to note that you are not running for office until you take out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies your signatures.

Positions available for the 2009 town election include: Selectmen — one three-year position; School Committee – two three-year positions; Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library – three three-year positions; Assessor—one three-year position; Board of Health — one three-year position; Planning Board — one for five-year position; Recreation Commission – one five-year position; Sewer Commission – one three-year position; and Water Commission — one three-year position.

Annual Town Election will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009.

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BC High announces AP scholars

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HOLIDAYS

Hi there Cohasset. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the holidays so far and are looking ahead to a fun vacation week and a welcome to the New Year, 2009!!

The snow this past weekend has been so pretty and fun to play in and a giant thank you is being sent out to all the DPW workers, police/fire people and all the other people who were out plowing, sanding and working together to keep everyone as safe as possible. Now, on to a little bit of news to share and get ready for more as we head on into our wonderful New Year of 2009.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy 40th Birthday wishes are being shouted out to Miss **Julie Laugelle** as she enjoys her special day on December 29th! Your husband Geri, your two wonderful kiddos, Hannah and Samuel along with your extended family and so many friends all join in together to say HAPPY BIRTHDAY to a fantastic wife, mom and friend.

BC SCHOLARS

William J. Kemeza, president of Boston College High School, announced that **Thomas Chase** and **Erikk Hokenson** of Cohasset have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the College-Level Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations.

At Boston College High, 126 students received one of the four levels of recognition from the College Board.

Fifty students, including **Erikk**, qualified for the AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams they took.

Twenty-three students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award.

Fifty-three students, including **Thomas**, qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Erikk is a freshman at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, **Thomas** at the University of Notre Dame.

About 18 percent of the more than one million high school students in more than 15,000 secondary schools worldwide, who took AP Exams, performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

AUDITIONS

The Cohasset Dramatic Club announces auditions for its spring musical, "Sweet Charity" the story about a down her luck dance hall girl, Charity Hope Valentine, who's always looking for life's silver lining. With memorable songs such as "If my friends could see me now" and "Big Spender", to name a few, the story was brought to life in the late 60's with Gwen Verdon creating the title role of Charity on broadway.

Shirley MacLaine recreated that title role in the movie in 1969 and that film received 3 Oscar nominations. The show offers terrific roles for women of all ages. It's a dance tour de force with original choreography created by Bob Fosse. Auditions are scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 4th at 6 pm and Monday, Jan. 5th at 7 pm with callbacks if necessary on Tuesday Jan. 7th at 7 pm at Cohasset Town Hall.

Auditioners should prepare 16 bars of the song of their choice. Please bring sheet music. An accompanist will be provided. Also dress comfortably as there will be a dance/movement audition. Some auditioners may be asked to read from the script. Please call **Lisa Pratt** with questions at 617-852-0091.

That is all for the week. Send in all your news no later than Tuesdays by 5 pm in order for it to be in that week's paper.. However this coming week, I need the news by Monday at 5 p.m. – early deadline!

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TASTE OF WINTER



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Donning an oversized pair of sunglasses, four-year-old Cliff Stern of New York tries to catch snowflakes on his tongue while he and his family are visiting his grandmother, Jane Kryicos of Cohasset, for the holidays. Saturday's storm produced tons of "catchable" snowflakes.

Notre Dame Academy to host lecture

Photojournalist Paula Lerner will speak on the topic "Giving Afghan Women a Voice" at Notre Dame Academy at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 7. Lerner has made multiple trips to Afghanistan documenting the efforts of the organization Bpeace. Her photos chronicle the hardships, resiliency and beauty of Afghan women entrepreneurs in Kabul and Kandahar as they grew their businesses. In addition to the lecture, Lerner's work will be on display at the Academy.

A Harvard graduate, Lerner's passion for women's issues has been a recurring theme in her more than 20-year career. She has traveled from the rainforests of Brazil to the back roads of New England and her work has appeared in Smithsonian, People, Time, Business Week and Der Spiegel, among others.

This event is free and open to the public. If interested in attending, call 781.749.5930, ext. 244. Notre Dame Academy is at 1073 Main St., Hingham.

Gymnastics/sports camp offered Dec. 29

Holiday Gymnastics/Sports and More will hold a One Day Camp on Monday, Dec. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For boys and girls ages 4 to 10. Cost: $42 member/$45 nonmember at the South Shore Community Center. Call 781-383-0088.

There will be gymnastics, sports, games, bowling, face painting, crafts and much more. Bring a peanut free lunch and snack. Only a few spots left so call now 781-383-0088. Visa/MC/Discover/cash or check are accepted.

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"I've learned you can just be different, be yourself, every little thing you do can make a big difference in the world."
— Maggie Queenan



STAFF PHOTOS/ROBIN CHAN

Helping others come easy for fourth grader Maggie Queenan, 9, who will be donating the sales of her shirt, "little things make a big difference", to the Smile Train, a charity whose mission is to provide free cleft surgery to poor children in developing countries.

Nine-year-old Maggie Queenan may be in the fourth grade, but she's already learned that she can make a difference in other's lives.

This holiday season, Maggie placed a simple, yet powerful message on a t-shirt in the hopes of doing something good for others — and she has succeeded on more than one front.

In baby blue with specks of glitter on a Rudolph-red nose shirt, the message is brilliant in it simplicity: "Little things make a big difference."

"I am such a little thing, but I can make such a big difference in the world by helping people," Maggie explained.

In addition to gaining self-confidence, through her message she might inspire others and, to top it off, the net profits from the sale of the long-sleeve t-shirt will go to a charity specifically chosen by Maggie.

Maggie collaborated with Jenifer Hoffman, her Bayberry Road neighbor and founder of the lifestyle messaging company, Emotional Armor, to create a meaningful message and an appropriate canvas.

Maggie came to Hoffman this fall to ask if she could do a project and come up with her own inspirational message. Hoffman immediately agreed to help her and told her the first step was to come up with a meaningful message.



Fourth grader Maggie Queenan, 9, holds a bunch of presents filled with shirts that she made. The profits from the sale of the shirts will go to the Smile Train.

The initial concept for the phrase came to Maggie in a flash. She and Hoffman's daughter, also named Maggie, were raking leaves in the yard. Maggie Hoffman was trying to tackle the yard full of leaves. Maggie Queenan advised her to take little amounts and they eventually would add up to bigger amount. Aha! She thought she had found her message. She ran to see Mrs. Hoffman.

Hoffman was encouraging, but said she wasn't quite there yet. She told Maggie she had a bigger message in her and needed to play around with the phrasing.

Two days later Maggie was working on her math homework when she looked over at a pile of shoes. The shoes were part of a project her older brother was doing; he was collecting shoes to be given to the less fortunate.

It was her eureka moment.

"It was a little thing he was doing but he was making a big difference in someone's life," said Maggie. And there was her phrase: "Little things make a big difference."

She set out to write a page-long handwritten note to Hoffman about her idea and what it meant to her. She explained how she thought of the phrase and why she believed it was a positive message.

The message is universal and can resonate with each individual wearing it in a different way. It can mean by making a difference for the environment by committing to recycling or helping an elderly neighbor with the raking. Or it could mean although you might be little physically, you can still do amazing things to make a difference in the world (that's the way one of her petite customers took it to mean).

At the crux of what Emotional Armor does is the net profits from the sale of merchandise is donated directly to non-profit organizations. The net profits from sales are being used to start an innovative empowerment program for children as well as helping to fund groundbreaking efforts in violence prevention. Both are efforts are close to Hoffman's heart.

Similarly, in Maggie's project, she was charged to pick a charity close to her heart to donate her profits to. She chose Smile Train, a charity whose mission is to provide free cleft surgery to poor children in developing countries. Emotional Armor will present Maggie with a check for Smile Train when all her shirts have sold. Hoffman gave Maggie her project one step at a time. When she came to her with the phrase, Hoffman gave her the swatches to pick the colors for the shirt, then she chose the recipient of her profits and finally they went together to pick out the packaging for the product.

Maggie, who is very detail oriented, coordinated the shirts baby blue and silver writing by wrapping it in blue tissue paper and a silver bow.

Maggie worked largely independently during the development of the message and shirt. Through the whole process, Hoffman has been impressed with Maggie's maturity, "it's hard to remember she's nine."

Working on the project as a whole has been a fun experience, but she particularly enjoyed the design elements: choosing the colors and the packaging for the shirts.

Hoffman said that doesn't surprise her, "the thing about Maggie is she always is putting colors together you wouldn't otherwise see. She has a strong sense of color…she walks to the beat of her own drum."

One of the greatest moments was when the package containing the shirts arrived at her front door, "I have never seen Maggie that excited," said Hoffman.

The project seems to be a win for all involved.

"I've learned you can just be different, be yourself, every little thing you do can make a big difference in the world," said Maggie.

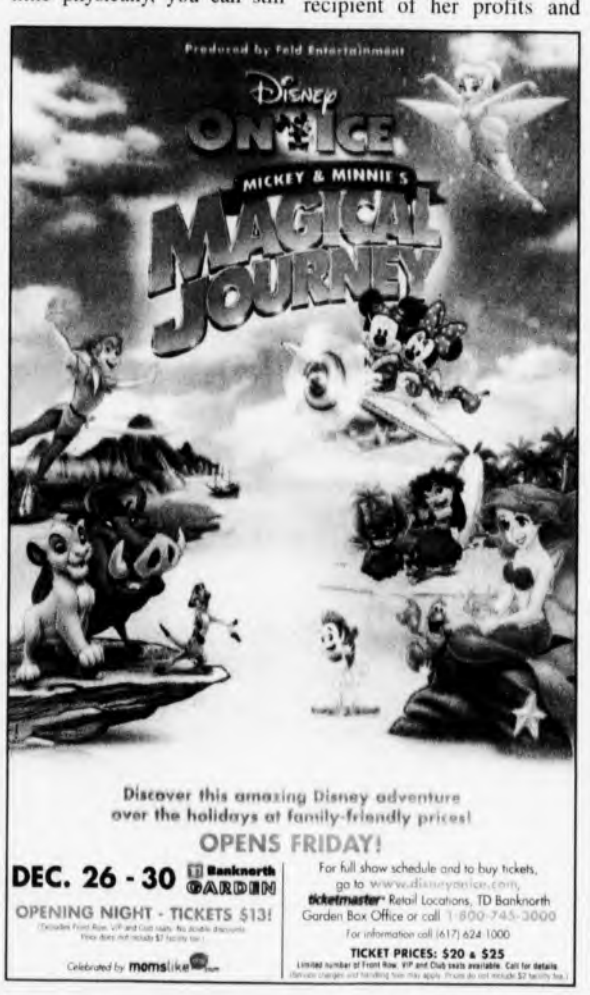
"We are so proud of her. I really think she could make a big difference — she already has," said Maggie's mom, Carolyn Queenan.

Hoffman is proud as well, ""I believe there is this thing called emotional currency that can never be taken away regardless of what's happening with stock market. It's a seed of empathy, they learn to believe in themselves and to care for others."

The only place the shirts are available is at The COOP in Hingham Square, a recently opened shop that displays the wares of women entrepreneurs. Maggie is the youngest of them all.

Maggie's shirts have been flying off the shelves; outselling even the other Emotional Armor wares. In the first day the COOP was open, three of the shirts were purchased.













OPINION

EDITORIAL

Let there be peace on Earth

It seemed like the war would never end.

Battles raged across the countryside, as brother fought brother.

Four years earlier, at a time when the bitterness between the North and South had erupted into the Civil War, he had lost his beloved wife from burns suffered in a tragic accident.

Now, like bookends on grief, his son Charles lay crippled from a battle wound.

Over these four long years, his journal entries as the Christmas season unfolded reflected uncharacteristic sadness. The prior year, he had made no entry at all.

Then, on Dec. 25, 1864, months before the war ended at Appomattox, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow poured out his heart in a poem that was to become the carol, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day."

As church bells chimed out peace and goodwill in the wintry air, Longfellow sat at his desk and wrote:

"And in despair I hung my head.

There is no peace on Earth I said.

For hate is strong, and mocks the song, of peace on Earth, good will toward men."

As the day passed, he moved forward and found triumph over despair:

"Then the bells rang more loud and deep, God is not dead, nor does He sleep.

Hate will fail, the right prevail,

of Peace on Earth, good will toward men."

In these turbulent times, as we pause to celebrate a joyous time in our spiritual calendar, it seems a lot easier to find presents at the mall than to find inner peace.

We yearn to toss aside sadness and cares like a threadbare coat and let peace, joy, and hope flow over us. Yet harsh realities crowd in. How can we feel joy, allow ourselves to feel joy, when we see suffering around us? We do as much as we can, donating canned goods to the food pantry and perhaps plucking a paper star off a community Christmas tree to buy a present for a child in need.

Yet, even as we pray for serenity, we may wonder what good inner peace is, in this war-prone world.

We forget that the greatest contribution we can make to world peace is to let the light of peace dwell within us.

We can never underestimate the power of one person choosing peace. Think of how the lives of the Lord Jesus Christ, Ghandi, and Dr. Martin Luther King changed the world forever.

Even as we are inspired by these great lives, we wonder what effect we can have. We are not world leaders. But we can do our part in increasing the light of peace.

It's like each of us can be a glowing candle. A few candles together make a pool of light. All over the world, despite raging wars, rampaging disease, poverty, and hunger, such pools of light exist.

Each time a candle lights, each time a pool forms, the light increases.

One day, the pools of light will increase and merge into a peaceful world.

Until then, it is so important to keep our light from being dimmed.

And we are never too young to hear this message.

"Peace will come to all, if we just follow the Light," cowboy star Gene Autry sang in the beloved children's classic "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," reminding youngsters about the true meaning of Christmas even while the little ones anticipated all those goodies from Santa's sack.

Longfellow found peace by looking forward to the time when peace would come once again to a country, a peace he didn't know was just months away.

It's by looking forward and moving forward that we progress. In the midst of a difficult situation, moving forward is the order of the day.

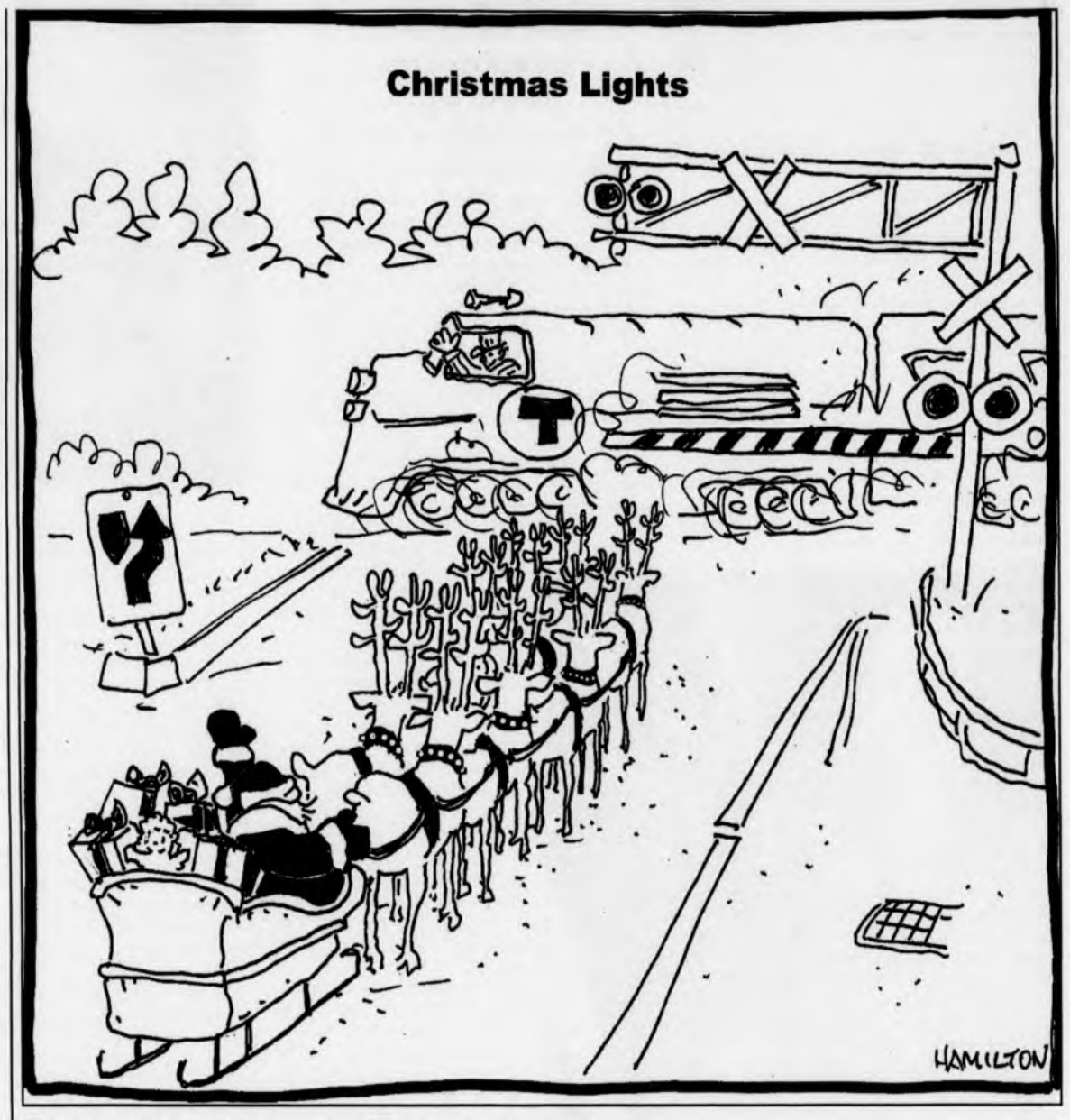
Background for the carol "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" and the life of Longfellow were drawn from Web site www.whatsaiththescriptures.com, where more information about Longfellow may be found. Looking up the stories behind this and other songs of the season is a fun way to truly understand and appreciate their meaning.

Many of us have sung the words, "Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me."

Those words, put in practice, can change the world.

Our peace is the hope of our friends, our families, and our world.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Legion family appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The following letter was addressed to Stephen Wigmore, Commander George H. Mealey Post 118, 88 Summer St., Cohasset. A copy was provided to the Mariner for publication.

Dear Commander Wigmore,

Once again the Legion has outdone themselves with a home-cooked turkey dinner with all the trimmings, served by jovial Legion member elves to the delight of all attending.

Dessert, coffee and schnapps topped off the meal and the drawings for the poinsettia plants has always been a hit.

The sad note for this great evening was a member who was missing, Dee you were missed!

Once again, thanks for such a great evening.

Arlene H. Tuohey, President
Harborview Tenants Association

Scouts thanked for kindness

The following letter was addressed to Jan Blackington, 118 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. A copy was provided to the Mariner for publication.

Dear Jan and Troop 4870 leaders,

What can we say – words are just never enough to express our gratitude for the effort, kindness and the music you bring to us each year. The cards were beautiful and the Christmas caroling and songs always put folks in a happy mood.

We are especially grateful that Harborview continues to be in your thoughts and remembered each year. The gifts of the lighted tree, candy canes and snowflakes surprised and delighted many of our residents. They are being proudly displayed on the grass in the front of our community building for all to see.

We thank you for sharing your families with us at this busy time of the year.

Arlene H. Tuohey, President
Harborview Tenants Association

CANDIDATE'S CORNER

McNabb seeking reelection to Water Commission

Water Commissioner John McNabb has announced he will be a candidate for re-election at the April 4, 2009 Town Election. McNabb, 52, has served four terms since he was first elected to the Board of Water Commissioners in 1997.

"While we have made significant progress over the past 12 years, there is still much that needs to be done to ensure that Cohasset continues to have a state-of-the art 21st Century water system," said McNabb. "We need to retrofit the Lily Pond Treatment Plant with the MIEX pretreatment system to meet the upcoming more stringent federal drinking water standards. We also need to complete more loops in the distribution system to reduce the number of dead ends and to increase water pressure in the higher elevation areas of the Town."

McNabb cited some of the accomplishments from his 12 years on the Board so far. "We have replaced or rehabilitated more than 50 percent of the water distribution mains," said McNabb, "which has improved fire protection and water service. We have replaced almost all of the major components of the Lily Pond Water Treatment Plant, installed a state of the art SCADA system to automate plant operations, and have built 36 raingardens to passively clean stormwater before it enters Lily Pond." In 2003, the Department was awarded the Public Water System Award by the Department of Environmental Protection for outstanding performance.



COURTESY PHOTO

John McNabb

McNabb has presented two papers at regional conferences of the New England Works Association (NEWWA). In 2007 his presentation focused on how the Cohasset Water Department has successfully recovered from the 1994-1995 water emergency where large parts of town were without water. In 2008 he presented a paper that analyzed the Massachusetts drinking water infrastructure and called on the state to provide more financial assistance to local water departments to improve their water infrastructure.

McNabb will be presenting a paper at the April 1-2, 2009 NEWWA conference in Worcester on the Water Commissions watershed protection program, and at the April 8-10, 2009 American Water Works Association (AWWA) National Water Security Congress in Washington, DC on a potential security vulnerability to the national drinking water infrastructure.

McNabb has also served on several other town boards and committees, including the Board of Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, the Committee to Survey the Structure and Functions of Town Government, the Stormwater Committee, the Water Resources Protection Committee, and the Recycling Committee. For seven years, 1998-2005, he served as one of Cohasset's representatives to the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, which he co-founded.

McNabb, who lives at 53 Pond St., works as Director of Research & Policy at the Boston office of Clean Water Action, a national environmental group, where he has worked since 1999. He is also President of South Shore PC Services, which provides computer services to homeowners and small businesses on the South Shore.

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Being snowed in has its blessings

CHANGING LANES



KATHERINE BENNETT

Christmas came early for me this year. I got to soak in my children and appreciate the fact that my 5 year old probably won't sing "Jingle Bell Wock" forever.

I am grateful for the snow. It goes beyond the whole "white Christmas" thing because the cynic in me can't help but feel we are in for months of brown sugar and slippery sidewalks. I am glad that my plans for last weekend were changed and that my family and I were snowed in.

Every year I seem to get too wound up by all the hubbub surrounding Christmas. There's so much to do – gifts to deliver, cookies to make, children to manage. Trying to arrive with four smudge-free children anywhere when chocolate chips are being squirreled away in pockets is a lesson in humility. As we pass each moment, the historian in me feels compelled to capture each experience on film, as if to create an archive of propaganda for my children. I can see myself 20 years from now sitting in some sort of futuristic psychiatrists office with my grown children. I will be insisting "But we made gingerbread houses. They had happy childhoods!"

Last Saturday, we had to miss a meaningful family gathering because we weren't sure it would be a good idea to drive a few hours north into the storm and risk getting stuck. Noontime on Saturday, the day lay before us, and there was nothing on the agenda. Four children spun with manic joy as they watched inch after inch of snow erase mommy's need to be out and about.

My first thought was "What am I going to do with them?," knowing full well that the amount of time it takes to dress children properly for the snow is inversely proportional to the time someone will declare "I have to go to the bathroom". Lauren, Molly and Little Drew were game for making igloos and playing with Einstein, our giant Bernese mountain dog who bounds and gallops through the snow. Austin, however, does not like to be cold and would rather play on the computer, so any fantasies of a blissful day of family togetherness outdoors was short lived.

After racking my brain for something we could all do together (and facing the reality I did not have the inner strength to muster the enthusiasm for another Monopoly death match), I remembered the Easy Bake oven I had gotten the children for Christmas. Enlisting the help of my very take charge 11 year old, I let the children have the oven early and gave them each three bags of Easy Bake "ingredients". Molly was a superstar, helping each of her siblings create the culinary delights of party cakes and pretzels with cheesy toppings (how that happens from a powder I don't want to know). I did my best to ignore that all of the children really liked the just add water mixes better than anything I was offering them to eat. We did not eat lunch. Easy bake creations were more than enough.

In a million years, I would not have guessed that my four children (5, 7, 9 and 11) could be satisfied by something so simple. I'm so used to planning ahead and trying to anticipate a developmentally appropriate activity for each child. They didn't need that. They didn't need to make any more Christmas ornaments or hear educational and spiritually enriching stories. My children did just fine with 12 bags of cleverly packaged refined sugar and a glorified box with a light bulb in it. There was peace and joy. All I had to do was step out of the way and let it happen.

This is a great lesson for me. When best-laid plans are scuttled by the intrusion of reality, it's my tendency to get stuck in the disappointment of "things not turning out as they should." Change is hard. There's the mild disappointment when the plans for a day fall through, but there are larger anxieties that come when life circumstances change. Instead of an event being canceled, some of us are experiencing job loss and financial crisis. Families experience deaths and fractured relationships. Our fantasies for the future often have to be radically altered because life changes. I can get caught in the trap of thinking "if only" and "things should be different."

This blizzard was an unplanned blessing. I had a moment to reflect and realized that in life, the word "should" is not very helpful. As individuals, we control very little beyond our capacity to respond to the changes in life. Parents, children, spouses, employers, friends, and even the weather may behave in ways that we do not always appreciate. We have a choice. We can rant and rave about the way things "should have turned out." We can daydream retroactively about the fact we "should" have been promoted. We can nurse the wounds our loved ones inflict upon our egos when they make foolish choices.

Or, we can adjust. We can find the blessings on the other side of seeming catastrophe. If we take a deep breath and absorb the hit of the new reality, we often learn that there are people standing behind us, ready to buoy us up with kindnesses large and small. I think of my neighbor who plows my driveway before I even ask. I think of a school secretary who offers words of encouragement and a soft touch to my preteen daughter at just the right moment. I see how friendships mature when the challenges in life leave us no energy for false sentiment. Love grows when we suffer and people are there for us.

When I have responded to unexpected disappointments with a rigid smile and a brittle "We're just fine here," I block the possibilities of Plan B. Until the old "should" is released, I cannot be open to a new solution. Saturday morning I was pretty bummed out to miss a great party. Until I let that go, I was stressed and disheartened by the thought my children were going to make a giant mess and spend all day saying "But I already played in the snow and I'm BOOOOORED!"

Christmas came early for me this year. I got to soak in my children and appreciate the fact that my 5 year old probably won't sing "Jingle Bell Wock" forever. After being the honored guest in a giant blanket house, I got to curl up on the sofa and do some reading.

Plan B is full of blessings. Maybe status, money, or the connections we "should maintain" slip away. No worries. Change brings possibilities we can't imagine yet. Joy, in some form or another, is around the corner.

May you all have a blessed 2009.

Katherine Bennett is a mother of four, advocate for local nonprofits, and a freelance writer living in Hingham.

Hanging onto faith and hope

MAMA DIARIES



DEBBIE SQUIRES-LEE

It is no coincidence that Hanukkah and Kwaanza and Diwali and Christmas and the Solstice are about light and candles and bonfires.

The holidays are becoming challenging. Very challenging. My aunt's cancer has returned. Surgery is not an option. A good friend's mother's breast cancer has come back. My best friend's mother may be dying. Good friends are facing surgery. Serious surgeries. Friends and acquaintances in and around town have recently been diagnosed with breast cancer, or are facing its resurgence. Many friends far and near have lost their jobs.

And I have lost my merry. I have no happy. And good cheer? Hard to come by. How do you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah or any of the winter holidays when tragedy is lurking around every lighted window?

Frankly, I've been embroiled in my funk.

Then, recently, a friend sent me a Solstice greeting. The handwritten message said, "May the peace of the stillness of the season be with you as your spirit is renewed with the return of the sun." It was exactly what I needed at exactly the right time. I was struck silent and filled with calm, and I was reminded.

I was reminded that all of the winter holidays celebrate renewal, the return of the sun. It is no coincidence that Hanukkah and Kwaanza and Diwali and Christmas and the Solstice are about light and candles and bonfires. Because on the darkest day, in the darkest time, all we have is hope and faith.

Hope and faith that the sun will rise, and that spring will come. That better times are before us. And that love, which always shines brightest when it is needed most, will sustain us. We just need to hang on through the darkness. In peace and stillness. With hope and faith.

That, I can do. Even without the merry or the happy, I can hold onto the central meaning of the winter holidays. Even in the midst of sickness, and uncertainty, we can hold onto hope. We can hold onto faith.

I have been teaching our little ones at church two songs for our upcoming holiday pageant. One starts, "Candles, candles, burning brightly, to celebrate the miracle of Hanukkah light." Their little voices belt out those words with such confident assurance. That the candles do burn brightly. There is power in that faith – whatever your religious convictions. There is power in the faith in tomorrow. The days will lengthen, the sun will rise. My friends and family may still be sick, or out of work, but I can hold on with hope and faith that they, and I, will be OK.

So if there is no Merry in your Christmas, no Happy in your Hanukkah, or if you cannot summon any good cheer, just hang onto faith and hope. It will have to do.

As my friend's Solstice card ended, I end: "May the darkest night and the re-birth of the sun bring you peace with perfect love and perfect trust." Peace.

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HEALTH NOTES

Keeping your waistline in check

By Steve Bobo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Actually, the traditional Christmas dinner can provide a well balanced meal if one accepts that vegetables and to a lesser extent, potatoes make up a part of the meal. Remorse about overindulgence may even be helpful.

Happily, Christmas comes but once a year and it's a time to eat drink and be merry, but as the parties start, so do temptations, assaults on conscience and control.

Last week, we talked about anxieties, but the holidays create situations that also may affect your physical wellness. A primary barrier to feeling well is a hangover, nonetheless the board doesn't advocate old-fashioned temperance; nor does anyone expect to be particularly careful about diet and heeding all the advice we see about moderation. So is it possible to enjoy Christmas festivities without harm to our bodies? If you can't feel good about the holidays, what's the point? Lets face it, during holidays diets and other activities change. The plan should be not to let excesses derail the good practices of diet and exercise built up over the rest of the year.

An English dietician has said "On average, people add the equivalent of about four and a half pounds of sugar (to their regular diet) in the four weeks over the festive period." She further says "People misunderstand what actually puts the weight on. They think it's just fat, and that by avoiding fatty food they will avoid weight gain, but in fact it's carbohydrates that put on most of the weight." Sugar, flour and butter, the main ingredients in almost all cookies (called short bread).

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Of course, exercise is a key factor in keeping unwanted weight off. Our English dietician says those at risk of gaining weight exercise sporadically, increase the intake carbohydrates (read cookies, etc.) then add the alcohol."

Oh yes, holiday alcohol. Apparently alcohol reduces the effects of beta carotene introduced into the system by healthy vegetables such as carrots and squash. In addition, those taking beta carotene pills designed to reduce arterial plaque, a major contributor to stroke and heart attack, should understand that alcohol substantially reduces the effect of such pills. So what can we do if we want to avoid the post Christmas bulge? "Taking a nice brisk walk can do wonders and help make you feel refreshed," says our charming nutritionist.

Plan — We also learn planning is what is needed to keep your waistline in check. "Just think about what's healthy and what's not. For example if I know I'm going to be going to a lot of buffets, they usually have things that just sit in your stomach – so if you get to the buffet early you can go for the salads, raw vegetables – rather than solid stuff like sandwiches, sausage rolls and other pastry-based food types."

What's good? Meat, fish which is easier on the digestion than red meat, nuts and seeds which are protein rich; and what's not:

The Worst News of all: "Chocolates can be a problem because they are loaded with sugar and additives unless they're organic. The cocoa bean is the most sprayed crop on the planet so you may enjoy it but you're getting a high cocktail of chemicals which your body has to deal with."

Fortunately, our advisor is miles away in time and space so we have some latitude. Perhaps the best thing to do is relax, enjoy ourselves and use the common sense we are going to need this Christmas season and into the future. And of course have the finest of holidays and a safe and happy New Year.

Steve Bobo is a long-time member of the Cohasset Board of Health.

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Little guys of the year

HENSHAW



TOM HENSHAW

Well, another year has passed. Time for the big city media to pick their Men or Women of the Year, the individuals who have made life mostly miserable for the rest of us. Me, I choose the little guy, the one who didn't do us any harm or gave us a laugh, guys like:

Michael Horton of Topeka, Kan., won not one, but two cars, a Saturn Outlook and a Mitsubishi Langer, in 10 days in two separate contests, and then tickets to a Kansas City Chiefs football game in a third.

Ken Mink, expelled from Lees College in Kentucky, enrolled in Roane State Community College in Tennessee, made the basketball team and scored two points against the King College Jayvees. Ken is 73.

Curt Hocker shot five holes-in-one in a six-day span at the El Paso Golf Club in Kappa, Ill., including two on the same day. Now, there's something for Tiger Woods to shoot at.

Lorenzo Knight of Tampa, Fla., a burglar, hid in the portable toilet on a construction site to escape the police when a couple of his victims tipped it over, covering him with . . . well, you know what.

Bobby Guffey of Roanoke, Ind., always played the same number in the Hoosier Lottery but this day he forgot his bifocals, entered a "48" instead of the usual "46," and the ticket won him $3 million.

Benjamin Boukpeti was ranked only 56th in the world but he won the bronze medal in the men's single kayak slalom in the Beijing Olympics, the first ever medal won by an athlete from Togo. Another medal goes to the guy who can show us Togo on a map.

Brother Cesare Bonizzi, a Capuchin monk living in a monastery near Milan, Italy, was discovered moonlighting as the lead singer in Brother Metal, a heavy metal band. Ever hear sex, booze and drugs in a Gregorian chant?

James Colliton of New York, indicted for raping two teen-aged girls, sued American Express for violating his privacy by telling the authorities where his credit card had been used, leading to his arrest.

Not to be outdone, Keith Hempstead sued the Raleigh, N.C., News & Observer, claiming it was not the paper he paid for after it laid off 70 members of the staff and cut the number of news pages. Right on, Ken.

Ashley Martinez was given a prize by the Chicago Public Schools for her perfect attendance record — a brand new $15,000 Dodge Caliber — but she can't drive it for at least another four years. Ashley is only 12.

Bennett Christianson, age 6, of Illinois filled out an application for a credit card, listing his birth date as 2002 and his income as $0, got one with a $600 limit anyway. The kid's real name isn't Madoff, is it?

Appa Sherpa, a 48-year-old Nepalese guide, climbed Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world, for the 18th time in 18 years. So much for Sir Edmund Hillary and Tensing Norkay.

Dale Davis, 78, of Alta, Iowa, bowled 12 consecutive strikes for a perfect 300 game, despite the fact that he is legally blind.

And lastly, Edith Pittenger likes the Indianapolis 500 so much that her relatives gave her a gift certificate for the "Indy Racing Experience," two spins around the track at 180 miles an hour.

"I don't know how I can top this," she said. She'd better hurry. Edith is 96 years old and a great-great-grandmother.

'Our Town' to focus on Cohasset Conservation Trust

On "Our Town," viewers can watch a new show detailing the work of the Cohasset Conservation Trust. Co-host Mark DeGiacomo, a trustee with the group, sits down with fellow board members Debbie Shadd and Gary Vanderweil to discuss the efforts of the group to protect and preserve some of Cohasset's most beautiful landscape.

Co-host Pat Martin goes behind the camera to film the trustees touring and highlighting six of the 18 properties the trust maintains.

Tune in starting Monday, at 9 p.m., or Tuesday or Thursday, at 9 p.m., all on Comcast Channel 10.

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BRIEFLY

Roadside safety gains House OK

State Rep. Garrett J. Bradley has announced the House of Representatives recently approved legislation that will improve roadside safety by requiring drivers to clear the right lane when emergency vehicles displaying flashing lights are parked along highways. The goal of the "Slow Down, Move-Over" legislation is to provide roadside safety professionals, including state troopers and emergency responders, with a safe margin as they assist motorists in trouble.

"Too many times we hear of injuries, or worse, to our state troopers and emergency personnel, who risk their own lives when assisting motorists in need of help," said Bradley. "I am hopeful that this important legislation will become law and will make our roadways a safer place by providing an additional measure of protection to our troopers and first responders as they do their jobs."

Bradley opens district office on Fridays

State Rep. Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham, has opened a new district office at the Sons of Italy Hall, 88 Chief Justice Cushing Highway in Hingham.

The office will be staffed most Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the exception of the third Friday each month when the office will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Precinct 3 residents in Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Scituate are welcome to visit or call the district office at 781-749-3331. An appointment is not necessary.

Additionally, residents are reminded that they may call Bradley's State House office at 617-722-2460 Monday through Friday.

Free legal clinics

The Bar Association of Norfolk County will sponsor free evening legal clinics as a public service to the community. A panel of attorneys experienced in all areas of the law will be available for a one-on-one consultation to discuss legal questions. All consultations are confidential.

Legal clinics will take place from 6 to 8 p.m., on Tuesday evenings, in Quincy District Court as follows: April 7, May 19, June 2, July 7 and Aug. 4.

For more information, call Adrienne C. Clark, Bar Association of Norfolk County, at 617-471-9693.

Food pantry items needed

The Cohasset Food Pantry is need of the following items:

Cereal, spaghetti sauce, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, canned fruit, juice, sugar, paper towels, kleenex, bar soap, dish detergent, laundry detergent, shampoo, and canned hash.

Anyone wishing to make a food donation can drop it off at 9 Black Horse Lane on the front porch. The Food Pantry thanks you in advance for your continued generosity.

Standard procedure

Form requested for capital budget petitions

By Nancy White
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"There is now a structure in place that can be replicated and hopefully improved upon."
— Steve Gaumer, Capital Budget Committee

To ensure all departments and committees are on the same page, at least when it comes to capital budget requests, the Capital Budget Committee has instituted a standard request form for the upcoming budget season.

For all capital project and equipment requests a page and a half form must be submitted to the committee. Departments and boards will begin to meet with the Capital Budget Committee in late January and February in preparation for Annual Town Meeting in March.

"We consistently ask the same questions of everybody," said Steve Gaumer, chairman. "We know what we're going to ask, but the petitioners don't always know…to some degree different parties are more or less not prepared for our questions."

The process can be frustrating for both the committee and the petitioner.

"We looking at improving the practice," said Gaumer, in a phone interview.

The request form asked the department for essential details they feel they need to make an informed recommendation to Town Meeting. The Capital Budget makes recommendations for capital expenditures, but Town Meeting has the ultimate authority over how the money is spent. Equipment/project description, fiscal year of the request, cost estimate, estimated useful life, what the equipment is replacing, justification of expenditure, future maintenance costs, and if alternatives have been explored are all asked of the applicant.

Gaumer said the committee is not looking to burden the departments with an additional task, but look at addressing capital in a consistent and coherent way.

"We are a town with limited resources and with that as a backdrop we have to be careful how money is spent," said Gaumer. The Capital Budget Committee twice annually in anticipation of Annual or Special Town Meeting hears requests for upwards of $2 million needs across all town departments. Historically, the committee has only a few hundred thousand dollars to dole out. They have had to prioritizing the most immediate needs of the town.

Departments were charged with not only completing the forms for the upcoming round of capital requests, but also their capital needs through 2014.

To develop a more streamlined methodology, members of the Capital Budget Committee and Town Manager Bill Griffin looked to other communities that are successfully in capital planning.

"The best of the bunch had, at the very least, a preliminary sheet of information," said Gaumer. The form ensures basic information about the request is available and the department has given serious thought to the request.

Gaumer hopes the practice outlives the current board. "There is now a structure in place that can be replicated and hopefully improved upon," he said.

The Capital Budget Committee is attempting to be less reactionary and more proactive in planning for capital needs. At the 2008 Annual Town Meeting, voters authorized the creation of the capital stabilization fund.

The capital stabilization fund serves as a mechanism to fund future capital purchases. The plan is to put future debt service roll-off into the stabilization fund and use it to maintain and replace the town's capital assets. The success of the stabilization fund will rely on an annual vote at town meeting to move the debt service over to the stabilization fund.

Before the stabilization fund, free cash was used. The amount of free cash available during any given year fluctuated making it difficult to plan ahead.

"The town has begun paying in cash for known expenses rather than living on a hope and prayer," said Gaumer.

Capital requests for schools

After the holidays, budget and Town Meeting season will kick into high gear. School administration and committee are preparing to present multiple requests to the Capital Budget Committee in early February.

The schools will be seeking funding for a three year lease-to-buy purchase plan for two new school buses and a special needs van. For fiscal year 2010, the cost would be $70,415. The current high maintenance cost of the aging vehicles and safety concerns make this request a top priority for the schools. If no money is available in the capital budget, the schools have made room in their own operating budget for the items.

The schools are also making a request for replacement of classroom computers at an estimated cost of $100,000.

Fax news of your event to 781-741-2931

Beacon Hill Roll Call

By Bob Katzen
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December 19, 2008

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about this week's report, e-mail us at beaconhill@aol.com or call us at (617)720-1562.

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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' and senators' votes on two roll calls from prior legislative sessions. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

$100,000 FOR PROGRAM TO MONITOR PRIMARY STROKE SERVICE HOSPITALS (H 5000)

House 137-19, Senate 38-0, overrode Gov. Deval Patrick's veto of $100,000 to oversee the operation and administration of the Massachusetts Primary Stroke Service Designation Hospital program that was established in 2004. This program certifies and designates qualified hospitals as Primary Stroke Service Hospitals if they meet strict guidelines for treating individuals with stroke symptoms. To obtain state certification, hospitals must meet various standards including the ability to provide immediate emergency treatment by a medical staff trained in stroke treatment and with experience in administering tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) - a clot-busting drug. Emergency vehicles transporting patients with stroke symptoms are automatically directed to one of these certified hospitals. Supporters of keeping the $100,000 said that administration of the drug in the first crucial hours can save lives and prevent brain damage and disability. They noted that the $100,000 for the administration of this program is needed in order to monitor these hospitals and ensure that they are keeping up with the standards of the certification. In his veto message, the governor said, "I am striking language which earmarks funding for Mass Primary Stroke Service not recommended." (A "Yes" vote is for overriding Patrick's veto and for keeping the $100,000. A "No" vote is against overriding Patrick's veto and against keeping the $100,000).

$360,000 FOR FAMILY HEALTH AND PLANNING SERVICES (H 5000)

House 131-25, Senate 38-0, overrode Gov. Patrick's $360,000 veto reduction (from 7.62 million to 7.26 million) in funding for the division of family health services including comprehensive family planning services. According to the state's website, these planning services include complete gynecological and breast exams; diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases; HIV counseling and testing; emergency contraception; pregnancy testing and birth control including all contraceptive methods.

Supporters of keeping the $360,000 said that this funding is essential to these important health programs that help thousands of low-income women, men, and adolescents across the state. In his veto message, Patrick said that he is "reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary." Some opponents said that they oppose the $360,000 because some of these programs are pro-abortion, encourage emergency contraception and distribute condoms. (A "Yes" vote is for overriding Patrick's reduction and for keeping the $360,000. A "No" vote is against overriding Patrick's reduction and against keeping the $360,000).

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

REQUIRE SPRINKLERS IN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS (H 4969) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a proposed statewide law requiring that an automatic sprinkler system be installed if any addition to a commercial building results in the entire structure totaling more than 7,500 square. Current law is an optional one that communities can choose to adopt. It is also weaker and requires sprinklers only if the addition itself, not the entire building, is more than 7,500 feet. Supporters of the statewide law said that it will save lives and injuries and noted that with the exception of the 911 tragedy, there have never been multiple deaths from a fire in a commercial building with an automatic sprinkler system. They noted that the current local option law is ineffective and contains a giant loophole. They argued that it allows builders to add thousands of square feet to a building through a series of separate projects over a period of years without ever being required to add a sprinkler system because each addition is less than 7,500 feet.

GIVE GRANDPARENTS DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY (H 4718) - The Senate approved a House-approved bill allowing parents or legal guardians of minor children to give grandparents and other caregivers who are living with and caring for the children on a day-to-day basis the authority to make decisions about their health care and education. The authority would be granted through a written affidavit signed by the parents or legal guardians and would specifically state the authority and the length of time that it is granted to the caregivers. Supporters said that an estimated 3,500 children are essentially being raised by grandparents and other relatives who do not have legal custody. They argued that this pro-child bill would give parents the right to grant these caregivers important decision-making authority while not revoking legal custody from the parents. Only final House and Senate approval are needed prior to the measure going to Gov. Patrick.

HOME OIL SPILLS (S 2404)- The Senate approved legislation requiring homeowner insurance policies sold in Massachusetts to include coverage for the cost of cleaning up home heating oil spills. The measure also requires homeowners who have oil tanks to upgrade their systems by January 2010 in order to help prevent spills. Supporters said that there are some 400 home heating oil spills annually in Massachusetts and noted that cleanups cost an average of $50,000. They argued that many homeowners cannot afford the costs and are surprised to find out that their policies do not cover them. The House has already approved its own version of the bill. The Senate version now goes to the House for consideration.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote

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ISS helps families stay Homesafe, make a Fresh Start

By Maureen Walsh
CORRESPONDENT

This is the fourth in a series of articles highlighting the work of Interfaith Social Services, this year's beneficiary of your donations to the "Gifts of Hope" campaign.



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Jan Stewart is the manager of financial assistance for Interfaith Social Services.

"Home" is supposed to be a place of comfort and security. But for people living on the edge, often paying 50 or 75 percent of their income for rent, home can be a constant source of stress, anxiety and fear.

Every year, about 250 individuals and families turn to Interfaith Social Services for short-term assistance to remain in their homes or to obtain more affordable housing.

"When clients come to us and they're faced with losing their home, it's a fear for many that is greater than any fear they have ever experienced," said ISS director Laura Stracco. "When we are able to offer assistance, you can just see the incredible weight of this huge fear lift off their shoulders."

Interfaith Social Services is a private, nonprofit agency that aids the people of 10 South Shore communities: Braintree, Cohasset. Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Milton, Quincy, Randolph, Scituate and Weymouth.

From its offices at 105 Adams Street in Quincy, ISS provides food, clothing, counseling and financial management assistance to individuals and families in need.

"Most people want to pay their bills and are very distressed when they know they are falling behind," said Jan Stewart, LSW, manager of financial assistance. "We help people in crisis by suggesting strategies they may consider, rather than getting into the nitty-gritty of budgeting."

The agency's Homesafe program helps clients remain in their homes by negotiating with landlords and utility companies and providing moderate assistance with unpaid bills, fuel oil and some medical and dental expenses.

"We attempt if at all possible to get rental help if one-time help will allow the client to go forward and sustain the situation," said Stewart. "The most important thing is to prevent homelessness."

For clients living in shelters or forced by circumstances to move, Stewart counsels clients on affordable alternatives and helps with upfront rental expenses through the Fresh Start program.

"They find the place, and I negotiate with the landlord," said Stewart. "The big dilemma is first and last month's rent and the security deposit. I will negotiate to lower the cost and spread it out over monthly payments."

Clients are often afraid to ask for concessions for fear of losing the apartment, she said. "It's easier for me as a neutral party. Then I ask the landlord to put the agreement in writing for everybody's protection."

"It's a hard choice for people to make, to leave the place where they are living," said Stewart, "but once you get in significant arrears in rent, that's a sign you're at risk for homelessness."

People who have lost jobs may not realize how quickly they have to cut living expenses, she said, and seniors who struggle to pay market rent may have to apply for subsidized housing.

"If you can make a move and get some place that's sustainable, once it's done, it's a huge relief."

Stewart said Homesafe and Fresh Start have helped a cancer patient pay his gas bill and provided a "good faith" rent payment for an unemployed man with an eye disease. The victim of an apartment fire was able to pay an old bill and move on with her life, and a homeless mother and son, living on disability income, were able to move from a campsite to their own apartment.

"Oftentimes it gives them a renewed courage and renewed hope that they will be able to keep their families safe," said Stracco. "Sometimes it's just the boost they need to get through one month, and then they themselves are able to get through future months."

Stracco said some clients are unaware of fuel assistance, reduced utility rates and even unemployment benefits that may be available to them. One charitable trust in Boston, for example, helps ISS clients with medical and dental expenses, such as hearing aids and dentures, that are not covered by any other source.

"We can steer them in the right direction and help them be advocates for themselves," she said.

For more information on Interfaith Social Services and the Homesafe and Fresh Start programs, visit the Web site at www.interfaithsocialservices.org or call 617-773-6203.

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In addition to your Gifts of Hope donation, you can drop off food and unwrapped children's gifts for the Interfaith Social Services Pantry Shelf and Adopt-a-Family programs at the ISS offices, 105 Adams Street in Quincy, weekdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., or call 617-773-6203 ext. 19 for alternate arrangements.

Please check toys for safety before donating. Food items must be nonperishable. No expired date, damaged or open containers. For donations of fresh, refrigerated or frozen foods, call 617-773-6203 ext. 19.

What you need to know about safe ice

By Ted Carroll,
Recreation Director
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

With the winter season upon us, residents of all ages look for outdoor areas for ice skating. When we start getting consistently cold weather Elm's Meadow, located at Cushing Road and Spring Street, will be prepared by the DPW for skating, and lights, until 9:30 p.m., are also on for night skating. Elm's Meadow offers a regulated, shallow area for safe skating.

However, as with any outdoor skating area, the ice should be tested before venturing on it. There are specific ways to test ice safety, which do not include throwing debris such as rocks, sticks, etc. on the ice making it hazardous for everyone.

Rather, test the ice by the edge of a skating area by carefully stepping out 6- to 8-inches, proceeding carefully to about 2 feet out from the edge only if the ice appears to be safe under your weight. Chip the ice with a tool or stick until you can ascertain a rough idea as to the thickness of the ice. You should always have another person with you when doing this.

Many outdoor skating areas do not have the same thickness of ice universally over the area. Always be on guard for soft spots or thin ice that manifest from underground springs, drain pipes, etc. This is especially true at Elm's Meadow by the Spring Street/Cushing Road corner of the area due to drains off the hillside.

General safe ice standards

Ice safe for:	0-30 degrees	30-40 degrees	40-50 degrees
Single skaters:	1-3/4 inches	2-3/4 inches	6 inches
Couples:	2 –3/4 inches	3 –3/4 inches	8 inches
Crowds:	3 –3/4 inches	4 _ inches	12 inches

Stay off salt water ice completely!

These figures are for clear, fresh water ice only; for snow ice, add 2 inches; for waterlogged ice, add 3 inches; if skates cut it, go home! Saltwater in mild climates is always treacherous - keep away from it. Also, thickness in the 40-50 degree column are safe depths for short periods of time only.

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'Sweet Charity' auditions

Cohasset Dramatic Club will host auditions for its spring musical, "Sweet Charity," the story about a down on her luck dance hall girl, Charity Hope Valentine, who's always looking for life's silver lining. The show contains such songs as "If My Friends Could See Me Now," "I'm a Brass Band" and "Big Spender" to name a few. The original story was brought to life in the late 60s with Gwen Verdon creating the title role of Charity on Broadway. Shirley MacLaine recreated the title role in the movie version of "Sweet Charity," which was released in 1969, receiving three Oscar nominations.

Show dates will be March 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28, at 7:30 p.m., and March 15, 22 and 29, at 2 p.m. Auditions are scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 4, at 6 p.m., and Monday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m., with callbacks if necessary, on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m., at Cohasset Town Hall auditorium, 41 Highland Ave. People auditioning should prepare 16 bars of the song of their choice and bring sheet music. An accompanist will be provided.

The directors request that no one sing a capella. Dress appropriately, there will be a dance/movement audition. Tap experience a plus but not a necessity. Some auditioners may be asked to read from the script.

For more information, call Lisa Pratt at 617-852-0091.

DIGGING OUT



PHOTO/CRAIG GOEDECKE

Lucas Ferraz, 14, right, watches his father, Lucio, while taking a break from shoveling the walkway to the First Parish House on North Main Street on Saturday morning. The weekend storm turned Cohasset into a winter wonderland.

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RECREATION NOTES

Firefighters to teach CPR Class

To register for any program or for more information, visit the Web site at cohassetrec.com, stop by the office at Town Hall or call 781-383-4109.

CPR instruction will include adult, child and infant CPR. A two-year certification card will be earned. Cost is $45 per class.

CPR – American Heart Association CPR Class 1, instructed by members of the Cohasset Fire Department, will take place from 6 to 9 p.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Cohasset Town Hall. CPR instruction will include adult, child and infant CPR. A two-year certification card will be earned. Cost is $45 per class.

Sunday Afternoon Jam Session – Aspiring musicians can come down to the Recreation Center on Sunday afternoons from 4 to 6, and get together and play music. Music industry veteran and Cohasset resident Howie Altholtz is teaming up with Cohasset Recreation. This new program is made possible by the generosity of Crossroads Music of Hanover. Musicians should bring their own instruments and may bring their own equipment. Amps and drums will be available on site, also provided by Crossroads Music. Cost is $8 per visit or an all-access pass of $30 for five weeks. Register at cohassetrec.com.

Kids Love Crafts – Join others for a jammed filled program of ooey, gooey arts and crafts, stories and songs at the Recreation Center. Watch 2- to 4-year-olds make a mess and have some fun as they create crafts that can be treasured for a lifetime. Space is limited to 10 children with a parent. The six-week session will meet from 10 to 11 a.m., on Tuesdays, Jan. 6 through Feb. 10. Cost is $60

Recreation Department Seeks Donations – The Recreation Center is being spruced up and in need of cash donations, bar stools, folding tables and chairs, pool tables, Ping Pong tables, Foosball tables, air hockey tables, arcade games, video game systems and televisions. All donations are eligible for tax deduction. With help the Recreation Center will be a safe and enjoyable after school destination and the best spot in town to host a party.


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Cohasset residents raise money for Jimmy Fund

The 30th annual PMC is set for Aug. 1 and 2, 2009. Registration opens online on Jan. 12 for alumni, and Jan. 20 for newcomers.

The Pan-Massachusetts Challenge raised a record-breaking $35 million for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its August cycling event – $2 million more than the organization raised last year. The total sum is more than twice the amount ever raised for charity by any other athletic fundraising event. It is the single largest contribution made to the Jimmy Fund.

Eleven PMC cyclists, who reside in Cohasset, raised $40,981.27 of the $35 million.

The contribution represents 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar, a charity pass through rate nearly unparalleled within the $1.64 billion athletic fundraising event industry. Since its 1980 inception, the PMC has raised nearly $240 million for the Jimmy Fund.

"That the PMC exceeded its fundraising goal in this very troubled economy is a tribute to PMCers' commitment to raising money for cancer research and care," said Billy Starr, PMC founder and executive director. "It also shows that the importance of public and corporate funding for cancer research is widely understood."

In 2008, the PMC attracted 5,232 cycling fundraisers, about 300 more than last year. Riders came to Massachusetts from 36 states and eight countries. Each cyclist was required to raise between $1,300 and $4,000 to participate, depending on the chosen route. More than 90 percent of PMCers raised more money than they were required to, according to Starr. "Almost one-third of the pack raised twice as much, which is a testament to the PMC's fundraising culture," Starr said.

Founded in 1980 when 36 cyclists rode across Massachusetts and raised $10,200 for the Jimmy Fund, the PMC is known today as the "gold standard" of athletic fundraising events, due to the unprecedented sums it raises and its consistently efficient charity pass-through rate.

The PMC was among the very first athletic fundraising events in the nation and it was a pioneer in the way it focused on raising money for charity.

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The 30th annual PMC is set for Aug. 1 and 2, 2009. Registration opens online on Jan. 12 for alumni, and Jan. 20 for newcomers. For more information about the Pan-Mass Challenge, visit the Web site at pmc.org.

— CONCERT REVIEWS —

Holiday concerts are musical delights

By Kathryn Hillman
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Cohasset was privileged to enjoy, not one, but two, holiday concerts this past week- one at the Deer Hill School and the other at the High Schc ¼. The Deer Hill presented two choruses and the fifth Grade Band. Mrs. Claassen directed both choruses. The third grade chorus performed four songs, including *A Perfect Winter Day*, in which the chorus sings about mixed feelings about winter, between loving the snow and having a cold. The audience found it extremely amusing. The chorus also presented *S'Vivon,* a fast paced traditional Hebrew folk song. The fifth grade band performed next, directed by Mr. Biagini. The band played three songs, including *Trepak* from *"The Nutcracker"*. It was quite well played. They also played a Chanukah themed song, and a medley of Christmas songs. Finally, the Advanced Chorus preformed. Most of their songs featured soloists, all of whom sang their parts quite well. The Advanced Chorus presented a wide variety of songs, such as *Just One Candle*, expressing a nice message about the Christmas season, *Kindled by the Flame*, an older, familiar Chanukah song, and *Masters in the Hall*, which had a distinctly Irish ring to it. The



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two choruses sang two songs together: *Winter Walk* and the old classic *White Christmas.* The entire performance was extremely well received.

That same night, about an hour later, was the High School Winter Concert. The High School Concert Band, directed by Stephanie Moriarty, played four songs. The band opened with a brisk *Portrait of a Clown*, followed by *Kaleidoscope*. This was followed by a set of songs called *Three Ayres from Gloucester*. Another impressive piece was *Apollo: Myth and Legend.* The High School Chorus performed next, conducted by Bryan Marks and accompanied on the piano by Rosemarie Gentile. They sang six songs, including *How Can I Keep From Singing;* an American folk hymn. Following a long-held tradition, the chorus performed *Carol of the Bells* with spot-on harmony. They also sang *Silent Night,* and continued a 31-year-long tradition by inviting alumni to sing with them.

The final group to perform was the High School Jazz Ensemble, conducted by Mrs. Moriarty. The band opened with *American Patrol*, a jazzy march, featured Andrew Littauer on drums and Ian Porter on percussion. *Baby, It's Cold Outside* featured August Oddleifson on clarinet and Conor Ofsthun on trumpet. Both have been with the Jazz Ensemble since it was founded and will be graduating at the end of this year. *Abracadabra,* an impressive upbeat jazz-rock piece, featured Conor Ofsthun and Garret Canney, both trumpet players. To round off the evening, the ensemble played a *Holiday Trio,* which included jazz versions of God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman, Let It Snow, and Jingle Bell Rock. The whole concert was an overwhelming success.

Cohasset Punch makes a splash

The cocktail has made reappearance on the Chicago bar scene of late as a themed drink to "commemorate" the current situation with Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich and the allegations he accepted bribes for a senate appointment.

How does our little town of Cohasset end up in the Wall Street Journal? By being the birthplace of a signature cocktail originally mixed along the rocky shores of Cohasset at the turn of the century.

In Saturday's edition (Dec. 20) of the Wall Street Journal, writer Eric Felton goes into great detail about the origin and history behind Cohasset Punch, a drink that became popular in Chicago in post-prohibition.

The cocktail has made reappearance on the Chicago bar scene of late as a themed drink to "commemorate" the current situation with Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich and the allegations he accepted bribes for a senate appointment.

Cohasset Punch contains syrup from canned peaches and half a canned peach as garnish making it the ideal drink for those calling for the governor to be "impeached."

The story of Cohasset Punch has been known locally for some time and is included as one of the many stories in Jackie Dormitzer's "Treasury of Cohasset History."

In an interview before the books was released in early 2005, Dormitzer names the story of Cohasset Punch as one of the most interesting tales. A Cohasset resident used to make batches of Cohasset punch, which became a popular drink. People would serve it at local parties. However, when its inventor moved to Chicago, they brought the secret recipe with them.

In addition to being available in various restaurants and bars, Cohasset punch was also distilled and bottled for a short time. It became one of the signature cocktails of the mid-west city.

With a comeback in Chicago, why not mix it up in its hometown (and namesake) of Cohasset?

Cohasset Punch

1-1/2 oz dark rum
1 oz sweet vermouth
juice of 1/2 lemon
1/2 oz syrup from canned peaches
1/2 oz Grand Marnier
2 dashes orange bitters

Start by putting half a canned peach in the bottom of a saucer champagne glass; then half-fill the glass with shaved ice. Put all the liquid ingredients in a shaker with ice. Shake and strain into the glass.

Note: This recipe appeared in the Dec. 20 Wall Street Journal.

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Skipper stars looking to bright futures

Foursome headed to college careers

By William Wassersug
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With a more than successful soccer season behind them, four members of the Cohasset girls soccer team, Maggie McGoldrick, Torey Hart, Sarah Coggins and Sammi Lehr, along with coach Deb Beal, team took a few moments to reflect on their accomplishments and their futures.

Starting with accomplishments, there are a long list, including South Shore League All-Star bids, Eastern Massachusetts All-Star spots, Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic namings a Boston Globe Div. Coach-of-the-Year and a Massachusetts Premiere Soccer National Championship for a couple of players.

It gets better.

All four are members of the National Honor Society.

Looking ahead three of the four players, who accounted for 112 goals and 96 assists over four seasons, will be headed to Division 1 soccer schools, a remarkable number for a small school like Cohasset.

McGoldrick, an All-Scholastic with three local papers, is planning to play at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, while Hart is on her way to the University of Rhode Island.

Coggins, is headed to Burlington, Vt. and a spot with the Catamounts.

Lehr, meanwhile, is still mulling her options while she helps lead the defending champion girls basketball team to more victories.

"I have a lot of schools in mind," Lehr said. "I'm looking at Wesleyan, Central Connecticut and a few schools in New Hamshire. My sister goes to the University of New

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STAFF PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

Left to right, Cohassett's Sammi Lehr, Maggie McGoldrick, Torey Hart and Sarah Coggins share a smile Monday afternoon in Cohasset. The group are all planning on playing soccer or basketball in Lehr's case, in college.

Cohasset girls off and running

Team taking it one at a time

By William Wassersug
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Listening to her speak about this year's Cohasset girls basketball team, you might think you were listening to Tom Brady, Bill Belichick, or maybe Celtics coach Doc Rivers, not Sammi Lehr, high school senior.

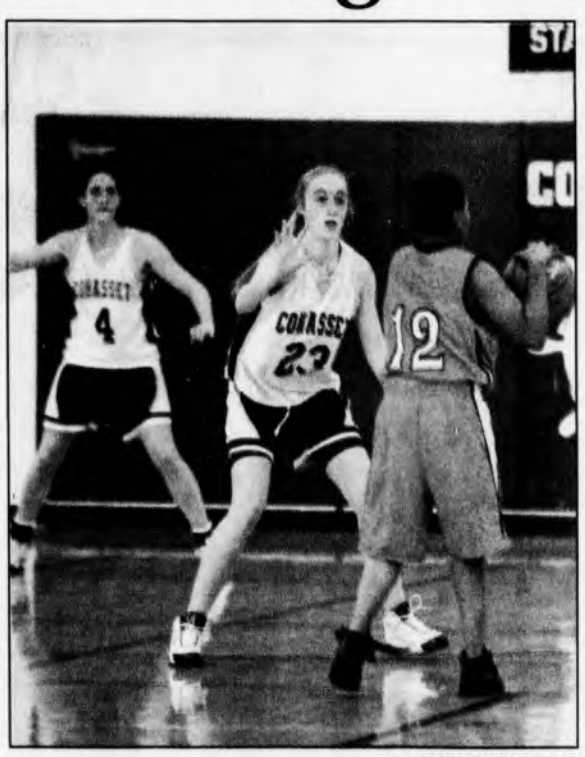
Lehr has joined the Boston bandwagon when it comes to looking ahead. One game at a time. That's all that matters who's up next and what can we do to beat them.

Want to talk about defending a state title. No way. How about the next team on the schedule.

"We don't want to jinx ourselves by talking about it," Lehr said Monday. "We're definitely looking to do well. We have everybody back from last year. We work hard and we're determined to do our best."

This week, however, there was a little time to look back when

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PHOTO/LAURA SINCLAIR

Samantha Crough plays defense under Dorchester High School's basket in a recent game.

Skippers defeat East Bridgewater

Strong offensive boards drive points

By Susan Franklin

The Cohasset girl's varsity and junior varsity squads hosted East Bridgewater Tuesday afternoon and both teams came out victorious. The Varsity squad took the lead early and never let go, on the way to a 41-23 win. Kayla Farren started things off with a shot deep from the corner off an inbound play. It appeared that East Bridgewater's strategy was to shut down the inside game so Cohasset answered with a flurry of accurate shots from the outside by Lindsay Davis, Carly Salerno and Rachel Freedy. Cohasset spent the majority of the half in an aggressive 1-2-2 defense. Playing with intensity and anticipating East Bridgewater's offense, Meredith Kelly forced numerous errors and came away with a number of steals. At the end of the half, Cohasset led 20- 6.

East Bridgewater came out in a full court press in the second half and racked up the first six points of the half bringing the score to 22-15. Carly Haggerty iced a free throw and a block by Lindsay Davis kept Cohasset in command. The quarter ended with the score 25-17.

East Bridgewater came out in the fourth and immediately sank a three pointer bringing the score to 28-20. Errors generated by the full court press created additional scoring opportunities for the Cohasset squad. Sammi Lehr and Tori Lehr were on fire in the final quarter, dropping in nine

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CHS skaters edged by Norwell

Young Skippers give defending SSL champs a scare

By Mike Spellman
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Just how long has it been since Norwell lost a South Shore League hockey game?

First year Clippers coach Jim Casagrande proved little help in answering that question, and third year Cohasset coach Bob Walsh knew only that his team has never come close to beating the Clippers and that they have coasted to the league title every year in recent memory.

This background is offered up to explain why Walsh sounded a lot like a winning coach after his team was edged by the powerhouse Clippers, 2-1, this past Wednesday night.

"The way I look at it is we might win that game if not for a penalty inside the last two minutes," said Walsh. "You're never happy with a loss, but I still feel like this is a game we can build off of. Our collective confidence has to be us a little. I'm very curious to see how we come out next game and also in the next one against Norwell (January 21)."

This one started out like so many recent Clippers-Skippers showdowns. Norwell's Garrett Duffy was set up by fellow senior James McAteer on the game's first shift, putting the Clippers out in front just 49 seconds in.

However, that is right where the score would stay for the next 43 plus minutes of the 45 minute contest.

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New guy finding his way around

POPPIN' OFF

WILLIAM WASSERSUG

Well, it's been almost three weeks since I've been back in New England and I'm still cold. Not as bad as two weeks ago, but still cold. I guess wearing 20-year old Desert Storm boots wasn't a great idea. Oh well, enough about cold.

I'd like to say thanks to everyone who has made my return so enjoyable, and to everyone who read my first column recently.

I have to admit I was pretty shocked to find someone reading it all the way in sunny California.

Not just California, but Camp Pendleton. Yes, Lance Corporal Shannon E. McMillan, one of our fine Marine Corps journalists sent me mail. In fact it was the first response I had.

But she wasn't the only one.

Over in Pembroke the wrestlers were reading too.

That was a great thing to hear after the adventure I had on my first trip to Pembroke High School.

With notebook in hand I decided to track down the wrestlers before a road match, knowing when their bus was leaving.

Great plan, right.

Almost.

When I got there, with only one wrong turn on the way, I couldn't find any wrestlers. After asking a staff member if he knew where they were, I decided to look for them. The cafeteria was the best guess.

Nope.

Did I forget to mention my two kids were in the car with my wife?

That of course is a recipe for disaster, so my seven-year old, Katy, decided to help me look.

As we walked in we chatted with a couple of basketball players on the girls team and a couple of indoor track girls. While we were talking the fun started when a few of the elusive wrestlers walked by.

Yup, noticed their jackets a bit after they rolled by. My little one said we should try to catch them.

Somehow they disappeared around a corner.

We were back up front when another wrestler rolled by.

Katy followed.

Katy lost him around a corner.

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CNC VOLLEYBALL SUPER TEAM



NAME: Berkeley Hall
SCHOOL: Pembroke
GRADE: Junior
POSITION: Outside hitter
STATS: A phenomenal athlete, Hall is becoming a regular on CNC Super Teams. The Patriot League All-star was an absolute machine for the Div. 2 South semifinalists (19-3), notching 296 kills, 177 digs, and 37 aces. Hall became the first Pembroke athlete to make a state team when she was named to the Div. 2 All-State squad this fall. Also excels in gymnastics and track at PHS.



NAME: Samantha Sherlock
SCHOOL: Braintree
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Setter
STATS: Ran the Braintree offense with ease this season for the Bay State Conference Carey Div. champions (13-6). Career stats find the three-year starter with 727 assists. Highlight of this season included a 30-assist performance against Newton North. Her play helped guide the Lady Wamps to the Div. 1 South quarterfinals. Also plays softball for BHS and hopes to continue her volleyball career in college.



NAME: Sarah Coffey
SCHOOL: Hanover
GRADE: Junior
POSITION: Outside hitter
STATS: The lone returning starter from last year's squad, Coffey carried the Lady Indians on her shoulders with her solid play on the front line. The Patriot League All-star is stellar at all positions, recording 96 kills, 163 digs, and 53 aces for the 9-12 Hanover squad. Coffey will return to the Lady Indians team next fall and is already considering playing volleyball in college.



NAME: Chelsea Covitz
SCHOOL: Marshfield
GRADE: Junior
POSITION: Middle hitter
STATS: An Honorable Mention last season Covitz emerged as one of the best players on the South Shore this year. The junior Atlantic Coast League All-star put her 6-3 stature to good use for the 10-9 Lady Rams, leading the squad with her solid all-around play. Season stats find her with 155 kills, 73 aces, and 52 blocks. Also plays on the Mass. Patriots Under-18 club team. Covitz is a captain elect for next season.



NAME: Rachele Burnside
SCHOOL: Rockland
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Libero
STATS: Recorded more than 100 digs from Rockland's backline this season, anchoring the Lady Bulldogs' defense. Shined in a pair of games against rival Hanover, helping to knock off the Lady Indians in a pair of meetings this fall. Also did her part in hanging with a tough Pembroke team 3-1, 3-0 losses. The PL All-star helped



NAME: Nicole Wetherbee
SCHOOL: Pembroke
GRADE: Senior
POSITION: Outside hitter
STATS: Another strong player on the Patriot League Fisher Div. runners-up, Wetherbee teamed with fellow Super Teamer Berkeley Hall in providing one of the most impressive front lines in the area. Whetherbee's play was essential in Pembroke's run to the Div. 2 South semifinals. Notched the match-winning kill in a 3-0 win over Apponequet in the South quarters. Pembroke finished the fall at 19-3.

HONORABLE MENTIONS:
Liz DiMascio – Sr. – Outside hitter – Braintree
Becky Hayes – Jr. – Libero – Hanover
Shannon Nagle – Marshfield
Lauren Mulkern – Sr. – Setter – Pembroke
Erica Hicks – Weymouth

CNC GOLF SUPER TEAM



NAME: Jon Stoddard
SCHOOL: Duxbury
GRADE: Sophomore
STATS: Was a standout golfer on a very strong Dragons team that won the Patriot League Keenan title (14-1) and went 18-2 overall. Stoddard shot a 76 at the Div. 2 South Sectional tourney, helping the Duxbury boys qualify as a group for the Div. 2 State Championships. There, Stoddard shot a team-best round of 80. Already has aspirations of playing golf in college.



NAME: Matt Montt
SCHOOL: Hanover
GRADE: Sophomore
STATS: Just a sophomore, Montt had a tremendous season this fall, highlighted by his first place finish in the Div. 3 State Individual championship. The two-time Patriot League All-star shot a 3-over 74 at Shaker Hill Golf Club to win the title. He was sixth at the Div. 3 South Sectionals. Compiled a 10-2-2 record in match play for the 8-6 Indians this season, and was second at the New England Open at Newport National Golf Club.



NAME: Brendan Medeiros
SCHOOL: Pembroke
GRADE: Junior
STATS: Greetings from Texas. Medeiros burst onto the South Shore golfing scene this season after transferring to Pembroke from down South. The junior was an essential part in Pembroke's run to a second-straight, Patriot League Fisher Div. championship, knocking off rivals Hanover and Hingham along the way. Shot under par three times this season at Waverly Oaks, Ridder Farm, and Widow's Walk. The PL All-star is the current club champion at Harmon Club in Rockland and was a medalist at the Mass. Junior Qualifier.



NAME: Mark Tedeschi
SCHOOL: Duxbury
GRADE: Senior (captain)
STATS: Another standout on the Dragons' talent-loaded squad, Tedeschi saved some of his best golf for last, shooting a team-best 74 to finish fourth overall at the Div. 2 South Sectionals and helping his team qualify for the Div. 2 State Championships as a team. He was also instrumental in a one-point win over BC High this season, hitting a 20-foot putt for birdie on the final hole.

BEST OF THE REST
NAME: Phil Sciretta
SCHOOL: Duxbury
GRADE: Sophomore

NAME: Greg DiBona
SCHOOL: Hanover
GRADE: Junior

NAME: Joe Fitzsimmons
SCHOOL: Marshfield
GRADE: Junior

NAME: Matt Bridgeman
SCHOOL: Hingham
GRADE: Senior

NAME: Brandon Sturtevant
SCHOOL: Pembroke
GRADE: Senior



NAME: Matt Choulnard
SCHOOL: Hingham
GRADE: Senior (captain)
STATS: The four-year player took second at the Div. 2 South Sectional, qualifying for the State Individuals. The Patriot League All-star guided the Harbormen to a 13-3 overall mark, while going 12-3 in the PL, taking second in the Keenan Div. Accolades include winning his team and league sportsmanship awards.

HONORABLE MENTIONS:
Corey Donlan – Jr. – Abington
Jon Wade – Sr. – Cohasset
Wes Barrington – Sr. (Capt.) – Duxbury
Greg DiBona – Hanover
Brian Spitler – Marshfield
Kris McIntosh – Sr. – Norwell
Peter Manzo – Rockland
Nate Kelly – Scituate

Skipper stars looking to bright futures

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Hampshire and I like Colby-Sawyer (New London, N.H.)."

Lehr still hasn't decided which sport to play.

The players are all excited to move along, but know they're going to miss each other.

"We've been playing together since we were five," McGoldrick said. "I know I'll miss high school."

McGoldrick and Coggins were both members of the MPS team that won a national title this season.

The team, a regional club squad, played its regular season against teams from New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Canada before heading to the national tournament in Tampa, Florida courtesy of a first-place league finish.

"It was so much fun," Coggins said. "It was like a last hurrah for us. It was pretty cool to end it like that. Going into it we went in with injuries, just off the high school season. We only had 15 or 16 players. Last year we went in playing crazy good soccer and didn't go that far. This time we went in not expecting anything, but we kept winning."

Coggins didn't mind.

"It was an amazing feeling when we won it," she said. "We've played club soccer so long and it's taken so much of our time. Winning was such a relief. The hard work paid off. The team was great. We're all best friends, like a second family."

Adding to the fun of winning was a trip to Busch Gardens.

"That," she said. "Was a lot of fun."

For Hart, picking a school was as much about academics as sports – from both sides.

"They (URI) contacted me about a club tournament I was going to," Hart said. "But then I decided to go on a biology trip. When I told them that they said they have a good bio program. My getting recruited there was as much academics as anything. I was missing soccer and they were more interested."

Hart plans to study Marine Affairs.

Beal credited her players for her award.

"The Coach-of-the-Year is very nice, a once in a lifetime honor," she said. "I credit these guys and their teammates. They did the work. I just made sure they had everything they needed. I told them that because they do their jobs every day it makes mine that much easier. It's all about teamwork. That's what we had in every sense of the word."

Skippers defeat East Bridgewater

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points unanswered points. When the buzzer rang the board read 41-23 in favor of Cohasset.

The junior varsity successfully defeated East Bridgewater's squad 36-24. Playing an aggressive 1-2-2 defense, Cohasset was sparked early by a basket by Isabel Robinson off a broken play. East Bridgewater used a full court press from the get go, but Cohasset handled the pressure well. After a trip to the charity strip by Isabel Franklin, Anna Seraikas stole the ball and drove past the surprised defenders for a score.

The second quarter was dominated by Cohasset, which posted 13-2 advantage in the frame. The Cohasset defense worked hard to generate steals and loose balls. Many players contributed to the point tally and most of the points were not generated from set offenses. East Bridgewater did a good job of collecting rebounds and getting multiple shot opportunities on basket, but the ball did not fall in their favor.

East Bridgewater made a play for the win in the second half, mounting an 18-9 run. Cohasset's defense was tough and some truly memorable offensive plays kept the win out of East Bridgewater's reach. Recognition goes out to the entire squad, many of whom have played together in travel basketball for a number of seasons.

The varsity will face off against Nantucket in the Holiday Tournament at Cohasset High School on December 29 and 30. Both the varsity and junior varsity will play away in Harwich on Friday, January 2.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



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Robert Jones makes a hard drive to the basket during Cohasset's 65-50 win at East Bridgewater, Dec. 17. Cohasset will be back in action on Monday in it's own tournament.

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Cohasset girls off and running

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Friday's scheduled game against Carver was postponed.

"We were really looking forward to Carver," Lehr said. "They're a good team."

After two games, Cohasset is 2-0, beating Dorchester and East Bridgewater.

Cohasset hopes to improve on that with this weekend's Cohasset Holiday Basketball Tournament that starts with a 7:30 p.m. game against Hull Monday night.

The consolation and championship games are Tuesday.

The boys team opens Monday at 6 p.m. against Sacred Heart.

Lehr said Cohasset will be ready.

"Our coaches work hard to scout other teams and get us an edge," she said. "It helps because teams are all trying harder to beat the state champs. People are out to get us."

Not that it matters.

Like the Celtics and their 27-2 start on the heels of a championship, Cohasset is focused. If the championship does anything, it motivates.

"When I got my ring (before the season opener against Dorchester) I was trying hard not to cry," Lehr said. "It brought back memories of all the emotions we went through. That team was real special. Nobody thought we'd even make the tournament and we won it. It was a long crazy ride."

Playing at the BankNorth Garden was also a feeling to remember.

"That's a once in a lifetime thing," Lehr said. "I got to play with the same hoops as the Celtics. Before the game I was shaking. We got there really early before the game and were taking pictures, checking out the court. We got to lie on the floor. It's a feeling you can't really describe."

And then we get back to the mantra.

"We'd love to do it again," Lehr said. "But we know we have to take it one game at a time. We can't look past the next game. Coach (John LeVangie) won't let us. If we start thinking ahead he'll just be saying Dorchester, or whoever we're playing next. We know we have to play that team and make plays. I know if I look ahead it gets too intimidating. I get anxious easily."

With the title and strong start, Lehr has noticed one thing.

"Last year we may have had just parents at the games, and maybe a few boys players if they weren't playing," she said. "This year I think the whole town was there for our rings and the Dorchester game, and at the Garden."

With luck there may be a repeat performance, but don't start looking ahead. You don't want to jinx them.

CHS skaters edged by Norwell

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The Clippers (2-0-1) dominated the territorial struggle throughout the first period and most of the second, but could put nothing else behind Cohasset netminder Johnny Wade (29 saves).

"There's no doubt that Johnny stopped this from becoming a blowout early," conceded Coach Walsh, whose team fell to 0-2 with the loss. "But our guys seemed to feed on that, and we got better as the game went along."

A penalty inside the game's final two minutes put the Clippers on the power play, and McAteer took advantage of the opportunity, punching one home in a scrum with just over a minute to play.

"James was sticking his nose in the middle of things all night, so I was happy to see he was the one who had the goal that made the difference," said Casagrande.

Wade was pulled a few seconds after the ensuing face-off. Cohasset dumped it in, and pounded the net. A scrum resulted and Anders Goetz got a stick on a bouncing puck sent in by fellow sophomore Brian Scott, tapping it past Ferguson to again make it a one goal game. However, only for seconds remained on the game clock at that point. Cohasset had run out of time.

The Skippers had better than half of their 16 shots in the final period.

Walsh was somewhat disappointed in his upperclass leaders for taking so long to get untracked, but had high praise for his all-freshman third line of Johnny Collins, Alex Evans and Brendan Kearney, as well as first year varsity defensemen Eric Bartucca and Sam Leahy, both sophomores.

"It was nice to see the next generation of players really stepping up and making an impact in a big game like that," said Walsh. "Now we just need our upperclassmen to step up their level of play too."

Snow, snow, go away

The Skippers were forced to postpone two games and cancel a practice due to snow and dangerous driving conditions at the end of last week.

This past Saturday's scheduled game vs. SSL rival Abington-East Bridgewater was postponed to Christmas Eve. No makeup date for Monday's cancellation with Mansfield had been worked out at the time of this writing.

The Skippers' next scheduled game is this coming Saturday vs. South Shore Regional (5:20 p.m., Pilgrim Arena)

New guy finding his way around

FROM NEW GUY, PAGE 15

The next try worked better when we saw them disappear into a door we missed in the gym and ended up with a nice story.

Then, on my way back I remembered I also wanted to catch the girls basketball team.

Speaking of Pembroke basketball, I got to watch the boys team play Hanover, Monday.

They are as advertised.

Matt Devine and Sam Nagle are both a lot of fun to watch.

Then there was James Coner, who had 12 points, all on the long balls. Gotta love that.

Here's a big thank you to the kids of the Scituate Basketball Association for helping with a food drive recently.

When I look around and see kids playing sports, doing positive things in the community, especially something so important as helping the needy it just shows that there is plenty of good around us. Give credit to the parents and other role models as well.

Great job kids.

It really is fun re-learning my way around the area.

On my way to Cohasset I only took one wrong turn, on the way back, and also realized that it's further away from my new home than Scituate.

The things you learn.

Did Norwell hockey really beat Hull 11-0, and that was taking it easy. Amazing. I thought I was seeing the score from a Red Sox-Pirates game.

Final thought. If anyone wants to see the greatest holiday special ever, it's Santa vs. the Snowman. Take my word for it and track it down. You won't regret it.

Boosters club looking for members

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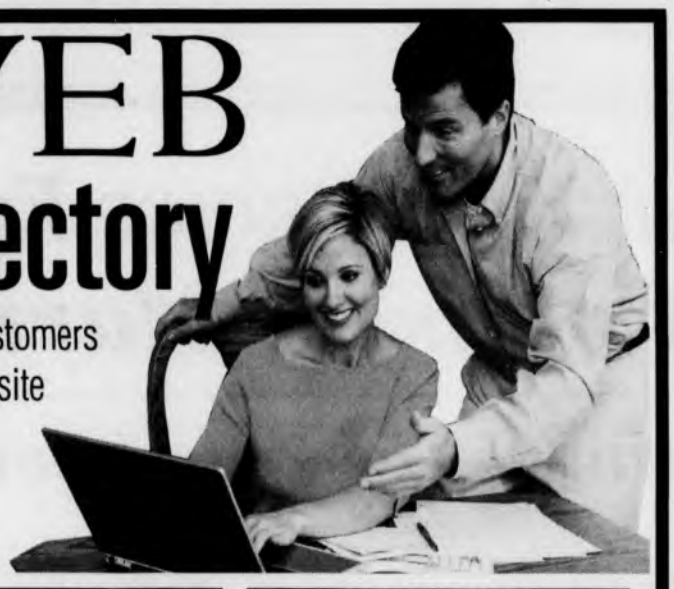
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Birthday parties at Su Escuela give kids new reasons to celebrate!

Su Escuela is helping kids celebrate language and learning – all wrapped up in the fun of a birthday party. The song may be "Happy Birthday to *you*," but many kids are thinking beyond themselves – and finding new reasons, and new ways to celebrate their special day.

Birthday parties should be all about fun, but today's kids are passionate about making a difference in the world, and they hope to give more than they receive. With a birthday party at Su Escuela they can have their cake – and eat it too.

"I wanted to give my friends something special for my birthday," says Holly Van Etten, a second grader, who participates in the Spanish language immersion program at Cohasset's Su Escuela.

"I love learning Spanish. It's really fun to be able to say things in another language … it makes me feel smart. I wanted all of my friends to come to Su Escuela. They think it's hard to learn Spanish. Most of them don't know how fun it is!"

"Learning language is fun and natural," says Sandra Baldeon, founder and director of Su Escuela. She is passionate about the importance of being bilingual – or even multi-lingual – in today's increasingly global society. While many countries require students to learn multiple languages, the U.S. is lagging.

Baldeon adds, "Language learning is critical to helping children understand the world in which we live. Children are naturally curious and voracious learners. The power to communicate is essential to help break down cultural barriers. With language we can relate and make connections to our world."

In addition to learning language, Su Escuela helps kids redefine birthday giving. Instead of getting lots of toys, some kids are choosing to help charities instead. "This year I really wanted to do that too," adds Holly.

"Teaching empathy – as well as teaching language – is vital to help children connect to others and to the world," says Baldeon.

Baldeon cares deeply about children – especially children from her native Chile. "In Chile, there are many children who face medical challenges and life altering conditions as victims of severe burning." Baldeon and Su Escuela support Coaniquem, a charity in Chile that helps these children. After talking to Baldeon and learning about the work of Coaniquem – todo por el Nino Quemado, Holly was inspired to help.





(Above) The following note was given to each child invited to Holly Van Etten's birthday party, "In the spirit of giving this holiday season, Holly would like to help children in need. In partnership with Su Escuela, we would like to help support Coaniquem, a charity in Chile dedicated to helping children who have been severely burned. In lieu of a birthday gift, a small donation will be much appreciated. Thank you!." Holly presented Sandra Baldeon, Founder of Su Escuela with the donations from the children.

Instead of buying gifts, Holly asked her friends to make a small donation to help the children in Chile. "I feel so sad for children who have very bad burns, and who need doctors and operations. Helping each other is the best kind of present to give I think." Holly and Baldeon thank her friends for their combined gift of $150 for Coaniquem.

According to Baldeon, Su Escuela's mission is to create an interactive, fun environment in which children learn Spanish naturally. This is not about structured study of grammar rules and vocabulary lists; kids learn Spanish the way they learned English – through everyday interactions with their parents and peers. It's through this exploration, interaction and fun that children learn best, says Baldeon.

Party guests are immersed in Spanish language and culture the moment they arrive. It is amazing to see how quickly children learn when learning is a game. Even children with no prior exposure to foreign language can speak and understand Spanish almost immediately because they are learning naturally through fun and interactive play. Su Escuela birthday parties get kids singing and dancing, playing games and working together – all while learning another language. Even the party menu has a Spanish theme: cheese quesadillas! And of course – a candy-filled Pinata!

Su Escuela is located at 760 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Rt. 3A) across from Shaw's plaza. To book a birthday party or to find out more information call (781) 383-2585 or visit www.suescuela.com.



Ian Dunkelberger and Maeve Humpfrey frost the Ginger Bread House along with the rest of the birthday guests.



Su Escuela Instructor, Maribel, teaches the birthday guests how to say Happy Birthday Holly in Spanish. In addition to the traditional kids' birthday celebrations, the party also teaches guests a little bit of the Spanish language, culture and customs.

(Above center) Bella Sestito enjoys a mini quesadilla at the birthday party, along with mini quesadillas there were also mini pizzas and mini tacos.

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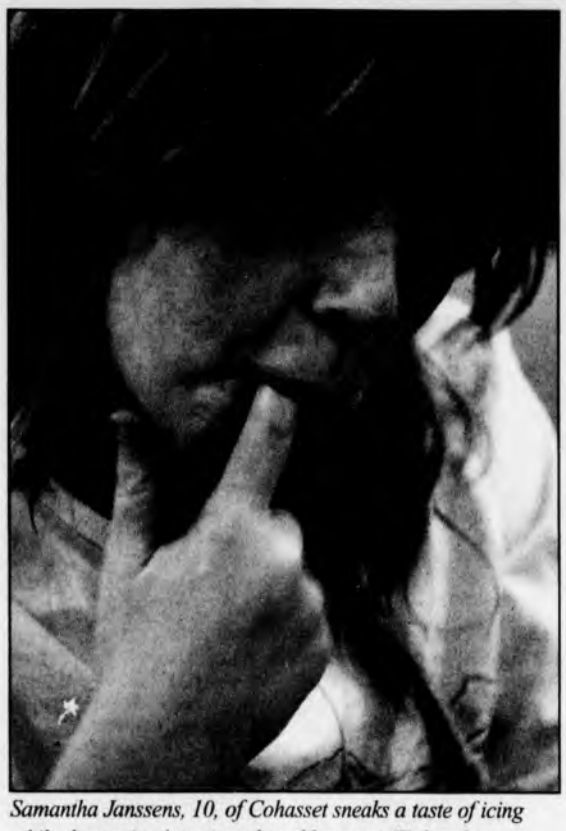
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Lindsay Stelljes, 8, carefully adds frosting on her gingerbread house. The class is hands-on with step-by-step instructions, in a safe and clean environment with instructor Sandy Tremblay.



Samantha Janssens, 10, of Cohasset sneaks a taste of icing while decorating her gingerbread house on Wednesday.



Nathan Arnold, 7, squeezes frosting onto the back of a star so that he could glue it onto his gingerbread house. Kitchen Kids is a great way to introduce children to the joy of creative cooking in a fun and safe atmosphere.

Construction work

Kids build gingerbread houses



Madeline Littlejohn, 10, carefully places marshmallows along the top of her gingerbread house during Sandy Tremblay's Kitchen Kids gingerbread making workshop that was sponsored by the Cohasset Recreation Department.



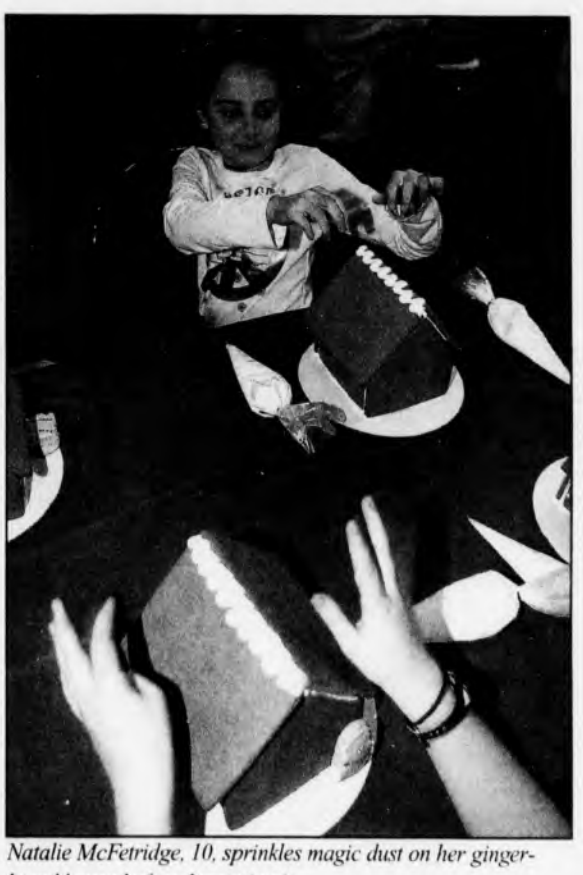
Mia Martone, 9, of Cohasset carefully decorates her gingerbread house.



Eleanor Dunn, left 7, places a gumdrop on the top of her house while Ellie Arnold, right 7, works on her own gingerbread house during Wednesday's workshop at the town hall. The event was sponsored by the Recreation Department.



Kate Nee, 7 left, and Genevieve Littlejohn, 5 right, check out a snowman while Sandy Tremblay fills Kate's tray with goodies to decorate her gingerbread house.

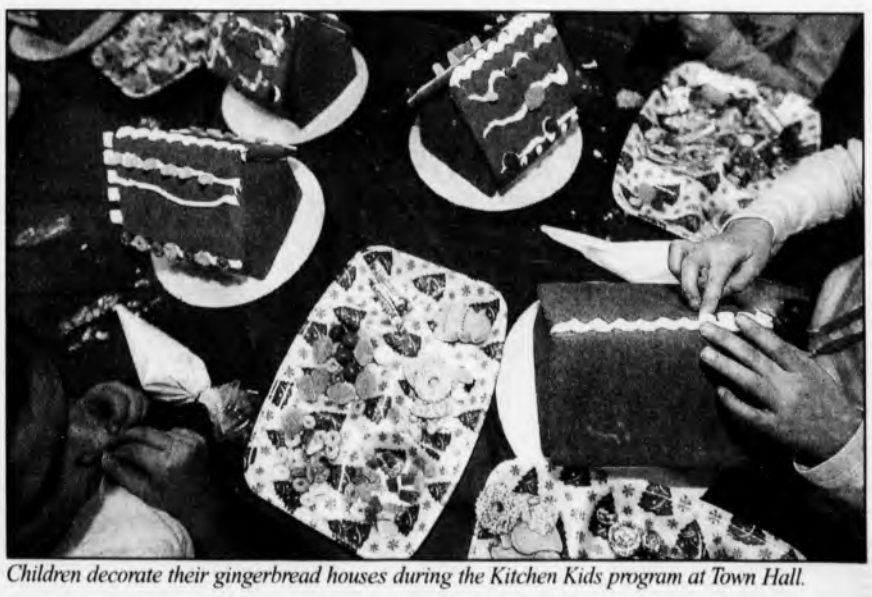


Natalie McFetridge, 10, sprinkles magic dust on her gingerbread house before decorating it.

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Jack Cifrino, 6, collects his tray of candy to decorate his gingerbread house.



Children decorate their gingerbread houses during the Kitchen Kids program at Town Hall.

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Social Service League of Cohasset 781-383-0771
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For further helpful referrals, call MASS 211

Worship Guide

Beechwood Congregational Church, 51 Church St. 781-383-0808. Pastor: Richard Chamberlain; Please join us for Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship in Merritt Hall. Accepting donations of new socks for homeless shelters and non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Our mission statement is: "Equipping God's people for living out the Good News to be the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ in our community and in the world." How should we accomplish this? Come hear sermons to find out.

View Pastor Rich's scripture studies at: www.BeechwoodCC.org

First Parish Unitarian Universalist on Cohasset Common, 23 North Main St. (Parish House). 781-383-1100. www.firstparishcohasset.org Minister: the Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull. Interim Director of Religious Education: Jim FitzGerald. Music Director: Allegra Martin. Interim Organists: Carolyn Bates and Maureen Hague. Parish Administrator: Sandy Bailey. Parish Committee Chair: Mary Parker.

We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshiping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

Sunday, Dec. 28:

9:50 a.m. – Childcare for our youngest – Parish House. Children and youth are invited to worship with their parents in the Meeting House.

10 a.m. – Worship in the Meeting House – Rod Hobson will lead worship and speak on the topic, "The Neighborhood Brouhaha of 1645 and Why It Matters to Us." Come and hear how our forebears thought and lived out their faith through this account of local religion and politics in early Puritan times here in new England.

Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship directly after the service.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Cohasset wishes you the joy of Christmas, the light of Hanukkah, and peace on earth, good will for all.

To learn more about First Parish Unitarian Universalist, please come by the Parish House and pick up or sign up for the current monthly newsletter, The Common, or visit our website at www.firstparishcohasset.org or contact Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Minister, at 781-383-1100.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, 781-383-6380. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Denomination: Greek Orthodox. Priest: The Rev. Fr. John G. Maheras. Sunday Services: Matins 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Liberal use of English language. Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m. Fellowship hour follows Liturgy; Children's Sermon Sundays; Weekday services during Holy Great Lent: Wednesdays: Presanctified Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.; Friday: The Akathist Hymn, 7:30 p.m.; Bible Study: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Greek language school: Mondays and Fridays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church, 129 South Main St., 781-383-0219. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor; Permanent Deacon Paul Rooney. Weekday Masses: Mondays - Fridays, 7 a.m. (8 a.m. holidays), Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. summer), 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in the Parish Center following the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and by request. First Friday of the Month: Adoration from noon to 3 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m., and Evening Mass at 5 p.m. For Holy Day Masses and Parish Events call 781-383-0219 ext. 9. For Religious Education call 781-383-0630. Web site: www.saintanthonycohasset.org.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. If you live on the South Shore and you're looking for a church home we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings.

September through mid June: Service (with choir) begins at 10 am in the sanctuary with Nursery care and Sunday School for age's pre-K through 8th grade, including children's music provided at the same time. Immediately following the 10am service you're invited to a coffee-fellowship hour in Bates Hall. Youth groups for middle and senior high school children are available. We are an open, welcoming church family. We enjoy periodic book/Bible/topical discussion groups in addition to annual church wide events such as the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Craft Fair, Quilt Show and Appalachia Service Project.

For more information please call us at 781-383-0345 or visit us on line at www.2ndcc.org

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: Welcome to St. Stephen's church!

Regular services at St. Stephen's are at 8 am and 10 am on Sundays, including a Healing Eucharist at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. All are invited.

You can reach the church at 781-383-1083. The Rev. Margot Critchfield can be reached at mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.org. Our offices, which are open Monday through Friday, can be accessed by coming to the back of the church, up the Highland Ave hill. We are handicap accessible.

Vedanta Centre, 130 Beechwood St., 781-383-0940. Denomination: Vedanta, an Indian philosophy which honors all world religions. Clergy: Rev. Dr. Susan Schrager. Sunday morning, 11 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. Thursday Meditation and Study Class from 7 to 8 p.m.

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom: 1112 Main St., 781-749-8103; denomination: Jewish; Rabbi Shira Joseph; Cantor Steven Weiss. Friday evenings 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Hebrew religious school and adult classes. For more information call our office, 781-749-8103. Also you can visit us at: www.shaaray.org

Friday evening Services begin at 7:30 pm and Saturday morning Services begin at 10:30. am.

Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Hull. 781-925-0091, 781-925-2377. Conservative. Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz. Daily Minyan, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 379 Gardner St. Hingham, Denomination: Mormon; clergy: Bishop Leif Erickson (781-659-4702); Sunday meetings: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Infants are welcome.) Enrichment Night for women (3rd Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.); scouting and youth programs: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; early morning Seminary for teens: weekdays, 6 a.m., throughout school year. (H)

First Church of Christ, Scientist: 386 Main St., Hingham. Denomination Christian Science (781 749-2874). Christian Science church services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited!

The Christian Science Reading Room,35 Station St., Hingham, hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. –3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church: 460 Chief Justice Cushing Highway/Rt.3A (one mile north of the rotary); Office: 781-545-5271; handicapped accessible; www.clc-scituate.org. Rev. Dan Eddy, Pastor. Sunday worship 9 a.m.; Sunday School/Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday night prayer service at 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve worship: Candle light service at 6:30pm.

Baha'i Faith of the South Shore. Local weekly devotional/spiritual refection and monthly discussion group meetings are open to the public. For further local information call 1(781) 545-0721 or email: b19moshfegh@comcast.net

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The Seraphim Singers are coming to St. Stephen's

Celebrating its 17th year, St. Stephen's Concert Series in Cohasset will be presenting the Seraphim Singers, directed by Jennifer Lester, in a concert on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, at 4 p.m., instead of the usual 3 p.m. time for St. Stephen's concerts.

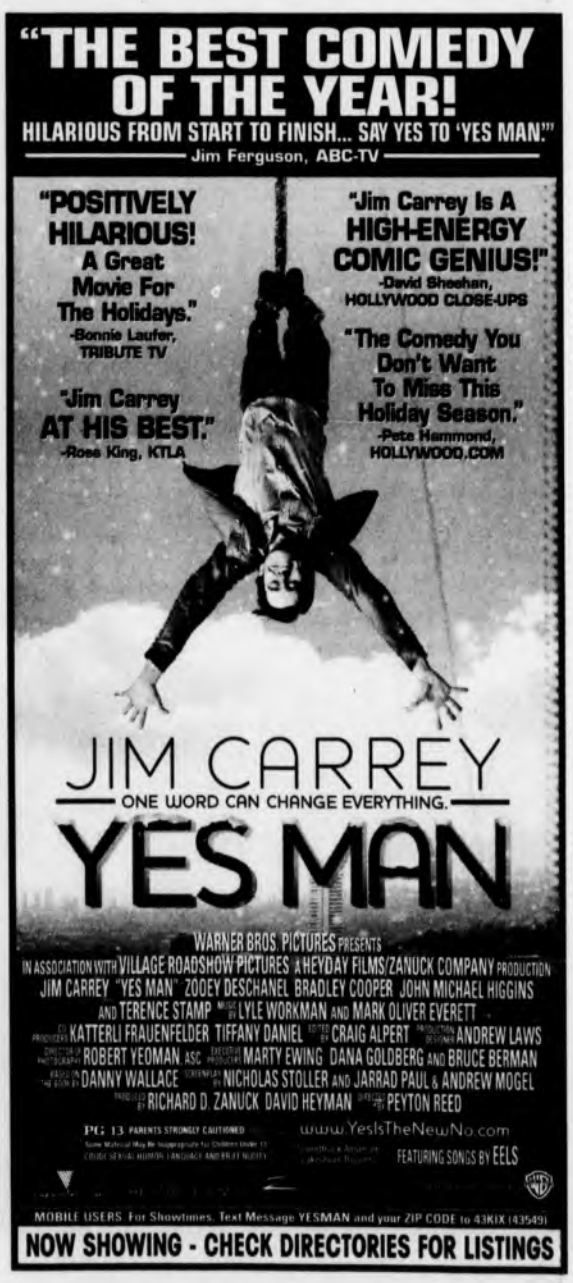
Since its debut performance in 1997, The Seraphim Singers has created a special niche among Boston's performing elite with sensitive and probing performances of sacred choral music. Founded and directed by Jennifer Lester, the ensemble consists mostly of organists, composers, and other professional musicians whose vast knowledge and experience nourishes a passion for arresting and demanding repertoire. In residence at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (known fondly among Bostonians as "Mission Church"), The Seraphim Singers has honed refined interpretations of Roman Catholic masterworks, from Monteverdi and Byrd in the Renaissance to Poulenc and Durufle in the twentieth-century.

The church is located at 16 Highland Avenue in Cohasset, is handicap accessible, and plenty of parking is available at the village car park. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information call 781-383-1083.









POLICE/FIRE LOG

SATURDAY, DEC. 13

10:07 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

10:22 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

11:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

11:45 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports a loud party behind his house and would like it to stop for the night. Officers have spoken to the residents and they will turn the outside music down and keep the noise down.

SUNDAY, DEC. 14

12:10 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, disturbance, caller reports a very loud party still going on in back of his house.

1:02 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

1:03 a.m. **Deer Hill and Sohier St.**, building checks.

3:39 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, well being check, Scituate PD requesting well being check on a male party that lives at this address that was allegedly assaulted a short time ago in Scituate, he did call 911 from the scene in Scituate stating "I'm bleeding, I need help" but they were unable to located him. Nobody answered the door at residence and nobody answering the phone. Officer reports a check of a harbor area and any banks for the male party unable to locate Scituate notified.

9:17 a.m. **Beechwood St., and Bound Brook Lane**, traffic enforcement.

11:32 a.m. **South Main St.**, illegal dumping, caller reports a female just came and dumped household trash into the dumpster and they would like her to return and remove her trash. The party involved has removed her trash from the dumpster officer clear.

12:09 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, larceny, walk in party reports items were stolen from her store.

1:31 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, parking enforcement.

2:45 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, traffic enforcement.

5:34 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.Nancy

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MONDAY, DEC. 15

12:21 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

12:22 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

1:28 a.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller reports she can hear something outside, officer reports negative search of area, there was mailbox damage done.

1:57 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports there is a motor vehicle parked in driveway, officer reports the caller is familiar with motor vehicle, they will take care of motor vehicle.

6:51 a.m. **Pond St., and Woodland Drive**, traffic enforcement.

9:14 a.m. **Sohier St.**, traffic enforcement.

9:46 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:02 a.m. **Sohier St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:57 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

12:49 p.m. **Cedar Ledge Village**, suspicious vehicle, caller reports a white van was parked at the entrance to the complex, motor vehicle has left the area, sector car notified.

1:15 p.m. **Hull**, mutual aid, Hull Police request an available cruiser for help with a domestic. Hull Sgt. reports they have a male who will not come out of the residence. Requesting ballistic shields, new information has revealed there are firearms in the house, wanted party is now in custody.

4:27 p.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, fire, caller reports odor of gas coming from her cellar, command reports overheated sun pump.

6:43 p.m. **King St.**, hazard, caller reports large box in the middle of the road.

10:42 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic motor vehicle operation, Scituate PD reports off duty police officer has just passed an erratic operator heading into Cohasset, described as dark gray Sedan.

TUESDAY, DEC. 16

12:44 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

6:56 a.m. **Bancroft Rd., and Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

10 a.m. **Elm St.**, child safety seat install.

10:04 a.m. **Elm St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:41 a.m. **Depot Ct.**, motor vehicle stop. A Cohasset woman summoned on charges: Unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, no inspection sticker.

11:07 a.m. **Ash St.**, fire, investigation, caller reports a strange noise in the basement and thinks it may be her furnace, E3 reports this is a problem with the heating unit, homeowner is contacting a repair person.

2:59 p.m. **Elm Ct.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

3:10 p.m. **Pleasant St., and Depot Ct.**, traffic enforcement.

3:19 p.m. **Depot Ct.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

5:50 p.m. **N. Main St.**, traffic enforcement.

7:01 p.m. **Cedar St., and North Main St.**, minor motor vehicle crash.

7:46 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, fire – public assist, caller reports – she is locked out of her residence.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17

7:45 a.m. **North Main St., and Forest Ave.**, parking complaint.

11:39 a.m. **Brook St.**, animal complaint, ACO and officer report seeing a large brown and white dog known to the dept. as "Marco" at this location, attempted to call dog's owner, no response.

2:22 p.m. **Turner Rd., Scituate**, explosion, approximately 30, 911 calls for a home explosion. E1 and R3 responding. Scituate Fire striking a second alarm. One house totally demolished several others damaged. Cohasset units tied up at the scene working.

2:23 p.m. **Tilden Rd., and Turner Rd., Scituate**, mutual aid – provided, mutual aid police units requested by Scituate PD for house explosion.

4:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, officer wanted, caller requesting to speak to officer in reference to a female that was inside store.

4:48 p.m. **Elm St.**, suspicious activity, walk in party reporting possible identity theft. There is no crime involved in this incident. This is just a patrol request.

5:32 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, suspicious person, caller reports she just left above location – there is a white male in a motor vehicle in the parking lot – he stated he is having problems with his motor vehicle. Officer reports the motor vehicle has a flat tire – owner is fixing tire.

6:35 p.m. **Surry Drive**, B&E (past/report), caller reports someone entered residence and left, there are muddy foot prints through the house, nothing was taken. Officer contacted D1 & D2. Contacted Hingham K-9 – enroute to above location. Officer out with K-9 checking area.

7:40 p.m. **Surry Drive**, mutual aid – received. Delta 1 is requesting Hingham K-9 to scene to attempt to track suspect.

8:19 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, officer wanted, caller reports there is a motor vehicle speeding up and down the road, caller reported to officer there are many different motor vehicles speeding, officer advised dispatch to log speeding complaints and notify officers that this area is in need of radar patrols.

10:33 p.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

10:34 p.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks.

Winter parking

Winter parking regulations are in effect Nov. 15 through April 1.

No overnight on-street parking between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. is allowed during winter parking regulations.

Violators are subject to a fine of $25.

THURSDAY, DEC. 18

12:51 a.m. **King St., and North Main St.**, suspicious activity, officer reports vehicle is a young male scouting skate boarding spots.

12:57 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, all schools checked and secured.

7:01 a.m. **Bancroft Rd., and Norfolk Rd.**, traffic enforcement.

9:39 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

9:42 a.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted.

10:25 a.m. **King St.**, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning, verbal warning for dark window tint.

11:26 a.m. **Hull St., and Jerusalem Rd.**, traffic enforcement, officer doing traffic enforcement at this location. 1:04 p.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:28 p.m. **King St.**, traffic enforcement.

2:31 p.m. **Pond St.**, motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:41 p.m. **Garden Rd., Scituate**, fire, structure, Scituate Fire striking a box for reported structure fire. Scituate Fire canceling E1 at this time, fire is knocked down.

256 p.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, suspicious person, call was transferred from "411" information, reports a female on the line, the female reported there is another female at her house and her daughter is home alone, the female is knocking on the door stating she is supposed to take her somewhere. Officers report this is a misunderstanding, the female was at the wrong address.

4:58 p.m. **Hull St.**, erratic operation of motor vehicle, caller reports erratic operator in the area of Hull Street heading towards 3A.

5:18 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Atlantic Ave.**, fire, investigation, caller reports strong odor of outside gas.

5:41 p.m. **Black Rock Rd.**, fire, investigation, Detective reports outside odor of gas at above location. Gas Company notified, ETA 30 minutes.

6:03 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party requests to speak to an officer, civil matter regarding the purchase of a vehicle, party was advised.

6:18 p.m. **S. Main St.**, animal complaint, caller reports red Irish Setter dog running loose.

FRIDAY, DEC. 19

12:22 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks, all schools checked and secured.

12:58 a.m. **Pond St., and Clay Spring Rd.**, suspicious activity, caller stated he was driving by and noticed that a truck's door was left open. Area search negative.

1:10 a.m. **Old Pasture Rd.**, motor vehicle stop.

9:22 a.m. **High School and Pond St.**, building checks.

9:26 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, traffic enforcement.

10:07 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, traffic enforcement.

10:49 a.m. **Sohier St.**, building checks, Deerhill/Osgood schools check.

11:15 a.m. **Pratt Ct.**, suspicious activity, caller reports nobody is home at this residence and the doors are open. Officer on scene reports open door at the residence they are entering. Officers have checked the house, all appears in order, there is a dog in the house, nothing appears disturbed.

12:12 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, building checks.

2 p.m. **Hillside Drive**, investigation.

2:34 p.m. **Elm St.**, officer wanted, walk in party to speak to officer regarding incident.

2:41 p.m. **South Main St.**, suspicious person, Scituate PD reporting male party just involved in an incident in their town, male party motioned to a group of youngsters to come over to his vehicle, the youngsters went to their mother and the vehicle fled. Units checked the area. Officer has vehicle pulled over at this time, Scituate unit enroute. Officers have spoken to male party, Scitutae officer to file a report.

2:54 p.m. **Elm St.**, assist citizen.

3:31 p.m. **South Main St., and Beechwood St.**, disabled motor vehicle, 911 caller reports a vehicle stuck in the snow in the middle of the intersection.

3:34 p.m. **North Main St.**, motor vehicle crash.

3:39 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle crash, walk in party to HQ to speak to an officer regarding his vehicle just getting struck at this location and the other vehicle fled.

4:17 p.m. **Pond St., and Spring St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports two vehicles have slid off the road, transit police notified to stop the train, officer reports vehicles not on the tracks, transit has been notified, units have to shut the road down because of vehicles sliding down the hill, DPW has treated the area, officers have opened the road back up.

4:30 p.m. **Surry Drive**, fire, structure, 911 caller reports possible fire in her chimney, box has been struck, Fire Capt. reports 2 _ story wood frame all units tied up working at the scene. Units tied up still ventilating the home.

4:42 p.m. **King St.**, animal bite, charge nurse from Milford ER is reporting they have a male party that was bitten by a dog in the town, injured party was working at King Street where the dog bite took place. ACO notified.

5:05 p.m. **Ripley Rd., and Sohier St.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports a vehicle has struck a telephone pole.

5:47 p.m. **Hugh Strain Rd.**, suspicious activity, 911 caller reports a male party banging on the front window of the house. Officers report male party was looking to speak to youngsters at the residence in regards to snowball throwing. Units clear.

5:52 p.m. **Lower King St.**, downed tree, caller reports a large limb came down in the middle of the road.

5:52 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood St.**, hazard (traffic), 911 caller reports a pile of debris in the middle of the street.

6:49 p.m. **Old Coach Rd.**, fire, structure, 911 caller reports a chimney fire, the bricks in the fire place have fallen into the fire place and caller thinks the fire is in the wall of the house. P84 reports taking command at the scene 2 _ story wood frame, units checking for extensions. Fire Capt. reports units are picking up at the scene, they have extinguished the fire.

SATURDAY, DEC. 20

12:22 a.m. **Hull St.**, parking complaint, caller reports across from Hull Street – there is a vehicle that is parked half in the road, officer reports vehicle needs to be moved, unable to contact owner of vehicle, contacted wrecker – enroute from Hingham, officer reports wrecker has vehicle.

5:28 a.m. **North Main St.**, suspicious person, caller reports a white male was walking in the road, caller looked out her front door, she could see foot prints all over her yard, officer reports unable to locate anyone walking in area.

9:43 a.m. **Pond St.**, officer wanted, caller would like to see an officer, she feels that someone purposely drove on her lawn and struck her mailbox. Officer reports unknown how the damage occurred if it was by a plow or not

10:04 a.m. Weather: Lt. reports the road conditions are very dangerous and need to be plowed.

10:54 a.m. **Linden Drive**, disturbance – neighborhood, callers are requesting the police for an argument going on at this location between town workers trying to plow and residents not letting the plows go on their street. Officers are standing by at the scene while the DPW attempts to clear the streets.

11:17 a.m. **Linden Drive**, disturbance – neighborhood, caller reports she needs to see the police regarding an issue that just occurred.

11:30 a.m. **Linden Drive**, disturbance – neighborhood.

12:24 p.m. **Linden Drive**, officer wanted.

4 p.m. **Cedar St., and North Main St.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports a vehicle stuck in the snow.

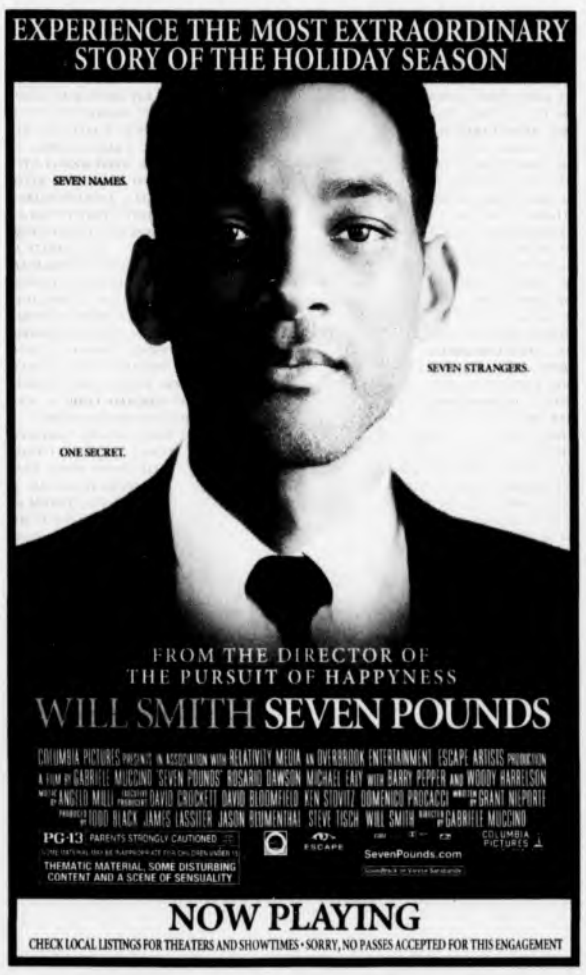
4:17 p.m. **Elm St.**, well being check, call directly into Fire HQ for a well being check, family is concerned for the elderly family member who is not picking up the phone.

4:19 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd., and Little Harbor Rd.**, disabled motor vehicle, caller reports his car is stuck on the side of the road at the above location. Officer reports there is damage to the vehicle and it has damaged town property also. The caller will have to file an accident report.

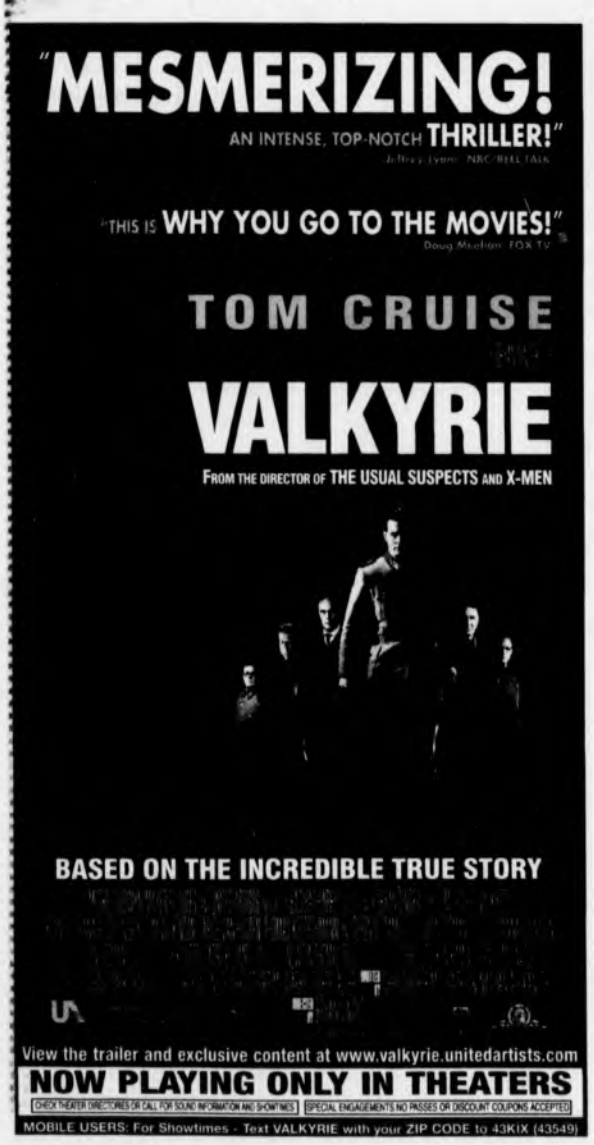
4:45 p.m. **Gammons Rd.**, motor vehicle crash, caller reports a van went off the road into the woods next to her house, caller states the driver has gotten out of the vehicle and walked home, caller is concerned the van may have damaged the catch basin. AAA will be towing this vehicle, it is in the woods out of the way.

4:48 p.m. **Atlantic Ave.**, hazard, caller reports there are cones on the side of the road in this area next to a pit and caller is requesting if someone can move the cones into the pit so no one is driving over it.

4:52 p.m. **Jerusalem Rd.**, motor vehicle crash, officer reports he is off with a disabled motor vehicle on the side of the road.







Legal Notices

ZBA/8 HIGHLAND COURT
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at** 8:15PM to hear and act upon an application for a **SPECIAL PERMIT** pursuant to §8.1 and §8.7.2, and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Mr. Jim Sandell of the Architectural Firm, Carr, Lynch and Sandell, on behalf of land owner, Rebecca H. Behenna, seeks to build an addition at **8 Highland Court** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08.12.15a.

AD#11852488
Cohasset Mariner 12/19, 12/26/08

ZBA/25 RIPLEY RD.
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 8:45PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **Comprehensive Permit pursuant to Chapter 40B, sections 20-23, as well as a Special Permit under §5.3. and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate.** The applicant, Wilmarc Charles of 282 Cedar Street, seeks to build 7 (seven) condominium units in the existing single family residence at **25 Ripley Road** according to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #08.12.15b.

AD#11852480
Cohasset Mariner 12/19, 12/26/08

SEL/VETERANS SERVICES
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES

Individuals interested in being considered for appointment as Cohasset's Director of Veterans' Services are encouraged to submit a letter of interest and resume to William R. Griffin, Town Manager, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025 no later than Friday, January 9, 2009. This is a part-time position that is compensated an annual sum of $1,600. Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 115, Section 10 requires that the Director of Veterans' Services be a veteran. The Director is responsible for providing information, advice and assistance to veterans and their dependents in securing employment, education, hospitalization, medical care, pensions and other veterans' benefits, for working with local veterans' organizations to coordinate their activities, and for being an advocate for Cohasset's veteran population

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Cohasset Mariner 12/26/08

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PUZZLES

Horoscope

SALOME'S STARS
FOR RELEASE WEEK OF
DEC. 22, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The arts are a strong part of the Arian aspect, with music becoming more dominant. An important decision looms as a longtime relationship takes an unexpected turn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Surrounding yourself with beautiful things helps restore the Taurean soul. Enjoy an art exhibit, for example. Or redecorate your personal space with something truly splendid.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Some colleagues might try to talk you out of what they insist is a risk, but which you consider an opportunity. As usual, follow your own good sense when making your decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A workplace change you might have worried about soon proves to be highly favorable for the clever Crab who is ready to take advantage of new opportunities opening up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Congratulations. Your Leonine pride is polished to a dazzling new brilliance thanks to your success in winning support for your new project from even the most doubtful of detractors.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unsettling rumor about a colleague's apparently regrettable behavior is soon proved groundless, allowing you to enjoy the upcoming end-of-year festivities in a happy mood.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your success in helping to create a harmonious environment out of a chaotic situation earns you the admiration of someone who could become an important new presence in your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your Scorpion's sense of loyalty could find you leading a passionate defense of a loved one you feel is being unfairly treated. The week's end brings long-awaited family news.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your keen instincts are once more on high alert as you find yourself being pressured to make a quick decision about a certain matter. More facts come to light by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) An unexpected workplace development could disrupt some family plans. A full explanation, however, averts domestic discord. A financial matter continues to need attention.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Spend time away from distractions to reassess some recent moves that might not have worked out as you had hoped. What you learn could be invaluable for future decision-making.

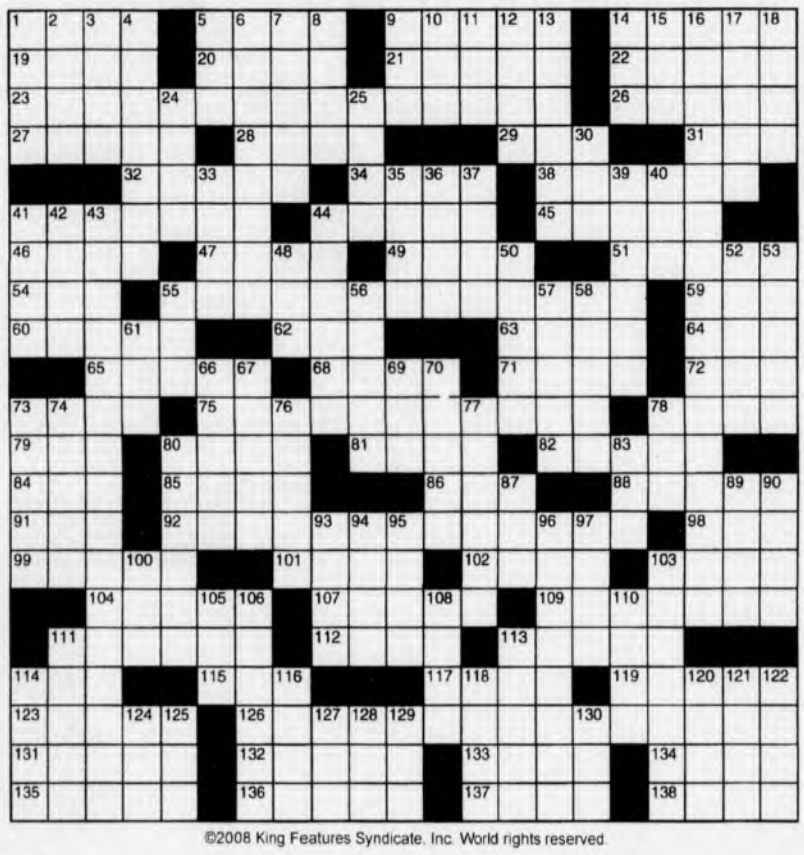
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A recent act of kindness is a reminder of how important your friends are to you. You might want to show your appreciation by hosting a special pre-New Year's party just for them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You always try to do your best, which sometimes causes you to be critical of those who don't live up to your standards.

Crossword - By any other name

ACROSS
1 Bert of "Rose Marie"
5 Decorate glass
9 Tight
14 Oven feature
19 Hodge-podge
20 "Star Trek" navigator
21 Really big star?
22 Florida city
23 Legendary drummer?
26 Boxer Roberto
27 Alpha opposite
28 Use the microwave
29 — Pan Alley
31 Cable channel
32 Vote in
34 Use a dagger
38 Shadowy site?
41 "La Traviata" tenor
44 Musty
45 Family car
46 Dutch painter
47 Spine start
49 Fountain order
51 Shoe measurement
54 "Xanadu" rockers
55 Revolutionary War hero?
59 Nest egg
60 Madame Curie
62 Gelid
63 Rock's — Maiden
64 Word form for "center"
65 Wrapped up
68 Gymnast Korbut
71 Overdo a tan
72 Caravansary
73 Safe place?
75 Syndicated film critic?
78 Tizzy
79 Circle section
80 Paella ingredient
81 Wordy Webster
82 Actor Reeves
84 Sprawl on the sofa
85 Computer image
86 "Winter of Artifice" author
88 Terra —
91 Aspin or Paul
92 "It's Too Late" singer?
98 Letters of credit?
99 Move through mud
101 Part of NB
102 Literary contraction
103 A real Swede guy
104 Nick of "Cannery Row"
107 "The — Man" ('72 song)
109 Most laconic
111 Vietnam's — Van Thieu
112 Painter Paul
113 Baker's appliance
114 Taradiddle
115 Fall behind
117 Coup d'—
119 Gary of "The Buddy Holly Story"
123 City on the Mohawk
126 "I Dream of Jeannie" star?
131 Flynn of films
132 Psychedelic Timothy
133 Poorly
134 Sundance's sweetie
135 Stick
136 Violinist Mischa
137 — majesty
138 Groucho's gaze

DOWN
1 Timber wolf
2 Grad
3 Lie low
4 Hammerstein's partner
5 Seer's gift
6 Arnold or Brutus
7 Influence
8 Clean your ears?
9 Alphabet sequence
10 "Ben- —"
11 Funnyman Philips
12 Be adjacent to
13 Pocket flowers?
14 Director Browning
15 Hosp. area
16 "Captain Ron" star?
17 Serengeti springer
18 Be bombastic
24 81 Across' alma mater
25 Gnat or brat
30 Comic Louis
33 — St. Vincent Millay
35 Rpm indicator
36 South African plant
37 Composer Bartok
39 "The Perfect Fool" comic
40 Chou En- —
41 "Excuse me"
42 Tra- —
43 Famous nurse?
44 Manatee or dugong
48 Sweater letter
50 Cover story?
52 Singer Lopez
53 Common contraction
55 "Waking — Devine" ('98 film)
56 Synthetic fabric
57 Jack's place
58 Mob
61 Squid's squirt
66 Author Jong
67 Furnishings
69 Moo — gai pan
70 Hersey town
73 "Great — of Fire" ('58 hit)
74 Sharon of Israel
76 Vacuum-tube gas
77 Say neigh
78 — -Cat (winter wheels)
80 In full measure
83 Rhine whine
87 Angus' uh-uh
89 Stocking stuffers?
90 Cousin's mom
93 Canal feature
94 And more c the same
95 Lion's pride
96 Solo peform ances
97 Essence
100 Old French coin
103 Potsdam pastry
105 — Aviv
106 Make feasible
108 Graceful ruminant
110 Melodious McEntire
111 Safe-cracker's tool
113 Syrup source
114 Feed a fire
116 Celt
118 Sheep's shaker
120 Location
121 Punta del –
122 1492 or 177(
124 Machine part
125 Kensington quaff
127 Pound a portcullis
128 Undergarment
129 Writer Rand
130 Deli loaf



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Sudoku

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	6		1					8

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Magic Maze - Overlapping 3 letters from zero to hero

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O A L A M E T A U G M N E K I
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E A L N C L J C E M H C I F E
C P L E N I C A R A G U A A Y
X V O A D U N E O A S R T Q P
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Nicaragua

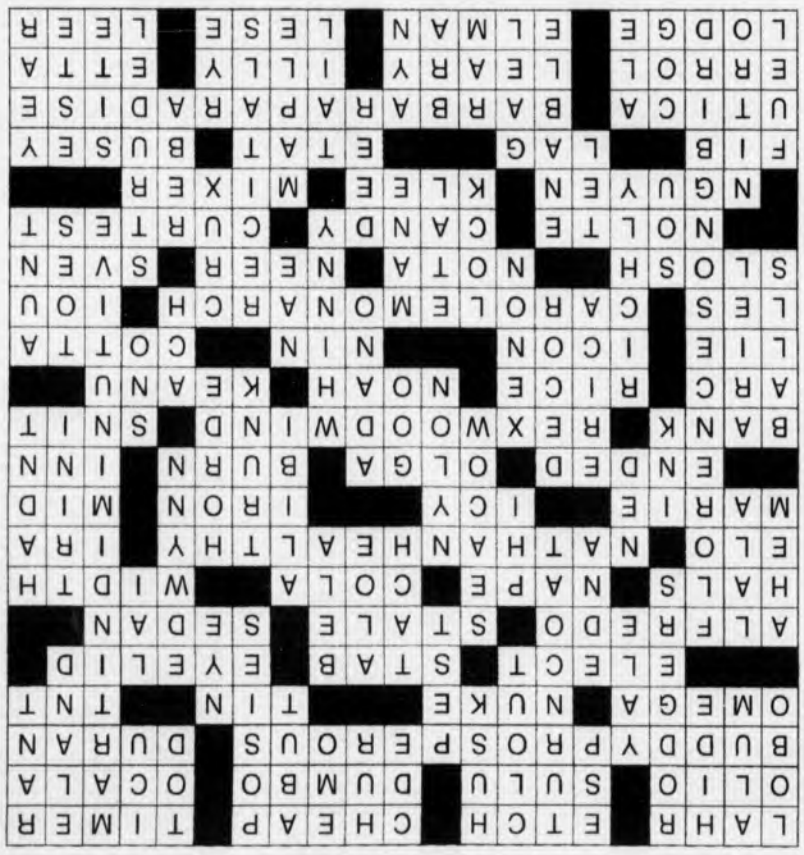
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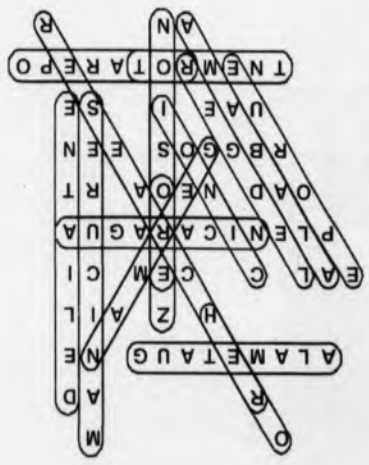
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Crossword Solution - By any other name



Magic Solution - Overlapping 3 Letters from zero to hero



Sudoku Solution

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TOWN COMMONS

What's happening on the South Shore

DEC. 25 - JAN. 2, 2008

Calendar of events

Send your calendar events to: Dorothy Dinsmore, Community Newspaper Company, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050 or by fax 781-837-4543 or e-mail ddinsmore@cnc.com. Due to holiday, the deadline is Wednesday, at 5 p.m. Visit Town Commons: What's happening on the South Shore on the Web at wickedlocal.com — click on your town — then click the fun, entertainment or arts tabs.

Thursday, Dec. 25

Christmas Day

Friday, Dec. 26

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on **Friday, Dec. 26,** from 1 to 6 p.m., at the First Congregational Church of Hanover, Riley Hall, 515 Hanover St. All blood types are needed. For more information, call 800-GIVE-LIFE or visit the Web site at givelife.org.

The Dickinson Art Gallery, 1132 Main St. (Route 18) in Weymouth, will continue to exhibit the oil paintings of the gallery's owner and founder, **Don Dickinson** through Dec. 31. The paintings of **Brian Josselyn** will also be on display. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5p.m. For information and evening appointments, call781-331-3384.

Learn more about the wood turtle or another animal at the Science Center at Meet an Animal program on Friday, Dec. 26, at 2 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. Learn about the animal and its habitat. Feed the Animals program will be offered on Saturday at 10 a.m. too. These holiday weekend drop-in programs are free with paid admission. The Science Center includes the EcoZone exhibits, inspired by Jeff Corwin, Wildlife Biologist, Producer and Presenter for Discovery Networks, and features live animals and interactive exhibits focusing on the ecosystems of southeastern Massachusetts. For more information contact the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or view the Web site www.ssnsc.org

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 26, **Chain Drive**. 781-826-6999.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Friday, **karaoke with Ed.** 781-337-9905.

New England Singles Dance Dec. 26, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Sheraton Braintree Grand Ballroom, 37 Forbes Road, Braintree. **Adults of all ages. Casual dress. DJ. Admission $10. singlesdances-newengland.com 617-325-4900.**

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 26, **Lickity Split Blues Jam**. No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue-

Saturday, Dec. 27

Edaville USA 2008 Christmas Festival of Lights – Edaville's all-inclusive park also offers amusements rides, regular visits by Santa Claus, live entertainment and caroling, a cranberry museum, indoor play area, visits by Santa Claus and fireworks every Friday night. Free parking. Open through Jan. 4, 2009 Mondays through Fridays 4 to 9 p.m. Weekends 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Free admission for children under two years old. For group rates or more information, visit www.edaville.com or contact 508-866-8190 or toll-free 877-Edaville.

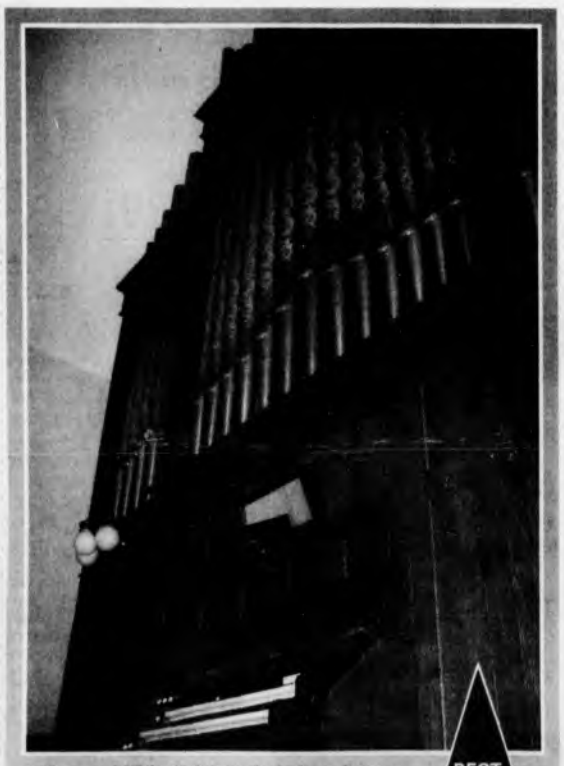
North Weymouth Civic Association – Meat Raffle every Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Cathay Center Restaurant, 211 Bridge St., Route 3A, North Weymouth.

Run of the Mill, 6 Spring Lane, Plymouth, offers **traditional Irish Seisiun** every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Great tunes and songs of infinite variety, from sea chanteys, rebel songs and songs of loss, to jigs, reels and hornpipes, with great craic and singalong. Admission is free. No cover. Go sing, go play, go listen. Call 508-830-1262.

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 27, Spank. 781-826-6999.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Saturday, **Tony Perez** 781-337-9905.

The Next Page Blues Cafe', 550 Broad St., Weymouth, Dec. 27, **Greg Miller Group.** No cover. 781-335-9796. nextpagecafe.com myspace.com/satchsnewbluesrevue-



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11th annual Little Christmas in Jackson Square concert Musicians from several Weymouth churches plus local soloists will join in the 11th annual Little Christmas in Jackson Square concert Sunday, Jan. 4, at East Weymouth Congregational Church. The event will be held at 3 p.m. at the church, 1320 Commercial St. in Jackson Square East Weymouth. Admission is free, but seating will be limited. For more information, call the church at 781-335-6919 or visit www.eweyucc.org.



This car has been seriously "chemied" and "filled" and more than 300 glittering custom and classic vehicles just like it ranging from hot rods to collectibles will be on display during the thirty-fifth annual Town Fair Tire World of Wheels show at Boston's Bayside Expo Center, Jan. 9-11.

Terms you 'auto' know to enjoy exotic vehicles

35th Annual Town Fair Tire World of Wheels Show, Jan. 9-11.

As usual, the Town Fair Tire World of Wheels will attract the creators of more than 300 dazzling custom vehicles of all types, representing millions of dollars worth of one-of-a-kind hot rods, customs, street rods, collectibles, race cars, antiques, restorations, tuners and more

Every year for more than three decades, thousands of people have lined up to see hundreds of bobbed, chopped, channeled, frenched, cherried and otherwise re-styled, highly chromed and brilliantly painted custom vehicles at the Town Fair Tire World of Wheels show, which makes its thirty-fifth annual run at Boston's Bayside Expo Center the weekend of Jan. 9-11, 2009.

But what does "frenched" mean when applied to an automobile? Here are definitions of some terms that are part and parcel of the art of automotive customizing and that spectators "auto" know to enhance their car show experience:

- Blower – Supercharger to force air and fuel into an engine for high performance.
- Bobbed – Shortening fenders.
- Bored and Stroked – Increasing diameter of cylinders and length of crankshaft stroke.
- Channeled – Reducing height by lowering the body over the frame.
- Cherried – Extensive surface finishing of frame, engine block, etc., to a glass-like appearance.
- Chopped – Reducing height by cutting out a section of the top.
- Decked – Removing emblems and chrome from trunk lid.
- Dumped – Drastically lowering front end.
- Frenched – Molding headlights into fenders and eliminating trim rings and seams.
- Filled – Filling body seams to create seamless, smooth body surface.
- Nosed – Removing chrome trim from hood.
- Raked – Lowering the front more than the rear.
- Sectioned – Reducing height by removing section in body's middle.
- Slammed – Drastically lowering front and rear.
- Coupe – Car with front seat only.
- Phaeton – Open car with canvas top and removable windshield, also known as a touring car.
- Roadster – Front-seat-only body with removable windshield, canvas top and no roll-up windows.
- Sedan – Closed body with two or four doors, front and rear seats and roll-up windows.
- Custom – Post-1949 vehicle with exhaustive body modifications.
- Competition – Vehicle built for racing.
- Rod – Pre-1948 cars or trucks modified significantly in performance and/or appearance.
- Street Rod – Pre-1948 modified vehicle
- Street Machine – Post-1949 vehicle modified for performance.

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Slated for personal appearances to meet spectators, sign free autographs and pose for picture with them are Red Sox pitcher Justin Masterson (Sunday, Jan. 11, 1 to 3 p.m.), New England Patriots Cheerleaders (Friday, Jan. 9, 5 to 10 p.m.), Jason Earles, who plays Hannah's brother Jackson on Disney's "Hannah Montana" television show (Saturday, Jan. 10, 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m.), Kaycee Stroh, who is Martha Cox in Disney's "High School Musical" feature film (Sunday, Jan. 11, noon to 4 p.m.), Chip Foose from TV's "Overhaulin'" (Saturday, Jan. 19, 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m.), Wolf and Venom from TV's "American Gladiators" (Saturday, Jan. 10, 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.) and Academy Award-nominated actress Candy Clark, who played Debbie Dunham in the classic movie "American Graffiti" and will be at the show at all weekend.

Attractions at this year's event include the Atomic Punk bubble-top hot rod featured on the cover of Rod & Custom magazine, Super Rod magazine's Hemi Nation, a display of hemi-powered vehicles ranging from street rods to fully restored Mopar muscle cars, New England's largest automotive memorabilia show and an action arena with unicycle stunts, East Coast Championship wrestling and live music.

Thirty-fifth annual Town Fair Tire World of Wheels show hours are Friday, Jan. 9, 2009, 5 to 10:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Admission is $15 for adults, $5 for children 6-12, free for children 5 and under. Advance tickets are available online at www.worldofwheels.com. Discount coupons for $2 off adult and children's tickets will be available at participating Town Fair Tire stores.

Boston's Bayside Expo Center is located off I-93, exit 15, and at the MBTA Red Line's JFK/UMass stop, and free shuttles will run to and from the T stop during show hours.

For information, call 617-474-6000 or visit www.worldofwheels.com.

The Town Fair Tire World of Wheels holds the weekend attendance record of more than 100,000 spectators at Boston's Bayside Expo Center and is part of the GM Performance Parts Show Car Series sanctioned by the International Show Car Association custom competition and produced by Championship Auto Shows, Inc. More than a million spectators annually attend more than 20 Championship Auto Shows motorsports events under the Autorama, World of Wheels and Cavalcade of Customs names.

Sunday, Dec. 28

Photographs by members of the South Shore Camera Club are on display through Jan. 2, 2009 in Vine Hall Gallery, South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell. The theme of the photography show is "Nature While Traveling". Free and open to the public. Information, contact 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssnsc.org

Monday, Dec. 29

"Tuesday Painters" Art Exhibition will be on view at Home Center Sotheby's International Realty, 1 South Main St., Cohasset, through Jan. 17. The exhibit represents the efforts of a group of award winning South Shore artists including recent works by members Katherine Catlin, Jane Flavell Collins, Marsha Hoar, Yvette Rattenbury, Betty Rogers and Barbara Walsh. For information, call 781-749-8833.

New Beginnings, meets every Monday at the UCC Church, 460 Main St., Norwell, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Support groups meet 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by social time and the evening's program or speaker. Orientation is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Information: call Peggy Loud, 781-659-1857 or email Cheryl Pimental NBNorwellMA@aol.com

Tuesday, Dec. 30

South Shore Men of Harmony invite men of good character who love to sing but do not necessarily read music to come to a weekly meeting. The acapella barbershop chorus rehearses every Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 pm. at the Hingham Community Center, 70 South St. Call Bill Fitzgerald at 781-337-7464.

The Plymouth Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Plymouth Municipal Airport located at 222 South Meadow Road Plymouth. Meetings are open to all interested individuals and membership is open to all adults and younger persons ages 12-18. The Civil Air Patrol's missions are to promote aerospace education, provide emergency services to the community including search and rescue, and to develop leadership qualities in the nation's youth. For information, call Squadron commander Maj. Robert Yeager at 508-888-5970 or visit at www.plymouthcap.org.

CALENDAR, see next page

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Union Jack members (l to r): Scott Armstrong, Bob Hoffman, David Porter, Don Packer and Steve Vietro.

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The South Shore's own "rockin' groove" band, Union Jack, will perform for a special New Year's Eve celebration at Mount Blue in Norwell on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 9 pm. The group performs rock hits from both sides of the Atlantic, featuring the music of The Rolling Stones, The Black Crowes, Aerosmith, Eric Clapton, The Allman Brothers, J. Geils Band, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Tom Petty, Peter Gabriel, and many others. Mount Blue has planned some special treats for the evening, and reservations are highly recommended. Call Mount Blue for reservations at 781-659-0050. For more information, visit unionjackband.org or mountblue.com.

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Island Grove Chorus, a women's acappella singing group, meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Abington. Call 781-848-5843 for information.

Wednesday, Dec. 31

The Hull Knights of Columbus will be having it's annual **New Year's Eve Dinner Dance** Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. at the Hull K of C hall 440 Nantasket Ave. The price will be $30 which will include a roast beef dinner, noisemakers and champagne. The music will be provided by **Mary Vacca's Country Band**. Make your reservations early. Call 781-925-1712.

Join Joe Hajjar and his friends from the old Yard Rock for a **New Years Eve Fireworks Cruise on the Voyager III** featuring the live music of **Basic Black and the Silky Sweet Horns** and **Toni Lynn Washington**. Ring in the New Year in style with a champagne toast and front row seats to the fireworks display on Boston Harbor. Complimentary coffee, tea, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and champagne will be available! The vessel features a fully stocked cash bar. This cruise sold out last season and we anticipate the same for this year. Tickets are on sale now. The boat begins boarding at 8 p.m., departs the Quincy Shipyard at 8:30 p.m., and will make a pick-up at the Aquarium dock in Boston at 9:15 pm. $65 per person. Call 617-222-6999, to make reservations. www.harborexpress.com

The Bandstand Review Dinner Show, New Year's Eve, at Braintree Sons of Italy, 161 King Hill Road, Braintree. New England's favorite Oldies Show band, direct from sold-out shows at Foxwoods, will sing and play for dancing after a four-course dinner. Singer Angela K will entertain during the social hour. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. on New Year's, dinner at 8 p.m., show band at 9 p.m. Group discounts available. Free parking. Handicapped accessible. Call 781-843-5862 to reserve and select entrée

The British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve featuring **Flip Top Head** 781-826-6999.

Christine's Comedy Cafe at 8 p.m. at the Colonial Restaurant, 39 Main St., Plymouth, 508-747-7100. Host Greg Murphy of the WEEI Whiner Line along with Mix 98.5's Alicia Love. Featuring "America's Funniest Mom," Christine Hurley. Headliner: South Shore favorite, **Tommy Dunham**. A limited amount of tickets are available for the show and can be purchased for $50. Price includes appetizers, choice of a three-course meal and champagne toasts. Call or stop by the Colonial for tickets. A FunnierThanFiction.com Production.

Thursday, Jan. 1

12th Annual New Year's Day Walk at the Bates Lane Conservation Area in Scituate – Jan. 1 at 1 p.m. Ring in the New Year and bring the whole family to the North & South Rivers Watershed Association's 12th Annual New Year's Day Walk at the Bates Lane Conservation Area in Scituate. For the kids their will be a nature hunt and puzzle that can be downloaded from the kids corner on the NSRWA Web site www.nsrwa.org After a walk on the woodland trails, that begins at 1 pm, hearty refreshments will be served including NSRWA's famous chili, hot dogs and hot chocolate. Visit www.nsrwa.org or contact the NSRWA office at 781-659-8168 for more information. Donations are welcome and pre-registration is not required.



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Learn more about the wood turtle or another animal at the Science Center at Meet an Animal program on Friday, Dec. 26, at 2 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. The Science Center has more than 25 species of animals and the naturalist features a different animal at each program. Learn about the animal and its habitat. Feed the Animals program will be offered on Saturday at 10 a.m. too. These holiday weekend drop-in programs are free with paid admission. The Science Center includes the EcoZone exhibits, inspired by Jeff Corwin, Wildlife Biologist, Producer and Presenter for Discovery Networks, and features live animals and interactive exhibits focusing on the ecosystems of southeastern Massachusetts. For more information contact the South Shore Natural Science Center at 781-659-2559 or view the Web site www.sensc.org.

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are sponsoring the annual **Seafarers' Island Holiday** on New Year's Day Jan. 1, 2009. There will be two separate ticketed cruises from Rowes Wharf Water Transport to Spectacle Island: from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and from noon to 4 p.m. The trip goes regardless of the weather, with no rain date. Since space is limited, advance paid reservations are strongly recommended. Subject to availability, tickets can be bought on the day (cash only please) from 10 a.m. at Rowes Wharf. The cost is $25 for adults, $22 for seniors (65+) and FRIENDS members, $17 for children (3 – 12), $15 for FBHI members' children, and babies travel for free (but still need a ticket). For more information about FRIENDS activities visit www.fbhi.org or call 781-740-4290.

Friday, Jan. 2

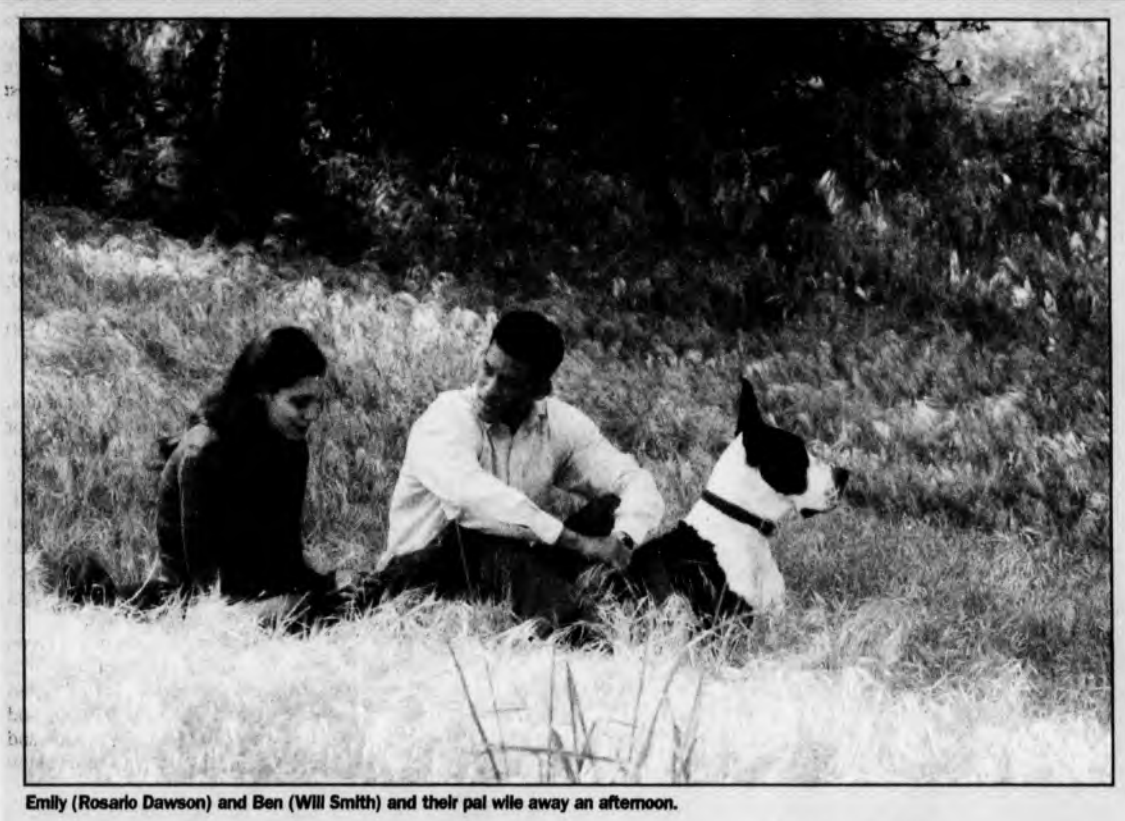
StoryTime at Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Jan. 2 at 10 a.m.: Join us as Sue reads age appropriate stories Friday mornings from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Good listeners of preschool and kindergarten age, along with an adult, are invited to attend. Story Time is free. Call 781-545-5011 for more info or see frontstreetbookshop.com.

Single Executives Club Singles Dance Jan. 2, from 8:30 to midnight at The Lantana, 43 Scanlon Dr., Randolph, Exit 5A, Route 28-south off Route 128. Information: se-4u.com 781-446-0234. Dance music by award-winning DJ. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 9-10. Free door prizes, raffles, and additional MATCH game prizes. For singles & couples 35+ yrs. old. Proper dress required, ties and jackets recommended. Admittance is only $12 all night. Co-Sponsored by the Young Professionals Club USA.

Front Street Book Shop, 165 Front St., Scituate Harbor. Suspense author **Raffi Yessayan** talk/signing "Eight In The Box." Free and open to the public. Jan. 2, 6 to 8 p.m. 781-545-5011 or www.frontstreetbookshop.com.

Bucks Bar & Grill, 416 Middle St., Weymouth every Friday, **karaoke with Ed.** 781-337-9905.

Movie review



Emily (Rosario Dawson) and Ben (Will Smith) and their pal wile away an afternoon.

By sheer force of Will

Film Review
AL ALEXANDER

Seven Pounds (B)

The title may say "Seven Pounds," but Smith acts up a ton, tilting the scales decidedly in his — and our — favor.

There are some mighty weighty issues in "Seven Pounds," but all its heft can be traced directly to another super-sized performance by Will Smith.

As a brooding mystery man in search of atonement, Smith lifts a pedestrian script by Grant Nieporte on to his broad shoulders and carries it all the way to a sappy finish that will either leave you swimming in tears or drowning in laughter.

Not for a second, though, does Smith falter, fearlessly tackling a character in Ben Thomas who actively works both ends of the demon-saint spectrum.

Who is this Ben Thomas, a man of considerable wealth and intelligence who gets his jollies taunting a blind man (Woody Harrelson) one minute and donating marrow to a juvenile cancer patient the next? And what's with his growing infatuation with jellyfish and the beautiful engraver with the bad heart (Rosario Dawson) and failing business?

Patience, Grasshopper. All will be revealed in the film's powerful final act, when Ben's true motives and identity emerge from a labyrinth that's cleverly constructed by director Gabriele Muccino.

The two last teamed memorably on the box-office smash "The Pursuit of Happyness," and the unmistakable chemistry between actor and director is so palpable again, you wouldn't be disappointed if the two decided to make all their movies together.

Their most impressive gift is their refusal to rush things. It's a simmering pot of plot, acting and ideas that slowly — some might say, too slowly — build to a boil. It's all cooked up with more than a pinch of grace.

Still, the cynic in you is not totally buying it. You want to believe, but the film is built on too many manipulations and coincidences. There's also a hint of manufactured goodness at play that keeps you from fully embracing "Seven Pounds."

Yet, we've all reached the point where we're willing to follow Smith just about anywhere, including into ridiculousness, as was the case with last summer's "Hancock." Like that film, "Seven Pounds" plays the suspense game with its cards close to the vest, building toward what we now commonly call the big reveal. Smith is no worse for the makeover that takes his character from sulking Samaritan to unselfish saint. But excuse me for liking him better when his heart was darker.

That guy is an affront to political correctness and truth, operating around the edges of morality. He claims to be an IRS agent but his auditing may be closer to stalking.

He's now taking stock in his own life, recounting his mistakes and trying to atone for them before the Lord calls him home. Think of him as a deeper, smarter version of Jason Lee's character on "My Name is Earl," telling each of his "clients" that he has the power to "drastically change their lives" for the better.

How he plans to do that remains an intriguing mystery through the first two-thirds of the story, although seasoned moviegoers will know where this bus is headed much sooner, especially once Ben decides to give his heart to Dawson's impossibly sweet Emily.

Luckily, Smith's performance transcends the script's predictability. The star is as intense and complex as he was in last year's sci-fi thriller, "I am Legend."

Amazingly, he makes it all look easy, using his trademark blend of charm and intelligence to maximum benefit.

The title may say "Seven Pounds," but Smith acts up a ton, tilting the scales decidedly in his — and our — favor.

Rated PG-13. "Seven Pounds" contains thematic material, some disturbing content and a scene of sensuality.

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Magical Morocco

Fran Golden
GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

FES, MOROCCO — When exploring Northern Morocco, you sometimes have to pinch yourself as a reminder you're in the 21st century. That is certainly the case in the historic city of Fes and the tiny mountain town of Chefchaoun.

The north may not be as frequented by travelers as places like Casablanca and Marrakech, but it's certainly a region where you'll witness how modern rubs shoulders with medieval in this North African kingdom.

Fes is the oldest city in Morocco — dating to the 700s — and the country's spiritual, artistic and intellectual capital.

Now a protected UNESCO World Heritage site, the Fes—al—Bali medina (old Arab quarter) is the most intact medieval city in the world, an amazing maze of more than 9,000 narrow, car—less streets and alleys and flat—topped sandstone buildings. There's a mosque at its center, as is traditional. The medina is a place where people live, work, study, pray and shop — home to more than 156,000.

At first the place seems chaotic but it's really an ordered chaos. Near the mosque are schools and bookstores. Food items are on one edge of the medina, smelly tanneries on another. Metal workers clang away on designs that look ancient, with tools that look ancient. You feel like you're in a Monty Python version of a medieval village — watching the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker.



A child plays on the historic streets of the medina in Chefchaouen.

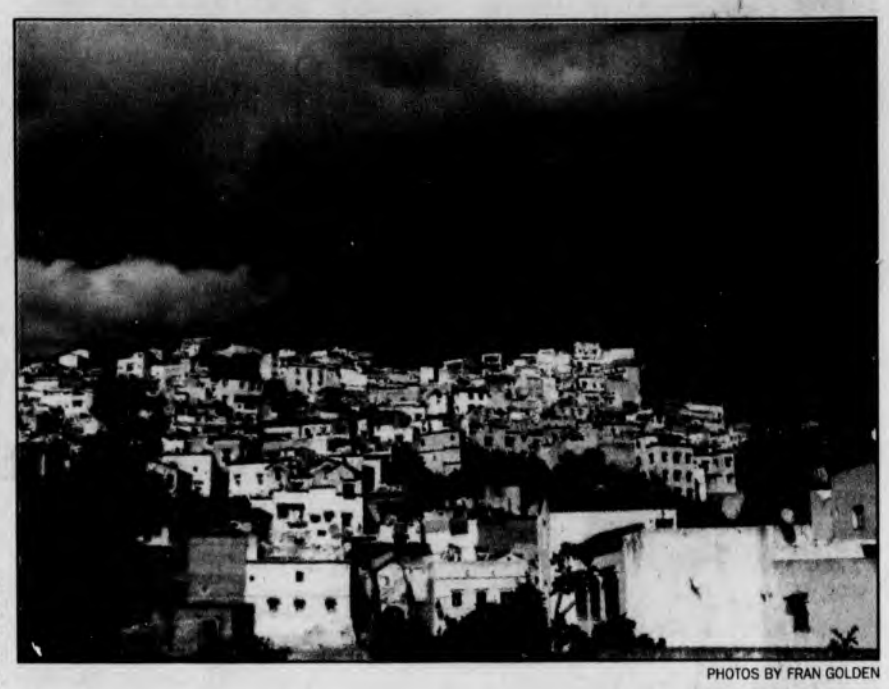
On the streets you pass people in traditional robes and a few women with their faces entirely covered. But at the same time little girls walk by with pink Barbie backpacks. And on the rooftops you can see rows of satellite dishes. Men, but few women, sit in cafes drinking coffee or mint tea. Nearly everyone seems to have a cell phone.

"Balek"people shout as a donkey is led by and you push your back against an ancient doorway to get out of the way. "Watch out"someone adds in English. And then you notice the donkey is carrying Coke bottles — it's the Coke "delivery truck."

Shopping is what makes the medina tick. Haggling is an art form that's been practiced here for more than 1,200 years. This is especially clear at the many rug shops — rugs being a prized Moroccan souvenir and Fes the place to buy them.

At his family's shop, Abdul Boude gave my companions and me an "A thousand times welcome,"and a broad smile. We knew we were goners. Mint tea was served, as is traditional, as Boude and his assistants displayed new silk rugs and silk and wool combos, wool Berber rugs and 100—year—old antiques, "reversible, so you pay for one side, the other is free."

After many minutes, and many samples, I started inquiring about a rustic Berber rug from the Atlas Mountains. I can be tough. Boude is tough too. "I am giving you a shocking price,"he said. I offered him 80 percent less. An assistant stepped in an we tossed numbers at each other. After about 20 minutes, Boude came back as the stakes got raised. More negotiating and I got a price I could live with — with a small silk rug thrown in for good measure. But it was hard work.



PHOTOS BY FRAN GOLDEN

View of historic Chefchaouen.

Less taxing was exploring Chefchaouen (Chaouen for short) about 120 miles north of Fes in the Rif mountains, near the border with Spain.

Located between two sharp peaks, the town is scenically stunning, white— and blue—washed houses against a mountain backdrop. There is a fairy tale quality, or maybe it's a purple haze. Historic Chefchaouen is in the center of Morocco's kif (cannabis) trade.

You wouldn't know about the industry wandering the quaint streets. You don't see people smoking or selling (although I'm told some shopkeepers will selectively share their supplies).

But kif is indeed the mainstay of the nearby mountain villages, much of it turned into hashish, which is sold to European drug lords. Kif is illegal in Morocco and the government has announced plans to stop the growing; stop the trade. But the isolated villages are some of the poorest in the country and the trade continues.

"If the government stopped it, the people would be starving,"said guide Achmed Azemat. "But they close one eye and keep the other open, as in everywhere."

Tourists hiking the mountains in warm weather months will see fields of green — hiking paths right from town lead between rocky cliffs and the valley. Any time of year it's a beautiful scene.

The town itself is a fascinating place, founded by Arabs and Jews fleeing Spain's Andalusia during the Christian reconquest of the late 1400s. The former Spaniards brought with them Moorish architecture, very much evident in the cobblestone streets of the old medina.

The unusual history includes the fact Westerners (Christians) were locked out of the medina until 1920. One of the few who tried to sneak in, a missionary, was poisoned. Today the town of 40,000 is nearly entirely Muslim.

Today's attitude towards Westerners is one of welcome. Locals gave me smiles and greetings on the street. One fellow wearing a traditional robe even did a thumbs up.

Chefchaouen is a place where you can still watch women washing clothes in a stream and families bringing their bread dough to a communal woodburning oven for baking (they tip the baker a loaf). Some women wear colorful cotton—striped Rif blankets as skirts. Yet modern outdoor cafes face the mosque in the main square and what looks like a sizeable youth population wears blue jeans. Cell phone ads are everywhere.

You're in the 21st century, but tradition lives.

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MONEY: Morocco is inexpensive in many respects — food, lodging, even souvenirs. But you have to be a smart consumer. Stay away from tourist traps and negotiate any chance you get — including with guides.

GROUP TRAVEL: Several tour operators offer Morocco itineraries. G.A.P. Adventures (www.gapadventures.com) has tours that combine Fes and Chefchaouen with Tangier, Casablanca and Rabat.

GETTING AROUND: There are indeed trains to Marrakech, but if you're not joining a group you may want to consider hiring a guide and driver. You can also rent a car (from any of the major firms). Highways between the major cities are modern and easy, but be aware country roads can get steep and Moroccan drivers are generally crazy.

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